

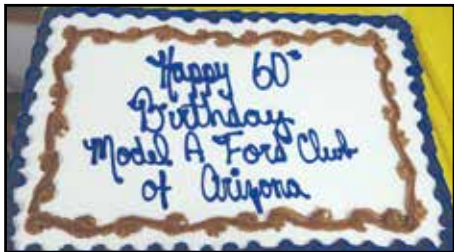
# CHAPTER NEWS

## ALABAMA

**Central Alabama MAFC:** Our February meeting had three events: a club breakfast at Chappy's Deli and a garage tour at Dennis and Jane Leatherwood's. Dennis is currently working on a 1931 Slant Windshield Ford and a 1929 Phaeton. Next we had lunch at Red's Little School House Restaurant. After lunch, the ladies were thanked for their support and each was presented with a red rose. After lunch we were off for home and the end to another adventure.

*Richard Haldeman*

## ARIZONA



**MARC of Arizona:** If you live in Arizona then you know we like to celebrate special events, so our club's very special sixtieth anniversary is worth tooting our unique horns for. Just in the last week we have enjoyed a club-sponsored Breakfast in the Park, followed a few days later by our Club's anniversary celebration. This is our time of year for tours that are being arranged by Vickie Brown and Lois Cook. Come join us if you can!

*Henry Ruzicka*

**Tucson A's:** Early this year, we participated in Tucson's annual re-creation of the capture of John Dillinger, the infamous bank robber. Ray Feierstein organized the display of 40 antique vehicles despite threatening weather. A later event, our White Elephant sale, was organized by Ron Uhle's team. Donated garage overflow was auctioned off to become another member's treasure. Fellowship and potluck were also abundant. Because of generous donors, free spending bidders and "silver-tongued" auctioneers, our club's treasury did well.

*Mike Liebert*

## CALIFORNIA

**Auburn A's:** New Year, new president, new places to go. We had a great turnout for the February Sweethearts tour, even got our cars out. The Spring Opener is coming up and we are headed to Quincy, traveling up the Feather River which should be beautiful with our abundance of rain this year. Next, the It's Sno-fun tour to the Sierra Nevada mountains...not to go skiing in our Model A's, just to spend time in the spectacular snow pack. Keep them running!

*Merrilyn Lockerbie*

**Bakersfield A's:** Winter is over, and spring has sprung! A beautiful drive to Kernville for the annual Whiskey Flats parade followed by enjoying good food at a local restaurant, Ewing's, was the perfect way to enjoy the sunshine and driving our A's. Our Model A's also enjoyed another outing to the annual Super Cruise car show and are now getting prepped for the CCRG. We look forward to wonderful activities to come!

*Ali Dyess*

**Blossom Trail A's:** The engines started and we were off on our first tour of the new year. We toured the east side of the Central Valley to Orosi for a traditional Mexican luncheon at Martha's Mexican Restaurant. In February, the fruit trees are in full bloom, a perfect time for dusting off the Model A's and touring vibrantly colored orchards. After our tour, we had breakfast at Max's Breakfast House in Selma. Our annual fundraiser, Auto Parts Swap Meet, was held on March 4.

*Maurine Segars*



**Capitol A's:** Rain has made our expeditions slow to a crawl, but we still participated in the Sacramento Autorama where we showed them restored cars are better than modified! We took an excursion to Concord to see a collector that had some very rare Model A's. The hunt is sometimes more fun than the find. Looking forward to many tours scheduled and the weather is looking like green hills, blooming trees and flowing rivers.

*Donna Smith*

**Charter Oak A's:** It's spring in the Central Valley and the trees are starting to bloom. Six cars were in Visalia's St. Patrick's Day parade. Several cars participated in a Roaring '20s event at a local church. A number of our members helped with the Porterville Happy Honker's CCRG at the end of March. Working on some upcoming tours. Wishing all our members who have health issues better health in the future.

*Marsha Brooks-Smith*

**Chico Model A's:** Last month, the Chico A's went on a tour to the Gray Lodge and Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area. It is located outside of Gridley and we had 22 members and spouses including five Model A's. The area is a bird sanctuary with a wonderful walking tour and a three-mile driving tour. I recommend this to any group. The Chico A's decided to send a small donation to MAFFI and what great work this organization does.

*Sharon Simonton*

**Cuesta Crankers:** Cuesta Crankers has been busy with several local tours, including a recent wildflower tour with lunch in Creston. We attended the Central California regional group of MAFFCA chapters (CCRG) Jamboree, Hosted by Happy Honkers in Porterville. We are busy getting ready for the 2018 Jamboree which will be held in Cambria, hosted by us.

*John Saulsbury*

**Delta A's:** We drove to Livermore to the Duarte Garage & Lincoln Highway Museum where member Tim Sage volunteers. Originally built in 1915 as a garage, it was converted to a machine shop in the 1940s. It was finally restored as a garage and has interesting displays and beautifully restored fire engines. Lynn Sutton led eight cars over bumpy back roads through Milton to Copperopolis. Didn't lose anyone! Lunch followed.

*Pat Rut*

**Diablo A's:** The new year started out with a Ladies Shop and Eat arranged by Alicia Watson. Everyone enjoyed lunch and the shopping after. Adell Kirk led us on our annual brunch tour to Clementine's. We all enjoyed our meal and being together. In February, we had a great tour led by the English's to the Oakland Aviation Museum. The displays were very informative and we all learned from them. Then on for a yummy lunch.

*Lynn Grady*

**Diamond Tread Chapter:** We started our tour to Rancho Los Cerritos with a happy stop at Straw Hat Pizza before continuing on our way. There were 14 of us with only two Model A's because of expected rain. It was very interesting as our docent "became" one of the house's children and spoke as one who actually lived there in its heyday. If you want to see a truly huge impressive Australian transplanted tree - this is the place.

*Barry Beckley*

**El Camino A's:** February had our club heading to Stanford's Ronald McDonald House to serve cookies and lemonade to the children and their parents. We were fortunate to have a sunny day after all the rain we've had. In March, we enjoyed our annual Safety Clinic. The highlight of this event was having our youngest member, baby Olivia Charlotte, come by for a visit. We are looking forward to a tour of Western Town in April.

*Mary Anne Stergion*

**Hangtown A's:** Finally managed to get out and drive without being rained or snowed upon. January's brunch tour was a rainy affair so everyone drove modern. February's tour was another lunch tour with a slight sunny window that enabled a few Model A's to wander out of the foothills. The March tour to see Da Vinci in Motion at McClelland AFB was grand with temperatures in the high 70's. We all had a great time. Many more tours in the future.

*Tom Jeanes*

**Harbor Area A's:** We started the year off with our annual Installation and Awards Banquet at the Reef in Long Beach. Several members went to the big San Diego Swap Meet, staying over at one of the hotels. We are busy planning to celebrate our 60th Anniversary with a picnic in September. About 35-40 members continue to meet every Monday night at Hof's Hut for dinner. Al's garage is available on Saturday mornings for club members to work on their cars.

*Sue Hankins*

**Lake County A's:** We got the rain we needed and then some, and now it's time to get the Model A's out in the sunshine and get 'em ready to hit the road. We're off to the Spring Opener in Quincy on May 4 and looking forward to a great weekend.

*Dana Obermeyer*

**Linden A's:** February 19, undeterred by serious rain, we joined the Free-wheelers for a tour of Sheldon Doning's museum in San Rafael. February 25, we took advantage of the sunshine and "headed to the hills". We drove through Sutter Creek, Jackson, Angels Camp and Sonora. We saw lush green grass, a few wildflowers, and lots of clean, rain-washed cattle. March 18, the 25th annual Murphy's Irish Day in Murphys and the 45th annual St. Patrick's Dandelion Days in Jackson.

*Terry Machado*

**Modesto Area A's:** The 2017 swap meet was a huge success. Weather and attendance were great. An after-swap meet "Thank You Dinner" was held February 10. We held our first 50-50 raffle drawing (50% of proceeds going to MAFFI Model A Museum/50% to winner). We encourage other clubs to support MAFFI. Stan Braden received the prestigious title of Master Judge from the Model A Club of America. Sadly, past member Lauren Campbell passed away.

*Karen Rabb*

**Napa Valley A's:** Eleven members (Howdy and Gerri Rogers, Larry and Linda Dreyer, Jim Mounter, Sam and Marty Leach, Joe, Virginia and Ken Midle and John Davis) toured from Napa to Calistoga, staying on pre-1932 roads and returning on Hwy 29 with lunch in St. Helena. Tour was trouble-free except for one flat tire after lunch. 2017 officers: President Howdy Rogers, Vice-President Ken Midle, Secretary Jean Keyser and Treasurer Skip Keyser.

*Jean and Skip Keyser*



Club outing at Citrus Park, Riverside.

**Orange Blossom A's:** Our Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Fritts Ford Truck Center, second floor

meeting room, Auto Center Drive and Jefferson, Riverside. All are encouraged to drive their Model A's. Come join the fun! **Rob Holmes**  
**Oroville Golden Feather A's:** Our club tagged along with the Chico Model A's touring Gray Lodge Wildlife Area just southwest of Gridley. It is a 9000-acre area for shelter for more than 300 species of resident and migrant birds. The sun was bright, but it was very cool with the wind. There were not too many birds due to a high-pressure area that had just passed through. After the tour, the Chico A's provided hot chocolate and muffins. What a treat.

*Gene Carrell*

**Palomar A's:** It is not March madness but spring fever, so March brings a fun tour to Valley Center in North County to visit their museum and learn more about the history of that area of San Diego county. There are a variety of communities, all with a bit of history of their own. April, a special tour to the USS Midway museum in San Diego Harbor which houses the country's best Naval museum. Any visitor to the area should definitely make this a destination.

*Barbara Kruegel*

**Paradise Valley MAFC:** What a New Year's tour celebration! A total of 28 cars representing four clubs toured to Escondido to see an impressive collection of cars. Thanks to Rudy and Lori Perez for planning this enjoyable run. We toured the Alta Loma home of master woodworker Sam Maloof and enjoyed seeing beautifully crafted artistry. Our Safety Day gave us an opportunity to check out our cars. Our appreciation to Jeff Holmes for allowing us to use his facility.

*Jeanene Buchanan*

**Pomona Valley MAFC:** Our club is mourning the loss of two members, Steve Salazar and Jerry DeRossett. Had been a sad time for all. Nine cars came for annual Safety Day Tune-Up at Jeff Holmes' shop. Of course, we had coffee and donuts before we went to lunch. Getting ready for Hubley Derby Day with tune-up day on April 22 and race day on May 27. Check MAFFCA calendar for more information. All clubs invited to join.

*George Munday*



**Redding Rambling A's:** January saw the installation of our 2017 officers with a great dinner organized by Norm and Ruthie Faith. In February, we had a great turnout for a tune-up seminar put on by Don Nichols at the Robinson home - where no one has to walk a mile for a camel! That evening our members chauffeured attendees to the "Club Cougar," an annual '30s style musical event put on by Foothill High School.

*Jack Robinson*

**San Diego MAFC:** "It Never Rains in California"...Ha! With record-setting rain, we have been fortunate to squeeze in some great tours. February 18, 24 people toured Old Town San Diego and the Mormon Battalion Historic Site led by period-dressed docents. Afterwards we visited the Old Town Model Railroad Depot. March 25, a country drive to a member's 15-acre ranch, Ranchita El Shadai, in Jamul. Members are getting ready to showcase their cars at three community parades during April and May, with many more to come. Ahooga!

*Kris Francis*

**Santa Barbara:** The first months of 2017 were highlighted with visits and speeches with law enforcement leaders of the area. January, a speech by an officer of the California Highway Patrol. February was a speech by our new female chief of police of the Santa Barbara Police Dept. and March was highlighted by a visit to the headquarters to the California Highway Department.

*Bill Berger*

**San Fernando Valley MAFC:** Our March meeting was entertained by Ron Mosher's demonstration of how the Model A wiring harness works. Members were picked to represent the various electrical units: horn, stoplights, headlights, etc. Each held the corresponding wire in the loom and reacted to Ron's commands as they "drove" around the meeting room. After refreshments, Mike Culp played a 1930's mystery theater radio show featuring Fibber Magee and Molly for our enjoyment.

*Keith Smith*

**San Francisco Bay Area:** We crossed the Golden Gate on Sunday, February 19 to visit the eccentric Collectors Museum in San Rafael for a private viewing. The collection includes vintage cycles, classic cars, and thousands of collectible kitsch. Then on Sunday, March 12, when the rains finally stopped, we enjoyed a sunny ride down Highway 1 to Moss Beach. We dined at the California Historical Landmark Moss Beach Distillery, a notorious 1920's speakeasy, all the while searching for its resident ghost, "The Blue Lady". A fun time was had by all.

*Walter Caplan*

**San Gabriel Valley:** We kicked off the New Year in our new meeting room, which we filled to capacity due to an overflow crowd. It'll be fine. Double-header tour: nice drive south to visit a fellow who has a private collection of low mileage cars, and he's next door to a restorer of T's and A's. Wrapped it with lunch (of course) at Sako's Sandwiches. Got to see three Laurel and Hardy short films accompanied by a mighty Wurlitzer organ.

*Jim Lank*

**Santa Anita A's:** March 11: 15 A's and 52 individuals drove to Long Beach to visit Stan Lucas' (of Lucas Tire fame) outstanding car collection with a lunch stop at "world famous" Curley's in Signal Hill for lunch. Stan's collection of over 70 cars includes many '30s classics - Pierce Arrows, Mercers, Steamers, etc. March 17: 10 A's and 47 individuals met at the Pepper Tree in Glendora to appropriately celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

*Keith Smith*

**Santa Clara Valley:** SCVC members weathered the storm of all storms to end the five-year drought in California by getting out in January for the annual breakfast tour to the Morgan Hill Grange Hall for a spectacular drive through our Santa Clara valley. February's activity was the Here Comes the Sun tour, planned the night before after the roads washed out for our original planned tour. Just driving our A's together makes SCVC a very happy chapter. *Jill Barrett*



**Santa Maria A's:** On February 18, 19 of the Santa Maria A's attended a comedy play "The Foreigner" at The Great American Melodrama in Oceano. After an evening full of laughs, we went to the Rock N' Roll diner nearby for dinner. Our January tour was cancelled due to much needed rain. We are gearing up for the CCRG Jamboree being put on by the Porterville Chapter held March 24-25. *Trudy A. Stevens*

**Sierra A's:** We started the year with over 40 members going to the Past Presidents Breakfast. In February we had another great club breakfast at Yosemite Falls. The tour was a very pleasant "Blossom Trail" drive stopping in Reedley for coffee and pie. The March drive to Al's Café in Fresno was great fun and fellowship. We had no March tour as we headed out to Porterville to the CCRG Jamboree. *Paula Poole*

**Sonoma A's:** Curt Cowen gave an informative program on starting and maintaining our Model A's. Carl and Judy Jacobson led a tour to Bodega Bay for some delicious clam chowder in April. Several members are attending the Feather River A's Spring Opener in Quincy and the NCRG Hub tour in and out of Lodi. Dave Uhlig is heading a committee to host the Welcome Party for the NCRG-sponsored 2018 National Convention in Reno. A number of other interesting tours are planned for 2017. *Bob Cortelyou*

**Sonora A's:** The club would like to welcome Jim and Peggy Carne on our first tour of the year. Had a nice turnout for our February sweetheart tour to La Grange for lunch. Our March tour was titled "The Soup Slog", and featured at least six different soups and side dishes to savor atop old Mt. Brown in Sonora. There was a marathon bocce tournament afterwards. A beautiful day was provided by the Costello's in the hills deep in the heart of gold country, so we all had a great time. *Judy Guzzetta*

**South Bay Touring A's:** We had 10 members at the San Diego swap meet this year; we sold quite a lot of parts and on top of that the weather was great. We had a very enlightening seminar in March on welding, mostly MIG. All those that wanted to try it got a chance. Our next tour is to CCRG in Porterville, they always put on a great meet. Of course we'll drive our Model A's up there, it's only 160 miles one way. They are made to be driven! *Dick Valot*

**Temecula Valley MAC:** Our New Year's Day tour was to see a private car collection in Ramona and everyone had a good time. The Valentine's Day tour to Fallbrook Historical Society Museum was a "sweet" success! On March 23, about 18 members will take off for the CCRG Jamboree in Porterville. Upcoming will be a Tech Day held at Ted and Laura's and the Murrieta Fire Department BBQ. Thank you to all our wonderful tour leaders! Roll on Model A's! *Joyce Grieb*

**Ventura MAFC:** Our latest activities included several work days to get the winter bugs out; one car that was long gone from the road (five years) is now back on the road, but alas, with cooling system problems. Also a Saint Patrick's Day parade where our six Model A's won a first-place trophy, with the theme being St. Patrick tied into sports. *Richard Atchison*

**Whittier:** We continue to have meetings on the first Thursday of the month. Our February tour went to the Olinda Oil Museum and out to lunch following. This was a very interesting look at California's early oil industry history. Several new members have been added to our roster recently and we are beginning a new member contest to encourage our members to seek out and reach new people to interest more folks in our beautiful cars, and to join our club. *Marilyn Gentry*

## COLORADO



Lillie Fahey Award Winners for 2016 - the most active members in the club **MAFC of Colorado:** The MAFC new board members and awards for the most active members in 2016 were presented in January. Beautiful, warm weather has our club's cars out and on the road early! We enjoy a "Just Lunch Bunch", the Pinochle Club and the general meeting every month. The board has the 2017 calendar quite full with tours, parades, seminars, ladies' activities and more. Many of our member will attend a Tulip Festival in Orange City, Iowa in May. *George Wieder*



**Rocky Mountain A's:** RMA had 42 members in its annual tour for breakfast at Rosie's Diner in Monument. Regardless of the forecast of possible snow several members drove their Model A. We were joined at Rosie's by 13 members and several additional Model A's from the Pike's Peak club. The return drive proved to be a bit more challenging due to fresh snow on Monument Pass. Oh well, not the first time our A's have played in the snow, nor the last due to dedicated MAFFCA members. *Bob Miller*

## FLORIDA

**First Coast MAC:** 2016 ended with an outstanding Christmas party at Penny Farms Retirement Community Center. 2017 started with members attending the Yesterday Florida Festival in Gold Head Branch State Park in Keystone Heights, and a car show supporting Boy Scout Troop 20 in Orange Park. In March, the club toured the home of Marjorie Rawlings in Cross Creek. She was a Pulitzer Prize-winning author who wrote "The Yearling". We had lunch at the restaurant called The Yearling, and best of all the A's performed perfectly. *Larry Smart*

**Jacksonville MAC:** Perfect weather graced our spring 2017 activities, which included an old-fashioned picnic at Washington Oaks State Park, a trip to the enchanting coastal village of Fernandina, and a sumptuous Low Country Boil. We expect to round out our spring events by exploring the southern charms of Thomasville, Georgia and touring Marjory Kinnan Rawlins' home in Cross Creek, where we plan to lunch at The Yearling Restaurant. *Janice McClure*



**Palm Beach A's:** Kicked off the new year with a pizza party and brain teaser. Five members joined the Gold Coast club for their annual show; John Etter got "Best Model A". In February, three cars and four members traveled to the Edison/Ford Winter Estates for their annual celebration. We went around Lake Okeechobee with great weather all the way. Nine cars participated in a tour to the Manatee Lagoon in Riviera Beach. Join the fun at PalmBeachAs.com. *Dave Carlson*

## GEORGIA

**River Cities MAFC:** River Cities is on the Chattahoochee River serving Columbus, Georgia and Phoenix City, Alabama. At our meeting the Road Runner Award for most driven miles in his Model A for 2016 was Joe Spooner with 2,499 miles. Second, Paul Singer with 1,952 miles, and third was Bob Smith driving 1,043 miles. The "President's Spark Plug Award" was presented to Bobby Penny for service beyond the call of duty. Bobby organizes a monthly Matt's meeting (Model A technical team) which assists members with mechanical problems. *Pat Gamble*

**Shade Tree A's:** In February the Moultrie Swap Meet was well attended. Dan Perla and Jim McPherson attended the Spring Tour hosted by the Central Alabama Model A Club, visiting Nocaluta Falls, Black Creek George and Little River Canyon. The annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Augusta was well attended. *Jim McPherson*

## ILLINOIS

**Central Illinois A's:** March found the CIA's losing another member, Bob Knapp. Although Bob was unable to drive his A in the last couple of years because of his health, he and his wife Margaret were always ready to join us for fun and laughter. As we reflect back, the CIA's have lost five great members in the last three years who contributed to the Model A hobby. They are sadly missed by all of us. Let's Roll! *Kay C. Lee*

**Land of Lincoln A's:** Land of Lincoln A's meeting for March is going to be a tour of the Decatur Water Plant and then on to Coz's Restaurant in Mt. Zion for lunch and a meeting. For April we will visit the Glass Plant in Mt. Zion and then back to Coz's for lunch and meeting. We are all looking forward to warmer weather and getting our Model A's out and running. *Mary Beach*

**Naper A's:** A few of us are doing our own restorations including engine and drive train rebuilding, electrical, ignition and cooling systems work, and body repairs. These efforts require learning new skills, especially specialized tools like welding and painting. Learning those skills is demanding and often frustrating, but ultimately rewarding. Fortunately we have knowledgeable club members who are valuable resources for information and are always willing to help. Our first tours all just weeks away. *Nick Mazzarella*



**Rock-Ford A's:** Several members worked over the winter on repairs and maintenance so that driving season will be uninterrupted by breakdowns. One of our co-presidents also hosted a couple of transmission repair clinics. It's great to have so much expertise and so many helpful hands in the club. Our February Soup Luncheon meeting had 62 members and guests in attendance. Good food and great company! The annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Rockford saw eight Rock-Ford A's brave the 25-degree weather. *Anne Lavolette*

## IOWA

**Central Iowa:** February 12, local architect Steve Stimmel presented a program on the architectural history of downtown Des Moines. March 12, Pat Meiners presented the women's program: Shopping in Downtown Des Moines. The men's program, Radiator Restoration and Gas Tank Repair, was presented by Danny J. Lowe from Story City. March 24, members gave rides to students at Ames High School during their Great Gatsby event. Our monthly IHOP breakfast and Model A social night are recording outstanding attendance. *Margaret Cory*

**Council Bluffs MAFC:** Be and See Iowa is this year's club theme. Tours are planned to see as much of Iowa as we can. Starting with our annual safety checks and repairs needed. Along with our fun in the sun, there are plenty of parades, car shows and displays to attend. Gearing up for our annual PeeWee Garden yard sale, with Larry Blecha and his accordion. Presented Gene Partridge with Life Membership and welcomed new members Drew and Kris Ranney. *David Beckman*

**Hawk A MAFC:** Spring is just around the corner and are we ready to get those Model A's out. The April Tech session will focus on front end alignment and a general safety check. May, our first official tour will be a one-day tour of Backbone State Park. Activities are being finalized for Iowa Model A Day, August 19 in Amana. It begins on Friday with a tour and reception. Saturday is the official Model A Day with Model A's lined up for display. Registration and shirt ordering: [www.hawkmodelaclub.org](http://www.hawkmodelaclub.org). *Jan Wenger*

**Humboldt A's:** This club is tired of nasty weather ruining our Christmas celebrations, so in 2017 we're having "Christmas in July" on July 22! Now everyone can drive their Model A's to the party, something that's never happened. Other chances for our Model A's to see sunshine are scheduled for 2017, including several parades, a car show on September 16, and a "Fall Cruise" on September 30, to name a few. Winter hibernation is over! *Larry Tamm*

## KANSAS

**Flinthills Chapter:** Oh, how beautiful the snow that fell March 11 in Kansas! We've been going to our monthly breakfasts. Saturday, January 28, nine enjoyed breakfast at Annie's restaurant in Topeka. Our February breakfast was Saturday, February 25 at Annie's restaurant. Four of us attended the Lincoln Swap Meet. Monthly luncheons have started at the Kanza Cafe. The Tulip Festival, McCloth Patriots Day parade and a tour to Clarence Howland's with lunch at the Pizza Ranch are some upcoming events. We're wishing you all enjoyable and safe travels! *Dorothy O'Dell*

**Kansas Plain O' A's:** The Spring season is starting out well. Twenty-six members enjoyed the Pompeii exhibit at Kansas City Union Station. Next is the St. Patrick parade and then the annual Model A tune-up day. Our Spring Fling tour is visiting waterfalls in Kansas. May has car shows, swap meets and the Memorial Day picnic. Several members are looking forward to the Omaha Regional meet and a follow-up tour to Winnipeg, Canada in June. *Bruce and Vicky Mills*

**Wichita A's:** February 18, club members enjoyed a potluck supper and an evening of playing Bunco. March 18, we had beautiful weather for our Shake Down tour. The tour was about a hundred miles and we enjoyed the Kingman County Historical Museum and Art Park in Kingman, then lunch in Peck. We had one stop where each car had their lights and tire pressure checked and another where the brakes were tested for stopping power. Surprisingly most of the cars had very good brakes. *Brenda Broadhead*

## LOUISIANA

**Red Stick Chapter:** One of the most enjoyable outings for our members is to bring the Model A's to nursing homes. The residents enjoy riding in the cars, especially the rumble seats, which evokes surprising memories of the past. St. James Place in Baton Rouge is the Red Stick's next destination under the leadership of our treasurer, Jeff Allelo. *Marie Tortorich*

## MAINE

**Pine Tree Chapter:** Last year we started a Youth Restoration Project. Led by Wayne Machado and Paul Gregoire, the group is restoring a 1930 AA dump truck. Progress has been steady but more importantly, some young people are learning skills and will hopefully develop a passion for the hobby. Other recent activities include updating club bylaws and developing an events calendar for 2017. Touring season almost here and we are looking forward to getting back on the road. *John Brissette*

## MASSACHUSETTS

**MAFC of Cape Cod:** The Club has been relatively quiet over the winter months. We had two monthly business meetings at Hyannis with good attendance. The "museum" tour to Mike Smith's collection took place in February with 13 members. Mike's collecting began when he was a teenager. Today he has a collection with museum quality Model A's as rare as you will find. A great lunch was enjoyed at Squires Restaurant at Hanover before we travelled back to the Cape. Members are looking forward to spring. *John R. Schryer*

**MARCOM:** None of our "A's" are on the road today - 12 to 18 inches of snow hit Southeastern Massachusetts. Our annual Flea Market was a big success with Dean Zwicker and his crew welcoming those hardy souls that braved brutally cold temperatures to view all the treasures the vendors had brought. We have a new Webmaster who is upgrading our Web Site. Ken Trudel has indicated that the site will be up soon. *Charles Marchewka*

**Worcester County MAC:** Old man winter dealt us a good old Nor-Easter on March 14 in Worcester County. The calendar says spring is just around the corner which means many of our members are preparing their A's for our dust-off tour in April while others already have hit the road with their A's. We held our annual St. Patrick's Day potluck luncheon in March and the food dishes were plentiful as always. The club is in preparation for a busy 2017, with many events in the planning stages. *Keith Costello*

## MICHIGAN



**Superior A's:** The winter/spring seasons in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan have just ended for the Superior A's. A few warm days and some good rains will wash the chlorides, used for winter ice and snow melt, from the roads. Only then will the Model A's be taken out from their winter rest. May marks the beginning of the Model A driving season and events. The Fall Keveenaw/Copper Harbor tour picture with the Models A's resting amongst the trees is only a memory. *Wes and Barb Hautswirth*

## MINNESOTA

**Twin City MAFC:** Our monthly clinics continue to be helpful and informative to our club members. The clinics have included topics on Generators (January), Cars of the Early Years: 1905-1920 (February), Rooftop Replacement (March), History of Oil and a Bucket Parts Swap (April) and Cast Iron Brake and Shoe Rebuild (May). Vince Smith keeps an up to date list of vendors that our members can use to help them restore and maintain their Model A's. *Ed Porter*

## MISSOURI



**Northwest Missouri MAFC:** Thanks go out to our members for their contributions to our annual silent auction. Again this year's auction was a huge success. Cameron Veteran's Home will be a Saturday morning tour destination. Veterans always look forward to seeing our A's and visiting with club members. Tryst Falls will be the sight for this year's Club picnic. Omaha, Nebraska Regional registration information has been made available to club members. Lathrop Father's Day Car Show will close out early tour activities. *Vicky Roseberry*

## MONTANA

**Big Sky A's:** Spring has sprung and we're off to 2017 activities! Bound for tours, picnics, trips to the lake(s)... About the time this *Restorer* comes out we'll be gathering at Nelson's house/shop/yard for their annual superb summer kick off potluck which includes a silent auction, with proceeds going to two local food banks, lots of tire kicking, best car competition and BFS - big fish(y) stories - oh, and did I mention the fantastic homemade delicacies. Here's hoping all Model A'ers have a great summer! *Don and Janan Beller*

## NEBRASKA



**Cornhusker MAFC:** On February 4, 10 club members participated in the annual Ground Hog Day celebration in Unadilla, that included a parade, and special presentation on Nebraska's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. In March, several members worked at the annual Rocky Manganelli Memorial Swap Meet in Lincoln, and in April, the club will hold their annual breakfast meeting. Tours and monthly dinner runs for the season have begun, with Tuesday and Thursday night options, and 2017 car displays are being scheduled. *Janet Jeffries Beauvais*

**Meadowlark MAFC:** Our February Bunco Party and Crazy Hat Night was well attended. Several Meadowlarks took advantage of unusually warm weather to drive their Model A's to Unadilla for their Groundhog Day celebration and parade. Dining-outs we held at the Bay Hills Golf Club and Azteca Restaurant. Tech talks by Don Graves featured radiator shell styles and changes, and windshield frame construction and differences. Several members enjoyed "Always a Bridesmaid" at the Mahoney State Park Theater. *Greg Bowden*

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

**New Hampshire Lakes Region MAC:** The season is here and our A's are back on the road. Club activities featured an engine repair and other learning sessions. Club Vice-President Mark Smith won the MAFA Board of Directors' Literary Award for the Mt. Washington trip article he wrote for *The Restorer* last year. Preparations shift into higher gear for the September 2017 New England Model A Meet we will co-sponsor with the Worcester club. *Nancy Wilnot*

## NEW YORK

**MAFC of Long Island:** On February 4, we went to Nassau Lionel Operating Engineers for their Open House. They were established in 1983 and their display is incredible. On February 12, we celebrated Valentine's Day with brunch at Corner Gallery in Massapequa. Our club participated in St. Patrick's Day parades in St. James, Center Moriches, Hampton Bays, Glen Cove and Jamesport. The weather did not cooperate with us for these parades, but the crowds turned out and cheered us. *Janet Meckley*

**Mohican MAFC:** The Bakers hosted the January 8 meeting with a chicken and biscuit dinner at the Westmoreland United Methodist Church. This was followed by a paper bag auction to benefit the club's overnight tours. The Cousins and Roberts hosted a brunch and meeting on February 12 at the Franklin Hotel in Rome. Sargent Terry Gilbert, Community Affairs, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, presented a program on scams by telemarketers who prey on the general public, issues concerning credit card fraud, and protection of Social Security information. *Sondra Roberts*

## NORTH CAROLINA



**TarWheel A's:** On a cold March 11 morning, a few hardy members embraced the cold temperatures spilling in from Canada and joined the throng of entries for the Raleigh St. Patrick's Day parade. We dressed in green and adorned the cars in green for the event, which was met by an enthusiastic crowd lining the parade route, albeit well wrapped up against the cold. The club is a longtime supporter of this parade. *Phil Taylor*

## OKLAHOMA

**Sooner MAFC:** First Sooner Model A road trip of 2017. We stopped at Sheryl and Greg Hoyle's in Minco for a much-needed snack and then on to Carnegie to the longest continuously operating theatre in Oklahoma. The Liberty Theatre opened in 1915. A mere 102 years later, current movies are still being shown. Next trip the Tulsa Model A and Sooner Model A clubs will take a Spring Tour to Ponca City. *Kaye Sage*



**Tulsa MAFC:** What an honor for our members to join in celebrating member Carolyn Plucknett's birthday! Carolyn turned 100 on St. Patrick's Day, March 17! She has been a member of Tulsa MAFC for many years and very active in club activities until past few years. Our members love to drive our "A's". Many did on our Spring tour to Ponca City in March. We have several going to regional in Omaha in June. *Barbara Cail*

## OREGON

**Beaver Chapter:** The Portland Swap meet will be in its 53rd year this April and has been hosted and managed by the six Portland car clubs for all those years. The members of the Beaver Chapter have duty assignments during the three-day event beginning with set up, crowd control at the gates or entry doors. The event has an average attendance of 35,000 people and if you haven't attended this event, come see us! *Bill Henderson*

**Enduring A's:** Snow caused a meeting delay in January but the faithful finally gathered to hear programs on ethanol gas and fuel gauge repair pitfalls and solutions presented by Jerry Melland and Byron Cook. Michael Chambers followed in March with a live demonstration of Fordbarn.com and why he found it a valuable tool. Rolie and Caryl Young bought a 1930 Coupe at our swap meet last November, promptly joined our club, and have created a Facebook page that is becoming very popular. *Martin Harding*

**High Desert A's:** We've had a winter of near-record snowfall and now it's gone. Members have been getting their cars out for regular weekly breakfast. As the weather warms, more will be out on the roads. We had a great turn-out for our Valentine's Day Celebration at our regularly scheduled February meeting. We'd thought about going to a restaurant but settled on a Pot Luck instead and we were rewarded with some great eats. Looking forward to the NW Regional Meet in Coos Bay in June. *Lee Thorsell*

**McKenzie A's:** Carole Cole arranged a lovely Valentine's Day luncheon at the Children's Farm Home in Corvallis. The historic main building has been preserved and is used for various community events, in addition to the farm home which is still active. The touring season kicked off with the annual inspection and tune up at Dave Stone's business. Phil Schultz and Dave organized the event, which has proven its worth in the reduction of roadside breakdowns. Mechanical problems are detected and minor repairs made on the spot. *Jeanie Kramer*

## PENNSYLVANIA

**Lehigh Valley:** We started the month of April with a meeting and covered dish social at North Star Automotive. Our now annual Hellertown Swap Meet and Car show was held last April. This is an old-fashioned gathering and parts swap meet for the Model A Ford only. It is a one day affair which we hope to continue every April. In March our club toured the private collection of the Nicholas Bulgaria Center for American Automotive Heritage and Museum in Bethlehem. This was a world class facility. *Steve Ryan*

## RHODE ISLAND

**Little Rhody:** Our January and February meetings were cancelled due to snow. Annual potluck dinner always held in March was cancelled due to ice and frigid temperatures. We always look forward to driving our Model A's in the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade. Freezing cold temperatures kept our A's safely in their garages. Looking forward to spring and our April Dust Off Tour to Tiverton, Rhode Island. Crossing our fingers it won't be snowing. *Susan Mosca*

## SOUTH CAROLINA



**Aiken MAFC:** To get ready for a busy summer touring, parade and festival schedule, the Club has scheduled tech sessions to get our Model A's in tip top shape. We have scheduled regular monthly "hands on" Tech Sessions at member's garages, with smaller groups of three or four getting together as the need arises. As you can imagine, being a new, smaller club, we must rely on each other's technical expertise to keep "Henry's Ladies" moving safely and smoothly. *Bill Cox*

**Old 96 District MAFC:** "If you feed them, they will come!" The Golden Corral buffet in Anderson, and Pizza buffet at Dempsey's in Clinton brought more than 20 members for food and fellowship. Many enjoyed the chili supper in Due West. The Burkes hosted February Tech Night. In March, a representative from Greenwood Magazine attended the Tech/Business Meeting at the McDill's garage. He took pictures of 24 Model A's, thirty club members, and interviewed members for an article to be published. *Debby McDill*

**Palmetto A's:** Members have continued to enjoy driving their cars even through the winter months. Our second meeting/tour of the year was in February. The "springtime" weather found 11 Model A's and one modern car travelling to Fort Lawn for lunch. A group of 22 people attended the lunch and tour led by Danny and Cheryl Austin. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed visiting with members we had not seen in a while. *Judy Barnes*

#### TENNESSEE



**Smoky Mountain Model A's:** New officers for 2017 have been voted in and are ready to guide the club through many events scheduled for the year. We are very proud to be starting our 56th year as an official Model A Club and look forward to many more years as part of the national organizations. A one-of-a-kind event will be our gathering for the total solar eclipse in August. So get those special glasses ready as it will be "A" day to remember. *Randy Schwerdt*

#### TEXAS

**Alamo A's:** For our March meeting, about 10 Model A's went on a 50-mile drive while cooking lunch on our manifolds. We all ended up at Dennis and Kim Harwell's home and had a great time. We're getting our Model A's ready for the 170-mile trek to Wharton for the annual Poor Boy Tour in early April, hosted this year by the Victori-A's. Find us at [alamomodela.com](http://alamomodela.com) and Facebook@AlamoAsFordModelAClub. *Ken Stevens*

**Cedar Creek:** We had a great tech session in January, a great drive and lunch get-together. Our cruise nights have started up again and we have already had several car shows with other local clubs. And our driving tours have begun again. The bluebonnet tour is here now and the weather is perfect. We always have something to do and someplace to go. We always enjoy our fellowship together every month at our meetings, breakfast, and lunches. Come join with us or follow us at [www.cedarcreekas.org](http://www.cedarcreekas.org). *Sue Capps*

**Dallas MAFC:** Bingo in February, then picnic in March. April was busy with Ladies Tea, Medal of Honor parade in Gainesville, and workshop on conversion from 6V to 12V electrical system. Meeting programs were Model A Safety inspection stations in April and Fashion show/tutorial in May. First annual Debutante Ball for new cars will be in May. Texas Tour will be held in Victoria this year. August club tour to Grand Tetons, Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. *Pam Henricks*



**Fort Worth MAFC:** On January 14, Dallas/Fort Worth clubs took part installing a rebuilt engine in a 1931 Deluxe Roadster. A young man had been working on his inherited Model A for over a year with his father, who was tragically killed September 2016. Model A'ers responded and the rebuilt engine, clutch, and transmission were reinstalled along with other necessary parts. After a long day, at 5 p.m. the new engine was started and it ran perfectly. *Chuck Nixon*

**Greater Houston A's:** In December, our new officers were introduced at the annual Christmas party and awards banquet. In January, our members enjoyed some great homemade dishes and tie kicking at the Pot Luck Luncheon held in Friendswood. Fred Schiefer and club founders Bill and Dot Coleman enjoyed the luncheon. The Cotton Gin Tour in Burton was held on a bright day in February, followed by a great Italian meal in Brenham. *Bob Pond*

**Lone Star MAFC:** Our hearts are heavy by the loss of our oldest member, Ed Rogers. He was a wealth of knowledge and he will be sorely missed. A celebration of his life in April includes a Dixieland Band and Model A Era attire. The Cold Dam Tour to Granger Lake was just that, cold and wet. The Brazos Valley A's met us there and we had a grand time. Saturday breakfast, Georgetown IHOP is the LSMAFC hotspot. *Laurie Taylor*

**Piney Woods MAFC:** Our club has started having some of our monthly meetings on Saturday mornings so that more members can drive their Model A's to the meetings. Our February meeting was at the estate of the Holzgravers. A technical on carburetors was presented. The March meeting will be held at the Shaddix's homestead. We are hosting the Texas Tour 2017 on June 8-10. All Model A'ers are invited. Info on the tour at our website: [pineywoodmodelaforclub.com](http://pineywoodmodelaforclub.com). *David P. Gould*



**Tyler MAFC:** The club met at Love's Lookout, a forest ranger lookout post for forest fires near Jacksonville. Our fearless leader and host, Jim Theriot, led us on an unbelievable tour that included the Kilough family monument where an innocent unarmed family was killed and buried there. We finally arrived at Jim's house which must be seen to be believed! We got to see his car collection and many artifacts including Cialas bathtubs next to each other! The meal was terrific and we all had fun! *James Monroe*

#### UTAH

**Salty A's:** We have some great new club members! Spring brings getting cars ready for a Dust-Off Tour with lunch at Woody's Drive-Inn. Fun Garage Grind Tours to Keith's, Don's, Roy's, Chuck's, and Youngblood's in Bountiful. Preacher has been ill but is healing. Club finances are solvent, and plans are full of July parades and a September tour to Nevada. Fix 'em and drive 'em! *W. Roy Van Orman*

#### VIRGINIA



**Cape Henry MAFC:** Our club has been active with one tech session given by Dick Eberle on the mysteries of front end alignment. A second session is planned at Mark and Elizabeth Williams' farm covering rod and main bearing adjustments. Our club was well represented at the Nag's Head, North Carolina and Ocean View St. Patrick's Day parades. Coming up, the NATO parade, Memorial day, and Strawberry Festival parades. If any club members will be in the area, please consider joining us. *Gordon Spence*



**Colonial Virginia A's:** CVMAFC members provided homemade soups and baked delights for the annual January soup kitchen and silent auction. In February, Don and Helen Baxter arranged the annual brunch at Warwick Forest. In March, the club conducted the annual pre-touring safety check hosted by Ray and Rena Putnam. April will officially begin the 2017 touring season where the club will participate in the Daffodil parade in historic Gloucester, followed by a tour of the Jamestown settlement. *Ray Putnam*

**Skyline A's:** The Skyline A's had the February meeting at Sanzone's Italian Restaurant in Stuarts Draft, with the sweethearts eating for free courtesy of the club. On the following weekend, members met for breakfast at Mrs. Rowe's in Staunton, with a run afterwards in their A's to the famous Dayton's Farmers Market. A good time was had by all. We are pleased to announce that the club has had three new families join our fine club. *Gary Pitsenbarger*

#### WASHINGTON

**Clark County Flying Eagle A's:** Well, spring finally arrived and the club went on tour to the World of Speed in Portland and to the Freightliner Truck Manufacturing Plant on Swan Island in Portland. Both tours were extremely informative. The car show committee is hard at work to prepare for our eighth car show. We are looking forward to a fun and successful event. *Judy Pashon*

**Evergreen A's:** Getting ready for the annual Hubley derby with the Galloping Gerties. Several members gathered at the George Sage shop for car tune-up day recently. Getting the cars below the three second time being the goal. During the March meeting Vice-President Gary Price gave a power point presentation on the Evergreen web site enlightening our membership. Mike Kelley is keeping our Doctor Day experts in focus helping members solve problems that seem to keep cars in their garages. *Charles Thomas*

**Gallop'n' Gerties:** The year starts off with workshops to get our A's in shape for touring season. A Timing Workshop in February, Spring Readiness Workshop in April, and Valve Adjustments in May. March brings our Almost Spring Swap Meet at the Washington State Fairgrounds. April is the Hubley Challenge between the Gerties and Evergreen A's. Touring starts in May with the Spring Tour to Central Washington including a guided tour of the Wild Horse Wind Farm. *Cheril Erickson*

**Moon on A's:** On March 4, the folks of Moon On A put on their colors and drove their A's. Not because of a tour and NOT to say goodbye but to say thank you for the life of one Jack Burgess. Jack was a long-time member, Past President and just a great human being. Jack, till we meet again, keep the quail side up! *Benny Cassel*

**Volcano A's:** January with its wicked weather was a great time for planning our club events, we have a lot to look forward to this year! This is the fourth year we celebrated Valentine's Day together, a scrumptious Sunday Brunch at the Summit Grove Lodge was enjoyed by 45 of our club members. Sadly, early in March we lost Lynn Elvestrom in a tragic farm accident. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. *Dian Lane*

#### WISCONSIN



**Central Wisconsin:** Marilyn Hebert, Barb Johnson, Shirley Thompson, and husbands Art, Don, and Ed, hosted our banquet at Oakwood Banquet Hall in Wildrose. Forty-nine members gathered there for great food, entertainment, and good fellowship. The hosts and other members dressed in "Period" clothing. We donated \$50 to the Model A Ford Foundation Museum. On a sad note, we mourn the loss of member Marlene Drillsam. She belonged to two Wisconsin Chapters and will be greatly missed. *Steven King*

**Great Lake A's:** Spring and early summer has found the Great Lake A's out and about. Our mild winter has seen many members attend our monthly indoor tours, and monthly dinners, thanks to Stephanie Grundman. She always finds the most unusual places to tour, plus being the editor of our Driveline. Tours to a veterans home, catching trout at a trout farm, and back country road tours leading to lunches are also planned. *Gary Zehren*

**Wisconsin Chapter:** Our annual banquet had us celebrating our 60th anniversary and welcoming new board members. The meal was enjoyed by all as well as Irish music played by the Finian McCoy Band. At the February meeting, we played Polish Poker. Thanks to cooperative weather, our swap meet was a success. The vendors commented that this meet was one of the best in the area. The March meeting had us playing bingo for gift certificates and yummy prizes. *Randy Kind*

#### INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS CANADA



**Lions Gate MAFC:** Stan Rothstein hosted an enthusiastic group of carburetor re-builders at his Model A shop/display. February's general meeting included an intensive 20 minutes reviewing plans for upcoming touring and events. Several will invite participation from neighbouring Canadian and Washington State clubs. Four technical information sessions covered carburetor jet re-drilling, horn repair and overhaul, cooling fan repair and balancing, and Model A's in Cuba. Our tech sessions are increasingly popular at meetings and as special events. *Bill Day*

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