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**MODEL A DAYS** 

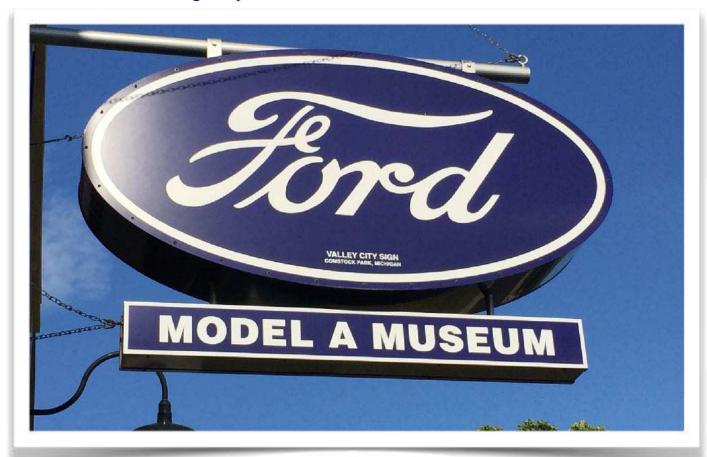


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The Quarterly Newsletter of the Model A Ford Foundation, Incorporated

# THE "A" PRESERVER

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



# Message from the President: Joe Fox

You are probably wondering why someone new is writing this message to all of you members of MAFFI. Well, at the 2022 Annual Board Meeting held during September 2022, I was elected as your new President! So as my (one of many) first official acts, I want to introduce myself. But first, let's thank all the MAFFI Trustees for their dedicated service, and acknowledge outgoing Trustees John Begg, Suzan O'Neale, and Gene Tallone. We are also welcoming new Trustees; Randy

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Czubko, Mark Maron, Jarrod Williams, Cindy Ellenbecker. This is the nucleus of folks that assure that the Museum, Model A Days and all aspects of MAFFI operations run smoothly. Be assured, there are several other key people who work with the Trustees in the day-to-day operations. Thanks to all! And a very special thanks goes to John Begg, who will continue in an advisory capacity, and outgoing President Jerry Morrissey, who remains as a Trustee and in the all-important role of Museum Manager.

Now for that introduction I promised... I am relatively new to the MAFFI Board, although I have attended every Model A Day since the first one, just before the Museum was built. I recently spent four years on the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) Board of Directors, the last two as President. My wife Sandy and I are very active in local and National Model A events, so you'll be seeing both of us around! Jerry Morrissey and John Begg have been instrumental in assisting me during this transition, and along with fellow Officers Vice President – Katie Herrick, Secretary Mike DuBreuil, and Treasurer – Ross Milne, we will continue to provide the Model A community with the best Museum and events with which you are accustomed.

The primary event that we sponsor, Model 'A' Days at the Gilmore, just ended, and what a wonderful time it was! The weather was perfect for two days of swap meet, seminars, riding in the classics, Model A's on display, music, dancing, and of course the Hall of Fame inductions. New this year were driving classes, Model A 'first start', a night at the Air Zoo (complete with a fabulous lasagna dinner) and more! The team is already planning next year's event, which promises to be even more spectacular!

Behind the scenes, a team of past and current Directors and Presidents is putting their heads together to determine the ideal Long Range Plan for the longevity of the Museum and the Model A hobby. As plans progress we will present the details right here in the 'A' Preserver, so stay tuned.

So now enjoy the rest of the interesting articles and information. And maybe we'll see each other on the road in our Model A's! ~ Joe

# Message from the Executive Director: John Marshall

In April, I sent out 670 membership renewal notices whose memberships were about to expire or had expired in the past year. To date 311 members still have not renewed their memberships. Please check the date on your MAFFI Membership card. If you have not renewed yet, please do so now. If you aren't sure of your membership status, email me at <a href="mailto:ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org">ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org</a> or give me a call and I'll be happy to get you updated. You can also renew on PayPal. Go to <a href="mailto:PayPal@MAFFI.ORG">PayPal@MAFFI.ORG</a> and follow the instructions on membership renewal.

Since our last newsletter we would like to welcome seven new Life Members, and forty new Family Members to our Model A Ford Foundation family. We hope to have met you all Model A Day weekend at the museum.

I hope you all enjoyed Model Day Weekend at the museum this month. The theme of "A & AA Trucks" had a variety of unique vehicles, some of which are now owned by the museum. We hope you all enjoyed the display as much as we did putting it together. We are 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 2023! ~ John

# 2022 Model A Days Highlights

he theme for this year's celebration was Model A Trucks. MAFFI Trustees and volunteers planned wonderful activities along with a few surprises

Reserved parking spaces was 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.

#### Vehicles:

In line with the Model A Days theme, special trucks were on display in the Museum and on the grounds, and highlighted this year's event. These included: a Model AA Fire Truck, a 1930 Model AA Police Patrol Wagon, a 1930 Model A Huckster Truck, and a 1931 Model AA Service Car/Wrecker.

#### **Seminars:**

Model A educational seminars were held on Saturday. This year's seminar topics included: We had 4 seminars presented on Saturday: "Manufacturing of Ford Wood for the Model A", "The Working Man's Vehicle", "Ford Keys, Locks and Pop-Outs", and a Fashion seminar: "Looking Great in the Great Outdoors "

### **Swap Meet:**

This year's swap meet was huge! We had vendors from far and wide. Mark Maron did a great job organizing this year's event. MAFFI, again, had swap meet spaces to sell items donated to maintain the Museum and benefit the Foundation. Contact Rob Mills (<u>rmills@cass.net</u>) 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, updates on Foundation activities and Museum displays were presented and MAFFI Trustees were introduced. Following the meeting, a ceremony inducting four new members into the 2022 Model A Ford Hall of Fame took place. This year's inductees were: Art Callan (MAFFI), Howard Miners (MAFFI), Ken Ehrenhofer (MARC), and Merle Smith (MAFCA). Art Callan and Howard Minners attended and addressed the crowd via Zoom. Ken Ehrenhofer was in attendance and Jay McCord accepted the award for Merle Smith, on behalf of MAFCA.

#### Volunteers:

Hosting the annual Model A Days event always requires a lot of planning, preparation and volunteers to assist on event day. If you'd like to volunteer to help with next years activities, please contact Katie Herrick (615-604-7423 or <a href="mailto:katiehepa@gmail.com">katiehepa@gmail.com</a>) or (John Begg (803-727-4392 or <a href="mailto:jwbegg@gmail.com">jwbegg@gmail.com</a>).

# 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. Please send their name, club affiliation and email address to: Mike Dubreuil <a href="mailto:clubcontact@maffi.org">clubcontact@maffi.org</a>

# **Editors Note: Happy Begg**

Model A Days 2022 is now just great memories! Click here for a video of the weekends events: 2022 Model A Days. I had the pleasure of coordinating the first annual Model A Ford Driving Experience school. We had 14 students with varying degrees of experience with driving Model A Fords. It was great fun and everyone graduated with confidence that they were able to now drive a Model A Ford! I hope you will join us next year, the third Friday and Saturday of September, for great fun, food, and Model A friends! ~ Happy

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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 Membership dues now payable online

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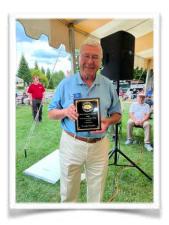


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# 2021-2022 Volunteer of the Year Randy Czubko

Randy owns Valley City Signs in Comstock Park, Michigan. He has served several years as a MAFFI Trustee and is a returning Board member this Fall. He maintains the American flag atop our museum, no easy feat as a cherry picker is required to replace it each year. Most recently, with his grandson's help, Randy designed and produced the new Horn Display. Living close to The Museum, Randy is always available to go check in on various items.

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Annual Membership Meeting under the Big Tent



Esso Tanker Truck



**AA Bread Truck** 



Truck Line-up



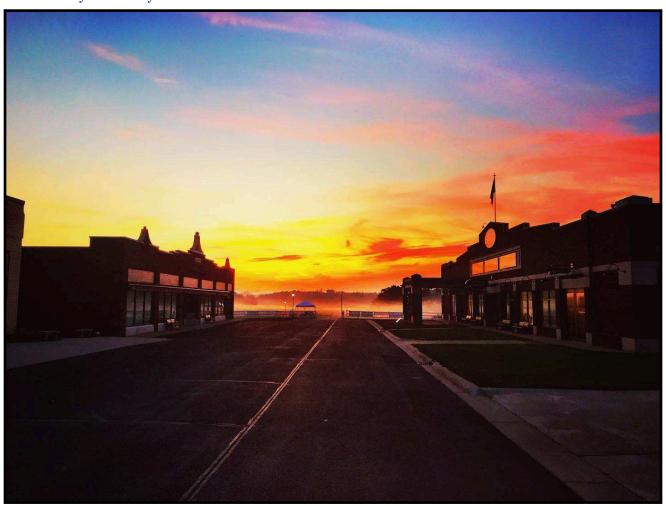
Paul Shinn driving Huff & Puff



Jerry Morrissey & Joe Fox



Moonshine, anyone?



Sunrise on The Gilmore Car Museum Campus



First Start Crew



Car Started in 35 minutes, after sitting for more than 4 decades!



Cars in front of the Model A Museum



Era Fashions were enjoyed all weekend!



Beautiful line up of Model A's



Newly acquired Telephone Truck on display

# 2022 Hall of Fame Inductees





Art Callan Howard Minners







Merle Smith

# 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 18 May 2022 thru 22 Aug 2022

#### LIFETIME

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The Model A Friends of Bob McMahon in memory of Robert K. McMahon

William H, Miller in memory of Frank Nemechek James Flammang in memory of Francis F. (Butch) Flammang

The Gold Coast Region, MARC in memory of Tom Garcia

The Gold Coast Region, MARC in memory of Jessie Bien

The Diablo A's Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Patty & Tom Howard

The Illinois Region, MARC in memory of Alan Wall The Illinois Region, MARC in memory of Myrna Patterson

The Diablo A's, MAFCA in memory of Daryl & Barbara Werner

#### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Tony & Lucy Ham in memory of John Frazee

The Sara-Mana Model A Ford Club in memory of Rex Burgett

The Fox Valley Region, MARC in memory of Robert K. McMahon

The Evergreen Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Merilyn Duff

The Capitol A's Model A Club in memory of Jerry Bengel

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# Message from the outgoing President: Jerry Morrissey

It has been a pleasure to serve as the MAFFI President over the last year. I have been involved with the Foundation since the decision to build our Museum at the Gilmore and construction began. Over the years I have met so many great Model A folks. The Trustees and Volunteers that put forth their hard work and contributions help to make our Museum and Foundation vibrant. I look forward to continue to serve on the MAFFI Board as Museum Manager and hope to meet even more of our members in the years to come. I wish Joe Fox as your new President and the new Trustees the best as we enter into 2023. ~ Jerry



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