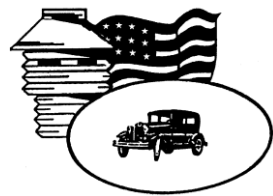




# "THE LINKAGE" OLD FORT MODEL "A's"



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## DECEMBER – 2025

### ***"MARC" YOUR CALENDAR***

#### **December 6 (Saturday) – Christmas Gathering**

##### **& Election of Officers for 2026**

##### **Lighted Gardens Banquet Hall**

**10794 North IN-1, Ossian**

**Social 1:00 PM ~ Dinner 1:30 PM**

🌲 The reservations are in as Old Fort looks forward to welcoming the holiday season! Come fashionably attired in your 'era finest' or all decked out twinkly-sparkly in your Christmas sweater!

🌲 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 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.



#### **January 1, 2026 - Polar Bear Tour**

##### **Tourmasters Joe & Pam Baxter**

*Didja know? Old Fort had Polar Bears before New Year's Day touring was 'the bees knees'? Deep in the Old Fort archives, we find that the Halliens, the Hulls, the McNutts, the Miesses and the Baxters were early Polar Bears January 1, 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1990–this event became an official Old Fort club tour January 1, 1991!*

And, 35 years later, the club tradition continues! Old Fort will welcome 2026 as Model A's & modern irons



gather 'under the Santa' on the PNC building at the corner of Main and Calhoun, downtown Fort Wayne. Meet at **11:00 AM** for the obligatory photos before touring to the Lakeside Café. Contact/text Pam (260)341-2862 by **December 27** to reserve your seat at the restaurant.

**\*NOTE: 2026 Touring Kick-off = \*Report\* your 2025 odometer/mileage to Bob Minnich and \*Pay\* your 2026 Dues before you bundle up to tour January 1.\***



## FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT



Wow! It just doesn't seem possible that another year is almost over – Goodbye, 2025! You know that old saying, “The older you get, the faster time flies”? Well, it just seems to me that it was not so long ago that Deb and I were planning our Model A trips for 2025. Now, we are starting to plan them for 2026.

Check out your Old Fort newsletter and MARC's *Model “A” News* for upcoming events. MARC has a couple good ones for this next year. If you have never attended a national event, put it on your bucket list.

Old Fort has had a great year. I would like to thank the Board for putting up with me (*and your Board thanks you, Rick, for putting up with them!*), and my thanks to each Old Fort member for your support during my tenure as President. Also, I would like to thank the many members who helped with planning monthly tours, “Meet in the Middle” tours, Garage Days, and all the other great events that made our year run as smoothly as it did.

Deb and I would like to wish all a Very Merry Christmas – enjoy the special time with your family and friends.

*Until we meet down the road, stay safe.*

*--Rick*

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## FROM THE RAMBLIN' MIND OF THE VEEP

It's that time of the year again--time to report your mileage to Bob Minnich. What a year and so many opportunities for great memories and joyous fellowship. Looking back, I am happy that I coordinated a couple of tours - it is fun to find those backcountry roads. I was reviewing the VP reports of this past year and recalling the help I received getting Gromit back on the road. The differential rebuild would not have been possible without the support of the Old Fort A's.

My fall/winter project is well underway; nearly ready to begin reassembling the trunk/rumble seat sheet metal. The things you find out when you start digging into the past, for instance, the sheet metal work that had been done on Gromit was another example of some creative fabrication. I will also confess that I am not a welder. The next caretaker of Gromit is going to have a great time finding my handiwork!

This will also be my last article as Vice President. What a wonderful journey I have had! I have been able to attend several tours, both Garage Days, and have broken bread with many of the members. Thank you for letting me serve you.



I look forward to what 2026 has in store for Old Fort A's. I thought I'd share this list of events and activities that our membership can enjoy. This is not an exhaustive list; rather, it's a reminder of the Old Fort A's activities. Next year, we will also celebrate the 250th birthday of our great nation. Warsaw will host a car show in June to commemorate the milestone moment!

Polar Bear Tour - January

Chat-N-Chew - February

Spring Fling - March

MARC National Tour - May 11-14 (Finger Lakes)

Garage Day - May / October

Monthly Tours - Third Sundays (May-October)

Senior Living Visits - Summer Months

MARC National Meet - July 12-16 (French Lick)

Holiday Celebration - December

Annual Mileage - December

From Carol and me, we wish you all the best for this coming year. Blessings and peace be with you, your families, and your friends.

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

*--Mike*

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## MUSINGS FROM YOUR MEMBER-AT-LARGE



As I reflect on my first year as Member-at-Large, I had been a member of Old Fort for just a year when I was approached and asked if I would run for Member-at-Large. Since I had not been a member for very long, I was a little nervous about not knowing what to expect. It has been a learning experience as far as how things work and what all it takes behind the scenes in order to keep the club running smoothly and to plan all the events that we do. I have had a lot of firsts this year. My wife, Hope, and I attended our first MARC national event in Nashville, Indiana in April. I did not drive my Model “A” since I still did not have it ready for a long trip. We had an enjoyable time anyway. I would highly recommend attending a national event any time you get the opportunity. After working on my car all winter, “Madame Blue” was ready to tour, and Garage Day in May was her first destination. I am very grateful to all the club members who helped me out with parts, ideas, and suggestions. Our first long trip in our Model “A” was the tour to the Elderberry Farm in Lynn, Indiana, in June. It was a very warm day, but we had a wonderful time with everyone. We were excited to finally drive her on our first “Third Sunday Tour” for October's Fall Color Tour. However, Mother Nature decided to throw a wrench in our plans and rain on our parade. We still went – but in our ‘modern’ - it was a beautiful trip. To say the least, we have had a wonderful time with the club this year! We appreciate all that everyone does – from the board members to the individuals who help in so many ways. Hope and I look forward to another year and many more!

*--Scott*

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## NO NOVEMBER MEETING = NO MINUTES

Deb Beyhan, Secretary

Merry Christmas!

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### TALLIES FROM THE TREASURER

By Linda Byers, Treasurer

**Balance: 10/23/2025** **\$2,227.22**  
**Income:** Dues (2026) +\$ 525.00  
MARC Dues +\$ 50.00  
Christmas Reservations +\$1,190.00  
**Total Income** **\$1,765.00**

**Expenses:** Donation to MAFFI -\$ 200.00  
Donation to Youth Scholarship Fund -\$ 100.00  
Donation to Youth Restoration Fund -\$ 100.00  
New Member Dues to MARC -\$ 50.00  
**Total Expenses** **\$ 450.00**

**Balance: 11/23/2025** **\$3,542.22**



## 2026 NATIONAL EVENTS

**National Meet - July 12 - 16**

**French Lick, Indiana**

**Hosted by Hoosier Hills & Columbus**

**Model A Clubs**

**Tourmasters Scott & Hope Parish**

Three Old Fort couples have made reservations for five nights at the host hotel--checking in Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>; checking out Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. 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. Request to "JOIN" the Facebook group - "MARC National 2026 Meet French Lick In" - for timely updates. Contact Hope Parish (260) 229-0297 to be included in Old Fort's tour to French Lick.

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**National Tour - May 11 - 14**

**Finger Lakes, New York**

**Hosted by the Finger Lakes Region of MARC**

**Tourmasters Joe & Pam Baxter**

Watch for the online registration form on December 1st and hotel information December 10th. This event will be limited to 125 registrations. Request to "JOIN" the Facebook group - "MARC National Tour 2026" - for up-to-date information. Call/text Pam (260) 341-2862 to be included in Old Fort's tour to Finger Lakes.

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**SAVE THE DATE! 2028! SAVE THE DATE! 2028!**

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Model A Ford**

**September 12-16, 2028**

**At the Gilmore Car Museum**

**Hosted by MAFFI, MARC & MAFCA**



## SWAP MEETS & CAR SHOWS

**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Model A Swap**

**Meet. Shepherdsville, KY. Hosted by The Falls City**

**Region Model A Ford Club.** (10 miles south of Louisville).

Specializing in MODEL "A" FORD parts. Held at Paroquet Springs Conference Center, 395 Paroquet Springs Drive, Shepherdsville KY 40165. Doors open at 8 AM till approximately 1 PM. Admission \$5; children under 12, free. Check website [www.kymodela.org](http://www.kymodela.org) for latest info or changes. Contact: Emeric Howell - call/text (502) 550-2797 (Please include your name in the text).



## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE: 1931 Running Boards in good shape.**

**\$150.** Joe Baxter (260) 341-2487.

**FOR SALE: Extensive Collections of Assorted Model**

**A Parts.** Contact Todd Smith (260) 224-7528 with your needs.

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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 NOVEMBER

*Steve Brigham put out the call for help to move his Model T Depot Hack from tarp/framed storage to his enclosed car hauler before winter snows. Steve Thomas said, "Yes, I can do!" And so did 6 others to round out the crew!*





The Model T had not run since 2023. The "A" Team of Thomas/Bolante/Hallien were determined to start her up – which suited Steve Brigham to a "T!"



She fired! With Steve Hallien at the wheel, she made her way across the yard to the covered trailer.... until the steering wheel came off! But 'pushers prevailed' and she was safely tucked inside!



Steve says he is most grateful to Jay Bolante, Tom Dapp, Joe Baxter, Bob Minnich, Scott Parish, Steve Thomas & Steve Hallien – he couldn't have done it without your help!



### "A" HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

- 1 Don Milholland
- 2 The New Ford was introduced
- 4 Shirley Hull
- 7 Chuck Lien
- 11 Dennis Behning, Carol Lewis
- 13 Steve Hallien, Paul Melin
- 22 Steve Hull
- 26 Jen Sturgeon
- 27 Lisa Smith



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



#### TRUNK? WHAT TRUNK?

#### WHEN SHEET METAL GOES BAD

I have mentioned in previous months that I started the process of replacing the sheet metal in the trunk/rumble area. This has been a heck of an effort, and I think the result will be worth every bit of time.



To catch up, I was working on installing a third taillight in the rear window. After following Pam and Joe, Carol and I both remarked on the increased visibility. In the process of

running the wires in the trunk area, I found that the seat platform and curved panel had rusted out (see November's newsletter for more details).

In the process of removing the existing sheet metal, I found several rust holes and a considerable amount of "cobbled together - if it works, is it really a bad idea" fixes. There are three issues that I identified as contributing factors to the rusted-out sheet metal.

1. The curved sheet metal was not attached properly to the seat platform
2. The spare tire support was omitted
3. No drain holes in the curved pan

Initially, I ended up removing all of the screws and bolts (most broke off). Removal of the sheet metal was actually straightforward and did not take too much time. The greatest challenge has been working while leaning over and into the trunk space (it's a long way to the front of the trunk/rumble area).

After removing all the sheet metal, I ended up doing a quick "rust-or-ation" of the exposed frame. I have no idea who, how, or when the previous 'restoration' was completed, but the amount of rust and flaking paint made me think it has been a long time.

I did a quick sanding, grinding, and wire wheeling of the exposed frame before giving it a good prep, prime, and paint. The net result is OK and will give a few more years of life. After numerous test fittings and welding in patches and holes, I am nearly ready for reassembly.

My goal is to have this up and running for the Polar Bear Tour.





Oh, if these cars could talk! And, as always, this worked for me; results will vary.

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From "A" Thrifty Guy....

It only takes a drop or two of oil to keep your distributor content! After an oil change, save those remaining drops--and then keep 'em handy under the hood!



*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!*



Welcome to Old Fort's newest members, **Kevin & Kelly Kolar**! Sara (who formerly worked with Kevin) & Gary Mattax were instrumental in connecting Kevin with Old Fort. Those who have attended numerous national events have become acquainted with Kevin's parents, Chuck & Joy Kolar of Highland Region. Sadly, Chuck passed in May, and Kevin now has his dad's 1930 Tudor. The Kolars reside in Florida but spend summers in Indiana at their lake home in Angola. Kevin's cell is (260) 414-9125; email, [kevinkolar@comcast.net](mailto:kevinkolar@comcast.net).



Kevin writes, "Kelly and I have been married since 1989. In 1988, I moved to Fort Wayne to start a software business, and Kelly joined me after our wedding. That business was sold about five years ago. We have three



children: Nicholas, 33; Alexandra, 30; and William, 26. Nicholas is an oral surgeon in Indianapolis; Alexandra is a pediatric dentist in Denver; and William works in sales with Stryker in St. Louis. We also own a local car

wash chain called the Tube Car Wash. I am incredibly proud of my parents, Chuck and Joy Kolar, as they have set a wonderful example and path for me and my five sisters."

We look forward to getting to know the Kolars when summer touring rolls around. Search them out during touring season to welcome them to Old Fort!



Bob Minnich, Mileage Coordinator is waiting to hear from you! Phone/text him (260)385-5357 or email [bobminnich9@gmail.com](mailto:bobminnich9@gmail.com) to report your 2025 odometer reading/mileage. 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!





"Twas the night before Christmas, and at the North Pole,  
While test-driving the sleigh, an elf lost control –  
And drove straight off a ridge-but while he was thrown clear  
It meant certain doom for eight tiny reindeer.  
They tumbled and crashed with a horrendous clatter,  
Santa sprang from his shop to see what was the matter!  
"The sleigh is demolished! The reindeer, deceased!  
My chances for travel are greatly decreased!"  
"What of the children all snug in their beds?  
With visions of Quails flying 'round their heads?  
And Santa retired, in tears, to his lodge.  
But the elves had a plan; they went to the garage.  
They polished their "A's" and gassed up the tanks;  
What fitting replacements for the reindeer ranks.  
They parked in formation on the landing pad  
And called out to Santa, "An Idea We've Had!"  
"Time is a-wasting! There's work to be done!  
And with these Model A's, the drive should be fun!"  
St. Nick's face brightened and he said with acclaim,  
"Well, let's get to going!" And he called them by name-  
"On Reginald! On Kermit! On Ol' Ginny and Clyde!"  
"On Pheona! On Gromit! On Rusty and Maude!"  
He then took the helm of his personal ride.  
This Christmas Santa and presents shall glide  
All swiftly led with a Model A so fine-  
The Lovely, Delightful, Sweet **Adeline!**



### 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. *"Thank You"* to those of you who have sent Linda your club dues already! Where else can you get a full year of fun,

spending time with friends and meeting new ones along the way driving to new adventures in your Model A's!

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

**IT'S TIME!**



**DON'T DELAY, RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!**

rather than calendar year. Questions? Call Pam at (260) 341-2862.



### THE YOUTH REPORT NEW GREAT-GRANDBABIES!



*Pete & Kathy Bergdall have welcomed great-grandson, Fletcher - their 6<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild - on October 24.*

*Tom & Sharon Laupp have welcomed great-granddaughter, Haisley Dawn - their 9<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild - on October 29.*



*Congratulations to these Old Fort families and their new little Model A'ers!*



### ERA FASHION SCENE

#### WHAT SHALL I WEAR FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE?

December 31, 1929! As New Year's Eve approached the end of the Roaring Twenties, the question women were asking was, "What shall I wear for New Year's Eve?"



According to research, evening attire in 1929 was characterized by glamorous, ornate dresses that often featured beadwork, sequins and embroidery. While some evening dresses still reached the ground, many followed the hemline trends of daywear.

Check out this advertisement titled, "Favors of the Evening Mode" that shows what the

modern woman would be wearing for the most important evening of the decade. (from San Diego MAFC newsletter)



## COOKIN' WITH

**HOPE PARISH**



With Christmas coming, Hope sends along this recipe from her grandma. She says everyone who has tried them has always loved them.

### Grandma's Cut-Out Cookies

½ cup butter, softened	1 cup sugar
1 tsp almond extract (very important – don't eliminate!)	
1 tsp vanilla extract	2 large eggs
2 ½ cups flour	1 tsp baking powder
	½ tsp salt

Cream butter and sugar. Then add almond extract, vanilla and eggs. Gradually mix in the dry ingredients. Chill dough 1 hour. Roll out, cut and bake at 350 degrees for 8 – 10 minutes. Let cool, then ice and decorate.

#### Helpful Hints:

\*When rolling out the dough, do not make too thin. Cookies bake best if they are a little thicker.

\*When baking, make sure to not overbake – bottoms should be barely browned.

\*Baking time will vary greatly depending on how thick the cookies are.

\*The almond extract gives them a great flavor, and the thickness and baking makes them soft and delicious.



### **DON'T LET GRINCHES STEAL YOUR CHEER!**

Scammers are especially busy during the holiday season trying to trick you into paying them money you don't owe, compromising the security of your computer by freezing it with malware then offering to free up your system after gift card payment, or stealing your login information/passwords. Requests for payment by gift card, wire transfer or cryptocurrency, pressure to keep the interaction secret or creating a sense of urgency are **major red flags**. Protect yourself! Use

strong, unique passwords. Pause and think before replying to urgent or unusual messages. Verify any suspicious contact (don't click on anything in their message) by reaching out to the company directly using a trusted, verified phone number or website. Hover over a URL or email address to double-check for unusual-appearing source.

Avoid unsecured Wi-Fi and untrusted QR codes. Stay Alert! Protect Yourself!



**The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.**

## **THE running BOARD REPORT**

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

**DECEMBER, 2025**

**M**embership in MARC has increased this year over last year. This after declining for many years. This is Very Encouraging for our hobby! Many thanks to Regions who have encouraged their new and existing members to either take advantage of our free 12 month membership (non MARC members, digital magazine) or take our regular membership and receive the award winning *Model A News* magazine. Please continue to invite your members and anyone interested in our hobby to join.

**A**s you may know, we are updating the *Driver Class Judging Standards*. For example, some of these changes include the acceptance of fiberglass fenders, later Ford front and rear axles and leather or vinyl upholstery material for all years/models. The updated standards will be published soon. Make plans now to enter your Model A in Driver Class judging at French Lick in July!

**R**ecently we asked Region Presidents/Directors to email your Region's logo, in an image, PDF or similar format, for inclusion in our updated website. We have received many, but are missing many more. You will want your logo to be proudly displayed! If you haven't already, please email a copy of your logo to the MARC office at [modelarestorersclub@gmail.com](mailto:modelarestorersclub@gmail.com) or to Jim Zimmer at [jwzimmer9119@gmail.com](mailto:jwzimmer9119@gmail.com).

Additionally, Larry Shepard is looking to compile a list of Model A Mechanics to use as a resource to help fellow Model A owners with mechanical questions. Please volunteer by emailing Larry at [marctech@modelarestorers.org](mailto:marctech@modelarestorers.org).

**C**ertainly we are all looking forward to the upcoming MARC Finger Lakes Tour next May. Online registration forms will be available on December 1st and hotel reservations will open on December 10th. Plan now to attend another great MARC event in a beautiful part of our country!



### **MAFFI NEWS**

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 Deluxe Delivery 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, Secretary  
MAFFI Board of Trustees

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"The Trustees of the Model A Ford Foundation thank you, The Old Fort Model A Region, for your donation of \$200 to the Model A Ford Foundation Museum Fund. Your continuing support and generosity help to ensure the Museum will be available to educate future generations about the Model A Ford and the Model A era...."

--John D. Marshall, Executive Director



### **OLD FORT APPAREL - A-R Specialty**

**Advertising** (located at 1341 Goshen Avenue, Fort Wayne 46808) has completed the file for Old Fort's logo. Old Fort members are now a "GO" to now order shirts, hats, jackets, etc. from them. Be sure to tell them you are with the Old Fort Model A Club so they can access the correct artwork. To review styles of hats, shirts, jackets they can order for you, check out their website, a-specialtyad.com. Hope says she and Scott have taken in several items to have the logo embroidered on and should have them to display at the Christmas meeting.

Should you have any concerns, suggestions, 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 **Hope Parish** at (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 "Friend of

**Old Fort"** as well as **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**. **JOIN** via Old Fort's New Member Application. **RENEW** at [www.modelarestorers.org](http://www.modelarestorers.org)—click on **JOIN/RENEW** – 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](mailto:oldfort@yahoo.com) or call / text us @ (260) 341-2862. In addition, please submit any updates you have about your Model A or member information such as email address/phone changes, new member engagements, roster updates etc.

**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.



### **THE LAST WORD**

As the final newsletter of 2025 goes to press, we want to thank those who have contributed to the newsletter each month and to those who read all about "where to go" in their Model A's and fell in line to tour! We have said before...and we will say it again, "The friendships formed within Old Fort far transcend the Model A's that brought us together!" We wish you all the blessings of this holiday season!

Hope to see you soon "on the road again" ... somewhere, sometime!

--Pam & Joe

