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Picture from the past



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The club shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian, and non-partisan. The purpose of this club shall be: To serve as medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of 1928-1931 Ford Model "A" and "AA" motor vehicles and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the vehicle in its original likeness. This club will be of assistance to its members in their restoration efforts. To unite all club members who are interested in restoring and maintaining Model "A" and "AA" Fords in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community. To help members become better acquainted, and encourage and maintain the spirit of good fellowship, sociality and fair play through sponsored activities, which include family participation and the use of these vehicles. To function as a Chapter of the Model "A" Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and a Region of the national Model "A" Restorers club (MARC), as authorized by charter and pursuant to the provisions of membership in each national club.

All articles for the newsletter must be submitted to the editor by the 25th of the month prior to the next publication. All applicable articles are welcome.

Club members may place a personal classified ad in the newsletter at no charge. After three months this ad will be reviewed to extend the coverage.

Need a copy of the club bylaws?
Contact Joyce Huddle, Club Secretary.

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month
unless a change is announced.

Club Meeting & Dinner

Tuesday, September 9

6:00 PM

Red Lobster Seafood

Restaurant

Staunton

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope to find you all well. The last meeting at Ming Garden was very small with only about 15 people in attendance. I know we are in the middle of prime vacation time. I hope this is not the sign of the times. Our next meeting will be at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church. The club will be providing pizza and paper products. If you plan to attend, please bring a salad or dessert to complement our meal. We have a driving opportunity coming up in September. Check out the Newsletter for details or call Reggie Hiner. Happy motoring and keep a check on your water in the radiator. Stay cool and see you all soon!!

Jennifer

Treasurer's Report

Balance 7/23/25 **\$5,037.34**

Income

Dues	50.00
<u>50/50</u>	<u>36.00</u>
TOTAL	\$86.00

Expenses

Pizza for Aug Picnic	145.00
<u>MARC Annual Dues</u>	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL	\$170.60

Balance 8/26/25 **\$4,952.74**

DVDs available to loan that are in our club library. Contact Gary & Jennifer Pitsenbarger if you can use the information.

MAFCA and/or MARC DVD's

Dial D for Distributor

Roadside

Troubleshooting

The Flasher

How to Stop on a Dime

Carburetors and Carbohydrates

Rebuilding a Model A Ford Transmission

Model A Engine Bearing Adjust

Model A Distributors - Millard Springer

Model A Transmission

Model A Transmission - Millard Springer

Model A Brakes and Headlights I & II

Bob Sholtes -Ted Thoughts

Skyline A Spring Tune-up Day 2009

Story of Thomas Edison



9/18 **Polly Belford**

9/24 **Tork MacCorkle**

9/26 **Carol Ralston**

Tentative Calendar for 2025

Sep 13 Somerset Cow Pasture Party and Car Show. This is free to those who participate in the Car Show.
Details will be available when we get closer to the event.

Oct TBD

Nov TBD

Dec TBD

Mader's A & T Parts

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HELP—I got left after the picnic at Tinkling Spring in August & I don't even know who are my "parents". I'm coming to the meeting in September and hope to be reunited with them!!

Skyline Chapter, Model A Ford Club of America

Our Chapter's monthly meeting was held August 12, 2025 at Tinkling Spring Church in the Picnic area. There were 24 members present.

President – Jennifer Pitsenbarger called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Wayne Leary offered the blessing for our meal.

After a time of fellowship and sharing pizzas with delicious side dishes and deserts we resumed our meeting.

Vice-President – Robbie Kuykendall announced that our next meeting will be held on September 9 in the Red Lobster Restaurant of Staunton.

Secretary – Joyce Huddle – Asked if there were corrections to last month's minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written.

Treasurer – Millie Hiner gave the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$5,037.34 as of July 23, 2025. We had no income this month and an expense of \$17.90 for 2 name tags.

Director's Reports:

1 year Director – Gary Pitsenbarger, No report

2 Year Director – Alex Naletko reported there were signs available on Unlisted Auctions about parking space for Ford Autos. One said "A Model Fords Only" and the other was "Ford Cars Only". Regretfully, he did not buy them. He was wondering if anyone had made the purchase. Other members were familiar with the signs and Reggie said he has some in his work shop.

3 Year Director – Jay Mader, No report

Historian – Rick Downs reported he will no longer be able to fulfill the position of Historian. He does, however, have a large number of files about the history of our Club and he would like to send them to someone else for storage.

Sunshine – In Dawn Santana's absence Joyce Huddle reported that no cards had been mailed this month, but to let her know if a need occurs and she will send a card.

Newsletter Editor - Bob Kuykendall asked if anyone did not receive a Newsletter.

Events Coordinator – Reggie Hiner reminded us of the Somerset Steam & Gas Pasture Party on September 13. Anyone interested in going can meet the group at the Shopping Center in Waynesboro at 7:30 AM on that Saturday.

New Business – Don Swofford shared some special memories of his son, James. He remembered fondly a **Model A Club** meeting he and his son, at the age of 6, had attended. James commented later to his Dad about how friendly and nice everyone had been to them. Grief does not lessen over the years.

50/50 – Won by Bob Knecht

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Huddle, Secretary

**Meeting
Minutes**

MARC-Model A Restorer's Club- \$50.00*

6721 Merriman Rd, Garden City, MI 48135

734-427-9050

www.modelaford.org

*(Includes six issues of the Model "A" News/yr.)

Name (Print) _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____

Is it ok to list phone number in club roster (yes or no)? _____

EMAIL address _____

Is it ok to list email address in club roster (yes or no)? _____

Signature _____

MAFCA-Model A Ford Club of America - \$50.00*

250 South Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631

562-697-2712 www.mafca.com

*(Includes six issues of the Restorer/yr)

Name (Print) _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Permission to publish my telephone number in future

membership rosters? yes _____ no _____

(Ask about Optional new member package - extra \$10.00.)

Dues increased for 2018 \$50.00**MAFFI Membership Application Form**

Over Ninety Years Ago...Henry Ford created his legendary Model A Ford, now an icon of Americana representing the transition from flappers to breadlines as the depression rolled across the continent. You can help to preserve Henry's Lady, the Model A Ford and the dynamic era of 1927 through 1931 by joining the Model A Ford Foundation. MAFFI is dedicated to the preservation of historical information and memorabilia of this time of change in America. Your membership donation is tax deductible under the Internal Revenue Service rule 501 (c)3 and will help us with our many projects and worthwhile goals such as the Ford Parts Project and the building of research centers in many locations. Exciting new projects are on the horizon and you can be a part of them! Encourage your Friends to Join Today! Yes! Count me in!

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____ Chapter: _____

Email Address: _____ Check here if you prefer to receive our newsletter via email.

Family Membership: _____ Annual \$35.00 _____ Three Year \$100.00 _____ Life \$500.00 Club

Membership: \$ _____ A club membership consists of a donation every year to support the Model A Ford Museum operations.

We appreciate every gift, large or small. I wish to make an additional optional tax deductible contribution of: \$ _____

Please apply addition contribution to: _____ Museum Displays _____ Endowment Fund Total Contribution Enclosed: \$ _____

Please print and mail this form to: MAFFI, PO Box 28, Peotone, IL 60468-002

Application for membership

Single or couple—\$25.00

Checks—Skyline Chapter MAFCA

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone # _____

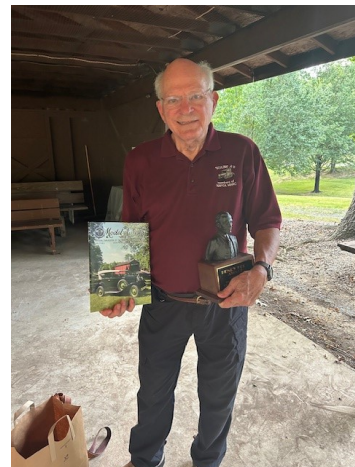
Birthday (m/d) _____

Spouse (m/d) _____ Anniversary (m/d) _____

Member of MARC (yes/no) _____ Membership no. _____ **NOTE: All members are encouraged to join the**Member of MAFCA (yes/no) _____ Membership no. _____ **national clubs.**

August 12, 2025

Pizza picnic plus salads & desserts in the Pavilion at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church.



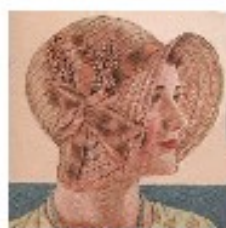
Don Swofford with his Henry Ford trophy and magazine with the picture of his Model A Ford.

Bouquets on Bonnets

By Sherry Winkinhofer, Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club

The hats and bonnets worn in the Model A era came in a myriad of shapes, colors, and designs. These colorful hats could be decorated with ribbons, beads, pins, feathers, and more! A favorite decorative element often used were flowers or other floral and nature-based designs. Hats with flower trimmings were available in all major catalogs as well as stores and millinery shops.

Read the full article on the MAFCA Website at http://www.mafca.com/ef_articles.html and learn how hats and flowers complimented each other during the Model A years!



National Bellas Hess Co
Spring and Summer
1931
plush flowers



National Bellas Hess Co
Spring and Summer
1931
Velvet flowers



The Robert Simpson
Catalog Fall and Winter
1928-29
Velvet orchid



Sears Roebuck and Co Fall and
Winter 1928-29
sheer organdy and rayon plush



Sears Roebuck and Co
Fall and Winter 1928-29
Organdy and rayon taffeta

Catalogs such as Sears and Montgomery Wards sold separate flowers and floral collections that could be used to freshen up old hats or add to new hats and garments. It seems odd that most of the time these catalogs showed them in black and white, but just a few color ads are to be found to help demonstrate the vivid colors that were available.



Robert Simpson catalog Fall and Winter 1928-



Sears, Roebuck and Co
Spring and Summer 1928
Handmade fabric flowers



National Bellas Hess Co Inc
Spring and Summer 1931
Applied plush flowers



The Robert Simpson Co
Fall and Winter 1928-29
Plush blossoms with
tinsel stitching

Below are some "New-Old-Stock" (NOS) flower trimmings from an era Millinery supply.



Picture from collection of Patti Jones



Model A Ford Club of America

Over 25 Years on the Web - 1997-2023

"The Largest Car Club in the World Dedicated to One Type of Automobile"



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



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE ~~running~~ BOARD REPORT

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

September 2025

Meeet us next May in the beautiful Finger Lakes Region of New York State when we present the MARC 2026 Membership Meet/National Tour as a joint event! The Finger Lakes area is renowned for its scenery, local wineries, and quaint villages. For an extra thrill, drive your Model A on the world-class Watkins Glen International Speedway! Details are still being finalized so keep checking the *Model A News* and *The Running Board Report* for information as it develops!

ALERT! Scammers are back again. Recently an email, purportedly from Tom Hovetter, MARC President, was sent to Regional officers requesting gift cards be sent for veterans. This is a scam. MARC does not solicit funds except for payment of membership/Region dues.

Recently the Driver Class committee met to make changes to the judging standards based on feedback we have received. An example of a few of the changes made are that we will include vehicles with fiberglass fenders and later Ford axles to participate going forward and have enhanced the awards! We want to encourage participation of almost any Model A with non stock parts and modifications. Look for the updated standards on the MARC website shortly.

Certainly you've seen that we have the digital version of the *Model A News* posted on our website for MARC members to view. If you are a new member or just renewed, at the bottom of your receipt is a button to view your account and it will take you to it. This method is in addition to access through the MARC website. If you need a copy of your receipt, just contact the office at 734-427-9050 and we can sent it to you..



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Next Meeting: September 9 @ 6:00 PM
Details inside

First Class Mail

