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The club shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian, and non-partisan. The purpose of this club shall be: To serve as medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of 1928-1931 Ford Model "A" and "AA" motor vehicles and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the vehicle in its original likeness. This club will be of assistance to its members in their restoration efforts. To unite all club members who are interested in restoring and maintaining Model "A" and "AA" Fords in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community. To help members become better acquainted, and encourage and maintain the spirit of good fellowship, sociality and fair play through sponsored activities, which include family participation and the use of these vehicles. To function as a Chapter of the Model "A" Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and a Region of the national Model "A" Restorers club (MARC), as authorized by charter and pursuant to the provisions of membership in each national club.

All articles for the newsletter must be submitted to the editor by the 25th of the month prior to the next publication. All applicable articles are welcome.

Club members may place a personal classified ad in the newsletter at no charge. After three months this ad will be reviewed to extend the coverage.

Need a copy of the club bylaws?
Contact Joyce Huddle, Club Secretary.

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month
unless a change is announced.

Club Meeting & Dinner

Tuesday, July 8

6:00 PM

Ming Garden Restaurant

Waynesboro, VA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all,

So sorry we missed the last meeting. We were enjoying a long-deserved vacation to Pittsburgh and Niagara Falls, CN. Cruising, Tours, and Car shows are in full swing. Hope to see some good photos from the Summit Home Cruise-in. When we pulled into our place at Niagara Falls, there was a cruise-in happening there. Almost as if they knew we were coming to town. Hope you all have a safe and Happy Fourth of July. Next meeting should be published in the newsletter. See you all soon. Happy touring!!

Jennifer

Treasurer's Report

Balance 5/28/25 \$5,100.65

Income

50/50 \$35.00

TOTAL \$39500

Expenses

Pete Morris Memorial \$50.00

Picnic supplies 20.31

Priority postage—MAFCA 10.10

TOTAL \$80.41

Balance 6/23/25 \$5,055.24

DVDs available to loan that are in our club library. Contact Gary & Jennifer Pitsenbarger if you can use the information.

MAFCA and/or MARC DVD's

Dial D for Distributor

Roadside

Troubleshooting

The Flasher

How to Stop on a Dime

Carburetors and Carbohydrates

Rebuilding a Model A Ford Transmission

Model A Engine Bearing Adjust

Model A Distributors - Millard Springer

Model A Transmission

Model A Transmission - Millard Springer

Model A Brakes and Headlights I & II

Bob Sholtes -Ted Thoughts

Skyline A Spring Tune-up Day 2009

Story of Thomas Edison

Birthdays

7/2 Evelyn Hausknecht

7/12 Dawn Santana

7/15 Linda Ayers

7/16 Wayne Leary

7/17 Barbara Knecht

7/30 Bob Knecht

Anniversaries

7/5 Reggie & Millie Hiner

Tentative Calendar for 2025

July 8 Ming Garden, Waynesboro

Aug

September TBD Road trip to Short Pump to have a meal at the Ford Restaurant.

Sept. 13 Summerset Cow Pasture Party and Car Show. This is free to those who participate in the Car Show. Details will be available when we get closer to the event.

Oct – Dec to be determined later.

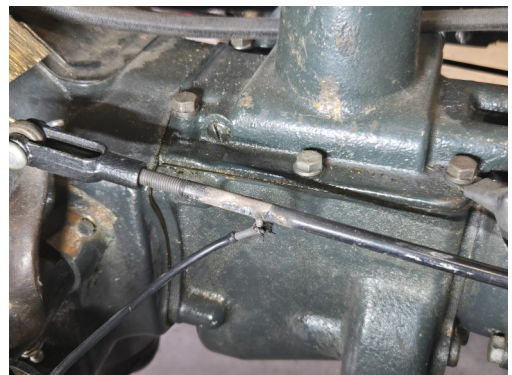
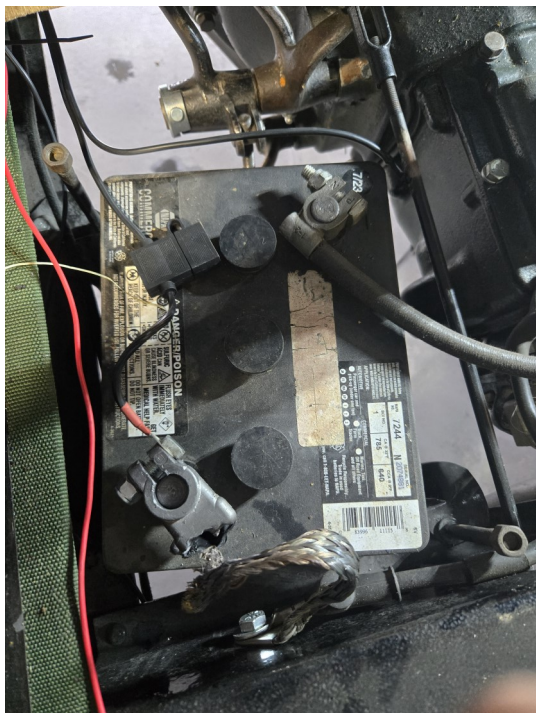
Steve Ayers' lesson about making sure the battery is securely clamped into place.

This is the story of "Some cars like to be driven, but mine likes to ride". Or alternate title "How I almost burned my car to the ground on it's first outing".

By the June monthly meeting I had the 31 ready to roll,(or so I thought). I decided to take it to Tinkling Spring to see how it would do. On the way there it developed a howl under the hood. Once I got to the parking lot it died on me. Under Dean's suggestion I pulled the battery cover and found the ground cable melted apart. After the meeting Wayne gave me a ride home so I could get my truck and trailer. I backed up to the A, dropped the ramp, used jumper cables as a ground and drove it up on the trailer.

That saved a lot of work there! Once I got it home and in the garage, I pulled the floorboards out. Much to my surprise I found that the battery had escaped the corner hold down clamps and slid against the brake rod where it tried to weld itself to the rod. That's what caused the cable to melt! The howl under the hood turned out to be a bad generator bearing. I called Jay and luckily he had everything I needed to get the old girl back on the road. This time I am using one of the square battery hold downs so I shouldn't have this problem any more!

Many thanks for everyone's help and suggestions at the meeting and to Jay for letting me come get some parts on short notice.



Skyline Chapter, Model A Ford Club of America

Our Chapter's monthly meeting was held June 10, 2025 at Tinkling Spring Church in the picnic area. There were 23 members present.

Vice-President – Robbie Kuykendall welcomed everyone and explained that our President, Jennifer, is away on vacation. We were invited to share the pot luck meal after Nelson Driver offered the Blessing.

Vice-President – Robbie Kuykendall called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm after we all had enjoyed a wonderful array of food. He introduced a young visitor, June Miller, who was attending with her Grandparents. Our July meeting will be held in the Ming Garden of Waynesboro. He then asked the group if we would like to have another picnic in August, most welcomed the idea. He mentioned maybe the Club could provide chicken or pizza or, if someone would like to cook, we could have hamburgers or hotdogs.

Treasurer – Millie Hiner gave the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$5,100.65 as of May 28, 2025 after the \$39.00 income from 50/50 and the disbursement of \$250.00 to the Model A Youth Restoration Award. Also, she noted that Joan Sigafosse has passed away. Since she had paid her dues for 2 years in advance, our club will donate her unused dues amount to the Animal Shelter.

Director's Reports:

1 year Director – Gary Pitsenbarger, Absent

2 Year Director – Alex Naletko, No report

3 Year Director – Jay Mader, No report

Sunshine – Dawn Santana reported she had sent no cards this month.

Newsletter Editor-Bob Kuykendall, no report.

Special Report by Steve Ayers – Steve explained that he had successfully driven his Model A to the meeting until he got to the church parking lot. At that point his car died. None of his efforts to start it worked. He speculated it may be the generator, the battery seems O.K. Several members offered advice on researching what is wrong and possible repairs that may be needed. Wayne Leary suggested he check on YouTube for Model A Repairs. He was also offered a ride home by several folks. He thanked everyone and explained his wife could pick him up and he would return with a trailer to take the car home.

Events Coordinator – Reggie Hiner reminded us about the Touch a Truck Event that will be on Route 254 at White Bridge Church on Saturday morning. Additionally, the Blue Ridge Church of the Brethren on Route 340 is having a car show from 5pm till 8pm. We had a good turnout for the Car Show at Summit Square, there were 6 Model A's from our folks, even though the weather became problematic. The Sully Antique Car Show will take place on June 15. Reminder – the MAFCA National Tour will begin June 15 in Waynesboro. Looking at future events we are considering a road trip to Richmond to have lunch at the Ford Garage Restaurant in Glen Allen.

50/50 – Won by Dean Sarnelle

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Huddle, Secretary



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Greenhouse Christian Learning Center

Steve & Reggie let the kids enjoy their cars

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**Picnic & meeting on June
10 at Tinkling Spring
Presbyterian Church**





The Model A Ford Club's National Tour this year was to the Civil War battlefields of Virginia and neighboring states. Over 700 miles in 8 days starting and ending in Waynesboro, Virginia on June 15th with stops as far north as the Amish Country of Pennsylvania.

Editor's Note: Thanks to those who contributed pics, including some from the MAFCA Website.





AUGUSTA COUNTY TOUR

On Saturday, June 21st Jay Mader lead three Model A's and four Model T's on a beautiful tour through the back roads of Augusta County. In addition to Jay we had Ken Cullinan, Nelson Driver, Tony Edwards & Donna Miller, Mark Robertson, Reggie & Millie Hiner and friends Barry & Rose Link. We really traveled a lot of new roads! We had beautiful weather, no traffic and there were some wonderful farms with large beautiful homes, lots of pretty green fields and the mountains were in view too. We had a couple small problems, one where a stranger from Tennessee who has a large Model A Restoration business saw Model A's beside the road and decided he needed to help. He went to a station and bought a gas can with gas and refused any payment. What a blessing to have a very generous Model A enthusiast stop to help.

After that we all headed to Kline's for ice cream. A real treat on a hot day! When preparing to leave, Mark realized he didn't have his keys! After much searching we realized that Mark had picked up several cups, etc. and put them in the trash can. He decided maybe he had dropped his keys in there. One of the employees had emptied that trash can and taken it to the dumpster. Mark decided to look through the trash to see if he could find the keys – but didn't! After he got his car home on Jay's trailer, his brother decided to check the trash again and HE FOUND THE KEYS! That was amazing! What a happy man Mark was!!! A lesson to be learned – Do you have a spare set of keys??

Millie Hiner



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Dues increased for 2018 \$50.00**MAFFI Membership Application Form**

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ceive our newsletter via email. Family Membership: _____ Annual \$35.00 _____ Three Year \$100.00 _____ Life \$500.00 Club

Membership: \$ _____ A club membership consists of a donation every year to support the Model A Ford Museum opera-

tions. We appreciate every gift, large or small. I wish to make an additional optional tax deductible contribution of: \$

_____ Please apply addition contribution to: _____ Museum Displays _____ Endowment Fund Total Contribution En-

closed: \$ _____ Please print and mail this form to: MAFFI, PO Box 28, Peotone, IL 60468-002

Application for membership

Single or couple—\$25.00

Checks—Skyline Chapter MAFCA

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

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Birthday (m/d) _____

Spouse (m/d) _____ Anniversary (m/d) _____

Member of MARC (yes/no) _____ Membership no. _____ **NOTE: All members are encouraged to join the**Member of MAFCA (yes/no) _____ Membership no. _____ **national clubs.**



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Headlamp Plugs and Terminals

As documented in the Ford Service Bulletins, below, a change was made to the headlamp plugs and terminals around May 1930. It is a small change in the wire connector ends and the "plug" lengths used with them. If your wiring harness ends and headlamp plugs are from different times, the connection at the base of your headlights may be too tight to connect (frustrating) or too loose to make a good connection (frustrating, as well). See discussion below and adjust the plug dimension as required.

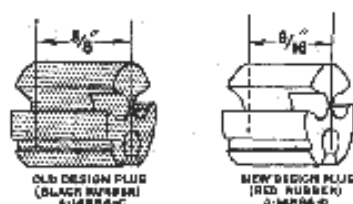


Fig. 908

CHANGE IN HEADLAMP PLUGS AND TERMINALS

A change has been made in the headlamp plugs and the headlamp wire terminals.

The new plug A-14584-D is approximately 3/8" long and is made from red rubber. The old plug, which has been obsolete, was 5/16" long and was made from black rubber.

The new headlamp wire terminals are of the clinch-on type. They are approximately 1/16" longer than the old design which has been obsolete (see Fig. 908).

As special equipment is required to assemble the new design terminals to the headlamp wires, the terminals will not be sold through service. If an occasion should arise where it was necessary to replace one of the new terminals, use terminal A-14461-C for making the replacement; this terminal can be installed by hand. Also after present stocks of the old design A-14459 terminals are exhausted, supply terminal A-14461-C for replacements. Fig. 909 shows these terminals.



Fig. 909

Due to the difference in the length of the old and new style terminals and headlamp plugs, the old style plugs cannot be used with the new design terminals, or the old terminals with the new plug.

After present stocks are exhausted, when calls are received for an old style plug, supply the new design plug, together with spacer washer A-14601-R. This spacer washer is

approximately 1/16" thick and compensates for the difference in length between the old and new style plugs. Fig. 910 shows how the washer is installed.

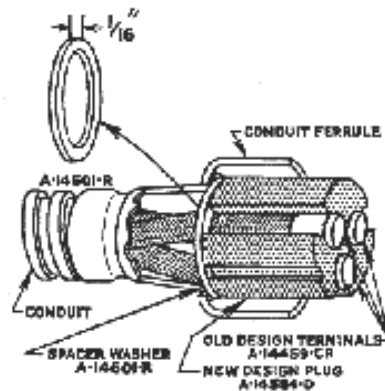


Fig. 910

So, when you are assembling your headlights and the conduits do not want to make a good connection at the base, check the dimensions above and get plugs to match.

Have a Model A Day!

Jim



INTERNATIONAL MODEL "A" FORD DAY, 2025

PO BOX 45 NORTHPORT, NY 11768

July 1, 2025

Dear Model "A" Ford Club Representatives:

INTERNATIONAL MODEL "A" FORD DAY, 2025 will take place Saturday, September 13, 2025, with a local rain date of 9/14. Please put on an event like a tour & picnic to help enjoy the day.

This day is simply a formal opportunity for Model "A" Ford owners and Clubs around the world to all go out for a drive or event on that same day and submit photos to me for submission to the National Magazines. Hopefully, the photos will show UNIQUE backgrounds to your locale. Email JPEG photos to sailbruce@aol.com. ***ALSO Please consider posting pics & comments to FACEBOOK GROUP "INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY 2025" so all can see.***

EMBROIDERED 3.5" IRON-ON PATCHES, as above logo, to commemorate the day are available for \$4.00 apiece, minimum order twenty, from Bruce Adams, Founder, International Model "A" Ford Day. **All profits will be donated to The National Club's MODEL A YOUTH Scholarship and Restoration programs.**

Checks to **Bruce Adams, PO Box 45, Northport, NY 11768** includes shipping and handling.

Hoping to see you and your club participate and enjoy this great day and to submit photos to share with the entire Model "A" Ford community.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Adams

Bruce Adams

Coordinator-Founder-International Model "A" Ford Da

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE ~~running~~ BOARD REPORT

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

July 2025

MARC's Gettysburg National Meet this year is now behind us. We had more than 300 registrations, many informative seminars, Special Interest Group meetings, tours, car judging and great food at the welcome party, grand tour and awards banquet. More details and plenty of pictures in the next *Model A News*. Thanks to Tom and Janora Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region for hosting this great event.

Also, don't forget that we have a special Finger Lakes tour in the pipeline for next May and another great National Meet scheduled for next July in French Lick Indiana. We expect both to be jam packed with fun filled activities so plan to attend. We still need Regions to step up and volunteer to host future events! Your Board of Directors will gladly help you plan a tour, meeting or a national event. Contact any MARC Director please

Remember that the online version of the *Model A News* is always available for viewing by the first day of every even month (February, April, June, August, October and December). Going forward, we will communicate availability on Facebook only.

Can you imagine that Adina Cloud, representing the French Lick Resort and a MARC member, won the 50/50 drawing at the closing awards banquet and then contributed the winnings to the Model A Youth Restoration Awards? Then, Tom Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region donated the other half: \$2,000 to MAYRA!

Remember that MARC has a special membership offer for youth, 18 -25, not living at home. FREE membership with a sponsor, digital MAN only, but all the other benefits of full membership. Contact the office for details. Let's get those young people signed up!



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Next Meeting: July 8 @ 6:00 PM
Details inside

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