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## **President's Message**

*By John Begg*

With Spring looking closer, I thought an update on some activities at the Model A Ford Museum and The Gilmore might be helpful and interesting as we plan for the upcoming touring season.

First, The Model A Museum looks absolutely great! We have the "First Responders" exhibit in place throughout the year. You will be able to enjoy separate vehicles as well as fashion and related displays that will remain in place throughout Model A Day, September 18, 2021.

Starting this Spring we expect to have all of our interactive displays available for use and we plan on having several new and unique Model A's in place and on display in The Museum. As you know, we had to cancel 2020 Model A Day at The Gilmore due to COVID restrictions. However, we have two videos that are on our website ([www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) <[www.maffi.org/](http://www.maffi.org/)>) created from last year and more videos will be posted throughout the year. We hope you will make plans to attend this year's Model A Day in which we expect to have a more traditional and normal event.

The Gilmore has also been in a construction and expansion mode. The Gilmore has seven partner museums, of which The Model A Museum is one, on its campus. The Classic Car Museum has recently completed a 10,000 foot expansion of their museum. They have a grand opening scheduled for early Summer.

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## **Executive Director's Report—March 2020**

*by John D. Marshall*

To date, we have 1865 active members and clubs listed on our roster, a decrease of 74 members since last year at this time! There are 102 of these members that haven't renewed their memberships since 2019. We have continued to send correspondence and "*A Preservers*" to these members. To those who haven't renewed since 2019, unfortunately, this will be your last copy of the "*A Preserver*" and you will be removed from the roster. The precious funds used to send out the newsletter and repeated renewal notices could be better used to operate *your* museum. Please take a minute to renew your membership today. Regular memberships run from May to May so memberships renewed today will be extended to May 2022. 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 continued support!

The current total of Museum Walkway Bricks stands at 1734, an increase of 88 from last year. We still have room for more and bricks are a great way to honor a relative or friend, current or past club member or just see to your name cast in stone! They are a permanent recognition, and their purchase helps to fund the best Model A Museum in the world!

Unfortunately, we again lost many Model A'ers and friends this past year. MAFFI Memorial Certificates were issued to Memorial Donors and special certificates were issued to the families of those remembered. All Memorials are listed in the "Memorials" section of the MAFFI website and in the permanent Memorial Book located in the showroom section of the museum, near the parts department. The Memorial Book is also available on the new Information Kiosk located outside the theater section of the museum.

As I said earlier, yearly MAFFI memberships expire in May. For those of you whose memberships will expire in May of 2021, it's not too early to send in your renewal dues now. If you do send them in now, your membership will be extended to May 2022. This helps save the expense of sending out numerous renewal reminders and ensures you continue to receive the "A Preserver" as well as free admission to the Gilmore complex and *YOUR* Model A Museum.

Hopefully the COVID pandemic will be resolved, life will return to some version of normalcy and we look forward to seeing you all again at Model A Day at the museum on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank You for your continuing support of MAFFI and the Model A Museum. Without you, the Museum would have remained but a dream! Be well and stay safe!

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Many more classic cars will be on display.

Additionally, The Gilmore has added The Horseless Carriage Club as a partner museum. This club will be exhibiting their vehicles in The Steam Barn while development takes place for their own museum which will be constructed next to the Pierce Arrow Museum.

By the time of our September Model A Day event, construction should begin on a Muscle Car Museum and an International Museum. Horseless Carriage Club as a partner museum. This club will be exhibiting their vehicles in The Steam Barn while development takes place for their own museum which will be constructed next year. By the time of our September Model A Day event, construction should begin on a Muscle Car Museum and an International Museum. There will also be a Corvette display in the main Gilmore museum this year.

As you can see, in addition to our Model A Day event, there are many new exhibits and vehicles to enjoy at The Gilmore Car Museum. Please continue to check our website for more information about Model A Day 2021.

*John W. Begg, President*

## MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

February 2021

### Save The Date!!

The Model A Ford Foundation is excited and anticipating Model A Day at our beautiful museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. After last year's cancellation, we have had even more time to fine tune this event! (When life gives you lemons...)

Our First Responder vehicles are still on display, thanks to the generosity of their lenders. We are expecting a great turnout so make plans now to attend.

Please see attached a flyer for **Model A Day, September 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>**.

### *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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Family Membership Category:

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

Club Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form with your payment to: Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc., P O Box 28, Peotone, IL 60468-0028.**

# MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION INC.

## Balance Sheet

As of January 31, 2021

|                                 | -AS OF JAN 31, 2021 | AS OF JAN 31, 2020 (PY) | CHANGE          |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                   |                     |                         |                 |
| Current Assets                  |                     |                         |                 |
| Bank Accounts                   |                     |                         |                 |
| 1-Checking Operations           | 65.71               | 382.21                  | 316.50          |
| 18300 Other Investments         |                     |                         |                 |
| -Edward Jones                   | .....30,973.79      | 25,243.80               | .....5,729.99   |
| 2 Museum Operating Fund         | .....124,649.13     | 88,060.60               | .....36,588.53  |
| 3 Endowment Fund                | ... 211,796.75      | 180,101.27              | 31,695.48       |
| 4 CNB Investment Trust          | .....924,180.62     | 806,634.81              | 117,545.81      |
| Bus Restoration Fund            | .....32,207.83      | 21,646.76               | .....10,561.07  |
| Total Bank Accounts             | 1,323,873.83        | 1,122,069.45            | .....201,804.38 |
| Other Current Assets            |                     |                         |                 |
| 12000 Undeposited Funds         | 0.00                | 5,162.17                | .....5,162.17   |
| 12000 Inventory                 | .....3,010.27       | 3,623.11                | .....612.84     |
| 12800 Trustee Advances          | .....700.00         | 74.42                   | .....625.58     |
| 13000 Prepaid Expenses          | .....4,565.41       | .....0.00               | .....4,565.41   |
| Total Other Current Assets      | .....8,275.68       | 8,859.70                | .....584.02     |
| Total Current Assets            | .....92,507.72      | 90,881.39               | ...201,220.36   |
| 15100 Museum Buildings          |                     |                         |                 |
| 17100 Accum Depr                | .....943,554.32     | 943,554.32              | .....0.00       |
| —Fixtures & Display             | ....-95,549.00      | - 83,117.00             | .....-12,432.00 |
| 17200 Acum Depr                 |                     |                         |                 |
| - Museum Building               | ...-143,912.00      | .....-126,477.00        | .....-17,435.00 |
| TOTAL FIXED ASSETS              | .....796,601.04     | .....824,841.71         | .....28,240.67  |
| Other Assets                    |                     |                         |                 |
| 16400 Donated Model A's /       | 1,019,846.00        | .....1,052,846.00       | .....33,000.00  |
| Other Assets                    |                     |                         |                 |
| 16410 Deferred Costs            | .....41,337.00      | .....41,337.00          | .....41,337.00  |
| Vehicle Restoration             |                     |                         |                 |
| Total 16400 Model A's /         | ..1,061,183.00      | .....1,052,846.00       | .....8,337.00   |
| Other Assets                    |                     |                         |                 |
| 18600 Other Assets              | ...0.00             | .....0.00               | .....0.00       |
| 18700 Security Deposits Asset   | .....1,25.00        | 1,025.00                | .....0.00       |
| Total Other Assets              | ..1,062,208.00      | 1,053,871.00            | ..... 8,337.00  |
| TOTAL ASSETS                    | ..3,190,958.55      | 3,009,641.86            | .....181,316.69 |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>   |                     |                         |                 |
| Liabilities                     |                     |                         |                 |
| Current Liabilities             |                     |                         |                 |
| Other Current Liabilities       |                     |                         |                 |
| 24200 Accrued Expenses          | .....4,369.10       | .....2,675.57           | .....1,693.53   |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | .....4,369.10       | .....2,675.57           | .....1,693.53   |
| Total Current Liabilities       | .....4,369.10       | .....2,675.57           | .....1,693.53   |
| Total Liabilities               | .....4,369.10       | .....2,675.57           | .....1,693.53   |
| Equity                          |                     |                         |                 |
| 30000 Opening Balance           |                     |                         |                 |
| Equity                          | 3,186,338.74        | 3,029,966.29            | .....156,984.04 |
| 32000 Unrestricted Net Assets   | .....0.00           | .....0.00               | ...0.00         |
| Net Income                      | .....250.71         | ....-22,387.81          | .....22,638.52  |
| Total Equity                    | 3,186,589.45        | 3,006,966.29            | .....179,623.16 |
| TOTAL LIABILITY                 | 3,190,958.55        | 3,009,641.86            | .....181,316.69 |
| AND EQUITY                      |                     |                         |                 |

**MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION INC.**

**Profit and Loss Comparison**

**January 2021**

|   | <b>JAN 2021</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>JAN 2020 (PY)</b> |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| INCOME                                  |                 |                                |
| 43400 Direct Public Support             |                 |                                |
| 43411 Membership Due                    | 125.00          | 190.00                         |
| 42413 Memorial Donation                 |                 | .....0.00                      |
| 43414 Endowment Fund Donation           | 2,925.00        | 2,470.00                       |
| 43415 Museum Fund Donation              | 4,035.00        | 2,457.81                       |
| 43416 Bus Restoration Donation          |                 | 150.00                         |
| Total 43400 Direct Public Support       | .7,085.00       | 5,267.81                       |
| 45000 Investments                       |                 |                                |
| 45020 CNB Unrealized Inv. Gain & Loss   | .4,481.39       | 6,467.49                       |
| 45030 Interest Savings, Short-term CD   | ..1.21          | 5.37                           |
| 45031 Interest Endowment Fund           | 1,988.26 .....  | .....7.64                      |
| 45050 Other Investment Revenue          |                 | 1,245.24                       |
| TOTAL 45000                             | .2,491.92       | 7,725.74                       |
| 46400 Other Types of Income             |                 |                                |
| 46420 Inventory Sales Gilmore G/S       |                 | ..608.36                       |
| 46421 Inventory sales by MAFFI          | 140.00 .        | 1,251.00                       |
| TOTAL 46400 Other Types of Income       | ...140.00 .     | 1,859.36                       |
| 49000 Special Events Income             |                 |                                |
| 49015 MAD Sales                         |                 | .....0.00                      |
| Total Special Events Income             |                 | .....0.00                      |
| Total 49000 Special Events Income       | 4,733.08        | .....14,852.91                 |
| Cost of Goods Sold                      |                 |                                |
| 50700 Cost of Sales—Inventory Sales     | ....70.00       | 929.68                         |
| Total Cost of Goods Sold                | ....70.00       | ...929.68                      |
| GROSS PROFIT                            | 4,663.08        | .....13,923.23                 |
| Expenses                                |                 |                                |
| 60900 Business Expenses                 |                 |                                |
| 60901 Bank Service Fees                 | 72.50           | .....3.50                      |
| Total 60900 Business Expenses           | ...72.50        | .....3.50                      |
| 62100 Contract Services                 |                 |                                |
| 62110 Accounting Fees                   | 125.00          | ...150.00                      |
| Total 62100 Contract Services           | ...125.00       | ...150.00                      |
| 62800 Facilities and Equipment          |                 |                                |
| 62810 Depreciation—Fixtures and Display | 1,036.00        | 1,036.00                       |
| Depreciation—Building                   | 1,585.00        | 1,585.00                       |
| Gilmore's Property Assessment           |                 | .....31,346.11                 |
| Lease Rent                              | ..725.00        | ...725.00                      |
| 62890 Utilities                         |                 | 744.83                         |
| Total 62800 Facilities and Equipment    | 3,346.00        | .....35,436.94                 |
| 65000 Operations                        |                 |                                |
| 65020 Postage, Mailing Service          | 32.25           | 473.40-                        |
| 65030 Printing and Copying              | 97.62           | . 143.10                       |
| 65040 Supplies                          |                 | 104.10                         |
| 65060 Software Expense                  | 35.00           |                                |
| Total 65000 Operations                  | 164.87          | 720.60                         |
| 65100 Other Types of Expenses           |                 |                                |
| 65110 Fundraising/Advertising Exp.      |                 | 0.00                           |
| 65120 Insurance—Liability, D/O, Auto    | 704.00 ...      | ..0.00                         |
| 65168 Bus Restoration Project           |                 | .....0.00                      |
| Total 65100 Other Types of Expenses     | 704.00          | ..0.00                         |
| Total Expenses                          | 4,412.37        | .36,311.04                     |
| NET OPERATING INCOME                    | 250.71          | -22,387.81                     |
| NET INCOME                              | 250.71          | - -22,387.81                   |

## **NEW MEMBERS**

(from 4 November 2019— 19 February 2021)

*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**

Mark Russo, East Hanover, NJ

Greg & Michele Martin, Northville, MI

### **FAMILY**

Andrew Reymers, Towson, MD

Jon Pearson, Hebron, IN

Frederick & Claudia Wagener, Shelby Township, MI

Robert Stine, Collinsville, OK

Kyle V. Sunderman, Mount Pleasant, MI

### **Memorial Donation— Bricks**

The Woody Wagon SIG

in memory of Tim Johnstone

The Acorn A's Model A Club

in honor of Dave Wiseman

The Acorn A's Model A Club

in honor of Marie Louis

Ron & Susan Cherry and Sharon Reed & Family

in memory of Glen E. Reed

The Northern Colorado Model A Club

in memory of Bob Bailey

The Northern Colorado Model A Club

in memory of Jack & Shirley Hough

The Northern Colorado Model A Club

in memory of Bill & Marilyn Blue

The Northern Colorado Model A Club

in memory of Mike & Kathy

McDonald

The Blossom Trail A's of Reedley

in memory of Darrell Segars

Brad Richte in the name of Alan Bennett

The Cabriolet Club in memory of Gwyn Machacek

The George Washington Chapter

in honor of Benny & Sharon Leonard

Cindy Omoth & David Uhlig

Greg & Michele Martin

in memory of Bob & Evelyn Martin

The Conejo Valley Model A Ford Club

in memory of Art Bjornestad

### **Memorial Donation -(Monetary)**

Paula Belden in memory of Randy Stegman

The Model A Ford Club of Colorado

in memory of Paul Scherer

The Model A Ford Club of Colorado

in memory of Ray Christopher

The Model A Ford Club of Colorado

in memory of Bob Eggestein

The Model A Ford Club of Colorado

in memory of Harold Eason

Dr. James C. McPherson III

in memory of George Tynan

Gallopins' Gertie Model A Club

in memory of Gene Reynolds

The Salt Creek Chapter, MAFCA

in memory of Corinne Beller

Jordon Beller in memory of Corinne Beller

Ron & Mary Tribbett in memory of George Tynan

Ron & Mary Tribbett in memory of Sharon Taylor

Tom & Terry Machado in honor of Walter Caplan

James Brand in memory of Tim Kelly

John Leydon in memory of Sewall Tyler

John Leydon in memory of Tom Kortisses

The Evergreen Chapter, MAFCA

in memory of Jerry Templeman

The Modesto Area A's in memory of Pat Oletta

The Modesto Area A's in memory of Jack Noxon

The Modesto Area A's in memory of Suzie Slattery

The Modesto Area A's in memory of James Partick

The Modesto Area A's in memory of Ted De Kasha

The Modesto Area A's in memory of Jerry Morrison

The Modesto Area A's in memory of Harold Hill

The Heartland Model A Touring Group

in memory of "Rainmaker" Ron Cloat

Gallopins' Gertie Model A Club

in memory of Glen Simons

Old Fort Model A's in memory of Dick Fisher

Diann L. Eason in memory of Harold Eason

The Columbus Indiana Region MARC/MAFCA

in memory of Robert Crandall

The Grand A's Region in memory of Conrad Dejong

Salt Creek Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Jim Ruzicka

The Hoosier "A" Ford Club I

in memory of Melvin Thomas (Tom) Leach

Hoosier Hills Model A Ford Club in memory of Jay &

Betty Ely

The Piedmont Region, MARC in memory of J. Clifton

Rutledge

The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of

Ralph Parks

The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of John

Flanagan

The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of Jim

True

The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of

Nicky Del Mastro

The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of Gail

Barrera

The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of Bob

Gedney

James Preston Jr & Tracey Wing in memory of Trustee

Philip N. Ierardi

## MAFFI Model AA Bus Project Update

### The Bus is “Rolling Along”

*by Ken Ehrenhofer*

**If you are going to catch this bus you better hurry.....**

They are moving quickly as the Bus is rounding a pivotal turn. The front cowl is being readied for a color coat along with the sides and the rear panel. The color will be Duchess Blue and Tacoma Cream Wheels and window reveal. These first coats are mainly to spray a coating in areas where, after the body assembly, will not be available to get a protective coating.



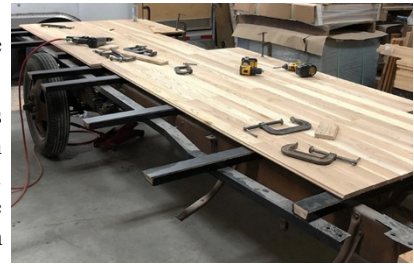
A visit to the Greenfield Village Auto shop was made by Ron and Ken Ehrenhofer and two seats were borrowed from their bus for duplication. Ron and Ken have made window stop brackets for the Village bus and repaired a window bracket and will get it plated for them. Gordy has been so helpful that we are trying to help them as they work on the bus during the off season.

Ron and Ken disassembled the seats at Addison Auto Trim with Jim, the owner, who has offered to do all of the upholstery work. We had a discussion of how this would be accomplished. We will also need to restore the seats we borrowed as they are in pretty sad condition. We are currently waiting for a quote from

Chicago Tube and Iron to cover the cost of bending all the tubing pieces so we can weld up eight new double seats for our bus.

A work bay has been cleaned out at Ken’s Barn and the chassis has been placed in the bay with plenty of room all the way around for the assembly work to begin.

The floor has been under construction at Moss Designs in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Russ Moss is the son in law of Jerry Braasch who is chairing the MARC National meet in Oshkosh. Russ is a master woodworker and cabinet maker and has duplicate the floor. Russ cut down ash trees and kiln dried the lumber to make the new floor. He has made many other pieces for the walls and window regulators. He is currently working on some plywood pieces that will be used in the construction of our bus and the bus seats



for the Village bus also.



I cannot say “Thanks” enough to Russ and his family for stepping up and making the bus restoration possible. We have picked up the completed floor and are getting ready to mount it on the restored chassis....a pivotal moment for sure! Many other smaller projects are taking place as the plating is ready to go to Terry Meeks of Custom Plating in Wisconsin. Terry has offered to do the window glass channels are being cleaned so we can ship them to Don Snyder for them to be duplicated as some were missing

from the bus.

Within the next couple of months, we are expecting to start raising the walls and the rear and front panels and the “Bus Body” will once again start to look like a “BUS”...the excitement is building!



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Family Membership Category:

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

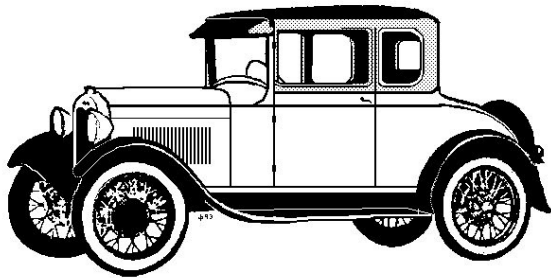
Club Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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