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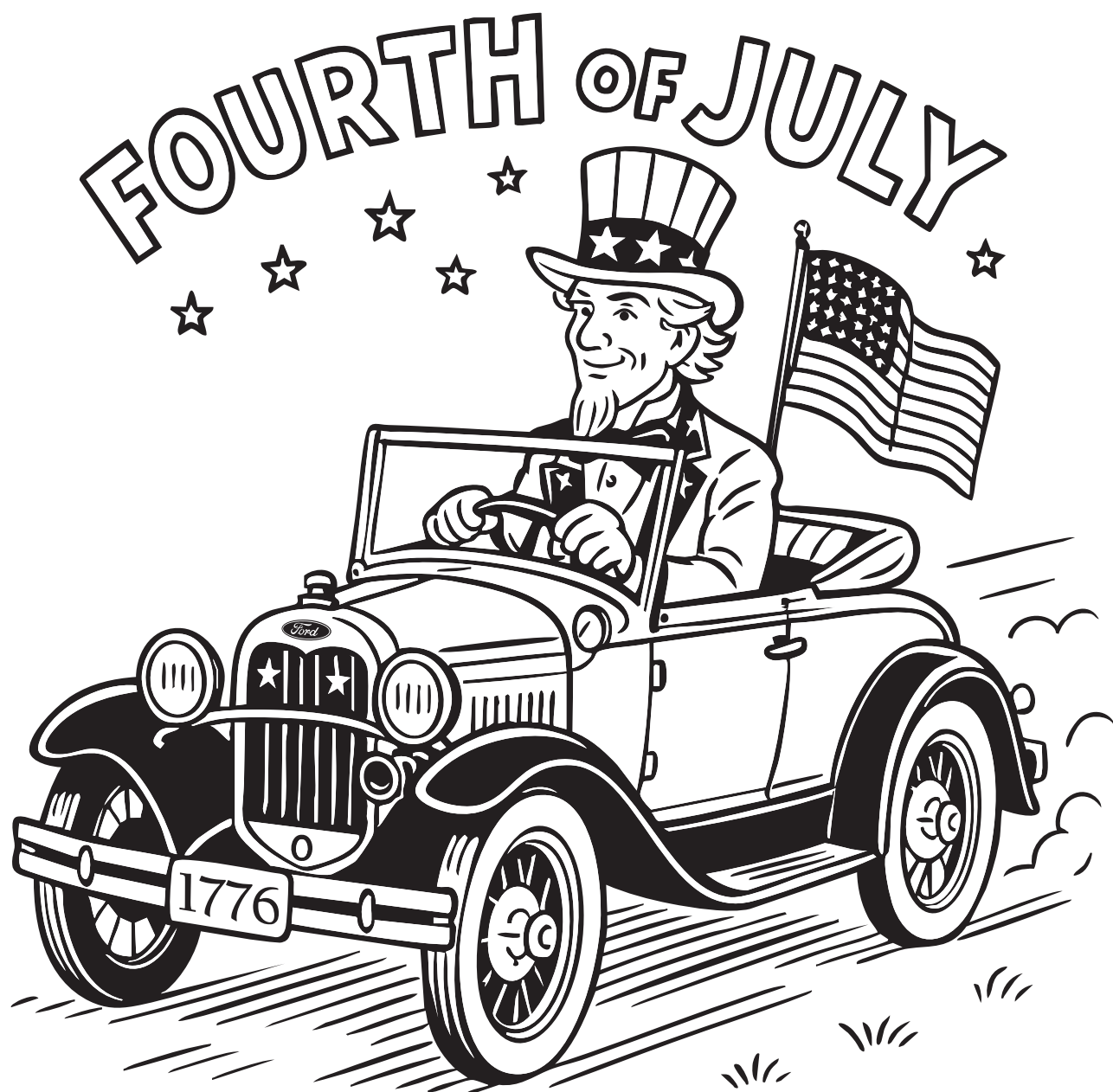
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Presidential Thoughts

Richard Concklin, President

I thought the COVID years were crazy. This year has been even more crazy! At least for the Wisconsin Region of MARC. As you can read in the Secretary's report there have been some changes in our leadership team.

We are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Fritz Ragatz. In addition to his dry sense of humor, he was an excellent organizer. He started the year as our vice-president and in that capacity lined up most of our meetings and activities for 2025.

He and Barb opened their garage for our Maintenance Clinics and was he was just settling in as our president when he became ill.

My thank-you to Earl Gritton who stepped forward and carried us through our transition time by moderating our board meetings and acting as our recruiter for open offices. The presidential term is over at the end of this year and I will be filling in for the final six months. Buzz Bursaw as our new VP is already in control of our Summer and Fall schedule. Wade Blair will continue as our member at large and Jan is still our Secretary/Treasurer.

Just to add to our work ahead, Tony has resigned as Editor effective on December 31st!

Finally after all of three days as your president, I am looking at ways to get our cars out on the road. Our theme for the next three months is going to be "Drive Baby, Drive!" I'm thinking of short runs, not far from home. Let's give our cars some exercise and show them off at the same time.

June Club Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

The monthly meeting of the Wisconsin Region MARC was held on Saturday, June 14 at the home of Steve & Carol Culbertson in Edgerton. Our Past-President Earl Gritton welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. After the pledge of allegiance, Earl thanked Steve & Carol for hosting. There were no new members or visitors present. A total of 20 members were in attendance.

The Secretary's report from May was approved as printed in the newsletter. Jan read the Treasurer's report for May. Earl introduced Buzz Bursaw as our new Vice President who will complete the rest of 2025. Buzz went over all the parades and shows scheduled through September.

We continue to urgently need an editor since Tony has given notice effective with the December newsletter.

Karen gave the Sunshine report.

New Business: Richard has agreed to be our President, filling out the rest of 2025. Buzz made a motion to accept Richard as our President; motion seconded by Lowell Walheim. However, Richard requested a paper ballot vote; it was unanimous to elect him as our new President.

Motion to adjourn made by Wade Blair and seconded.

Deadline for the newsletter is noon on the 20th of the month, subject to change due to editor's schedule and holidays. 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 the web or another publication. Any material may be borrowed from this publication, provided proper credit is given to both the author and *The Badger's A*.

July Celebrations

Birthdays

Henry Ford	Robert Staskal
Lincoln Griffin	Ralph Stromquist
Martin Ireland	Dick Ziegert

Anniversaries

Howard & Harriet Hanson
Robert & Karen Pertzborn

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.*

July 4th.....Fourth of July Parade
Paid Event - Columbus, WI
July 10th-12th*Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet
Iola WI
July 11th*Collector Car Appreciation Day
Go put some miles on your collector car
July 12th.....Monthly Meeting
Bursaws & Sillmans/Living Waters Church-Sun Prairie
July 18th-19th*Annual Pietenpol Reunion
Brodhead Airport, Brodhead WI
July 20th.....Edgerton Tobacco Day Parade
Paid Event - Edgerton
July 25th-27th*Wisconsin Model A Reunion
Wisconsin Rapids WI
August 3rd*Circus World Museum Car Show
Baraboo WI
August 9thMonthly Meeting
Richard & Jan Concklin/Olson Auto-Stoughton
August 8th-10th*35th Annual Nude Car Show
Valley View Recreation Club/Cambridge
August 15-17th*Badger Steam & Gas Flea Market
Badger Steam & Gas Showgrounds/Baraboo
September 6thTour to Paulson Ag Museum
Wade Blair/Lake Mills WI to Argyle IL
September 7thCulver's Car Show
Paid Event - Cottage Grove Road Location
September 13thMonthly Meeting
Host(s) Needed!!/McFarland American Legion
September 13th*International Model A Ford Day
Drive your Model A, Promote our Hobby!
September 20th*Hill & Valley Day
Baer Park /Cross Plains WI
September 26th-27th*Jefferson Swap Meet
Jefferson WI
October.....Monthly Meeting
Heiman•Mack•Markielewski•Norsetter/McFarland Am Legion
November 8th.....Annual Club Banquet & Meeting
Club 60/Columbus WI

June Board Meeting Minutes

Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer

The June Board Meeting was held on Thursday, June 12 at Earl's home. Buzz Bursaw has agreed to serve the rest of 2025 as Vice president and the meeting was to acquaint him with the schedule for parades, shows, and meetings for the rest of the year. Present was Earl, Wade, Buzz, Jan and Richard who has agreed to complete the 2025 term of the President.

Sunshine Report

Karen Walheim

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

Paul & Martha Sillman welcome the birth of their 7th great-grandchild. Hayes Taylor Fox was born on May 20th, weighing in at 4# 14 oz.

Fritz Ragatz passed away on May 27th, with the celebration of life being held on June 22nd. Fritz, and his wife Barb, joined our club in 2019. He was recently elected to the board as a Vice-President, and took over as President after Earl's resignation.

Nancy Clinnin, mother of member Mike Clinnin, passed away on May 30th. Nancy, and her husband Pat, were former members of our club and were relatives of the Guetschows. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Sherri Lee, a CWC member that many remember from the Model A Reunion, passed away May 30th. Sherri was the wife of Tom Lee, who passed away in December, and the mother of Joey (Guy) Burnett.

We extend our deepest sympathies to all of their family and friends on their loss.



July Club Meeting

Saturday, July 12th

Living Water Church - Sun Prairie

The July monthly meeting will be held at the Living Water Church in Sun Prairie at 3075 Prospect Drive. Drive around back and enter into the lower level. Doors will open at 12:30, with potluck lunch at 1:00. Harold & Carol Bursaw and Paul & Martha Sillman are providing the main meal, coffee and water, members are asked to bring a dish to share for the potluck. Meeting to follow lunch.

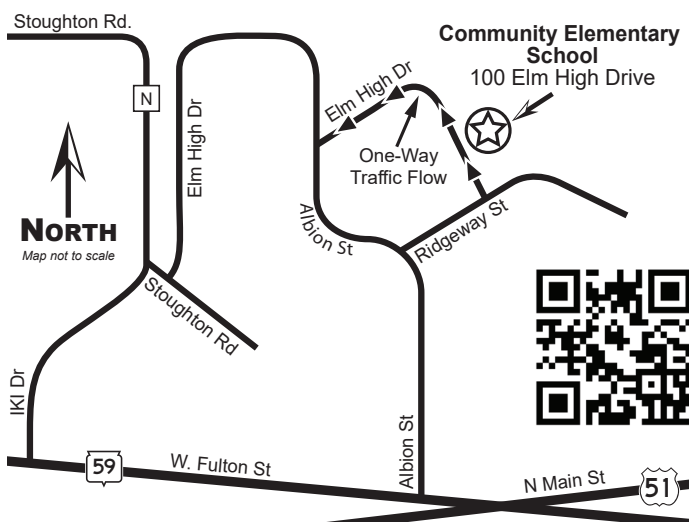
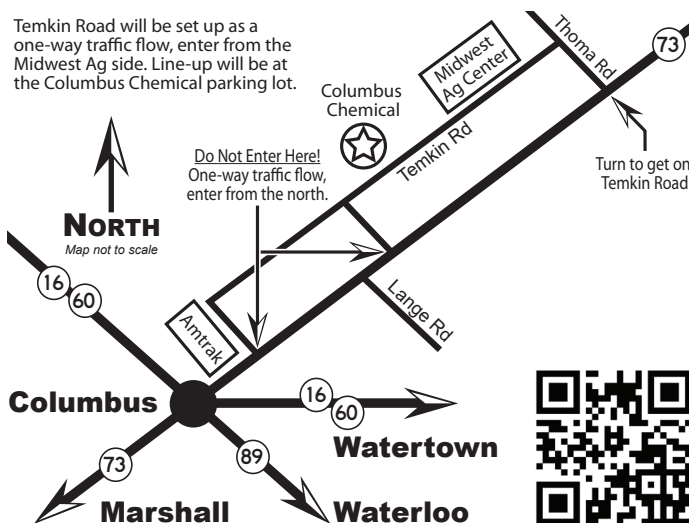


Columbus Fourth of July Parade

Friday, July 4th

This is a paid event and we need at least 8 cars.

Lineup will be at Columbus Chemical, located at N4335 Temkin Road. Temkin Road will be set up as a one-way only flow, enter from the north, by the Midwest Ag Center. All participating cars need to be at the lineup by 11:00. Anyone arriving after that may cause us to be pushed to the back of the lineup. The 1.2 mile parade starts at 12:00. All entries need to be decorated appropriately to celebrate the Fourth. At a minimum, entries should be decorated with flags, bunting or other appropriate items. Only US or military flags, no political-biased modified ones.



Edgerton Tobacco Days Parade

Sunday, July 20th

Line up for this paid event will be at 10:30, in the area of the Community Elementary School off Elm High Drive, with the parade starting at 11:30. Please note that Elm High Drive will be set up as a one-way road for this event. Plans are to stop for lunch after the parade.

Parade Sign Etiquette

We used to have a set of club rules on how our membership should behave in parades, such as no throwing candy or weaving in the parade route. I would like to suggest another addition to this list, how to handle our sponsors' signs.

Our parade sponsors pay us to be in parades to promote their businesses, most of them also have to pay the parade for us to be in the parade. Some of the sponsors paid to have the signs printed that we display on our cars.

We want these signs to last as long as they can, so please take care putting on and pulling tape off these signs, so as to not tear the signs up more than they already are. It is a little bit tough having to go back to a sponsor to tell them we need them to provide us with replacement signs.

A good suggestion would be to pick up rectangle cow magnets from a store like Fleet Farm or Tractor Supply. These magnets are strong enough to secure the signs to the cars, without damaging the paper.

Obviously, if your car is made of wood, fiberglass or too much filler material was used during the restoration of your car, magnets may not work.

~Tony Sillman

National Mileage Awards

Congratulations to our members who received awards in the MARC Mileage Program. Achieving the 5,000 mile mark were Wade Blair and Dale & Gloria Metcalf. Reaching the 10,000 mile mark were Richard & Jan Concklin

For more information on the MARC Mileage Program, or to sign up, contact our Mileage Chairperson, Wade Blair.

2024 Kenneth G. Brady Award

MARC's Member of the Year

Congratulations to Jerry & Mary Braasch, of the Nickle A Region, for receiving the Kenneth G. Brady Award from the national MARC office, for all the have done for the MARC organization and their membership.

Many of us know the Braasch's from the Wisconsin Model A Reunions and the Nickle A hosted National MARC Meets, some of which they helped chair. Jerry was also on the National MARC Board of Directors twice.

Editorial Edits

Tony Sillman, Editor

After MARC changed their judging criteria for newsletters, I decided to submit ours to see how they would do. Obviously the judges were not impressed, as we finished in the 4th place area, the dreaded Participation Award. This is also know as the "Thanks for Entering" award.

There are things that can be added and changed to help us achieve a higher score, but wanted to see how we would rank with doing the newsletter as I do it.

As a reminder, I will be stepping down as editor after the December newsletter. Anyone interested in volunteering, or in need of more information, contact me.

Annual Wisconsin Model A Reunion

July 25th-27th

Even though our club is no longer part of the Model A Reunion, our members can still go spend a day, or the whole weekend, at this event. For more information, see the Reunion website at www.wirapidsmodela.com.

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.

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LOOKING BACK AT PAST CLUB EVENTS

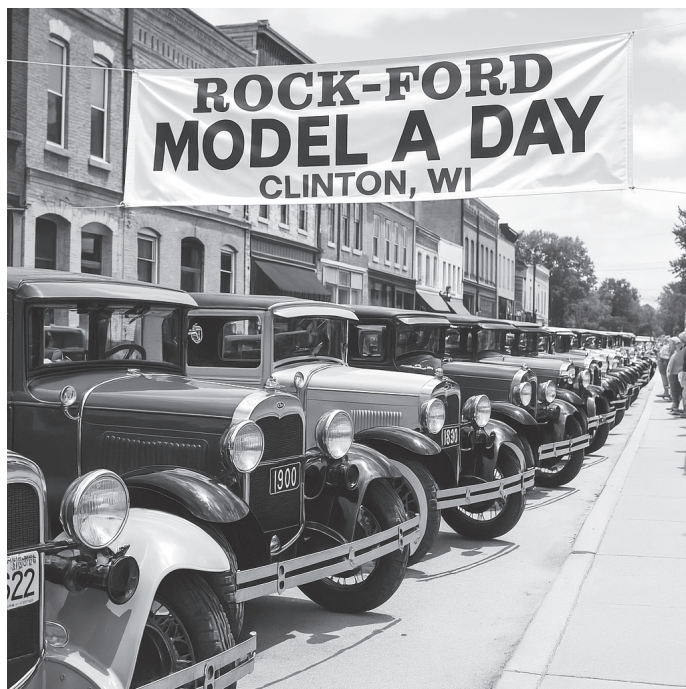
Memorial Day Parades

Monday, May 26th, 2025

We had 14 cars with 31 people participate in the Monona parade. It was good to have to have Tony & Karlene back, driving their repaired Speedster. Also great to have the Griffin families. One of our cars was reluctant to start when it was time for us to join the parade, but with a little push, it joined the group and all completed the parade. As always, there were lots of spectators, including many youth, most of whom encouraged and enjoyed the Model A horns. It was nice to see Dale and Gloria Metcalf's car featured on the 10:00 news report of the parade.

Twelve of these cars, with 26 occupants, then joined the McFarland parade, which went smoothly for us. Following the parade several of the group gathered at the Cottage Grove Road Culvers for lunch and socializing. It was a pleasant, rewarding day and we thank all who were able to participate.

~Earl Gritton



RockFord Model A Day in Clinton WI

Sunday, June 1st, 2025

Our first tour of 2025 had a total of two Model A's show up for the 45 mile drive to Clinton. Wade Blair joined us for the trip, and we arrived in Clinton at 9:00. Whilst walking around Clinton, we saw Don & Rita McCord and Ron & Tama Griffin, along with friends from other Model A clubs. To help keep this event free, the sponsoring club, the RockFord A's, has a door prize, silent auction, fireman's raffle and a 50/50 event. One of our friends won a Zenith carburetor in the door prize, for the second year in a row. We did leave some money there, and did manage to win an item or two.

~Tony & Karlene Sillman

Tuesday Morning Old Guy Coffee Club Car Show

Tuesday, June 17th, 2025

This is a simple car show, put together by a group of guys, who gather for a cup of coffee every Tuesday morning. The \$10/person charge will go to two charitable organizations, and got us free refreshments, treats and ice cream.

We went down on our own, but were joined by Wade Blair, Tom & Linda Junck, Dale & Gloria Metcalf and Jeff Bergey. Again, just a simple car show. No loud background music, no motors being excessively rev'd up, just a nice event in someone's backyard, where you could talk cars with others. Someone even brought their large pet turtle (about 60 pounds) out for the show.

After the show, we went to the show organizer's house to see his yard art. He has 3 staged Model A's in his yard, that are beyond repair, and a different type of vintage gas pump in every room of his house (yes, every room). He invited our club over for a future tour.

~Tony & Karlene Sillman

June 2025 MAFFI Minute

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

The Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) Trustees and Executive Director would like to send a big THANK YOU to all the hobbyists who have supported this expansion effort. Without you, this project wouldn't have happened; you preserved history and made it possible to have a fabulous historical learning experience available for years to come!

Several Trustees, the Executive Director, the Grape A's Club, and friends of each, gave up Memorial Day weekend to move cars, clean up, and set up vignettes - to get the museum expansion one step closer to being fully finished. It's looking good, and we can't wait for the ribbon cutting in September.

The expansion allows for more vignettes of the era. There will be period correct murals on the exterior of the building, a working garage, and so much more. You need to come to Model A Days, September 19th & 20th to see for yourself how awesome his museum has become - thanks to all our wonderful hobbyists!

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

June 2025 Running Board Report

Monthly update from MARC's Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

MARC is planning something different for next year! As a test, we will be combining our annual Membership Meet with our National Tour. Our General Membership meeting and award ceremonies will be held at the Tour host hotel. More information will be released as planning is finalized.

As your Board, we're working hard making improvements. Our website, future meets, working with MAFCA to plan joint events, our merchandise, Fashion judging changes, Driver Class judging geared to those who love restoring and driving their cars but with modifications that are not exactly correct per judging standards.

Some Region officers have been receiving SPAM emails purportedly from either the President or Treasurer of the Region asking for money to be sent to them at another email address. Please use caution when receiving an email like this. As a reminder, MARC does not request any funds to be sent via email.

What are the benefits of joining MARC? It's more than just a great magazine, it's also a network of experts who can help you restore and keep your Model A running well. If you're into era fashion, we have experts there too. MARC events offer a chance to network, drive your Model A, experience fashions and activities for young Model A enthusiasts. Just watching the repair tent crews perform their magic will teach you more than you could imagine.

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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: 1928 Ford Model A Roadster. Full Restoration 2009, 3,000 miles on new H&H Motor, new tan top, new battery 2024. \$19,900. Bob Fischer, (920) 229-2682.

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