

# "THE LINKAGE" OLD FORT MODEL "A's"



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# NOVEMBER - 2025

#### "MARC" YOUR CALENDAR



REMEMBER - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON NOVEMBER 2 - BE SURE TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR. LOTS OF HIGH TECH STUFF RESETS ITSELF AUTOMATICALLY. ALL OF THE OLD STUFF REQUIRES ACTUAL

**HUMAN ENGAGEMENT!** 



1094 North IN-1, Ossian
Social 1:00 PM ~ Dinner 1:30 PM

Menu for the Evening

Open Faced Chicken Cordon Bleu

Baby Bakers Green Beans Amandine Garden Green Salad w/Dressings

Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls & Butter
Fresh Baked Apple Strudel

Regular & Decaf Coffees, Iced Water, Hot & Iced Tea, Lemonade

Make your reservations for this plated dinner by sending your check (\$25 per member; \$30 per non-member guest) to Rick & Deb Beyhan, 4218 Kroemer Rd., Fort Wayne IN 46818. Checks are to be made payable to "Old Fort Model A Club." The Beyhans must receive your check by November 17. Please inform them of any dietary concerns such as gluten-free, dairy-free, vegetarian, etc.

Get in on the "Last Minute Buying Frenzy" of Raffle Tickets before the evening's drawings for the \*Matching Set of Restored 1930 Indiana License Plates, the \*\*1930 Unrestored Indiana Trailer License Plate, and the \*\*\*Ford Motor Company 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Fleece Throw.

The entertainment for the evening will be the music of the season presented by singer and guitarist, Maleena Felger.

Continuing the tradition of sharing the Christmas Spirit, Homebound Meals has been designated to receive your donations given

receive your donations given that evening. For over 50 years, Homebound Meals has been delivering nutritious, medically-

tailored meals to seniors and individuals with disabilities in the



Fort Wayne area. The program receives no government funding and relies on community support and donations. In order to maintain dignity, meal recipients pay what they can, if only as little as 50 cents. For many years, Old Fort's Sharon Minnich has been among the volunteers who bring not only hot meals, but also friendly smiles and caring connections to those who need it most. Sharon says they are always in need of drivers to deliver meals – contact her if you would be interested.



#### <u>January 1, 2026 - Polar Bear Tour</u> <u>Tourmasters Needed</u>



# FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT



Wow! Fall has finally arrived! The warm weather spoiled us, but it sure has made a drastic turn. A turn for the worse, and I am not ready for this. But I guess we just have to take what we get.

The last month has been a busy one for Old Fort. We closed out September with the Pioneer Festival in Huntington. The weather was great, and we had a good turnout of Model A's. I always look forward to Nick's pork tenderloin. It was just as good as ever.

I was busy helping Deb and Aimee set up for the Kendallville Apple Festival at the same time that a number of Old Fort members went to the Village at Pine Valley Assisted Living to show their Model A's. We received a nice "Thank You" from them for coming.

The Fall Garage Day was well attended. I want to thank **Brian** and **Dennis Behning** for letting us move in on them. Also, I want to thank **Cooper** for helping me serve the not dogs. With an overlap of activities, I am glad that **Steve Hallien**, **Chuck Lien** and **Marita Barile** represented Old Fort at the EAA Fly-in/Cruise-in at Smith Field.

The Fall Color Tour was a cold, wet and windy Sunday. But, a big THANKS to **Bob & Sharon Minnich** for hosting the tour. What a great route through the countryside! There were many roads that I had never been on before. Let's save that route, and maybe we can enjoy it again under sunny skies!

Until we meet down the road, stay safe.

--Rick



# <u>FROM THE</u> <u>RAMBLIN' MIND OF</u> <u>THE VEEP</u>

Hard to believe, I was looking over last year's VP November report; and I was in the midst of recovering from shoulder surgery. So, this year, while I haven't undergone any surgery, the same cannot be said about Gromit; poor car.

More on that later. For now, what a touring season Old Fort A's has had. There has been at least ONE opportunity every month to fellowship with our members. What a treat to join such a great group of people. I think of all the goodwill ambassadors in Old Fort A's, and I know we are set for another great year ahead. The October Garage Day was one such example when **Brian** was able to coordinate a 'surprise' visit by **Ed Tolman**, President of MAFCA. During follow-up conversations with Ed, he was complimentary of our club and was happy that he could join us for Garage Day.

Ed has invited Old Fort A's to consider becoming a chapter of MAFCA, and it wouldn't be too difficult to accomplish. Nothing is set in stone, and now would be a good time to begin talking about the possibility. Please let the board members know your thoughts, insights, concerns or questions. We will

find out what we can and keep the opportunity open. Most simply, a MAFCA chapter can be formed when a charter if

granted to five petitioning members by the Board of Directors. After a minimum of five current MAFCA members have decided to form a chapter, they may submit a petition requesting a chapter charter. Charters will not be granted unless all the signatories have paid their National dues (which may accompany the petition). Upon acceptance of the group as a chapter, a charter is issued by the Board of Directors. This charter is an official document and is marked with corporate seal. Reference: https://mafca.com/starting-a-chapter/

Outside of MAFCA, there is an opportunity to become a member of the Old Fort A's board. By the time you read this, you should have been



contacted by **Bob Rozman** or **Steve Witte**. Thank you to those members who have committed to or are considering a position on the Board. There are plenty of opportunities to keep Old Fort A's going for the foreseeable future.

With that in mind, our next gathering will be at the Christmas Banquet. My deepest appreciation to **Deb Beyhan** for spearheading the event this year. It has been a challenge, and she has done a fabulous job! In the meantime, we are looking forward to our next time together; keep those cars moving!

They sure don't make 'em like they used to.

-Mike

#### MINUTES - OCTOBER 19, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY TOUR

Deb Beyhan, Secretary

We toured through a colorful, but very damp countryside. Mother Nature could have helped out a little. Following the tour, we enjoyed a meal and fellowship at Ziano's with 15 members in attendance.

President Rick Beyhan called the business meeting to order. The minutes from August 17, 2025, as printed in the September newsletter were approved by a motion by Mike Lewis; seconded by Hope Parish. Note: No minutes from September because no membership business meeting was held.

The treasurer's report as printed in the October newsletter was approved by a motion by Steve Witte; seconded by Bob Minnich.

Vice-President Mike Lewis thanked Bob & Sharon Minnich for leading the tour. He reported that he has been in contact with the Dayton-Buckeye Club President and that they are working on a "Meet-in-the-Middle" tour with both clubs for next spring. Membership/Newsletter Joe & Pam Baxter reported that our current membership is 60 families. Also, yearly dues will be

coming due and to be sure to check if you are on auto-renew with MARC so you don't pay twice.

Old Fort needed a new company to do embroidery for the club. Hope Parish has helped with getting a new one. The new company is A-R Specialty Advertising, 1341 Goshen Ave., Fort Wayne IN 46808.

Deb Beyhan reported that our Christmas Gathering Luncheon is coming together. Check your newsletter and Pam's pop-up emails for new details.

With no more business, a motion to adjourn was made by Chuck Lien; seconded by Scott Parish. Meeting was adjourned.

#### TALLIES FROM THE TREASURER

By Linda Byers, Treasurer

Balance: 9/23/2025	•		\$2,079.22
Income: Dues (202	6) +	\$ 15.00	
Donation	+	5.00	
50/50	+	50.00	
Raffle	+	40.00	
Garage Da	ay Donations +	\$ 93.00	
T	otal Income	\$203.00	

Expenses: Christmas Party Room Rent \$\frac{\$55.00}{\$55.00}\$

Balance: 10/23/2025 \$2,227.22





## 2026 NATIONAL EVENTS

# National Meet - July 12 - 16 French Lick, Indiana Hosted by Hoosier Hills & Columbus Model A Clubs

Call the French Lick Resort Hotel to make your reservations at one of the two hotels there (844) 241-6361 – Code 0726MAR. The French Lick Springs is the host, \$179 per night plus tax; the other is West Baden, \$229 per night plus tax. The latter is one with the dome top and is a mile away. There is a shuttle that runs between the two hotels every 15 minutes. Interested? Questions? Contact Hope Parish (260) 229-0297.

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# National Tour - May 11 - 14 Finger Lakes, New York Hosted by the Finger Lakes Region of MARC

Watch for upcoming registration and hotel information. This event will be limited to 125 registrations. Interested? Contact Baxters (260) 341-2862.



#### SWAP MEETS & CAR SHOWS

November 2. Dayton-Buckeye Swap Meet. Miami County Fairgrounds Duke-Lungard Building, Troy Ohio. 8AM-1PM.





## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1931 Tudor. Considerations include seized

engine, age of tires unknown, fiberglass? fenders, paint. Call to discuss price. Also, parts that could be used for a 12-volt conversion, a new 6:1

needs.



high compression head, and an assortment of standard Model A parts. Ron Maassel. (260) 403-2399. This is an acquaintance of Roger Byers, who comments that you can call him (260) 482-7179 with your questions or interest.

FOR SALE: Extensive Collections of Assorted Model A Parts. Contact Todd Smith (260) 224-7528 with your

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Do you have a Model A you are trying to sell? Do you have some Model A parts stacked in some corner that you want to move out? Do you need parts for your Model A project? Do you have some era or era-image fashion items to sell – or that you're searching for? Contact Pam & Joe with your Ads by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month to be included in "The Linkage."



#### "A" GLIMPSE OF OCTOBER

October's activities kicked off with displaying our Model A's at The Village at Pine Valley. AD-Valerie sends along her thanks for coming on such a warm day – their residents had such a nice time and would hope to see us next year! The music and the box lunches rounded out a very pleasant afternoon visiting with the seniors there. Thanks to Chuck Lien, Rog & Linda Byers, Tom Dapp, Joe & Pam Baxter, Bob & Sharon Minnich, Bill Scott, Al Wells and Steve Witte for sharing their time and their Model A's.



Next on the calendar came a double-play of events with the EAA Chili Fly-In, Drive-In, with Chuck Lien, Marita Barile and Steve Hallien representing Old Fort.



Meanwhile, others made their way to Bluffton for the Fall Edition of Garage Day.



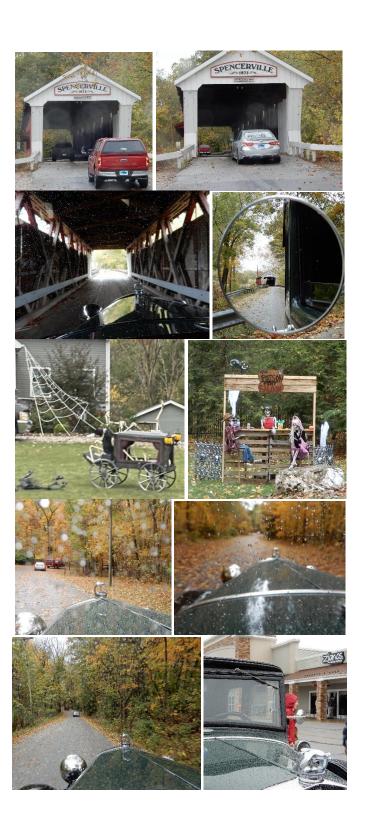
While the ladies shopped and lunched in downtown Bluffton





Fall Color Tour! What can we say! Sometimes we tour under sunny skies .... sometimes we don't...namely, October 19! It was not the norm for an Old Fort entourage .... Tourmasters Bob & Sharon led 4 moderns with Baxters taking tail duty in their Victoria.









Thanks to the Minnichs for leading the last tour of the 2025 season!



# "A" HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

- 6 Tom Dapp, Amy Melin, Edsel Ford (1893)
- 7 Nancy Beyhan
- 8 Todd Smith
- 10 Celia Behning
- 17 Barbara Dirig
- 20 Pete Bergdall
- 21 Becky Behning
- 21 Decky Denning
- 25 Tara Hull
- 28 Rick Beyhan





# PLUGS, POINTERS, & WHAT'S HAPPENIN' BY MIKE LEWIS

Gromit Undergoes More Invasive Surgery

We were unable to join the October Fall Color Tour for a couple of reasons; one, we could not leave our dog crated for that length of time; and second, Gromit is undergoing a little body sculpting. Sorry, but this is not something that Botox will fix. Gather 'round for a little story time.



While on tour at the Gilmore, I followed Pam and Joe. They have a third taillight, and both Carol and I like the increased

visibility it provided when braking. So, I started installing a third taillight in Gromit. This is not about how to install the light (it is pretty easy and took only a little effort).

In the process of running the wire into the rumble area, I had to remove the side panels and lower seat cushion. That's when the problems started. I found that the seat platform and the curved panel that connect to the rear of the car had rusted out. This made it easy to run the wire from the taillight (there was no need to drill any holes). So began the process of tearing the rumble seat apart to replace the sheet metal.



While I probably could have fabricated and

cobbled together something, the rust and rot were pretty extensive. I have some welding experience, but not enough to make this work.

I took advantage of the reduced prices from Bratton's, ordered the seat riser and

curved panel,



along with some other rumble seat components.

So, that gets me to the Fall Color Tour – as you can see in the picture, Gromit is indisposed at the time. This will be my Fall/Winter project as I slowly work on removing and replacing the sheet metal. From what I have found so far, the previous 'rust-or-ration' was a cobbled-together mess (like so many other things I have found on this vehicle). I will 'restore' what I can, work around, or retain most of what has already been done.

I sure would love to know the backstory on this car. It has seen a lot of 'life'.

Oh, by the way, the third taillight works great!

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Is there "A" project you have been working on? Tell us about it...steps, progress, end result? Is there a problem that you have encountered with your "A"? What was the fix? This

space is for you to share your knowledge, frustrations, successes and tech tips with your fellow mechanics! Newsletter deadline is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month. Let us hear from you!



#### IT HAPPENED NOVEMBER 16, 1930!

The Lincoln Bank Tower opened! Ground was broken on August 16, 1929, for the building. Despite the Great Crash



of the stock market. construction continued on the \$1.3 million structure. The picture to the left shows the progress construction February, 1930.For decades. the 312-foot Tower was the tallest

building in Indiana. The choice of Lincoln as a name was appealing. Not only was there the thriving insurance company down the street, but people were still excited about the Lincoln Highway that passed through Fort Wayne to be the first coast-to-coast highway in the United States.

The Lincoln Tower is monument to the German immigrants of Fort Wayne. The project was conceived and directed by Charles Buesching. first-generation German immigrant who was president of the Lincoln National Bank and Trust Co. from 1929 to 1962. A. Strauss, а German immigrant, the local was architect. The construction firm of Buesching & Hagermann, a partnership of German immigrants, built the Tower. The



Lincoln Bank and Trust, which funded the project, was itself the direct descendent of the German American Bank of Fort Wayne, founded in 1905. In the face of anti-German sentiment that arose from World War I, it became Lincoln National Bank on May 31, 1918.





With Old Fort's 'official touring season' now in the 2025 history book, it is time - if your Model A is going to be tucked away for winter hibernation - to report your odometer reading/mileage to Bob Minnich, Mileage Coordinator. Phone/text him (260)385-5357 or email <a href="mailto:bobminnich9@gmail.com">bobminnich9@gmail.com</a>. If your Model A keeps going and going and going, be sure to report in to Bob by December 31. Not registered? Bob can do that for you. Only drove a few miles? Still report in to Bob. Mileage is cumulative year after year after year, so award levels are attainable for all!



#### 2026 DUES

Time to write that check for \$15-- made payable to

Old Fort Model A's and mail it together with the 2026 Renewal Form (included with this newsletter) to Treasurer Linda Byers, 5710 Spring Oak Ct., Fort



Wayne, IN 46845 before you get lost in November/December holiday activities! (FYI-the last dues increase was in 1986 (\$15 in 1986 = \$44.34 in 2025 dollars!). Be sure to renew your Model A Restorers Club (MARC) dues via the invoice insert in your September/October magazine or renew online. If you are on auto renewal; and for example, your membership expires December 31, your membership will automatically be renewed in November. Those who have joined since MARC's software update are on a rolling renewal schedule rather than calendar year. Questions? Call Pam at (260) 341-2862.



# <u>WELCOME HOME,</u> ROUTE 66 TRAVELERS!

Old Fort's Route 66 travelers. Verlin. Connie. Bob & Carol arrived home on October 24 after 33 days on the road with the Route 66 Model A Tour group as they motored from Chicago to Santa Monica. Homeward bound took them sightseeing around Zion and Bryce National Parks. Peekaboo Canyon and Yellowstone before setting their sights on "Back Home Again in Indiana!" Memories to last

a lifetime! Thanks to Connie and Bob for "taking us along with them" through their messages and pics as they travelled.





Home Sweet Home after 5.235 Memorable Miles!



#### <u>THE YOUTH REPORT</u> Why does Thanksgiving fall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of November?

Thanksgiving had been celebrated on the last Thursday of the month since the time of Abraham Lincoln. But according to *TIME*, during 1939, the calendar had been unusual, as the month started on a Wednesday, so there were 5 Thursdays as opposed to 4.

To restore some order, President Roosevelt moved the national holiday to the second-to-last or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month that

year (changing the tradition made many unhappy). Instead of focusing on the negative, Roosevelt attempted to justify his decision with a pro-shopping response:



merchants would now have a holiday further from Christmas to allow for more shopping time. Shaking up the tradition a bit in the name of capitalism, he birthed the consumer craze known as **Black Friday.** 



## Thanksgiving Riddle:

What kind of music did Pilgrim kids like best?

(Answer at the end of this newsletter!)



#### ERA FASHION SCENE

#### WHAT TO WEAR & WHEN TO WEAR IT

Here is the last in the series of our Model A era "Guide in Clothes Etiquette." For formal evening functions, formal dinners whether in a private home, at a smart hotel or on shipboard, or for the opera and theatre parties, a formal evening dress with evening slippers and sheer silk hose to harmonize would be worn. No hat was worn and gloves were not generally used now for evening wear-but a formal evening wrap was imperative.





<u>"COOKIN' WITH</u>

HOPE PARISH



Hope sends along this recipe that her family enjoys during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

#### CRANEERRY JELLO SALAD

1 pound cranberries 1-3/4 cups water

1-1/2 cups sugar

2 - 3-ounce boxes cherry jello (nat sugar-free/will nat set up)

1 can crushed pineapple, drained well (I usually drain it through a fine strainer-important to squeeze all the juice out of it)

1 cup seedless grapes, cut in half or quarters if large

1 cup celery, chopped small

1 cup chopped apples (any variety you like-can leave the skin on)

1 cup chopped pecans

TOPPING

1 – 8 ounce cream cheese, softened to room temperature

1 cup mini mershmellows

2 pkgs Dream Whip

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Alittle sugar *(to taste)* 

Alittle milk (to the right consistency)

First, get all the pineapple drained, grapes, apples, celery and pecans cut and placed in a bowl and stir until mixed.

In a saucepan, cook berries in the water in medium heat until they pop (do not stir). While they are hot, add sugar and jello and mix well. Place the jello mixture in a 9x13 pan. After putting the jello in the pan,

add the remaining ingredients and stir into jello. Place in refrigerator and let set up (I usually do mine the night before).

After it is set up, prepare the topping. Beat the cream cheese with a hand mixer until it is whipped the best it can be. Add Dream Whip, marshmallows, vanilla, sugar and milk. Howmuch milk is hard to say – I usually start with ½ cup. Whip together until it fluffs up to a spreadable topping. If it seems too thick, add milk until it is to a nice spreadable consistency. The more milk you add, the thinner it will get and easier to spread. As far as the sugar, I usually start with 1/8 cup and then taste to see if I think it needs to be sweeter or not. It is always better to start light and then add. Once the topping is done, spread it on top of the jello and top with finely chopped pecans if you like.



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

# THE running BOARD REPORT

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

NOVEMBER, 2025

embers had a great time at Hershey this year. The chili/hot dog lunch was a great success and raised over \$1.000 that will be donated to MAYRA. This year we opened the tent early on Monday afternoon to allow existing members a chance to renew and new members to join. Look for additional changes for next year!

Iso, the MARC National Meet for 2026 is just around the corner in July. Driver Class judging will be offered again this year. If you are proud of your Model A and would like to be recognized for the quality of work you have in your vehicle that has been modified from original to enhance your driving experience, please consider registering for French Lick next year. New improved judging standards will be published soon!

Remember that the 2026 Finger Lakes National Tour will be held in May of next year. This will be a very popular event based on the interest so far. Registrations will be limited due to the hotel and banquet capacity. The team is working hard to make this a memorable event for our members!

ertainly you read in last months newsletter that Larry Shepard is compiling a list of Model A mechanical experts to assist members and potential new members with mechanical issues or restoration questions. I'm sure that every Region has at least one person that should qualify. If any of your members are willing to help, please contact Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org and provide your name, contact information and area of expertise. One of the best parts of being a MARC member is being able to tap into the wealth of Model A knowledge this club has to offer.



Model A Days was a great experience for all who attended! There were a total of 1,100 people who attended and were able to see the ribbon cutting of the new expansion to the



museum, including the Garage Learning Center. 210 Model A's took over the Gilmore in support of the event as well as 80 registered swap vendors at the swap meet making this the largest swap meet to date! The ribbon cutting ceremony was led by John Begg, with former MAFFI President Stan Johnson and Brad Minners (on behalf of former MAFFI President Howard Minners) cutting the ribbon.

While we may be finished with the expansion, there are plenty of ways to still be involved with the museum for continued projects such as the "My A Program" as well as the memorial bricks.

If you did not get a chance to get up to the museum or see the expansion yet, you can still check out the expansion on maffi.org under the "Cameras" section of the website.

It was really cool to see our hobby come together to celebrate our beloved cars! I know the Gilmore is equally proud to be partnered with us.

Happy motoring!

John Grossheim, Secretary MAFFI Board of Trustees





#### OLD FORT APPAREL Update from Hope Parish

I just want to give everyone an update on our logo apparel. After searching and talking to different companies, the Board has made the decision on a new provider and has asked me coordinate this transition. I have worked with this company for more than 25 years without any issues. I believe they will be a good fit for us.

Our new provider will be **A-R Specialty Advertising**, located at 1341 Goshen Avenue, Fort Wayne 46808. Their website is arspecialtyad.com. They offer a wide variety of polos, sport shirts, dress shirts, jackets, T-shirts, caps, tote bags, etc. so you can get just the style and color of whatever you want. Or, they will embroider the Old Fort logo on any garment or item you bring to them. On their website, you will see the many items they can get for you.

I was able to obtain the logo artwork from our previous supplier, and I am working with the new company now to get the logo set up so that we can, once again, get Old Fort apparel. I am hoping to make this available to all in the next few weeks. There is no minimum, and the cost of the embroidery will be \$8 per item plus tax.

Should you have any concerns, questions or need any help getting your items to the store to be embroidered, please contact me. I am here to help in any way I can. Please call or text me (260)229-0297.



NAMETAGS – Contact Rog & Linda Byers at (260) 482-7179 to place your order.

#### "MEMBER CARE & CONCERN"

Let Pam & Joe know of any and all happenings worthy of celebration ... birthday and anniversary milestones, weddings, new grands, new greats, new Model A's! And if you hear of a member experiencing hardships, difficult times, health scares, illness, injuries, grief, or hurting hearts and in need of sunshine & encouragement, let us know. Your cards, notes, prayers, calls, and visits mean so much. To those coping with health concerns, please know we are here for you. Do let us know what is happening in our Old Fort circle of friends. We can spread the word via Care & Concern emails or via "The Linkage."

#### LIBRARIAN/HISTORIAN

Old Fort's Librarian/Historian, Steve Witte, maintains the 14-Volume Collection of "Technically Speaking"

books as well as photo albums and DVD's of the club's history, a collection of **Era Fashion** books and Tom Laupp's collection of the **Service Bulletins**. Any of these items can be borrowed and checked out by calling Steve at (260) 316-1687.\_\_\_\_\_

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT how a new member may enjoy MARC's promo of "First Year Free" and then share the info with prospective members—details are on the New Member Application! In addition, contact Baxters about MARC's Youth Membership and Surviving Spouse Membership.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARC'S CONSTITUTION, a pre-requisite for all Old Fort members shall be MARC membership. The membership form is at www.modelarestorers.org – click on STORE – click on JOIN – click on appropriate form. To check the status of your membership, Login in with your Account # & Zip Code.

HELP with the Newsletter ... by sending along your submissions items that are timely, informative entertaining and engaging! Get to know your fellow members by sharing your different Model A experiences and stories. Oh, if only our Model A's could talk – the stories they could tell! Send YOUR contributions by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month to oldfort@yahoo.com or call / text us @ (260) 341-2862.

WE OFFER our ongoing gratitude to Sharon & Bob Minnich, who continue to serve as "Print/Mail-Central" for those members who receive the newsletter via US Mail! Times are a-changing, and most of our members now receive "The Linkage" and other notifications and reminders via email; a handful of paper copies are mailed to those few who prefer it.

**SOME MATERIALS** printed in "The Linkage" have been reprinted from other clubs' newsletters and other publications and are duly acknowledged and credited. We thank other clubs for sharing their newsletters, and we are happy to share ours – please cite Old Fort Model A's as the source of what is reproduced. Thank you for this courtesy.

(Answer to Thanksgiving Riddle: Plymouth Rock)

#### THE LAST WORD

Hoping the finds everyone enjoying some cooler weather! We can't believe it is almost time for Thanksgiving! Where does the time go? And so, the holiday season begins — take time to slow down and reflect on everything we're grateful for (and get some extra rest before the hustle and bustle of December descends). Here's to a



November filled with warmth, gratitude and the joy of the season as you gather around the table for Thanksgiving with family and friends. Hope to see you soon "on the road again" ... somewhere, sometime!

--Pam & Joe

