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## First Responder Display

*by Jim Thomas, Trustee*

The “*First Responder Model A’s*” is the theme for the latest display at the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. This display, now being finalized, will pay tribute to the Model A and Model AA vehicles first on the scene for emergencies and community services.



*Paddy Wagon/Police car  
Fire Truck Car*



*Policeman and  
Alarm box*

This exhibit will include a 1931 Model AA Police Patrol Vehicle (Paddy Wagon), a 1931 Model A (Phaeton) Police Car, a 1930 Service Car/Wrecker, a 1931 Model AA Ambulance and a 1929 Model AA Fire Truck. The striking Paddy Wagon and Police Car display will be accented with a policeman mannequin dressed in an authentic, Model A era-correct, police uniform and a police patrol station alarm call box.

The “First Responders” was to be the theme for the tenth annual 2020 Model A Day festivities to be held at the Museum. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic caused the cancellation of this event. However, this theme will be carried over to the 2021 Model A Day activities to be held in September 2021.

Be sure to make plans to visit the Model A Ford Museum on the campus of the Gilmore Car Museum to see this and several other new displays being created. In the meantime, the MAFFI website – [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) – will provide you with a virtual tour of the Museum and its many Model A era exhibits and displays.

## Executive Director’s Report—September 2020

*by John D. Marshall*

In April, I sent out renewal notices to members whose memberships were about to expire in May. To date, 81 members whose memberships expired in May 2017, 95 members whose memberships expired in 2018 and 103 whose memberships expired in May of 2019 have still not responded. Please check the date on your MAFFI Membership card. If you haven’t renewed yet, please do so now. If you aren’t sure of your expiration date, email me or give me a call and I’ll be happy to get you updated. The precious funds used to send out repeated renewal notices could be better used to operate *your* museum.

We would like to welcome a new member club, The HWW Chapter, Tottenham, Ontario, Canada to our Model A Ford Foundation family! I hope your members will be able to join us at Model A Day at the Museum in September 2021.

Speaking of Model A Day, it was a very difficult decision to cancel our Model A Day celebration at the Museum on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The ultimate deciding factor was the safety of our members and visitors. We are continuing this year’s theme, “Model A First Responders” through next year’s event. We have the exhibit in place in the Museum and look forward to seeing more First Responder vehicles attending Model A Day next September. The funds we receive for Model A Day help pay the yearly Museum operating costs and without the event, those funds are lost. Any donation you can make to help us recoup this loss would be greatly appreciated.

Please, be safe out there, we miss seeing you at the Museum but rest assured, our decision regarding Model A Day was made with the health and safety of our valued members and friends taking top priority. Remember, we will all get through this together!

## **President's Message September 2020**

**By John Begg**

The cancellation of this year's Model A Day at The Gilmore leaves a big void for so many of us in the Model A hobby. To help fill this void, we will be conducting a live virtual tour of the Museum and our annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony. We will conduct the HOF ceremony at 10:00 AM (EST) on Saturday, September 19th in front of the Model A Museum, followed by the tour of the Museum. Joining the tour will be Joe Fox, President of MARC and Bill Truesdale, President of MAFCA. The videos will be on our website [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) as well. I think you will enjoy seeing our newest exhibits which include Model A first responder vehicles and make plans to see these exhibits in person at next year's event.

Model A Day at The Gilmore is our once a year fundraiser. We really need the Model A community to help with additional donations to make up for the shortfall in revenue as a result of not having this fundraiser. Very shortly you will be receiving a request to help the museum in this fundraising

## **Does Your Model A Club Have a MAFFI Liaison?**

**By Marsha Quesnel, Trustee**

We are making an effort to reach out to each club that belongs to MAFFI to make sure you know what is going on within the organization. We are encouraging each club to appoint a MAFFI Liaison so we can get this information to you. If your club currently has a designated Liaison for MAFFI, we are excited to be working with them. If not, please consider appointing one at your next club meeting. You can send their name, club affiliation and email address to:

**Marsha Quesnel, [clubcontact@maffi.org](mailto:clubcontact@maffi.org)**

If you are wondering what a MAFFI Liaison would do, I have provided a brief description for you: As we see it, your job is to make sure that you have a spot on your club's meeting's agenda to promote MAFFI whenever you meet. The support of local Model A clubs and Model A owners is very important to us. We try to send a short article about MAFFI to club newsletter editors each month and many times that same article is sent to the Liaison. Please check with your newsletter editor (if you have one) to make sure they are receiving this article, *The MAFFI Minute*, each month. If not, please provide me with your newsletter editor's name and email address as you are the direct link from your club to me.

We currently have 185 Club Liaisons that we connect with monthly and 230 Newsletter Editors. Make sure you aren't missing out! If you have any questions, feel free to email me.

Thank you, *Marsha Quesnel Trustee*

### *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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Annual (\$25.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Three Years ( \$70.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member (\$350.00) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Does Your Model A Club Newsletter Receive the “MAFFI Newsletter Minute”?**

Each month MAFFI sends out a short article about what’s happening at MAFFI (Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.) or at the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corner’s, Michigan. If you would like to receive this monthly article, please let us know.

Send your editor’s name, email address, club name and newsletter name to:

[clubcontact@maffi.org](mailto:clubcontact@maffi.org)

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Thank you,  
Marsha Quesnel, Trustee  
MAFFI Club Contact

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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.**

**I'm not trying to be new school and I'm not old school - I'm classic.**

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## **2020 Model A Ford Hall of Fame Inductions**

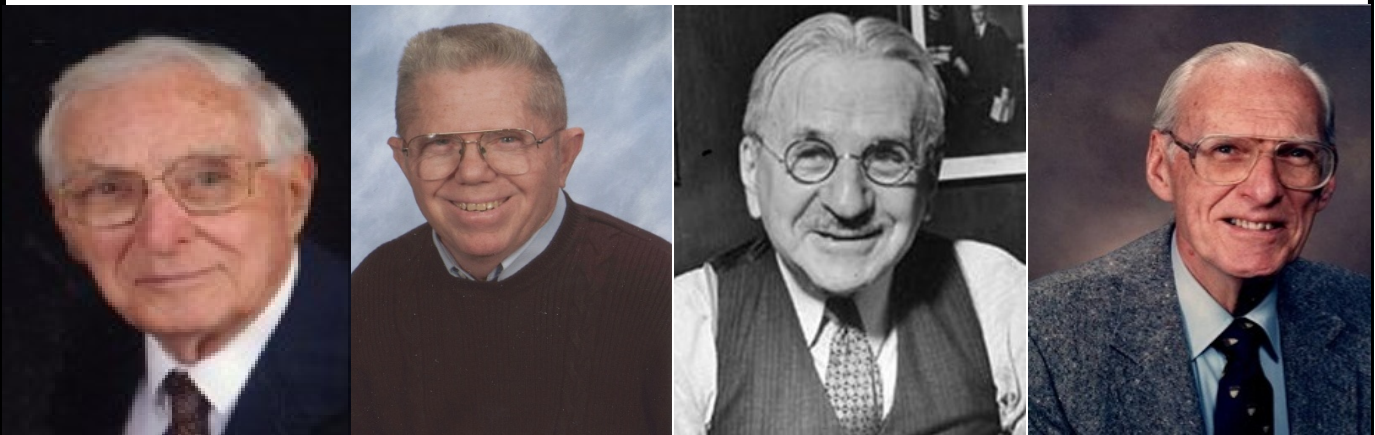
*by Jim Thomas, Trustee*

The Model A Ford Hall of Fame was organized in 2014 to recognize those individuals who have developed, produced, and preserved Model A Ford vehicles. It also serves to pay tribute to the many individuals who have been involved in supporting activities, authored and published articles and books, and organized and led national hobby organizations devoted to the Model A Ford. The Hall of Fame is a component of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI).

The first two Hall of Fame inductees were Henry and Edsel Ford. In each subsequent year, four additional individuals have been inducted – two from the “production/preservation” category and two from the “hobby” category. With this year’s four inductees, there are now a total of 26 Model A Ford Hall of Fame members.

To be nominated, a Model A Ford Hall of Fame candidate must have strong connections to some aspect of the Model A Ford – including activities related to the design, development, restoration, preservation and publications activities and/or significant contributions to hobby organizations dedicated to the Model A Ford. Hall of Fame members are honored with metal photograph plaques on display on a dedicated wall inside the Model A Ford Museum. Their background sketches are maintained in a notebook next to the plaque display.

### **The Four 2020 Model A Ford Hall of Fame Inductees**



**Robert E. Anderson   Leslie (Les) Andrews   Albert Kahn   Aldie E. Johnson, Jr.**

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony usually takes place each September as part of the annual MAFFI membership meeting held at the Model A Ford Museum on Model A Day. While this year’s Model A Day festivities were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hall of Fame inductions will take place on September 19, 2020.

This ceremony will be held at the Museum in front of a limited, “socially-distanced” audience. The ceremony will be videotaped and available for viewing on the MAFFI website.

Please see the MAFFI website -- [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) – for information about the Hall of Fame candidate nominating procedures and background information listings for all 26 current Hall of Fame members.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

(from 29 April 2020— 25 August 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**

Andrew Sniegowski, Whitehouse, OH  
Robert & Christy McLaughlin, Bellevue, WA  
Craig & Yvonne Kunz, Hopewell, NJ  
Claudia Strock, Woodbridge, VA  
Dr. Stephen Wickizer, Knoxville, TN  
James & Nancy Callan, Groton, MA  
Paul & Patty Winchester, Jamul, CA  
Jon Palm, Saint Charles, MO  
William Acker, Phoenix, AZ

## **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

William J. Bass, Washington, DC  
Carl Ruby, Lake Orion, MI  
Jeff Haselden, Brentwood, TN  
John Kulstad /Patricia Thomas, McKinleyville, CA

## **CLUB**

HWW Chapter, Tottenham, Ontario, Canada

## **Memorial Donation— Bricks**

The Oakleaf Region in honor of Ed Cwirka  
Eddie Collins in honor of Raymond Allen  
The Lowcountry Model A Ford Club  
in memory of Raymond Allen  
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in memory of Woody Williams  
Norman Garland in honor of Nelle Allen  
Ted Wilkins in honor of Nelle Allen  
Santa Maria A's  
in memory of Irene McKnight  
Santa Maria A's  
in memory of Ronald Wilkins  
Kathleen Kidwell  
in memory of Donald M. Kidwell  
Don Osburn  
in memory of Wade K. Forman,  
in memory of Roy Vernon Boyd  
in honor of Forrest A. Garb  
Deanna Mock-Aldrich  
in memory of Robert (Bob) Aldrich  
Glorrian Nau in memory of Leroy Nau

Bakersfield Chapter, MAFCA  
in memory of Andy Bramcato  
Roger & Jackie Van Houten  
in memory of Harold Thoma  
The Great Lake A's in memory of Jerrold Kozlik  
Patti Jones & Sam Bernhardt  
in memory of Ed Nelson  
The HWW Chapter in memory of Jim Campbell  
The Apple Valley Chapter, MAFCA  
in memory of Gene Stewart  
The Apple Valley Chapter, MAFCA  
in memory of Bob Van Pelt

## **Memorial Donation—Monetary**

The Galopin' Gertie Model A Club  
in memory of Betty Breiting  
Sharen Skendzel  
in memory of Carter Hendricks  
The Galopin' Gertie Model A Club  
in memory of Betty Breiting  
The Bakersfield Chapter, MAFCA  
in memory of Blake Daniel Foulk  
Kay Lee in memory of Blake Foulk  
The Hoosier "A" Ford Club  
in memory of Dorothy Strychalski  
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in memory of Pearl Rocolle  
The Valdivia Family  
in memory of William Harley Condon  
The Evergreen Chapter, MAFCA  
in memory of Bill McDonald  
Lind Sealy in memory of Raymond Allen  
Kathleen Ann Kidwell  
in memory of William Harley Condon  
Mike & Sharon Willett  
in memory of William H. Condon Jr.  
The Galopin' Gertie Model A Club  
in memory of Inez Barquest  
The Ohio Valley Region, MARC / MAFCA  
in memory of Clifford Dennis Perry  
The Modesto Area Chapter Model A Club  
in memory of Suzie Slattery  
The Auburn A's in memory of Sharon Taylor  
Maralee Sarasio in memory of John (Jack) Sarasio  
The Evergreen Chapter, MAFCA  
in memory of Janet Kaitis

## The Bus Project Continues Towards the Finish

by Ken Ehrenhofer

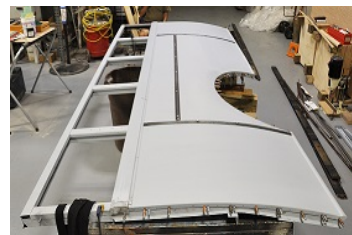


This week we are planning our trip to Surf City, North Carolina to join up with the Coastal Carolina A's. We will be celebrating the completion of the AA 157" chassis that they have completely restored. We will have a small celebration and thank them for all the hard work they have accomplished. Our appreciation cannot be expressed enough for this challenge that they accepted and accomplished.



We look forward to this celebration with Don Temple and Grier Fleischhauer who led the team.

Loading the chassis onto our trailer will be ending the first phase and open the next one. I cannot wait to take these guys for a ride in the finished Bus!



One of the next phases already into full swing is the bus body side panels. We selected Chicago Parts and Sound headed up by Bob Lederer to perform this task of cutting out all the rusted out sections and making all new side panels as the panels were so bad they had to be replaced.

Sam Waltermire is Bob's leading metal master and has made great strides in accomplishing this huge task. Sam is a great metal fabricator and you can visit his personal website at [www.metaledgecreations.com](http://www.metaledgecreations.com) to view some of his fine craftsmanship.



Sam's work is exceptional and he has recreated and welded in many new body struts, new corners and even fabricated the side panels complete with the correct raised reveal edge on the bottom. Sam's metal working skill will make our bus just as it was in 1931 when it was brand new.



The wood floor and many small pieces for the sides are being fabricated by Moss Designs in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Russ Moss and his wife Phyllis and family are involved in this phase of the Bus Project. Russ and his family are avid Model A Ford family and they are working on duplicating the wooden floor. Not only is this a

huge part of the project it is also very heavy. When asked where the wood came from to build the floor Russ said he "grew his own trees to make the floor." Russ has a complete wood shop and we are very fortunate to have these very talented and capable people working on the Bus Project. Thanks to Russ and family for all this great effort!



The roof wood is also underway as Larry Wallace and Steve Burton, our Michigan Busboys, have started machining some of the wood to be used at the top of the walls. This wood is of extreme importance as it ties the walls together and gives the body the strength it needs to stay together. Larry and Steve live in Michigan and we will have more on the roof wood in the next article.

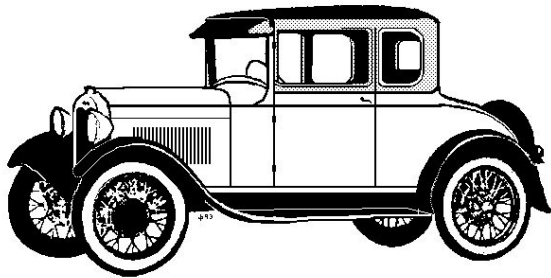
We are starting to go back into the fund raising mode once again. The cost of restoration is climbing and we need to have some more money to make sure we have enough to reach the end of the project. Please try to ask all regions, chapters and members of MARC and MAFCA if they could give a few dollars to the Bus Project...it will be greatly appreciated.

***Thanks to all, and get ready for a ride in the BUS!***

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