

# Illinois Region M.A.R.C. and Illinois Chapter M.A.F.C.A.

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<https://model-a-ford.org/>

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[https://mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca\\_new\\_member=yes](https://mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca_new_member=yes)

**Visit our website:**

**[555illinoisregionmarc.com/](http://555illinoisregionmarc.com/)**

The Illinois Region M.A.R.C., Illinois Chapter M.A.F.C.A. holds it's monthly meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at B.P.O.E. Lodge # 1526:

495 Lee St. Des Plaines IL.

Technical Talks and refreshments provided at all meetings. Bring a guest and your 'A'. Please attend.

Any paid member who would like an updated IL Region Roster: Send a text to John Silvestri, Roster Chairman, and he will email you a new roster.

Text John: (630) 935-2320

#### **Editor's Notes-**

Business card ads continue to be available for \$25.00 per year. Your comments and suggestions for anything pertaining to The Distributor are always welcome. If you have sold an item, or no longer need your ad to appear, please let me know. Otherwise, **classified ads will run for 3 issues.** I can be reached by email at [thedistributoreditor@gmail.com](mailto:thedistributoreditor@gmail.com) or by phone or text at (815) 666-6026.

**Remember, this is YOUR Newsletter!**

**SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME and ENCOURAGED –**

We are always looking for cover features, photos, tech talks, jokes, humorous memes, seasonal recipes etc. Working on a project in your garage? Take some pictures and let us know about it.

**Cover:** Thank you Nick for providing your car for this months cover illustration.

## 2026 Official Illinois Region Events Calendar

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
<b>2026 Banquet</b> 10	<b>General Meeting</b> 10	<b>Swap at Friendly Ford</b> 1	<b>General Meeting</b> 14
<b>General Meeting/BOD</b> 13		<b>General Meeting/BOD</b> 10	<b>Pizza Party</b> 25
<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
MARC Nat'l Finger Lakes 11-14	MAFCA Nat'l Pendleton OR -7	<b>General Meeting/BOD</b> 14	ILRR Museum 2
<b>General Meeting/BOD</b> 12	Model A Days Clinton WI 7	MARC National French Lick IN 12-16	<b>General Meeting</b> 11
MAFCA Nat'l Pendleton OR 31-	<b>General Meeting</b> 9		
<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<b>General Meeting/BOD</b> 8	Hershey Swap 6	<b>General Meeting/BOD</b> 10	<b>General Meeting</b> 8
Old Car Festival Greenfield Village 12-13	<b>General Meeting</b> 13	<b>Turkey Dinner</b> 15	



### MARC Illinois Region Financials November 21, 2025 thru December 20, 2025

<b>Intake</b>	<b>\$3,003.00</b>	<b>Exhaust</b>	<b>\$1,115.30</b>
Banquet	\$612.00	Elks Club Meeting Rental	\$100.00
50/50 Raffle	\$84.00	MAFCA Insurance	\$75.00
Ladies Event	\$480.00	Garvin Garden Ladies Event	\$805.00
Zelle Ladies Event	\$35.00	APR Graphics Zelle	\$120.00
Calendars	\$1,240.00	Excess Transaction Fee	\$15.30
Zelle Banquet	\$72.00		
Membership Dues	\$480.00		

**Total in Account 11/21/2025: \$13,907.53**  
**Total in Account 12/20/2025: \$15,795.23**

**He ate the cat food again.....**



*"The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary." – Vidal Sassoon*

**My New Years Resolution?**

I'll probably keep it at  
1280x1024 like always.

Thanks for asking.





## January '26 – Director's Corner

Happy New Year, everyone! My message this month will once again be brief, as I will be traveling to visit family and celebrate the holiday with loved ones.

Please pay your 2026 club dues to Larry Brandel as soon as possible. I would appreciate it if you could handle this directly with Larry this month, which will save me the time of calling you. Remember, you have several options for paying your dues: cash, Venmo, or Zelle.

Also, please join us at our 2026 Banquet to celebrate the 2025 season and enjoy wonderful fellowship. The banquet will be held on January 10th, starting with cocktails at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner at the Elks Lodge. If you have any questions, please contact Vincent Scalabrino.

Under the "There's always something going wrong with our cars" category, before the holidays, I talked with Ken and Ron to get part numbers for ordering the cast-iron brakes. Next, Ken gave me several old brake shoes that need to be retooled by Nayler Automotive Engineering. I instructed Nayler to send the new relined brakes to the Barn. I have already received the brakes from Snyder's; now we wait for the relined brake shoes. I hope to find time at The Barn this spring, so I'll be ready for this year's driving season.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a fantastic New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone again for another driving season, showing off our cars, and enjoying them.

It's always a great day when I'm driving my Model A!  
Bruce

## Illinois Region Model A Club Business Meeting

### Agenda For Tuesday, January 13, 2026

#### Meeting called to order

- o Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Romando
- o Director's Message - Bruce
- o Motion/Second/Approve the published December Meeting Minutes in The Distributor

#### Old Business

- o Update from the Garage Squad – Ron / Nick
- If you need help, please tell us, because we want all our cars ready for another great driving season

#### Dan / Roger Activities Co-chairs

- o Final update on distribution of the Painted Lady Calendar? Melinda/Dan
- o 01/10 Winter Banquet – Vince
- o 03/01 – Friendly Ford Swap Meet - Nick
- o 04/25 – Pizza Party – Mike K
- o Please speak up if I missed an event or there's a topic to bring to the floor

#### New Business

- o Date TBD – Tour of Bob Lederer Museum & Pizza
- o Please speak up if I missed an event or there's a topic to bring to the floor

#### Reports

- o MARC National News - Ken
- o MAFCA National News – John Golanty
- o MAFFI (Ford Foundation) Update – Andy Stockinger
- o Greeter – Melinda
- o Assistant Director Report - Nick
- o Treasurer's Report - Tom
- o Membership update - Larry
- o Roster / Directory update – John Silvestri
- o "The Distributor" newsletter update - Matt
- o Webmaster update - Owen
- o Club apparel sales update (If Any) - Vince
- o Club swap/parts sales update (If Any) – Joe Romando

#### Raffle - (Joe Romando)

#### Motion & Second to Adjourn

#### Refreshments

#### Tech Talk – To be announced at the meeting - Ron



**Directors Meeting**  
**January 13 th , 2026, 6:30-7:20 pm**  
**AGENDA**

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

**2. Tech Talk – Ron**

-Topics for January and February

**3. Garage Squad Update – Nick / Ron**

**4. Short update on past and upcoming events – Dan / Roger**

-Final update on the Painted Lady Calendar project?

Melinda/Dan

-01/10 Winter Banquet – Vince

-03/01 Friendly Ford Swap Meet - Nick

-04/25 Pizza Party – Mike K [pass sign-up sheet during meeting]

-Have I missed anything that should be brought to the floor?

**5. Old Business**

-2026 Membership Dues Status & Action Plan to collect dues

- Larry

**6. New Business**

-Is there an interest in doing another Spring Overnighter? All

-Are there any recommendations for new events? All

**7. Motion to Adjourn**

**Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm**

o Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Joe Romando

o Welcome/Brief Announcements – Bruce Peterson – Round table discussion after meeting.

o Approval of November Meeting Minutes as per The Distributor 1- Jim Niermann; 2- Mike Kochevar.

**Old Business**

o Garage Squad – Nick Clancy – The group made 3 visits in last month. 1) Jerry Doran '29 AA – drawings for restoration; 2) Norm Kehl '30 Coupe – Remove front axle assembly to repair kingpins; 3) Doug Kish '31 Pickup – Get started, windows, exhaust, etc.

o Painted Lady Calendar - Dan Pritchett – Calendars out today. It was a big project and there were lots of lessons learned for next time.

**New Business**

o Banquet – Vince Scalabrino – The Banquet is January 10 th . The date was previously mis-published. The cost to the club will be about \$500 over the ticket receipts.

o There was a motion by Frank Smith seconded by Steve Sarasin to lower the ticket price by \$6 per person. Discussion ensued and the motion failed.

o There was a second motion to approve the club spending \$500 above the ticket receipts to subsidize the banquet. Discussion ensued and the motion carried.

**Reports**

o Asst Director Report – Nick Clancey – Turn in any club traveling trophies or awards.

o Membership – Larry Brandel. Current membership: 138 members. 68 members have paid 2026 dues. Guests: None. Reminder... Pay your 2026 National Dues.

o Treasurer's Report – Jerry Tiesch. Intake \$1,335.00 and Exhaust \$57.74. Fund balance \$515,490.96.

o "The Distributor" newsletter update – Matt Kusar– Link in the distributor to pay national dues and the QR Code to pay club dues with Venmo. Let Matt know if you have sold anything in the classifieds or want to list something. Looking for content, articles, pictures and jokes.

o Greeter – Dan Pritchett – 35 Members signed in, 2 Model A's and an '06 Cadillac.

o Roster – John Silvestri – New roster available today. Text or email John for a copy.

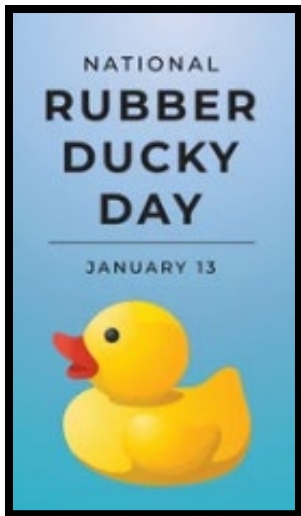
o Insurance Update –

- Haggerty – Under 30 years old – not covered – need a rider
- American Collectors – Insures for commuting – need to let them know to get quote.

**Raffle** \$84 for the club.

**Motion & Second to Adjourn** 1) John Silvestri; 2) Jim Niermann

**Refreshments & Tech Talk:** Round Table – go around to discuss Model A questions and information.





## Coming events

### 51st ANNUAL GLR-VCCA SWAP MEET

January 11, 2026 7am to 1pm

First Swap Meet of the year with Car Parts for all Makes and Models on the second Sunday in January at Will County Fairgrounds 710 S West Street, Peotone, IL Cost: \$7.00

### 62<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL KAARC WINTER AUTO SWAP MEET



WEST MICHIGAN'S LARGEST & OLDEST SWAP MEET

Dates: Friday February 6th

2:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday February 7th

8:00am - 2:00pm

Kalamazoo County Expo Center

2900 Lake St. Kalamazoo



### Winter Parts Swap

Hosted by the Illinois Region MARC

**All Makes and Models are welcome**  
**Clean out your garage and attic**  
**Admission \$6 Plenty of free parking**

**Friendly Ford in Roselle Illinois**  
**333 E. Irving Park Road**  
**Sunday March 1st, 2026**  
**8AM until 1 PM**

For Swap spaces Contact:  
Nick Clancy PH: 224-500-1720  
nick.clancy@yahoo.com

**Coffee, Donuts  
and Lunch will  
be available**

For Swap Spaces Contact:  
Gene Levin PH: 847-754-7224  
EZL13517@comcast.net

Do you need  
parts for your  
project?



Do you need to  
sell that stuff in  
your garage?



To all Vendors - We are offering selling spaces at \$20.00!

Please call Nick or Gene for a reservation so we know you are coming! Thank you!

**Spaces are 10x10 - bring your own tables and chairs**

## SAVE THE DATE

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ANNIVERSARY

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6865 W. Hickory Road  
Hickory Corners, MI 49060**

Host Hotel: Delta Hotels by Marriott, 2747 S. 11th St.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269.375.6000 (Booking NOT Open Yet)

For event info, MAFFI Representative, Mark Maron 847-302-7900 or 2028MAFFICelebration@maffionline.org



**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**  
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**2027 MAFCA National Tour**  
**Durango, Colorado June 13 - 18, 2027**

**Tour Highlights**

- \*Aztec Ruins National Monument (New Mexico)
- \*Mesa Verde National Park
- \*Million Dollar Highway
- \*Pagosa Springs/ Wolf Creek Pass
- \*A day on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
- \*Car Games
- \*Ice Cream Social
- \*Model A Car Display
- \*Welcome and Farewell Dinners

Model A Ford Club of Colorado

Hosted by the Model A Ford Club of Colorado

**2026 MAFCA National Convention**  
**May 31 - June 7**  
**Hosted by the Blue Mountain As**

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 2026  
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## Classified Ads

**For Sale:** 1930 Model A Deluxe Roadster \$26,500; V8 16" wheel with chrome ring, Wards Riverside Tire (6.00-16 4 ply) good condition \$150. Call for details Byron Collis (312) 405-1845

**Wanted:** 1930 radiator shell in good condition, I have an incorrect 1931 shell on my car. Willing to work out a deal. Also, in need of a Sparton horn in good or repairable condition, this will replace an old Washakie horn that came with the car. George Holdcroft (847)217-2339

**For Sale:** 1929 Model A Tudor Sedan. \$10,000 obo The car is black with camel interior and is in northwest side of Chicago. Parked in garage and currently not running. Owned by former club member Rich Casavechia. 773-860-9630

**For Sale:** 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan. \$10,000 obo The car is maroon and black with camel interior and is in Des Plaines. Nice driver, currently winterized. Chris 847 208-4753

**For Sale:** 31 Tudor older restoration. Not running, stored indoors for 20 years. Solid car no rust, nice laquor paint \$7,000. Call Joe Carlino (331) 454-0186 In Lombard. Restored by Rich Carlino (Joes father)

**For Sale:** From Peter Troosts Estate: 1930 Tudor \$9,500, 1930 Fordor \$9,500  
1922 Model T Touring \$8,500, 1924 Model T Roadster \$9,000

Contact Becky Ferrie: 224-204-7283, ferriebecky@gmail.com

### **AVAILABLE FOR CLUB USE:**

Cylinder head removal tool, steering wheel removal tool, rear spring spreader, distributor removal tool (to be used when distributor is rusted to the head). Please contact Ken at [kehrenhofer@msn.com](mailto:kehrenhofer@msn.com) or (630) 697-3906 mobile.



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RESTORATION GUIDELINES/JUDGING STANDARDS PAGE 7-9  
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## Kyle's jokes

Why do birds fly south for the new year?  
Because it's too far to walk.

Does anyone else have trouble remembering whether the postal abbreviation for Maine is MA, MI or MN? Or is it just ME?

I once told a girl that her acne was so bad that it reminded me of Braille. I could tell she wasn't impressed, it was written all over her face.

After running his fingers over the raised Braille lettering on the surface, the blind man looked terrified. A passing man noticed this and asked him, "What did it say?".  
The blind man responded, "RADIOACTIVE. DO NOT TOUCH."

It must be hard for women to work in the postal service. It's such a mail dominated industry.

A man was watching TV when his wife came in and said, "The car won't start. I think there's water in the carburetor."

The man was annoyed and said, "You don't even know what a carburetor is, let me diagnose the problem...where's the car?" His wife replied, "In the pond in front of our house."

How to win the war on drugs:

- 1) legalize all drugs.
- 2) require that all drugs be purchased through Comcast customer service.

The doctor said to the man, "Do you want the good news first, or the bad news?"

"Good news first please, doc!" The man replied.

"We're naming a disease after you."

## BRINGING UP FATHER By GEORGE McMANUS



## A Poor Man's Posi traction

by Tom Endy 2021

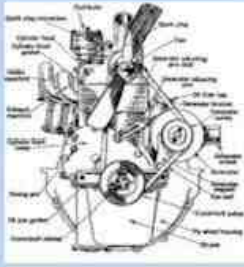
Every once in a while I disassemble a Model A rear axle assembly and find that someone has welded the three spider gears in the differential to their axle shafts so that they do not rotate. I envision some 17 year old kid with a duck-tail haircut back in 1950 doing this. In the day this was called a poor man's Posi traction. By welding the spider gears so that they do not rotate, there is essentially no differential gearing in the rear axle assembly. This allows Mr. Ducktail to take off from a signal and lay down a strip of rubber equally from both back wheels. The differential gearing in a rear axle assembly was developed by some ingenious mind. It allows a car to turn a corner with each rear wheel turning at a different rotation. The outboard wheel is turning faster than the inboard wheel. This allows the car to make a turn in either direction in a smooth continuous manner. Mr. Ducktail when making a turn would have his out board wheel skipping and making a chirping sound as the rubber tire skidded around the turn.

It is interesting to note that the rear axle assembly that the spider gear assembly came out of in the photo below also had a tooth missing from the ring gear.



**The poor man's Posi traction that came out of Model A Ford that was one time owned in 1950 by a 17 year old kid with a duck tail haircut.**





## ***FORD MODEL "A"*** ***MECHANICAL TIPS*** **ENGINE VIBRATION**



Despite perfect balance, even if you have an A engine counter-weighted and built to Formula 1 or NASCAR standards it will vibrate, and excessively so at certain harmonic RPM points. Why? There are several key issues, addressed in later inline-four cylinder engine designs and chassis builds, as automotive engineering knowledge progressed:

- 1) Due to unequal piston velocity and loading profiles during each of the four cycles (intake, compression, power, exhaust) no inline-four cylinder design engine is balanced' at all RPM's and power (throttle, torque) levels.
- 2) It was learned that offset pistons and or rods, although yielding more torque out, add to the vibration. A's are offset 0.125".
- 3) It was learned that strokes shorter than the bore reduce vibration. A's have longer strokes than bores.
- 4) It was learned that higher compression made for stronger peaks in the torque resulting in more vibes. Most A's now sport increased compression.
- 5) It was learned that a mathematical relationship between the above and con-rod length affects vibration. A's flunk that math test.
- 6) It was learned that a harmonic balancer at the front of the crank reduces secondary 'ringing' of the crank. A's do not have one.

7) It was learned that specific controlled ignition advance profiles, coupled with matched camshaft design (engine breathing timing) reduce vibration. Not on A's.

8) It was learned that the inherent inline four cylinder vibes could be controlled in established driving RPM's by adding an opposite, out of balance counter shaft either geared or chained to the crank. A's have no counter-shaft.

9) There are other points, like what category of vibes are addressed and mitigated to heat energy, by correctly designed and placed elastomer engine and drive train mounts and components. A's? No way! Float-A-Motor's add a crude elastomer, but not everywhere and not necessarily in the correct physical place in the drive-train.

10) Modern cars have vibration dampening/ absorbing components that, unlike springs, convert mechanical vibration energy into heat energy. They are in floor-pans, seats, steering, pedals, suspension, just about everything. A's are pretty much bolted solid. Bottom line, have fun blaming everything under the sun for vibes and claiming only Henry had perfect balance, but those are all just stories to tell.

The A is what it is, a moment in automotive design history, now owned and preserved by YOU. Embrace it and enjoy. Unplug your massage chair and drive the Model A!

*From the Santa Clara Chapter MAFCA*





Click on this picture above for a fun Steve Goodman tune.



**"Be always at war  
with your vices, at  
peace with your  
neighbors, and let  
each new year find  
you a better man."**

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**



## MAFFI Minute

December 2025

Happy Holiday Season, Model A'ers! Hope everyone is staying warm and that your cars are either tucked away for the winter or still enjoying the cooler air. I know I've been enjoying taking my A out in the snow.

Earlier this month, John Marshall, our Executive Director, sent out the Holiday Donation Letter, which is a great opportunity to stay involved by giving back to the museum. Don't forget that we also have a store where you can purchase MAFFI merchandise, located under the "Store" tab at [maffi.org](http://maffi.org). One of the coolest things about the museum is that it's constantly in motion. Dan Cargo and Jerry Dennany are always tinkering or moving cars around, with the help of the amazing volunteers from the Grape Country A's. If you visit the "Cameras" tab on [maffi.org](http://maffi.org), you can see all the holiday decorations and even catch a glimpse of some of our newest additions.

The trustees also met in November to start shaping some exciting ideas for the museum. While it's a bit early to share details just yet, there are some great things in the works, and we're looking forward to unveiling more as plans come together in the months ahead.

Keep on motoring, and have a Happy New Year!

John Grossheim

Trustee and Secretary, MAFFI

Dear Model A Owners and Hobbyists,

Thank you for your continued support of The Model A Ford Foundation and of our museum, located on the grounds of The Gilmore Car Museum. Through your membership and donations, we have established a world-class museum featuring authentic vehicles, era fashions, and memorabilia celebrating the Ford Model A.

If you haven't visited the museum recently, at your next visit you'll discover many exciting additions. Our recent expansion includes new exhibits such as a period schoolhouse vignette, a Dust Bowl-era display, a photo opportunity in one of the Museum's Phaetons, a recreated Mercantile Store, and an educational garage area designed to teach Model A maintenance and repair. More exhibits and displays are already in development for the coming year.

We're proud to share that the Model A Ford Foundation has built and expanded the museum *without incurring debt*—thanks entirely to the generosity of members and donors like you. Our funding comes primarily from annual memberships, the sale of commemorative museum items such as engraved bricks, proceeds from our annual Model A Day, and contributions from clubs and individuals.

We also maintain an endowment fund, where earned interest helps support ongoing operations. As we continue to strengthen that fund and enhance our exhibits, we ask that you consider making an additional gift to help us maintain our endowment and sustain our operations. Your generosity keeps the Model A legacy alive, allowing us to share this important chapter of automotive history with generations to come through one of the finest museums in the world.

Thank you again for your loyal support and enthusiasm.

**Happy Holidays!**

*John D. Marshall*

John D. Marshall  
Executive Director



## WELCOME, NEW YEAR

Welcome the New Year,  
Let the bells ring!  
Lift up your voices;  
Everyone sing!

The New Year's beginning;  
Start it off right.  
Bid it good fortune  
And welcome tonight.

The Old Year is passing,  
But there's none to mourn.  
We are rejoicing;  
The New Year is born!

Nona Keen Duffy



# The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

## THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

January 2026

**M**ARC's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our completely restored website is alive at [ModelARestorersClub.org](http://ModelARestorersClub.org) ([modelarestorersclub.org](http://modelarestorersclub.org).) (If you have the link to the old website on your phone or computer, the old website will automatically connect to our new website). This upgrade marks an exciting step forward for MARC. Our new site uses modern technology to make it easier for members to:

- || Browse national and regional events
- || Renew memberships online
- || Connect with other Model A enthusiasts
- Access club news and resources anytime — even on your phone

As our club continues to evolve, this new digital foundation helps us reach the next generation of Model A owners while staying true to our heritage.

Please take a moment to visit the new site and explore what's new. We welcome your feedback and ideas as we continue improving the online experience for everyone.

**A**s some of you may have noticed on the MARC Facebook group, we advertised a special promotion to attract new members. If you have not been a member of MARC previously, you qualify for this promotion! Sign up for a MARC membership at the regular price of \$50 (12 months membership) and receive FREE editions of *Technically Speaking*, volumes one through thirteen, including shipping (while supplies last). AND if you want to purchase volumes fourteen and fifteen for an additional \$25 they will be shipped with the other volumes! Sign up on our new website by clicking join now. If you want to purchase the additional volumes you must call the office at 734-427-9050 within 48 hours of joining to qualify for free shipping.

**R**egions, please note that 2026 dues in the amount of only \$25 are now due. They can be paid by accessing our new website at [modelarestorersclub.org](http://modelarestorersclub.org), select Regions and the Region toolbar to take you to renew. Also, a reminder that most membership fees are due at this time of the year. Don't let your membership expire and miss an issue of the *Model A News*!

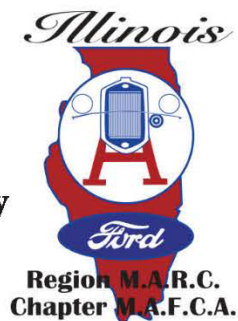
**C**ircle your calendars now for July 12-16 and make your hotel reservations for the 2026 MARC National Meet in French Lick, Indiana. 894-241-8391. Driver Class judging standards have been updated and are available to download at [modelarestorersclub.org](http://modelarestorersclub.org). Plan to enter your Model "A" in the judging!



# Dues for year 2026

## Membership Application

Dues must be paid by the end of **January**  
to be an active member and receive  
*The Distributor or emails.*



Model "A" Restorers Club Illinois Region  
Illinois Chapter MAFCA



If **NO CHANGES** Please Check  
Box, Print Name and Sign Below.

**MEMBER SINCE** \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Model "A" s owned (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Other "A" s or Cars you own \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHOICE FOR DUES \* CHECK ONLY ONE

**\$25.00 for emailed The Distributor** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$35.00 for PRINTED/EMAILED The Distributor** \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: IF YOU SELECT PRINTED/MAILED DISTRIBUTOR YOU WILL STILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL  
VERSION UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.

**(CHECK ONE)**

☐ **NEW MEMBER**

☐ **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Mail completed form to:

Larry Brandel  
803 E Glencoe St.  
Palatine, IL 60074

Digital payments  
only for renewals with  
**NO CHANGES**

Our Basic Requirements are as follows:

Payment of Yearly Dues

Liability insurance on any vehicle antique or modern  
that is used at a club function must be current

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

● **PAY WITH CHECK:**  
**ILLINOIS REGION MARC/MAFCA**

● **PAY WITH ZELLE:**  
**treasurer.ilregion@gmail.com**

- Type in the amount of your annual dues and  
add a note with your name and membership  
details with payment.

● **PAY WITH VENMO:**  
**773-405-5613**

- Enter your dues amount,  
include your name and  
membership details in the note,  
and submit your payment.



**All Region Members MUST be a member of either MARC or MAFCA National**

National Membership Number MARC \_\_\_\_\_

National Membership Number MAFCA \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_



# Welcome In 2026 Banquet

**Date:** January 10, 2026

**Place:** Elks Lodge 1526  
495 Lee St.  
Des Plaines, IL

**Time:** Cocktails: 5:30PM  
Dinner: 6:30PM

**Cost:** \$36.00/person

## **Menu:**

### **Entrees (3)**

1526 Baked Chicken                      Grilled  
Sea Bass                      Roast Pork Loin

### **Sides: (1)**

Buttered Mashed Potatoes

### **Vegetable:**

Garden Fresh Medley of Broccoli, Cauliflower and Carrots

### **Salad:**

Tossed Green Salad with Italian or Ranch Dressing

### **Dessert:**

Ice Cream Sundae



**'Coffee and Tea provided'**

**Cash Bar:** Beer, Wine, Cocktails and Sodas

Questions or to send Payment:

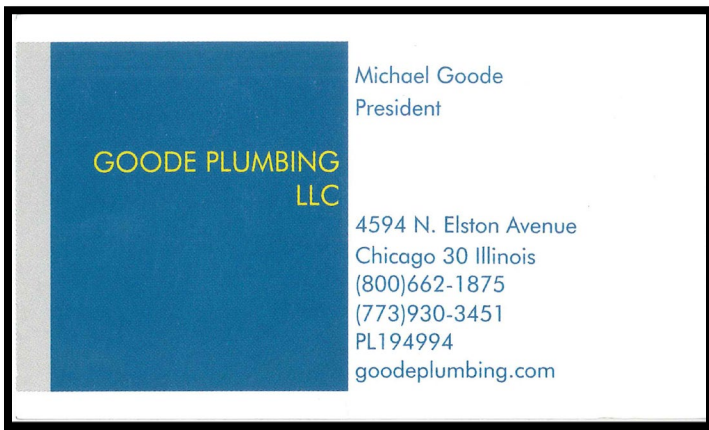
Vincent Scalabrino  
1100 N Pepper Tree Dr.  
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Email: v.scalabrino@icloud.com

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**Name:**

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**Number of Attendees:** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$36.00 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_



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