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#### Anniversaries

Charles & Karen Goodwin	01/10
Harley & Fran Wahl	01/24

#### Monthly Meeting January 6, 2025

American Legion, 2607 NW State Route 92 Smithville, MO 64089 The Legion provides a dinner menu at a special price one hour prior to the 7:00 PM meeting.

#### **Board Meeting**

## January 16th

The 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM, Woodneath Library Center 8900 NE Flintlock Rd, Kansas City, MO 64157 Visitors welcome

<u>Technical Meeting & Breakfast Club-KC</u> Big Biscuit in Liberty Please join us every Wednesday 6:30 am to "whenever" at the Liberty Corner Shopping Center, at 840 Hwy 291 (816-429-5314)

> <u>Technical Meeting & Breakfast Club-St Joe</u> Every Monday 7:00-10:00 AM Hy-Vee 201 North Belt Highway, St. Joseph

> > Ice Cream & Socializing Every Saturday evening 6:00 PM Big Burger, 4700 NE Vivion Rd Kansas City, Mo. 64119

#### **President's Comments:**

Another year is behind us and what a great year it was! One of the highlights for me was our club tour to Whiteman AFB and getting to touch a B2 bomber and have the support crew discuss what they could that was "unclassified". My disappointment was missing the National Tour to Ruidoso, NM which was cancelled due to wildfires.

Chili is not only our new vice-president but will also spearhead our club tours. Thanks for wearing two hats this year! I'm sure we will have quite a schedule of things to do when spring rolls around as there are several currently in the works. If you hear of something or have a place you'd like to share with the club, please let either of us know so we can add these to our calendar.

Now that the holidays are over, it's time to start on those repairs you've been putting off! Get those parts ordered, turn up the heat, and get to work. Spring will be here before we know it and you won't want to miss out on our shakedown cruise.

Our first club meeting of the year will be January 6. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Chuck Haber, President

"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves."

## Editor's Comments:

If my math is correct, this will be the first newsletter of my eighteenth year of being the editor of the Road Runner. Wow! I had no idea when I took on this position that I would be still be doing it this long! That means I've also been on the Board of Directors for 18 years. Oh my. But maybe that's why I was able to be convinced to run for another Board of Directors at a different level.

I feel like the Model A community has given me a lot of immeasurable benefits to my life over the years. I've had so much support over the years in keeping the Old Lady on the Road and staying involved with Model A's since losing Wink. Doing this newsletter has been a way to do my share to reciprocate.

I'm hoping I can continue to give back to the Model A community via my new position at the national level, but I want to assure you that this club continues to be a top priority in my Model A journey! I'm proud to continue to serve as editor and to serve with the new Board of 2025!

Happy A'ing!

Sherry Wink, Editor



# NORTHWEST MO. MODEL A FORD CLUB MEETING American Legion Hall Smithville, Missouri No Minutes for December 2024

## **MAFFI Minute**

Here's wishing you a wonderful holiday season and please share the messages below with your clubs and Model A friends:

The Model A Museum will be closed from January 1 through 26, 2025 for expansion demolition and the Gilmore's renovations. The first half of the month, the wall between the current Model A museum and the expansion is coming down so exhibits and vehicles have to be moved. The 2nd half of the month, the Gilmore grounds will be closed because Gilmore is redoing flooring. Everything should be back open beginning January 27, 2025.

This month I'm sharing the President of the Model A Ford Foundation's message:

Dear Model "A" Owners and Hobbyists,

Thank you for your continued support of The Model A Ford Foundation Museum, located on the grounds of The Gilmore Car Museum. Through your membership and donations, we have been able to establish a world class museum exhibiting displays of vehicles, era fashions and memorabilia associated with the Ford Model A.

The Model A Ford Foundation is in the process of expanding our museum another 8,400 square feet. This expansion will allow several more vignettes, a Learning Center Garage, and restrooms to be added for your enjoyment. The Foundation's income primarily comes from annual membership dues, the selling of museum items such as bricks, proceeds from our annual Model "A" Days and from club and individual donations. We ask that you consider giving an additional gift to help us support The Museum. Your gifts allow us to continue supporting our hobby with one of the best museums anywhere in the world.

All of us associated with the Model A Ford Foundation wish you and yours well this Holiday Season. Thank you again for your generous donations.

Best Regards,

John Begg, President

Happy Holidays,

Cindy Ellenbecker MAFFI Trustee, Secretary





"Departure places and times for events will be published on the Website and Newsletter the month prior to the event".

MAFCA 2025 National Tour of the American Civil War. – Waynesboro, Virginia June 15, 2025 - June 22, 2025 Chairs: Lana and Todd Vetter <u>lana.vetter84@gmail.com</u> (605)610-5350 <u>vettertodd84@gmail.com</u> (605)310-7251 For more info—https://mafca.com/event/2025-national-tour MARC 2025 Gettysburg National Meet June 16, 2025 - June 20, 2025 Gettysburg Pennsylvania Contact: Tom Hovetter (717) 491-5494 tjkhovetter@gmail.com

If you are planning on joining in on any of the tours or activities, please sign-up and include your phone number, or you can contact Chili Canida at (816) 415-4948 (home phone) That way if an event has to be canceled, or has a location or schedule change, he will do his best to make sure you are notified!







## MAFCA National Awards Banquet Salt Lake City, Utah

Reported by Sherry Winkinhofer

The National Awards Banquet is where the new MAFCA Board members are installed for the upcoming year. This year, I was one of those stepping into one of the vacant positions. As you have probably heard, I had been asked to run for the Board and due to lack of enough applicants, the open positions on the 2025-26 MAFCA Board were appointed without the need for an election.

I have to admit it's a little nerve wracking to have taken on this new position, and I hope I can bring enough value to the job to justify everyone's confidence in me. But that aside, it was a great event to attend.

Billed as a mini-convention, the activity lived up to the name! From the welcome party featuring music and dance from the Philippines, to the workshops and seminars, to the bus tours, there was something to do every hour!

I was honored to have been asked to teach a workshop on Thursday. My make-and-take session on making era image jabot pins was well attended, with a lot of positive feedback the rest of the week. Sandy Wilson from Denver had a concurrent workshop on making era image hats in the same room, and we both were busy the whole time allotted to us.

Later, I sat in on the last Board meeting of 2024, and then joined a short meeting of just the 2025 Board members to sort out the positions for the upcoming year. It looks like it will be a great year, with some good people on the Board. It is a nice balance of experienced members to balance us newbies, and I already know there will be plenty of support and encouragement as I learn the ropes. Wish me luck!

**Cares & Concerns** 

Our Sunshine/Concerns Lady is Julie Parnell. If you know of anyone that could use a call or a card, please let her know at (816) 891-1083 or send her an email at julieantique@yahoo.com

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# Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club Membership Application

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## **Annual Christmas Party**

The Christmas party, held on December 7th at Kozak's restaurant in Smithville, was a great success. The food, as usual, was sublime, and all the members attending enjoyed the visiting as much as the food!

A few even drove their A's to the event, thanks to the moderate December weather, which is rather unusual for this time of month in Missouri!

Hope you all made it to the party!















## **Men's Pullover Sweaters**

Men's pullover sweaters were considered sportswear in the Model A era. This would be an easy look to wear while driving your Model A in cooler weather! As you can see from the pages below, there were quite a few options. A nice fine-gauge knit with a "U" or "V" neckline and either a solid color or nice textured sweater over the top of a collared shirt with tie, and you have the look nailed. Add a fancy jacquard if you want to stand out.



Sears, Roebucks & Co Fall Winter 1931-32

Sometimes simple is the best. This elegant looking dessert is simply lime gelatin mixed with fresh pineapple, as instructed in a 1931 Royal Gelatin advertisement.

## Lime and Pineapple Cup

Dissolve 1 package Royal Quick Setting gelatin (lime flavor) in 1 cup boiling water.

Add 1 cup cold water. Pour into shallow pan and chill. When firm, cut into small cubes.

Arrange 2 cups fresh pineapple, cubed and sweetened, with cubes of gelatin in glasses and serve as fruit cup

Serves 8





Sears, Roebucks & Co Fall Winter 1928-29

## Brands We Still Know

Royal Gelatin was introduced in 1925 by the Royal Baking Powder Company. Later in 1929. the company, along with the Fleischmann company and others, merged to become Standard Brands Incorporated. Royal Gelatin was marketed as a direct competitor to Jell-O Brand gelatin. Although new on the market, the company used the popularity of its other products to convince consumers to try it. It was promoted as superior to its competitor due to its use of fresh fruits for the flavoring instead of the artificial flavoring sometimes used by Jell-O.



By Sherry Wink

1931 Ad

Interesting note: Rudy Vallee's widely popular radio show, originally titled "the Fleischman's Yeast Hour", was renamed The Royal Gelatin Hour" in 1936. This show made history in 1937 when Vallee insisted that Louis Armstrong be hired as the show's host during Vallee's summer vacation, making Armstrong the first black American to host a major network program.

# Rebuilding Original Ammeters

By L. Jones, Found on Vintagefordforum.com

Thanks to the "The Distributor", official newsletter of the Illinois A's for printing this interesting article.



If you have a original ammeter that needs repair here are a few tips that might help you.

Take it all apart like in the picture, do not remove the needle. Be very careful of the needle, it will bend very easily like aluminum foil. If the pivot point on the needle is rusty soak it in evaporust, thick heavy rust will need to soak from 3 to 5 days.

Oil the pivot point after the rust is removed. After everything is clean, you need to polish the brass where the terminals contact it with steel wool and put some dielectric grease on it to prevent corrosion in the future.

There are some red fiber washers in the pictures, most of the time there will not be any fiber washers present when you take it apart, so you will need to make some. Spin some fiber washers in a drill or lathe and file or sand them until they will fit in the holes in the brass



case.

If the washers are thicker than the brass case they will not work properly, so sand them down until they are the same thickness as the brass or a couple of thousands thinner. They keep the terminal posts centered so they will not short out on the case.

When you put the magnet back in test it to see which way the needle moves when current goes through it.

When you put the ammeter in a 28-29 panel it should show a discharge when the load is connected to the terminal closest to the instrument light, if it is working backward remove the magnet and turn it over and that will reverse the direction of the needle.

I usually install a new chrome ring available from some vendors, because the tabs will usually break off if you try to use the old ring. You can touch up the black paint with a small brush if needed. The face and glass from some of the older reproduction meters will work on a original meter, I do not know if the face and glass from the meters that are currently sold will fit. The last picture shows a before picture of the same ammeter.









## A few other tips shared on this forum:



To straighten out bent pointers, If it is severely bent you might have to start out using your fingers to get it close then turn it upside down on a smooth table and put something under it to hold it level, I found some nuts that were just right, then push on the pointer with a pencil eraser to make it flat. To make the pointer line up with the 0, use a toothpick and push the pointer all the way to the side then apply a little pressure to bend the pointer until it lines up with the 0. Yes you can bend it with a toothpick it is very delicate.

To improve conductivity lightly tin the bolts and the surface where they attach. Then sweat them together. This will lower the resistance and prevents corrosion from increasing resistance in the future. This generates heat and odd electrical issues that are hard to diagnose. BUT, I have to add.. doing this right is not simple. The bolts MUST be tight to the surface. If you are not experienced with soldering and knowing that you have the two parts tight then you are better off not attempting it. If the joint is not tight then at high current the solder could melt causing a poor connection. Of course, if you plan on using the repro meter you better do that before you try to use it. Seems more then one has overheated at that connection.

I found some electrical insulating material (with the help of VFF'ers) to replace the piece at the rear of the ammeter can. This piece is commonly burned up from a loose carriage bolt/screw that arc's and heats up. The insulator burns up and then the ammeter shorts out to the can. The ammeter is usually ok for restoration if no other damage has been done. The electrical insulating material I found on eBay, it's called "fish paper" and this is the same thickness as the original material.

I put the fiber washers on a #8 screw and hold them with a nut and spin them in a lathe, a drill will also work. I use a file, the first time you do it you will also need to file the nut down with the washers. I have only seen one or two ammeters that had fiber washers present when they were taken apart, I do not know if the factory put them there or if they were added during a repair. Don't forget to sand them down to the same thickness of the brass. I put them in all my ammeters.

# Model A Mystery Part

What is it? Do you know?

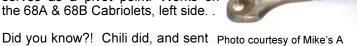
For "Bragging Rights", Send an email to nwmomodelafordclub@gmail.com Or to Sherry Winkinhofer PO Box 172, Table Rock NE 68447



Photo courtesy of Bratton's Antique Auto Parts

## Last Month's Mystery Part

This is a cast bronze brace that screws to the bottom of the bow and serves as a pivot point. Works on the 68A & 68B Cabriolets, left side.



Did you know?! Chili did, and sent Photo courtesy of Mike's A me an email! Virtual award to him! -Fordable Antigue Auto

# Tony's Tech Tips

Tony Flieg, Tech Director

As read in the "Western Model A News" The official newsletter of the Model A Restorers Club of Western Australia Originally printed in the "Script A News", newsletter of the Stampeded City A's.

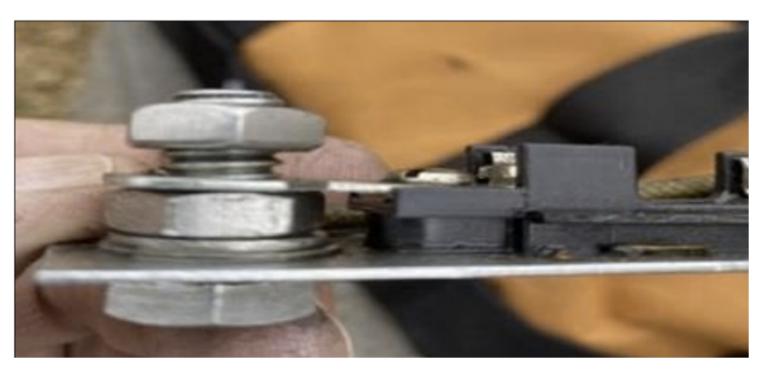
We started to solve a problem based on the wiring for the horn and found it was something else unrelated. Such fun.

What we experienced may help others to avoid a similar problem. The horn on my 1931 Four Door sounds anemic. Perhaps seriously so. Not being afraid to blunder on where I know little, I removed it to do the usual things to smarten up the sound. Before I removed it, I took out the fuse. Yes, The fuse. There is only one. I cleaned up the horn, bench tested it and put it back on the car. All good. I put the fuse back in the block making the system live. Enter flash of blue and yellow and a sound much like Zot! My fuse blew. Did it again with the same result. I began to be gun shy about further attempts. My rapid conclusion: the horn was killing my fuse. The question was how.

I called my son Geoff as he is far more knowledgeable about things electrical. We followed the Les Andrews blue manual trouble shooting chart to no avail. We disconnected the horn and, eventually the wire below the generator to isolate the problem. No joy. At this point we were lost. Geoff was playing with the fuse block and found the rear mount for the fuse was loose. Geoff suggested that the problem was in the fuse block. I knew how to address this one. Money solves many things. A phone call and the part was on its way.

On a warm November day, Geoff installed the new fuse block. No blue and yellow flash. No Zot. And the car resumed doing all the things it was supposed to do. Success. The new fuse block is a better design so the problem we experienced will not happen.

Now to the reason for this epistle. Below is a picture of the unhappy fuse block. When we removed it, the nut in the middle was loose showing about 1/8' of thread below it. We found that if we tried to install a fuse, the bolt assembly was pushed down shorting on the starter. If the nut is tight, no problem. The Message: Look at the fuse block on your car. If it is the one in the image, make sure the lower nut is tight or your future includes blue/yellow spark and Zot!



# THE running BOARD REPORT

From Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

December 2024

embership Reminder: Our special offer of a FREE one year membership expires December 31, 2024. Any member of a Region who is not a MARC member can get a free 12 month membership with the digital version of our award winning *Model A News* and all the other benefits of MARC membership. Automatic renewal is required. Contact our office at: (734) 427-9050 for details.

nyone interested in joining our Driver Class committee or just seeking information can contact Jim Zimmer at: jwzimmer9119@gmail.com. Hurry, as we are currently drafting the judging standards and now is a great time to provide your input. This new judging class is being formed for members who have a good looking Model A that has been modified to improve driveability.

egion dues are due by January 31st, 2025. Please renew via our Website: www.modelaford.org; select Regions on the drop down menu, and tap "click here to register and pay by credit card or PayPal". If you select the pay by check option, make sure to mail your check to: Model A Restorers Club, PO Box 498, Howell, MI 48844.

onsider buying a great Holiday gift of MARC merchandise for yourself and for your significant other. Some Black Friday special pricing may be extended so look for special pricing in the next issue of the *Model A News*. Also, don't forget to renew your MARC membership at the same time. Happy Holidays!





For Sale / Wanted To place an ad send your information to swinkinhofer @Hotmail.com, or mail to Sherry Winkinhofer

As a service to our members, the area Model A clubs have decided to share our classified ads sections! (this will include Model A specific items only.) Ads will run approximately 3 months unless we are notified that the item is still available.

**For Sale:** 1930 Fordor 2 window sedan. 1990s Bockelman restoration. 4 speed OD trany, 12v conversion with alternator; electronic ignition; Otwell heater manifold; aux. head, tail, signal & backup lights; Snyder rebuilt brakes with ci drums; newer wheels powder coated; CB radio; seat belts; rear window blind; front mounted tool box, and more. It's a driver, we drove it to Kalamazoo MI and Des Moines IA with the POA's, but we are done touring. Keeping the coupe for local driving. \$20,000 firm.

Contact: Eddie Griggs call/text 816/383-1964 (POA 10/24)



**For Sale:** Late 1931 Tudor. Many updates, including new radiator, hoses, clamps, 6 new tires, sandblasted and powder coated wheels, new wiring harness, turn signals, new cowl lights, rear LED taillights, LED headlights, new 6v alternator, replaced steering assembly, Aries muffler, ceramic coated exhaust manifold, intake manifold, and refurbished Tillotson carburetor. Needs interior restoration. Solid body, mechanically in good running condition. Asking \$11,000. Urbandale, IA.

Contact: 515-402-3984. or scott.johnsonmartin@gmail.com (CIMA 10/24)



## Model "A" Winter Storage Tips

As found in the "Skyliner", official newsletter of the Skyline Chapter, originally printed in the "The Chatter, Calumet A's newsletter"

Change the oil and lubricate the chassis.

Wash and wax the exterior, including the chrome.

Vacuum and wash the interior and apply a protectant such as Armor All on all vinyl, rubber and plastic parts.

Fill the fuel tank to prevent moisture from forming and rusting the tank. Add a gasoline stabilizer. Fuel spoils after 30 days (source Road & Track.com)

Make sure the battery is fully charged.

Be certain that the cooling system is filled with a sufficient amount of good-quality antifreeze to protect from rust and freezing

Spray the chassis parts that may rust with a rust inhibitor such as WD-40.

Drive the car before storage to be sure that all parts are well lubricated.

It may be desired to raise the car off the tires to prevent flat spotting, but adding about fifteen or twenty more pounds of pressure to the tires will help considerably.

Do not set the parking brake for a long period of storage, as the drums could rust and seize the shoes. The brakes could also stick from rust or moisture.

The car should be covered to prevent damage from birds, cats and bugs. If the car is to be stored inside, use a breathable cover to prevent moisture from forming and creating more problems than no cover at all. If the car is outside, of course, it must have a waterproof cover or moisture will collect and attack the chrome and body

I put a wad of steel wool loosely in the tailpipe to discourage chipmunks & mice from taking up residence in the muffler.



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