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Custom Model "A" Depot Hack at the Starved Rock
Region Car Show



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Mike's Message



Hi Everyone,

Hope you are all having a wonderful summer. Please keep Karen and Pete in our prayers. Every time we get an update from Karen it is posted on John's original thread prayers for Karen and Pete.

Thanks goes out to Judy for hosting the great play Boeing-Boeing. It was so funny. The Rising Sun did a great job in serving us all at the same time. Then she went and injured herself. Still waiting on the ortho report but it looks like she broke her

wrist.

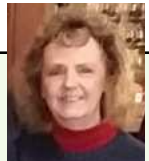
Unfortunately the BBQ had to be canceled. The heat has been very intense lately so as soon as they get a new date they will let us know.

We do have Jerry's car show at the Homewood Ford dealer on the 12th of this month. Later this month on the 26th is the Aces car museum. Details at the business meeting.

Hope we'll be able to see all of you on Monday July 7th at 7pm.

Mike

Treasurer's Report By Carol Healy



Beginning Balance June 2, 2025	\$3,015.16
<u>Income</u>	
None	\$0.00
Total Income	\$0.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
None	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$0.00
<u>Ending Balance</u> July 7, 2025	\$3,015.16

"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 June 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. All officers were present. Mike Sluis led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pete and Karen Kats had their grandson, Jack visiting this evening.

The SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes from the May 6th meeting were read by the Secretary, Karen Kats. A motion to approve was made by Pat Marshall, seconded by Judy Gerhardt, and the motion was approved.

The TREASURER'S REPORT: Carol Healy read the Treasurer's report. The balance as of June 2nd is \$3015.16. A motion to approve was made by Wally Healy, seconded by Marge Vetterick, and approved.

The VICE-PRESIDENT/EDITOR'S REPORT: John Hoffman reported the next breakfast run would be Saturday, June 21st at the Kingsberry Waffle House at 9 am in Homewood.

The PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mike Sluis reminded everyone the next meeting will be on Monday, July 7th .

CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

SICK CALL: None

BADGE FINES: None

The HISTORIAN'S REPORT: Art LeMere brought us back to 1978: the National Meet was in Cleveland, Ohio; some special tours included Seven Acres Museum in Union, IL, an overnight tour to Indianapolis, IN, and a tour to the Fetterling Estate in South Bend, IN; and of course the Annual Tichan picnic, Awards Banquet, and Christmas party. FOR SALE: a 1966 Mustang convertible @ \$125.

MARC REPORT: Art LeMere said his report was the same as last month, but be sure to check dates for all meets in the Model A News.

MAFFI REPORT: John Marshall informed us

that all our museum cars been washed and ready for show.

The addition is not open to the public yet. The walls outside are brick. Outside on the west wall is a billboard just made for this great black and white photo of a Model A (a company in a CA's catalog/magazine. Daughter Heather and friend from Wilton were able to put their heads together to make our billboard. On the East wall it appears to be looking into a Showroom and also a Model A Ford garage. They appear as doors opening. A cement pad is going to be available, so that you can drive your Model A in front of the billboards and take pictures!

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS *Judy Gerhardt said that those attending the Curtain Call play "Boeing, Boeing" on Sunday, mention should mention "car club" when entering the theatre and parking is available across the street. Dinner at the Rising Sun will follow the play.

*The Marshall's are hosting a BBQ at 1 pm on Sunday, June 29th . Please bring a side dish to share and chairs if you like.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

* Jerry LeMere mention the Ford Homewood Car Show on Saturday, July 12 to support the USO. FYI 10-2pm. In the past they have provided a light lunch. Bring your own lawn chairs. The Showroom is being remodeled.

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made at 7:0 p.m. by John Marshall and seconded by Art LeMere. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kats



Club Events & Tours 2025

July

7th - Business Meeting
12th - Car Show, Homewood Ford
19th - Breakfast Run

August

4th - Business Meeting
17th - Annual Picnic; Goodnow Grove
23rd - Breakfast Run

September

8th - Business Meeting
19th-20th - Model "A" Days
21st - Game Night
27th - Breakfast Run

October

7th-10th - Hershey Swap Meet
13th - Business Meeting
19th - Hillbilly Hayride
25th - Breakfast Run

November

2nd - Award Banquet
3rd - Business Meeting
15th - Breakfast Run

December

1st - Business Meeting/Pizza Party
14th - Christmas Social, 3:00pm
20th - Breakfast Run

Breakfast Run

Saturday, June 19th @
9am

Ashford House

*7959 W. 159th Street
Tinley Park Illinois*

Refreshments

July...Marsha LeMere
August...Judy Gerhardt
September...Tina Sluis
October...Diane Zuidema
November...Carol Sluis
December....Pizza Party



*Happy Fourth
of July!*

July 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	 3	 4 th of July	5 Happy Birthday Marsha LeMere
6	7 Business Meeting	 8	9	10 Happy Birthday Art Steinberg	11	12 BBQ For The Troops
13	14	15	16 Happy Birthday Jordon Beller	17	18	19 Breakfast Run
 20	 21	22	23	24	 25	26 Ace's Car Museum
 27	28	29	30	31		



Saturday, July 13
HOSTED BY CHICAGOLAND'S NEW-CAR DEALERS




Ford of Homewood **10am to 2pm**
3233 W. 183rd Street

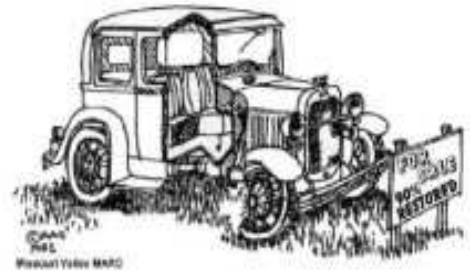
Goodnow Grove,
27000 Dutton Road,
Beecher, Illinois



I guess everyone has a reason, here are a few...

- They bring back fond memories of simpler times.
- They are so much fun to drive.
- They are a way to be part of an exclusive community.
- They reflect a person's personality and interests.
- They are distinctive, and visually appealing.
- They appeal to lovers of engineering, design, art and history.
- Investing in an old car can be more fun than money under the mattress.

What's your reason? Let me know and I'll include it in the next newsletter.



2025 Model A Days

2-Day Swap Meet

Fashion, Seminars, Car Corral, Driving Class*, and MORE!!

September 19 & 20, 2025 9-5pm

**The Gilmore Car Museum
6865 W. Hickory Road
Hickory Corners, MI 49060**

Technical Seminars, Fashion, Hall of Fame Induction, Ride the Classics*
**Please Join Us for a Special Friday Night
Museum Expansion Event!***

Host Hotel Info: Delta Hotels by Marriott, 2747 S. 11th St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269.375.6000

**Celebrating
the Model A
Museum
Expansion!**



For event info, seminars and SW
Mark Maron 817-302-72

*Requires PRE-Registration

The Model A Museum

NEW MAFFI MECHANICS

The Model A Ford Foundation has developed, a new helper group led by Jerry Dennany, Museum Manager and Dan Gargo. The purpose of this group is to volunteer to work on the Model A Cars and Trucks in the Maffi Museum.

All Model A enthusiasts are welcome to join and must be members of MAFFI. We are currently looking for volunteers who live close to the museum. Michigan, Ohio, Indiana or Ill.

These work sessions will take place at the Model A Museum, all parts will be supplied by MAFFI! All travel will be at the expense of the MAFFI Mechanics.

For More Information Contact Jerry Dennany 269-366-9505 or Dan Gargo 269-365-5473



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 28th, 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.



For more Information contact Jarrod Williams at jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com
or <http://maffi.org>

**YOU BETTER CUT THE PIZZA
IN FOUR PIECES BECAUSE
I'M NOT HUNGRY
ENOUGH TO EAT SIX**

Yogi Berra



The MAFFI Minute

The Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) Trustees and Executive Director would like to send a big shout out, "THANK YOU" to all the hobbyists who have supported this expansion effort. Without you, this project wouldn't have happened; you preserved history and made it possible to have a fabulous historical learning experience available for years to come!

Several Trustees, the Executive Director, the Grape A's Club, and friends of each gave up Memorial Day weekend to move cars, clean up, and set up vignettes-- to get the museum expansion one step closer to being fully finished. It's looking good, and we can't wait for the ribbon cutting in September.

The expansion allows for more vignettes of the era (see the attached photos: Dustbowl vignette, school house vignette ---complete with bus in the background). There will be period correct murals on the exterior of the building (see sample attached), a working garage, and so much more. You need to come to Model A Days, September 19th & 20th to see for yourself how awesome this museum has become ---thanks to all our wonderful hobbyists!

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary



New Billboards mounted on the exterior walls of Model “A” Museum



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

July 2025

MARC's Gettysburg National Meet this year is now behind us. We had more than 300 registrations, many informative seminars, Special Interest Group meetings, tours, car judging and great food at the welcome party, grand tour and awards banquet. More details and plenty of pictures in the next *Model A News*. Thanks to Tom and Janora Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region for hosting this great event.

Also, don't forget that we have a special Finger Lakes tour in the pipeline for next May and another great National Meet scheduled for next July in French Lick Indiana. We expect both to be jam packed with fun filled activities so plan to attend. We still need Regions to step up and volunteer to host future events! Your Board of Directors will gladly help you plan a tour, meeting or a national event. Contact any MARC Director please

Remember that the online version of the *Model A News* is always available for viewing by the first day of every even month (February, April, June, August, October and December). Going forward, we will communicate availability on Facebook only.

Can you imagine that Adina Cloud, representing the French Lick Resort and a MARC member, won the 50/50 drawing at the closing awards banquet and then contributed the winnings to the Model A Youth Restoration Awards? Then, Tom Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region donated the other half: \$2,000 to MAYRA!

Remember that MARC has a special membership offer for youth, 18 -25, not living at home. FREE membership with a sponsor, digital MAN only, but all the other benefits of full membership. Contact the office for details. Let's get those young people signed up!





When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident:

That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government....

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Tech Talk: From the Model A Restorers Club Facebook Page, June 30, 2025.

Question from member Daryl Herritz: “Hard to start. All by myself. Battery good, coil is good and condenser was changed two months ago and ran good and now no start. How can I check to see if I have spark at the points? This may sound dumb, but pulling out the choke like nuts and it won’t even flood. Pulled gas line off at the carb and gas flows out.

Answer from Michael Vitetta:

“No Spark

Some possibilities are:

1. Blown or defective fuse (use of a fuse is an aftermarket item)
2. Bad connections at ammeter, or ammeter itself (to find out put a jumper wire from one post of the terminal box to the other to take the ammeter out of the circuit temporarily)
3. Bad ignition switch and/or cable, or loose cable connection at the switch.
4. Loose or broken wires at bottom of coil
5. Loose or broken wires inside terminal box
6. Loose, bare or broken pigtail wire under distributor plate, or wire grounding to plate or distributor body
7. Points not opening, or point arm grounding to cam due to worn rubbing block
8. Worn electrode on underside of distributor cap
9. Loose or broken high tension wire from coil to cap
10. Condenser burned out or grounding (some condensers are too long and can touch the distributor body inside)
11. Weak coil
12. Rotor not turning due to loose cam screw or bad timing gear.

Ok now it’s time to break out a voltmeter (a light bulb can give false readings).

Start at the fuse block, you should have voltage on both sides of the fuse. If you only have voltage on one side, replace the fuse or fuse block.

Now with voltage on both sides of the fuse, move up to the junction box. There should be voltage at both terminals. If voltage is present only on one side the problem is at the ammeter, and you should jump the terminals of the ammeter for now.

You should have voltage on both sides of the coil. If not, remove the red wire from the coil and check again. If you now have voltage on both sides, you have a problem further on. If the voltage is still only on one side, you have a bad coil.

Open the points with a piece of paper and remove the condenser. Turn the key on and you should have voltage at the points.

Replace the condenser and you should still have voltage.

If the voltage is missing, remove the top plate and check for voltage on the bottom plate.

Check if the connector from the ignition switch screwed in too far. Do you have voltage on the wire to the upper plate?

Is this wire shorting to ground or broken?

Remove the paper from the points and see that the points are closed. You should have 0 volts at the points. If you do, the points are dirty, or the distributor is not grounded well to the engine.”

Or:

Answer from member Jim Lloyd:

“I bought a clear distributor cap. I can tell if I have spark plus it's neat to watch.”



Model "A" Era Beachwear



AND FROM THE HISTORICAL FILES

JULY 4, 1826

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died hours apart on the same day. it was the 50th anniversary of American Independence.



Members Moments

Keeping in touch

Happy Birthday

Marsha LeMere	July 5th
Art Steinberg	July 10th
Jordon Beller	July 16th
Henry Ford	July 10th

Happy Anniversary

Mike & Carol Sluis July 6th

I read this article that said the typical symptoms of stress are: Eating too much, impulse buying, and driving too fast. Are they kidding? That is my idea of a perfect day.

**Some of you should walk a mile in my shoes because then you would be a mile away from me and that would be fantastic.
Keep the shoes**

**STUDIES SHOW THAT
COWS PRODUCE MORE
MILK WHEN THE FARMER
TALKS TO THEM**

**IT'S A CASE OF IN ONE
EAR AND OUT THE UDDER**

Little boy sitting on his step eating candy just as fast as he could unwrap it. A man passing by saw what he was doing. He said all that candy is not good for you and will spoil your dinner. The little boy said I don't know about that but my grandpa lived to be a 102. The man said wow you mean by eating candy. The little boy said no, by minding his own business.

Editor's Desk

by John Hoffman



I have always liked old things. Maybe it is a yearning for what seems to me, a simpler time with simpler problems. And better made things, built to last. A time before particle board furniture, lab created viruses, nuclear weapons, self-driving cars, income tax, and AI.

My house was built in 1903, the same year Ford Motor Company was founded. 122 years ago.

My clothes dresser is a family heirloom over 200 years old. Most of our furnishings are antiques. Our kitchen stove is 100 years old. Still

works great.

I worked as a building engineer in a landmark art deco office building, downtown, that opened in 1928. 1928 is also the year that the Model "A" Ford was introduced. The building is 98 years old. I worked there for over fifty years.

I have two 1931 Model "A" Fords. A Special Delivery and a Victoria Coupe. They are both 94 years old. Great cars.

Why, even my wife Wait a minute! I can say she seems as young and beautiful as the day we met. Phew, that was close!!!

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

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

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____ email _____

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OK to list email in club roster? (yes or no)

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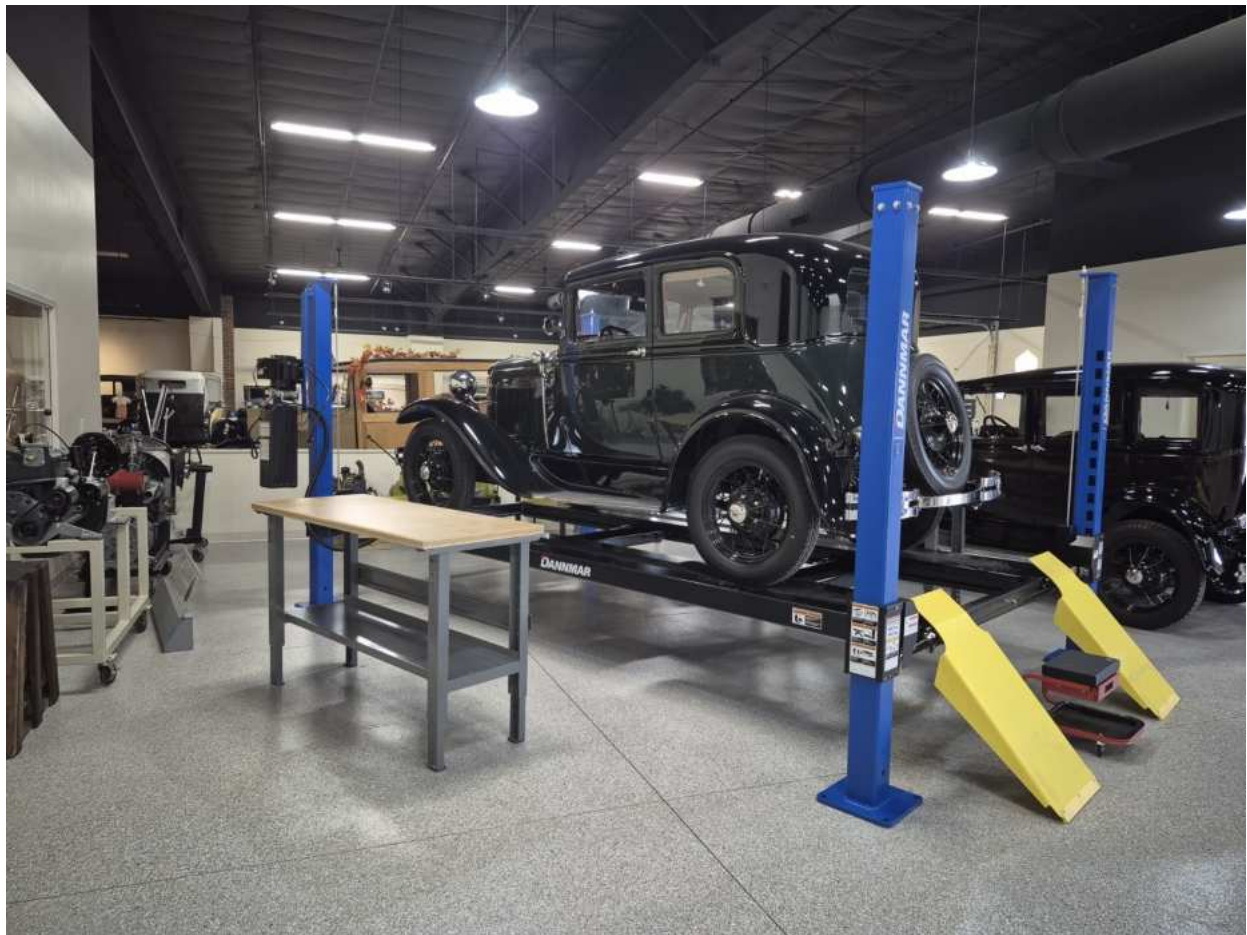
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MARC Membership is required for Region membership

The Chatter

CALUMET REGION, MODEL 'A' RESTORER'S CLUB



The New Lift in Operation at the Model "A" Museum



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.