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THE 'A' PRESERVER



Message from the President, Jerry Morrissey:



As we approach the Holiday Season and colder weather, it gives us all a chance to reflect on the last year. Up north here most of our cars are safely put away for the winter unless there are maintenance projects we have planned over the non-driving months. After 2020, where most of the events for the year were cancelled, it was good to get out and participate in tours, meets and, most of all, spend time with the wonderful people in the Model A hobby.

This years' Model A Day at the Gilmore Car Museum was the best ever. The Swap Meet was big, the attendance was great and the weather cooperated for our annual get together. Over the last year we added to our collection a couple of cars to give rides around the campus and for our event we put a couple of others into service giving rides. Please plan to attend next years Model A Day which is always the third Saturday in September. For 2022 there will also be events scheduled on Friday to make it a multi-day event.

The Museum looks better than ever and John Marshall and "the Crew" with their wives just finished decorating for the Holidays. Gilmore has created a very festive event with a drive through a Winter Wonderland. This is a display of lights, Christmas trees and a visit with Santa along with many other exhibits. There is always something new to take in at the Gilmore.

Our Museum has some new exhibits with A-616, a very early Model A that was driven across country to prove the durability of the "New" Ford, a very nice Slant Windshield Deluxe Sedan (Blindback), and a AA Huckster. There is always some new trinket in the parts department that I had not observed in the many times I have gazed at the cabinets.

I hope this Holiday Season brings each of you Joy and Good Tidings and that 2022 is a very Healthy and Happy New Year that can be spent with family and friends.

Message from the Executive Director, John Marshall:



Membership Renewal: To date we have 1523 active members and clubs listed on our roster. Unfortunately, 95 members have not renewed from 2021, 208 have not renewed from 2020 and 91 haven't renewed from 2019 and 2018. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so now. We have tried to make re-registration as easy and cost effective as possible. You can now update your membership on the MAFFI website, WWW.MAFFI.ORG with the click of a button using PayPal. Also, if you have recently moved, had a change of address, or are

not sure if your membership is current, please email me at ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org. We need and appreciate your continued support.

Model A Day: Model A Day was a success, and we were able to sign up 113 new members including one new Life Member! It was great to see and interact with our members in person again. Hopefully this will continue to next year's event.

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



Look who was seen delivering packages in the Model A Town Car, none other than, Santa Claus!

Annual Charitable Giving: With postage rates on the rise and to save the Foundation precious funds, instead of mailing this year's Annual Giving Donations and Club Giving letters, they will be available on the MAFFI website and in the monthly Club Liaison emails. Please, consider making a holiday donation to the Museum or Endowment Funds. 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 I hope to see you soon at the Museum!

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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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Editor’s Note:

It’s hard to believe that this year is quickly coming to a close. I hope you were able to get to the Museum during 2021. It seems that every time I am there, something new has been added. Our museum is the most visited on the Gilmore Campus, and it is quite evident why. From the moment you walk in the door, you are immersed in the Model A Era. Whatever your interest is during the years of 1928 and 1931, there is something for you to discover. You see, the Model A Museum tells the whole story of the Era with fashions, cars, interactive displays, dioramas, and much, much more. Plan to visit in 2022 and see how the museum has captured life as lived during the Model A Era.

Please, consider making a holiday donation to the Museum or Endowment Funds. All donations are tax deductible, and every donation goes directly to operate the museum and ensure its existence for future generations to enjoy. ~Happy Begg

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Museum Member Highlight: Meet Jessee Eaton

From an early age, he's been fascinated with mechanics and vehicles. But, as many of you know, the Model A Ford isn't a common thing that a 19 year old guy is just deeply involved with... so why the interest?

The first experience, and a lasting one, he had with a Ford Model A was with a neighbor, an elderly widow who still had a 1930 Model A Coupe stored quietly away in the garage behind her house, which her husband had been working to restore shortly before he passed away. As a child, he remembers the days when his dad would scoop him up and take him over to her garage, where he would spend long hours cleaning and waxing the car, trying to take care of it for the elderly woman. His favorite memory of this Coupe was climbing up in the rumble seat and imagining being driven in a parade, throwing candy to the crowd.



Years later, he met two very special people, by the names of Norman and Judith Smith. They owned two model A's, a 29 Tudor and a 29 Roadster, along with two Thunderbirds, a Shelby Cobra, and a 15 Metz Touring Car. Years after he met the Smith's, they contacted him to tell me they were selling their Tudor, and he just had to have it, dreaming of owning a Model A Ford since the day he first laid eyes on that old coupe in his neighbor's garage.

Today, he is a Sophomore in college enrolled at Freed Hardeman University in Henderson, TN. He is originally from West Virginia, which meant he had to leave his beloved Tudor at home while at school. He is very interested in Fine Point Restorations and is currently in the process of procuring parts to begin the process of restoring his Tudor to fine point judging standards.

While he has not been able to visit the Model A Museum, he is extremely grateful to Don Turley and Richard Lawson who sponsored my lifetime membership. After graduation, he hopes to be able to become active with the museum and to restore many more Model A's.

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 1 September 2021 thru 15 November 2021:

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Message from the Past President, John Begg:

It has truly been a privilege to serve as President of MAFFI over the past years. Much has happened during that time and I wish to thank the Trustees, volunteers and the many donors and hobbyists that have contributed to the success of The Foundation and our world class museum located on the grounds of The Gilmore Car Museum. I'd also like to recognize and thank NATMUS, our museum partner in Auburn, Indiana, for such a fantastic exhibit of Model A's and friendship we enjoy together.

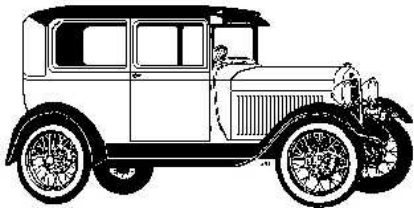
Many of you know Jerry Morrissey. Jerry will be serving as MAFFI President and I am both excited and confident of his ability and dedication to promote the Model A and to continue the success of our Foundation and Museum. You can look far and wide, but you'll not find finer representatives of our hobby than Jerry and his wife Trudy.

As always, I look forward to seeing you during Model A day at The Gilmore! With Best Regards, John



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