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Model A Restorers Club Membership:

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

Model A Ford Club of America:

https://mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca_new_member=yes

Visit our website:

555illinoisregionmarc.com/

The Illinois Region M.A.R.C., Illinois Chapter M.A.F.C.A. holds it's monthly meetings the 2nd 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 or by phone or text at (815) 666-6026.

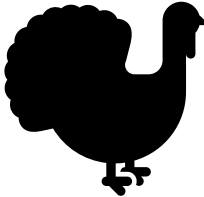

Remember, this is YOUR Newsletter!

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: A group of us visited Rosehill Cemetery on June 14. Lots of history to see there. See more pictures on page 6-7.

2025/2026 Official Illinois Region Events Calendar

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Spring Tour to Spring Green WI 3,4 Beller Museum Youth Event 10 General Meeting 13 Painted Ladies Tour 18	Model A Days Clinton WI 1 General Meeting/BOD 10 Rosehill Cemetery Tour 14 MAFCA Nat'l Tour, VA 15-22	Parades 4 General Meeting 8 Iola Car Show 10 Mt. Prospect Car show (Kochevar) 19 IL Region Club picnic 27	Transportation Days Union IL 3 General Meeting/BOD 12 Old Car Festival 13,14 Greenfield Village Friendly Ford Customer Appreciation (Boomers Stadium) 23
<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Lakemoor Car Show 7 General Meeting 9 Int'l Model A Day(worldwide) 13 Model A Days Gilmore 19,20 MAFCA Rt.66 Tour 22-Oct. Jefferson Swap & Car Show 26,27	Newport Hill Climb 3-5 Hershey Swap 7-10 MAFCA Rt.66 Tour Sept.-13 General Meeting/BOD 14	Turkey Dinner (Pritchett) 2 General Meeting/BOD 11 	General Meeting/ BOD Cookie Feast 9 
<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
General Meeting 13	General Meeting 10	General Meeting 10	General Meeting 14

MARC Illinois Region Financials May 21, 2025 thru June 20, 2025

Intake	\$518.00	Exhaust	\$1,178.49
Membership Dues	\$85.00	Elks Club Meeting Rental	\$100.00
50/50 Raffle	\$96.00	Painted Lady Tour	\$100.00
Painted Lady Tour	\$179.00	Painted Lady Expenses	\$190.97
Memorial Brick Donations	\$158.00	Distributor Postage	\$14.60
		APR Graphics (2 months)	\$224.00
		Meeting Refreshments	\$53.68
		Frames and Youth Model A Day	\$195.24
		MAFFI Memorial Bricks	\$300.00
Total in Account 5/21/2025: \$12,812.71			
Total in Account 6/20/2025: \$12,152.22			

July – Director’s Corner

Hello everyone! Surprisingly, June was a hot start for the summer, so I’m hoping for mild temperatures for our July 4th parade participants. Remember, the parades are our club’s annual fundraiser, so I encourage all our members to step up and participate so we don’t disappoint our parade attendees. Please call John Drengenberg on 847-226-0279, and let’s show off our beautiful cars and delight the parade-goers (especially the children).

Next, I want to thank the event organizers for their excellent work in planning and managing their events: Jeanne and George Lettner (Model A Days) and Debbie and Steve Sarasin (Rosehill Cemetery Tour). Members who attended these events truly enjoyed themselves. However, we had some participant cancellations without notice for the Rosehill Cemetery tour, which disappointed the restaurant (which had brought in extra help to accommodate our planned large group) and our tour guide, who also expected a large crowd. If you sign up for an event, please follow through and attend, as our event hosts spend time and our venues allocate resources to make the event fun and successful. We will discuss this issue at the July meeting.

Looking ahead, we have the Mount Prospect Car Show on July 19th (see Mike Kochevar for details and the sign-up sheet; the club will provide pizzas). Additionally, the club’s annual picnic will be held at Marilyn and John Krenger’s ranch. We need volunteers to set up, take down, and work the picnic, so consider helping with this great event by contacting Ken Ehrenhofer – there’s a lot to do (many hands make light work). If you commit to attending, please honor that commitment. I want to thank our volunteer Garage Squad team for their work on a long list of members who needed their cars checked for safe driving conditions, enabling them to drive their cherished Model A vehicles with confidence. Our list is quite extensive, and I appreciate your patience with everyone involved. We strive to have every member’s car on the road this summer so they can enjoy their classic cars! Bruce

Illinois Region Model A Club Business Meeting Agenda For Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Meeting called to order

- o Pledge of Allegiance
- o Director Message
- o Approve the published March Meeting Minutes in The Distributor

Old Business

- o Update on Rosehill Cemetery Tour
- o Update on July 4 th Parade
- o Update on Mount Prospect Car Show (7/19)
- o Update on Club Picnic (7/27)
- o Barn A&T Swap Meet

New Business – Dan / Roger

- o Update on future events

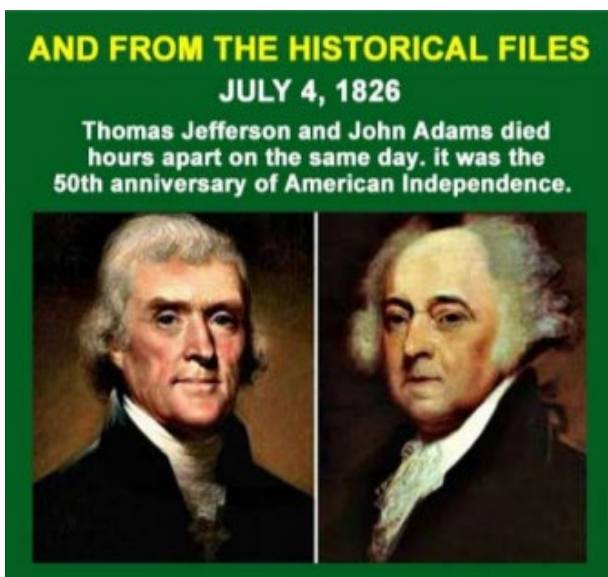
Reports

- o MARC National News
 - o MAFCA National News
 - o Assistant Director Report
 - o Treasurer’s Report
 - o Membership update
 - o Roster / Directory update
 - o “The Distributor” newsletter update
 - o Webmaster update
 - o Greeter
 - o Club apparel sales update (If Any)
 - o Club swap/parts sales update (If Any)
- Raffle

Motion & Second to Adjourn

Refreshments

Tech Talk – To be Announced at Meeting



Illinois Region MARC/MAFCA Meeting

June 10, 2023

Meeting call to order at 7:30 pm

Pledge Joe

Minutes - motion to approve by 1) Mike Kochevar

2) Frank Smith

Tech Talk (Ron) –

June is Brakes part 2

July's "Tech Talk" ideas

Update Garage Squad (Ron / Nick) - Increase Member Participation & Cars on the Road. A few cars have been fixed and are back on the road. Several still on the list.

Events

5/18 Painted Lady Photo Tour (Dan Pritchett) 15 Model As participated. Pictures at 5 different houses and took pictures of each car at each house. Making a calendar of the cars. \$20 each.

6/1 Model A Days, Clinton, WI (George/Jeanne Lettner) 8 Model As. Around 200 A's in total.

Women's events – Melinda Pritchett, holding meeting after the general meeting today. Looking for ideas and opportunities for the ladies to get together.

6/14 - Update on Rosehill Cemetery Tour (Steve) 8 am breakfast, then to cemetery for walking tour.

7/4 Parades – John Drengenberg. 15 slots need to be filled.

7/19 Mount Prospect Car Show – Mike Kochevar starts at 3:30 pm 22 signed up now still plenty of room for more.

7/27 Picnic – Time to confirm Picnic at John/Marilyn Krenger's home. (Ken E)

8/23 The Barn A&T Swap Meet (Ken). Still working on date. Look for flyers. Need vendors. Seminars Wed Painting, Ken E; Differentials, Larry Shepard from St Louis.

MARC Technical Expert; Engines, the Stockingers. \$50 per person per seminar.

MARC National meeting

9/1 Kick-off of 2026 Membership Dues Renewal (Larry/Bruce)

MAFCA – John Golanty – National event 6/15 Civil War Tour. Awards banquet December in Mobile, AL

Asst Director Report – Nick Clancy – Sat July 12 th need cars at Des Plaines Theater, get show tickets and lunch

Treasurer Report – Jerry Tiesch -Intake \$92, Exhaust \$212.36, Balance \$12,812.71

Membership – Larry Brandel -New members - Ben and David Giese, returning. Guest –

Jack Hatfield from the Fire Museum of Greater Chicago.

Memberships and other payments

can be made via Zelle and remember to put the reason for the payment.

Directory – John Silvestri - The directory updated. Text or call John to get a copy. Please send a portrait picture for the photo directory, there are many missing photos.

Distributor – Matt Kusar – The calendar has been updated for the first 4 months of 2026. Please send articles for Model A Days and other events that are happening.

Greeter – Melinda Pritchett – Attendance, 51 members signed in and 5 Models As. Vince had knee surgery and is doing well. \$157 collected for Jerry Wolf's brick.

Announcements – Ken E – The MAFFI Mechanics have made 2 trips to the museum to get the Model A's running and maintained. Let Ken know if you would like to join the group.

Raffle - \$96 raised.

Tonight's Tech Talk – Brakes Part 2 presented by Ron Ehrenhofer.



June 14, Rosehill Cemetary Tour



About a dozen club members met for breakfast at Mrs. V's in Des Plaines.



Main Gate designed by Bill Boyington, who also designed the Chicago Water Tower and the old Joliet prison.



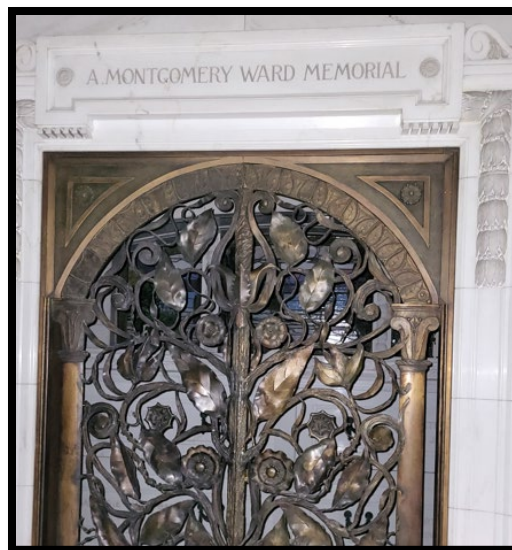
These two pictures are from the May Chapel. This was designed by Joseph Lyman Silsbee who influenced a generation of architects including those of the Prairie School.



Here's a very few of the notables interred at Rosehill



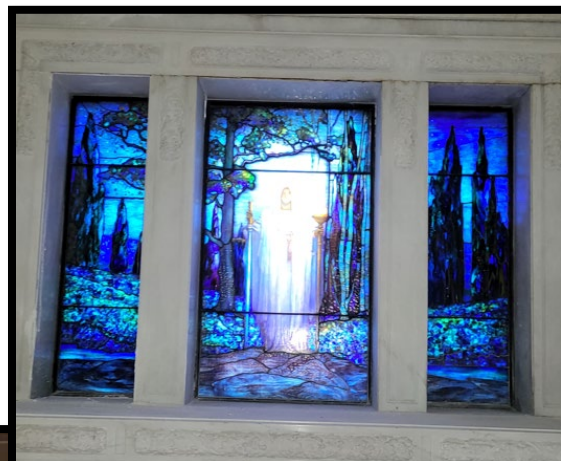
Real Estate magnate and namesake of Hull House, Charles Hull



"Long" John Wentworth, politician, newspaper publisher



Rosehill boasts one of the largest collections of Tiffany stained glass. Here's a few samples.



Coming events



Located at 7000 Olson Road, Union, Illinois,
5 miles off I-90 via Route 20, Marengo exit,
follow the Railway Museum signs.

34th ANNUAL VINTAGE TRANSPORT EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, AUGUST 3, 2025
8:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM

\$15.00 OPEN TO VEHICLES 2005 AND OLDER \$15.00

Send \$15.00 per vehicle, check or money order, payable to "ILLINOIS RAILWAY MUSEUM."
Vehicle driver and all passengers in vehicle at the time of entry only will get free
admission, including train rides (an \$18.00 value) valid only for the day of the show.
Vehicle registration the day of the show will be \$20.00. Pre-register and save \$5.00 and
time at the gate. Pre-registrations MUST be received by July 26 to be valid.

THE VINTAGE VEHICLE GATE CLOSES AT NOON, NO FREE TICKETS AFTER GATE CLOSURE.



DISPLAY ONLY Dash Plaques
Awarded to first 500 arrivals.

For more information contact Larry Claypool,
(815) 603-8556 or vairshop@gmail.com
or Dawn Castro, (630) 991-8601 or
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ATTENTION: We request vehicles arrive before noon and remain until 4:00 PM. By submitting this application, applicant
agrees to release Illinois Railway Museum and protect, indemnify and defend it from any and all claims for any losses,
damages, or injuries whatsoever arising in whole or in part from operation, transportation, or display of applicant's
vehicle. Said applicant and guest(s) also agree not to consume alcoholic beverages at the show.

For complete driving directions to the museum or additional information, go to www.irm.org

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OverSize Vehicles: An oversize vehicle is any vehicle that would not fit in a nominally sized parking space. This includes
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PHONE: () _____ My EMail Address for 2026: _____

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VEHICLE YEAR 2005 OR OLDER: _____ MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____

Assigned field parking is determined by the IRM (by vehicle manufacturer or you may park with a recognized club affiliation). Circle one:

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If oversize vehicle, specify size: _____

IRM operates the Vintage Transport Extravaganza, rain or shine. Please note when pre-registering, neither refunds nor
exchange for other tickets will be issued due to inclement weather the day of the event. THANK YOU for supporting us!



~~~ 51<sup>st</sup> Annual ~~~



## ELGIN ROAD RACE Car Show & Cruise

~~~ Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 ~~~

Located at Avantara, on Larkin Ave between Jewel and St. Joe's

Open to all vehicles pre-1980

\$5 for show cars

FREE for spectators

50/50 raffle

Food on site

Kids activities

**Cruise on the
Race Course
at 3:30pm**

SHOW SCHEDULE

11:00am Car Show open

11:00am Kids Activities open

11:30am History Presentations begin:

12:00pm --- Elgin Area Racing History

12:30pm --- All about Model T Fords

1:00pm --- All about Model A Fords

1:30pm --- Made in Elgin

2:00pm 50/50 raffle drawing

3:00pm Trophies/Awards

3:30pm Cruise on the original Road Race Route

Event dash plaques and T-shirts available on show day.

Location : Avantara 1950 Larkin Ave. Elgin

SCAN HERE FOR EVENT INFO (FACEBOOK) ----->



Fox Valley Chapter
The Model T Ford Club
International Inc.



In life,
it's important to know
when to stop arguing
with people and simply
let them be wrong.





MAFFI SWEEPSTAKES

Win this 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton.
Enter the MAFFI Sweepstakes Starting March 1st
Closing Date: October 10th, 2025
No Purchase Required!!

Through the generous donation of Gary and Laurie Mills, their 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton will be used in this year's sweepstakes. Their request was that the proceeds be used to fund the expansion of the Ford Model A Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

Drawing Date: October 25th, 2025
The winner does have the option to take \$15,000 instead.

Enter now and receive 20% more tickets for your donation, available at checkout.

For more Information contact Jarrod Williams at jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com or <http://maffi.org>

Cars Needed:

Saturday July
Medinah Co
5pm to 8pm
\$300
12 1920's & 1930's cars needed

Saturday August 9
Des Plaines Theater
5pm to 6pm
Lunch & Show tickets provided
100 1920's & 1930's cars needed

If interested contact:
 Russ Rodriguez
russ@livenletdrive.com
 630.767.9000

"LIVE AND LET DRIVE"

2025 Model A Days

2-Day Swap Meet

Fashion, Seminars, Car Corral, Driving Class*, and MORE!!

September 19 & 20, 2025 9-5pm

The Gilmore Car Museum
6865 W. Hickory Road
Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Technical Seminars, Fashion, Hall of Fame Induction, Ride the Classics* Please Join Us for a Special Friday Night Museum Expansion Event!*

Host Hotel Info: Delta Hotels by Marriott, 2747 S. 11th St. Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269.375.6000

Celebrating the Model A Museum Expansion!

For event Info, seminars and Swap Reservations
 Mark Maron 847-302-7900

*Requires PRE-Registration

Classified Ads

For Sale: 28/29 transmission \$300, 28/29 grill shells \$150 ea. Contact Owen (773) 218-9575. futura65@comcast.net

For Sale: 1929 Model A Tudor, asking \$9,000. New upholstery, powder coated wheels. Dawn M. (708) 227-5214.

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: WAYNE SCHOOL BUS – INTERNATIONAL CHASSIS. \$2,999.00 ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED!! 3 bodies and one International Harvester B-4 185" wheelbase chassis. All bodies are apart and in crates. Title available. Jordon Beller 630-653-2277 b1932@hotmail.com

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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 or (630) 697-3906 mobile.



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RESTORATION GUIDELINES/JUDGING STANDARDS PAGE 7-9
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-Humour section by Kyle Kusar-

What does the statue of liberty stand for?
It can't sit down.

Why do cows have hooves, and not feet?
Because they lactose.

How come they aren't any knock-knock jokes about America?
Because Freedom rings.

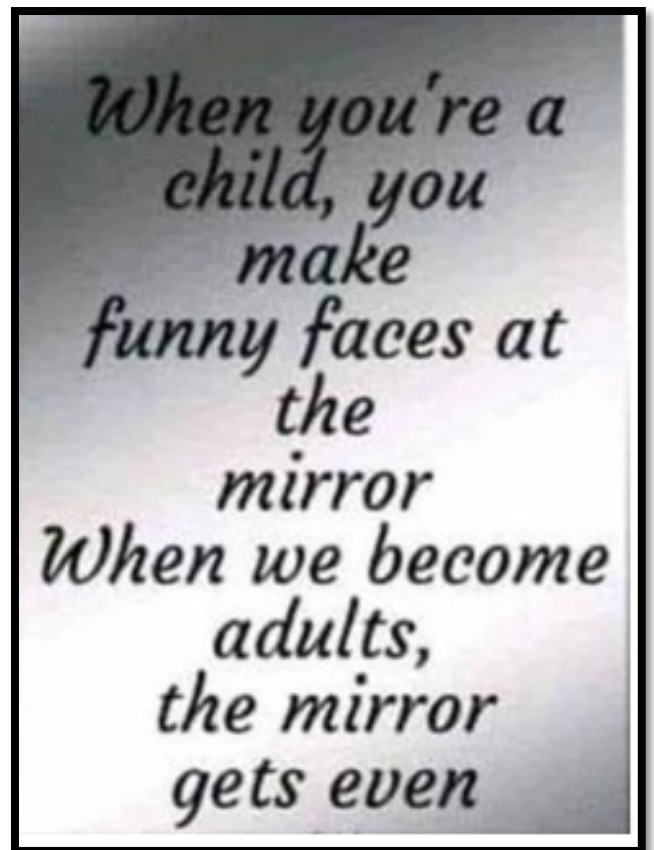
I was in the bar today and two jumper cables arrived at the door. The bartender said they could stay, just as long as they don't start anything.

With only three minutes to catch his train, the traveling man stuck his head out the side of the T Depot Hack and shouted angrily at the driver "Can't you go any faster than this?!" The driver shouted back at him, "Sure I can, but I have to stay in the car."

A photon walks into a hotel.
The desk clerk says, "Can we help you with your luggage?"
The photon says, "No, thanks. I'm traveling light."

While leaving a grocery store, a customer dropped a bag of flour. A Scout ran to pick it up. "Don't bother, young man," said the customer. "It's self-rising."

The teacher asked little Johnny if he knew his numbers.
"Yes," he said. "My father taught me."
"Good. What comes after three?"
"Four," answered the boy.
"What comes after six?"
"Seven."
"Very good," said the teacher. "Your dad did a good job. And what comes after 10?"
"Jack."



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

July 2025

MARC's Gettysburg National Meet this year is now behind us. We had more than 300 registrations, many informative seminars, Special Interest Group meetings, tours, car judging and great food at the welcome party, grand tour and awards banquet. More details and plenty of pictures in the next *Model A News*. Thanks to Tom and Janora Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region for hosting this great event.

Also, don't forget that we have a special Finger Lakes tour in the pipeline for next May and another great National Meet scheduled for next July in French Lick Indiana. We expect both to be jam packed with fun filled activities so plan to attend. We still need Regions to step up and volunteer to host future events! Your Board of Directors will gladly help you plan a tour, meeting or a national event. Contact any MARC Director please

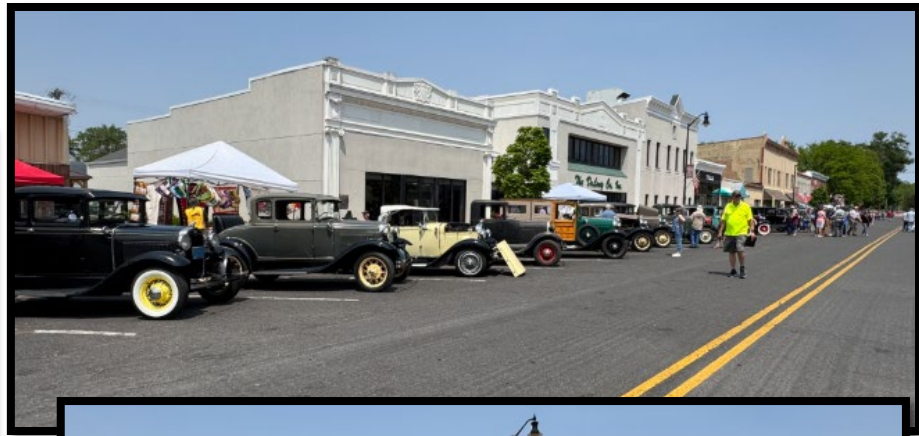
Remember that the online version of the *Model A News* is always available for viewing by the first day of every even month (February, April, June, August, October and December). Going forward, we will communicate availability on Facebook only.

Can you imagine that Adina Cloud, representing the French Lick Resort and a MARC member, won the 50/50 drawing at the closing awards banquet and then contributed the winnings to the Model A Youth Restoration Awards? Then, Tom Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region donated the other half: \$2,000 to MAYRA!

Remember that MARC has a special membership offer for youth, 18 -25, not living at home. FREE membership with a sponsor, digital MAN only, but all the other benefits of full membership. Contact the office for details. Let's get those young people signed up!



Model A Days



It was good to see Amy with her future Model A drivers Henry and Bennett.



Ed Payne's got a few grandkids who have got their eyes on Gramp's A. Sorry Jackson and Gianna, not until you're 7!



Ever wonder how avocados get Harvested? Click below to see how.



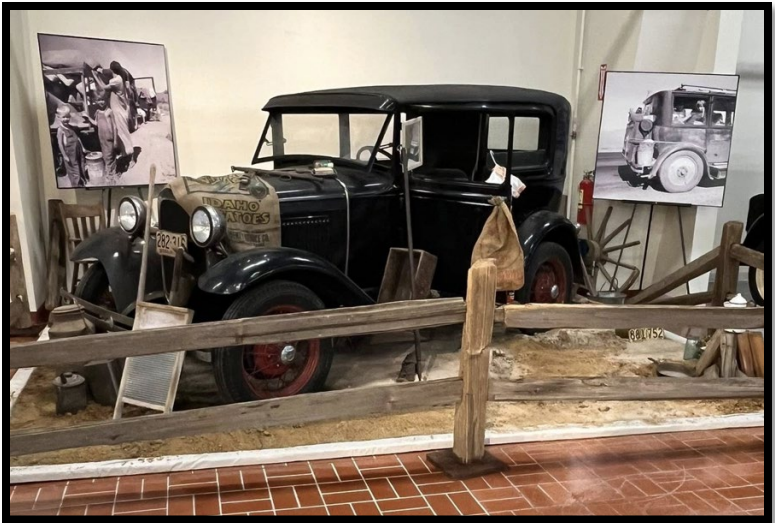
May 2025 MAFFI Minute

The Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) Trustees and Executive Director would like to send a big shout out, "THANK YOU" to all the hobbyists who have supported this expansion effort. Without you, this project wouldn't have happened; you preserved history and made it possible to have a fabulous historical learning experience available for years to come!

Several Trustees, the Executive Director, the Grape A's Club, and friends of each gave up Memorial Day weekend to move cars, clean up, and set up vignettes-- to get the museum expansion one step closer to being fully finished. It's looking good, and we can't wait for the ribbon cutting in September.

The expansion allows for more vignettes of the era (see the attached photos: Dustbowl vignette, school house vignette --- complete with bus in the background). There will be period correct murals on the exterior of the building (see sample attached), a working garage, and so much more. You need to come to Model A Days, September 19th & 20th to see for yourself how awesome his museum has become ---thanks to all our wonderful hobbyists!

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary



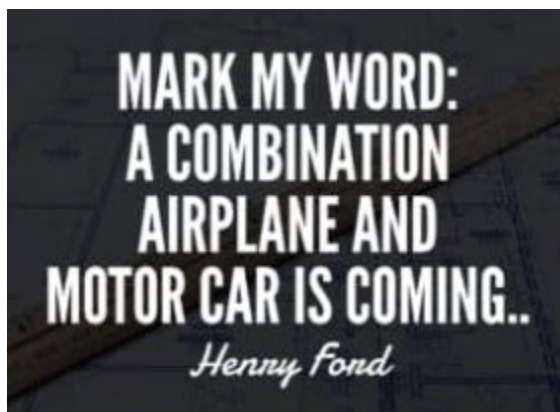
Horses have low divorce rates. It's
| because they are in stable relationships

The other day I yelled into a
colander and I strained my voice.

From the MARC National.



At the MARC National Meet in Gettysburg both Ron and Larry got the opportunity to fire a Civil War era cannon. Click on any of these pictures to see some cool videos of these cannons in action.



WARNING
BATTERIES PRODUCE EXPLOSIVE GASES

Keep sparks, flames and cigarettes away from batteries at all times. Wear eye protection. Don't lean over batteries during jump-starting. See owner's manual for instructions.

JUMP-START INSTRUCTIONS
Be sure: vent caps are tight and level... damp cloth, if available, is placed over vent caps... vehicles are not touching... both electrical systems are the same voltage. Don't Jump-Start if Fluid is Frozen!

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3. Connect one end of the second cable [negative (-)] to other terminal [negative (-)] of good battery.
4. Make final connection on engine block of stalled engine (not to negative post) away from battery, carburetor, fuel line, any tubing or moving parts.

Connect Cables as Shown

1 DEAD BATTERY 4 GROUND 2 GOOD BATTERY 3

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Use CAUTION and SAFETY EYEWEAR when jump-starting vehicle.

Place in glove compartment or other clean, dry location.

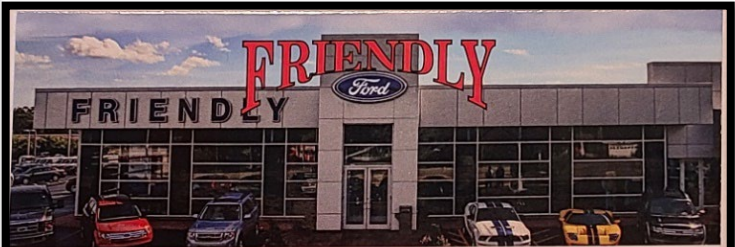
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