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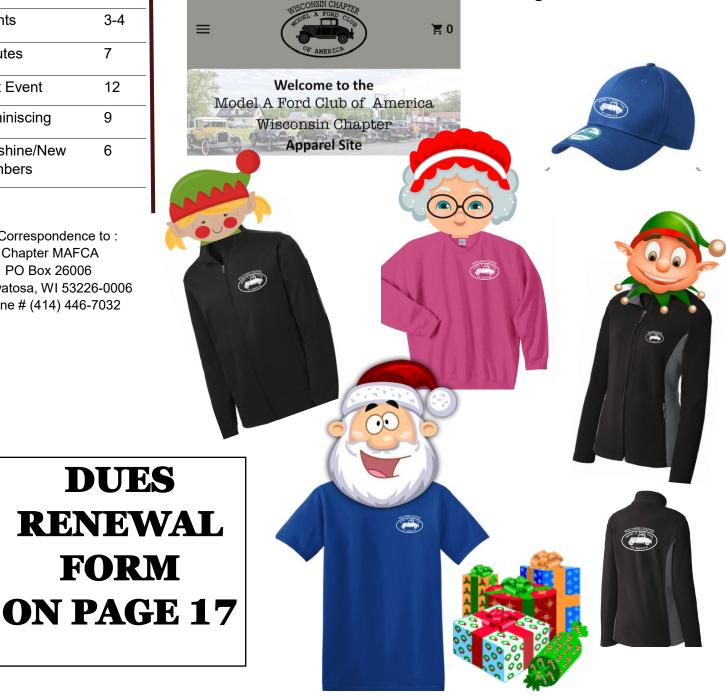
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Board of Directors 2020

Advanced Timing Events for 2020-21

Happy New Year 2021 Custard Social - Randy & Ellen Kind Host - Jeana Angelini HOST NEEDED Interview Interview
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Three Lakes Car Show
nember All Indoor Meetings Will Be At:
nfield Park Lutheran Church
1236 S. 115 th Street
st Allis, Wisconsin, 53214
<u>Technical Advisor</u> Mike Quam Ph: 414-491-3191

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.



Wisconsin Chapter Model A Ford Club of America Annual Christmas Party <u>Sunday, December 6th, 12:30 PM</u>
Meeting, Luncheon, Gifts for the kids, Kid crafts, Music, Gift exchange, Dhor prizes
Please bring a gift to exchange – one per person Children can play too. Suggester calce \$15:00.
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Luncheon will be catered in Fundet line) by That's Amore, Greenfield, WI Please RSVP to the Schmiechen's by December 1

Hostess Karen Schmiechen has decided to cancel the Christmas Party due to Covid concerns.

There will still be a General Membership Meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the downstairs hall at Greenfield Park Lutheran Church, 1236 S. 115th Street, West Allis

Greenfield Park Lutheran has asked us to donate to their food pantry any non perishable items are greatly appreciated.



January 10th, 2021 1:30 p.m. Custard Social following membership meeting By Randy and Ellen Kind

We are all set! The Three Lakes Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2021

Plans for special tours to local historic places, museums, a pirate ship cruise, a meal at Little Bohemia (Dillinger historic location) and many other details will be repeated as previously planned for the show that was canceled in 2020. We were all set to host 15 model A families when the Covid-19 virus caused every-thing in the area to shut down.

The August show will be held. We have a full Covid-19 plan in place if the virus still has residual impact. We will space cars 6 feet apart, keep guests 6 feet from cars and car owners and will implement many other safety features. The show grounds are massive and the Petroleum Museum is the only one of its kind in the world.

Charlene and I will coordinate the show and host our Model A families. It would be great to get an email list of those who will plan to attend or who have some interest in possibly attending. We will be working with our hotels in the area to get a great deal on rooms.

Dennis Wacker was our co-host for the tour from the Milwaukee area and it is our hope that he will again accept that role.

Give us a call or email regarding questions, details or anything else related to the Three Lakes event. 863-420-1838 - cjwuss@aol.com - Carl Wussow 111 Laurel Oak Pass, Davenport, Florida, 33837.

Notes from the VP....

Hello Everyone

With this crazy year almost behind us now, lets all look forward to a better more prosperous year for the club. We have all weathered tough times before and we will come through these crazy times better for it. Thank you to all the folks that have helped run the club and club events this past year. A few things:



- As I stated at the last membership meeting we still need people to run for the Board Of Directors if you think you may be interested contact me or any board member and we would be happy to explain what is involved.
- The calendar of events is starting to fill in but we still have month's that need hosts so if you are interested in hosting an indoor or outdoor event please contact Vicki or Jeana and they can sign you up.
- While we meet at our new facility during the winter months the church has asked us to donate to their food pantry any non perishable items are greatly appreciated.
- As we enter into our 65th year as The WI Chapter Model A Ford club, we are looking for 3 members to be on a small committee to help the board with this occasion. Help plan a small celebration for this great milestone in our clubs history, so if you may want to help with this let me or any board member know. Running these events or serving on the board is a great way to meet your fellow club members or reacquaint with members you may not have seen in awhile, consider helping our club.
- Just a reminder to all due to Covid our club swap meet in February has been cancelled along with our annual club banquet, as was done this year, our awards will be given out at the annual club picnic in August.
- Technical seminars will be on hold until further notice if you have any questions you can always call the technical advisors listed in the newsletter and there are some great websites out there you can use, including the MAFCA website.
- If anyone is interested in club apparel there is a link in this newsletter for Geiger awards who is handling this for us now.
- Please remember to fill out your club dues renewal form and send it to Dave H. so you can stay in the loop on all the latest news in the club this is due by December 31st 2020.

Well that's all for now see you soon! Mike



SUNSHINE REPORT:

Mike Yokofich's father passed away last month. Our sympathies to the Yokofich family.

Club member, Ted Jackson, passed away in March

Please notify Mike Quam with all sunshine announcements. Call 414-491-3191 or email vpwichapter@gmail.com

Welcome New Member:

Rick Anderson of Cedarburg, WI 53012 414-248-0321 Rick has 1929 Tudor

CLUB APPAREL IS HERE:

Go to the website listed below or go to the club website's Apparel page and click on th picture or the link to get to the apparel store. Select what your are looking for. Select color and size, where you want the club logo, either chest or full back. Its as easy as other online stores. **The store will be open now to December 8.**

Orders will be shipped in time for Christmas. The store will be open again at a later time.

If there is something you'd like to see in the store at another "Open Store" time let Sue Quam know. Email her at wheelingthea@yahoo.com or call 414-491-3260

https://www.geigerlogoapparel.com/wimodelafordclub/shop/home

You can go to our website www.wichaptermafca.com and go to the apparel page and click on the picture.





General Membership Meeting—November 8, 2020

Board Members Present: Mike Quam, Steve Lewis, Dave Huenink, Jeana Angelini, Vicki Cooper

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

President - Mike - The Board received the newsletters from the reciprocating clubs. A thank you note was received from the Heinrich family and the Racine Zoo for the clubs donation in remembrance of Bob Henrich. The club also received a thank you note from the Wisconsin Humane Society for the donation for Bob Davisson. Bob Sturtzen – a new member was introduced. The club has two members leaving the Board of Directors in December of 2020, which will leave three members on the Board. The clubs by-laws state the Board of Directors needs four members to be a functioning Board. If the Board of Directors has only three members the club will be have to be greatly scaled back which would mean fewer events. If the Board of Directors goes to less than three members due to, illness, sickness, fewer Board members, etc. there is a very real possibility the club will be dissolved.

Vice President – Mike – The club has one new member – Rick Anderson from Cedarburg. He owns a 1929 Tudor. He was voted in as a new member at the Board meeting. Mike Yokofich's father passed away. Club member, Ted Jackson, passed away in March.

Secretary – Dave – A motion was made by Linda Huenink and seconded by Ed Schultz to accept the March 8th, 2020 meeting minutes as written. The motion was put to a vote and it carried. The club has forty-seven members who paid their dues. In addition, the club has fourteen life time members.

Treasurer – Steve – A report of the revenue and expenses from last month was given. A motion was made by Sue Quam and seconded by Bob Schmiechen to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was put to a vote and it carried. No bills turned in. Club dues were turned in. **Outdoor** – Jeana– Hosts are needed for the 2021 outdoor touring season events. A sign-up sheet is available at today's meeting.

Indoor – Vicki – Hosts are needed for the March indoor event. Karen Schmiechen talked about the clubs Christmas party December 6th. It is being catered by That's Amore and everything will be individually packaged. Club members are encouraged to bring gifts to exchange. Games will also be played. Service awards for 2020 will be handed out at the picnic.

Swap meet report – The cancellation letter for the 2021 swap meet has been sent out.

New Business – The clubs 65th anniversary is in 2021. The Board is looking for three people to be on a committee to plan for the anniversary. They will report directly to the Board. Geiger awards are the clubs vendor for apparel and they have a link on the clubs web site. Items can be ordered directly from Geiger through the link. The apparel store is open until December 8th. 2020. so items will arrive by Christmas. The church we now meet in has a food bank and it was suggested the membership donate nonperishable items. A discussion was held about paying the membership to host and attend tours. It was also discussed to pay the Board members for being on the Board. It was mentioned, that the clubs by-laws do not allow Board members to be paid. No changes will be made at this time to either suggestion.

The clubs next meeting is December 6th, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

Linda Huenink made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was second by Bob Schmiechen. The motion was put to a vote and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Huenink MAFCA – Wisconsin Chapter Secretary

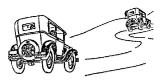
These minutes have not yet been approved by the membership.



Like pictures in the newsletter? Have a great camera or a Smart phone? Take a couple pictures and submit photos to the club editor at wheelingtha@yahoo.com







'A' Trip Back to December 2005

The history and creativity of our club always amazes me. 2021 will be our club's 65th anniversary. My only lament is that our own history with this club goes back only nine years. So I enjoy reading the activities and pictures from years past. Previous historians for our club have often written about what the club did in five year increments. So for this article, starting with the year 2005 (now 15 years ago), here is how the club celebrated our Christmas parties going back in time.

- 2005: The party was held at Gonzaga Hall with a White Elephant Party. Special guest was "Oopslaw" entertaining everyone with her stores and activities.
- * 2000: Children crafts were made with pictures of their pets and family. Entertainment by the Fabulous Fend.
- 1995: Chair persons were Dan and Joyce Staehle and Barb and Ray Weuers. Cookies and candy were on the party table.
- * 1990: Jess and Otto Last were the hosts at Gonzaga Hall.
- * 1985: The Christmas celebration was held at the Red Carpet Celebrity Lanes, Marilyn Bartel played the accordion with a sing-a-long time. There was a puppet show for the kids.
- I980: The celebration that year was at the "Bowlord" on Burleigh St. The children were entertained by a magician and Santa.
- * 1975: The Christmas party was held at the St. Aloysius Hall hosted by Chuck and Marie Hickling.
- I970: The "A" party was held at the Hubbard Lodge on Morris Boulevard. There was a puppet show and visit from Santa. Ladies provided cookies.
- * 1965: The Club's party was at the Tyrolean Town House. A movie was shown and suggestions were gathered to name the newsletter.

Other noteworthy Club news came from our president, Roger Olson. Mike Kultgen, Kerry Kultgen, and Rick Koepp brought the 2005 touring season to a close with the Ghost Gallop. The tour went from Mequon to Port Washington and ended in Cedarburg. Tony Sillman was thanked for his work on setting up and maintaining the club web site. The reins were turned over to Carl Doro. Ed & Joyce Churchill lead our participation in the Veterans Day Parade. Plans were underway for the annual banquet on Saturday, January 21.

Speaking of the banquet, the January 2006 annual banquet was held at the Olympia and was the start of the Club's "Golden Year." Roger and Jan Olsen along with Mike and Sandy Yokofich hosted the celebration. Members were encouraged to spend the night and enjoy the breakfast buffet Sunday morning.

A very fun activity was reported on "The Rearview Mirror" page. It was a Dessert Swap. When "SWAP" was yelled out during the meeting, participants swapped desserts. "Ron Smith is still looking for his pineapple upside down cake that he started with."

The newsletter included Holiday Trivia and a recipe for Spicy Gingerbread Men. The Technical Corner included a lengthy article on the Model A Ford Ignition. If your ignition is an issue, I will be glad to send you the details.



Bob and Karen Schmiechen

Fraits of the Great Depression: Christmas memories

Updated Mar 28, 2019; Posted Dec 15, 2008

Merry Christmas. Here's your orange.

No joke. An orange was a pretty common Christmas gift during the Great Depression, according to the folks who lived through it.

And for those who may darkly mutter about Depression deja vu, in light of the current economy, the kids of the 1930s say that when it comes to the holidays, we aren't even close . . . yet.

They were the children who waited for Santa during an era that started with the stock market crash on "Black Tuesday," Oct. 29, 1929.

Over the next 10 Christmases, nearly 25 percent of the American labor force was unemployed. As the economy tanked, banks collapsed and factories shut down. Bread lines and soup kitchens for the impoverished became common. A popular song asking "Buddy can you spare a dime?" summed up the economic desperation. *"Everybody was poor. Nobody had money"*

Richard Grondin, 85, of Medina, grew up on an 80-acre Michigan farm during the Depression, and remembered getting an orange -- along with a banana, nuts and candy -- in his Christmas stocking.

"An orange was a big thing because you couldn't afford one during the year," he said.

In those days, most everything was homemade or homegrown, including Christmas gifts, according to Grondin. But he still fondly recalled the rare exceptions in a little red wagon and his first "store-bought" lunch bucket, which was "quite the novelty" at his one-room schoolhouse.

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Some things about Christmas never change, regardless of the economy, as illustrated by children surrounding Santa in this Depression-era visit.

He and his eight siblings accepted the reality of Depression holidays. "We never felt any different from anybody else," Grondin said. "Everybody was poor. Nobody had money. If you had food to eat and a place to sleep, you were thankful for that. "That's what's different from today," added Grondin, noting that such government support as Social Security and unemployment compensation didn't exist during the Depression.

By Damon Sims, Northeast Ohio Media Group

"A lot of people are hurting now, lost their jobs, but there's still a little money floating around."

Just something to be looked at

For Salvatore Calandra,

86, of Cleveland, Christmas during the Depression meant looking for his holiday presents in the stove. There was no fireplace.

"There'd always be a quarter at the bottom of the stocking, plus a tangerine and walnuts," he added. "We didn't have elaborate Christmases."

As for tinsel and toys, "We didn't know what those things were," he said. "You'd see them in the window of Higbee's or Sterling-Lindner. But they were just something to be looked at."

Ah, but those gaily bedecked downtown department store windows were a sight to behold, according to his wife, Marie, 86. "We always went downtown to see Santa Claus and look at all the windows," she said. "The displays were fantastic, wonderful."

The daughter of a shoe-repair shop owner said their Christmases were nothing extravagant. "But hey, we were lucky. We ate," she said. "We didn't have that much, but we were never deprived."

And she noted that if her parents ever heard any whining, they would have a ready response: You should be happy you got what you did. People are starving.

A special treat for the very youngest

Thomas Ondrey/The Plain Dealer

Edward Ferreri remembers Depression-era Christmas presents that were mostly handmade or things to eat. "In those days you had to make do with everything you had," he said. "My grandmother made bed sheets and aprons out of flour sacks."

The Depression leveled the Christmas playing field for everyone.

"They were very rough times," said Clarence Jamison Sr., 90, of Shaker Heights, who would get through those days to become one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen during World War II.



He recalled that although his father had a job, the holiday was still tight for a family with six kids. He said his dad would always wait until late Christmas Eve to buy a Christmas tree because the prices were as drastically cut as the evergreens by then.

As for Christmas presents, "We'd usually get something very practical, like long underwear or a pair of shoes for the year," Jamison added. "Toys were a special treat reserved for only the very youngest."

Nothing you could really play with Eugene Lyons, 86, of University Heights, said that as one of three children raised by a single mother during the Depression, "there wasn't much levity in that household." But there was always hope.

From her pay as a domestic worker, his mother gave her kids oranges, apples and nuts as gifts for the holiday. "No toys. Maybe a couple pairs of socks, but nothing you could really play with," Lyons said.

And no Christmas tree. "Oh no, no, no. We'd have burned that for heat in the potbellied stove," Lyons said with a chuckle.

Still, every year the kids "knew Christmas was coming, we'd get all excited, looking over the rooftops to see Santa," Lyons said. "We always hoped, but it just wasn't to be.

"You couldn't get angry about it," he added. "In your heart you knew the lady was doing the best she could, and she always made sure we had a decent dinner. She was a very strong woman, and we realized she was having a rough go. It'd just tear you apart, really.

"Cookies so hard . . . Edward Ferreri, 91, of East Cleveland, similarly recalled that the holiday reflected the times when it came to Christmas presents.

"Our family was never poor, but never rich, either," he said. "I never got a brand new bike. I got an old bike that had a broken front wheel, but I put new spokes in it and it ran for years."

His wife, Jeanne, 83, remembered that she had a Shirley Temple doll, modeled after the then-famous child actress, and said her mother made her sets of doll clothes for Christmas presents. Her husband's family had a Christmas tree decorated with candles they weren't allowed to light and hand-crafted paper decorations. "Big dinners were a treat, so we'd go to Grandma's house in Youngstown," he said. "She'd make these Italian cookies that were so hard you had to soak 'em for



a while before you could chew 'em."

'Where's our dollar? Where's our dollar?'

A common Christmas Day routine during the Depression consisted of waking up, opening what presents there were, then going to church.

Afterward came Christmas dinner, either at home or at a relative's house, where the men played cards, the kids just played, and the women cooked -- usually chicken.

Fellow Precious Care resident Bertha Cann, 87, recalled, "We always had a [Christmas] tree, but there weren't a lot of clothes under it. My mother used to make them for us."

Sitting nearby, Janet Hirz, 84, formerly of Lakewood, remembered that every Christmas an uncle would visit and give each of the three kids in her family a dollar. One Christmas he didn't come, "and we all sat down and cried, 'Where's our dollar? Where's our dollar?' But we still loved him anyway."

All of the Precious Care ladies said the economy has a long way to fall until it hit a Depression-level basement. "This generation doesn't know how fortunate they are, and I hope they never have to go through it," said Guerra.

"Oh, it's nowhere near," said Hirz. She frowned, sadly shook her head, and added, "But it could be."

Then suddenly she brightened, remembering a hard lesson learned from those bygone Depression Christmases. "Things don't make you happy," she said.

The ladies nodded. In looking back to those days after 70 years, what they remember best are the families, traditions and holiday gatherings, not the gifts, trees and tinsel.

They didn't have much back then, compared to the Christmas cornucopia of more recent decades.

But in some ways, maybe they had much more.

PAST EVENT IN OUR REARVIEW MIRROR......

On November 8th, 2020, the club had the first meeting of the indoor season at the new location – Greenfield Park Lutheran Church in West Allis, Wisconsin. After the general meeting, approximately twenty-seven club members shared pizza from Jetz Pizza in West Allis. We had several different kinds of pizza and, as always, the pizza was delicious. For dessert we had a sweet treat –



miniature candy bars. The membership visited with those they had not seen since the March indoor meeting and with those they had seen on the tours held during the touring season. Much conversation was shared among the club members.

The new hall lent itself well to the pizza party and allowed the group enough room for social distancing. The weather was such that a member or two were able to drive their Model A to the event.

The Bob Sturtzen family – who are new club members – joined the membership at this indoor meeting. Welcome Bob and family. We are glad you could join us.

Linda and I want to thank all of those who were able to attend today's event. It always wonderful to get together with our Model A friends.

Dave & Linda Huenink











2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

All members must send the renewal notice to the club secretary at the address listed below

by December 31, 2020.

Please make sure you complete the attached form and return it with your dues. There is considerable savings for the club if you elect to receive your newsletter via the internet.

Dues: \$20.00 receiving the newsletter & roster via the <u>INTERNET.</u> \$40.00 receiving the newsletter & roster via <u>FIRST CLASS MAIL</u>.

Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Chapter MAFCA

Mail your payment with the attached form to: Dave Huenink – Club Secretary W326 S8815 Stone Brook Pass Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149

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- Projector and Projector Screen
- Club Banners (Approx 2 Ft x 4ft)
- Megaphone
- Raffle tickets Rolls (many)
- Plastic forks. Knives and spoons

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- To contact the club secretary if you have change of address, email address or phone number!
- Deadline to submit articles and ads is the 15th of each month and emailed to wheelingthea@yahoo.com
- PLEASE remember to turn in your articles before and after your events.
- Our photographer can not be at every event, so please take out your cell phones and snap pictures. They can very easily be sent to wheelingthea@yahoo.com right from your phone. All photos are welcome and needed!

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