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THE COWTOWN "A"

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Happy Valentines Day!

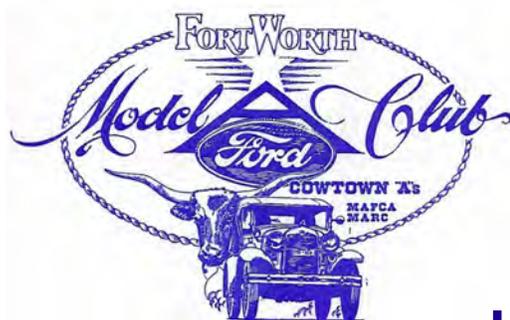
**February Meeting Dessert Extravaganza!
Final 2026 Member Registration Renewal
Needed!**

2026 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	George Maddox	817 689 7579
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	Jerry Tucker	817 237 1589
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	Tom Roman	817 995 2567
TREASURER	Neil Bernstein	281 658 7042
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ACTIVITIES/TOURS	Clint Johnson	817 366 0623
COWTOWN EDITOR	Chuck Nixon	817 233 1470
EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE BOARD	Geoff Stamp	817 773 4270

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

ANNUAL MTG./HOLIDAY CELEBRATION	TBD	
FASHION COORDINATOR	Shirley Zepeda	817 274 8587
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HARDWARE	Karen Whittlesey	817 337 9876
HISTORIAN	Mark York	817 926 0103
LIBRARIAN	William Walter	817 274 9813
PARLIAMENTARIAN	TBD	
REFRESHMENTS	TBD	
SUNSHINE	TBD	
PARADE OF LIGHTS	Randy Minton	817 297 1262
NATIONAL REPORTER/MEMBERSHIP	Chuck Nixon	817 233 1470



Program

The speaker for our February meeting will be Todd Anthony, a consignment car dealer in Fort Worth. He will discuss his many years of involvement in the classic car market. He will also explain the process Streetside Classics, a nationwide classic car dealership, uses to market and sells cars.

President's Message

Roses are red, violets are blue, a lot of us have paid our dues with the exception of a few, is one of them YOU?

As all of us know, the Pate Swap Meet is our only fundraising event, and our share of the funds is determined by the number of memberships in our club. Our 2026 membership roster must be turned in during the February Pate board meeting. So, check your records to make sure you have paid your 2026 membership, and if not, pay for it on-line or mail it to:

Fort Worth Model A Club
P.O. Box 470515
Fort Worth, TX 76147-0515.

Jerry Tucker will have more to say about this at the February meeting.



*Happy
Valentines
Day*



Upcoming Meetings

FEBRUARY 15, 2026
Firefighters Hall
3855 Tulsa Way
Board Meeting 1:30 PM
Club Meeting 2:30 PM

MARCH 15, 2026
Firefighters Hall
3855 Tulsa Way
Board Meeting 1:30 PM
Club Meeting 2:30 PM

APRIL 26, 2026
Pate Swap Meet
Texas Motor Speedway
Lunch & club meeting
for Pate clean-up
volunteers

January Meeting Minutes

The January membership meeting was held at the current location, Fort Worth Firefighters Local 440 building at 3855 Tulsa Way, Fort Worth, TX.

PRESIDENT: George Maddox called the meeting to order at 2:30 and asked for officer reports.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: Jerry Tucker was not present...he and Mary were on vacation.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT / PROGRAMS: Tom Roman shared that he had sign-up sheets for Texas Tour Raffle Donations. Handed out a list of businesses that they had sent out requesting donations & announced the program for the meeting.

TREASURER: Neil Bernstein said the bank account is balanced.

SECRETARY: Tina Johnson did not have anything to share.

ACTIVITIES/TOURS: Clint Johnson shared that he has many events already planned for 2026. Announced that immediately following the February meeting we would celebrate Valentine's Day with a Dessert Extravaganza. A sign-up sheet was available to bring a dessert. Clint also asked if anyone was interested in meeting for breakfast on Saturday, February 21 and then tour as a group to the Decatur Swap Meet. Clint explained to members that there are events planned that he needed volunteers to assist for various tasks and had sign-up sheets for volunteers. He shared that the club would have a picnic planned for Saturday, March 7th @ Hollow Hill Venue.

ACTING COWTOWN EDITOR: Chuck Nixon shared that the mailed newsletter list needs to be updated.

OTHER REPORTS: Jordan Douglass, Texas Tour Chairman, shared that Red Roof Inn requested if the club would give up the block of rooms for the Tour due to the hotel having a construction company's request to book rooms for a long-term project. Jordan made the decision to release the block. There are still some rooms available but if you need a reservation you need to make them ASAP. He asked for Tour Volunteers to meet immediately following the meeting for a quick meeting.

PROGRAM: Chuck Nixon introduced Cris Lofgren who is owner of Classical Gas Motors in Mansfield, TX which is a classic car consignment business and sells antique, classic and modern vehicles. Cris gave an interesting overview of the classic, antique sales market including Model 'A's. He gave recommendations on buying and selling these classic, antique and modern vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS: None

- Attendance: 49 members and 1 new member. Model A's Driven: Seven Four Door Prizes of \$10 were awarded. Driver's Award: Winner of the \$25 Driver's Award. February's driver's award will be \$25. George adjourned the meeting at 4:20 P.M. Lunch following at Mexican Inn on Camp Bowie Blvd for members who want to attend.

Tina Johnson, Secretary



Editor's Comments

I think we are on the upside regarding our weather that has been a frigid five days with record lows, plus ice, snow and sleet. Fortunately, most of us have not lost power and survived holed up in our living spaces since the streets have been dangerous to drive on. Now that we are a week later things are approaching normal. I don't know about you but I have had enough winter with this last spell.

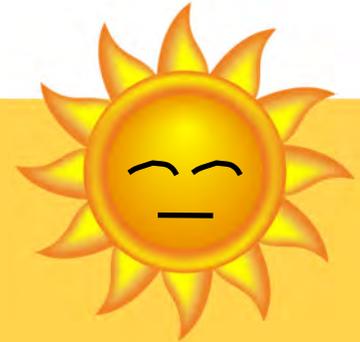
We have a bunch of events being planned by Clint Johnson, our tour Chairman, so please see the schedule elsewhere in the newsletter to plan ahead. February will be a fun meeting since we are having a dessert extravaganza after the meeting and see the notice elsewhere in the newsletter. Sign up to bring your favorite dessert that others can enjoy.

Our program this month will be interesting as it will be presented by Tod Anthony from Streetside Classics and he will describe their operation and business procedures in selling classic cars. Streetside sold a Buick Riviera for me, probably 10 years ago.

Tom Roman needs your donation of raffle items for the Texas Tour so use the donation form included in the newsletter and bring your donation(s) to the February meeting, or send Tom the form and make arrangements to deliver your item(s) with him later in the month. The Texas Tour will be here before you know it. If you have questions about the tour contact Jordan or Andrea Douglass. The registration form is included in the newsletter.

Hope you have a happy Valentines Day!
Chuck

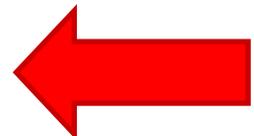
SUNSHINE REPORT



As most of you may know, Martha LaChance fell after leaving our December meeting at the Firefighter's Hall and broke her hip. The following day she had surgery to repair the fracture and has been recovering at home with Paul's help. She is using a walker and had a doctor's appointment on Thursday, the 29th. Martha had testing, X-rays and a CT scan and the doctor couldn't have been happier with her results. The doctor indicated Martha was far ahead of where most people where the same break(s) are. The doctor showed Paul and Martha the bone growth and how a broken bone had adjusted back into place. Martha takes some meds for pain but ,overall she is very happy with her progress. Assuming her healing continues rapidly, she may only need the walker for two more months, or perhaps less if she reaches her goal sooner. Martha wanted to thank all of the club members as a fine group of people for their kindness and concern who continue to check on her and has really enjoyed the cards, calls, visits, etc.

No February After-Meeting-Early-Dinner

Since we are having a Valentine's Dessert party after the February meeting we will not be having an after-meeting, early dinner.





Let's celebrate **VALENTINES'S DAY**

Join the Fort Worth Model 'A' Club
Valentine's Day celebration

Sunday, February 15

Immediately following our Club meeting
For A

"DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA"

Bring a dessert to share with everyone!
The club to furnish drinks.

Contact Christina Johnson to RSVP if you did not sign up at the
January meeting so she can have a count of desserts to ensure
there is plenty for everyone.

817 366-0623

For Sale or Wanted

Club member T. Lindsay Baker would like to purchase a serviceable or rebuildable Model 'A' Ford starter. Please let him know if you have an extra that you are not planning to use. T. Lindsay Baker, Mobile 254-485-3154, tbaker@tarleton.edu , P.O. Box 507, Rio Vista, TX 76093



Refreshments Volunteers For 2026

Volunteers provide refreshments for members at the monthly meeting. The Club provides, or reimburses you up to \$30 for soft drinks, lemonade, or tea. Cups, napkins, and cream/sugar will be furnished by our refreshment coordinator, to be determined.

Since we are now meeting at the Fort Worth Firefighters building, volunteers will staff the refreshment table to assist with distribution of drinks. Because we are having early afternoon meetings, only drinks need to be served. It is suggested that volunteers arrive close to 2:00 PM, 30 minutes before the meeting, to set up the table. An expense form will be provided to be turned in to our Treasurer, Neil Bernstein, for your expenses.

Contact: TBD

The Club appreciates your help.

January 18	Bill & Pat Buckmeyer	July 19	Clint & Tina Johnson
February 15	Ross & Andrea Douglass	August 16	
March 15	Jim & Jaque Carroll	September 20	Tom Roman
April 26	P A T E	October 18	Chuck & Diane Nixon
May 17	Pat Sinclair & Tommy Brown	November 22	
June	NO MEETING	December TBD	Business Mtg. & Christmas Party



2026 Tentative Activity Calendar

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Happy New Year Mexican Inn 18th - MODEL A MEETING	VALENTINE CELEBRATION Sunday 3/15 Dessert Extravaganza Dacatur Swap Meet 2/19 - 2/21 15th - MODEL A MEETING	Club Picnic - Saturday 3/07 Hollow Hill Farm Ducan Auto Swap Meet -3/26 -3/28 Tastes of Germany 15th - MODEL A MEETING
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
PATE SWAP MEET 4/24 - 4/26 CLUB TO PROVIDE LUNCH 26th MODEL A MEETING	SCAVENGER HUNT - DATE TBD ROUTE 66 TOUR 5/22 - 5/25 MARC NATIONAL 5/11 - 5/13 Fred's Burgers 17th - NO MONTHLY MEETING	TEXAS TOUR 6/11 - 6/14 MINERAL WELLS MAFCA NATIONAL 5/31 - 6/7 TBD 21st MODEL A MEETING
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
WATER MELON RUN 7/11 Jason's Deli 19th MODEL A MEETING	GRAHAM TOUR 8/8 - 8/9 Pulidos 20th MODEL A MEETING	WHITNEY DAY TRIP TBD 16th MODEL A MEETING
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
AUTUMN TRAILS TOUR 10/23 - 10/25 Italian 27th MODEL A MEETING	City Day Tour Sat 11/7 TBD 17TH MODEL A MEETING	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY TBD (more info to come)



FORT WORTH MODEL "A" FORD CLUB
P. O. BOX 470515
FORT WORTH TX 76147-0515

Howdy!

We invite you to support the Fort Worth Model "A" Ford Club by contributing to our silent auction and raffle room at the 63rd Model "A" Ford Texas Tour held in Mineral Wells, Texas, June 11-14, 2026.

The Texas Tour is an annual tradition hosted by six Model "A" Ford clubs across the state on a rotating schedule. Typically, around 100 Model "A" cars and over 200 guests from Texas and surrounding states (sometimes as far as California!) participate. We have a variety of driving tours, shopping excursions, banquet dinners, and other activities planned for our attendees.

Your contribution enables friends and family to continue uniting around a shared love of the Model "A" Ford and will go directly to offsetting the cost of the convention. We aim to draw a variety of interest through donations, from auto parts and tools to baskets dedicated to specific themes, such as gardening, car care, or game nights. A vendor gift card, a service, an automobile part or accessory, or any other gift item would be welcome. No gift is too small, and *every gift is appreciated*.

Your support will be acknowledged at the convention in a professionally published tour booklet distributed to each attendee.

The Fort Worth Model "A" Ford Club is a not-for-profit organization (Tax ID #75-1297943) and is a chapter of Model "A" Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and a region of the Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC).

Donations can be sent to: Tom Roman or you may bring them to our monthly meeting with a form filled out and Tom will collect the items from you.



Tom Roman
6500 Retta Oaks
Burleson, TX 76028

With sincere appreciation,
Tom Roman, Geoff Stamp (Auction Coordinators)
Tom: hpdroman@yahoo.com or 682-352-7111
Geoff: geoffstamp@hotmail.com or 817-773-4270

2026 Texas Tour Donation Submission

Name/Organization _____

Contact Information

- Phone number _____ Email _____

Estimated Value \$ _____

Item Description

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Name/Organization _____

Contact information

- Phone number _____ Email _____

Estimated Value \$ _____

Item Description

63rd Model "A" Ford Texas Tour

JUNE 11-14, 2026

MINERAL WELLS, TX



HOSTED AT THE
HISTORIC CRAZY
WATER HOTEL

**REGISTER
NOW!**

Online or mail in registration available
<https://2026texasmodelatour.org>



THE CRAZY WATER HOTEL



BLUE OVAL CAR BARN



EVENT T-SHIRT

JOIN US

Hosted by the Fort Worth Model "A" Ford Club, the 63rd Texas Tour offers a variety of activities highlighting the historic charm of Mineral Wells, Texas. The host hotel and event venue is the fully restored Crazy Water Hotel.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome and farewell banquets
- Planned early bird activities
- Multiple mini tour options
- Era Fashions
- Blue Oval Car Barn
- Grand Tour with catered lunch
- Game night with ice cream
- Within walking distance of the historic Baker Hotel

Hotel Information: mention "Texas Tour" when booking for block discount

The Crazy Water Hotel: (940) 325-4605

Red Lion Inn: (940) 325-7829

2026 TEXAS TOUR REGISTRATION

Wednesday, June 10, 2026		Times	How Many?	
Early Registration & Self-Guided Tours - The Crazy Water Hotel		2:00pm-5:00pm		
Thursday, June 11, 2026				
Registration/ Hospitality/ Raffles - The Crazy Water Hotel		10:30am-5:00pm	_____	
Repair Tent		2:00pm-5:00pm	_____	
Early Bird Self-Guided Tours - Scavenger Hunt and/or Ghost Tour		all day		
Early Bird Guided Tour - Possum Kingdom Lake		11:00am-3:00pm		
Welcome Dinner - The Crazy Water Hotel		6:00pm-8:30pm		
How many of each?: _____ Chicken Fajitas & fixins _____ Veg. (roasted mushroom & peppers)			_____	
Kids (under 13) _____ Chicken Fajitas & fixins _____ Veg. (roasted mushroom & peppers)			_____	
Friday, June 12, 2026				
Registration/ Repair Tent/ Hospitality/ Raffles		10:00am-5:00pm	_____	
Era Fashions Photo Shoot - The Crazy Water Hotel		9:00am-10:30am		
Guided Tour - Weatherford Downtown Square and Farmers Market		9:00am-1:00pm		
Self-Guided Tours - Scavenger Hunt and/or Ghost Tour		all day		
Blue Oval Car Barn: Ford Mustang collection		2:00pm-4:30pm		
Ice Cream Sundaes & Game Night - The Crazy Water Hotel		6:00-8:30pm		
Saturday, June 13, 2026				
Grand Tour - Thurber Museum & Lunch		8:30am - 3:00pm		
Lunch - How many of each?: _____ Pulled Pork _____ Sliced Turkey _____ Veg. (salad)			_____	
Kids lunch (under 13) - _____ Pulled Pork _____ Sliced Turkey _____ Veg. (salad)			_____	
Repair Tent/ Hospitality/ Raffles		2:00pm-5:00pm	_____	
Presidents' Meeting of TX club presidents - The Crazy Water Hotel		5:00pm-5:30pm		
Farewell Dinner - The Crazy Water Hotel		6:00pm-9:00pm		
How many of each?: _____ Chicken Fried Steak & fixins _____ Veg. (cauliflower steak)			_____	
Kids Meal (under 13) _____ Chicken Fried Steak & fixins _____ Veg. (cauliflower steak)			_____	
Era Fashions Gallery Walk (how many?) _____				
Registration Fees - Lunch and Dinners included in attendees cost				
<i>Registration fees include all meals and activities listed on this form</i>		Attendees	Cost	Total
		FIRST ADULT	1	\$150.00
		OTHER ADULT(S)		\$140.00
		KIDS (under 13)		\$100.00
Late Registration Fee <u>after</u> May 15, 2026			\$40.00	
TOTAL EVENT PRICE				
T-SHIRTS - see intro page for pictures of the shirts available				
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy S _____, M _____ crew neck (men's)		\$25.00		
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy L _____, XL _____ crew neck (men's)		\$25.00		
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy 2XL _____, 3XL _____ crew neck (men's)		\$27.00		
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy S _____, M _____ v-neck (ladies')		\$25.00		
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy L _____, XL _____ v-neck (ladies')		\$25.00		
T-Shirts (how many?) Navy 2XL _____, 3XL _____ v-neck (ladies')		\$27.00		
Extra Patches (1 included with registration)	How Many?		\$5.00	
Extra Radiator Badges (1 included with registration)	How Many?		\$5.00	
TOTAL MERCHANDISE PRICE - tax included with all merchandise				
TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED				

Fashion Forward for Texas Tour

It's time to get fashion-ready for Texas Tour--only four months away! Perhaps you are organizing your family's collection of antique clothing or accessories to display. Some in attendance will model period-era fashions, or some may wear current fashions that recall the Model 'A' era.

Jabots are decorative neckwear of lace or other fabric falling from the throat, suspended from or attached to a neckband or collar, or pinned at the throat. They extend down the front of the shirt or blouse. Jabot is a French word, but it's okay if we Texans pronounce it like our local "Jabo" hardware store.

Jabots of the Model 'A' era evolved from the fabric ruffles that decorated the front of a man's shirt in the 1700-1800s. The jabot had been a sign of upper class for male fashion. Then, in the 1800s, lace jabots became popular accessories for women's clothing as well. Jabots came around again in the late 1920s and 30s. Some were sewn in at the neckband and others were held in place at the neck with a broach.

Jabots are making a comeback yet again in ladies' fashion, and one can find blouses at favorite stores with modified ruffles around the neck or trailing down the front. Some talented sewers create beautiful jabots, and you can search for one you'd like on Etsy.com



Chapter website is available for members

<http://fortworthmodela.org>

We need cars of the month, send your photo and history to Geoff to be featured on the homepage as the website opens

Try it and give us feedback on what you see, improvement suggestions, and new ideas. There are many opportunities to expand on existing and new categories, information, and history. Send your input to either or both:

geoffstamp@hotmail.com
chucknixon67@gmail.com.

100 Years Ago at the Ford Motor Company

One hundred years ago this month, a lumberman in Michigan adapted his Model T truck, replacing the standard wheels with caterpillar tracks and skis for operating in snowy and icy conditions. He documented this “snow-mobile” conversion kit for lumbering operations and easy winter travel.

Back at the factory, Ford was turning out more stylish Model Ts to combat falling sales due to the rise of competitors like the 6-cylinder Pontiac and Willys Overland’s Whippet. The 1926 Model T featured lower, longer bodies, and larger fenders. This model was the first to feature a driver-side door.

Also in February 1926, Ford Air Transport began operating the first commercial contract airmail routes connecting Detroit with Cleveland and Chicago. The plane used was the Ford Tri-Motor



Meantime Henry was promoting traditional American dancing: square dances; quadrilles; and other old-fashioned folk dancing. He thought these promoted better morals than jazz or the current social dancing. Henry even awarded a cup he donated for a champion fiddler.

Henry continued to publish *The Dearborn Independent*, a weekly newspaper he purchased in 1919. It served as an outlet, in part, for Henry’s anti-Semitic views, language, and conspiracy theories in articles and editorials. This forever tarnished Henry’s reputation even though he later apologized for it.

Jim's Tech Tips

"Ignition Misfires"

We've all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburetor problem, but don't overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor.

Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So check it and increase the gap back to 0.020" if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak condenser.

Look at the rotor. Make sure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap, and is not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor.

Look at the underside of the distributor cap. Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.

Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for "carbon tracks" on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing. (See photo.) Replace if needed.



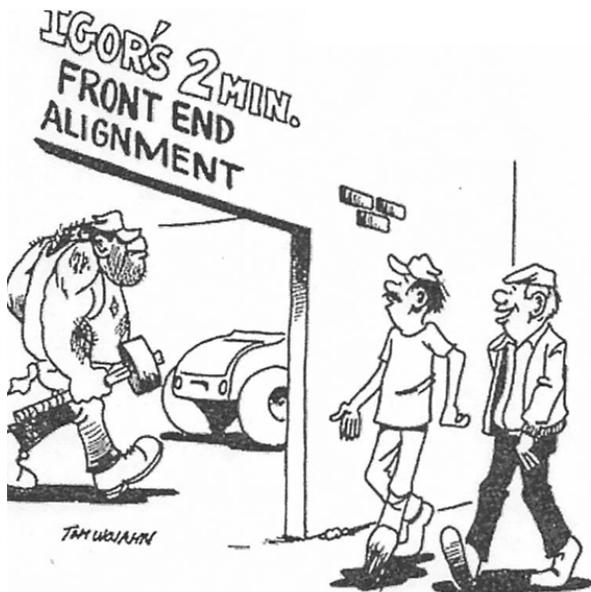
Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*
Jim



**FWMAC Member Don “Red” Cooper Celebrated 99 Years
on January 13th**

“Happy Birthday Red”

Just in case you need a good Laugh



I hear he blindfolds you while he does it."



Wiring harness for my roadster.
I got it at a really cheap price too!

MAFFI Minute

January 2026



Happy New Year, Model A'ers! As we roll into another year, we find ourselves one step closer to our beloved cars turning 100 years old, which is pretty incredible to think about. The Board met in January to begin planning for the year ahead, including early discussions around Model A Days, along with ideas for upcoming exhibit changes and continued growth of the museum.

While things may seem quieter during the winter months, the museum remains very active behind the scenes. Winter is an important time for maintenance, organization, and preparing exhibits and vehicles for the year ahead. The volunteers of the Grape Country Model A's have been instrumental in this work, generously donating their time and skills. Leader of Fleet Maintenance Dan Cargo and Museum Manager Jerry Dennany, in particular, continue to provide invaluable leadership and hands-on support throughout the off-season.

Keep on motoring!

John Grossheim

Trustee and Secretary of MAFFI

2027 MAFCA National Tour

June 13 - 18, 2027

Durango, Colorado

Hosted by The Model A Ford Club of Colorado

Tour Highlights

4 Days of Driving Tours to: Aztec Ruins National Monument (New Mexico) - Mesa Verde National Park -

Million Dollar Highway - Pagosa Springs/Wolf Creek Pass

A fun Day on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad (a can't miss event)

Car Games, Ice Cream Social, Model A Car Display, Hubley Derby, Welcome and Farewell Dinners, and More





The Model "A" RESTORERS CLUB

MODEL "A" RESTORER'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP

6721 Merriman, Garden City MI 48135
(734) 427-9050 Office (734) 427-9054
modelarestorersclub@gmail.com

Membership Application 1 Year Term

U.S. Membership \$50.00

U.S. Air Mail \$62.00

Canada \$60.00

International \$70.00

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

All checks must be payable in U.S. funds.

U.S. funds must be stamped on the check and drawn from a U.S. bank.

International Money Orders in U.S. Funds are also accepted.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

_____ EXP Date _____

CVV Code # _____ Phone # _____

Membership # _____ Region (If member) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

I give permission to publish my phone number
in the future MARC Membership Rosters:

Yes No

Phone: _____

I give permission to publish my email
in the future MARC Membership Rosters:

Yes No

Email: _____

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

February 2026

Members, our MARC Board has launched our new website as part of our new social media strategy. You can access it by entering our new url: modelarestorersclub.org. The site contains many new features including a members only section that members can access by entering your membership number and zip code. Once signed in you can update Region information, add events, access issues of *Model A News*, technical information and much more! Some have also noticed that we now have two Facebook groups, Model A Restorers Club, our public group and Model "A" Restorers Club (note the quotes), our members group where more MARC information is posted. Check them out!

Also, speaking about our new social media strategy, your Board is excited to announce that the response thus far has been overwhelming. Many more views on our new website and TWICE as many new members joining than last year at this time. Keep watching for new member promotions and encourage your Region non MARC members to join!

Regions, we still need your help to add content to the website. You can now update your Region information directly, update officer contact information, report your Region activities including creating technical videos to share with all of our members, schedules of your upcoming events to help YOU attract new members and much, much more. Larry Shepard is still asking for names and contact information for your technical experts who are willing to help fellow members with assistance in keeping their Model A's in tip top operational condition. Please contact Larry through our Contact Us section of the website. We are also in the process of creating an updated member roster. Please send our office your member rosters and indicate those members willing to be added to the MARC member roster.

Certainly more members are planning to attend the upcoming Finger Lakes Tour and the National Meet in French Lick. We are still accepting registrations for the Finger Lakes Tour. Registration forms for French Lick will be published in the next issue of the *Model A News* which will be available on February 1st on our new MARC website. The Columbus Indiana Region is also creating an online option that will allow you to easily, accurately and securely register for French Lick from your phone or computer. No more writing, adding or wondering if your registration form will make it through the postal system! Major credit cards and PayPal will be accepted through the secure MARC website. Coming soon!





Steering Column

Doug Linden - 2026 President



AS WE START the New Year, I would like to wish all our members a healthy and prosperous 2026 and many smiles per mile touring in your Model A.

I am honored to serve as president and look forward to working with our dedicated board. Our shared goal is to serve MAFCA to the best of our ability and continue to grow MAFCA by providing our members with first class



Introducing 2026 directors: Doug Clayton, Paul Shinn, Dennis Thompson, Dave Krill, Trish Evans, Happy Begg, David Frazee, and Sherry Winkinhofer.

services and benefits, while at the same time having fun with our Model A's. Please join me in welcoming the newly elected board members for 2026-'27: Doug Clayton (Publications/ Public Relations); Trish Evans (Membership/ Marketing); Paul Shinn (Technical); and Dennis Thompson (Treasurer). Continuing members include Happy Begg (Vice President); David Frazee (Secretary);

Sherry Winkinhofer (Chapter Coordinator); and Dave Krill (Advertising). We look forward to working as a team to guide MAFCA into the years ahead.

I would like to send a special thanks to Ed Tolman, Bill Truesdell, and Jay McCord for their dedication and service to MAFCA. They have made a lasting impact.

My wife, Nan, and I just returned from the 2025 National Awards Banquet (NAB) in Mobile, Alabama. Thanks to Allen Braddy and the Gulf Coast Model A Club, who spent countless hours making sure the attendees had a wonderful time. The location of the hotel made it convenient to reach all the scheduled tours; the tour of the USS Alabama Battleship Park made for a memorable event. Nan and I really enjoy attending NABs, and due to their size they offer a great chance to socialize with the other members and enjoy new places. Plan to join us at the 2026 NAB in Cincinnati.

The board is here to represent you, and I encourage you to contact any of us if you have any questions. (See our contact information below.) I encourage all members to participate in future events, local or national. Together we can make this a fantastic year for MAFCA. ☺

Model A Ford Club of America Schedule

MAY 31

May 31, 2026 - June 7, 2026

2026 MAFCA National Convention – Pendleton, Oregon

JUN 13

June 13, 2027 @ 9:00 am - June 18, 2027 @ 9:00 pm

2027 MAFCA National Tour

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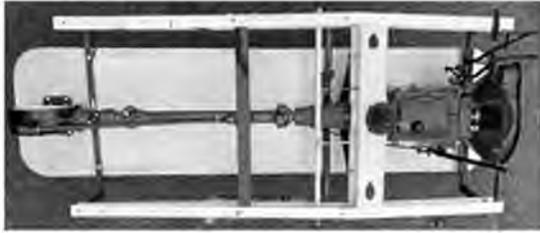
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1st Monday in Sept Labor Day
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September 17th Constitution Day
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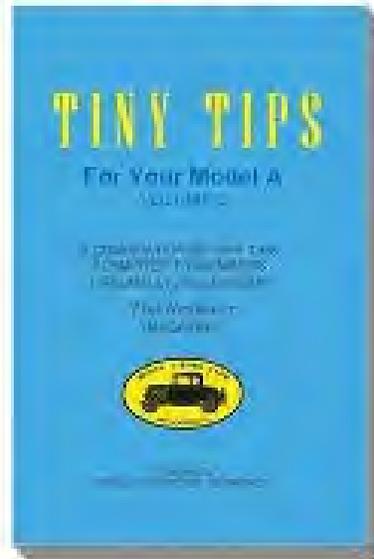
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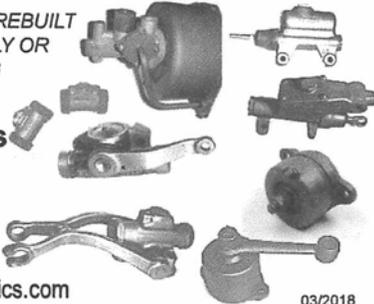
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MEETING NOTICE

CLUB MEETING DAY AND TIME

3rd Sunday of the month

February 15, 2026

Board Meeting - 1:30 PM

Club Meeting 2:30 PM

Valentine's Dessert Extravaganza

*Firefighters Hall
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FORT WORTH MODEL "A" FORD CLUB 2026 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Member Renewal

PLEASE PRINT ON THE FORM SO WE MAY BE ABLE TO READ IT CORRECTLY

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SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME:		YEAR JOINED THE CLUB	
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EMAIL ADDRESS (HERS)		IF ONE, USE HIS <input type="checkbox"/> OR HERS <input type="checkbox"/> OR BOTH <input type="checkbox"/>	
PLEASE LIST ALL MODEL 'A'S OWNED			
YEAR	MODEL	RUNNING YES/NO	
IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE TO LIST YOUR "A'S" PLEASE DO SO ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.			
CLUB MEMBER MUST BE A MEMBER OF EITHER MAFCA OR MARC NATIONAL MODEL 'A' CLUBS			
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