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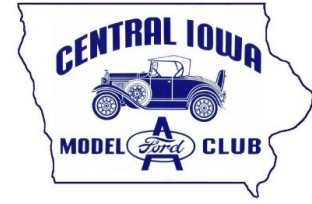
FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Stan Duckett and family

Stan is pictured above with his grandson, Dean Gruell, and his 1929 Coupe. They came to the June membership meeting in Indianola, as that is where he lives. He remembers pretend “driving” this, his father’s Model A, when he was a kid. Stan rebuilt the car from boxes of parts, and he has been driving it for real the past 3 years. He even drives it to work during day-light hours and he drives it all seasons except for in snow storms. He says he has a certain way to get into and out of the coupe, because of his height and not being as limber as he was in the past. He is looking forward to retirement later this Summer. He has a son and daughter that already have plans for his time after he retires.

UPCOMING CLUB “A”VENTS

July



- 07/07/2025, Monday, Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, Perkins, 714 SE Oralabor Road, Ankeny, IA.
- 07/10/2025, **Thursday, IHOP** Breakfast, 8:00 AM, 2402 SE Delaware Ave., Ankeny, IA.
- 07/13/2025, **Sunday, Club Meeting and Picnic**, 1:00 PM, Easter Lake County Park, 2830 Easter Lake Drive, Des Moines, IA. We'll be in Shelter #4. You must enter the South Entrance off of Easter Lake Road and proceed to the west end of the lake. Bring your own picnic lunch and drink.
- 7/19/2025, **Saturday, Tour** Visit the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge in Prairie City
Tour Host: Kevin Szcodronski
- 7/24/25, **Thursday, Social Night**, 6:00pm, Al's Dairy Freeze, 1220 NE Station Crossing Drive, Grimes, IA. Dairy Freeze only serves ice cream.



- 08/04/2025, Monday, Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, Perkins, 714 SE Oralabor Road, Ankeny, IA.
- 08/06/2025, Wednesday, **State Fair Parade**, 5:00 PM for cars and drivers, Des Moines Capitol Complex. Contact Dan Graber if you plan to participate, phone 515-707-4738, email DandSGraber@gmail.com.
- 08/10/2025, **Sunday, Club Meeting and Picnic**, 1:00 PM, Jester County Park, Shelter #2, 12130 NW 128th Street, Granger, IA 50109. Bring your own picnic lunch and drink.
- 08/14/2025, **Thursday, IHOP** Breakfast, 8:00 AM, 2402 SE Delaware Ave., Ankeny, IA.
- 08/28/2025, **Thursday, Social Night**, 6:00 PM, Inside Scoops, 2410 SW Birch Dr. Ankeny, IA.





UPCOMING CLUB “A”VENTS CONTINUED

09/07/2025, **Sunday, Club Meeting and Annual BBQ**, 1:00 PM, Location to be determined. Club will provide grilled burgers, bratwurst, and chicken. NOTE: The meeting is scheduled earlier than usual to not conflict with GAMARAI preparations.

· 09/08/2025, Monday, Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, Perkins, 714 SE Oralabor Road, Ankeny, IA.



· 09/11/2025, **Thursday, IHOP Breakfast**, 8:00 AM, 2402 SE Delaware Ave., Ankeny, IA.

· 09/15-19/2025, **GAMARAI** to NE Iowa.

2025 Monthly Club Tours

Local 1 or 2-day driving tours hosted by CIMAFC members.
With important non-club touring events noted in green.



Saturday **July 19, 2025** **The Al Fredregill Memorial Tour**

Tour Host: Kevin Szcodronski

Visit the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge in Prairie City

Sunday **July 27, 2025** - The Tall Corn Car Club's Annual Bologna and Sweet Corn Event, Luther Park Shelter. Meal starts at 12 noon.

Wednesday, **August 6, 2025** - Iowa State Fair Parade

August 15-16 2025 **Iowa Model A Days in Amana**

Tour Host: Hawk A Model A Club (See Willie)

Friday is the feeder run and local tour around Amana followed by a welcome party. Saturday is the main IMAD event, 100+ Model A's on display plus a Tech Session and Ladies Tea.

August 15-18, 2025 - Marty Green's South Dakota – Wyoming Tour

September 15-19, 2025 **GAMARAI**

Saturday **October 18, 2025** **Fall Color Courthouse Tour**

Tour Hosts: Kevin Szcodronski

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16th Annual "Iowa Model A Days Friday August 15th & Saturday August 16th, 2025 in Amana, Iowa.

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THE HENRY FORD & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

August 4-7, 2025

Discover the legacy of American innovation on our exclusive tour to the Henry Ford & Greenfield Village this summer! Immerse yourself in history with guided tours of the iconic Ford House, see Ford F-150s assembled at the Ford Rouge Factory, and the Piquette Avenue Plant. Explore the Museum of American Innovation and stroll through Greenfield Village, where history comes alive. With three nights of comfortable accommodations, seven delicious meals, including a special dining experience at The Ford House, and a surprise mystery stop, this tour is a journey through time you won't want to miss!

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Sealed Bids for a Floor Jack

The club's Board is removing the floor jack from our Tool Inventory due to lack of member use. As the photo indicates, the Big Red jack has 2 1/2 ton capacity. If you are interested in bidding on the jack, **submit your bid** to Kevin at kevin.szcodronski@gmail.com or call him at 515-240-7668 **by July 10th.**

The winning bid will be announced at the July meeting, you do not need to be present to win. The winner will need to make arrangements to pick up the jack with Ron Huntimer.



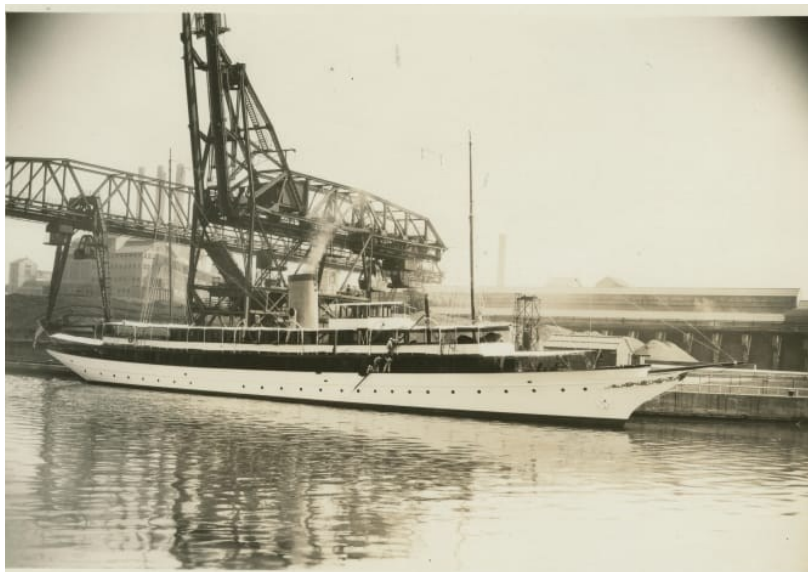
Ford Then and Now: Sialia

For many, the warm summer weather draws people to the water for swimming, picnicking, fishing, and boating. Imagine you have the great wealth of Henry Ford, what kind of boat would you own?

Then: Clara had asked Henry for a boat. He'd replied that that would be okay as long as she never asked what it cost. In January 1917, Henry Ford bought a nice yacht for \$250,000. The 202 foot long, steam-powered, ocean-going ship had been built and owned by John Stewart, who was an owner of the Stewart-Warner company that you may connect with our Model A speedometers. Henry, as a bird-loving naturalist may have been attracted by the name of the yacht, Sialia, the scientific name for the eastern bluebird. He kept the name. Sialia had a crew of 30 and for the time was technically progressive with wireless communications. The cabins and accommodations were very luxurious. The first trip took the Fords and friends to Cuba, investigating sources of coal and iron ore, and to Ft. Myers, Florida where the Fords owned a winter home next the Edisons.

Unfortunately on the return trip, Ford was informed that the government was "commandeering" the ship for use as a WWI Coast Guard patrol boat. The government paid just \$220,000. Henry repurchased the ship after WWII and had it returned to it's former condition. In the early 1920s, Sialia took several trips on the great lakes including Harbor Beach where the Fords owned a vacation home on Lake Huron, and Traverse City where the Fords owned an island in Grand Traverse Bay. Longer trips took the Fords to Bar Harbor Maine and another trip to Florida. When not in use, the ship was docked at the Rouge factory in Dearborn, Michigan. In 1925, Henry Ford, dissatisfied with the ships performance, had Sialia completely rebuilt with diesel engines at a cost of \$1.5M. Sadly, it actually ran slower. There were also reports, linked to Edsel, of the ship hitting a reef near Boston in 1929, requiring towing and repairs. By the Model A era, the Fords preferred boat travel on freighters owned by the company, but that's another story.

Now: The Fords sold Sialia in the mid-1930s. It was again "commandeered" ahead of WWII, this time as a Navy patrol boat. The ship was believed to be scrapped in 1947, a sad ending for a once beautiful yacht. You have to wonder if Henry thought about two **great days in a man's life - the day you buy a boat, and the day you sell it.** Enjoy summer!!



FOR SALE, WANTED OR TRADE

Members place your free ad here by contacting Kay Huntimer @ (kayhuntimer@gmail.com)

Non-members ads may be placed for \$25 fee. Ads will be shown for 3 months and removed unless you notify Kay to renew.



For Sale: 1929 Ford 2dr. Owned 67 yrs, selling due to Dave's age. Good condition ; runs well. Driver, not show. Dual side mounts; steel trunk on extended bumper. \$ 8250 **Dave Berkeman** 515-473-1690

For Sale: Radiator cap (like new). Listed in Snyders catalog for \$230 plus tax. Selling price \$150. Call Gary Graber 574-606-7866.



Other Opportunities:

- **July 12** (Saturday) 9am-noon **Ankeny Summer Fest Parade**. **Must get insurance card to Kevin Szcodronski by July 3rd.** May e-mail kevin.szcodronski@gmail.com or call

Kevin 515-240-7768 Gathering place for cars Kum & Go 165 SW Magazine Road, Ankeny, IA. Will need to leave Kum & Go by 7am.

* **July 13** (Sunday) 1pm—4pm Boone Scenic Valley Railroad **Car Show** 225 10th Street Boone, IA

* **July 19** (Saturday) Harley & Hot rod bike & **car show** Registration 9am, show 10am, awards 3pm At 81 NW 49th Place; Des Moines, IA Registration is free and trophies/event t-shirts will be awarded. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/X785wuRPLBBcfJpp6> Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1DaiN5FviH/>

Secretary Notes Holly Szcodronski

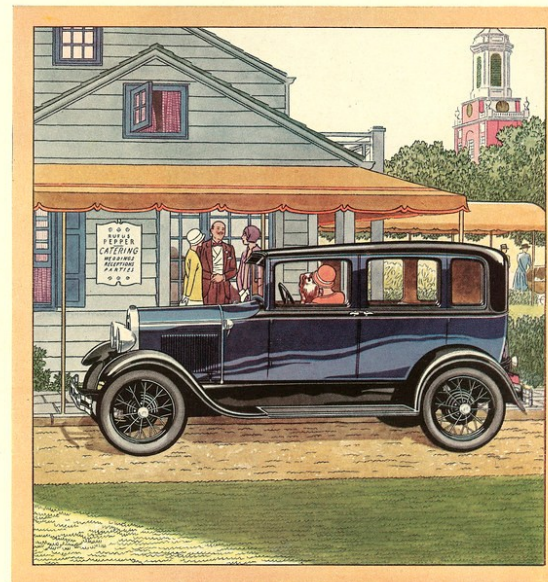
Summer is here! My corn patch is growing fast and definitely will be “knee high by the 4th of July”.

As you plan your summer activities include various club events. This could be breakfast at IHOP on July 10th and August 14th, a driving tour on July 19th, and club meetings on July 13th at Easter Lake and August 10th at Jester Park.

Show your car at the 2025 Iowa State Fair

The Iowa State Fair is August 7-17. If you are interested in having your car on display at the Fair you will need to contact Regina Pirtle at 515-669-3120 to reserve your spot. The area that cars are on display is North of Pioneer Hall. If you choose to participate you will need to commit to being there from 9am to 5pm. You will receive one ticket into the Fair grounds for your car and you as the driver.

Regina needs to know if you plan to participate by June 30th. Once you have secured your spot with Regina, contact me with your date(s) and Holly can spread the word to club members.



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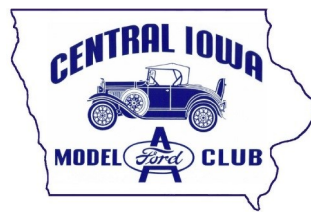
The website is always open without a password, but if you'd like to view the current and past newsletters, the club roster, or meeting minutes, you'll need to visit the “Members Only” section.



The password is: **roadster**

And don't forget — we've got a growing Facebook Group where members post pictures, share stories, and stay in the loop (It's a great way to keep the “Model A” conversations rolling between meetings.)

☐ facebook.com/groups/cima.fc



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL IOWA MODEL A CLUB

All news items, articles of interest, photos and want ads are to be submitted by the **20th of each month** to Kay Huntimer
kayhuntimer@gmail.com

Membership dues are \$25 annually Please submit to: Beth Graber 6430 NE 8th Ct. Des Moines, IA 50313 Dues entitle members and families to: Club Privileges* Monthly newsletters* Free want ads* All Club meetings*

The Central Iowa Model A Club is regional and affiliated with: Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and

Model A Restorers Club (MARC) We encourage membership in both National Clubs. Applications for membership are located on the website for all 3 clubs.

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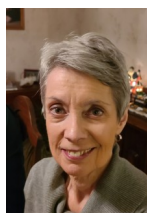
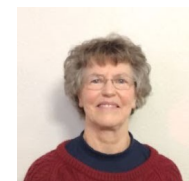
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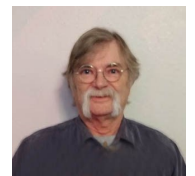
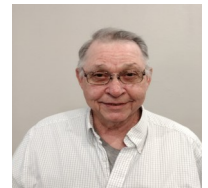
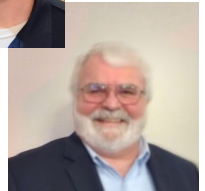
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