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Thank you for your interest in joining the tri-state's premier gathering place for Ford Model A enthusiasts — the Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club (OVRMAFC)! Proudly recognized as the largest Model A club in Ohio, we're a vibrant community dedicated to celebrating the golden age of motoring. Our mission is to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit, and enjoy the Ford Model A — those iconic vehicles from 1928 through 1931 — while keeping the fun and fellowship of the Model A era alive.

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The Leadership Lens

BY JOHN GROSSHEIM

Hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather with their model As! This is the best time of year to drive!

We've got our annual game night this month as well as our 3rd annual Vagabond's Camping Trip so please make sure to check the calendar for details!

I was happy to hear that we had great OVR representation at Model A Days! I'm always so impressed with the amazing things our club does!

As a reminder, our next meeting is the club auction and it will be at the Harrison Civic Center so we can start at 6 to allow Bob Green and his team enough time to get everyone checked in. Please make sure to bring baked goods or model A related stuff! This money goes back to our club to help support our summer outings and tour reimbursement, so we get out of it what we put into it!

Look forward to seeing you soon! Keep on motoring!



The Editor's Cut

BY JARROD WILLIAMS

Well I called it, last month I said the cool September weather usually allows me to hit 500 miles, but I ended the month with 1,000 miles of driving in one month! Driving home from Model A Days in 4.5 hours of driving rain was not ideal, but these cars are so much fun to drive, I didn't mind.

Last month we had member receipes and original articles, and we have some more this month. I can not thank Jeanette Losekamp for the German Potato Salad recipe. I am sure some club members are already stocking up their fridge with some of their own.

This month we have articles from Chris Hamlin, Angel Noe, and Bob Blankenship. Talk about stepping up, our club never ceases to amaze me. Thank you to all those that contribute, you make this newsletter and club possible.



Giddy Up World Bourbon Tour

HOSTED BY EDDIE AND MARY BOHMER



We started the day at the Cincinnati Cars and Coffee Event in Crestview Hills Mall parking lot. We were there a little too early for the crowd, but as we were leaving more cars started to show up. Everyone was excited for the weather and the tour to get started!



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Within 45 minutes of leaving we had our first issue of the day. The timing gear on Bill and Shirley Cook's car gave up the ghost. Brad Hamlin was gracious enough to stay behind as the group moved on and he installed a used timing gear that Larry Arnold had in his spare parts. This isn't the easiest roadside repair to make, but Brad is always there to help!



While they were working on the car the rest of us continued on to lunch. When we arrived at the lunch stop it was so nice to walk in to a reserved table, we didn't know that it was Gilmore Girls weekend in the town and the place was packed!



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The next stop was Buffalo Trace Distillery for a tour and bourbon tasting, and boy were we ready!



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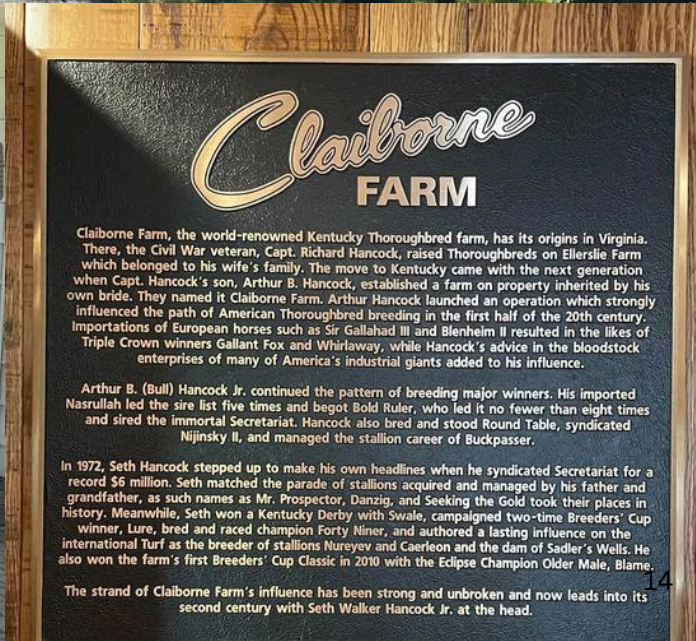
After the tour we all headed to the hotel to relax and order pizza in the lobby.



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Early the next morning we left the hotel and headed to Claiborne Farm for a walking tour of the property. The weather and scenery were stunning!



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After all our fun at the farm we started to head home, but not before we stopped off for some lunch!



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Thank you to everyone that came out and thank you again to Mary and Eddie for organizing an amazing overnight tour!

The Family Ford

Written By Bob Blankship

Back in August 1949 in Pikeville Kentucky, my dad traded his 1930 Deluxe Roadster for a 1931 Model A Ford Tudor Sedan because his wife was expecting a baby in early December of 1949 (that would be me). This would increase his family from one child to two children, a three-year-old girl and a baby boy. A Roadster just isn't a family car! This car was our main car for the next four or five years.

On December 5th, my parents brought me home from the Pikeville KY hospital in this car and in 1953, we moved from Pikeville to Bethel OH.



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In December 1965, I took my driver's test in this car and drove it a few months before parking it again. I enlisted in the US Air Force in June 1968. In 1972, my dad gave me the car while I was stationed at Lockbourne AFB (later renamed Rickenbacker AFB) OH.

I did a frame off restoration on the car between 1972 and 1973 and attended local car shows in Ohio from 1974 through 1975. I was a member of the Scioto Model A Club in Columbus. In 1975, my youngest brother John, used the car to take his date to the Prom.

I was later transferred to Langley AFB VA and drove the car to our home in Hampton VA, into a newly built garage. While in Virginia, I was a member of the Colonial Virginia Model A Ford Club. While in Virginia, I attended the 1976 MAFCA National Meet and received a Blue Ribbon. In 1979, I was transferred to Wright-Patterson AFB OH and purchased a house in Xenia. I joined and actively participated in the Dayton Buckeye Model A Club. When I was transferred to Texas in 1985 and California in 1986, my brother John kept my car until I retired in 1989.

When I moved to Morrow, I brought the car and parked it for several years until I decided to re-restore it one more time. I took the car to a local body shop to dismantle, strip the paint and repair the minor rust. My care at the body shop for nine years and the only thing they completed was dismantling and priming the car. He then returned my car in pieces.

In August 2022, I got serious about re-restoring the car for the last time. In 2024, my youngest son Tony expressed interest in the car because his friend at work received a 1928 Model A Tudor Sedan from his father's estate. My car's restoration was completed in early 2026 and we were able to attend the Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club (OVRMAFC) 60th Anniversary picnic at Oeder's Lake outside Morrow.



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On Sunday, 30 August 2026, Conrad Gerdes, a long-time member of the OVRMAFC, towed my car to Tony's house in Dumfries VA so the Family Ford story can continue. When the car was delivered, the battery needed to be replaced.



On Monday, 31 August, we replaced the 6-volt battery and took the car for a drive around the neighborhood. Tony wanted me to show him how to start the car and go for his first ride. Tony did great driving the car and is really excited to join the local Model A Ford Club.

Model A

Technical Tips / Activities / Information



Pressure Plate Adjustment

By: Tom Endy

The July\August 2009 publication of the Restorer features an excellent article by Les Andrews on how to properly adjust the six fingers on a Model A Ford clutch pressure plate. The average hobbyist should be able to adjust the clutch correctly by following Les' instructions. It is prudent to always check the finger depth of a pressure plate as many are not adjusted correctly as they arrive from your favorite supplier.

By following Les' instruction I was able to correctly adjust the clutch on two engines. However, the problem I had was that I needed more hands than I came equipped with and I had a difficult time getting close enough to read the markings on the ruler. Therefore a tool was needed. Les says to lay a flat piece of metal across the surface of the back side of the pressure plate and measure down with a scale to each clutch finger. Most documentation floating around the hobby indicates that the finger depth settings should be between $5\frac{1}{8}$ " and $3\frac{1}{4}$ ", $11\frac{1}{16}$ " being nominal. I approached a friend and fellow club member, who is an excellent machinist, and asked if he could make the needed tool. The photo below is that tool.



Looking at the photo, the horizontal piece of metal is placed across the pressure plate back surface. The vertical piece measures the distance to the clutch finger. The vertical piece has a slot cut into it. As it is shown the distance is $3\frac{1}{4}$ ". Loosen the screw and push it up to the stop in the slot and it is automatically $5\frac{1}{8}$ ". In between is $11\frac{1}{16}$ ".

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I later discovered that it would be better if the vertical was off to one side. However, as it is the tool works just fine.

During the adjustment process of the clutch on my two engines I discovered an interesting phenomenon. The first clutch would engage when the pedal was about $1\frac{1}{16}$ " off the floor. When I measured the finger depth the distance was $1\frac{1}{4}$ ". I reset the finger depth to $\frac{3}{4}$ " and it brought the engagement point into the middle of the pedal travel.

The second engine clutch would engage when the pedal was almost all the way up to the stop. I found the measurement of the finger depth in this clutch to be at $1\frac{1}{2}$ ". I reset them to $\frac{3}{4}$ " and it brought the engagement point into the middle of the pedal travel.

My conclusion is that setting the fingers at between $\frac{5}{8}$ " and $\frac{3}{4}$ " will bring the engagement point into the middle of the pedal travel. The $\frac{5}{8}$ " setting will bring it closer to the all the way up to the stop of the pedal. The $\frac{3}{4}$ " will bring the engagement point closer to the floor. It would seem that $1\frac{1}{16}$ " is the nominal.

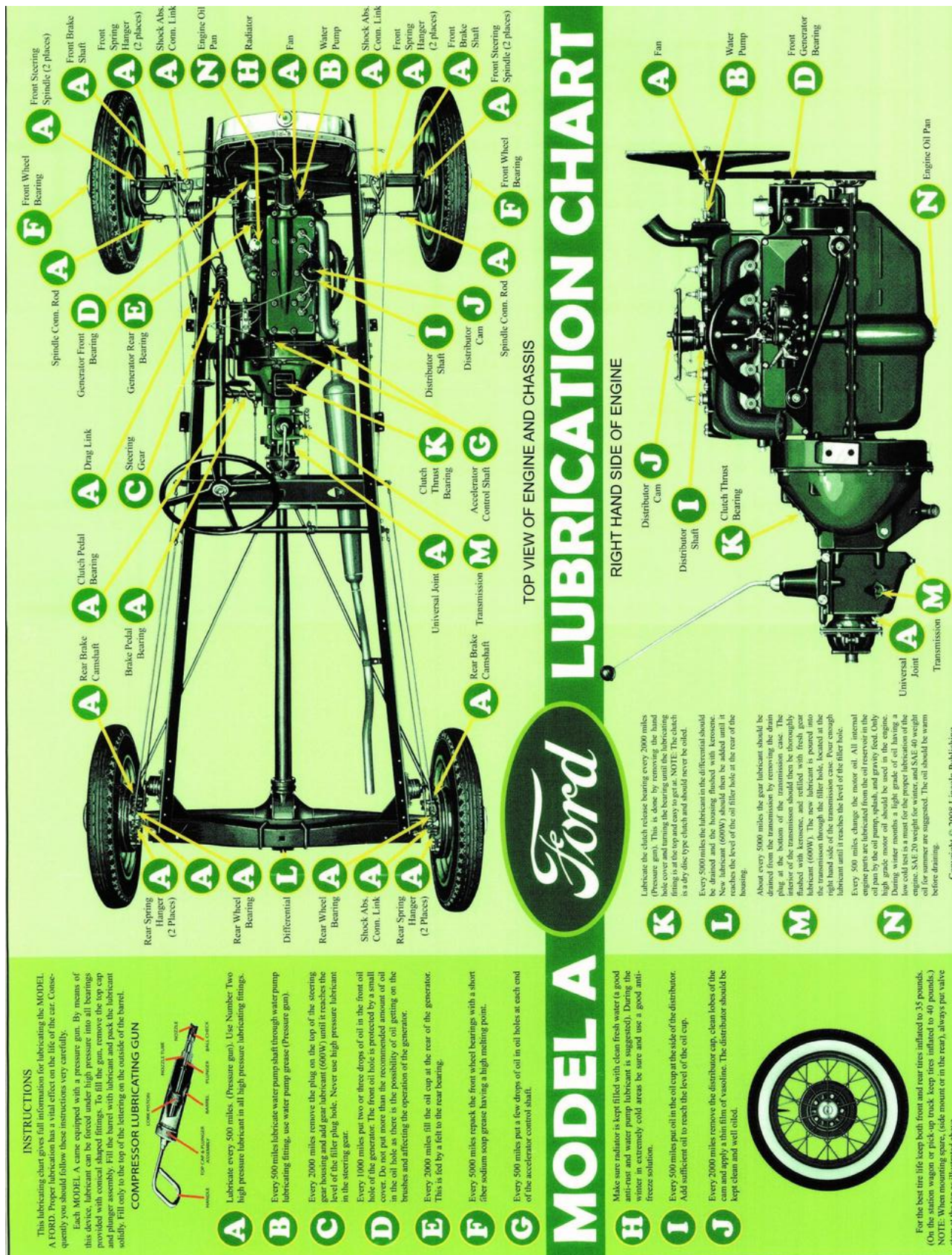
It is also important that all six fingers be adjusted exactly even. The tool makes it easy to do that. Les recommends that after the adjustments are made that you place the flat side of a rear wheel bearing on the fingers and see if there is any wobble. I did this and it works well. Of course the engine has to be sitting vertical in an engine stand to do that.

It should be understood that the adjustment procedure and the measurement values are for a fully assembled clutch. The clutch disk and pressure plate must be attached to the flywheel. This will place the six fingers in position to engage the throw out bearing, and that is when the depth should be between $\frac{5}{8}$ " and $\frac{3}{4}$ ". It also makes it much easier if the engine is out of the car or at least the transmission and bell housing have been removed if the engine is still in the car.

My thanks to Les Andrews for his excellent article and my thanks to Red Sickman for producing such a fine tool.

Technical Tips / Activities / Information

Spring Maintenance Lubrication Chart



NATIONAL MODEL A NEWS

MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB



The MARC Story

The Model "A" Restorers Club - MARC, founded in 1952, holds as its aims the encouragement of members to acquire, restore, preserve, exhibit and make use of the Model "A" Ford. And most importantly, to enjoy the fellowship of other Model "A" Ford owners around the world.

In our efforts to accomplish these goals we strive to provide information and benefits to all of our club members. Some of these benefits include the following:

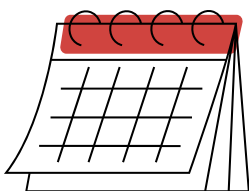
An Award winning magazine "The Model A News" which provides information both technical and social.

National Meets that include seminars and learning opportunities' for all Model A club members.

Technical support of different types including a Question and Answer forum on this website. A Technical Manager who will provide answers to all questions. Classifieds to buy or sell cars and parts

Listing of suppliers and vendors for support in your restoration. Local Region Members who when asked help in any way they can. And many more than can be listed here.

MARC Events



MARC Store



Join MARC



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

The *Running* Board Report

Tom Hovetter, President

John Prohaska, Director of Regions

October 2026

Model A Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards, Rev 5 have been shipped from the printer and are now available for purchase!! Developed over five years by the Judging Standards Committees, this 590-page volume features expert-verified details, extensive color images, and authoritative research drawn directly from the Ford Archive. With a new and improved binder, the pages are easier to access and use. Please order online to pay by credit card or PayPal at www.modelarestorersclub.org or call 734-427-9050.

Another National Tour in May and Meet in July are complete. Your board would like to encourage your local Region to host a national meet or tour in the coming years. This is not something you have to have experience doing, your board is willing to help you with guidance and experience. Remember you can team up with another Region to co-host as was the most recent National Meet in French Lick, IN.

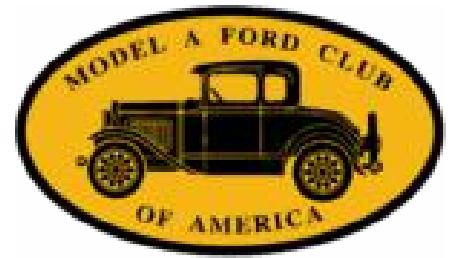
Remember to renew your membership before expiration. You can renew online, by mail or by calling the office to continue receiving the Model A News (MAN) and access to the website and all the industry leading technical resources it provides.

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- \$50/year for hardcopy & electronic MAN and full member benefits.

Can you believe that Fall Months are upon us. As we plan for the Holidays and the coming year, make sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming National Tour in Galena, IL, May 17-20 and National Meet in Tulsa, OK, July 11-16. Both destinations will be a first for hosting our club and the hosts are planning a great time for all! More details will be coming in the Model A News in coming issues.

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MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA



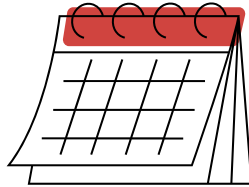
The MAFCA Story

The club traces its origins to October 1955, when a small group of Model A Ford enthusiasts from the Los Angeles area came together to form a social club for Model A owners in Southern California. Initially named the Model A Restorers Club of Southern California, its activities were focused on the Los Angeles region. On September 23, 1957, the club was officially founded as the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) in Glendale, California, and was incorporated on October 21, 1957.

The launch of its publication, *The Restorer*, in May 1956 helped the club gain nationwide recognition. As the magazine grew in popularity, the club expanded beyond Southern California and took on a national presence. In 1957, it was reorganized and renamed, allowing other Model A clubs to join as affiliated chapters. Since then, MAFCA has chartered over 250 chapters across the United States and internationally.

Today, the MAFCA is the world's largest car club dedicated to a single automobile make. As a nonprofit organization, MAFCA is committed to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford. Membership is open to anyone with a genuine interest in these objectives and who meets the qualifications outlined in the club's By-Laws.

MAFCA Events



MAFCA Store



Join MAFCA



MAFCA News

Did you make it to Pendleton for the 2026 MAFCA Convention? If not, you missed a wonderful event. Jack Remillard and his team hosted an excellent convention, with something for everyone to enjoy. The next issue of *The Restorer* magazine will include a full report, but I can share that the Rough Rider Tour was the one participants were especially enthusiastic about. Videos of this tour have been posted on various Model A social media sites and provide a great sense of what the tour was all about.

My congratulations also go out to everyone who participated in the Vehicle and Fashion judging. The time spent preparing for these events can be stressful, but the results are a real pleasure for those of us who get to admire your hard work. Being recognized at the banquet is a well-earned culmination of that effort.

Meanwhile, back home, Model A touring is in full swing. Many of us participated in local hometown July 4th parades, and at our parade we noticed a much larger turnout of spectators, which we attributed to the 250th anniversary of the county's founding. Everyone was out celebrating.

You will soon receive your membership renewal information, along with ballots for the candidates running for the MAFCA Board of Directors. Please take the time to read each candidate's biography, make your selections, and return your ballot and membership renewal as soon as possible.

There is still plenty of touring time left for the Model A's, so keep those wheels rolling.

– Doug Linden

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MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION, INC.



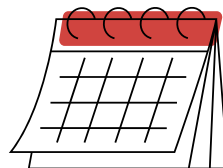
The MAFFI Story

The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) began in December 1986 when Model A Ford Club of America Board Members formed the organization to preserve the history of Model A cars and related artifacts. Approved as a California organization in February 1987 and a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) in June 1987, the foundation's activities focus on research, archiving, and operating The Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum in Michigan, which opened in May 2013.

Every year, the third Saturday and Sunday of September, the museum hosts the renowned "Model A Days" event. This is a two day event held at the only museum dedicated to the Model A in the United States. Join in the swap meet, Hall of Fame induction ceremony, car show, tech seminars, and the famous "first-start" of a barn find are just some of the things you can do.

In 2025, the museum proudly finished a massive \$1.2M expansion that doubled the size of the museum and included a "learning" garage area where tech seminars will be held. Future generations will be able to enjoy the history and fun of the Model A for years to come.

2026 Model A Days



MAFFI Store



Join MAFFI



MAFFI News



MAFFI Minute October 2026

Thank You for Another Great Model A Days

Thank you to everyone who joined us for **Model A Days 2026**! While Saturday brought some less-than-cooperative weather, Friday gave us a beautiful day and a wonderful turnout. It was a treat to see the museum campus filled with Model As and so many new and familiar faces.

This year's celebration of the **Model A Speedster** brought an impressive lineup of Speedsters to the museum, giving visitors a chance to see these unique pieces of Model A history up close. Our special "**tribute**" cars were also a hit with the young — and young at heart! — and made for some memorable photo opportunities throughout the weekend.

Thank you to everyone who brought a car, attended the event, volunteered, or otherwise helped make another Model A Days a success

Relive Model A Days 2026

Want another look at this year's event? **Paul Shinn captured Model A Days 2026 in a video recap on YouTube!**

Scan the QR code to watch, or search for **Paul Shinn Model A Days Event** on YouTube. In electronic editions, click [here](#) to watch the video.



The MAFFI Sweepstakes Is Still Underway

YOUTH AND SCHOLARSHIP

MODEL A YOUTH RESTORATION AWARD



The MAYRA Story

When MAYRA began in 1994, one requirement was that the youth, his or her parents, or grandparents had to be members of MAFCA. The award would be made biennially at an MAFCA National Convention. The Dallas Model A Ford Club stepped up to the plate and donated \$500 for the first award. The Dallas club has continued with its support for every future award.

Over the years, as the program became widely known, more and more youth applied. The program was later endorsed by the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) and youth associated were able to participate. Today, recipients are announced jointly at the MAFCA and MARC summer national conventions. The early awards were cash payments, but when the program became exempt under IRS Section 501 (C) 3, the awards became gift certificates purchased from Model A parts and services vendors. Prior to 2024, awards were made biennially. Awards are made annually.

Every eligible applicant receives an award equal to that of the other applicants. However, the award amount could be less based on an applicant's needs. The award amounts are established by the Board of Directors and have varied over the years based on donations. In recent years, the award amounts ranged from \$1,300 to \$3,000. MAYRA's program is set up so that a recipient can apply for additional awards as long as they are less than age 22 by May 31 of the year when the awards are made.

MAYRA's program relies on local Model A clubs to seek out and identify youth interested in the Model A hobby. It is generally through these contacts that youth become aware of the program. Additionally, the websites and publications of both national Model A Clubs have information on the program and links through Google search and Facebook.

In an effort to expose as many kids as possible to the Model A Ford, both around the country and abroad, in 2022, MAYRA initiated "May is Model A Youth Month." With the support of both national Model A organizations – MARC and MAFCA – we declared May 2022 as the inaugural Model A Youth Month. Each Model A Club is asked to do an event that provides Model A's hands-on contact with children and teens but encourages moms and dads to attend, too.

We have a good and fair relationship with Model A parts and services vendors whose donations are in the form of gift certificates. When a vendor donates, MAYRA makes an equal purchase of gift certificates. A large number of additional gift certificates are purchased from those vendors based on their donation's percentage of all the vendor donations.

Donations



Applications



Requirements



Cyrus Comes Home to History

Celebrating America's 250th at the Historic Freiberg and Workum Distillery

Written By Chris Hamlin

I had the honor of ‘volunteering’ on our county’s America 250 committee earlier this year. Highland County celebrated America’s 250th on July 17-18, 2026. We had a wonderful team of volunteers, spent a lot of hours raising funds, and we set up events to cover the entire county. The County’s 250 event kick off was the planting of one tree for each of the 17 townships, and one tree for the County. The next event was a sold-out theatrical reenactment of the trial of Philip Partridge court trial ‘Fire in the Night Season’. Each of the villages of Highland County (Lynchburg, Leesburg, Greenfield) had historical sites open and events suited for all interests.

Brad and I really enjoyed having “Cyrus”, our ’31 Ford at the last standing building of the Freiberg and Workum distillery that operated in Lynchburg from 1855 until Prohibition ceased production. We named the truck after Cyrus Noble, who was a long-term Superintendent of the distillery. According to newspaper articles, Cyrus fell into a vat of whiskey, they promptly named that batch after him. Cyrus Noble and his family lived 6 houses down the street from our house, and is buried in the cemetery beside our house.



The Freiberg and Workum Distillery became the largest bonded warehouse east of the Mississippi when the government consolidated whiskey from numerous distilleries into the Lynchburg facility. The Lynchburg Historical Society had many artifacts from the distillery on display, and we had a lot of visitors and shared information about the distillery. Lynchburg also had our Historical Society museum open for the 250th event as well as showcasing our newly renovated covered bridge and new walking path.

Cyrus Comes Home to History

Celebrating America's 250th at the Historic Freiberg and Workum Distillery

Written By Chris Hamlin

The two-day event closed in Hillsboro with a wonderful concert by American Musical Productions, recreating the exact song list that was played by the Hillsboro Military Band on the Courthouse lawn in 1910. The band members were dressed in period-correct wool uniforms, and played period instruments.

It was a tremendous event, on a very hot summer day! It wasn't a road trip. No funny breakdown stories to share. We brought smiles to all the kids who honked the horn. Brad had fun talking about all the mechanical questions while we had fun sharing Cyrus with everyone.





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Who Brought the Lemon Meringue Pie?

Written by Angel Noe



Our Model A Club has always loved our food. We make food an important part of every tour. We ate at Mrs. Wick's Restaurant which is famous for her pies. We have visited numerous breweries; one of my favorites was Mt. Carmel Brewing Company. Homemade baked goods always bring in the most money at our annual auction in November. During the summer meetings everyone brings a dish and the host brings the main entrée. It gives us time to laugh and talk and get to know everyone. So, it is not surprising that I knew Lois Gault's lemon meringue pie before I knew her. Friends kept asking, "Have you tried that lemon meringue pie yet?" I had not. They said Lois Gault made it. Lois Gault who is she? I finally had a piece of that famous pie and agreed that is the best lemon meringue pie. Maybe someday she will give us the recipe!

Thomas Gault joined the club before Lois. We knew Tom as the guy who had the fabulous car show winners. Lois tells me that Tom's car, Chief, holds a special place in his heart. Tom was a former volunteer firefighter. He took his 1931 Hershey delivery car to a car show in Hershey, Pennsylvania and won first place. He returned from Hershey and decided to convert the truck, Hershey, into a pseudo firetruck in honor of Fallen Firefighters ... thus the name Chief. Our club is honored to have so many first responders.



Tom and Lois have known each other for about 35 years through the Masonic Fraternity where they attended many events with their spouses and were very good friends. As life goes, they both lost their spouses. But the Model A cars brought Tom and Lois together. Tom made the first move. He invited Lois to a vintage car show, and her love for old cars was reignited.

Who Brought the Lemon Meringue Pie?

Written by Angel Noe



Her father and grandfather taught her everything about how special these cars run. She remembers how her father taught her to put wood blocks behind the wheels and having to jump start the car while rolling down a hill. They were good memories for her. So, they were destined to be together. When Lois arrived at the car show, she was disappointed that she did not get to see Hershey the delivery truck because Chief was there instead. She says, “and there were no Hershey Kisses...how disappointing.” Instead of Hershey kisses she got dinner instead, and the rest is history.

At one point they had a total of six Model As. Besides Tom’s Chief, Lois has a 1931 Cabriolet 68B and a 4-door slant window sedan. The previous owners of her Cabriolet named her Rose because “she came from Texas and although she is not a yellow rose of Texas the name was quite fitting, and I decided to keep it.” Her 4-door slant window was nameless. She decided that “since her color is Washington Blue, Martha seemed like the right choice.”



So Chief, Martha and Rose along with Lois and Tom have attended many tours. Lois says a special honor was being able to take part in the Fourth of July Parade celebrating 250 years of the USA. They very much enjoyed going to French Lick and are looking forward to more events that they and all of us find so rewarding. They are both delightful, and we are happy to have them in the club. A fun fact about Lois is that she is also a minister, and a few weeks ago she officiated the marriage of her grandson. How special is that!

I asked Lois if she and Tom had any regrets about owning Model As. I know from experience they can drain a budget pretty quickly. She said, “not a chance.” They respect the cars for being 95 years plus and hope they are both running around when they are 95. Something tells me they will be.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OVRMAFC monthly meetings are the 4th Wednesday of every month.

October 17-18, 2026

3rd Annual Vagabonds Camping Trip

When: October 17, 2026 (overnight into October 18, 2026)

Where: Oeders Lake (1361 US-22, Morrow, OH 45152 in the back at the shelter area)

Time: You can get there as early as 11am with dinner starting around 5:00pm

Join us for an overnight camping trip inspired by the famous Vagabond adventures of Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Thomas Edison, and John Burroughs! This year, we're doing things a little differently. There will be no organized tour or event before the campout. Instead, just like the original Vagabonds, we're opening camp early and there are no planned activities (except dinner).

Camp opens at 11:00 AM, so come out whenever you'd like, set up your tent, pull up a chair, and spend the day visiting with fellow club members. We will not have lunch, so stop on the way or bring your own to cook over the fire. There may be a little axe chopping or a few friendly competitions like Henry Ford enjoyed on the original Vagabond trips, but otherwise the plan is simple: slow down, relax, and enjoy a day around camp with friends and Model A's.

Camp Dinner

For dinner, we're trying something new: Vagabond Crock-Pot Chili Night! We need some people to make chili, some sides, some desserts, and some bring paper products. Make your chili however you like: mild, spicy, traditional, unusual, or an old family recipe. We may even have a Camp Favorite award before the evening is over! Alcohol is permitted at the campsite. Please use the SignUpGenius link below to choose what you would like to bring. The signup covers the basics we need for the group, but you are welcome to bring anything additional for yourself or to share around camp.

Sign up here: 2026 OVRMAFC Vagabonds Camping Food Sign Up

Camping, Vagabond Style

In keeping with the spirit of Ford, Firestone, Edison, and Burroughs, this is tent camping only. No campers or travel trailers. At a minimum, plan to bring a tent, sleeping pad or mattress, sleeping bag or blankets, camp chair, flashlight or headlamp, and clothing appropriate for the weather. Bring any other camping gear that will make your night more comfortable. Fishing is also welcome, but Mr. Oeder has asked that no minnows be used for bait. If a couple people would like to stop on the way and pick up a bundle of firewood, that would be much appreciated.

There's no itinerary and nowhere we need to rush off to. Bring your Model A, pitch a tent, sit around the fire, eat some chili, and enjoy an evening of fellowship much like the Vagabonds did more than a century ago.

Sunday morning we tentatively plan to pack up camp around 9:30-10am and go to Bob Evans in Lebanon, you are welcome to join us there as well.

We hope you'll join us for a simple, old-fashioned Model A adventure!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OVRMAFC monthly meetings are the 4th Wednesday of every month.

October 24, 2026 - 6pm

OVRMAFC 2nd Annual Fundraising Game Night

Join us for our club's second fundraising game night from 6pm - 9:30pm.

Please come join in the games, food, prizes, and lots of fun with friends at the Bell Tower Arts Pavilion. Split the pot, raffle baskets, snacks, hors d'oeuvres, and sweets will be provided. Everyone, please bring your favorite drinks to the party. Cost is \$15.00 per person which will include door prize, raffle, and split the pot tickets.

3270 Glendale Milford Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45241

October 28, 2026 - 7:30pm

OVRMAFC October Business Meeting

Join us at our "new" home, the Evendale Cultural Arts Center. Please do not try to enter the building before 7:15pm. There is a dance class going on and we cannot get into the building before that time. We anticipate starting the business meeting at 7:30 PM.

We currently think the elevator and parking lot will be in working order.

10428 Reading Rd, Sharonville, OH 45241

November 18, 2026 - 6:30pm

OVRMAFC November Business Meeting and Club Auction

Held a week early due to Thanksgiving.

The November meeting will be the annual club auction. Items to be auctioned should have a value of at least \$5 and can include Model A parts, accessories, Era Fashion items, baked goods, etc. Please arrive no later than 6:30 p.m. to sign in your donations and obtain your bid numbers.

The business meeting will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and the auction will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Harrison Civic Center

9940 New Haven Road

Harrison, OH 45030

December 6, 2026 - 5:00pm

OVRMAFC Christmas Party

We will be having the party at the Pebble Creek Event Center this year, located at 9799 Prechtel Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45252 from 4:30pm to 8:30pm, with dinner to be served at 5:30pm. Plan on having a great time recapping our year, and enjoying food and friendship. Cost and more details to come.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OVRMAFC monthly meetings are the 4th Wednesday of every month.

December 11-12, 2026

MAFCA National Awards Banquet - Hosted by OVRMAFC

Make plans to come to Cincinnati, Ohio for this year's National Awards Banquet! Date: Dec 11&12. Hosted by the Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club. The hotel is the Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, room rate is \$139+. See Mike Whitton or John Grossheim for more information.

December 19, 2026 - 9:15am

OVRMAFC at Wreaths ACROSS America

Please join us again this year with the Wreaths Across America organization in honoring those that have given their life for us. In this national event, you will be placing provided wreaths at the head stones of fallen soldiers at Spring Grove Cemetery.

People will be gathering for breakfast as early as 9:15.am.

Marx Bagels 9701 Kenwood Road Blue Ash, OH 45242.

We will be leaving at 10:15am

Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 23, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director, who also led a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The roll call was led by Jarrod Williams, Vice Director. There were 68 members present. One Model A was driven.

SPLIT THE POT:

Bob Green was awarded \$69.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS:

Both reports were approved as printed in the September 2026 newsletter.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

September birthdays celebrated were: Deb Arnold, Jeanette Losekamp, Pam Mohr and Bob Noe. September anniversaries noted were: Bob and Cindy Green (30 years) and Tom and Lois Gault (1 year). Congratulations to Jimmy Ekstedt and Hannah Potter who will be married on Saturday, October 3, 2026.

CAR CARE:

Bob Noe and Eddie Bohmer reported work on their Model A's.

FASHION COMMITTEE:

Deb Arnold reported that the 2027 MARC Membership Meet will be held in Galena, IL The Fashion Committee seminar will feature an era jewelry road show. The 2027 MARC National Meet will be held in Tulsa, OK. There will be no fashion judging at this event.

MARC MILEAGE PROGRAM:

Mike Wilcher reviewed the program and invited members to join at this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

Jarrold Williams reported 99 paid memberships for a total of 169 people. Those interested in joining can do so at ovrmafc.com/join.

NEWSLETTER:

Jarrold Williams thanked Angel Noe for her recent article and recipe. All entries must be received by Jarrold Williams by the 3rd of each month.

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RECENT EVENTS:

Mike Witten reported on his recent attendance at the Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village. Mike Wilcher, Stu Long and the Bohmers reported on their recent trip to Model A Days in Hickory Corners, MI..

Congratulations to Jim Thomas who was recently inducted into the Model A Museum Hall of Fame.

Congratulations also to John Grosshiem who was recognized for his service as a Trustee to MAFFI for 2024-2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mary and Eddie Bohmer will lead the upcoming Giddyup World Bourbon Tour on Saturday/Sunday, September 26/27, 2026.

Anyone interested in participating in Model A Day at the VA should contact Bob Grant at 513-509-0064.

The annual OVR camp out will be held overnight on October 17-18, 2026 at Oeders Lake. A chili cook-off is a possibility. Clinton will be bringing his 1916 electric car.

On Saturday, October 24, Pam Mohr will host the second annual Game Night from 6:00-9:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Bell Tower Arts Pavilion, 10500 Reading Road, Evendale, OH. Cost is \$15 per person.

The annual OVR auction will be held immediately following the monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2026. The event will be held at the Harrison Civic Center, 9940 New Haven Road, Harrison, OH. Donations can be signed in beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please note that this event is scheduled one week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Members are invited to attend the annual Wreaths Across America event at the SpringGrove Cemetary on Saturday, December 19, 2026.

OVR will host the MAFCA National Awards banquet at the Netherland Plaza hotel December 12/13. Volunteers should contact Deb Arnold for assignments.

The annual OVR Holiday party will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2026 at the Pebblecreek Event Center. More details will follow.

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The annual OVR bowling party will be held in January 2027, hosted by Andy Blomer.

Deb and Larry Arnold will again host the overnight Polar Bear tour in March 2027.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by John Grossheim, Director.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at the Evendale Cultural ArtsCenter, 10428, Reading Road, Sharonville,OH.

SUBMITTED BY:

Phyllis Pease, Secretary.



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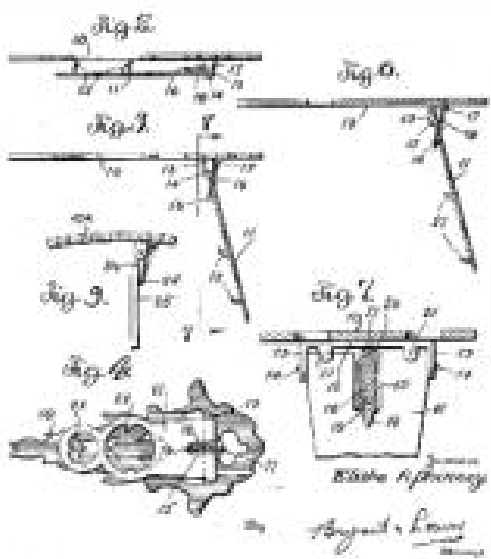
By Sherry Winkinhofer, Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club

“When a woman can’t afford a new dress, she buys new costume jewelry to brighten up her old ones.” I found this quote in a 1930 article discussing fashion. To me, it highlights the austerity of many of the working-class women of the Model A years. While a working woman could not afford to buy a new dress frequently, she could be a master at changing her looks with accessories. Dress clips were a new fashion embellishment that could be purchased inexpensively to bring new life to last season’s wardrobe.

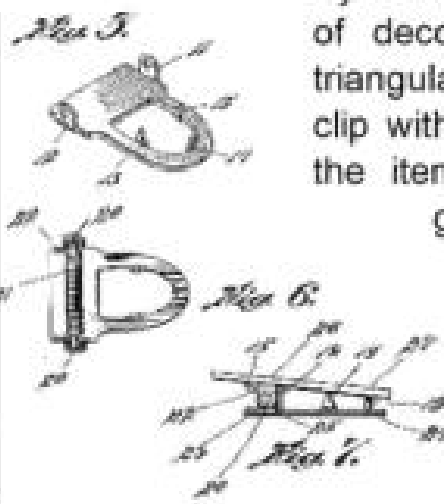


A "whitestone" dress clip from the Chas. L. Trout 1931 catalog

Dress clips, also known as clip-pins or pin clips, appeared in the late 1920s as the concept of costume jewelry was just becoming fashionable. Before the twenties, only the rich had access to “real” jewelry, with gemstones and precious metals. But due to new manufacturing methods and the social and economic factors following WWI, costume jewelry entered the market and grew trendy quickly among the public.



By definition, a dress clip is a piece of decorative jewelry that has a triangular or elongated spring back clip with spikes. The spikes secure the item to the underside of the garment. The pictures below are from 1931 patents showing clip mechanisms.



The wealthy appear to have embraced the concept of dress clips first. The earliest pieces I have found are from Louis Cartier. He also patented a design for a double dress clip/brooch in 1927, although I do not believe it was put into production until after Model A days.



A Diamond Clip Brooch set by Cartier circa 1928.



A Cartier Clip Brooch, with sapphires, rubies, emeralds, and diamonds. Circa 1928.



Diamond Clip Brooch, Cartier, London, 1929



Cartier Diamond, Ruby, Sapphire and Emerald dress clip, circa 1930.

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CLIP ON SOME ELEGANCE

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The only examples of dress clips in costume jewelry I have found are from 1931. Perhaps it took a while for the style to reach down to the working class. Dress Clips were made from many materials, but rhinestones and crystals were a stylish option, with some type of pot metal, or perhaps silver as a base.



Beilas Hess Catalog
Spring/Summer
1931



Montgomery Ward & Co. Spring/Summer 1931



Sears, Roebuck &
Co. Spring/Summer
1931

Cloisonné or Enamel could also be found in novelty clips. These have a non-tarnishing chrome finish.



Cloisonné dress
clips from the
Chas. L. Trout
1931 catalog



EC506—Clip ornament in
modernistic design,
French enamel with egg
shell effect, non-tar-
nishing chrome finish.
\$1.50 ea.

Dress clips were often worn as a pair.



Sears, Roebucks, and Co. Fall/Winter
Catalog 1931-32. "Any Two for 65¢."



A pair of Cartier diamond clips,
circa 1930

Costume



Wear two of these ex-
quisite Clasp-Ons says
fashionable Paris. One
perched on the hat, the twin
gracing the frock. White
metal with sparkling imi-
tation diamonds. Clasp them
anywhere. Postpaid.
14K608A Price, 79c
each.

Montgomery Ward & Co.
Spring/Summer 1931
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The prevalence of dress clips was helped by their visibility on Hollywood stars. In the 1920s, going to the moving pictures was a favorite leisure activity in the United States. Seeing all those sparkling items on the screen or in the movie magazines and then being able to go to Sears and buy a similar one for 35 cents helped dress clips surge in popularity.



Carole Lombard on the cover of the "Motion Picture Magazine", November 1931.



Another publicity shot of Carole Lombard from 1929. Note the dress clips on the wrap-around collar.



Claudette Colbert wearing dress clips on her straps. From "The New Movie Magazine", July 1931



Carole Lombard wearing a dress clip as a hat ornament, 1931.

Dress clips could be worn in many ways. While they looked wonderful on the neckline, especially on a square collar, they were also at home on a lapel, a shoulder strap, or even as a hat ornament.

The widespread wearing of dress clips lasted into the late '50s, and as such, they are still an easy item to find in antique stores, or online sites such as eBay, and Etsy. Be aware that they are often misidentified as shoe clips, but dress clips usually have a much larger clip, with more aggressive spikes to secure them. Look for classic art deco designs, and you will have a nice accessory for your Model A wardrobe.



Several antiquing and eBay finds from my collection.

OHIO VALLEY REGION MODEL A FORD CLUB

MEMEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**We would like to wish everyone with a birthday
in October Happy Birthday!**



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JAMEY FOCKE
LOUIS GAULT
DOTTIE GERDES
WALLACE HUFF

SARAH KLEIN
TOM LOSEKAMP
DENISE OEHLSCHLAEGE
BILL SULFSTED
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Formed in 1966 by seven employees of the Sharonville Ford Plant in Cincinnati Ohio, the Ohio Valley Region Model "A" Ford Club has grown to over 100 members, making us the largest Model A club in Ohio.

The Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club is where vintage charm meets good old-fashioned fun! Our members share a love for the classic Ford Model A — those timeless beauties from 1928 through 1931 that still make heads turn (and horns go "AAAAOOGAH!"). Whether we're restoring, cruising, or just talking shop, we keep the spirit of the Model A era alive and rolling. Each month, our award-winning newsletter The AAAA OOGAH hits inboxes on the 10th, packed with fascinating fashion features, helpful tech tips, and all the details about our upcoming tours and events. And don't miss our monthly business meetings on the fourth Wednesday at 7:00 PM — where the engines may be vintage, but the laughs and friendships are brand new every time!

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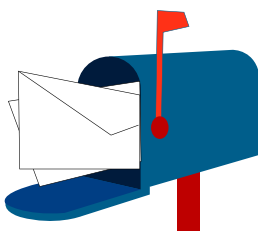
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