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

**Model A Restorers Club  
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## **Presidential Thoughts**

*Richard Concklin, President*

I want to thank the Olson Brothers for opening up the space for our club meeting this past Saturday. They have to move cars and set up tables to accommodate our lunch and meeting and we appreciate their extra effort.

I will be meeting with our Board and we will be discussing the best ways to move ahead. We would value your opinions. Our contact information is printed elsewhere in this Newsletter. Let us know your thoughts and ideas.

Overview, our Club has been wildly successful and meaningful in the past decades because faithful volunteers took care of the tasks that needed doing in order for the Club to run.

So far, our Club is holding its own, both in memberships, participation, and finances. In both 2024 and 2025, we have had good turnouts for parades and shows which is reflected in our current healthy financial situation.

However, the Model A hobby is in decline nationwide. The statistics are not encouraging. Club memberships are down and the value of the cars has leveled off.

We have been truly blessed by the wonderful people whose names have filled our rosters over the years. Casual acquaintances have developed into lifelong friendships, with the common denominator being an appreciation for the Model A hobby.

So, as an organization where do we go from here? And while we're thinking it over . . . *Drive Baby! Drive!*

## **August Club Meeting Minutes**

*Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer*

The Wisconsin Region MARC monthly meeting was held on Saturday, August 9, at Olson Brothers in Oregon. President Richard Concklin welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and thanked Jan Concklin for hosting. There were no new members present but joining us was one visitor, Douglas Bennett, a friend of Richard Gilbertson. A total of 20 were in attendance.

The Secretary's report from July was approved as printed in the newsletter. Jan read the Treasurer's report for July,

approved as read.

Vice President Buzz Bursaw highlighted September events: a tour to the Ag museum, the Culvers Show and our next monthly meeting. He reported that the most popular cars at the Sun Prairie car show, in order, were the Mustang, the Corvair and the Model A.

We continue to need an editor since Tony has given notice effective with the December 2025 newsletter.

Nothing to report from our Sunshine Chair.

New Business: Wade gave out the MARC mileage awards to Richard Concklin for achieving 10,000 miles, Dale Metcalf and Wade Blair both reached 5,000 miles.

Carol Culbertson suggested that if you are part of a group that is looking for an auction item, consider donating a ride in your Model A!

Old Business: Richard reminded us of the Model A mileage challenge *Drive Baby Drive* which goes from July 12th to our November banquet. He encouraged all drivers to drive as much as possible out in the community to hopefully increase interest in the Model A as a hobby.

We urgently need a nominating committee/person because we have 3 positions open beginning January 1st. According to the regular schedule, 2026 is the year that the President and Sec/Treas begin a new term. The Vice President and Member-at-Large begin a new term in 2027. Both Richard and Buzz are just filling in for the rest of 2025. If you know of someone who might be a good fit, talk to them asap. Volunteers accepted.

Jack Olson talked to us about some of his experiences with Model A's and answered questions. So far, they've sold 70 Model A's across 18 states in the US and 3 countries abroad, plus some other collector cars.

Motion to adjourn and seconded.

## **August Board Meeting Minutes**

*Jan Concklin, Secretary/Treasurer*

The board met August 19, and after much discussion, decided to leave the membership dues the same and to underwrite a portion of the November banquet. More details coming.

**The scheduled September 13th monthly club meeting at the McFarland VFW has been canceled.**

***There are no plans to reschedule this meeting.***

***Our next meeting will be October 18th at the McFarland VFW.***

**This has been replaced with a PAID club event at The Camera Company on Odana Road.**

***Details inside this newsletter***

## September Celebrations

### Birthdays

Bruce Droster	Tom Lerdahl
Earl Gritton	Pat Malcheski
Howard Hanson	Gloria Metcalf
Harriet Hanson	

### Anniversaries

Rem & Conni Brandt  
Harold & Carol Bursaw  
Earl & Virginia Gritton  
Dick & Karen Ziegert

## 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.*

September 6th ..... Tour to Paulson Ag Museum  
Wade Blair/Lake Mills WI to Argyle IL  
September 7th ..... Culver's Car Show  
Paid Event - Cottage Grove Road Location  
September 13th ..... **\*Monthly Meeting CANCELED\***  
McFarland American Legion  
September 13th ..... Model A Photo Shoot  
Paid Event - The Camera Company/Madison  
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 25th\* ..... Guetschow Auction  
Guetschow Residence/Arlington WI  
September 26th-27th\* ..... Jefferson Swap Meet  
Jefferson WI  
October 18th ..... Monthly Meeting  
Heiman•Mack•Markielewski•Norsetter/McFarland Am Legion  
November 8th..... Annual Club Banquet & Meeting  
Club 60/Columbus WI  
November 16th..... Wisconsin Region MARC  
68th Anniversary  
December ..... Monthly Meeting  
Wade Blair/Rose Garden Watertown

### 2026

January..... Monthly Meeting  
Host/Location Needed  
February ..... Monthly Meeting  
Host/Location Needed

### ***Urgently Needed!!***

A nominating person/committee to help fill our two 2026 open positions: President, Vice President and Editor! If you would be willing to work with the board on this, contact a Board Member ASAP.

### ***Also Urgently Needed!!***

Club members to run for our Board of Directors 2026 open positions! Contact a Board Member if you have questions or would like to be on the ballot.

## Sunshine Report

Karen Walheim

No Sunshine News to report for this month.



### ***Attention All Vets!!***

To pay tribute to all the veterans in our club, we create a special cover that features all of our vets.

If you are a veteran or the surviving spouse of one and wish to have the vet's name listed on the cover, please forward it to the editor along with the branch and the years of service. If your name has appeared on previous covers, you do not need to submit it again.

## Editorial Edits

Tony Sillman, Editor

Just a quick reminder, I will step down as Editor and Webmaster following the December 2025 newsletter. If anyone is interested in either, or both, please let me know. Thanks to members choosing the electronic version and our paid advertisers, our dues fully cover newsletter expenses. If you aren't currently receiving the newsletter electronically, please consider it, as it will help the club save even more money. I understand that not all members prefer the electronic format, no one is required to use it. I am working on a new website format that will simplify the process for anyone who wants to be the webmaster. This new setup does not require any coding or advanced HTML skills.





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**For Sale:** 1930 Ford Model A Slant Windshield Blindback Fordor Sedan, Black with w/w tires. 12V, new starter & battery, drives good, runs good. \$8500. (920) 988-8324.

**Auction:** There will be an auction at the home of Darlene Guetschow on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 10:00 AM. Many Model A parts. For additional information see [georgeauction.com](http://georgeauction.com).

**For Sale:** 1931 movie star Model A. This Pick-up appears in a scene of Public Enemies, the gangster movie that was shot in Columbus WI. Authentically restored & in exceptional shape, located Madison area. \$19,500. Lorie Nussle, (708) 448-5830 or [lkfishbait@att.net](mailto:lkfishbait@att.net).

**For Sale:** 1930 Deluxe Roadster. Blue, White top. This car is a beauty! Body and fenders, A+, leather upholstery (incl. rumble seat), B+, engine appears to be fine; owner drove it regularly. \$22,000. Barb Ragatz, (608) 444-5368.

**For Sale:** 1931 Model A 2 Door Phaeton. Built from a 1931 Tudor Sedan. Car was built in 2000 one of three home built. Asking \$17,500. Linda (920) 538-5158.

**For Sale:** Selling off Marv Tomlinson's collection of old auto parts stock, including Model A inventory. Looking to sell for a discount to clear out the shop. Contact Isaac at (608) 501-8580 or email [isaacgtomlinson@gmail.com](mailto:isaacgtomlinson@gmail.com) for more information.

**For Sale:** 1930 Ford Model A Sedan, Yellow. Good condition, solid chassis & frame with no rust and minor scratches, clean interior w/period-correct details, starts, runs & drives, mostly driven around Madison a few times per year. Asking \$12,500 OBO. Located in Madison area. Call Jake at (608) 302-8517 for more info or photos.

**For Sale:** 1929 Fully restored Roadster. New tires, very good overall condition. For more details, call Jim (608) 831-4690.

**For Sale:** 1931 Slant Window Sedan. Relatively new engine & new transmission and tower, runs and drives as it should. \$14,500. Fred Pennings, (920) 450-1930.

Call or text your Ad in to (920) 350-2291 or email to [wisconsinregionmarc@gmail.com](mailto: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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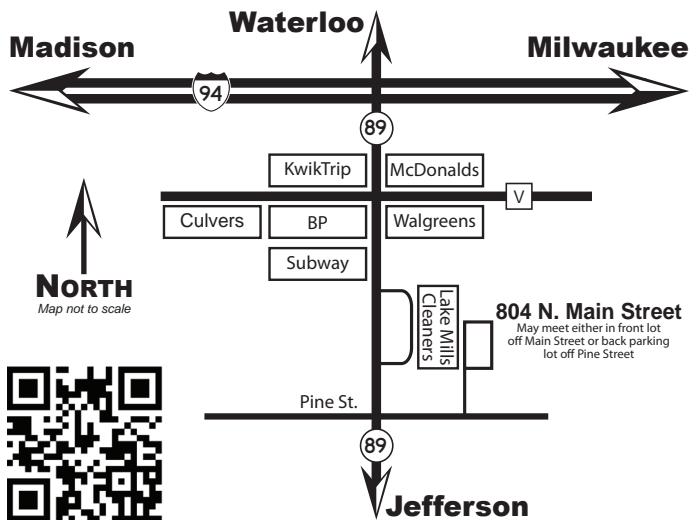
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### **Culver's Car Show: Cottage Grove Road**

*Sunday, September 7th*

We're having a car show at Culvers in Madison, located at 4401 Cottage Grove Road, on September 7th, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This Culver's location is a paid advertiser in our newsletter and we need at least 8 cars to get paid. Let's show our support, fill up the lot, and attract a crowd.

In the past, members would park their cars and then sit inside Culver's waiting for the event to end. We're expected to stay with our cars, promote our club, and answer any questions from the guests. We can use the restrooms and grab some food and drinks, but need to stay with our cars. We've been asked to help promote this event. On the cover is a flier that we're asking our members to copy and post at locations around their area to help get the word out.

Don't forget that on our website are window cards to help promote our club, and your car, to the public.

### **Model A Photo Shoot**

**The Camera Company - Odana Road location**

*Saturday, September 13th, 2025*

As mentioned multiple times in this newsletter, the meeting scheduled for September has been canceled, and will not be rescheduled.

On that same day, we've been requested to provide Model A's for a photo shoot at The Camera Company, located at 6742 Odana Road, just one block east of West Towne Mall. This is a PAID event for the club.

This is a fantastic chance to showcase our cars and promote the club. It coincides with the store's *Trade-in Weekend*, and the event will be advertised on Facebook as well as through various local advertisers.

We need to arrive by 9:30, and the event will take place from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be a model dressed in 1920s attire, along with store photographers, to capture moments with our cars. Like participating in a car show; bring chairs, snacks, and drinks.

They are looking for between 4 to 10 Model A cars. Having

### **Paulson Agricultural Museum Tour**

**Lake Mills WI to Caledonia IL**

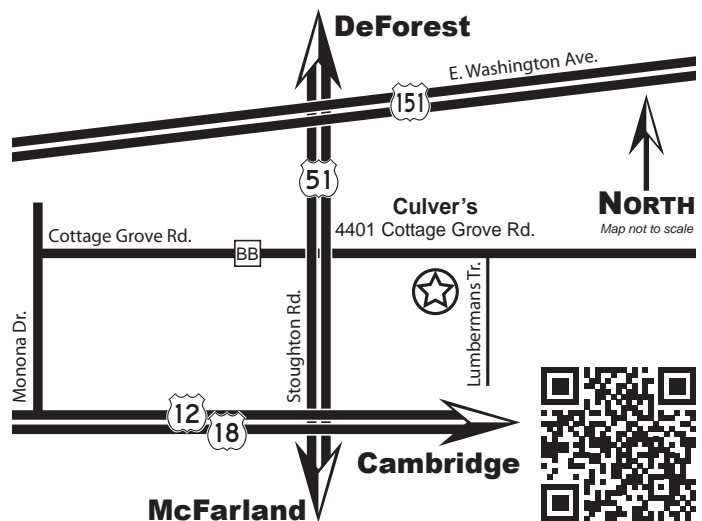
*Saturday, September 6th, 2025*

We will tour from Lake Mills to the Paulson Agricultural Museum in Caledonia IL. We will leave the rear parking lot of Lake Mills Cleaners (off of E. Pine Street) at 8:00 am for a 66-mile tour, just over 2 hours.

Modern cars are welcome to join the tour, or meet at the museum at 6950 Belvidere Road in Caledonia, IL. From Madison, taking I-39, it would be just over an hour trip.

There's a \$10/person charge at the museum. With three buildings of tractors and implements, it takes about 2 hours to see everything. Afterward, we'll tour home to Lake Mills, stopping in Clinton WI for food and gas.

Call me with any questions on the tour at (920)390-0297. For more information on the museum, see their website at [paulsonagriculturemuseum.com](http://paulsonagriculturemuseum.com) ~Wade Blair



more cars will provide the staff with a greater selection to choose from.

For additional information, you can reach out to me or our Vice-President, Harold (Buzz) Bursaw. ~Richard Concklin



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## Hill and Valley Antique Auto and Americana Show

Saturday, September 20, 2025

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All makes and models 20 years and older welcome!

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Pancake Breakfast 7:00 - 10:00am

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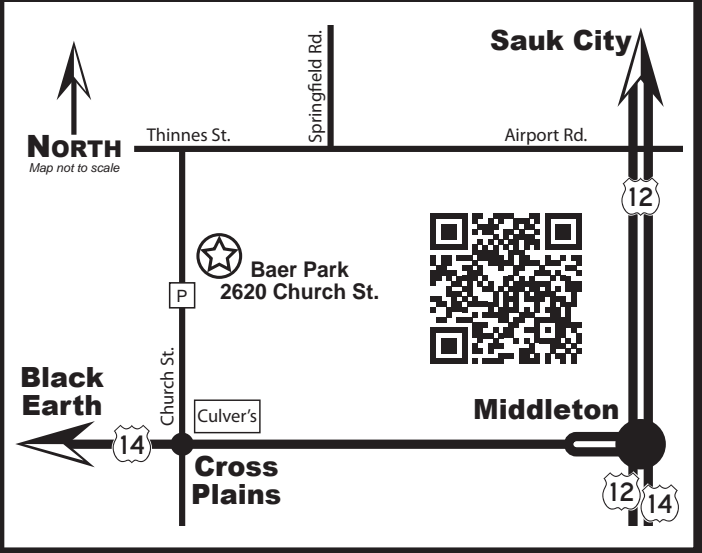
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## Guetschow Auction

Thursday, September 25, 2025

The Guetschow auction will be on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 10:00 AM. For more info see [georgeauction.com](http://georgeauction.com).

## Wisconsin Region MARC's Annual Banquet and Meeting

Club 60 - Columbus WI

Saturday, November 16th, 2025

Make plans to come and join your fellow club members at the Annual Banquet at Club 60, located at W2164 Highway 60 in Columbus, on November 16th.

Times, menu choices, costs and reservation deadline are still being worked out. This information, along with the reservation slip, will be in the next newsletter.

## Model A Cotter Pin Sizes

The Badger's A, December 1977

Harold Omen

### 3/16 x 1

Flywheel Housing Hole

### 5/32 x 1

Front Wheel Bearing Nut

### 1/8 x 1-1/2

Drag Link End Plug

Tie Rod End Plug

### 1/8 x 1-1/4

Sidemount Arm Nut

Shock Link Plug

### 1/8 x 1

Steering Arm Nut

Front Spring Perch Nut

Radius Rod Bolt(at Torque Tube)

Rear Axle Shaft/Drum

U-Bolt Nuts(Rear Spring)

Starter Rod (1928)

### 1/8 x 3/4

Brake Shoe Roller Pins

### 1/8 x 5/8

Brake Pedal Clevis Pin

Brake Pedal Rod Cross Shaft Pin

Brake Pedal to Equalizer Shaft (1928)

Brake Rod Clevis Pins

Clutch Adjusting Yoke Pin

Hand Brake Lever to Cross Pin

Hand Brake Lever Pawl Pin

### 3/32 x 1

Driveshaft Pinion Bolts

Front Radius Ball Cap Studs

### 3/32 x 3/4

Backing Plate Bolts(Rear)

Brake Wedge (Front)

Engine Main Bolt

Fan Shaft

Front Engine Mount Yoke Stud

U-Bolt Nuts Front Spring

King Pin

Pitman Arm Bolt

Spring Shackle Buts

Steering Box to Frame Bolts

Tie Rod Ends

### 3/32 x 5/8

Front Backing Plate

Hand Brake Toggle Link

Engine Connecting Rods

Hand Brake Lever Arm

Hand Brake Lever Sector

Radiator Bolts

Shock Arm Bolts

Tail Pipe Clamp

Throttle Assembly Bell Crank Lever

U-Joint Cap Bolts

### 3/32 x 1/2

Clutch Pedal Shaft Collar Pin

Front Radius Rod Retaining Pin

Hand Brake Lever Pawl

Hand Brake Lever Pawl Pin

Hand Brake Lever Rod

### 1/16 x 1/2

Brake Cross-Shaft Bracket Nuts

Equalizer Shaft

Hand Brake Lever Bracket

Hand Brake Lever Retract Spring

Rear Motor Mount Bolts



## **Drive Baby! Drive**

We're encouraging all members to drive their Model A's, here, there and everywhere. You never know what may come of that trip to the hardware store in your Model A! I talked about my own experiences at the latest club meeting, but I'm told some couldn't hear me, so here's a recap.

In August 2023, I entered my Model A in the Waunafest Car Show. I was approached by a person who coordinates the Waunakee Schumacher Farm Heritage Fest about showing my car, as it fits in the historic time frame they are highlighting. I had dozens of conversations there with people about the mechanics, Jan taught 50+ kids how to get into the rumble seat, and we let the kids honk the horn (once only, please!). It was a wonderful experience and lots of fun. We were unable to join them in 2024, but Wade Blair filled in for us, you can ask him about it. All because I joined a car show in Waunakee.

In 2024, Jan and I decided to do something new and attend a *Back Porch Concert* at the Dean House on Monona Drive. It was a beautiful night, so we drove the 'A'. When we got there, Ann the President, motioned our car up to the premier place at the top of the driveway where the 'A' was in full view for the entire concert. Spring of 2025, I got a

## **August 2025 Running Board Report**

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

Many know that our MARC website is rather outdated. While our Facebook page has thousands of members, very few take the next step to join MARC. Your Board of Directors has just approved a preliminary budget and formed a committee, led by Chris DuVall, to review and make changes to our complete social media strategy and website. The committee will begin meeting on a frequent basis and we will keep you updated on our progress.

Chris recently posted a video on our Facebook page on the basics of starting a Model A. We need more videos like this to teach new Model A owners the basics of diagnosing and fixing mechanical issues. If you are interested in producing a video, please contact Joe Fox or any other Board member.

## **August 2025 MAFFI Minute**

*Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary*

We're five weeks away from Model A Days at Hickory Corners, MI. Are your reservations made? We hope so. This will be the grandest event yet!

The Model A Ford Museum has always been a treat for our hobbyists. Whether you've been there before or are planning to go this year, this visit will be extra special because of the completed expansion! The museum used to be able to showcase 30 vehicles; now all the vehicles that the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. owns are in one building! Production years, 1928 through 1931, as well as a variety of body styles, are on display. There is a larger variety of

call from a person I met at the concert. He wanted to know if he could schedule a photo shoot with my car. Sure! We met at the Arboretum. The model was his wife and she was dressed up really fancy. I even got an unrequested gift certificate for my trouble!

July 2025, I got a call from Ann at the Dean House asking if we could drive the 'A' to the next Dean House concert with the same 2 man band, Cherry & Jerry Ragtime & 1920's Blues, presenting. Sure! Same premier parking place! Only this time we find out that the band had produced a CD with a cover picture that included my car. To see it, look for *Cherry and Jerry* on Facebook.

Just a couple of weeks ago, I drove my 'A' to the hardware store and a woman followed me into the parking lot and anxiously approached me. "Can I rent you and your car for a Birthday photo? I'll only turn 35 once!" she asked. Sure! Back to the Arboretum.

All of these opportunities came just because I was out in the community. I regularly get Thumbs Up from other cars and motorcycles, occasionally get a fist pump request for the horn, but the sheer visibility of the 'A' driving around town is a part of keeping the Model A hobby alive. So, to summarize: Drive Baby! Drive! ~Richard & Jan Concklin

We still need Regions to step up to host future MARC meets; a National Meet, Tour and Membership Meet. As you know, we'll be combining our 2026 Membership Meet with our Finger Lakes Tour in May. All of your Board members have experienced hosting a Meet and we will help any Region interested in hosting an event. Contact Jim Zimmer or Joe Valentine for any information.

The Board recently approved a motion to recognize Regions who have achieved 50+ years MARC membership. A brick will be donated in your Region's name to be placed at the Gilmore Museum! As we donate annually to MAFFI, they provide us bricks that we will use for this purpose. We currently have 40 bricks available and will begin recognizing the 40 longest member Regions first. Twenty more will be recognized in 2026 and the remainder in 2027. We will notify you as your bricks are placed

interactive exhibits and vignettes to put visitors right back in the era of the vehicles.

If you'd like a sneak peek at the museum, go to [maffi.org](http://maffi.org) and click on the camera links for a live view.

And, for those of you planners, get this on your agenda. Save the dates September 12-16, 2028 for the 100-year anniversary of the Model A: 1928-2028! There will be driving tours offered by each of the national organizations, MARC and MAFCA, and activities galore for all 5 days.

I know there's no such thing as too much fun, but we're pushing the envelope!!

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**The scheduled September 13th monthly  
club meeting at the McFarland VFW  
has been canceled.**

**This has been replaced with a PAID club event at  
The Camera Company on Odana Road.**

*Details inside*