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Executive Director Report

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 <u>your</u> 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. 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 <u>YOUR</u> 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 18th. 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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John W. Begg, President

Hello and welcome to the 2021 touring season. By now many of the local clubs, including mine, have again started touring after having very limited activity last year due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. It is truly a pleasure to again experience the joy of touring our countryside in a Model A.

In this edition, Jim Thomas will be reviewing our Model A Day activities for September of this year. A lot of changes have taken place in the Museum in the last couple of years, and I hope you will be able to join us to see the new exhibits and to participate in the weekend activities at The Gilmore.

Just a few weeks ago, we started a new initiative with Paul Shinn to create videos of the Model A Museum on his YouTube channel. Paul is talented both in repairing Model A's and in creating very informative and interesting videos that help our hobbyists. His YouTube channel has many subscribers and many of these subscribers are potentially new Model A'ers that do not necessarily know of or follow our website or the national clubs social media outlets. What this means is that we are expanding our reach that will hopefully grow our hobby and help those with keeping their Model A's up and running. If you think about what someone new to the hobby might be asking it would probably include questions such as, "How do I repair the Model A and what do I do with it once I have it in running condition?" Paul's YouTube videos really help in answering these questions. Please check out his YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/user/paulshinn. If you like what you see, subscribe to his channel, which is free and in any case, your feedback to me at President@maffi.org is always appreciated.

Thank you to all for your continued support of our world class Model A Ford Museum, at The Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The trustees and I look forward to seeing you on Model A Day, September 18, 2021.

Best Regards, John

Model A Day Hotel Reservations

I asked the hotel to pull 15 additional rooms and have the block set aside as Model A Ford TRUSTEE Block. The room rate is the same as the total block which is \$111 a night and does include breakfast buffet. DO NOT book through central booking but do call the hotel directly (269) 216-5960.

If you have any questions please let me know. Vica Gutierrez is my point of contact for booking. When you call to make your reservation ask for the Model A Ford TRUSTEE Block. The start date is Wed, Sept 16 to Sunday, Sept. 20. Last day to book is August 16th. I am working on getting additional rooms at the Holiday Inn and even add more rooms to our block for Friday and Saturday and for Saturday alone.

Jim and I will be going to Kalamazoo in late May or early June to make arrangements for the meeting room, plan the menu for lunch and take pictures for the MAD pin. I welcome any suggestions for lunch plans. As for the MAD pin I was thinking of using the fire truck since it is museum owned and fits in with the MAD theme. Any other suggestions or thoughts?

Please feel free to phone me with questions or comments.

Suzan O'Neale @ 540 748-0659



In the top level of the display is a watch owned by Henry Ford.

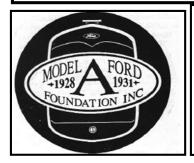
Henry showed the watch to Mr. Robert Smith who worked at the Experimental Farm. Robert expressed his admiration for the watch. Later that afternoon Henry Ford came by and gave Mr. Smith his watch.

This level also displays a General Electric

replica light bulb that was produced to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the light bulb, produced by Thomas Edison.



Model A Day 2021



Featuring Model A

First Responder Vehicles

This year's Model A Day festivities will take place at the Model A Ford Museum on September 17-18 on the campus of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The Model A Ford Museum and all of the many other car museum buildings located at the Gilmore will be open during the Model A Day festivities.

The theme for this year's celebration is **Model A First Responders** – the theme originally planned for the 2020 Model A Day celebration that was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. MAFFI Trustees and volunteers are now busy planning activities and indications are that this will be the biggest and best event to date.

Reserved parking spaces are being set aside for the several hundred Model A's expected to be on hand for the event and a wide variety of food options will be available. This year, in addition to the MAFFI Model AA Stake Bed Truck, a Model A Woody Wagon will be available to transport attendees around the 90-acre Gilmore campus.

First Responder Vehicles

In line with the Model A Day theme, special First Responder Model A vehicles, now on display in the Museum, will highlight this year's event. These will include: a 1928 Model AA Fire Truck, a 1930 Model AA Police Patrol Wagon, a 1931 Model A Police Car, a 1931 Model AA Ambulance, and a 1931 Model AA Service Car/ Wrecker. Other first responder vehicles – including two Model AA fire trucks – will also be on display.

Seminars

Model A educational seminars will be held on both Friday and Saturday. This year's seminar topics will include: *Restoring a 1931 AA Bus, The History of Model A First Response Vehicles, Model A Era Fashions, Model A Upholstery, Rebuilding Model A Brakes and Front End, The Model A Woody Wagon, and The Model A Pietenpol Airplane.*

MAFFI is pleased to announce that Model A Day 2021 will also feature a visit from Wayne Carini, creator and star of the acclaimed television series *Chasing Classic Cars*. Wayne will be hosting a question and answer seminar on the antique car hobby.

Swap Meet

This year's swap meet is planned to be the largest Model A Day swap meet gathering to date. Contact Mark Maron (*a7191mark@gmail.com* or 847-302-7900) for more information or to reserve a swap meet space. MAFFI will maintain swap meet spaces to sell items donated to maintain the Museum and benefit the Foundation. Contact Greg Fish (*fish_49202@yahoo.com* or 517-712-7603) if you or your local Model A club would like to donate swap meet items.

Meeting and Hall of Fame

At the annual MAFFI membership meeting, to be held in the shade under a large tent, updates on Foundation activities and Museum displays will be presented and MAFFI Trustees introduced. Following the meeting, a ceremony inducting four new members into the 2021 Model A Ford Hall of Fame will take place.

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Host Hotel

The Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 3600 Cork Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan will serve as the host hotel for Model A Day 2021. Make your reservations (269-385-3922) mentioning MAFFI to receive the special event room rate. You may also book the hotel directly using the link provided on the MAFFI website, <u>www.maffi.org</u>.

Volunteers

Hosting the annual Model A Day event always requires a lot of planning, preparation and volunteers to assist on event day. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Jerry Morrissey, MAFFI Model A Day Chairman, at jertrudy@sbcglobal.net or 269-372-7936.

This Week in Auto Heritage

found in Motor Cities National

On May 19, 1903, the Buick Motor Car Company was founded in Detroit by David Dunbar (pictured). In 1902, Buick had approached Ben & Frank Briscoe, fellow enthusiasts in the growing automotive landscape, for financial backing. He produced the revolutionary "Valve-in-Head" overhead valve engine.

In 1906, Buick accepted a severance package and left the company that he had founded, with only one share of the company in his possession. Then president of Buick, William C. Durant, bought this share from him for \$100,000, equal to \$2,880,370 today.

In 1928, Buick admitted that he was almost completely broke, unable to even afford a telephone, and worked as an instructor at the Detroit School of Trades. He died of colon cancer on March 5, 1929, at the age of 74 and was buried at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan.

He was inducted into theAutomotive Hall of Fame in 1974.

Does Your Model A Club Have a MAFFI Liaison?

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 <u>name</u>, <u>club affiliation</u> and <u>email address</u> to:

Marsha Quesnel clubcontact@maffi.org

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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	Memorial Donation -(Monetary)
(from 4 November 2019—19 February 2021) The following new members recently joined the	Roger & Jackie Van Houten in memory of Bob Dahl
The following new members recently joined the Foundation. We welcome them to the important work of	The Auburn A's in memory of David Hyde "The Barn Crew" in memory of Steve James
preserving the Model A and its era for future generations.	The Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club in memory
	of Dick Fisher
LIFETIME	The Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club in memory
Nancy Cooney, Coloma, MI	of Glenn Berhousen
Robert Gibby, Montclair, NJ	Don & Loretta House in memory of DeWitt "Bud"
Grier & Kristin Fleischhauer, Topsail Beach, NC	Crepps
John & Elaine Hoffman, Thornton, IL	Brian & Kathy Bryan in memory of DeWitt "Bud"
Mark & Val Maron, Wauconda, IL	Crepps
Jonathan & Renee Crane, Rochester, MI	The Piedmont Region, MARC in memory of Carl W.
Raymond Drozs, Chicago, Il David & Diane Libbey, Grafton, MA	Blackmon
Jerry & Trudy Morrissey, Kalamazoo, MI	The Piedmont Region, MARC in memory of DeWitt C.
Chuck & Karen Haber, Kansas City, MO	"Bud" Crepps
Dan & Karin Lannigan, Spokane, WA	The Salt Creek Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Fran
James McPherson, Hephzibah, GA	Mara
	The Bakersfield Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Ernest
FAMILY	J. Albitre
Tom Quigley, Nellysford, VA	John & Sharon Reynolds in memory of DeWitt "Bud"
Richard Skriba, Elsie, MI	Crepps
Boyd Metz Jr., Spring Hill, KS	The Evergreen Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Ron
Karl & Suzanne Kettlehut, Grand Rapids, MI	Bader
Alvin & Phyllis Bennett, Bark River, MI	Will Fox in honor of James and Anne Beck
Yazan Zarur, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	The Mid-Michigan Model A Club in memory of Edgar Allen Smith
Estel & Aleda Harney, Mesa, AZ	The Sara-Mana Model A Ford Club in memory of Ruth
Mark & Michele Hill, Patterson, CA	Dane
Jack Reosti, Columbus, SC	The Palmetto A's of South Carolina
Robert McGhie, Pismo Beach, CA	in memory of June K. Elkin
Doug & Lura Scott, Aubrey, TX	Dr. & Mrs. Alberto Lugo
<u>Memorials from 20 Feb 2021 to 16 May 2021 –</u>	in memory of Jim Langley
Bricks	in memory of this Langrey
The Auburn A's in memory of David Hyde	
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in memory of Robert Kurzman	Advantages are that you will get your <i>A Preserver</i> issue
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in memory of John & Mary Baptista	You can now renew your MAFFI membership
The Acorn A's	using PayPal on the website. This is another
in honor of Bud and Karen Borden	way that you can save MAFFI the expense of
The Mississippi Model A Ford Restorers Club	sending renewals notices and using the funds in
in memory of Bob Lancaster	the operation of your Model A Museum.
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of C. E. "Nick" Nichols, Founding Member	

MAFFI Model AA Bus Project Update

Have a Seat Please!

by Ken Ehrenhofer

The seats for the bus are finally starting to come together. It has been a long struggle and we are winning! It started several months ago when we borrowed two seats, a right and a left from the Henry Ford Museum. The only seat we had was the drivers seat and we were missing the eight double seats that our bus originally had. We had found original drawings in the Ford Archives but it was really nice to



have samples from the Greenfield Bus. After looking for companies who had the right equipment to bend the tubing for the frames and having great difficulty, we found Chicago Pipe and Coil. They bent all the tubing and did it within a reasonable time.

Photos of bending the tubing



These folks knew what we needed and got the job done for us. Previously we had tried to go to Chicago Tube and Iron and they stalled our efforts and did not return our many phone calls. All of this time wasted put us behind and now we are trying to get caught up. We need to get these seats done so we can return the loaners from Greenfield Village as we

feel they may want to start using the bus once again and day now.

Photo 3 - Photos of the original seats from the Village

After picking up all the bent tubing we have made welding jigs and started to cut grind and rotary file all of th epeices so we could start to weld the pieces together.

Photo 4 - of all the bent pieces



The wood bottom platforms were

duplicated the wood floor. We are

assembly within the next few days.

the borrowed seats and do the return

Other work on the bus has slowed

back surgery and several weeks of

The plan was to build welding jigs so all the welded parts would be the same and all parts would fit in place of each other.

5 - Photo of Welding jig for the legs.

We started by making the tubular legs for each seat frame. And of course, we needed 8 of these leg frames.

6 and 7 - Insert photo of leg frame Photo of seat sides





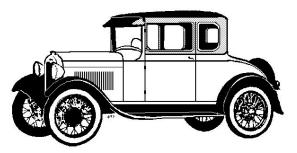
duplicated by Russ Moss who had now close to completing the first seat This is a milestone so we can reupholster as quickly as possible.

due to Ron Ehrenhofer going in for lower recovery time. The MARC National Meet

has also taken some time away from the project. These seats have become the focal point of work and it is a good feeling to see them starting to come together. Bus body assembly to start soon.

The first seat for the bus has finished and only seven more to go!

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