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A Survivor Seen at the AACA Fall Hershey Meet



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Mike's Message



Hi Everyone,

Hope to find everyone in good health. I hope to see you all at the banquet this Sunday at Scramenti's.

Thanks to John and Pat for a great hayride. The weather was a little cold, but the time was great. Thank you, guys.

Mike



Treasurer's Report By Carol Healy

Beginning Balance October 6, 2025 \$2,753.16

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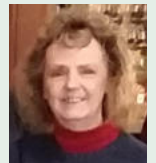
Total Income
\$0.00

Expenses

MARC Region Dues \$25.00

Total Expenses \$25.00

Ending Balance November 3, 2025 \$2,728.16



"The general purpose of the **Calumet Region Model "A" Restorer's Club** shall be to encourage its members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit and make use of the Ford Model "A" automobile, model years 1928 through 1931, and all things pertaining to the Ford Model "A", and to promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship among M.A.R.C. members." You need not own a Model "A" Ford!

November 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						 ALL SAINTS' DAY
2 Annual Banquet	3 Business Meeting	4	5	6 Happy Birthday Edsel Ford	7 Happy Birthday Josh Resnick	8
9 Happy Birthday Carol Sluis	10	11 Happy Birthday Mike Sluis	12	13	14	16 Breakfast Run
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Club Events 2025-2026

November

2nd - Award Banquet

3rd - Business Meeting

15th - Breakfast Run

December

1st - Business Meeting /
Pizza Party

14th - Christmas Social,
3:00pm

20th - Breakfast Run

January

4th- Business Meeting

17th- Breakfast Run

February

2nd - Business Meeting

14th - Breakfast Run



Refreshments

November...Carol Sluis

December....Pizza Party



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday
November 2nd at 2a.m.

Breakfast Run
Saturday, November
15th @ 9:00 am
Kingsberry Waffle House
3345 Vollmer Road
Flossmoor, Illinois

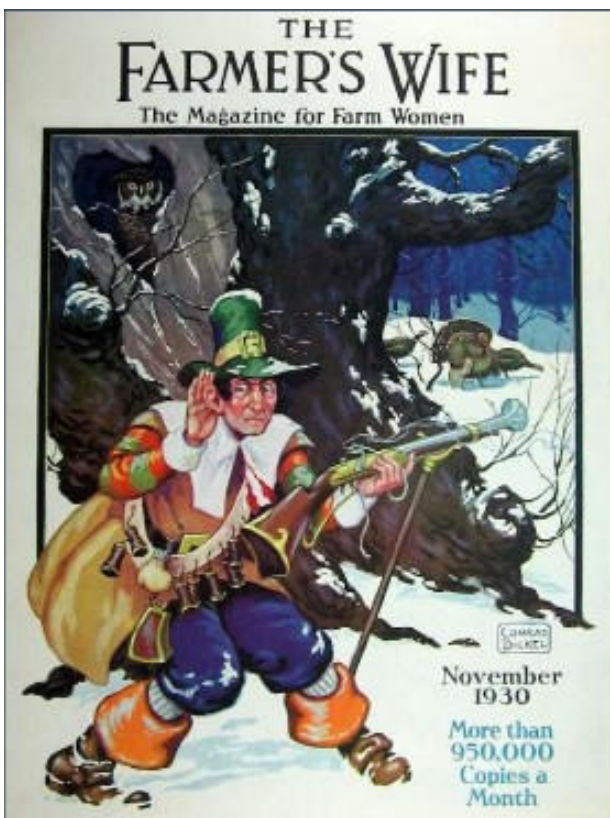
Calumet Region Banquet November 2nd at 12:30pm Scrementi's Restaurant

3760 Chicago Road

Steger, Illinois

\$35 per person.

Price includes family style dinner and soft drinks. A cash bar will be available.



October's Columbus Day Non-Meeting



October's Business Meeting was moved to the second Monday because of members were attending Hershey. We didn't know the Ag school would be closed for Columbus Day, so instead we had a tailgate party in the parking lot. It was a beautiful October night and the treats were great!

Club members who attended the 2025 Hershey had a terrific time in Pennsylvania meeting friends and enjoying the Fall weather





SAVE THE DATE!!!!
THE 2026 MARC NATIONAL MEET
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MAY 2026

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SAVE THE DATE

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**THE BAD NEWS IS,
 I ACCIDENTALLY TOOK
 THE WRONG
 MEDICATION TODAY.**

**THE GOOD NEWS IS, I'M
 NOW PROTECTED FROM
 HEARTWORMS AND
 FLEAS FOR THE NEXT
 THREE MONTHS.**

**"Age is the number of
 years the world has
 been enjoying you."**

Unkown

**This year, wet weather stopped the outside activities, so the “Hillbilly Hayride” morphed into the “Barn Buffet”.
Thank you John & Pat**



These grocery store prices got me thinking...
Thanksgiving dinner gonna be spaghetti.



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THE running BOARD REPORT



From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

November 2025

Members had a great time at Hershey this year. The chili/hot dog lunch was a great success and raised over \$1,000 that will be donated to MAYRA. This year we opened the tent early on Monday afternoon to allow existing members a chance to renew and new members to join. Look for additional changes for next year!

Also, the MARC National Meet for 2026 is just around the corner in July. Driver Class judging will be offered again this year. If you are proud of your Model A and would like to be recognized for the quality of work you have in your vehicle that has been modified from original to enhance your driving experience, please consider registering for French Lick next year. New improved judging standards will be published soon!

Remember that the 2026 Finger Lakes National Tour will be held in May of next year. This will be a very popular event based on the interest so far. Registrations will be limited due to the hotel and banquet capacity. The team is working hard to make this a memorable event for our members!

Certainly you read in last month's newsletter that Larry Shepard is compiling a list of Model A mechanical experts to assist members and potential new members with mechanical issues or restoration questions. I'm sure that every Region has at least one person that should qualify. If any of your members are willing to help, please contact Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org and provide your name, contact information and area of expertise. One of the best parts of being a MARC member is being able to tap into the wealth of Model A knowledge this club has to offer.

PEANUTS®



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For many years, I believed the only way you could install or remove a Model A tie rod was by first removing the front backing plates. This to allow access to the large screwdriver slot retainers in each end of the tie rod that have to be removed before the tie rod can be lifted off the spindle arm balls. However I recently learned from Bryan Thompson, a friend and fellow Model A hobbyist, that the tie rod can be installed and removed with the front backing plates in place. I didn't think it was possible, but it certainly can be done.

Installation:

With both front backing plates already installed, remove the spindle arm ball attachment assemblies from each end of the tie rod. One assembly is a right hand thread; the other end is a left hand thread. The right hand thread is the norm (clockwise). The left hand thread is opposite (counter-clockwise) and is used for special applications.

Rotate both backing plate/spindle assemblies until they face outboard at the rear. This will provide easy access to the spindle arm balls. Install the left hand threaded assembly onto the right spindle arm ball. Install the right hand threaded assembly onto left spindle arm ball. This will orient both end assemblies with the grease fittings facing aft*.

**Note: A change was made in late 1930 reversing the orientation of the grease fittings from forward facing to aft facing and changing them from a screw in type to a press in type.*

Take the left hand threaded end of the tie rod and screw it about two turns into the assembly end attached to the right spindle arm. Rotate the two backing plate/spindle arm assemblies until the tie rod lines up with the tie rod assembly on the left side. Rotating the backing plates on the king pins and rotating the tie rod ends on the spindle balls easily does this. Thread the left end of the tie rod, which has right hand threads, into the left tie rod assembly. Grasp the tie rod in the center and rotate the tie rod in a right hand thread manner.

When this is done, both ends of the tie rods will screw into their respective ends and at the same time pull the backing plate/spindle arm assemblies into the forward facing position.

Screw both slot headed retainers into each assembly until they are flush, and install the long cotter pins.



The right side (with the single spindle ball) has a left hand thread in both the tie rod and the tie rod end assembly. When installed, the grease fitting will face aft.



The left side (with the double ball spindle) has a right hand thread in both the tie rod and the tie rod end assembly. When installed the grease fitting will face aft.

Removal:

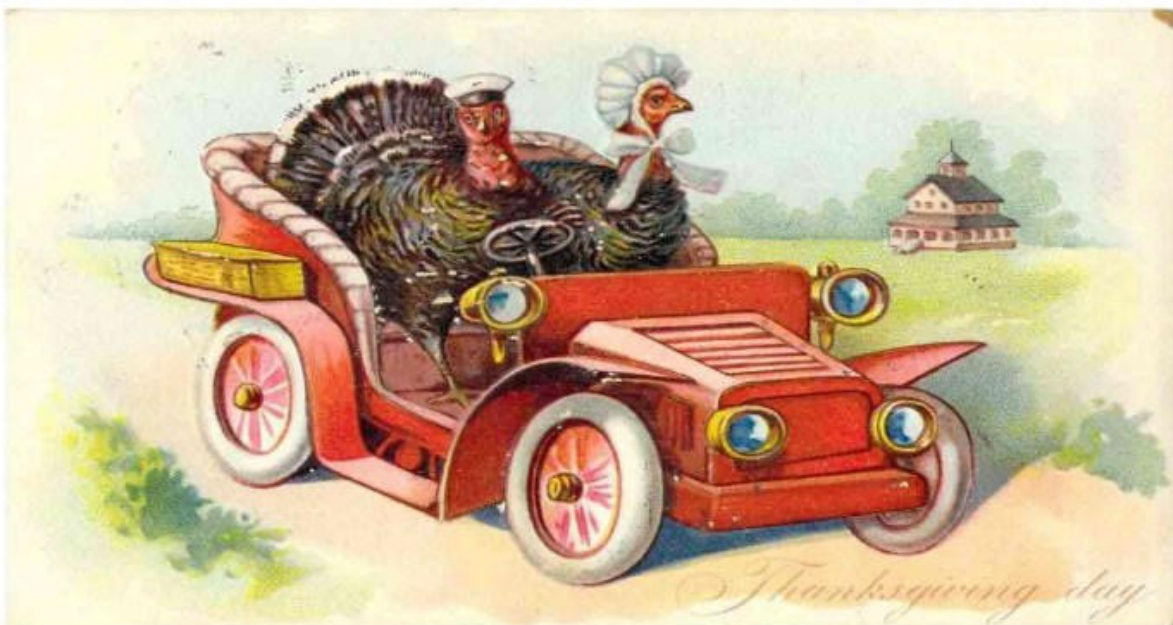
For removal, reverse the procedure after first unscrewing the retainer bolt and nut that locks the adjustment at each end of the tie rod.

“Let us come before
Him with
thanksgiving and
extol Him with music
and song. For the
LORD is the great
God, the great King
above all gods.”

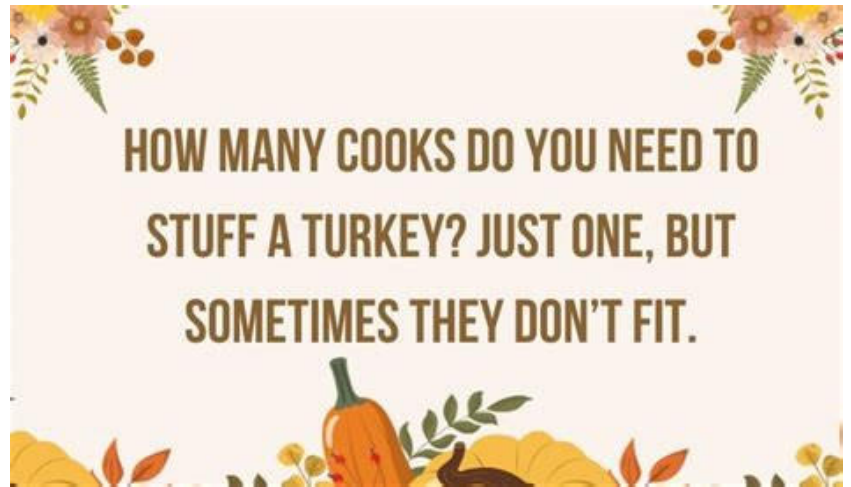
-Psalms 95:2-3



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**May your
Thanksgiving
be full of Love,
Happiness,
Laughter and
lots of Dessert!**



**Turkey is one of the most lean,
fat-free meat options available.**



Members Moments

Keeping in touch

Happy Birthday

Edsel Ford November 6th

Josh Resnick November 7th

Carol Sluis November 9th

Mike Sluis Sr. November 11th

Happy Anniversary

Steve & Pam Diaz November 17th

Thinking about.....

Please remember our friends who are struggling with health problems.

I decided to make sure my wife woke up with a big smile on her face this morning

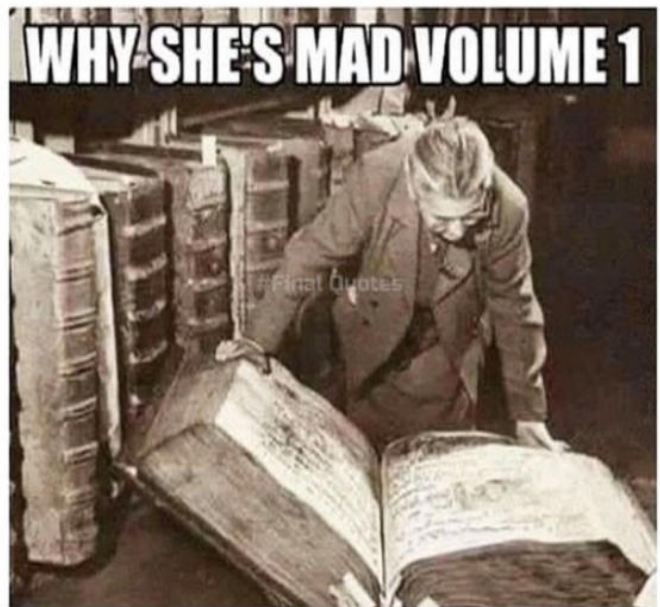
I can't have Sharpies in the house anymore

MARC Mileage Program

Don't forget to give your end of year mileage to Jerry LeMere. Any Mileage awards earned will be given out after the Membership Meet in April.



When your editor realizes the “Chatter” is due to go out the same day as Halloween!



2026 Annual Dues

Dues are \$30 and must be received by the treasurer, Carol Healy, before the March 2025 meeting to keep getting the “Chatter”

Editor's Desk

by John Hoffman

This has been a busy October. When it started, Wally and I made the annual pilgrimage to the Hershey Fall Swap Meet. Sadly, because of illness, Mike Sluis couldn't come. The weather was good and the hunting of parts and things I didn't really need was, as usual, over the top.

On the way home we stopped at Snyder's Antique Auto Parts store. Wally asked the clerk if we could see the spectacular Model "A" hearse restored by Paul Snyder's restoration shop. He sent us to their restoration shop and museum. Amazing how many wonderful classic cars and

historic race cars they have displayed.

John and Pat hosted the Hayride but inclement weather would not allow activities outside the barn, but those who attended had great food and sweet desserts.

The month closed with our clubs Saturday Breakfast Run to Mayberry Junction Restaurant in Mokena. We all enjoyed the charming atmosphere, entertaining service and a plus was the reasonable prices.



Model A Restorers Club

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

Membership Dues: Regular Mail U.S. \$50

Canada \$60, International \$70 for the calendar year

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