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Director's Diggings



Happy New Year! I think 2026 will be another fun year for our Club. We have a new Tour Director who will be helping us find different and unusual events this year.

Our 2025 Christmas party was an enormous success. We had a large group of thirty-one members that attended. Our house was full of good cheer, great food, and merriment. Everyone brought a dish to share so no one went home hungry. It was great to see Regina Johnson. Jane and I got caught up on all her adventures and travels. Also, Susan Morgan attended and was happy to have the opportunity to make new acquaintances. Overall, everyone enjoyed the event.

Our regular monthly "Third Thursday Gang" gathering at Culver's Restaurant will resume this month. Please see the plans for the January gathering in this issue of the nugget news.

This month, Anna and David Garmon are hosting Chili Bingo at our Club House (Also known as their "car house") in Milton. It has been several years since we have done this so it should be a lot of fun. More details are in this issue of the Nugget News.

I really appreciate the response from volunteers to host 2026 events. We will be finalizing the annual Event Calendar at our January Board of Director's Meeting.

If you can help with a tour idea, or you would agree to coordinate a club activity, please contact me or any Board Member.

George



EDITOR'S NOTE: HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026!! What a joy it was visiting with everyone at the Christmas Party! We are looking forward to this new year of hope and new adventures! 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 Burmester 936-827-1642



IMPORTANT PEOPLE & DATES TO REMEMBER



January 2 - Brooke Reeve
January 3 - Marilyn King
January 15 - David Garmon
January 17 - Nadine Elder
January 18 - Susan Castleberry
January 18 - Dennis White
January 21 - Herman King
January 30 - Priscille Davis

Happy Anniversary

None this month

UPCOMING Events

January 15th - 6:00 P.M. TTG – Culver's located at 6778 Hickory Flat Hwy Canton GA 30115

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



THE MINE SHAFT



The Ol' Miner had a DANDY TIME at the Gold Mine Region Christmas Gathering. It was so much fun to have so many folks come and celebrate together. The fellowship was wonderful and the food was amazing. I don't think anyone went away hungry and what a great variety we had. It was a great way to kick off the Christmas Season for our Club Family. Please consider hosting or planning a tour or event in the New Year!!! We need YOU to help out.



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.

Prayers for Jane Merry as she will be having ear surgery Jan. 9.

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)



"Doing the right thing even when unobserved shows true character." Henry Ford

THIRD THURSDAY GANG!

WE'RE BACK!! Come join the Third Thursday Gang. We will meet at 6:00 p.m., January 15, at Culver's located at 6778 Hickory Flat Hwy. Canton, GA 30115



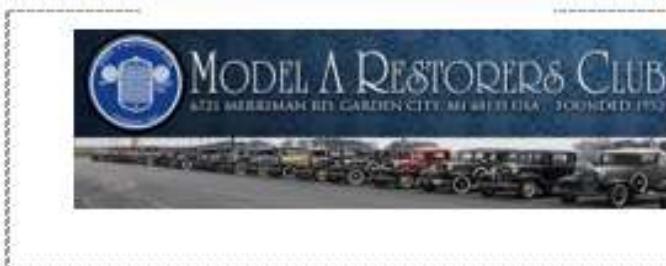


Happy Holiday Season, Model A'ers! Hope everyone is staying warm and that your cars are either tucked away for the winter or still enjoying the cooler air. I know I've been enjoying taking my A out in the snow. Earlier this month, John Marshall, our Executive Director, sent out the Holiday Donation Letter, which is a great opportunity to stay involved by giving back to the museum. Don't forget that we also have a store where you can purchase MAFFI merchandise, located under the "Store" tab at maffi.org.

One of the coolest things about the museum is that it's constantly in motion. Dan Cargo and Jerry Dennany are always tinkering or moving cars around, with the help of the amazing volunteers from the Grape Country A's. If you visit the "Cameras" tab on maffi.org, you can see all the holiday decorations and even catch a glimpse of some of our newest additions. The trustees also met in November to start shaping some exciting ideas for the museum. While it's a bit early to share details just yet, there are some great things in the works, and we're looking forward to unveiling more as plans come together in the months ahead.

Keep on motoring, and have a Happy New Year!

John Grossheim
Trustee and Secretary, MAFFI



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

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

January 2026

MARC's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our completely restored website is alive at ModelARestorersClub.org (modelarestorersclub.org). (If you have the link to the old website on your phone or computer, the old website will automatically connect to our new website). This upgrade marks an exciting step forward for MARC. Our new site uses modern technology to make it easier for members to:

- Browse national and regional events
- Renew memberships online
- Connect with other Model A enthusiasts
- Access club news and resources anytime — even on your phone

As our club continues to evolve, this new digital foundation helps us reach the next generation of Model A owners while staying true to our heritage.

Please take a moment to visit the new site and explore what's new. We welcome your feedback and ideas as we continue improving the online experience for everyone.

As some of you may have noticed on the MARC Facebook group, we advertised a special promotion to attract new members. If you have not been a member of MARC previously, you qualify for this promotion! Sign up for a MARC membership at the regular price of \$50 (12 months membership) and receive FREE editions of *Technically Speaking*, volumes one through thirteen, including shipping (while supplies last). AND if you want to purchase volumes fourteen and fifteen for an additional \$25 they will be shipped with the other volumes! Sign up on our new website by clicking join now. If you want to purchase the additional volumes you must call the office at 734-427-9050 within 48 hours of joining to qualify for free shipping.

Regions, please note that 2026 dues in the amount of only \$25 are now due. They can be paid by accessing our new website at modelarestorersclub.org, select Regions and the Region toolbar to take you to renew. Also, a reminder that most membership fees are due at this time of the year. Don't let your membership expire and miss an issue of the *Model A News*!

Circle your calendars now for July 12-16 and make your hotel reservations for the 2026 MARC National Meet in French Lick, Indiana. 894-241-8391. Driver Class judging standards have been updated and are available to download at modelarestorersclub.org. Plan to enter your Model "A" in the judging!





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

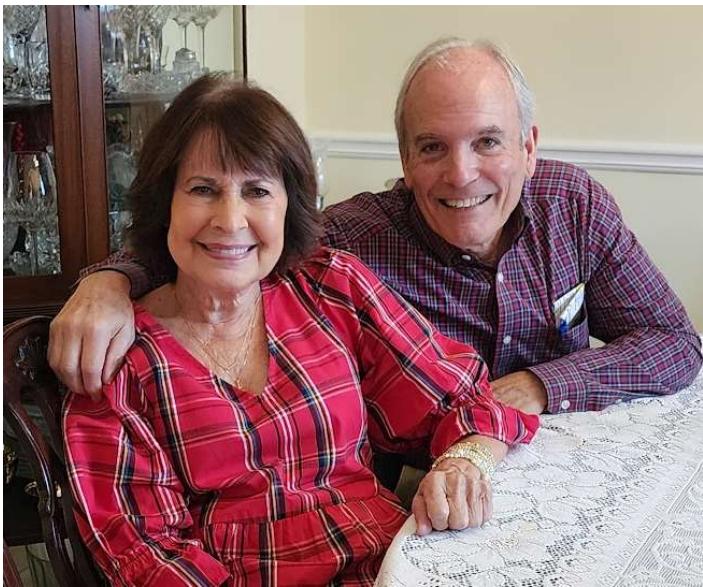
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Christmas at the Merry's











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[READ REVIEWS!](#)

Chicken Parmesan Meatballs

PREP TIME

15 minutes

COOK TIME

23 minutes to 30 minutes

SERVES

4 to 6

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (24-ounce) jar marinara sauce, such as Rao's
- 1 pound ground chicken, preferably dark meat
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs, divided
- 1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 1/2 small yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh parsley leaves
- 1 large egg
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil or parsley leaves, for serving

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Bring the marinara sauce to a simmer over medium heat in a 10 or 12-inch cast iron or oven-safe skillet. Meanwhile, place the chicken, onion, 1/2 cup of the breadcrumbs, half of the Parmesan cheese, parsley, egg, garlic, salt, oregano, and black pepper in a large bowl. Mix lightly with a fork until just combined.
- 2 When the sauce is simmering, form the meat mixture into 1 1/2-inch wide meatballs (about 2 tablespoons each), wetting your hands with water as needed to keep the mixture from sticking, and carefully drop the meatballs into the sauce in a single layer as you go.
- 3 Cover and simmer gently, flipping the meatballs over halfway through cooking, until cooked through, 20 to 25 minutes total. Meanwhile, arrange a rack 6-inches from the broiler and heat to broil. Combine the remaining 1/2 cup breadcrumbs, olive oil, and a pinch of salt in a small bowl; set aside.
- 4 Uncover and sprinkle the mozzarella evenly over the meatballs. Sprinkle with the breadcrumb mixture and remaining Parmesan cheese. Broil uncovered until the cheese is melted and bubbly and the breadcrumbs are golden-brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Sprinkle with the herbs and serve.

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. <u>Information is necessary for up-to-date preparation of the 2026 Club Roster</u>		
Please print or type all information		
Your name: _____	Spouse's <u>name</u> _____	
<i>(If there is no change from the 2025 Club Roster, check here [<u> </u>] and sign below.)</i>		
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> <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):

- a. 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*.
- b. 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.

- a. Complete both the page 1 (Gold Mine Region) part of the form and the National MARC application form below.
- b. 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.*

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

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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