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## Monthly Message ...



Mark your Calendars for August 13 to attend or participate in the Model 'A' Swap meet being put on by the Central Alabama Model 'A' Club in Montgomery. See brochure in this newsletter.

There was a club meeting in July at the Baldwin County Heritage Museum with a nice turnout.

The list of club resources is in it's early stages. Hopefully we'll soon have this helpful document available soon to share with the membership.

Also Mike wanted everyone to know he ironed out the issue with the monthly Pensacola Breakfast at the Golden Corral. They will again be reserving an area for us every month. Might not be the same area we usually have but they will have a place for us on the first Saturday of the month.

Jim

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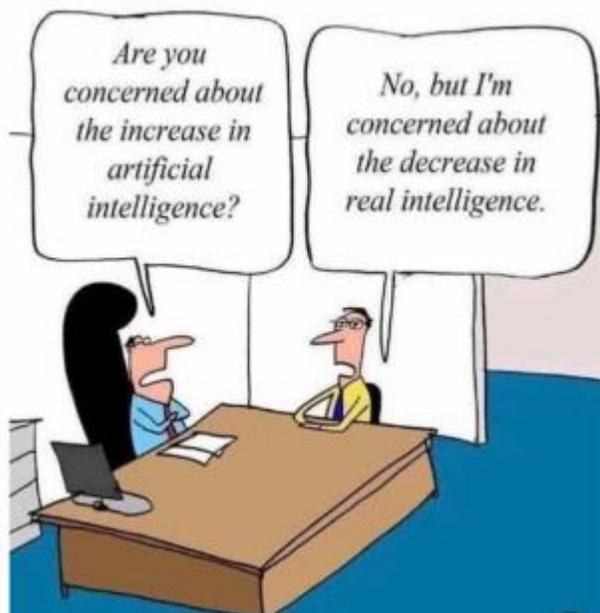
Thanks to Nancy and Terry Pampel for printing and mailing the newsletter to several people who do not have an email account.



# Coming Events Calendar

For a comprehensive list of car shows in our area, here's a link to the Gearjammers website with them listed: <https://bamagearjammers.com/events.html>

**Saturday August 6, 8:30 am Pensacola Breakfast**  
Golden Corral, 2260 Langley Avenue, Pensacola, FL



**Saturday August 13, 9 am Central Alabama Model 'A' Club Swap Meet** Montgomery Alabama - See brochure in this newsletter for details.



**Sept 16, 17 Model 'A' Days** Gilmore Museum Hickory Corners, Michigan. Get your hotel reservations now !

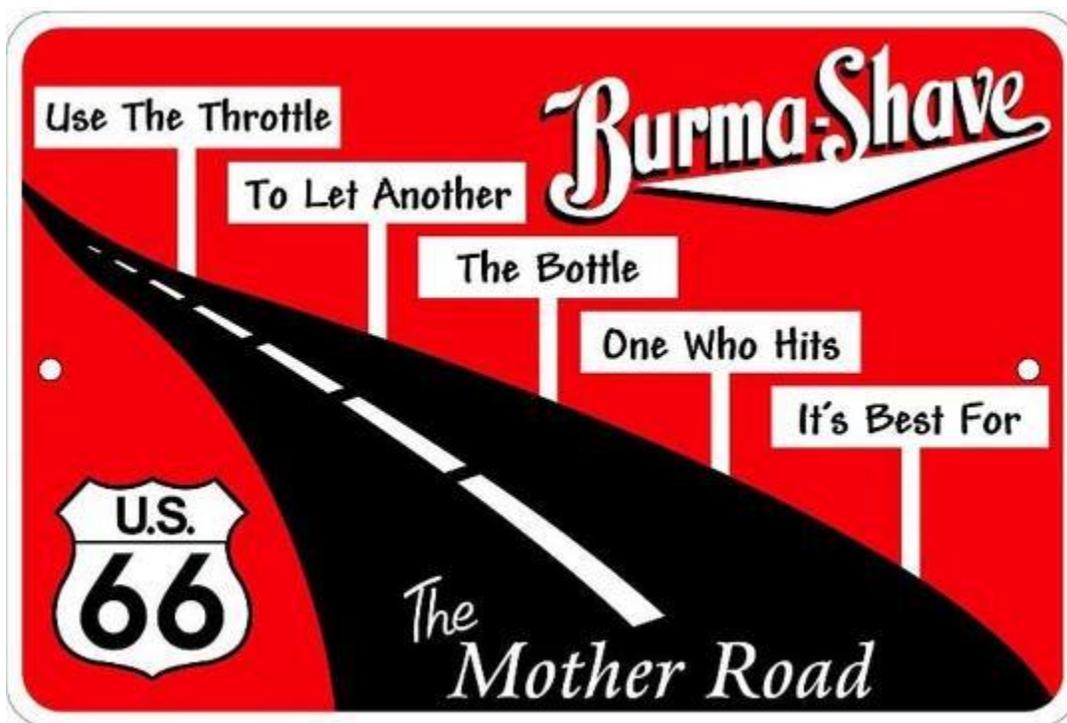


**Saturday November 5, 10:00 - 11:30 AM** Mobile, Al.

Jim Henderson Car Museum **joint meetup with Model 'T' Club.** John and Debbie Bright are coordinating. Lunch afterwards.



5253 Hwy 90 Tillmans Corner, Alabama





# MODEL 'A' FORD SWAP MEET

## August 13, 2022 Montgomery, Alabama

Members of the Gulf Coast Model "A" club are invited to the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford club swap meet to be held in the field behind Dennis & Jane Leatherwood's home at 112 Wisdomwood Road, Montgomery, Alabama on Saturday August 13, 2022, beginning at 9 a.m.



Your members will be able to purchase and sell Model "A" parts, automotive related items, Model A Fords and for the ladies those items that might be fun or interesting. There is no cost for swap spaces or car corral spaces. Call Dennis (334 669-4006) or drop him an email (djlwood@charter.net) and let him know what spaces you will need. This will be a great time to kick some tires, sell some "Stuff" your members have been storing in a garage, work shop or basement for years. We invite your members to attend this laid-back, people friendly, "ole" time Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club get together. They may just find that part you have been looking for, or an item you just can't do without.



### DIRECTIONS:

**FROM CHAPPY'S:** TURN LEFT onto Vaughn Road to Ray Thorington Road (CVS Drug store is on the corner). TURN RIGHT onto Ray Thorington Road to Wisdomwood Road (Second road to the left). TURN LEFT onto Wisdomwood Road and continue to Dennis's house 112 Wisdom Road on the left. (Look for Model A Ford Roadster on the top of the mail box and Leatherwood under the mail box.)

**FROM I-85:** Take Exit 9 onto Taylor Road. Follow Taylor Road to Vaughn Road (the Cecil/Union Springs-South AL 110 turn). Turn left onto Vaughn Road at Dreamland Bar-B-Q Restaurant. Go down Vaughn Road (You will pass Chappy's on the left) and turn right onto Ray Thorington Road (CVS Drug store is on the corner). TURN RIGHT onto Ray Thorington Road to Wisdomwood Road (Second road to the left). TURN LEFT onto Wisdomwood Road and continue to Dennis's house 112 Wisdomwood Road on the left. Look for Model A Ford Roadster on the top of the mail box and Leatherwood under the mail box.

**Model 'A' Clubs from Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia and Mississippi have been invited.**

It's only a three hour drive from the Gulf Coast and We've already heard from several members who are looking forward to attending this event. Optionally you could get there a day early and spend the night at a motel.





**Tech Tips**  
**For Your Model A**

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**Helpful Hints..... by Dr. Dave**



Several people have purchased the higher compression heads for their Model A engines to increase their engines' horsepower. A Very High compression head could need a "colder" spark plug to prevent a "knocking" noise when climbing a hill. This noise is usually "pre-ignition" in the combustion chamber and can cause serious problems such as melted spark plug tips, melted pistons, or damaged connecting rod bearings leading to damaged crankshafts. Spark plugs are available in a wide range of ignition temperature ranges but you will find more options in the spark plug with a 14mm thread size. Most Model A parts suppliers offer Spark Plug Adapters which enable the owner to convert the original spark plugs from 7/8" X 18 to more modern 14mm thread size. Some people using the 14mm spark plugs feel that if they use an expensive "Platinum" 14mm spark plug it will last longer and give better service. Not True !! Most automotive forums confirm that platinum plugs in vintage-cars fowl much more quickly and can cause other problems. So ... unless you make several other changes to your engine, stick with less expensive copper plugs on vintage cars with conventional ignition systems. Choose the spark plug and temperature range appropriate to your engine. *Dave Bockman*



Father made the most popular cars in the world; I want to make the best.

— Edsel Ford —

AZ QUOTES

## Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club Meeting July 2022

Despite the monsoon weather, we had a nice turnout with about 25 people and two Model 'A's. The rain combined with thunder and lightning made for an interesting moment when at one point it sounded like the building was struck by lightning. Got everyone's pacemakers recharged in that single moment. **Mike Fowler** did a great job running the meeting and we had a few new people join our club. As usual there were a nice assortment of snacks and treats brought in by members.

**John and Debbie Bright** discussed the tour they are planning on November 5th to the Henderson Museum. They also agreed to plan a club tour next year to Savannah, Georgia with Joe and Terri Stephens. **John and Debbie** are also hoping to attend the Old Car festival at Greenfield Village (Michigan) this year. **Walt and Martha Fuller** discussed Model 'A' Days at the Gilmore this year and were wondering if anyone else was planning on attending as it will be for 2 days this year.

**John Bright and Mike Weeks** discussed planning a memorial day tour next year with the club.



## *July Meeting continued .....*

There were about a half dozen people who were interested in attending the Central Alabama's Model 'A' club's swap meet in Montgomery Alabama in August (See flyer in this newsletter). **Wesley Chalk** said he can take passengers in his van for people wanting to car pool.

There was a discussion about vendors and local resources for club members. **Jim Quinlan** is putting together a document with contact information of local and outside resources that members can use to keep their Model 'A's running. Please share resources that you know.

**Philip Childers** is planning on bringing his Model 'A' to **Jim Quinlan's** house and use the car lift to drop the oil pan and adjust the shims. We'll make this an impromptu tech session where everyone in the club is welcome to join us. Once we determine a date and time, there will be a notice emailed to the members. Remember to bring a folding chair.





*The Prez Sez...*

August 2022

It has been fun to watch MAFCA Grow this year. In April we approved the “Almost Heaven A’s” serving West Virginia and the “Southwest Model A’s” Special Interest Group in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Southwest A’s was formed to host our 2024 National Convention. In June, we welcomed the “Oklahoma Model A Restorers Group” serving the Oklahoma City area. The process of starting a new chapter is quite easy. The basics are to bring five enthusiastic members of MAFCA together with a vision and desire to have a club. You then apply to the National Club for approval. Our Chapter Coordinator, Robert Bullard will be happy to assist you. I would like to invite you to start a chapter in your area.

There are numerous benefits to membership in MAFCA. We can all agree that the Restorer Magazine is one of the finest publications available. We strive to provide fresh publications to the membership. Our latest offering in the How to Restore your Model A Series is Volume 10. Volume 10 is a collection of the best technical articles from our Restorer Magazine. This book sets a new standard for the series printed in full color. I have just purchased my copy and my impression is that it is the finest MAFCA publication to date. Look for the ad in this issue for more information. Please order yours today.

Watch your mail for information about our upcoming election for the 2022-2023 Board of Directors. There will be five new directors elected. Please support the candidates that you feel will best represent you. And vote early.

I would like to thank you all for the support you have given me this year. Our board is working hard to provide you with help with your club activities and technical problems with your cars. Remember that you can join our Facebook page, Model A Ford Club of America for help from our knowledgeable membership. Ed Tolman, our Technical Director has teamed up with Paul Shinn to provide you with another source of help. Send an email with your tech questions to [Modelatechquestions@gmail.com](mailto:Modelatechquestions@gmail.com).

As always, I am happy to help you. Please feel free to send me an email at [president@mafca.com](mailto:president@mafca.com).

Happy Motoring, Jay McCord



# Era Fashions



## Shoes for the Beach and Other Casual Activities

Trudy Vestal, Hangtown A's Placerville, CA

When dressing in era styles, finding the appropriate shoes can be difficult. Even more so if you have a beach or sports outfit.

Well, look no further than your Keds shoe store of 1931. Right out of the vintage catalog are the following styles. The illustrations and descriptions are off the pages of the *Keds Catalog for 1931, United States Rubber Company, Buffalo, NY.*

Finding the right look in modern shoes is often challenging, however, these styles have not changed much. Good Luck!





# Era Fashions



These Beach Clogs and Paloma shoes are made of striped awning cloth. The strap on the left shoe is self-adjusting. Strap on the right shoe can be tied around the ankle as well as over the instep.



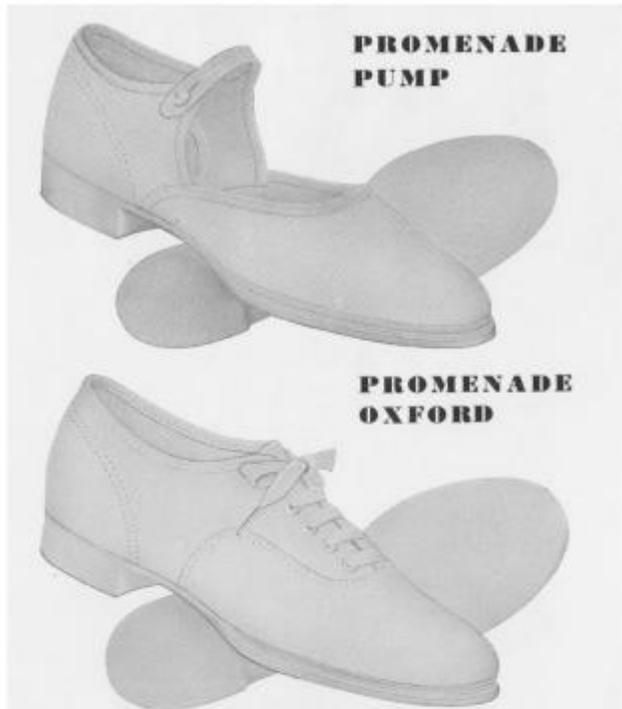
A colorful sport oxford for women. Bleached and mercerized combed duck upper with black, tan, jade, blue or crimson saddle straps. White small ridges on the sole and white molded heel on shoes.



A dainty, stylish one-strap pump. Made in white linen with covered Cuban heel, and a light-weight sole.



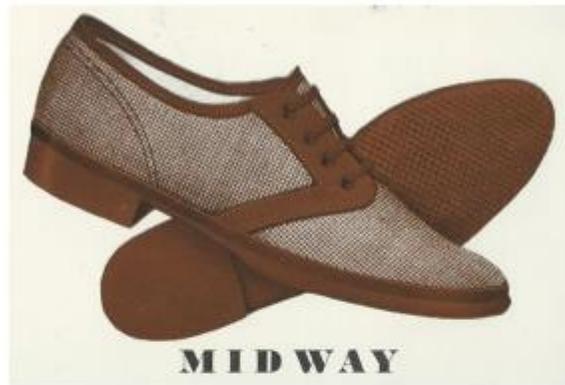
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**PROMENADE PUMP**

**PROMENADE OXFORD**

An attractive oxford and one-strap pump. Upper of bleached white or black duck. Outsole and heel matching in color with the duck upper. Low heel and welt-type sole.



**MIDWAY**

The Midway, an oxford for women, features attractive tan and white printed duck.



**ROVER PUMP**

The Rover pump is a durable two-strap pump with a white or brown duck upper. It features a corrugated sole and gum toe cap.



**HOLYOKE**

The Holyoke is an ideal oxford for tennis and beach wear. Uppers are unlined and of open-weave duck.

# Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club Happenings



Mike Fowler is finishing work on his Roadster's fenders in preparation to paint them in the near future.

Mike Fowler and Joe Stephens helped the son (Terry) and Grandson (Nicholas) of Late Bill Collins start and tune up Bill's Model 'A' that is now owned by 16 year old Nicholas. After fixing a gas leak and tuning it up, they gave Nicholas lessons and tips how to drive a Model 'A'.

Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club member Robert Collins recently got his Tudor painted. Pretty beautiful job there Rob !



Gulf Coast Model 'A' Member Randy Turner recently purchased a beautiful roadster in Mobile, Al. Looks like it was a club car at one time from seeing the emblem on the radiator grill. Randy states it is a 1928 Ford 6 wheel roadster Mid to later as tail lights are off body, fluted headlight lens, red steering wheel and pistol grip hand brake. Early hood and no door handles. This car was identified at the July meeting as once belonging to Mr. Cashman in Mobile.



Terry and Nancy Pampel's Coupe is waiting on parts in Texas in preparation for an engine rebuild. In the meanwhile, they're keeping busy by restoring a cool Vintage RV Motor Home.

*Got a new Model 'A'? Starting a new project or making progress on your current one? Email news and/or pictures to Jim at Tap5s@yahoo.com (Please do not text, use email)*

Successful Model 'A' clubs have one common ingredient. They have members that will plan events and volunteer to assist in running the organization. It's a necessary ingredient.

Please help our club grow by volunteering a few hours of your time

1. **Plan a tour.** Day tours or overnight tours. Pick a route with interesting destinations.
2. **Plan the 2022 Christmas Party.** It's time to line up a volunteer for this popular club event.
3. Can you be our public relations person to **send out a PR announcement** to local newspapers in the area to announce meetings or even write a paragraph with an interesting picture of a club event. We have some contact info already and can help you get started. This is how to grow the club.
4. It would be nice to have someone **send a blurb about what our club has been doing to the MAFCA magazine.** Just a couple paragraphs and possibly a picture every month or two.
5. **Host a Garage Meet** at your house. This is a good way for members to get a taste of how simple and enjoyable these Model 'A's are to tinker with.
6. **Volunteer to plan a parade event.** Get details from the parade organizers and then lobby club members to attend.
7. Write and share an article for our Traveler Newsletter.
8. **PLEASE share information about local resources** (Machine shops, mechanics, starter rebuilders, paint, body etc.) **so we can publish it in a document for members. Send to Jim Quinlan tap5s@yahoo.com**



# July Pensacola breakfast

For some reason the area we usually have the breakfast was already reserved for another group. Despite bad weather and no Model 'A's being driven, we still had a nice group enjoying breakfast at the Golden Corral in Pensacola.

Picture by Margret H. - Thanks !



## August Birthdays

14 Becky Baisden

23 Katherine Harper

15 Rob Collins

25 Randy Turner

14 Amanda Hornady

19 Bill Ross



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 Jim at [tap5s@yahoo.com](mailto:tap5s@yahoo.com)

**For Sale:**

**1930/1931 Model 'A' Gas Tank.** (Non indented firewall) good condition \$275

**1930/1931 Tudor Front Seats covers** CarTouche \$170 Contact: **Jim Quinlan** 727 265 0381



**For Sale: Barrett Brake shoe grinder with table: \$350.**

Contact: **Terry Pampel** (251) 752-0912



Bonnie and Clyde

**Wanted: Splined Steering wheel** to fit a 29 Model 'A'  
Seven Tooth Steering column

Contact:

**Sydney Clarke**

(251) 957-2284

## For Sale: Late model 1931 slant window Model 'A'

Indented firewall with gas valve mounted on outside of firewall. Have owned car 12-13 years. Never been in engine. Runs well —no knocks etc.

Goodyear 4.75 by 19 whitewall -like new- heavy duty radiator with stone hard—12 volt system with alternator, modern shocks, float-a-motor kit installed, new front and back bumpers, original to car, leak less water pump, temp. gauge and digital tach. New reduced gear starter, turn signal front and back, sparton horn.

Comes with a lot of misc. parts manuals, diagnostic tools, carburetor, 2 distributors, points, plugs, condensers etc. **asking \$17,500.00.** Car is located in Gulf Shores, Al. Has always been garaged.

**Al Berzett (515) 360-5034**



# The NEW Model A Days



Model A Days Sept.16-17, 2022



## 2022 Model A Days Information

[www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org)

- **When and where are Model A Days?** Model A Days are Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at The Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.
- **What is this year's theme?** This year, the theme is "Model A Trucks". This includes trucks of all types such as Panel Deliveries, Stake Beds, Deluxe Deliveries, Pickups, etc.
- **Why is the event two days this year?** Our event has grown to such a degree, two days are needed to experience all Model A activities and the other museums.
- **What is the cost for admission?** \$16 per day per person for adults. Two-day passes are \$28 per person during Model A Days. MAFFI Museum members get in free of charge. You can join the MAFFI Museum now or during MADs for a \$25 yearly membership that allows Gilmore grounds admission for two people each day. Go to [maffi.org](http://maffi.org) to join.
- **Can I drive my Model A onto The Gilmore grounds?** Yes. **What is the cost?** There is no cost for MAFFI Museum members. Non MAFFI Museum members will be required to pay the normal cost of admission as stated above. A \$10 donation is suggested.
- **Where can I stay?** The Delta Hotel (Host Hotel) has the largest block of rooms reserved for our event. Hotel information is listed on the [MAFFI website](http://MAFFI website).
- **Do I make my own hotel reservations?** Yes. **How?** Contact the hotel of your choice directly and let them know you are with The Model A Museum event. You will receive our lower negotiated rates. Contact Suzan O'Neale for hotel reservation questions [oneale31@gmail.com](mailto:oneale31@gmail.com) or (540) 748-0659. Hotel reservations and cancellations must be handled directly with the hotel, and cannot be handled by the MAFFI Museum.
- **Why not The Four Points Hotel as in the past?** The Four Points Hotel is the host hotel for another event that weekend.
- **Why do I need to register?** Registration is needed to secure reservations for our special optional events at The Air Zoo, the Saturday night BBQ at The Gilmore, and "Learn to drive a Model A Class".
- **How do I register?** Go to [tinyurl.com/Model-A-Days](http://tinyurl.com/Model-A-Days). The prompts will lead you through the process. For questions, contact Katie Herrick [katiehcpa@gmail.com](mailto:katiehcpa@gmail.com) or (615) 604-7423.
- **What is The Air Zoo?** We have a special private event that will be closed to the general public. The Air Zoo event is on the agenda for Friday. The Air Zoo is an airplane and air science museum in Kalamazoo. More info can be found online, [airzoo.org](http://airzoo.org).
- **Can I get my special optional event money refunded if I have to cancel my trip?** Yes, if cancelled by September 1<sup>st</sup> for the Air Zoo and/or Saturday night BBQ and/or the Learn to Drive a Model A class. Contact Katie Herrick [katiehcpa@gmail.com](mailto:katiehcpa@gmail.com) or (615) 604-7423 for cancellations.
- **What happens if I don't register for the special events but later decide I want to attend The Air Zoo and/or BBQ and/or Learn to Drive a Model A class?** Registration is required in advance, before September 1<sup>st</sup> to secure the required amount of food and logistics for each event.
- **How can I get questions answered during Model A Days?** Ask any volunteer wearing a neon vest. Or contact John Begg, Model A Days Chairman, (803) 727-4392 or [jwbegg@gmail.com](mailto:jwbegg@gmail.com), at any time.



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**ANNOUNCING OUR 2022 ALL NEW  
MODEL A DAYS.**

**A FUN FILLED 2 DAY EVENT WITH  
SEMINARS, TOURS, DRIVING CLASSES,  
NEW 2 DAY SWAP.**

**A SPECIAL FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT  
THE KALAMAZOO AIR ZOO  
AND BBQ SATURDAY NIGHT!**

**OUR NEW HOST HOTEL NOW TAKING  
RESERVATIONS. WATCH FOR MORE  
INFORMATION AND HOW TO  
PRE-REGISTER FOR FRIDAY NIGHT  
AT THE ZOO, DRIVING CLASSES,  
AND OUR BBQ...!!**

**The NEW Model A Days  
2-Day Swap Meet  
Fashion, Seminars,  
Guided Tours, Driving Class!**

**September 16 & 17, 2022 9-5pm**

**The Gilmore Car Museum  
6865 W. Hickory Road  
Hickory Corners, MI 49060**

**Celebrating  
Model A Ford  
Trucks**

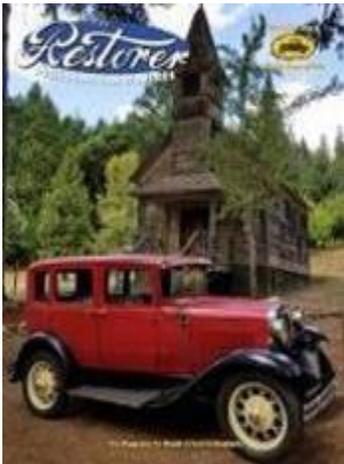
**Technical Seminars, Fashion, Hall of Fame Induction**

**A NEW 2 DAY EVENT,  
FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE AIR ZOO\*  
& SATURDAY BBQ\***

**Hotel Info: Delta Hotels by Marriott, 2747 S. 11th St.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269.375.6000**



For event info 863.727.4392 John Begg  
For Swap Reservations or Seminar information  
Mark Moran 847.306.7000



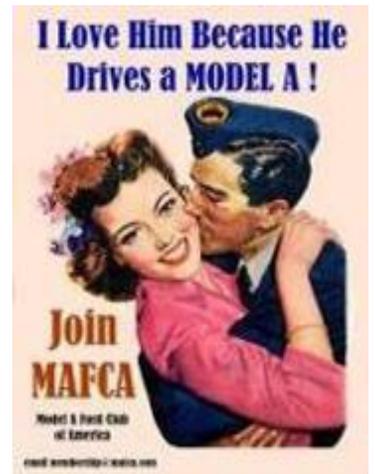
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"The Restorer"*

**The Model A Ford Club of America MAFCA  
Serving Model A Ford owners since January 1, 1997**

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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## 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,  
PO Box 812  
Cantonment, FL 32533

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.



Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club website:

<https://www.gulfcoastmodelclub.net/>

Download a  
Membership Application

## Advertise in the Traveler.

If you know of any business that would like to place an ad in the Traveler they can run a credit card sized ad for \$50 and a quarter page ad for \$75 that will run for 12 months. Those interested should send artwork to the editor @ tap5s@yahoo.com with their billing and contact information

