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Model A Restorers Club Membership:

<https://model-a-ford.org/>

Model A Ford Club of America:

https://mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca_new_member=yes

Visit our website:

555illinoisregionmarc.com/

The Illinois Region M.A.R.C., Illinois Chapter M.A.F.C.A. holds it's monthly meetings the 2nd Tuesday of every month at B.P.O.E. Lodge # 1526:

495 Lee St. Des Plaines IL.

Technical Talks and refreshments provided at all meetings. Bring a guest and your 'A'. Please attend.

Any paid member who would like an updated IL Region Roster: Send a text to John Silvestri, Roster Chairman, and he will email you a new roster.

Text John: (630) 935-2320

Editor's Notes-

Business card ads continue to be available for \$25.00 per year. Your comments and suggestions for anything pertaining to The Distributor are always welcome. If you have sold an item, or no longer need your ad to appear, please let me know. Otherwise, **classified ads will run for 3 issues.** I can be reached by email at thedistributoreditor@gmail.com or by phone or text at (815) 666-6026.

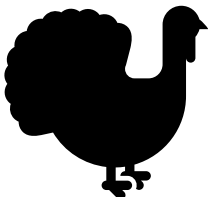
Remember, this is YOUR Newsletter!

SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME and ENCOURAGED –

We are always looking for cover features, photos, tech talks, jokes, humorous memes, seasonal recipes etc. Working on a project in your garage? Take some pictures and let us know about it.

Cover: 2/3 of all Union City (IN) Busses ever built were on display at The Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village. See more pictures on page 7.

2025/2026 Official Illinois Region Events Calendar

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Lakemoor Car Show 7	Newport Hill Climb 3-5	Turkey Dinner (Pritchett) 2	General Meeting/ BOD 9
General Meeting/BOD 9	Hershey Swap 7-10	General Meeting/BOD 11	Cookie Feast
Int'l Model A Day(worldwide)13	MAFCA Rt.66 Tour Sept.-13		MAFCA Awards Banquet 3-6
	General Meeting/BOD 14		
<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
General Meeting 13	General Meeting 10	General Meeting 10	General Meeting 14
<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
MARC Nat'l 11-14	MAFCA Nat'l -7	General Meeting 8	General Meeting 13
Finger Lakes	Pendleton OR	MARC National 12-16	
General Meeting 13	General Meeting 10	French Lick IN	
MAFCA Nat'l 31-			
Pendleton OR			

MARC Illinois Region Financials August 21, 2025 thru September 20, 2025

Intake	\$487.00	Exhaust	\$641.60
Membership Dues	\$95.00	Elks Club Meeting Rental	\$100.00
50/50 Raffle	\$88.00	Pizza and Pop Seniors	\$145.73
Randy Yockey Donation	\$200.00	Distributor Postage	\$31.20
2-Tickets Million \$ Quartet	\$104.00	Business Cards	\$262.21
		Meeting Refreshments	\$57.07
		Checks Ordered	\$45.39

Total in Account 7/21/2025: \$13,274.13
Total in Account 8/20/2025: \$13,119.53



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October – Director’s Corner

Greetings! As the crisp air and vibrant colors of October arrive, I want to extend warm greetings to each of you. This season offers us the perfect backdrop to enjoy scenic drives, connect with fellow Model A enthusiasts for cruises, and celebrate our shared love of our Model A cars.

In September, we participated in three successful car shows, showcasing our beautiful Model As. These events included the Grand Senior Living Car Show, Lakemoor Charity Car Show, and Cedarhurst Senior Living Car Show. I want to thank everyone who attended these events with their antique cars; it meant a great deal to the seniors to see the cars they grew up with, as well as to those who enjoy admiring Model As. At the September Director’s meeting, we discussed the upcoming officer elections for 2026. If you’re interested in joining the nomination committee or holding an office, please attend – we welcome your participation.

The Club has created QR code stickers for all members to attach to their club magnetic signs, making it easy for interested people to quickly access our website or Facebook page and join our club. Members can also use club business cards to refer potential new members – see me, and I’ll be happy to give you several cards.

There’s always something going wrong with our cars, so I suddenly noticed I had both a gas leak and an antifreeze leak beneath my car. My carburetor hadn’t leaked gas for 12 years, but suddenly it started to leak gas. I had my car at the barn, where we disassembled the carburetor, cleaned it, and adjusted the float; yet it still leaked. I found Glenn Pensinger on eBay (eBay calls it “Hole in the Wall”), who rebuilds carburetors, and I bought a rebuilt one. My new carburetor works perfectly. I found that the antifreeze leak was caused by a loose nut on the water pump and a loose clamp on the hose off the water pump. I now have no fluids on the floor—I know it’s unheard of, but I haven’t had a spot in my garage for the past two weeks. My wife is thrilled not to smell gas when she enters the garage – and so am I!

Before I conclude, I would like to thank our volunteer Garage Squad team for their work in helping many members with their cars, ensuring they can drive safely and confidently this driving season. We’re working through the list as quickly as we can, and I appreciate those on the list for their patience.

It’s always a great day when I’m driving my Model A!

-Bruce



Illinois Region Model A Club Business Meeting

Agenda For Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Meeting called to order

- o Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Romando
- o Director’s Message - Bruce
- o Approve the published March Meeting Minutes in The Distributor

Old Business

- o Update from the Garage Squad – Ron / Nick
- o Update on “Cedarhurst Senior Living Car Show” (Sept 11) – Ken/Ron/Bruce
- o Update Ladies Night Out Update - Lynne Payne / Vince
- o 11/2 - Turkey Dinner – Melinda
- o Please speak up if I missed an event or topic

New Business – Dan / Roger

- o Officer elections for 2026 – Director, Asst. Director, Treasurer & Secretary - Bruce
- o Other topics

Reports

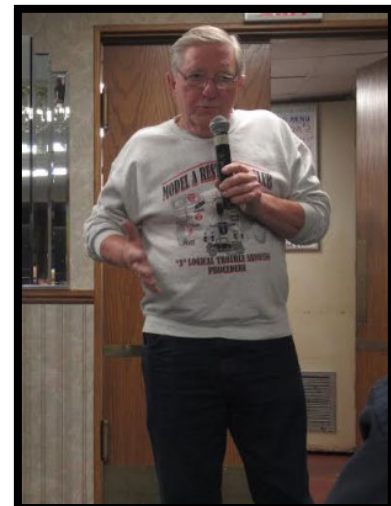
- o MARC National News - Ken
- o MAFCA National News – John Golanty
- o MAFFI (Ford Foundation) Update – Andy Stockinger
- o Assistant Director Report - Nick
- o Treasurer’s Report - Jerry
- o Membership update - Larry
- o Roster / Directory update – John Silvestri
- o “The Distributor” newsletter update - Matt
- o Webmaster update - Owen
- o Greeter – Melinda
- o Club apparel sales update (If Any) - Vince
- o Club swap/parts sales update (If Any) – Joe Romando

Raffle - (Joe Romando)

Motion & Second to Adjourn

Refreshments

Tech Talk – 2 tooth steering column conversion for the 1928-29 cars - Ron



Illinois Region Model A Club Meeting

Minutes Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm

- o Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Joe Romando
- o Welcome/Brief Announcements – Bruce Peterson – Article in The Distributor announcing Zelle and Venmo as payment options for Dues and other payments to the club.
- o Approval of July Meeting Minutes as per The Distributor 1- Frank Smith; 2- Mike Champion.

Old Business

- o Garage Squad – Two cars back on the road this month. Juan Machado - replaced the fuel line and some carburetor work. and Jerry Tiesch – Replaced the fuel line and carburetor.
- o Model A MARC Super Seminars Aug 13-15 – **Spray Painting**, led by Ken Ehrenhofer – painted a frame and other parts. **Differential Rebuilding**, led by Larry Shepard, MARC National Technical Director - took apart a differential and put Gene Levin's differential together. **Engine Rebuilding**, led by Jim and Andy Stockinger - took Dan Prithcett's engine apart and discussed what was needed to rebuild it. 20 people per seminar attended. Proceeds donated to MAFCA.
- o Barn A&T Swap meet- At Ken's house on August 16 th , there was a second location at Larry Sadoski's house. Proceeds of around \$2,000 will be donated to MAFFI.
- o Old Car Festival – Greenfield Village. Ken Ehrenhofer – A must see event for cars 1932 and older. Drivers will give rides to people who flag them down. Many different and interesting cars were there this year.
- o Friendly Ford Car Show (August 23) – Dan Pritchett – 377 cars showed up but there was only 1 food truck. The highlight was Randy's 1910 International Harvester Auto Wagon.
- o QR Codes – QR Codes were created to allow for quick access to information about the club. They are in small sticker form to attach onto the large Club magnetic signs; larger stickers for use elsewhere; and on business cards that can be handed out.
- o The Grand at Twin Lakes 9/6 - Mike Champion- 17 cars total with 6 Model A's in attendance.
- o Lakemoor Car Show – Steve Sarasin – Over 200 cars shown, two from our club. Would be nice to have more club participation next year.
- o Cedarhurst Senior Living 9/11, Woodstock, IL (Joe Schultz resident) 1-4 pm
- o Ladies Night Out – Lynne Payne. Event – Million Dollar Quartet at the Lincolnshire Marriott, Saturday November 9 th at 2 pm. \$52/ticket. Not just for the women, many couples have signed up already.

New Business

- o Announcements – Melinda Pritchett – 2 cards sent out. 45 members in attendance, 2 Model As and 1 Model T. Park on Park car shows, Wednesdays 4 – 8 pm in Mundelein through September.
- o Turkey Dinner – Dan Pritchett – November 9 th . Always a great event with participation from several other clubs. Look for the flyers for more information.
- o Painted Lady pictures will be selected for the calendar. Working to identify the individual cars. Please let Dan know the identifying

differences on your car, maybe the old license plate number or other item.

- o Officer Elections for 2026 – Director, Asst. Director, Treasurer, & Secretary – Bruce – putting together a nominating committee.
- o Other – Zelle and Venmo have been set up for club dues but the change sheet should be used to update any information changes. Club dues are \$25 for the email Distributor and \$35 for the both the email and the physical copy. Please pay your dues ASAP.

Reports

- o MARC News– Ken Ehrenhofer – Season is over with the National meet behind us.
 - o MAFCA News – John Golanty – National tour in Virginia battlefields tour, 800 miles in eight days, 115 Model A's. Tour in Iowa 9/15 – 9/19.
 - o MAFFI – Ken Ehrenhofer – Model A Days will be the Grand Reopening of the museum. Many special events planned.
 - o Asst Director Report – Nick Clancey. Mileage award miles end on 10/31 so get pictures of your odometers in.
 - o Membership – Larry Brandel. Current membership: 136 members. Two members have paid 2026 dues and they paid through Zelle! Guests: Gerald Doran (2nd meeting) 1929 AA, 1930 Tudor, 1956 Dodge Charger. Gerald needs help with the AA floor.
 - o Treasurer's Report – Jerry Tiesch. Intake \$1,22.98 and Exhaust \$1,371.64. Fund balance \$13,273.13
 - o "The Distributor" newsletter update – Matt Kusar– Link in the distributor to pay national dues and the QR Code to pay club dues with Venmo. Let Matt know if you have sold anything in the classifieds or want to list something. Looking for content, articles, pictures and jokes.
 - o Webmaster update – Owen Bassett - Will get Garage Squad videos on Facebook.
 - o Greeter – Milinda Pritchett – 45 Members signed in, 2 Model A's, 1 Model T.
 - o Club Apparel, etc. Vince Scalabrino – Discussion about getting club business cards with QR codes that link to the club website.
- Raffle** \$88 for the club.
- Motion & Second to Adjourn** 1) Mike Kochevar; 2) Jim Niermann
- Refreshments & Tech Talk:** Ken Ehrenhofer - Slide presentation from the Old Car Festival.

Officer Elections Are Coming Soon!

The time has arrived to announce that nominations and elections for the 2026 officers to lead our Model A Club will be happening soon.

Nominations for these positions are now open

- Director
- Assistant Director
- Secretary
- Treasurer

If you are interested in leading our club, please see Bruce Peterson or Nick Clancy.

Your participation helps shape our future and keeps the spirit of the Model A community alive and thriving.

The election will be held November 11 at the regular meeting.

Past Events

There were hundreds of cars for the 26th annual event, huge variety of vehicles but no Model A's (I drove my 1951 Nash Statesman Super "Minty", green color), many human & dog attendees, the weather was nice, food trucks this time, ... all made for interesting conversation/viewing while relaxing overlooking Lilly Lake. No award for me, the 50's Stock class as you can image was packed with cars, unfortunately few who judged recognized the Nash is an original car (100% paint, interior, seat covers, 55,000 miles,...) but they enjoyed the looks of it (bath tub, cartoon like, ...) and features (seats convert to a queen size bed, light weight at under 3,000 lbs while 17 feet long, tiny flat head 6 cylinder engine, 25+ miles to a gallon of gas ...) a true time capsule built in Kenosha that I recently found hiding in a Wisconsin barn.. -Steve Sarasin



Old Car Festival-Greenfield Village

This was my first visit to the old Car Festival but not my last. Such an amazing volume and variety of vintage cars. Here's a few of my favorites.



1904 Franklin



It was really cool to see this **26 Model T "The Silver Streak"**. This 'Chick Wagon' was featured in the December 2024 Distributor.



1905 REO



1912 Stanley



1899 Marot Gordon
The only one known to exist! →



Women's Suffrage March.

Pictures from Model A Days Thank you Mark Maron

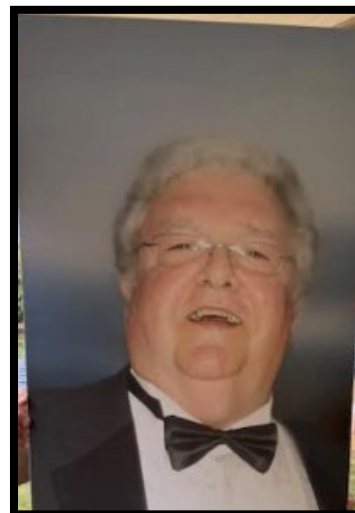
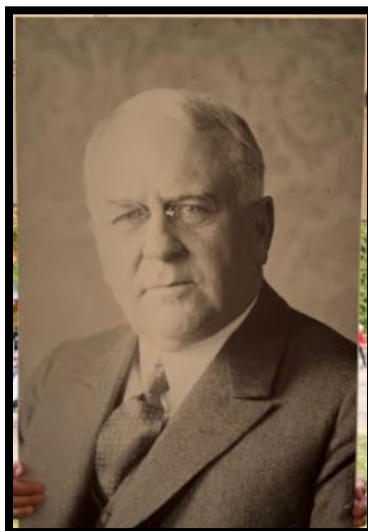


Museum expansion ribbon cutting.





New Inductees to the Model A Hall of Fame: Tim Kelly, James Couzens, Steve Hamilton and Roger Kauffman



Coming events



JOIN THE

Model A club on a fun filled night at the
Marriott Lincolnshire to see the Million
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On Saturday November 29th 2025 @
4:00 pm

Price is \$52 per person

Please RSVP to

Lynne Payne 847-951-4938

Paynemom337@gmail.com



2025 MAFCA NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET



Join us in
Mobile, Alabama

December 3 - 6

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel

Click on link below for the
Registration form

<https://tinyurl.com/2025-MAFCA-NAB>

Info Video - <https://youtu.be/uGqvKedfWTs>



In Mobile, we will celebrate our 2025
National Award Winners and meet the
2026 Board of Directors.

- Enjoy seminars by Sherry Winkhofer and Paul Shinn
- Hear the history of Alabama's roadways
- Tour the beautifully lit Gardens of Bellingrath, all decked out for Christmas
- Visit the USS Alabama and enjoy lunch under the planes
- Explore Mobile's history by Trolley

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Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Host Hotel: Delta Hotels by Marriott, 2747 S. 11th St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269.375.6000 (Booking NOT Open Yet)

For event Info, MAFFI Representative, Mark Maron 847-302-7900 or 2028MaffiCelebration@maffi.org

MAFFI SWEEPSTAKES

Win this 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton.

Enter the MAFFI

Sweepstakes Starting March 1st

Closing Date: October 10th, 2025

No Purchase Required!!

Through the generous donation of Gary and Laurie Mills, their 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton will be used in this year's sweepstakes. Their request was that the proceeds be used to fund the expansion of the Ford Model A Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

Drawing Date: October 25th, 2025

The winner does have the option to take \$15,000 instead.



Enter now and receive 20% more tickets for your donation, available at checkout.



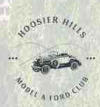
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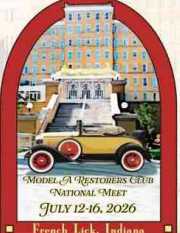
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2027 MAFCA National Tour

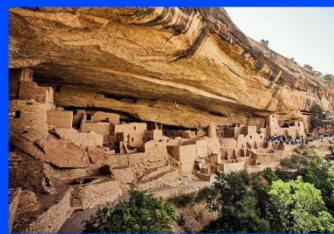
Durango, Colorado June 13 - 18, 2027

Tour Highlights

- *Aztec Ruins National Monument (New Mexico)
- *Mesa Verde National Park
- *Million Dollar Highway
- *Pagosa Springs/ Wolf Creek Pass
- *A day on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
- *Car Games
- *Ice Cream Social
- *Model A Car Display
- *Welcome and Farewell Dinners



Hosted by the Model A Ford Club of Colorado



2026 MAFCA National Convention

May 31 - June 7

Hosted by the Blue Mountain A's



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May-11-14, 2026

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*The Illinois Region Model A Restorers Club
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11th Annual Turkey Dinner (with all the trimmings)
Elburn Lions Community Park
500 Filmore Street – Elburn, IL 60119*

November 2, 2025 – 12:00 PM

\$36.00 Per Person – RSVP by October 17

Deserts are always appreciated

Name _____ Guest _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____
Region/Club _____

Mail check (payable to Illinois Region MARC/MAFCA) and send registration form to:

Melinda Pritchett
40W051 Sunflower, Elgin IL 60124
630-842-7065 / melindaborck@yahoo.com

Classified Ads

For Sale: 1930 Model A Deluxe Roadster \$26,500; V8 16" wheel with chrome ring, Wards Riverside Tire (6.00-16 4 ply) good condition \$150. Call for details Byron Collis (312) 405-1845

Wanted: 1930 radiator shell in good condition, I have an incorrect 1931 shell on my car. Willing to work out a deal. Also, in need of a Sparton horn in good or repairable condition, this will replace an old Washakie horn that came with the car. George Holdcroft (847)217-2339

For Sale: 1929 Model A Tudor Sedan. \$10,000 obo The car is black with camel interior and is in northwest side of Chicago. Parked in garage and currently not running. Owned by former club member Rich Casavechia. 773-860-9630

For Sale: 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan. \$10,000 obo The car is maroon and black with camel interior and is in Des Plaines. Nice driver, currently winterized. Chris 847 208-4753

For Sale: 31 Tudor older restoration. Not running, stored indoors for 20 years. Solid car no rust, nice laquer paint \$7,000. Call Joe Carlino (331) 454-0186 In Lombard. Restored by Rich Carlino (Joes father)

For Sale: From Peter Troosts Estate: 1930 Tudor \$9,500, 1930 Fordor \$9,500
1922 Model T Touring \$8,500, 1924 Model T Roadster \$9,000

Contact Becky Ferrie: 224-204-7283, ferriebecky@gmail.com

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-Humour section by Kyle Kusar-

Did you hear about the new book on constipation?
It hasn't come out yet

What do you call a sleepwalking nun?
A roamin' Catholic.

A lady went to her doctor for a checkup. The doctor asks her if she is having any problems. "Yes, doctor," she said. "I have to fart a lot. Fortunately, no one can hear them or smell them. In fact, I've broke wind twice since you came in and they were silent and odorless." The doctor nods and replied, "I can treat this problem with an over-the-counter medication, a prescription, and a referral. The medication will help your body produce less gas. The prescription will help you recover your sense of smell. I'm giving you a referral to an audiologist to see if they can help you hear better."

Where do you find a dog with no legs?
Wherever you left him.

A horse walks into a bar and the bartender says,
"Why the long face?"
The horse says, "my crippling alcoholism is
destroying my family."

At a restaurant a waiter yelled "Does anyone here
know CPR?" I yelled back "I know the whole
alphabet!"

Why shouldn't you kiss your spouse when you have
a runny nose?
While it may seem funny, it's snot.

My new car's got a gadget for everything. It even
has a rear wiper. I can't wait to try it.



My Opportunity to Play at the Field of Dreams - Reflecting on an Unforgettable Experience

The Magic of Stepping onto Hallowed Ground

There are moments in life that transcend ordinary experiences, leaving an indelible mark on the heart and soul. For me, one such moment was the opportunity to play at the Field of Dreams. Growing up, I had watched the classic movie more times than I could count, captivated by the legend of a place where dreams come to life, hope is renewed, and the love of baseball bridges generations. To finally set foot on that iconic field was nothing short of surreal.



A Dream Realized

As I walked through the cornfields and onto the emerald grass, the emotions were overwhelming. I could almost hear the echoes of the film's most iconic lines and feel the spirit of all those who had come before me, chasing their dreams between those baselines. The Field of Dreams is more than just a baseball diamond—it is a symbol of possibility, nostalgia, and the pure joy of the game.

Connecting with History and Tradition

Playing on this legendary field allowed me to connect with baseball's rich history in a tangible way. Every crack of the bat, every



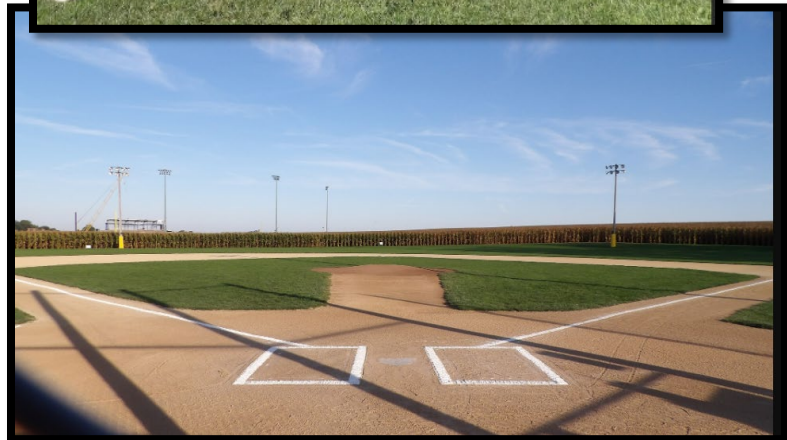
sprint to first base, felt infused with the energy of past heroes and the enduring love of the



sport. It was as if, for one afternoon, I became a part of that timeless story—one player among many, living out a cherished dream.

A Memory to Treasure Forever

My opportunity to play at the Field of Dreams is a memory I will hold dearly for the rest of my life. It was a reminder that, sometimes, dreams do come true—and when they do, they are even more magical than we could have imagined. Whenever I think back on that day, I am filled with gratitude, joy, and the unshakeable belief that special moments like this are what make life—and baseball—so extraordinary. **-Bruce**



Model A Hobbyists,

The air is just “electric” at the Model A Museum in Gilmore! You can feel the energy of Model A Days: the biggest and best yet! The Thursday evening ribbon cutting is sold out! The Friday evening dinner is sold out, and the Delta Hotel (host hotel) is sold out, but there are other hotel options in the area. Also, your time to enter the Sweepstakes for the 1928 Phaeton is running out; you need to enter by October 19, 2025. Like a traditional phaeton, this open car has no side windows, providing an open-air driving experience. Unlike a Ford Model A roadster, the Phaeton has four doors, allowing passengers access to the back seat. With an open design, the Phaeton was not as commonly purchased as other Model A body styles, so wouldn't it be fun to win this car? Go to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. page and click on Expansion and then Sweepstakes to be routed to enter. And lastly, my term on the board as a Trustee is up and John Grossheim, a young Model A Trustee, will be taking over as the Secretary for the MAFFI Board. He's from Ohio and his enthusiasm bubbles over for this hobby. I know you will look forward to his MAFFI Minute each month!

Cindy Ellenbecker
Trustee/Secretary



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

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

October 2025

MARC your calendars for the 2026 MARC National Meet at the magnificent French Lick Resort, July 12-16. Venture on tours to the Red Skelton Museum, historic New Harmony, and Jasper Engine plant. Or try classic adventures such as French Lick scenic railway, Patoka Lake cruises, and Amish/German country tours. For an active experience, enjoy the resort's new pickleball courts, quick-play (75 minute) 9-hole golf course, and West Baden bowling pavilion. This isn't just a Meet, it's a journey through history, full of Hoosier charm and new excitement!

All, we are compiling a list of members who have Model A mechanical knowledge and a desire to help other Model A owners or be a resource to MARC to answer questions from members either via email, phone call or through a MARC forum. Please email your information to Larry Shepard, including your name, phone number, email and include your area of expertise at marctech@modelarestorers.org. For example; Jim Zimmer, 614-353-8236, jwzimmer9119@gmail.com, tire pressure.

Regions, don't forget that ANY member of your Region who has never been a MARC member qualifies for a FREE 12 month membership (digital *Model A News*). Also, young adults age 18-25 not living at home qualify as well! It's easy to enroll. Just call 734-427-9050 during normal EST business hours.

Consider hosting a MARC national meet. Our national tours are very popular as there are no seminars, no swap meet, no judging, no formalities. Just drive your Model A and have fun! Contact any Board member for information and to get you started. Other Model Aers would love to see your part of the country in their cars! We're also looking for Regions to host Membership Meets—we do not have a host for 2027 yet and would be happy to assist with your questions and comments.



2026 Membership Dues Payment Announcement

As we begin another year together, we would like to take a moment to highlight a simple yet effective way you can help our organization continue to thrive by paying your annual membership dues. This year, we're pleased to offer two convenient payment options: Zelle and Venmo. We encourage you to make your dues payment process easier, faster, and more secure than ever. While Zelle and Venmo are our preferred methods, you can also pay by check or cash. One more thing, our treasurer (Jerry Tiesch) will receive notice of your payment and will provide our Membership Chair (Larry Brandel) with a list of those who paid either by Zelle or Venmo.

Why Pay with Zelle and Venmo?

Technology is transforming how financial transactions are conducted, and we are committed to keeping pace. By embracing digital payment platforms like Zelle and Venmo, our organization aims to make dues payments, event payments, and other transactions seamless for every member.

Step-by-Step Guide to Paying Your Dues

We understand that adopting new technology can feel daunting, but rest assured, Zelle and Venmo are built for simplicity. Here's how to pay your dues in just a few easy steps:

Paying with Zelle

- Download the Zelle app, or access Zelle through your bank's web or mobile app if supported.
- Register using your email or mobile number and link your bank account.
- Enter our organization's payment email or phone number provided in your dues notice – "treasurer.ilregion@gmail.com"
- Type in the amount of your annual dues and add a note with your name and write in the memo field the following: "2026 Membership Dues".
- Review and confirm your transaction. That's it, the payment will arrive instantly.

Paying with Venmo

- Download the Venmo app from your device's app store.
- Set up your account using your email and link your preferred payment method (bank account, debit, or credit card).
- Search or enter our organization's Venmo telephone number, which is – "773-405-5613"
- Enter your dues amount, include your name, and write in the Note field the following: "2026 Membership Dues", and submit your payment.
- You'll receive confirmation and can view your transaction in your Venmo activity.



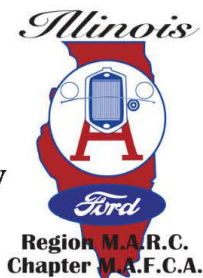
Henry Ford in the act of stamping the number on the first Model A motor completed on the Fordson motor assembly line, October 20, 1927.

Mr. Ford Numbers First Model A Car

As the first Model A Ford motor left the Fordson assembly line late in the afternoon of October 20, 1927, it was numbered by Henry Ford with a hand stamp and machine hammer. When finished, the first car, a Tudor sedan, was driven to the Dearborn Laboratory and put through a series of tests. Eventually this car will be placed in the Ford Museum.

Dues for year 2026 Membership Application

Dues must be paid by the end of **January**
to be an active member and receive
The Distributor or emails.



Model "A" Restorers Club Illinois Region
Illinois Chapter MAFCA



If **NO CHANGES** Please Check
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Other "A" s or Cars you own _____

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Our Basic Requirements are as follows:

Payment of Yearly Dues

Liability insurance on any vehicle antique or modern
that is used at a club function must be current

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

● **PAY WITH CHECK:**
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● **PAY WITH ZELLE:**
treasurer.ilregion@gmail.com

- Type in the amount of your annual dues and
add a note with your name and membership
details with payment.

● **PAY WITH VENMO:**
773-405-5613

- Enter your dues amount,
include your name and
membership details in the note,
and submit your payment.



All Region Members MUST be a member of either MARC or MAFCA National

National Membership Number MARC _____

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Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Referred By: _____

FROM THE BENCH

CHRIS WICKERSHAM

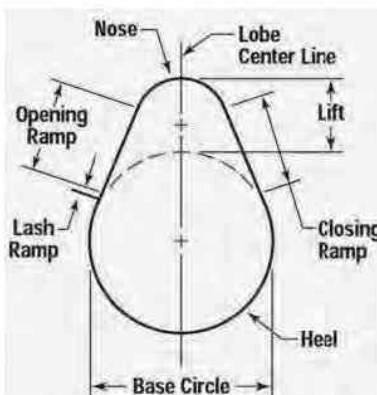
Adjusting Valves

Does your engine talk to you every time you start up your Model A? Do you hear a constant Clack-Clack-Clack as you drive down the road? If so, it is possible that your valves need adjusting. A constant click-click-click noise that increases in frequency as the speed of the engine increases may indicate one or more of your valves are a little loose. Valve noise should not be confused with timing gear or cam noise. Timing gear or cam noise usually only occurs at idle or very low engine speeds and will often go away as engine speed increases.

Some published procedures for adjusting Model A valves call for the crankshaft to be rotated until #1 piston is at the top of its compression stroke and then 4 valves can be adjusted. The crankshaft is then rotated 1 full turn and the other 4 valves are adjusted. This procedure MAY work with an original Model A cam but MAY NOT work with most re-ground, Model B or aftermarket cams. The problem is the clearance between the valve stem and the lifter (tappet) must be checked when the lifter is on the heel of the cam and not close to the cam lobe. With the "4 valves at a time" procedure, some lifters are very close to the actual lobe of the cam and the quieting ramp (lash ramp) portion of the lobe may be partly under the lifter. Adjusting the clearance while the cam lobe is in this position will result in incorrect valve lash.

Before we go on, let us review some modern cam design terminology. The "CAM LOBE" is the raised part of the cam that the lifter rides on that causes the valve to open and close as the cam rotates. The "LIFTER", also known as the "CAM FOLLOWER" or "TAPPET", rides on the "CAM LOBE" and contacts the end of the valve stem. As the "CAM LOBE" rotates under the "LIFTER", the "LIFTER" moves up and down causing the valve to open and close. "VALVE CLEARANCE" or "LASH" is the space or clearance between the end of the valve stem and the top of the lifter when the valve is in the closed position.

Valve "LASH" is necessary to insure that, when closed, the valve is tight on its seat and not held partly open by the "LIFTER". The "BASE CIRCLE" or "HEEL" of the cam is the round portion of the cam that is not part of the "LOBE". The "OPENING" and "CLOSING RAMPS" are the portions of the "LOBE" that raises and lowers the lifter.



Adjustable lifter

The "NOSE" is that part of the lobe that transitions between the "OPENING" and "CLOSING RAMPS". Now, as the cam rotates, just before the "OPENING RAMP" there is a "LASH RAMP" or as some of us old timers refer to as the "QUIETING RAMP. This "LASH RAMP" is designed to slide under the lifter and take up the valve "LASH" or clearance just prior to the "LIFTER" contacting the "OPENING RAMP". Taking up the "LASH" prior to raising the lifter results in quiet operation of the valves and lessens the wear on the lobe itself.

It is important when adjusting valve "LASH" to be sure the "CAM LOBE" is NOT in a position near the "LIFTER" and "LIFTER" is truly on the "HEEL" of the cam.

When adjusting valves, the following is the accepted procedure to insure the lifter is truly on the heel of the cam and not close to a lobe.

Start with #1 cylinder

FIRST, Rotate the crankshaft in the normal direction as when the engine is running (clockwise when standing at the front of the car) until the #1 cylinder EXHAUST VALVE JUST STARTS TO OPEN (when the valve just begins to lift off its seat). With the cam in this position, ADJUST THE INTAKE VALVE for #1 cylinder.

SECOND, Rotate the crankshaft until the #1 cylinder INTAKE VALVE JUST CLOSSES (when the valve just comes to rest on its seat). With the cam in this position, ADJUST THE EXHAUST VALVE for #1 cylinder.

Repeat this procedure for the other three cylinders.

When following this procedure, you will find the cam lobe for the valve being adjusted is almost pointing straight down and is not close to the lifter.

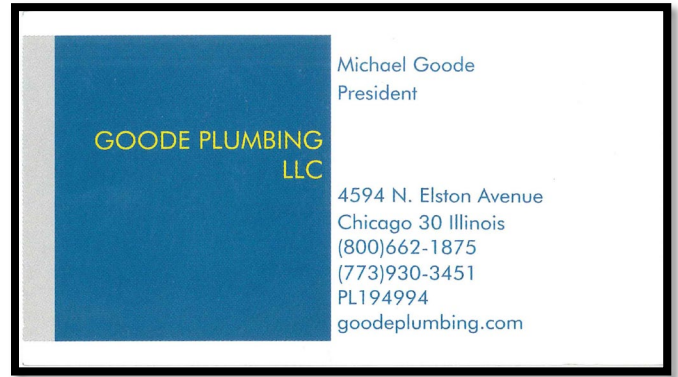
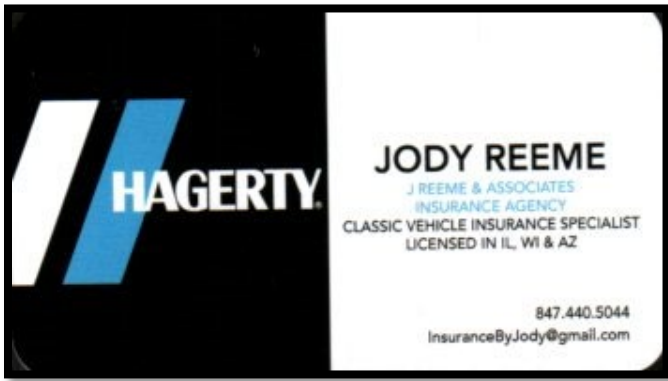
To summarize, "Exhaust opens- adjust Intake, Intake closes-adjust Exhaust".

If you are using new adjustable lifters, be sure there are no rough spots or burrs on the head of the adjusting screw where it contacts the end of the valve stem. A burr can lead to an incorrect lash measurement.

This procedure will help you be sure your valves will be nice and quiet and your Model A engine will not talk to you as you drive down the road.

Tech Tip

When assembling an engine, install the valves before installing the pistons. When adjusting the valves, it takes less effort to turn the crankshaft if the pistons are not in place. Before installing the valve springs, do an initial valve adjustment when the crankshaft is easier to turn. Just hold the valve down tightly with your thumb and measure the lash. After installing the springs, you should find the lash is correct or would only need a very slight



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