



# The High Country Quail

December 2025

Mile Hi Region, M.A.R.C. Chartered 1972

Mile Hi Chapter, M.A.F.C.A. Chartered 1965

## "A" Salute to Our Veterans

By Gary Brockman

We met for the Longmont Veterans Day Parade at the King Soopers in Broomfield at 9pm on November 11th for some doughnuts and conversation. The weather was chilly and with a cold wind blowing. Leaving around 9:20 or so with 11 cars for the parade, we took a back road north to Longmont to figure out where we were to line-up for the parade. When we got to the spot to line-up, the person in charge asked us "how many cars do you have?" "11" I said. She said "oh,oh" as they only set aside 5 spaces for us and 5 spaces for the 70 Corvettes and 12 Thunderbirds. It was a jumbled mess.



I asked Al Blount and Jim Huff to lead us in the parade and they did a wonderful job guiding us through mess and the parade. Afterwards, we drove East to the Collision Brewery for a great lunch. I would like to thank all of the people in the club that helped me with the parades these 3 years. The night that I joined the club, I volunteered to be the Parade Chairman and it has been a fun and rewarding job.



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### Heath-Kenz Memorial Library

Bert's Model A Center

Second Floor

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Englewood, CO 80110

## Brett' Blog

December is here, and with it comes that familiar mix of holiday bustle, quiet reflection, and the joy of gathering with good friends. As I look back on the past year with the Model A Ford Club of Colorado, I'm reminded just how special this group is. We're not just people who love old cars — we're a community that shows up for each other, whether we're swapping parts, telling stories, or enjoying a simple lunch together.

Our Model A's made plenty of miles and memories this year, from sunny parade days to those crisp early-morning drives when the engines purr just right. I've enjoyed every event, every meeting, and every chance we've had to share the road. Watching members help one another, offer advice, or lend a hand under a hood reminds me why this club is such a treasure.

As we wind down 2025, I'm grateful for the work our officers, volunteers, and members put in to keep our club thriving. Whether you hosted an event, drove in a parade, joined us for Just Lunch Bunch, or simply came to a meeting, you helped make this year meaningful.

December is also a time to look ahead. We've got a fresh calendar of activities on the way for 2026, and I'm excited to see what adventures are waiting for us — more drives, more conversations, more chances to enjoy these amazing cars and the friendships that come with them.

I wish each of you a warm, happy holiday season filled with good food, good company, and maybe even a little garage time. Thank you all for making this club such a joy to be part of. Here's to a wonderful December and an exciting year ahead!

*Bret*

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# Club Calendar of Events

(Please go to [www.mafcc.org](http://www.mafcc.org) for further details or updates)

\*Lillie Fahey Participation Point Event

- December 4** ----- Pinochle\*
- December 10** ----- Just Lunch Bunch\*
- December 14** ----- Christmas Party\*
- December 27** ----- Lariat Loop Tour\*

## Pinochle Club

**Thursday, Nov 5 • 6:30 PM**

Tom and Sherry Krueger's  
12750 N 6th St, Parker

Call 303-523-5788 or email [lauritaclan@gmail.com](mailto:lauritaclan@gmail.com) to RVSP if you are planning to attend so they can get set up. Drinks and desserts will be provided. Please bring a snack to share.



## Annual Christmas Party

**December 14 • 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Clements Center**

**1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood**

The Christmas party location has changed from its original site. We turned it into a potluck dinner with no charge, so more resources can be applied to the Inaugural in January. The club will provide the main entrée, appetizers, drinks (coffee, tea, and lemonade), and dessert. Appetizers will be available before dinner; dinner will be served at 4:30. A game with prizes will be played after dinner. Unfortunately, the Aurora Singers were not able to make the change to the Clements Center. Attire can be Era, dressy, or Christmas-y. Sign-up sheets are in this newsletter. Instructions for potluck dishes are on the sign-up sheet. If you signed up at the meeting, please do not sign up again. If you have Adobe Reader, you can fill it out online and return them via email, or photograph them with your phone and send them to me (Joanne Saliger, [joanne@typecrafters.com](mailto:joanne@typecrafters.com) or 303-726-3558).

## Just Lunch Bunch

**Wednesday, December 10th • 2:15 PM**

**Perfect Landing Restaurant**

**7625 S Peoria, Englewood**

Please join us for our December Just Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, December 10 at 2:15 PM (later time). This month we'll be gathering at The Perfect Landing Restaurant. Come enjoy good food, great company, and a front-row view of airplanes taking off and landing. We hope to see you there! Please text Bret Plue (303-503-1632) by December 9, as seating is limited.

## Upcoming Events

Jan 14 - Just Lunch Bunch

Jan 17 - Kenz-Heath Library

Grand Opening

Jan 18 - Inaugural Celebration

Our Inaugural Celebration will take place at the Holiday Inn, 7390 W Hampden, Lakewood on January 11, 12:30-4:30. The registration form is located on page 9, and needs to be returned with \$25 per person by January 2 to Joanne Saliger.

## Lariat Loop Tour

**Saturday, December 27th • 10:00 AM**

**(Weather Permitting)**

**Meet at King Soopers**

**1555 Quail Street, Lakewood**

We will travel our annual trip up Lookout Mountain, spend some time gazing past the overlook. We will meet in the King Sooper's parking lot at 10:00 and leave at 10:30. Lunch will be at 12:30 at The Ranch @ West 40, 12101 W Colfax, Lakewood.

If the weather is too bad, or the snow is too deep, we will still meet and go to breakfast. Any questions please call Bret Plue 303-503-1632

# *It's Personal... December 2025*

*By Erin and Julie Murphy*

*"Anyone who stops learning is old, rather at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."*

*- Henry Ford*

*Murphy was an optimist...*

*"A bird in hand is safer than one overhead."*

## *Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With You...*

Donna Motley- well wishes after back surgery.

Bill Dodds - well wishes after hospital stay.

## *Congratulations!*

Ron and Linda Rickard have been blessed with a 3rd great grandchild. Connor Chad Nolan was born 11/14/25 and weighed 5 pounds and 3 ounces. He was approximately a month early but doing great!



*Happy Birthday*

## *REARVIEW MIRROR...*

Back in December 1992 the club participated in the Lariat Trail Tour. They had a children's Christmas party at the general meeting with Santa Claus. The adult Christmas party was at the Ramada Inn with a gift exchange and were served either London Broil or Chicken Breast.

|           |                 |           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| <b>5</b>  | Michael Harbach | <b>23</b> | Gary Brockman   |
|           | Ashley Moore    |           | Leigh Plue      |
| <b>6</b>  | Matt Ursetta    |           | Bill White      |
| <b>13</b> | Nadine Garcia   | <b>25</b> | Jerry Robinette |
|           | Jim Pelke       | <b>27</b> | Randy Van Buren |
| <b>16</b> | Lynn Reyelts    | <b>28</b> | Bob Locander    |
| <b>17</b> | Mike Sandoval   |           | Diane Hays      |
| <b>21</b> | Pat McHugh      | <b>30</b> | Carol Houpp     |

**Come on Club members!! Someone has got to have some dirt on somebody!!  
Let the SHADOW know!**

Julie 720-297-3917, Erin 720-435-3366, or email us at [murphyjulie030@outlook.com](mailto:murphyjulie030@outlook.com)

## Longmont Veteran's Day Parade Continued



# Turkey Trot Tour

By Mike Laurita

It was a beautiful morning for a drive! Fourteen As and one modern came out for the Turkey Trot Tour. Vern and Linda Sybesma lead us up Deer Creek Canyon into Conifer and then to Evergreen. One of the highlights was seeing a herd of elk bedded down right next to the road. After a quick stop in Evergreen, Mike Laurita led us back into the Denver area and to McGill's World of Ice Cream for a great finish to the day. Thanks to everyone that brought non perishable food for donation and for allowing me to take some videos of your cars.



## Turkey Trot Tour Continued



## Just Lunch Bunch



Delicious Italian food was shared at Romanos Italian Restaurant for this month's Just Lunch Bunch. As always a great time to share what is going on with club members.



# Modern Village Opening Car Show



We had 6 Model As showcase the reopening of Modern Village Marketplace. The cars were admired as people arrived for the festivities.



## New Member

Dave and Michele Oberle  
9521 W LaSalle Ave  
Lakewood, CO 80227  
Dave Cell - 303-548-6466  
Michele Cell - 303-263-4442  
email: [dave59oberle@gmail.com](mailto:dave59oberle@gmail.com)  
1930 Tudor Sedan

## New Email

Al Blount  
[a.blount@myctl.net](mailto:a.blount@myctl.net)

## Membership Due

We currently have over 70 members that have not paid their dues for 2026. Be sure to complete the membership form every year (including lifetime members). If all of your information is the same, you can put that on the form and do not have to complete the entire form.

## It's That Time Of Year To Report Your "A" Mileage

For all who have their cars registered in the Milestone Program, please report your odometer readings to Mike Laurita via email [400a1931@gmail.com](mailto:400a1931@gmail.com) or 303-523-5788 no later than December 31st. This will give me enough time to prepare the Milestone Program Awards to be presented at the Inaugural Banquet/Past and Present dinner. Thank you

## Kenz-Heath Library Grand Opening

**Saturday, January 17**  
**2765 S. Tejon St, Englewood**

Save the date for the grand-opening of the KENZ-Heath Library. On Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM there will be an open house to familiarize yourselves with what is available at the library and storage area. Weather permitting, drive your Model A to Bert's Model A Center at 2765 S. Tejon St, Englewood. Come to the upper level for snacks and socializing. Steve will be open for business.

# Annual MAFCC Inaugural Dinner

Sunday, January 11, 2026 • 12:30 pm • 4:30 pm

Holiday Inn Express • 7390 W. Hampden Avenue, Lakewood

**\$25.00** per person

Dinner will be served at 1:30 pm. Awards and presentations will follow.

RSVP by Friday, January 2, 2026. Payment in advance or at the door. Cash Bar.

Call or text Joanne at 303-726-3558 or email to joanne@typecrafters.com.

Mail checks to: MAFCC, Terminal Annex, P.O. Box 5554, Denver, CO 80217-5554

## MENU

### Peppered Medallions Beef Tenderloin

Peppered Medallions with Mashed Potatoes  
in a Brandy Cream Sauce, Seasonal Vegetables

### Stuffed Chicken

Feta Cheese, Cranberries, and Spinach  
Stuffed Chicken. served with Glazed Baby  
Carrots on a Bed of Wild Rice

### Grilled Salmon

Grilled Salmon with Teriyaki Glaze  
served with Glazed Baby Carrots  
and Wild Rice

All plated meals served with house salad with Italian and ranch dressing, dinner rolls, chef choice dessert,  
Iced Tea and Water on tables, Coffee Station

| Name (each person must sign in separately to indicate dinner choice) | Dinner<br>(Beef, Chicken, Salmon) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1.                                                                   |                                   |
| 2.                                                                   |                                   |
| 3.                                                                   |                                   |
| 4.                                                                   |                                   |

**If you enjoyed the Pumpkin Cheesecake Bars that Kay Wieder brought to the last meeting, you can now make them yourself. Here is the recipe.**

Ingredients For the Crust:

- 1 3/4 cups Graham Cracker Crumbs (about 10-12 Whole Crackers)
- 1/2 cup Salted Butter, Melted
- 2 Tbsp. Powdered Sugar

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly coat 9-in. baking pan with cooking spray, then line with parchment paper leaving overhang on two sides.
2. Place graham cracker crumbs, melted butter, and powdered sugar in a mixing bowl and mix until well combined. Press firmly into the bottom and partway up the sides of the prepared baking dish.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 10–12 minutes, or until crust is just starting to change color. Set aside to cool completely.
4. Meanwhile, make filling: In a clean bowl, pulse together cream cheese, sugar and eggs. Pulse in flour and salt to combine, then pulse pumpkin and pumpkin pie spice to combine.
5. Pour pumpkin mixture onto cooled crust.
6. Bake until set at edges but still slightly jiggle in center 30 – 34 minutes. ( I added 3 or 4 minutes. Think it depends on your oven). Transfer to a wire rack and let cool completely in pan, then refrigerate until chilled, at least 2 hours. Cut onto squares and serve.
7. Serve with whipped cream, whipped topping or ice cream.

Ingredients For Filling:

- 2 8-oz. cream cheese, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 15 oz. can Pumpkin
- 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- (I added 2 Tbsp Powdered Sugar)

# Annual MAFCC Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14, 2025 • 3:30 pm • 7:00 pm

Clements Center • 1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood

**Change of Venue! \$0.00**

The location for the Annual MAFCC Christmas Party has changed. It has been moved to the Clements Center, and it will be a potluck dinner. The time has also changed to 3:30 pm until 7:00 pm. There is no charge to attend. A sign-up sheet is attached to let us know what you can bring to share.

RSVP by Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Contact Joanne at 303-726-3558 or email to joanne@typecrafters.com.

- Attire is Era, Dressy, or Christmas-y
- Appetizers before dinner
- Game with nice prizes
- Dinner will be served at 4:30

| Name | How many? |  |
|------|-----------|--|
| 1.   |           |  |
| 2.   |           |  |

## Annual MAFCC Christmas Party

### Pot-Luck Dishes

The Club will supply the main dish, probably ham, drinks (coffee, tea, lemonade), appetizers, and dessert.

Please bring utensils if necessary for your dish. Cover dishes well.

A refrigerator for cold items is available as is a stove and oven for warm items.

Please, no more than three of the same dish.

#### Salad (be specific)

garden salad, fruit salad, pasta salad, etc.)

Pasta Salad - Gabe's  
Biskley - Froye Salad  
Pasta Salad - Ewing's  
Watergate Salad - Ackermans  
Island Salad - Stucky  
Garden salad - Laurita's

#### Side Dishes (be specific)

(deviled eggs, meatballs, vegetables, casseroles, potato dishes, etc.)

- Green bean casserole
- Scalloped Potatoes - Biff
- DEVILED EGGS
- Green bean casserole - Smiths
- Cornbread Casserole - Knusa
- Bean Salad - Hucker
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#### Bread / Rolls (with butter if needed)

Hawaiian Roll - Prozac  
Croissants - Richard  
Home Made Rolls - Greg B.  
CROISSANTS - SWEET

#### Snacks (be specific)

(candy, fudge, cookies are not necessary but if you make something wonderful and want to share, please do.)

- CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

We are updating our membership database and would like all members to fill in a Membership Form. If you didn't receive yours at the General Meeting or in the mail, please use this one. We are asking everyone to receive the Quail by email in the future to reduce costs. If you are currently receiving a printed copy and need to keep receiving it in the mail, please indicate that on your form.

# Model A Ford Club of Colorado, Inc.

—FOUNDED IN 1959—



MILE HI REGION  
Chartered: 1972

Home Of  
The "High Country" Tour

Terminal Annex P.O. Box 5554 • Denver, Colorado 80217



MILE HI CHAPTER  
Chartered: 1965

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Membership Dues are \$40 Per Year**

(Please fill out Form Completely)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birthday (no year necessary): \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's: \_\_\_\_\_

Children at Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Birthday's: \_\_\_\_\_

CB Handle: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's: \_\_\_\_\_

Model A's in your family (continue on back if needed):  
YEAR BODY STYLE RUNNING (Y OR N)

If your family has more than one membership, please do not duplicate cars.

If accepted for membership in the Model A Ford Club of Colorado, I agree to abide by the MAFCC By-Laws. The Model A Ford Club of Colorado suggests that you become a member of MAFCA for insurance purposes. MAFCA membership is available at: [www.mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca\\_new\\_member=yes](http://www.mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca_new_member=yes)

MAFCA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of MARC? Is so, MARC Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The High Country Quail (our monthly newsletter) will be sent to your email address.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Paid on or after September 1 are applicable for the following year.

### Mail Application and Dues to:

Model A Ford Club of Colorado  
Terminal Annex, PO Box 5554  
Denver, CO 80217-5554



# December 2025

| Sun                      | Mon | Tue | Wed                       | Thu                          | Fri | Sat                       |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
|                          | 1   | 2   | 3                         | 4<br>Pinochle @<br>Krueger's | 5   | 6                         |
| 7                        | 8   | 9   | 10<br>Just Lunch<br>Bunch | 11                           | 12  | 13                        |
| 14<br>Christmas<br>Party | 15  | 16  | 17                        | 18                           | 19  | 20                        |
| 21                       | 22  | 23  | 24                        | 25                           | 26  | 27<br>Lariat Loop<br>Tour |
| 28                       | 29  | 30  | 31                        |                              |     |                           |