# Remember to pay your 2024 dues!



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# **Model A Party Animals**

In February of 2021, I found a fun picture for a writeup I did in the Gulf Coast Model 'A' club newsletter about our "Day Before Valentine's Day" cruise to the zoo. I've always

been fond of that picture, which showed an old Model 'A' loaded with party animals about to embark on a joy ride. That picture never fails to put a smile on my face.

I recently decided to upgrade our life size steel giraffe by welding an improved neck and head. That fun image of the Model 'A' party animals was *Continued on Page 3* 



# our Club

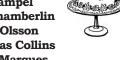


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# February

**Birthdays** 

- 1 George Moore
  - 1 Terry Pampel
- 6 Judy Chamberlin
- 9 Jacque Olsson
- 11 Nicholas Collins
- 13 Rene' Marques



Send me your birthday I don't need the year you were born after all we all are 28-31!

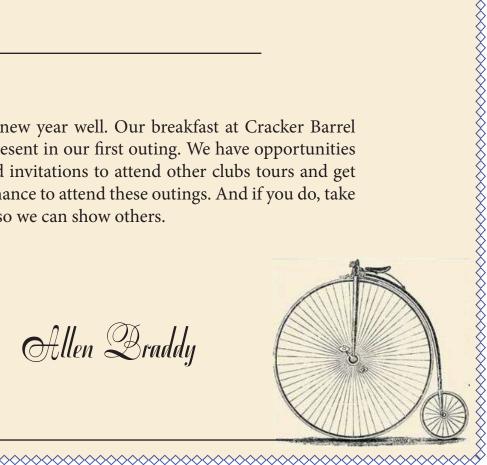
- Also, send me your anniversary date.
- realracegril1@gmail.com

Message from . . .

Hi all, we're starting off the new year well. Our breakfast at Cracker Barrel had an amazing turn out. 22 present in our first outing. We have opportunities with events inside our club and invitations to attend other clubs tours and get togethers. I hope you all get a chance to attend these outings. And if you do, take pictures and give us a write up so we can show others.

Get out, and get involved.

Allen Draddy





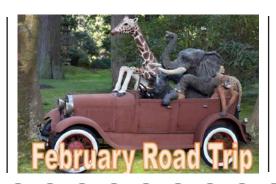




### T<u>he</u> T<u>raveler</u>

# Club Happenings

Continued from Page 1 my inspiration when deciding what should be done with the old neck and head. It turned out to be the perfect addition to our Model 'A' Yard Art that sits on the side of our house. - Jim Quinlan





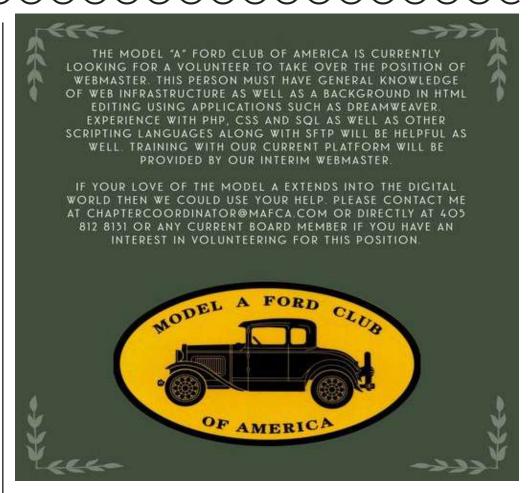
# Pensacola Breakfast



At the January 6 Pensacola breakfast seven members attended.



Welcome to new members Kathy and Mac McNamara.



#### **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









### Club Breakfast at Cracker Barrel

January 27, 2024
Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 30227 Eastern Shore Ct.
Spanish Fort, AL 36527
Meeting Started at 8:30 AM with 22 in attendance.

You do not have to attend the National Convention in Ruidoso, NM June 28 to enter for a chance to win this car!





Topics Discussed

- Charlotte Dahlenburg was presented with the 2023 Newsletter of Excellence.
- Martha has about 20 emblems available for club members.
- Oxford Alabama Tour March 15-16
- Mardi Gras Parade for Westgate Elementary School in Pensacola February 16.
- Vice President Martha is working on details for the annual picnic.
- Vice President Martha is asking for suggestions on a new Christmas Dinner location.
- We have two new members, Mac and Kathy McNamara.
- President Allan asked the members to come up with some ideas for day trips.

Requests on behalf of the Vice President were made by the President at this meeting.

Notes taken by the Secretary Elizabeth Witherington. Meeting Concluded at 10:00 AM







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Email to Joe Allen Braddy alnbraddy @yahoo.com

# **Entertainment**

Submission date is the 20th of each month

### Car Shows. Events. Cruise Ins & More

Scott Lunsford has created a private, by invitation only, Facebook group, "Todays Model A." This is for members-only to communicate within the group, ask questions, make suggestions or complain about how annoying your event coordinator is. So if you're interested in joining the group, Please contact Scott.

#### **Club Activities:**

#### **February**

**Feb 3 – 8:30 am** Golden Corral, 2260 Langley Ave, Pensacola, FL

**Feb. 24 - 8:30 am** Cracker Barrel 30227 Eastern Shore Ct, Spanish Fort

# **Model A Activities:**March

Mar 15-16 - Oxford, AL. Cave and Covered Bridge Tour April

Apr 19-20 - Greenwood, SC 18th Annual All Model A & Model T Parts Swap Meet Apr 28 - Columbus, IN Columbus Region 60th Annual Model A Swap Meet

#### June

June 13-16 - Texas Tour Nacogdoches, Texas June 23-29 - MAFCA 2024 National Model A **Convention** Ruidoso, New Mexico

#### **December**

Dec 11-14 - National Awards Banquet Salt Lake City, Utah

# Local and Regional, Activities:

#### February

**Feb 3** - 11th Cancer Freeze Car & Bike Show, 4th Street, Florala, AL. 8am

**Feb 9-10 -** Valentines Market Car Show, Jernigans Landing, 5165 Willing St., Milton, FL., 11-4pm & 10-4pm

**Feb 24** 12th Annual Port City Corvette Club Open Car Show. Bass Pro Shop 20000 Bass Pro Drive, Spanish Fort, 8-2:30pm

#### March

**Mar 2 -** 8th Collard Green Festival Car Show, Evergreen Regional Airport, 14123 Hwy 84, Evergreen, AL., 9-2pm

# Help Wanted

Car Shows? Car Events? Email to Allen Braddy alnbraddy@yahoo.com **Mar 9** - Wild Irish Fest Car & Truck Show, St. Patrick Catholic School, 23070 Hwy 59 N., Robertsdale, AL. 8-4pm **Mar 9** - William F Green

Veterans Home Car Show,
William F Green State
Veterans Home, 300 Faulkner
Dr., Bay Minette, AL. 9-3pm
Mar 22-24 - Orange Beach

Invasion, The Wharf, 4550 Main St., Orange Beach, AL. (All vehicles require preapproval).

Mar 23 - 5th Axles for Alzheimer's & The Kids All Wheels Show, Five Flags Speedway, 7451 Pine Forest Rd., Pensacola, Fl., 8-3pm Mar 23 - 1st Defenders of Freedom Car Show, Tiger Point Sports Complex, 1370 Tiger Park Ln., Gulf Breeze, Fl., 8-2pm

Model A Day Event
October 4-6
In Florida
Main Event is Saturday
Admission is free with
a Model A or Model T
including passengers.
More Details to come.



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**Gulf Coast Model A Club** 









# Cave and Covered Bridge Tour

on March 15-16, 2024

starting in Oxford Alabama.

#### **TOUR OUTLINE**

**THURSDAY MARCH 14**: Arrival, check into the motel, and visit local antique stores. In the evening dinner will be on your own. There are several restaurants near the motel, the desk clerk can help you with your selection. Trailer[A1] parking is available in the area, contact Gerald Grizzard (256) 310-6463 with your requirements.

**FRIDAY MARCH 15:** In the morning we're off to Cheaha State Park located 2,407 above sea level, the highest point in Alabama; the park is surrounded by 400,000 acres in the Talladega National Forest. You can stroll to Bald Rock on the boardwalk where you be able to see several counties. Leaving the park, we head to Sylacauga for lunch at "MaMa Ree's café. After lunch it's on the road again to Majestic Caverns (Former Desoto Caverns) for a tour which consists of a series of caves in Childersburg, Alabama. Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, it is touted as "Alabama's Big Cave." In 1796, George Stiggens, a presidential agent, wrote to President George Washington describing the beauty of the cave, making Desoto Caverns the first cavern on record in the United States. After the tour we return to the motel to freshen up for the "Firehouse Welcome Dinner" (6 p.m.) which concludes the day's activities at Gerald Grizzard Model "A" Ford Museum.

**SATURDAY MARCH 16:** We're off to Oneonta, Alabama with stops at two (2), covered bridges, a local park, and a visit to Dry Creek Farm. After the tour of the covered bridges, we will have a private catered lunch for tour members only where we will feast on pulled pork, smoke chicken with all the trimming. After lunch we're off to Dry Creek Farm a large private collection of vintage signs, antiques and collectibles. In the evening dinner will be on your own to dine at one of several restaurants the area.

**SUNDAY:** Checkout and departure for home. Drive safety, and we will see you down the road on the "Model "A" Highway"

**HOST MOTEL:** The Sleep Inn, 88 Colonial Drive, Oxford, Alabama (256) 831-2191 is the host motel. Request reservations be made before March 1, 2024 order to receive the group discounted rate of \$109.00, plus tax. Be sure to mention that you are with the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club "Cave Tour" when making your reservations to get the group rate. Attached is the tour registration form.

Fire up Henry's finest and join us for a weekend of adventure and good "ole" Model "A" Ford touring and fellowship on the Model "A" Highway. If you have any questions contact Gerald Grizzard at (256) 310-6463, email gfireman52@aol.com or John Armstrong (256) 390-1231 email john1950al@gmail.com







#### CAVE AND COVERED BRIDGE TOUR MARCH 15-16, 2024 REGISTRATION FORM



Name		Name of Guest(s):					
Street Address:		City & State:			Apt./Suite:		
Zip Code:	Phone Number:	Email:	Email:				
Cell Number:		Car Club:					
Year of Car:	Model of Car:	License N			Arrival: Thru/Fri (Circle One)		
Auto Insurance Company & Policy Number:							
Member of MAFCA (Circle One) Yes No Member of MARC (Circle One) Yes No							
Event Registration		Number Attending:		Fee Per Car:	Total:		
Tour Registration Fee (\$10.00 per driver & spouse or 1 guest)			@	\$10.00 (driver +	1) \$		
Additional passenger/guest (\$5	Additional passenger/guest (\$5.00 each)		@	\$5.00 (per perso	n) \$		
	FRIDAY MAF	RCH 15, 2024					
CHEAHA STATE PA	ARK ENTRANCE FEE						
ACTIVE	DUTY & VETERANS		@	No charge	FREE		
S	ENIORS 65 and older		@	\$2.00 per person	n \$		
ADULT & CHILD			@	\$5.00 per perso	n \$		
LUNCH: Includes, meal, drink, dessert, and gratuity			@	\$16.50 per perso	on		
MAJESTIC CAVERNS TOUR			@	\$18.00 per person			
WELCOME DINNER Complete meal and door prizes			@	\$18.00 per person			
	SATURDAY – OC	<b>TOBER 16, 2</b>	024:	1			
CATERED LUNCH Includes, meal, drink, dessert, and gratuity			@	\$16.50 per perso	on \$		
DRY CREEK FARM TOUR				No charge	FREE		
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (Refunds on a case-by-case basis) \$					,		
Make your hotel reservations direct at the Sleep Inn, 88 Colonial Drive, Oxford, Alabama (256) 831-2191. Please make your hoter reservations on or before March 1, 2024 in order to receive the group discount rate of \$109.00 plus tax. When registering, be sure to mention that you are with the Central Alabama Model A Ford Club "Cave Tour" in order to receive this group hotel room rate.  Please Make Checks Payable to the "Central Alabama Model 'A' Ford Club".							
Mail Your Completed Registration Form and Check to: Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club, 1309 Magnolia Curve, Montgomery, Alabama 36106-2010.							
Signed	Dated						
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The signers agree to indemnity and hold harmless for any and all liability due to my attendance and participation in the 2024 Cave and Covered Bridge Tour, the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club (CAMAFC), CAMAFC Members, their officers, directors, staff and any and all constituents acting on behalf of the aforementioned affiliations and/or Tour Volunteers. Submission of this Tour Registration Form (signed or unsigned) constitutes acceptance of the terms of this release. The vehicle being used has all required automobile insurance established by state statute







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# **Tech Tips**

# **Tips-N-Tricks Protect Running Board Trim**

By Paul Grometer

Protect your Model A trim while it is sitting in your garage. Fit a 1 in. Dia. piece of pipe insulation over the

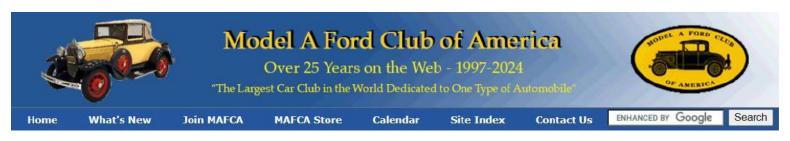
running board trim. Either cut the pipe insulation to length or just run the extra length partly up the front fender. 1 in. x 6 ft. Polyethylene Pipe Insulation no. 1000031649 costs about

\$2 at your local hardware store (Use plain pipe insulation, DON' T use the "Self-Sealing Pipe Insulation "with the adhesive)





### Check out the Tech Q & A located on mafca.com









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T shirts are \$15
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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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# **Era Fashions**



## How to Look Like a Model A Era Man with Very Little Effort

By Sharon Johnson

Your wife is all decked out in her era fashion outfit and she's looking at you like, "get

with the program". What does she want? You've got on black pants and a white shirt

and even put on a tie and she still isn't satisfied. Well here's where I can help....

All you need to do to make this outfit look like the Model A era is to add a few accessories.

Here are a few examples that will make her think you are a fashionista of Model A era fashions.

If you are wearing trousers and a long sleeved shirt, roll up

the sleeves on your shirt; add a bowtie and a straw boater.

They are usually easy to find at a costume shop. You are now dressed for a summer outing.

If you are wearing black pants and a shirt, put a vest on and wear a cap.



If you are wearing a suit, a fedora (shown on the left) or a homburg (shown on the right) would be a nice touch.



Shown below is a picture showing the different styles of ties available during the Model A era.

Hope these tips help you and will encourage you to start dressing like the Model A era.







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# Classifieds

Submission date is the 20th of each month

## For Sale: 1930 Tudor \$19,000



Model B Engine with Counterweighted Crank Built by Bob Boulldin of Bouldin & Bouldin Inc. 41 Main St Box 496, Belfast, NY 14711

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Inserted engine (B. Model) 8-26-2000	\$3,500.00
4 Speed D Trans (Ford) Ft. Worth, Texas	\$3,685.00
Oil Filter Oil and Temp Gauges	\$319.75
Turn Signals	\$187.80
Hood Prop Kit	\$41.94
Turn Signals	\$159.00
Seat belts	\$53.50
Radiator Stone Guard	\$178.00
Spep Plates	\$44.95
Floor Mats and Rugs	\$1,200.00
16" Wheels	\$90.00
Wheels Painted	\$800.00
16" Hub Caps	\$50.55
High Comp Head (Snyder 6-1)	\$379.95
Head Bolts	\$24,00
New Interstate Battery	
Electric Distributor	\$375.00
12 Volt Starter (Synder)	
	\$10,453.95

This is an excellent driver. Motor rebuilt with insert bearings in 2000. Four speed synchromesh transmission. This is a tour car. David A. Black: Cell 256-339-3234, david\_black@model-a-man.com David Black was president of a Model 'A' Club north of us in Alabama for years and the club was known for all the tours they did with their Model 'A's. Located in Cullman, Alabama

Block Cleaned Bored & Honed
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Insert Bearings - Mains - Rods
Drilled Crank
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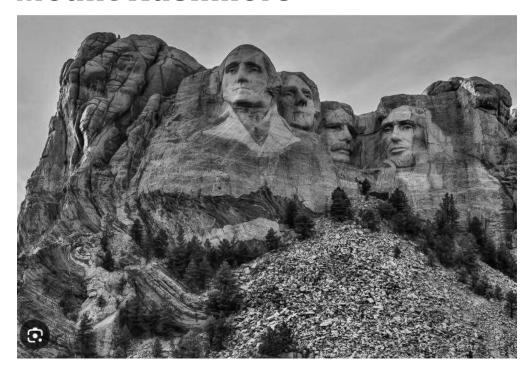
Have parts or a car you want to sell? Need a certain part for your restoration? Submit your ad and we'll run it in the newsletter for approximately 3 months. Email your ad with photos to Charlotte at realracegril1@gmail.com







### **Mount Rushmore**

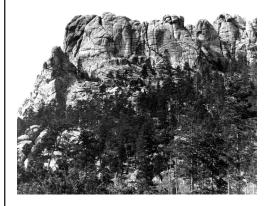


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#### **Memorial History**

Gettingthisprojectunderway was a challenge all by itself. Once Doane Robinson and others had found a sculptor, Gutzon Borglum, they had to get permission to do the carving. Senator Peter Norbeck and Congressman William Williamson were instrumental in getting the legislation passed to allow carving. Williamson the drafted two bills, one each to be introduced in the United States Congress and the South Dakota Legislature. The bill requesting permission to use federal land for the memorial easily passed through Congress. The bill sent to the South Dakota Legislature faced more opposition. The Mount Harney National Memorial bill was defeated twice before narrowly passing. Governor Gunderson signed the bill on March 5, 1925, and established the Mount



Mount Rushmore before carving, as Charles Rushmore would have seen it in 1884-85.Photo from South Dakota Public Broadcasting

Harney Memorial Association later that summer.

President Calvin Coolidge, wearing a dark suit and cowboy boots delivers a speech on August 10, 1927, at the Mount Rushmore dedication ceremony. He is surrounded by a small crowd, some standing, some sitting, many wearing hats.

#### **Building Support**

Early in the project, money was hard to find, despite Borglum's promise that eastern businessmen would gladly make large donations.



President Calvin Coolidge delivers a speech on August 10, 1927, at Mount Rushmore dedication Ceremony

He also promised the citizens of South Dakota that they would not be responsible for paying for any of the mountain carving. In the summer of 1927, President Calvin Coolidge was in the Black Hills and Borglum was planning a formal dedication of the mountain. Borglum hired a plane to fly over the State Game Lodge in Custer State Park where Coolidge was staying. As he flew over,







Borglum dropped a wreath to invite the President to the dedication ceremony. President Coolidge agreed to attend the ceremony, which was held on August 10, 1927, and gave a speech promising federal funding for the project.

Borglum arranged a meeting with the United States Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon to secure his support for the project and the passage of a funding bill, the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Act. Borglum was able to convince



One Borglum design envisioned the presidential figures as individual statues. Later designs included clothing detail, limbs and hands. Photo from South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

Secretary Mellon of the importance of the project and gain his support for funding the entire cost. Gutzon Borglum instead asked only for half of what he needed, believing he would be able to match federal funding could begin. Congressman



Distant View of Mount Rushmore form Iron Mountain Road

dollar for dollar with private donations. Senator Norbeck was stunned that Borglum had turned down the offer of full federal funding.

#### The First Funding Arrives

President Coolidge signed bill authorizing the government matching funds up to \$250,000. The bill also called for the creation of a 12 member Mount Rushmore Memorial National Commission, with members appointed by the President. Coolidge appointed members, leaving the final two spots to be filled by incoming president Herbert Hoover.

When Herbert Hoover took office, he quickly appointed the final two members to the commission, but did not seem in a hurry to meet with the commission, required by the funding bill before work on the memorial

Williamson was asked to make an appointment with the President and request that he organize the first commission meeting. Frustrated by the slow pace, Borglum decided to attempt to visit President Hoover himself. When he arrived at the White House, Borglum into an altercation got President's with the secretary and Williamson's appointment was canceled. Congressman Williamson able eventually was to reschedule a meeting with Hoover and convince him of the importance of the project and conducting the first commission meeting. President Hoover met with the commission within a few days, and officers were elected. On the following day, Congressman Williamson and John Boland, newly elected secretary of committee executive the of the Mount Rushmore Commission, went to pick \$54,670.56 the first



Mt Rushmore seen from Horsethief Lake Road, 1932 Ford Model BF Fordor Sedan









Workers on Mt Rushmore

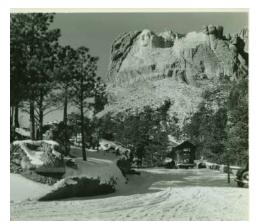
from Secretary Mellon. This amount matched what had already been spent on the project by the previous Mount Harney Memorial Association.

One notable exclusion from the new Mount Rushmore National Memorial Commission was Doane Robinson. The one person most responsible for conceiving the idea and who supported it for so long, Robinson's name was inexplicably not even on the list of potential candidates to serve on the commission. He continued to support the project and generously "Let me offered. help where I can." Soon, feeling Robinson unnecessary, started to drift away from the Rushmore project.

#### The Carving Begins

With the commission organized and money in the bank, Borglum could now begin to work in earnest on the mountain. He hired workers who began to install machinery and construct facilities. During the 1930's Senator Norbeck worked tirelessly to secure continued funding through emergency relief programs that were part of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, which were also matched with funds from the original appropriation bill.

In 1933, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 6166, which drastically changed the management of the project. Mount Rushmore was now placed under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service



Mount Rushmore in the winter

and was supervised by engineer Julian Spotts, who began to look for ways to improve efficiency and working conditions. Gutzon

Borglum, always uneasy with outside control over his projects, became resentful of being under "the watchful eye of the government.

Borglum successfully returned control of the project to an appointed commission, mostly of his 1938. choosing, in commission allowed new Borglum nearly complete control over most aspects of the project. During this time of increased freedom, Borglum began construction of a large repository, called the Hall of Records, in a valley behind the sculpture. This repository was intended to tell the story of Mount Rushmore and of the United States . After the United States Congress threatened to cut off all funding for the project unless used specifically to finish the sculpture itself, Borglum reluctantly stopped work on the hall in 1939. Due to later events, the Hall of Records was never finished.

Borglum Gutzon spent much of the last two years of the project traveling and working to secure additional funding. While he was away his son, Lincoln Borglum, supervised the work on Mount Rushmore. In March, 1941, as a final dedication was being planned, Gutzon Borglum died. This fact, along with the impending American involvement in World War II, led to the end of the work on the mountain. October 31, 1941. Mount Rushmore National







Memorial was declared a completed project.

Gaining permission to carve mountain, acquiring funding and managing varied personalities were all a part of the challenge in creating Mount Rushmore National Memorial. For those involved, keeping the project moving forward often seemed more difficult than the actual work of carving the granite into a colossal sculpture of the four presidents. In the end, cooler heads, charm and determination allowed the memorial to become a reality. Mount Rushmore National Memorial since become a great icon of American history.



# The ad that launched Ford



# ABOUT THE GULF COAST MODEL 'A' CLUB

The Traveler newsletter is published for the membership and friends of the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club. Outings are held monthly at various locations and times. Views expressed in the Traveler are not necessarily those of the Club Officers or MAFCA. Club membership is \$25.00 per year and can be mailed to Becky Baisden at: GCMAC,

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Club dues are \$25 per year for individuals or families. We currently have a membership of 40+ families. We believe in doing maintenance on the cars, educating ourselves on the Model 'A', fellowship with other members, showing the cars, driving the cars locally and on tours and having a great time seeing and driving Model 'A' Fords. We have fun and would welcome you as a member whether you own a Model A or not. Come join with us in a wonderful hobby that is historical and worthwhile. You will meet friendly people who are in love with the Model 'A' and love to drive, show and talk about these interesting cars.







