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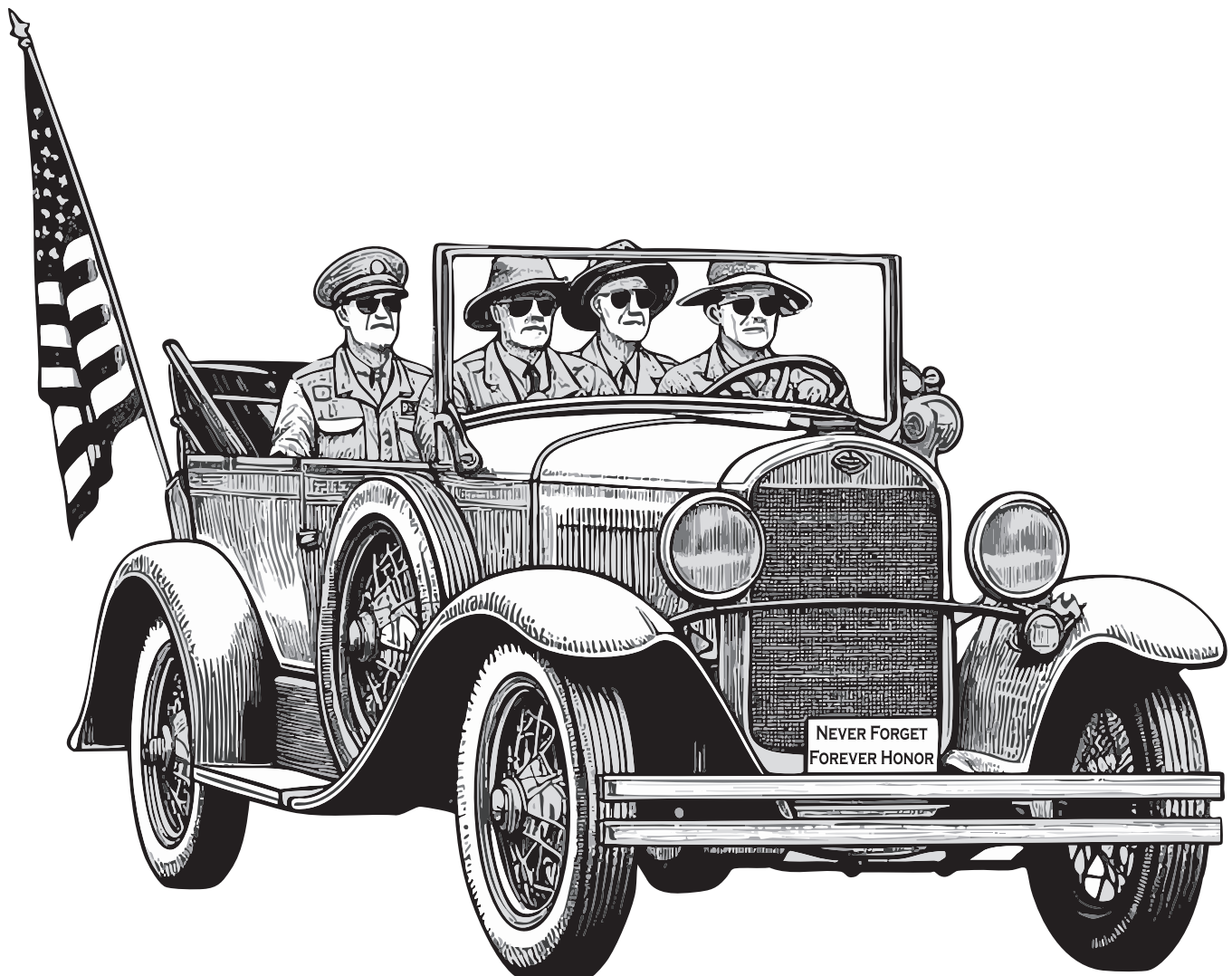
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WISCONSIN REGION MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB APPLICATION

Our organization is dedicated to the preservation, use and exhibition of the Model A Ford produced for the years 1928-1931. *The Badger's A* newsletter is a publication which is sent monthly to our members.

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LOCAL DUES - \$25.00 (Jan. through Dec.) / NATIONAL DUES - \$50.00 / **TOTAL - \$75.00**

Membership in the National MARC is required to join a local Region, due to insurance coverage. My National Membership number is (if already paid).

**Please mail this application
along with your dues to:**

**Model A Restorers Club
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Roadster Runner

Fritz Ragatz, President

At our last meeting we asked for a volunteer to step into the Vice-Presidents chair. We got none. I am not going to give up. I also would like a tour chairman. Between parades, tours and meeting prep my plate is full. We need to get some momentum going in order to keep interest up. I am open to any ideas

WANTED TOURS & EVENTS

You are the ideal person to create a tour in your hometown area because you are the one who knows it the best. You need a destination, a starting location, and a route; stopping for lunch is optional. Think of some places we can go to and contact our Vice-President. He can assist you in taking your idea from a thought to an actual event.

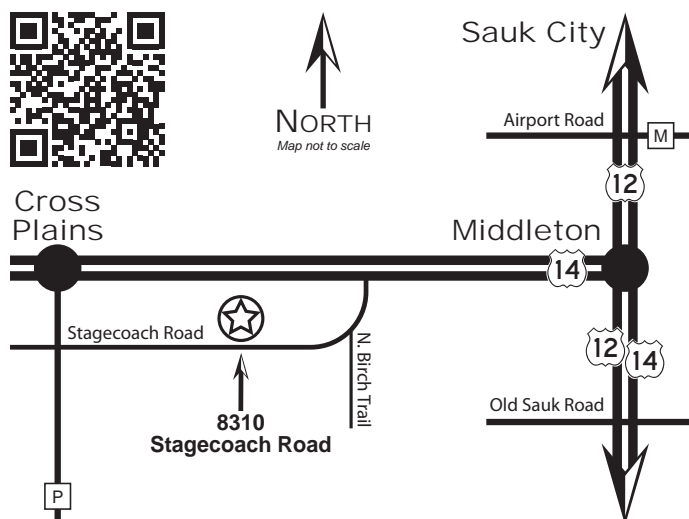
May Club Meeting

Saturday, May 17th 2025

Riley Shop - 8310 Stagecoach Road, Cross Plains

Earl Gritton and Roger Frey will host the next meeting on Saturday, May 17th. It will be held at John & Jill Riley's shop at 8310 Stagecoach Road, Cross Plains, same place that we had the January 2024 meeting. Doors open at 12:30, with a potluck lunch at 1:00, followed by the meeting. Sandwiches, coffee and water will be provided, members are asked to bring a dish to share.

After the meeting, we can visit the wonderful collection of cars, motorcycles, motor scooters, bicycles, etc., along with viewing the shop areas. Also available for viewing is the historic farm house that dates back to 1840, and is the oldest frame home in Dane county. Guests are welcome.



April Board Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

Your Board met on April 5. Top of the agenda was discussing the vacant Vice President position. We also discussed the summer parades, scheduled shows, progress on the Banquet 2025, and the monthly membership meetings for the rest of 2025 (September is open).

We are optimistic about the rest of this year. Parades, shows and meetings are all filling in nicely. Of greatest need is to have someone willing to take the lead to make sure that tours happen this summer. Can be either a destination tour or just a "let's make our own parade and drive around in an afternoon" or a luncheon set where we all meet at a restaurant. But we need someone who will take the lead to make sure these happen. See Fritz.

April Club Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

Club meeting for April was canceled.

Happy Mother's Day

Roster Updates

Tom and Cindy Lerdahl have returned back to Wisconsin after wintering in Arizona. Their address is 11845 Sumach Lake Road, Woodruff WI 54568.

Thank You!!

Thank you so much for your gift of money. My parents loved their Model A family. It gave them great friendships.

~Julie, Joni and the Longseth Family

In moments of sorrow, it's family and friends who bring love and peace. Thank you. ~Ralph Stromquist & Family

May Celebrations

Birthdays

Wade Blair	Sam Meyer
Carol Culbertson	Ethel Wold
Mark Griffin	Karen Ziegert
Judie Heiman	Robert Zimmerman

Anniversaries

Mark & Lanie Griffin

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.

May 2nd-4th*	Badger Steam & Gas Swap Meet Badger Steam & Gas Showgrounds/Baraboo
May 17th	Monthly Meeting Earl Gritton & Roger Frey/Riley Museum - Cross Plains
May 24th	Model A Fix Up Clinic Richard Concklin/Ragatz Garage - Middleton
May 26th	Memorial Day Parades Paid Events - Monona and McFarland
June 1st	36th RockFord Model A Day Join tour or Go Down on Your Own / Clinton WI
June 14th	Monthly Meeting Culbertson's/Evansville
June 16th-20th*	MARC National Meet Gettysburg, PA
June 17th*	3rd Annual Old Guy Coffee Club Car Show Cooksville, WI
June 28th	Lake Mills Town & Country Days Parade Paid Event - Lake Mills
July	Monthly Meeting Bursaw's/Living Waters Church-Sun Prairie
July 4th	Fourth of July Parade Paid Event - Columbus, WI
July 10th-12th*	Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet Iola WI
July 20th	Edgerton Tobacco Day Parade Possible Paid Event - Edgerton
July 25th-27th*	Wisconsin Model A Reunion Wisconsin Rapids WI
August	Monthly Meeting Host Needed!!/Olson Auto
August 15-17th*	Badger Steam & Gas Flea Market Badger Steam & Gas Showgrounds/Baraboo
September	Monthly Meeting Host/Location Needed
September	Possible tour to Paulson Ag Museum Wade Blair/Caledonia IL
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 Heiman•Mack•Markielewski•Norsetter/Location TBD
November	Annual Club Banquet & Meeting Club 60/Columbus WI
November 16th	Wisconsin Region MARC 68th Anniversary
December	Monthly Meeting Wade Blair/Rose Garden Watertown

Elaine Longseth's Cook Book

For those who knew her, we know that Elaine Longseth loved to bake and cook. At the services for the Longseths, the family invited everyone to download the family cookbook that was created for Elaine.



Go to tinyurl.com/mr2mdcvp, or scan the QR Code, to download a copy.

Wisconsin Region Maintenance Clinic

May 24th, Ragatz's Garage - Middleton

Note: The May 3rd Clinic has been moved to May 24th.

Even though our Model A's are parked for several months each year and often not driven far, they need some regular upkeep to keep them humming along.

The biggest problem is simple neglect. To help you keep from getting behind on regular upkeep we will be offering several clinics over the next few months.

Goals

1. Get your car into tip-top shape for activities this summer.
 2. Teach you what your car needs and how to care for them.
- The 1st Clinic we looked at basic engine tuning. The 2nd Clinic will be all about the brakes.

Here is what we will doing on May 24th.

Checking brake effectiveness.
Checking and adjusting each drum.
Checking and adjusting Emergency Braking.

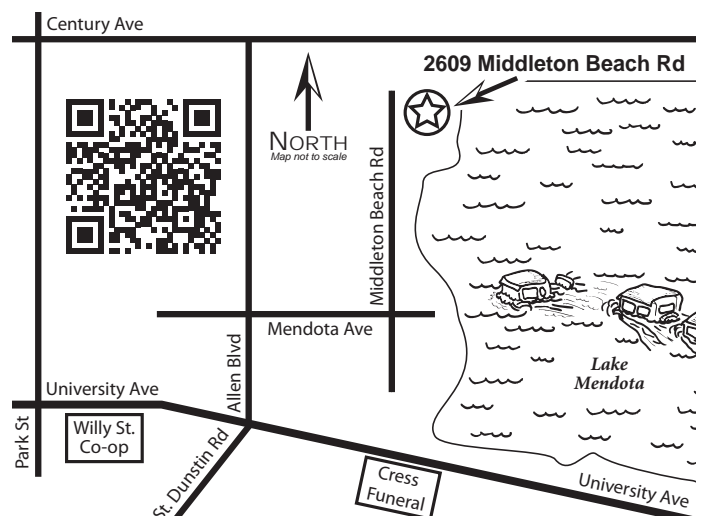
What you need to bring

A '28-'31 Model A Ford. If you don't have one, borrow one from a friend.

If you are comfortable working on these things, give me a call, we can use the help. Richard Concklin, (608) 221-2198 or (608) 444-1961 and leave a message.

The garage is located at 2609 Middleton Beach Road in Middleton. Arrive between 10AM and 2PM.

Future clinics to come: Horn & Headlight adjustments and Oil Change & Lube.



2025 April MAFFI Minute

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

The Ford Model A Museum at The Gilmore, Hickory Corners, MI is the world's largest museum dedicated to the Ford Model A thanks to the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. Inside you will find the very first Model A ever produced, which was a gift to Thomas Edison. The Museum is filled with every "body style" Model A you can imagine, a Model AA school bus, and a plane!!!

The museum expansion is well underway, but we still need to outfit the interior of the addition. You can be a part of preserving history and supporting the museum by:

1. Buying a plaque. For \$200, you'll receive a plaque mounted on a museum wall, segregated by year, showing their vehicle, name, home area and vehicle body style. For more information on this, contact Val Maron at (847) 951-5858, email TheMyAProgram@gmail.com or go to our website www.maffi.org (then Expansion, then Donation, then My "A").

2. Entering the Sweepstakes to win a 1928 Ford Model A Phaeton. For more information contact Jarrod Williams at jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com. Entries start at \$25.

3. Buying an engraved brick paver for the museum canopy (\$150). Your 4" x 8" brick will have your message laser engraved into the brick, making a message that will last for a lifetime. Go to our website www.maffi.org (then Store) for more information.

4. Buying a T-shirt, hat, mug and more depicting our museum at ModelATShirts.com, and with each purchase that you make, 10% is donated to the museum. Go to our website www.maffi.org (then Store) for more information.

5. Becoming a MAFFI member—only \$35 annually. For more information, go to our website www.maffi.org (then Membership).

Thank you for helping to keep Model A history alive and for driving those Model A's!

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

Club Videos

Call Steve Culbertson at (608) 712-4774 to borrow

VHS Format

How to Stop on a Dime – Ford "A" Brakes

VHS Tapes #1 and #2 (2 copies)

Carburetors and Carbohydrates

How to Avoid Fahrenheit Fright

VHS Tape #3

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Ginnin' with Floyd & Lloyd

DVD Format

The Milestone Model "A" (the 20 Millionth Ford)

For Sale • Wanted • Trade

Wanted: Gas gauge assembly for 1929 Model A. Mark Griffin, (920) 988-6364.

Wanted: Looking for some old *The Badger's A* from club beginning to 1983, 1998-2007, 2012-2021. Before you toss any old ones out, let me know what you have. Tony (920) 350-2291.

For Sale: Aluminum Rain Gutters for Model A Pickup, new. Part #A-47301-A. Fits '28-'31. \$10. Tony, (920) 350-2291.

For Sale: 1928-29, Radiator Fan Shroud, \$40. Call Dale (715) 347-6166.

For Sale: 1926-27 Model T Touring, restoration started, but all apart. 1930 Model A, engine gone through, all apart. 1923 Model T Touring, all parts for restoration. Many Model T & A parts available. Call Francis (715) 393-5383.

For Sale: 1931 Model A Slant Windshield. Restored in 2012, driven 5,000 miles since original engine with HC Head. Modern adjustable seats w/seat belts, alternator, directionals, fog lights, modern shocks. \$12,000. Dick Ziegert, (920) 725-7810 or polka635@gmail.com.

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.

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Membership and Club Milestones

Whilst doing some research, ran same numbers on how many of this year's current members were around for some of our club milestones. How many of these events do you remember or heard of?

- 3 current members were in the club when what would be known as the 1st Wisconsin Model A Reunion happened in Waupaca
- 4 current members were in the club when the Wisconsin Region hosted a National MARC Meeting at the Hotel Loraine on West Washington Ave., our Nickle A Chapter broke off from the Wisconsin Region and became their own Region and we joined the Nickle A Region as co-hosts for the 3rd Wisconsin Model A Reunion
- 5 current members were in the club when the Wisconsin Model A Reunion moved to it's new location in Wisconsin Rapids (it was supposed to be a temporary move)
- 8 current members were in the club when our first President stepped down and resigned, two weekend long events both ended: LaRaue Transportation Meet with the Hill Climb and the Concord Car Show with the large bullfrogs and Wisconsin Region members built a tobacco shed over the weekend at Old World Wisconsin

Sunshine Report

Karen Walheim & Tony Sillman

We lost 3 fellow club members this past month, along with one the previous month. We extend our deepest sympathies to all of their family and friends.

Elaine and Leroy Longseth passed just weeks apart of each other. She passed away at age 94 on February 21st, he passed away at 96 on March 29th. Elaine loved to bake and cook, and when you talked to her, you had to listen closely, as she was not a loud talker. Leroy on the other hand was loud and proud, and had a distinctive voice. He loved to drive his Model A's, and when he was at the Model A Reunion he was like a kid in a toy store. His big joy was driving the Model A in his city's Monona Memorial Day Parade. The Longseths joined our club in 1987, and Elaine served as Sunshine for one year.

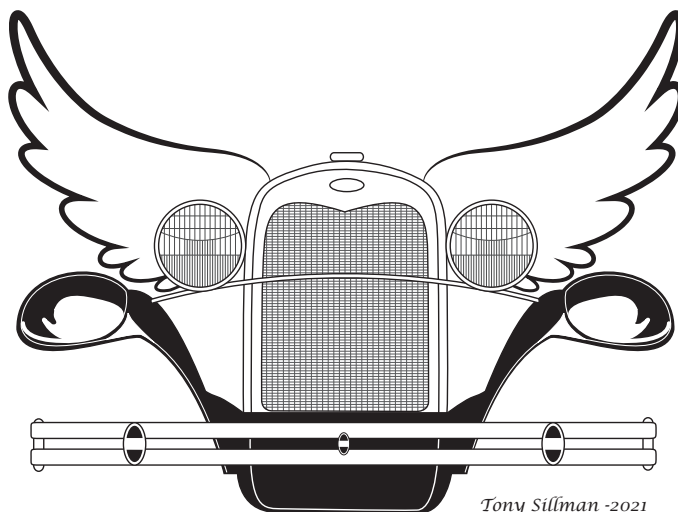
Martha Stromquist passed away on March 29th at age 86, and is survived by her husband Ralph. She loved to be active, whether it was tennis, swimming in their pond, maintaining their property or putting together teams for horseshoes at the Model A Reunion, she did not shy away from physical activity. The first year they

- 13 current members were in the club when we had the first female on the Board of Directors and our first female President (two different people, two different years)
 - 16 current members were in the club when some club members were hosting Model A families from Australia, South Africa and Puerto Rico for the 1st Model A World Meet in Lake Geneva
 - 22 current members were in the club when we had our first female Editor
 - 27 current members were in the club when we had our first female Vice-President (Husband-Wife team)
 - 47 current members were in the club when our club hosted the National MARC Meet
 - 49 current members were in the club when we bought a color laser printer so the editor could print the newsletters from home
 - At least 58 current members were in the club with Big Ed, saw Nathalie Carden knitting her NICU baby caps at meetings, saw John Carden present our new club presidents with gavels he made and enjoyed one of our Annual Swim Parties in January
 - 90 current members were in the club when we had our first female Vice-President (solo)
- ~Tony Sillman*

attended the Model A Reunion, they brought along their then teen-aged daughter, Marilyn. They drove their '31 Fordor for camping that weekend, and had the car packed tight, with just enough space in the back for her to squeeze in. The Stromquists joined the club in 1979, with Martha serving 2 years as President, 2 year as Past President and 5 years as Sunshine. They also hosted a couple from South Africa for the World Model A Meet.

Maxine Paxon passed away on March 30th at age 83, preceded in death by her husband Bill. Maxine loved competitions, and usually did very well at them, coming out on top. The rules for one game at the Model A Reunion had to be changed because she was winning it every year. They joined our club in 1964, Working as a team, they served

a total of 4 years as President, 3 years as Past President, 12 years as Vice President, 8 years as Editor, 3 years as Sunshine, 25 years of Historian, 6 years as the Webmaster, was Meet Chairman for our National MARC Meet, started our Annual Swim Parties and planned several local and overnight tours and events. They also hosted an entire family (husband, wife and two kids) from Puerto Rico for the World Model A Meet.



Memorial Day Parades

Monona & McFarland, May 26th

Monona will have the same route and start as last year, lineup is 9:00 at Monona Lutheran Church. Monona Drive shuts down to traffic at 9:00, so be at the lineup before then. The parade starts at 10:00, and will head south.

McFarland's lineup and route are the same also, lineup at Christ the King Catholic Church at 11:00, with the parade starting at noon. As in other years, Main Street will be partially blocked south of the church with trucks, so best to come from the north.

Remember these are paid events for our club but we need the correct number of cars to get paid. This is also a chance for us to show off our club to potential new club members.

Rockford Model A Day

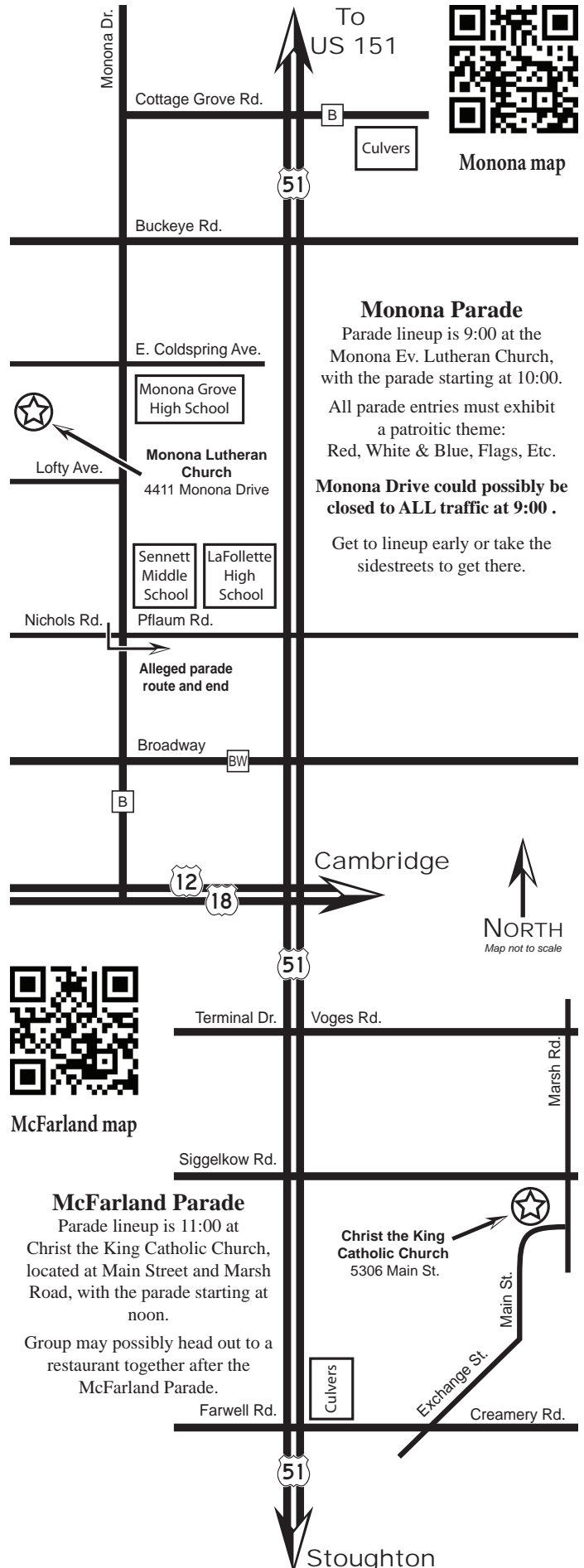
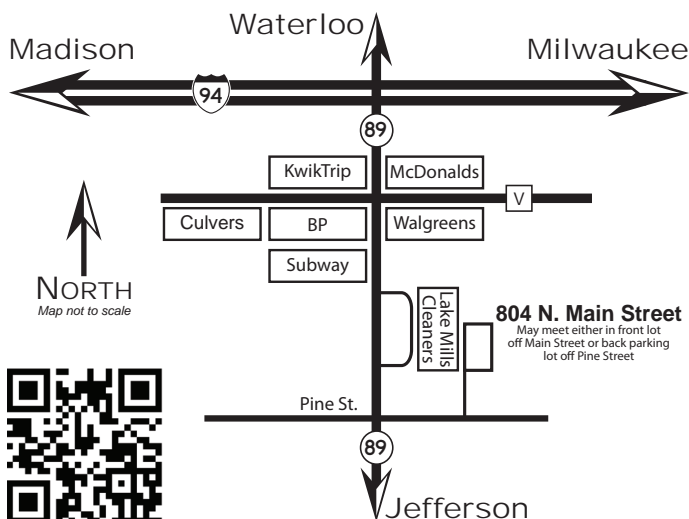
Sunday, June 1st - Clinton WI

Tony & Karlene Sillman will lead a tour for this event from the Lake Mills Cleaners & Dyers front driveway at 7:30, for a 40 mile drive to Clinton.

The event runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm with only Model A's allowed in the downtown area. Modern vehicles are welcome, but need to park elsewhere. Along with Model A's, there'll be a swap meet, food, shopping and music.

For those who have not seen the new venue for Model A Day, since moving from Sharon, it is a 100% improvement. The stores are open, and there is plenty to do and see. Would suggest bringing a chair.

If joining us on the tour, scan the map QR Code for directions to the lineup. For those going on their own, scan the QR Code to the left for a map of the event location to figure out your best route. There are plenty of back roads to take to get there. Watch for signs/people directing traffic.



3rd Annual Tuesday Morning Old Guy Club Car Show

Cooksville, June 17th

Our club has been invited to take part in this annual car show, put on by a group of older coffee drinkers. The \$10 participation donation goes to the Evansville Car Closet and Evansville AWARE programs.

The event will be held Tuesday, June 17th, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, at 11346 State Road 138 in Cooksville (if using GPS to get there, enter Evansville as the city).

They encourage owners of vintage and 'interesting' vehicles to showcase them at this event. For some reason, Studebaker's have been a popular car at this show.

Not bringing a car? Come out, look and join other older car enthusiasts. Donuts, ice cream and beverages provided, everyone is asked to bring their own lawn chair.

In the event of rain, the show will be moved to June 18th. Call Big Bad John at (608) 698-6916 with questions.

Town & Country Days Parade

Saturday, June 28th

After returning last year after a several year absence, we've been invited once again to participate in the Lake Mills Town & Country Days Parade. Thanks to the Topel's Service and Towing for sponsoring us.

Lineup starts at 9:00 on East Lake Park Place, off of Main Street/Highway 89, with 10:00 being the latest you can do the line up. The parade starts at 10:30.

This is a paid event for the club, but we need to have the correct number of cars to get paid. Please help out.



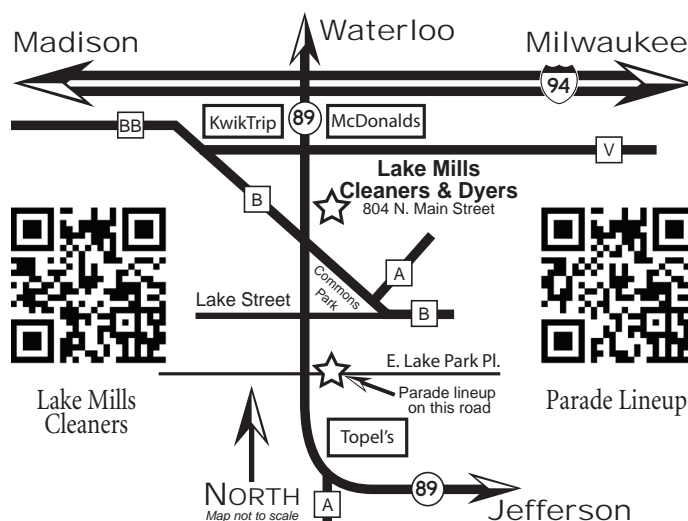
Editorial Edits

Tony Sillman, Editor

I gave notice last November that I was stepping down as Editor for our club. So far, nobody has stepped up or shown an interest to take over. To give fair notice, the December 2025 edition will be my last newsletter, unless someone takes it over before then.

We also need to fill the Webmaster position and address our website server space. Our site is currently hosted, for free, on a friend's server. With me stepping down, our website would need to be relocated or kept where it is and changed to a static site. The web address can stay the same, as we have the lease on that for roughly another 5 years.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or are interested in volunteering for either one of these positions, contact me.



Club Tools

Call Steve Culbertson at (608) 712-4774 to borrow

Engine lifting loop (screws in spark plug hole)

Brake lining riveting tool

Engine lift hoist

Gas gauge tool

Valve guide removing tool

King-Pin bushing reamer

Rear hub knock-off nut

Hub puller

Steering wheel puller

Piston ring spreader

Piston ring compressor

Cylinder ridge cutter

Armature growler (tests starter and generator armatures)

Lacing rivet installation tools (pliers and pick)

Letter & number punches for stamping engine block

Tow bar

Engine lift and head puller frame

Transmission shifter assembly/disassembly tools (2)

Front-end toe-in adjustment frame

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