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Newsletter of the
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Skyline Region – MARC



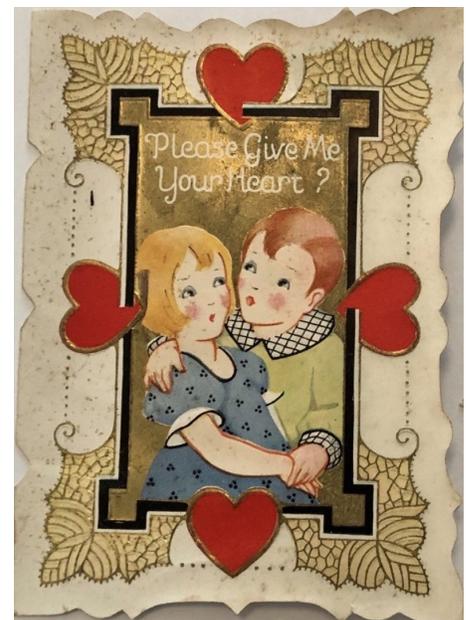
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Be sure and read the President's Letter from Joe and the Minutes of our January meeting from Joyce to stay involved with all the activities that are being planned for our club.



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The club shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian, and non-partisan. The purpose of this club shall be: To serve as medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of 1928-1931 Ford Model "A" and "AA" motor vehicles and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the vehicle in its original likeness. This club will be of assistance to its members in their restoration efforts. To unite all club members who are interested in restoring and maintaining Model "A" and "AA" Fords in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community. To help members become better acquainted, and encourage and maintain the spirit of good fellowship, sociality and fair play through sponsored activities, which include family participation and the use of these vehicles. To function as a Chapter of the Model "A" Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and a Region of the national Model "A" Restorers club (MARC), as authorized by charter and pursuant to the provisions of membership in each national club.

All articles for the newsletter must be submitted to the editor by the 25th of the month prior to the next publication. All applicable articles are welcome.

Club members may place a personal classified ad in the newsletter at no charge. After three months this ad will be reviewed to extend the coverage.

Need a copy of the club bylaws?
Contact Joyce Huddle, Club Secretary.

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month
unless a change is announced.

Club Meeting & Dinner

Tuesday, February 10

6:00 PM

Red Lobster

Staunton

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your club Board of Directors met on January 10th for a 2026 planning meeting. We planned an exciting agenda for future meetings and tours. The club will have 3 technical or maintenance meetings this year.

The first will be hosted by Jay Mader at his shop on April 12th at 2pm. The emphasis will be on the 2 tooth steering gear adjustment and overhaul.

We are planning at least 3 tours and an activity at Eagles Nest airport with our cars and airplanes on display. A combined tour with the Dominion A's club from the Richmond area is being coordinated by our tour directors, Reggie Hiner and Alex Naletko. If members have suggestions for tours please contact them. We will start informal monthly breakfast meet ups. The first will be February 6th at 8:30 at the Waynesboro Panera Bread. Come for coffee and Model A conversation. Please refer to our newsletter for current times and dates of meetings, tours & events.

The club has settled on a current club Logo. Apparel items can be purchased from Car Club shirts. Here is the link to our merchandise:



To see the merchandise

carclubtshirts.com

Click on Model "A" Clubs and select Skyline A's

The company also will supply other garments, just email or call them.

Our next meeting will be on February 10th at 6pm. It will be held at the Staunton Red Lobster, hope to see you there.

Your Club dues are due. Please forward your 2026 dues to Millie Hiner.

Joe

Treasurer's Report

Balance 11/30/25 \$4,819.74

Income

Dues 150.00

TOTAL \$150.00

Expenses

MARC Annual dues 25.00

TOTAL \$25.00

Balance 12/30/25 \$4,944.74

**Millie is accepting dues for 2026
anytime—mail or at events. Don't
be late !!**

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

2/22 Gary Pitsenbarger

2/29 Joyce Huddle



2/9 Rick & Carol Ralston Downs

2/14 Gary & Jennifer Pitsenbarger

Skyline Chapter Model A Ford Club

Our Chapter's monthly meeting was held January 13, 2026 at Ming Garden Restaurant in Waynesboro, VA. There were 20 members present.

President –Joe Santana called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm. He thanked everyone for coming and informed the group that the Board had met and has made some exciting plans for this year. We will vary from always meeting on Tuesday evenings, also we will have at least 3 Tech Days and 4 Tours. Our motive is to get the cars out! We will also have Breakfast gatherings from time to time, come in your Model A or modern cars. Also, if you have used an individual or company that works on cars and you would recommend them let Joe know. We will compile a reference list available to all members.

Vice-President – Jennifer Pitsenbarger announced that next month we will meet at Red Lobster and that the Club will pay for all the lady's meals.

Treasurer – Millie Hiner gave the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$4,819.74 as of December 20, 2025. Millie reminded everyone that dues are due now.

Director's Reports:

1 year Director – Alex Naletko reported that plans had just been made with Bob von Bernuth to have a dinner meeting at is home on July 7.

2 Year Director – Jay Mader, No report

3 Year Director – Steve Ayers, no report.

Historian – Wayne Leary announced that Polly Belford is in UVA and not doing well. Please keep Polly and Paul Day in our prayers.

Sunshine –Dawn Santana announced that no cards had been mailed this month.

Newsletter Editor - Bob Kuykendall asked if you did not receive a Newsletter to please let him know.

New Business – We discussed items now available with our Club's logo on them. Gary showed a jacket with the logo that had been approved by the Board. Robbie showed a jacket with a logo from many years ago. Each member will need to order their own items; there will be no group order.

Also, Joe showed a fire extinguisher that is small and easy to store yet works for 50 seconds.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Joyce Huddle, Secretary



HEADS AND ENGINE BLOCKS

Heads and engine blocks are an integral part of the Model A Ford. They are both the product of a gray iron casting process. This is commonly called a sand casting process in which a mold cavity in two parts is created from sand with cores used to form internal cavities for cylinders, oil and coolant passages. Molten iron is then poured into the mold, cooled and then shaken to remove the sand in the mold before cleaning thoroughly and machining the casting to achieve correct dimensions, clean surfaces and correct critical features. Finally, the block is inspected for defects. Model A parts were tested with water to ascertain defects.

Early efforts to cast a V-8 engine had a success rate of about ten to fifteen percent. That was after producing almost five million Model A blocks and probably twice as many heads. The castings were not always beautiful and often had blemishes. I have been told that in the 60's, many blocks were "cleaned up" to remove blemishes.

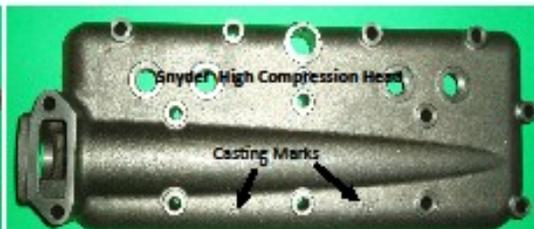
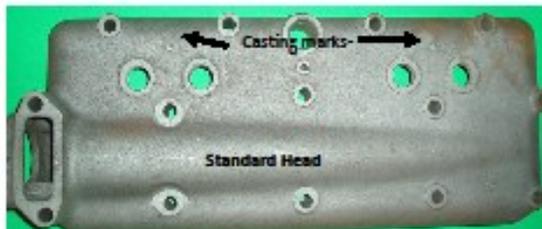


Notice all of the fine grain-like blemishes on the head and block on the left.

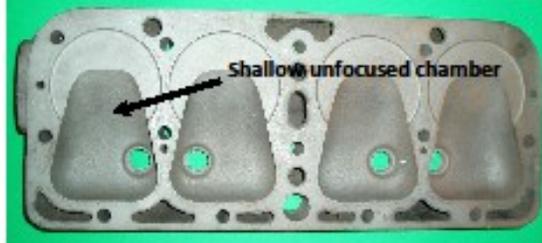


Notice the rounded edges on the number pad on the right. This block is from 11/28.

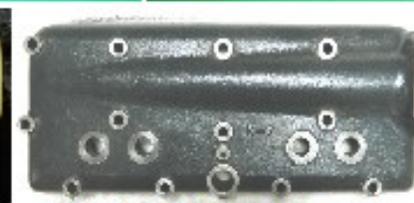
Heads made by Ford had a standard version (4.22 ratio) and a police (B) or high compression version (5.5 -6.1 ratio). Snyder's markets the current high compression heads which seem to be shorter in length (gasket shows). Ford made service heads such as the diamond head (Ford Insignia) and the 'C' head (Model A and B waterpump boss casting).



Raised Distributor Boss Early 1928 Model A head reduced by mid-1928



Winfield Head - Spark Plugs Depressed



Brumfield Head-Larger Plug Bosses



A6050B - Speed Head—Service Head



Diamond Head with Ford Insignia



C Head 1932-34



B Head 1928-31

Tom Jeanes, of Pollock Pines, California, is a member of the Hargetown A's. He serves on the Judging Standards Committee and as The Restorer magazine's Technical Editor.



Marks for Service Replacement Heads

Police Head or B

In the 1930s, fashion was characterized by elegant silhouettes, Hollywood influences, and a shift towards more conservative styles due to the Great Depression.

Women's Fashion

- **Silhouette:** The 1930s saw a transition from the boyish styles of the 1920s to a more feminine silhouette. Dresses featured natural waistlines, longer hemlines, and soft curves. The ideal figure was tall and slender, with broad shoulders and slim hips.
- **Dresses:** Women commonly wore dresses with wide shoulders, puffy sleeves, and modest necklines. Evening gowns were often made from luxurious fabrics like satin and chiffon, cut on the bias to create flowing lines.
- **Casual Wear:** Practical house dresses became popular, often made from colorful printed cotton. The "Hooverette" dress was a reversible wrap style that was both functional and stylish.
- **Accessories:** Fur collars, gloves, and hats were common, although hats began to decline in popularity towards the end of the decade. Makeup emphasized angularity, with well-defined eyebrows and mascara being essential.

Men's Fashion

- **Suits:** Men's fashion in the 1930s was marked by well-tailored suits with wide lapels and a more relaxed fit. Double-breasted jackets became popular, often paired with high-waisted trousers.
- **Casual Wear:** The influence of Hollywood stars led to a more casual style, with men wearing sports jackets and trousers. Fedoras and flat caps were common headwear, with the fedora being particularly popular among the middle class.
- **Influence of Hollywood:** Stars like Clark Gable and Cary Grant influenced men's fashion, promoting a polished and sophisticated look that many aspired to emulate.

Jim's Tech Tips

"Make and Carry a Temporary Gas Gauge"

Every now and then you will come across a car or truck with an inoperable gas gauge. For example, the float sinks. You don't want to go driving around without knowing how much fuel you have in the tank.

Here are some basic instructions that you can use to make a temporary gas gauge, to use until the gauge is repaired. It's not a bad idea to carry it with you, to use on your car or to help someone traveling with you.

Take a simple paint stirring stick, like they give away at a paint store, and measure up from the end to mark the place indicating a Full tank. From there, you can use a ruler to estimate the $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ levels. Score a line in the wood at these 4 places, and then darken each line with a black marker.

The gas tank changed design between 1928-29 and 1930-31. The '28-29 tank holds about 10 gallons, and the larger '30-31 tank holds about 11. That means that the distance to Full is slightly different between the two tanks.

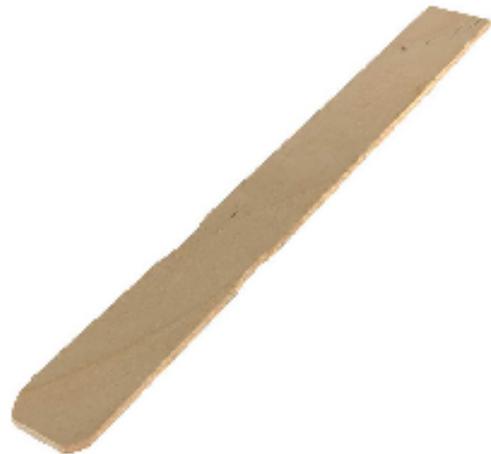
I score and mark one side of the paint stirrer with the '28-29 height to Full of $7\frac{1}{4}$ ", and then mark off the quarters from there. Then I do the same on the other side of the stick using the 1930-31 height to Full of $8\frac{1}{2}$ ". Label each side. Now you have a stick that can be used on any year Model A.

To use it, remove the gas cap (and the screen in the filler neck, if the car has one) and just dip the stick straight down until you touch the bottom of the gas tank. Now lift it out and see where the wet gas level is on the gauge. It will be approximate, close enough to drive with some confidence, knowing you will have enough fuel.

I hope you never get stuck with an inoperative gas gauge, but if you do, now you can be prepared with this temporary stick gauge.

Have a Model A Day!

Jim Cannon



Calendar for 2026

- Feb 6 Friday @ Panera Bread. Waynesboro—8:30 AM
- Feb 10 Tuesday @ Red Lobster, Staunton - 6:00 PM
- Mar 10 Tuesday @ Wood Grille, Harrisonburg - 6:00 PM
- Apr 12 Sunday @ Jay Mader's shop – 2:00 PM
- May 8 Friday @ Luray Swap Meet/Tour – TBD

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DVDs available to loan that are in our club library. Contact Gary & Jennifer Pitsenbarger if you can use the information.

MAFCA and/or MARC DVD's

Dial D for Distributor
Roadside
Troubleshooting
The Flasher
How to Stop on a Dime
Carburetors and Carbohydrates
Rebuilding a Model A Ford Transmission
Model A Engine Bearing Adjust
Model A Distributors - Millard Springer
Model A Transmission
Model A Transmission - Millard Springer
Model A Brakes and Headlights I & II
Bob Sholtes -Ted Thoughts
Skyline A Spring Tune-up Day 2009
Story of Thomas Edison

WANTED

Serviceable Model A muffler.
Mine has something loose inside it.

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4 ply. Very little wear. Inner tubes included. No
patches.

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Bob Knecht knechtb@ntelos.net 540-649-2311

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 *(Includes six issues of the Model "A" News/yr.)
 Name (Print) _____
 Spouse's Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone Number _____
 Is it ok to list phone number in club roster (yes or no)? _____
 EMAIL address _____
 Is it ok to list email address in club roster (yes or no)? _____
 Signature _____

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 562-697-2712 www.mafca.com 
 *(Includes six issues of the Restorer/yr)
 Name (Print) _____
 Spouse's Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Telephone _____
 Permission to publish my telephone number in future membership rosters? yes _____ no _____
 (Ask about Optional new member package - extra \$10.00.)
Dues increased for 2018 \$50.00

MAFFI Membership Application Form

Over Ninety Years Ago...Henry Ford created his legendary Model A Ford, now an icon of Americana representing the transition from flappers to breadlines as the depression rolled across the continent. You can help to preserve Henry's Lady, the Model A Ford and the dynamic era of 1927 through 1931 by joining the Model A Ford Foundation. MAFFI is dedicated to the preservation of historical information and memorabilia of this time of change in America. Your membership donation is tax deductible under the Internal Revenue Service rule 501 (c)3 and will help us with our many projects and worthwhile goals such as the Ford Parts Project and the building of research centers in many locations. Exciting new projects are on the horizon and you can be a part of them! Encourage your Friends to Join Today! Yes! Count me in!

Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____ Chapter: _____
 _____ Email Address: _____ Check here if you prefer to receive our newsletter via email. Family Membership: _____ Annual \$35.00 _____ Three Year \$100.00 _____ Life \$500.00 Club Membership: \$ _____ A club membership consists of a donation every year to support the Model A Ford Museum operations. We appreciate every gift, large or small. I wish to make an additional optional tax deductible contribution of: \$ _____ Please apply addition contribution to: _____ Museum Displays _____ Endowment Fund Total Contribution Enclosed: \$ _____ Please print and mail this form to: MAFFI, PO Box 28, Peotone, IL 60468-002

Application for membership Single or couple—\$25.00 Checks—Skyline Chapter MAFCA	SKYLINE Chapter/Region Model A Ford Club Millie Hiner, Treasurer 128 Baynes Rd., Waynesboro, VA 22980
Date _____	
Name(s) _____	Address _____
E-Mail _____	Phone # _____
Birthday (m/d) _____	Spouse (m/d) _____ Anniversary (m/d) _____
Member of MARC (yes/no) _____ Membership no. _____	NOTE: All members are encouraged to join the
Member of MAFCA (yes/no) _____ Membership no. _____	national clubs.

MAFFI Minute

January 2026



Happy New Year, Model A'ers! As we roll into another year, we find ourselves one step closer to our beloved cars turning 100 years old, which is pretty incredible to think about. The Board met in January to begin planning for the year ahead, including early discussions around Model A Days, along with ideas for upcoming exhibit changes and continued growth of the museum.

While things may seem quieter during the winter months, the museum remains very active behind the scenes. Winter is an important time for maintenance, organization, and preparing exhibits and vehicles for the year ahead. The volunteers of the Grape Country Model A's have been instrumental in this work, generously donating their time and skills. Leader of Fleet Maintenance Dan Cargo and Museum Manager Jerry Dennany, in particular, continue to provide invaluable leadership and hands-on support throughout the off-season.

Keep on motoring!

John Grossheim

Trustee and Secretary of MAFFI

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE ~~running~~ BOARD REPORT

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

February 2026

Members, our MARC Board has launched our new website as part of our new social media strategy. You can access it by entering our new url: modelarestorersclub.org. The site contains many new features including a members only section that members can access by entering your membership number and zip code. Once signed in you can update Region information, add events, access issues of *Model A News*, technical information and much more! Some have also noticed that we now have two Facebook groups, Model A Restorers Club, our public group and Model "A" Restorers Club (note the quotes), our members group where more MARC information is posted. Check them out!

Also, speaking about our new social media strategy, your Board is excited to announce that the response thus far has been overwhelming. Many more views on our new website and TWICE as many new members joining than last year at this time. Keep watching for new member promotions and encourage your Region non MARC members to join!

Regions, we still need your help to add content to the website. You can now update your Region information directly, update officer contact information, report your Region activities including creating technical videos to share with all of our members, schedules of your upcoming events to help YOU attract new members and much, much more. Larry Shepard is still asking for names and contact information for your technical experts who are willing to help fellow members with assistance in keeping their Model A's in tip top operational condition. Please contact Larry through our Contact Us section of the website. We are also in the process of creating an updated member roster. Please send our office your member rosters and indicate those members willing to be added to the MARC member roster.

Certainly more members are planning to attend the upcoming Finger Lakes Tour and the National Meet in French Lick. We are still accepting registrations for the Finger Lakes Tour. Registration forms for French Lick will be published in the next issue of the *Model A News* which will be available on February 1st on our new MARC website. The Columbus Indiana Region is also creating an online option that will allow you to easily, accurately and securely register for French Lick from your phone or computer. No more writing, adding or wondering if your registration form will make it through the postal system! Major credit cards and PayPal will be accepted through the secure MARC website. Coming soon!



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Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10 @ 6:00 PM
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