



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

# THE "A" PRESERVER

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



## Message from the President: John Begg

It's hard to believe 2023 is already half over and in less than three months we will be enjoying Model A Days at The Gilmore (September 15th and 16th). 2023 MADs Chair, Katie Herrick and her team of Trustees and Volunteers have developed a great agenda for the two day event including seminars, exhibits, a Friday night outing and of course our swap meet that offers visitors the chance to find Model A parts through a vast number of vendors. Many thanks are in order to Mark and Val Maron for continuing to manage such a comprehensive and successful swap meet. If

you have not yet made arrangements to attend this year’s event, check out our website, [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), for more information.

In this edition of *The “A” Preserver*, you will find proposed changes to our Bylaws that reflect changes recommended by the Trustees. In addition to updating our methods for recording and preserving MAFFI business materials by using the latest information sharing and storage technologies, we are also recommending a permanent board seat for NATMUS as well as streamlining our election process for Trustees. We hope you will review and approve the proposed changes.

In early May, a group of Trustees and Volunteers met with personnel from Hemmings Motor News for the purpose of photographing our museum collection of Model A’s. After three days of moving cars and trucks in and out of the museum for photographing, the job was done. Thirty-six individual vehicles were photographed for use on three years of calendars beginning in 2024. When available, these calendars will represent some of the best Model A’s, all from our world class museum!

In the coming months, we will be sharing more news about The Model A Museum. In the meantime, safe travels, and we hope to see you in September for this year’s Model A Days. ~ John

### Does Your Model A Club Have a MAFFI Museum Liaison?

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

## Message from the Executive Director: John Marshall



**M**embership numbers are continuing to grow, we now have 322 Club Members and 548 Lifetime Members out of a total membership of 1900. 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 1949. 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 second 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 “Open Cars” there will be plenty of rare “A’s” to enjoy. Don’t forget to bring your cameras on September 15th & 16th! Check [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) for details on the hotel and activities for the weekend. You must pre-register for the Friday tour and dinner and you can also reserve commemorative pins and T shirts on the website!

MAFFI memberships run from May to May. On April 3rd, I mailed out 757 renewal reminder letters. To date 481 of our members hadn’t 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](http://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

## Editors Note: Happy Begg

**D**riving Season is upon us and I couldn't be happier! John and I, along with a fabulous group of volunteers spent the first full week in May at The Museum. Hemmings was there to shoot 3 years of Model A Calendars-36 Model A's. It was a monumental task moving all the cars, which, other than Huff & Puff had no battery or fuel. Each had to be pushed or towed into position; several were off The Gilmore Campus and had to be trailered! It took about an hour to photograph each car. Your President is now known as the go to guy for tire cleaning! We hope to see you in September! ~ Happy

### 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.

### Publishers Statement

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## 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, Brick and Memorial Donations from 21 February 2023 thru 22 May 2023.

### LIFETIME

John Prohaska, Columbus, IN  
 Jeffrey Smith, Jackson, WI  
 Frank Lawrence, Bloomfield Hills, MI  
 Jack Hofele, Merrill, WI  
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 Scott Cummings, Mansfield, MA  
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John Anderson, Keswick, Ont. CAN  
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 Glen Wilson, Dayton, OH  
 David & Cathy Skinner, Elgin, IL  
 Keith & Ellen Costello, Rutland, MA  
 Valarie Basham, San Diego, CA  
 Jasper Bond, Sauk Rapids, MN  
 Michael Brown, Greenwood, IN  
 John Kinyon, Lake Zurich, IL  
 Peter McDonald, Penetanguishene, ONT. Canada  
 Wade Alexander, Auckland, New Zealand

Donald E. Keller, Ellicott City, MD  
 Mark & Juanita Jones, Lindsay, CA  
 Will Langford, Oklahoma City, OK  
 Pat McLaughlin, Weston, MI  
 Michael Lewis, Warsaw, IN  
 Nick Herzfeldt, Manitowoc, WI  
 Dean Potter, Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
 E. Carl Propst, Sturgis, MI  
 Bill & Sue Harris, Edmond, OK  
 Hunter & Rosa Fanney, Gaithersburg, MD

### BRICK MEMORIALS

The Old Dominion Chapter MAFCFA in memory of  
 Mary Anne Nelson  
 The Old Dominion Chapter MAFCFA in memory of  
 Barbara Tallone  
 Gary Ford, Bill Haag and Larry Reynolds in memory  
 of Monty Hine  
 Douglas J. Skinner in memory of Donald J. Skinner  
 The Five Points Model A Ford Club in memory of  
 Paul & Rita Eippert  
 The Gold Mine Region, MARC in memory of Steve &  
 Brenda Rinaldo  
 David & Kenna Iles in memory of Arthur F. Callan

Doug Skinner in memory of Dr. David and Yuri  
 Lewis  
 The Sullivan Trail A's in memory of Lamont Hine  
 The Conejo Valley Model A Ford Club in memory of  
 Carole Blake  
 The Conejo Valley Model A Ford Club in memory of  
 Jeannie Lutz  
 The Illinois Region, MARC in memory of Phyliss  
 Madrigali  
 The Illinois Region, MARC in memory of Dale &  
 Marge DeKok  
 The Palmetto A's in memory of J.P. Temple

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Henry's Lady Chapter, MAFCFA in memory of Helen Amaral  
 Henry's Lady Chapter, MAFCFA in memory of Jacki Hodges  
 The Beaver Valley Model A Club in memory of Dan Baker  
 The Beaver Valley Model A Club in memory of Fred Dominick  
 The Grundman Family in memory of Stephanie Grundman  
 Angela M. Behling in memory of Stephanie Grundman



The Auburn A's. MAFCA in memory of Cal Bisson  
 Douglas J. Skinner in memory of Donald J. Skinner  
 The Aiken A's in memory of Ken Bernacchi  
 The Bakersfield Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Gary Lee Stanfill  
 The Evergreen Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Jeffery Berry  
 Steve & Judy Hamilton in memory of Steve Breiting  
 John & Happy Begg in memory of Barbara Tallone  
 John & Happy Begg in memory of Lorna Milne  
 John & Happy Begg in memory of Rob Seiter  
 John & Happy Begg in memory of Art Callan  
 John & Happy Begg in memory of Pat Callan  
 The Minuteman Model A Ford Club in memory of Tom Webster  
 Charles Kenney in memory of Art Callan  
 The Bakersfield Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Andonietta Anna Angone Brancato  
 The Gallopin' Gertie Model A Club in memory of Anita Bader  
 The Henry's Lady Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Barbara Hughes  
 The Worcester County Model A Club in memory of Kenneth Starbird



### 2022-2023 Board of Trustees Officers

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See [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) for all Trustee's email addresses.



[Click here to go to the Museum's Facebook page.](#)

Open the QR code to go to the Museum's Facebook page.



It took a small army to move 36 automobiles in and out of the Museum, over a three day period, for the Hemmings Calendar shoot.

Thank you, ALL!



## Proposed MAFFI Bylaws revisions

To: All Members of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.

The MAFFI Board of Trustees has undertaken a review of the current Bylaws, which were last updated in 1998. Several grammatical corrections and minor updates to reflect our current operating procedures are noted. In addition, the following items of significance were addressed. *(This is a brief summary. Go to the MAFFI website, [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), click on the Info tab, then ByLaws, to view the entire proposed update.)*

- Correction/clarification of Trustees & Members Meetings
- Provision for a permanent Trustee position for a NATMUS representative
- Annual election of Trustees when number of candidates equals the number of open positions

In accordance with the current MAFFI Bylaws, these amendments are being submitted to you, the Members, for approval. Upon your review, please vote by clipping or copying the ballot below (or a reasonable facsimile) and send to:

MAFFI Bylaws Ballot Return  
PO Box 28  
Peotone, IL 60468-0028



Please return no later than August 31, 2023.

Thank you from the Trustees of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.

As a Member in good standing with the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc., I vote as follows for the **Bylaws Revisions**, as proposed by the MAFFI Board of Trustees, June 2023:


Deadline for submission: August 31, 2023

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Spouse/ Domestic Partner</u>
Yes, I approve these revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No, I do not approve these revisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Model A Days 2023 September 15 & 16



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

*There will be a special entrance 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 the a special guest talking about the Great Race. All of these seminars will be 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 have the opportunity to take a spin around the Gilmore campus in a Model A and our AA Stake bed 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](http://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](mailto:katiehcpa@gmail.com)

For any registration questions, contact Sandy Fox, [sunfox511@hotmail.com](mailto:sunfox511@hotmail.com) or 419-344-1110.

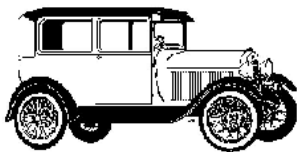


### The Model A Museum Needs Your Help

**A**s 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](mailto:eherrick4@msn.com) to discuss getting them to The Museum.

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

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