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The Prez Sez

Happy New Year! This is my first "Prez Sez" column as your new president, and I just want to thank everyone for entrusting me with this responsibility. I want to thank Troy Dalsing for doing an excellent job as our president the last two years, and we look forward to seeing how his new endeavor – the Special Fundraising Committee – progresses soon! I also want to thank John Haack for all of his hard work the last three years as our treasurer. Thankfully, these



two are not going away, and we will see them at several of our events this year. Please join me in thanking them for their service to our club when you see them in the New Year.

Thanks also to all our current board members for stepping up and serving our club for 2026. I very much look forward to working with all of you this year. We are excited to continue to build our club and plan some exciting events and tours with our Model As. Please support the club especially as we start off the new year.

Check out our 2026 Event/Touring Calendar in this month's newsletter! As you can see, we have a lot of fun activities planned. I encourage everyone to begin adding our events and tours to your calendars so we can have a great turnout. Our first event for this year will be a club breakfast at Big View Diner on Wed., Jan. 7th (thank you, Manny!). Please RSVP to Manny if you are going so the restaurant can have a count of attendees. (I will send out a reminder to RSVP on Jan. 5th). Then on Monday, Jan. 19th, we will have our first general meeting for this year at Golden Corral (thank you, Glenn & Carrie, for hosting!). At this meeting, Mike Burns will educate us on the tax consequences of making charitable contributions to the club, whether you itemize deductions on your tax return or take the standard deduction. On Jan. 24th, we will be at Jim Townsend's shop, where we'll try to start Troy's 1928 Phaeton! It hasn't run in almost 15 years!

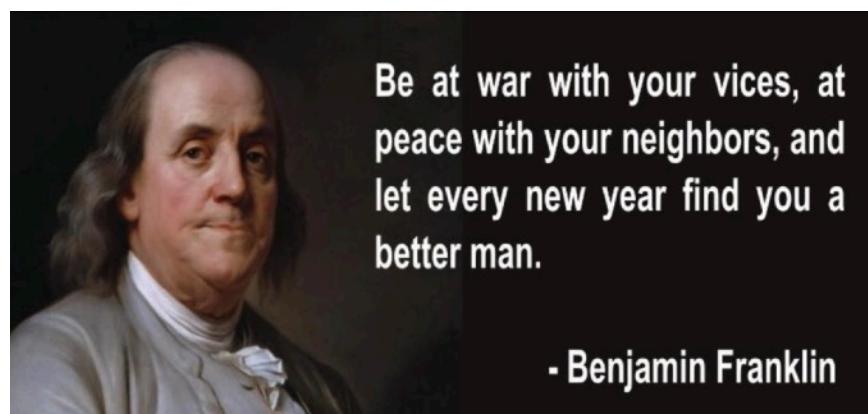
Wasn't the Christmas party fun?! We had the largest number of attendees (54) at the December meeting/party. A good time was had by all, and the White Elephant gift exchange was the highlight of our gathering again. Thanks again to Carrie for decorating the tables and helping make our gathering a festive occasion. And thanks to everyone who came and participated in all the fun!

Your annual dues are due! Please make sure to pay your annual dues of \$25 no later than Jan. 15th. After this date, you will be removed from the active roster and email list. Payments can be mailed to: Mike Burns, P.O. Box 35409 Charlotte, NC 28235 with \$25 check to QCMAC, or digitally send your \$25 via Zelle to 704-491-9271 through your bank's website, or app, with your name and "QCMAC dues" in the memo section.

I look forward to hanging out with everyone in 2026!

See you on the road,

Brad



CLOUDS & SUNSHINE

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Keep the members below in your special prayers:

Ola Mae Matthews, who lost her husband, Vann, in 2025.

Carl Adams, as his Parkinson's disease limits his mobility.

Ron and JoAnn Bryant both with health problems.

Frank Gerosa, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Dwight Jackson, who is recovering from knee surgery.

Sandeep Berry, who is recovering from foot surgery.

"You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do."

– Henry Ford

Submitted by Larry Long



Successful Model A Clubs have two common ingredients:

- 1) They have members who will plan events, and
- 2) volunteers to assist in running the organization.

These are necessary ingredients!!



JANUARY HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



Kalei Unea Jan. 6
 Rosanna Goodrich Jan. 10
 Amy Jackson Jan. 12
 Tammy Shewbridge Jan. 13
 Beth Johnston Jan. 14
 Rob Roberson Jan. 18
 Frank Gerosa Jan. 19
 Ola Mae Matthews Jan. 30
 Lynne Stoll Jan. 30

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Breakfast @ Big View Diner: Jan. 7
at 9 a.m. Host: Manfred Kothe.

General Meeting @ Golden Corral:
Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. Don't miss a special presentation by Mike Burns on Tax Deductibility of Donations. Host: Carrie & Glenn Swann.

1928 Phaeton Start Up: Jan. 24,
from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Jim's Shop.
Host: Jim Townsend & Troy Dalsing.



Breakfast @ Big View Diner: Feb. 4
at 9 a.m. Host - Manfred Kothe.

General Meeting @ Longhorn Steakhouse: Feb. 16 @ 6 p.m. Host: Danny Enos & Ann Finger.

DECEMBER 2025 QC MAC REVIEW OF CHECKBOOK

Beginning Balance as of Dec. 1, 2025:
\$5690.60

Income:

Membership renewals (10)	\$250.00
Advertising Income	\$100.00
December 50/50	\$133.00
Donation to general fund	\$25,000

Expenses:

MAFCA Directors & Officer Insurance	\$75.00
Christmas Dinner	\$1,778.94

Ending Balance as of Dec. 31, 2025: **\$29,319.66**

**QC MAC Youth Center Savings Account Balance
as of December 2025:** **\$36,000**

At General Meetings, dinner begins approximately at 6 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. There is a chance to buy raffle tickets for the 50/50 raffle, so bring cash! Some members arrive around 5:30 p.m. to chitchat first. Remember to wear your name tag if you have it!

QCMAC 2026 CALENDAR

<p>January</p> <p>7th QCMAC Breakfast 9:00 am @ Big View Diner; Host – Manfred Kothe</p> <p>19th General Meeting 6:00 pm @ Golden Corral; Mike Burn's Presentation on Tax Deductibility of Donations; Host – Carrie & Glenn Swann</p> <p>24th 1928 Phaeton Start Up; 10 am @ Jim's Shop. Host—Jim Townsend</p>	<p>February</p> <p>4th QCMAC Breakfast 9:00 am @ Big View Diner; Host – Manfred Kothe</p>	<p>March</p> <p>16th General Meeting 6:00 pm @ Sports Page; Host – Brad & Jane Fisher</p>	<p>April</p> <p>8th Breakfast 9:00 am @ Big View Diner; Host – Manfred Kothe</p> <p>9th-11th Hornets Nest Auto Fair TBD QCMAC Car Show @ White Home; Host – Rhea Farris</p> <p>20th General Meeting 6:00 pm @ Showmars; Host – Bruce & Jane Hyland</p> <p>24th-25th Mystery Tour; Host – Paul Crosby & Danny Enos</p>
	<p>16th General Meeting 6:00 pm @ Longhorn Steakhouse; Host – Danny Enos & Ann Finger</p>	<p>28th Very Berry Ice Cream Day Tour, TBD; Host – The Berrys</p>	
	<p>21st Cobweb Shop Time; Host – Jim Townsend</p>		
<p>May</p> <p>1st & 2nd – Model A Youth Tour; Host – Troy Dalsing</p> <p>18th General Meeting 6:00 pm @ Golden Corral; Host – Matt & Nancy Gustafson</p> <p>23rd Bean Bag Baseball Tour; Host – Danny Enos</p>	<p>June</p> <p>10th Breakfast 9:00 am @ Big View Diner; Host – Manfred Kothe</p> <p>15th General Meeting 6:00 pm @ Longhorn Steakhouse; Host – John & Bertha Haack</p> <p>26th-28th Proposed Tour TBD; Host – Kevin Heimbaugh</p>	<p>July</p> <p>9th-11th Tour to MARC National Meet in French Lick, IN; Lead – Troy Dalsing</p> <p>12th-16th MARC National Meet 20th General Meeting 6:00 pm @ Sports Page; Host – Bob Wessmiller</p>	<p>August</p> <p>5th Breakfast 9:00 am @ Big View Diner; Host – Manfred Kothe</p> <p>17th General Meeting 6:00 pm @ Showmars; Host – Lentz & Yankees</p> <p>21st-22nd Shade Tree A's Swap Meet Tour; Host – Troy Dalsing</p>
<p>September</p> <p>4th-6th Hornets Nest Auto Fest</p> <p>9th Breakfast 9:00 am @ Big View Diner; Host – Manfred Kothe</p> <p>21st General Meeting 6:00 pm @ Golden Corral; Host – Geoff & Clare Leek</p> <p>25th-27th Beach Tour; Host – Karsen, Heather, Claude</p>	<p>October</p> <p>7th Breakfast 9:00 am @ Big View Diner; Host – Manfred Kothe</p> <p>10th Little Brown Jug Tour; Host – Widners & Dalsing</p> <p>19th General Meeting 6:00 pm @ Showmars; Host – Jim & Laura Silver</p> <p>TBD Spirit of Wilkes; Host – Greg Jackson</p>	<p>November</p> <p>4th Breakfast 9:00 am @ Big View Diner; Host – Manfred Kothe</p> <p>8th Veterans Day Tour; Host – Kalei Unea</p> <p>16th General Meeting 6:00 pm @ Sports Page; Host – Kevin & Donna Heimbaugh</p>	<p>December</p> <p>TBD Denver, NC Parade</p> <p>7th Christmas Party @ Longhorn Steakhouse, 6:00pm; Host—Jean & Larry Long</p> <p>TBD Harvey Hood Memorial Christmas Parade Tour; Host – Rhea Farris</p>

January 2026

Meeting Place Addresses

Golden Corral, 11025 E. Independence Blvd., Matthews, NC
 Sports Page, 8400 Bellhaven Blvd., Charlotte, NC
 Longhorn Steakhouse, 10605 Centrum Parkway, Pineville NC
 Showmars, 7260 NC-73 Suite 119, Denver, NC

*** Dinner at 6:00 pm; meeting at 7:00 pm

EDITOR'S LETTER

| By Karsen Palmer Titus |

Happy New Year! How hard is it to believe we are now in the year 2026? Wasn't it 2015 like, five minutes ago?!?

To prepare for the New Year, I looked over my 2025 calendar to see where I spent my time, so I can adjust my focus in 2026 if needed. I spent a healthy amount of time with Model As last year! I attended five events, including the MARC National Meet in Gettysburg. I also experienced more breakdowns than normal; I hope not to repeat that pattern in 2026.

This year, I already expect to have at least one less trip in my future, as I'm not attending the National Meet in French Lick. We've gone three years in a row, so it's time for a little break. Hopefully we'll return in 2027 ... or go to Colorado?

One event I missed last year was the Little Brown Jug tour. I'd like to try to attend that one on Oct. 10th, although it is awful close to the Palmers' beach trip late September. Another tour that is piquing my interest is the "Bean Bag Baseball Tour," on May 23rd. I want to learn more, for sure! I am happy to see another Cobweb Shop Tour on the calendar, and I'm always up for ice cream with Sandeep Berry, plus an engine start-up with Troy and Jim.

I'd also like to attend more meetings this year, which means I need to plan my Charlotte trips more efficiently to accommodate those Monday nights. I have considered planning an impromptu club trip to Model A Brewery this summer, although I am not sure craft beer and old cars mix, haha.

Have you thought about where you want to spend your time with QCMAC this year? I encourage you to check out the calendar of events on page 5. Be intentional about your As and your club – and commit to some fun ... and fundraising!

Ah-OOO-ga!
Karsen



FUNDRAISING REPORT

| For the love of driving Model As • By Troy Dalsing |

QCMAC Where Are We Going Update: Model A Ford Youth Center

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The fundraising committee will be meeting the first week of the New Year to finalize the plan for our fundraising campaign.

In December, all members received a pdf of the initial plan. Unfortunately, I did not receive any feedback or members coming forward to help with making our fundraising campaign a success. I understand that December is a crazy month and now you have a chance to read the initial plan. Please take a look and let me know your thoughts or how you can help!

I am happy to report that since the December newsletter, we have received two donations. One anonymous donation for \$25,000 was received and earmarked for fundraising activities. The second donation was from Jim Townsend and was also for \$25,000. Thanks so much to the anonymous donors and Jim for these donations. They are a great start toward meeting our goals. To date we have received \$61,000 in donations.

More to come soon!!!

BRACE YOURSELF



RECENT HAPPENINGS

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Our Christmas Party was Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. at Longhorn Steakhouse, in Pineville, NC. We had a whopping 54 members in attendance for a fun meal capped off with our White Elephant Gift exchange, complete with lots of "stealing" of presents. Notable steals: a wooden Model A Coupe, a "money" tree with lots of lottery tickets, a Model A fan blade, and a bottle of Blanton's. No one opted to steal the lovely collection of pigs feet, which first made its appearance in 2024.



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Left, Troy gave the club a hearty dose of dad jokes for his last meeting as QCMAC president. Thanks for all you have done, Troy! Above, Dan and Heather Fitts were the only members to drive their A to the Christmas party – and they won a Burtz engine! Just kidding ... they won a cool Ford sign. But kudos for braving the cold, you guys! It was BRRRRRR.



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The Harvey Hood Memorial Christmas Parade Tour was Sat., Dec. 13 in Richburg, SC. QCMAC had a great turnout and the decorations were amazing! Lunch was at the Wagon Wheel restaurant in Fort Lawn, SC, then on to complete the Fort Lawn Parade. Lots of happy kids lined the streets, and there was even a visit by Mrs. Claus and a Christmas elf before the parade started.



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Troy Dalsing did a great job as president for 2024-25, expanding our vision as a club, and adding in lots of new ideas and tours. New vice president Bill Parker wrote Troy a lovely poem to thank him for his service as QCMAC President. Bill even read it out loud at Troy's last board meeting as president.

Troy said, "I have never ever had poetry written for me! I think it is Distributor-worthy." See below:

A Boy Named Troy

There was a boy named Troy
Who loved his letter car toys.
They gave him great joy.
And he wanted to share that joy.
Since he was not one who is coy.
His efforts to share his joy was not a ploy.
He did not want to annoy,
Even with the bad puns he employed.
He just wanted all to get their A's to be deployed
On the road to be enjoyed.
And for all that, we must give him a big "Attaboy."



YOUTH REPORT

| For the love of driving Model As |

In 2025, QCMAC had four Model A Youth Restoration Award winners: Jon Dalsing, Connor Jackson, Holden Long and Peyton Price. Take a look below to see what they purchased with their award money! Also, keep in mind the generosity of the below vendors and consider showing them all some attention in 2026, as they are very important to the future of our hobby:

Bert's Model A Center, Snyder's Antique Auto Parts, Model A Medic., Smith & Jones, Mike's "A" Ford-able Parts, GasLight Auto Parts.

Jon Dalsing:

Vendors:

Snyders Antique Auto Parts
Mike's "A"Ford-able Parts
GasLight Auto Parts

Parts acquired:

Radiator, Generator, Steering wheel.

Holden Long:

Vendors:

Mike's "A"Ford-able Parts
Smith & Jones

Parts acquired:

Front spring, Ahooga horn, stainless front bumper, mounting hardware and numerous engine parts.

Connor Jackson:

Vendors:

Synders
GasLight Auto Parts
Smith & Jones

Parts acquired:

Full set of shocks with all the hardware, and a new windshield and windshield frame.

Peyton Price:

Vendors:

Bert's Model A Center
Model A Medic

Parts acquired:

Seat belts, rear wheel hub, wiring harness, coil, condenser, all parts of distributor, rubber floor mat.



TECH TALK

| Courtesy of The Santa Anita As • By Tom Endy |

Horse thieves and car thieves have one thing in common, they have to be quick about it. If the project is going to take some time they will move on to a better prospect.

Henry came up with a unique anti-theft system for the Model A. Though it is not fool proof, it is time consuming, and it is thus not that easy to hot wire a Model A Ford.

The ignition system to a Model A is very simple. Battery power is applied directly to one side of the primary of the coil through a black wire attached to one of the wing nut terminals on the firewall. The red wire from the other primary side of the coil sneaks its way into the terminal block opposite the black wires, but it is not connected to anything inside. Instead, the wire runs up to the dash panel and connects directly to the ignition key switch.

When the key is switched off (the pop-out pushed in), there is no electrical connection made to the coil. In addition, the arm side of the switch is connected direct to ground when switched to the off position. The ground prevents someone from going inside the distributor and successfully connecting a hot wire, because the points will have a ground on them and the hot wire will not work.



A wire is connected to the arm side of the ignition switch and runs down through an armored cable to the distributor, delivering battery voltage to the ignition points. The cable is very tough and there is no way you can cut through it with a hack saw. On the end of the armored cable is a threaded coupler that screws into the distributor housing. In order to thread (or unthread) the connector, the distributor has to be removed from the engine. And before you can do that, you have to unbolt the head bolt nut clamping the cable to the number 8 stud.

The only way you can hot wire a Model A is to unbolt the clamp from the number 8 stud, unbolt the locking nut on the side of the head, remove the distributor from the head and while holding it in your hands, unscrew the distributor from the armored cable. Some type

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of wiring device would then have to be inserted inside connector boss of the distributor to make electrical contact and have a length of wire attached with a clip lead on it.

The distributor would then have to be reinstalled in the head and the clip lead attached to the low side of the primary of the coil after the existing wire has been removed. All this will take some amount of time, providing you have the right tools with you and know which is the low side of the coil.

There is, however, a downside to Henry's anti-theft system. It has a tendency to fail now and then and you leave you stranded, unable to start the car. The wire inside the armored cable can become disconnected or short out. The switch itself can become defective and lose the connection, or short out. In many cases, the malfunction is intermittent and it is difficult to determine what is causing the problem.

This is where an ignition bypass cable comes in handy. It is the same device a thief would use if he wanted to hot wire and steal the car and had plenty of time to do it. The cable is made up from a discarded pop-out cable. What is needed is the connector portion that screws into the distributor. A wire with a clip lead is attached to the other end.

When a pop-out cable or ignition switch failure is suspected, remove the existing cable as previously described and screw the bypass cable into the distributor and attach the clip lead to the coil. The car should then start. In order to shut the engine off, you have to remove the clip lead.

Most modern day Model A hobbyists who do a lot of touring carry a bypass cable and do not connect the armored cable to the number 8 stud. The clamp is discarded and a spacer is put under the number 8 nut to compensate for the longer stud. Removing a head bolt nut while out on the road is not a good idea. It can allow the head to warp and dump water into the oil pan.

Tom Endy is a member of the Santa Anita A's and was the editor of the Victoria Association Newsletter (The Bustle) for 20 years. The Santa Anita A's has over 100 of his articles online.

Check them out at: <https://www.santaanitaas.org/tom-endys-tech-articles/>

FOR SALE & WANTED

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wine wrong.

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

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

December 2025

Membership 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.

As 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!

Recently 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.

Certainly 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!



Model A Restorer's Club (MARC): Dues are \$50 annually, which includes a subscription to The Model A News magazine. Send to: MARC, 6721 Merriman Rd, Garden City, MI 48135. Note: MARC membership is required of all QC MAC members. Visit their website at: ModelARestorersClub.com

FASHION:

One Two, Buckle My Shoe • By Mary Coulson

*Courtesy of the July 2015 Restorer Magazine
featured recently by the Utah Valley Model A Ford Club*

Buckles and shoe laces may not be exciting, but they were certainly necessary. As you will see, there's more than one version of the nursery rhyme and there are many options to choose from when you are looking at buckles and laces for those era shoes.



Buckles could be decorative (a subject for another article) as well as used to keep the shoe securely on the foot. The images show the buckles on the outer edge of the strap or in the center of the strap.

Shoe laces were available in many lengths and materials. Most commonly, they were made of silk, cotton or leather. Note that the ends could be wrapped tight in a fiber or metal tip or end in a mini tassel. Leather laces did not have tips on them. You would not have found colors more

stimulating than black, brown, tan and white in the Model A era.



(Left) This listing is for silk laces with tassels and tubular cotton laces with fiber tips. They came in 18" and 27" lengths.

(Right) The white
canvas shoes
came in a strap

with center buckle style as well as a lace-up style.

Round and flat tubular laces came in lengths of 27", 36", 40", 54" and 72" and in black, brown or sometimes white.

As there is more than one version of the nursery rhyme, there's more than one way to use a buckle or tie a shoe.



References: The shoe laces are from the Fall and Winter 1927-28 Montgomery Ward and Co catalog. The images of the shoes are from the AH Berry Shoe Corporation 1928 catalog, Ward's Little Catalogue of mid-summer 1931 and Montgomery Ward and Co's Fall and Winter 1927-1928 catalog.



**Happy New Years!
Cheers to 2026!**