

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

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The Illinois Region bylaws require that Illinois region members also have membership in one of the national clubs, MARC or MAFCA.

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.

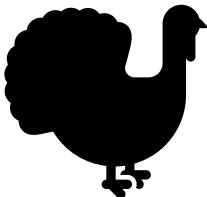

Remember, this is YOUR Newsletter!

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: Oliver, Sharae and Andy enjoy a ride In Rons Model T.

2025/2026 Official Illinois Region Events Calendar

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Lakemoor Car Show 7	Newport Hill Climb 3-5	Turkey Dinner (Pritchett) 2	General Meeting/ BOD 9
General Meeting/BOD 9	Hershey Swap 7-10	General Meeting/BOD 11	Cookie Feast
Int'l Model A Day(worldwide)13	MAFCA Rt.66 Tour Sept.-13		MAFCA Awards Banquet 3-6
Model A Days Gilmore 19,20	General Meeting/BOD 14		
MAFCA Rt.66 Tour 22-Oct.			
Jefferson Swap & Car Show 26,27			
<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
General Meeting 13	General Meeting 10	General Meeting 10	General Meeting 14
<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
General Meeting 13	MAFCA Nat'l -7	General Meeting 8	General Meeting 13
MAFCA Nat'l 31-	Pendleton OR	MARC National 12-16	
Pendleton OR	General Meeting 10	French Lick IN	

MARC Illinois Region Financials July 21, 2025 thru August 20, 2025

Intake \$1,122.98

Membership Dues	\$120.00
50/50 Raffle	\$76.00
Northbrook 4th of July	\$390.00
Skokie 4th of July	\$450.00
Picnic Corn	\$10.00
Magnetic Signs	\$25.00
Picnic Food Sale	\$51.98

Exhaust \$1,371.64

Elks Club Meeting Rental	\$100.00
APR Graphics	\$112.00
Postage	\$80.80
Picnic Supplies	\$85.08
Meeting Refreshments	\$50.06
Pizza Party	\$175.00
Picnic Supplies	\$748.51
Name Tag Holder	\$20.19

Total in Account 7/21/2025: \$13,521.79

Total in Account 8/20/2025: \$13,273.13

Be grateful that no matter
how much chocolate you
eat, your earrings will still fit.



As I watch this generation try to rewrite history, one thing I am
sure of is that it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

September – Director’s Corner

As the hot and lively days of summer gradually give way to the golden hues and mild temperatures of early autumn, I want to extend a warm and heartfelt greeting to all our club members. September is here—a month of new beginnings, renewed energy, and exciting opportunities still available to drive and enjoy our cars before winter arrives.

Many thanks to Ron and Ken Ehrenhofer for hosting three Model A seminars from August 13th to 15th, teaching Model A enthusiasts how to paint, rebuild a Model A engine, or rebuild a Model A differential (special thanks to Larry Shepard). From the Facebook posts and pictures, it looked like everyone had a great time while learning. Additionally, our annual A&T Swap Meet, held at Ken and Helen Ehrenhofer’s home and featuring a new second location, was a huge success! Looking ahead to September, we have three car shows where I hope you’ll try to attend and showcase our beautiful Model As. The shows are at: The Grand Senior Living Car Show (9/6), Lakemoor Charity Car Show (9/7), and Cedarhurst Senior Living Car Show (9/11).

At September’s Director’s meeting, we will discuss the election of officers for 2026. If you’re interested in joining the nomination committee or holding an office, please attend – we welcome your participation.

Before I conclude, I would like to thank our volunteer Garage Squad team for their work in helping many members with their cars, ensuring they can drive safely and confidently this driving season. We’re working through the list as quickly as we can, and I appreciate those on the list for their patience.

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

Illinois Region Model A Club Business Meeting

Agenda For Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Meeting called to order

- o Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Romando
- o Director’s Message - Bruce
- o Approve the published March Meeting Minutes in The Distributor

Old Business

- o Update from the Garage Squad – Ron / Nick
- o Update on Model A Seminars (August 13-15) – Ken
- o Update on Barn A&T Swap Meet (August 16) – Ken / Nick
- o Update on the “Fly-In / Car Show” (August 17), Poplar Grove - Dan
- o Update on the “Friendly Ford Car Show” (August 23) - Dan
- o Update on “The Grand Senior Living Car Show” (Sept 6) – Mike Champion
- o Update on “Lakemoor Car Show” (Sept 7) - Dan
- o Update on “Cedarhurst Senior Living Car Show” (Sept 11) – Val Koepke
- o Update Ladies Night Out Update - Lynne Payne / Vince
- o Please speak up if I missed an event or topic
- New Business – Dan / Roger
- o 11/2 - Turkey Diner – Melinda
- o Officer elections for 2026 – Director, Asst. Director, Treasurer & Secretary - Bruce
- o Other topics

Reports

- o MARC National News - Ken
- o MAFCA National News – John Golanty
- o MAFFI (Ford Foundation) Update – Andy Stockinger
- o Assistant Director Report - Nick
- o Treasurer’s Report - Jerry
- o Membership update - Larry
- o Roster / Directory update – John Silvestri
- o “The Distributor” newsletter update - Matt
- o Webmaster update - Owen
- o Greeter – Melinda
- 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 – Announced at the meeting

Officer Elections Are Coming Soon!

The time has arrived to announce that nominations and elections for the 2026 officers to lead our Model A Club will be happening soon.

Nominations for these positions are now open

- Director
- Assistant Director
- Secretary
- Treasurer

If you are interested in leading our club, please see Bruce Peterson or Nick Clancy.

Your participation helps shape our future and keeps the spirit of the Model A community alive and thriving.

The election will be held November 11 at the regular meeting.

Illinois Region Model A Club Meeting

Minutes Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

- o Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Joe Romando
- o Welcome/Brief Announcements – Bruce Peterson
- o Approval of July Meeting Minutes as per The Distributor 1- Frank Smith; 2- Dan Pritchett

Old Business

- o Mount Prospect Car Show (7/19) – Bruce – Show was rained out this year.
- o Club Picnic (7/27) Ken, Dan & Milinda Pritchett – Nice day with 57 attendees and 7 Model A's. Thanks to the club members who volunteered to help make this a great event.
- o Model A Seminars Aug 13-15 – Spray Painting, Differential rebuilding, Engine rebuilding. Proceeds donated to MAFCA. There are a few spots left.
- o Barn A&T Swap meet- At Ken's house on August 16 th , there is a second location at _Larry Sadoski's house. Proceeds donated to MAFFI.
- o Garage Squad – Jerry T. Going to his house next week. Date to be determined.

New Business

- o Fly-in / Car Show (August 17), Popular Grove – Dan
- o Friendly Ford Car Show (August 23) – Dan – Show now at Boomers Stadium in Schaumburg. Starts at 8 am. Come early.
- o Ladies Night Out – Lynne Payne volunteered to Lead the Ladies activities. Vince Scalabrino will help Lynne to get things going.
- o Retirement Home car Shows – Cedarhurst Senior Living 9/11 1:30 -3:30 pm, Woodstock, IL (Joe Schultz resident) The Grand at Twin Lakes 9/6 1-4 pm

Reports

- o MARC News– Ken Ehrenhofer – New membership levels – see the MARC magazine for more details.
- Next year National Tour and Meet in the Finger Lakes region of New York, May 2026. Sign up as soon as it comes up – spaces will go quickly.
- o Membership - Larry. Current membership: 135 members. 3 new members: Brian and Jeanne Leckie, 31 Roadster; Tom Magill, 1930 Town Sedan; Doug Kish, 31 Pickup. Reminder to join the National club.
- o Asst Director Report – Nick Clancy. Certificates of Appreciation were handed out to Roger for the Spring Tour. The Klairmont Kollections are up for sale.
- o Treasurer's Report – Jerry Tiesch. Intake \$1,787.00 and Exhaust \$417.43. Fund balance \$13,521.79

o “The Distributor” newsletter update – Matt Kusar– Links did not work in last month's issue, apologies. Looking for content, articles, pictures and jokes. Need pictures from the Union Train Museum and other events!

o Webmaster update – The club has a Facebook page open to members only. Everyone can post pictures.

o Greeter – Milinda Pritchett – 38 Members signed in, 3 Model A's and a '35 Ford V8. Guests: 3 guests: 1) Gerald Doran 1929 AA, 1930 Tudor, 1956 Dodge Charger. Gerald needs help with the AA floor. 2) Carl Scholin 14 yrs old restored 1 st Model A. 3) Vince Falter from Michigan has a Model B Ford and runs the Ford Garage website, fordgarage.com.

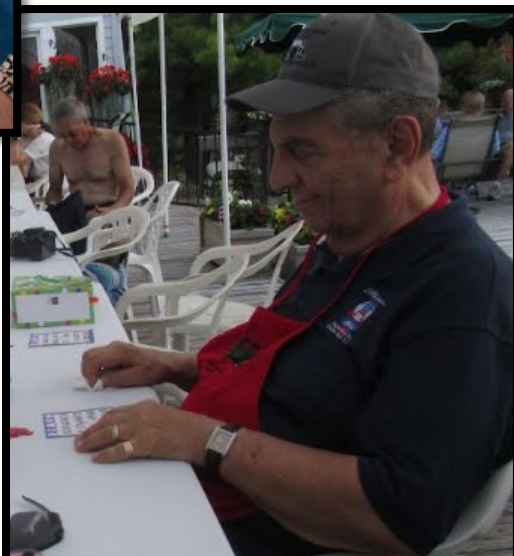
o Club Apparel, etc. Vince Scalabrino – Discussion about getting club business cards with QR codes that link to the club website.

Raffle \$76 for the club.

Motion & Second to Adjourn 1) Frank Smith; 2) Joe Romando
Refreshments & Tech Talk: Ignitions: Testing and Troubleshooting.



Past Events: Club Picnic



Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save.
- Will Rogers

There is joy in work.
There is no happiness except in the realization that we have accomplished something.

Henry Ford



Why do
melons have
weddings?
They cantaloupe



IRM Transportation Expo

When I lost the fingers
on my right hand in a
freak accident, I asked
the doctor if I would
still be able to write
with it. He said,
"Probably, but I
wouldn't count on it 🤪"



My curfew was
lightning bugs. My
parents didn't call
my cell, they yelled
my name. I played
outside, not online. If
I didn't eat what mom
cooked, I didn't eat.

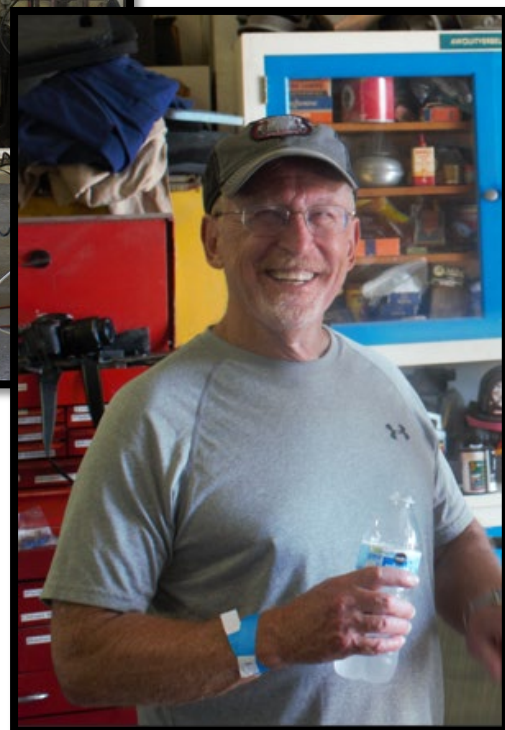
IRONY.
THE OPPOSITE
OF
WRINKLY



DesPlaines Theater 100th Birthay



A&T Swapmeet



Friendly Ford Car Show



IT'S OK IF YOU
DISAGREE WITH ME.
I CAN'T FORCE YOU TO BE RIGHT.



Coming events

Model A Days

A Special Thursday Night Ribbon Cutting for the Museum Expansion!*

Thursday September 18, 2025^{5:30pm}

Join Us for Dinner Friday Night on the Grounds of the Gilmore Campus*

Dinner Friday Night September 19th, 2025*




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



For event Info Mark Maron 847-302-7900

2025 MAFCA NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET






MAGIC CHRISTMAS IN LIGHTS




Join us in Mobile, Alabama

December 3 - 6

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel

Click on link below for the Registration form
<https://tinyurl.com/2025-MAFCA-NAB>

Info Video - <https://youtu.be/uGqvKedfWTs>

In Mobile, we will celebrate our 2025 National Award Winners and meet the 2026 Board of Directors.

- Enjoy seminars by Sherry Winkhofer and Paul Shinn
- Hear the history of Alabama's roadways
- Tour the beautifully lit Gardens of Bellingrath, all decked out for Christmas
- Visit the USS Alabama and enjoy lunch under the planes
- Explore Mobile's history by Trolley



HOTEL OF THE YEAR

Senior Living Community Car Show

Date: September 6th 2025



THE GRAND
AT TWIN LAKES

Place: The Grand at Twin Lakes
920 E. Northwest Hwy.
Palatine, IL 60074
Northwest Hwy & Route 53

Car Show is at the rear North Side of the building.

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Club is providing pizza for this event

RSVP by 9/3/25
Mike Champion
847 917 8890



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>

26th ANNUAL Lakemoor Charity Car Show Sunday, September 7, 2025



Morrison Park
233 Rt. 120 Lakemoor IL 60051

Show hours: 8:00 until 3:00 pm
Registration 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. \$20 per entrv

3 trophies will be awarded per class!
PLUS, Best Paint, Best Engine and Best of Show!

50/50 Raffle - Split the
Pot Prize Raffle
Food Trucks
Crisis Music by Rudy K
Fun for the whole family!



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stock/modified
Trucks stock/
modified
Hot Rods open
Hot Rods Coupes
Tri-Five Chevys

Corvettes
Mustangs
Firebird/Camaro
Rat Rods
Pre 1950
Rat Rods

FOR MORE INFO Contact Ralph: 847-970-0669 Email: rbrindlee@att.net
Find us on Facebook: LakemoorScholarshipFund
Or our website at lakemoorscholarshipfund.com
All proceeds from the show benefit Lakemoor Scholarship Fund, a 501(c)(3) charity, which gives scholarships to
Lakemoor area students. Your donation is tax deductible.

Model A Days Model A Days Sept. 19-20, 2025



Gilmore Open from 9-5pm

Thu., Sept 18	Event	Presenter	Time	Location
	Ribbon Cutting of the Expansion <i>Pre Registration Required</i>	MAFFI	5:30pm-6:30pm	Model A Museum
Fri., Sept. 19	Event	Presenter	Time	Location
	Information Booth	MAFFI	9:00am-4:00pm	Front of Franklin Museum
	Merchandise Sales	MAFFI	9:00am-2:00pm	Front of Franklin Museum
	Technical Seminar Logical Trouble Shooting The Model A	Ken, Ron Ehrenhofer & Paul Shinn	10:30am- 12:30pm	Museum Learning Center
	Ride the A's	MAFFI	9:00am-4:00pm	South Side of C Barn
	Swap Meet	MAFFI	9:00am-5:00pm	Next to MAFFI Museum
	Model A First Start	Larry Shepard	1:30pm-3:00pm	Next to C Barn Ramp
	Cash Bar Opens	MAFFI	4:30pm-6:30pm	Carriage House
	Expansion Celebration Dinner <i>Pre Registration Required</i>	MAFFI	5:30pm-7:00pm	Center of Gilmore Campus
Sat., Sept. 20	Event	Presenter	Time	Location
	Information Booth & Merchandise Sales	MAFFI	9:00am-4:00pm	Front of Franklin Museum
	Ride the A's	MAFFI	9:00am-2:30pm	South Side of C Barn
	Swap Meet	MAFFI	9:00am-5:00pm	Next to MAFFI Museum
	Fashion Seminar All that Glitters" "Exploring the Jewelry of the Model A Era"	Sherri Winkhofer	9:15am-10:30am	Gilmore Theater
	Technical Seminar Model A Interiors	Michael Francis	9:15am-10:15am	Museum Learning Center
	Technical Seminar Woodgraining the Model A	Branden Hochstetler	10:30am- 12:00pm	Museum Learning Center
	Technical Seminar Assembly of the Model A Short Block	Jim Stockinger	12:30pm-2:00pm	Museum Learning Center
	MAFFI Meeting, Presentations & Hall of Fame Inductions	John Begg	2:30pm-3:45pm	Under the Tent Gilmore Campus

All Seminars are \$5.00 donation at the door



Car Show

Assisted Living Week at
Cedarhurst Senior Living

10511 US Rt 14, Woodstock IL

The Ageless Adventure!

September 11, 2025

1:30-3:30



Celebrate Assisted Living Week by bringing your
classic car for our friends to enjoy.

Contact: Val Koepke 847-687-4783
text or call to sign up or for more information



2026
MAFCA
National
Convention

May 31 - June 7

Hosted by the Blue Mountain A's



*The Illinois Region Model A Restorers Club
invites you to our
11th Annual Turkey Dinner (with all the trimmings)
Elburn Lions Community Park
500 Filmore Street – Elburn, IL 60119*

November 2, 2025 – 12:00 PM

\$36.00 Per Person – RSVP by October 17

Deserts are always appreciated

Name _____ Guest _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Region/Club _____

Mail check (payable to Illinois Region MARC/MAFCA) and send registration form to:

Melinda Pritchett
40W051 Sunflower, Elgin IL 60124
630-842-7065 / melindaborck@yahoo.com

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 laquer 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 or (630) 697-3906 mobile.



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-Humour section by Kyle Kusar-

I just got my prostate examined.
That's the last time I fall asleep on the train.

Ebay is so useless. I tried to look up lighters and all they had was 13,749 matches.

Politicians and diapers must be changed often, and for the same reason-(*Samuel Clemens*)

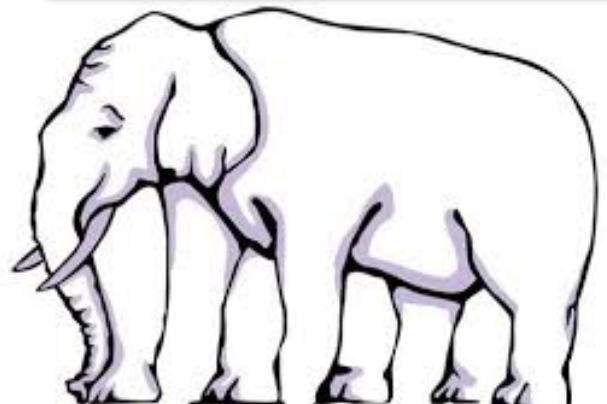
Went to my doctor today for a check up and afterwards he told me my prostate was in peak physical condition....
I thought it was a strange thing for a dermatologist to say but hey, good to know.

Children: You spend the first two years of their life teaching them how to walk and talk. The next sixteen? Spent telling them to sit down and shut up.

A pregnant woman starts to have contractions at home. Her husband freaks out and immediately calls the doctor. "Doctor, help! My wife is pregnant, and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" The doctor says, "Is this her first child?" Frustrated, the man shouts, "No, you idiot! This is her husband!"

A 60-year-old millionaire got married to a 20-year-old model. When his friend asked him how he did it, he said, "It's simple. I lied about my age." The friend said, "Ah, so you said you were 40?" The millionaire shook his head. "No, I said I was 90."

After my prostate exam the doctor walked out and the nurse walked in. Then she asked me something no man wants to hear.
Who was that?



Jammer Buses-Don Morman

Marcia and I just returned from a tour of Glacier Park and the Canadian Rockies. While in Montana, our tour group was treated to a ride on the open-air jammer buses that were originally built in 1937. These buses have been used from that time to the present to take tourists to view the glaciers. They were manufactured by the White Company of Cleveland, Ohio, who originally manufactured sewing machines, from 1936-1939. In recent years they have been updated with V-8 engines, automatic transmissions, power brakes and power steering at an approximate cost of \$250,000 each. There are 33 buses running in the park. It's been said that when they restored them, they didn't label the doors that belonged to each bus. These doors are all made from oak, and no two doors are the same. I guess they worked it out because all the doors on our bus seemed to fit okay.

I highly recommend visiting Glacier National Park to see the fantastic scenery and experience the jammer buses. (They are called "jammers" from the early days when jamming gears into place was the practice!)



MAFFI Minute

We're 5 weeks away from Model A Days at Hickory Corners, MI. Are your reservations made? We hope so. This will be the grandest event yet! The Model A Ford Museum has always been a treat for our hobbyists. Whether you've been there before or are planning to go this year, this visit will be extra special because of the completed expansion! The museum used to be able to showcase 30 vehicles; now all the vehicles that the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. owns are in one building!

Production years, 1928 through 1931, as well as a variety of body styles from Tudors to Phaetons -- Pickups to Firetrucks and a City Bus ---and more-- are on display. There is a larger variety of interactive exhibits and vignettes to put visitors right back in the era of the vehicles.

If you would like a sneak peek at the museum, go to www.maffi.org and click on the camera links for a live view: There's Expansion Bay 1, Expansion Bay 2, and Expansion Entrance along with a live view of the rest of the museum.

And, for those of you planners, get this on your agenda. Save the dates September 12-16, 2028 for the 100-year anniversary of the Model A: 1928-2028! There will be driving tours offered by each of the national organizations, MARC and MAFA and activities galore for all 5 days.

I know there's no such thing as too much fun, but we're pushing the envelope!!

Cindy Ellenbecker

MAFFI Trustee/Secretary



SEPTEMBER IS

**PROSTATE
CANCER**

**AWARENESS
MONTH**



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* **BOARD REPORT**

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

September 2025

Met 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 send it to you..



2026 Membership Dues Payment Announcement

As we enter yet another year together, we would like to take a moment to highlight a simple yet impactful way you can contribute to our organization's ongoing success: paying your annual membership dues. This year, we are excited to offer two "Tried & True", user-friendly payment options—Zelle and Venmo. We encourage you to consider making your dues payment process easier, faster, and more secure than ever before. While Zelle and Venmo are our recommended methods, you may also pay by check or cash.

Why Pay with Zelle and Venmo?

Technology is transforming how financial transactions are conducted, and we are committed to keeping pace. By embracing digital payment platforms like Zelle and Venmo, our organization aims to make dues payments, event payments, and other transactions seamless for every member. Here are some of the top reasons we are recommending the use of Zelle or Venmo:

- **Convenience:** Say goodbye to writing checks, mailing payments, or forgetting to pay dues when attending meetings. With Zelle and Venmo, you can pay your dues from anywhere—at home, at work, or even on the go. Simply open the app on your smartphone or tablet, enter our organization's details (see "Step-by-Step Guide" below), and submit your payment in minutes.
- **Speed:** Payments made via Zelle and Venmo are processed quickly, often within seconds. There's no waiting period for checks to clear or for funds to be transferred between banks. Your payment is received and recorded right away, giving you peace of mind.
- **Security:** Both Zelle and Venmo are backed by advanced security features. Transactions are encrypted, and your financial information remains private and protected. You don't need to share sensitive details—just use the platform's secure interface.

- **Transparency:** Digital payments provide clear, instant records. Both you and our treasurer can easily track your transactions, ensuring nothing gets lost or overlooked. You'll receive a receipt for your payment and can check your history in the app at any time.
- **Accessibility:** Zelle and Venmo are available to nearly anyone with a bank account or smartphone. You don't need special

equipment or technical expertise—just download the app, link your account, and you're set.

Step-by-Step Guide to Paying Your Dues

We understand that adopting new technology can feel daunting, but rest assured, Zelle and Venmo are built for simplicity. Here's how to pay your dues in just a few easy steps:

Paying with Zelle

- Download the Zelle app, or access Zelle through your bank's mobile app if supported.
- Register using your email or mobile number and link your bank account.
- Enter our organization's payment email or phone number provided in your dues notice – "treasurer.ilregion@gmail.com"
- Type in the amount of your annual dues and add a note with your name and membership number.
- Review and confirm your transaction. That's it—the payment will arrive instantly.

Paying with Venmo

- Download the Venmo app from your device's app store.
- Set up your account using your email and link your preferred payment method (bank account, debit, or credit card).
- Search or enter our organization's Venmo telephone number, which is – "773-405- 5613"
- Enter your dues amount, include your name and membership details in the note, and submit your payment.
- You'll receive confirmation and can view your transaction in your Venmo activity.
- We also have a QR code that can be used to pay through Venmo.

Frequently Asked Questions

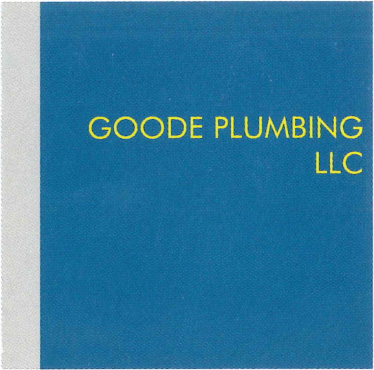
- Is it safe to pay dues with Zelle and Venmo? Yes. Both platforms use robust encryption and security protocols to protect your information. Always double-check recipient details before sending payment.
- Will I receive a receipt? Absolutely. Both Zelle and Venmo record every transaction, and you can view, download, or screenshot your payment confirmation for your records.
- What if there's a problem with my payment? In the rare event of a technical issue, contact our treasurer or membership coordinator. We'll work with you and the payment platform to resolve any concerns.
- Are there fees? Zelle typically processes payments without fees. Venmo may charge a small fee for credit card payments, but most bank transfers are free.
- I prefer paying another way—can I still do that? Of course! While Zelle and Venmo are our recommended methods, you may also pay by check or cash.
- Please feel free to contact Jerry Tiesch (treasurer), Tom Klise (Secretary), or Larry Brandel (Membership) for any questions.

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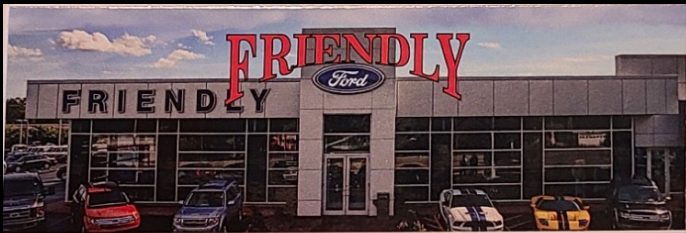


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