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## Executive Director's Report—December 2020

*by John D. Marshall*

**Membership:** To date we have 1572 active members and clubs on our roster. That's down 346 members from last year's total of 1918. 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](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org). We need and appreciate your support.

**New Club Members:** We would like to welcome two new member clubs, the Coastal Carolina A's, Topsail Beach, NC and the Rebels On Tour Model A Club, Gallatin, NC 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

**Model A Day 2020:** It was a very difficult decision to cancel Model A Day at the Museum this year, but it was made with your safety as our utmost priority. The theme of "First Responders" will be carried over for Model A Day 2021. We have the "First Responder" display finished in the Museum and it is a collection of the most unique Model A's you will find anywhere. It contains an original fire truck, police car, police paddy wagon, ambulance and service car/tow truck. We look forward to sharing these with you on your Model A Day 2021 visit.

**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. This has been a very trying year for all of us and any amount you can donate would be greatly appreciated. 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, please stay safe and we can all get through these trying times *together!* Thanks again for your continued support and I hope to see you all soon at the Museum!

Support the MODEL "A" MUSEUM with a lifelong tribute

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## **President's Message - December 2020**

**By John Begg**

While we missed having our traditional Model A Day celebration at The Gilmore this September, we did create new exhibits and developed videos that will be posted throughout the next year. Our theme of "First Responder Model A's" was completed with an ambulance, paddy wagon and police car, as well as a fire engine and wrecker. On September 18-19 (the weekend that would have been Model A Day 2020), through the help of many volunteers and Trustees, we created displays, signage and mannequins to demonstrate how Model A's would have looked in a 1930 setting. We also conducted, using a virtual/video format, the 2020 Model A Hall of Fame induction ceremony. We plan to carry over our "First Responder Model A's" theme for 2021 in order for more visitors to enjoy this comprehensive display.

We just completed our Interactive Chassis display which is now in place enabling visitors to learn about the inner workings of a Model A. We have also installed upgrades to our Interactive Start display, which we hope will make for an even more enjoyable experience. Learning the procedures needed to start a Model A has proven to be one of the most sought after exhibits on the entire Gilmore campus.

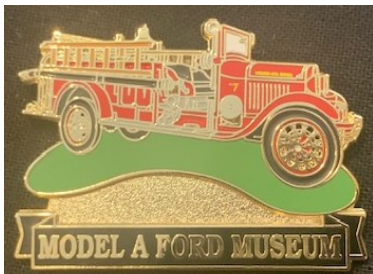
During a weekend in September, we created a number of videos. If you log onto our website at [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), you will find a 'Videos' button. By clicking on 'Videos', you can see our most current posting which is a virtual walkthrough our our Museum. I hope you will enjoy this video and will look for future video postings throughout the year.

Coming soon, you will find a 'Members' button that will store Preserver Newsletters as well as other information for MAFFI members. The user name is "MAFFI" and password is "ford1928". We hope to have this feature up on our website within the next several weeks.

Although the COVID-19 virus impacted our ability to have Model A Day at The Gilmore, a number of Trustees and volunteers assembled at the Museum to set up exhibits and rearrange displays and artifacts. The Museum really looks great and I want to acknowledge and thank those that were able to help during these circumstances.

We are already working on plans for next year's Model A Day at The Gilmore. Please mark your 2021 calendar for the third Saturday in September, which is the 18th.

### **Don't miss the chance to order the newest pin for your collection**



Since we were unable to have an official Model A Day this year, it was decided that we would create a pin as a fund raiser to help us raise money that would have normally come from our event.

To keep with the First Responder theme we have decided to feature our Fire Truck that is on permanent display at the museum and is featured in our First Responder Display.

The Fire Truck Pin \$7.00

MAD 2019 pin (limited number left) \$6.00

Model A Museum Pin \$6.00

Check should be payable to MAFFI. Shipping is included

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## 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.



**\$996K May '20**

**\$750K** This May 1 2019 total reflects the current status of all endowment funds. It includes \$132K of unrealized gains.

### History of the Thermometer

The first Endowment Thermometer was dated April 2014. Six years later we are near our goal!

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

## A Treasured Gift at Christmas Time



This car will come true in many homes this Christmas. For there, among the holiday gifts, will be a gleaming new Ford. Town, De Luxe, the Ford Streetcar and De Luxe or Daughter.

Not a gift for the day only, but one that will be used and treasured throughout the year. A practical, lasting gift that will bring countless happy hours

and shorten the miles to friends and distant places.

Illustrated above is the new Ford Coupe. There are many other body types to select from, in a changing variety of beautiful colors. A choice of soft, luxurious interior as fashionable. Redwood wood upholstery is offered in the Town Sedan, the De Luxe Sedan, and the De Luxe Coupe.



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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.

### *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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## **MAFCA & MARC Presidents Visit Model A Ford Museum**

*by Jim Thomas, Trustee*

While the COVID-19 pandemic caused the official closing of the 2020 Model A Day festivities at the Model A Ford Museum, a small group of MAFFI Trustees and volunteers were on-site that weekend to make sure at least some of the traditional Model A Day activities could still take place. On September 18-19, 2020 (the originally-scheduled 2020 Model A Day dates), these volunteers participated in a MAFFI “work day” and assisted in setting up Museum displays, placing MAFFI memorial bricks and performing Museum maintenance activities.

The annual Model A Ford Hall of Fame induction ceremony was also conducted -- on a virtual/videotaped basis and attended by a limited “socially-distanced” audience of family members of the four Hall of Fame inductees. The somewhat quiet time at the Museum provided the opportunity for conducting and videotaping several tours of the various Museum displays – including the recently assembled multi-vehicle exhibit of Model A and Model AA First Responder vehicles.

The Foundation was honored to have several special guests attend the Model A Ford Hall of Fame induction ceremony. In addition to Les Andrews (2020 HOF inductee) and about 20 family members of HOF inductees, Bill Truesdell (current MAFCA President), Rusty Gould (former MAFCA President) and Joe Fox (current MARC President) were on hand for the ceremony. Ken Ehrenhofer served as the on-site photographer and Mark Maron provided the live-feed video and videotaping services to record the day’s activities.

Prior to the Hall of Fame ceremony, John Begg, MAFFI President, led our distinguished visitor group on a tour of the current Museum displays. This tour, the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and several additional Museum tours were videotaped and will be available for viewing on the MAFFI website – [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org).



***From left to right: Bill Truesdell, Les Andrews, Joe Fox and John Begg.  
In background are photos of 2020 Hall of Fame inductees.***

## **NEW MEMBERS**

(from 26 August 2020— 3 November 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**

Don & Linda Williams, Reedley, CA  
Timothy & Sharon Schafer, Grand Haven, MI

## **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

Walter M. Stewart II, Damascus, VA  
Larry & Stephanie Davenport, Sturgis, MI  
David A. Black, Cullman, AL  
Kris & Dave, Francis, Lakeside, CA

## **CLUB**

Coastal Carolina A's, Topsail Beach, NC  
Rebels On Tour Model A Club, Gallatin, TN

## **Memorial Donation— MEMORIALS**

The Great Lake A's in memory of Donald Brye  
The Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club  
in memory of Melanie Gilb  
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in memory of Sharon Taylor  
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The Palm Beach Model A Club  
in memory of Bill Kennebeck  
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in memory of Gary Koser  
Steve & Judy Hamilton  
in memory of Jack Grundman  
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in memory of George Badgley  
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in memory of L. Jack Grundman  
Leon & Karen Broman  
in memory of L. Jack Grundman  
Alan & Ethel Bundy  
in memory of L. Jack Grundman  
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in memory of L. Jack Grundman  
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in memory of L. Jack Grundman  
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in memory of L. Jack Grundman  
Tom & Elizabeth West  
in memory of L. Jack Grundman

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in memory of L. Jack Grundman  
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in memory of L. Jack Grundman  
Todd & Sherri Grundman  
in memory of L. Jack Grundman  
Rick & Mary Grundman  
in memory of L. Jack Grundman  
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in memory of Frank L. Nemechek  
The Evergreen Chapter, MAFCA  
in memory of David Pitt  
The Evergreen Chapter, MAFCA  
in memory of George Anderson

## **Memorial Donation— BRICKS**

Bill & Mary Holcomb in memory of George Tynan  
Steve & Judy Hamilton  
in Honor of Robert & Christy McLaughlin's  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
The Walla Walla Sweet A's  
in memory of Ralph Anderson  
The Walla Walla Sweet A's  
in memory of Dorothy Hoffman  
Roger Sprinkle, Darren & Shawn Elaine Thornton  
in memory of Vern Marriott  
The Henry's A's Chapter, MAFCA  
in memory of Nils Roos  
Bob & Margaret Ortman, Chris & Connie Green &  
Nora & Bob Petriches  
in celebration of Rusty & Rita Gould's 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary  
Kent & Keri Shisler in memory of Warren Schmidt  
Catherine Wray in memory of  
Bob "Opa" & Chris "Oma" Anderson  
Catherine Wray in honor of  
Bob Anderson 2020 MAFFI HOF Inductee  
The Acorn A's in honor of Bea Van Wetter  
The Acorn A's in honor of Steve Louis  
Edward & Pamela Avedisian  
in honor of Craig Watjen  
The Niagara Frontier Region, MARC  
in honor of Bob Radmore  
The Niagara Frontier Region, MARC  
in honor of George Nash  
The Niagara Frontier Region, MARC  
in memory of Jim Nagy  
John William DeVore in memory of George Miller

## The Bus Project Body is nearing Completion....An Update!

By Ken Ehrenhofer



The restoration of a Model AA Bus is a project of major proportions! Starting a project of this size is in many ways, I must admit, almost overwhelming. Having a lot of experience in restoring cars I knew there were going to be many challenges but I also knew, somehow, we could overcome these challenges. To tell you the truth, I just had confidence we could find these solutions to these many challenges.



One of these challenges that I am referring to is the body work and panel repair. The body panels and the cowl section, which upon disassembly, showed signs of significant rust out and damage from many years of water damage from many repaired areas from running into who know what!

We called upon a Restoration Shop of high caliber to help us duplicate the side panels and rust repair called Chicago Parts and Sound Inc., owned by Bob Lederer.



His metal master, Sam Waltermire, has done an outstanding job of duplicating all the side panels and is now working on repairing the cowl section. I might add this cowl section is one of the worst I have ever seen and to restore it is a real challenge.

So first we looked for a better one. Steve Burton gave us one but it was not the right year or style so I found one in Connecticut and after picking it up we decided it was worse than the one we already had... the challenges continue.



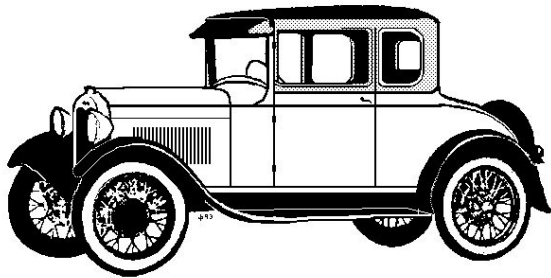
Ron Ehrenhofer found some pieces at Bert's Model A Center in Denver and has reconstructed the bottom of the cowl. Sam the Metal Man has made new sides and between the two of them we are restoring a piece of real junk and it is looking like a brand new cowl thanks to Sam and Ron. Overcoming these challenges is nothing more than to find the right people who know how to do miraculous work to bring these pieces back to new condition.

*The Bus Ride is a little closer, now about that floor  
....Next time!*

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