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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 2022
March 13	Indoor Meeting- Polish Poker Hosts The Lewis's and Jan Olsen
April	Tour
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May 12-17	Trip to Gilmore Museum
June 5	Model A Day in Sharon, WI
June	Tour
July	Tour
July 29-31	Rapids Reunion
August	Annual Picnic - Mark Ackermann
September	
October	



Greenfield Park Church collects non-perishable food for the West Allis Food Panty. If attending the next club meeting feel free to bring along a donation.



Greenfield Park Lutheran Church 1236 S. 115th Street West Allis, Wisconsin, 53214

Polish Poker Sunday, March 13, 2022

Spring ahead one hour with the start of daylight saving time on Sunday, March 13, 2022. AND, come to our March Indoor Meet to play A friendly game of Polish Poker!

People will be divided into groups of six (6) or less. Instructions, chips and cards will be provided. We need YOUR presence to play the game.

This is our last Indoor Meet before we start our outdoor driving season when warmer weather returns. Remember to drive to our new location at

Greenfield Park Lutheran Church 1236 S. 115th Street West Allis, Wisconsin. 53214

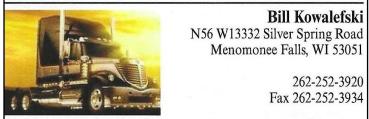
Celebrate the anticipated arrival of Spring after our Wisconsin Chapter business meeting.

We need YOU!

Deb & Steve Lewis Jan Olsen

Heavy Duty Radiator Repair, Inc.

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Road Trip to Gilmore Car Museum



Latest Update!!!

Progress continues with our May tour to the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners. We have the Badger Ferry booked for their opening day crossing on May 12th. All partic ipants will be rendez-vousing at the Gearheads Warehouse in Sheboygan at 10 am on the 12th. We'll have coffee and sweet rolls, plus a chance to "freshen up". Once everyone is accounted for, we will head north to Manitowoc for a quick burger and arrive at the Badger Dock no later than 1 p.m. for loading.The boat departs at 2 pm and arrives in Ludington at 7 p.m. (eastern time). It takes about ½ to unload from the Ferry, then its off to the "House of Flavors" Restaurant, https://

www.houseofflavorsrestaurants.com where they serve great family meals and feature 40 flavors of Ice Cream!

As of this writing, we have narrowed down lodging for the night of the 12th in Ludington, will have more in February. Friday the 13th we depart for the Gilmore Museum, about 140 miles. We picked a winner of a weekend! They are planning to have vintage "Boats in the Barn," A Vintage Travel Trailer Rally, and for you aficionados, there is also a Craft Beer and Wine tasting! Tickets may be purchased on site or in advance, \$14/day. We have a confirmed booking at the Baymont by Wyndham Battle Creek Downtown, 182 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017 +1-269-565-0500 Rates are \$109/night plus 11% Tax Friday and Saturday. Sunday rate \$70 plus 11% tax. I would encourage you to book NOW as Gilmore will have much going on and you may not get a room otherwise! Mention the WI Model A Ford Club to get the special rate!

We will spend Friday afternoon, Saturday and possibly Sunday touring this immense campus, so much to see and do! Monday, we will drive back to Ludington for an overnight stay, arriving at the Docks Tuesday the 17th of May at 8 a.m. SHARP! We will arrive in Manitowoc at approximately 12ish that day.

Once again, if you are considering touring with us, I highly encourage you to contact me via email to put you on the list for the Badger and a count for lodging and the museum. **There will be an April** 1st deadline as the Ferry requires bookings done by the 10th of April.

Deb and I hope to see your smiling faces and beautiful car at this once in a lifetime event!

Mark and Deb Zimmer

zimwiz@msn.com

Sunshine Report by Tony Koconis February report

Condolences to Tony and Stacy Koconis on the passing of Tony's mother and to Jeff and Kathy Bezotte on the passing of Kathie's sister.

Member Stanley Zagorski passed away. Prior member Joan Engel passed away. Our sympathies to their families.

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

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

CRAZY EMAILS AND TEXTS

We've apparently been hacked, copied, scammed or what ever you call it. Emails going out from Mike that are NOT FROM MIKE. Texts from Mike or Karen asking for gift cards or for you to call them to help out. Its been crazy! The board of directors is NOT asking for anyone to mail gift cards to veterans groups, or other groups. If there was to be such a drive it would be in the newsletters.

When you get guestionable emails, check the email address behind the persons name. If it looks out of place, it usually is. (See below) You can always check the roster or the front inside page of the newsletters for the boards correct information.

> From: Mike Quam kowns@gmsncc.org> Date: January 30, 2022 at 8:39:32 AM CST To: gmail.com

Subject: Model A Ford Club of America





Presidents message:

Hello from Sunny Georgia,

Many of you knew Sue and I would be gone for the month of February to give this "snowbird" thing a try. So far so good. We've had decent weather, which sure beats the cold and snowy weather back home.



Monday we took a run over to Louisiana to see some of the Bonnie and Clyde historical sites. The funeral home of the embalming is long gone, but a small park in its place. Very small ol town of Arcadia, where the folks are welcoming. Drove a littler further to see the Bonnie and Clyde Ambush Museum. Nice, had many of the articles from local newspapers, pictures, etc. From there we drove 7.5 miles to the actual site where they were gunned down. Crazy to think how that was done back in the day, staged a broke down truck along the side of the road, waited in the bushes until the drove up and then blasted away. Out in the middle of no where. Nothing there but trees and a marker to tell you where it happened.

I see by the advanced timing we are in need of outdoor event hosts. Anything you'd like to tour? Anything you'd like to see again? Give Mark or any board member a call if you are interested in hosting. I can remember back when we joined the club some "tours" were just a nice ride through different part of the area on back roads and we'd end up at a park for snacks and beverages.

Currently there is no host for the first outdoor tour of April. Need any help with planning a tour, give a holler, there are plenty of seasoned members that can help steer you in the right direction. See you in March!

Mike



Placemats Commemorating the Club's Anniversary

As you may recall, at the August 2021 picnic we asked everyone to arrive in their model A's for a grand picture of all. The Banquet Committee then took that picture, enhanced it, embellished it, enlarged it, duplicated it, and laminated each one. The result is a beautifully laminated placemat commemo-

rating our club's 65th anniversary. Individuals who attended the banquet each received a placemat to take home. The original quantity we had made up is exhausted, however, additional ones can be ordered. Contact Karen Schmiechen (kschmiechen@att.net; 262-544-5005) if you would like to place an order for the placemats. The cost would be \$3 for each one. Thanks to Bob Schmiechen for designing the placemat from the original picture.

Wisconsin Model A Reunion

July 29-30-31, 2022 www.wirapidsmodela.com

Plan now to join us for this Annual Model A event, that brings Model A enthusiasts together from across the state and area. This is the 60th year of this event.

The event begins on Friday afternoon with registration, followed by a fund-raising auction and fresh-popped popcorn later that evening.

Saturday starts with the Shoe Box Swap Meet, Technical Seminar and Ski Race. A pot luck lunch will be served around noon, followed by a Model A Tour around the Rapids area. After the tour, there will be Kids' Games, Hubley Derby and the start of the Basket Raffle Saturday will wrap up with the Dance, where the winners of the fund-raising Basket Raffle will be announced.

Sunday brings the car games, Chapter Team Events and Rolling Pin Toss. The weekend will wrap up with the awards ceremony and raffle drawing.

As you fight cabin fever this winter, remember that those 'no-longer needed' items would make great donations for the auction. Model A and non-Model A items are accepted. Just remember no junk, and leave the broken stuff at home.

For the Basket Raffle, we are asking each club to donate a \$30 basket, fitting a Men's, Women's, or Kid's theme. Participants purchase raffle tickets for this, and place the tickets in the baskets that they would like to win. Winner is determined by a random drawing. Clubs may donate more than one basket, individuals may also donate a basket. Look on Pinterest for some good basket ideas.

For the Sunday Raffle this year, it is now a 50/50 Raffle. Purchase tickets for a chance to win half the money raised the ticket sales. No limit to how many tickets you can buy.

All money raised by the Auction, Basket Raffle and Raffle goes towards offsetting the cost of next year's event, helping to keep this event affordable for everyone.

Please wear your club issued name tag over the weekend, so we can learn each other's names. For those that do not have a name tag, one may be borrowed from Registration.

For participants that motel, remember that the Rapids Area is a busy place, and rooms can go fast. Call and make your motel reservations as soon as you can.

You can save \$5 if you pre-register. The registration form is on the web site at the top of this article. You must be a registered participant to partake in any Award Issuing events at the Reunion.

For any questions or more details, see the Reunion web site or contact the Reunion at wirapidsmodela@gmail.com.

Wisconsin Rapids Area Motels

Cozy Inn Motel - 2710 Plover Rd. (715) 423-1220 Hotel Mead - 451 E. Grand Ave. (800) 843-6323 Motel 6 - 911 Huntington (715) 423-3211 Econo Lodge - 3120 8th St. South (715) 423-5506 Cobblestone Inn - 3010 8th St. South (715) 424-3444 Best Value Inn - 3410 8th St. South (715) 423-8080 Maples Motel - 4750 8th St. South (715) 423-2590 Sleep Inn & Suites - 4221 8th St. South (715) 424-6800 **Plover Area Motels** 1501 American Dr (715) 254-8418 AmericInn -Best Western Hotel - 5253 Harding Ave

715) 544-6200

Comfort Inn - 1560 American Dr	(715) 952-9941
Super 8 - 5246 Harding Ave.	(715) 341-4414
Hampton Inn - 3090 Village Dr.	(715) 295-9900

Register Early SNV \$5.00

Registration Form

Register Early SNV \$5.00

2022 Wisconsin Rapids Model A Reunion

July 29TH, 30TH, 31ST

Name:		
Address:		
City:		e: Zip:
Home Phone: ()	Cell Phone: ()
E-mail:		List ALL Registrants below: This part can be filled out at Registration
Family*: Adults Children Guests*: Adults Children Total number over 16 years old Are You Camping?YesNo Car Information: Year/Model:	Member of which Model A Club? Central Wisconsin MARC/MAFCA Nickle A Region MARC Wisconsin Chapter MAFCA Wisconsin Region MARC No Club/Other (If other, please write club's name below)	

Participation Ribbons will be issued for this event and 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 FOR ONLY \$10, AND SAVE \$5 ON THE WEEKEND!!

REGISTRATION FEES

1)	Club member: Family and one Model A (pre-registered \$10 + \$25)	\$35.00
	For participants not pre-registered	\$40.00
	Each additional Model A	\$ 5.00
2)	Non-club member: Family and one Model A (pre-registered \$10 + \$30)	\$40.00
	For participants not pre-registered	\$45.00
	Each additional Model A	\$ 5.00
3)	Guest Fees *Guest is anyone who is not an immediate member of your family, which includes married children. Your immed spouse and unmarried children who live with you. Guests must be registered with a Registered Participant. Members of a participating Reunion club cannot register as a Guest.	liate family is your
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	Members of a participating Reunion club cannot register as a Guest. Each Adult, 21 and older	
		\$15.00
	Each Adult, 21 and older	\$15.00 \$10.00
4)	Each Adult, 21 and older Each Child, ages 6 to 20 Each Child, 5 and under is free, but must be registered	\$15.00 \$10.00 N.C.
5)	Each Adult, 21 and older Each Child, ages 6 to 20	\$15.00 \$10.00 N.C. \$15.00

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.

Make \$10.00 check payable to **Martha Sillman**. Send pre-registration fee and registration form by July 1st to:

Martha Sillman 680 Knowlton St Apt A Waterloo WI 53594-1400

Questions?? Check out the web site at www.wirapidsmodela.com or e-mail to wirapidsmodela@gmail.com MAFCA Wisconsin Chapter General Meeting Minutes January 9, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

President – Karen for Mike -The club received the reciprocating newsletter from the Badger A's. The club also received a thank you note from the Fischer House for the \$50.00 donation for Tom Brier.

Vice President – Karen – The are no new members this month.

Secretary – Dave – A motion was made by Mike Yokofich and seconded by Sandi Davisson to accept the January 9th, 2022 meeting minutes as written. The motion was put to a vote and it carried. One hundred and forty-six members have renewed their membership for 2022.

Treasurer – Dave for Steve – A report of the revenue and expenses from last month was given. A motion was made by Mike Yokofich and seconded by Art Blazek to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was put to a vote and it carried. There were no bills or income turned in this month.

Indoor– Robert – March's indoor event will be polish poker and hosted by Jan Olsen and Steve and Deb Lewis.

Outdoor – Robert for Mark – Hosts are needed for the outdoor touring season. Vicki Cooper got a phone call from someone in Plymouth Wisconsin inviting the club to a murder mystery event on Friday May 13th, 2022 in the evening. The theme is the Roaring 20's and 30's. She will provide more information at the March general meeting.

Old Business – The swap meet has forty vendor

spots available. There are last minute vendors who do sign up so some of those will be taken. The event is good on volunteers. The club can get into the Washington County Fair Grounds to mark vendor spaces the Saturday prior to the swap meet. The banquet went well. The cost of the event was \$1035.62 and was well under the \$2000.00 budget. Karen Schmeichen is offering the placemats from the banquet to the membership for \$3.00 each.

Jan Olsen mentioned the Badger A's are proposing a 50/50 raffle at the Rapids reunion instead of \$50.00 drawing for men, women and children. Each club in Wisconsin would give \$125.00 for the raffle. The balance of the money would go to help support the event. A motion was made by Mike Yokofich and seconded by Steve Gapko not to participate in the 50/50 raffle. The motion was put to a vote and it passed.

A motion was made by Mike Yokofich and seconded by Chris Milbauer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was put to a vote and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Huenink MAFCA – Wisconsin Chapter Secretary

These minutes have not yet been approved by the membership.

'A' Trip Back to Highlight Women's History Month



Women Who Changed the Automobile Industry

Since March is Women's History Month, we thought it would be the perfect time to highlight how influential women have changed the car industry throughout history. When it comes to the history of cars, people tend to think of Henry Ford, Karl Benz, Walter P. Chrysler, Horace Dodge, or other men whose names are behind the most recognizable car brands on the market today.

However, it's often overlooked that many of the car features we use and enjoy today were in fact invented by women. Here are 9 ways women have shaped the car industry we know today.

Car Heaters 1893

Next time you crank the heat in your car, remember to thank Margaret Wilcox. Margaret was a mechanical engineer who invented the first car heater in 1893. The design used an opening from the engine that released hot air into the cab of a vehicle. It wasn't perfect, and it isn't the same design that we use today. However, she came up with the basic system on which modern car heaters are based.

Windshield Wipers 1903 & 1917

After taking a trip to New York City and witnessing trolley drivers stopping to get out and clear snow or rain from the windows, Mary Anderson knew there had to be a better way. Her design used a manual lever that operated a wiper from inside the car. Charlotte Bridgwood improved on Mary Anderson's original manual design and in 1917 patented the first electrically-operated automatic windshield wipers. Named the "Storm Windshield Cleaner," this device used rollers (not blades) to clear off a windshield. However, the design was not a commercial success and her patent expired several years later. Similar to Anderson's story, it was only *after* she lost her product rights that the windshield wiper design was widely adopted and became a standard feature on vehicles

Turn Signals 1914

Florence Lawrence, daughter of Charlotte Bridgwood noted above, is best known as "the first movie star." You probably didn't know that she also created the technology for the first turn signals in vehicles. Her design was for a mechanical signaling arm that indicated the direction you were turning and was operated with a button inside the vehicle. She also made a stop sign that would activate when the brakes were pressed. Sadly, she never got a patent for her design and the idea was quickly snatched up by others in the industry, leaving her without any credit or compensation.

GPS and Wi-Fi 1942

If you've ever plugged an address into your smart phone or connected to your Wi-Fi enabled car, you can thank Hedy Lamar for inventing the technology behind it. Yes, the same Hedy Lamar who starred in films like Algiers and Samson and Delilah designed the wireless transmission technology that made GPS and Wi-Fi possible. She was inspired to create the technology to help the Allies after German u-boats began attacking civilian ships during World War II. Lamar learned that radio-controlled torpedoes – an emerging technology in naval warfare – could easily be jammed and set off course by the enemy. Interestingly enough, she already had some knowledge of torpedoes from her first husband, an Austrian arms manufacturer. Lamar and friend George Antheil invented a jam-resistant frequency-hopping signal for use in Allied torpedoes to keep enemies from decoding messages. They received a patent for their "Secret Communication System" in 1942, and although the invention wasn't immediately implemented, it did lay the groundwork for technology used to maintain security for military communications, cell phones, and more.

Non-Reflective Glass

Thanks to scientist and inventor Katharine Blodgett, windshield glass doesn't have a glare, making vehicles much safer. After earning a Ph.D. in Physics at Cambridge, Blodgett became the first woman hired by General Electric. While there, she invented a way to make glass surfaces non-reflective. Her technology was used for camera lenses, movie projectors, submarine periscopes, eyeglasses, computer screens and, of course, windshields.

Brake Pads 1888

Not only did Bertha Benz take the first long-distance road trip in a car, she also invented brake pads. If the name Benz sounds familiar, it's because Bertha's husband Karl Benz invented the first patented automobile, which later led to the creation of the Mercedes automobile and the Mercedes-Benz brand name. Bertha helped promote the car, or "motorwagen", as it was called then, by undertaking a 66-mile journey with her sons to her mother's house. Along the trip, she realized the need for brake pads to help the brakes operate to their full potential.

Purchasing Decisions

The automobile industry may be seen as a "man's world," given that 95 percent of the National Automobile Dealers Association members are men. However, women purchase 52 percent of cars sold and influence 85 percent of all car buying decisions. According to Maddy Dychtwald, author of *Influence: How Women's Economic Power Will Transform Our World for the Better,* 74 percent of women still feel like their automobile needs are misunderstood by marketers. That's a pretty important statistic, considering women are also the fastest growing segment of buyers for both new and used cars.

Supercar Designs 2017

Most of the time, when women have a hand in designing cars it has to do with the interior features. It's not often that women design the exterior of a vehicle, let alone a supercar. Michelle Christensen is the first woman to lead a supercar exterior design team. The Acura NSX has been in the works for years, but was released as part of Acura's 2017 lineup.

Executive Decisions 2014

In 2014, Mary Barra became the CEO of General Motors, making her the first woman to ever lead a major auto company. She took the job amid GM's ignition switch scandal and pulled the company into a strong comeback. She's now looking to GM's future, which will include rolling out more electric cars and breaking into the autonomous vehicle market, in addition to the company's regular cars and trucks.

We are historically, Bob and Karen Schmiechen

https://blog.directauto.com/car-life/these-women-changed-the-way-we-drive/ Edited. https://www.wheelsforwishes.org/news/9-times-women-changed-the-automobile-industry/. Edited.

Past Events...

<u> Chili Dump -</u>



















Thank you to the hosts and to everyone who brought chili to dump. Thank you to Bob Schmeichen for the photos.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Classified ads, such as the ones seen here are free. To place your ad please contact the editor, Sue Quam at 414-491-3260 or by emailing your ad to: wheelingthea@yahoo.com <u>Emailing your ad in your own words is best</u>. Ads run for one month unless notified to run them again. Ads are due by the 15th of the month.

Wanted: Free old entry door locks that will be used for training sessions. Will take all, but looking for odd and old, keys not needed. Contact Tony at (920) 478-4541 or waterloo53594@gmail.com.

For Sale: 1929 Model A Pickup, professional ground-up restoration. \$20,000 OBO. Dennis Mack, (608) 291 2300.



Club Property

The following items are club property and can be used for any club function.

Contact Steve Lewis 262-573-9821

- 2 Coolers
- Charcoal-Several bags and Large Charcoal Grill 2 ft x 6 1/2 ft
- Misc. picnic supplies and Serving Utensils
- Projector and Projector Screen
- Club Banners (Approx 2 Ft x 4ft)
- Megaphone
- Raffle tickets Rolls (many)
- Plastic forks. Knives and spoons

Please remember:

- To contact the club secretary if you have change of address, email address or phone number!
- <u>Deadline to submit articles and ads is the 15th of each month and emailed to wheelingthea@yahoo.com</u>
- 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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Saturday of the month. You will receive a welcome letter upor	n	Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0006
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