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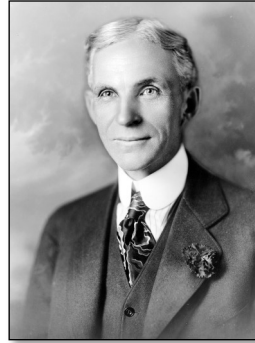
Columbus MARC Region Since 1964, MAFCA Chapter since 2009

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Upcoming Events

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September 2023 Edition



"An educated person, I think, is one who not only knows a lot, but knows how to do a lot of things."

Ford News
September 1937

President's Report

By Tim Diehn



Hello Membership!

This past month was the MARC National Meet in Hamilton, OH. Logistically, it was nice to have it located so close. This allowed 29 club members/guests and their 14 cars to enjoy the weeklong activities. Let me provide some insights and highlights.

The event was filled with the usual seminars, swap meet, raffles, fashion show, car judging, Hubley race, side trips, dinners, tour, and simply catching up with and making new friends within our hobby. The week started with John Prohaska as the big \$469 winner of the Welcome Dinner 50/50 drawing! Drinks were on him for the remainder of the week! But little did we know that was only going to be the start of our club's good fortunes. A bit more about that later, but first I should cover some important topics.

A few of us attended the Membership Meeting held mid-week. While not as exciting as the other events, it is important to hear from the MARC leadership about the business of our club. To start, they are going to change the membership duration to a rolling 12 month membership from the time you pay your dues. Therefore, you will not be tied to the calendar year and will receive a year's worth of magazines and club access for 12 months from the time you join. Also, reminder emails will be sent when your 12 month window is expiring. This will make your membership customizable to your timetable.

Next, as discussed at the Membership Meeting earlier in the year, the board is managing the budget much better. There is more tracking and accountability and the funds are better invested to earn a larger return. While management of the club funds should always be a priority, it is especially important as our club's memberships (main source of revenue) keeps shrinking. Today we have about 6200 members, but every year, we lose about 200. So every dollar needs to work a bit harder to keep the same level of benefit we have come to expect. So what can we do to grow (or at least stabilize) the membership numbers? Good question, and this is where you can directly help.

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Only about 25% of a given region's membership are also MARC national club members. Our hobby is as strong today across the country (and world!) because of strong national club organizations providing a strong foundation. This includes things like maintenance of Judging Standards (the bible of our vehicles), as well as the wonderful magazines bringing wonderful member's stories to life and sharing information about our hobby. Without these national clubs, all of this becomes regional and fragmented, leading to a general decline of a unified direction for our hobby. While it is a personal decision to join, I encourage you to support our collective love for everything Model A and seriously consider becoming a member of the national clubs.

Next, we talked about other important upcoming MARC events. April 4-7, 2024 will be the Membership Meet in Joliet, IL. May 21-24, 2024 will be the National Tour to Berlin, OH. Also, the 2024 National Meet will be in North Carolina in October, specifics to be announced later. The MARC board is considering a 4 day event instead of the typical 5 day. Given the effort and expenses involved with hosting an event, a shortened meet may help. Looking further into the future, the board believes they have a 2025 National Meet location picked as well as 2027 and 2028. Gap exists for 2026, so they are looking for a region to step-up and volunteer. Our club is in the process of securing the 2025 Membership Meet in Nashville, IN.

Now, the really important stuff; what were the remaining club good fortunes? We had four members enter their vehicles in the Touring Class. Recall, this is a point system out of maximum possible 500. I'm excited to report that everyone received great places in the judging. John Emmering's 1931 Roadster received 425 points to win a 2nd place. John Prohaska's 1930 Roadster received 434 points to also win a 2nd place. At 464 points, I won a first place with my 1930 Tudor proving even a 52 year old restoration by my father can still make the grade. And Larry Morlock took a top prize with his freshly restored 1928 Tudor that he has owned for 68 years earning the MARC Touring Class Award of Excellence scoring a whopping 494 points! Only 6 points away from the maximum! Impressive! Our local newspaper, The Republic, did an article on his "Near Perfect Score". Follow this [link](#) to learn about Larry, his car, and other adventures.

A couple other awards were also earned by our club. John Emmering won a sport light for his roadster. Linda Sullivan won some Lenox vases. Tim Ellis won a gift basket which he graciously shared with those present. And since Tim Ellis decided to leave before the awards banquet, the "Oldest Male Driver who Drove their Model A to the Meet" award went to Larry Morlock. All in all a great showing for our club!

Lastly, thanks to Sharon Curbox for arranging three club tours around the surrounding area to keep us entertained when not at the meet. She always does a wonderful job on these short local trips

Maybe that's it for now. I've typed enough.

Hope to see everyone Going Places!

-Tim



Club Members that attended

Larry and Jo Ann Wilcroun, Tim and Frieda Howell, Dennis and Kathy Meyer, Ron Lawson and Katy Matthews, Ron and Carmen Huddleston, Jack and Linda Sullivan, John and Robin Emmering, Tim Ellis with son Tim, Don Wesseler with son Neil and grandson Donovan, Larry Morlock, John Prohaska, AJ Prohaska, Ed and Mary Dathe, Jerry and Sharon Curbox, Phil Sutton, Wayne Arnholt and Tim Diehn.



Pictures from 2023 MARC National Meet





Tour Updates:

September 9 Cherry Hill Farm Cookout (Cherry)

Tom and Nancy Cherry would be honored to have any and all the club members attend a gathering at their farm for an afternoon of fun. Meeting at the Pop's Diner at Rt 3 and Rt 46 at 3pm near Greensburg, Tom will take the lead on east through Greensburg to Cherry Hill Farm. After arrival we will continue to the back 40, their recreation site, where everyone will be free to fish (bring your pole), visit/mingle, or swim if you want....NO skinny dipping so bring proper attire! Tom will provide burgers, dogs, and drinks, and maybe an adult beverage or two. Please bring a side or dessert to share. And a chair for your comfort. Hope everyone can make it for an afternoon of fun and friendship. Questions, please call Tom at 812-593-8977.



Sept 14 - 17 Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI (Sutton)

We will take 1 day driving to the headquarters hotel in Kalamazoo. We then spend 2 days at the meet with all the hoopla and a Friday Night Dinner and Tour of the Kellogg Manor House. If you plan on going get a reservation at the Delta Hotel 269-375-6000. Tell them you are part of the Model A Group. We will drive home from Kalamazoo on Sunday.

Sept 23 Historic Artcraft Theatre Movie Matinee, Franklin, IN (Morlock/Meyer)

Columbus area folks, meet at 8am at the West Hill Shopping Center (JayC) at 8am for an 8:15 sharp departure. *Greenwood area folks*, will meet at the Bob Evans restaurant on US 31/Morton St in Franklin at 8am (come early if you want breakfast). We will head to Mike Ferguson's sign collection on US 31 in Taylorsville. Then we will head to Franklin to the Historic Artcraft Theater for a tour at 10am. Afterwards, we will walk a 1/2 block to the Johnson County Historical Society for another tour. Then at about noon, we will walk across the street to the Willard for lunch. At 2pm, for those that wish to stay, the theater will be public showing of "Singing In The Rain". There is a \$6 admission. Afterwards, we will head home.



Treasurer's Report as of August 10th:

Starting Balance = \$5,647.24

Income:

Dues = \$10

Bloomington contribution to picnic = \$60

Expenses:

Donation Vernon Museum = \$100

Visa Bill = \$280.88

Picnic Costs = \$188.61

Newsletter = \$45.21

Brown County Shelter 2024 = \$46

Ending Balance = \$5,266.41





Tour Updates (continued):

Sept 30 "The Fords meet the Hudsons" at the Ed & Mary Dathe's home (Dathe)

Come any time after 10:00am with your A to 3132 S Highpoint Ln, Bloomington. We need to keep the streak of beating the Hudsons! Bring your chairs. There will be a food truck available for you to buy your lunch or you may bring your own lunch. And, if you want, bring a dessert to share. Questions you can call Ed/Mary at 812-332-1480.

Oct 7 The Chicken House, Sellersburg, IN (Prohaska)

We love eating fried chicken. John will lead us on a tour down south. More to come.

Oct 13 - 19 The Annual Fall Tour, Illinois (Sutton/Howell)

This fall we will visit our neighbor to the west, as Phil and Tim will be taking us through Illinois this year.

Friday October 13—A driving day to Canton Illinois and our home for three nights. Right now there are 2 motels, trying get all rooms into the Harvester Inn owned by the Cook's. As people cancel Phil has been gaining rooms.

Saturday October 14 and Sunday October 15—We will be driving and stopping a lot on the Spoon River festival; a 140 mile route that we will take 2 days doing.

Monday October 16— We will visit and tour some sites in Nauvoo on the Mississippi. We then go to Keokuk, Iowa and on to Hannibal, Missouri.

Tuesday October 17—We will do some sites in Hannibal and onto Quincy, Illinois. In the afternoon we head to Springfield Illinois for 3 nights and 2 days of Lincoln sites with a few other none Lincoln things to see.

Wednesday October 18 and Thursday October 19— Will be Lincoln sites in the area including a drive to New Salem.

Friday, October 20—Home.

At this time Phil has 9 names on the list and plenty of room for more. Let him know if you want to join us by September 30th. Phil-812-336-8672



Larry Purcell Sale

Larry Purcell is closing his Model A shop after 40 years and is having a closing sale. Everything must go including all tools, parts (new and used), property, and a Model A Tudor. **The sale will be held September 28, 29, 30 and October 1.** The address is 2291 North Centerline Road, Franklin, Indiana. The hours are 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM . Any questions call Diane Purcell at 317-881-3262. Come and say hello to Larry even if you don't buy something.





Washington County Tour, Salem, IN – August 19

Submitted by Sid and Denise Pendencygraft

On Saturday, August 19, Jack and Linda Sullivan led a group of A's from Columbus, meeting up with the Bloomington A's in Brownstown and heading onto Salem where the Washington County tour began. A total of 18 cars and approximately 34 people were present for the tour. Sid and Denise Pendencygraft of Salem led the group to the Salem Speedway, where they were able to make a couple laps around the track. Our 40 HP machines were up to the task, as we set a blistering pace of 20mph around this storied high bank oval. The Salem Speedway has been around for 65 years and has enjoyed the recognition of being one of the most unique and renowned racetracks in America. The 0.555 mile oval that features imposing 33 degree banks was built strictly for speed. The track is steeped in history with many of the giants in auto racing having competed on the treacherous "hills" at some point in the careers; Rutman, Carter, Sweikert, O'Connor, Jones, Foyt, Unser, Andretti, Vogler, Allison, Parsons, Waltrip, and Stewart to name a few. The speedway roars to life between April to November with upwards of 12-15 "Special Events" per year. Each is "Special" in its own right with sanctioning bodies such as ARCA, the Must-See Racing Xtreme Sprints, the Ken-Ten Pro Late Model Series and the Top Speed Modified Tour helping bring the finest in professional automobile racing to the world-famous facility.

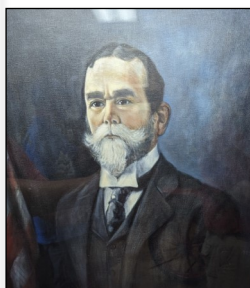


Next stop was Beck's Mill. The Mill was built in 1863 and ceased operation in 1950. Sitting idle for 50 years, the mill was reopened in 2005 through the effort of concerned Washington County citizens and the help of the Cook Foundation. The club was given a history tour of the mill and how it operates.

From the Mill, the club drove into Salem, where they had lunch at Raquel's on the square. The square has been the center of the county since its earliest days. The businesses have come and gone, but the buildings remain the same. A picture was taken of some of our cars on the square, harkening back in time to the square in the 1930's.



After lunch, we traveled to the Steven's Museum. We were given a history of John Hay, Washington County's most famous citizen by Jeremy Elliot, the Executive Director and Historian at the museum. John Hay served under five US Presidents from Abraham Lincoln to William McKinley. From his role in the creation of the Panama Canal to the creation of the Open Door Policy in China, to his renowned poetry and novels, Hay's legacy is an important part of our American Heritage. The home where he was born is on the grounds. We were split into two groups, one group was led through the museum and the other group walked to the train museum, where we enjoyed hearing the history of the Monon Railroad in Washington County from Stephanie Vines, the Depot Manager and Monon Historian. There was a very detailed HO scale replica of the train track through the county. Some of our group was able to tour the pioneer village and go through John Hay's childhood home. Due to time, we were unable to complete the entire tour of the museum, Depot and Village. A reason to head back!!



Some of the cars had to head home. Five cars continued the tour through the county, going through an Amish community, crossing the Knob Stone hiking trail and traveling down the scenic Leota Knobs, onto SR 39 through Little York, where Jack and Linda resumed the lead home. A great time was had by all!



Then & Now

When and Where was this picture taken?



113 N College Ave, Bloomington, IN circa 1930

2023 Sponsored Tour and Event Schedule

- March 4 Maple Creations Tour, Coatesville, IN (Howell/Sutton)
March 9 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting
- April 13 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting
April 14-16 MARC Membership Meet, Bay City, MI (Sutton)
April 23 Columbus MARC Swap Meet 4-H Fairground (Prohaska)
April 29 Cobweb Tour/Pancake Breakfast, First United Church, Bloomington (Sutton)
- May 6 Cedar Creek Winery, Martinsville, IN (Sullivan/Rosenbaum)
May 11 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting
May 12 Model A Youth Day at Clifty Elementary School, Columbus, 9am (Diehn)
May 20 Gasthof Amish Village/Tulip Trestle Viaduct, Montgomery, IN (Easton)
- June 2-4 Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Harrodsburg, KY (Meyer)
June 10 Crawfordsville Tour & Strawberry Festival, Crawfordsville, IN (Howell)
June 28 Limestone Tour, Bedford, IN (Sutton)
- July 2 Lunch Pitch-in/Ice Cream, Greenfield, IN (Howell)
July 8 Picnic at Brown County Park, Stahl Lake Shelter, (Sutton, Diehn, Howell)
July 15 Historic Vernon, Vernon, IN (Meyer)
July 30-Aug 5 MARC National Meet, Hamilton, OH (Sutton/Curbox)
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- November 9 Membership Meeting & Election of Officers - El Nopal 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 mtg
- December 10 Christmas Party, The Seasons Lodge, Nashville, IN, 5pm, (Diehn)

2023 On-Your-Own Tours

- April 1 Franklin County Antique Machinery Swap Meet, Brookville, IN
- May 19-20 Hoosier Vintage Wheels Swap Meet & Car Show, Johnson County Fairgrounds
- June 2-3 Jackson County Antique Engine Show, Fairgrounds, Brownstown, IN
- June 11-12 MAFCA Midwest Regional Meet, Breckenridge, CO
- June xx Columbus Municipal Airport Aviation Day and Car Show
- July 16-21 MAFCA National Tour - Back Roads to the Classics, IN/MI
- July 17-20 Grand Indiana Auto Tour—Richmond, IN
- July 29 Franklin County Antique Machinery Swap Meet, Brookville, IN
- August 3-6 75th Pioneer Engineers Club Reunion, Steam Engines, Rushville, IN
- August 23-25 Tri-state Gas Engine and Tractor Show, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN
- August 26 Bartholomew County Historical Society, Reeves Festival @ Breeding Farm
- Sept 7-10 White River Valley Antique Association Antique Show, Elnora, IN
- Sept 9-10 Scottish Festival, Columbus, IN
- Sept 9-10 Old Car Festival, Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI
- Sept 15-16 Hoosier Vintage Wheels Swap Meet & Car Show, Johnson County Fairgrounds
- Sept 15-16 Model A Day, Hickory Corners, MI
- Sept 16 Hot Rods and Rock & Roll, Columbus IN
- Sept 18-21 GAMARAI XXVII (Great Annual Model A Ride Around Iowa), Des Moines, IA
- Sept 28-Oct 1 Franklin County Antique Machinery Show, Brookville, IN
- Sept 29-30 Brown County Antique Machinery Show and Flea Market
- Sept 29-Oct 1 Newport Antique Hill Climb, Newport, IN
- Sep 30-Oct 15 MAFCA Fall Tour in New England
- Oct 2-6 Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey, PA

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1928 Model A Tudor Sedan

Rebuilt engine, painted, LeBaron Bonney interior, but needs to be installed. Plus various Model A parts for a 1928/1929 such as aprons, fenders, engines, bumpers.

Call Jo Ann Colvin of Anderson, IN

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Going Places is the official publication of the Columbus Model A Restorers Club Region and the Columbus Model A Ford Club of America Chapter. The general purpose shall be to encourage the members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit and make use of the Model "A" Ford vehicle, model years 1928 through 1931 and all things pertaining to the Model "A" Ford, including literature, technical and historical information and to promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship for the enjoyment of its members.

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.

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