



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

We have just completed our annual Model A Days at The Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. This marks our second year in which the event has been expanded to a two day affair. While it is hard to have an exact count, estimates of over 1500 visitors and 275 Model A-s were spotted all around the beautiful 90 acre campus. We had four outstanding seminars, as well as a two day swap meet, a driver's school for Model A-s, opportunities to ride in several Model A-s throughout the weekend, and a Friday night tour and dinner at The Kellogg Bird Sanctuary in Kalamazoo. Larry Shepard and a crew of volunteers brought a couple of long dormant

Model A-s back to life with his “First Start” program and we inducted 4 new members into The Hall of Fame. Being inducted into The Model A Ford Foundation Hall of Fame is the highest honor we can bestow upon individuals that have been instrumental in the production, marketing and preservation of the Model A.

Our big news was the announcement of the expansion of our museum, doubling its current size, with a planned ribbon cutting date of September 2025. In addition to more interactive displays and vintage era vignettes, the plans call for a working garage that will serve as a learning center for our hobby. More information about the museum expansion can be found on our website, www.maffi.org. One of the exciting ways an individual can support the museum and have their Model A(s) recognized in the museum is through our newly established “My A” program. A plaque will be created and displayed in the new museum expansion showing the owner’s name and location, as well as a color picture of the owner’s Model A. Again, more information about The My A Program and how to purchase a plaque and support The Museum expansion program can be found on the MAFFI website.

Speaking for all the trustees and volunteers who made this year’s event such a success, thank you for attending! A very special thanks to outgoing Trustees Mike DuBreuil, Larry Wallace, Tom Mack, and Ross Milne. We hope to see you next year, the third weekend in September (September 20th and 21st), for our annual Model A Days. ~ John

Does Your Model A Club Have a Museum Liaison?

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

Message from the Executive Director: John Marshall



In April, I sent out 750 membership renewal notices to those whose memberships were about to expire or had expired in the past year. To date 190 members still have not renewed their memberships. Please check the date on your Membership card. If you have not renewed yet, please do so now. If you aren’t sure of your membership status, email me at ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org or give me a call and I’ll be happy to get you updated. You can also renew on The Museum Website using PayPal. Go to <https://www.maffi.org/WSContent/Membership.html> and follow the instructions on membership renewal.

Since our last newsletter we would like to welcome three new Life Members, eighty-four new Family Members and one club to our Model A Ford Foundation family. Several of these new members are from Canada and one from New Zealand. We now have members in eight countries around the world! We hope to have met you all during Model A Days weekend at the museum.

I hope you enjoyed Model Day Weekend at the museum this month. The theme of “Open Cars” had a variety of unique vehicles, some of which are now owned by the museum. Guests really seemed to enjoy our working Model A calliope that was traveling around the campus playing era tunes. 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 2024! ~ John

Editors Note: Happy Begg

Model A Days is now finished and we had a terrific crowd. I hope you enjoy the photos of the weekend in this issue. If you weren't there this year, plan to come next year. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the weekend such a success! ~ 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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Linda Morford-Fashion Director Emeritus

Many thanks to Linda Morford for her years of dedication to the Model A Museum Fashions. Our Era Fashion Collection and Displays wouldn't be what they are without her talent. She will be greatly missed!



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 23 May 2023 thru 13 September 2023.

CLUB

The New Hampshire Lakes Region Model A Club, NH

LIFETIME

Josh & Heather Resnick, Romeoville, IL
Don Jr. & Nancy McAdams, Baton Rouge, LA

Richard Fallucca, Glenview, IL

FAMILY

Steven Ferguson, Richmond, CA
Brian Murphy, Villa Park, IL
Philip & June Guertin, East Haddam, CT
Ray & Teri Besch, Peachtree City, GA
Bob & Lynn Grady, Pleasant Hill, CA
Philip Wilson, Toronto, ONT, CAN
Tom Dapp, Fort Wayne, IN
Ronald Bimm, Tottenham, ONT. CAN
Brenda Garbe, Cedar Rapids, IA
Ann Graham, Warsaw, MO
Don MacCarthy, Warsaw, MO
Kevin Hammill, Coopersville, MI
Nicolas Ros, Etobicoke, ONT. CAN
Alan Wolfe, Rochester Hills, MI
Calvin Neely & Cristine Waldron, E. Woodstock, CT
William Priaulx, Polk City, IA
Gary Mills, Colorado Springs, CO
Patricia Thomson, Milton, ONT, CAN
Michael Wilcher, Lebanon, OH
Roger O'Hara, Cayuga, ONT, CAN
David Dewey, Oroville, CA
Curtis Gibbs, Franklin, TN
Judith Tolchard, Bradford, ONT, CAN
Sharon Booth, Midland, MI
Peter Haslam, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ONT, CAN
Sheryl & Greg Hoyle, Minco, OK
Gilbert Love, Hollister, CA
Dennis Ruh, Colton, CA
Ira & Deborah Seaton, New Salem, PA
Marty Brackin, Rochelle, IL
Lance Burton, Raymore, MO
Chet Butcher, Fuquay-Varina, NC
Wilbur Caldwell, Charleroi, PA
Jim Huff, Denver, CO
Jeffrey L. King, Bradenton, FL
Tom & Barb Jamison, Johnston, IA
Mark & Young Ock Lyman, Maribel, WI
Raymond & Vickie Mikesell, New Madison, OH
Robert Miller, Rewey, WI

Michael Nowlin, Jonesboro, AR
Guy Pearl, Cleveland, TN
Edwin Seggelke, Lincoln, IL
Alex Seifert, Nokomis, IL
Alan South, Leawood, KS
Tom Stevenson, New Braunfels, TX
Jack & Linda Sullivan, Seymour, IN
Rick & Diana Williamson, Cheyenne, WY
Lou Zadra, Stoughton, MA
Dean Zwicker, Norton, MA
Ron Huntimer, Ankeny, IA
James Smith, Cedar Rapids, IA
Keith & Carolyn Weiss, Plano, TX
William & Karen Forbes, Bostwick, FL
Christopher Forbes, Bostwick, FL
Christopher Andrews, Sparta, MI
John Groen, New Tecumseth, ONT, CAN
Donna Williams, Lawton, MI
Ralph Mennella, Inverness, FL
Jeff Sanders, Alliston, ONT, CAN
James P. McKew, Verona, WI
John Pauling, Blenheim, New Zealand
Dan & Kimberly Carmines, Kennedale, TX
Rick Bassett, Davisburg, MI
Andrew Morse, Berkley, MI
Brian Cline, Canton, OH
Paul E. Adolph, Aston, PA
Tony Waits, Mount Orab, OH
Douglas Hendrick, Lake Odessa, MI
Timothy Diehn, Columbus, IN
Ronnie Pendency, Salem, IN
Robert Wood, Tuftonboro, NH
Eddie Bohmer, Cincinnati, OH
John & Susan Baldwin, Pollocksville, NC
David Miracle, Shady Dale, GA
James Sharkey, Westbury, NY
Donald Sorel Jr., Chicopee, MA
Reg Crawford, Queensville, ONT, CAN
Chuck Lukas, Appleton, WI

Jim Higginbottom, Hastings, MI
Marcia Bennett, Lewisburg, OH
Cathy Risner, Medaryville, IN

Blain & Clair Baron, Trenton, MI
Buck Howard, Saint Clairsville, OH
Gary Garrett, Huntington, NY

BRICK MEMORIALS

The Diablo A's in honor of Martin Maisler
The Diablo A's in honor of Larry & Pam Lee
Steve Houghtling in memory of Jim & Merrie Barbee
The Lehigh Valley Model A Club in memory of John Raymond Mesch
Jennifer Risley in memory of Thomas P. Risley
The Palomar Model A Ford Club in memory of Jim Gates
The Palomar Model A Ford Club in honor of Clyde Marion
The Palomar Model A Ford Club in honor of Linda Thamer
The Acorn A's Model A Club in honor of Al & Carol Low
The New Hampshire Lakes Region Model A Club in memory of John Warner
The New Hampshire Lakes Region Model A Club in memory of Charlie Stone
The Motor Cities Region, MARC in honor of Matt Moran

The Motor Cities Region, MARC in honor of Don & Margie Harris
The Motor Cities Region, MARC in honor of Sonny & Lois Bruner
The Motor Cities Region, MARC in honor of John & Jan Haskins
The Diablo A's in memory of Hal & Margaret Granquist
The Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club in honor of Dick Wainwright
The Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club in honor of Ted Etling
The Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club in honor of Dave Sadowl
The Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club in honor of John Daley
The Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club in honor of Jack Fritsch
The Gallopin' Gertie Model A Club in memory of Steve Breiting

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The Grand A's Model A Club in memory of Robert Collins
Chuck & Helen Christensen in memory of Stephanie Grundman
The Model A Youth Awards in honor of Dennis Piranio
The Auburn A's Model A Ford Club in memory of Clayton Giroux
Jennifer Risley in memory of Thomas P. Risley
The Evergreen Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Arnie Moe
The Blossom Trail A's of Reedley. MAFCA in memory of Pam Dupras
The Sara-Mana Model A Ford Club, Inc, in memory of Dr. Arthur W. Engelhard
The Sara-Mana Model A Ford Club, Inc, in memory of Robert P. Tone
The Gallopin' Gertie Model A Club in memory of Tom Andres
The Rogue Valley A's in memory of Jim Pringle
Colonial Virginia A's in memory of Bobby Belvin
The Hangtown A's in memory of Claude Sipes
The Hangtown A's in memory of David Pava
The Hangtown A's in memory of Gerri Webb
The Hangtown A's in memory of Bart & Betty Bawden



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2023 Hall of Fame Inductees



Rick Black



Sidonia DeAngelis



George Tynan



John Marshall

2023 Volunteers of the Year



Jerry Denanny



Jerry Morrissey



John Hoffman, Wally Healy, Mike Sluis



2023-2024 Board of Trustees Officers

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See www.maffi.org for all Trustee's email addresses.

For \$200, a donor will receive a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing their vehicle, name, home area and vehicle body style. Payment can be taken over the phone or a check can be mailed in. Also required is a digital picture of the car which can be emailed.



For more information on the "My A Program", please contact: Val Maron at 847-302-7900 or TheMyAProgram@gmail.com

"My A" Order Form

Use this form to order a plaque for display in the museum. Your plaque will have your name, location, and Model A Body Style, making a message that will last for a lifetime.

"My A" Museum Order Form - \$200 / plaque

Purchaser's Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Year of Model A _____ Body Style _____

Name of Owner _____

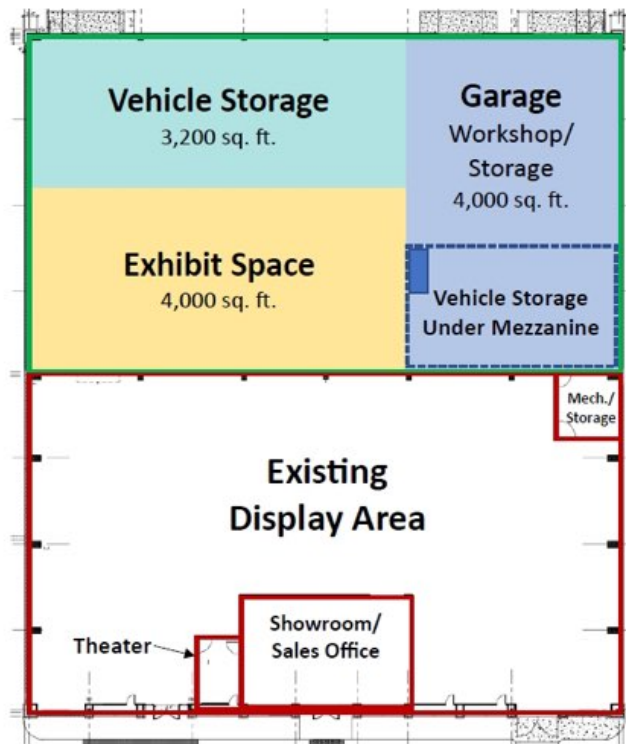
**Please send this completed form and a picture of your Model A to:
TheMyAProgram@gmail.com Cars ONLY no people, car on a flat surface please. 847-951-5858**

We are Expanding! Your Model A Museum is growing fast and it's time to grow with it.

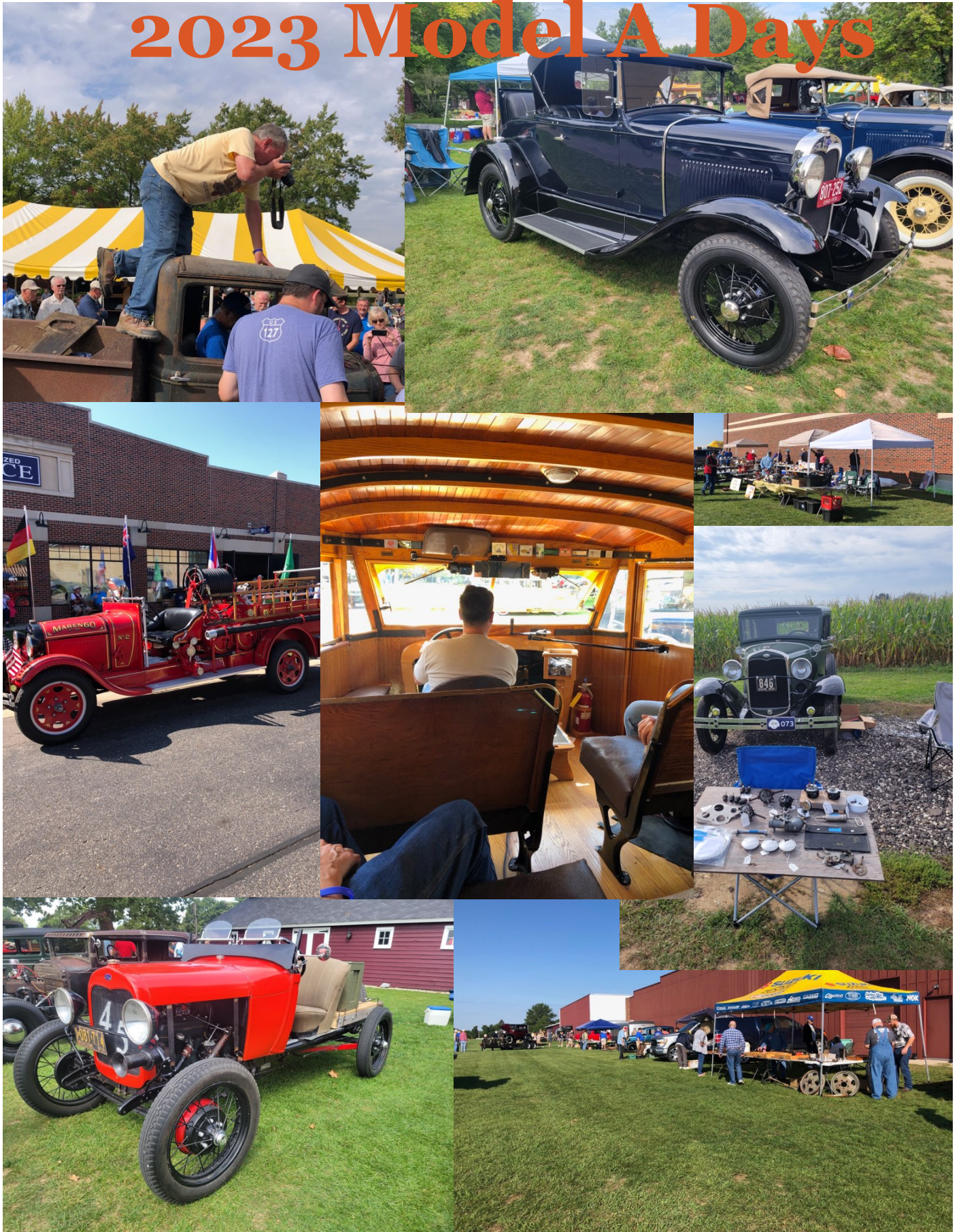
We are thrilled to share with you that we are adding an additional 11,200 sq. ft. of space to our existing museum. We're adding on to the back of the museum with more exhibit space and vehicle storage. Also included is a complete garage workshop area. The Gilmore is thrilled about MAFFI's interest in expanding and developing additional engaging exhibits to support the shared educational missions that we both hold. There are several ways to help make this expansion possible.

Click here: [Museum Expansion Donations](#) and scroll down to see all the different options.

Proposed Museum Building Addition



2023 Model A Days





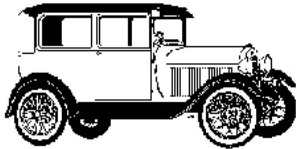
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Remember, you get free admission to The Model A Museum with your membership.

Name: _____

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