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From The President

by Ed Tolman, 2025 MAFCA President

As this issue of the Flying Quail hits your inbox, the Pomona Valley Model A Ford Club, my hometown chapter, will be touring their way through the foothills of Southern California, commemorating Valentine's Day a day late. We call it our Sweetheart Tour and have been doing it for the past five years. Originally started during the Pandemic by our Tour Director, Richard Tompkins, when we were limited in contact with each other; this has now become a staple tour of our club. I hope your chapters are starting traditions or have done so. We'd love to hear about them. Please submit your local touring traditions to our Chapter Coordinator, [Doug Linden](#), so that all can benefit.

Let's face it, most of us want to drive our Model A's and are always looking for opportunities to do so. The Restorer magazine is one place to find stories of folks driving their A's all across the world. If you're interested in reading more about these travel logs, a digital thumb drive is available from the MAFCA webstore. In fact, if you're really interested in long distance touring with your Model A, why not join the Model A Touring Group, a (SIG) Special Interest Group of MAFCA ...



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Chapter News

New Year, New Beginnings: Growing our Model A Community in 2025

by Doug Linden, 2025 Chapter Co-Ordinator

The Holidays are over and for our chapters that means installing new officers for 2025 and planning for a great year of Model A activities. One key item your chapter should have completed is to have filled out and returned the annual Chapter Registration form along with the insurance payment. Providing this information is important as it is our way of keeping the MAFCA insurance policy up to date, so all our chapters are covered. If you aren't sure if this form has been filled out and returned feel free to contact me at **chaptercoordinator@mafca.com** and I can help answer that question.

I have heard from some members that there are not any chapters in their area. That is something that can be solved by forming a new chapter. If you attend local car shows/cruise-ins all contact other Model A owners about forming a new chapter, it only takes 5 MFCA members to start a new chapter. I was talking to the president of a new chapter and learned that after the initial five members it has grown to twenty-five members now. The local Model A's slowly came out of hibernation. What a great surprise.

You can visit the MAFCA website and get the paperwork to form a new chapter, or feel free to contact me directly.



Visit [MAFCA.com](https://www.mafca.com) Chapters

Membership Moment

by Jay McCord, 2025 Membership and Marketing Director

I would like to say Thank You to you for the warm welcome as I serve as your Membership and Marketing Director for 2025. This year I am happy to tell you that the health of our hobby is great. Did you know that in 2024 we had growth in membership? I will be working to bring in as many new members as possible through tools that are available to our Chapters. Here are a few things that I would like you to be aware of.



Do you Know: You are the spark that keeps MAFCA as the Premier National Model A Club? That as you promote Our Model A Hobby you are the ones responsible for our continued growth. I urge you to talk about the club, give your children and friends a ride and if possible, let them drive your car. Remember, there is nothing much greater than the feeling you get when you drive a Model A...

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National Event Desk

Registration is open for this 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

JOIN US!



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 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!



[Visit National Tour 2025 Website](#)

Black Stocking Cap

Cold weather is still with us in parts of the country. Enjoy the warmth of a MAFCA Black Stocking Cap on a cold winter day. Black knit beanie / stocking cap. One size fits all.

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MAFCA Sweatshirt with Zipper and Hood

Comfortable Sweatshirt with full zipper and hood to keep you warm in your Model A!

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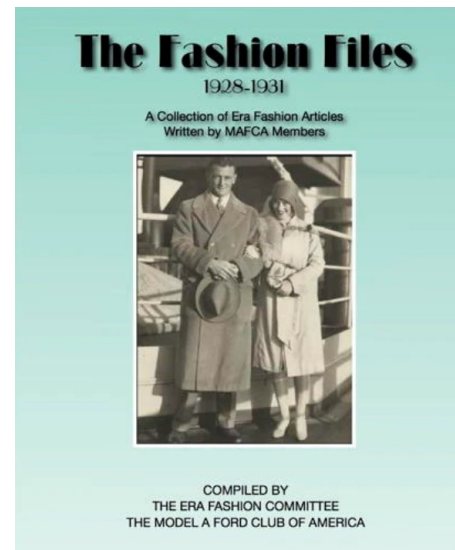
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The Fashion Files 1928-1931

Month of February 15% off, discount will apply once order is packaged. This full color book is a thoughtful collection of 118 articles on Men's, Women's, and Children's fashions from the Model A era. Originally written by MAFCA members and published in The Restorer magazine between 2000 and 2015, these articles cover a variety of topics in over 200 pages. This book will help you explore that fashions that were in vogue at the time of your car, and help you define your look. It's definitely a book you want to add to your collection!

\$25.00

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Jim Cannon's Tech Tips

Clutch Pedal Free Play

It is easy to forget to check the Clutch Pedal Clearance (or Free Play) now and then, but you really do need to check it. I press down gently on the pedal with just a couple of fingers, to judge how far down the pedal goes before you are pressing the throwout bearing against the clutch "fingers". If you do not have an inch of movement, follow the instructions by



clicking on the "Read More" button below. A little extra free play will not hurt anything.

Forgetting to keep an inch or so of clutch pedal free play can lead to premature throwout bearing failure, because the bearing is spinning all the time where the pedal is pressing it into the clutch. We don't want that. So maybe check it every time you change the oil and adjust as required.

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ERA Fashions



In The Girls Locker Room

By Perry Jones

Piney Wood Model A Ford Club

Perry's journey to becoming the first male member of the Era Fashion Committee (EFC) started during the pandemic. A bit bored with time on his hands, he began taking the six open book Fashion Judging Tests. And why not? He already had the MAFCA Fashion Guidelines. He was also participating with the EFC's Facebook group, "Model A Era Fashions – MAFCA". He soon learned that the EFC is an integral part of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). The committee oversees the rules for judging era fashions, assists MAFCA chapters and regions with their era fashion events, and conducts extensive research on the clothing styles of the time.

Read Perry's humorous yet honest and heartfelt article about his experience on the Era Fashion Committee by clicking the Read More button below.

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JSC With Tom Jeanes

Every Model A owner should have an operating horn. The horn is one of the most well-known sounds in the world. The "ah-oog-ah" sound first found on the Model T and then on the Model A has been heard on movie soundtracks for more than a century. Reproduction horns have been manufactured to copy the sound and have been installed on every make of automobile. It is the symbolic sound of a great old car, a fun car to own and drive.



There were five suppliers of the Model A horns: Sparton, Ames, Stewart-Warner, E.A. and G.I M. All horns were dipped in gloss black enamel prior to assembly. The horn screen was either flat or convex through April 1928 and thereafter convex through the end of production. The steel screw and lock washer affixing the motor cover were unpainted, blued or cadmium plated. The tone adjustment screw was blued or cadmium plated. Rim bolts and nuts were raven finished. Nuts used varied in size depending upon the manufacturer.

Remember to lubricate and adjust your horn. Whether your vehicle is beautifully restored, a daily driver or a jalopy, the sound of the horn leaves a lasting memory to everyone within listening distance.

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Restorers Class

Improving your Model A's Authenticity?

by Howard Eckstein

Over the past 90+ years, countless changes have shaped the identity of our individual Model A's. These vehicles have endured decades of wear and tear, from poor maintenance to the improvisations of shade-tree mechanics. For many years, the Model A wasn't the classic treasure we view it as today—it was a “beater” vehicle that somehow dodged the steel drives of World War II and kept rolling.



The scarcity of parts during the Great Depression and post-war era led to some strange and creative modifications. Spare parts were often cobbled together in configurations that strayed far from the vehicle's original design, turning the Model A into a symbol of mechanical ingenuity and survival.

When I got my Model A in 1965, it was still affordable for a young enthusiast like me. Many of my friends had Model A's in rough condition, just like mine, and we used them unapologetically as daily drivers. What stands out to me today is how dramatically things have changed—these once-neglected vehicles are now pampered and cherished.

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A-World Newsletter for Youth

Share the Joy!

by Sherry Winkinhofer, A-World Editor

A-World helps get kids involved in Model A cars. One of the things I get great feedback on is when I am able to feature pictures of Kids and their A's. The joy in a young person's face when interacting with their favorite cars is always evident! However, it's always a challenge to find these pictures each quarter. Many come from the MAFCA Facebook page (with proper permission requested, of course!)



but I would love more independent submissions.

I would like to encourage all club members to check out their favorite shots of kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, any and all kids, and submit a few for publishing in A-World! Kids love to see their pictures featured, just like we all do. And if there is a story, short or long, that goes along with a picture, all the better!

Here are just a few of the Model A kids that were featured in the 4th quarter A-World. Check out the whole issue at <https://mafca.com/aworld/> or by clicking on the A-World Website link below.

Kids and Their As

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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 Gilman Museum headed to Overlook. Stopped for photos and had a great time with the "New" Dodge and Plymouth. Ray Wilson



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