



Model A's Take the Show at the Pensacola

For the third year in a row, our club was invited by the Gulf Coast Regional Mustang Club to bring a touch of early automotive history to the Pensacola Interstate Fair. We proudly set up a four-car Model A exhibit that turned plenty of heads and sparked

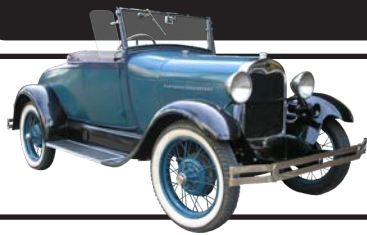
countless conversations.

Carl Whaley showcased his beautifully restored 1931 Coupe, while soon-to-be member Charlie Woff rolled in with his eye-catching 1927 T-Bucket hot rod. Rounding out the display were a 1928 Model A truck and a stately 1930 Fordor, generously

loaned by Bill Ross.

Throughout the event, Carl and I had a great time sharing our passion for these timeless machines—answering questions, swapping stories, and helping fairgoers of all ages appreciate the craftsmanship

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Our Club



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November

Birthdays

3 David Ladnier
7 Mike Short
18 Lorena Childers
28 Charlotte Dahlenburg



Anniversary

19 Mike & Andria Short



Message from ...

We are busy in the final push into the MAFCA National Awards Banquet. We're still in need of support of donations, swag bag gift, raffle room items. Your presence is also wanted to attend the event. For some, this may be the only time you get to attend a MAFCA National event. Go ahead and register, purchase your shirts and dinner choices. I really enjoyed meeting people from around the states last year and looking forward to seeing them again. Notify Charlotte or myself if you'd like to assist in helping during the banquet.

We are also getting prepared for other events locally. Rotary Club's free to us Car Show, Veteran's Day Parade in Pensacola, the 4th Quarter meeting/ Christmas dinner in Robertsedale, and Lillian Parade. With more opportunities to be out in the communities next year. We can only expand our club when you show up in your communities and support local causes.

I would also ask that if you haven't seen or heard from other members lately, please call and give them a reminder that they are still family here. I know I haven't met everyone on the roster, and it would be nice to see everyone once in a while. Plan to attend an event.

Allen

Club Happenings

and charm of classic Fords. Sitting across from a gleaming modern sports car display, our vintage lineup offered a striking reminder of just how far the

automobile has come—and how much character it had along the way.

And the best part? We've already been invited back!

Plans are in motion for 2026, with four different classics to keep the tradition rolling.
— Allen



Don't Let the Table Sit Empty! Join Us at the Next Club Breakfast Nov. 1

October breakfast Allen was all dressed up and no one to eat with — the loneliest club breakfast ever.

Sometimes the best stories start over a cup of coffee and a plate of pancakes, but only if you're there to share them. At our most recent club breakfast, the tables were set, the silverware wrapped, and the coffee hot... but the seats stayed empty.

We know everyone's schedule gets busy, but our breakfasts and get-togethers are what keep our club connected. These are the moments when we swap stories, share laughs, and plan the next adventure, the kind of simple gatherings that remind us why we're part of this great community in the first place.

So mark your calendar and make the effort to join in. Whether it's breakfast, a cruise-in, or a local event, your presence makes a difference. Let's fill those chairs, spark some conversation, and keep our club spirit alive and well!

See you November 1 — we'll save you a seat!

National Awards Banquet Needs Your Help

The National Awards Banquet is coming up **December 3–6 in Mobile, Alabama**, and we need your participation to make this event a success!

What you need to do:

- Book your hotel room and send your registration to Becky as soon as possible.
- If you are not a MAFCA member (and never have been), you will receive one year of free membership.



Ways you can help:

- **Silent Auction/Raffle Items** – We need quality items such as collectibles, automotive items, men's and women's gifts, artwork, books, and more. The Auction Team will create themed baskets from the donations.
- **Goody Bag Items** – Small giveaways like pens, notepads, or promotional items from local businesses, banks, or insurance agents.
- **Program Ads** – Ad space is available:
 - \$20 – Business card size
 - \$30 – ¼ page
 - \$55 – ½ page
 - \$75 – Full page
 - \$100 – Inside front or back coverAds are a great opportunity for local businesses, restaurants, insurance companies, or national suppliers to gain visibility.
- **Sponsorships** – Some companies may wish to sponsor an event (for example: \$1,000 to sponsor Street Taco Night). Sponsors will be recognized with signage, business cards, and promotional items displayed at the event.
- **Volunteer Opportunities** – We need volunteers to help in the Auction, Hospitality Room, Registration Table, and with ticket collection at events. Shifts are available for a half day or a full day.
- **Old Trophies** – We need to collect old trophies for the Awards Banquet table decorations. Dig out those old trophies and we will dust them and decorate them.

Please don't miss out on this special event.

Your support, whether through participation, donations, ads, sponsorships, or volunteering will help make the banquet memorable.



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Submissions to
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date is the
20th of each
month



For Sale

1931 Model A Coupe

Not original motor. Includes extra
signal light kit, right side tail light
and cowl lights

email: gwmooreiii@gmail.com



For Sale

1931 Ford Model A Pickup

\$20,500

New tires, stone guard and new
battery pictures on request.
Other item for sale, front axle,
rear axle, frame, starters and
generators, and other items.

Contact Larry Nelson
251-323-8050



Help Wanted

Car Shows? Car Events?

Email to Allen Braddy
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Have parts or a car you
want to sell? Need a
certain part for your
restoration? Submit
your ad and we'll run
it in the newsletter for
approximately 3 months.
Email your ad with
photos to Charlotte at
realracegrill1@gmail.com

Email to
Joe Allen Braddy
alnbraddy
@yahoo.com

Entertainment

Submission
date is the
20th of each
month

Car Shows, Events, Cruise Ins & More

Model A Facebook:

Private, by invitation only, Facebook group, "Todays Model A." This is for members-only group. Interested in joining the group, contact Scott.

Club Activities:

Monthly

Club Breakfast in Pensacola
November 1 8:30 am

Golden Corral 2260 Langley Ave, Pensacola

November

15 11:30-1:30

Christmas Dinner

Ivey's Fine Dinning
18427 Pennsylvanian St.,
Robertsdale

December

3-6 National Awards Banquet Hosted by GCMAC in Mobile. Must Preregister for events and be a member of MAFCA to participate. Non MAFCA members can volunteer.

March

21 11am

GCMAC Quarterly Meeting

Baldwin County Heritage Museum, 25521 US-98 Elberta

May

1-2 8am-3pm

GCMAC Swap Meet

2206 La Vista Ave,
Pensacola, FL

June

TBD 11am-2pm

GCMAC Picnic and Meeting

Garrett Park. 18080
Pennsylvania St, Robertsdale

September

19 11am

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Baldwin County Heritage Museum, 25521 US-98 Elberta

MAFCA Activities:

December

3-6

2025 MAFCA National Awards Banquet – Mobile, Alabama

Get Registered

GCMAC Members must register to participate!
Don't miss out on an event in your backyard!

May

May 31- June 7

2026 MAFCA National Convention – Pendleton, Oregon

September

10-17

Model A Days

Regional Activities:

November

1 7th American Legion

Open Car Show, 8-2pm.

American Legion Post 99, 2101

S. McKenzie St., Foley, AL
Vehicle Registration is free.

1 Florida Model A Day!,

8-3pm. Barberville Pioneer Settlement, 1776 Lightfoot Land, Barberville, FL

11 Pensacola Veterans Day

Parade Line up at 7 am aty Admiral Mason Park 200 South 9th Ave. Parade at 9am
December

13 Annual Lillian Christmas

Parade. 1pm Info Call or text Robin Newell 402-677-3944



2026 Club Dues

Club dues are \$25 per year for individuals or families.

We encourage membership in the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), a national organization that promotes the restoration of the Model A and publishes a great magazine, The Restorer, six times a year.

Send a check to: GCMAC, P. O. Box 812, Cantonment, FL 32533

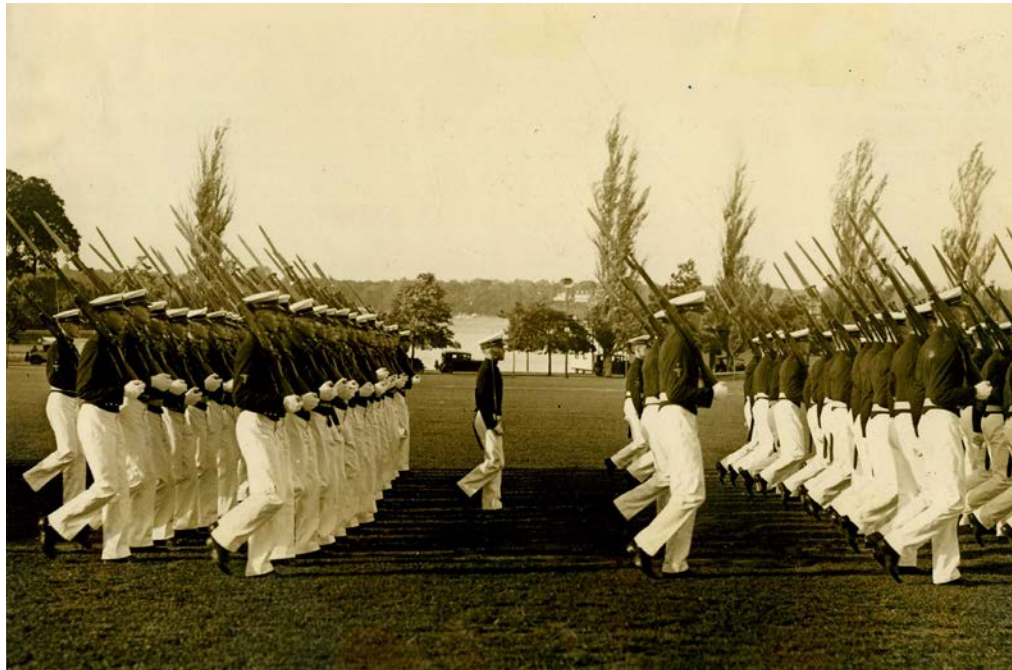




Era Photos



Naval Academy Honor Men Presented with Prizes by Wilbur



6.6.28 - Twenty one midshipmen, honor graduates of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD, today were presented with their awards by Vice Admiral Louis M. Nulton, Superintendent of the Naval Academy, and Secretary of the Navy, Curtiss D. Wilbur. A dress review of guests and the Secretary of the Navy was held at Worden Field as a preliminary to the graduation exercises tomorrow.

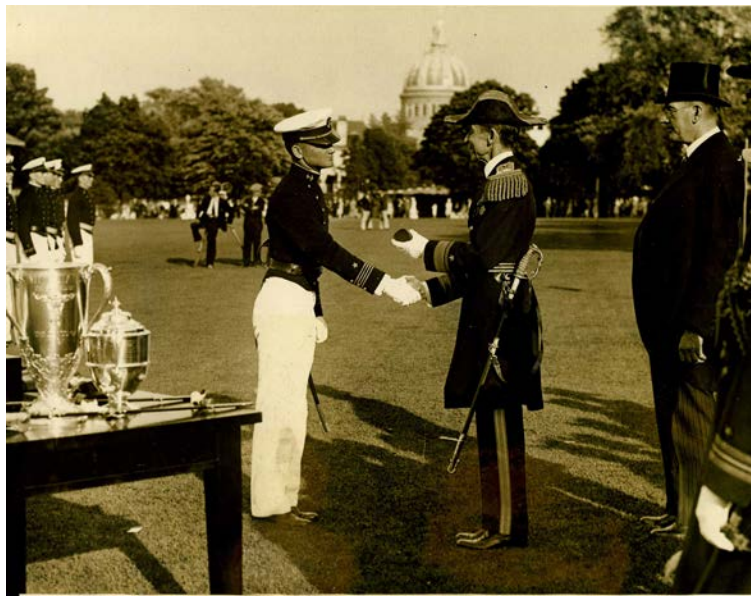


Photo shows Vice Admiral Louis M. Nulton Superintendent for the Naval Academy, shaking hands with G. H. Moffett, son of Admiral Moffett, who was one of the honor students to graduate with the class of '28.



Photo shows Secretary of the Navy Wilbur presenting an award to C. R. Watts honor man of the class and winner of five awards.

– Photographer Bill Shrout

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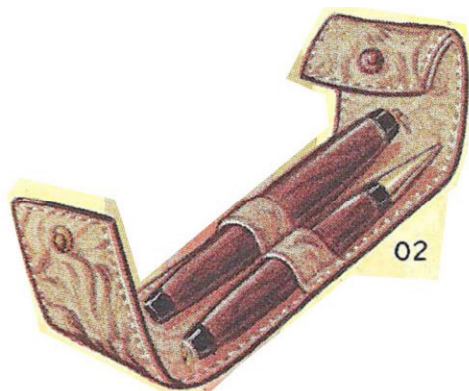


Pen and Pencil Sets

By Judy Lewis

As advertised in Art Needlework, Fall and Winter 1930-1931, Catalog No. 37

Pen and pencil sets are great items to use as an accessory and are easy to find in most antique shops, flea markets, estate sales and the like. Most of the sets I have seen are in very good condition and can fit easily in a handbag or the inside pocket of a suit or sport coat. The following are quite typical of all 4 years of the model A era.



No. 1402: Ladies' non-breakable pen and pencil set. 14K gold fittings. Red or green with gold marbled effect. Leatherette case.

Per set, postpaid \$1.25



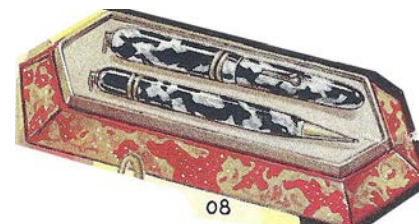
No. 1405: Combination pen and pencil. When not in use it is carried like a pencil. Pen has gold nib with iridium tip and gold trimmings. Triple action pencil. Guaranteed unbreakable. Mother-of Pearl and black.

Price, postpaid \$2.75



No. 1406: Jumbo size pen and pencil set with pocket clips. 14K gold trimmings. Pen has gold nib and iridium tip. Triple action pencil.

Guaranteed for 5 years. Gold and black marbled effect. Per set, postpaid \$2.95



No. 1408: Ladies' pen and pencil set. Pearl and black; gold trimming. 14K gold nib and iridium tip on pen. Triple action pencil.

Per pair, postpaid \$2.75

1 is Skrip, successor to ink; remains forever fluid, cannot clog. **2** is Safety Skrip, the pen filling station, leak-proof, practically non-breakable; rugged, cleanly, handy. **3** is the Lifetime desk fountain pen; springs to attention at the correct writing angle, serves the pen on a one-hand reach, keeps a moist, ready tip, makes writing dipless, automatic—unconditionally guaranteed for the owner's Lifetime. A proved time saver and writing improvement, greater than you'll ever know until you have your dealer install the Sheaffer Office Writing System to try.

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Tech Tips

Model A Gas Cap

By Tom Endy,
Westminster, CA

Reproduction 30-31 gas caps have a quality issue that can cause you some amount of grief. A large single rivet in the center on the bottom of the cap holds the assembly together. The rivet goes through the bottom metal grabbing device, a red colored gasket, and a brass flat washer. Off to the side of the rivet is drilled a vent hole that goes through all three parts. It vents to the outside edge of the cap. Without a vent hole the tank would experience a vacuum lock as the gas in the tank is depleted. Eventually it would stop the gravity flow of gas to the carburetor and the car would appear to run out of gas.

It is possible, and extremely likely, that as the cap is twisted on and off the tank numerous times, one or more of the three parts will rotate out of position on the center rivet. When this happens the vent hole will be blocked off and the vacuum thing will happen. When you remove the cap you are liable to hear a "Whoosh" sound as air rushes into the tank to equalize the vacuum.



30-31 modified gas cap with a 6-32 screw epoxied into place opposite from the vent hole.

Before you allow the vent hole to become blocked it is a good idea to modify the cap. Drill a second hole through the three pieces. Be careful not to drill clear through the top of the cap, just the three pieces. Tap the hole for a 6-32 screw. Lock-tight or epoxy it in place so it won't fall out into the gas tank. The screw will prevent the three parts from rotating out of position and the vent hole will maintain alignment through the three separate parts.

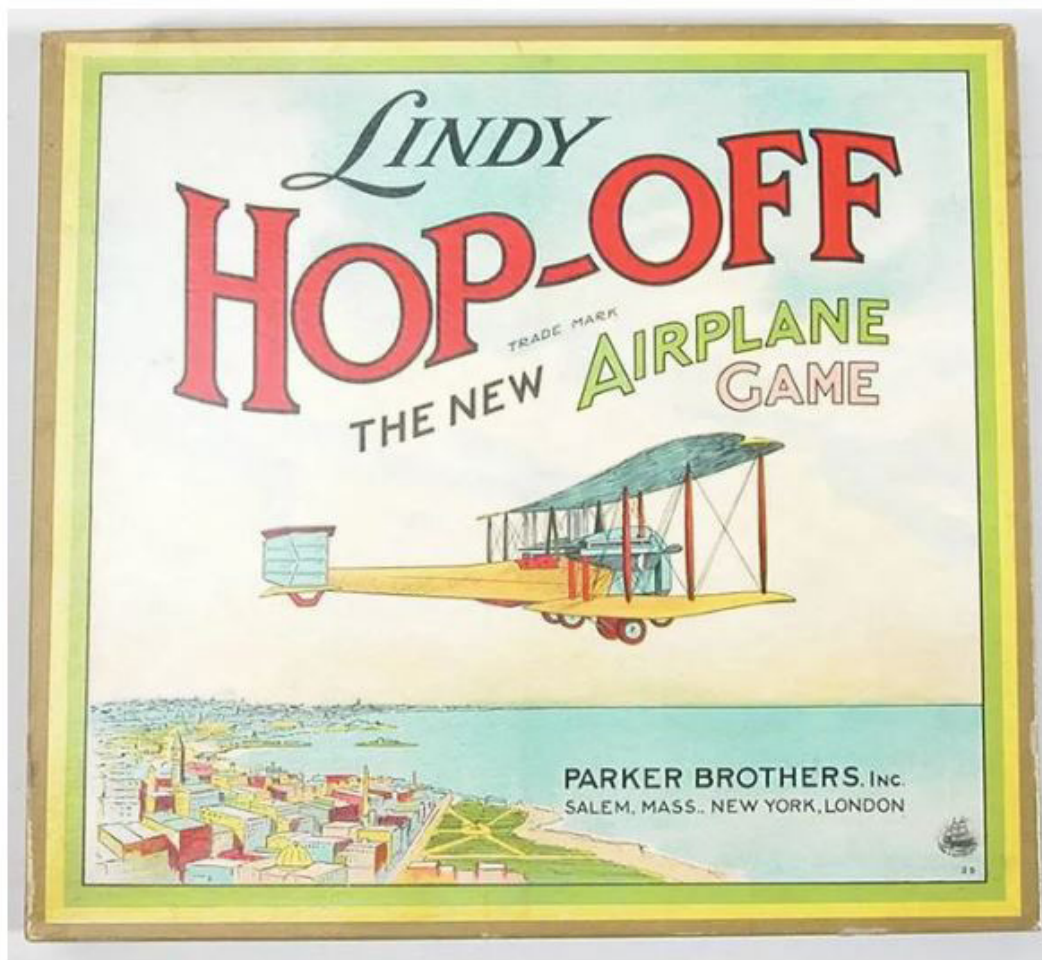
A better option is to procure a gas cap that is more like the original cap that Henry ordered. They are available from Snyders and are described as an Eaton gas cap. The center section is secured with two rivets to prevent any of



30-31 Eaton style vented gas cap

the parts from rotating out of position. There are two vent holes that are incorporated into the metal disk just above the rivets. One is located at the top to the left of the locking tab, the other is located at the bottom to the right of the locking tab.

Vented gas caps were outlawed on new cars about 1970 for safety and environmental considerations. All gas caps from that time on had to be non-vented. Gas tanks were then vented through a pipe running from the tank to a charcoal canister. If you put a non-vented gas cap on an older car requiring a vented cap, you will not only run out of gas, but a mechanical fuel pump has enough strength to crumple the gas tank.

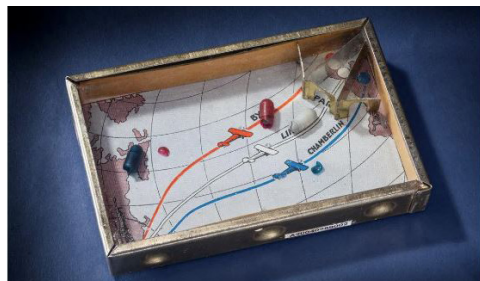


This Parker Brothers game features a Vickers Vimy on the “Lindy” game box and board - the aircraft in which British aviators John Alcock and Arthur Brown made their non-stop flight in 1919. Perhaps a similar game existed before Lindbergh’s solo flight in his Ryan monoplane.

Lindbergh’s 1927 Flight Set Off a Mini-Craze of

Reprinted from www.sithsonianmag.com By Rebecca Maksel

This Parker Brothers game features a Vickers Vimy on the “Lindy” game box and



Inside this metal box is a grid showing the route form New York to Paris. As the player tilts the box, there “fliers” attempt to make it to Paris.

board—the aircraft in which British aviators John Alcock and Arthur Brown made their non-stop transatlantic flight in



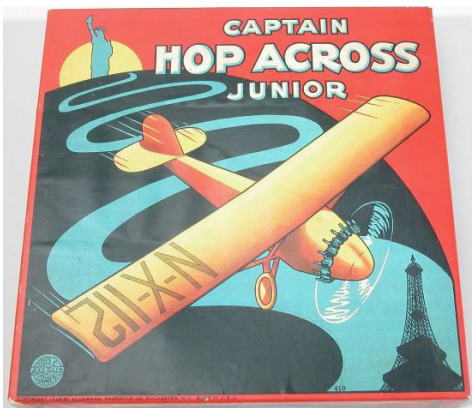
After players spin the red arm, they land on carious-size spaces with different odds. The odds of landing in New York are 10 to 1, while Los Angeles is 3 to 1.

1919. Perhaps a similar game existed before Lindbergh’s solo flight in his Ryan monoplane.

When Charles Lindbergh crossed the Atlantic Ocean from New York to Paris in 1927, his



Players move the wooden puzzle pieces until the airplane block is in the lower right-hand corner marked “Paris.”



Players spin an aircraft propeller to advance their metal airplane markers a certain number of spaces. Landing on a red space sends the player back, thwarting their attempts to reach Paris first.

record-setting flight turned him into an instant celebrity. The pilot's name and face soon appeared on everything from wristwatches to ashtrays, buttons to board games, and cigarette cases to pocketknives. The National Air and Space



Up to three players place their white chips on the bottom circles of the scoreboard. As they draw a swinging magnet back, if their aim is correct, the magnet will pick up the airplane and move it forward. The player who enters the top circle first wins.

Museum has more than 600 Lindbergh-related items in its Social and Cultural collection; here are just a few of the games produced after the aviator's historic flight.



The directions for this game note, "Each line is a point on the course. When Propeller stops on Numeral move number of points indicated. If Flier hit Bad Weather or Engine Trouble at start, He keeps Plane at New York and tries again after rest of Fliers have spun. If your Airplane sinks place on a circle marked 'Sunk'."

The Model A Ford Club of America MAFCA

Serving Model A Ford owners since 1955



Our award winning magazine "The Restorer"

MAFCA is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Ford Model A and AA cars and trucks, as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. We are an active, family-friendly organization whose members share a passion for these historic vehicles, plus other aspects of life in that era, such as fashions.

MAFCA is a not-for-profit corporation with members and local affiliated chapters all over the globe. This makes us the largest car club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. We hope you enjoy looking through our site, and we invite you to join us! Membership in Model A Ford Club of America is encouraged. MAFCA Dues are \$50.00 and should be mailed to: MAFCA Headquarters, 250 South Cypress, LaHabra, CA 90631-5586 For more info visit: <https://www.mafca.com/>



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2025 MAFCA National Awards Banquet



**Celebrate in
Mobile, Alabama
December 3-6, 2025**

**Renaissance Riverview
Plaza Hotel**

**Book your room
and register at
gulfcoastmodelclub.net**

**In Mobile, we will celebrate our
2025 National Award Winners
and meet the
2026 Board of Directors**

- Enjoy seminars
- Tour the Magic Christmas in Lights
- Experience Mobile's rich 300 year history
- Visit the USS Alabama and enjoy lunch under the planes
- Explore Mobile's history by trolley



Seminars

- Fashion with *Sherry Winkinhofer*
- Mechanics with *Paul Shinn*
- Secret History of Mobile with *Todd Duren*
- History of Alabama Roadways with *Dr. Martin Olliff*

Bus Tours

- 29th Annual Magic Christmas in Lights at Historical Bellingrath Gardens
- USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park
- Mobile History Trolley Tour

Walking Tour

- Secret History Tour - Speakeasy's

