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In 1992 our club made the first club tour to a MARC National Meet. The meet was in Buffalo, NY and as part of our tour, we drove into Canada. This photo was taken in Canada, just a short distance from the border

Photo from Dick Alexander

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The Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club is dedicated to the Model A Ford as a means of preserving a part of our national heritage and passion for the motor car.

Classified ads are free to members and may be renewed upon request but are subject to space limitations.

Local dues are \$25 per year. Membership in the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) is required and membership in the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) is encouraged. Contact the Membership Chair at the number shown above for GBMAFC, MARC, and MAFCA membership application forms.

*The Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club remains committed to all of its members. If any Club member needs assistance, whether it's a maintenance problem or even in the event that a surviving family member needs advice on the liquidation of their Model A, please feel free to contact any of the Club officers. We will try to provide you, get you, or at the very least let you know where to get the help you need. Remember, we are here when you need us most.*

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**NEXT Membership Meeting:**  
**No Meeting in August**  
**Attend the Club Picnic**  
**Sat., Aug 23rd - 11:00—5:00 pm**

Newsletter Update

Keep all those articles, updates and Tech Tips flowing into the newsletters. Your efforts are appreciated.  
Submit items for the next newsletter by

**August 26th**

Send to [dave.b.mcleish@gmail.com](mailto:dave.b.mcleish@gmail.com)

**Septembers** issue will be publish about **Sept. 1st**



# THE PREZ SEZ

Greetings fellow Friends of the Model A,

The lunch on July 11<sup>th</sup> was fun and well-attended. The food was great and we had a great time, but no one was interested in braving the heat to explore the Irvine Nature Center afterwards. Maybe we could do this later in the year.

I still haven't gotten any volunteers to help change the clutch in a member's car. We pride ourselves in helping each other with our cars so I hope to hear some of that spirit soon. Fortunately, this hasn't been urgent since his garage air conditioner has been broken, but it should be fixed by now. Please call and let me know if you can help and we can work out a mutually-agreeable time to "git-her-done".

Some of you have asked about the status of the fire engine. I've installed seatbelts and most of the parts in the engine compartment and the instrument panel have now been reworked, restored, or replaced, but as of now the engine still isn't running. Spark issues, I think. Like any old car that hasn't been maintained in a long time, everything is frozen, rusted, or just plain filthy. Even after I get it started, I still need to work on the brakes before I can drive it to any events. You will all get to see it in person someday. I am hosting visitors at home this coming month so little work will be done for a while.

Hopefully you all have had better luck with your cars and can drive and enjoy them. Therefore:

I wish you MOTR (More On The Road) time. Harvey

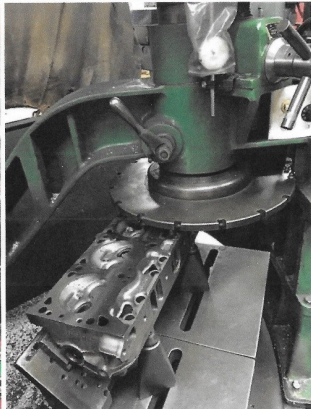
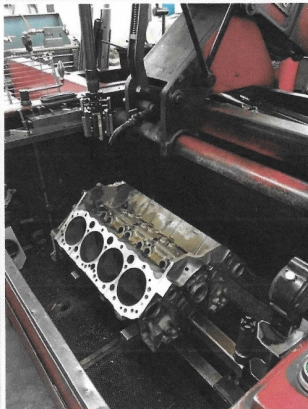
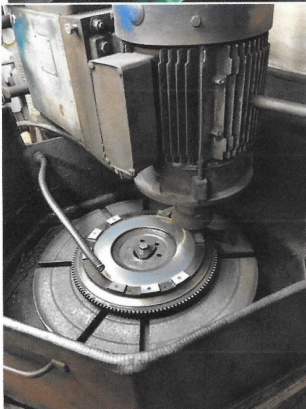
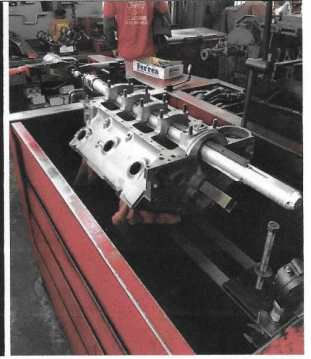
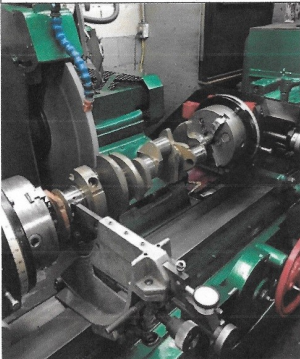
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## **GBMAFC Vice President Corner**

### **By Miguel Escobar**

Next month we will be holding the yearly club picnic so we will not hold our regular monthly meeting. The picnic will take place on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Piney Run Park, see you there!

For the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting the speaker will be Dave Sturges who will be presenting his ongoing research into Model A production numbers. For the October club meeting we will be gathering on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Arbutus branch of the Baltimore Public Library at 2:30 PM. Speaker invitations have gone out but we are still waiting on confirmations.

I hope the summer has been a good time to work on your cars so they are ready for all the club events still on the calendar.

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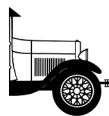
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# ACTIVITIES



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## August 2025

<b>Sun., Aug. 3rd</b> <b>11:00 AM - ?</b>	<b>"Terra Rubra", Birthplace of Francis Scott, Day Drive</b> Contact: Steve Meyer 443-285-3890
	<b>NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> in August Attend the picnic !!
<b>Sat., Aug. 23rd</b> <b>11:00—5:00 pm</b>	<b>GBMAFC Club Picnic,</b> Piney Run Park, 30 Martz Road, Sykesville Md. Volun- teers needed, Contact Steve Meyer 443-285-3890 or Bill Long 410-497-2003

## September 2025

<b>Tues., Sept. 16</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b> Lincoln School of Technology in Columbia, MD 21046
<b>Fri., Sept. 26th</b> <b>11:00 —3:00 PM</b>	<b>Mercy Ridge Car Show,</b> 2525 Pot Spring Road, Timonium, MD Contact: Steve Meyer 443-285-3890 Rain date Friday Oct 3rd

## October 2025

<b>Sat., Oct. 18th</b> <b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b> Arbutus branch of the Baltimore Public Library
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**Oct 2025 (cont.)**

**Sat., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00-11:00 AM

The 9th Annual Cars, Trucks, and things that GO, Gilman School, 5407 Roland Ave, Baltimore , Md.  
Contact: Andrew Reymer 202-413-3478 for more details

**Sat., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
11:00-3:30 PM

Rockville Car Show  
Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park,  
[603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851](https://www.rockvillemd.gov/603-Edmonston-Drive-Rockville-MD-20851)

**November 2025**

**Tues., Nov. 18**  
**7:30 PM**

**Membership Meeting**  
**Lincoln School of Technology in**  
**Columbia, MD 21046**

**December 2025**

**Sat., Dec. 6**  
**11:00-3:00 PM**

**Holiday Party at Friendly Farms Restaurant,**  
**17434 Foreston Road, Upperco, Md.**  
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**FUTURE Activities (cont.)**

**May 2026 — MARC National Tour — Finger Lakes Region, NY — More info soon....**



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PARK QUESTIONS CALL: 410-795-5165

## **GBMAFC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

July 21, 2025, via Zoom

Harvey announced that he is very pleased with the way the Club is running thanks to the efforts of the current Board members. He expressed his appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

September and November meetings will be at Lincoln Tech, October will be at a Baltimore County Library.

Steve will prepare a presentation on his ongoing restoration, mainly on getting the car, and this will be used as a backup in case a presenter doesn't show at the last-minute. The backup for Zoom is Bill Long.

The disadvantage of using Zelle to pay dues is that the membership form is not attached and we have no way to contact the person making the payment to put them on the roster.

The membership forms show that application forms and checks should go to the Treasurer, but some send them to the Membership person. We should emphasize this when we start pushing for renewals. New members seem to be getting this right. We need to change the form from 2025 to 2026 on October 1 when we start pushing renewals

Twice the MARC magazine has used the wrong writeup for GBMAFC. The latest was in the May/June issue. Harvey will contact Jeff to see what he can do to emphasize to MARC that this is unacceptable.

Dave McLeish will be asked to no longer include announcements about the Mileage Program in the newsletter since the Club members now all know about the program.

The next Board meeting will be on November 17, 2025 via Zoom.



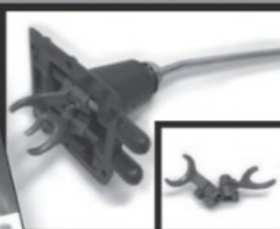
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## July 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order @ 7:28pm by President Harvey Hack

- Opening – Pledge of Allegiance
- Visitor / New Member – Paul Bowman of Rockville MD  
He has a '29 Sport Coupe and a '29 Fordor
- Dave Ball still needs some clutch work – Waiting on cooler weather or repaired AC
- Topic Today is - Club Tools
- Harvey Hack's AA fire truck progress:
  - Due to a dead Cylinder #3 the head was removed and it got a top end job
  - Distributor broke, Swapped for correct rebuilt carb, New ignition cable, ampmeter fix, gas gauge fix, and lots of other little things.
  - Now no spark – Discussion evolved with lots of questions and suggestions
- The August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting has no presentation – Club Picnic
- Secretary - The Meeting minutes were approved with no changes
- The Treasurer says we have some money
- National Representative:
  - Sept. 6-7 Old Car Festival @ Greenfield Village
  - Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – International Model A Ford Day – Take your Model A for a drive
  - Sept. 19-20<sup>th</sup> – Model A Days @ the Gilmore

- Membership – 1 renewal, 1 pending new  
Badges are available by request
- Activities – See the newsletter or web site
  - August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Terra Rubra Tour – Meet in Cooksville for a drive, tour and Original Pizza Lunch
  - August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Picnic @ Piney Run Park in Sykesville
- Youth Outreach – None
- Bill Crawford talked about the clubs small tools
  - Several were brought in for demonstration and discussion
  - The club also has videos to loan out
  - Some discussion about getting the videos transferred to a USB stick format for future proofing them.
  - No one signed up to do this for the club
- Dave Sturges talked about the clubs large tools
  - There was a discussion about the clubs brake tools and what they do
  - There was a discussion about the clubs wheel straightening tool
- Tech Talk
  - Kevin Mueller is having problems with his '29 Truck surging
    - A rebuilt carb “fixed” it for about 10 miles
    - Lots of discussion about possible fuel and ignition issues
  - Paul Bowman is having trouble with his sport roadster and it seems to have a short in the wiring.
    - It died and was towed home, a helper got it going by tinkering and disconnecting the wires from the generator. It runs now but there is a problem in the lighting circuit.
    - He wants to use it Thursday (7/17) for a family event.
    - It has original wiring so everyone said it should be replaced first and that might just fix it.

50/50 was won by Harry

Next meeting – August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ The picnic – Piney Run Park

**Meeting Closed @ 9:12pm**

Harvey asked for a vote of approval to adjourn by getting up and leaving,  
no one abstained.



# National News

by Jeffrey Whitsett



## MARC

July 24-27, 2025. 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wisconsin Model A Reunion, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

July 25-27, 2025. The Annual Historical Engine Society Show. Lake Metroparks Farmpark. Kirkland, OH.

August 8-10, 2025. Eliot Ness Tour. Coudersport, PA.

August 15-16, 2025. Model A Ford Swap Meet. Thomson, GA.

August 15-16, 2025. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Iowa Model A Days. Amana, IA.

August 23, 2025. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual New England Speed Meeting, "Gathering of the Faithful". 1963 and older, ***This Meeting Is for All Types of Vintage Speed 4's, 6's, 8's, Flatheads, Nailheads, Hemi's, Dragsters, Gassers, Stock Cars, Sprint Cars, Midgets & Vintage Motorcycles.*** Middleborough, MA.

**September 6-7, 2025. Old Car Festival. Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI. This year will showcase pre-1900 vehicles, both original and replicas. Registration opened June 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

September 13, 2025. International Model A Ford Day.

September 19-20, 2025. Model A Days at the Gilmore Car Museum. Hickory Corners, MI.

November 2, 2025. Dayton Buckeye Model A Ford Swap Meet. Miami County Fairgrounds, Troy OH.

January 10, 2026. 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Swap meet. Specializing in Model A Ford Parts. Shepherdsville, KY.

The Model A Restorers Club has a noteworthy youth coordinator. Her name is Emily Ellway, she can be contacted at [YouthCoordinator@Model-A-Ford.org](mailto:YouthCoordinator@Model-A-Ford.org). Ask about Jr. MARC for youth.

## **MAFCA**

President Tolman reports the following...

By now many of us Model A owners will have had ample opportunities to get *Henry's Lady* out on the road whether it be to car shows or tours like the National Tour of Virginia. By the time this edition of the Restorer is published I will have made my cross-country road trip to Virginia from California in my 1928 Tudor and should have posted a few photos and videos on Social Media. I'll give a better report of the trip in the September issue of the Restorer but if you'd like to see what I've been up to visit our Face Book page.

Some of you are aware that MAFCA has a digital newsletter to serve our members when no Restorer is in your mailbox; but for those who aren't aware, it is called [\*The Flying Quail\*](#). Envisioned several years ago by the MAFCA Board as a way to keep us connected, it was originally intended as a monthly newsletter but has since morphed into a bimonthly digital magazine when there is no Restorer magazine in your mailbox. (even numbered months) This is where MAFCA leadership can keep us informed and connected with articles from Technical to Era fashion as well as information on Local, Regional and National events. And sometimes, when space is an issue for in-depth articles in the Restorer, you can read them in the Flying Quail, where space isn't an issue.

Robert Mack of the Utah Valley A's has taken over the responsibilities as editor of the *Flying Quail* and is doing a great job. Currently the number of folks taking advantage of this publication is rather small so if you would like to add your name to the distribution list please visit the MAFCA website and find the button for publications and then scroll down to *Flying Quail* and click the link. This page allows you to view past issues as well as sign up for future issues.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for Model A Days at the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan this September 19th and 20th. This year is special as it will be the official opening of the Museum Expansion. And if you'd like to follow the final stages of the project just visit the Model A Ford Foundation website and click on the 'live' cams. [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org)

Lastly, please remember to [check out our advertisers](#) found in this magazine as well as on our website. And remember, as Paul Shinn always likes to say regarding our Model A's: *"Drive it like you know how to fix it!"*

Ed Tolman,  
2025 MAFCA National President

### **MAFFI Minute** (Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.)

This month I thought I'd share a bit of the history to be found in the museum at Hickory Corners, where the very first Model A is housed -- to whet your appetite to visit and see ALL the history found there along with the completed museum expansion. Model A Days are September 18-20, 2025. Join us!!

"The first Model A " Serial Number: 1, 1928 Ford Model A Tudor changed to a Phaeton Motor: 4 Cylinder, 201 CID, 40 HP Brakes: Mechanical Transmission: 3 Speed Manual non synchronized Body: Ford Motor Company Maximum Passengers: 5 6 Volt Battery w/ positive ground Tire Size: 450-21 Fuel Capacity: 10 Gal. Gasoline Weight: 2,212# Cost new: Gift

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Henry Ford told Thomas Edison that his name would always be with the Ford name and in the logo for Ford, the cross in the letter F forms a letter T in the distance. The swirl on the end of the cross forms the top of the letter E with the letter O forming the bottom of the letter E.  
Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary



### Other Collector News

Old Car Festival September 6-7, 2025. Dearborn, MI. Registration opened June 2, 2025.


The annual summer GBMAFC picnic is August 23, 11-5. Piney Run Park. Sykesville, MD.

Our **Calendar** of up-to-date events for 2025 is listed on our website under the calendar tab. [www.gbmodelafordclub.org](http://www.gbmodelafordclub.org)

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## Club Luncheon—Terri's Cafe

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Waiting inside of TERRI'S were tables set with a wide choice menu reserved for our club. A wonderful desert of watermelon and home baked chocolate chip cookies topped off a delicious lunch. Everyone enjoyed their meals and it was agreed by all that this club gathering should be done again soon.

Many thanks to TERRI'S CAFE their staff, and everyone who attended this club gathering .We look forward to another event at TERRI'S CAFE next year.

Many thanks to all who attended,

Gary Goldman







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# Sunshine News

Jeff Whitsett, Sunshine Coordinator

240-461-8802 or [jlwhitsett@hotmail.com](mailto:jlwhitsett@hotmail.com)

Please contact me if you hear of someone who needs one of our special Club cards!

The Grandfather of Jeff Whitsett, Gene Gardner passed away at 98 years of age on May 30. He had moved to Chattanooga in the summer of 2022 as his vision was deteriorating to the point where he couldn't drive or live alone anymore. He was a WWII veteran and a car guy. He attended many GBMAFC functions and enjoyed the kindness of the club members.

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## The SWAP MEET



Selling Tom Terko's 1929 Model A Ford Town Sedan. Older restoration. Runs great. Schwalm's rebuilt, balanced engine. NuRex alternator, aluminum fan, Aires stainless steel muffler, cast iron brake drums, Mitchell overdrive. Dual side mount spares, Mechanically excellent. Some paint blemishes, but car looks very good. Comes with a locking front storage box, trunk with a fitted picnic table, car cover, bud vase and clock mounted in the rear view mirror and the original engine. Needs tires. New tires available separately. Odometer reset when restored. Video of car available at

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# Membership News

By Cindy Titus—Membership Chair

Hopefully with the warmer weather you have been able to enjoy and put some miles on your cars.

As of today's, meeting we have one renewal and one pending new member. As a reminder if you need to renew or join, You can renew or join online, at <http://model-a-ford.org/top-page-1join/membership-application>.

You can also join or renewal your MARC membership at <https://Model-A-Ford.org>

All members are encouraged to join the Model A Ford Club of America at <https://mafca.com>

As a reminder consider checking out our website and Joining our Facebook Group.

[www.gbmodelafordclub.org](http://www.gbmodelafordclub.org)

[Facwbook.com/groups/gbmafc](https://www.facebook.com/groups/gbmafc)

Badges: If you're waiting on a badge I will have badges for the new member's, see me at the meeting. If you still need need to request a badge, see me at any of our meeting, or email me. I also have more backings if you need a new one for your current badge. If you're a new member I haven't met with, please see me for a Club Patch.

I continue to look forward to getting to know everyone. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me via email or cell phone

Questions?

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## The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

### THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

August 2025

**M**aybe you haven't visited the MARC website recently, but if you have, you are aware that our website is rather outdated and while our Facebook page has thousands of members, very few take the next step to join MARC. Your Board of Directors has just approved a preliminary budget and formed a committee, led by Chris DuVall, to review and make changes to our complete social media strategy and website. The committee will begin meeting on a frequent basis and we will keep you updated on our progress.

**A**lso, speaking of Chris, he recently posted a brief video on our Facebook page on the basics of starting a Model A. We need more videos like this to teach new Model A owners the basics of diagnosing and fixing mechanical issues. If you are interested in producing a video, please contact Joe Fox or any other Board member.

**R**egions, we still need volunteers to step up to host future MARC meets; a National Meet, Tour, or Membership Meet. As you know, we will be combining our 2026 Membership Meet with our Finger Lakes Tour in May. All of your Board members have experienced hosting a Meet and we will help any Region interested in hosting a future event. Contact Jim Zimmer or Joe Valentine for any information.

**C**ontinuing our focus on Region recognition, the Board recently approved a motion to recognize Regions who have achieved 50+ years MARC membership. A brick will be donated in your Regions name to be placed at the Gilmore Museum! As we donate annually to MAFFI, they provide us bricks that we will use for this purpose. We currently have 40 bricks available and will begin recognizing the 40 longest member Regions first. Twenty more will be recognized in 2026 and the remainder in 2027. We will notify you as your bricks are placed.



## Historic Photos



In 1995 the club had a picnic at the home of Ferd and Thelma Driver. This was the cake served as dessert.



The first stop on the way to the 1992 MARC National Meet in Buffalo, NY. From Left to Right: Passmore Pickup; Passmore Roadster; Driver Tudor; Alexander Coupe and Hittle Fordor by the gas pump.



October 2021 club trip to the Finger Lakes — Included a visit to Watkins Glen International.

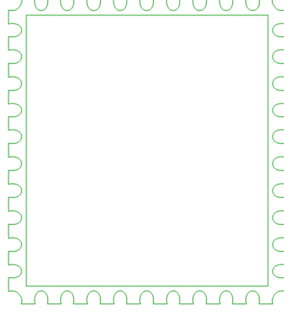


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## Club Tools

This is a reminder that various tools and how-to videos are available for the personal use of Club members. The list of tools and videos is available at the monthly meetings, in the Club roster, and on the Club website. The Club hereby represents that to the best of its knowledge, the tools are not defective; however, it is the borrower's duty to inspect the tools before use. The Club is not liable for defects or misuse.



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