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Model A Ford Club of America



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Club Mission Statement

It is the intent of the Wisconsin Chapter to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information, and materials for admirers of the Model A Ford and Model A era fashions; to help those admirers become better acquainted; and to maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship and sociality through sponsored activities including the use of the Model A and family participation.

	Advanced Timing Events for 2023
May 7	Slinger Museum & Winery - Hostesses Vicki Cooper & Deb Lewis
May 19-22	Overnighter Tour- Dave and Carol Rozman, Eddie and Lorrain Schultz, Mike and Sandy Yokofich and Jan Olsen.
June 4	Rock Ford Chapter Model A Day, Clinton, WI - Hostess Jan Olsen
June 17	Tour of the John Deere Historic Site - Hostess Chloe Rozman
June 29	ProHealth Regency Senior Communities in Muskego Car Show - Host Mike Yokofich
July 4	Greendale 4th of July parade - Dave & Linda Huenink
July	Tour- Host needed
July 22	Roaring 20's - Jazz Lawn Party, Men Falls- Mike Quam
July 28-30	61st WI Rapids Model A Reunion-
July 31-Aug 7	Rhineland Trip - Vicki Cooper
August 13	Lighthouse tour - Dave & Linda Huenink
August 20	Annual Picnic - Chris & Kate Rozman
September 16	Men. Falls Historic Park Car Show -
September 17	The Caffeinated Bean Tour - Hosts Dave & Linda Hueninks
October	Outdoor - Host Needed
November	1:30 p.m. Indoor meeting - Pizza - Dave & Linda Huenink
December	Waukesha Christmas Parade - Dave & Linda Huenink
December	Christmas Party - Sue Quam
Jan 2024	Banquet
Feb 25, 2024	Swap Meet

APRIL'S SUNSHINE.

JoLene Janssen has returned home after a month in the hospital, following heart surgery & complications. Things are heading in the right direction now.

*For all Sunshine needs, contact Tony Koconis (262) 613-8515
sunshinewichapter@gmail.com*

As of January 1, 2024 the monthly newsletter and the roster will be delivered by email only. With the cost of printing and the continued rising cost of postage, the member dues no longer cover the cost of the newsletter. The club has been absorbing the costs and the board has decided to make the change to all email. Please make sure the secretary has your correct email address. The newsletter can also be looked at and printed from the website, as well as the roster under "members only section".

**PLEASE
NOTE...**

Volunteers!



Dennis Cooper is stepping down as Volunteer Coordinator for the Swap Meet. Volunteer coordinator assigns people to certain jobs at the swap meet. If you are interested please contact Vicki Cooper or Jeana Angelini, the swap meet coordinators. Big Thank you to Dennis for his many years of volunteering.

Bob and I were recently approached by the daughter of Robert and Jeannine Schmidt. Due to the declining health of Robert the family has donated Robert's collection of Model A restorative manuals and past Restorer magazines to the club. If there is someone who is interested in working on or restoring a Model A this Spring/Summer, these would be handy to have. There is Volumes 1-8 of How to Restore a Model A as well as some other manuals. As the collection now rests in our garage, please contact us if interested. The family is also considering selling Robert's Model A, possibly a 1930/31 Cabriolet. For that contact daughter Jackie at 262-853-8678.

-Karen Schmiechen



Sunday, May 7th - 10:00 a.m.

Meet at Pioneer Plaza McDonald's in Richfield

(Near the 41/45 split by Cabela's)

3230 Pioneer Rd

Richfield, WI 53076



(FYI-Hwy 175 is closed between 167 and Pioneer Rd)

Plan to leave Pioneer Plaza McDonalds promptly at 10:30 a.m. to head to a newer museum in Slinger, Wisconsin. There you can see and play on the restored pipe organ made in Slinger and view the large HO Scale model train display. You can also learn about the history of Storck Brewery. You can see photo murals of the city in several of the rooms.

We will also stop at a winery to learn their history as well as wine sampling, for those interested.

Hosts:

Deb Lewis (Ph: 414-379-7629)

Vicki Cooper (Ph: 262-337-0426)

Hi Everyone,

I hope spring finds all of you well. We got a great start to the touring season last weekend, the weather tried to dampen our spirits literally but as a group we prevailed. The tour started with a star filled tour of the planetarium at the Retzer Nature center then off to an interesting farm and farm store tour. We finished with some great pizza and fellowship. The tour season is FILLED with many more great events so stay up to date by following the events calendar in the newsletter. Remember monthly events have a budget of \$400. Please plan your tour accordingly to stay within the budget.



As we start the tour season just a few tips to keep in mind to have a safe and trouble free trip, make sure your tires are aired up [35psi] Always start with a full tank of gas and try to maintain the posted speed limit, remember driving to slowly can be as dangerous as speeding.

Once again the club had a successful swap meet thanks to the swap meet committee and all their great help, THANKS AGAIN!!

Thanks also to all the hosts of our events both indoor and outdoor they all make our club run smoothly and enjoyably. I hope to see you all at the next event or any of the upcoming events that's all for this month see you soon.

Mike

2023 MODEL A FORD - DRIFTLESS OVERNIGHTER

TOUR

May 19th thru May 22nd

***We will be meeting Friday morning May 19th at McDonalds in Big Bend on the corner of hwy ES (National Avenue) and hwy 164. You can gas up across the street at Kwik Trip if you need to. WE PLAN TO LEAVE MC DONALDS AT 8:30 AM SHARP, so get there a bit earlier if you plan to gas up or have coffee and a bite.

From McDonalds we will be traveling southwest towards Elkhorn and Delavan, then west to Monroe for lunch. So....if it is more convenient for anyone to hook up with the group along that route, please give Dave Rozman a call (414)333-9705 as soon as you can and he will be happy to coordinate a spot along the route to meet up.

Looks like we are going to have a great turnout for this one. Last I checked, we are expecting about 18 cars!****

We will be discovering and touring the natural beauty that is the Driftless region of Wisconsin located at the southwest area of the state. The Driftless region is the area of the state that was never covered in ice during the last ice age. The area features a steep rugged landscape, scenic outlooks and the largest concentration of cold water streams found in the world.....in other words great Model A Ford touring!

I recommend making your room reservation ASAP for best room selection. We will be staying 3 nights at the Americinn by Wyndham in Boscobel Wisconsin. If you have physical difficulties with stairs (no elevator), please tell the desk clerk you need a first floor room.

For room reservations call 1-608-375-8000. tell the desk clerk you are with the "Model A Ford Club Group". The cost will be \$109.99 per night plus applicable taxes.

The motel includes an indoor pool and whirlpool, fitness center, free breakfast, free WiFi and more.

You're co-chairpersons are: Dave and Carol Rozman (414-333-9705) or drozman1@wi.rr.com , Eddie and Lorrain Schultz, Mike and Sandy Yokofich and Jan Olsen.

We hope to see you there!

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26th Annual Model A Day
Clinton, Wisconsin - Historic Downtown
Sunday, June 4, 2023 9 - 2 pm

The 26th Annual Model A Day, hosted by the Rock-Ford A's, is moving one town away from Sharon, to **Clinton**, Wisconsin. There will be Model A only parking in Historic downtown **Clinton**. Modern vehicles are welcome but need to park on side streets. Free Admission available to participants from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Entertainment plans include music, crafters, swap vendors, re-enactors, and a vintage fashion show. Of course there will be lots of great food! There are plans for a 50/50 raffle, and a raffle for a Model A part.

Join us at Model A Days in **Clinton**, Wisconsin
From Milwaukee area - Take

I 43 towards Beloit

Exit **Hwy 140** - Stop Sign - Left Turn

Cty Hwy X - Stop Sign - Left Turn

- 1 block - Right Turn


Allen Street to Model A Registration Booth

There will be an opportunity to do A Model A Tour on our drive home. Directions will be handed out at **Clinton** Model A Days

Jan Olsen

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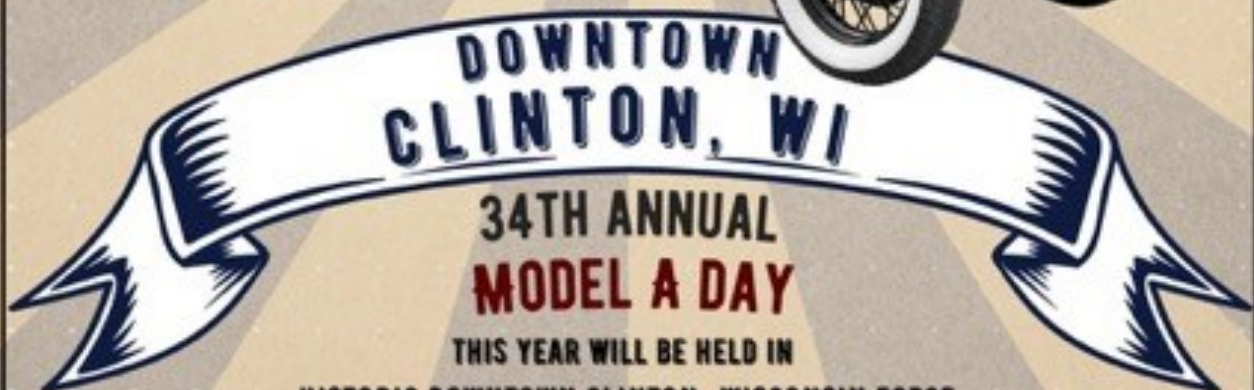
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2023

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Tour - June 17th

John Deere Historic Site

Hear the clang of the hammer. Feel the heat from the forge. Watch the iron melt and take shape. Stand in the spot where John Deere created the first commercially successful steel plow, and relive the experience of his original blacksmith shop. Discover where our story began at the John Deere Historic Site!



We will meet at McDonald's in Elkhorn on highway 12 at 8:00 a.m. for people who want to have coffee or breakfast and we will leave to start the tour at 9:00 a.m.

It's about a two hour ride so please fill up your gas tanks before you come to McDonald's. There is a Kwik Trip nearby.

Currently we are planning a picnic lunch at the destination that's of course weather permitting. We will have some kind of lunch figured out.



The final destination is: John Deere Historic Site - 8334 South Clinton Street, Grand Detour (Dixon), IL 61021

-Chloe & Kate Rozman

Questions that haunt me.....

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to 'put your two cents in'... but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

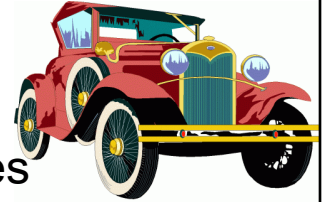
If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?



June 29th 5-7 p.m.

CAR SHOW

ProHealth Regency Senior Communities
W181S8540 Lodge Blvd., Muskego



Sloppy Joes and snacks for dinner
Live Music by FrogWater

The Regency will make a monetary donation to the club,
per car that shows up and stays

Host Mike & Sandy Yokofich

****Please call RSVP to Mike 414-651-1243 to let him know you'll be there****

Village of Greendale, 4th of July Parade

Date: Tuesday, July 4th 2023

Time: We will meet at Southridge on the south side by Macy's between 8:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

Parade line up: 8:30 a.m.

Parade start time: 9:30 a.m.

Join Dave Huenink, in the Village of Greendale, 4th of July Parade. The parade route is gorgeous, lined with trees and full of people. As a group we will proceed to the staging area on eastbound Grange Ave where we will line up and wait for the parade to begin. Be sure to bring some patriotic 4th of July decorations along to put on your car to celebrate the holiday. There will also be some refreshments for the group while we wait. After the parade, any of those who are interested, can stop at one of the local restaurants for a bite to eat. Give me a call with any questions or to confirm.

Thanks Dave 262-719-1056



Rhineland Fun Filled Getaway

July 31st to August 7th



The after the Rapids Reunion weekend July 28-30th, there will be a group from the Rapids heading up to Rhineland on the July 31st. There will also be a group heading from the Racine area and another from Sheboygan area heading up to Rhineland.

We will be staying at the Comfort Inn, 1490 Lincoln St., in Rhineland. We have 10 rooms on hold for the cost of \$139.00 a night. Please call (715) 369-1100 to reserve your room and let them know you are with the Ford Model A club.

Plans so far are for the Pioneer Park Museum in Rhineland, pizza party with a movie after dinner, car show Saturday, pirate ship cruise, snowmobile museum and much more. Also Saturday night PRIME RIB dinner at Stillwaters. Order your prime rib before July 22 2023, by calling Vicki Cooper with your order.

****Please let Vicki or Carl know you're coming and when you plan to head up to Rhineland****

Any questions call your tour guides Vicki Cooper 262-337-0426 or Carl Wussow 863-420-1839 after April 30th call 715-477-1020.

This is the schedule for "fun activities" for those attending the 2023 Three Lakes Car Show.

Thursday: Depart from the motel at 10:30 am.

A fun day in Eagle River. Arrive in Eagle River for a quick service lunch at either McDonald's or Dairy Queen. They are nearly across the street from each other.

12:00 noon - Meet at the Rail Road Depot Museum on Railroad Street to enjoy this historic building and learn about the unique history of the Eagle River area.

1:00 - Drive less than one mile to the Trees For Tomorrow complex where we will tour the facility, enjoy a special presentation and learn about the forestry history of northern Wisconsin. Find out about the rebuilding of Chicago after the "great fire," and understand more about the CCC story and its link to the forests, lakes and streams in the timber area of our state.

4:30 - Drive less than one mile to the Eagle River Masonic Lodge. A fun gathering for a pizza buffet, Italian salad, beverages and banana splits followed by popcorn and a "old cars" or a Henry Ford historical movie will be shown. A variety of pizza offerings will be available.

Friday:

11:15 - Depart from the motel and travel a short distance to a traditional Mexican restaurant or lunch on your own. Drive to 1180 Lincoln Street: Casa Mexicana Restaurant. Great food, drinks and prices.

5:00 – Enjoy a traditional Wisconsin “fish fry” at the historic Rhinelander Cafe & Pub, built in 1911. It has been featured in an episode of “America's best restaurants.” The prices are reasonable and the atmosphere is simply fun, at 33 North Brown Street.

Saturday:

8:30 – Depart the motel

Spend the day at the Three Lakes Car Show. Registration starts at 9:00 am. An entire area is reserved for Model A Fords at the very start of the show grounds, directly across from the Petroleum Museum building and next to the food tent. Awards start at 2:00 and our group will head north for a prime rib feast!

Sunday:

10:30 – Depart from the hotel and travel to Pirates Cove to board a pirate ship for a tour of the Eagle River Chain of Lakes. A box lunch will be available, including a cold soda. Please order ahead.

If you wear pirate attire, the tour will be even more fun.

3:00 – Tour the worlds largest snowmobile museum. It is less than a mile from the Pirate Ship complex.

5:00 – After a 5 mile drive, arrive at Eagle Waters Resort for a



From MAFFI:

Model A Days are set for Friday and Saturday, September 15-16 this year. As always, it will be held at the Gilmore Museum Complex in Hickory Corners Michigan. It is not too early to book your hotel.

Information for the Host Hotel is available at the following location

Ford Model A Convention Block 2023
Delta Hotels Kalamazoo Conference Center
2747 South 11th Street Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009:
1-269-375-6000

Last Day to Book: Tuesday, August 22, 2023

\$129.00 USD per night (*These rates are available from September 11-18, 2023.*)

MAFFI Model A Days Events and Registration forms are available now on the Gilmore Website or by searching, “Gilmore Car Museum/Ford Model A Days”. To participate in some activities this year you must preregistration by September 1, 2023.

Charles M (Mike) DuBreuil
MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

Plan for Saturday, the 22nd. Contact Mike Quam to let him know your coming.
414-491-3191



ROARING 20s

Jazz Lawn Party

SATURDAY and SUNDAY
JULY 22-23, 2023
9:00 am - 4 pm both days



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2023 Wisconsin Rapids Model A Reunion Registration

July 28th, 29th, 30th

Name: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail address _____

<p><u>Member of which Model A Club?</u></p> <p>____ Central Wisconsin MARC/MAFCA</p> <p>____ Nickle A Region MARC</p> <p>____ Wisconsin Chapter MAFCA</p> <p>____ Wisconsin Region MARC</p> <p>____ No Club/Other</p> <p>(if other, please write club's name below)</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Family*:Adults _____ Children: _____</p> <p>Guests**:Adults _____ Children: _____</p> <p>Are you Camping: YES or NO</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">If YES, do you need electric? YES or NO</p>
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*Your immediate family is your spouse and unmarried children who live with you.

**A Guest is anyone who is not an immediate member of your family, which includes married children.

Guests must be registered with a Registered Participant.

Member of a participating club cannot register as a Guest.

Participation Ribbons will be issued upon finalizing registration at the registration table. It must be worn at ALL times to enjoy the free drinks and meals over the weekend. We also ask that you wear your club's name badge!

Pre-Register by July 1st for only \$10 and save \$5 on the weekend!!!

- Club Member**: Family and one Model A *For participants not pre-registered*.....\$45
- Each additional Model A\$10
- Non-Club Member**: Family and one Model A *For participants not pre-registered*.....\$50
- Each additional Model A.....\$10
- Guest Fees**: Each Adult, 21 and older.....\$20
- Each Child, ages 6-20.....\$15
- Children under 5 are free, but must be registered
- Camping fees** per site: \$20/weekend *Use of additional campsites will be charged per site*.....\$20
- Electric hookup**:.....\$20
- Day Pass**.....\$15

This is the cost for a day pass for one person. Early registration discount does not apply towards Day Passes. Day Pass registrants are not able to participate in the Hubley Derby, Car Games, Kids Games, Rolling Pin Toss and any other award issuing events

Send pre-registration form and \$10 fee by July 1st

Laura Smith
N114W15447 Gettysburg Dr
Germantown, WI 53022
reunionreg2831@gmail.com

Checks can be made out to Laura Smith or Electronic payments can be sent via PayPal or Venmo to reunionreg2831@gmail.com (use friends and family option to avoid additional charges)

Wind Point Light House Tour

Save the Date. On August 13th, 2023 Dave & Linda Huenink are hosting a tour to the Wind Point Light House in Wind Point, Wisconsin which is just north of Racine. We will meet at Burger King, 2723 Beck Drive, Waterford, Wisconsin (the corner of Highway 20 and 36) between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. and depart at 9:00 a.m. Our first stop will be at the O&H Bakery to purchase some Kringle and any other delightful treats you may desire. After a short visit there, we'll head to the Wind Point light house. If you desire, you can meet us at O & H Bakery at 10:30ish or the light house instead of Burger King. You will still need to fill out and send in the form below. Once we are all there, we'll have a guided tour of the light house in small groups of eight to ten people. If you are unable to climb the 144 steps to the top, please still plan to join us. The grounds are beautiful and we are by the Lake Michigan lake front which looks fantastic. At 12:15, we will meet on the grounds for a box lunch from Subway and a beverage, at an area set up just for us. Once we are done with the tour of the light house and lunch, we'll head to Mileagers, 4838 Douglas Ave, Racine Wi 53402. For those of you unfamiliar with Mileagers, they are a world-famous greenhouse but offer so much more than your typical greenhouse.

The cost of the tour is \$5:00 per adult and \$4:00 per child - 11 and under.

Please return the form below with your food choice and remittance. Make the checks payable to: Mafca -Wisconsin Chapter.

Please send the form below with your remittance by July 30th, 2023 to:

Dave Huenink, W326 S8815 Stone Brook Pass, Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149

Name: _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____

Will you be climbing up the light house: (144 steps) yes _____ No _____

Ham Sub – How many: _____ Turkey Sub – How many: _____

Cost per adult: \$5:00 x number of adults: _____ equals: _____

Cost per child: \$4:00 x number of children: _____ equals: _____

Total Remittance: _____



We've been invited by the Model T Club

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SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

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A few Model A's are needed

Hello Model A Car Club,

My name is Alice Wilson and back in 2009 I founded and ran a silent movie themed sketch comedy troupe called The Marvelous Unspeaking Troupe of Entertaining Scoundrels (The M.U.T.E.S.) and we performed at one of your club meetings. I don't know if anyone is around who remembers that. 😊

The reason for this message is that **Fri Oct 13th-Sun Oct 15th** I am producing an event at The Brumder Mansion on 30th & Wisconsin called, The Silent Cinema Spectacular. It is not a film festival rather a multimedia celebration of the golden age of silent movies (1895-1929). I would love to have one or two of you bring your car & show it off in the driveway during the day on the Sat & Sun of the event. I would provide 2 tickets per car.

There will be a variety vaudeville style show Fri & Sat night and Sun afternoon. There will also be live music, talks, demonstrations, live art, possibly dance lessons & more.

I would love to hear from someone!

Sincerely,

Alice Wilson

gingerwhimsy62@gmail.com

(414) 530-0507



MAFCA Wisconsin Chapter Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting, April 15th, 2023



Board Members Present: Mike Quam, Dave Huenink, Steve Lewis, Robert Sturtzen, and Tony Koconis. Absent: Mark Ackermann, Karen Schmiechen

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

President – Mike – Copies of several bills were given to Steve. The local chapter of the Model T Club requested attending our Board meeting to discuss our club attending some of their events. Mike is going to reach out to them to mention their events could be posted in Wheeling the A. The Menomonee Falls Historical Society sent the club a flier regarding an event called the Roaring 20's being held July 22nd and 23rd, 2023.

Vice President – Mike for Karen – There were not any new members this month. A discussion was held regarding John Secord. He did not renew his dues for 2022 but did renew them in April of 2023. He will lose his seniority and will be added to the membership.

Secretary – Dave – A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Robert to accept the minutes from the March 12th meeting as written. The motion was put to a vote, and it carried. The club has one hundred and thirty-two members who have renewed their dues.

Treasurer – Steve – The treasures report was given. Dave made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as written and it was seconded by Tony. The motion was put to a vote, and it was carried. Dues was turned in. Both certificates of deposits have been closed due to the interest rates being below 1%. Steve is going to look for other certificates of deposits with higher interest rates. A report on the swap meet was given. Net profit is decreasing, and the Board looked at ways to reduce some of the expenses. Several sugges-

tions were to eliminate the thank you dinner and change the way the event is advertised. The financial audit of the finances has been done, and the financial books are in order.

Indoor – Robert – Dave and Donna Boucher will be hosting the March 2024 indoor meeting. The banquet needs a host. Robin Sturtzen and Sandi Davisson are considering hosting the event in 2024.

Outdoor – Mike for Mark – Nothing to report.

Sunshine / awards – Tony – Nothing to report.

Old Business – Nothing to report.

New Business – The current taxes and necessary annual paperwork have been filed.

A motion was made by Robert and seconded by Dave to adjourn the meeting. The motion was put to a vote, and it was carried. The meeting ended at 7:39 p.m.

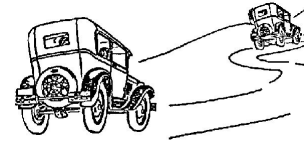
Respectfully submitted,

Dave Huenink

MAFCA – Wisconsin Chapter Secretary

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Directors

'A' Look Back at Henry's Mother



When I think of the month of May, I think of Mother's Day. That thought had me thinking about Henry Ford's mother. Who was she? What was her name? What was her life like? How did she influence her famous son?

There is not a lot of history that I was able to find about Henry's mother. Her name is Mary Litogot O'Hern, born in 1839. She was taken-in at the age of 3 and raised by Patrick and Margaret (Stevens) O'Hern after the untimely death of her father. There is no mention of her biological mother, who (my thought) may have died in childbirth.

Patrick O'Hern, like the Fords, had emigrated from County Cork, Ireland, to the Detroit area, and married Margaret Stevens on July 15, 1834. Beginning in 1841 they purchased land in Dearborn.

William Ford, Henry's father, a hard working industrious man, who not only worked the family farm and on the Michigan Central Railroad, also helped at the O'Hern's ninety-one acre farm. Through his hard work he was able to purchase half of his father's farm for \$600.



While at the O'Hern home, William Ford met Mary Litogot O'Hern, their foster daughter, an attractive, dark-eyed young woman. Romance followed and they married on April 25th 1861. The newlyweds moved in with the O'Hern's while William planned and constructed a new house to be occupied by both families. The new home was a seven-room home, impressive for its day. Later four more rooms would be added to accommodate their large family. Together they had 8 children. Henry was the eldest, born July 30th, 1863, two years after Mary's first baby died. Her live births were every two years ending in 1876 when she died in child birth at only 37. The family belonged to the Christ Episcopal Church of Dearborn.

The website said that Mary Ford, despite the burdens of a growing family (one child every 2 years) found time to instill in Henry her own sense of cleanliness and order. She taught him to read putting Henry ahead of other schoolmates when he started school. The same year that Henry realized he had the instincts of an engineer, the Ford family was shocked by Mary's death on March 29, 1876. Her quiet, forcefulness and strong moral influence had been the guiding spirit for the family. Henry Ford felt that "the house was now a watch without a mainspring." That analogy came from Henry's curiosity and hobby of watch repairing. Henry was 13 when she passed. Mary Litogot O'Hern Ford is buried in Ford Cemetery, in Detroit.

We are historically, Bob and Karen Schmiechen

Henry Ford family tree - Wikipedia

A Young Henry Ford - The Ford Story - Henry Ford Heritage (hfha.org)

Looking back...

April Tour

After an amazing week of unseasonably high temperatures, the first tour of the season fell in line with the usual Wisconsin weather, as the Winging It Tour battled April showers. Several attendees saw a full rainbow that filled the sky on the way to the starting location. Mike Brojanac was the one brave soul driving his model A. The tour started in Pewaukee with a short drive to the Retzer Nature center for a private showing at the Horwitz-DeRemer Planetarium. We saw a movie under the big dome about the Blue Earth and the solar system and then our host, Alex, presented us info about different constellations as well as how to find the North star "Polaris" in the night sky. We were able to capture a group photo inside where it was warm and dry. We continued our trip and toured some scenic country roads on the way to our next stop, Jelli's Market, in Helenville. Though we were a little early for their prime season, we learned about how the business was started in 2001 by "first generation" farmers and how it has grown and run today. The farm excels at supplying some of the area's best meats and produce, including Lamb, beef and pork as well as strawberries, asparagus, apples, blueberries and other common garden fresh veggies. We were given a tour of their store, kitchen, barn, and greenhouse. The baby lambs were the highlight.

After leaving the market we meandered through Sullivan, decided to skip the Concord Petting Zoo due to the weather, followed the Silver Lake shoreline and stopped at our final destination, Lucky Chucky's Lakeside Dining, for some pizza and beverages. The Quam's were the lucky winners of our door prize, a gift bag of some honey, strawberry jam and hand-made soap from Jelli's.

It was nice getting back to our outdoor events again. Overall it seemed everyone had a great time. Thank you to those participating!!

Your Hosts –

Vicki Cooper and Deb Lewis





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- PLEASE remember to turn in your articles before and after your events.

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