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From The President

Ruidoso Update!

As many of you may remember, just over 3 months ago, The Southwest Model A's, along with the Model A Ford Club of America, were forced to cancel the 2024 National Convention due to the natural disasters that devastated the Ruidoso community.

At the time of cancellation, our first priority was to ensure the safety of our attendees and the families in the area. Once we got everyone safely notified, we began the process of identifying how to go about "unwinding" the first national convention MAFCA has ever been forced to cancel.

Both organizations committed to refunding fees paid by attendees to the Southwest Model A's for the National Convention if requested. We knew this *could* be a substantial financial burden, estimated at the time to be over \$85,000.00 more than the current, available cash balance. Even though this was a huge dollar amount, MAFCA stood ready, willing and able to back up The Southwest Model A's to completely meet all their financial obligations, as we do with any chapter that hosts a national event.



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Chapter News



Congratulations to MAFFI for the success of yet another great Model A Days held at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. This year's event was made even more special with the breaking ground of the long-awaited museum expansion project. This additional square footage will make our already great Model A Museum even better. Add that to the Bus Restoration project and it's unveiling to the public and the large turnout made for an excellent event.



Close to my heart this year at the museum was the ribbon cutting ceremony for the 50-year Chapter Longevity Winner brick program. Announced this same time last year, MAFCA President Robert Bullard and I and other MAFCA board and chapter members were on hand for this special event. 100 inscribed bricks were placed in the sidewalk beginning with the Bakersfield Chapter our very first MAFCA chapter.

This is by no means a onetime event. Each year MAFCA will recognize those chapters who have reached this prestigious milestone with an inscribed brick in their honor. Many thanks to our late friend Jerry Morrissey for all his help in making this happen.

Membership Moment

The Model A Ford hobby, it can mean many things to many people, but the overall theme is enjoying and preserving the automobile make with the company of like-minded individuals, whether it is a Fine Point Judged car or Touring Class or just a

what I would call a Daily Driver. I can see the allure of all these and have in my lifetime. From having a Marc of Excellence class car to that very same car years later becoming a touring car that gets lots of miles to a literal barn find that runs and drives like the day it was built. I contend that the people are the common denominator of all of these, but what we are seeing is the gradual reduction based simply on “aging out”.



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Vice President's Desk



National Event News

Final preparations are underway by the Utah Valley Model A Club, with assistance of the Salty A's and the Beehive A's, for this year's National Awards Banquet to be held in Salt Lake City December 11 to 14. See you in Salt Lake City!

Registration is also open for next year's National Tour to Civil War battlefields of Virginia, hosted by MAFCA's Dallas Chapter. The dates for this event are June 15 to 22, 2025. Registration forms can be found on the MAFCA website or the Dallas Model A Club's website. Accommodations are self-serve, so please book your rooms soon. You can find information on the chapter's website: <https://www.dmafc.com/>.

The 2025 National Awards Banquet will be held in Mobile, Alabama, hosted by the Gulf Coast Model A Ford Club. Please check the MAFCA website for details.

Finally, our 2026 National Convention will be hosted by the Blue Mountain As of Pendleton, Oregon, assisted by several neighboring chapters. This is already gearing up to be a memorable event. The convention date has been set for May 31 through June 7, 2026. Please mark your calendars! We will share more details soon.



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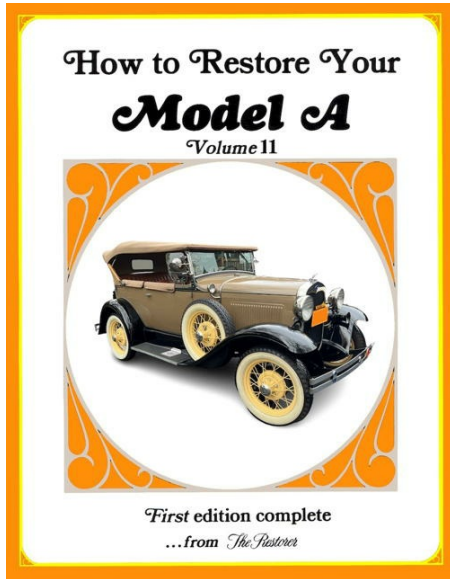
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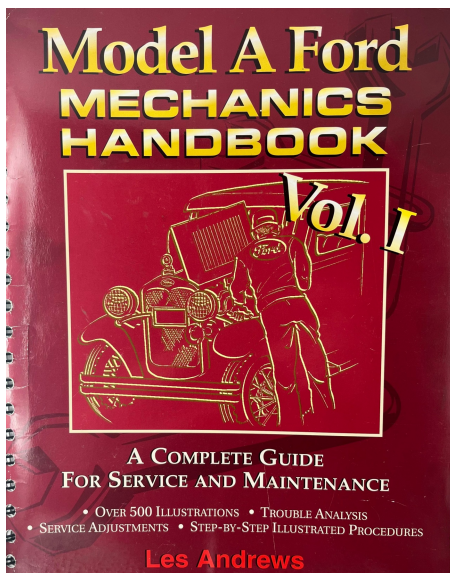


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Restorers Class

A Visit to the Model A Museum

Howard Eckstein

My wife and I recently returned from a

lengthy road trip from Salt Lake City to Washington DC. We made a stop at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan where the Model A Museum is located. I was surprised that my GPS led me through back roads to get there. I didn't expect it to be in the middle of nowhere. It's a large campus surrounded by farmland. I've heard about this museum for a while and wanted to see it. The articles in the Restorer piqued my interest. Housed on the Gilmore campus, the Model A building is separate from the main hall. I was so interested in seeing the Model A exhibits, that I rushed through the rest of the



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Jim Cannon's Tech Tips

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Pleated Paper Fuel Filter Elements

Ford originally used a fine mesh brass screen at the top of the glass fuel strainer bowl that's mounted to the Model A firewall. The bowl gives a place for water to settle into (water is heavier than gasoline) and a place for dirt and rust particles to collect.

The screen also keeps these particles from traveling down to the carburetor (where you have another screen!). With all these screens, I think Ford knew that gasoline supplies at the time were prone to contamination (more than today).



Many people have started to install a small pleated paper filter element in the glass bowl instead of the brass screen.

I'm not so sure it's needed; I think the brass screen is enough. The Model A has no fuel pump, it relies only on gravity feed, and I'm concerned about adding another restriction to the fuel flow.



But IF you use one of these paper filters, you need to know that the rust, dirt, etc. is trapped **INSIDE** the paper element, not on the outside of it like you'd think. Therefore, you can be collecting a lot of junk inside the filter, plugging up the filter element on the inside, and not even know it. One day, you lose all your power and the engine really acts like it is starving for fuel. You thought you would see the rust and dirt collect on the outside of the filter... but you don't. Surprise! (I hate surprises!)

So, if you are going to use these pleated paper filters, get into the habit of replacing them regularly, maybe once a year, since you can't see how dirty they are inside. And carry a spare filter and gasket with you in the car. It's a pretty easy thing to swap out in a parking lot. Kind of messy, but it can be done without tools. Use some disposable gloves and you won't smell like gas for the rest of the day.

That's all for now. Keep driving, help each other out, and *Have a Model A Day!* Jim

ERA Fashions

"Maybe the phases of the moon change the styles in women's apparel. Maybe the women's caprice does it. Whatever the reason behind the fact, every few weeks sees a swinging to and fro of details if not silhouette. And it's the details, after all, that make a woman well-dressed when she pays attention to them." Anne Rittenhouse. *McCall's*, February, 1928

"While there is no question about the indulgent

disposition of fashions, there are, however, certain trends that run through the mode like a theme through a story... It is the collar that swings to one side . . . in spiral flounces . . . in the surplice bodice . . . in the scarf that knots on one shoulder and falls free on the other. Everywhere is the effort to keep from one side what the other is doing.” May Piper Spear, McCall’s, July 1931

Ah, the devil is in the details! For a flattering finishing touch, a scarf or muffler can add a level of sophistication and flair to your ensemble.

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JSC With Tom Jeanes

Model A Tools, covered in Area 17 of The Model A Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards, is a good area with which to become familiar. When you go to a swap meet, you need to know what you are looking for since there are a variety of items that look about the same but may be a Model T, Model A or V-8 item or even an item that was part of a tool set from a different vehicle manufacturer. The most common tools are pliers, screw drivers and wrenches. These tools are inexpensive and often incorrect.

These adjustable wrenches look great with the forger's name and Ford Script visible on the upper one and the wonderful Ford script on the one beneath. The top one is correct while the bottom one with no forger's mark and a misplaced Ford script is probably from a Ford V-8 tool kit.



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A-World Newsletter for Youth

A-World: A publication for the youth, and those

young at heart too!

Sherry Wink, Editor, A-World

A-World for kids (and kids at heart) has a variety of info directed at our young enthusiasts. Stories, pictures of kids having fun, coloring pages, and more. But there is also always a tech article to help learn about taking care of our grand old cars. Some articles are simple, such as the steps on how to start the car. Some are a little more complex, discussing carburetors or rebuilding the horn. But each adds to the collective knowledge needed to enjoy the Model A hobby and encourages the kids to learn more from their parents and grandparents, or other mentors! Here's an example from a past issue (3rd Quarter 2019.)



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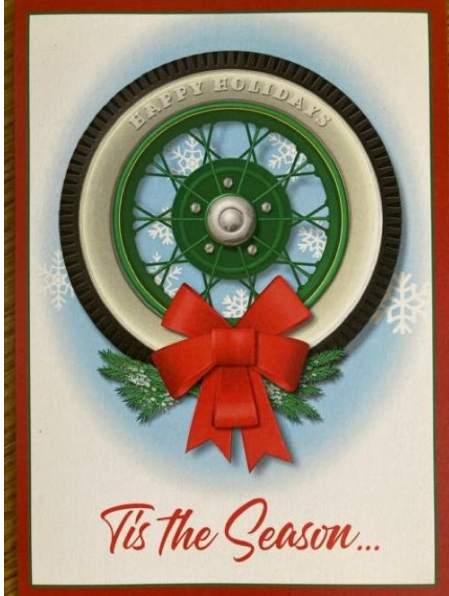
That's A Wrap!

As they would say in Hollywood, "That's a wrap!" The 2024 MAFFI Model A Days held on September 20-21, 2024 in Hickory Corners, MI is in the bag. Held at the beautiful Gilmore Car Museum, this year's event was another huge success for MAFFI and the Model A community. With a crowd approaching 1,500 and a Model A stable of cars approaching 500 there was plenty to see and do at this year's event.

There were numerous events that will be detailed in a MAFFI press release yet to be released but I would like to point out two events that are dear to MAFCA members.



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After Model A day at the Gilman Museum headed to Orem, Utah. Happened for a hour get and had a great visit with the "Terry" Dodge and Marshall. Ray Henson



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