



The Ridge Runner Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

It is a cold, rainy fall day as I write to you. Some of our members were able to be out today in modern cars, and we enjoyed some beautiful Fall color near the Parkway. It is always a good time when any of us can be together. We have some of GOD's finest in our club!

September 27th found us getting ready for our annual picnic. We had to change the venue to the Pilot Community Center; but it didn't slow down the club members a bit! Forty-two of us showed up and loaded down the tables with so much good food. We had the best time and the fellowship was sweet. John led five A's on a country ride around the mountain. Three more A's and two antique Ford trucks came later. A good time was had by all.

Some of our members were able to attend the AACA Fall Meet in Hershey, PA. Five A's made the trip to the New Castle Festival held October 11th. A "Speak Easy" event was held at Warm Hearth to honor their donors. Two A's were on display for pictures and to help create that nostalgic days gone by feeling. We were honored to be at Showalter on the 16th to see our friends and fellow members Don Elson and Bob Brown. Five A's and one modern car were on hand, and Don and Judy Griffith joined us later for lunch. Four A's were there to represent at the Walk with Logan event, with Preston Gordon bringing home the trophy!! Four club members enjoyed the fish fry at the American Legion in Floyd. And fellow member Tony Morisco was one of the cooks out back! Six of us made the trip to Meadows of Dan for pancakes, sausage, and a beautiful, cloudy ride. The ever resilient Mike and Sue Westervelt were the only ones brave enough to drive their A, and they battled the wet roads and fog as they traveled back home.

Whew! October was busy and we're still not done. On the 25th we will be headed to the Blue Ridge Folk Life Festival at Ferrum College. This a beautiful country drive and an event full of activities. If you have never been, come out and join us for a great time.

Also, November 8th is our Elections and Business Meeting. We will be meeting at the Green Goat in Roanoke. I do this hoping that some of our Roanoke members will be able to attend. So don't let me down guys, I hope to see you there.

I wish you days that make you joyful. Good health that keeps you active. And good friends and A's that make you smile.....

Your President, JOHN WEEKS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

11/06 Tony Morisco
 11/09 C. B. Linkous
 11/13 Michael Siler
 11/19 Susan Jones
 11/19 Wayne Harvey
 11/20 Betty Linkous
 11/21 Melissa Grant
 11/27 Lois Morrison

(Our apologies to John and Susan Garrison for missing your birthdays last month. We hope the year ahead is amazing!!)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- To all of our new members, we have a Facebook page under Blue Ridge Model A's. It is a great way to keep up with our members and club activities.
- If you would like your birthday to be published, give the month and day to Kimberly Weeks (we will not disclose your age).
- Saturday, December 6th, is the Christmas Home Tour fundraiser for the Montgomery Museum. They are asking that we park some A's on the driveway in front of The Oaks Victorian Inn on Park St. to prevent those on the tours from parking there. We would need to arrive by 9:30 AM and leave by 3 PM because our Christmas Party is the same day. You can leave your car there and pick it up later if you wish to. This opportunity will make for some great photos, and I am told that a local artist will be there, and he hopes to do some sketches of our cars!! Please contact John Weeks if you are interested. (540)392-8573 or weeksamodel29@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
10/25/2025	Meet at Riner Food Center @ 8:30 AM; then on to Floyd Express, leaving at 9 AM.	Blue Ridge Folk Life Festival Pre-register your car online at https://www.ferrum.edu/brim/blue-ridge-folklife-festival/cars/	Ferrum College Ferrum, VA	John Weeks
11/08/2025	1 PM	Election and business meeting	The Green Goat 802 Wiley Dr Roanoke, VA	
11/08/2025	11 AM	Veteran's Day Parade	Roanoke, VA	Buck Goforth
11/09/2025	2 PM	Veteran's Day Parade	Floyd, VA	Russell Green
11/11/2025	TBA	Veteran's Day Parade	Christiansburg, VA	Bob Woolwine

TECH TIPS FOR TIRE CARE (from Jim Palmer)

It's time to winterize your Model A if you are not driving during the cold months.

- Disconnect the battery or use a 6 volt trickle charger or maintainer to keep it in good condition. If not fully charged, batteries will freeze.
- To protect tires, place your vehicle on 4 jackstands to prevent flat spots by taking weight off the tires. If not, chock the wheels to prevent rolling or set parking brake.
- Give the car a good cleaning by washing and waxing if needed. This protects the paint from road chemicals and dirt which takes away the shine.
- Cover the exhaust and carburetor intake to prevent pests from entering and causing problems. You can use plastic bags or steel wool; just put a note into the cab of the car to remind you before starting.
- It's best to top off the gas tank with non-ethanol gas with fuel stabilizer to prevent condensation and gumming.
- Run the engine with the fuel valve off until it quits to empty the carburetor.
- Check the coolant level with correct mixture of 50/50 antifreeze, and check for leaks. Drained radiators invite rust during the winter months.
- This is also a good time to change all oil and record the date or change oil in the spring.

RECIPE FUN

Do you have a favorite recipe that shows up at our Model A club events, like the Fall picnic or Christmas party? We can sure think of some.....

We thought it would be fun to put together a brochure of these recipes so each family could have them available. Some have responded already, but if you would like to share a recipe, please send it to tammy.shewbridge@gmail.com.

Some we have so far are:

- Betty's yeast rolls
- Keisha's Chocolate cake
- Elizabeth's Orange Slice cake

I do not want to create work for you, so you can take a picture of the recipe and send it that way if it helps.

Thank you!

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

November 2025

Members had a great time at Hershey this year. The chili/hot dog lunch was a great success and raised over \$1,000 that will be donated to MAYRA. This year we opened the tent early on Monday afternoon to allow existing members a chance to renew and new members to join. Look for additional changes for next year!

Also, the MARC National Meet for 2026 is just around the corner in July. Driver Class judging will be offered again this year. If you are proud of your Model A and would like to be recognized for the quality of work you have in your vehicle that has been modified from original to enhance your driving experience, please consider registering for French Lick next year. New improved judging standards will be published soon!

Remember that the 2026 Finger Lakes National Tour will be held in May of next year. This will be a very popular event based on the interest so far. Registrations will be limited due to the hotel and banquet capacity. The team is working hard to make this a memorable event for our members!

Certainly you read in last month's newsletter that Larry Shepard is compiling a list of Model A mechanical experts to assist members and potential new members with mechanical issues or restoration questions. I'm sure that every Region has at least one person that should qualify. If any of your members are willing to help, please contact Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org and provide your name, contact information and area of expertise. One of the best parts of being a MARC member is being able to tap into the wealth of Model A knowledge this club has to offer.





SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”

If you have a Model A prayer request, please contact Jonathan Shewbridge at 540-598-5337.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

This month, we don't have any new members to report, but we are always looking for new folks to add to the Model A family. If you know someone interested in the Model A hobby, why not give them a copy of this newsletter and invite them to join in the fellowship and fun? Or invite them to a meeting or event. We love to see new faces, and Model A ownership is not a requirement to join.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

As autumn paints the trees with gold and crimson, we're reminded that change is part of God's design. Just like the seasons shift, so do our lives—yet in every turn, God remains faithful. Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us, “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”

Our Model A Fords echo this truth. Although built in another era, they still run strong with care and community. In the same way, our faith—rooted in Christ—endures through time, trials, and transitions. Fall invites us to slow down, reflect, and give thanks for the road behind and the journey ahead.

As we gather this season, let us be reminded that while leaves fall and days grow shorter, God's promises never fade. Let's drive forward with gratitude, trusting the One who never changes, the One who steers our lives with grace and purpose through every season.

Please continue to pray for a healing touch for our club members who are suffering with health issues and remember their caregivers as well.

- Bob Brown is having health issues.
- Harris Warner is having some health problems.
- Bob Webb is having some health issues.
- Douglas Wayne Harvey is having back and other health problems.
- Preston Gordon still has some health issues.
- Don Elson's mobility is limited to a wheelchair.
- Kim Weeks is recovering from her first knee replacement surgery and is preparing for her second knee replacement.
- John Weeks is scheduled for replacement pace maker surgery.
- Leigh Mattox recently had hip replacement surgery.

Jonathan Shewbridge, Chaplain

EVENT RECAP

Craig County Fall Festival

Five Model As and five club members attended the Craig County Fall Festival in New Castle, VA, on 10/11/2025.



Warm Hearth “Speak Easy” Donor Event

Also on 10/11/2025, John and Kim Weeks and Jonathan and Tammy Shewbridge displayed their cars at the Warm Hearth “Speak Easy” donor event in Christiansburg, VA.



Ole Fashion Harvest Festival and Citizen’s Cruise-In

On 10/19/2025, six members attended the Meadows of Dan Pancake event in Meadows of Dan, VA. All you can eat pancakes, buckwheat cakes, and sausage. What a tasty treat!



"What right have you, save service to the world, to think that other men's labor should contribute to your gains?"

— Henry Ford



TREASURER'S REPORT (from Buck Goforth)

Balance as of 09/20/2025		\$2,947.60
EXPENSES		
Newsletter Costs	\$23.70	
Picnic Facility Rental, Pilot Community Center	\$35.00	
Total Expenses		\$58.70
INCOME		
Dues and Donations	\$0.00	
Total Income		\$0.00
Balance as of 03/20/2025		\$2,888.90

CLASSIFIEDS

1930 Fordor Town Sedan

Rebuilt Motor (with around 200 miles on it) \$9,000

Call John Weeks (540)392-8573



\$150 flood lights, super nice
 \$200 1929 rear bumpers, nice
 \$150 1930-31 running boards
 Call Jim Collop (352)483-6651



BLUE RIDGE MODEL A CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date of Application: ____/____/2025 **Please Check:** ____ Renewal ____ New

Make \$20 check payable to "Treasurer" Blue Ridge Model A's

Mail to: Buck Goforth, Treasurer, 5131 Britaney Road, Roanoke, VA 24012

PLEASE PRINT

		Optional	Month/Day
Name		Birthday	/
Spouse Name		Birthday	/
Address		Home phone	() -
City	State: Zip:	Cell phone	() -
Email address			

Model A(s) Owned:	
Year	Model (Tudor, Fordor, Roadster, Phaeton, Pickup, etc.)
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**I am a member of the following organizations
(please check):**

☐	MARC (Model A Restorer's Club)
☐	MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America)
☐	MAFFI (Model A Ford Foundation Inc.)

BRMA's Constitution: Article II, Membership, Section 5, Payment of Dues: Annual dues shall be paid by January 1st. Any members whose dues are not paid by sixty (60) days after January 1st shall be expelled for non-payment of dues.

MARC (MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

P.O. Box 498, Howell, Michigan 48844 Office: (734) 427-9050 Email: modelarestorersclub@gmail.com

1 Year U.S. Membership: \$50 (first year is 50% off for the asking)

Call office for Discounts (First Year Membership, Youth Membership or Surviving Spouse Membership)

Make check payable to: Model "A" Restorers Club or (M.A.R.C.)

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: __ Visa __ Mastercard __ Discover __ American Express

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ CVV Code # _____

Phone # (____) ____ - ____ Membership # _____ (If renewing) Region Name (If member) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

I give permission to publish my phone number in the future MARC Membership Rosters: __ Yes __ No

I give permission to publish my email in the future MARC Membership Rosters: __ Yes __ No

BLUE RIDGE MODEL A CLUB

Founded in 1979, the Blue Ridge Model A Club serves 1928-1931 Ford Model A enthusiasts in the New River Valley, the Roanoke Valley, and surrounding areas. Our club is also an active Region (chapter) of the national Model A Restorers Club (MARC).

JOIN THE FUN

If you are not already a member, you don't want to get left out. Join today, using the Blue Ridge Model A Club Membership Application inside this newsletter.

Come and enjoy the fun, the fellowship, the ice cream, the road tours, and the community of loving people who genuinely care about each other and the Model A hobby.

MARC MISSION STATEMENT

The Model "A" Restorers Club - MARC, founded in 1952, holds as its aims the encouragement of members to acquire, restore, preserve, exhibit and make use of the Model "A" Ford. And most importantly, to enjoy the fellowship of other Model "A" Ford owners around the world.

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