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UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

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December 13- Our Annual Christmas party will be held on our regular meeting day at the Oak Street Bistro, Alfred, ME. See details on page 8.

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May 29-31, 2026 - Tebo's Barn Vintage Car Tour see page 17 for details.

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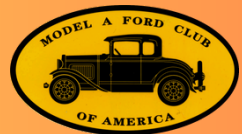
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DRIVER'S SEAT

Happy Holidays! Whether you celebrate Hanukkah or Christmas, or even the winter solstice, it is a special time of year. Linda and I wish you and your families a safe and joyous holiday season and all the best in 2026.



JOHN BRISSETTE
PRESIDENT

Regarding traditions associated with this time of year, I read an online article recently about *MotorTrend* magazine's "Car of the Year." *MotorTrend*'s first issue was September 1949 and its first Car of the Year was Cadillac. Ford was considered because of its first post-war offering with all new chassis and body but was rejected because "...all their changes simply brought them up to date with other brands..." While that may be true, the 1949 models have been credited with saving Ford Motor Company. For its inaugural award *MotorTrend* chose Cadillac (who had introduced its post-war design in 1948) because of its all new OHV V8 engine. Interestingly, that engine benefited from higher octane fuels that had been developed for aviation use during World War II.

In the early years *MotorTrend* awarded manufacturers or divisions, not specific vehicles. There were a few years when no award was given; i.e., 1950, 53, and 54. Between 1976 and 1999 there were two Car of the Year awards, one for domestic and one for imported. The award was expanded to include "Truck of the Year" in 1979 and "SUV of the Year" in 1999. To be eligible for one of the awards, a vehicle must be "all new" or "substantially upgraded." For 2026, Car of the Year is the Volkswagen Golf GTI/R and the SUV of the Year is the Cadillac Escalade IQ, while the "Truck of the Year" has not been announced yet.

The complete list of winners can be found online. A Ford has been Car of the Year 12 times while a Chevrolet has won the award 16 times. In 1964 the award went to Ford Motor Company but it isn't clear what impact the new Mustang had on that decision. When it comes to Truck of the Year, Ford has won it 10 times, Chevrolet 11 times and Dodge/Ram 8 times. Over the years Linda and I have had over 20 cars, pickups, vans, and SUVs between us. Of all those vehicles only one made any of the MotorTrend lists and that was our 1971 Chevrolet Vega, probably the vehicle we kept the shortest amount of time!

Many people are skeptical of awards from magazines that depend heavily on advertising and probably for good reason. Nevertheless, MotorTrend has been doing it for so long its awards are still coveted by manufacturers and interesting for us gear heads to follow. *Consumer Reports* might provide the most unbiased rankings but I often find the cars they recommend to be rather boring. To each their own.

I do hope to see you at our Christmas party on the 13th. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will have a good turnout.

Take care, drive safely,
and again Happy Holidays!
John



Successful Model 'A' clubs have one common ingredient. They have members that will plan events and volunteer to assist in running the organization.

It's a necessary ingredient.



NATE HOWELL
SECRETARY

PINE TREE A'S MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 8TH, 2025

Call to Order

- John B president addressed the church key issue. Needs to be addressed.

Old Business

- No meeting took place last month as the church space was not available.

Treasurer's Report

- \$300 worth of dues have been received.
- Bank error made on the club account involving a local Kennebunk dog grooming company. The issue was promptly resolved by treasurer Chris H.
- A motion to accept the treasurers report made by Carl, seconded by Frank, passed by vote.

Touring Committee

- Done for the year, though the Christmas party is approaching.
- A suggestion was made to have a big summer event involving the cars.

- Spring events:

- Tebo's Barn event from the 29th to the 31st of May. The annual open house portion will take place on the 30th. The steam cars will be there again for that.

- A suggestion was made for a tour central to Dan's house, which would be tied into the July meeting.
- Rod's house up north is always open to events in July, August, or September.
- A suggestion was made to do an event at a summer camp. No further discussion.

New Business

- The topic of assembling a special tool inventory was addressed again. Logistics need to be sorted out among the club and tool owners/borrowers. Rod and his wife offered to head up this project.
- The Christmas party will take place on December 13th.
 - An RSVP will be sent out in early December.
- The payment is to be made to the treasurer Chris H.
- Three choices for meals include chicken parmesan, haddock, and steak.
- A motion to set the meal price to \$36 was made by Rod, seconded by John, passed by vote.
- The monthly meeting breakfast will remain as pastries and coffee. The monthly post meeting lunch will continue.
- Motion to terminate the large monthly breakfast was made by Carl, seconded by Rod, passed by vote.

- - The vote for member of the year was discussed. An anonymous vote was carried out.
 - - A discussion was carried out about winterization techniques for Model A's. Suggestions and preferences were exchanged.
 - **Presentations**
 - - John B shared his collection of antique airliner and Model A advertisements.
 - - Rod shared his Model T toy replica and a 1926 book on the topic of automobile manufacturing.
 - **Adjournment**
 - - A motion to adjourn was made by Carl, seconded by John, passed by vote.
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That's not my Job

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it but Nobody did.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.



Sharing Tools

The Pine Tree Model A Ford Club is looking to create a Model A tool network, where members can find and use tools to repair/restore their Model A's.

The idea is to catalog specialty tools that are available for short term use as agreed between the tool owner and a member in need.

The club hopes to compile a list of tools and tool owners that are willing to share.

Do you have any Model A tools you are willing to share? I am seeking the following information: the tool(s) that you will allow to be borrowed, your name, address, phone number, and email and information about the tool you want to share. Once I have a list of tools and owners we can create a list of tools and owners to share throughout the club.

Please email or text information to rkkilroy@gmail.com.

Phone 207-491-1068

Thank you for your interest

Rod Koehn

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BACK SEAT DRIVER



FRANK KENNEDY
EDITOR

* Don't forget to sign up for the Christmas party. It's coming up this weekend in Alfred, Maine... page 10 for more deets. * Do we have our A's up on blocks and winterized? I still try and drive both of mine during the winter months. If it should snow and the roads are salted... I do wait a spell and hope that some rain comes along in the meantime to wash the salt away. But for the last few years, I usually drive both A's one or two times each month to charge the battery, prevent the tires from becoming flat and to lubricate moving parts. * Check out page 16 for an invite to an upcoming Vintage Car Tour during Memorial Day weekend.

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Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party will be on December 13, our regular meeting day, at the Oak Street Bistro in Alfred. The party will start at noon and go until 3:00 pm, or thereabouts.

There will be three entrees to choose from: chicken parmesan, baked haddock or steak tips. The cost will be \$36.00 per person. After the meal the Outstanding Member of the Year for 2025 will be announced. We had our Christmas party there in 2023. The food was good and the company even better. The restaurant's address is: 3 Oak Street (which is US-202 and Maine route 4), Alfred, Maine. As the date gets closer we will be asking for an RSVP. Please plan to be there! However, Chris will accept checks or cash at the party. Please plan to arrive about 11:30-11:45 am. After the meal the Outstanding Member of the Year will be honored. The party will end sometime before 3:00 pm.


Checks for meals should be made out to: Pine Tree Model A Ford Club and mailed to:

Chris Howell
48 Old Farm Road
Cumberland, ME 04021

Chris can also be reached
at: howellchris70@gmail.com.



Thanks and hope to see you at the party!



During the Great Depression, money was tight and people had to scrimp on many things, including food.

I have included two Depression era recipes for peanut butter cookies and Salmon Cuke Salad.

DEPRESSION ERA RECIPE

Peanut Butter Cookies

1 c. sugar
1 c. brown sugar
½ c. butter
½ cup lard
2 eggs
2 T. baking soda
¾ c. peanut butter
1 t. vanilla
2 c. flour

Cream sugars and fats until fluffy. Add eggs and beat well. Add baking soda, peanut butter, and vanilla. Stir in Flour. Roll with hands into balls. Place on a greased cookie tin. Bake in a 375-degree oven for about 10-15 minutes. Flatten with a fork before baking.



SALMON CUKE SALAD

Depression Era Recipes, by Patricia R. Wagner

Break apart the lettuce, wash and dry the leaves, and place on salad plates. Put on cucumber slices, minced onion, salt, and pepper. Beat together the salmon and boiled dressing. Pour over vegetables.

1 head of lettuce
2 cucumbers, sliced
1 onion, minced
Salt & pepper
1 c. salmon, shredded
Boiled dressing



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FORD'S OUT FRONT

On the Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas—the children were dreaming
Of a Ford in their future—smart, swanky and gleaming;
And Mother and I gaily grinned, for we knew
That this wonderful dream was about to come true.
Then out in the driveway wheels crunched on the snow
And the Ford dealer gave us a cheery "Hello"
He wasn't the Santa Claus type—he appeared
Without any reindeer, a pack, or a beard,
But when he drove up in that elegant bus
You bet he was Santa, in person, to us.
"Merry Christmas," he said, with a smile that was pleasant,
"The Ford in your future is now in your present."
Well, Mother was eager, and I was agog
So we took the new Ford for a nice little jog;
A jog? It was more like a journey on wings,
What zest in that motor! What ease in those springs!
With Queen size in comfort, and King size in brakes
We laughed "Ford's out Front with whatever it takes"
So, proud as a Princess and rich as a Lord,
We glowed with our glory in having a Ford,
And thought, "When the kids start their Christmas-Day hunt
For presents, they'll find that a Ford is Out Front."

...Berton Braley

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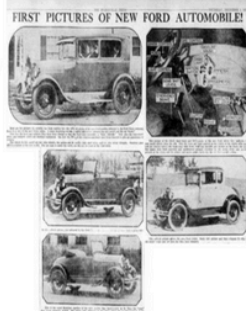





FORD MOTOR COMPANY
Detroit, Michigan

WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON... **DECEMBER 2, 1927**

SPECIAL EDITION!
THE NEW FORD ARRIVES!



December 2, 1927

United Press International

FORD'S ENTRY INTO THE FIELD IS A DRAMATIC ONE

The new Ford car, for months the greatest mystery of the commercial world, made a dramatic appearance before the world today and was accorded such a reception as has rarely been achieved by the most adept press agency. From all parts of the United States and from abroad came reports of the impatient thousands standing in line for a chance to see the successor to the flivver, the trim, conventionally designed car which replaces the familiar if ungainly machine so dear to the cartoonist and the jokesmith.

They saw a car with some individualities, yet not essentially different in general appearance from a dozen others. From the driver's viewpoint, as from the spectator's, it seemed similar in many ways to other cars. Great power and speed, economy and long service were promised for it by Ford representatives.

In New York, night owls searched out the show rooms at 3 a.m. to see the new model, and thousands upon thousands jammed past the show places after daylight came. A steady rain did not discourage the curious. In Chicago less wild enthusiasm but great interest was shown. A line stretched a block from the main show room on State Street by noon and uncounted thousands had been shoved through the display room.

Police called out! Mounted police were called out in Cleveland to protect windows from the crowds. In Detroit forty of the new cars were displayed in the convention hall while music from two bands entertained the crowd.

Special trains carried observers from all parts of the British Isles to London where the new models were on display at Holland Park Hall. Newspapers made the display of the new car their principal story and British motor manufacturers were quoted as predicting a bitter fight to hold the market.

The new car distracted Washington's attention momentarily from politics and from 7 a.m. prospective buyers and would-be buyers streamed past the display.

In Oklahoma City, business men, farmers and housewives jammed the street in front of the display room.

In Indianapolis 2,000 persons saw the car at the fair grounds in the first three hours it was on display. Six thousand saw the Ford in St. Paul before 11 a.m. and exhibitors expected 25,000 before night despite sub-zero weather. *END*

- Sacramento Capital A

UP COMING EVENT FOR US TRAVELERS

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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!





Pine Tree Model A Ford Club



Membership Application

The purpose of our club is to serve as a medium for exchange of ideas, information, and parts, for admirers of the Model A Ford and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the car into its original likeness.

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Land Line:	Cell:
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Classic Car Make, Model, Year & Body Style:	
MAFCA Member #:	Exp Date:
MARC Member #:	Exp Date:
Will you be attending any Regional or National events this year? If so, where:	
<i>By joining the Pine Tree Model A Ford Club, I agree to the Club's by-laws and by-laws of the Model A Ford Club of America.</i>	
Signature:	Date:

For New members. Please mail this form and dues to:

**Pine Tree Model A Ford
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Era Fashions: Christmas in 1928 - 1931

A kid during the Great Depression was happy to get a single orange in a Christmas stocking, as oranges weren't affordable during the rest of the year. Other treats in stockings were bananas, nuts and candy. If the kids were really fortunate there may have been a toy such as a doll or a toy wagon.

Most gifts were either homemade or homegrown. Mothers and grandmothers made dresses and aprons for girls from flour sacks that were imprinted with designs. Boys got socks, maybe gloves, perhaps even a hand knitted scarf. There wasn't fluff and bling; the gifts were handcrafted for practical purposes. Christmas was about family and being grateful for what you did have. Many product ads and magazines featured colorful holiday illustrations. In fact, 1931 was the year that Coca-Cola introduced the rendition of Santa Claus as we know him today!



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Comments are welcomed and encouraged and should be addressed to

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Pine Tree A's has spared no expense to enhance your ability to have our monthly meetings come to your home.

Please feel free to share the following zoom link with other club members with computers. <https://networkmaine.zoom.us/j/85459652642> The link will be accessible by the group for any meetings moving forward. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.



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If anyone knows of someone who feels stuck in a rut or who needs a pick-me-up,

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Dear Model A Owners and Hobbyists,

Thank you for your continued support of The Model A Ford Foundation and of our museum, located on the grounds of The Gilmore Car Museum. Through your membership and donations, we have established a world-class museum featuring authentic vehicles, era fashions, and memorabilia celebrating the Ford Model A.

If you haven't visited the museum recently, at your next visit you'll discover many exciting additions. Our recent expansion includes new exhibits such as a period schoolhouse vignette, a Dust Bowl-era display, a photo opportunity in one of the Museum's Phaetons, a recreated Mercantile Store, and an educational garage area designed to teach Model A maintenance and repair. More exhibits and displays are already in development for the coming year.

We're proud to share that the Model A Ford Foundation has built and expanded the museum *without incurring debt*—thanks entirely to the generosity of members and donors like you. Our funding comes primarily from annual memberships, the sale of commemorative museum items such as engraved bricks, proceeds from our annual Model A Day, and contributions from clubs and individuals.

We also maintain an endowment fund, where earned interest helps support ongoing operations. As we continue to strengthen that fund and enhance our exhibits, we ask that you consider making an additional gift to help us maintain our endowment and sustain our operations. Your generosity keeps the Model A legacy alive, allowing us to share this important chapter of automotive history with generations to come through one of the finest museums in the world.

Thank you again for your loyal support and enthusiasm.

Happy Holidays!

John D. Marshall

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Executive Director