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# HUB CITY NEWS



#### HUB CITY MODEL A FORD CLUB, INC.

#### HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

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#### From the President

Merry Christmas fellow Model A enthusiasts! This year, our beloved Fords have carried us through mostly sunny tours, to lively picnics, and to our monthly meetings and Saturday breakfasts. From the rumble of a freshly tuned flathead to the gleam of polished brass, every mile has been a gift.

We tip our Santa caps to every member who shared stories, spare parts, and laughter at our monthly meetings. Special thanks to our officers who kept the club rolling smoothly and to the members who turned every event into a celebration. Your passion is the spark that keeps the Model A spirit alive.

\*\*Winterizing Tip from the Tech Corner\*\*

Before Jack Frost parks on your radiator cap, give your Model A a cozy winter nap:

- \*\*Change the oil\*\* Fresh lubricant protects against cold-start wear.
- \*\*Check antifreeze\*\* If your coolant is 5 years or older, flush and replace with a fresh 50/50 mix to prevent freeze-ups and corrosion.

A few hours spent now will result in a happy, healthy Model A, when spring roads call.

I hope to see as many of you as possible, at our Annual Christmas Dinner, on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Hub City Diner, Hagerstown. Please arrive at 6:00PM. One correction in the previous announcements of the dinner: Dessert will not be provided, by the club. Everyone can order a dessert, from the diner's menu.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our first club meeting of 2026, on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at Ledo Pizza, Hagerstown.

### The Ford Truck saves valuable minutes



Until then, may your hearth be warm, your eggnog strong, and your Model "A" dreams filled with open highways.

With Christmas cheer and club camaraderie, Dennis McCullough, President

## **Meeting Minutes**

November 5, 2025 ~ Ledo Pizza Hagerstown, MD.

Meeting Called to Order, Greeting and pledge of allegiance - 6:40 PM President Dennis McCullough presiding: 27 Members

#### **Member Updates**

Get Well Card

#### **Committee Reports**

*MINUTES*: Secretary Roy O'Neal—Motion to approve minutes as printed in the November newsletter 1<sup>st</sup>: Warren Suker, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Greg Green Approved

*TRESURERS REPORT*: Pat McCormley - Gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> - Warren Suker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg Green - Approved

MEMBERSHIP: Dennis McCullough - 51 Members

ACTIVITIES: MichaelAnn requested ideas for tours. Can repeat some maybe.

Roy O'Neal described the idea of a tour to Nashville with no interest shown. Next, the possibility of a tour in 2026 to Cumberland, MD was discussed, with good interest.

- Dec 3rd Meeting, Will be the annual Christmas Dinner, 6:00 pm at Hub City Diner, 190 Railway Ln, Hagerstown. Must RSVP by Nov 28 to Dennis McCullough 717-816-3135. Order off menu.
- Indoor dinner meetings, From January 7th until spring will be held at LEDOs Pizza, Dual Hwy, Hagerstown.
- December 20th Club Breakfast at Parlor House.9:00 AM
- Sept 12-13, 2026 Event in Hancock, MD has invited Hub City to be featured in their event.

TECH SESSION: Warren Suker

#### **Business:**

#### OLD:

- Club still seeking replacement for Lane Heimer, Newsletter Editor.
- ~ Magnetic **club nametags are here**. If you ordered a nametag in the last year, they are avail for pick up at club events, or contact MichaelAnn. Cost is \$8.

#### NEW:

- Discussion on Dues for Hub City Membership. Motion by Roy O'Neal to keep standard dues at \$12/yr;
   Postage Mailed Newsletter dues will raise to \$24 starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.
   1st Roy O'Neal, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Kiehl APPROVED
- ~ Roy passed around a sign up sheet for the club email service that allows any member to send/receive a club-wide email to all Hub City members who are registered. Approx 10 new emails will be sent to the webmaster for addition. There will be approximately 42 names on the updated list.
- ~ ELECTION Dennis presented the ballot for club election. The officers and board members were voted in unanimously per the election slate. No floor nominations. The only change was Gary Donley taking over as Membership Chair from Steve Young. Thank you Steve for your years of service. APPROVED
- ~ MARC Dues are \$50 and due in JAN.

Motion To Adjourn By Greg Green; 2nd Warren Suker Approved Submitted by Roy O'Neal

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Monthly meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the first Wednesday of the month

January 7, 2025 Meeting will be at

Ledos Pizza At 6:30 PM, 1423 Dual Highway, Hagerstown. MD



## Club Calendar 2025

Official Hub City Club activities are in Bold

|    |          | <u>December</u>   |
|----|----------|---|
| 3  | December | Hub City Model A Club Christmas Dinner 6:00 pm - See Below        |
|    |          | Located at Hub City Diner; 190 Railway Lane; Hagerstown, MD 21740 |
| 6  | December | Town of Shepherdstown Christmas Parade Line up 8:30 (See page 12) |
| 20 | December | Monthly Breakfast, The Parlor House, Waynesboro, PA, 9:00am       |
|    |          | <u>January</u>  |
| 7  | January  | Monthly Membership Meeting 6:30pm Ledo Pizza Hagerstown           |
|    | -        | 1423 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD 21740 (301) 766-4900            |
| 17 | January  | Monthly Breakfast, The Parlor House, Waynesboro, PA, 9:00am.      |
|    |          | <u>February</u>   |
| 4  | February | Monthly Membership Meeting 6:30pm Ledo Pizza Hagerstown           |
|    | _        | 1423 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD 21740 (301) 766-4900            |
| 21 | February | Monthly Breakfast, The Parlor House, Waynesboro, PA, 9:00am.      |

# Membership Dues Are Now Due to be Submitted.



It is now time to submit both your MARC ( Model A Restorers Club ) dues and your Hub City Model A Club dues.

MARC Dues are \$50.00 and due by December 31, 2025.

Checks should be made payable to "Model A Restorers Club" (or)" M.A.R.C." and mailed to: Model A Restorers Club, P.O.Box 498, Howell, Michigan 48844

Hub City Model A Club Dues are due by January 31, 2026.

Members receiving an electronic copy of the newsletter, dues are \$12.00.

Members receiving a mailed copy of the newsletter, dues are \$24.00.

(Please note the dues price increase for receiving a mailed copy of the newsletter which was passed during the November 2025, membership meeting.)

Checks should be made payable to "Hub City Model A Club" and mailed to: Gary Donley, 3624 Engle Molers Road, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425



## It's Not Too Late to Join the Festivities Please sign up by November 28, 2025

Date: Wednesday,

December 3, 2025.

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Hub City Diner; Note: (New owner/new management)

190 Railway Lane;

Hagerstown, MD 21740

Everyone will be able to order a meal, off of the diner's (upgraded) menu. Meals range in price from \$15.00 - \$20.00/person and include a House or Caesar salad/ or a cup of homemade soup, main entree, and a choice of potato or other vegetable.

Along with your meal, everyone can order a drink and desert of your choice, off of the menu.

Desserts are also to be ordered off the menu.

**Everyone who plans to attend please sign up by Friday, November 28th.** 

Sign-up sheet will be at our November Club Meeting and Club Breakfast, or, Call Dennis McCullough - 717-816-3135

The Monthly Club Breakfasts at:

The Parlor House

Potomac Shopping Center

723 South Potomac Street Waynesboro, PA 17268

3rd Saturday of the Month at 9 am







Word from Michaelann is: Next Breakfast December 20, 2025

### November 5, 2025 Hub City Model A Club Meeting

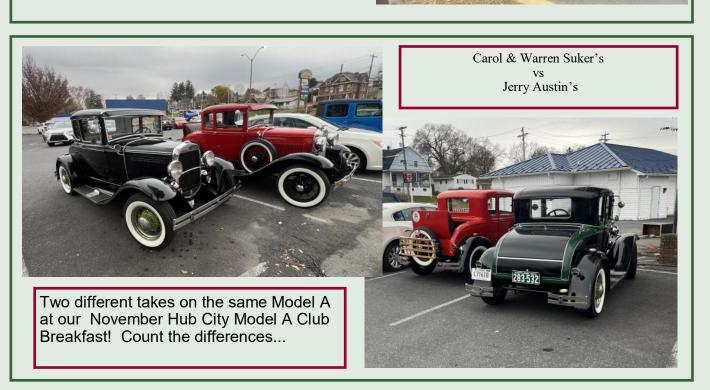


Wayne Wuerstlin get the credit for showing up to the November meeting in his roadster!

Cool drive...

<u>December 3, 2025 is the Christmas</u> Dinner Instead of Meeting

Next Membership Meeting January 7,





October 25, 2025 Hagerstown, MD www.alsatiaclubinc.com/about-us/

Rodney and Melissa Grimes Warren and Carol Suker.

The Suker's car was used to carry a gentleman who made his first jump as a paratrooper from a Fairchild flying box car that was built in Hagerstown. His female companion was unable to get in the rumble seat, so she rode up front with me, and Carol rode with Rodney and Melissa.

The lady in the blue was offered a photo op and she

jumped at the opportunity.







## Model A's in the Wild



In this issue of Model A's in the Wild, we travel to Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

While visiting the area in the middle of this month, we passed by the Railway Village Museum. Timing was such that the stop here had to come at the end of the day. There wasn't a good opportunity to explore the over 60 antique vehicles in the associated museum so the masthead 1930 Model A Ford pickup had to do.

Hopefully, another trip to the area will be in the future, yet. While there was not any information displayed about this particular truck, photos were easy. Maybe it was the truck shown above!

The establishment runs a train through the countryside and the web site at <a href="https://railwayvillage.org/">https://railwayvillage.org/</a> shows some enticing reasons to visit. They were having a fall colors fest and trains were running excursions to see the spectacular sights.

## Model A's in the Wild

The finish on the truck appeared to be an older restoration with some cosmetic touch ups as needed over the years. As seen in the photos, it also appears to have been kept original. It was a nice diversion from the road, anyway.

Enjoy the photos and, if anyone knows more details about this truck, please chime in! If the day had been clearer and warmer, we might have taken that train ride, too! Happy Fall!



### Washington County Rural Heritage Museum's Fall Event

Warren Suker was asked to be part of the Rural Heritage Museum's fall event to enhance the transportation museum experience by demonstrating some of the many mechanical assemblies that are critical to making a Model A go, stop, and steer.

On display were: front axle with spindles, backing plates with functioning brakes, brake shoes and brake linings, steering box (1 complete and 1 disassembled), transmission, leaf springs, tires (and red solo cup as a training aid) and of course the iconic sound of a model A horn.

The unexpected entertainment came from watching some of the youngsters rolling the tires down the hill to see whose tire could go the furthest and then race back up the hill. It seems that trash talking between competitors starts at a very early age.





~ Warren Suker





The following members received cards:

## Sunshine List

No actions reported

Let Jane know about any Sunshine List needs

~ Jane Young ~ Home 240-315-1281 janee.young@gmail.com



## Member Birthdays ~ December



Sharon McCormley 12th John King 27th

Do you have a December Birthday? Let Lane Know laneheimer@gmail.com

## Shepherdstown Christmas Parade

The Rotary of Club of Shepherdstown invites you to participate in the Town of Shepherdstown's 2025 Christmas Parade.

The parade will be held on Saturday, December 6. It begins at 10:00 a.m., and the start time for the parade lineup is 8:30 a.m.

As usual, tradition dictates the parade will be held no matter what the weather: rain (or snow) or shine!

Following is a link that takes you to an online parade information sheet and registration form:

http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/Iea8C1bvcznf3J0N9P

Once completed, simply hit "send email" and we'll receive your registration.

## ITEMS FOR SALE



## 1931 Ford model a 4 door sedan/slant window

Good condition - ready to go! New tires, new battery and all fluids changed.
\$19,500.
Contact:
Phil Broomall
240-285-7880
pbroomall@yahoo.com















Grand National First and First National Restored 10 years ago Call for price.



How often do you see in series plates available? \$650 for the set





Contact

Ron Myers at

301-991-6683

## ITEMS FOR SALE













#### Maryland 1930 License Plates for Sale

204-619: This matched pair have been professionally restored and have been used on a Model A. They are in very good condition. \$200.00

227-385: This matched pair have been professionally restored and have been used on a Model A. They are in very good condition. \$200.00

296-113: This matched set appears to be an original set. They are in good condition for original plates and have some minor rust and chipped paint. \$100

Please Contact : Rick Baldasarre

Rick.Baldasarre@gmail.com 301.992-0881

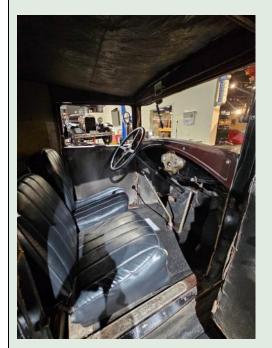




#### 2025 November MAFFI MINUTE

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.

Keep on motoring!

John Grossheim, Trustee and Secretary of MAFFI



Our annual local dues are:

### **Hub City Model A Ford Club**

#### **Membership Application**



It is not necessary to own a Model A Ford to be a member of our club. Hub City Model A Ford Club, Inc, (HCMAFC) is a region of the National Model A Restorers Club (MARC). You must be a member of MARC in order to join a regional club such as our HCMAFC. The MARC website with membership information is located at <a href="https://www.model-a-ford.org">www.model-a-ford.org</a>.

| \$12 which includes an en  | nail version of our | monthly newslet | tter - in color, or    |  |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--|
| \$24 which provides for po | stage to mail (US   | PS) your newsle | etter - also in color. |  |
| Name:                      |                     | Date            | ·<br>·                 |  |
| Spouse (first name):       |                     |                 |                        |  |
| Address:                   |                     |                 |                        |  |
| City:                      |                     |                 | Zip:                   |  |
| Phone Number:              |                     | Mobile #        |                        |  |
| Email Address:             |                     |                 |                        |  |
| Amount Enclosed: \$12 _    |                     |                 |                        |  |
| ** MARC Membership Nu      | ımber:              |                 | _                      |  |
|                            |                     |                 |                        |  |

Monthly Club meetings are held at Shafer Park Pavilion, Boonsboro, Maryland, May – October and at Ledo Pizza; 1423 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD 21740, November - April. Meetings are always the first Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m.

Please send this form and payment to our Membership Chair:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HCMAFC - (not to Gary)

Gary Donley; 3624 Engle Molers Road; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

cell: 301-875-9366

gary.donley6@gmail.com

<sup>\*\*</sup> Membership in the Model A Restorer's Club (MARC) is required for membership in Hub City Model A Ford Club. \*\*