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President's Message

By John Begg

Speaking for all of the Trustees, thanks to all that made 2019 such a successful year. Several vehicle and financial donations were received this year which helped us develop new displays and interactive exhibits. Looking back, we have a new showroom display with a 1929 Town Car, a new exhibit for our service department, an information kiosk and a souvenir penny machine, just to name a few. We received a very early 1928 truck that is on display and plan to have a chassis converted to an interactive display early next year. All of this, and much more was done without incurring debt, which is one of our mandates as a foundation set up to preserve the vehicles and history of The Ford Model A.

This year's Model A Day resulted in the largest attendance to date for both visitors and vendors. Model A Day is our annual event and the financial success of this event is critical to meeting our financial needs. In 2019 we surpassed revenue from the previous year due to new memberships, renewals and swap meet sales. In this edition of "The "A" Preserver," Jim Thomas has written an overview of 2109 Model A Day. I hope you'll read Jim's article and make plans for attending next year's event. Work is currently underway for 2020 Model A Day.

We are quickly coming to a close for this calendar year. It is the time of year to ask for your continued support for our museum. Please consider making a donation. Your Model A Museum needs your financial assistance to enable the continued development of exhibits and programs for our hobby. Thank you for your support.

Executive Director's Report—June 2019

by John D. Marshall

Membership Renewal. To date we have 1918 members and clubs listed on our roster, an increase of 217 members since this time last year. Of those, 82 haven't renewed their memberships from 2017 and 101 haven't renewed from May 2018! If you haven't renewed yet, please do so now. The precious funds used to send out repeated renewal notices could be better used to operate *your* Museum. Also, if you have recently moved, had a change of address, a change of email address or are not sure if your membership is current, please email me at ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org. We need and appreciate your support.

Model A Day. Model A Day was a success and we were able to sign up 3 new Lifetime Member, 2 Three-Year Members and 119 new Family Members. Thanks for your support and welcome to the MAFFI community! This year's Model A Day theme was Original and Unique A's. There were several fire trucks, a tow truck and other original cars and trucks. Don Snyder III even brought his beautifully restored Model AA Hearse! I wanted a ride in the front but not in the back! It's going to be hard to beat next year, but we are already working on it. We hope you will be able to join us and share in *your* museum.

Annual Charitable Giving. You should have received the annual MAFFI donation letter in November. Please, consider making a holiday donation to the Museum or Endowment Funds. All donations are **tax deductible** and every donation goes directly to operate the Museum and ensure its existence for future generations to enjoy.

Happy Holidays to you all and I hope to see you soon at the Museum!

Your A Preserver can be emailed

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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 and using the funds in the operation of your Model A Museum.

2019 Model A Day IX

By Jim Thomas



Model A Day IX Commemorative

The ninth annual Model A Day event was held September 20-21, 2019 on the campus of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The Model A Day festivities, sponsored by the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI), are held each year on the third Saturday in September. This year's event was the largest to date – with an estimated 275 Model A's and over 800 participants in attendance. The theme for this year's Model A Day was “*Unique and Original Model A's.*”

Model A Day visitors had the opportunity to enjoy the Model A Ford Museum, all of the many other Gilmore car museums, the ever-expanding Model A swap meet and a wide variety of Model A related educational seminars. Many Model A Day visitors took advantage of MAFFI's restored Model AA Truck to transport them around the Gilmore campus.

MAFFI Trustees met all day on Thursday for their annual business meeting and regrouped at the Gilmore on Friday to prepare for the Model A Day festivities. The Model A Day activities were launched on Friday evening with two seminars – *The Model A Town Car* and *The Twenty Millionth Ford*. On Saturday, attendees had a choice of six additional seminars: *Model A Horn Restoration*, *Supplying Parts to the Model A Hobby*, *J.B. Rhodes – Inventor and Patent King*, *The Buehrig Replica Victoria/Cabriolet*, *Model A Rear End Rebuilding*, and *Fashions: Stepping Out in Style*.

The swap meet, which was set up on the grassy areas surrounding the Model A Ford Museum, was the largest to date – with over 60 vendors offering Model A parts, merchandise and memorabilia. As in 2018, this year's swap meet included large quantities of parts and literature for sale that had been donated to benefit MAFFI.

Under the 2019 Model A Day theme of “*Unique and Original Model A's,*” many original and one-of-a kind Model A's were on display. These included:

1931 Convertible Sedan	1930 Model A Fordor Sedan
Beuhrig Replica Victoria/Cabriolet	1929 Canopy Express Truck
1930 Four-Wheel Drive AA Truck	Model AA Popcorn Wagon
1929 Model A Fire Truck	1931 Funeral Service Car
1928 Model A Business Coupe	1930 Sport Coupe/Pickup
1930 Three-Window Fordor Sedan	1931 Model A Service Car
1928 Model A Doodlebug	Model A Compressor & Welder

The annual MAFFI Membership Meeting was held at mid-day on Saturday. At this meeting, John Begg, MAFFI President, thanked all the many MAFFI supporters and Model A car clubs for their contributions to the Foundation and their volunteered time and talents in making Model A Day IX a success. He issued a special “thank you” to MAFFI Museum docent, Dick Babcock, for his dedication and outstanding service to the Model A Ford Museum. John Marshall and “The Crew” were awarded the *2019 MAFFI Volunteer of the Year* award for their many contributions to the Foundation in 2019.

At the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, four new members were inducted into the Model A Ford Hall of Fame: Harold Hicks, Carl Johansson, Paul Moller and Alex Janke.

MAFFI wishes to thank all those who contributed to the success of Model A Day IX and encourages everyone to plan to attend next year's event. Model A Day X will be held September 19, 2020.

Bus Raffle News

By Ken Ehrenhofer

Win a trip for two to visit the Jay Leno collection has been going on for several months now. This has been a wonderful way to raise money for the restoration of the Model AA Passenger bus and we want to thank all who have helped make this raffle a success.

Thanks to the Model A Restorers Club for hosting this event in the state of Michigan. Special thanks goes to Tim Stegenga for talking to Jay about letting us offer this prize in a raffle. Of course, a big thank you goes to Jay Leno himself for helping us with the Bus Project.

Old car enthusiasts from all over have been buying raffle tickets to win a trip to visit the Jay Leno collection in California. The funds are a donation to the Model A Ford Foundation to raise money to help restore a Model AA Ford Bus. The raffle ended on November 16th, Saturday at 11 AM at the Model A Museum building. The winning ticket will be pulled from a rotating bin. The lucky winners will win two airline tickets to Los Angeles and a two night stay in Burbank California.



The tour of the Jay Leno Collection Raffle is the grand prize and while a visit with Jay is not included, if he is there he may do a meet and greet.

The lucky winner will view Jay's huge car collection and facility located at the airport in Burbank. The drawing will be held in the Model A Ford Museum located in the prestigious Gilmore Old Car Museum and Campus.

LAKE BREAKING NEWS

The Lucky Winner of the Jay Leno Tour is **Chris and Tyler Prondzinski** he is from **Spring Grove, IL**

Someday we will all be going for a ride on the BUS

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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The Passenger Bus Project is Moving Along

by Ken Ehrenhofer

The Model A Ford Foundation has taken on a huge project. It is a 1931 Ford AA Adult passenger bus and it is under restoration. The Coastal Carolina A's are digging into it and getting the chassis ready to roll.

Help from all ends of our hobby have come forward to help out. Walt Bratton has donated lots of parts needed to rebuild the chassis. Rich Falluca of Antique Engine rebuilders has donated a rebuilt engine. Joe Davis from Aries Muffler has provided a muffler and Gary Berg is working on an AA radiator and donating all of his labor to do it. Tommy Lee Bird of Coker tire has given us a real good deal on seven tires, Tubes and flaps for new rubber all the way around. Parts have come from all over as far away as San Diego and as close as Michigan. We have so many people to thank that it will take a long time. There is also a group down in North Carolina who have been really working on this chassis and we must say THANKS to the Coastal Carolina A's headed up by Don Temple and Grier Fleischhauer and their crew. Don is a premier restorer and is very familiar with AA restorations.

They are planning on having the chassis done by Christmas time so that shows us how hard they have been working. We delivered it to them back in May and since then they have had work days every week. The progress has been amazing especially since the chassis was in pretty bad shape. They have welded and riveted and ground on this cracked and broken frame. Recently they had it powder coated black and it is on the way to recovery. They are installing new bearings and seals in every location needed with new kingpins and steering balls in the front end. They are painting the wheels in a Tacoma Cream color and installing the 600x20 tires tubes and flaps. This chassis is going to be gorgeous and we are all proud of the Coastal Carolina A's. Thanks Guys and Gals of Coastal Carolina!!!!



So you might be asking what is going on with the Bus Body? Good question! The roof wood has been coated with a special material several times and this will help solidify the very rotten wood in and around the roof area. This is to insure when we disassemble the wood hopefully will stay together (as much as possible) in order to be used for patterns.

The roof wood is almost completely off the vehicle and ready to go to Larry Wallace for duplication.

The body will be moved to Elk Grove Village, Illinois for disassembly of the body panels and repair of these panels. Things will be moving along this winter on the body restoration. More to come in the near future on this wonderful project.

Ken Ehrenhofer



NEW MEMBERS

(from 19 August 2019— 24 October 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

Philip & Donna Renuart, Kalamazoo, MI
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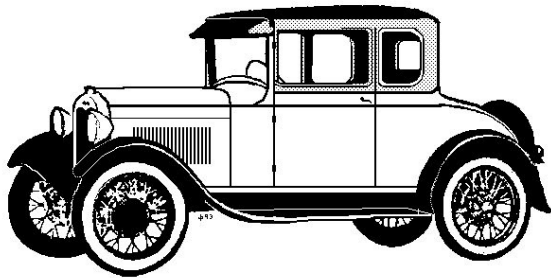
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