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Model A Restorers Club Membership:

https://model-a-ford.org/

Model A Ford Club of America:

https://mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca_new_mem ber=yes

Visit our website:

illinoisregionmarc.com/

The Illinois Region M.A.R.C., Illinois Chapter M.A.F.C.A. holds it's monthly meetings the 2nd Tuesday of every month at B.P.O.E. Lodge # 1526:

495 Lee St. Des Plaines IL.

Technical Talks and refreshments provided at all meetings. Bring a guest and your 'A'. Please attend.

Any paid member who would like an updated IL Region Roster: Send a text to John Silvestri, Roster Chairman, and he will email you a new roster.

Text John: (630) 935-2320

Editor's Notes-

Business card ads continue to be available for \$25.00 per year. Your comments and suggestions for anything pertaining to The Distributor are always welcome. If you have sold an item, or no longer need your ad to appear, please let me know. Otherwise, classified ads will run for 3 issues. I can be reached by email at thedistributoreditor@gmail.com or by phone or text at (815) 666-6026.

Remember, this is YOUR Newsletter!
SUBMISSONS ARE WELCOME and ENCOURAGED – We are always looking for cover features, photos, tech talks, jokes, humorous memes, seasonal recipes etc. Working on a project in your garage? Take some pictures and let us know about it. Anything you would like to share with the club is welcome.

On the cover: Randy Yockey's '49 Ford Truck at Friendly Ford. See pictures and read Nick Clancy's article from our Swap on pages 9,10.

2024 Official Illinois Region Events Calendar

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<u>January</u>		<u>February</u>		<u>March</u>		<u>April</u>	
BOD/Elgin	5	General Meeting/ Auction	13	General Meeting/BOD	12	General Meeting Tech Talk on Carb Cleanin	9 ng
General Meeting 9		Auction		Friendly Ford Swap 17 (Clancy/Levin/Ehrenhofer)		Stockinger Stockinger	
				(Chancy/Levin/Lincinio	101)	MARC Membership Meet Joliet	4-7
						Pizza Party (Kochevar)	27
<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>		July		August	
Spring Tour to Christopher Farm (Smi	4-5 th)	Model A Days Clinton WI	2	Parades	4	IL RR Museum	4
General Meeting/BOD	14	General Meeting	11	General Meeting/ BOD	9	Picnic	11
Tech Talk All you need to know about the	14	Tech Talk How to set Timing (Stockinger)	11	MARC Nat'l Meet Ashville NC	15-18	General Meeting	13
Model T (Hovorka)		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		Mt.Prospect Car Show	20	Swap Meet Woodstock	24
MARC Nat'l Tour Berlin OH	21-23			(Kochevar)	20	Woodstock	
<u>September</u>		<u>October</u>		<u>November</u>		<u>December</u>	
Lakemoor Charity Car Show (Sarasin)	8	Newport Hill Climb	4-6	Turkey Dinner Pritchett	3	General Meeting Cookie Exchange/	10
General Meeting/BOD	10	Hershey	7-11	General Meeting/BOD	12	Ladies Event	
		General Meeting	8	General Miceting/BOD	12		
Model A Days Gilmore	20-21						

MARC Illinoi\$ Region Financials

2/21/2023 thru 3/20/2024

Intake	\$2,264.00	Exhaust	\$ 571.64
50/50 Raffle	\$63.00	Meeting Refreshments	\$58.84
Local Dues	\$195.00	Swap Meet Advance	\$300.00
Youth Scholarship	\$36.00	Stamps for Distributor	\$36.80
Car Magnets	\$30.00	MARC Scholarshop Fund	\$36.00
Donation Randy Yockey	\$250.00	Distributor Printing	\$140.00
Donation Diane Kory	\$50.00		
Donation Wally Wisner	\$50.00		
Donation Vince Scalabrino	\$20.00		
Donation Bob Murphy	\$20.00		
Swap Meet Door	\$1,550.00		
		Total in Account 2/21/2024	\$8 072 35

Total in Account 2/21/2024: \$8,972.35 Total in Account 3/20/2024: \$10,664.71

Director's Corner – April 2024

We had a great March meeting. It was well attended and the Stockingers (once again) gave a great Tech Talk. The audience was very engaged, and I know they received separate thanks from other members. The topic for the April meeting is Spring Cleaning of the Model A Zenith Carburetor. Don't miss it!

The Constitution was approved with only one vote not accepting the changes. After the meeting it was brought to my attention that the wording should be more gender neutral. That is a really good point, and I would recommend the next time we review this document – we make that change.

Owen has sent out a final eblast for the Ladies Event in April. As of this week, tickets are still available. The eblast provides the link so you can purchase the tickets. Please let Marcia Morman or Roger know if you are attending so we can add you to our dinner group.

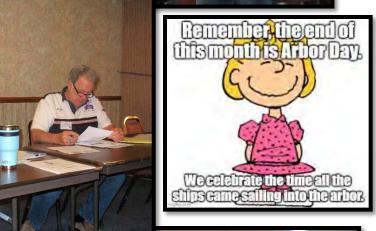
The big news is the Swap Meet was a huge success. We are so fortunate that Randy Yockey lets us use his wonderful dealership as our venue. Ken, Gene, Nick and the Rozny family put a ton of work into this. Of course it would not be possible if we didn't have the help of all our members, including lots of new members. It was said, and I agree, that this event was not just a way to bring in revenue but also a fun event to attend and work. We plan to do it again next year so keep the 3rd week in March open!

See you in April! Melinda











March 12,2024, Meeting Minutes

Minutes The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM, by our director Melinda Pritchett

The pledge was led by Joe Romando.

Approval of the January meeting minutes as per The Distributor: Vince Scalabrino. 2nd Dan Pritchett. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Auction: \$588.00 was made for the club. Joe Romando, John Silvestri & Ron Ehrenhofer were thanked for running this yearly event. Our director Melinda Pritchett presented awards to them as Steve Sarasin was not present.

Our Constitution: The majority in attendance voted that the updated constitution be passed. There was only one nah. The updated constitution was passed.

New Business:

Odometer Readings: Please get your odometer reading forms in for the 2024 Awards if you are interested in participating.

Directors Meeting Update: Our director Melinda led the group in discussions of potential events, tech talks and the new garage squad being developed.

Advertising: Melinda thanked Ed Payne for working on the ads in our newsletter. He is pursuing existing ads for payment and trying to get new ones. It's \$25.00 per ad. Please contact Ed Payne for more information.

Reports:

Activities-Dan Pritchett

Swap Meet -Gene/Ken/Nick – March 17 th. The committee went over the details of the event. There are 60 vendors which filled the venue. The Rozny Family will run the kitchen. They discussed where they still needed help and exactly what it entailed.

Ladies Night Out – April 20 th – Roger/Don M. Piano Icons @ The Des Plaines Theater. This event has been changed to Sunday April 21 st, at the Arcada in St. Charles IL. Marcia Morman spoke about the changes due to the venue moving the date and location.

Pizza Party - April 27 th -6:00 pm. Mike Kochevar gave the details. Everyone will order what they want and pay for their own meal. There is no group pre-planned meal. Pyramid pizza in Addison, IL.

Spring Tour – May 4 & 5th, Frank & Barbara Smith-Sheboygan Wi. Barbara Smith discussed the hotel, meeting place and stops.

Picnic- Roger Halvorsen – August 11th . As everyone knows, the Krenger's are having health issues, Ron

Ehrenhofer will talk with them to feel them out. We do have a plan B that Roger Halverson is working on.

Roger's Special Events: 2 car shows with Onesti entertainment. One date at the Des Plaines location and another in St. Charles.

There will be gift cards for those who arrange to come in their cars in period dress. Then there will be a car show as well. Roger was on vacation at the time of this meeting but will provide more details at future meetings.

September: Tour to Gilmore for the grand Bus unveiling. A casual group of people will drive to Gilmore together and join up at a restaurant for dinner. Melinda will find out some hotel information to pass on to the club.

May is Youth Model A month: Nick Clancy asked for suggestions from the membership on what we should do and where. Schools etc.

Treasurer/Jerry-gave balances in the club's accounts. **Assistant Director**: Assistant Director: Steve Sarasin was not in attendance, see above for awards our director presented to the swap meet team.

Membership-Larry reported we have 139 members, 108 have paid their 2024 dues. Larry also reminded the membership they need to belong to one of the 2 National clubs. Those who have not paid their dues will not be receiving the April newsletter.

Roster / John S. Nothing new. if anyone has any changes or questions to please contact John. The monthly meeting sign in sheet may also be used to communicate any updates.

National News: Ken reported on the National meet and the Membership Meet. Vince S. spoke about the Joliet meet.

Webmaster: Owen asked if everyone was receiving the blasts he sends out and everyone agreed. Contact Owen if you are not receiving the emails and blasts.

Club Apparel: Vince Scalabrino stated that the web site is not limited to just the items shown. Any questions / suggestions are welcomed.

Editor: Matt Kusar asked for the membership to send articles, photos, jokes his way.

50/50 raffle: Joe Romando: The 50/50 raffle this month was won by Jerry Tiesch \$63.00

Motion for adjournment: Jim Stockinger, Mike Kochevar.

Respectfully Submitted by: Barbara Smith

Model A Youth Restoration Award

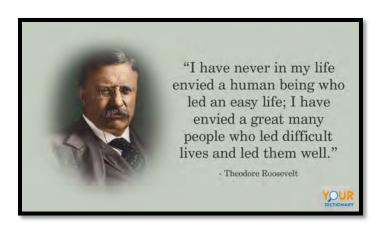
Attention Model A'rs

Time Is Getting Short

Restoring a Model A or thinking about it? May 31, 2024, is the final date to apply for financial assistance from the Model A Youth Restoration Award program (MAYRA). If you are between 12 and 22 and restoring your Model A or about to begin and would like financial assistance in acquiring parts, MAYRA can help. MAYRA has made over 100 awards to youth over the past 30 years. Awards, in the form of gift certificates from various Model A parts vendors, are made every two years, and in 2022, each recipient received \$3,000 in certificates. Recipients will be announced at the MARC and MAFCA National Conventions this summer. The application and eligibility information are on the website http://MAYRA.biz.

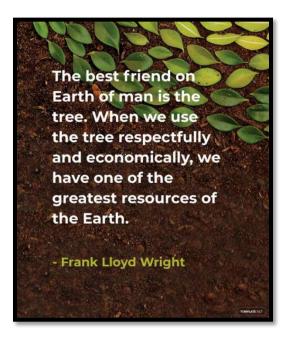
If you are no longer eligible to apply for an award but feel strongly that bringing youth into the hobby is essential for its future, please tell any you think should consider restoring a Model A or are currently restoring one about our program and direct them to our website. MAYRA's mission is to promote and expose the Model A to our youth, securing the longevity of our hobby and the associated businesses that support it for decades to come. Youth are the lifeblood of our hobby's future. MAYRA's program helps to develop our hobby's future members and leaders.

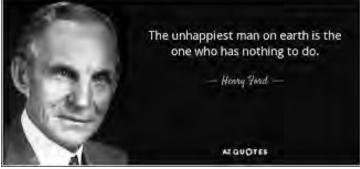
Your help in directing youth to the program is really appreciated.



Click on this image to buy **CLUB GEAR!**







Spring Overnighter

May 4th and 5th 2024

Saturday 8:00 am Meet at Lambs Farm, Magnolia Café for breakfast on your own.

Leaving sharply at 9:00am.

Travel to Cedarburg Wi. Lunch and Short Shop Visit, Wine Tasting?



Sunday: The Christopher Farm & Gardens Sheboygan Wi.

Tour starts at 9:30 am

Be prepared for lots of walking. There are gardens, orchards, museums, and even a small train around the property!

Once we are done, we will head back to reality.

Kohler is a short drive from Christopher Farms, however there are no tours on weekends. You can see the museum which is open and free but is Not a part of the overnighter tour.

We are collecting \$10.00 per person to donate to meals on wheels of Sheboygan. This is the only request Christopher Farms has made of us for visiting the property which is NOT open to the public.

This fee will be collected when you sign up for this event. Which is limited to 40 people.

Questions??

Barbara Smith 773-750-0000

Frank Smith 847-942-0905

Book your room \$109.00 per night

Illinois Region Marc group rate

Call directly and make your reservations as soon as possible.

Quality Inn

4332 N. 40th St., Sheboygan, WI, 53083, US

(920) 457-7724



WINTER SWAP MEET: by Nick Clancy

The Club's Winter Swap Meet at Friendly Ford was a success. We had 58 vendors and over 300 paying guests bringing in over \$1,500 at the door, and some additional funds from the Membership Drive, Food Sales and Donations.

The totals will be announced at the March club meeting.

I have given some thought to what were the most influential actions that led to our success, and I list them in a rough chronological order. The Pritchetts' got a date on the calendar with Friendly Ford several months beforehand and that enabled us to get a jump on things. In fact, they already got us a date for Sunday March 16th, 2025 next year! Ken Ehrenhofer then took the lead and organized a Swap Team of Gene Levin, Nick Clancy, Mike Goode and himself. I like to joke about receiving that call from Ken – "Hey, are you available on March 17th to assist with the Swap

Meet?" Little did I realize it was going to be March 17 th for the next four months immediately following the call!





Gene then took it upon himself to gather up the mail distributions the Pritchetts maintained from prior shows, enlisted his office staff to print out and stuff envelopes, and he contributed the

postage from his own pocket. Gene also did the legwork to have the event listed on national websites such as Hemmings and MARC, as well as regional websites like local clubs Facebook pages. These early postings may have been the largest contributing factors; thanks Gene.





Then the Flyers started making appearances at other swap meets, shows and club meetings ranging from the Stockingers putting them on every table at a regional swap meet they attended, to Ken bringing them to the local Model T club meeting. Here we thank all of the club members who got the word out. Owen Basset volunteered to assist (as always!) and compiled two independent email distributions; one for Vendors who signed up and one for every person and club in the region we have an address for. Owen_regularly sent updates with the electronic flyer attached. Gene and Nick fielded the incoming calls, and we populated a spreadsheet of Vendors and took their contact details, expected arrival, stuff they were bringing, etc. which later enabled us to make choices about where we would set some of them up at the Meet. The week before the event each and every Vendor got a phone call to confirm they were coming, and any open information needed. These were the actions that led to a good attendance by the Vendors and the Spenders.







On the day of the event, we had numerous Club volunteers. We need to give a big Hats Off Cheer! to the Rozny Family who showed up in force and took care of the food service. If you think you know how to pack a vehicle, you can take some lessons from the Roznys with the equipment and food they arrived with. They served the crowd

from opening to close and there were donuts, coffee, assorted beverages, hot dogs and of course - for St.Patrick's Day - Corned Beef Sandwiches! among other things. They must like doing it because their smiles and warmth were contagious, and another giant thank you too them. As an aside a thanks to the Pritchetts who ordered and delivered a ga-jillion donuts. We had a team at the Admission table, a team at the Membership table, a team on Parking duty and a team on the Security detail. Saturday we had volunteers for setup and Sunday volunteers for break down. We should be proud of the effort made by our club members!!! Did we leave anyone out? The Yockeys...!!! The Yockey Family's generosity is how we were able to have this event. They committed to the availability of space early on. Saturday they had their service staff clear their work areas, remove all the



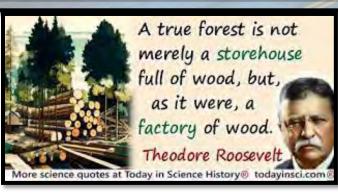
vehicles and equipment, power wash the floors, so it was available to us at 3pm. We arrived at 5:30 Sunday morning and noticed a vehicle continued to be parked next to the building where outside vendors were to park, mentioned it to Randy, and a few minutes later he was outside with a forklift moving it out of the way...himself! Randy was there with us all of Saturday and Sunday to assist us in any way he could, and chatting it up with a myriad of folks, whether club members, vendors, guests – everybody. Not only did the Yockeys do all this for us at no charge, but they also made a donation to the Club! Let's be grateful we have the Yockeys as friends. May we suggest we can show our gratitude by visiting Friendly Ford for our next vehicle purchase or service.

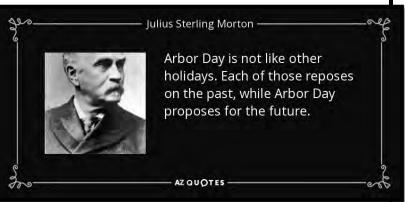
Thanks to all of you for helping to make the Winter Swap Meet 2024 a success!

Coming Events











Rockford Model T Club Is Proud To Announce Our 59th Annual

Little Hershey Swap Meet & Cruise In

Saturday May 18th, 2024
Boone County Fairgrounds -- Belvidere, IL

Enter @ Gate 3 -- South Entrance Gates Open Saturday at 6a.m.

\$7 Entry For Spectators - Children Under 12 Free Food Available On The Grounds

Rain or Shine Free Parking

Vintage Car Cruise In For Makes 1999 & Older Car Gets In Free



Cars For Sale
Over 300 Swap Spaces
Available Inside & Out

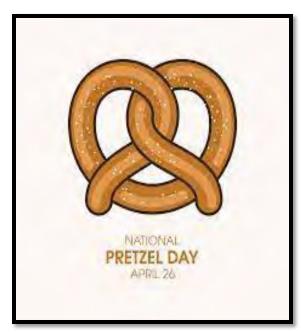
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Vendor Gate Open For Setup 10am - 6pm on Friday
Portion Of Proceeds Go To Local Charities

Hit & Miss Engine Demo

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Email	P.O. Box Loves Park,	
Call Dave with Questions (815) 979-4544	Club Email Address: littlehershey1@omail.	.cor









Humour picked by Kyle Kusar

Son: Dad, what's an alcoholic?

Father: Son, you see those four trees over there? An alcoholic

would see eight.

Son: But dad, there are only two trees.

What do you call a bee that can't make up it's mind? A maybe

Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know, and I don't really care.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

I saw an ad for burial plots, and thought to myself "That's the last thing I'll ever need."

How do you make an egg roll? You push it

I lost 25% of my roof last night. Oof...

Atheism is a non-prophe organization.

What kind of Doctor is Dr. Pepper? A fizzician.

Bacon and eggs walk into a bar. The bartender said "Sorry, we don't serve breakfast".

Why does Waldo wear stripes?
Because he doesn't want to be spotted.

What building has the most stories? A library.

I invented a new word. "Plagarism".

My wife just found out I replaced our bed with a trampoline. She went through the roof.



MAFFI Minute

Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy", a 1930 Ford Model A has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the beloved Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the same condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950's. Enjoy driving "Betsy", your newest Model A, to your next cruise-in or car show. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee. "Betsy", became famous as the best Model A in the world. The Ford Model A has gathered 32 top place trophies in the 34 shows which the car was entered. That includes two national shows in 1957 and 1962. Overall, the car won 39 trophies. It is said that Red Grow's car, "Betsy", was an inspiration at the time. It drove many people to do their best in restoring their own car. This urge to do the best restoration possible, developed the need for more information about how to a better job. As a result, the Judging Standards evolved. We can thank Red Grow and the MAFCA founders for their vision.

In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubbs for \$5,000, an unheard-of price in those days. As a result, Dave

<u>Grubb placed the car in a glass cage centered in his dealer showroom. Now, you have a chance to own "Betsy" by entering a Sweepstakes through our</u>

website, https://www.maffi.org/index.htm, or scan the QR code and receive 20% more tickets for your Donation, available at checkout!"

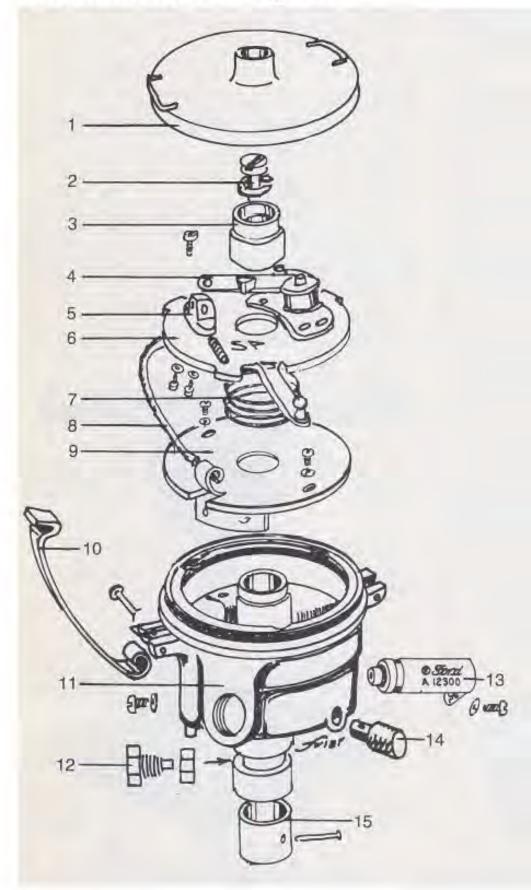
Happy Motoring,

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee-Secretary





Distributor Part Quiz



- A. Base Assemble
- B. Base Oiler
- C. Breaker Arm Assembly
- D. Breaker Plate & Insulator Assembly (upper)
- E. Breaker Plate Friction Spring
- F. Bus Bar Support Assembly (lower)
- G. Bus Bar Wire
- H. Cam
- 1. Cam Screw & Washer
- J. Cam Shaft Sleeve
- K. Cap
- L. Cap Clamp
- M. Condenser
- N. Contact Screw Bracket
- O. Set Screw & Locking Nut

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Bonus _____

Classified Ads

For Sale: 28/29 transmission \$300, 28/29 grill shells \$150 ea. Contact Owen (773) 218-9575. futura65@comcast.net

For Sale: used 21" Allstate Brand, fair \$50 obo (630) 212-8965 or kenlouderman@sbcglogal.net

For Sale: 1929 Model A Tudor, asking \$9,000. New upholstery, powder coated wheels. Dawn M. (708) 227-5214.

For Sale: 1930 Model A Deluxe Roadster \$26,500; V8 16" wheel with chrome ring, Wards Riverside Tire (6.00-16 4 ply) good condition \$150. Call for details Byron Collis (312) 405-1845

For Sale: Borg Warner overdrive unit for the Model A \$600, 10 Gal. Visible Gas Pump. Rapid Dayton model. Partially restored. \$850. Larry (847)404-9233, larust@msn.com

For Sale: 1988 Buick LeSabre Red, very good condition inside and out. 59,000 miles. Peter Troost (847) 673-2666

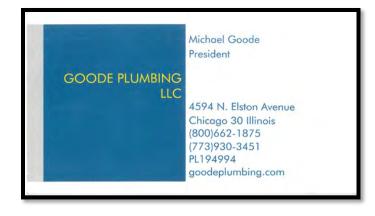
For sale: 2007 Black Chevrolet Corvette.Chrome rims and new front tires and battery. Comes with custom storage cover (garage kept). Must see to appreciate it. Asking \$19,000 OBO(773)727-0534 Bill Berbaum

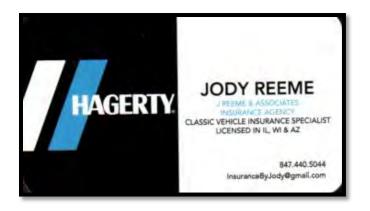
For Sale: 1929 Tudor. Good driver quality car, less than 500 miles on tires. \$12,000 (954)857-3136 alanputz@gmail.com

AVAILABLE FOR CLUB USE:

Cylinder head removal tool, steering wheel removal tool, rear spring spreader, distributor removal tool (to be used when distributor is rusted to the head). Please contact Ken at kehrenhofer@msn.com or (630) 697-3906 mobile.















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