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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

As you are reading this in the A Preserver, you are most likely already a member of the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI). However, if you are perusing a friends copy, it is quite likely you have a deep interest in the Model A Ford, and the Antique & Classic Car Hobby. If you have not experienced the 400+ vehicles and the myriad of automotive displays at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI, you should really put it on your 'bucket list'! The Gilmore is the site of the Model A Ford Museum, which opened in 2013, and is home to a variety of beautiful Model A's and AA's, along with Era Fashion displays and other exhibits. The displays are updated

frequently, giving you a fresh experience each time you visit. We have several interactive exhibits, which provide an immersive experience for visitors, young and old alike.

If you have not been to the Museum in a while, we hope you will visit this year. You will see several new vehicles and exhibits to explore. Our latest addition is one we are particularly excited about... Thanks to a very generous donation from the family of Dale Krull we now have a beautifully restored, top award winning, 1929 Oval Window Business Coupe on display! You can see in the photo on page 8, that it is placed next to a 1929 Roadster of the same color, offering a nice comparison of the contrasting features of each car. Be sure to check it out!

A great time to see all the many cars and displays in the Model A Museum and throughout the Gilmore campus this year is during Model A Days, September 15 & 16. Information can be found in this issue on page 7, on the MAFFI website, and on the MAFFI Facebook page. It will be a great Model A weekend packed with seminars, a huge Model A only Swap Meet, and many other fun activities. Hope to see you there!

As a member of MAFFI, your support is greatly appreciated. Please take this opportunity to renew your membership, and help our foundation grow by encouraging your friends in the hobby to join, as well. You might share with them the many benefits that MAFFI membership brings, for example... free admission all year to the Gilmore Car Museum campus. This in itself is worth the price of membership, with countless events and car shows throughout the year. Members can get copies of original Ford factory photos and articles to share in your local newsletter, and find samples and detailed information on original Upholstery Materials and Model A Advertising. There are videos on a variety of Model A related topics for members to borrow, information is on page 8. Membership helps to support the operation and exhibits of the Museum. So let's see if we can increase our membership numbers this year and welcome more hobbyists into our ranks. You can get all the information you need on the MAFFI website, www.maffi.org.

Here's hoping that you will have a great year of enjoying the Model A hobby! ~ Joe

Message from the Executive Director: John Marshall

Membership numbers are remaining steady, we have 322 Club Members and currently 1331, up to date Family Memberships. There are 228 members listed who haven't renewed since 2021 or 2022. We will be sending our renewal notices in early April. There is a code on the bottom of your address label which indicates when your membership expired. RM21 means "Regular Membership" Expired in 2021. Also, please note the increase in the Membership rates on page 3. This is the first increase in memory and it was necessary to maintain the quality you expect from the best Model A Museum in the country! You can renew by mail or on the website at www.maffi.org and pay via PayPal. Please tell your friends and fellow club members about MAFFI and the Museum. Let them know they don't have to own a Model A to be a member and help support the museum, you just have to love Henry's Lady!

The current total of Museum Walkway Bricks to date stands at 1937. We still have room for more and bricks are a wonderful way to honor a current or past club member, relative or friend, or to just see your own name in stone! They are a permanent memorial, and their purchase helps to fund the museum.

Our first two day Model A Days event last year at the museum was a huge success! Again, we signed up more than 100 new members and the swap meet of ALL MODEL A PARTS was the best ever! It's not too early to start planning on attending Model A Days 2023 on September 15th and 16th for our second 2-day event. It's an exciting time to visit the Museum, renew old friendships and see what unique Model A vehicles will be featured at this year's event.



Thank You, All for your continuing support of MAFFI and the Model A Museum! Without you, the museum would have remained but a dream! ~ John

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Editors Note: Happy Begg

Happy Spring! A lot has been going on at the Museum over the cold and snowy winter months. The volunteers have freshened up the displays and as Joe mentioned, there is a beautiful new 1929 Business Coupe for your enjoyment, now on display. Make plans to visit the Gilmore Campus this year; you won't be disappointed!~ Happy



Does Your Model A Club Have a MAFFI Liaison?

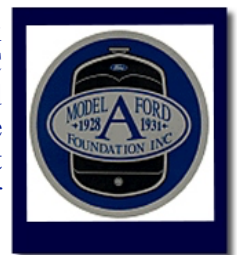
We are making an effort to reach out to each club that belongs to MAFFI to make sure you know what is going on within the organization. We are encouraging each club to appoint a MAFFI Liaison so we can get this information to you. If your club currently has a designated Liaison for MAFFI, we are excited 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 clubcontact@maffi.org

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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Membership Rate News

The MAFFI Board of Trustees has voted to implement the following membership structure. Please note that each membership level includes the named member and spouse/significant other.

Annual Membership - \$35 3 Year Membership - \$100 Lifetime Membership - \$500

Effective May 1, 2023

Please note that MAFFI offers a Lifetime membership, and... we maintain the lowest annual dues on The Gilmore Car Museum campus.

Support the MODEL "A" MUSEUM with a lifelong tribute
BRICK ORDER FORM - \$150 per BRICK
3 line message-20 Characters/line including spaces & punctuation
17 Characters for CAPITAL LETTERS
Mail check & form to: MAFFI, PO Box 28, Peotone, IL 60468-00028

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MAFFI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DONATION FORM

The Model A Ford Foundation is a 501c3 educational charity dedicated to preserving and educating people on the Model A Ford and its era. Membership includes a quarterly newsletter and information about the foundation and the Museum. You are invited to join by filling out this form and sending it with your check to the address below.

Remember, you get free admission to the Museum with your membership.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Check One: 1 yr membership \$35 3 yr membership \$100 Lifetime \$500

Additional Donation of: \$ _____ to be applied to (check one):

MAFFI General Fund Endowment Fund

Mail to MAFFI at: P.O. Box 28, Peotone, IL 60468-0028

New rates are effective May 1, 2023

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 28 November 2022 thru 20 February 2023.

LIFETIME

Ed & Katie Herrick, Gallatin, TN
 Cindy Ellenbecker & Steve Moore, New Holstein, WI
 Ross & Lorna Milne, Brampton, Ont. CAN
 Brian & Roberta Weber, Santa Maria, CA

Steven & Linda Houghtaling, Ellington, CT
 Rev. John & Diane Novicki, Fairfield, PA

FAMILY

Ernest Vitucci, Scottsdale, AZ
 William & Dana Meyler, Middletown, NJ
 Joel Sheldon, Edmond, OK
 Michael Cairo, Macomb, MI
 Deborah Summerfield, Tottenham, Ont. CAN
 Jim & Donna Hameister, Appleton, WI
 Richard Couture, Young Harris, GA
 Michael Repetto, Blairsville, GA
 Sonny Reighard, Topton, NC
 Ron & Susan Cherry, Kingwood, TX

Bill Honiotes, Elburn, IL
 Stuart Vogel, Lake Worth, FL
 George & Kathy Bresnahan, Neenah, WI
 Jeffrey & Ruth Franz, Bloomington, IN
 John & Twila Cockerill, Columbia, SC
 Larry Bergman, Cape Coral, FL
 Ken & Norma Jeane Bachman, Middletown, PA
 Susan Spires, Shelburne, Ont. CAN
 Carmen Gianforte, Georgetown, TN

BRICK MEMORIALS

Steve & Judy Hamilton in memory of Jim Barbee
 The Polhamus Family
 The Diablo A's in memory of Gehn & Karen Farlow
 The Central Kentucky Region, MARC in memory of Carl Goodwin
 The Central Kentucky Region, MARC in memory of Noah Logan
 The Gold Coast Region, MARC in memory of Ron LaVergne
 The Mississippi Region, MARC in memory of Judy C. Jones
 The Smoky Mountain Model A Club in memory of Jimmy Sexton
 The Sonoma A's in honor of Robert Gutteridge
 Dr. Marcie Zaharee in memory of William S. Zaharee
 Brasstown Valley A's

Daryl Zeis in memory of Alfred B. Cortes
 Mid-Missouri A's in memory of their members passed in 2022
 The Marin Model A's in honor of Rich Zell
 The Northern Colorado Model A's in honor of Harold & Delette Woodward
 The Santa Maria A's in honor of Irene & Donn McKnight
 The Wichita A's Model A Ford Club in honor of Bob & Barb Phye
 The Conejo Valley Model A Club in memory of Ken Walkey
 The Queen City Model a Club in memory of John Kluttz

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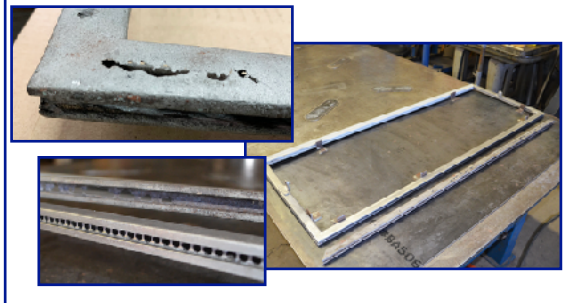
The Modesto Area A's in memory of Mary Lou Lucero
 The Modesto Area A's in memory of Rosie Monaco
 The Queen City Model a Club in memory of Kathie Burns
 The Sonoma A's in memory of David Inman
 The Sonoma A's in memory of Bob Cortelyou
 The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of John Jacobson
 Tom & Sherry Mack in memory of Art Callan
 The Starr Family in memory of Art Callan
 Henry's Lady Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Ann Tarski
 John & Nancy Firth in memory of Jim Spawn
 James & Nancy Callan in memory of Art Callan
 Hugh & Loukie Smith in memory of Art Callan
 The Grand A's in memory of Shirley Fritz
 Len & Peg Michalak in memory of Art & Pat Callan



- Len & Peg Michalak in memory of Barbara Tallone
- Len & Peg Michalak in memory of Mazie Stitt
- Carol & Gordon Johnson in memory of Rob Seiter
- The 3 River Region, MARC in memory of Edward H. "Ted" Mains Jr.
- The 3 River Region, MARC in memory of William R. Hamilton Sr.
- The 3 River Region, MARC in memory of Charlotte J. McClelland
- Roger & Jackie Van Houten in memory of John Kluttz
- The A400 Group in memory of Bill Berger
- The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of Robert Wright
- The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of Barbara Tallone
- The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of Ann Freniere
- The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of Mazie Stitt
- The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of Art Callan
- The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of Pat Callan
- The Great Lake A's in memory of Stephanie Grundman
- Gary & Beverly Zehren in memory of Stephanie Grundman
- The Meadowlark Model A Ford Club in memory of Dale Freyer
- James & Vivian Penrose in memory of Stephanie Grundman
- David, Kelly & Jack Barnhart in memory of Art Callan
- Dr. Alberto Lugo in memory of June T. Spooner
- The MARC Fashion Committee in memory of John Kluttz

The Bus Project is Still Rolling....

Restoring a bus is a really big job but we look at it as "thousands of small projects to complete". When I say small projects that does not mean that they do not require hundreds of hours to restore and complete. One of these projects was the windshield. The bottom was rotted away and needed to be replaced. Ron Ehrenhofer was the lead person and he relied on help from our master machinist and good Model A friend, Larry Rust. (Octavia Tool). The bottom rail of the windshield was cut from solid stock, a special cutter was made to cut a Tee shape into the steel so the tee rubber would fit and hold in position. Larry and Ron have spent months restoring the windshield frame. It now looks new and ready to go into the spray booth for prime and final paint. In the photos, you can see the slots cut into the steel for the glass and rubber trim and you can also see many, many holes drilled into the rail so it would not weigh so much and put a strain on the welded joints. After painting it will go for a new glass windshield....the project keeps moving forward! ~ Ken Ehrenhofer



Message from the Museum Manager: Jerry Morrissey

As Spring approaches things get busy around the Gilmore preparing for another busy season at the Museum. In our Model A Museum we are also making sure everything is in order. The Holiday decorations are all put away and there is a fresh coat of wax on the floor which looks great! A group of us were finishing up some details last week with some light repairs, curb signs, and clean up. We installed a new set of tires on our Phaeton used in the Gilmore Ride the Classics program thanks to a generous donation from Coker tire. They look and ride really nice! Gilmore opens up their unheated buildings in early April, so try to plan a visit to see what is new for this year. The Early Ford exhibit has been extended for another year in the C barn and is a must see if you make it out to the Museum.



We have been spending a lot of time preparing for a new educational video series that we hopefully can share with everyone in our next issue of the Preserver. ~ Jerry



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Model A Days 2023 September 15 & 16



Our theme this year is open cars. Bring your roadsters, roadster trucks, cabriolets, phaetons and 400As to show off.

There will be a special gate for Model A parking. It will be located on Hickory Road. Please enter there and someone will guide you onto the Gilmore grounds and to the Model A parking area.

We are having another two day event with a swap meet both days. Please contact Mark Maron at 847-302-7900 or A7191mark@gmail.com for any questions or to secure your swap space.

Friday, we will be doing a First Start for a car that has not been started in decades. That will be at 2PM and is always a fun event.

Friday, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Model A Driving Experience. This is a classroom, as well as a hands on, driving school. The class will run from 1PM to 4PM. *The cost is \$100 per person and you must preregister online for this class.*

Saturday, there will be a Fashion Seminar, a technical seminar on the ABC's of the model A engine, Road-trip 101 and we will have a special guest talking about the Great Race. All of these seminars will be on Saturday from 9:30 to 2:15. The cost for each seminar is \$5 and will be collected at the door, on the day of the event. After noon on Friday and all day Saturday, we will have "Ride the A's" where you will get your chance to take a spin around the Gilmore campus in a Model A and our AA Stakebed truck — maybe even the Model A School Bus.

There will be a Special Event on Friday evening at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary with a catered dinner and the ability to tour the Kellogg Manor House. *Dinner and admission to the Bird Sanctuary and Manor House will be \$45 per person and you must preregister online.*

MAFFI will have a sales table with merchandise for sale, but this year we are asking you to go online and preorder your t-shirts. We want to be certain to have your size ready for you at the event. Event pins may be preordered as well.

The host hotel will be the Delta Kalamazoo, with a rate of \$129 per night. Group rate code is "Ford Model A Convention Block 2023." Here is the link: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1674592279054&key=GRP>

In order to preregister for the special events and order your merchandise, go to the MAFFI website, www.maffi.org, and look under Model A Days.

As always, our annual meeting will be held under the big tent at the Gilmore at 2:30 on Saturday. After the meeting the Gilmore will keep their diner open for you to grab a bite before you head home or back to the hotel.

For any general questions, contact Katie Herrick, katiehcpa@gmail.com

For any registration questions, contact Sandy Fox, sunfox511@hotmail.com or 419-344-1110.

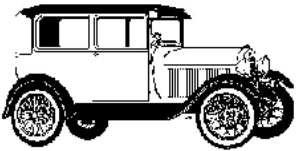


The Model A Museum Needs Your Help

As many of you know, Model A Days at the Gilmore is the Model A Museum's big annual fundraiser. It is a great day to visit friends, see the Museum and buy a few things at our Swap Meet. MAFFI always sells donated parts to help raise money at the Swap Meet. This year, we are in need of more donated parts to sell. If you have any Model A parts you need to get rid of or don't need anymore, why not consider donating them to MAFFI? You can bring you donated parts on Model A Days or contact Ed Herrick at eherrick4@msn.com to discuss getting them to The Museum.

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