

# White Mountain "A" Club News



## **The White Mountain Region Chapter Model A Club of America**

was established on June 1, 1963 with the purpose to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of the Model "A" Ford car, and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in it's original likeness.

To unite in a central organization all owners of Model A Fords who are interested in restoring and maintaining the automobile in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community, and it shall further be the purpose of the club to help those owners become better acquainted, encouraged and maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship, speciality and fair play through sponsored activities including the use of the Model "A" Ford and family participation.

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## ***From the President***

*By: Dick Smith*

The year end is a time to thank friends and fellow Club Members for all they contributed to our good times and fun together. Susan and I wish to extend our thanks for the year past and to give our well wishes for the future to all.

December is the end of the 60<sup>th</sup> year for the White Mountain Chapter. It seems like this year reached it's final month faster than normal. The speedy passing of time seems to be a trend with me lately and probably is an indicator of advancing age. None of us want it advancing too fast, but on the positive side, it also means we don't want it to get over too soon, meaning we must have had fun and we want it to continue. If you had a good year, I bet your Model A hobby had something to do with it. Susan and I had a good year and being part of the White Mountain Chapter was an Important part of it.

To mark the end of 2023, we had our Holiday Party and Annual Business meeting at the Bow Old Town Hall on Saturday, December 2nd. The 25 or so members in attendance enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner and a great deal of enthusiastic socializing. The business meeting elected the Club Officers for the next two years as follows: President Dick Smith, Vice President Brad Hutton, Secretary Vincent Greco, Treasurer



Carol Bailey, and Editor Janice VandeBogart. As usual, the event was a fun afternoon to enjoy with our Model A friends. We even had 3 Model A's in the parking lot. We have already reserved the hall for December 14, 2024. I hope you will plan to join us next year.

A good way to keep the Model A spirit flowing through the winter months is to participate in Coffee Chat. Friday morning attendance has been up recently with a near record attendance of 19 on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Some of our regular Snowbirds are still around enjoying our relatively mild early winter. Coffee Chat will remain open for the hard-core rain or shine through the Holiday season and beyond. Come and join the fun.

The Coffee Chat Model A Quiz season is over and will resume in March 2024. Watch out for those pesky "essay questions". We have declared Larry Denoncourt '2023 Coffee Chat Quiz Champion". Brad Hutton finished a close second with Larry and Brad the only ones to score 100 on the last quiz. Larry is now a two-time winner of the coveted title and has two ridiculously expensive trophies. One more and he will be eligible to join the Secret Model A Coffee Chat Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame has yet to be created, but maybe that's why it's still a secret. *(Right: Larry accepting his quiz trophy at Coffee Chat)*



Don't forget our talented newsletter editor gets a well-deserved vacation and this will be the last newsletter until March 2024.

Happy Holidays,

*Dick*



**Coffee Chat:** Model A Coffee Chats are held on Friday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the home of Larry Denoncourt located at 19 Albin Road in Bow. All fully vaccinated members and potential members are welcome to attend.



## *From the Editor*

*By: Janice VandeBogart*

Well, here I am, elected for another two years. I will try to do my best. However, I must mention that as we all know, we are all getting older and one of these days, I will have to hang up my "Press" sign. If any of you are interested in taking a stab at the Editor's job and would like to ease into it, let me know. Writing has always interested me and I am sure there are those out there who have the same interest. Give it some thought and believe me, if you try writing a couple of short articles for the newsletter, you might find it fun and enjoyable. Enough of that for now.

This past year has been a fun year for the club and you will read all about it in this newsletter. It was so nice to see people stepping up to help with the road tours this year. If you would like to plan a tour for 2024, please talk to our club President, Dick Smith, as he will be handling the Events Schedule for 2024.

I also want to mention that this newsletter will be the last one you will receive until March of 2024. So don't go looking for a January or February newsletter. Also, don't forget. **Dues are due for 2024.** \$20 a year for the membership. Please send your check in to the club Treasurer, Carol Bailey, 74 Dunbarton Center Road, Bow, NH 03304. Check should be made out to White Mountain Region Chapter – MAFCA. This will insure that your name will be on the 2024 Club Roster which is published in the spring.

In closing, I wish you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

*Janice*

## OUT AND ABOUT

By: Janice VandeBogart



Thanksgiving Day  
with your Model A!

Dick Smith shared these  
pictures along with the  
following note:

“It is always a Smith and  
Westover family tradition that the Model A's are driven to  
Thanksgiving dinner and also Christmas, if weather permits.

These two showed up loaded with eats and eaters. After all, our A's are family too!”  
(Above Lt to Rt: The trunk of Nana's Coupe loaded with goodies; Smith Westover's 1928 Tudor and Nana's 1929 Coupe.)

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If you have an “Out and About” story to share, send it along to the Editor.

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*Above: Bill Chapin's 1929 Closed Cab Pickup  
heading over to Tebo's Barn for service.*

## THE MODEL A YEAR IN REVIEW.....

By: Janice VandeBogart

2023 was a busy year for the White Mountain Region Chapter. We had twenty (20) Events during the year with an average turnout of around fifteen members and six or more Model A Fords attending. It is always fun to look back on the season to see what the club was up to. So, let's take a look.....

The Model A Dust Off at the Bean Farm in Sanbornville, NH was our first road trip of the season. This has been an annual event thanks to Carl Sneirson who has been organizing this event for a number of years. This year the event was on April 29<sup>th</sup> with eighteen members and nine Model A's from our club. Gathering at the Spaulding High School in Rochester, we joined the large group of Model A's for the drive to Sanbornville to the Bean Farm, home of Randy & Connie Kinville. Six other car clubs were invited to attend. It has always been Carl's goal to have 100 Model A Fords at this event and this year there were 101. This event is always a lot of fun for all the clubs to get together again and get caught up on the long winter's wait to get the old Fords out on the road again.

In May we had our first Ice Cream Social of the season. Beech Hill in Hopkinton is a perfect place to visit in the spring. Our club had nineteen members and nine Model A's attending that evening. On May 20<sup>th</sup> the club was invited to attend the Open House at Tebo's Garage in Milton, NH. Ryan Thibeault, owner hosted this event. (See his ad on page #3). A number of car clubs were also invited. Our group had two Model A's and ten members in attendance. We have to note that the unsettled weather that day may have kept the attendance down.

The Memorial Day Parade in Hopkinton, NH took place on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Following the parade and a ceremony at the Harold Martin School in Hopkinton, our group of eighteen members and eleven Model A's gathered at the home of Ben Cochran and Edie Currier in Contookcook. We all lined up for a photo shoot. Ben & Edie brought out Ben's Mom's collection of Vintage Hats for the ladies to try on. Everyone enjoyed their picnic lunch and for dessert Ben & Edie provided ice cream. Speaking of ice cream, our next ice cream social took place on May 31<sup>st</sup> at Lang's in Pembroke, NH. Eleven members gathered there in their Model A's that numbered six.

June was a slow month for the club. With graduations and Father's Day celebrations, people were a little busy. We did have a Jam Session at the home of Bob Bergevin in Candia on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June which brought in ten members and one Model A Ford. That Model A belonged to George & Beryl Miville. An ice cream social in June at Ilsleys' in Weare was also planned at the end of June. It was a beautiful summer evening, however, only four members and two Model A's were in attendance. Seems that people were having a very busy June this year.

July 4<sup>th</sup> was upon us before we knew it. Time to celebrate our Country's Birthday with our usual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Cookout! This year the parade was in New Boston and the Cookout was at the home of Dick & Susan Smith in Bow, NH. As you may know, our club had been dodging rain drops all season and as it turned out, our day was hampered by threat of showers and then a down right New England downpour. The parade went off without a hitch but when everyone gathered for the Cookout, we had to move inside. Of course, it didn't ruin the day at all as everyone gathered up the food and brought it all inside for all to enjoy. Thank you to Dick & Susan for hosting as we all had a wonderful day.

An Ice Cream Social took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July at Arnie's in Concord. A good turnout with eleven members and five Model A's. Again, the threat of rain was looming but we were able to stay dry for the evening's event. July 22<sup>nd</sup> was the Annual Old Ford Day at the Ice House Museum in New London, NH. This is always well attended and this year was no exception. With twenty-six members and twenty-three Model A's we had a wonderful day. No rain! Ben Cochran did a super job organizing this event for the folks at the Ice House. Ben had a number of Model A games for the group to participate along with the annual "balancing act" on the balancing beam. Fred Brunneholz came the closest to balancing his 1928 Roadster Pickup. Other game winners were: Mike Barwell with the loudest Ah-oo-gah horn; Vin Greco

with the oil level closest to full without the engine running; and Paul and Julia Haynes, with their son Charlie, who traveled to the event from Worcester Vermont, were awarded the prize for traveling the most miles to attend.

August was upon us and we started the month with an Ice Cream Social at Richardson's in Boscawen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August. This event brought in twenty members and ten Model A's. There is always a large group at this Social which we figured must be the home made ice cream but I believe the location has a lot to do with the large turn out. Located on a country road in Farm Country in Boscawen, it is a lovely spot to spend a summer evening.

On August 19<sup>th</sup> the club made the trip over to Milton, NH to the Truck & Tractor Show at the Farm Museum. This tour was organized by Steve & Tricia Rosen. The group toured the historic Farmhouse & Tavern built in 1810 as well as the barn with antique machinery and tools on display. Also on display in the barn was the longest sled in the world, named "Uncle Sam", which was the perfect spot for a photo shoot of all the members. We also posed for a photo shoot outside with our Model A Fords. Frank Kennedy from the Maine Pine Tree Model A Ford Club was in attendance that day with his daughter Meg. They are both avid photographers and were gracious enough to take these photos of our group.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August the Ice Cream Social took place in downtown Contoocook, NH at Riverside Pizza. A beautiful summer evening, we had fourteen members and seven Model A Fords. A picture of our group was published in the Restorer under Chapter News.

Farm Days at Musterfield Farm in Sutton, NH took place on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Our group numbered thirteen members and seven Model A Fords. We had a super day touring the Vintage Farm with all the Agricultural Exhibits and enjoyed our picnic lunch while relaxing in the shade.

The Annual Bean Hole Event took place on September 10<sup>th</sup>. However, the event was interrupted by rain showers off and on. The attendance from our club, as well as other car clubs, was down significantly due to the weather. We did manage to have seven members and three Model A's show up. The beans? Oh yes! They were cooked and ready at noon!

Rain canceled the Ice Cream social for the 13<sup>th</sup> which was at Devriendt Farm in Goffstown. However, four members did attend (in their modern cars).

Another Music Jam Session at Bob Bergevin's home in Candia took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> which was a rather cool September evening. Six members and one Model A Ford attended and the music was excellent. Everyone was well prepared for the cool weather and we had a great time.

On September 24<sup>th</sup> the club attended the Annual BBQ and Hubley Race at the Idletime Farm in Hopkinton, NH. This event is hosted each year by the Smith and Westover Family. The BBQ Chicken is always excellent and the members bring side dishes to share. Model A games followed the feast with the "Slow Race" which is always entertaining. This year the race was a photo finish and the winner was Dick Sperry in his 1930 Tudor. Feed the Animals was next on the list of games. The winner of that event was the Brothers Westover, Jackson behind the wheel of their 1928 Tudor and Smith feeding the animals. Believe me, it is not as easy as it looks. I tired and failed miserably. Congrats to Jackson & Smith. Next on the agenda was the Annual Hubley Race. For the past few years it was Nana's Coupe that took the checkered flag in this event. However, this year Nana met her match. John Hanson's Rumble Seat Coupe took the winning trophy. I believe the trophy was a pumpkin gourd or something like that. Hey, it is not the prize, it is the prestige of the win!

The last Ice Cream Social of the season took place at the Beech Hill Farm in Hopkinton on October 4<sup>th</sup>. This was well attended with sixteen members and seven Model A's.

The Fall Foliage Tour this year was hosted by Joyce and Dick Sperry. Thirteen members and seven Model A's attended this event. The group gathered in Goffstown NH as the Annual Pumpkin Festival was in full swing. The group gathered to witness the "Great Pumpkin Drop" which is an annual tradition at the Festival. After the pumpkin drop, the Model A's climbed to the summit of Mount Uncanoonuc. The scenic

view from the top of the Mountain is spectacular and on this clear day in October, the group was able to see the buildings in Boston to the South and in another direction they could see York Maine. The Sperry's arranged for the group to enjoy a picnic lunch on the observation deck belonging to their friends. Everyone took in fantastic view while their hosts gave a brief history of the area.

Yes, it was a full schedule this year and yes, we had a wonderful season. We want to thank all those who help to make this year's events special. Carl Sneirson who made the Spring Dust Off a great beginning to the season; Ben Cochran and Edie Currier for the Memorial Day picnic, the outing at the Ice House Museum, the trip to Musterfield Farm and for scheduling all the Ice Cream Socials for the year; Bob Bergevin for inviting us to the wonderful Jam Sessions; Steve and Tricia Rosen for the trip to the Farm Museum; Dick & Joyce Sperry for the Fall Foliage Tour; the Westover Family for co-hosting the Annual BBQ at their lovely home; and finally, thank you to Dick and Susan Smith for hosting the July 4<sup>th</sup> Cookout and the Annual BBQ and Hubley Race.

The last event of the year was the Annual Meeting and Holiday Party on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Read all about it below. Lastly, please remember that this is YOUR club and because of all of us working together, it has lasted for 60 years. It is a fact that it is our Model A's that brought us together but it takes a team of "doers" to keep it going. Let's keep up the good work and please, your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

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## **ANNUAL CLUB MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY**

*By: Janice VandeBogart*

Our Annual Club Meeting and Holiday Party took place on December 2, 2023 at the Old Town Hall in Bow. Twenty-five club members gathered at noon on that day with various homemade goodies to share. We always have a wonderful variety of food supplied by those attending and this year was no exception. New this year, Club President Dick Smith, came up with a different twist for gift giving. Instead of the Yankee Swap, members were asked to bring an unwrapped new toy suitable for ages 10-15, boy or girl, to be donated to the annual "Spirit of Giving Drive" that is held every Holiday Season. The toys were collected later in the day by Paul Loyd from the Concord VFW.

Before the luncheon began, the group was welcomed by the Club President, Dick Smith. Dick introduced his guest, Asa Stoykovich, a Senior in High School, who just acquired a Ford AA truck.

Vice President Brad Hutton led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the opening ceremony and contest to determine which table would be first in the food line, we all managed to fill our plates and satisfy our appetites. Then it was on to the business portion of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Club President. Carol Bailey, Treasurer, presented the report of the Club's Treasury as of this date. (See page #7 for the treasurer's report).

Next came the activities report from Event Coordinator, Janice VandeBogart. A slide show of all the events was presented by Ben Cochran while Janice reviewed all the year's activities.

VP, Brad Hutton, thanked all the club officers and all who helped to make the Model A season a success. He thanked club president Dick Smith for all he has done for the club this past year. He also gave a special thank you to club editor, Janice VandeBogart, for the excellent newsletter and for the 2024 Club Calendar.

**Election:** VP Brad Hutton presented the list of nominations for the various club offices. For the term of two years for each post, the election results was as follows: President: Dick Smith; Vice President: Brad Hutton; Treasurer: Carol Bailey; Secretary: Vincent "Vin" Greco; Editor: Janice VandeBogart. The vote, by show of hands, was in the affirmative by all those attending, none opposed.

Dick Smith announced that he would be the 'go-to' person for anyone wishing to plan a Model A tour next season. He would expect one member for each tour to be in charge of leading and organizing the tour. He also spoke about the Model A Foundation Museum Expansion and advised the members to check it out on

the MAFCA website. The Coffee Chat award for the highest score on the Model A Quiz went to Larry Denoncourt this year. It was a close race between Larry and VP Brad Hutton. The trophy given was made from a Model A Ford headlight switch and would be awarded at another time, as Larry was not present.

There being no further business, the Business meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Following the Business meeting, 50/50 drawing took place. First prize was one half of the proceeds and then the remaining half was split and awarded to two other lucky winners. The total proceeds collected was \$80. Following the drawing, all three winners of the raffle donated their winnings back to the club. Thank you to Tricia Rosen, Vin Greco and Carol Bailey. Other raffles followed with folks choosing items on the raffle table. The Model A quiz games began with no definite winner but lots of laughs and fun.

Thank you to Dick Smith for chairing the meeting; to Brad Hutton for his assistance; to Nancy Clark for creating and supplying the table centrepieces; to Ben Cochran and Edie Currier for the slide show presentation; and thank you to all who attended and made the day enjoyable.

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**White Mountain Chapter, MAFCA  
Treasurer's Report**

End of Year Balance for December 2022 \$2,912.98

**Expenses:** Year Ending December 2, 2023

Newsletter printing & mailing; 2024 Calendar purchase;  
BBQ expense; hats; Insurance; charge for new checks. (\$2,018.00)

**Income:** Year Ending December 2, 2023

Dues received; sale of 2023 Calendars;  
Fund Raiser 2024 Calendars; ads in Newsletter;  
Miscellaneous donations. \$3,465.96

**Balance as of December 2, 2023: \$4,360.94**

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Respectfully Submitted by: Carol Bailey, Treasurer

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**Model A Fords-top of first page: Rt: 1929 Business Coupe (Dick Smith); Lt: 1930 Fordor (Mike Barwell.)**





**Holiday Party  
December 2, 2023**

