



The “A” Preserver

~ Enhancing the preservation of the Model A Ford and its era ~

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Part I—No smoke and no spirits. Neither beer, wine or aquavit.

Submitted by John Begg

This is the sad message that the employees at the Ford factory in Copenhagen can read on a bulletin attached to the brand-new factory New Year's Day 1924. The bulletin announces a total smoking and alcohol ban on the whole site. The decree comes directly from Ford's top management in Detroit and arouses frustrations among the approximately 600 employees in the assembly halls at the factory in Copenhagen South Harbor.

From their seats at the 94 meter assembly line, they can skate over the 14 water tanks set up at the factory while they think of the beer they used to have for their breakfast. But the trouble is on its way. The hard monotonous work at the South Harbor factory is to be flushed with a pilsner, so employees let management know that they are ready to pull the case all the way to labor law.

It is the five-year culmination of conflicts between Ford's leadership and factory workers, and two very different cultures that collide once more. Until now, the conflicts have been resolved without the help of the court, but as management takes the beer from the staff with a penile stroke, negotiations are going to a halt.

About 20 years earlier in 1903, Henry Ford, with the invention of the assembly line, has put an industrial revolution on rails in the United States, where his factories spit cars out to an unprecedented extent. It's going well and the cars are even exported to Europe. But it's expensive to ship them across the Atlantic, and Ford can therefore pay for its own assembly plants on the continent.

Denmark, as a neutral country, has been released graciously through World War I and is strategically well-appointed as the central body to feed northern Europe with Ford cars. The factory must run completely like in the United States. The management in Copenhagen should refer to the management in Detroit and is supervised by Ford's streamlined audit office, whose nickname is Apokalypsen's Riders.

In 1919 Ford moved into a small factory in Heimdalsgade in Nørrebro, Copenhagen with 148 workers and 12 officers. Most of the cars are imported from the United States, and the factory's depot is filled with wheels, axles, fuel tanks and horns. In the factory hall is Denmark's first assembly line, where 6-8 men collect the cars. The employees at the factory get good pay and have short working days of eight hours. On the other hand, Henry Ford expects them to work hard to make as many cars as possible, as fast and cheaply as possible.

The meeting with the Danish workers is not what Ford has imagined. In his country of residence, he has tied up trade unions at the factories, but in Denmark, almost all workers are members of a trade union. Since the main agreement, concluded between the social partners in 1899, it has been a duty to negotiate solutions.

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President's Message

By John W. Begg

"Mr. Ronald J. Rude 1928 Light Delivery Vehicle # A-1276

Engine # A-1276 was released for assembly on a standard car chassis at the Ford Dearborn Assembly Plant on December 3, 1927.

This vehicle is one of only 99 Commercial "A" units produced in 1927 and is the only known Light Delivery to be produced in 1927.

The body was built by the Kentucky Wagon Mfg. Company, Louisville, KY. The design was a carryover from the Model T Light Delivery and was adapted for the Model A. They referred to this body design as the "Driver Salesman Body."

The combined Ford chassis and Kentucky Body was shipped by rail to the Ford dealer in Oroville, California where it was sold locally.

The Light Delivery was last registered in 1963 but had been sitting unprotected outside for almost 60 years. The sheet metal remained in excellent shape, but the wood body was almost completely gone.

Mr. Rude purchased the vehicle in 1977 and started the restoration. The speedometer showed just a little over 25,000 miles. The engine and chassis had never been taken apart and retained most all of its original parts and unique features. Even the original muffler, splash pans, fan shroud etc. were in good shape. Mr. Rude refurbished all the original parts and paid close attention to the original details. He was an authority on early Ford vehicles.

The wood body had to be totally rebuilt. The Kentucky Manufacturing Company was able to provide details from their archive files which allowed the new body to exactly duplicate the original.

Mr. Rude finished the restoration in time to enter

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The professional pride comes as a test, as employees first enter Ford's factory in Nørrebro, acquiring acquaintance with Ford's assembly line philosophy. In addition to the assembly line, there are several modern machines that facilitate production at the factory. Instead of being hand-painted dipped screens and bonnet, for example, oil-based paint that has been added astrally.

With the new methods, unskilled workers can easily carry out large parts of the work, as they already do to a large extent at the factories in the United States. But on the factory floor at Nørrebro it creates a gap. The unskilled workers who are organized in the Workers' Union are in conflict with the Metalworkers Association and some of the other skilled associations, and eventually end up in a strike. The guiding leadership looks from the sidelines, while the different professions confess each other.

Eventually, the management feels, however, forced to intervene and command everyone back to the assembly line, unless they want a bill of lading. The solution is that the skilled workers stand at one end of the assembly line, and the unskilled workers are allowed to interfere when the car roseries and the fenders are to be fitted.

Watch for Part 2 in your September issue.

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Fine Point Judging at the 2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego where the Light Delivery was awarded a MARC of Excellence. Mr. Rude also won an Award of Excellence at the 2018 MAFCA National Meet in Sparks- Reno, NV.

To say this vehicle is special and unique would be a true understatement. Added to the rarity factor is the amazing restoration which took research and dedication to such a high level in order to achieve the end results. We hope you will enjoy and appreciate this new addition to the museum exhibits. Our thanks and gratitude go out to the Rude family for their generous donation.



Rude Light Delivery Truck 3



Rude Light Delivery Truck 5

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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Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

MAFCA/MARC Chapter _____

Family Membership Category: _____

Annual (\$25.00) _____ Three Years (\$70.00) _____ Life Member (\$350.00) _____

Club Donation: \$ _____

Executive Director's Report—June 2019

by John D. Marshall

Memberships numbers are continuing to grow, we now have 313 Club Members and 454 Lifetime Members out of a total membership of 1676. Please tell your friends about MAFFI and the Model A Museum. Let them know that you don't have to own a Model A to become a member. You just have to love Henry's Lady!

The current total of Museum Walkway Bricks stands at 1603. 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.

Model A Day IX at the Museum is shaping up to be one of the best ever! With the theme of Unique and Original A's there will plenty of rare A's to enjoy. Don't forget to bring your cameras on September 21st!

MAFFI memberships run from May to May. On April 8th, I mailed out 654 renewal reminder letters. To date 411 member haven't yet responded to that mailing. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible to save us the expense of sending out reminder letters. Any funds we can save from not having to send out the reminder letters are funds we can use to improve and add to the Museum. Don't forget you can also pay your membership dues via PayPal. Just go to the MAFFI website at WWW.MAFFI.ORG and click on the "Membership" button.

Until we meet again, May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains not fall while you're driving your Model A!



Trustees at Work for MAFFI

By Marsha Quesnel

Trustee, Marsha Quesnel and her husband, Mark recently attended the Almost Spring Swap Meet in Puyallup, Washington. This is an annual swap meet hosted by the Gallopin Gerties and the Evergreen Chapters.

They were able to set up a table for MAFFI which connected with the MAFCA table and newly appointed MAFCA Trustee, Mike Kelly. Without a raindrop in sight, the meet was a huge success.

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The MAFFI Model AA Bus Restoration Project

By Jim Thomas

The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) is launching a new restoration project – centered on a rare 1931 Model AA Ford Bus.



1931 Ford Passenger Bus

As announced at the 2018 Model A Day festivities, MAFFI has acquired an original 1931 Model AA Passenger Bus (Ford body style 330-B) in need of a full restoration. This 21-seat bus has been a generous donation to MAFFI by long-time MAFFI supporter Ken Ehrenhofer, Woodstock, Illinois.

This bus, which was built on the Ford 157” Model AA chassis, has a body fabricated by the Union City Bus Company, Union City, Indiana. The 330-B bus had luxurious padded seats and fancy wood-grained trim. Between each window a vertical mirror was mounted so a lady could fix her hair or a man straighten his tie. This bus is quite rare and is one of only three known to still exist.

If you have visited the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village you may have taken a ride in their Model AA 330-B bus at the Village. This bus is used daily at the Village to give rides to visitors during the summer season.

Using volunteered labor and donated services and materials, the goal is to have the MAFFI bus completely restored to its original condition. It will then be put into service at the Gilmore Car Museum campus where the Model A Ford Museum is located. It will not be on display in the Museum itself. Instead, it will be loaned to the Gilmore and available to transport visitors around the Gilmore’s between 90 acre car museum campus for all to enjoy.

The AA bus was found in a fairly complete, but rough, condition and is currently in its original, unrestored, partially-disassembled state. Having set for 50 years in a barn that regularly flooded, the tires, wheels and brake were seriously deteriorated. However, most of the bus parts and major components were intact. The engine has now been worked on and started and the body removed from the chassis. A group of eager volunteers, headed by Ken Ehrenhofer, has begun the restoration process. It is expected that the full restoration could take as long as several years to complete, depending on the pace of volunteer assistance and donated parts and services.

This project is being coordinated at the Model A Ford Foundation by MAFFI Trustee Ross Milne. The restoration itself is being organized and managed by Ken Ehrenhofer and his volunteer “Bus-Boys” crew. You will be hearing more about the restoration process as updates are posted on the MAFFI website – www.maffi.org -- and through the planned bus project electronic monthly newsletter.

The bus project will be a Model A community-wide undertaking and extensive help – in terms of monetary donations and time, talent and parts contributions -- will be needed for its successful completion.

For questions and more information please contact Ken Ehrenhofer (kehrenhofer@msn.com – 630.697.3906) or Ross Milne (modelafordfan@gmail.com – 905.455.6615). If you would like to contribute to these restoration efforts mail your donations, marked “Bus Project,” to:

Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.
Attention: Bus Restoration Project
P.O. Box 28

NEW MEMBERS

(from 1 February 2019—4 May 2019)

The following new members recently joined the Foundation. We welcome them to the important work of preserving the Model A and its era for future generations.

LIFETIME

Cylas & Kimberly Sefton, Munster, IN
Dan Carlson, Fort Collins, CO
David Renner, Manchester, MI
Dan Fortin, White Plains, NY
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Mitchell & Melody DuVall, Tahlequah, OK
Chris DuVall, Tulsa, OK

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Stephen Wickizer, Knoxville, TN
Bert Anderson, Dandridge, TN
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Jim Quinlan, Clearwater, FL
Ken & Molly Cooper, Manteca, CA
Todd & Cindy Sgamba, Escalon, CA
Dave Sundy, Modesto, CA

Memorial Donations (Bricks)

(from 1 January 2019-4 May 2019)

Colonial Virginia Model A Ford Club
in memory of Charles Burton
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in memory of Dick Parsell
Colonial Virginia Model A Ford Club
in memory of Barry Wise
Lehigh Valley Model A Club
in memory of Steven W. Ryan
Smoky Mountain Mode A Club
in memory of Jerry & Joyce Gilpin
Mid-Missouri Model A Restorer's Club
in memory of All Past Members
Sooner Model A Club
in memory of Robert "Bob" Bordwine
Carmaria Beeke in memory of David James Beeke

Tom & Donna Suffecool and Jim & Nancy Tepper
in memory of Lou Heine
Mississippi Model A Restorers Club
in memory of Roma Hilliard

Memorial Donations (Monetary)

(from 1 January 2019—4 May 2019)

3 River Region, MARC in memory of Paul Stark
Hoosier Hills Model A Ford Club
in memory of Susan Lawson
Auburn A's in memory of Fred Cope
Auburn A's in memory of Ron Ludford
Grand A's Region, MARC
in memory of Lawrence E. Kaiser
Auburn A's in memory of Ken Stone
Rogue Valley A's in memory of Jim Martin
Gallop in' Gertie Model A Club
in memory of Blaine Anderson
Pam & Jim Thomas in memory of Lee White
Joe & Pat Kichler in memory of Lee White
Nancy Sauer in memory of Lee White
Adam & Holly Cannon in memory of Lee White
Jane E. Burrous in memory of Lee White
Arthur & B.J. Foreman in memory of Lee White
Dave & Geri Backer in memory of Lee White
Mr. & Mrs. David Cacaro in memory of Lee White
Ohio Valley Region MARC/MAFCA
in memory of Lee White
Minuteman Model A Club in memory of Skip Hurst
Minuteman Model A Club in memory of Chris Kelton
Minuteman Model A Club in memory of Dave Smith
Minuteman Model A Club
in memory of Mary McElhiney
Minuteman Model A Club in memory of Irene Geary
Jarrod & Melissa Williams in memory of Lee White
George & Kathy Link in memory of Lee White
Wally & Carol Healy in memory of Lee White
The Model A Touring Club in memory of Heidi Werder
Ronald & Bonnie Frye in memory of Trudy Vestal
Sooner Model A Club
in memory of Marvin "Rusty" Swain
Sooner Model A Club
in memory of Robert "Bob" Bordwine
Mary Beth Glover-Wilson in memory of Joe L. Wilson
Grand A's Region, MARC
in memory of Brad Baskerville
Jim & Linda Morford in memory of Lee White
Minuteman Model A Club in memory of Dave Smith
Minuteman Model A Club in memory of Gus Waldron
Donna Lewis in memory of Trudy Vestal
Henry's Lady Chapter, MAFCA
in memory of Vito Maurantonio
Queen City Model A Club in memory of Johnny Phifer
Ronald & Mary Tribbett in memory of Trudy Vestal
Patti Jones in memory of Trudy Vestal

Gallop in' Gertie Model A Club
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 Salt Creek Chapter, MAFCA
 in memory of Llewellyn "Lou" Heine
 Columbus Indiana Region, MARC
 in memory of Robert Burns
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 in memory of Willie Duncan

Attention Members

You can now renew your MAFFI membership using Paypal on the website.

This is another way that you can save MAFFI the expense of sending renewals notices.

Your A Preserver can be emailed

Advantages are that you will get your *A Preserver* issue sooner than mailed and in color. This also allows MAFFI to save on printing and mailing costs which helps to keep expenses down. If you would like to have your issues emailed, send an email to editor@maffi.org.

**Phase II
 Museum Endowment
 Thermometer**

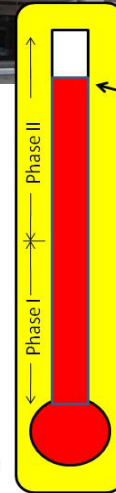


Phase II Goal

When the first goal of \$500,000 was reached, the funds were invested with a trusted investment institution

The original \$500,000 endowment goal was based on an expected rise in interest rates.

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



\$903K May '19
 \$750K This May 1 2019 total reflects the current status of all endowment funds. It includes \$104K of unrealized gains.
 \$500K **Klecha Bequest** Butch Klecha's will provided \$102,658 to the Museum. This was one example of the generosity shown by Model A Ford owners around the nation.
 \$250K
 \$0

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

Model A Day 2019 — Hotel Information

The Four Points Sheraton is now a part of the Marriott Corporate group and they are ready to accept bookings for Model A Day 2019. The Four Points Sheraton is located at 3600 E Cork St. Court, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Phone 269 385-3922.

This years' room rate is \$108 per night and does include their delicious buffet breakfast. The items on the breakfast buffet can change daily and the made to order omelets should continue on Thursday. Wednesday evening Brews and BBQ is a complimentary finger food buffet offered by the hotel management. The block expires on August 18, 2019. The MAFFI web page will contain updates on Model A Day 2019 and you can book your room from a link contained on the site. If you have questions about bookings, please let me know.

The direct link to make reservations:

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1546963751806&key=GRP>

Suzan O'Neale, oneale31@gmail.com or 540 748-0659

Model A Day 2019

by Jim Thomas

This year's Model A Day festivities will be held September 20 and 21, 2019. The Model A Day committee, headed by Jerry Morrissey, is busy planning a quite memorable event.

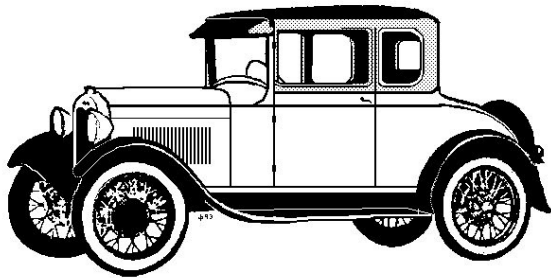
Under the theme of "Unique and Original," many very interesting and rare Model A's and Model AA's will be on-site – both in the Museum and on display under a large tent next to the Museum building. Included will be the 20 Millionth Ford – a 1931 Town Sedan with serial # 20,000,000 that Henry Ford drove of the assembly line on April 14, 1931. Also, on display will be the distinctive Buehrig Model A – a recreation of the original 1930 Gordon Buehrig Blindback Victoria/Cabriolet vehicle.

With the ever-expanding swap meet and an impressive line-up of Model A seminars, this year's event promises to be the biggest and best yet. Plan to attend and renew some old Model A acquaintances and create some new Model A friendships.

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| MAFFI Model A School Bus Program (14 minutes) | Model A Locks and Keys by Cal Allen (90 minutes) |
| Twenty Millionth, The Milestone Model A (42 minutes) | Forty Horses (30 minutes) |
| MAFFI Model A Magazine Ads Program (20 minutes) | Hammer Welding (60 minutes) |
| Seat Belts for your Model A by Stan Johnson (slideshow) | Timing the Ignition (10 minutes) |
| The NEW FORD (23 minutes) | How a Mustang Was Made (33 minutes) |
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