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Comments from the Coupe

Earl Gritton, President

As I write this we are experiencing very cold weather and snow. I know the snow is welcome to you who like to ski and snowmobile as well as providing insulation for overwintering vegetation and moisture for the upcoming growing season. Just stay safe.

You are aware that Fritz is actively arranging activities for us and is making good progress in doing so. Thank you to all those who have offered suggestions and/or offered to host meetings or events. This is your club so we want to do what you want to do.

See you at our next meeting or an upcoming event.

February Board Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

No Board Meeting held for the month of February.



Richard Concklin at the February meeting showing his Turn Signal Apparatus. ~Karen Walheim

February Club Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

The monthly meeting of the Wisconsin Region MARC was held on Saturday, February 8 at the American Legion in McFarland. Earl welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. After the pledge of allegiance, Earl thanked our hosts, Dale & Gloria Metcalf. There were no new members or guests present; a total of 26 members were in attendance. The Secretary's report was approved as printed in the last newsletter. Jan read the Treasurer's report for January, motion to approve by Paul Sillman.

Vice President report: Fritz talked about the 2025 calendar. Our March meeting will be again at the American Legion on March 15, but we need a host. April and December are spoken for. For the summer, we have the usual parades and he is in contact with each organizer. Bruce Company has scheduled us for a show on June 15. Speak up if you have suggestions for tours this summer. He is working on the November banquet: speak to him ASAP if you have ideas or opinions. Need to finalize and lock that in asap.

There was no Editor's Report. We were reminded that we are still in need of a person to take over the Newsletter responsibilities.

Karen gave the Sunshine Report.

Martha Sillman reminded us that a point person is needed for our MARC mileage program, currently we have 7 members in this. There are awards issued based on mileage driven. If you sell your car, the mileage record goes with the car so the new owner can build on your mileage.

Richard Concklin presented a humorous Mechanics Minute, demonstrating a Faux Turn Signal Apparatus, usable in case your Model A signals aren't working.

Motion to adjourn made by Paul Sillman and seconded.

Sunshine Report

Karen Walheim

Brighten these members' day with a card, phone call, or a visit

Gus Gessner had surgery to remove a kidney. He is home recuperating and feeling good.

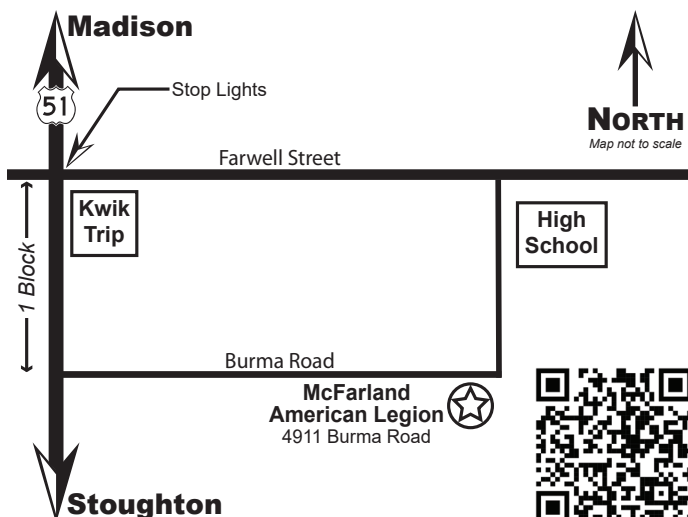
March Club Meeting

Saturday, March 15th, 2025

McFarland American Legion

The March monthly meeting will be held at the McFarland American Legion on Saturday, March 15th, located at 4911 Burma Road. Doors will open at 12:30, with potluck lunch at 1:00.

Richard & Jan Concklin will be hosting this meeting, and are providing the main meal, coffee and water. Members need to bring a dish to share for the potluck. The Meeting will be after lunch.



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2025 February MAFFI MINUTE

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

The Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) is excited about the progress on the expansion of the museum at Hickory Corners, MI. As always, there are the normal hiccups, weather being one of them. There was a hiccup with the HVAC system installation too, but any of you that have built know snags along the way are just how it goes.

Meanwhile, plans for Model A Days are in process. Mark your calendars for September 19-20, 2025. You don't want to miss the christening of the expansion since all of you are a part of making it happen! Every year at Model A Days is

The Running Board Report

MARC's monthly update from Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions - February 2025

Don't forget to renew your dues for 2025! We're currently close to 5,000 members with about 1,000 yet to renew. The good news is that our renewals are running higher than 2024. Let's grow our membership in 2025. Please encourage all your fellow Region members to renew!

Also, don't forget that your Board has increased eligibility for Youth membership to include ages 18-21. While a MARC sponsor is required, we've dropped the requirement that youth members must live at home. Membership includes a digital copy of the *Model A News* and other benefits. The best part is that membership is FREE!

Call or text your Ad in to (920) 350-2291 or email to wisconsinregionmarc@gmail.com. Ads are free, but only run once, unless resubmitted. Deadline is the 15th, in order to be shared with other Wisconsin Model A Clubs.

Newsletter deadline is noon on the 20th of the month, subject to change due to editor's and holiday schedule. News articles and other information relative to our old car hobby are encouraged to be submitted for publication by the members. Proper references and credits must be given if borrowed from another publication or the web. Material may be borrowed from this publication, provided proper credit is given to both the author and *The Badger's A*.

fun, but this year promises to be extra special with nearly double the square footage of the museum. Imagine the possibilities!

Be a part of the expansion and the history of the museum by having your name, city, state and a color picture of your Model A on the wall at the museum. It's called the "My A" program. Contact Val Maron at (847) 951-5858, email at TheMyAProgram@gmail.com or send a check for \$200 made out to MAFFI and sent to Val Maron, 417 Oak Grove Circle, Wauconda, IL 60084.

Cindy Ellenbecker is also the Editor for the Nickle A Region, you can see her newsletters on our club website.

Remember to register for the MARC Membership Meet in Nashville, IN April 11-13. Nashville is known for it's shops nestled in the hills of Brown County. Tours are available from the visitors center 20 minutes away. Find the registration form in the Nov/Dec the *Model A News*.

Consider entering your Model A in the first Driver Class judging to be held at Gettysburg in June. This new class will allow certain modifications to enhance performance and safety of your Model A. Standards will allow an average restorer to compete for an award. Parts utilized in the restoration need not necessarily be correct for the year or month of manufacture with no penalty for the use of reproduction parts like plastic fan blades, etc. Judging standards will be posted on the MARC website soon.

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Fritz & Barbara Ragatz
Jim & Phyllis Wiederhoeft

Upcoming Events

*This is list of events we have so far, more may be added later.
Non-Club events have an asterisk by the date.*

March 15thMonthly Meeting
Richard & Jan Concklin/American Legion McFarland
April 11th-13th*MARC Membership Meet
Nashville, IN
April 12th.....Monthly Meeting
Bursaw & Walheim/Living Water Church, Sun Prairie
April 25th-26th*Jefferson Swap Meet
Jefferson WI
MayMonthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed
May 26th.....Memorial Day Parades
Possible Paid Event - Monona and McFarland
JuneMonthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed
June 1st36th RockFord Model A Day
Clinton WI
June 16th-20th*MARC National Meet
Gettysburg, PA
JulyMonthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed
JulyEdgerton Tobacco Day Parade
Possible Paid Event - Edgerton
July 4th.....Fourth of July Parade
Possible Paid Event - Columbus, WI
July 10th-12th*Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet
Iola WI
July 25th-27th*Wisconsin Model A Reunion
Wisconsin Rapids WI
August.....Monthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed
August*Badger Steam & Gas Flea Market
Badger Steam & Gas Showgrounds/Baraboo
September.....Monthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed
September*Hill & Valley Day
Baer Park /Cross Plains WI
September 13th*International Model A Ford Day
Drive your Model A, Promote our Hobby!
September 26th-27th*Jefferson Swap Meet
Jefferson WI
October.....Monthly Meeting
Host/Location Needed

Club MARC Mileage Coordinator Wanted

Martha Sillman is stepping down as our Mileage Coordinator, and we're looking for someone to take over this low-demand position where you track the end-of-year mileage for our participating members and send to MARC. If you have any questions about this position, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Martha.

Editorial Edits

Tony Sillman, Editor

As many of you know, I was 'born' into this club. My parents joined the club two years before I came to be, so I've had a full lifetime of Model A memories.

I've often questioned why I always connect going to the monthly Model A meetings in my adolescence with the television program *Hee Haw*. Older Model A meetings come to mind when I hear Buck Owens or Roy Clark on the radio. I believe I've figured it out at last.

In the past, Saturday evenings were used for the Model A meetings in the homes of club members, with snacks and chips served instead of a dinner. What was typically on the TV at the meeting place before cable, satellite, and on-demand? *Hee Haw*.

I sent one of our newsletters to Lee Urbainzick, son of former members Gale and Karen, who were from Cross Plains. I got a response from Lee, letting me know that Gale passed away in 2014 and Karen in 2021. The Urbainzick family was really involved in our club, often attending the Model A Reunion in Waupaca and Wisconsin Rapids, as well as the annual car shows in Concord and LaRue. Gale served as our Secretary/Treasurer from 1971 to 1973 and was the Editor in 1976.

On the advertising front, we're happy to welcome Bergey Jewelry back as an advertiser and appreciate their support for our club. You might also notice that Olson Auto has combined their two ads into one larger ad. Make sure to support and thank all of our advertisers.

Thanks to You All!!

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