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The Quarterly Newsletter of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.

# THE 'A' PRESERVER

~ Enhancing the preservation of the Model A Ford and its Era ~



## Message from the 2021-2022 President:



**H**ello to all of the Members of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI). For those who do not know me, I will provide a little info. I have been involved in the Model A hobby on the local level since 1987. I got involved at the Gilmore Car Museum in 2009, with the start of the Gilmore Garage Works program, teaching High School students

Auto Restoration after school. I have been involved with MAFFI since 2010 and worked on the Construction Committee for our wonderful Museum. I have served as a Trustee and Museum Manager for two 3 year terms previously and also on Special projects. I am honored to be elected as President for the upcoming year and look forward to serving with the other Trustees for this great Museum and Organization. I want to thank John Begg and the other Board members who have served for their great work in getting us to where we are today.

We have just finished up with Model A Day at our Museum and it was outstanding! In this issue, Jim Thomas has a more detailed summary of the event. This is our main source of income for the Foundation that is necessary to keep the Museum financially stable. I look forward to this event every year and it never disappoints. Model A people are the best and as we walked and drove around it seemed everyone was having a great time. This event is possible each year with the hard work of many Model A volunteers planning, preparing on the work days leading up to it, and staffing necessary jobs from the front gate to each seminar given. Please consider helping out at next year's show as it gives you a chance to get to know more great Model A'ers.

As an organization, John Begg and his team of Trustees have done a great job of keeping the Museum looking great and also having a sound financial future. Plans are in the works for a few new displays to be developed. A-616 arrived right before Model A Day on loan. This vehicle has a treasured history of Henry Ford taking it across country right off the assembly line to prove the durability of the Model A.

Donations are another key element of the Foundation's sound future. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our Committee will gladly review your auto, parts or financial contribution.

If you have not visited Gilmore and your Model A Museum I encourage you to make plans soon. If you have visited, but it has been a while, it is worth another trip as things are changing and improving every year. The CCCA museum expansion was completed this year on the Gilmore Campus and the Horseless Carriage Club has put together a display of vehicles as they raise funds for their Museum building. I hope to see you there and please take time to introduce yourselves if our paths do cross. ~Jerry Morrissey

*You may be surprised by what or who you see at The Museum!*



*After last years Hall of Fame Ceremony, inductee Les Andrews decided he needed to try out the driver's seat in Huff and Puff, The Museum's big yellow School Bus.*

## Message from the Executive Director:



In April, I sent out 671 membership renewal notices whose memberships were about to expire or had expired in the past year. To date, 208 members still haven't renewed their memberships. 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 membership status, email me at [ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org) or give me a call and I'll be happy to get you updated. You can also renew on PayPal. Go to [PayPal@MAFFI.ORG](mailto:PayPal@MAFFI.ORG) and follow the instructions on membership renewal.

Since our last newsletter we would like to welcome nine new Life Members, thirteen Family Members and a new club, the Centerville Antique Auto Touring Society to our Model A Ford Foundation family. We hope to have met you all Model A Day at The Museum.

I hope you all enjoyed Model Day at The Museum this month. The theme of "First Responder Vehicles" was a carry-over from last year's cancelled event and I hope you all enjoyed the display as much as we did putting it together. We're always on the lookout for unique Model A's so if you know of one, please let us know. We want you to be able to see something new and unique every time you visit.

Stay safe, take care and we look forward to seeing you at Model A Day 2022! ~John Marshall

## 2021 Model A Day Highlights

The theme for this year's celebration was Model A First Responders, this theme was originally planned for the 2020 Model A Day celebration, which was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, in addition to the MAFFI Model AA Stake Bed Truck, the MAFFI 1930 Model AA "Huff & Puff" School Bus, a Model A Woody Wagon, and a Model A Phaeton were available to transport attendees around the 90-acre Gilmore campus.

**Vehicles:** In line with the Model A Day theme, special First Responder Model A vehicles highlighted this year's event. Those included: 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 seven Model AA fire trucks, were also on display.

**Seminars:** Model A educational seminars were held on both Friday and Saturday. This year's seminar topics were: Restoring a 1931 AA Bus, The History of Model A First Response Vehicles, Model A Era Fashion, Fabrics and Fun, Rebuilding the Model A Front End, and The Model A Woody Wagon.

**Swap Meet:** This year's swap meet was the largest Model A Day swap meet gathering to date. MAFFI had swap meet spaces to sell items donated to maintain the Museum and benefit the Foundation. Contact Greg Fish ([fish\\_49202@yahoo.com](mailto:fish_49202@yahoo.com) or 517-712-7603) if you or your local Model A club would like to donate swap meet items for next year's event.

**Meeting and Hall of Fame:** The annual MAFFI membership meeting was held in the shade under a large tent. Following the meeting, a ceremony inducting four new members into the 2021 Model A Ford Hall of Fame took place.

Wayne Carini, creator of the acclaimed television series Chasing Classic Cars and son of inductee Bob Carini, attended the induction ceremony. Following the ceremony, Wayne gave an interesting talk about his father’s early involvements in and contributions to the Model A Ford hobby.

**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, President of the Board of Trustees, at [jertrudy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jertrudy@sbcglobal.net) or 269-372-7936. ~Jim Thomas

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The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. seeks to preserve Model A Fords and related memorabilia, encourage research, and educate present and future generations.

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**Museum Member Highlight: Meet Josh Thomas**

**J**osh is one of the younger Life Members of The Museum. He’s been driving Model A’s since he was tall enough to reach the pedals of his Grandfather’s Tudor. Josh purchased his first A from the President of his University, Anderson University, located in Anderson, SC. He was the recipient of a Life Membership as a gift from Mr. Don Turley in 2016. Josh is very active with the Old 96 MAFCA Chapter, the Palmetto A’s MAFCA Chapter and the Southeastern Touring Group, a MAFCA Special Interest Group. Josh also wrote an article published in *The Restorer* and received The 2016 MAFCA Editors Award. Today, he lives in Belton, South Carolina with his faithful Model A, “Vertie” a 1931 Slant Windshield Sedan.



**Thank you!**

Outgoing Board of Trustee members  
(left to right)

Jim Thomas, Greg Fish, Stan Sorrels,  
Lou Ironside, Marsha Quesnel, and  
Randy Czubko

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**Editor's Note:**

I want to thank my predecessor, Stephanie Grundman, for her years of dedication to the Model A Ford Museum and Foundation. In this issue, you will see some changes to the format of your quarterly newsletter. The biggest change is the all color format for this and future newsletters! There is a big layout of photographs from our 2021 Annual Model A Day at The Museum. If you would like something in the museum highlighted in *The "A" Preserver*, please contact me at [editor@maffi.org](mailto:editor@maffi.org). I hope you enjoy this and future issues. ~Happy Begg





## 2021 Model A Hall of Fame

**O**n September 18, 2021, four new individuals were inducted into the Model A Ford Hall of Fame. These inductions took place at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony held during the annual Model A Day festivities at the Model A Ford Museum on the campus of the Gilmore Car Museum.

The Model A Ford Hall of Fame, established in 2014, is a component of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI). The first two Hall of Fame inductees were Henry and Edsel Ford. Each year four new members are added based on their contributions to the development, production, restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford. These four 2021 inductees joined the 26 existing Hall of Fame members:

**R**obert J. Carini - Bob Carini was an energetic Model A Ford hobbyist who made significant contributions to the Model A hobby and the establishment of a national organization to recognize the Model A Ford. He was an accomplished Model A restorer and a key founding member of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC). Beginning in 1953, he was instrumental in organizing the new club. As Vice-President of MARC until 1957, he established the guidelines that formatted the rules on what, specifically, constitutes a restored Model A. As an early Model A advocate, through his perseverance and love of the Model A, Bob Carini played a major role in the advancement of the great hobby we enjoy today.



**J**ames A. Spawn - Jim Spawn's contributions to the Model A Ford hobby are varied and wide-spread. He is probably most recognized as being the long-time Editor of the award-winning *The Restorer* magazine, published by the Model A Club of America (MAFCA). He became the editor of *The Restorer* in 2000 and immediately brought the magazine into the high-tech desktop publishing world. During his 17 years as Editor of the magazine the publication received many literary awards – including the prestigious Gold Award from the International Automotive Media. Jim is a multi-talented professional, a musician, photographer, historian and – most of all – a great ambassador for the Model A Ford.

**S**tanley R. Johnson - Stan Johnson has successfully combined a military career and his love of the Model A Ford into an impressive set of accomplishments. Stan's first Model A, a 1930 Coupe, was purchased when he was 14 years old. He was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army where he served 30 years, retiring with the rank of Colonel. Stan joined the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) in 2000 and served two terms as President. Within MAFFI, he was instrumental in the planning, fund-raising, building design and construction of the Model A Ford Museum. His dedication, hard work and perseverance during these very challenging years underline his significant contributions to the Model A community.





**Gordon M. McGregor** - Gordon McGregor was the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Ford Motor Company of Canada. He was one of the key men responsible in paving the way for Ford automobiles, including the Model A, to be available in countries outside of the United States. The Ford Motor Company of Canada was not a subsidiary of the U.S. Ford Company, but was an independent company. This proud and independent stance was always evident in all Canadian production and promotion activities. Gordon McGregor took on the difficult early groundwork that later resulted in the Model A Ford being popular in its day, and today, in the British Commonwealth countries.



Metal plaques honoring all 30 Hall of Fame members can be found on the wall in the Model A Ford Museum. Visit the MAFFI website, [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), to learn more about the Hall of Fame program and to view detailed background information about all Hall of Fame members.

~Jim Thomas

### Museum Membership dues now payable online

You can now renew your membership using secure PayPal on the Museum website. This is another way you can help better utilize funding in the operation of your Model A Museum.

[Click here to pay online](#)

### 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 Liaison so we can get this information to you. If your club currently has a designated Liaison, we are excited to be working with them. If not, please consider appointing one at your next club meeting. Please send their name, club affiliation and email address to: [clubcontact@maffi.org](mailto:clubcontact@maffi.org).

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## Model A Day, Fashion Seminar

Sherry Winkinhofer, member of the MAFCA Era Fashion Committee, presented a Fashion Seminar for Model A Day at the Gilmore Car Museum titled “Fashion, Fabric and Fun!” Her goal was to share with the participants the variety of fabrics available during the Model A Era.



She is a collector of fabric samples and displayed an amazing assortment of fabric from companies such as JCPenney, Cheney’s Fabric Guide, and the National Importing Company. Her informative power point presentation gave the visual pictures of the fabric, but then she passed around several fabric samples so the group could “touch and feel” the samples to get a better idea of how the fabric would feel.



In addition to all of the fabric samples, the room was filled with many garments some of which were from the collection of Patti Jones, and attendees were invited “touch and feel” these garments. This “hands on” approach is the best way to learn about fabric.

Sherry is a member of the Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club.



## Museum Membership & Contributions

Members play a critical role in helping care for the Model A Ford Museum and enjoy unlimited free admission and other benefits. Consider becoming a member to support the Model A Ford Museum. With each membership, access to the Gilmore Car Museum is included! The Gilmore is the home of the Model A Ford Museum and the membership allows 2 family adult admissions (married couple or parent and adult child) to the entire Gilmore Car Museum Campus. Below are our New Members from 17 May 2021 thru 31 Aug 2021:

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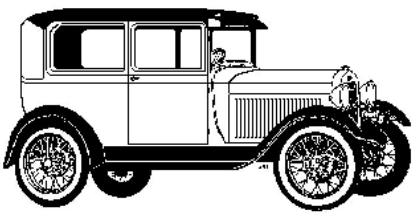
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The Hittle Cousins in memory of Jerrold R. Manning  
The Hoosier Hills Model A Ford Club in memory of Kathryn Sullivan

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