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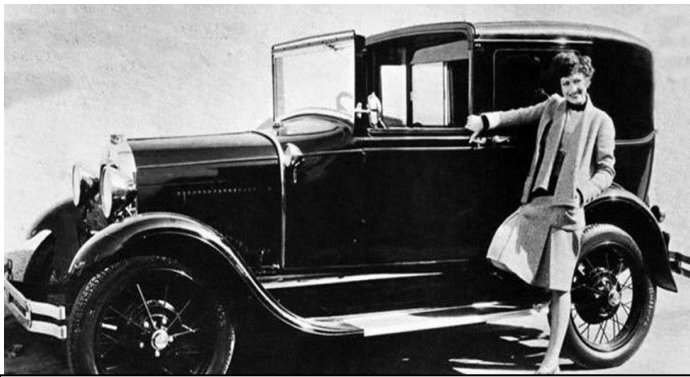
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Once in a Lifetime Exhibit at 2018 Model A Day

by Stan Johnson

It will probably never happen again! Three Model A Ford Town Cars and two Model A Town Car Deliveries, all in one location at the same time. The two Town Car Deliveries are newly restored and have never been displayed publicly. This five car display has likewise never before been assembled for public display, and it may well never happen again.



Hollywood Star Joan Crawford poses with her Model A Town Car

Model A Ford lovers will be able to see the cars on display in the Model A Museum over the Model A Day weekend of September 15-16, 2018. The collection includes the following models:

- 1928 Town Car which is the only one known to exist (prototype)
- 1929 Town Car which is one of 25, or thereabouts known to exist
- 1930 Town Car which is one of two known to exist
- 1930 Town Car Delivery which is the only one known to exist
- 1931 Town Car Delivery which is one of six known to exist

These cars are all owned by Tim Kelly who has been collecting rare and unusual Model A Fords since 1972.

Early on Tim developed a fascination for Town Cars and set a goal of someday acquiring one. Little did he realize that it would become an obsession that resulted in him owning this unique set of five different Town Cars and Town Car Deliveries that are going to be on display during the Model A Day weekend at the Gilmore.

For personal reasons Tim has been thinning his collection of Model A Fords. He has not yet decided when or if he will breakup his collection of Town Cars and Town Car Deliveries. It is, however, for this reason that we are suggesting that this may well be a once in lifetime opportunity to see these cars all in one place at the same time.

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President's Message

By John W. Begg

Hello Fellow Model A'ers,

Touring season is now upon us and we are just a few months away from Model A Day (September 15th) at The Gilmore. This year we have a number of new displays, including two A-400's and a Drop Floor Panel Delivery in the Museum courtesy of a large donation from the Edstrom family.

We also have planned a special showing of five Town Cars and Town Car Delivery vehicles thanks to Tim Kelly. In addition, Don Biven's very rare #616 Model A will be on display.

We plan, as one of the seminars, to have a presentation on the Edstrom collection, Tim Kelly's Town Cars and Don Bevin's Model A. We are in the process of up fitting a 1930 AA Stake Bed Truck to allow for visitor rides. This unique and free opportunity to ride in the back of a AA will be available for Model A Day. And don't forget the swap meet!

As you can see, there is a lot in store for you during Model A Day this year. There is also another display of Model A's you should consider seeing when you travel to The Gilmore.

Last Fall we put a new display of Model A's in The NATMUS Museum in Auburn, Indiana. NATMUS is located in the original Cord L-29 assembly building which is directly behind The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum (ACD). NATMUS and The ACD Museum offer a great opportunity to see outstanding collections of automobiles and trucks and are located only about 100 miles away from The Gilmore Museum and our Model A Museum.

In closing, I'd like to point out that our new

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website design, courtesy of Greg Shepherd, has included PayPal which allows for membership payments and brick and memorial donations. We've had a lot of activity of our members using this new PayPal feature since it was implemented. We will continue to evaluate and promote ideas that add to your enjoyment and experience with MAFFI.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Space will be cleared in the Museum for the cars to be shown together, so they can be seen and photographed individually and as a group. The plan as it stands today is that these cars will be on display at the MAFFI Museum only during the Model A Ford day weekend.

Also on display will be Model A number 1 (Edison's car), a Model A Taxi, a Model A Postal Vehicle, a Model A Fire Engine, two Model A Convertible Sedans (A-400), a rare 1931 wide-bed Roadster Pickup, and a right hand drive De Luxe Phaeton, and more.

Executive Director's Report- June

by John D. Marshall

If you are a yearly member of MAFFI, your membership expires in May. On April 17th, I sent out membership renewal notices to those members whose memberships were due to expire. If you have not yet renewed, please do so soon. It will help to save the time and expense of sending reminders.

At the beginning of the year MAFFI received an extraordinary gift from the late Bill Edstrom. He left us his collection of 7 unique Model A's and his entire parts collection. We have recently placed 4 of the new vehicles on display in the Museum. These are very rare and unique vehicles and we look forward to sharing them with you.

The current total of the Museum Walkway Bricks stands at 1534. Walkway Bricks are a great way to honor a current or past club member, relative or friend. They are a permanent memorial and their purchase helps to fund the Museum. Bricks purchased before June 1st will be in place at the Museum in time for Model A Day in September.

Start planning your visit with us at *YOUR* Model A Museum on the weekend of September 15th for "Model A Day" weekend. We've got a lot of new things for you to see. You won't be disappointed. I look forward to meeting you all there.

MAFFI Membership Application

The Model A Ford is a symbol of Americana. MAFFI is dedicated to the preservation of the Model A and associated historical information. By joining MAFFI, you will help meet that goal while receiving an informative quarterly publication and other benefits. Your membership donation is tax deductible under Internal Revenue Service rule 501 (c)3 and will help with MAFFI's many projects and worthwhile goals.

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Model A Museum Receives Edstrom Car Collection

by Jim Thomas



Bill and Sylvia Edstrom and Their Award-Winning A-400

MAFFI is pleased to announce a major vehicle addition to the Model A Ford Museum. Seven Model A vehicles from the collection of William (Bill) Edward Edstrom and Sylvia Sue Edstrom have recently been donated to the Model A Ford Foundation. This brings the total to 10 Model As donated to the Foundation by the Edstroms.

Bill and Sylvia Edstrom, from Presque Isle, Wisconsin, were energetic supporters of the Model A Ford Foundation and were among those instrumental in the creation of the Model A Ford Museum. They initially donated \$50,000 to the original construction fund, which was a critical part of the final efforts to begin construction of the Museum.

Sylvia passed away on January 7, 2014. After Bill's passing on November 4, 2017, a reading of his will directed the donation of the remainder of his Model A collection -- seven additional vehicles and a large quantity of Model A parts and tools.

Bill was born in Galena, Kansas in 1930 and married Sylvia on March 26, 1954. Bill served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He earned a Mechanical Engineering degree from the Milwaukee School of Engineering and a MBA from the University of Wisconsin. A studious, lifelong learner and avid reader, he was a private pilot, skydiver, certified scuba diver and mountain climber. He held numerous patents and, along with Sylvia, was the 1969 founder of Edstrom Industries, Inc., a Waterford, Wisconsin company providing automated controls for animal habitats.

Sylvia grew up in Joplin, Missouri and attended Joplin Community College. At the age of 58 she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Alverno College in Milwaukee. She not only was a mother to four children and a talented artist, she played the drums, piano and clarinet. She became a pilot and scuba diver and traveled the world extensively -- including all of the USA, Europe, Japan, Easter Island, Egypt and South America. She climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, rafted down the Amazon and up the Nile, and also spent time at her favorite winter getaway, St. Croix in the Virgin Islands.

The initial three Edstrom vehicle donations were:

- A 1931 Model A Closed-Cab Pick-up
- An unrestored original 1930 Model A Fordor Sedan
- A 1929 Model A Taxicab

The most recent vehicle donation group included:

- Three (3) 1931 Model A A-400 Convertible Sedan
- A 1930 Model A Deluxe Phaeton
- A 1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster
- A 1930 Drop-floor Panel Delivery
- A 1931 Roadster Pick-up

Accompanying the last group of vehicles was a large truck load of miscellaneous Model A parts and tools. This collection includes rare and beautiful award-winning Model As and we are thankful to the Edstroms for their generosity and support of MAFFI and the Model A Ford Museum.

MAFFI is now in the process of inventorying the collection and parts. To date, four of the cars in the new donation group have been placed in the Museum. A large poster showing Bill and Sylvia in front of one of their A-400s has also been erected in recognition of their generous gifts the Museum. Be sure to see these beautiful new vehicles on your next visit to the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

The death of Olle Bergstrom

by *Bob Moore*

Olle Bergstrom died on April 7, 2018 at age 69. He was a good friend. I first met Olle in June, 2006 in Copenhagen, Denmark at the club house of the Dansk Ford A Klub. Our group of 25 Model A's from the Model A Touring club had been invited to participate in a Grensetreff, a biennial and rotating border meet between the Model A Clubs of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Our breakfast with the Dansk Ford A Klub was our welcome to Scandinavia. Olle stood out among the Scandinavian Model A'ers and proposed many a toast to us during the breakfast. To make certain we got off to a good start, he and the members of the Dansk Ford A Klub joined us at the warehouse as we picked up our cars.

Twelve days later, upon arriving in Lillehammer, the site of the Grensetreff, Olle and his wife Gro greeted us and introduced our group to his many, many friends. At the final banquet, he introduced me so that I thank the Norwegian Club for inviting us. When we arrived in Stockholm, Olle had arranged for a special steam powered train ride complete with schnapps and at a dinner another night, he presented each couple one of the A180 tapestries that he had commissioned. He made certain that the Touring Club's visit was memorable.

In June, 2010, Olle invited my wife and I to the Grensetreff in Bastad, Sweden. We stayed with Olle and Gro at their nearby home. He was Chairman for the event with 150 Model A's. He and his wife were magnificent hosts.

In the years between the Grensetreff, he organized the Graenseting at his home in Lustgarden, Sweden. The official purpose of the Graensetings was to evaluate the previous year's Grensetreff, and make suggestions for improvements for next year's work, but the real purpose was to gather people with an interest in Model A Fords having a nice time together.

In 2014, I purchased a Model A for Olle so that he and his friend Chris could tour California for two weeks. He named that car "Bob" and took it home to Sweden. Just last year, Olle, Gro, his friend Chris and wife Toril joined us at the Central California Regional Group Jamboree in Porterville, CA. Olle was full of the Model A hobby.

Olle made unique contacts with Model A folks in most of the world, and he was a great ambassador and advocate for the Model A Ford hobby. He was one of the founders and first leader of the Svenska A Fordarna in the early 70's and later when Olle moved to southern Sweden, he was the leader of that Model A Club as well. Olle shared his knowledge of the Model A with whoever needed help.

Olle was a long-time supporter of MAFFI and when he learned about the opening of the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, he made certain he was there. He presented the MAFFI's Board of Directors with a bolt of the 180A tapestries to be used for fundraising. I believe that Olle was a Life Member of MAFFI.

Olle was a unique, friendly, outgoing man who must have had some Model A Ford blood in his veins. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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(from 17 January 2018 to 15 April 2018)

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Memorial Donations (Bricks)

(from 1 January 2018 to 15 April 2018)

- White Mountain Model A Club in memory of Chuck Haynes
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- Julia Waterman in memory of George B. Waterman
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- Motor Cities Region, MARC in memory of Jim Aston
- Columbus Indiana Region in memory of Founding Member Roy Whiteman

Memorial Donations (Monetary)

(from 1 January 2018 to 15 April 2018)

- Henry's Lady Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Dorothy Allen
- Henry's Lady Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Robert E. Kightlinger

- David & Jo Lynne Johnson in memory of Aldie Johnson
- Queen City Model A Club in memory of Harvey Hood
- John Freeman in memory of Dave Engel
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- Queen City Model A Club in memory of Craig Stoll
- Ron & Mary Tribbett in memory of Charlie Scott
- 3 Rivers Region, Model A Restorers Club in memory of Joseph Malek

Phase II MUSEUM ENDOWMENT THERMOMETER



Phase II Goal

When the first goal of \$500,000 was reached, those funds were invested conservatively, in the hands of a trusted investment institution.

The initial estimate of a \$500,000 endowment was based on an expected rise in interest rates to traditional levels. Interest rates are not yet at the level needed.

The Trustees decided to adopt a Phase II goal of \$1 million, to be raised over time, to completely assure that the Model A Museum lives forever, even if interest rates only stay at present levels.

\$791K Apr '18

\$750K

This Apr '18 total includes \$65K of unrealized gains in the invested funds

\$500K

\$250K

\$0

Klecha Bequest.
Butch Klecha's bequest of \$81,817 to the Museum in his will is one example of the generosity and forethought shown by Model A Ford owners around the nation.

*Keep raising the temperature,
Assure the Museum's Posterity*

2018 Model A Day September 14-15, 2018

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's Model A Day VIII festivities at the Model A Ford Museum on the campus of the Gilmore Car Museum. The MAFFI 2018 Model A Day VIII committee, headed by MAFFI Vice-President Louis Ironside, is busy planning this year's festivities.

These attractions will include new Model A exhibits (both inside and outside the Museum), educational seminars, the Hall of Fame inductions, the ever-expanding swap meet and, of course, the opportunity to create new and renew old Model A friendships.

Model A Days Hotel Accommodations

FOUR POINTS SHERATON:

For those checking in on Wednesday there will be a "Best Brews and BBQ" in the restaurant that is free for registered guests.

Each guest will receive 3 tickets for free wine or beer and the food is heavy finger food. There will be live entertainment. TIME RESTRICTION 5 - 6:30 P.M.

BREAKFAST: A 20% discount coupon will be in each room packet to be used for either off the menu or buffet. Coffee can be carried in from the lobby or the charge in the dining room is \$2.50. They are not offended if coffee is carried in.



LOBBY COFFEE 6 A.M. to 10 A.M.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS:



I have arranged with the GM to block 10 rooms for Thursday, 20 rooms for Friday and 20 rooms for Saturday at the rate of \$110 per night.

The Holiday Inn and the Four Points are owned by the same person/corporate structure.

The blocks are held until August 13th. The direct booking link for Model A Day is;

www.starwoodmeeting.com/book/modelaford2018

If you have any questions, give me a call.

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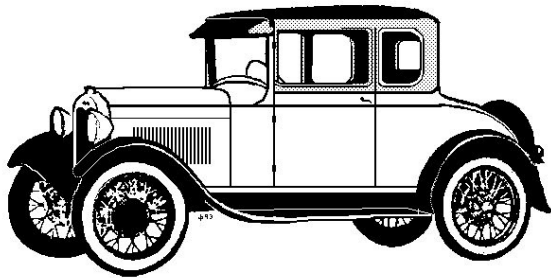
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