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# Míke's Message

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL,

Carol and I are looking forward to seeing all of you this month. I am almost back to normal but am 100 times better than I was for the last couple months. We are very thankful to all of you that sent a card and prayed for my health. This will be a Merry Christmas for our family.

We are also very excited to have you all come to our home on December 14th at 3pm. If you would like to participate in the Mr. Right Story we will be using a \$20 grab bag. Feel free

to bring a dessert or a side we will handle the main course.

Also, I know that we have been absent but if you would like to bring a gift for the kids donation we will gladly bring it to the center. I am sorry that we didn't have someone bring this up before, but we honestly didn't think about it.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the December 1st pizza party. Thanks to John and Pat.

Mike

# Treasurer's Report by Carol Healy



Beginning Balance November 3, 2025 \$2,728.16

Income

Banquet \$600.00

Total Income \$600.00

**Expenses** 

Scrementi's (Banquet) \$394.75

Total Expenses \$394.75

"The general purpose of the **Calumet Region Model** "A" Restorer's Club shall be to encourage its members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit and make use of the Ford Model "A" automobile, model years 1928 through 1931, and all things pertaining to the Ford Model "A", and to promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship among M.A.R.C. members." You need not own a Model "A" Ford!

# **Business Meeting November 6, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. Officer present was John Hoffman.

#### SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes of the September meeting were read by Marge Vetterick in Karen Kats absence. A motion to approve was made by Pat Marshall seconded by Marsha LeMere. Motion approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of November 3,2025 is \$2728.16 A motion to approve was made by Wally Healy, seconded by Lora Rossi. Motion approved

#### VICE PRESIDENT/EDITORS REPORT

John Hoffman reported the next breakfast fun will be on Saturday November 15 at 9a.m at Kingsberry restaurant in Flossmoor.

#### PRESIDENTS REPORT

No Presidents report

#### <u>HISTORIAN REPORT</u>

Art LeMere read the Chatter from the year 1976. Meeting were held at Capital Savings and Loan at 95th and Pulaski. Dues were \$8.00 National and \$5.00 local. Director was Bob Reiner. Assistant Director Mel Barthelemy, Secretary was Dale DeKok and Treasurer Ilene Spoolstra. January there was a get together at Svobodas Tavern in Chicago Heights. March was Swap meet, April there was overnight to Little Hershey swap meet in Rockford, Ill. June was a hot dog rally, a car show at Ford City Mall with 18 cars

on display. Mall management paid our club \$400.00. July was July 4th parade with 11 Model A's in attendance. Also a trip around Lake Michigan(4 Model A's, 3 modern cars, 21 people and 1200 miles). August was Momence car show, John Tichan Picnic, Baseball game with Illinois Region. Calumet Region lost. September we had a gas economy run and an overnight trip to Pontiac, II. October we had garage tour of 3 garages, Awards banquet in November at Glendora House. \$14.00/person. December was Christmas party. For Sale: 1930 Tudor body only \$75.00,1941 Fordor sedan \$695.00, 1946 Ford \$600.00, 1931 Model A pickup disassembled \$2000.00

#### **MAFFI**

John Marshall reported nothing new except some members of the club are going to the Model "A" Museum to decorate for Christmas on November 19th.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Hayride featured really good food but also it was very cold outside.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Seats are reserved for concert at Olivette for 12/6. \$13.00 per person. Please contact Carol Healy

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made at 7:31 by Diane Zuidema seconded by Judy Gerhardt. Motion approved

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Vetterick

# **Club Events 2025-2026**

## **December**

1st - Business Meeting / Pizza Party

14th - Christmas Social, 3:00pm

20th - Breakfast Run

# **January**

4th-Business Meeting

17th- Breakfast Run

## **February**

2nd - Business Meeting

14th - Breakfast Run

## March

2nd - Business Meeting

14th - Breakfast Run

# **April**

6th - Business Meeting

18th - Breakfast Run

# Breakfast Run

Saturday, December 20th @ 9:00 am

# Ashford House

7959 W. 159th Street Tinley Park, Illinois



# Holiday Pizza Party December First Business Meeting 7:00 PM Bring a Dessert to Share

# December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Business Meeting	2 The Model "A" was introduced in 1927	3	4	5	6 Christmas Concert
7 Happy Birthday Eric Niefeldt	8	9	10Happy Birthday Ron Clausing	11	12	13
14 Christmas Social	15	16	17	18	19 Happy Birthday Jim Agnos	20 Breakfast Run
21 Happy Birthday Frank Ambrose	22	23	24	Christmes	26	27
28	29	30	YEARS EVE			



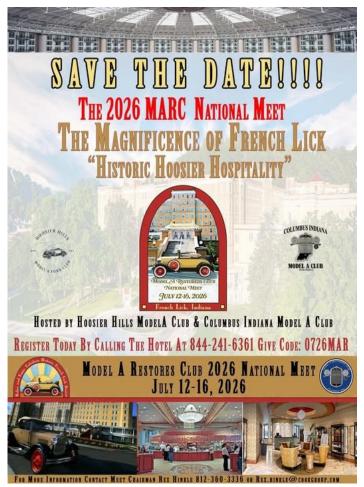
# "Sounds of the Season: Adore" Concert

December 6, 2025 2:00pm
Olivet Nazarene University
Hawkin Centennial Chapel
One University Avenue
Bourbonnais, IL
Arrive before 1:30 to facilitate parking.
After the concert dinner will be at
Aurelio's Pizza, 1600 N Convent St.,
Bourbonnais, IL



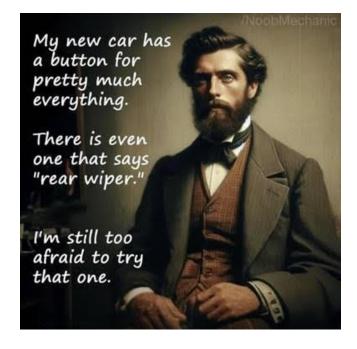
If you wish to participate in the Gift Exchange Left/Right Game, bring a gender specific wrapped gift. The price of the gift should be around \$20.











# Calumet Region Decorates the Model "A" Museum for the Holidays







# Calumet Region Annual Banquet









## 10 Signs You're Doing Well in Life

- 1 You have a roof over your head.
- 2 You ate today.
- 3 You have a good heart.
- 4 You wish good for others.
- 5 You have clean water.
- 6 Someone cares for you.
- 7 You strive to be better.
- 8 You have clean clothes.
- 9 You have a dream.
- 10 You're breathing.

Be Thankful For The Little Things





# Model "A" Winter Storage Tips



- 1. Change the oil and lubricate the chassis.
- Wash and wax the exterior, including the chrome.
- Vacuum and wash the interior and apply a protectant such as Armorall on all vinyl, rubber and plastic parts.
- 4. Fill the fuel tank to prevent moisture from forming and rusting the tank.

Add a gasoline stabilizer. Fuel spoils after 30 days (source: Road & Track.com).

- Make sure the battery is fully charged.
- Be certain that the cooling system is filled with a sufficient amount of good-quality antifreeze to protect from rust and freezing.
- Spray the chassis parts that may rust with a rust inhibitor such as W/D-40.
- 8. Drive the car before storage to be sure that all parts are well lubricated.
- It may be desired to raise the car off the tires to prevent flat spotting, but adding about fifteen or twenty more pounds of pressure to the tires will help considerably.
- 10. Do not set the parking brake for a long period of storage, as the drums could rust and seize the shoes. The brakes could also stick from rust or moisture.
- 11. The car should be covered to prevent damage from birds, cats and bugs. If the car is to be stored inside, use a breathable cover to prevent moisture from forming and creating more problems than no cover at all. If the car is outside, of course, it must have a waterproof cover or moisture will collect and attack the chrome and body.
- 12. I put a wad of steel wool loosely in the tailpipe to discourage chipmunks & mice from taking up residence in the muffler.

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# THE running BOARD REPORT

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

#### December 2025

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.

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!

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 or to Jim Zimmer at 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.

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!

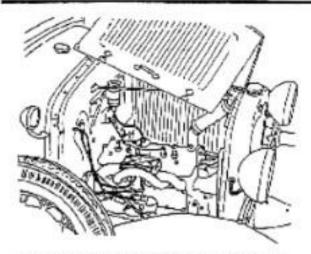
# **MARC** Mileage Program

Don't forget to give your end of year mileage to Jerry LeMere.

### 2026 Annual Dues

Dues are \$30 and must be received by the treasurer, Carol Healy, before the March 2026 meeting to keep getting the "Chatter"

# Manifold Cookery



The Phoenix Model A Club has published a cookbook. "Cooking with Henry's Ladies," as a lundraising project under the direction of members Carole and Gary Jones. Copies are available for \$6.50 postpaid by writing. Phoenix Model A Club. c/o Treasurer. F.O. Box 35702, Phoenix, AZ 85069.

Included are sections on appetizers & dips; salads, vegetables, main dishes, breads, rolls & muffins, desserts, cookies & candles, beverages & miscellaneous, and the Model A'ers favorite: "Manifold Cookery,"

Same tips offered about manifold cooking include:

- The food never touches the engine.
- TRIPLE WRAP each food package in aluminum foil. Use enough foil to completely enclose the food, with enough left over to fold a flat seam the full length, and across the ends of the package. Then do it again, twice more! Seal each layer tightly.
- While the engine is still cold, secure the foil-wrapped packages firmly to the exhaust manifold itself, where the cooking heat will be greatest, using baling wire. (Every Model A has baling wire in the tool chest, doesn't #?)
- The cooking times shown are approximate. The engine block of a Model A never reaches
  the boiling point of water as you drive, but the
  exhaust manifold can reach temperatures at least
  twice that high. Err on the high side, or allow extra
  driving time to be sure.
- Experiment. There are lots of possibilities.
   Remember that this method of cooking is more like braising than broking or baking. The food is cooked in the hot juices or liquids inside the foil puckages, and not seared or baked on the manifold.

Above all, try it! Enjoy one more aspect of your Model A.

THE RESTORER - JULYAUG 1992

#### Blackened Roadfish

(Distance: 50 miles)

b. firm white fish fillets, out thin

Your choice of premixed "Gaiun" spices

At home, cover the fish on both sides with a heavy byer of spices, pressing them in with your hands. Place on foil, spread with butter and wrap tightly. Cook about 25 minutes per side.

#### Roadside Stew

(Distance: 85 miles)

1/4 lb. meat (any kind),

Sait & papper (to taste).

out in 1/2° c ca 3 vagetables of choice

(potatoes, orions, carrots, etc.), cut in 1/2" dice

At name, mix ingredients and wrap in foil. Put foil-wrapped package on the manifold and drive 1-1/2 hours, turning package once.

#### Interstate 10 Chicken Wings

(Distance: 140-200 miles)

19 chicken wirgs

3 cloves garlic, minced

1/2 c. catsup

1 T. pregano

1 c. red wine vinegar

1 tsp. red pepper tiakes

4 to 6 jalapeno peppers (more for really hot) Salt (to taste)

At home, place chicken wings in a bowl. Blend the remaining ingredients in a second bowl and then pour over the chicken wings. Cover tightly and refrigerate 24 hours, stirring uccasionally. Drain wings, retaining mannede liquid, and divide them among three sheets of foll. Brush with remaining marinade. Cook from Phoanis to Tucson. Total cooking time will be about 2-1/2 hours. If they aren't done at Tucson, drive on to Tombetone or Sierra Vista.

#### Rumbleseat Cabbage

(Distance: 55 miles)

1 am, green cabbage

2 cubes beef bouillon

1 b. ground beef

2 cans tomato soup

1 a. unapplied rise

Salt & pepper (to taste)

At home, separate the leaves of the cabbage, discarding the tough outer ones and removing the inner ones intact. Drop into boiling water. After 10 minutes, drain and rinse with cold water. Dook beel in a skillet, breaking up with a spoon, until pink color is gone. Do not drain fat. Meanwhile, cock rice in 2 cups of water along with the bouillon cubes until water is absorbed and rice is done. Combine rice, meal and 1 can soup (do not add water) and season with sall and peoper. One by one, lay a blenched cabbage leaf flat, drop some stuffing on it and roll up, forming a neat bundle with both ends seared. Repeat until you run out of cabbage or stuffing. Place the rolls on fall in pairs, smearing each with a generous amount of soup from the second can. Wrap. Find a good place for them on the manifold and drive for about 1 hour.

#### MAFFI MINUTE - Newsletter November

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 De Luxe Delivery which was originally used by a funeral home to haul flowers. The name of the funeral home is written on the side of the van. His family has owned this since 1940 with his grandfather using it for his general store. This will be used during Model A Days to demonstrate corn shelling since it has a power take-off system for a belt.

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, Trustee and Secretary of MAFFI





I'm great at multi-tasking. I can waste time, be unproductive and procrastinate all at once

"What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for new job the next day!" Script "A" News; Mark Kendall, Editor

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## SEARS Say

"We Save You 1/3" Here's Proof:

ARTICLE	Usual Deal- ers' Price	PRICE
Radiator Grille	\$10.00	\$3.79
Rear View Mirror	.75	.35
BOYCE Motometer	6.00	4.19
Auto Clock.	12.00	6.95
Radiator Ornament	3.00	1.69

# These NEW IMPROVEMENTS **ON YOUR CAR**

Here are Rear View Mirrors for SAFETY; clocks for CONVENIENCE; sun-shields for COMFORT, and radiator ornaments for BEAUTY Every item on this page is right up to the minute in style, and is priced to make you a real, substantial saving. We Pay Postage on Orders of \$2.00 or more.

#### Big Value—Mirror-Clock Combination

Here is a value of which we are justly proud! Mirror is high quality plate glass, beveled edges. (Clock included). Size, 23%x7 in. Use your present bracket. Shpg. wt., 6 oz. 28F8334...



#### **NO-GLARE Rear View** Mirror



For All Cars

Amber colored, bevel edge mirror reflects without blinding. Complete with bracket and screws for open or closed cars.

28F9550—Size, 2½x6 in.

Sh	ipping weight.	1 lb.	40C
	28F9555-	-Clear glass	instead of No-
Gl	are. Size, 2 1/2x	7 in. Shog, w	t 1 lb 35c
Sh	ipping weight.	-Clear glass.	Size, 21/4x9 in.
	28F9569-	-No-Glare gl	ass only. Size.
234	ax6 in. Shippir	ng weight, 6 o	z22c



#### **Hinge Mirror** Fits Most Cars

Handsome 4-inch beveled glass mirror in brass frame, all metal parts Chromium on left door hinge and pro-o the rear and left of your car Adjustable to all angles. 28F9558—Shpg. wt., 11/2 lbs \$1.69



Rear Vision Mirror for Trucks
While compulsory in many states, this rear view mirror on sturdy 18-inch bracket. Easily attached. A real convenience and safety device. 28F9564—Shpg. wt., 1½ lbs... 59c



Permits 360 degrees of vision. Brings into view, front, back and rear sides without turning your head. 2½x12 inches. Use present rear view mirror bracket. Made of clear, glareproof and shatterproof glass with beveled edges and rounded corners. An investment in safety.

28F9563—Postpaid. \$4.95



#### **Chromium Tire** Mirror



Chromium Fender
Mirror
Mirror
Finest French plate glass, beveled edge Metal parts of heavy bras action of the process of the p



#### Headlight Visors

Bright chromium plated visors direct the light where it is most needed. Easily adjusted to proper angle. Shpg. wt., 8 oz. 28F8725—Pair. ... 48C



Anti-Glare Visor
An opaque, Fabrikoid
shield. Stops all glare from
sun or headlights. Makes
driving safer. Hinges to top
of car. Easily installed.
car. Easily installed.
28F9452
Shpg. wt. 13 lbs... 85c



Newl Classy! Full chromium.
Gives V-shaped radiator effect.
Shpg. wt., 8 oz.
28F9572
For Model "A" Fords... 45c

#### **GOLD-GLOW Mirror** and Clock Combined

Handy rear view mirror and 30-hour clock combination. You see the time when you look into the mirror. Oblong gold-backed mirror, 2½x7 in. is of the No-Glare type. At end is mounted an excellent timekeeper—a worthwhile value at this exceedingly low price. Without bracket—install in your present mirror bracket. ent mirror bracket.

28F8339-Postpaid ... \$2.59



Mounts on Dash
A genuine 8-day Radium Dial, New Haven
Clock, readable day
and night! Product of
a nationally known
clock company. Guaranteed unconditionally
against all defects in
material or workmanship. Accurate and dependable. Easily installed above windshield or on instrument board. Dustproof case, depth, 1 in.; diameter, 2½
in. Nickeled brass case, Chromium
plated rim. A real high quality clock at
a low price.

a low price. 28F8335—Postpaid....\$6.95



Aerophane
Ornament
Lighted cabin
Type. Fropeller
spipe. F



Modernistic
Racing Dog
Beautiful, chromium plated
symbol of speed. Very classy,
yet oprice.
2876081—Ea. Shpg wt., 11b. 79c
2876082—Chromium plated bolt for
attaching. Shpg. wt., 2 oz. 10c

Winged Siren Modernistic radiator ornament, full chromi-um plated. Highly or-namental. Shpg. wt., 1½ lbs. 28F9593. .....



The Latest! RADIATOR GRILLES

#### NO-GLARE Mirror

#### Low Priced **High Quality** Dash Clock

Attractively priced yet made under the standards of the New Haven Clock Company. 30-hour movement with or without luminous figures, stem wind; stem set. Butler satin finish with unbreakable crystal. Easily installed above windshield or on dash. Size, 2½ by 3½ in. Shpg. wt., 6 oz. 28F8336 Plain Dial. \$1.35

28F8331 — Same but luminous figures on black dial............\$1.89

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plane in the sky. Sturdily
built. Chromium plated.
Jewel in nose of propeller,
which has wing spread of 7 in.
Shipping weight, 1½ ibs.

28F6084—Each. 69C
28F6092—Chromium plated bott for
attaching. Shpg. wt., 2 oz. 10c

Egyptian Duck Up to the minute in design.
Full chromium plated.
28F9592
Shpg. wt., 1 lb......98c



#### A WATCH DOG FOR YOUR MOTOR

ROYCE Distance Type Moto-meter





Postpaid

Have your motor temperature gauge right in front of you where you cannot fail to notice it day or night. Tested and Passed by the U. S. Bureau of Standards. Easy to install. Temperature element fits in water hose and is connected to electrically illuminated dial indicator by means of metal tubing. Full directions furnished.

28F8188—Clamps to steering column. For all cars.

Postpaid

28F8187—Same but with temperature element that replaces cylinder head bolt or a plug in the engine block. Installation easily made without cutting or drilling. For Chrysler, DeSoto, Dodgs, Ford, Plymouth and Whippet. State make of car. Fostpaid. Postpaid

#### **BOYCE Moto-meter**







Beautiful and distinctive. Chromium plated, winged wheel ornament with crystal onyx balls. Cap locked on. Instructions for attaching.

28F9581—Model "?" Ford or \$1.80 cray cars. Shgg. wt. 1½ ibs. ... \$1.80 cray cars. Shgg. wt. 1½ ibs. ... \$1.89 creept 1928-31. Shgg. wt. 1½ ibs. ... \$1.80 creept 1928-31. Shgg. wt. 1½ ibs. ... \$1.

28F9584—For 1928-31 Chevrolet.
Postpaid.
28F9585/8—For other cars including.
1930-31 Model "A" Ford. Will not fit Build.
1929. Shipped from factory in NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS. State make, model and year of car. Postpaid.
\$2.35

#### **Modern Design**



Gas Tank Cap



Splashprof. Chain and wire prevents loss of cap. Fits Buick 23-28. Chrysler 50-1928-30, Chevrolet 1926-30, DeStot 19-29-31, Dodge '29-31, Essex 1th-2-30, Nash '20-30, Oakland' '27-30, Plysex 1th-2-30, Nash '20-30, Statebaker' '20-30, Willys Kat. '29-31. Statebaker' '20-30, Willys Kat. '29-31. Shpg. wt., 2 oz.

Genuine Onyx Balls for Gear Shift

Finest Imported Pedrara Onyx. Uhusual hardness, lovely veining and rare colors. Shpg. wt., 6 oz.

28F1667—For cars except Ford... 69C

\*28F1687—Bushing for above.

Shpg. wt., ½ oz. 3e 28F1668—For Model "A" Ford.

#### Gear Shift Lever Extension

About 2 inches long. Has %-inch hole in one end which fits Ford model "A." and %-inch hole in other end fitting Chevrolet Six. Fits most other cars. Measure diameter of thread on your gear shift lever.

28F1653 Shpg. wt., 2 oz.

Sears, Roebuck and Co.





# Members Moments

Keeping in touch

# Happy Birthday

Eric Niefeldt December 7th

Ron Clausing December 10th

Jim Agnos December 19th

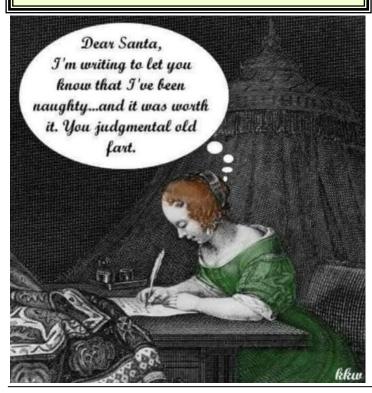
Frank Ambrose December 21st

# Happy Anniversary

John & Pat Marshall December 4th Ron & Mary Lou Clausing Dec. 31st

#### Thinking about.....

Please remember our friends who are struggling with health problems.















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# Model A Restorer's Club Registration

6721 Merriman, Garden City, Michigan 48135

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

Membership Dues: Regular Mail U.S. \$50

Canada \$60, International \$70 for the calendar year

Includes 6 issues of Model A News over a calendar year, U.S. funds only

Name (Print)	Spouse's Name			
Address	City	State	Zip	
Phone Number	email	10.00		
	OK to list phone number in club ros	ter? (yes or no)		
	Ok to list email in club roster?	(yes or no)		
Circle one: Check / Vis	sa / MasterCard / Discover / card	d number		
EXP date	3 digit code on bacl	k of credit card	70 Z	
Signature				
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# The Chatter

CALUMET REGION, MODEL 'A' RESTORER'S CLUB



Thinking of those who are less fortunate during Christmas



The Calumet Region of the Model "A" Restorer's Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model "A" Ford automobile. Yearly dues for National membership are \$50.00 and Region membership is \$30.00 to publish "The Chatter" and to cover operating expenses. Want-ads are published free to members only in "The Chatter". Normally, business meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at the Chicago High School for Agriculture Sciences, Library, 3857 W. 111th Street, Chicago, IL. at 7:00 PM sharp. Business meeting date may be subject to change.