



GOING PLACES



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December 2023 Edition



“...many long-time Dearborn residents remember the Ford Rotunda’s Christmas Fantasy with nostalgia and a fierce sense of pride. After all, this great extravaganza of all things Christmas was staged in their own community by the company that Henry Ford, their favorite hometown-boy-made-good, had founded.”

From the Collections of *The Henry Ford*

President’s Report

By Tim Diehn



Hello Membership!

We did our duty in November by voting in our 2024 Leadership Team! I would like to thank Christian Easton for his service to the club the past two years. In addition to being an active, contributing officer, Christian and Susan would welcome us to their home every February to host the Tour Meeting where we would set the yearly touring schedule and enjoy many homemade snacks to keep us energized. Thanks, Christian, for your service to the club!

I would like to welcome Jay Williamson to the board. Jay certainly has entered our hobby with much enthusiasm over the past couple years and we are looking forward to hearing his fresh perspectives and ideas over the coming year. Welcome aboard Jay!

Also at the November meeting, we voted to keep the 2024 annual dues at the bargain value of \$10 per family. Our finances continue to be strong allowing us to keep dues constant for the past several years.

Remember our Christmas Party is coming up on December 10th at the Seasons Lodge in Nashville. In addition to the socializing, eating, and gift exchange, I will give a short recap of the year as well as some views going into our Diamond Anniversary in 2024. Plus, we have the dreaded Hard Luck award that will be given out. Who will take it home this year?

This is a busy time of year with parties, visiting family and friends, and simply enjoying the Christmas spirit. For whatever you are planning, please have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

-Tim



Membership Meeting Minutes

El Nopal, National Road, Columbus, November 9, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Tim Diehn at 6:35PM

45 Members were present: Ed & Mary Dathe, Rob & Debbie Kirkpatrick, Larry Morlock, Steve Butler, Chris & Susan Easton, Katy & Ronnie Lawson, Don Wessler, Neil Wessler, Jack Sullivan, Tim Diehn, Roger Dean, Deanna & Jerry Glunt, Sid Pendygraft, Jim & Cathy Dinger, Phil & Marge Sutton, Dennis & Kathy Meyer, Jack & Marge Schmeckebier, John Emmering, Jay Williamson, Randy & Angia Watts, Tim & Frieda Howell, Chet & Sandy Pietras, Dianne & Larry Purcell, John Prohaska, Don Workman, Tim Workman, Bill Nevels, Randy Hughey, Ron & Carmen Huddleston, and our newest members, Larry & Carol Pumphrey.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved as published.

Three members drove their As today – John Prohaska, Rob Kirkpatrick and Jack Sullivan

Treasurer's Report: September 12, 2023

Starting Balance	\$5,200.02
Income	-
Oct 12 50-50	40.00
	+ \$ 40.00
Expenses	
A & Hudson Gathering	75.00
MAFFI Expansion Donation	300.00
Johnson Co. Museum Donation	75.00
Artcraft Theater Donation	75.00
Newsletter	23.39
	- \$ 548.39
Ending Balance	\$4,691.63

Committee Reports

Cares & concerns were shared.

Jack Sullivan reports his Dad spent 8 days in the hospital with an infection and sepsis.

Randy Hughey reports that Carolyn Kemp is in the hospital.

Jerry Curbox is back in the same condition as before surgery.

John Prohaska's Nana is doing better, with a walker & cane. His 2nd grandchild is due this week, and AJ & Calista were married last week.

Melissa Miller is in the hospital with sepsis and is not doing well.

Phil provided a Touring update: We're done. There is an invitation for on-your-own participation in the Greenwood Grinch Parade Saturday next week, at 5:30 PM.

Reminder: Give your year-end mileage to Larry Morlock.

Susan Easton won \$65 in the 50/50. Other items awarded in the drawing, both donated by Ed Dathe, included a 12v repro horn (Tim Workman) and a NOS cutout switch (Jerry Glunt).

John Prohaska identified the mystery tool brought by Larry Purcell.

New Business

Tim asked for opinions on the dues level for the coming year. Jim Dinger moved and John Prohaska seconded to keep dues at \$10/family/year. It passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Tim presented the slate of officers suggested by his nominating committee. With not opposition the slate was approved by unanimous voice vote:

Tim Diehn – President

Dennis Meyer – Vice President

Phil Sutton – Treasurer

Rob Kirkpatrick – Secretary

Linda Sullivan, Jay Williamson and John Emmering – Directors

Larry Purcell has a full rolling chassis for sale, VIN matching, titled, with new wheels & tires

Tim introduced our speaker, Ben Clark, from the Indiana DNR. Ben is, among other roles, the historian for the Indiana State Parks. He provided a brisk and entertaining story of our beautiful system of State Parks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM. Respectfully submitted, Rob Kirkpatrick



CONDOLENCES

We were saddened to learn that **Ruth Keen** passed away on November 18th. Ruth and her late husband, Mason, were long time members of the club. They attended many tours with Ruth always having a good time and ensuring others did as well. Please keep the Keen family in your thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

You can find out more at the [Dennis George Funeral Home website](#).



Year End REMINDERS!

1. **Odometer updates.** For those members participating in the MARC Mileage Award program, please submit your year-end 2023 odometer readings to Larry Morlock. You can give them to Larry at the next membership meeting, by email at l.morlock@att.net, or by phone 812-371-6628.
2. **Renew your National club membership(s).** Don't miss a beat in getting all the latest news and helpful tips offered by our two national clubs; MARC and MAFCA.
3. **Renew your Columbus club membership.** Still a bargain at only \$10/family!

Arvin Sculpture Update

Ron Huddleston, Ron Lawson, Larry Morlock, Randy and Angia Watts, and Tim Diehn have been busy finishing up the Arvin sculpture restoration for the Bartholomew County School Corporation, BCSC. If you recall, our journey started in March of 2022 to do a body restoration of the 1931 Model A Coupe. Slow, but steady, the crew has donated their time to strip, weld, fill, sand, paint, clean, polish and assemble this Columbus icon back to its former glory. While we are staying true to the original Seward Johnson vision, we have snuck in a couple improvements. Ronnie Lawson donated proper lenses for the headlights and Larry Morlock has donated a proper steering wheel setup as well as the lens for the single taillight. We are shooting for a January finish. BCSC will be installing a 'sail' covering over the sculpture to keep the worst of the elements at bay. Below are some recent pictures of our progress. Stay tuned!





Christmas Party Time!

Please join us at the Seasons Lodge Event Center at 560 SR 46 Nashville, IN 47448 at 5pm on December 10th for the annual Christmas Party!

The buffet style dinner is \$20 per person which includes choice of 3 mains, sides and dessert . A cash bar will be available for drinks. The Club will pickup the remainder including gratuity.

Also for a bit of fun, we will do a white elephant style gift exchange. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped \$10 gift per person or group that wishes to participate. The unmarked gift can be serious, funny, gender neutral, or gender specific for an even funnier experience. Just be creative!

Please RSVP (and pay) to Phil Sutton at 936 S, Hawthorne, Bloomington, IN 47401, (812) 336-8672. December 1st is the final RSVP date so we can get an accurate count for the Seasons. Hope to see everyone there!



The SEASONS
Lodge



Sullivan Auction



On Wednesday, January 10, 2024, an auction will be selling the personal property of Jack Sullivan Sr. and his late wife, Kathryn. There are many antiques, including a 65 year collection of Model A parts, a '29 Model A roster pickup, and a '29 sports coupe. The sale will be held at [Robinson Auction House](#), Orleans, Indiana. The sale bill will be coming soon; follow the auction house website and Facebook for more information.

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This publication is mailed or emailed to members and editors of similar publications monthly. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month. We invite members to submit articles containing technical Model A information and other interesting tidbits for publication in this newsletter.

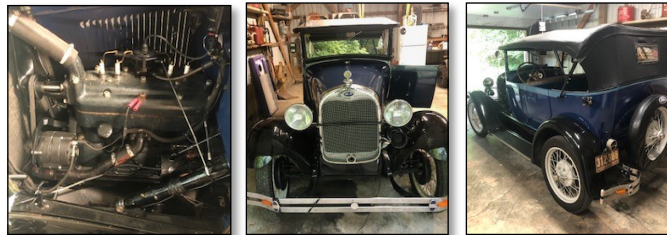
Classifieds

For Sale

1929 Model A Phaeton

Off frame restoration and motor rebuild, Beautiful paint job
\$17,900

Call Steve Carley 317-696-602



WANTED

Have a Model A rear end with the axles and drive shaft that is not salvageable? Tim Diehn is learning how to rebuild rear ends. But no sense messing up completely good parts. **Please contact Tim at 812-374-2882 or timdiehn@yahoo.com** if you have such items that are heading to the scrap yard!

HELP WANTED

John Badger is selling off his Model A Parts. He needs help pricing the items. If you wish to give him a hand, **please call John at 812-371-0249**

