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The Quarterly Newsletter of the Model A Ford Museum

# THE 'A' PRESERVER

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



## Message from the President, Jerry Morrissey:



**A**cross the country car events are going strong with the Summer season upon us. Model A National Meets and National Tours are going on and it seems attendance is good at these events. It is great that we are getting our cars out and enjoying the hobby! I just finished attending the Model T Driving School at Gilmore Car Museum and it was a lot of fun, along with being very educational. It got me excited knowing that we are planning our first Model A Driving School during Model A Days this year at our event. While most of us reading this Preserver already know how to drive a Model A, this class will offer folks considering buying a car to drive some different models to pick their favorite. We also encourage all females to learn to drive these cars and hope that some might want to sign up to learn at this event, as well.

The New Ford exhibit on the second level of the Campagna (C) Barn at The Gilmore is now complete and it looks amazing. This exhibit features Fords from 1903 to 1953. MAFFI worked with the Gilmore to put this exhibit together and it gives us the chance to display an additional 5 cars at Gilmore from our collection. A very interesting piece in this exhibit is an original 1932 B-400 with a V-8 donated to The Gilmore by Paul Fagan from New York. This is a rare car. Paul has donated a couple of other vehicles already to MAFFI as well.

We are putting together a group of past Presidents and Executive Directors from the Foundation to try to put together a long-range plan for the future of MAFFI and our Museum. How can we better serve to educate people about the Model A Ford and life during the Model A Era? If you have ideas that we should consider, I would appreciate it if you could forward them to me to pass along to the group. The goal is to have a recommendation that we will forward to the MAFFI Board for their consideration and approval later this year.

Our Museum looks great and I have the good fortune of being able to visit regularly and enjoy the wonderful collection we have amassed. Our new Telephone Truck is now on display and it is beautiful. We are seeing Model A's cruising around the campus daily in the Ride the Classics program. We have done some Maintenance work on a couple of cars recently to keep them going strong.

I hope to see many of you at this years Model A Days event in September at our Museum. Remember that you will need to register in advance this year for a few of the activities we have planned, so check out the event at <http://www.maffi.org>. This year features trucks, so I hope that many of you bring your trucks out to show them off. ~Jerry

**Message from the Executive Director, John Marshall:**



Memberships numbers are continuing to grow, we now have 322 Club Members and 512 Lifetime Members with of a total membership of 2185. Please tell your friends about MAFFI and the Model A Museum, let them know that you don't have to own a Model A to become a member. You just have to love Henry's Lady!

The current total of Museum Walkway Bricks stands at 1850. Walkway Bricks are a great way to honor a current or past club member, relative or friend. They are a permanent memorial and their purchase helps to fund the museum.

For the first time, Model A Day at the museum is now "Model A Days" and is shaping up to be one of the best ever! With the theme of "Model A Trucks" there will plenty of rare "A's" to enjoy, including a Police Patrol Wagon and An original Telephone Repairman's truck. Don't forget to bring your cameras on September 16th & 17th! Check the MAFFI website for details on the new hotel this year and activities for the weekend.

MAFFI memberships run from May to May. On April 11th, I mailed out 672 renewal reminder letters. To date, 167 of our members have yet to responded to that mailing. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible to save us the expense of sending out reminder letters. Any funds we can save from not having to send out the reminder letters are funds we can use to improve and add to the museum. Don't forget you can also pay your membership dues via PayPal. Just go to the MAFFI website at WWW.MAFFI.ORG and click on the "Membership" button.

Until we meet again, May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains not fall while you're driving your Model A! ~ John

*The New Ford Exhibit in the Campagna (C) Barn*



*Featuring Fords from 1903 to 1953*



## MAFFI Mission Statement

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 Membership & Contributions

**M**embers 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. New Members from 23 Feb thru 17 May, 2022:

### Lifetime

Eugene & Jane Roehl, Troy, IL  
Terry & Melanie Whittington, Beckley, WV  
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Leon Gaiser, Liberty Center, IN  
James & Beverly Carbone, Cuyahoga, OH  
Cindy Ellenbecker, New Holstein, WI  
William Schaefer, Troy, IL  
Joe Fox, New Haven, IN  
Frank Valencia, Frankfort, IL

### Brick Memorials from 23 Feb 2022 thru 17 May 2022

The Motor Cities Region, MARC in memory of Al Brown  
The Motor Cities Region, MARC in memory of Bob & Dot Bristow  
The Motor Cities Region, MARC in memory of Ron Malinowski  
The Motor Cities Region, MARC in memory of Don Bivens  
The Motor Cities Region, MARC in memory of Rob & Leslie Rebtov  
The Mid-Missouri Model A Club in memory of their members passed in 2021  
The Apple Valley Chapter Model A Club in memory of Dean Sizer  
The Apple Valley Chapter Model A Club in memory of Walter Mabry  
The Gold Coast Region of MARC in memory of Audrey Franz  
The Grape Country A's in memory of Chris Osborn  
The Grape Country A's in memory of Lanny Becker  
The Grape Country A's in memory of Bob Packer  
The Grape Country A's in memory of Dean Webster  
The Grape Country A's in memory of Margaret Brown  
The Grape Country A's in memory of Ronald Kent  
Sheila Nichols in memory of William L. Nichols  
Art & Pat Callan in memory of John Jacobson



**Monetary Memorial Donations 23 Feb 2022 thru 17 May 2022**

The Hoosier Hills Model A Ford Club in memory of Steve Custis  
 The Columbus Indiana Region, MARC in memory of Steve Custis  
 The Worchester County Model A Club in memory of Malcom H. Young  
 The Bakersfield Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Julie Black  
 The Sonoma A's in memory of Mel Petersen  
 The Columbus Indiana Region, MARC in memory of Billy Sergeant  
 Keith & Linda Thamer in memory of John Coulter Frazee  
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 Robert Torrence in memory of James Torrence  
 Patricia Baker in memory of James Torrence  
 The Henry's Lady Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Jim Hopkins  
 Jerome Tiesch in memory of James Torrence  
 Jan & Kathy Wyckoff in memory of Jim Torrence  
 The Rock-Ford A's in memory of Ron Ortberg  
 Amy Holtsford in memory of Jim Torrence  
 Doris Chambers in memory of James A. Torrence  
 Lori, Mick, Faith, Christian & Grace Thompson in memory of James Torrence  
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 Walt & Carla Hibbard in memory of John Frazee  
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 The Beaver Valley Model A Ford Club in memory of Bob Schreiner  
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 The Queen City Model A Club in memory of Linda Molenaar  
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 The Meadowlark Model A Ford Club in memory of Shizuko Chase  
 Joe & Pam Baxter in memory of Ralph Saine  
 Old Fort Model A's in memory of Ralph L. Saine  
 William Beardmore in memory of James Torrence  
 Steve & Judy Hamilton in memory of Bob Schwartz  
 The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Mike Cunneen  
 The Old Dominion Model A Ford Club in memory of George Palm  
 The Old Dominion Model A Ford Club in memory of Dotty Shepard



**2022 Model A Days  
Technical Seminars**

**Saturday, September 17**

**Venue: Garage Works Building**

"The Working Mans Vehicle" by Jordon Beller

"Model A Pop-Outs, Keys & Locks" by Howard Denker

"The Manufacturing of Ford Wood for the Model A" by Harold Comstock from Classic Wood



**2022 Model A Days  
Fashion Seminar**

**Melanie Whittington  
Saturday, Sept 17, in**

**The Gilmore Theater**

**@ 9:15am**

Melanie has been a member of MAFCA & MARC for over 10 years. She is in her second term on the MAFCA Era Fashion Committee. She is an administrator on the MAFCA Facebook page and the MAFCA Era Fashion Committee Facebook page. She enjoys researching different time periods & has been recreating vintage fashion for nearly 30 years.

**Don't miss her seminar, "Looking great in the great outdoors!"**

Explore what to wear while going outdoors. Discover a more relaxed way to dress while enjoying your Model A. Uncover ideas for making your own clothing and finding era look-a-like pieces at your local shop or second hand store.

**Go to [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) for more information regarding 2022 Model A Days, September 16 & 17!**

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## 2022 Model A Days Information

[www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org)

- **When and where are Model A Days?** *Model A Days are Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at The Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.*
- **What is this year's theme?** *This year, the theme is "Model A Trucks". This includes trucks of all types such as Panel Deliveries, Stake Beds, Deluxe Deliveries, Pickups, etc.*
- **Why is the event two days this year?** *Our event has grown to such a degree, two days are needed to experience all Model A activities and the other museums.*
- **What is the cost for admission?** *\$16 per day per person for adults. Two-day passes are \$28 per person during Model A Days. MAFFI Museum members get in free of charge. You can join the MAFFI Museum now or during MADs for a \$25 yearly membership that allows Gilmore grounds admission for two people each day. Go to [maffi.org](http://maffi.org) to join.*
- **Can I drive my Model A onto The Gilmore grounds? Yes. What is the cost?** *There is no cost for MAFFI Museum members. Non MAFFI Museum members will be required to pay the normal cost of admission as stated above. A \$10 donation is suggested.*
- **Where can I stay?** *The Delta Hotel (Host Hotel) has the largest block of rooms reserved for our event. Hotel information is listed on the [MAFFI](http://MAFFI) website.*
- **Do I make my own hotel reservations? Yes. How?** *Contact the hotel of your choice directly and let them know you are with The Model A Museum event. You will receive our lower negotiated rates. Contact Suzan O'Neale for hotel reservation questions [oneale31@gmail.com](mailto:oneale31@gmail.com) or (540) 748-0659. Hotel reservations and cancellations must be handled directly with the hotel, and cannot be handled by the MAFFI Museum.*
- **Why not The Four Points Hotel as in the past?** *The Four Points Hotel is the host hotel for another event that weekend.*
- **How do I register?** *Go to [tinyurl.com/Model-A-Days](http://tinyurl.com/Model-A-Days). The prompts will lead you through the process. For questions, contact Katie Herrick [katiehcpa@gmail.com](mailto:katiehcpa@gmail.com) or (615) 604-7423.*
- **Why do I need to register?** *Registration is needed to secure reservations for our special optional events at The Air Zoo, the Saturday night BBQ at The Gilmore, and "Learn to drive a Model A Class".*
- **What is The Air Zoo?** *We have a special private event that will be closed to the general public. The Air Zoo event is on the agenda for Friday. The Air Zoo is an airplane and air science museum in Kalamazoo. More info can be found online, [airzoo.org](http://airzoo.org).*
- **Can I get my special optional event money refunded if I have to cancel my trip?** *Yes, if cancelled by September 1<sup>st</sup> for the Air Zoo and/or Saturday night BBQ and/or the Learn to Drive a Model A class. Contact Katie Herrick [katiehcpa@gmail.com](mailto:katiehcpa@gmail.com) or (615) 604-7423 for cancellations.*
- **What happens if I don't register for the special events but later decide I want to attend The Air Zoo and/or BBQ and/or Learn to Drive a Model A class?** *Registration is required in advance, before September 1<sup>st</sup> to secure the required amount of food and logistics for each event.*
- **How can I get questions answered during Model A Days?** *Ask any volunteer wearing a neon vest. Or contact John Begg, Model A Days Chairman, (803) 727-4392 or [jwbegg@gmail.com](mailto:jwbegg@gmail.com), at any time.*

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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).



### Editor's Note:

The lazy days of summer are upon us and that is the perfect time to get out your Model A's and go for a picnic or to your favorite ice cream parlor. I hope you will find this issue informative regarding the upcoming Model A Days at The Museum, September 16 & 17, this year. Trucks from far and near will arrive and be the featured body style. We know there are a lot of one off Model A trucks out there and we are very hopeful that you will bring yours to show off. I'm looking forward to teaching folks how to drive the A during our Model A Driving School. Come on ladies, if you ride in an A, you really need to know how to drive it, just in case it may ever become necessary.

I look forward to seeing you in September!  
~Happy Begg

### 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.

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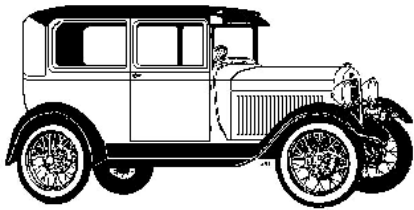
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