



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

Membership Renewal - To date we have 1685 active, up to date, members and clubs listed on our roster. Unfortunately, 329 members have not renewed from 2022 and 2023. We have continued to send them the "A Preserver" But will have to drop them from the mailing list for the 1st quarter of 2024 if they don't renew. If you haven't renewed your membership yet,

please do so now. We have tried to make re-registration as easy and cost effective as possible. You can now update your membership on the MAFFI website, WWW.MAFFI.ORG with the click of a button using PayPal. Also, if you have recently moved, had a change of address, or are not sure if your membership is current, please email me at ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org. We need and appreciate your continued support.

Model A Days - This past year’s two-day Model A Day celebration featuring Open A’s was a success. We were able to sign up 78 new members, including two new Life Members! It was great to see and interact with our members in person again. The weather was perfect, and it seemed everyone had a good time.

Annual Charitable Giving - In the past you would be receiving the annual MAFFI Holiday donation letter in December. With the cost of printing and postage rising and, in an attempt, to put our funds to better use at the museum, we won’t be mailing the letters this year but would appreciate your continued support with any donations. Please, consider making a holiday donation to the Museum Fund, Endowment Fund, or the Museum Expansion Fund. All donations are tax deductible, and every donation goes directly to operate the museum and ensure its existence for future generations to enjoy.

Please stay safe and I hope to see you soon at the Museum!

~ John

Editor’s Note: Happy Begg

Happy New Year! Wow! The “Crew” really outdid themselves this past Christmas Season with the great decorations throughout the Museum. Just about every automobile and vignette was decked out, including the beautiful AA Huckster. I’m sure all our visitors had a delightful experience. Before you know it, Model A Days will be here and the Board of Trustees will have new seminars, both technical and fashion, another opportunity to take part in the Model A Driving Experience, and new inductees to the Model A Ford Museum Hall of Fame. Make plans to attend the third weekend in September. I look forward to seeing everyone there. ~ 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.

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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 13 September 2023 thru 20 November 2023.

LIFETIME

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 Frank Mastro, Yorktown Heights, NY
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 The Coastal Carolina A's
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MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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 Henry's Lady Chapter, MAFCA in memory of Paula York
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The Sonoma A's in memory of Dave Weibel

The Model A's of Greater Orlando in memory of Dennis Kent

The Harbor Area Model "A" Club in memory of Carla Hibbard

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Museum 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 Model A Museum with your membership.

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Great News!

Model A Ford Foundation Museum Trustee and Treasurer, Mark Maron Update

Mark was diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis in 2016 and began using oxygen in 2018 on a limited basis, and in 2019 was using oxygen full time. He reached end stage lung disease in 2023 and was on borrowed time. On December 12th, he received the gift of life and a lung transplant at Loyola University Medical Center.



There have been serious complications, but it seems like he is headed in the right direction. On December 30th, Val, his wife, reported that Mark had been released from the hospital and was at home. They are traveling the difficult road of recovery. This will be a long, long process.

Your continued prayers during this time are most appreciated. Mark is not ready for phone calls; however, he can be reached via email (a7191mark@gmail.com), text (847-302-7900), or Facebook. Cards and letters can be mailed to 417 Oak Grove Circle, Wauconda, IL 60084. Mark is not able to have visitors for another 3 months, as his immune system is quite compromised.

We are hopeful that he will have a complete recovery and will be back with us in September for Model A Days 2024.



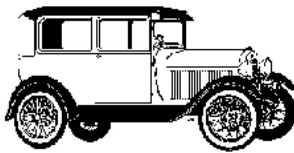
Donated Car to be sold to benefit the Museum Expansion



A nice 1928 Tudor was donated to the Museum last year by Mr. Thomas Gault of Ohio expressly for it to be sold and the proceeds to be used for the Museum Expansion project. Before the car could be sold, numerous repairs needed to be made to make the car road worthy and of course, to bring a higher price. The Technical Team from the Grape Country A's led by Jerry Dennany, Jerry Morrissey, and Dan Cargo have diligently been working on repairing the car. Not only are they having a lot of fun together, but they are also getting an in-depth education into areas of the Model that they didn't expect. The car has needed work on the brakes, horn, gas gauge, stop light, steering column, speedometer, emergency brake, and more! The Museum Board is very grateful for the volunteers doing this work.

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The Museum Board of Trustees hope you had a very bright and joyful holiday season and wish you the Happiest of New Years!