



GOING PLACES



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Upcoming Events

- Sept 30— "The Fords meet the Hudsons" (Dathe)
- Oct 7—The Chicken House, Sellersburg, IN (Prohaska)
- Oct 12—Membership Meeting- El Nopal 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 mtg
- Oct 13-20—Fall Tour, Illinois (Sutton)
- Nov 9—Membership Meeting & Election of Officers
- Dec 10—Christmas Party, The Seasons Lodge, Nashville, IN, 5pm, (Diehn)

October 2023 Edition



"Greatest thing in life is experience. Even mistakes have value."

American Magazine

Henry Ford interview with Beverly Smith
October 1934

President's Report

By Tim Diehn



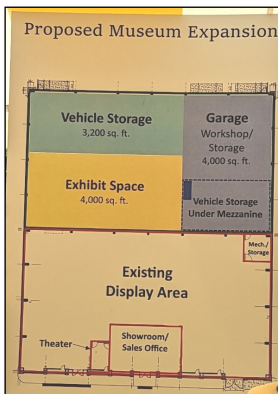
Hello Membership!

For the first time, I attended the 2 day Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI.



Not only was it my first time at MADs, it was my first time to the Gilmore. What a great venue with great people having a great time! I certainly enjoyed the Model A museum, swap meet, and seeing the many A's driving around the campus. I also enjoyed visiting the Cadillac, Pierce Arrow, and CCA museums. I did not get a chance to visit other marquees or taste the much lauded frozen custard! I'll have more to do next year!

A highlight of MADs was the official announcement of the museum expansion. John Begg, MAFFI president, talked about the expansion vision which struck me as quite thoughtful. Instead of just adding more cars, there will be a focus on educational displays with hopes of capturing a broader and younger audience. There also will be a large workshop space with a catwalk for easy and safe viewing of activities below. Part of the space will be used for storage of fashion items and vehicles to reduce offsite storage costs. Some of that storage will be rented to the Gilmore for extra income, until time is needed for more Model A displays. All of this will be funded from generous donations from our hobby community, half of which has already been raised. While direct donations are certainly welcomed, MAFFI has kicked off a [plaque program](#), where for \$200 a picture of your car and information will be printed on a 2"x4.5" plaque and put on display in the museum. Opening of the expansion will be in time for the 2025 MADs. Please consider helping out! Go to [www.maffi.org website](http://www.maffi.org) for more information.



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President's Report

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Lastly, John Begg gave an overview of the financials of the foundation. They are in great shape; the endowment remains untouched, dividends are being reinvested and not consumed, operating expenses will not increase as a result of the expansion, and they are debt free. This is fantastic! I have an interest in how other car museums operate around the country. Some are strong, but I also read about many that are closing and liquidating assets. While I am sure there are many reasons, great to know that our museum remains strong and steady!



Next month, November, we will elect our 2024 officers. I have established a nominating committee of John Emmering, Christian Easton, and Dennis Meyer. They may be reaching out to you to see if you are interested in giving back to our club. What better time to become a club leader during our 60th anniversary! Please consider one of the 7 positions that we elect every year, per our bylaws. Just like any organization with elected positions, we need new energy and fresh ideas to keep our club strong. Maybe you held a position a decade ago. Time to run again! Maybe you have only been in the club a few years. Time to run now! I look forward to holding a proper election at our November membership meeting.

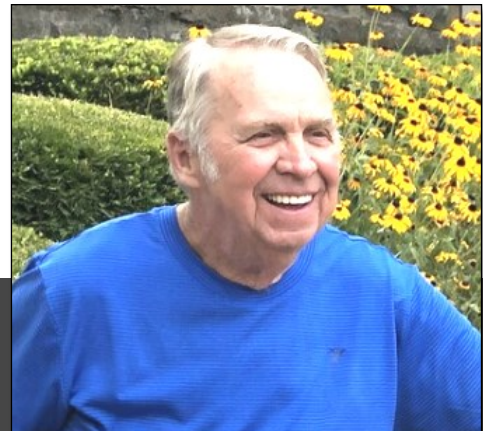
Until then, hope to see everyone Going Places!

-Tim



CONDOLENCES

We were saddened to learn that **Ron Miller** passed away on September 13th. While not a member of our club, many knew him because of his abilities as a Model A mechanic and engine rebuilder and owner of Ron's Machine Shop. He was also co-owner of the Salty Dog Museum. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. You can find out more at the [Charles Young Funeral Home website](#).



Membership Meeting Minutes

El Nopal, National Road, Columbus, September 14, 2023

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

26 Members were present: Ed & Mary Dathe, Rob & Debbie Kirkpatrick, Larry Morlock, Steve Butler, Ron & Carmen Huddleston, Alice & Bryan Mattison, Chris & Susan Easton, Ronnie Lawson & Katy Matthews, Don Wessler, Neil Wessler, John Prohaska, Jack Sullivan, Randy & Angia Watts, Tim Diehn, Bob Sneberger, Roger Dean, Jerry & Sharon Curbox, and member John Coffman.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved as published.

Seven members drove their As today.

Treasurer’s Report: September 12, 2023

Starting Balance	\$5,266.41
Income	-
	+ \$ -
Expenses	
Donation to Washington Cty. Hist. Soc.	75.00
	- \$ 75.00
Ending Balance	\$5,191.41

Committee Reports

Cares & concerns were shared.

Dennis and Kathy Meyer were in a nasty accident on August 26, run off the road by a driver who didn’t stop. Updates have been sent to members, and Tim read the latest email from Dennis to the group. Dennis and Kathy, you are in our daily thoughts and prayers for a successful recovery.

A discussion ensued regarding seat belts. A show of hands indicated that many have them installed, and the rest of us are encouraged to do so. Don Wessler told his story about he accident last year. He “should’ve been hurt, but walked away from it”.

Maurice Ketchum had knee surgery and is doing well.

Tim shared an update on the Arvin Sculpture. Final paint is happening now.

Bryan Mattison won the 50/50. Other items awarded in the drawing, both donated by Ed Dathe, included a temp gage won by Ron Huddleston, and Ford models poster to lucky Bryan Mattison.

New Business

Next year is our 60th anniversary. Tim has asked Phil Sutton, Larry Morlock and Tim Howell to serve on a committee to plan the celebration. Larry reported that they have yet to start. IDEAS ARE NEEDED from the membership.

We celebrated Larry’s near-perfect score at the National.

We have a new member, John Coffman from Columbus, a friend of John Prohaska. John drove his orange ’31 Vicky to the meeting. He traded a muscle car for it. Welcome, John!

Neil Wessler attended his first meeting. Note that he and John need name tags

The Celebration of Life for Jane and Whitey Herbert has been (re)scheduled for September 30th starting at noon on their property at 3039 S 300 E, Greensburg. All members are invited – with your A even better.

Ron Miller, a long time member, has passed away. He had a hand in several members’ engine rebuilds.

Chris Bachmann, a former member who died of cancer, left a large collection of Model A parts and related items that he and his father collected over decades. His family will hold a sale on Sat/Sun September 23/24, 11AM-2PM. Bids will be accepted for the complete lot of whatever is left over at the end of the sale, through 11:30 am 9/25. Address: 9568 W 300 S, Columbus.

Tim introduced our evening’s program, our own Bob Sneberger, who offered a captivating presentation about his life in aerial application (er, crop dusting). Bob and Sharon operate their business out of the Seymour airport. He has only hit a power line once. Fascinating stories. Thanks, Bob!

The meeting adjourned some time after 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Rob Kirkpatrick



Tour Updates:

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. The Chicken House is a family restaurant in Sellersburg, IN that has great chicken but also a full menu of other items. It should be a beautiful drive to a destination to fill our stomachs and our gas tanks for the return trip home.

Meet at Jay C Foods, West Hill Shopping Center parking lot at 8:45AM. Leave Jay C Foods 9:00 AM. Follow SR58 to Freetown (25 miles). Stop at Dollar General Store to meet others as needed. Continue on 135S from Freetown to Salem, IN. Follow SR60 to just north of Sellersburg, IN. Follow Grant Line Road to The Chicken House. (50 miles). Total trip one way is 75 miles. Hope everyone can make it!.



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. If you are going, you need to let Phil know! Rooms will be let go soon.

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

In the Rear View Mirror

Ferguson's Signs/Artcraft Theater Tour, Franklin, IN – September 23

Submitted by Tim Diehn

"Sign, sign, everywhere a sign. Blockin' out the scenery, breakin' my mind. Do this, don't do that, can't you read the sign?" as The 5 Man Electrical Band said in 1971!



Mike Ferguson in Taylorsville certainly has his share. Our first stop was his personal sign collection that he started in the 1990's. He certainly has several and all nicely displayed. So much to look at and Mike had a story or two to tell about some of them. Several are from local businesses or other local collectors. We wished we could have stayed longer, but we were pressed to get to our next stop.



Heading up US31, Randy Hughey took us down Old US 31 once we got closer to Franklin. This brought us through Franklin College towards our destination; the



Artcraft Theater. A wonderful theater that was built in the 1920's and received its current Art Deco style in 1948. Kenn of Franklin Heritage Inc. was our docent and told us not only about the history, but the current work done to restore the theater as a venue that shows movies 10 years or older and soon will have performances. Have you seen a movie there? Randy Hughey has!



Our next stop before lunch was the Johnson County Museum of History right across the street. Randy was surprised to see his cousin, Jane Hughey, working as the Education Coordinator! Glad we were able to help him make the connection. This year is Johnson



County's bicentennial and there was a nice display depicting the county over the years. Our stomachs were growling, so off the Willards for lunch!

After lunch, a few folks went back to the theater to see Singin' In The Rain. Others decided to make their way back home. Special thanks to Dennis Meyer and Larry Morlock for making all the arrangements. On the tour were: Randy Hughey, Kathy Meyer, Ron Lawson, Katy Matthews, Dick Bray with friends Jan Oviatt, Larry & Janet Anthony, Carl & Penny Johnson, Sid & Denise Pendency, Jack & Linda Sullivan, Jim & Kathy Dininger, Roger & Nora Dean, and the author.



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Who is this Guy?



Fifth person with the correct answer to email timdiehn@yahoo.com will get a prize at the October 2023 Membership Meeting.

Must be present to win.



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.



Here is a search-for-the-letters puzzle for real automobile buffs, created by auto history enthusiast Kent A. Rhodes (whose initials spell . . .).

Rhodes, building maintenance supervisor at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum at Auburn, devised the quiz for the museum's publication,

Accelerator, a while back and allowed Main Street to use it.

Some of the 65 hidden automobile names are pretty obscure in Indiana history. The towns where they were built are noted.

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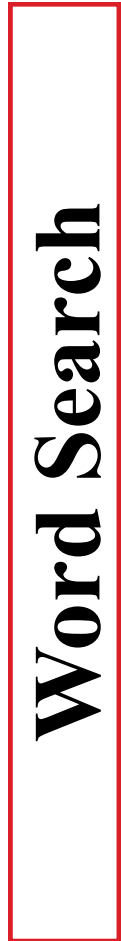
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- 19. ELCAR (Elkhart)
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- 21. ERSKINE (South Bend)
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- 57. PREMIER (Indianapolis)
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- March 4 Maple 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)
- August 19 Beck's Mill, Salem, IN (Pendegraft/Sullivan)
- September 9 Cherry Hill Farm Cook-out, Greensburg, IN (Cherry)
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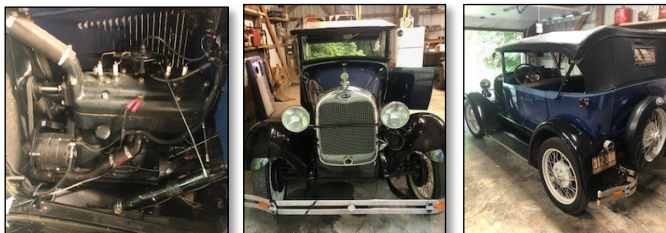
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