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MAFCA on the Go!
Monthly Member Update



From The President

Please click on the button below to read Robert Bullard's message as he shares his thoughts as the outgoing MAFCA President, reflecting on his four-year tenure on the Board of Directors and his service as president in 2023 and 2024. In the messages, he expresses gratitude for his fellow board members and the dedicated office staff who have worked tirelessly to support the MAFCA membership.



Also, Robert acknowledges the crucial contributions of various committees and editors, like those of The Restorer magazine and the Judging Standards Committee, which maintain high standards for the Model A automobile community. He emphasizes the importance of volunteers and leaders who invest their time and resources to ensure MAFCA thrives, comparing the organization's collaborative efforts to the proverb, "it takes a village to raise a child."

In his closing, Robert conveys his appreciation for the collective efforts that keep MAFCA running smoothly and looks forward to the continued enjoyment of the Model A

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Chapter News



If your Chapter is like mine, you may have just wrapped up your elections for officers for next year or your elections may take place later in December or even into January. There is no one profile that fits all our Chapters but the one thing that is the same is that we all need dedicated volunteers to help keep things running. In these busy days asking your Chapter members for that most precious of their resources, their time, can be a difficult ask. To those that have stepped forward for next year and have dedicated their time and resources to their local Chapter I would like to express my deep gratitude for making this commitment. Your service will contribute to the success of your Chapter and MAFCA next year and beyond. The deadline for the MAFCA Service Award has passed for 2024 but that only means that 2025 nominations are now open. To make it even easier for you we have created an online version of the application to help you in completing the form. These Service Awards are a great gesture towards those that make a difference in your local Chapter. **Service Award Application**



As I close my second year of office as your Chapter Coordinator, I would like to express my gratitude for allowing me to be a part of this process. We have had many challenges in the last two years including the cancellation of the National Convention but any day I have been able to be of any help to our Chapters has been a privilege.

Will Langford

2023-2024 Chapter Coordinator/Website Liaison

Membership Moment

As the Model A Touring Season in Virginia draws

to a close, the Old Dominion Model A Ford chapter celebrates a successful year of events and has plans for the future. Chester Wojcik thanks the members for their passion and enthusiasm. He reflects on receiving a heartfelt, handwritten note of appreciation, highlighting the impact of taking time to thank others and encouraging youth involvement. Wojcik emphasizes the importance of nurturing growth with care and understanding. He also promotes the MAFCA Free Membership program, which offers new members their first year for free to strengthen chapters.



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Vice President's Desk



National Event News

This month brings us the National Awards Banquet in Salt Lake City! This will be a great event, and I hope to see you there! Next month we will have a recap of the event in this column.

Registration is 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 by clicking on the button below.

The 2025 National Awards Banquet will be held in Mobile, Alabama, hosted by the Gulf Coast Model A Ford Club. **Please [click here](#)** or on the image to the left to see a video of what is being planned in Mobile for next year's NAB!

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

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convention date has been set for May 31 through June 7, 2026. Please mark your calendars! [Please click here](#) or on the image to the left to see a video about what is being planned in Pendleton!

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The Pickup Book

1928 to 1931



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The Pickup Book

Be one of the first to own a copy!

Beginning with the 1928 model and for the following three years through 1931, Ford Motor Company produced nearly 540,000 trucks and another 352,000 commercial chassis. That amounts to over 11% and over 7% of total Model A production respectively.

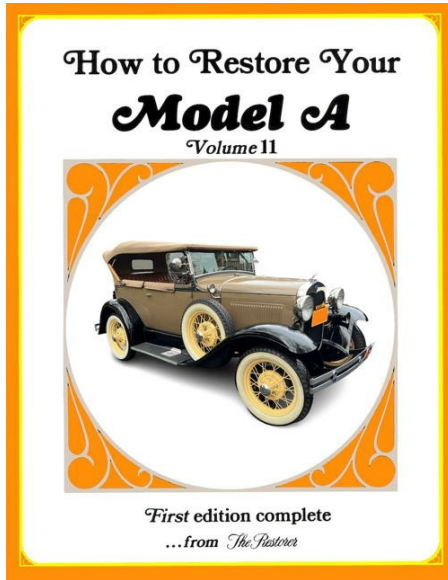
Today, the Model A Ford pickup in all its forms is a sought-after example of Henry's creations. This book shares articles and insights about how the pickup came to be and how it evolved over the years of production. You will learn from 64 authors and see multiple drawings, photos and descriptions of the pickup you love. What came first the open cab pickup or the closed cab pickup? Want to learn how many were made each year or what they cost at the dealers? It's here.

Interested in long and dangerous Model A pickup trips or just want to see a load of golden retrievers in the back of a pickup? It is all here. 204 pages. This is a book any Model A enthusiast must

have in the library.

\$29.00

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Jim Cannon's Tech Tips

Difficult Steering?

Many Model A owners find their car hard to steer at low speeds. After checking that the steering gear box has oil, tires are inflated to 35 psi, and the front axle is properly greased, the most likely cause is defective or improperly shimmed spindle bolt (kingpin) thrust bearings. To confirm, use a floor jack to lift some weight off the front wheels—if steering effort reduces significantly, the bearings are the issue.

To fix it, remove everything from the spindles to access and remove the kingpins. Follow directions from Les Andrews' Red Book (page 1-209). Clean and replace any worn thrust bearings, packing them with grease before reinstallation. Test fit the spindle with the kingpin fully locked, adding shims until there's minimal vertical movement without jamming. Reassemble, ensuring proper placement of the felt seal and metal washer.

Finally, reassemble the spindle, brakes, and other components, grease all fittings, and enjoy the improved steering on your next drive.



ERA Fashions

The 1930s, marked by the Great Depression, saw contrasting trends in fashion. Despite economic hardships, women's fashion embraced femininity with charming, slenderizing dresses. In 1931, waistlines rose to the natural line, hemlines extended to mid-calf, and sleeveless dresses often came with matching jackets or boleros. Popular colors included black, dark browns, greens, and vibrant combinations for spring and summer.

Accessories like felt and straw cloches, fur scarves, pearls, and colored crystals complemented the sophisticated styles. Purses, often made from leather or decorated with beadwork, were essential accessories. Shoe styles varied with round, square, and pointed toes, maintaining graceful, slender heels for evening wear.

Overall, 1931 fashion aimed to uplift women and provide an escape from the era's challenges.

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JSC With Tom Jeanes

Model A Fords utilized three types of windshield wipers: hand wipers, electric wipers, and vacuum wipers. Hand wipers were standard on open vehicles until October 1928 and on commercial vehicles until April 1930.

Electric wipers, which were used on all closed models from the start and on all models from early 1929, were supplied by different companies and were prone to breakage. These electric wipers were discontinued by June 1930.

Trico became the sole supplier of vacuum wipers for all Model A Fords by mid-1930. These wipers have distinctive features and are often difficult to find in working condition today.

When shopping for wipers, it is crucial to know the specific needs of your vehicle to ensure a proper fit. If you are unsure, take a picture of the item in the



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A-World Newsletter for Youth

Merry Christmas from A-World to all the kids out there, young and old! There has to be an underlying element of the wonder of childhood in all of us who love these great old cars known as Model A's. There is just something special and timeless about them that makes every time driving one feel like I'm sneaking away from being an adult and enjoying being a delighted child again with a new toy. Even just seeing The Old Lady in the garage gives me a thrill! Hope it's the same with you.



This month, I thought I'd share a favorite Christmas story from an A-World Archive, just to help us get in the sharing mood. And if you are looking for a good cause to share with at this time of the year, don't forget the Youth Restoration Award or the Youth Scholarship Program, both of which help get the kids involved and invested in the Model A Hobby!

Sherry Wink, Editor, A-World

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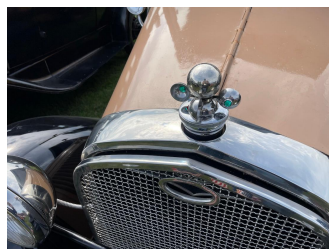
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The Flying Quail is free to all members of the Model A Ford Club of America. Please help us by encouraging your fellow members to join today! Please forward this to them and encourage them to sign up.



After Model A Day at the Elmore Museum headed to Orem, Utah for history and had a great visit with the "one" Dodge and Marauder. Ray Henson



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