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President's Message

By John Begg

Model A Day at The Gilmore is planned for September 18-19. Our theme this year is "Model A First Responders". We plan to have police vehicles, fire trucks and a Model A ambulance on exhibit as part of our event. We also plan to have our swap meet and technical and fashion seminars.

The MAFFI Trustees have been working with The Gilmore staff to assure that the museums and grounds at The Gilmore are as safe as possible to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The Gilmore will assure that procedures will be in place in accordance with Federal and CDC guidelines and Michigan safety and health regulations. There will be changes required to be in compliance with health regulations.

Restrictions in gatherings of crowds will require a change in how we conduct seminars. Masks will be required of Gilmore employees and food service will be changed so that food orders are delivered to visitors after orders are taken. Our interactive displays will not be available for use this year. I'm sure other changes will be required pertaining to screening, physical distancing, PPE (personal protective equipment) and limitations in capacity. As stated by The Gilmore and fully supported by MAFFI, "Protecting the health and safety of employees and visitors is our highest calling." So, we will have to be flexible and adapt to the changes needed to support having a great event this year.

Since Model A Day attendees do not register for the event in advance, we don't have an ability to communicate with attendees through e-mail addresses. To keep everyone informed, we will communicate updates, as they occur, through our website, (www.maffi.org). The Gilmore website (gilmorecarmuseum.org) and our national club Facebook pages. Please use these communication tools to learn more about Model A Day this year at The Gilmore. Also, I encourage you to contact me or any MAFFI Trustee with your questions or concerns.

Model A Day 2020

by Jim Thomas

Every year MAFFI sponsors the Model A Day festivities at the Model A Ford Museum. This year will be the 10th annual event. MAFFI Trustees and volunteers are now busy planning this year's event – to be held September 18-19, 2020. Here is a preview of some of the Model A Day X activities.



Model AA Paddy Wagon

First Responder Theme

The theme for the Model A Day X celebration will be "Model A First Responders" – paying tribute to the Model A and Model AA vehicles first on the scene for emergencies and community services. The special vehicles on display will include a Model AA Fire Truck, a Model A Police Car, a Model AA Paddy Wagon, a Model AA Ambulance, and a Model AA Service Car/Wrecker.

Please contact event

chairman Jerry Morrissey (jertrudy@sbcglobal.net or 269.372.7936) for information about adding a first responder vehicle to this display or if you would like to assist as a volunteer at Model A Day.

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Model AA Fire Truck

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Model A Swap Meet

Each year the Model A Day Swap Meet grows larger and we expect this year's swap meet will be the largest yet. Contact Mark Maron (A7191mark@gmail.com or 847.302.7900) for information and to reserve your swap meet spaces. MAFFI will also maintain swap meet spaces, selling donated parts to help maintain the Museum and benefit MAFFI. If you, or your local Model A club, would like to donate parts to MAFFI for the swap meet please contact Greg Fish (fish_49202@yahoo.com or 517.712.7603) for more information.

Model A Seminars

The Model A Day educational seminars will include these topics: restoring the Model AA Bus, the history of Model A first response vehicles, era fashions, the Model A clutch and its problems, Model A upholstery and rebuilding the Model A front end/brakes.

Model A Hall of Fame

Induction ceremonies for the 2020 Model A Ford Hall of Fame nominees will take place at the annual MAFFI membership meeting on Model A Day. Here, four new individuals will join the current group of 22 Model A Ford Hall of Fame members.

Model A Day Host Hotel

The Four Points Sheraton Hotel at 3600 Cork Street in Kalamazoo, Michigan will be the host hotel for Model A Day X. Make your reservations mentioning "MAFFI" to receive the special event room rate. You can also book your room directly using the link provided on the MAFFI website, www.maffi.org.

Event Updates

See John Begg's President's Letter in this *A Preserver* issue for information about how the COVID-19 situation will affect this year's Model A Day event. Because of the unknowns and restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, scheduling and format changes for Model A Day may be necessary. Be sure to check the MAFFI website, www.maffi.org, or the other sources listed in his letter for event updates.

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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Executive Director’s Report—June 2020

by John D. Marshall

If you are a yearly member of MAFFI, your membership expires in May of each year. On April 8th, I sent out more than 650 membership renewal notices to those members whose memberships were due to expire. Approximately 100 of those expired in 2019 and that expiration date was listed on the mailing label. If you have not yet renewed, please do so soon. Your dues and donations are the only funds that make our wonderful and unique museum possible. Renewing now helps to save the time and expense of sending out reminders. Every penny counts.

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 for Model A Day at the Museum in September.

Times are uncertain now, but at this point we are hoping things will return to some type of normalcy soon. Planning is still underway for our 10th Annual Model A Day celebration on the 18th & 19th of September. With the theme of “Model A First Responders” we are planning on featuring a unique display of rarely seen Model A’s that you really won’t want to miss!

I look forward to seeing you all at this event, In the meantime stay safe and remember, we are all in this together!

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.

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.

Support the MODEL “A” MUSEUM with a lifelong tribute

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Looking Forward to Model A Day

Celebrate the Heritage of the Ford Model A

Model A Day is always the third Saturday in September.

This year's Model A Day festivities will be held Saturday, September 19 at the Model A Ford Museum on the Gilmore Car Museum campus in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The theme is "First Responders." We plan to have police vehicles, fire trucks and a Model A ambulance.



The host hotel for Model A Day is the *Four Points Sheraton* at:
3600 E. Cork Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Phone (269) 385-3922

Model A Day hours: 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

The room rate is \$111.00 per night and the reserved room block will expire on August 16, 2020.

PLEASE NOTE: Rooms are available for check-in after 3:00 P.m.. and checkout time is 12:00 noon. We apologize we cannot accommodate early arrivals on weekends.

Cancellations must be received at least 48 hours prior to arrival date to avoid charges. Rates are subject to 5% county lodging tax and 6% state sales tax. Rates include breakfast buffet for up to two people per room per day.

Model A Day Admission

\$10 per car (includes driver + 1 guest). Guests above and beyond will be charged museum admission. MAFFI members get in free.

The Gilmore Car Museum is the proud home of the Model A Ford Museum, the world's largest museum dedicated solely to the Model A!

On Saturday, September 19th, hop in your Model A and head out to the Gilmore Car Museum for the 10th annual Ford Model A Day and celebrate the heritage of a trusty American car with friends and family.

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NEW MEMBERS

(from 13 February 2020— 28 April 2020)

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

Richard & Charlotte Johnson, Las Cruces. NM
Trevor Kelley, Newcastle, OK
Dean Weller, DeSoto, KS
David Weiss, Fergus Falls, MN
Gary W. Ford, Painted Post, NY

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Robert Brundage, Jackson, MI

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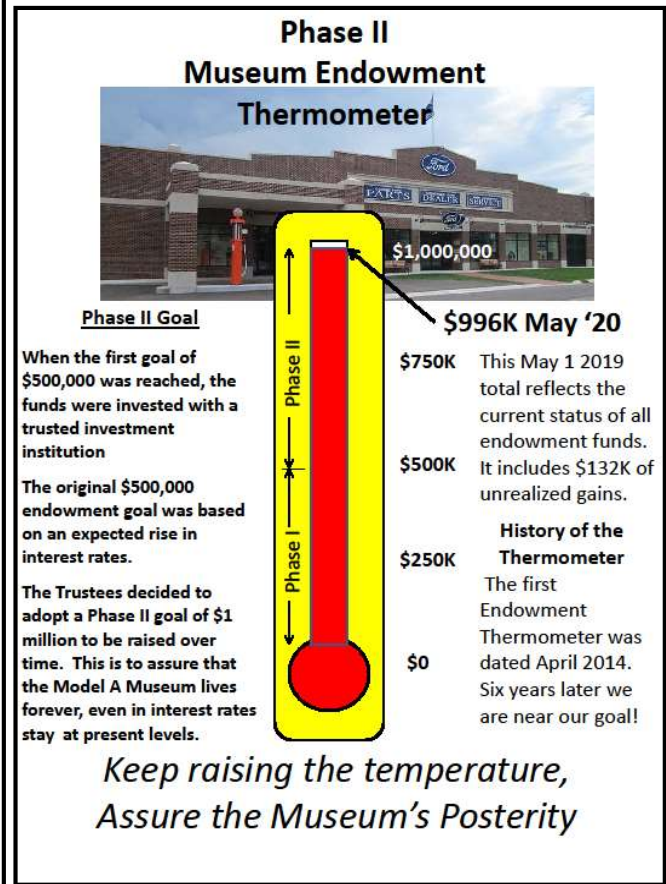
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in memory of Burta Herger
The Bakersfield Chapter, MAFCA
in memory of Blake Daniel Foulk



The MAFFI Model AA Bus Project Continues to ROLL

by Ken Ehrenhofer

About one year ago we delivered the dilapidated old 157" Bus Chassis and we were counting on the "Coastal Carolina Bus Boys" to restore this chassis to a like-new condition. They have done an outstanding job and it is up and running and ready to come back to Illinois for completion.



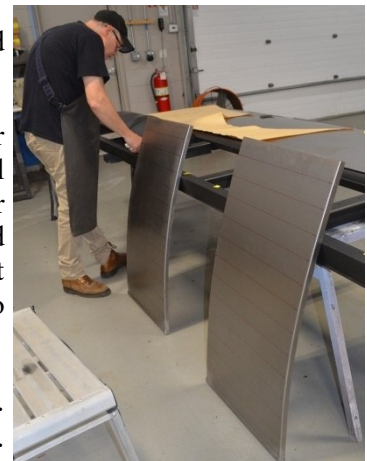
Don Temple and Grier Fleischhauer and the Coastal Carolina A's have done themselves PROUD! They have turned this chassis into a first class restored vehicle for use under our bus. We owe this group a huge debt of gratitude because they have done an exceptional job.

They did this in one year and restored the complete chassis for around \$4000. We could not have asked for more from this fantastic group. Thanks to Don and Grier and their "Bus Boys".



The Covid-19 has slowed down some of the progress but it has not stopped us as the body has been completely disassembled. It has been sandblasted and primed and delivered to the metal shop for total repair.

The wood floor had a steel u-channel sub-frame under it and a wood plank floor nailed on top. Of course the condition was quite poor and the floor assembly will soon be delivered to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to Jerry Braasch and Russ Moss at their woodshop for a complete rebuild. The steel frame has been sandblasted, primed and painted. It needed to be straightened so a hydraulic jack was used to move it back into its original shape. It looks real good and will soon be on its way to Wisconsin.



The progress continues and it is a wonderful project to be working on. Model A folks are always asking how can they help get the bus done.



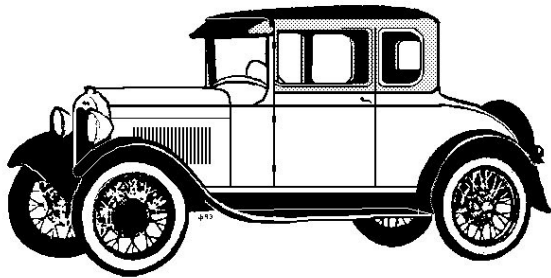
They have been wonderful and I am so proud of the Model A family who has stepped up and helped in so many ways.

We are all looking forward to going for a ride on the Bus and thanks to Don and Grier and the Coastal Carolina A's we are a giant step closer to that goal. Next we will introduce you to "Sam the Metal Man". Ken Kalck, Waynes Stanek and a few more "Bus Boys" who are getting into the Bus Project! Keep watching as we Roll!

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| The Model A Story—1928 (33 minutes) | Highway Hangouts & Diners (90 minutes) |
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| Twenty Millionth, The Milestone Model A (42 minutes) | Forty Horses (30 minutes) |
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| Howard Henderson's Model A Powered Pietenpol Air Camper (10 minutes) | |
| Buckeye Bank Robbery by Dayton-Buckeye Model A Club (45 minutes) | |
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| Replacing Your Model A Ford 1930 Pickup Hood (40 minutes) NEW | |
| Rebuilding the Model A Ford Generator (62 minutes) NEW | |

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See MAFFI.org for the complete list of 43 DVD's for use by MAFFI members.