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Director's Diggings

Our November activity was our Annual Business Meeting at the Golden Corral in Cumming, Georgia. This meeting was attended by a small but enthusiastic group of our members. We did present an overview of our financial position, as well as a review of our activities for the year. It was my pleasure to welcome new members to our Club, Marie and Ken Smith from Cartersville, Georgia. They are the proud owners of a 1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster. A significant portion of our meeting was to present, and elect, a slate of officers for 2026. Our new Board of Directors will be the same as this year, except we are welcoming a new Director of Tours, Bill Lusk. Bill will be replacing Jim Taylor who has served our organization for the last two years. I want to thank Jim for his contribution to our Club!

Our regular monthly "Third Thursday Gang" gathering at Culver's Restaurant, has been temporarily suspended. Jane and I are looking forward to this event resuming in January of next year.

This month, Jane and I are hosting the Annual Club Christmas Party at our home in Marietta on December 6th. We are having a "Brunch" starting at 11:00am. Jane has sent out an email with all the details as well as including a flyer in this issue of the Nugget News. We hope you will be able to come and join us! If you are planning to come, please RSVP to Jane at 404-839-1060 as soon as possible.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We all have a lot to be thankful for! The Christmas season is quickly approaching. This is an incredibly special time of the year, and I hope you all have a safe and Happy Holiday!

And finally, we are continually looking for interesting activities to fill our Event/Tour Calendar, especially for early 2026. If you can help with an idea or you would agree to coordinate one, please contact myself or any Board Member.

George



EDITOR'S NOTE: We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party. If you have any questions or ideas that would enhance the newsletter don't hesitate to send us an email. Please submit articles and content to this email address: finelytwistedlinen@gmail.com

Rae Ann & Phillip Burmaster 936-827-1642



IMPORTANT PEOPLE & DATES TO REMEMBER



Happy Anniversary

December 9 - Scott Elder

December 12 - Steve Lockhart

December 26 - Matt Hodge

December 27 - Dan Woolf

December 28 - Robert Hyden

December 29 - Tom Pope

December 31 - Ronnie Holcombe

December 11 - Brooke & Mandy Reeve

December 15 - Bill & Janie Lusk

December 27 - Tom & Kay Pope

December 27 - David & Anna Garmon

December 29 - Wiley & Helen Higgins

UPCOMING Events

December 6th – 11:00 A.M. Christmas Brunch at the home of the Merry's. 3070 Wendwood Drive Marietta GA 30062 See Details below. Bring a brunch dish to share and enjoy the fun & fellowship. **Don't forget to RSVP and what you are bringing!**

January 17th – 11:00 A.M. Chili Bingo at the Garmon's – details in this newsletter



THE MINE SHAFT



The Ol' Miner had a fun time at the Annual Business Meeting. The food was good, we had a good turnout, and we were pleased to welcome Ken & Marie Smith, and we had some fun while taking care of business for the Gold Mine Region. The Ol' Miner would like to thank Anna Garmon, George Merry and Larry McIntire for serving on the nominating committee. We are grateful for our new Board of Directors and look forward to an amazing year in 2026.



PLEASE KEEP
THE
FOLLOWING
in YOUR
PRAYERS:

Butch & Susan Morgan – dealing with medical issues.

Prayers for Carla Dorris (former member of the Gold Mine Region) dealing with medical issues.

Anna Garmon recuperating from shoulder surgery.

The Merry's would like prayers for their son, David, who fell and broke his hip.

Prayers for our Nation & Leaders.

Also remember the unspoken prayers that remain within the hearts of our members and friends."

If you would like to order a name badge, please contact Jane Merry, 404-839-1060
The cost is \$8.00 (prepaid)



"Money is like an arm or leg - use it or lose it." Henry Ford

THIRD THURSDAY GANG!

The Third Thursday Gang will be taking a break until after Christmas! We look forward to resuming our gatherings to start the New Year!





Winter is approaching here in the Midwest, and the museum is still rapidly working on new and updated exhibits! Darwin Schafer donated a really special unrestored and fully original 1930 De Luxe Delivery (130) which was originally used by a funeral home for flowers. This will be used during Model A Days to demonstrate corn shelling since it has a power take-off system for a belt (though personally, I might try and sneak an ice cream maker on it!).

Andrew Oliver of Connecticut won the sweepstakes on the 1928 Phaeton, and Kris Wilson of Missouri won the rebuilt engine.

Now that the trustees have had a chance to go over the numbers for the 2025 Model A Days, it looks like it was a great success thanks to all our hobbyists who came to support the museum. There are plenty of ways to get involved with helping and still plenty of ways to donate to the museum between the My-A-Program, Brick Memorials, and even regular donations. As we get towards the Holiday Season, this is something

great to keep in mind, especially for your local club.

Keep on motoring!

John Grossheim, Trustee and Secretary of MAFFI



Happy New Year!



GOLD MINE REGION – MARC CHRISTMAS BRUNCH!

DATE: December 6, 2025

PLACE: 3070 Wendwood Drive, Marietta, GA 30062

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

HOSTED BY: Jane & George Merry

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE. We will have a ham and drinks.

RSVP: jjmerry@bellsouth.net or 404-839-1060

You will have the opportunity to donate to Victory Junction once again, at our Christmas Party and we hope you all will consider sharing some Christmas Love with this wonderful organization. If you cannot attend and would like to donate, please send your donations to Anna Garmon, Gold Mine Region – MARC 2185 Birmingham Rd. Milton, GA 30004





For Sale: GMR 20th Anniversary Patches and Lapel Pins

We will have the GMR 20th Anniversary Patches and Lapel Pins available for purchase at the Annual Business Meeting and the Club Christmas Party if anyone is interested in having an additional set. The price is \$10 for the set. Please see Anna Garmon or Jane Merry.



Founded in honor of Adam Petty 
a serious fun camp



Victory Junction Gang Camp

Located in the hills of Randleman, North Carolina, Victory Junction is spread across 84 acres, allowing children to do what they do best—be kids, play, imagine, make friends, and enjoy the adventures and experiences of camp life. Victory Junction was the dream of Adam Petty, a fourth-generation race car

driver from the famous Petty family and a rising star in the sport. Adam's passion for racing was equaled only by his compassion for others, especially children. Between races, he often visited children in pediatric hospitals. After his tragic death in a racing accident, Adam's family and friends came together to realize his dream of a camp to serve children with serious medical conditions. Adam's vision sprung to life when Victory Junction opened its gates in 2004. Victory Junction enriches the lives of children with serious illnesses by providing life-changing camping experiences that are exciting, fun, and empowering, at no cost to the children or their families.

Kids enjoy their time at Victory Junction, but the benefits of camp extend far beyond the fun of a summer week or family weekend. Recent studies have shown the benefits of camp have a positive life-changing impact on the children they serve. The Victory Junction experience fosters independence, inspires confidence, and builds self-esteem for the campers who enter our gates. Victory Junction provides the best care possible for all the children, exhilarating, but safe for the kids and worry-free for their parents.

***In lieu of a gift exchange,
we will be collecting
money for this worthy
organization at our
Christmas Party in
December.***



Driving to the Annual Business Meeting..







January 17, 2026

Mark your calendars for January 17th will be our first gathering for 2026. Chili Bingo!

Hosting: Garmons

Where: The Garmon's Car house (The Club House)

When: Saturday January 17th

Time: 11:am

Prizes: bring an item from your stash that you no longer want or would like to share (not really white elephant)

What to bring: sign up for chili, desserts, crackers, hot dogs, buns, soft drinks, tea (we will have water available)

Please respond by January 12th what food item you will be bringing.

It will be warm and toasty in the Car House and it will be lots of fun to enjoy ourselves, a few games of Bingo and great chilly weather food.

This is an event that we have not done in several years. So, let us bring it back for 2026.

Looking forward to seeing each of you then.

Anna and David

2185 Birmingham Rd

Milton, Ga. 30004

770-714-5427

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Santa Hat Crispy-Treat Cheesecake Squares



Recipe courtesy of Food Network Kitchen



Crunchy and gooey rice cereal marshmallow treats are an unexpected yet delightful crust for a creamy cheesecake topping. Fresh strawberries on top form cute Santa hats and also provide a burst of bright acidity to cut through all of the richness.

Level: Easy

Total: 3 hr 25 min (includes chilling time)

Active: 1 hr 5 min

Yield: 25 pieces

Ingredients:

Cheesecake Squares:

Cooking spray

3 tablespoons unsalted butter

5 ounces mini marshmallows (about 1 cup tightly packed)

2 teaspoons honey

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Kosher salt

4 cups crispy rice cereal

One 1/4-ounce package unflavored powdered gelatin

Two 8-ounce packages cream cheese, at room temperature

1 cup sour cream

1 cup confectioners' sugar

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

25 medium strawberries, hulled

Frosting:

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature

2 tablespoons cream cheese, at room temperature

1/2 cup confectioners' sugar, sifted

1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

Special equipment: a piping bag or a resealable plastic bag



- 1 Line a 9-inch square pan with foil, leaving a 2-inch overhang on two sides. Lightly coat the foil and a wooden spoon with cooking spray.
- 2 For the cheesecake squares: Melt the butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the marshmallows, honey, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and a pinch of salt, and stir with the wooden spoon until the marshmallows have completely melted, 4 to 5 minutes. Add the rice cereal, and stir until the mixture is fully combined. Transfer the mixture to the prepared pan, and press into an even layer while warm. Let sit at room temperature until firm, about 20 minutes.
- 3 Combine the gelatin with 2 tablespoons water in a small microwave-safe bowl, and set aside to soften, about 5 minutes. Beat the cream cheese on medium-high speed with an electric mixer until completely smooth, about 1 minute. Scrape down the sides of the bowl. Add the sour cream, sugar, lemon juice, remaining 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and a pinch of salt, and beat on medium-high speed until smooth, about 1 minute.
- 4 Microwave the gelatin in 10-second increments, stirring as needed, until it dissolves, 30 to 50 seconds. Pour the gelatin into the cream cheese mixture, and beat on medium-high speed until incorporated, about 30 seconds.
- 5 Pour the cream cheese mixture over the cooled crispy treat layer, and spread out evenly with an offset spatula or butter knife. Wrap the pan loosely with plastic wrap, and refrigerate until the cheesecake layer is set, about 2 hours or up to overnight.
- 6 For the frosting: Whisk together the butter and cream cheese by hand in a medium bowl. Add the sugar and vanilla and whisk until smooth and creamy.
- 7 Cut the cheesecake bites into twenty-five 1 3/4-inch squares. Transfer the frosting to a piping bag or resealable plastic bag. Cut a 1/4-inch hole in the corner of the piping bag. Pipe a circle of frosting on the top of each square, about the diameter of the base of a strawberry. Place a strawberry cut side-down on top of each frosting circle, pushing down gently so that the frosting comes up around the bottom of the strawberry and resembles the base of a Santa hat. Pipe a ball of frosting on the tip of each strawberry for a pom-pom.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

Pair of 1930 Running Boards and Shields for passenger cars. The shield is spot welded to the board and comes with the matting and zinc trim installed. Reproduction parts, painted black and never installed on a car. \$400

Pair of 1930-31 Rear Fenders for Sedans or Phaetons. Excellent condition, painted gray primer. \$400

Pick up at my home in Evans, GA. Will not ship.

Don Turley, donturley@knology.net 706-589-0738



Second Dues Notice, 2026 Gold Mine Region, MARC

Dear Gold Mine Region Member:

It is time to pay Club dues for 2026 for the Gold Mine Region, MARC. Dues will be **past due on January 1, 2026**. If you have not paid your 2026 dues by January 1, 2026, your Club membership will be automatically terminated in accordance with Club By-Laws and your name will not appear on the 2026 Club Roster. If you miss the January 1st deadline, you can be reinstated by paying annual dues, plus a \$5.00 fine for being late.

National MARC dues must be paid separately. REMEMBER: You must keep your membership current in the National MARC Club in order to continue to be a member of the Gold Mine Region.

Annual Gold Mine Region MARC dues are \$20.00

We encourage you to keep your membership current in both the Gold Mine Region MARC Club and the National Model A Restorers Club. Please fill in the form below and mail it **before December 31, 2025**, along with your check (made payable to "Gold Mine Region MARC"), to the Club Treasurer.

Anna Garmon 2185 Birmingham Rd. Milton, Ga. 30004

We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,
Board of Directors, Gold Mine Region, MARC

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GOLD MINE REGION, MARC 2025 DUES PAYMENT & ROSTER INFORMATION FORM Use this form to pay your 2026 Gold Mine <u>Region</u> , dues. <i><u>Information is necessary for up-to-date preparation of the 2026 Club Roster</u></i>	
Please print or type all information	
Your name: _____ Spouse's <u>name</u> _____	
(If there is no change from the 2025 Club Roster, check here [<u> </u>] and sign below.)	
Street address _____	
<u>City</u> _____	<u>State</u> _____ <u>Zip</u> _____
Home phone (<u> </u> area code <u> </u>) _____	Work phone (optional) (<u> </u> area code <u> </u>) _____
E-mail address: _____	Cell phone (optional) (<u> </u>) _____
Amount enclosed: [<u> </u>] 1 year: \$20	
Member's Signature: _____	

Mail this form and your check, payable to: "Gold Mine Region, MARC", to the Club Treasurer:
Anna Garmon 2185 Birmingham Rd. Milton, Ga. 30004

Date_____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION*

See instructions below

Gold Mine Region, Model A Restorers Club

Please print or type all information

This 11-17-2024 edition supersedes all previous editions which should not be used

Name_____ Spouse's name_____

Children's names_____ Spouse's birthday_____
(Year not necessary)

Street address_____

City/State/ZIP_____ E-mail address_____

Phone [Home] _____ [Business/cell-optional]_____

Member's birthday_____ Anniversary_____ Occupation_____
(Year not necessary) (Year not necessary)

Are you currently a member of the National Model A Restorers Club?

☐ Yes Please give National MARC membership number_____

☐ No Please complete application on page 2 for national membership to join the National Club.

You must be a member of the National organization in order to join the Gold Mine Region

Please list Model A's you own. *You do not have to own a Model A to join our Club.*

YEAR	BODY STYLE	ENGINE NUMBER
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Gold Mine Region \$20.00 ENCLOSED \$_____ *See page 2 for National dues, if necessary*

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE_____

***NOTE: Applicants are approved for membership upon payment of local dues and verification that National dues have been paid. Applicants joining the Gold Mine Region during the months of October to December shall be considered to be paid up members for the following year.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION

1. If you are already a member of the National Model A Restorers Club (MARC):

- Complete only page 1 (Gold Mine Region) part of the form, including your MARC membership number, which can be found above your name on your membership card or the address label on the *Model A News*.
- Submit only the Gold Mine Region dues in a check for \$20.00 payable to "Gold Mine Region, MARC".

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2. If you are **not** a member of the National Model A Restorers Club you must join in order to become a member of the Gold Mine Region.
- Complete both the page 1 (Gold Mine Region) part of the form **and** the National MARC application form below.
 - Submit a total of \$60.00 (\$20 for the Gold Mine Region dues and \$50.00 for National MARC dues) in **two** checks, one for \$20.00 payable to “Gold Mine Region, MARC” and the other for \$50.00 payable to “Model A Restorers Club”. *(Use of a credit card number for National dues is optional, but not for Gold Mine Region dues).*
3. **After completing the form, mail the form with your checks to:**

Anna Garmon
2185 Birmingham Rd.
Milton, Ga 30004

**NOTE: All information supplied is for the explicit use of the Gold Mine Region and will not be shared with any other persons or organizations outside the National Model A Club.*



MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

6721 Merriman, Garden City, Michigan 48135

Membership Dues: Regular Mail: U.S. \$50.00;

Air Mail: U.S \$62.00/Canada \$60.00, International \$70.00 for the calendar year.

Includes 6 issues of *Model "A" News* over a calendar year. U.S. funds only

Name (Print) _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____

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

Signature _____

EMAIL address _____

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

Circle one: Check | Visa | Master Card | Discover Card

Card Number _____

EXP. Date _____ last 3 digit code on back of credit card: _____



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CLUB PURPOSE

The general purpose of the Gold Mine Region of the Model A Restorer's Club shall be to encourage the members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit, and make use of the Model "A" Ford vehicle, model years 1928 to 1931, and all things pertaining to the Model "A" Ford, including literature, technical and historical information and to promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship among its members.

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Mystery Picture... Saw this car with 28 license plates briefly in Cumming in a couple of weeks ago... Any thoughts of what kind of car...

Email me rae.burmaster@gmail.com Regards, Phil B.

