

PINE TREE CHATTER



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DRIVER'S SEAT

We bought a new Ford F-150 a few months ago to replace our 2010 F-150. Fifteen New England winters had taken their toll and it was time for a new truck. The new one is nice with lots of gee whiz features, but it is fundamentally a lot like our old pickup.



JOHN BRISSETTE
PRESIDENT

One difference I found interesting is the Ford logo. Like on the old truck, the oval is blue, but on the new one the lettering is white while on the old one it was silver. We also have a 2013 Ford Edge and its logo is like the 2010 pickup, blue and silver. I don't know when Ford changed the emblem to blue with white letters but it got me thinking about the Ford logo, one of the oldest and most iconic brand symbols in the world. An internet search came up with dozens of articles about the evolution of the Ford logo on both automotive sites and design sites.

The earliest logo had the words "Ford Motor Co." in basically block letters. The script "Ford" that has been synonymous with the company for over a century originated in 1912 and is said to have been influenced by Henry Ford's personal signature. In those years the script was on a background of a blue winged triangle and included the words "The Universal Car." British designers came up with "Ford" in an oval, which tested well in Great Britain during the Model T era. The blue oval logo known the world over was introduced on the Model A in December 1927. Other than 1931 when the oval was stainless steel, the oval has been blue.

While the basic logo has not changed since the introduction of the Model A, there has been a subtle evolution through the years. The shape of the oval, as defined by the ratio of height to length, has become more elongated, and the color scheme has changed as previously mentioned. The script "Ford" itself has also changed, beginning about the time it was put in the oval. If you look at a Model T the "tail" of the "F" extends well over the "d" while since the Model A era, it ends over the "r."

While the blue oval has been the official logo since the 1928 model year, it has not always been prominently displayed on Ford cars. I remember a Ford "coat of arms" on the hood of our family's 1954 Ford sedan. An article in The Restorer in the mid-1980s was titled "Return of the Magic Blue Oval" and celebrated the emblem regaining its rightful place in the grill and other places on 1983 Ford vehicles. In the 1960s, when Henry Ford II was the company president, he thought about changing the logo. What the designers came up with looks to me like a blue skateboard with "Ford" in a highly stylized font. Henry II decided to keep the original, which was a good thing I believe.

Linda and I will miss the September meeting because we, along with several other club members, are going the New England Meet in Boxborough, Massachusetts; sponsored this year by the Minuteman Model A Ford Club. Doc Hanaford with preside at the meeting and I'm sure will spark some good discussions.

Take care, drive safely, and I hope to see you in October.

John

Pine Tree Model A's Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2025

Call To Order

Presentations - John Brissette presented on the 2025 MAFCA tour which covered the Civil War Battlegrounds.

Introduction of new officers

- John Brissette as President, Nate Howell as Secretary, and Chris Howell as Treasurer. A thank you to the past slate of officers.



**NATE HOWELL
SECRETARY**

Old Business

- The 20th anniversary party for the club was a success. A thank you to everyone who made arrangements and contributions.
- Frank's Pictures both from the anniversary party and other events can be seen at <https://frank-kennedy.smugmug.com>

Tours/Shows

- August 16th car show in Deerfield NH
- September 12th-14th New England Meet
- September 12th-13th Old Orchard Beach Car Show
- September 21st Rye Lions car show which will feature over 300 cars
- October 7th-10th Hershey event

- No tours planned at the moment, though we are looking for ideas. If anyone is interested we are looking for people to join the touring committee.
- Discussion of visiting Peter Anderson's collection in Casco as a "hibernation tour" in the Fall.
- Apple orchard tour arrangements need to be made. Usually the tour occurs in mid to late September.

New Business

- A new club member up North will be trailering his Model A to the New England meet. Not present at the meetings but expressed that he could take another vehicle if anyone is interested.
- The Christmas party is approaching. A location should be chosen soon such as Sebago Brewing, or Oak Street Bistro. Open to more ideas.
- John B was contacted by someone with 5 "rusty" 'A' wheels for sale. '28-'29 style for \$100.
- Scott Lansberry was not present, but wanted to put out a warning against scammers pretending to be club members. We should consider creating a club email so that personal emails are not on the website.
- The "hibernation" event was discussed further. Doc Hannaford will run it by Peter Anderson to see if Saturday October 18th or 25th would work.

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Howell, seconded by Doc Hannaford.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

September 12-14 -
Annual New England
Model A Meet

September 12-13 -Annual
Old Orchard Beach Car
Show, Old Orchard
Beach, ME 2025

September 21 - Rye Lions
Car Show, Rye, NH

October 7 - October 10,
Eastern Fall Meet -
Hershey, PA.

December - Annual
Christmas party - TBD

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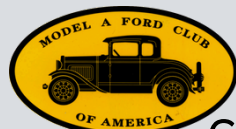
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SEPTEMBER MEETING AGENDA

Doc asked me add this agenda for the September meeting. He would like to mention four topics of discussion at the meeting:

- 1– What are the members interested in doing as a club over next year or two? General discussion about meetings, possible tours, presentations, etc. What are the preferences, likes about current activities, any dislikes about what we do, things we should consider adding, etc.
- 2– Is there interest in a fall “Hibernation Clinic” to discuss prepping cars for winter storage. One idea is to have a discussion in the parking lot around one of our Model As. Could include questions and answers, and ideas/comments from the members. October or early November would be good timing.
- 3– The Christmas Party, venue, dates, costs.
- 4– Think about Member of the Year for 2025 and process for nominating and voting.

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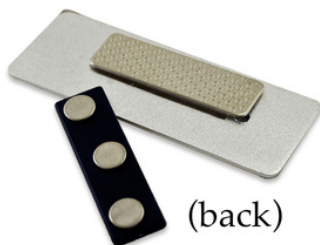
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PRESENTING THE FLAPPER OF THE MONTH AND HER BOYFRIEND



Gil and Barbara Brown

Gil - What town were you born in? When did you move to Maine? Born in South Casco, Maine, a Maine native.

Barbara - same questions. Born in Portland, Maine - also a Maine native

Gil - When did you meet? Any funny story to go with it? We met in high school. I was a senior and she was a junior. I called her for a date on a dare from a friend. I made the call from a bowling alley, and that's where we had our first date. She had to be home by 10:00 PM, and she invited me in where she displayed her skills with a baton (she was a cheerleader). It seemed dangerous to me at the time since the thing could have flown anywhere.

Barbara - Your side of the story That phone call! As I had no idea who it was who was calling me (since Gil was from a neighboring town with no high school) I declined that invitation. How could I not know who he was? I thought I knew everyone in our school! The next day I learned from several friends that he was the nicest kid they knew! I took a chance, and I have certainly found that to be true.

Gil - When did you get into Model A's? I bought our 1928 Model A coupe in 1994. It was in a shed in Naples, Maine, and had been in storage since 1958, as that was the last inspection sticker on it. We had to evict a cat who had been napping on the roof for some time since he had left a depression in it. The car showed about 68,000 miles which was a lot considering the roads it had been on. The motor was totally shot and I had it rebuilt which took over two years, and then it sat on my barn floor until 2014. Working full time, I didn't have time to devote to it. Having heard a number of times that it would never run, I was determined to see that it did, and got it on the road that year. It now runs and drives very well. I left the exterior in "barn-find" condition, with the exception of replacing the roof and running boards. The differential and drive shaft were also replaced. Our 1930 coupe was totally disassembled when we bought it. The previous owner, who had passed away, had taken it apart to paint the frame. The motor was a short block which had been re-built. The rear end had been taken apart for some reason and the front axle was separated from the chassis. The body was in good shape sitting on pallets, and also had a mouse colony living in it. Two plus years later it was back

together and now is a very good driver.

Barbara - Any car related stories. When did you get into braiding? Gil actually taught me to drive a standard in his dad's '59 blue Chevrolet Impala. Several of the cars we bought after that were standards. For awhile we drove matching blue '67 Pontiacs – mine, a 4-door Tempest and his, a Firebird. I have yet to try driving our Model A's but it is on my bucket list... I learned rug braiding at a young age and have continued teaching classes in braiding and creating my own rugs throughout the years.

Gil - In previous lives what did you do for work? I was a machinist for a number of years, and also project/account manager for a computer manufacturer.

Barbara - Same question I knew I wanted to become a teacher when I was in sixth grade. Working toward that goal has led me to stretch myself in a variety of fields, including music, gardening, and needlework skills, while allowing me to have a wonderful career as a public-school educator in my hometown. I was an elementary school teacher for over 30 years, and was also an administrator for a primary school.

Gil/Barbara - How many years have you been in our club? We joined the Pine Tree Club in 2017.



BACK SEAT DRIVER



**FRANK KENNEDY
EDITOR**

Summer is winding down, but we still have time to motor around the countryside * Thanks to all who did the tour to Scribner's Mill. They showed us the way things were back in the day. * I am looking forward to the New England Meet. We will be going down with a half a dozen A's.

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Photo by Times Staff Photographer
FRANK WASSER

... trucking away an elderly \$25 sedan in the drive for jalopies whose steel and other metals can make arms ...

Back in 1942, the country needed scrap iron for the war effort. The going rate was \$25 bucks for this 11 year old car. In 2025, what is the going rate for a Model A?



We visited Scribers Mill for their annual open house on August 2. Scribers sawmill has operated on the Crooked River since the 1840s. Seven Model As and two Model Ts were there along with several antique “hit and miss” engines, a steam-powered boat, a team of oxen, other displays, food, and entertainment. After lunch several of us stopped in Naples for ice cream and boat watching on Long Lake.





Linda Brissette (left) and Barbara Brown, current and former club First Ladies.



Not just cute, they work for a living.





A fine gathering of old Fords.



Thanks to Bruce Marshall and John Brissette for the
photos.



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I came across this article in the Queen City Model A Club newsletter and wanted to pass it on. Any thoughts on the last paragraph? Let me know.

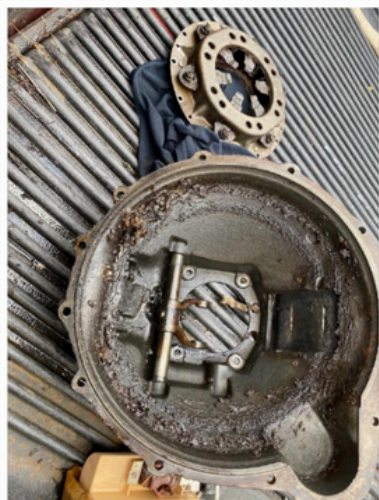
TECH TALK

| Do Not Grease These Fittings • By Jim Townsend |

I've said it before, but this picture of Don Houser's bell housing and clutch pressure plate on his newly purchased Vicky confirms it. This is one of the grease fittings on a Model A that you should not put grease into, but if you do, only a small amount.

The grease fitting inside the inspection plate on top of the bell housing supplies grease to the slide on which the throw-out bearing is attached, not the bearing itself. The bearing is sealed and requires no lubrication. When greasing, we are taught to continue to pump grease until we see grease being squeezed out of the mating surfaces. The problem here is that the grease squeezes out into an area not visible and into the area of the clutch disc. Grease on the clutch surface will cause chattering of the clutch.

The other two fittings on a Model A that you should not grease are located on the rear axle, near the brake drums. These fittings supply grease to the axle bearings, which get lubricated also by oil from the rear end. Over lubrication grease is expelled into the brake drums and onto the brake shoes. Ford issued a service bulletin advising owners not to lubricate these fittings. It is unusual to have someone say, don't put grease into a fitting put there by the manufacturer, but look at the picture again and see why it might be best to avoid using these three fittings.



Men don't have babies because God saw the way they handle a cold and knew the species would never survive.

COOL INEXPENSIVE TIP FOR A HOT PROBLEM !! SEE BELOW

Floorboard Heat Reflector

- Reflects heat radiating from muffler
- Add bare aluminum flashing material to passenger's side
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Article taken from Model A Club of Long Island newsletter

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

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THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

September 2025

Meeet us next May in the beautiful Finger Lakes Region of New York State when we present the MARC 2026 Membership Meet/National Tour as a joint event! The Finger Lakes area is renowned for its scenery, local wineries, and quaint villages. For an extra thrill, drive your Model A on the world-class Watkins Glen International Speedway! Details are still being finalized so keep checking the *Model A News* and *The Running Board Report* for information as it develops!

ALERT! Scammers are back again. Recently an email, purportedly from Tom Hovetter, MARC President, was sent to Regional officers requesting gift cards be sent for veterans. This is a scam. MARC does not solicit funds except for payment of membership/Region dues.

Recently the Driver Class committee met to make changes to the judging standards based on feedback we have received. An example of a few of the changes made are that we will include vehicles with fiberglass fenders and later Ford axles to participate going forward and have enhanced the awards! We want to encourage participation of almost any Model A with non stock parts and modifications. Look for the updated standards on the MARC website shortly.

Certainly you've seen that we have the digital version of the *Model A News* posted on our website for MARC members to view. If you are a new member or just renewed, at the bottom of your receipt is a button to view your account and it will take you to it. This method is in addition to access through the MARC website. If you need a copy of your receipt, just contact the office at 734-427-9050 and we can sent it to you..



MAFFI MINUTE

We're 5 weeks away from Model A Days at Hickory Corners, MI. Are your reservations made? We hope so. This will be the grandest event yet! The Model A Ford Museum has always been a treat for our hobbyists.

Whether you've been there before or are planning to go this year, this visit will be extra special because of the completed expansion! The museum used to be able to showcase 30 vehicles; now all the vehicles that the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. owns are in one building!

Production years, 1928 through 1931, as well as a variety of body styles from Tudors to Phaetons -- Pickups to Firetrucks and a City Bus ---and more-- are on display. There is a larger variety of interactive exhibits and vignettes to put visitors right back in the era of the vehicles.

If you would like a sneak peek at the museum, go the www.maffi.org and click on the camera links for a live view: There's Expansion Bay 1, Expansion Bay 2, and Expansion Entrance along with a live view of the rest of the museum. And, for those of you planners, get this on your agenda. Save the dates September 12-16, 2028 for the 100-year anniversary of the Model A: 1928-2028! There will be driving tours offered by each of the national organizations, MARC and MAFCA and activities galore for all 5 days. I know there's no such thing as too much fun, but we're pushing the envelope!!

Cindy Ellenbecker MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

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