



THE  
**SOUTHSIDE**  
**A's**  
SOUTH METRO ATLANTA, GA  
MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB  
Chartered March 1989  
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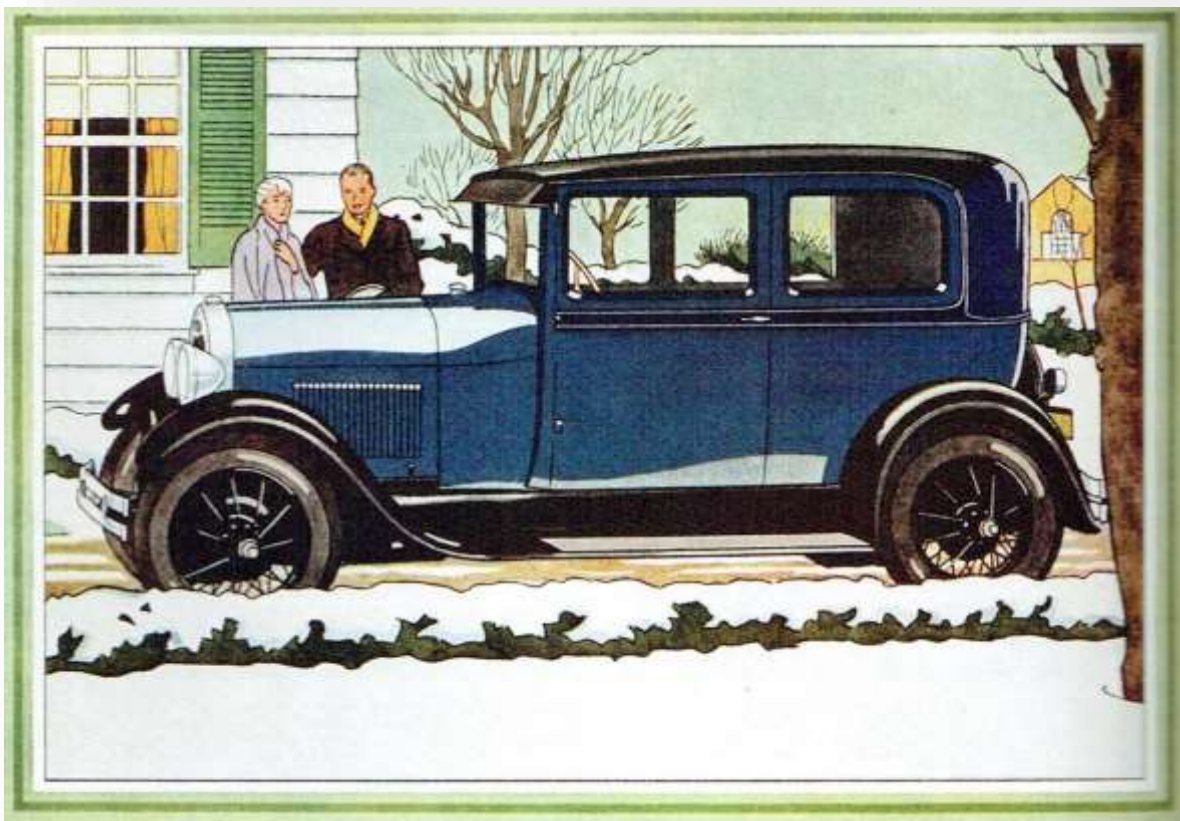
## Newsletter



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"A new Model A on Christmas morning."

**Southside A's**  
**2025 Board of Directors\***

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**Member-at-large:**

Terry Atkins\*

**Committee Chairpersons:**

Tech Chair: Tom Romine

Membership: Nive Atkins

Mileage keeper: ----

Webmaster: ----

Art Direction: Mike Shotwell

**\*\*Board Meeting Minutes:** We will now be posting our Board Meeting Minutes on the website each month. Simply go to the website and click on the link under "About" on the home page, or [click here](#).

**2025 Southside A's Club Events**

December 13 (NEW DATE!)	Christmas Cheer lunch – Maguire's in Senoia. Then window shopping!
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**Looking Ahead**

January 10, 2026 (NEW DATE!)	12 <sup>th</sup> Night Luncheon, Crown Plaza, Peachtree City
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**Editor's Note:**

We hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday, and didn't have to loosen too many buttons.

Now we head into the Christmas season, and the weather is turning appropriately cool. Wouldn't it be fun if we got a little snow...just enough to enjoy for a day or two, of course.

We'll mark the holiday with our December lunch at Maguire's in Senoia. See the info on page 4. Then mark your calendar for January 10<sup>th</sup> for our fun 12<sup>th</sup> Night Luncheon. More information is on page 5.

Lastly, we remember our dear friend, Pat Tyler, In Memoriam, on page 5. He will be so deeply missed.

We wish you Blessings and Peace this Christmas.

~Gwyneth



## Happy Birthday!

7<sup>th</sup> – Wyvonne Hobbs  
19<sup>th</sup> – Shelly Martinez  
24<sup>th</sup> – Dolly Wurst



## Happy Anniversary!

28<sup>th</sup> – Terry & Nive Atkins



## Thoughts from Our Director

Holiday Greeting,

I'm hoping everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! It's a great time for families to share love, laughter, and food! We have a lot to be thankful for. I'm also thankful that I got to know and share time with our member, Pat Tyler, who passed from this world to his Heavenly home recently. He was very knowledgeable about the Model A and fun to be around! I will miss Pat.

Once the Nominating Committee was formed, we were asked, and accepted, that all current Board members would remain in their same positions for the coming year. As Director, I'm pleased to serve and look forward to the club's many opportunities to enjoy our cars and fellowship.

Our Annual Business Meeting was held in a private room at Line Creek Brewery. There were about 26 members in attendance. The food was catered by Mooving Cafe and it was delicious! There was plenty of food leftover, which Cheryl Simpson delivered to the Fire Dept. by Lake Redwine.

We're quickly approaching Christmas and all its festivities - seems it arrives sooner every year! Enjoy this special time with family! I wish you days filled with joy, evenings filled with warmth, and a Christmas season full of God's love!

--Steve

*"If there is any one secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person's point of view and see things from that person's angle as well as from your own."*

---Henry Ford

Visit our website!

[Southsideas.com](http://Southsideas.com)

Join us on Facebook!



**DUES ARE (still) DUE!** (past due on January 15)

**Please send your check for \$20, made out to "Southside A's" to:**

Nive Atkins  
156 Taylor Len Dr.  
LaGrange, GA 30240

*\*If any of your personal info has changed, please include with your check.*

*\*\*Make sure your MARC dues are renewed, too.*

## JOIN US TO SAY "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"



Let's get together on **Saturday, December 13**, for lunch at **Maguire's Irish Pub** in Senoia, and follow that with some holiday window shopping, strolling, present buying, etc. The town will no doubt be decorated for the holidays, providing a festive mood!

So put on some holiday bling, drive your A if desired, and we'll gather for some fine fellowship and greetings of "Merry Christmas!"

**DATE:** **Saturday, December 13**

**TIME:** 11:30 am

**PLACE:** Maguire's Irish Pub, 42 Main St., Senoia (**PARKING IN LOT BEHIND RESTAURANT, OR ON STREET**)

**RSVP:** By **Thursday, December 11**, so we can give the restaurant an accurate count.

**Gwyneth:** [gwynshot@aol.com](mailto:gwynshot@aol.com)

We look forward to beginning the Christmas season by sharing a meal and holiday cheer with one of the best groups of people we know!

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## *ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - Mission accomplished!*

We had a nice turnout for our annual business meeting recently. The room at Line Creek Brewery was just the right size for our group, with the unique window view of the shiny brewing equipment. Our lunch from Mooving Café was also just right – satisfying, tasty, and no one left hungry. In fact, there were enough leftovers to bless the firefighters near Lake Redwine.

But most importantly, we took care of our main order of business, namely to elect the board for 2026. As previously reported, the current board members all agreed to serve for another year, and were unanimously voted in.

In addition, with the goal of having more participation in activities, Nive Atkins presented sign-up sheets for both Lunch Bunch dates, and Saturday events and/or overnight ventures. She handed out a wonderful how-to sheet, emphasizing the few simple steps for leading a tour, including soliciting advice from more experienced members. This yielded commitments for three of the Lunch Bunch months! We'll revisit this at our 12<sup>th</sup> Night Luncheon, so be thinking of when YOU might want to dive into a simple day tour.

Here, once again, is the confirmed slate elected for 2026:

**Director – Steve Vied**

**Vice Director- Tom Romine**

**Secretary- Steve Searock**

**Treasurer- Niva Atkins**

**Member-at-large - Terry Atkins**

**Newsletter Editor - Gwyneth Shotwell**

**Past Director- Jim Wingo**

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## In Memoriam

### Pat Tyler

1946-2025



It's hard to imagine our club without the larger-than-life personality of Pat. His unfailing good nature, even while dealing with ongoing health challenges, was an inspiration. You never spent time with Pat without a hearty laugh at a joke or a pun, delivered with a wonderful twinkle in his eye.

He loved our club, always thinking of ways to improve the website, encouraging people to participate in mileage awards as the keeper for MARC, and simply participating any chance he could get. And I doubt he missed more than one Tech Meet!

Pat and Pam squeezed every drop out of life, enjoying cruises to myriad fun places, spending time with family, and proudly showing off photos and videos of their precious granddaughter, Sadie.

Rest in Peace, dear friend.



## 12<sup>th</sup> Night Luncheon

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Crowne Plaza, Peachtree City



Our annual “farewell to the holidays,” otherwise known as **12<sup>th</sup> Night**, will take place on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at a new venue! We will enjoy our festivities at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Hotel on Aberdeen Parkway in Peachtree City.

We'll enjoy a lovely atmosphere, delicious food, and of course the traditional aspects of our annual party: crowning of the day's King and Queen, the ever popular 50/50 draw, door prizes, and a retrospective of the year's activities in PowerPoint.

Our lunch will be an impressive buffet that includes salads, soups, and desserts, along with main dishes, sides, and beverage. The all-inclusive price (incl. tax/gratuity) is \$31.95, and we can pay individually on arrival.

We're excited about this new venue, which features floor to ceiling windows with a lovely wooded view. There is also a convenient drop-off area at the lobby, not far from parking.

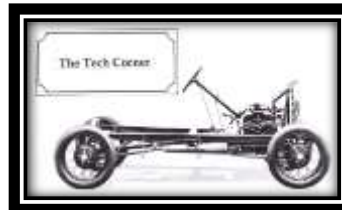
**WHEN:** Saturday, January 10, 2026

**TIME:** Arrival at 12:30.

**PLACE:** Crowne Plaza, 201 Aberdeen Parkway, Peachtree City

**RSVP:** By Wednesday, January 7, so we know how many potential Kings & Queens to prepare for!

Gwyneth Shotwell: [gwynshot@aol.com](mailto:gwynshot@aol.com)



## The Tech Corner

### Converting the Ahooguh

By Tom Endy - Westminster, California

There is an inclination for many members of the Model A kingdom to convert the electrical system from 6-volts to 12-volts. This is becoming more and more common. The purpose of this article is not to encourage the conversion, but to aid those who have made up their mind to do so.

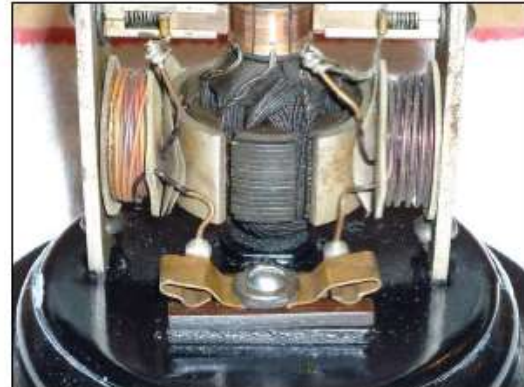
One consideration is the conversion of the ahooguh horn to be able to operate with 12-volts. In the past most people installed a dropping resister that can be obtained from any of the suppliers. This however is not always the perfect solution. The dropping resister has to be a very low ohm value and a high wattage value. If the ohm value is not correct the horn will sound sick. If the wattage value is not correct the resister will burn out. Many of the dropping resisters on the market today cannot handle the power requirement and will burn out with repeated use of the ahooguh.



An ahooguh dropping resister that burned out

A better solution is to rewire the horn from 6-volts to 12-volts. It is an easy task that anyone can do; you don't need to be an electrical engineer. The job does not require a complete disassembly of the motor section of the horn.

What is required is the rewiring of the two field coil windings. Each original field winding is made up of a nominal 10 feet of #20 gauge insulated wire. Each field winding is replaced with 20 feet of #24 gauge insulated wire.



The field windings are on either side of the rotor

Each field winding is attached at one end to a brush connection; the other end is attached to a terminal connection. The two field windings are wound in an opposite direction of each other.

Remove the front and rear section of the horn. Attach the center motor section to a piece of plywood with two screws and C-clamp it to a workbench. This will provide a stable work platform.

Unsolder both ends of a field winding and unwind the wire from its core. A measurement will show it is a nominal 10 feet long. It is not an accurate 10 feet and one side may not be exactly the same as the other side. Replace with 20 feet of #24 gauge wire around each core and solder it to the brush and the terminal. The windings do not need to be uniform or stacked in neat layers.

A roll of #24 gauge wire obtained from a local electronics store and the removed #20 gauge wire from one of the two fields.



The task is not difficult, only tedious. Best to have two people to do the job, one to guide the wire onto the core and the other to start out 20 feet away and loop the wire around the core for each wrap.

When reassembling the motor end of the horn line up the striker button blade in the center even with the rotating ratchet wheel, otherwise you will have a sick sounding ahooguh.



## The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

### THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

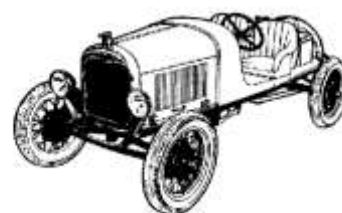
November 2025

**M**embers had a great time at Hershey this year. The chili/hot dog lunch was a great success and raised over \$1,000 that will be donated to MAYRA. This year we opened the tent early on Monday afternoon to allow existing members a chance to renew and new members to join. Look for additional changes for next year!

**A**lso, the MARC National Meet for 2026 is just around the corner in July. Driver Class judging will be offered again this year. If you are proud of your Model A and would like to be recognized for the quality of work you have in your vehicle that has been modified from original to enhance your driving experience, please consider registering for French Lick next year. New improved judging standards will be published soon!

**R**emember that the 2026 Finger Lakes National Tour will be held in May of next year. This will be a very popular event based on the interest so far. Registrations will be limited due to the hotel and banquet capacity. The team is working hard to make this a memorable event for our members!

**C**ertainly you read in last month's newsletter that Larry Shepard is compiling a list of Model A mechanical experts to assist members and potential new members with mechanical issues or restoration questions. I'm sure that every Region has at least one person that should qualify. If any of your members are willing to help, please contact Larry at [marctech@modelarestorers.org](mailto:marctech@modelarestorers.org) and provide your name, contact information and area of expertise. One of the best parts of being a MARC member is being able to tap into the wealth of Model A knowledge this club has to offer.



## Winter Solstice



December 21

### Treasurer's Report

Balance as of September 30, 2025:	\$3,204.83
Deposits: Rome Tour - \$1,569.00 Dues: \$180	\$1,749.00
Expenses: Tech Meet: \$39.53 Rome Tour: \$1,660.10 Webhost annual: \$177.87 Bus. Mtg-Catering Dep: \$100.00	\$1,977.50
Balance as of October 31, 2025:	\$2,976.33



## **MAFFI Minute November 2025**

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 (130) 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.

Happy motoring!

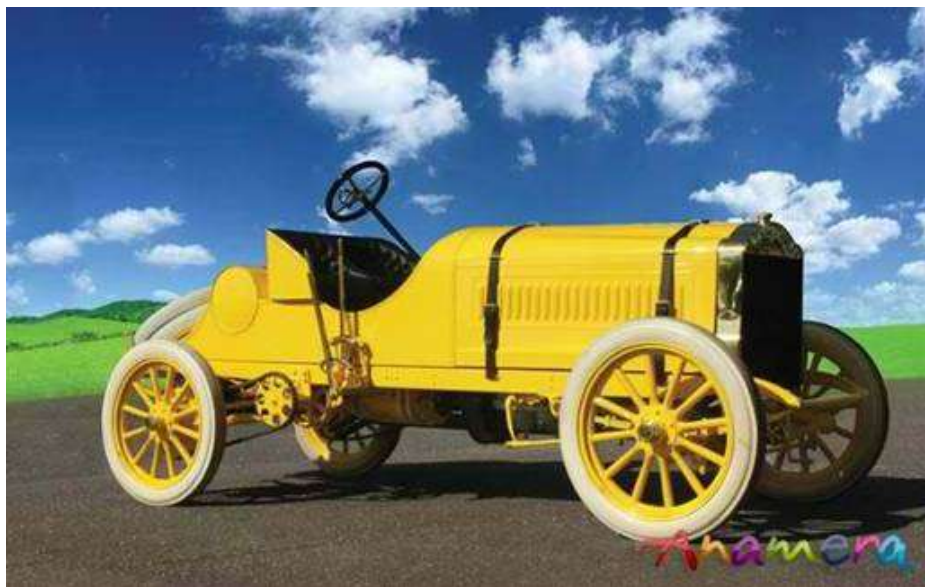
John Grossheim

MAFFI Trustee/ Secretary

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## **Interesting Car Facts!**

**Q: What car first referred to itself as a convertible?**



**A: The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hard top.**



## NATIONAL EVENTS – 2025 & 2026



# For Sale/Wanted

## FOR SALE:

1931 Model A Mail Truck. Has a bench seat, but original seat is available. This is a fine Mail A Mail Truck. Comes with 30's mailman uniform, mail bags, and Mail Truck mailbox. I've driven it on Talladega Motor Speedway. Runs, drives and stops with no issues. It does have fiberglass fenders. Other than that it is pretty much original; has the security wire and curtains on the rear door. Oxford, AL. **Asking \$25,000.00**  
Call 256-310-6463 or email [gfireman52@aol.com](mailto:gfireman52@aol.com)  
Gerald Grizzard



## FOR SALE: PRICE REDUCTION!

1930 Model A four door Town Sedan, dual side mounts; rebuilt starter, distributor, carburetor, battery disconnect, new wiring harness, turn signals, new 2 blade fan, new coil, brakes have been gone through; mains & rods bearings have been tightened. Nice driver; paint is presentable; steel body; cranks, runs and drives with no issues. Oxford, AL. **Asking \$14,500.00**  
Call 256-310-6463 or email [gfireman52@aol.com](mailto:gfireman52@aol.com)  
Gerald Grizzard



## FOR SALE:

Slightly used Float-a- motor FRONT motor mount.  
**Asking \$50.00.** New ones go for \$ 75.00  
Contact: Tom Romine 770 527-4039



## FOR SALE:

### **1928 Leather Back Fordor Sedan**

Complete frame off restoration. Excellent condition. Runs and handles well. Regularly driven; always garaged. Rose beige original color.

**Asking \$31,500**

Contact: David Hadden 770-539-1742  
[davidonnahadden@gmail.com](mailto:davidonnahadden@gmail.com) Buford, GA



## FOR SALE: 1930 Georgia License Plates.

Unrestored and Restored. Singles, pairs, and sequentially numbered plates available. **Email Jim Hunter** at [ytguy@aol.com](mailto:ytguy@aol.com) or call (770) 710-2153



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### WANTED:

The late 1927 Model A Ford crank with FORD script on the middle (angle) bar, 11/16" lug nut socket, 8 inch throw-offset, 90 degree pin position.

**Contact:** Bill Nitschke, cell (914)-323-8958, [williamjnitschke@gmail.com](mailto:williamjnitschke@gmail.com)

### WANTED:

A 2012 **Model A Day patch** to complete my collection. I will purchase the patch or trade a 2024 Model A Day patch.

**Contact:** Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463 or email [gfireman52@aol.com](mailto:gfireman52@aol.com)

### **NEED A CLUB NAME TAG?**

**The price is \$8 each**, which covers the tag, tax and shipping.

Here's how to place your order:

**1. EMAIL** your name(s), and City/State as you would like them to appear, PLUS your mailing address for delivery, to **Pat Tyler:** [pat@patpamtyler.com](mailto:pat@patpamtyler.com).

**2. Send your check** at **\$8 each**, made out to **SOUTHSIDE A's**, to:

Nive Atkins  
156 Taylor Len Drive  
LaGrange, GA 30240



## Club Items

**Club Banners:** We have designed a Club Banner to display on your car when touring or just to hang in your shop. \$15/each.

Call Jim Hunter @ (770) 710-2153 or [ytguy@aol.com](mailto:ytguy@aol.com)





# Application for Club Membership

## Southside A's Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Business) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please list Model A's you own (You do not have to own a Model A to join our club)

YEAR	BODY STYLE	ENGINE and/or VIN No.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Membership Dues: \$20.00.** (See below for National Dues, if necessary.)

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\*NOTE: Applicants approved for membership at the November or December Board Meetings shall be considered paid for the following year.

Send application, along with check made out to "Southside A's," to: Niva Atkins, 156 Taylor Len Dr, LaGrange, GA 30240

**Membership in the national Model A Restorers Club (M.A.R.C.) required. Are you a member?**

( ) YES Please furnish membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

( ) No Please complete application below for National M.A.R.C. membership

Model "A" Restorer's Club  
6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135

**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$50.00/YR**

**SEND DIRECTLY TO ADDRESS ABOVE**

NAME (print) \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

# Invitation to join Model "A" Restorers Club

(Membership in Southside A's requires membership in MARC, as well.)

## MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

P.O. Box 498, Howell, Michigan 48844

(734) 427-9050 Office

(734) 427-9054 Fax

modelarestorersclub@gmail.com

### Membership Application 1 Year Term

☐ U.S. Membership \$50.00

☐ U.S. Air Mail \$62.00

☐ Canada \$60.00

☐ International \$70.00

☐ Digital Only Membership \$50.00

Call office for Youth Membership and Surviving Spouse  
Membership

Make checks payable to: Model "A" Restorers Club or (M.A.R.C.)

All checks must be payable in U.S. funds. U.S. funds must be stamped on the check and drawn from a U.S. bank. International Money Orders in U.S. Funds are also accepted.

### CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

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EXP Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ If renewing Region (If member) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission to publish my phone number in the future MARC Membership Rosters:

☐ Yes ☐ No Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission to publish my email in the future MARC Membership Rosters:

☐ Yes ☐ No Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Model A Restorers Club Purpose:

The purpose of the Model "A" Restorer's Club is to encourage its members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit, and make use of the Model "A" Ford vehicles (models 1928-1931) and all things pertaining to the historical information, and to promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship among its members.

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# Join The Model A Ford Club of America

## New Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to publish my telephone number in  
future Membership Rosters? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

## Gift Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form and payment to:  
MAFCA

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Dues per year are

U.S. Membership - \$50

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Card Number: _____	
Exp. Date: _____	
Signature: _____	
_____ Membership Only	_____ Membership + Initiation Package

## Optional Initiation Package For New Members Only

- 1 - Back issue of *The Restorer*  
1 - MAFCA Lapel Pin  
1 - MAFCA Decal  
1 - Name Badge  
Only \$10 extra



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