

PINE TREE CHATTER



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DRIVER'S SEAT

As you know this is the 20th anniversary of the club and everyone is invited to attend a celebration at the Above and Beyond Caterers on July 20th, and the cost is only \$20.00 per person for a great meal and a good time. So plan on setting aside that day to attend. Please contact Scott Lansberry to register.



**GIL BROWN
PRESIDENT**

Putting things in perspective, the first Model A was 77 years old when the club was formed, and it is now 97 years old. Are these cars improving with age like good wine or cheese? I hope they will be enjoyed well into the future. How many new cars of today are going to make it to that ripe old age? The metal in them may be recycled a number of times over 97 years.

This is my last message in this space as I will be passing along my job to another member and I wish whoever that is much success. Thank you to the other officers who have also served the club: Tom Monteith, Vice President, Craig Cakouros, Secretary, and Scott Lansberry, Treasurer. They have been an excellent team who have kept the club running smoothly and efficiently.

I will continue to support the club as an active member and look forward to many more good times. I am grateful to all the members who support the club's ongoing effort to support the Model A hobby. We all can be proud of the new Member of the Year plaque and the club's contribution to the M.A.F.F.I. Museum which will help to educate future generation of Model A'ers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Pine Tree A's meeting minutes 6/14/25.....

Call to order- Gil B.

We welcomed visitor Ronin, Carl S. grandson, to the meeting today.

Announcements: Weather permitting, several Model A's will be visiting the Atria living center at the conclusion of the meeting.

A Father's Day car show flyer was handed out for a gathering at an ice cream shop in Standish.

Secretary's report for May- passed

Treasurer's report- Scott L.

May expenses \$245, income \$230.

Upcoming expenditures: \$500 to anniversary party caterer; \$500 to youth scholarship fund; \$200 for church rental

Final count for party attendees needed by July 11.

A motion was made by Paul G. to have amount sent to youth scholarship fund be voted on by the membership each year vs. an 'automatic' payment. Motion passed.

Also discussed were profits for a club via hosting a regional meet vs. conducting a tour....to be continued.

Old business-

Carl S.: nominating committee for club officers/potential candidates to be voted on at 20th anniversary party.

Roulette wheel completed. Rod K. to run event

Trivia to be organized by Michaela K. and Gil B.

50/50 raffle run by Carl S.

Touring committee-

June 24: Bentley's Saloon cruise-in 5-7pm featuring cars up to the 50's.

July 12: Open house at Rod and Mikayla K., 43 RR St., East Wilton, ME. Rendezvous at 10am. Tour to Stanley Museum and Wire Bridge. Pot luck event to follow at 2pm.

July 20: PARTY!

July 26: Elliot tractor show at Raitt's farm

Aug. 2: Scribner's Mill open house

New business-

Christine proposed new magnetic name tags for club members. These are \$6 and can be worn on clothing or mounted to metal dashboards. (Her club in Florida uses them)

Dues: Gil proposes 1/2 price for spouses as other clubs do.

Paul G. presented a motion to increase yearly dues to \$25.

This is 'tabled' until Aug. when new club officers are in place.

Scott L reports that Diane M. is doing well since the sudden passing of her husband Wayne this spring. Wayne's collection is steadily being sold off.

Presentation- Carl S.

- showed examples of period fender mounted parking light accessories.
- demonstrated the use of a very odd looking 'double mirror' called the Passing Eye which allowed drivers to see their 'dead spot'. This contraption hung from the driver's side door.
- had several examples of hand wiper assemblies available to inspect...or purchase!

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Cakouros; Secretary, Pine Tree A's

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

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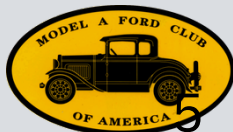
July 12 - Monthly meeting will be an Open House at Rod and Michaela Koehn's house, with side trip to Stanley Steamer Museum (TBD). See page 7 for details.

July 20 - Pine Tree A's 20th Anniversary party - See info on pages 14-15 for details.

July 26 - Eliot Antique Tractor & Engine Show, Eliot, ME

August 2 - Open House at Scribner's Mill

September 12-14 - Annual New England Model A Meet



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BACK SEAT DRIVER



FRANK KENNEDY
EDITOR

I am extending an invitation to attend our 20th anniversary on July 20th, which happens to be my 20th birthday. See pages 14-15 for details. Oh, and bring your Model A to the event. We will be taking pictures. • I just heard about a new dating service recently. It's called Carbon Dating. Gotta admit... I am curious.

On July 12th we plan to meet at Rod and Michaela Koehn's home at 43 Railroad Street in East Wilton at around 10 A.M. From there we will proceed to the Stanley Auto Museum in Kingfield which is about 35 minutes away, and possibly take a side trip to the Wire Bridge in New Portland if time permits. We then return to Rod and Michaela's open house by 2 P.M. which is a pot luck event. There is a Comfort Inn nearby for anyone who wishes to make it a more leisurely event.



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The 2025 MAFCA National Tour of Civil War Battlefields by John Brissette

My grandfather, a Civil War buff, sparked my interest in the conflict during the Civil War Centennial of 1961-1965. His grandfather was a Union veteran and my grandfather knew many of the “old soldiers” in our hometown. So when MAFCA announced the 2025 national tour would be of Civil War battlefields, I told Linda and she enthusiastically said let’s go.

The tour was hosted by the Dallas Model A Ford Club. About 140 cars registered for the approximately 800-mile, multi-day tour. Almost all Model A body styles participated, coming from all over the country. Several people drove their cars but most trailered. Ed Tolman, the current president of MAFCA, drove his 1928 tudor from California with his grandson.

The tour started and ended in Waynesboro, Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley. The first full day of the tour was in the Shenandoah National Park, driving the Skyline Drive Scenic Byway to its northern terminus, then on to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Before the Civil War, Harpers Ferry was the site of the National Arsenal, which John Brown raided in 1859 to get weapons for a planned slave uprising.

The next day we drove north to the Antietam Battlefield near Sharpsburg, Maryland. The battle was In September 1862 and was the bloodiest day of the Civil War. After the battle President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. That afternoon we drove to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and the war's best known battlefield. There are over 800 monuments and tablets commemorating the 3-day battle, many visible along the 25-mile auto tour. Maine and New Hampshire units are recognized with several monuments, but we only saw a couple along the self-guided driving tour we followed. The next day the national tour offered a visit to Amish country but we stayed in Gettysburg and returned to the battlefield.

The following day we turned south and visited the Monocacy National Battlefield in Maryland, where the Confederates made their last attack on Washington DC in July 1864, and the Bull Run battlefields near Manassas, Virginia. The first battle there was in July 1861 and the second in August 1862.

The next day we spent in Fredericksburg, Virginia visiting four national military parks in the vicinity: Fredericksburg (December 1862), Chancellorsville (April-May 1863) where Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson died after being wounded by friendly fire; the Wilderness (May 1864), after General Ulysses Grant came East to take command; and Spotsylvania Court House (also May 1864) as the Federals began a number of moves around the Confederate southeastern flank.

The following day we drove to Richmond, Virginia, the capital of the Confederacy, to visit the American Civil War Museum with its outstanding exhibits. After the museum we drove to nearby Petersburg where the Union army engaged in a 9-month siege of that city and Richmond. The siege severally weakened the Confederates and eventually led to their surrender.

The last day of the tour we traveled to Appomattox, Virginia, the site of Lee's surrender to Grant. On the way we stopped at Sailor's Creek, one of the last battles of the war where Union forces blocked the Confederate attempt to escape Petersburg and Richmond. Unlike the other battlefields, which are managed by the National Park Service, this one is a state park. After visiting Appomattox we returned to Waynesboro for the farewell banquet.

At the banquet awards were announced. The longest distance driven in a Model A went to Ed Tolman. There were relatively few breakdowns, with the hard luck "award" going to a fellow whose alternator failed and after multiple attempts to find one locally had one shipped overnight from Snyder's, and thus was able to complete the tour.

Linda and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We met a lot of friendly folks and saw amazing sites. Our 1931 Tudor ran well, our only issue was overheating on a long grade over the Blue Ridge Mountains on a 90+ degree afternoon.

The National Park Service does an excellent job of caring for the battlefields and providing balanced, historically accurate interpretations of what happened to both soldiers and civilians who were caught up in the fighting. Today all the sites we visited are peaceful, even serene, places to visit and contemplate the great struggles and sacrifices made there. We are fortunate that people of vision worked so hard to preserve them. Commercialization encroaches, but the most hallowed grounds are protected.





Drone shot of downtown Sanford... Cars lining up already for our 20th anniversary party



July 20th. 20th anniversary party at Above and Beyond Catering at 49 Shaws Ridge Road in Sanford starting at noon.

Please sign up as soon as possible if you plan on attending as we need a headcount for the caterer. The cost is only \$20.00 per person for a great catered lunch and entertainment. Bring some dollar bills as we plan on trying out our new Model A roulette wheel. Dressing in era clothing is encouraged. Contact Scott Lansberry at lansberryscott2020@mail.com or 203-980-3627 to register.

**SAVE THE
DATE !**

**IT'S TIME TO
CELEBRATE !**

*Our 20th
Anniversary*

Like the tires on our Model A's, time rolls on. And it is time to celebrate. The Pine Tree A's Chapter was started in 2005. We will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary, on July 20, 2025. The 20th will be held at Above & Beyond Catering, Shaws Ridge Road, Sanford, Maine, Sunday, July 20th, 12-3ish. Please come and celebrate Model A Roulette, a trivia quiz, and perhaps some Model A games.

The meal is a buffet with entrees being chicken, steak tips, ziti & meatballs, green beans (maybe potatoes too). A vegan choice is ziti w/o meatballs.

Cost of \$20 per member and \$20 additional for wives, guests, partners & significant others. Club Founders are free.

**PLEASE PLAN TO DRIVE YOUR MODEL A TO
THE PARTY! SPECIAL PARKING SECTION FOR
A'S, SO WE CAN TAKE PHOTOS.**



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Scott Lansberry,
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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.

Name:	
Spouse's Name:	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
email:	
Land Line:	Cell:
Optional Info:	
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
Club % Pamela Trafton
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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



One Model A engine, "NFS"
Don't ask Carl.





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Carl Sneirson at 603-534-1933

The club recently donated \$500 dollars to the Youth Scholarship Fund. The Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc. was established as a 501(c)(3) (tax exempt) organization to assist children and/or grandchildren of any MAFCA/MARC member in pursuing their undergraduate education, whether it be at a state university, college or technical school. The scholarships awarded are for up to four years. The funds come from financial contributions and various fundraising efforts from MAFCA/MARC members and chapters.



MODEL A FORD YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

June 19, 2025

Scott Lamsberry
Pine Tree A's
998 W Shore Drive
Acton, ME 04001

Dear Scott:

On behalf of the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc. Board of Directors, I would like to once again thank you and the members of the Pine Tree A's for their generous donation of \$500.00.

This contribution will be combined with others to award scholarships to the children and/or grandchildren of Model A Ford Club of America or Model A Ford Restorers Club members. With the ever-increasing cost of a college education and the tightening of credit, these scholarships are needed now more than ever.

Again, thank you for supporting the youth of our great hobby.

Yours truly,

Jo Johnson, Treasurer
Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc.

P.S. Jack and I look forward to seeing everyone at the anniversary party.

CLASSIFIEDS



1929 Ford Model A Cowl in excellent condition. \$950

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Antique haul cart box with a very nice patina.

Would make a great addition for a Model A cut down tractor. Very solid wood and all the iron supports and hinges are there which is very unusual. \$850 -
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Bill Alexander, 262 Benton Rd, Albion, ME 04910. 207-437-2851.
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September 12-14, 2025

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Name/Ages of Children _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Club Affiliation _____

Will you bring your Model A to the Meet? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, what is: Year _____ Body Style _____

Will You Need Trailer Parking? Yes ☐ No ☐

\$55 prior to August 1st; \$65 after August 1st Registration Fee* (inc. 2 adults) \$ _____

Additional Adult (s) _____ # _____ @ \$25 each \$ _____

Friday Buffet Dinner _____ # _____ @ \$46 each \$ _____

Saturday Dinner: Steak Tips _____ # _____ @ \$56 each \$ _____

Baked Haddock _____ # _____ @ \$56 each \$ _____

Vegetarian Stuffed Acorn Squash _____ # _____ @ \$56 each \$ _____

Sunday Awards Breakfast Buffet _____ # _____ @ \$30 each \$ _____

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T-Shirt, Short Sleeve

Navy S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ # _____ @ \$16 each \$ _____

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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.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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

please Contact Sandy Harris
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