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By Charles and Samantha Ramsey  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

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Back Cover Photograph  
By Dale and Vi Voss  
Amberst, Wisconsin

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## MAFCA History by John and Nancy Firth



15 Years Ago



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### 15 Years Ago – July/August 2000 • Volume 45 Issue 2

This issue celebrates the 70th Anniversary of the 1930 Model A's. An excellent article (Part 1 of 2) on the AA 187-A Platform Body contains extensive details on construction of this bed. Joni Morgan tells us how to clean and care for old jewelry including techniques for both costume and fine jewelry pieces. An article on installation of a roll down rear window in a 1930-31 Coupe contains step-by-step instructions. Herman F Reheis explains how to use a carburetor to check ignition and timing. Red E. Power lists spare part essentials for touring. Les Andrews' 'Service Hints' column addresses a possible serious ignition wiring error that was corrected by Ford in a 1929 Service Bulletin, but the error remains on previously published wiring diagrams. MAFCA members are invited to the National Meeting and Banquet in Bellevue, Washington by host chapter Evergreen A's. MAFCA had 287 chapters in 2000 and *The Restorer* had 48 pages

### 25 Years Ago – July/August 1990 • Volume 35 Issue 2

Walt Patstone of San Carlos, California wrote about some local AA Fire Engines and their history. Be sure to check out the back cover photo showing four of these classics. 'Spindle Bolt Bushings and a Glimpse of History' by R Lawrence Sahr is a great read. It is five pages long but very well written and worth your time for a great personal story of one man's experiences restoring his Model A, as well as a good dose of Ford history and technical information. Anyone know of a Dawn Grey/Gun Metal Blue 1928 Roadster out West? Doug Skinner spent a couple of years building a Model A motor cutaway which he donated to the Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI). Evergreen A's member Lorne Wilson wrote about The Ford Enthusiast Club of England (Model A's are everywhere!). Lynn White shares a very interesting family story about the Ford dealership that his father started in 1923 and ran for 63 years in Loyalton, California. He lists the engine numbers of the 136 Model A's sold by the dealership. Is your engine number listed? The Mile High Chapter invites MAFCA members to the National Meeting and Banquet in Denver, Colorado. MAFCA had 282 chapters in 1990 and *The Restorer* had 48 pages.

### 35 Years Ago – July/August 1980 • Volume 25 Issue 2

"Fifty Year Fords" are featured in this issue. 1930 Tudors, Fordors and Town Sedans are celebrated on four pages of pictures of members' cars, both restored and original. A news flash from the 1980 Reno National Convention revealed the Best of Show winners: Jennifer Jones for Era Fashions and Jim Kirst of La Cañada, California for his 1931 Station Wagon. Jim was a valuable asset to the woody restoration community. He was extremely generous with his time and expertise and helped a great deal with the restoration of our 1931 Station Wagon. Bill Worsham has a very interesting article on the early 1930 cars which are said to be rarer than the 1928 AR models. Great 1935 travelogue of a 6316 mile cross country Model A trip from Chicago to San Francisco and back. Due to the 1980 Era Fashions Best of Show winner being a child, Edie Jones devotes the 'Running Board Vogue' column to children's fashions. MAFCA had 221 chapters in 1980 and *The Restorer* had 40 pages.

### 45 Years Ago – July/August 1970 • Volume 15, Issue 2

Twenty-eight pages of special features of the 1930-31 Sport Coupe 50-B by Mary Moline. This article can also be found in Volume 5 of the *How to Restore Your Model A* series. It is a tremendous collection of photos, charts and diagrams showing all the pertinent details. I can attest that the information in this article is a must-have if you are restoring a Sport Coupe. Included is a photo of the famous Sport Coupe "Betsy" once owned by MAFCA founder Red Grow and now in the MAFFI Museum. Don't miss the Model A Quiz on technical aspects of the Model A. In 1970 MAFCA had 160 chapters and *The Restorer* had 44 pages.

### 55 Years Ago – July/August 1960 • Volume 5 Issue 2

Leslie R. Henry was appointed curator of transportation at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. An article on the "Sedate Sedans" by Art Miller explains the different types of sedans in text and photos. James Mckeeon's article on the Electrolock ignition switch is interesting. Classified ads list landau irons for 1931 Cabriolet \$14.50, 1931 Roadster restored \$1,000, 1930 Panel Delivery \$300. There were 32 MAFCA chapters in 1960 and *The Restorer* had 28 pages. Today there are 286 chapters and *The Restorer* had 64 pages.



## Garth Shreading – 2015 President



I spent much of today planning for our upcoming trip to Maine for the Lobsters and Lighthouses Tour. Janet and I have been looking forward to this trip for a number of years now and are hoping to see old friends and meet new ones during our travels. This will be my 4th National Tour and these have grown to be my favorite Model A event.

If you have never had the opportunity to be part of one, plan on it. I'm sure you will be glad you did. Better yet, why not talk to your chapter about the possibility of hosting one? National tours are low-key events and offer great ways to showcase your area or an area you love. Contact Happy Begg at VP@mafca.com for more information.

I just returned from a Directors' meeting where many issues were discussed and reviewed. First, things are shaping up budget-wise and it looks like we will present a balanced budget for the 2015/2016 year. It seems each year this gets a little more challenging, but our office staff does a great job keeping expenses down and the Directors in line. Thank you Sandra, Brenda and Juanita for your continuing efforts at keeping operating expenses down, you are appreciated. Secondly, insurance continues to be a huge cost. I believe MAFCA offers the best insurance program in our hobby. Ongoing issues are chapters either not completely filling out the annual chapter registration form or not returning it in a timely manner. I cannot emphasize the importance of accuracy when filling it out. Our insurance premium is based on the information provided by the chapters, so the office has been instructed to return incomplete, illegible or questionable forms back to the chapter. Please help us by providing complete and accurate information. If your chapter is marked "delinquent" in this *Restorer*, it is most likely because your chapter's renewal form is incomplete or has not been received. Please contact Jill Sullins at chaptercoordinator@mafca.com as soon as possible.

I'd like to welcome to our Judging Standards Committee Chet Wojcik, Tom Rut, Tom Jeanes and Chairman Steve Schmauch, who will be joining current Chief Judge Fred Binkley. They recently had their first meeting, and I read their goals and look forward to seeing them come to fruition. I'm sure the entire hobby will benefit. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

I'm excited to announce the Restorers Class is up and running. This new program of vehicle evaluation is designed to acknowledge members who use their Model A as "drivers." This new class allows for original, era and aftermarket parts as well conveniences such as an air conditioner and overdrive. For more information, be sure to visit mafca.com and check out The Restorers Class. Should your chapter or region wish to learn how to conduct a Restorers Class evaluation program, MAFCA is offering training and informational seminars. Send an email to restorersclass@mafca.com, they look forward to working with you.

This has been an interesting year for me. Hearing aids and cataracts have become part of my daily routine as well as the morning aches I feel climbing out of bed. Each morning as I insert those hearing things into my ears, it reminds me that we may not be as young as we once were. But I'm happy to report that many of our younger members are now moving into leadership roles in chapters, regions and at national events around the Land of MAFCA. Two MAFCA National Tours were chaired by those in their 30's and early 40's. The Blue Ridge Parkway Tour was chaired by Arlen and Trish Evans and "A" Texas Spring was co-chaired by Jimmy Taylor. At more local levels, Logan Douglass, who is in his 20s, is leading the 2016 Texas Tour and Kelly Bond is chairing one of my favorite annual tours, the Gulf Coast Tour. As the younger members begin moving into leadership roles, it's important for us gray-haired people to remember just as we did things differently than our parents' generation, these younger leaders may also have differing ideas that are just as valuable. Let's be sure to invite and encourage their moving into leadership roles.

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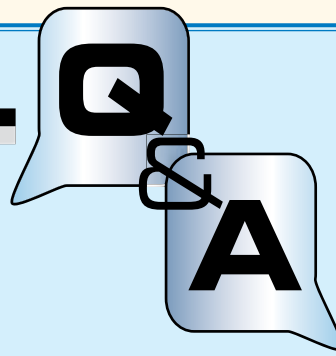
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# TECHNICAL Q

## TECHNICIAN



Jim Cannon

2015 Technical Director

Excerpts of answers to technical questions  
from MAFCA members

Happy summer, you all!

I've been helping a number of new Model A owners, by email and on the phone, with questions about their cars. Doing this has reminded me of two tips about batteries.

First, when you need to disconnect the battery to work on something electrical, remove the ground cable from the battery first. (That is, don't remove the cable going to the starter switch first.) It's a safety thing.

If the wrench you are using to loosen the starter cable touches something else metal on the car (brake or clutch pedal, brake rod, stop light switch, etc.) while the ground is still connected to the battery, you will get quite a hot and scary arc where it touches. This has been known to blow up a car battery, which will spray sulfuric acid in your face and eyes. A bad day all around!

My second battery tip is to remind you to check the acid level in the battery every month or two, and add water as needed. Because our batteries are "out of sight" under the floor, it is easy to overlook them and a stock Model A generator tends to boil the water out of the battery pretty quickly.

To do this, if your battery has removable caps, you remove them and look into each cell with a flashlight to check the level. (If your battery does not have caps that you can open, you can't check the level.) If needed, add distilled water to fill each cell just to the bottom of the vent well. I use a small plastic squeeze dispenser, like you would take catsup to a picnic in, to easily get the water into the small opening of each cell. Don't over fill them, they need a gas vent space at the top.

I've also been getting a lot of questions about adding seat belts to your Model A. This is a great idea. There are several good articles about this on the MAFCA web site. The page is:

[www.mafca.com/seat\\_belts.html](http://www.mafca.com/seat_belts.html)

You can also find it in the Site Index.

I was asked last week if *The Restorer* publishes technical articles written by members? The answer is "Yes!". That's where the majority of our articles come from. If you have a knack for writing, please work with our Technical Editor Les Andrews, and our Editor Jim Spawn, to develop your material. They are both great resources. Look on page 3 of *The Restorer* for their contact information.

Below is a sampling of the many interesting questions I have received over the past two months. I hope you enjoy them, and Have a Model A Day!

**Q:** Years ago, and I mean years, there was a note about replacing the points in the cut out with a diode from Radio Shack. Do you have any information on that?

*John Bornefeld, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma*

**A:** You need a 15 amp rated diode. You have many options. Snyder's sells A-10155-DIO. Bratton's sells part number 15600. If you have an alternator shop near you, the old Delco 10DN has six of them with flag leads. You just knock them out. If your local Radio Shack has not closed yet, now that you know what to ask for, you can look there. I'm told that A&L uses a good size heat sink on the diode cutouts they sell, which is good.

**Q:** How can I determine what the rear axle gear ratio is in my Model A pickup truck?

*Happy Begg, Columbia, South Carolina*

**A:** While there are many ways to do this, here is the easiest way: Remove the spark plugs. Block one front wheel so that the vehicle can't roll forward or back. Release the parking brake. Jack up one rear wheel so that it is free to turn. Place a piece of tape on the side of the tire at the "6

o'clock" position. Now have a helper sit or stand there to watch the wheel for you.

Put the transmission in 3rd gear. Use the hand crank to slowly turn over the engine. Count the number of turns you make with the hand crank to bring the piece of tape on the rear wheel back to the 6 o'clock position two times. That is your rear axle gear ratio.

The common Model A choices are 3.27 (higher speed), 3.54 (high speed), 3.78 (stock), and 4.11 (mountain gear), so it's pretty easy to get close to one of these with the hand crank and figure out which you have.

**Q:** While at the annual car show at the Edison and Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers, Florida, we spotted something different on a 1930 Standard Roadster. The headlight bar on this Model A was channeled steel, not solid round steel. It had slots drilled in it for the license plate to be attached. We asked the owner if he knew if this was aftermarket equipment or was it standard Ford Model A. He didn't know. I took this picture.

*Janice VandeBogart, Lehigh Acres, Florida*



**A:** This is a GREAT question. The pressed steel/forged head lamp mounting bar you saw, with the two slotted holes for license plate bolts, was introduced in May, 1930 and discontinued in September, 1930, at which time it reverted back to a round, forged design. You don't see too many of them because they were only in production for a few months.

This information comes from Area 18 - Lamps of the "Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards" book (a great reference).



**Q:** I'm having a hard time setting the ignition timing my 1930 A. Should the cam in the distributor have any play in it after tightening the screw down that holds it? Mine has about 1/8" play when tight, is this normal? If not, what is wrong?

*Rick, N. Berwick, Maine*

**A:** If the screw is tight and you still have play in the cam, then the play is in the distributor drive, not the cam. It would be better to have no play when setting the timing, but some play is inevitable due to wear in the various parts in the distributor down to the drive gear at the camshaft, and 1/8" play at the cam is not excessive. (I've owned cars with worse!)

You can replace the shaft and rebuild the distributor to reduce the play. To get rid of the rest, you will have to open up the valve cover on the side of the engine and replace the drive gear. That will eliminate play in everything except for wear on the cam itself, which is a much bigger job to replace.

Until you have time to tackle all that, you can still set the timing pretty close. Turn the cam clockwise with a cam wrench with the cam screw snug, but not tight. This will take up all the slack in the drive. Then keep turning the cam until the points just close, as you would normally time the engine, and tighten the cam screw. If you get the slack out like this, it should run OK. (Mine did.)

**Q:** Jim, there was an informative article on the care and maintenance of the Model A horn in the March/April edition of *The Restorer*, but I would like to warn everybody NOT to use Emery cloth for cleaning any electrical device or connection, as it is electrically conductive, and small particles can bridge something like commutator segments on a horn.

While Emery cloth is mostly aluminum oxide, it contains traces of iron-bearing minerals like hematite and magnetite that can do the real damage. I've personally used 1500-2000 grit black silicon carbide "wet or dry" paper for many years with no problems.

*Lee Hull, Westfield, Indiana*

**A:** This is really good information. I was taught to use a "point file" on electrical contacts, and not Emery cloth, but I never knew why. Thanks for writing.

**Q:** A friend of mine contacted me because he put on a new reproduction gear shift lever in his Deluxe Fordor 170-B and he could not shift into 2nd gear without hitting the instrument panel. When he compared the angle of the new lever to the old, there was quite a difference. I never heard of more than one gear shift handle/lever. Have you?

*Rick Black, Medford, Oregon*

**A:** From the beginning of production through December, 1929, the gear shift lever was inclined rearward at a 20° angle. With the introduction of the new design cowl and tank assembly in 1930, the angle was increased to 28° to allow clearance with the larger gas tank. See the photo below from the RG&JS Area 6 for a comparison. Either type is acceptable in early 1930. From what you describe, it sounds like the reproduction lever is correct for the 1928-29 vehicles but not for the later ones.



**Q:** I am restoring a September 1930 Pickup and at a loss as to identify just what the running boards should look like.

The Pickup had 1931 style splash pans and running boards. If I am going to get it correct, I think the pans should be two part. And the running boards should be independent from the splash pan, unlike the cars which have one piece pans and running boards.

*Gary Weber*

**A:** You have a vehicle made during the start of a transition period in splash aprons and running boards, which is always a challenge.

Look at Area 13 - Sheetmetal in the "Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards" book. They talk (on page 13-6) about using a 2-piece shield in 1930 until a 1-piece started to be introduced in September.

If you had a September, 1930, car you could go either way because you are right at the change date. But the new 1930 commercial bodies were not even introduced until mid-1930. Design changes appeared up to 6 months later on commercial vehicles than they did on cars, so

you should certainly use the 2-piece style splash apron on your September, 1930, truck. Don't be confused by what they did on cars in that month.

**Q:** The new king bolts on the market are ground to 0.811" OD and that the single pass bushing reamers sold/used are set at a very aggressive 0.814" OD. This, in my opinion, means that bushings that are reamed with one of these end up with clearances that are close to the worn out bushings that you just removed. In my opinion, this method of fitting a bushing is a waste of time.

I use a micro adjustable reamer which, when used properly, affords a very precision fit while leaving a burnished bushing surface equal to that of a hone. This, I believe, is in keeping with the high standards of Model A production.

*Chet Clymer, Lakeside, Oregon*

**A:** This is good information for everyone. You do want the closer fit. I like the fit and finish that a hone produces. If a micro adjustable reamer, like you use, will also produce this good fit and finish, it sounds like a good way to go.

**Q:** I am a new Model A owner. I'm having a problem with the choke knob (GAV). It turns very easily but does not seem to make any difference in how the engine runs. I have also seen the vibration of the engine running open the GAV.

**A:** The GAV/choke knob is threaded on to the choke rod on reproduction choke rods. If they are not tight, when you turn the knob you are not turning the rod itself and the GAV adjustment does not change.

My solution is to unscrew the knob, put a drop or two of thread lock glue on the threads of the rod, then run the knob back on tight. Once that glue dries, the knob will stay tight on the rod and the GAV will work as it is supposed to.

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# MAFCA CALENDAR



## 2015

**August 8 – Tucker, Georgia.** 7th Annual Model A Parts Swap Meet sponsored by Georgia Chapter MAFCA. A one day meet. Free spectator parking and admission. Vendor spaces for 20. Location is 3702 Lawrenceville Hwy, Tucker, Georgia. Contact Gregg Bell at 770-402-7182.

**August 15 – Amana, Iowa.** The Hawk A Model A Ford Club will be sponsoring its 7th Annual Iowa Model A Day. It brings together Model A owners, their cars and enthusiasts for a fun day of reliving the 20's and 30's. Highlights will include a display of cars, an upholstery demonstration, fashion show and a "how to" demonstration. All activities are free. Information and contacts can be viewed at [www.hawkamodelaclub.org](http://www.hawkamodelaclub.org) or call Jan Wenger at 319-365-7044 or [jcwenger@mchsi.com](mailto:jcwenger@mchsi.com).

**August 15 – Champaign, Illinois.** Prairie A's Antique Ford Club presents Antique Ford Day at Ford City, 701 Marketview Drive, Champaign, Illinois. An Invitation to display your Model A or Model T Ford (no hot rods or customs please). Whether your antique Ford is original or restored, shiny or rusty, no matter its condition, please bring it for others to see on this day of celebration. Family fun, car talk, games, restaurants and motels nearby. Contact: John Garner at [jsgarner444@gmail.com](mailto:jsgarner444@gmail.com) or call 217-778-3662.

**August 23 – Chatsworth, California.** San Fernando Valley Chapter sponsors the Parts Exchange/Swap Meet at Rancho San Antonio, 21000 Plummer, Chatsworth CA. Bigger, better! Classic Cars (all makes and models) on exhibit and for sale. New and used parts and accessories. 6 a.m. until noon. \$5 entry fee per car. Vendor spaces \$25 (if paid prior August 5. Cars for sale \$10 space. <http://sfvalleymodela.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Swap-meet-2015.pdf>. Contact: Alan Bennett at [alanandsusie1@yahoo.com](mailto:alanandsusie1@yahoo.com) or phone 818-317-2531.

**August 31-September 3 – Des Moines, Iowa.** Great Annual Model A Ride Around Iowa (GAMARAI) sponsored by Central Iowa Model A Club. The 20th GAMARAI will be in Southeast Iowa, the same general direction as our first tour, but with new attractions. Stops will be in Corydon, Centerville, Historic villages of Van Buren Co. and Ottumwa. See our website at [www.centriaiowamodelaclub.com](http://www.centriaiowamodelaclub.com). Registration deadline is Aug 1. Info Joe Lamb email [mjtlamb@q.com](mailto:mjtlamb@q.com) or call 515-289-4437

**September 12 – Old Town Orcutt, California.** 13th Annual All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet hosted by Santa Maria A's. Held in Old Town Orcutt, around the Beautiful Orcutt Union Plaza. At 201 South Broadway. Swap meet opens at 7 a.m., Show opens 8 a.m. and Flag raising at 9 a.m. Free admission. Benefiting the Allan Hancock Automotive Program Scholarships. In 2014, we awarded 10 scholarships to deserving students. Sellers/entrants, \$20 advance registration or \$30 at the door. Live music, huge raffle with many prizes, 50/50 raffle, grand raffle prize. Try one of the many wonderful restaurants in Old Town for breakfast and lunch. Ten divisions for trophies, including original and modified classes. A trophy will be awarded to the Ford club with the best participation. Bring the family; we are right in the middle of brand new facilities with antique shops, fine restaurants and other shopping opportunities. Contact: Curt Warner 805-478-1231 email: [ckw71977@yahoo.com](mailto:ckw71977@yahoo.com) or Jay McCord 805-598-8133 or [jemccord@aol.com](mailto:jemccord@aol.com).

**September 13 – Wampsville, New York.** The Mohican Model A Ford Club 55th Annual Antique Car Show and Flea Market. Located at Firemen's Field, North Court St., Wampsville, New York. The Mohican Model A Ford Club, Inc., founded in 1960, will hold their 55th annual, all antique and collectable car show. The show ground is a half mile north of NYS Route 5 on N. Court Street. The show goes on, rain or shine with 900 show cars, 64 cars in the car corral and over 400 vendors in the Flea Market. Raffle Drawings at 4 P.M. Judging of 27 classes, with 86 total trophies. Web site is: [www.mohicanmodela.org](http://www.mohicanmodela.org). Info: Bruce Burke at [bburke81@tcwncy.rr.com](mailto:bburke81@tcwncy.rr.com) or phone: 315-363-7913.

*In order to better serve MAFCA members, chapters, regions and special interest groups, event notification should be made to [calendar@mafca.com](mailto:calendar@mafca.com) or mailed to the office (Attn: calendar). No event shall be accepted if more than 38 months out. All event notices must include the host's name; contact person, along with their address, telephone and email; name and date of the event. A description, limited to 75 words, may be included and is subject to space limitations. MAFCA has sole decision making authority in determining acceptance of all events to be published.*

**September 14-30 – Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.** The Model A Touring Club invites all Model A owners to join us in this wonderful tour of one of our nation's greatest parks and its surrounding area. We will visit the most picturesque places of this unique locale. The 17-day tour starts in Reno, Nevada, "The Biggest Little City in the World." It will provide exceptional accommodations, quality meals and activities at a variety of stops along the route. The route includes touring in four states with overnight stays at these places along the route: Pocatello, West Yellowstone, Idaho Falls and Boise in Idaho; Jackson Hole, Wyoming; and Winnemucca, Nevada. The tour will terminate at South Lake Tahoe, Nevada where a lake cruise will be the setting for the farewell dinner. More information is available on our website [www.modelatouring.com](http://www.modelatouring.com) and you may contact the Tour Coordinator, Brad Richter at 559-255-0121 or [sunnysidefire@comcast.net](mailto:sunnysidefire@comcast.net).

**September 18-19 – W. Columbia, South Carolina.** 9th Annual All Model A & Model T Swap Meet hosted by Palmetto A's of South Carolina. At Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts, 60 Wisconsin St, West Columbia, SC. Friday, September 18 hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, September 19 hours 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendor Space: \$15 one day; \*\$25 two days (\*early registration must be received by August 20, 2015), \$20/\$30 at gate; Palmetto A Members - Free Vendor Space. Car Corral: \$10 for two days. Activities to include 50/50, \$2 Door Prize Tickets. Food Concession available. Contact: Wyman Toole at [hwtoole@sc.rr.com](mailto:hwtoole@sc.rr.com) or 803-776-4925.

**September 19 – Hickory Corners, Michigan.** Model A Day at the Model A Museum by Model A Ford Foundation, Inc., at the Gilmore Museum Complex. Co-located on the site is the Lincoln Museum, Cadillac Museum, Pierce Arrow Museum, Franklin Museum and the Classic Car Club of America's Museum. These are in addition to the many automotive displays of the Gilmore Museum. Activities during Model A Day include seminars, Hall of Fame inductions, swap meet, special Model A displays and lots of museum viewing. Contact Anne Neely-Beck at [erafashionlady@gmail.com](mailto:erafashionlady@gmail.com) or call 478-945-3736. For more information visit [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org).

**September 19 – Worldwide.** 2015 International Model A Day.

**September 20 – Langley, British Columbia, Canada.** Model A Ford Swap Meet sponsored by Pacific Model A and Lions Gate Model A Club. Located at Pacific Model A club House Langley BC. Model A parts and accessories swap meet. No charge to vendors or buyers. Times 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Some food and beverages on site. Contact Noel Cleveland at [noelcleveland@shaw.ca](mailto:noelcleveland@shaw.ca) or call 604-574-5859.

**October 4 – Frazier Park, California.** 23rd Annual Frazier Park Potluck and Meet hosted by Bakersfield Chapter, Model A Ford Club of America. Location is Frazier Park Recreation Building, 3800 Park Drive, Frazier Park, CA 93225. Time: 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Potluck around noon. Please bring something for the potluck dinner. Service, bread, and something to drink will be provided. No trophies awarded, but prizes for events such as dirtiest engine and best sounding horn will be provided. Bring your Hubley for the race. There will be a raffle. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, it would be appreciated. For information contact Paula Poole at 661-333-4990 or email: [me\\_plp@yahoo.com](mailto:me_plp@yahoo.com).

**November 21 – Albany, Oregon.** 38th annual Albany Indoor Swapmeet at the Linn County Exposition Center, Albany, Oregon. Sponsored by the Enduring A's Chapter. Easy access from I-5 (exit 234). Opens 8 a.m.. General admission \$5 (16 & older). Vendor spaces \$30. Reservations are encouraged. Contact: 541-928-1218. Glen Osborn [albanyswapmeet@comcast.net](mailto:albanyswapmeet@comcast.net).

**December 3-5 – Medford, Oregon.** 2015 National Awards Banquet hosted by Rogue Valley A's/Henry's Lady/Sis-Q A's. For details, contact Rick Black at [Rick@RickBlack.org](mailto:Rick@RickBlack.org) or call 541-499-1356.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Hi Jim,  
Nice job with the "Big Ugly" story.  
You do an outstanding job with  
*The Restorer*.

Peter Winnewisser  
Cazenovia, New York



*Peter,*  
My pleasure. Always great to work with you. Seems there are always more details about Model A Fords and their strange affairs. See below...

Jim Spawn *David,*

Dear Jim,  
I read with great interest the story by Mr. Peter Winnewisser about the conversion of the 1931 Cabriolet. When my wife Judy and I drove our Coupe from Council Bluffs, Iowa to Great Falls, Montana, two years ago, our first lengthy stop was at her aunts home in Dillon, Montana. While touring around Dillon, about two and a half blocks from her house was a Model A Coupe.

*It amazes me how many Model A Ford cars and trucks became home-made oddities – all with a purpose. Armed with a welder and a good imagination, owners came up with dozens of clever ideas to make a job easier. Too bad that your guy was camera shy. Would love to see his fathers ideas shared.*

Of course, being curious, I stopped to look. It was a 1931 standard Coupe in the same configuration as Big Ugly of Mr. Winnewisser's article. While talking to the present owner, who was the son of the original owner, he went on to tell me his father bought it new, had the bigger wheels and tires installed in order to make rural deliveries, during the winters deep snow and drifts. Though he wouldn't let me take any photos, he doesn't have any plans to do anything with it other than leave it the way it is.

David Beckman, Council Bluffs, Iowa

## Department of Correction

In the May/June issue, one of our articles had a continuation problem. The last line of the article was missing on *Pre-check to Front End Alignment* submitted by Lynn Sondenaa.

The correct last sentence should read:

"Remember, that those 100 front end parts all act and react to each other to provide easy safe steering along with a smooth ride."

We apologize for the error.

## FUTURE MAFCA EVENTS

### MAFCA National Convention

2016 – June 19-24 – Loveland, Colorado  
host: Model A Ford Club of Colorado

### MAFCA National Awards Banquet

2015 – December 2-5 – Medford, Oregon  
hosts: Rogue Valley A's/Henry's Lady/Sis-Q A's  
2016 - December 5-8 - Reno, Nevada  
host: Sagebrush Chapter

### MAFCA National Tour

2017 - September 10-17 - Pacific Northwest Tour  
host: Lions Gate Model A Club

### Northern California Regional Group Roundup

2016 – May 27-29 – Modesto, California  
host: The Modesto Area A's

### Central California Regional Group Jamboree

TBA

### Northwest Regional Group Meet

TBA

### MAFCA Board of Directors Meeting Dates for 2015

July 25 La Habra, California  
September 26 – La Habra, California  
December 4 – Medford, Oregon

Board Meeting agendas are available at  
[www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com),  
or call MAFCA Headquarters at 562-697-2712.



### Please Note:

If you are aware of dates, host clubs or locations for future meets and events, please submit the information so we can pass it along to the membership.

## Repairing Pot Metal

# WINDSHIELD WIPER COVERS

By Tom Moniz, Sacramento, California – past member of MAFCA Judging Standards Committee



Fig. 1

I have been looking for an OD-C3 wiper motor for quite a few years for my 1930 Sport Coupe. They are not reproduced and they never seem to show up at swap meets. I found a decent one online and bought it. However, you know the sinking feeling when the awaited package arrives with new tape on it and an apology from the Post Office saying it was damaged in transit! Sure enough, the cover was in 20 pieces and a big chunk was missing. (see Fig. 1)

I put it aside and months later another one appeared. It was in worse condition but had the cover intact, so I bought it. Again, when the package arrived there was a lot of rattling inside. This cover arrived in worse shape than the first one! It was broken into 27 pieces! Foiled again!

While babysitting my granddaughter, we were working on puzzles. It occurred to me that my damaged covers were just like a jigsaw puzzle! So armed with some JB Weld and some blue 3M painters tape, I decided to put the puzzles back together. Starting with the biggest pieces, I started gluing one piece at a time into the damaged cover.

First I wrapped the base with blue tape where the cover mates. This allows the correct form to take shape. The JB Weld will not stick to the blue tape, and is easily removed when set. When first applied, the epoxy has no strength. I put blue tape inside the cover to hold the piece in place (see Fig. 2).



Fig. 2

When you feel comfortable with the alignment, coat all the edges with JB Weld and fit in place. The tape will hold the piece from inside. It also leaves a smooth finish inside. After a few minutes, maybe ½ hour or more, the JB Weld will start setting up.

Now is the time to move it closer for the final fit. You may have to carefully place some tape or even a rubber band to hold it in place. The most important thing is to make sure the fit of the cover and the base are perfect. As you work around the cover, some of the pieces may not fit easily in place. Use a Dremel tool with a sanding disc or drum and carefully fit each piece in place. When the remaining pieces start getting too small to use at all, you have to fill the openings. This is easy – just form the tape from the inside (see Fig. 3).



Fig. 3

Now take the JB Weld and, with a toothpick, fill the opening (see Fig. 4).



Fig. 4

You may have to position the cover on your workbench to prevent the JB Weld from running down the side until it hardens. This may take several coats of JB Weld to get the surface high enough. By now the cover should look like a cover.





Fig. 5

I was missing the large piece around the rim. This is almost impossible to get a good fit using just JB Weld. The local hardware store had aluminum stock, 0.064 inches or 14 gauge. I cut and fit the missing piece into the opening (see sequence Fig. 6, 7, 8).

As the JB Weld set, I fitted it to the base so it would fit when hardened. Note the blue tape on the base, this allows the piece to fit snug, and keeps the epoxy from sticking to the base (see Fig. 9).



Fig. 9

I then filed down the JB Weld with a file. Then using an orbital sander, I knocked down the high areas. Using 3M Acryl-Green Spot Putty, I then filled in the visible imperfections (see Fig. 10).

To finish the inside, I used the Dremel tool with a sanding drum, making sure the fit to the base was smooth. I then primed and finished as with any other part.



Fig. 10

What started out as a disaster, is now a proud achievement with a usable cover. Don't be in a hurry to complete this project. It will take at least a week or so to fit and glue the pieces into the cover. Due to the drying time of the JB Weld, it takes longer. It is well worth the time and effort!



Fig. 11

**TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED**  
 Dremel tool with sanding drum and disc  
 JB Weld epoxy • 3M Painters Tape  
 File • Orbital Sander  
 3M Acryl-Green Spot Putty • Primer  
 Finish paint



Fig. 6

Fig. 7

Fig. 8

# Horn Rod *Light Switch* Replacement

By: Scott Connors, Stephentown, New York

After discovering when I turned the steering wheel on my 1930 Ford Model A Pickup that my light switch was turning, and giving me flashing lights as I went down the road, I decided to tackle the horn rod and light switch replacement.

After receiving the replacement parts, I found that several of them were not the best quality after putting this all back together several times and feeling frustrated and puzzled as to why things weren't working. So in an attempt to help others, I decided to document my repair both in this article and on video.

I created a video on YouTube that you can watch:  
<https://youtu.be/BjHpVp40tyg>

Since my vehicle was a truck, I had to take the steering column out through the driver's side door. This is easier done with two people, but I did it by myself in the garage, so one person can do this.

## PART I:

Before we get to the actual removal and installation of the horn rod and light switch, we have to remove the steering column. To do that you need to do the following:

1. Remove the floor boards
2. Disconnect the battery
3. Remove the starter
4. Remove the throttle and spark control linkage rods
5. Release the bail wire switch and pull the light switch bulb from the end of the steering column
6. Next, remove the light switch spider from the horn rod tip. To do this, you must remove the retaining clip from the bottom. I found that using a light switch spider install tool (available from most Model A parts suppliers) made this task much easier.

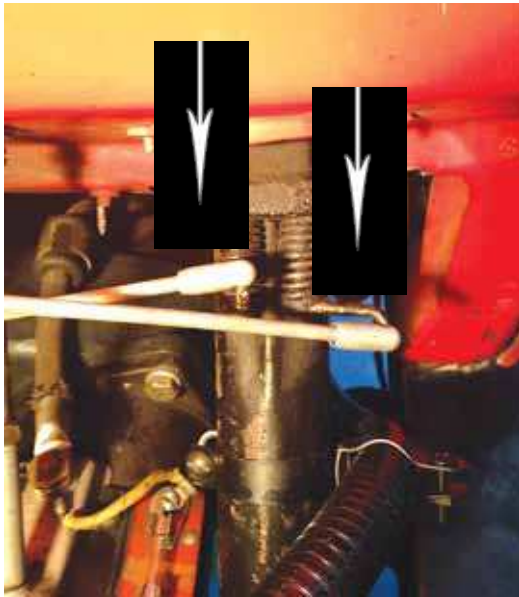


Spider Install Tool



7. From under the left front fender, remove the cotter pin and castle nut from the pitman arm and remove the arm. Then remove the two sector housing to frame castle nuts and bolts.
8. From inside the vehicle, remove the two screws holding the steering column bracket and the rubber bushing, thus freeing your steering column.
9. Your steering wheel should now be able to be maneuvered out of the driver's door. You do not have to remove it totally from the vehicle. You should be able to slide the horn rod out of the column.





Remove throttle and spark control linkage rods.

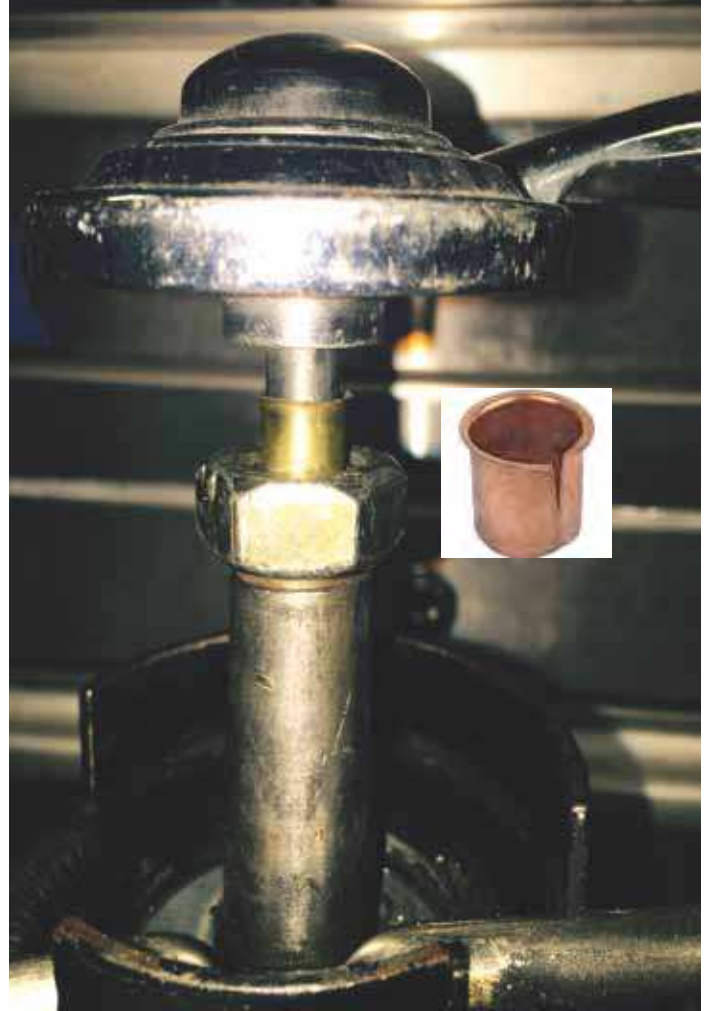


Remove cotter pin and castle nut from the pitman arm and remove it and then the two sector housing to frame castle nuts and bolts.

## PART II:

Now that you've got the steering column removed and the horn rod and light switch out of the column, you'll notice a small brass bushing called a light rod bushing in the center of the steering column. If you don't have one of these, you will need to order one.

1. The first thing I did was to sand down the entire horn rod to make it easier to fit inside the column. I did this by slicing a small piece of rubber hose lengthwise and inserting the sandpaper inside so I could slide it onto the horn rod and sand it evenly.
2. Cleaned the hole in the steering wheel with a round file, not much but just enough to clean any debris out.



3. I used my old original spider that was in the Pickup instead of the new one I bought.
4. Spin the light switch handle to make sure the horn rod spins freely with no binding. Sometimes it is just a slight bend in the horn rod that causes it to catch inside the steering column. Sometimes the tabs on the bottom side of the horn button will catch on the steering wheel nut. To correct this, I add a thin brass washer at the top of the rod, just under the horn button assembly.
5. The new stop light switch housing would not stay up in the steering column. So I opted to use my old light switch housing top and the new bottom. NOTE: I had to use a Dremel to file down the two tabs on the bottom of the new housing so it would fit and turn into the top of the old housing. Go slow here if you have to do this and keep checking the fit.
6. After everything was back in, I had to keep adjusting the bail wire to make sure it kept the light switch housing in the column tight. The key is to make sure the tab that slides up into the column from the top part of the switch STAYS in the column and doesn't slip out. This took several tries of trial and error of bending the bail wire and putting it back in.
7. I now have parking lights, low beam, high beam, horn, and the light switch doesn't turn when I turn the wheel.

So in retrospect, there were several issues going on. The first was that some of the repro parts I bought were not high quality, which taught me the lesson to use original parts whenever possible. The second issue was that the horn rod DID need to be sanded the entire length and not just at the top and bottom. The third was that the bail wire needs to hold that switch firmly up in the column.

# Causes and Fixes For Death Wobble in the Model A Ford

By Howard Eckstein, Orem, Utah

Have you ever driven over a pothole or train tracks and immediately after experienced the shaking of the front wheels? Your steering column transmits the convulsions up to your hands and you know that something is very wrong.

Front end shimmy is sometimes called “Death Wobble.” This is a serious safety issue and one that must be addressed by the owner of a car beset with the malady. What are the causes of this dangerous front end shimmy and how do we get rid of it?

The leading cause of death wobble is looseness in the tie rod ends. Wear in the other components of the steering system and improper front alignment can contribute to the severity of the symptoms.

## Tie Rod and Drag Link Ends

There are four steering balls used in the Model A. Two on the driver’s side steering arm, one on the passenger’s side steering arm, and one on the Pitman Arm. Over time these become eye-shaped. See Fig 1.

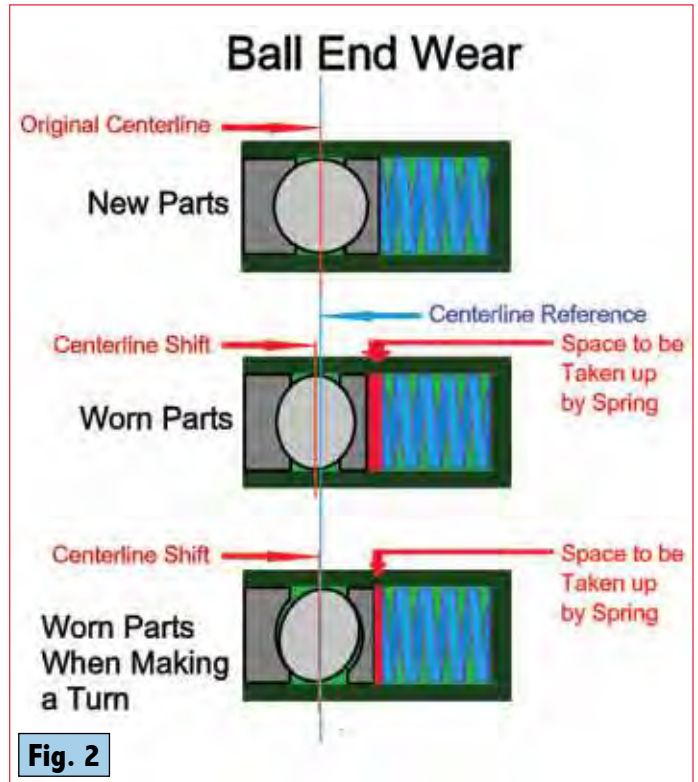


**Fig. 1**

Each steering ball is part of an assembly consisting of two cups and a spring. As the ball and cup assembly wears, the ball becomes eye-shaped; the spring relaxes to fill the space and subsequently loses some of its force.

Deformation of the tie rod balls results in shifting their centerlines in the cups changing the toe-in adjustment. See Fig 2.

With weak springs in the tie rod ends, when you encounter a pothole or train track, the wheel is forced out of its line and the steering ball is jammed against the spring. When the spring compresses, it rebounds and transfers some of the force to the ball on the opposite end of the tie rod causing that spring to compress too, throwing the opposite wheel out of line and setting up an oscillation making the wheels shimmy. This wobbling will continue until the energy put into the system is removed by slowing down the car.



**Fig. 2**

The easiest ball to fix is on the pitman arm. Just order a new arm. For the steering arms, you can order rebuilt units from a catalog. If you’re handy, you just remove them from the spindles, grind off the old worn balls, drill a ½ inch hole and install replacement ball studs and weld them in place. Then install new cups and springs in the tie rod and drag link end sockets. By tightening the outer cups to 25 foot pounds, the springs will be sufficiently compressed to overcome the forces they are exposed to when the wheel is wrested out of line by road conditions.

Let’s take a look at other parts of the steering system where looseness can exacerbate the wobble.

## King Pin Bushings

Over time king pin bushings wear out causing the spindles to sag and diminish proper camber, thus allowing the front wheels to wander. Check for king pin bushing wear by grabbing the top of the wheel and moving it in and out. Have someone watch the brake backing plate’s movement in reference to the axle. If movement is seen, the cure is to replace the king pins and bushings. A reamer is necessary to do the job right.



### Wishbone Socket

If the socket at the bottom of the bell housing is worn or the assembly springs there are weak, the wishbone ball is not held securely and caster can be compromised. In this case, it is an easy fix to replace the socket parts. Even if the wishbone ball is a little eye-shaped, new socket parts will hold it steady when properly installed.

### Wheel Bearing Adjustment

Improper wheel bearing preload allows the drum to wander off center in relation to the spindle, further compromising camber.

### Wheel Balance

Out of balance tires set up a harmonic with the other parts of the steering system which become evident at specific road speeds. You'll feel vibration come and go in cycles as you go down the road. Most shops can balance your wheels using stick-on weights. Another method of wheel balance is to install the tiny beads you can put down the valve stem into the tube. The little beads then find their proper place inside the tire when rolling and smooth out the ride.

### The Steering Box

As the parts of the steering box wear out, considerable play is noticed at the steering wheel. When properly adjusted, steering wheel play should be no more than about an inch.



The main cause of wear of the steering box bearings and gears is a history of poor lubrication. In the 80+ years of its life, you can safely bet the oil had run out through sloppy sector bushings more than once with periods where the car was driven with the box dry. See Fig 3.

Not only do the bushings wear, but the sector shaft also wears, doubling the space where the oil can escape as shown in Fig 4.

The teeth of the sector take on a wear pattern as they rub against the worm gear as shown in Fig 5.

The area of wear on the sector is smaller than that on the worm. Wear is spread over a larger area of the worm as it moves past the teeth of the sector. Consequently the sector always has the most amount of wear. In making a repair where the sector is to be replaced, it may not be necessary to replace the worm; which would save a lot of expense and trouble. The same principles apply to the seven-tooth steering box.



New parts to repair the steering box are available through the various parts catalogs. Instructions for rebuilding and adjusting the boxes can be found in several publications such as

Victor W. Page's  
*Model A Ford -Construction -Operation -Repair for the Restorer*,  
Post-Era Books rev.1973, pp 417-446.

### In Conclusion

The oscillation of the little springs in the tie rod ends is the main cause of wheel shimmy. They must be tight to prevent any play. The other items mentioned can make the condition worse and it is important to have them up to snuff.

If you think your wobbling front end is not that bad and within the limits of your control, have someone drive your car while you ride alongside in another and watch your Model A's front wheels. You will be horrified by what you see. With the replacement parts available on the market today, you can enjoy a solid stable ride. When you get rid of the wobble, you'll be led to exclaim: "Wow, these cars must have been really nice when they were new!"

# Jim Ryner

Life Member - Past President – Editor – *The Restorer*  
Passed away at 91 years old.  
By Jim Spawn, Editor



Jim Ryner – 1957

With sadness, we learned about the passing of Jim Ryner of Prescott, Arizona, in May 2015. Jim was among the pioneers who founded the Model A Ford Club of America in the late 1950's.

Jim was the second President of the Model A Ford Club of America, serving in 1957. Later he was awarded MAFCA Life Membership in 1974.

In 1957, he teamed with Art Miller to produce and edit *The Restorer* magazine. Under their vision, *The Restorer* rose in popularity and helped MAFCA grow to become the largest automobile club dedicated to one vehicle. Art stepped back in 1959 and Jim took the lead as Managing Editor through 1973.

Jim enjoyed photography and many of his photos filled the magazine. In 2010, the Jim Ryner Photography Award was introduced to honor members who had outstanding images published in the magazine. The Jim Ryner Photography Award is presented annually. Jim donated one of the many cameras that he used to shoot Model A members and their cars to the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc., Model A Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum.

Jim's wife Claudia said, "He enjoyed working with Art Miller on the magazine." The duo was present at Model A events nationwide and they worked hard to show the best side of our hobby. In 1973, both Jim and Art retired from production of *The Restorer* magazine. Lorin Sorenson became the next editor.

MAFCA sends condolences to Claudia Ryner and their daughter Jinny Gessay. Quoting from the last issue they worked on: "No one knows what lies ahead for the Model A Ford Club of America but there can be no doubt that the great weight of its past success has been borne on the backs of those two Model A patriots, Art Miller and Jim Ryner."



Art Miller and Jim Ryner



Jim Ryner and Jim Spawn – 2003

I had the pleasure of meeting Jim Ryner twice. I recall him as a kind and gentle man. We remember Jim Ryner and the excellence in publication production and leadership that he brought to MAFCA.





2015 National Awards Banquet  
Medford, Oregon  
December 2-5, 2015



Host Hotel: Inn at The Commons - (541) 779-5811  
200 North Riverside Avenue  
Medford, Oregon 97501  
\$79 per night before November 3, 2015 (mention MAFCA for rate)  
Hosted by: Henry's Lady, Rogue Valley A's, & Sis-Q A's

The Rogue Valley A's, Henry's Lady, and Sis-Q A's Chapters are located on both sides of the California Oregon border. Members of our chapters often join our sister chapters' events. Medford, Oregon is located in the Rogue Valley of Southern Oregon along the Rogue River, which flows over 200 miles from the Cascades Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. The city is home to world-class theatre, fine arts, mountains, lakes, fishing and rafting on the Rogue River and is crowned by Crater Lake National Park. We are excited to welcome you to our area and introduce the wonderful sights we have to offer. The host hotel is **Inn at the Commons**, newly remodeled and located in Downtown Medford. We were able to secure a great room rate of \$79 (except suites), which includes a hot breakfast. There is free hotel shuttle service between our host hotel and the Rogue Valley Medford Airport.

Upon your arrival Wednesday, check out the raffle items in our Raffle Room. The first activity will be a Welcome Reception to meet new friends and reacquaint with old ones, followed by dinner on your own.



On Thursday, we have two great tours for you to consider. Tour 1 will take you via bus to Harry and David, internationally known for its signature Fruit of the Month Club and the Harry and David Country Stores. Founded in the 1930s as a small family operation, Harry and David harvests and ships its fruit and gift baskets nationwide. We will tour the packing house, specialty kitchens where they create some fabulous chocolate items, and shipping department. From there, the bus takes us to the nearby EdenVale



Winery and Voorhies Mansion, built by early settlers in the late 1800s. We'll tour the mansion and eat in the dining room. Due to the size of the venue, only 45 people can be accommodated.

After lunch, Tour 1 heads to the Medford Armory for a special preview of a Christmas event called the "Providence Festival of Trees." This community holiday celebration and tradition features stunning Christmas trees and displays decorated by local businesses, interior designers, florists and other talented people. Finally, the bus returns you to **Inn at the Commons**.

Thursday's Tour 2 is similar in that it also goes to Harry and David, but it returns to the **Inn at the Commons** for lunch at Lark's Restaurant or at one of the many nearby restaurants in Downtown Medford. After lunch, we join up with Tour 1 at the "Festival of Trees." Thursday evening, please join us for a scrumptious buffet of chicken, ham and all the trimmings at the Host Hotel.

Friday, the MAFCA Board has their meeting and invites all members to attend. There are two seminars. A Technical Seminar is on Model A Distributors and a Fashions Seminar discusses Quilts of the Model A Era. In the afternoon, you are free to visit Downtown Medford or go on several self-guided tours. Suggestions will be printed in the meet program. Dinner will be on your own.



On Saturday, there are two more bus tours. Both are limited to the first 45 people. Tour 3 will go to nearby Historic Jacksonville for the Victorian Christmas Parade and a guided tour by a local history docent. There are several restaurants for you to choose to eat lunch. In the afternoon, the bus will take you to the Erickson Air Crane factory, builders of helicopters used in construction and fire operations.

Tour 4 will also visit Jacksonville in the morning, but the afternoon stop will be at the Crater Rock Museum, where there is a fabulous collection of rocks, minerals, and gems.

Saturday's main event is the 2015 MAFCA National Awards Banquet and installation of the 2016 MAFCA Board of Directors! We hope to see you in the beautiful Rogue Valley and Medford, Oregon and join us for this event.

**2015 National Awards Banquet**

**Medford Oregon**

**December 2-5, 2015**

Hosted by Henry's Lady, Rogue Valley A's, and Sis-Q A's Chapters

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Host Hotel Information: Inn at the Commons, 200 N. Riverside Avenue, Medford Oregon 97501 (downtown Medford.)  
Free hotel shuttle from Medford Airport. Rate: \$79/night before November 3, 2015. Call Hotel Directly: 541-779-5811

		<b>Number</b>	<b>Cost Each</b>	<b>Total</b>
Registration on or BEFORE October 1, 2015			60.00	
Registration AFTER October 1, 2015			85.00	
<b>Wednesday, December 2, 2015</b>				
Welcome Reception - hors d'oeuvres		5:30PM - 6:30PM	15.00	
<b>Thursday, December 3, 2015</b>				
<b>Bus Tour 1 - Limited to 45 passengers</b>			40.00	
Harry and David Tour		9AM-12PM		
Edenvale Winery/Voorhies Mansion tour & lunch		12PM-2PM		
Providence Festival of Trees, Armory		2PM-4:30PM		
<b>OR</b>				
<b>Bus Tour 2 - Limited to 45 passengers</b>			18.00	
Harry and David Tour		9AM-12PM		
Lunch on your own at <b>Inn at the Commons</b> or nearby restaurants		12PM-2PM		
Providence Festival of Trees, Medford Armory		2PM-4:30PM		
Welcome Dinner Buffet (chicken, ham)		6PM-8PM	38.00	
<b>Friday, December 4, 2015</b>				
MAFCA Board of Directors Meeting		9AM - finish	n/c	
Technical Seminar - Distributors - Dave Adair		9AM-10:30AM	5.00	
Fashion Seminar - Model A Era Quilts - Mathern/Rambo		9AM-10:30AM	5.00	
Historic Holly Theater Restoration Tour		2PM	n/c	
Historic Holly Theater Restoration Tour		3PM	n/c	
Dinner on your own				
<b>Saturday, December 5, 2015</b>				
<b>Bus Tour 3 - Limited to 45 passengers</b>			12.00	
Jacksonville Victorian Christmas Parade, walking tour - lunch on your own		9AM-1PM		-
Erickson Air Crane factory		1:30PM-4PM		
<b>OR</b>				
<b>Limited to 45 passengers - first come first served</b>		Bus Tour 4	15.00	
Jacksonville Victorian Christmas Parade, walking tour - lunch on your own		9AM-2PM		
Crater Rock Museum		2PM-4PM		
<b>Awards Banquet:</b>				
No Host Social Hour		5PM-6PM		
Choose one: Steak___ Chicken___ Salmon___ Vegetarian___		6PM-9PM	48.00	
Raffle Room - Prize Pickup		9PM-10PM		
<b>Sunday, December 6, 2015</b>				
Farewell				
<b>Total Registration Fees</b>				<b>-</b>

Make checks payable to "Rogue Valley A's 2015 NAB" and send to

Jerry Mathern, 415 S. 5th St, Jacksonville, OR 97530

Registration Questions: Jerry Mathern, (541) 941-1424





# Central California

Regional Group

## Jamboree

April 10-12, 2015

By Jack C. Garvin  
Santa Maria, California

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The cars are ready!  
The drivers are ready!  
The hotel is ready!  
Is Santa Maria ready?  
You bet.....we are ready to host the 2015 Spring CCRG

Excitement fills the air as 197 Model A's and their passengers from 34 MAFCA chapters arrive at the Santa Maria Radisson Airport Hotel for the two day event. Soon friendships will be rekindled and new acquaintances made...Model A people are in the house!

After dropping off luggage at the hotel, it is time to register and receive the overflowing goodie bag displaying the host club Santa Maria A's logo. In the registration area are numerous auto-related raffle ticket items donated by national Model A vendors and club members. The centerpiece of the raffle prizes is a rebuilt long block Model A engine, valued at \$4500, donated by H&H Engines. A Mitchell Overdrive was a close second in popularity.



Santa Maria A's members checking in the 222 participants. It was Alex and Ruth Janke's turn.

Cars and drivers have come from near and far. Time for some shut eye and rest for tomorrow's events.

Friday morning arrives under clear sunny California skies and finds almost 200 Model A's lining up bright and early in eager anticipation of the two tours that will include Vandenberg Air Force Base and the La Purisima Mission both located 20-25 miles southwest of Santa Maria.

The large group is split almost equally between the two destinations. Both groups will spend 2-3 hours at each location and then switch. Both groups are treated to a hosted lunch at the Officers Club located on the Air Force Base. Curt Warner and Jay McCord were in charge of leading the two groups.

Strict security at Vandenberg required pre-screening and clearances of all visiting the facility. The airbase is the western space facility with many missile launches and frequent Air Force training exercise taking place. Our tour group was able to visit launch pad facilities, view a missile in a warehouse, a launch control simulator, hear from base military personnel and travel on the base along two lane country roads curving through chaparral and mesquite while in full view of the Pacific Ocean.

After leaving Vandenberg, the group would step back almost two hundred years and explore the grounds of the La Purisima mission. La Purisima is the 11th of the 21 California missions and was initially constructed in 1787 by Catholic Father Fermon Lauren. Much of what is now California was first colonized by Spain. Early Catholic fathers built the missions intending to bring Christianity to the Indians.

Over time, "The New Spain" did not happen. La Purisima along with many other of the 21 missions, crumbled into disrepair.





Rich and Sharon Davis with their 1930 Tudor checking in at the Vandenberg Air Force Base gate.



Launch pad control simulator



Missile in warehouse

The Civilian Conservation Core “CCC” restored La Purisima in the 1940’s and today it is the most totally restored of the California missions. La Purisima features a step back in time to the 1820’s and features restored and furnished buildings with livestock roaming the grounds and planted gardens covering more than 1600 acres. Local visitors claim to have seen ghostly images of soldiers and figures in flowing robes, after dark, roaming the grounds of La Purisima. Our two Model A touring groups however reported no such sightings.

The days activities ended with a traditional Santa Maria style tri-tip BBQ dinner prepared by the CCRG BBQ team led by Jim Cunningham. A mouthwatering dessert of strawberry shortcake, and entertainment by the Crustaceans together with a surprise visit from Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino added to the festivities. And much more was to follow the next day.



Model A's at La Purisima Mission



Tour guide Dr. Bob McGhie and wife Joyce enjoying shortcake



Bright and early Saturday morning, Model A engines once again roared into life. Four separate groups would be driving to nearby locations. Destinations would include the Mendenhall Museum, The Dunes Center in Guadalupe, The Dewar Car Collection, and antique shopping out in the country south of Santa Maria.

The first tour led by Dino Donati traveled south to Buellton and viewed the unusual auto and memorabilia collection of the Mendenhall family. Gas pumps, cars, signs, and petroleum logos from a bygone era fill the garage units at this location. Once a junk yard on the property, Jack Mendenhall and his family were and are avid collectors of automobile memorabilia. Mendenhall was also into speed racing, with he and his son Mark members of the 200 mile an hour club. Daughter-in-law Vicky conducts tours by appointment only.



Mendenhall Museum display

After touring the museum, the first tour returned to Santa Maria for a hosted lunch at the John Humann estate. John has constructed a 1950's malt shop on this property along with other buildings to house his unique personal auto memorabilia collection. Humann is also a member of the Santa Maria A's and hosts the annual Model A Fall Round-Up on his property.

The second tour led by Dr. Bob McGhie traveled to the Dunes Center that houses, among other things, artifacts from the "Lost City" of Cecil B. DeMille. For over 90 years, the sand dunes west of the center had hidden the remains of a huge 1920s silent movie set. Filmed in 1923, DeMille's "The Ten Commandments" called for an Egyptian city including a temple 800 feet by 120 feet, 21 five ton sphinx statues and four 35 feet high statues of Ramses II. After filming was completed, the set largely built of plaster was simply buried and mostly forgotten. The "City of Pharaoh" has recently been discovered and is currently being excavated.



1923 silent movie set of Cecil B. DeMille with a recently discovered artifact.

Donn McKnight and Joe Baranek led the San Luis Obispo tour. The group visited the Dewar's car collection and XKS Unlimited Jaguar restoration shop. Fords largely dominated the Dewar's collection and what makes this group of cars special is the quantity and quality of the vintage speed equipment installed in most of the vehicles. Lunch was on your own at the historic, soon not to be forgotten, Madonna Inn.

John Gibbs led the Antiques and Vineyard tour. After visiting the antique stores in the old western themed town of Los Alamos, lunch was enjoyed by all under the majestic oak trees in the nearby county park.

With all tours now completed and everybody safe and sound back at the Radisson Hotel, it was time for the traditional banquet, handing out awards, and of course announcing the winners of those incredible raffle prizes.

Santa Maria A's President Kay McCord began the evening by greeting over 250 banquet guests, introducing the three MAFCA directors in attendance, Trudy Vestal, David Bockman, and Jay McCord. Kay also introduced Dan Foulk, last year's MAFCA president and a member of the Bakersfield Model A Club. The Bakersfield group received a very attractive trophy as the chapter with the most members (35) attending and cars traveling to the CCRG.



Jay McCord presents Participation Trophy to Bakersfield's Ken Quarnberg.







Ron Stevens received the Jacquie Conley Award for Leadership

During the banquet the author visited with many participants and asked them to share their most favorite CCRG experiences. Barry Callister, a member of the Diablo A's from the San Francisco Bay area, traveled 150 miles with 20 other members of his club and found the unusual nature of the Mendenhall Museum to be one of his favorites. He also enjoyed Humann's estate for lunch, and speaking for his club, "we really had a good time"!

Jerry Eitzen from Reedley, California and a member of the Blossom Trail A's appreciated the organization that went into this CCRG and the variety of great events. Kathy Valot and the Szilias, (Sherry and Phil) from the South Bay Touring A's (south LA) found the Vandenberg Air Force Base tour to be "absolutely fascinating". Club member Denzel Martindale enjoyed the great variety of events and the Model A camaraderie.

Hang Town A's member Glenn Johnson brought his 1930 Deluxe Delivery all the way from Placerville, California and appreciated the visit to the Dewar Car Collection and XKS Jaguar Restoration Shop. Larry Whipple drove up from Temecula, near San Diego along with 12 other club cars and had a "fantastic time".



CCRG Committee Curt Warner, Joyce McGhie, Kay and Jay McCord



Inge and Jack Garvin

Special awards and drawing for raffle ticket prizes completed the evening. Dick and Lois Przywitowski from Lafayette, Colorado received a trophy for traveling the longest distance to attend the CCRG. Dick used the opportunity to promote the MAFCA National Convention scheduled for June 19-24, 2015, in Loveland, Colorado.

Harold Lowe presented the Jacquie Conley award to Ron Stevens, this year's CCRG president. Ron was recognized for his leadership with the Model A hobby. Ron has been involved in several chapters on the coast and as a charter member of "R&R Motors" Ron is always available to help members with their cars and freely jumps in to help with any task needed to make an event happen.

Jay McCord, MAFCA Membership Director, stated the national goal for 2015 is to build MAFCA membership to 15,000 members.

Curt Warner thanked the three other members of the CCRG Steering Committee, Joyce McGhie and the McCords. Curt brought up to the stage other Santa Maria A's club members to pull tickets and deliver prizes to the lucky winners of more than 100 donated items. Loren Johnson of Santa Barbara won the coveted long block Model A engine. After the last ticket was drawn, President Kay McCord thanked everybody for their participation and then it was time for goodbyes until next time and a few final photos.

An anonymous member of the Santa Maria A's probably best summed up two days of fun filled fascinating tours and activities by stating as a true Model A'er the best thing was; Nobody broke down!



Model A's arrive on Vandenberg Air Force Base.



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## ALABAMA

**Central Alabama MAF Club** - \*2000  
1309 Magnolia Curve, Montgomery 36106  
**Gulf Coast Model A Club** - \*1997  
PO Box 1113, Robertsedale 36567

## ALASKA

**Alaskan A's** - \*1996  
2720 Valley Forge Cir, Anchorage 99502

## ARIZONA

**Arizona Traveling A's** - \*1988  
1212 E Alameda Dr, Tempe 85282  
**MARC Of Arizona** - \*1989  
PO Box 5255, Mesa 85201  
**Patagonia T & A** - \*1991  
PO Box 4582, Tubac 85646-4582  
**Phoenix Model A Club** - \*1973  
PO Box 35702, Phoenix 85069  
**Red Rock A's** - \*2003  
180 Indian Ruin Rd, Sedona 86351  
**Tucson Chapter MAFC** - \*1964  
320 E 28th St, Tucson 85713

## ARKANSAS

**Fiftieth Anniversary** - \*1979  
PO Box 21098, Little Rock 72221  
**Natural State A Region** - \*1990  
5781 Hayden Rd, Pea Ridge 72751  
**River Valley Model A Club** - \*2009  
11013 Nicely Dr, Fort Smith 72916

## CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL

**Bakersfield Chapter** - \*1958  
PO Box 1616, Bakersfield 93302  
**Blossom Trail A's** - \*1993  
PO Box 26, Reedley 93654  
**Charter Oak A's** - \*1970  
PO Box 3696, Visalia 93278-3696  
**Cuesta Crankers** - \*1964  
PO Box 714, San Luis Obispo 93406  
**Gateway A's** - \*1974  
PO Box 2312, Merced 95344-0312  
**Grampa A's** - \*1963  
PO Box 134, Pacific Grove 93950  
**Happy Honker A's** - \*1984  
PO Box 1912, Porterville 93258-1912  
**Mountain Road Rattlers** - \*1997  
PO Box 3416, Oakhurst 93644-3416  
**Paso Robles A's** - \*1999  
PO Box 2778, Paso Robles 93447  
**Santa Maria A's** - \*2003  
PO Box 2983, Santa Maria 93457  
**Sierra Chapter** - \*1962  
PO Box 1312, Clovis 93612

## CALIFORNIA - NORTH

**Acorn A's** - \*1971  
PO Box 2321, Castro Valley 94546  
**Auburn A's** - \*1966  
PO Box 4345, Auburn 95604  
**Butte-View A's** - \*1987  
PO Box 3127, Yuba City 95993  
**Capitol A's** - \*1959  
2596 Warrego Way, Sacramento 95826  
**Chico A's** - \*1977  
2674 Ceres Ave, Chico 95973  
**Delta A's** - \*1962  
3247 W March Lane Ste 120,  
Stockton 95219-2334  
**Diablo A's** - \*1968  
PO Box 6125, Concord 94524  
**Eastern Sierra MAFC** - \*1995  
2727 Highland Drive, Bishop 93514  
**El Camino A's** - \*1971  
PO Box 35, San Carlos 94070

**Feather River A's** - \*1979  
PO Box 1833, Quincy 95971  
**Gra-Neva Model A** - \*1960  
PO Box 2415, Grass Valley 95945  
**Hangtown A's** - \*1979  
PO Box 2296, Placerville 95667-2296  
**Henry's A's** - \*1975  
350 Victorian Lane, Danville 94526  
**Humboldt Bay A's** - \*1983  
PO Box 6664, Eureka 95502-6664  
**Lake County A's** - \*1994  
PO Box 634, Clearlake 95422-0634  
**Linden A's** - \*1987  
PO Box 681, Linden 95236-0681  
**Marin A's** - \*1968  
PO Box 2864, San Rafael 94901  
**Modesto Area A's** - \*1962  
PO Box 576073, Modesto 95357-6073  
**Mother Lode A's** - \*1981  
PO Box 246, Angels Camp 95222  
**Mountain Quail** - \*1983  
PO Box 539, Loyalton 96118  
**Napa Valley A's** - \*1979  
PO Box 2656, Napa 94558  
**Oakdale A's** - \*1987  
PO Box 60, Oakdale 95361  
**Oroville Golden Feather A's** - \*1962  
2565 Oro Quincy Hwy, Oroville 95966  
**Redding Rambling A** - \*1976  
PO Box 493872, Redding 96049-3872  
**San Francisco Bay Area A's** - \*1960  
PO Box 31387, San Francisco 94131  
**Santa Clara Valley** - \*1960  
PO Box 6918, San Jose 95150  
**Sis-Q-A's** - \*1992  
403 N. Fairchild Street, Yreka 96097  
**Sonoma A's** - \*1972  
PO Box 4052, Santa Rosa 95402  
**Sonora A's** - \*1993  
PO Box 4409, Sonora 95370  
**Spark'n A's** - \*1995  
6394 Perrin Way, Carmichael 95608  
**Tokay A's** - \*1962  
PO Box 861, Lodi 95240  
**Touring A's** - \*1980  
1095 Remsen Ct, Sunnyvale 94087  
**US A's Chapter** - \*1995  
13565 Peardale Rd, Grass Valley 95945

## CALIFORNIA - SOUTH

**Capistrano Valley A's** - \*1984  
PO Box 614, San Juan Capistrano 92693  
**Conejo Valley MAFC** - \*1971  
PO Box 332, Newbury Park 91319  
**Cruisin A's** - \*1992  
PO Box 5364, Hemet 92544-0364  
**Diamond Trek** - \*1969  
PO Box 4563, Downey 90241  
**Four Ever Four Cylinder** - \*1988  
333 E 23rd St, Upland 91784  
**Harbor MARC** - \*1997  
18021 Ardath Ave, Torrance 90504  
**Jewel City Chapter** - \*1962  
PO Box 1833, Glendale 91209  
**Orange Blossom A's** - \*1996  
PO Box 70337, Riverside 92513  
**Orange County Chapter** - \*1961  
PO Box 10595, Santa Ana 92711  
**Palomar Chapter** - \*1962  
2410 Appian Rd, Carlsbad 92010  
**Paradise Valley** - \*1965  
PO Box 1120, Rialto 92377-1120  
**Pomona Valley MAFC** - \*1960  
PO Box 1457, Upland 91785-1457  
**Queen Mary Chapter** - \*1970  
5528 N Lenore Ave, Arcadia 91006

**San Diego MAF Club, Inc** - \*1963  
PO Box 19805, San Diego 92159  
**San Fernando Valley MAFC** - \*1960  
PO Box 8017, Van Nuys 91409  
**San Gabriel Valley Model A's** - \*2008  
PO Box 29, San Gabriel 91778-0029  
**Santa Anita A's** - \*1975  
PO Box 660904, Arcadia 91006-0904  
**Santa Barbara A's** - \*1959  
PO Box 60358, Santa Barbara 93160  
**Santa Ynez Valley MAF Club** - \*1998  
PO Box 504, Solvang 93463  
**Simi Valley Model "A" Club** - \*2007  
PO Box 941833, Simi Valley 93094  
**South Bay Touring A's** - \*2000  
2018 W 178th Street, Torrance 90504  
**Temecula Valley A's** - \*2000  
PO Box 542, Temecula 92593  
**Ventura County MAFC** - \*1967  
PO Box 5584, Ventura 93005  
**Whittier Chapter** - \*1960  
Box 1908, Whittier 90609-1908

## COLORADO

**MAFC Of Co/Mile Hi** - \*1965  
6245 S Grant St, Centennial 80121  
**Northern Colorado Model A's** - \*2006  
PO Box 2697, Loveland , 80539  
**Pikes Peak Chapter** - \*1987  
PO Box 1929, Colorado Springs 80901  
**Rocky Mountain A's** - \*2006  
PO Box 67, Franktown 80116  
**Southern Colorado A's** - \*1987  
23950 Cardinal Rd, Pueblo , 81006

## CONNECTICUT

**Fairfield County A's** - \*2003  
5 Ridge Dr, Westport 06880  
**MAFC Of Connecticut** - \*1969  
PO Box 508, Broad Brook 06016  
**Northwestern Conn A's** - \*1990  
PO Box 2, Torrington 06790

## FLORIDA

**First Coast Chapter** - \*1989  
383 2nd St, Atlantic Beach 32233  
**Heart of Florida MAR Club** - \*2001  
3907 Scarborough Ct, Clermont 34711  
**Jacksonville Model A's** - \*2001  
3882 Oak St, Jacksonville 32205-9374  
**Miami Model A's** - \*2006  
751 Malaga Ave, Coral Gables 33134  
**Model A's of Greater Orlando** - \*1987  
2112 New Victor Rd, Ocoee 34761  
**NW Florida Model A & T Ford Club** - \*1960  
177 Manning Dr, Ft Walton Beach 32547  
**The Palm Beach A's Inc.** - \*1986  
3275 SE River Vista Dr, Pt St Lucie 34952

## GEORGIA

**Georgia Chapter MAFC** - \*1973  
PO Box 5, Lilburn 30047  
**River Cities A's Ford Club** - \*2000  
PO Box 342, Columbus 31902  
**Shade Tree A's** - \*1973  
4424 Reynolds St, Hephzibah 30815  
**The Southside A's** - \*2014  
220 Waters Edge Ln, Newnan 30263

## IDAHO

**Magic Valley's Ramblin A's** - \*1990  
110 Banning Dr, Kimberly 83341  
**Treasure Valley MAFC** - \*1967  
8962 Dutch Lane, Nampa 83687

## ILLINOIS

**A's R Us** - \*1996  
PO Box 3, Crete 60417  
**Central Illinois A's** - \*2009  
108 N Pine St, Washington 61571  
**Chain O Lakes A's** - \*1970  
PO Box 420, Antioch 60002  
**Forever Fours** - \*1979  
PO Box 6407, Peoria 61601-6407  
**Illinois Chapter MAFC** - \*2011  
417 Oak Grove Cir, Wauconda 60084  
**Land Of Lincoln A's** - \*2001  
1246 N 1600 E Rd, Shelbyville 62565  
**Naper A's** - \*1979  
PO Box 245, Naperville 60566  
**Prairie A's** - \*1994  
PO Box 534, Urbana 61803-0534  
**Rock-Ford A's** - \*1998  
PO Box 4001, Rockford 61110  
**Salt Creek A's** - \*1971  
189 Woodside Rd, Riverside 60546

## INDIANA

**Hoosier Hills MAF Club** - \*2008  
437 S. College Ave, Bloomington 47403  
**MAR Club Of Columbus** - \*2009  
936 S Hawthorne Dr, Bloomington 47401

## IOWA

**Central Iowa MAFC** - \*1990  
PO Box 259, Des Moines 50301  
**Council Bluffs MAF Club** - \*2012  
212 Bennett Ave, Council Bluffs 51503  
**Hawk A Model A Ford Club** - \*1988  
PO Box 11033, Cedar Rapids 52410  
**MAFC Of Humboldt** - \*1974  
909 Taft St S, Humboldt 50548

## KANSAS

**Flinthills Touring A's** - \*2003  
PO Box 67392, Topeka 66667  
**Henry Leavenworth** - \*1976  
3909 Shrine Park Rd, Leavenworth 66048  
**Plain Of A's** - \*1983  
PO Box 860782, Shawnee 66286  
**Wichita A's** - \*1964  
PO Box 25, Wichita 67201-0025

## KENTUCKY

**Falls City Model A** - \*1959  
6495 Bardstown Rd, Elizabethtown 42701

## LOUISIANA

**Acadiana A's** - \*1974  
PO Box 13574, New Iberia 70562  
**New Orleans A's** - \*1967  
3808 Richland Ave, Metairie 70002  
**North Lake A's** - \*1994  
1731 Rapatal St, Mandeville 70448  
**Red Stick Chapter** - \*1966  
2527 Broussard St, Baton Rouge 70808

## MAINE

**Maine A Crankers** - \*2014  
PO Box 125, Limington 04049  
**Pine Tree Chapter** - \*2005  
PO Box 206, Raymond 04071

## MARYLAND

**Greater Baltimore MAFC** - \*1990  
5122 Meadow View Dr, White Hall, 21161

## MASSCHUSSETTS

**Blackstone Valley MAC** - \*2012  
73 S Main St, Milford 01757

**Connecticut Valley Working A's** - \*1997  
166 Feeding Hills Rd, Southwick 01077  
**MAFC Of Cape Cod** - \*1962  
290 Winter St, Hyannis 02601  
**M.A.R.C.O.M.** - \*1960  
5 Pinebrook Way, Duxbury 02332  
**Minuteman Chapter** - \*1963  
PO Box 545, Sudbury 01776  
**Worcester County Model A** - \*1991  
PO Box 36, North Oxford 01537

## MICHIGAN

**Superior A's** - \*2005  
770 W Division St., Ishpeming 49849

## MINNESOTA

**Lady Slipper A's** - \*1990  
307 4th Street SW, Kasson 55944  
**Twin City Model A Ford** - \*1961  
1352 155th Ave Nw, Andover 55304

## MISSOURI

**Heart Of America** - \*1963  
2100 Walnut St., Kansas City 64108  
**Mid-Missouri MARC** - \*1990  
1407 Colonial Dr, Fulton 65251  
**NW Missouri Model A Ford Club** - \*2007  
916 NE Karapat Dr, Kansas City 64155  
**Show Me Model A Club** - \*1989  
PO Box 142, Cole Camp 65325  
**SW Missouri Model A Club** - \*1986  
PO Box 9735, Springfield 65801-9735

## MISSISSIPPI

**Memphis Model A Club** - \*1977  
4024 Forest Hill Rd S., Olive Branch, 38654  
**Mississippi MAFC** - \*1967  
300 Burrows Drive, Raleigh 39153

## MONTANA

**Big Sky A's** - \*1997  
3218 So 7th St. West, Missoula 59804  
**Magic City Model A's** - \*2003  
825 Mossman Dr, Billings 59105

## NEBRASKA

**Cornhusker Model A Club** - \*1960  
4231 S 38th St, Lincoln 68506  
**Golden Rod Chapter** - \*1972  
1406 North Grant, Lexington 68850  
**Meadowlark** - \*1962  
PO Box 6011, Omaha 68106

## NEVADA

**Carson Valley Model A Club** - \*2006  
2654 Gordon Ave, Minden 89423  
**Las Vegas Valley MAF** - \*1961  
7471 Darby Ave, Las Vegas 89117  
**Pahrump Model A's** - \*2000  
PO Box 6012, Pahrump 89041  
**Sagebrush** - \*1961  
PO Box 1034, Carson City 89702  
**Silver State A's** - \*1987  
2731 Morning Breeze Dr, Elko 89801

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

**NH Lakes Region MAC** - \*2004  
PO Box 168, Melvin Village 03850  
**White Mountain Reg** - \*1963  
10 Jay Drive, Dunbarton 03046

## NEW JERSEY

**Cohanzyck Region** - \*1973  
735 S Spring Rd, Vineland 08361  
**MAFC Of New Jersey** \*1958  
649 Canistear Rd, Highland Lakes 07422



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## NEW MEXICO

**Borderland A's Chapter** - \*2008  
4014 Cholla Rd, Las Cruces 88011  
**Poco Quatros** - \*1964  
PO Box 21058, Albuquerque 87154

## NEW YORK

**Adirondack A's** - \*1987  
PO Box 1246, Clifton Park 12065  
**Lakeshore Model A** - \*1974  
513 Stony Point Rd, Spencerport 14559  
**Long Island Chapter** - \*1959  
41 Veronica Lane, N.Babylon 11703  
**Mohican MAFCA Inc** - \*1961  
390 Mason Rd, Mohawk 13407  
**Southern Tier Model A's** - \*1967  
33 Dickinson Ave, Binghamton 13901  
**Sullivan Trail A's** - \*2008  
37 Dart Dr, Ithaca 14850  
**Westchester Chapter** - \*1959  
8 Elizabeth Dr, North Salem 10560

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Queen City Model A** - \*1964  
PO Box 16288, Charlotte 28297-7435  
**Thermal Belt Chapter** - \*1963  
970 Old Caroleen Rd, Forest City 28043

## OHIO

**Dayton-Buckeye MAFCA** - \*1967  
PO Box 322, Englewood 45322  
**Northern Ohio MAFCA** - \*1983  
3730 Winchell Rd, Mantua 44455  
**Ohio Valley Region** - \*1986  
PO Box 62303, Sharonville 45241

## OKLAHOMA

**Okie A's Model A Ford** - \*1990  
PO Box 276, Jones 73049  
**Sooner Model A Club** - \*1967  
PO Box 83192, Oklahoma City 73148  
**Tulsa** - \*1968  
PO Box 691524, Tulsa 74169

## OREGON

**Beaver Chapter** - \*1961  
1041 Se 56th Ave, Portland 97215  
**Blue Mountain A's** - \*1975  
72140 Tutuilla Creek Rd, Pendleton 97801  
**Enduring A's** - \*1978  
PO Box 1428, Albany 97321  
**Henry's Lady Chapter** - \*1983  
PO Box 1442, Grants Pass 97528  
**High Desert A's** - \*1988  
PO Box 5652, Bend 97708  
**McKenzie A's** - \*1973  
PO Box 7271, Springfield 97475  
**Myrtlewood A's** - \*1968  
PO Box 555, North Bend 97459  
**Rogue Valley A's** - \*2001  
PO Box 1326, Shady Cove 97539  
**Snake River A's** - \*1989  
2349 9th Ave W, Vale 97914  
**Willamette Valley** - \*1967  
PO Box 3031, Salem 97302

## PENNSYLVANIA

**Beaver Valley** - \*1995  
321 Elmbrook Rd, Beaver Falls, 15010  
**Lehigh Valley MAFCA** - \*1978  
6075 Saint Peter Rd, Emmaus 18049  
**Steamtown A's** - \*1987  
PO Box 574, Clarks Summit 18411

## PUERTO RICO

**San Juan Model A Club, Inc** - \*1982  
PO Box 10092, San Juan 00922

## RHODE ISLAND

**Little Rhody Chapter** - \*1962  
622 Hatchery Rd, N Kingstown, 02852

## SOUTH CAROLINA

**Aiken Model A's** - \*2014  
PO Box 992, Aiken 29802  
**Low Country Model A Club** - \*1995  
33 Elmora Ave, Goose Creek 29445  
**Palmetto Chapter** - \*1960  
2413 Robin Crest Dr, W. Columbia 29169  
**The Old 96 District MAFCA** - \*2003  
120 Stoker Rd, Greenwood 29646  
**Western Carolina's MAFCA** - \*1962  
6 Crest Line Rd, Greenville 29609

## SOUTH DAKOTA

**Dakota Territories MAC** - \*2001  
25270 480th Ave, Garretson 57030

## TENNESSEE

**Mid Tennessee MAFCA** - \*2001  
PO Box 626, Ridgetop 37152  
**Scenic City A's** - \*1994  
7623 Ridge Bay Dr, Hixson 37343  
**Smoky Mountain MAFCA** - \*1964  
PO Box 70373, Knoxville 37938

## Texas

**Alamo A's** - \*1965  
PO Box 700156, San Antonio 78270  
**Angelo A's** - \*2008  
3342 Cedarhill Dr, San Angelo 76904  
**Autumn Trails A's** - \*1972  
952 N Us Hwy 69, Mineola 75773  
**Brazos Valley A's** - \*1998  
901 S Texas Ave, Bryan 77803  
**Capitol City A's** - \*1993  
8002 Baywood Dr, Austin 78759  
**Cedar Creek MAFCA** - \*2004  
PO Box 1820, Mabank 75147  
**Dallas MAFCA** - \*1960  
PO Box 1028, Addison 75001-1028  
**Fort Worth Model A Club** - \*1963  
PO Box 470515, Fort Worth 76147  
**Golden Triangle A's** - \*1995  
PO Box 21185, Beaumont 77720  
**Greater Houston MARC** - \*1966  
2843 English Colony Dr, Webster 77598  
**Lone Star Model A Ford** - \*1993  
3404 Indian Mound Rd, Georgetown 78628  
**Piney Wood MAFCA** - \*1978  
PO Box 691341, Houston 77269-1341  
**Rio Grande Valley A's** - \*1971  
214 W Nolana Ave, Mc Allen 78504  
**Texas Panhandle** - \*1960  
505 W Central, Amarillo 79108  
**Texoma Model A Ford Club** - \*1992  
2709 Chase Dr, Wichita Falls 76308  
**Tyler Model A Ford Club** - \*1990  
PO Box 130953, Tyler 75713-0953  
**Victoria A's MAFCA** - \*1973  
PO Box 441, Victoria 77902-0441

## UTAH

**Beehive A's** - \*1982  
865 Manchester Rd, Kaysville 84037  
**Cedar Breaks Model A Club** - \*2009  
505 E 3475 N, Cedar City 84721

**Color Country Model A Club** - \*2002  
4293 Windsong Wy, St George 84790

## Salty A's

\*2011  
4672 Sunny Meadow Dr, S. Jordan 84095  
**Utah Valley Model A Club** - \*2013  
224 S Main St #600, Springville 84663

## VERMONT

**Green Mountain** - \*1968  
119 Wintergreen Dr, Colchester 05446

## VIRGINIA

**Cape Henry MAFCA** - \*1978  
1511 Crane Ave, Norfolk 23518-2929  
**Colonial Virginia Chapter** - \*1973  
PO Box 5002, Williamsburg 23188  
**George Washington Chapter** - \*1963  
3903 Old Lee Hwy, Rt237, Fairfax 22030  
**Old Dominion Chapter** - \*1959  
3600 New Market Rd, Richmond 23231  
**Skyline Chapter** - \*1960  
28 Ashton Dr, Stuarts Draft 24477

## WASHINGTON

**Apple Valley MAC** - \*1964  
PO Box 1205, Yakima 98907  
**Clark County Flying Eagle "A"** - \*2007  
16505A SE First St Pmb 183,  
Vancouver 98684  
**Columbia Basin Chapter** - \*1970  
703 S 48th Ave, West Richland 99353  
**Cowlitz Valley MAFCA** - \*1986  
PO Box 1295, Longview 98632-1295  
**Evergreen Chapter** - \*1958  
PO Box 15133 Wedgwood Station,  
Seattle 98115-0133  
**Gallop'n' Gertie** - \*1965  
PO Box 14, Tacoma 98401  
**Inland Empire A's** - \*1964  
PO Box 614, Veradale 99037-0614  
**Lower Mid Valley A's** - \*2015  
1024 McClain Dr, Sunnyside 98944  
**Moon On A Chapter** - \*1971  
12028 40th Dr Se, Everett 98208  
**Volcano A's** - \*1983  
PO Box 970, La Center 98629  
**Walla Walla Sweet A's** - \*1994  
PO Box 1353, Walla Walla 99362  
**Whidbey Island A's** - \*2004  
PO Box 1563, Langley 98260

## WISCONSIN

**Central Wisconsin** - \*1961  
PO Box 492, Wisconsin Rapids, 54494  
**Great Lake A's** - \*2003  
W249 S7070 Ctr Dr, Waukesha, 53189  
**Nickle A Region** - \*1976  
W799 County Rd Z, Kaukauna 54913  
**Up North Model A Club** - \*2001  
4202 Stewart Ave, Wausau 54401  
**Wisconsin Chapter** - \*1958  
PO Box 26006, Wauwatosa 53226

## WYOMING

**Model A's of Wyoming** - \*2008  
6378 Big Horn Ave, Sheridan 82801  
**Model A & Pioneer Car Club** - \*2002  
PO Box 5063, Sheridan 82801

## INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS

### AUSTRALIA

**MAFC of New South Wales Inc.** - \*2006  
PO Box 1038, Merrylands NSW, 2160  
**MARClub Western Aust. Inc** - \*1993  
1 Oxford Court, Mount Claremont,  
WA, 6010

### CANADA

**Canada's Capital A's** - \*1975  
54 Perrin Ave, Nepean, ON K2J 2X5  
**Canadian Model A Ford Foundation** - \*2009  
1646 Barrett Dr, N Saanich, BC V8L 5A6  
**Lions Gate Model A Club** - \*2003  
3159 Robinson Rd.  
N Vancouver, BC V7J 3G1  
**Model A Owners Of Canada Inc** - \*1969  
PO Box 31 Station A  
Scarborough, ON M1K 5B9  
**Pacific Model A Club** - \*1993  
19759 28th Ave.  
Langley, BC V2Z 1Y1  
**Stampe City MAFCA** - \*1972  
1411 Southdale Place SW.  
Calgary, AB T2W 0X8  
**Van Isle A & B Ford Club** - \*1982  
6022 Oldfield Rd  
Victoria, BC V9E 2J2

### DENMARK

**Danish Ford MAC, Dansk** - \*2010  
Sofielundsvej 48, Glostrup, 2600

### GERMANY

**The Ford Model A Restorer** - \*2014  
PO Box 280329, Berlin 13663

### NETHERLANDS

**A-Ford Club Nederland** - \*1999  
Scholtenhof 6, 7244 Ax Barchem

### NEW ZEALAND

**Canterbury Chapter** - \*1965  
Box 4212, Christchurch, 8140  
**Hawkes Bay Model A Club** - \*1993  
P O Box 7213, Taradale, 4141  
**North Island MAFCA Inc** - \*1993  
PO Box 57-017, Owhiraka, Auckland  
**Rebel A's** - \*1996  
492 Main Road Hope, R.D. 1  
Richmond, Nelson, 7081

### NORWAY

**Eiker A Ford Club** - \*1991  
Samsmoveien 135, Hokksund, 3300

### SWEDEN

**Svenska A Fordarna** - \*1993  
Sodra Stockholmsvagen 7, SE 76231  
Rimbo

### UNITED KINGDOM

**MAFC Of Great Britain** - \*1996  
10 14 Newland Street, Coleford  
Royal Forest Of Dean  
Gloucestershire, GL 8AN

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**160-C Deluxe Fordor Assn** - \*2014  
PO Box 753, Agawam, MA 01001

**180-A Body Style Group** - \*2000  
32 Richmond Drive  
Brampton, ON L6W 2E9  
Canada

**A Fellowship Of Retired Directors** - \*2009  
1990 Midway Ave.  
Grants Pass, OR 97527

**Cabriolet Club** - \*1980  
PO Box 1487, Conroe, TX 77305

**Deluxe Tudor Sedan Owners** - \*1994  
2431 Greenridge Dr.  
Medford, OR 97504-3644

**Ford "A" Restorers Technical Society** - \*2002  
662 Clayton Ln.  
Des Plaines, IL 60016

**Ford Model AA Truck Club** - \*1987  
1365 Cherryvale Road  
Boulder, CO 80303

**Intl MAF Victoria Assn** - \*1987  
19330 Kahlua Way  
Spring Valley CA 91977-1131

**Model A Ford Town Sedan Club** - \*1974  
3830 N Kootenai Ct.  
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

**Model A Motor  
Compressor Chapter** - \*2010  
1737 Mimosa Ct.  
Bowling Green, KY 42103

**Model A Touring Club** - \*2000  
14417 Colorado Place  
Canyon Country CA 91387

**Phaeton Club** - \*1983  
1279 Oakglen, Arcadia CA 91006

**Postal A's** - \*1977  
454 Fulcher Dr, Martinez GA 30907

**The A-400 Group** - \*1975  
6957 W Melinda Lane  
Glendale, AZ 85308

**Woody Wagons** - \*1973  
PO Box 341, McAllen, TX 78505

## REGIONS

**Central Calif Region** - \*1992  
PO Box 26, Reedley 93654  
**Northern Calif Region** - \*1977  
9618 Cherry Ridge Rd  
Sebastopol 95472

**Southern Calif Region** - \*1977  
5528 N Lenore Ave, Arcadia 91006  
**Northwest Regional Group** - \*1977  
20378 Pine Vista Drive,  
Bend, OR 97702

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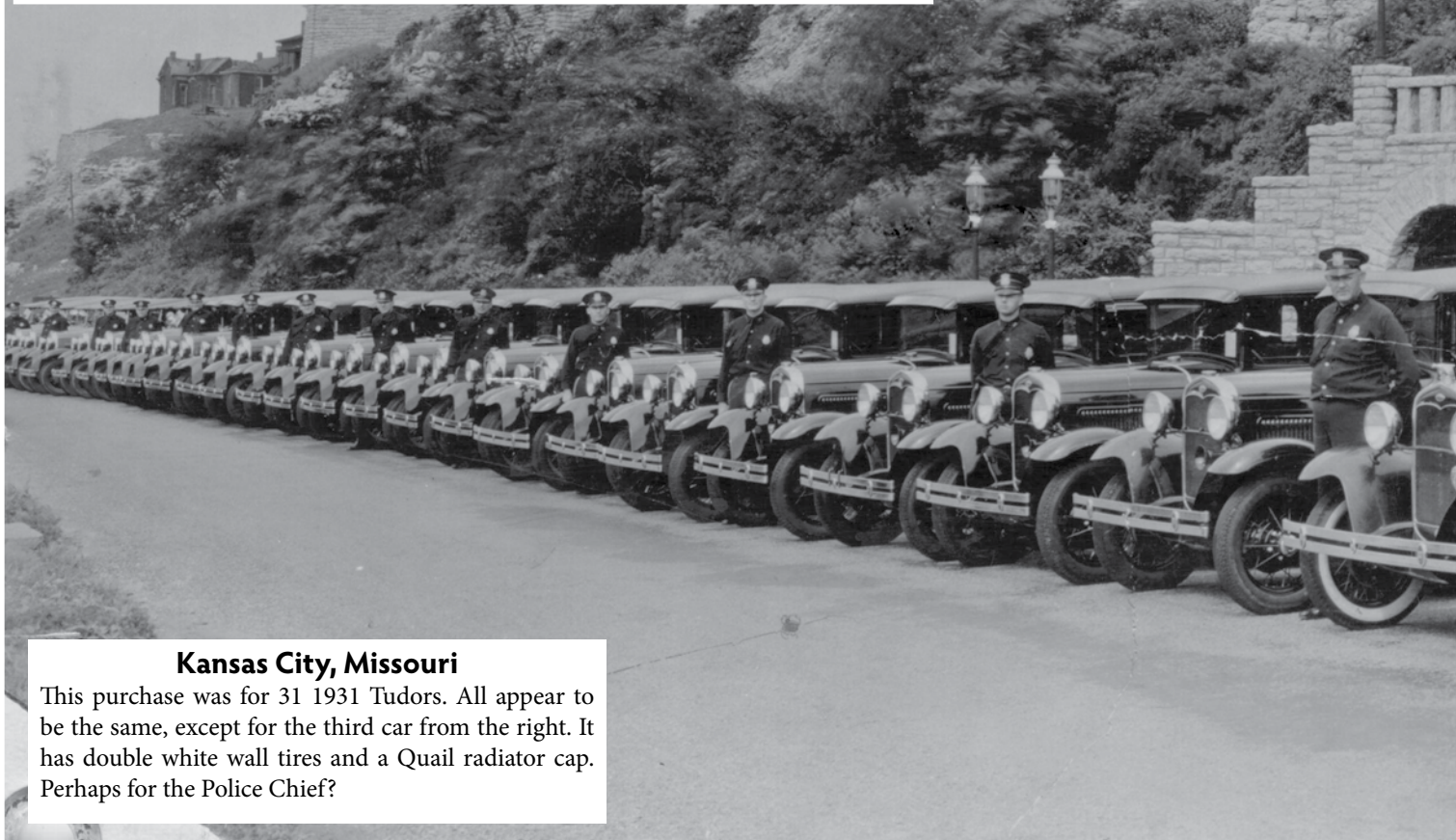
# The Law & Model A Fords

By Jim Spawn, Editor

This series of articles and images pays tribute to the law enforcement industry that our Model A Fords participated in – in the past and currently owned vehicles. We hope you enjoy looking and learning about how these unique cars and trucks help provide public service!



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Part of fleet of 35 Fords and 3 Lincoln radio cruisers  
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## Kansas City, Missouri

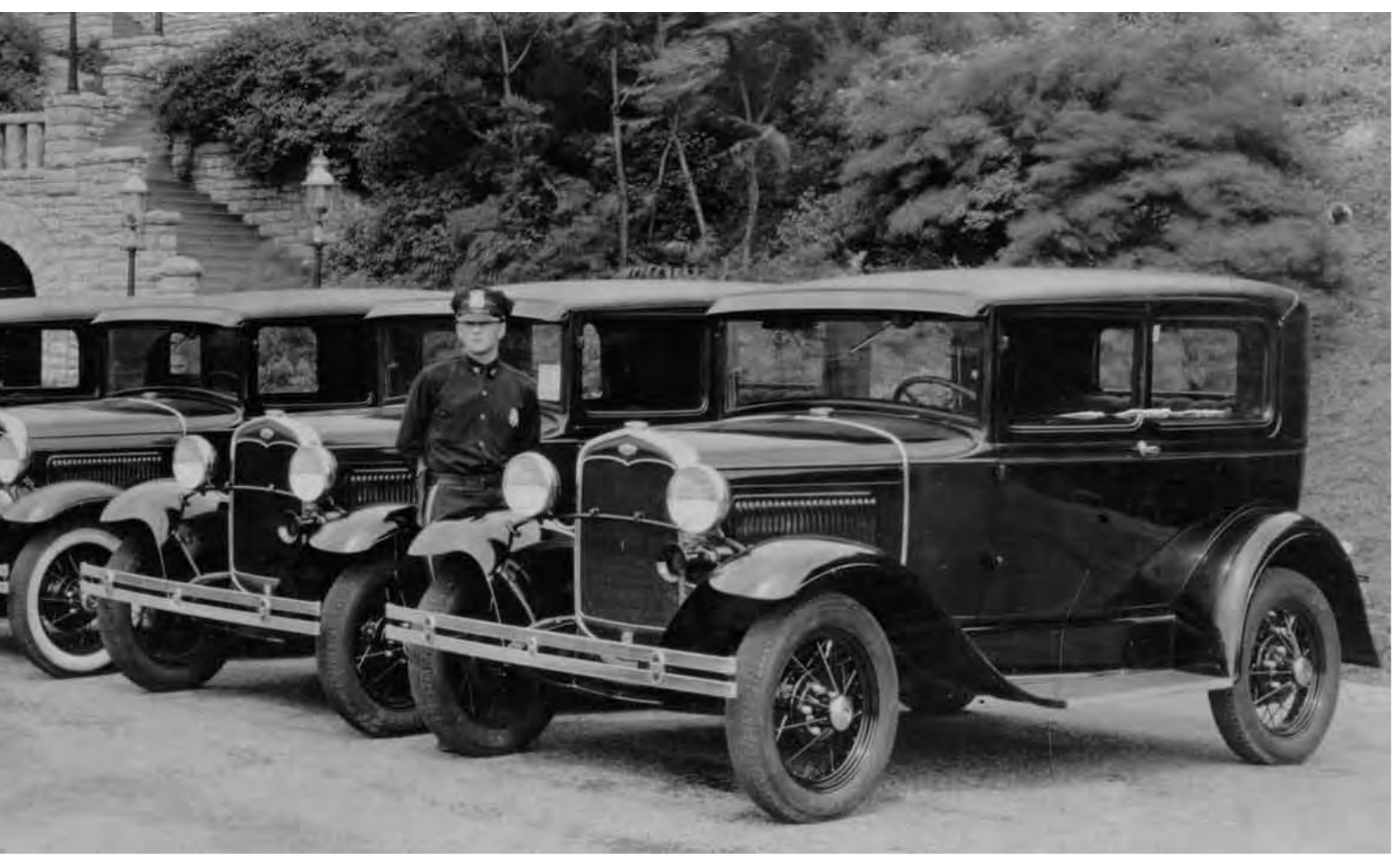
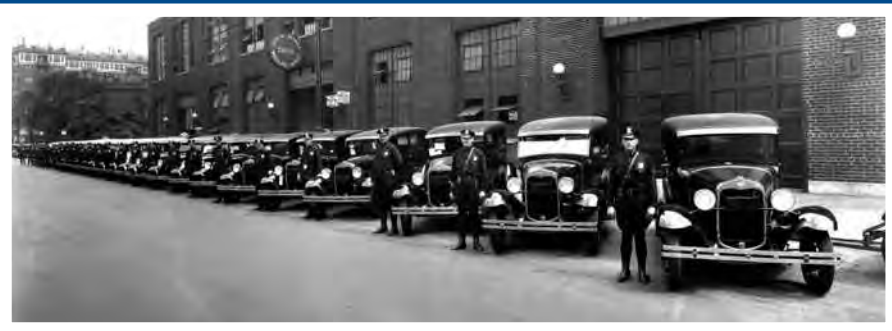
This purchase was for 31 1931 Tudors. All appear to be the same, except for the third car from the right. It has double white wall tires and a Quail radiator cap. Perhaps for the Police Chief?





**Los Angeles Police Department.**

Service attendant makes every effort not to scratch the paint under watchful eyes of three officers.



# Chain Gang AA Truck



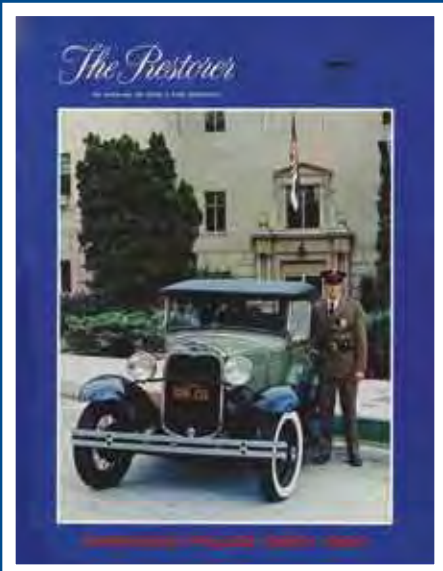
Doyle Cook drove from Hamilton, Texas to Waterloo, Iowa to buy what was advertised as a Paddy Wagon. When he got there, he found it wasn't a Paddy Wagon at all, but this Chain Gang AA Ford truck! The truck had three previous owners, all from the same family. Doyle bought it! Although records are scarce, the previous owner said the body was hand made by prisoners. The hooks above the seats appear to have been used for chains. Four to five men sat on one side and the other was for shovels, rakes and other tools. Doyle replaced the engine and appears at Texas events periodically.



# AA Police Patrol / Paddy Wagon







### 1930 Phaeton Pasadena Police Car

In 1970, young Joel Feldman located this 1930 Phaeton which was originally owned by the Pasadena police department. Joel and his father restored the car and won a national first place trophy in 1972. The Phaeton and a representative officer were on *The Restorer* cover of January/February 1972.



### 1931 State Police Roadster

Milton Hessefort's Model A is a tribute to Missouri State Police officers that he has known. He bought the rolling chassis from Ivan Wallen's estate and he and Ivan's son, finished the car to impeciable accuracy. The door decal was only used in 1931. Milton had it reproduce for this great replica law enforcement Roadster. Milton lives in Blue Springs, Missouri.



### Lengthening the Arm of the Law

The advanced model of the new Ford Roadster is the latest in the line of cars that are being built for the law enforcement agencies. It is a car that is built to last and to give the longest service life. It is a car that is built to give the most efficient and most economical operation. It is a car that is built to give the most efficient and most economical operation. It is a car that is built to give the most efficient and most economical operation.



### 1931 State Police Car

Holding a Dunkin Doughnuts gift card and promoting giving blood is Trooper Dustin Fitch. This Model A is at the Massachusetts State Police Headquarters, in Framingham, Massachusetts, in front of a glass wall. The leather interior was for health protection, as it can be cleaned much better than fabric.

From Brian G French – Assonet, Massachusetts



### 1928 Tudor New York PD Car

My 1928 Tudor AR was used in a major movie production. The film was titled *Cinderella Man*, with Russell Crowe and Renee Zellweger. Later, it was nominated for three Oscars.

During production in Toronto. My Tudor and two more black Tudor Sedans, were stenciled to look like New York police cars. My scenes were eventually cut from the movie. You have to have the Directors Edition, which has 30 minutes of outtakes, to see my vehicle in use.

I kept the stencils on my Tudor since that adventure. It draws attention from the kids and adults. I bought a siren and STOP light for the front bumper. Gives it that "authentic" look.

From Philip Wilson – Toronto, Ontario, Canada.







### 1929 Tudor Police Car

It is equipped with a flashing red light, an electric siren, fog lights, Sheriff badges on the front and back and Sheriff star badges on each door, along with a few fake bullet holes in the body and side windows. We live in Portage County, Wisconsin and most of the people are of Polish descent, so that's why the door emblems say "Polish County". When we are out everyone likes to hear the siren and see the flashing red light.

Dale and Vi Voss, Amherst, Wisconsin



### 1929 Tudor Police Car

This 1929 Tudor carries the emblem of the Panama City Sheriff Department. The owner, Cy Tortorich, Donaldsonville, Louisiana, built the car from parts. It was used in several movies, the last one was titled "Ray," the life story of Ray Charles starring Jamie Foxx. Tortorich and his wife Marie, have been long-time participants in film making in Louisiana.







### 1928 Phaeton Police Car

We restored this Phaeton from original photos of Dallas Police cars from the late 20's. This car was featured in many parades and the State Fair every year until we donated it to the Dallas Police Museum. It now sits in the lobby of the Dallas Police headquarters. From Don Knight, Grand Prairie, Texas

### 1930 Police Car

As I live in the heart of the movie industry, my current Police Car is a popular one. Always a joy to drive it and see the public's attention.

Below is a cartoon drawing of my first Police Car, a Coupe, drawn by the famous artist and actor Gene Patrick who used to draw helpful hint cartoons in the 1970's for Model A magazines.

From Steve Newton  
Culver City, California



# The Law & *Justice*

By  
Charles and Samantha Ramsey  
Tulsa, Oklahoma



She was bought in 1949 by Mr. Boo Landers of Rowher, Arkansas for \$300. She was used in a variety of different ways. Eventually, she became the vehicle that my mother, Lisa Landers, learned to drive in. As the years went by, she became obsolete and was replaced by newer and faster models.



Fast forward to May 17, 1983. I was born and my Papaw, Andrew Landers, and I were inseparable. If you look at pictures of when he was younger, we look like twins! As far back as I can remember, that old Model A was my favorite thing to play on. Some of the first memories I have of the farm are from being in that barn and playing in that Model A car. It was sitting in the back of the barn with an old mattress on it.



My Papaw

As the years went by, both the car and my grandfather aged. I was relentless with my badgering. Trying to convince him to let me have her was a main goal of mine. Finally, after almost 25 years of sitting in that barn and not being driven, Papaw decided it was time to give her to me.

I remember that day! We drove the seven hours back to Owasso, picked up the truck and trailer and my mom and I drove back down there to pick her up. This was in early 2008.

We got her back to Owasso and after looking around at restoration places, I settled on Trinity Restoration in Tulsa.

It wouldn't take long to realize that was a mistake. I gave them the entire car and \$10,000. I got a call on a Friday that they were bankrupt and closing their doors. I had until the end of the



My grandfather drove the Tudor and loaned it to others, too. Here, his nephew and his family used it for some kind of an event.

weekend to get my car or it would be sold. When I arrived to pick it up, it was in pieces. I was able to get the body back but all of the trim pieces were missing. It would take a year or more to find out just how much of the car was gone, including the original horn and the rest of my \$10,000.

After that experience I was dejected and depressed. I met a guy in Owasso who was friends with a Model A expert. In the winter of 2009, I was introduced to Mr. Ralph Hudson. I knew that he was going to be able to help me but what I didn't realize at the time is the unlikely friendship that would develop from the experience. I was young enough to be his grandson and in a way sharing this experience with my Papaw's generation was a dream come true.

We had many ideas for the car. By this time, I was a Tulsa Police Officer and so was my fiancé. My older brother was working on getting on the force and my father was a retired Tulsa Police Officer. It didn't take long to realize that turning her into a police car was the right way to go. We named the Tudor "Justice." Mr. Hudson had all the knowledge and I was eager to learn. In those early days I was in the way more than I was helping. I quickly learned my way around her and actually became helpful.





Officers Charles and Samantha Ramsey – Tulsa Police Department

With the connections that Mr. Hudson had made along the way, we were able to replace all of the missing parts with original Model A parts. We scoured the internet, junk yards, and swap meets. One of the most exciting finds was an original 1930 Type E siren. My wife gives me hard time but I just love turning it on. It is a crowd pleaser during parades!

Finally in the spring of 2011, Justice rolled out of Mr. Hudson's garage totally restored from the frame up. Even though my Papaw lived far away and was having health issues, he was able to see her and ride in her one last time. That car has become a member of the family and gives tribute to everyone that was responsible for her being here. Our daughters love riding in her and my oldest, Savannah, has already claimed her when she gets older. My Papaw is gone now but I just hope he knows that this black and white 1929 Model A is forever a reminder of him and I just hope he as proud of it as we are.



Nearing completion: myself, Papaw and my dad, Chuck Ramsey







PORTRAITS  
OF  
FASHION PHOTOGRAPHY

Lynette Marcione, Placerville, California



There was one man in particular whose fashion photography evoked elegance, style, and drama, Edward Steichen (STIKE-un). A painter by training, he changed fashion photography for all time. No doubt many of you have a magazine in your era fashion collection that includes one or more of his photographs.

In 1923, he was offered a position in photography's commercial realm. He was to be chief photographer for Condé Nast Publications' *Vanity Fair* and *Vogue* magazines. For fifteen years Steichen photographed women, men, and accessories of high fashion. His personal style is a portrait of shimmer, sparkle, and sophistication done in different tones of black and white.

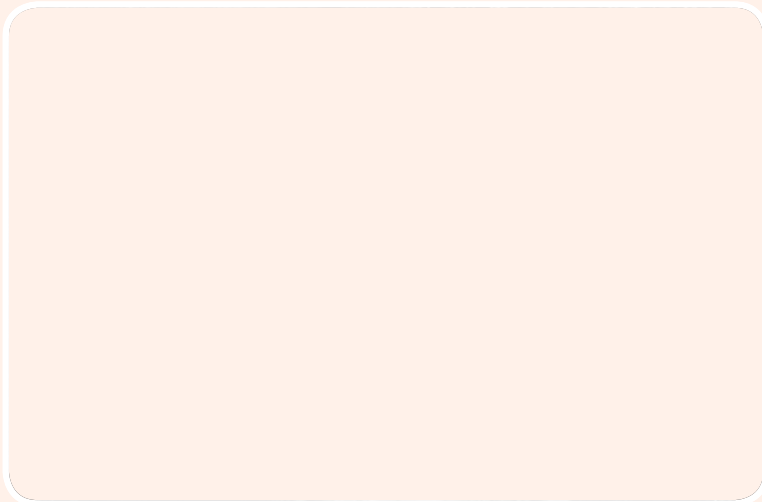
As the highest paid and foremost photographer of the Model A era, he photographed actors, statesmen, athletes, and a host of other dignitaries, in addition to his glorious images of fashions of the period using Art Deco styling as his backdrop.

Since *Vogue* and *Vanity Fair* magazines featured high fashion, his photographs were chiefly of haute couture by Chanel, Lanvin, Lelong, Paquin, Poiret, Schiaparelli, Vionnet, Worth, and other designers and fashion houses. American women were eager to copy these styles since France was the center of the universe for haute couture. *Vanity Fair* and *Vogue* provided the direction for the gold standard of design.

Steichen eventually tired of his fashion and celebrity photography. As the 1930's progressed his work diminished in quantity but not quality. He resigned from the Conté Nast empire in 1938. That is not to say his career as a photographer was done. He became well-known in a completely opposite way for photographic excellence. He moved on to what he felt were "useful photographs" – World War II images.

Resources: *Vogue* Magazines 1928-1930  
Edward Steichen *In High Fashion; The History of Fashion Photography*.





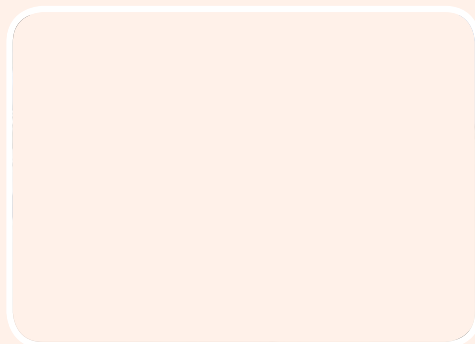
1929 Coupe out for a spring jaunt. Have owned this Model A for 47 years. Still runs good.  
Bill Brazill, Mendocino, California



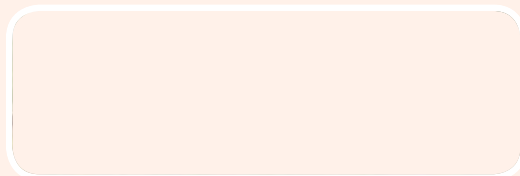
My husband Jan, and our five year old grandson, Teige, tuned up the Model A one sunny day and took it for a spin. Now our grandson is hooked on Model A's and will no doubt want to drive our 1929 Roadster Pickup as soon as he can reach the pedals.  
Janice VandeBogart, Dunbarton, New Hampshire



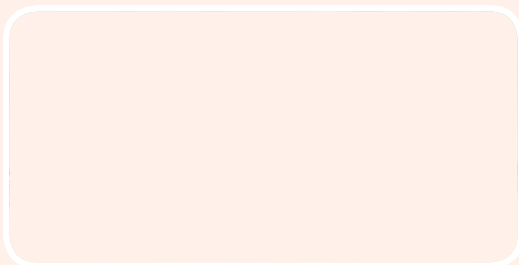
We have the original Iwo Jima monument here in Harlingen, Texas, at the Marine Military Academy. I was out for a drive and thought this would be a great picture for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. The monument in Washington D.C. was cast from this one.  
John Ftacek, La Feria, Texas



The famed Ford Tri-Motor aircraft visited our area and I was able to get this good photo with my 1931 Slant Windshield Town Sedan.  
Jay McCord, Santa Maria, California



Tulsa MAFC cars at OSU Institute of Technology. Every year or two the Tulsa MAFC members drive the back country roads to Okmulgee. There, we partake in the culinary students' Grand Buffet, their semester final presentation. While we were dining, our 15 Model A vehicles were admired by students and campus employees.  
Barbara Gail, Tulsa Oklahoma



Pismo State Beach was just one of the many wonderful stops for the Model A's at this year's Central California Regional Group Jamboree held in Santa Maria. Our 1929 Tudors drew a lot of attention from the many vehicles that drove by. I guess Model A's just aren't that common on the beach!  
Robert Saxman, Murrieta, California



Got an interesting photo of your Model A at landmark locations or just having fun? Send it along with a brief description to MAFCA or e-mail to restorer@mafca.com. Put "Out and About" in the subject line and attach the image file.



Boyhood home of Alfi Gerhard, where his birth certificate was sent. Shown along with his 1931 Roadster, owned since he was a teenager, and 1930 Coupe restored with his son Eric.

Submitted by Alfi Gerhardt, Los Gatos, California



The 2015 Annual Pancake Breakfast at Hart Park in Orange, California. A great crowd and many great Model A's.

Bob Joseph, Alta Loma, California



My 1931 Cabriolet 68C at the Gilmore Museum Shell Station last fall. As described in the article "Michigan or Bust" we drove our cars from Richmond, Virginia to Hickory Corners, Michigan to see the Model A Ford museum.

Stew Wolfe, North Chesterfield, Virginia.

On our way to Lake County for their 2015 Spring Opener. Sonoma A's members Marc and Dewi's 1928 Coupe is ahead and Bob Johnson's 1930 Pickup behind us. Everyone looked great while Out and About!

Cindy Omoth, Sonoma, California





# Model A Day V

Saturday, September 19, 2015  
At the Gilmore Car Museum  
Hickory Corners, Michigan



Come and spend the day – or the entire weekend!

## Friday, September 18, 2015

- Gilmore Automobile Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 15 large buildings and displays.
- Self Guided Driving Tour around Gull Lake. including stops at ice cream store and a private classic car museum open just for our group.
- Seminar: The Mysterious Model X Ford by Stan Johnson, MAFFI President, 7:30 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton host hotel. \$5 – pay at the door. First come first served.

## Saturday, September 19, 2015

- Automotive Swap Meet Opens at 9 a.m. Swap meet spaces available at \$20 each.
- Model A Related Seminars – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$5 each. Pay at the door. First come first served.  
Engineering Design of the Model A Front End – Les Andrews  
Ignition and Distributors – Tom Wesenberg  
Headlamps and Lenses – Mike Keating  
How to Shop for Era Clothing – Alice and Jim Koenigsmark
- Model A Hall of Fame Announcements and Induction Ceremony – 1 p.m.

- <sup>a</sup> Secrets of Speed Society Display – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Era Music – provided by DJ Don Pelka.

Lunch/Snacks – available at the Gilmore Diner, Gilmore Grill, or bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy under the trees on the lawn.

## Sunday, September 20, 2015

Gilmore Automobile Museum open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Host Hotel: Four Points by Sheraton  
3600 E. Cork St. Kalamazoo, MI 49001.  
Phone: (269) 385-3922

For more Model A Day information  
Visit MAFFI website: [MAFFI.org](http://MAFFI.org) or call  
Jerry Morrissey at 269-615-3719

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# Fashion DETAILS

By Jeanie Adair  
Fashion Editor



## Smart Summer Beach Wear From 1930



This green floral print beach dress has a full skirt, and it is designed to be worn over a suntan suit; it has a bib front and crossed back straps.

The pink and white ensemble and the green with green print ensemble are the same pattern. The trousers have a fitted

yoke that buttons in the front; the jacket has “V” shaped sections front and back and on the sleeves for a dramatic effect. This is a modernistic use of contrasting materials. The trousers may also be cut very short shown in the yellow and blue version.





The model seated is wearing another version of the first pattern from the previous page; it has a short flaring skirt and shows the crossed straps in the back. The skirt appears to be way above the knees.

The yellow and green outfit is a tailored type of beach pajama; a straight line belted coat is worn over wide trousers and a sleeveless double buttoned vest.

Contrasting appliqués are used with good effect in the last beach ensemble. How different the same pattern looks with a change of fabric! Again, the dramatic use of white, blue and pink material is so much more striking compared with the orange beach pajamas. Take note of the coordinating hats and footwear that the ladies are wearing; also the man in his striped beach robe on the previous page. *McCall's* May 1930



# MAFCA Era Fashion Committee Update



By Janet Gundlach, EFC Chairperson

Summer was an important time for the Model A era families. They enjoyed the beach and swimming. Adding to the fun, specialty items of clothing were worn. For men, the swim suits were generally one or two pieces. Women's swim wear was always one piece. The beach pajamas were all the rage for the gals. These could be one piece or two pieces with matching or coordinating tops. The flare of the trousers increased from 1929 through 1931. The backs were usually low, and the hats had large circular brims.



*The Fashion Judges Procedures Manual* has been updated. These documents are necessary reading for judges and entrants. They are available on the MAFCA website under "Era Fashions", then select "Judging" from the menu.



*Ladies Home Journal*, Aug 1928

We are accepting applications for a new Fashion Editor for this publication, *The Restorer*. The position requires writing fashion related articles every other month from era documented sources. If you are interested in this high profile opportunity, please contact the Era Fashion Committee Chairperson at [fashions@mafca.com](mailto:fashions@mafca.com) by October 1, 2015.

Our three MAFCA fashion publications, *The MAFCA Fashion Guidelines*, *A Book of Fashion Facts*, and the *Pattern Catalog*, can all be purchased with the order form at the back of this magazine, or through the MAFCA website. These well researched books will give you much information about the garments of the Model A era.

We gladly accept any questions or comments. You can contact the Era Fashion Committee chairperson at [fashions@mafca.com](mailto:fashions@mafca.com) or by mail at: MAFCA, c/o EFC Chairperson, 250 South Cypress Street, La Habra, CA 90631-5515



# Inside Model A Ford Museum

By Jim Thomas, Cincinnati, Ohio



Not all of the items on display at the MAFFI Model A Ford Museum are Model A and Model AA vehicles. One of the most popular displays at the museum is the reconstructed Model A era school room. This school room has been painstakingly assembled to represent an authentic elementary school classroom as it would have appeared in the El Monte, California school system in the early 1930s.



**Model A Era School Room**

Parked next to the school room display is the 32-passenger Model AA School Bus that was actually used in the El Monte school system to transport students until the late 1940s. (For the story of this interesting bus, known in the Model A community as “Huff and Puff,” see the Model A Ford Museum article in the March-April 2015 issue of *The Restorer*.)

The authentic appearance of the school room provides a noteworthy example of the dedication and generosity of the many, many MAFFI museum donors who contributed both items and expertise to create the display. In total, over 20 MAFFI Trustees and supporters contributed 1930 era class room items for the display. The school room display project team was headed by MAFFI Trustees Donna and the late Paul Lewis.

At the front of the school room stands a large slate blackboard – flanked by a 48-star American flag to the right and a 1930s pull-down multi-map case to the left. Above the chalk board is an oak framed class room clock. The mannequin behind the teacher’s oak desk is outfitted in a typical teacher’s attire for the Model A era. On her desk rests an era-correct world globe and, of course, an apple left by a student lobbying for the best possible grade on today’s essay test. The bookcase beneath the map case houses a full set of well-used 1930 era encyclopedia volumes. The walls of the school room contain framed pictures of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Facing the teacher’s desk are six individual children’s classroom desks. These wood desks consist of desk top (with a hole to contain an ink bottle) and a space for storing school supplies beneath the desk surface. A seat back and folding seat for the child in the next desk are attached to the front of each desk unit. On each desk are the appropriate school lessons for the day, along with individual student wood framed slate boards. Suspended overhead are authentic school class room lights with white glass globes.

Complimenting the display are several 1930 era oak and glass display cases. These cases are filled with memorabilia about the “Huff and Puff” Model AA bus. Also contained are numerous examples of educational books and materials that would have been available to school children in the early 1930s.

Plan to visit the MAFFI Model A Museum to see this intriguing school room display. It will add to your knowledge of the environments and situations that surrounded and defined the Model A era.

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## By 2015 Chapter Coordinator Jill Sullins

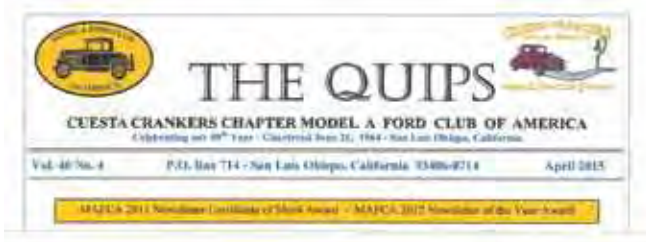
The first thing I must say is “I made a mistake!” I made an error on the list of Newsletter winners, and with my head hung low in apology, I congratulate the actual winner:

Tissy Smith-Hatcher, editor, of *The Distributor*, published by the Orange County Chapter, California, is the real winner of the Newsletter of Excellence! Congratulations Tissy!!

After reading over 300 newsletters so far, I have come up with some suggestions to all newsletter editors, since most of you send your newsletters to other Chapters:

- Put your Chapter city and state on your masthead;
- Put the MAFCA logo on your masthead;
- Put the name of your Chapter on the masthead.

I am including an award-winning masthead, from the Cuesta Crankers as a sample of what to do



Remember that in order to win any of the newsletter awards, your Chapter must be in good standing, and you as the editor must have current MAFCA membership.

Don't forget to keep sending (email as a PDF) your newsletters. I do enjoy them a lot

### 15 in 15 Membership Drive Update

In the January/February issue of *The Restorer*, the MAFCA Board introduced the initiative to increase our club membership to 15,000. We have continued the free membership program by providing each chapter the opportunity to give 11 free memberships. So far this year, we have 333 new members from the program.

As your Membership Director, I would ask that you work hard to increase the number of members you have in your chapter. We have all heard people say that there is little outside interest in the Model A hobby. Our local chapter, the Santa Maria A's, has used the free memberships and we now have 10 new members. These families are buying cars and have become active members of our chapter. I encourage you all to talk about the hobby and do your part to recruit new members for your chapters. Then offer them the free membership to MAFCA. I know this will be a great boost to your club.

Sincerely,  
Jay E. McCord, 2015 MAFCA Membership Director

### Sandra Aguirre 25th Anniversary By Garth Shreading

9,125 days ago (better known as 25 years ago), MAFCA's Office Manager, Sandra Aguirre, was hired. It's hard to say where MAFCA would be today without her knowledge, experience and guidance. In 2010, when I first became President of MAFCA, I sought the advice of many of those having gone before me. The quote from each of them was, "Just listen to Sandra. She'll get you through it."

What many do not know is Sandra was literally thrown into the position with little training. She had to learn most everything on her own... and learn she did. Over the years, many directors have commented on her hard work and late hours well into the evening or on weekends. Because of this dedication, we owe Sandra a great big thank you.

Congratulations and thank you for 25 dedicated years of service, Sandra! You are appreciated and loved.



### Charlie Scott Takes a Rest By Jim Spawn

Charlie Scott has provided the text for MAFCA History since May/June 2010. Charlie was President of MAFCA in 2000 and is a Life Member. He cares a great deal about our club and enjoyed the look backwards as we highlighted the issues of past.

Charlie recently informed us that it's time for a new volunteer to carry on this project. John and Nancy Firth have agreed to maintain the page. John Firth is also a past MAFCA President, following Charlie in 2001.

Charlie Scott has cared a great deal about the success of MAFCA in many ways and we send our sincere thanks to him!

Thank you, Charlie!



#### ALABAMA

**Central Alabama MAFC:** Our Talladega weekend began Friday afternoon when folks arrived in Oxford in anticipation of a great Model A activity. Friday night, dinner was at Gerald Grizzard's, followed by Rex White entertaining the group with stories of NASCAR in the early days. Saturday morning, 48 Model A's toured the Talladega racetrack and ran some laps. The track museum, lunch at R&B Bar-B-Q, and a tour of Roy Frost's Model A collection completed another outstanding event.

*Richard Haldeman*

**Gulf Coast MAC:** In May and June, members displayed their vehicles at five assisted living facilities where residents had their photos taken with the cars and many sat behind the wheel. On May 16, we celebrated warmer weather at Garrett Park in Robertsdale at the Jim Martin Memorial Picnic. The club met at Wayne's Fifties Diner in Pensacola for the June meeting. For Model A Day, we plan to visit a Stonehenge replica and statues of dinosaurs in Elberta. Seldon Pierce

#### ARIZONA

**MARC of Arizona:** The club slows down in the summer just when our northern friends are starting to drive their cars after a tough winter. However, we have a special project to keep us busy. Our prior president, Bob Ingram, suffered a stroke and needs help to finish restoration of his Model A that he has had since the 1960s. Several of us are working on his 1930 Deluxe Coupe every Tuesday morning until we complete it.

*Henry Ruzicka and Ernie Vitucci*

**Tucson A's:** This spring we visited the Tucson Zoo and were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour arranged by our very own zookeeper: Scott Parsons. This tour included information on food preparation for the animals. Speaking of food, this is a good segue into our next outing: our annual Progressive Dinner. The day started with appetizers at the Stinn's, moved to the Findysz's for the main course, then progressed to the Edwards' for dessert. A moveable feast!

*Mike Liebert*

#### CALIFORNIA

**Acorn A's:** April 18, Bill Bidell took the club to Tilden Park in the Berkeley Hills to Golden Gate Live Steamers Club. Bill Bidell is planning a tour to Yosemite and the Eastern Sierra in July. The tour will be six days/five nights; about 750 miles. Other events: Rowell Ranch Rodeo parade in Castro Valley, Memorial Day event at Lone Tree in Hayward Cemetery, and the Cherry Festival parade in San Leandro.

*Glenn Martin*

**Bakersfield A's:** Spring activities started with supporting a fundraising dinner for the Society for Disabled Children. March we visited the Taft Oil Museum, enjoyed a delicious lunch, and some went further to enjoy an ice cream stop. The CCRG Jamboree hosted by the Santa Maria club in April was our next venture. Great food and fabulous tours filled the event. Our club earned an award for the most members in attendance, ending the jamboree in great style.

*Vickie Parker*

**Blossom Trail A's:** Spring has brought with it a bevy of fun activities. Our April tour, hosted by the Tomlinson family, took us to a private train and doll collection in the home of one of their neighbors. They also had a private bowling alley and many table games for us to play. We all became kids again. The May tour, hosted by the Ravens, took us to the Harris Thoroughbred Horse Ranch in Coalinga for a tour followed by lunch.

*Maurine Segars*



**Capitol A's:** Capitol A's hosted a very entertaining and fun 2015 NCRG, themed A Capitol Event, over Memorial Day weekend. It was a huge success! Over 360 participants enjoyed seminars, Hubley races, tours, BBQ picnic, Gymkhana and Pick a Prize. Beautiful weather was enjoyed by old and new friends. If that wasn't enough, you got your car judged by the experts! We ended the event with a special award banquet where no one went home disappointed.

*Donna Smith*



**Charter Oak A's:** A member of our club, George Pope, who is a lifetime member and past president of MAFC, has been very ill and is recuperating at this time. Shown here as 1964 MAFCA President. Your well wishes for him would be most appreciated. Not too much to report for activities. We do have some lined up for the end of May.

*Don and Donna Poole*

**Delta A's:** Several members attended the FAST meeting at Panella's Trucking arranged by Tim Sage. Bob Panella let them tour some of his beautiful collection. They also saw a number of his collection of Jeep Willys. Gary Floyd led another great tour, this time to Sanders Aeronautics restoration shop, where they saw a numbers of 40' s and 50' s military aircraft and Reno race planes. Lunch stop was in Jackson.

*Pat Rut*

**Diablo A's:** March 29, joined Henry's A's in a tour to the Danville one-room schoolhouse. Established in 1888 and still in use, teaching what school was like 100 years ago. Our next stop, Blackhawk Museum, with beautiful cars and also American Indian and early cowboy artifacts. Steve Mick answered questions at the Spirit of the Old West exhibit. We enjoyed the Danville Community Band with Alicia Watson, as well as Larry Anderson, founding Band Director. Do we have talented people in our club or what?

*John Rosploch*

**Diamond Tread:** One of our favorite times of the year is our tour to the pancake breakfast put on by the Orange County club. This year was no exception. There are always hundreds of Model A's, plus they have the breakfast down pat so it's always very enjoyable. (They served over a thousand people.) We had a great attendance from our club and two of our members were delighted to win opportunity prizes.

*Barry Beckley*

**El Camino A's:** Thank you President Rick for the inspiring tour to the Great Highway Museum in April! We were greeted by our gracious hosts with coffee and donuts. What a bonus! In May, some of our club members displayed their A's at the Hiller Museum in honor of the Ford Tri-Motor airplane event. Thank you for organizing this tour for our club, Irwin Abrams and Carl Pileri.

*Mary Anne Stergion*

**GRAMPA:** Activities so far this year - In January we did not have our usual potluck, as we had to change our meeting venue. Some of us toured Pacific Grove in February, followed by a spaghetti feed hosted by the Forbes and Potters. The Rings hosted a Help Your Buddy Day in March, and the CCRG Jamboree was in April. Bob Hinson organized a wildflower tour in May. We are planning a visit to an Oakland A's game in July.

*John Hardy*

**Happy Honker:** Our Spring tour was to the Sierra Nevada foothill home of Carson Blydres where the D.O.G. (Dutch Oven Group) provided us with a delicious meal. Our annual ice cream social at the Bockman's in August is always an exciting event. We were deeply saddened by the sudden death of dear friend and member, Al Herrera. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Anna, and his family.

*Karen Bockman*



Dick and Jan Wyckoff, their 1930 Cabriolet with 1929 Ford Tri-Motor airplane

**Harbor Area:** Our annual Safety Seminar/business meeting/potluck lunch was held at the home of Pat and Keith Tucker. Sixteen members toured to the California Science Center to see the Space Shuttle Endeavour on exhibit there. Twenty-three members drove almost 200 miles to the annual CCR in Solvang where they toured the Titan missile site and museum at Vandenberg AFB and learned about the history of the U.S. missile program.

*Sue Hankins*

**Lake County A's:** Spring is here and the parades will start soon! A big "Thank You" to all our guests and members who made a cash donation to the Lower Lake HS Auto Shop at our Spring Opener for the restoration of the 1930 Model A Pickup we gave them in 2013. The project is coming along, slowly but surely. The teacher and students were grateful for the donation and enjoyed seeing the 50-plus Model A's.

*Irma Eddy*

**Linden A's:** On March 18, we loaded the 1931 Model A into the trailer. After two trailer tire blowouts, thunderstorms with spectacular lightning, and one member enjoying 15 hours of hospitality at Sheriff Joe Arpaio's Maricopa County Jail which included a trip to night court, we finally arrived in Tucson for the AACA Grand National Meet and Western Spring Meet held at the Casino del Sol. We arrived home March 23 with two Preservation Awards and priceless memories.

*Terry Machado*

**Marin A's:** The Marin A's had an outstanding tour to west Marin to the Beck's Twisted Horn Ranch where we were treated to grassfed Longhorn beef burgers and home grown vegetables. The Longhorns had spans of 12 feet and more if they had been straightened out. April's tour went from west Marin's Cheesecake Factory across the Bay to Big Al's (Engel) Museum where we were entertained with a multitude of vintage automobiles, motorcycles and assorted paraphernalia.

*Lester Foote*

**Modesto Area A's:** Fifty-six club members and five guests met to go to Cirque du Soleil in Stockton to see "Varekai". It was an amazing show with bright costumes worn by remarkable performers. Afterwards we went to Dave Wong's where we had an endless supply of Chinese food. Teresa and Paul always host memorable tours and this was one to add to the others. Our club is looking forward to the NCRG Roundup hosted by the Sacramento A's.

*Sharon Ott*

**Oakdale A's:** Our annual rodeo parade in April brought out ten cars this year, with the usual lunch afterwards at Knights Ferry. Waterford Heritage Day parade was in early May with 11 cars from our club with a steep climb to Groveland after, lunch at the famous Iron Gate Saloon and an ice cream stop in Jamestown coming back. President Rich Gravel and Nan are heading to Alaska for the summer. Gary Magum will take over temporarily.

*Mal Staty*

**Orange Blossom A's:** We're looking forward to trips to the Orange County Pancake Breakfast and car show, and the "Mystery Tour" with picnic lunch. The Orange Blossom A's meet every second Monday of the month at Fritts Ford Truck Center, Auto Center Drive and Jefferson, 2nd floor meeting room, Riverside. All are encouraged to drive their Model A's! Check out Facebook; Orange Blossom A's.

*Rob Holmes*

**Orange County:** Bi-monthly breakfasts are proving to be great opportunities to socialize, encourage each other, and get our cars out. The first Saturday of the month breakfast started as a men's group, but has expanded to include a significant number of women. The cars in the parking lot are always a source of conversation to others as they observe the fun of driving a Model A. The fourth Thursday breakfast is well attended as we visit various restaurants.

*Kathie McCall*

**Oroville Golden Feather A's:** The Feather Fiesta Day parade is by far the best and largest parade in Oroville. Our club was the 60th organization in the parade lineup this year and there were many more organizations behind us. Nine Model A's turned out this year and as usual after the parade, many members enjoyed fun and fellowship with pizza and cold drinks.

*Gene Carrell*

**Palomar A's:** The big tour in April was the CCRG meet in Santa Maria, a beautiful coastal area. Eight member Model A's and one modern enjoyed five days of events. Most signed up for the Vandenberg AFB tour where we learned about space efforts starting in the 50's and other missile projects to date. This is a must-see experience! Flower fields, pancake breakfast, car show were more fun tours. Our monthly local tours are well attended.

*Barbara Kruegel*

**Paradise Valley MAFC:** We celebrated the second anniversary of the Norton Air Force Base Museum; what a wonderful collection of memorabilia and stories. Members toured through beautiful California back country to the great CCRG Jamboree in Santa Maria. Participated in the 100th anniversary of the San Bernardino National Orange Show. We enjoyed an old fashioned picnic in our National Forest and the great show, Annie, at Colton High School.

*Jeaneane Buchanan*

**Paso Robles A's:** We had a "work on your Model A" day followed by a potluck lunch in March. We attended the fantastic CCRG Jamboree in Santa Maria in April. Great tours, good BBQ and banquet and special times visiting with friends we see once a year! Our April tour was a picnic lunch and visit to the Wayside Cross between San Miguel and Parkfield. A local rancher stopped by and gave us history of the cross and surrounding area.

*Anna Holman*

**Pomona Valley:** Our group attended the annual Orange County Pancake Breakfast and had a great time. On May 9, five cars rolled into Boys Republic for a great tour of their farm, school, dorms and bakery facility. It's a famous school for "at risk young men" started in 1907, and they manufacture the Della Robbia Christmas wreaths. We look forward to a ride on the Metrolink for a guided tour of the famous Los Angeles Union Station.

*George Munday*

**Redding Rambling A's:** April was a busy community service month. During Kool April Nights we visited assisted living homes three times. These people relate to our Model A's and love taking short rides in them. Our East Bunny, Norm Faith, appeared at one of the homes and made the rounds visiting with everyone. Also participated in a show and shine at the Whispering Oaks Winery. Kool April Nights is a big event in Redding for car enthusiasts.

*Norm Faith*

**San Diego:** March's tour was to Edgemore County Farm in Santee followed by a picnic. We did a car display at Gillespie Field air show and some got to ride in an Eastern Air Transport plane, vintage 1926-1933. Many members went to the Orange County breakfast. Several went up the day before, taking part in the Santa Ana Floral Park home tour, homes built in the '20s and '30s. We took part in the Lakeside and Tierrasanta parades.

*Karen Witkop*

**San Fernando Valley:** The Once a Month Saturday brunch at Bob's Big Boy in Northridge continues to be a popular activity. We thank all the members for their support for recent car shows that benefit local charities. The turnout at the monthly meeting at Galpin Ford has been encouraging. We have a regular contingent that meets at 6:00 p.m. at Galpin's Horseless Carriage restaurant prior to the meeting. New members should consider joining us.

*Keith Smith*



**San Francisco Bay Area Chapter:** April 12, we celebrated Al Smith Day at the Swanton Pacific Railroad Park. Al donated the land, and with help from Cal Poly, restored trains that were built for the 1915 World's Fair - the Pan Pacific Exposition. After purchasing fresh-picked strawberries along the way, we arrived at the site: a great meadow, rail station, and a lovely picnic area. We spread out, rode the train, viewed the equipment, enjoyed a great lunch, and basked in the spring sunshine.

*Walter Caplan*

**Santa Anita A's:** Tom Endy gave a presentation on the operation and maintenance of the transmission's gearshift tower at the April general meeting. June 27 will be the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Santa Anita A's. A committee was formed to celebrate this auspicious event at our June meeting with appropriate pageantry and at our "after 4th of July parade" gathering at the home of Joyce and Bob Travis.

*Keith Smith*



**Santa Barbara:** A large group attended the Central California Regional Group's assembly, and one member won a rebuilt engine. There were a total of about 140 cars present, and a grand time was held by all. The annual safety clinic was held during March. Twenty-three cars had brake adjustments, in addition to carburetion and fluid checkups.

*Bill Berger*

**Santa Clara Valley:** Members drive their A's every chance they get. In April, we drove to the Granada Theater in Morgan Hill, watched vintage cartoons, walked around town, and had lunch while we enjoyed a beautiful day. In May, we drove to Tiffany Ford in Hollister for the sixth annual Old Stage Road tour with an excellent buffet after the scenic drive. And we had a second tour that month to the 53rd NCRG Roundup in Sacramento.

*Jill Barrett*



**Santa Maria A's:** The annual CCRG Jamboree for 2015 was hosted by the Santa Maria A's and a huge success. What a fun-filled event with two days of tours, BBQ, banquet and lots of raffle prizes! Over 200 Model A's made their presence known throughout Santa Maria Valley. Beautiful weather for meeting up with old friends and making new friends, extending our Model A family. CCRG President Ron Stevens was presented with the Jacquie Conley Award.

*Trudy A Stevens*

**Sonoma A's:** Cinda Craven led us to the Lake County Spring Opener. Bob and Joan Dungan led 25 members in 11 A's and two moderns to the NCRG Roundup sponsored by the Capitol A's and everyone had a wonderful time. Cinda Craven is again coordinating our annual tour with the local Model T Club in June. The Ewertz's are leading a tour to Phillip's Old Implements Museum in Penngrove. Devvi Silva is coordinating second Saturday breakfasts and third Thursday ice cream socials.

*Bob Cortelyou*

**South Bay Touring A's:** Our club drove to CCRG in Santa Maria in April. They had great tours lined up, Friday to Vandenberg AFB, Saturday we toured the dunes and had lunch at the Rock n Roll Diner. Great banquet on Saturday evening. Our cars ran beautifully, up and back. Had a couple of good seminars working on Mike's Fordor; welded in some patch panels on the cowl and got the roof area ready for the next phase.

*Dick Valot*

**Temecula Valley Model A's:** The month of April was full of excitement! Tours included CCRG Jamboree in Santa Maria. Thank you, Santa Maria Model A's, for a great time. Then, on to the 19th annual Murrieta Firemen's BBQ, for a delicious meal. Then we all enjoyed the Bee's 50th Anniversary party. April 26 found us at the Orange County Pancake Breakfast, with a great showing of Model A's. We really have such a friendly, fun group!

*Joyce Grieb*

**Tokay A's:** Our club toured to Sanders Aeronautics in Ione on March 28. Thirteen Model A's traveled into the Mother Lode and enjoyed a delicious lunch and toured the facility in the afternoon. On May 16 we are scheduled to tour the Pardee Dam and enjoy a BBQ at the home of Fran and Larry Rupley. On June 13 we will be going to Leoni Meadows in Grizzly Flats to take a ride on their train.

*Frank Reid*

**Ventura County MAFC:** April and May turned out to be busy months. Twenty members got together for "A" breakfast potluck on April 25. This was a fun gathering that could maybe become an annual event? Huh, ladies? Yikes, a 12% grade cow trail! A \$40 land purchase and a \$60 county grant for dynamite, plus free labor, built the Norwegian Grade 125 years ago. This and many more facts from pioneer docent Gerry Olsen, made for a fun and educational May 9 tour.

*Richard Atchison*

**Whittier Chapter:** We continue to have our regular meetings on the first Thursday of the month. We also enjoy getting together monthly for dinner to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries at various local restaurants. Recently we toured to a unique home in Fullerton and saw a 30 car collection of vintage automobiles that was amazing.

*Howard Gentry*

## COLORADO

**MAFC of Colorado:** With touring season upon us, a timing gear seminar was held. Unfortunately one Model A had a timing gear failure on the way to the seminar, bad timing!! A cloudy, rainy weekend of trial car games and tours was held in preparation for hosting the 2016 National Convention. A group of hardy souls in Model A's travelled to Manitou Springs to ride the famous Pikes Peak Cog Railway. The top of Pikes Peak was windy and very cold!

*Lois Przywitowski*

## FLORIDA

**Palm Beach A's:** "Rubber to the Road" is our president's mission! In March, two members were in the AACA Car Show in Vero Beach; the Leader's won Best in Class! In April, two brunches at historic locations. Johnny Longboats on Singer Island keeps alive the story of Johnny providing transportation to and from the island after a 1928 hurricane destroyed the bridge. The Seminole Inn, built in 1926, was the hospitality center for many early railroad dignitaries. Visit our website: palmbeachas.com.

*David Carlson*



Palm Beach As

## GEORGIA

**Shade Tree A's:** In April, the Shade Tree A's participated in a Model A Swap Meet and in May, the Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day, both hosted by the Old 96 District club. We participated in the 20th annual Social Security Run, hosted by the Atlanta Region of the Horseless Carriage Club in Albany. We have made a permanent return to meeting on the second Monday of the month, at member Richard Duneyev's garage.

*Jim McPherson*

## ILLINOIS



**Central Illinois A's:** Our annual safety check included the discussion of Model A's, paint, gasoline and tentative tours for the 2015 season. The original paint for Model A's was lacquer, but trying to find lacquer today is almost impossible and very expensive when you do. Ethanol-free gasoline is available at some Phillips 66, BP, Wawa and Shell stations. The fumes from ethanol-free gas does not affect the paint and allows the shutoff valve to work normally. Let's Roll!

*Kay Lee*

**Naper A's:** Warm weather outings have begun. We will have eight Model A's in the annual Naperville Memorial Day parade chauffeuring WW II veterans. Upcoming local cruise nights are high on the agenda. Some of us are still diligently working on major rebuilds. When you open up an engine, transmission or differential, the odds are you'll find some unwelcome surprises. Getting help from our club Model A experts makes them easier to fix.

*Nick Mazzarella*



**Rock-Ford A's:** The Rock-Ford A's Spring tour was a great success. Members enjoyed delightful weather and a tour of the Volo Auto Museum. Rain and high winds grounded the annual Experimental Aircraft Association's Spring Fling Pancake Breakfast, Fly-in & Car Show at the Beloit Airport. However, numerous area swap meets held high hopes in finding just the right Model A treasures. A Memorial Day parade will find the Model A's decked out in their finest patriotic regalia.

*Bill Auopperle*

## IOWA

**Hawkeye MAFC:** Club activities are in full swing. We had our annual Swap Meet in April with excellent weather and turnout. Spring banquet was on May 2 and our first tour of the season on May 21-22. We will travel to Ames, visiting the Reiman Gardens and Veterinary School at ISU. Also the Regional Meet in St. Joseph, Missouri. Planning continues for the August 15, seventh annual Iowa Model A Day in Amana. More information can be found at [www.hawkamodelaclub.org](http://www.hawkamodelaclub.org).

*Jan Wenger*

**Humboldt A's:** Amongst the 34 families in the club are 40 Model A's. Coupes are the most popular body style and 1930 the most numerous year. Five cars are original, unrestored vehicles. Most are drivable. Many of these cars, including Lloyd Joiner's Pickup and Kent Johnson's Tudor, will be shown at the club's third annual car show in September. Others will show their cars at four parades in which the club is participating this year.

*Larry Tamm*

## KANSAS

**Flint Hills Chapter:** On the road again, it's springtime in Kansas! There were 16 of us traveling to Emporia April 4, for a tour of Clarence Howland's garage. Afterwards, lunch at the Pizza Ranch. Several members attended the Osage City Cookin' and Cruisin' Car Show April 11, winning trophies. Saturday, March 28, our monthly breakfast at Coyote Canyon in Topeka with 16 attending. Saturday, April 25, we traveled to Breck's Green Acres near Pomona Lake for breakfast, having 10 in attendance.

*Dorothy O'Dell*

**Kansas Plain Ol' A's:** Our club enjoyed touring with the NW Missouri club to see a huge sleigh collection in Denver, Missouri. The Memorial Day picnic was well attended with great food and fellowship. We had several members experience the MAFC Central Regional Meet in St. Joseph, Missouri. There are several upcoming opportunities to get your A out and join in the fun of touring in your 80-year-old cars.

*Bruce and Vicky Mills*

**Wichita A's:** Twenty-one Model A's took a Shakedown tour to Moundridge and Carlton and are now ready for touring season. Thirty-five members enjoyed a trip to Prairie Oak Alpaca Farm near Peabody. We watched as the alpacas were sheared and learned of the different grades of fiber. We also learned about spinning yarn from the alpaca fiber as well as cat and dog hair. We continued on to Marion where we viewed finished products at the Alpaca Shop.

*Brenda Broadhead*

## LOUISIANA

**Red Stick MAFC:** Our vice-president, Billy Goodwin, has established a Facebook group called Red Stick Model A Fords. The purpose of this group is to share any and all information of interest, past or present, on the Model A. Also any cars or parts you may want to sell or just plain interesting stories about our hobby. We want to invite all Model A people across America to join our group.

*Marie Tortorich*

## MAINE

**Pine Tree Chapter:** The arrival of spring set off a busy schedule of activities. The Dust Off tour was followed by the Starkey Ford Car Show where club member Dan Smith won first prize in the Model A class with his 1931 Tudor. David White hosted a clinic at his garage where a number of Model A's received loving attention. The Lobsters and Lighthouses National Tour is next up and excitement is building for this scenic adventure.

*John Brissette*

## MARYLAND

**Greater Baltimore MAFC:** On April 11 we had our Spring Workshop at Bill Bonas's house with over 15 members present and 12 A's. We had wheels straightened, toe-in and head light adjustments as well as being able to use Bill's sand blasting machine. On April 25, we had a good turnout for Ford troubleshooting at Catonsville College. This is a test of skills for high schools in the Baltimore region for scholarships to the winners.

*Bud Carroll*

## MASSACHUSETTS

**Cape Cod MAFC:** The March general meeting saw a lubrication seminar presenting many meaningful inspection points, maintenance, fluid checks, adjustments and new diagnostic tools. A Q & A period brought forward interesting information. April's meeting, a presentation on proper lubrication. Many production changes were discussed depicting the modifications Ford made over the four-year period. In early May we met to discuss plans for the next six months. Many events have been tentatively scheduled.

*John Schnyer*

**MARCOM:** Tour season started with a trip to the Robbins Archeological Museum in Middleboro. The museum contains a history of our area, both geological and archeological displays. The displays depict how eastern Massachusetts was formed and when the native Americans settled here. On May 16, a technical seminar during which members had their Model A's on a lift for examination to determine what had to be done to insure that the car was in safe condition.

*Charles Marchewka*

**Minuteman MAFC:** We're into the lazy, hazy days of summer enjoying a Club Rally, reaching a secret destination, flea markets, car shows both local and over long weekends, and a National Tour throughout Maine. We look forward to a car show in Stowe, Vermont, lunch in Windham Junction, New Hampshire, a picnic featuring car games and judging and many dinner and ice cream tours in the summer evenings.

*Susan Champagne*

**Worcester County:** In April, the club auction. In May, 11 A's showed up for Garage Day safety checks. May 16, President Hyson led our Dust-Off tour with 16 A's. A highlight of the day was passing Model T's traveling in the opposite direction. Bob Costello, a friend to many, recently passed. Bob was my Dad. Club members turned out on a very frigid morning with their A's to attend his memorial service, a fitting tribute to a man who loved A's and being a member of WCMAC.

*Keith Costello*

## MINNESOTA

**Lady Slipper:** We started our 2015 touring season in April with a short "dust-em-off shake-down" tour to the new Waters at Maywood senior living center. After touring the center we ate at their restaurant which is open to the public. We made our annual May tour to the Standstill parade in Whalan. The town is too small for a conventional parade so the parade is stationary and the people walk by. The celebration attracts many vendors and over 1000 visitors.

*Ted Waldo*

**Twin City MAFC:** Our summer season is filled with tours and social events. We had the Whalan Standstill parade and Discover Aviation Days in May. In June, we had our annual Pancake Breakfast and mystery tour and our annual Steak Fry with the AACA Capital City Chapter. We also have the Volkfest in Victoria and the St. Cloud tour and Swap Meet at the Benton County Fairgrounds in August. Our monthly clinics will resume again in September.

*Ed Porter*



## MISSOURI



**Northwest Missouri MAFC:** Ready for a break after hosting the 2015 Regional with 125 registrations from 10 states. Time to settle into some less stressful activities. Smithville Lake will again be site of our annual picnic. Ron Anderson will organize our participation in July 4th parade in Parkville. Table Rock, Nebraska, will be an overnight tour hosted by Sherry Winkinhofer, an interesting tour of her home town. We will round out our summer season by touring Fort Osage National Monument. *Vicky Roseberry*

## MONTANA

**Big Sky A's:** As we write this, it is a glorious late spring day in northwest Montana! We spent last Sunday afternoon at an annual Flathead Lake potluck, compliments of Ed, IvaJean and Mark Nelson who are our western Montana Model A gurus! We enjoyed having many Model A's and other antique cars from as far as 120 miles, and an estimate of 110 people. We lost count of the number of cars. Check out our newsletter! <http://www.blackfoot.net/~montanasavage/may2015.pdf> *Don Beller*

**Magic City Model A's:** First runs of the season were successful with a bit of much needed rain mixed in. Eight cars enjoyed a weekend in beautiful Thermopolis, Wyoming, meeting up with members of the Wyoming club. Great Mexican food, soaking in the hot springs, visiting dinosaur digs. May meeting was a short tour out to the Johnson memorabilia shop site for picnic supper and banana splits. Looking forward to our BIG tour to Idaho in June. Good times! *Thelma Witt*

## NEBRASKA

**Cornhusker MAFC:** Recently, the club took a driving tour around Branched Oak Lake. Seven cars participated in the adventure that included lunch in nearby Denton. In April, author Ted Genoways gave an eye-opening presentation about his new book, *The Chain: Farm, Factory, and the Fate of our Food*. Several members took their A's to Tabitha's 'Hollywood in the 1920s' themed prom night. The club held a brake adjusting seminar, and is considering future activities with the Meadowlark club of Omaha. *Janet Jeffries Beauvais*



**Meadowlark MAFC:** Twelve members and two guests toured two fabulous private car collections in Lincoln. Thirty-five members enjoyed delicious baby back ribs at Beebeetown's Twisted Tail restaurant. Seventeen members drove their Model A's to an alpaca ranch near Fort Calhoun. For community service, 12 members cleaned two miles of Highway 36 north of Bennington. Don Graves' tech talk discussed Model A radiators, while Karen Wickey demonstrated "knitting with a loom" to the Hen's Nest. *Greg Bowden*

## NEVADA



**Las Vegas Valley MAC:** Club members visited Temecula, California, for a wine tasting tour. Transportation to four wineries was provided by a motorized 1914 San Francisco Cable Car with lunch provided at one of the stops. The visit also included a tour of the historic San Luis Rey Mission in Oceanside as well as shopping and sightseeing in historic Temecula. *Rita Waroway*

**Pahrump:** May 2, here in Pahrump, we drove our A's in the Wild West Extravaganza & Rodeo parade. We followed the 20-mule team Borax wagon and their very busy 'pooper scooper' (he should have been in a clown suit), which meant a stop-and-go parade. The spectators enjoyed it. We are enjoying summer ice cream socials, the first was at Dairy Queen and the next on the patio of one of our members, during which members shared stories of experiences with their cars. *Dutch Schultz*

**Sagebrush:** The annual Clara Jane Ford Tea (and gents pub crawl) was held on April 11. Ladies wore beautiful hats and enjoyed tea and dainties. Linda M. gave a brief talk about Clara Jane Ford. The first shakedown tour saw 28 members on a day drive. April included an overnight trip to a gold mine in Winnemucca. In May, a breakfast/tour to a historic vehicle museum in Sparks. An overnight tour is planned to Sonora and Murphys, with tours over high Ebbs and Sonora passes (whee). *Linda Middleton*

## NEW HAMPSHIRE



**White Mountain Region:** The Chapter gathered at Bow's Old Town Hall for the annual potluck dinner to plan Model A tours for the summer. It was wonderful to see the turnout and get the old Model A's out on the road after a long cold winter! *Janice VandeBogart*

## NEW YORK

**Adirondack A's:** After an unseasonably cold spring, members have their cars back on the road. On May 1, Tom and Beth Keehan left for a two-month, cross-country tour in their Tudor. Two days later, ten members left for a leisurely breakfast at the Rathbun Sugar House. Unexpected excitement occurred when burning dash wiring required a fire extinguisher and the A was disabled. Twenty cars are expected at this month's first fundraiser at the Colburn Retirement Center. *Bill Gorman*

**MAFC of Long Island:** Thank goodness the winter of 2015 is behind us and we can enjoy our cars again. We had our second annual car games in April. Lunch followed at Five Guys. April 26, Elyn Okvist organized a Motor Parkway Run. We started at Cunningham Park in Queens and rode the last existing part of the original Motor Parkway. We had over 60 cars in our caravan with a police escort. The tour ended at Lake Ronkonkoma with a picnic lunch. *Janet Meckley*

**Mohican MAFC:** Seventy-nine members and guests met at the Lincklaen House in Cazenovia for Sunday brunch on April 19. Jim Ford, local historian, was the guest speaker accompanied by his wife, Joan. Jim talked about the life of Grove Hinman and his impact on this area. He made his fortune during the Depression. Ford is the author of a book which is a collection of personal stories from various people in the area about Hinman's life and legacy. *Sandra Roberts*

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Queen City MAFC:** April 25, eight Model A's and five modern cars headed out on a rainy morning for the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We headed for Linney's Mill in Union Grove. Afterwards, we traveled a short distance to see Shiloh General Store, an Amish-run store. We ate lunch on the front porch and then headed to Union Grove General Store, housed in a 1903 schoolhouse. We covered five counties on our tour, hosted by Hylands and Collins. *Bruce Hyland*

## OHIO



**Dayton Buckeye MAFC:** Hot weather and a cool drive to the Dairy Cream are fun in the summertime. Our club remains active with participation in the annual Dayton Air Show parade held on June 19. July 24-25, a two-day tour to Shipshewana, Indiana for the 11th annual Old Fashion Farming Days at the Mervin Yoder farm. We saw demonstrations of many inventions of yesteryear. We were invited guests and parked "close in" to frame the scene. *Ken Smith*

## OKLAHOMA



**Sooner MAFC:** Our club is looking forward to summer activities! June includes members attending the National Tour in Maine and the Regional Meet in St. Joseph, Missouri. The 4th of July parade in Bethany is a unique parade featuring cars in chronological order starting with Brass cars, Model T's, then our Model A's. To see our activity details, pictures, monthly Scuttlebutt newsletters, "how to" videos and club history archives, visit our website at [www.soonermodela.org](http://www.soonermodela.org). *Kent Depe*



**Tulsa MAFC:** This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Jefferson Highway, stretching from Winnipeg, Canada, to New Orleans. The Tulsa and Sooner clubs joined the Jefferson Highway Association at their national conference in Muskogee. This highway was the first constructed in the U.S. which could be driven 365 days a year as it was paved and had bridges. Other springtime events included drives to see private car collections, breakfasts, picnic and attending the Regional meet at St. Joseph, Missouri. *Barbara Cail*

## OREGON



*Bill Henderson*

**Beaver Chapter:** Welcome to our new members: Gordon and Melissa Brinser; Pat and Andrea LaPointe; Mike and Kay Stevenson; J and Dixie Wylie; and Doug and Suzanne Nichols. We are also proud to announce that past president Bill Henderson is running for the MAFA Board, and will be a great director. Bill is a Master Judge and avid Model A'er. *Ray Horton*



**Enduring A's:** Great weather has members ready for touring. Byron Cook hosted the annual Road-Worthiness Clinic, organized by Jerry Melland. Bill White needed help to push his "barn find" in, but drove it out with a big smile. Bill Cote invited our club to the McKenzie A's clinic and lunch. At a recent meeting, Jeff Hansen showed how he converted to modern shock absorbers. Glen Osborn followed up at the next meeting; showing and telling the trials of mounting tires on freshly powder-coated wheels. *Martin Harding*



**Henry's Lady:** An historic smoke jumper base comes back to life as ex-smoke jumpers run the museum. We experienced an exciting era, when jumpers parachuted into remote areas of National Forests to extinguish lightning-caused fires. We saw authentic smoke jumper equipment. A remarkable photo collection can be viewed: [www.siskiyousmokejumpermuseum.org](http://www.siskiyousmokejumpermuseum.org)

**High Desert A's:** The club members have been busy with several short tours and also our bi-annual Adopt-A-Highway cleanup project. The best part of that work is the lunch that follows. We continue to make our monthly donation to the Wounded Warrior Project. There are several parades and tours scheduled for us as well as a June trip to the NW Regional Meet in Walla Walla, Washington. *Lee Thorsell*

**McKenzie A's:** Several new members add to the good times. Bill Cote hosted his annual Sludge Bean Seminar while the ladies went to a hobby store and enjoyed lunch. Future tours include a trip to the carousel museum in Albany and the annual strawberry tour where we make homemade ice cream. Penny Schultz is planning a Ladies Tea, which always brings out the ladies dressed in their finest era clothing and hats. *Jeannie Kramer*

**Rogue Valley A's:** Our chapter never knows for sure what might walk in the door of our clubhouse where we meet once a month. The Model A's have a way of attracting attention and so for a visitor to join us is not uncommon. But for the visitor to also present us with a short program is a bonus. Gilbert Svensen stopped by with his collection of chauffeur's badges. There was one each for 1928-1931. *Nell Mathern*

#### RHODE ISLAND

**Little Rhody Chapter:** Finally, a meeting! January was our last because of snow. Charlie Howard won first place in Rhinebeck, New York. We will participate in three Memorial Day parades. Our club picnic at Glen Farms in Portsmouth on July 25 is planned by Al and Dale Silvia and Jason Landry. The Silvias will donate an ice cream social after the car games planned by Jason Landry. Little Rhody will donate a Rhode Island basket to the Canada MARC meet. *Pat Howard*

#### SOUTH CAROLINA

**Aiken Model A's:** Our club participated in Peach parades held in Johnston and Trenton. We've joined in events hosted by other Model A clubs - Old 96's Penny Pinson Day and Low Country's Rivers Bridge State Park picnic. Tech seminars are ongoing things - helping Henry's Lady smile again! On Memorial Day, we transported veterans in Aiken's parade and visited a radio-controlled airplane fly in. We've accomplished a lot our first year, and eagerly look forward to our second! *Tom Roberts*

**Old 96 District MAFC:** Spring brought warmer but soggy weather. We joined Palmetto A's for Picnic in the Park at Saluda Shoals. Our 10th annual Swap Meet was successful in spite of threatening weather. We enjoyed supper at Blue Ocean before attending the Cruise-In at nostalgic Texaco Station in Laurens. In May, we visited Dean Hunter's farm, then the Smokin' Pig for barbecue. Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day at Emerald Farms found food, fellowship, friends and Fords in "A" picturesque setting. *Debby McDill*

**Palmetto A's:** Members have been busy since January. The New Year was celebrated with our famous Chicken Bog. The weather was cold but fellowship was warm. February included a trip to the State Museum. We then had our picnic-in-the-park at Saluda Shoals. Everyone enjoyed the good food, games, homemade ice cream and visiting with members from other clubs. Our annual car show was held in April at Epworth Children's Home. Good food and good fellowship were enjoyed by everyone. *Judy Barnes*

#### TENNESSEE



Vicki & Randy Schwerdt

**Smoky Mountain Model A's:** South Pittsburg was a multi-day adventure tour in April. Back roads took us for a Cookie Jar Cafe lunch in Dunlap, a Coker Museum tour in Chattanooga and more tours, a 5K walk/run and a Cruise-In Saturday at the Dixie-Freeze in Pittsburg. We were home-bound Sunday with lunch at Jenkins Deli, Cleveland. Much thanks to Vicki and Randy Schwerdt for "honchoing" it. *Bob Helsel*

#### TEXAS

**Cedar Creek MAFC:** Our club had to say goodbye to another member, Danny Hampel. Danny was a big part of our club and supported us greatly. There has to be a Model A club in heaven. Looking for-

ward to the Texas Tour in Beaumont. The breakfast meeting is always fun...food, of course, and a little driving. This month we went to Julia Waterman's garage to get things ready for her auction of Model A parts. Follow us on [www.cedarcreekas.org](http://www.cedarcreekas.org). *Sue Capps*



**Dallas MAFC:** In May, our restoration workshop was on steering boxes and our monthly program was fashion. Our Memorial Day tour to central Texas will highlight Gone with the Wind museum, stained glass, and a POW camp at Camp Hearne. We have cars going to the MAFCA Lobster and Lighthouses tour, and Texas Tour in Beaumont this June. In August, 21 cars will head to Colorado for the San Juan Skyway tour. *Pam Henricks*



Anniversary Outing Car Game Winners

**Greater Houston A's:** The 49th anniversary picnic was outstanding. Again, Mother Nature tried to put a damper on everything with heavy rains. However, nothing stops the Houston A's from having a good time and good food. Bob Pond found absolutely the best place to have it and Lloyd Gray found absolutely the best BBQ place to cater. Lloyd made sure there were enough games to keep everyone entertained. Over 80 members attended and no one went home hungry! *Jean Lecher*

**Lone Star MAFC:** The restoration clinics have been fun and all about safety. Ed Rogers' 90th birthday celebration was fabulous. Model A era fashions were donned and we had a grand ole time. The 2015 LSMAFC Road Rally to Andice was great fun. Max Phillips and Rebecca Jordan won first place, a crisp \$20 bill. A few got lost but, everyone made it there. We are still drawing a crowd every Saturday morning at IHOP in Georgetown. *Laurie Taylor*

**Tyler:** The club held our April meeting at Hatfield's Restorations just out of Canton. About 20 members were present and we had lots of fun! Hatfield's does every step of restorations and does very high quality work. President Durnal did a great job of conducting our meeting. We all enjoyed seeing how this work is done. *James Monroe*

#### UTAH

**Salty A's:** Spring came, but Dust-Off Tour at Liberty Park was rain delayed. By-Laws were changed—Vice-President, or President-Elect, will now be a two-year term. "A" Ford information games are part of monthly meetings. Bear Lake tour with Beehive A's will be a success. Chuck will lead a tour to Nevada to see the steam train and Lehman Caves. Great summer planned with newsletter, BBQ, tour, and swap meets. The President's "Rock Project" is ongoing - congrats to recipients! *W Roy Van Orman*

#### VIRGINIA

**Cape Henry MAFC:** First club event after our dreary winter was a maintenance session in Dewey Milligan's barn. Next, John Long's fun Model A Roundup tested our driving skills. Dewey Milligan led a tour of Lewis Little's famed car museum in Smithfield. Alas, no Model A's on display. Next was a repeat of the first club tour in 1978 to the Cape Henry lighthouses. Most recently, eight Model A's were on display at the Murfreesboro, North Carolina, Porkfest. *Gordon Spence*



**Colonial Virginia A's:** CVMAFC members have been enjoying the great spring weather and putting lots of miles on their A's. In April, club members were treated to a "Buzzards" tour of Ivy Hill Cemetery in Smithfield, viewed Louis Little's car collection, and put vehicles on display at Merchant Millpond State Park, North Carolina. In May the club toured historic Portsmouth which is rich in Naval and Civil War history. *Ray Putnam*

**Skyline A's:** "Safety check your A day" at the home of Reggie and Millie Hiner was a huge success with something found to improve upon on all cars that were checked. Each car left a little better than when it arrived. In May, members went to Augusta nursing home to let residents reminisce and enjoy the old cars. *Gary Pitsenberger*

#### WASHINGTON

**Apple Valley Model A's:** Thirteen members of the Yakima Apple Valley Model A's and members of the Yakima Horseless Carriage Club made a spring tour of the Kittitas County Barn Quilt Trail. Large

painted quilt blocks mounted on old barns were found throughout the Ellensburg countryside using a printed guide from [www.barnquiltwashington.org](http://www.barnquiltwashington.org). Lunch was served at the old Palace Cafe on Main Street in downtown Ellensburg. *Barbara Buschini*

**Clark County Flying Eagle A's:** Here we grow again. Our club has welcomed a record number (for us) of new members! Five new Model A families joined in the first quarter of the year. Rescued Model A's are being made safe, put back together and restored to their former glory. As usual, our car show and tours/parades are keeping our A's on the road. Check our Facebook page which is bringing new friends to our small club. *Judy Pashon*

**Columbia Basin A's:** April tours included the REACH museum on the 15th after lunch at the '50s-style Rosy's Diner was attended by 17 people and seven Model A's, sorting foods at Second Harvest on the 22nd followed by lunch, and a tour on the 30th of the Tri Tech skills center facilities with lunch at Applebee's. On May 8, we had dinner and a play, enjoying Barefoot in the Park at the local Richland Players Theater. *Robin Eldhardt*

**Evergreen Chapter:** In March, we had our annual Hubley race at John and Connie Hash's shop with the Gerties. The Gerties took the first place trophy this year. We enjoyed a trip to the beautiful Tulip Festival in April. George and Janet Kaitis led and planned this tour, they ordered up a beautiful sunny day to enjoy. We enjoyed a dinner meeting in April with an interesting program by David Williams on the history of hydroplanes. *Ila Sage*

**Gallopin Gerties:** April brought our annual Readiness Car Inspection for lighting, tires, brakes, steering, fluid levels, etc. A dozen vehicles got a thorough going-over. Our April program focused on Touring Safety and Etiquette. Wonderful suggestion: Keep the car behind you in your sights. May 30 is our 50TH anniversary celebration. We'll tour from Puyallup to Point Defiance, for pizza and visiting. Then to the Lemay American Car Museum for our banquet and dessert. *Tony Bina*

**Volcano A's:** In April our club participated in the Portland Swap Meet, the largest auto parts swap meet on the west coast with approximately 3500 vendor stalls and over 50,000 shoppers. Our club had a stall to sell parts which also gave members the opportunity to visit with lots of car enthusiasts. Our May tour will be to Papa's Toy Museum in Cornelius and our Lava Ladies are busy putting together baskets for the Walla Walla Regional raffle. *Dian Lane*

#### WISCONSIN



**Central Wisconsin Chapter:** Dave and Trudy Pederson sponsored the A Cup Road Rally with questions about scenery on the tour. Dale and Vi Voss won the event. Roger and Mary Voss led seven Model A's down scenic roads to Veterans Open House and Old Car Show in King, May 17. Maurice Petta was presented an Honorary Member award plaque displaying a photo of his 1929 Model A Pickup. He joins fellow honorary members Art Hoppe and Lee Bottensek. *Steven King*

**Wisconsin Chapter:** In April, our first outdoor event took us touring the Holy Hill and Big Cedar Lake areas. The weather was beautiful, which made for a relaxing and enjoyable ride, ending with pizza and refreshments at a local pub. In May, we toured throughout Lake Country passing many lakes. Although the weather looked ominous, it turned out to be a perfect day for a ride. We ended the tour with some friendly Texas Hold'em style poker. *Randy Kind*

#### INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS

**Model "A" Owners of Canada Inc.:** By the time you read this, we've been busy hosting the MARC National Meet in Niagara Falls, Canada. I can only speculate the number of attendees. So far, this May, registrations look like 150+ A's are coming with over 250 members registered in the three main hotels. Our members are contributing by volunteering throughout the week. The Grand Tour travels to Brock's Monument. We planned many seminars and youth activities for everyone to enjoy. *Philip Wilson*

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From Rick Black, Medford, Oregon  
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So rummage through your tool box and find those hardly-used 8-point sockets and see if you have a 7/16" in there. If not, you can get one at your favorite tool store. The Sears Craftsman part number is 44221. I got mine on eBay.



*If you have a helpful tip about Model A restoration or maintenance that you'd like to share with MAFCA members, please forward it to the MAFCA Office, 250 S. Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631-5515 or e-mail to: restorer@mafca.com.*



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