

# CHAPTER NEWS

July/August 2024



## ARIZONA

**MARCA:** Our club seems to be shifting to Burtz engines for our distance tour cars, at least three now. Pictured is Joop Plaggenborg admiring his new engine, recently completed by club member Bill Vogelsang. It's ready to be installed soon, but unfortunately our touring season is curtailed in the summer due to excessive heat in the Arizona desert. I bet that won't hold him back! *William Acker*



*Does your club have this many Daves?*

**Capitol A's:** We've enjoyed perfect weather in Northern California for Model A's. We're preparing to host the 2025 N.C.R.G. Roundup, "Drive n' Jive!" with a Curtis Park tour, seeing homes built in 1920s-'30s, with Model A's out front — magical. Success at Autorama and Townsman car shows made weekends fun. We've going to the N.C.R.G. Sagebrush Classic and MAFCNA National. Our meetings are fun, with so many Daves we took a picture! August: ice cream. *Donna Smith*

members of the Simi Valley Model A Club. A club picnic following the parade involved some Model A car games. *Don Halvorson*



**Diablo A's:** On March 22nd, Diane Berg and daughter Lacy led a tour to Arts Benicia at the historic commandant's residence, followed by a tour of Schoenstein Company, one of the oldest pipe organ builders in the U.S. On April 27th, the Estrellas and Yorks led a tour to the Benicia State Capitol and historic landmark, Fischer-Hanlon House. Benicia was California's capital city in 1853-'54. Herb and Doug hosted an outstanding seminar on Model A brakes. *Mark Pigbin*

**Diamond Tread:** Our tour director believes in driving our Model A's. So our tours are long enough to get our cars well warmed up. We've gone on hour-and-a-half drives to the Chino Air Museum, Santa Monica Air Museum, and Shelby Mustang Museum. Fortunately, lunch is included to give everyone energy to drive home. Our next tour is to a picnic with another club to the Department of Water and Power. It's closer and sounds very relaxing. *Bonnie Ryan*

**GraNeva MAFC:** We've been on the road, enjoying spring's beauty. Our A's traveled green hills to Bolt's Antique Tool Museum in Oroville in April where we learned about wrenches, the history of auto production, and even saw old kitchen utensils. In May, we traveled hills and mountain passes for an overnight at Clear Lake. The next day saw a beautiful drive to 11 Roses Ranch for music, wonderful stories, great food, and a wagon ride through beautiful wildflowers. *Donna Lichti*



**Hangtown A's:** Our April tour, hosted by Ernie Gunderson, found us at the fairgrounds in Placerville enjoying a blacksmithing demonstration. The following week, five Model A's and a modern car meandered to Plymouth for a small gathering of vintage trucks. Our big tour to Konocti Harbor at Clearlake was a bit wet. Nonetheless, six Model A's and a modern car traveled over the back roads, where they had a great time, enjoying outstanding food and good entertainment. *Tom Jeanes*

## A stop at our progressive meal.

**Tucson A's:** Our spring started with a metal forging demonstration at Jim's shop. The Rolling Thru Time Museum hosted a celebration of life for Ernie Williams, a longtime member. Several cars lined up for a car show during the Pima County Fair and at the PCC. The weather was wonderful for a progressive meal that started at the Rillito Park and ended at Andy Neal's, with a great barbecue of burgers, hot dogs, and brats. *Christy Strong*

## CALIFORNIA

**Acorn A's:** We have several tours lined up for May through July. In between tours and meetings, we meet every Monday morning for coffee at Rudy's Donuts. We exchange ideas and help those who need it. Our upcoming May event that we have participated in for many years is the Memorial Day celebration at Lone Tree Cemetery, honoring all branches of the military. *George Diamantine*

**Auburn A's:** Our first drive in 2024 was a 60-mile round trip to Georgetown, an old gold-mining camp in the Sierra Nevadas. We enjoyed the back roads, lunch, ice cream, and walking the town. In May, several members attended the annual spring opener in Clear Lake. On a very bright note, a new, young member passed his first drivers test in his 1930 Coupe. Congratulations, Luke! *Lynne Lyndon*

**Charter Oak A's:** Spring is the time to tour in our Model A's. Our Central California Regional Group 2025 Jamboree tours are being finalized. Our well-attended annual picnic had plenty of delicious foods. The C.C.R.G. board renamed the "Jacquie Conley" service award to the "Karen and Dave Bockman" award. The Bockman family are very devoted, longtime members of our club who have been at the forefront of exemplary service to Model A owners around the U.S. *Marsha Brooks-Smith*



*Myles and Adrienne Pustejovsky in their 1929 Roadster.*

**Chico A's:** April 27, we had six cars for the Gold Nugget parade in Paradise and four cars on May 11 for the Durham parade. The Lady A's have enjoyed some delicious lunches and camaraderie. May 16, we toured to Collins Lake for a picnic and ice cream, with seven cars from Chico and Oroville attending. Four members have been working on a hill climb vehicle. *Karen Hicks*



**Conejo Valley Model A Ford Club:** We were involved in the Conejo Valley Days Parade on May 5th. We had 15 cars involved in the parade, which was the first city parade held in 10 years due to various issues! We were joined in the parade by

**Bakersfield:** The Kernville Rotary Club's 20th annual car show featured 40 cars despite windy weather. Club president Kirk Ritter won "Best Model A." Four Model A's took a scenic drive to Rocky Hill Antiques in Exeter, enjoying orange blossoms. Exeter, known for its historical murals, was once a major grape supplier. The trip ended with a pleasant lunch at Hometown Emporium, making for a delightful outing. *Teresa Gadbury*



**Harbor Area:** We were well represented at the Central California Regional Group Jamboree in Clovis. We enjoyed dinners, good entertainment, tours to a restored '50s gas station and homes, and a goat farm. Several members dressed in era attire for the banquet. Jack and Joan Gordinier again hosted the annual safety check and potluck. Eight A's took a mystery tour to an awesome, private miniature railroad train layout, followed by an outdoor lunch at a local restaurant. *Sue Hankins*

**Linden A's:** April 8 we witnessed a partial eclipse, and May 10 the Aurora Borealis. On May 18th's Linden Cherry Festival parade, Vic Mathis drove his 92-year-old mother, Betty, in his 1928 Tudor; Terence McGinnis drove his husband, Sean Lail, and their two-year-old daughter, Morgan McGinnis-Lail, in the Machados' 1931 Slant Windshield Town Sedan; Tom Machado drove his 1967 Lincoln Continental Lehmann-Peterson limousine; and Terry Machado drove her 1972 DeTomaso Pantera-L. *Terry Machado*



**Marin A's:** Our April tour consisted of trekking through the Sonoma and Napa vineyards to the Western Railway Museum. Our May tour was to Lake County for the spring opener presented by the Northern California Regional Group, where Marin A's tour director, Ronnae Patsel, donated a vintage pedal car for auction. Top bid for the car was some \$480. Thanks, Ronnae. *Lester Foote*



**Modesto Area A's:** A technical day at Terra's shop included oil changing, wheel aligning, checking coil polarity/output, and testing compression, followed by dining on tri-tip. Kevin Nelson and Debbie Wilson took us to the Knight Foundry in Sutter Creek, a play in Volcano, and the Kennedy Mine: a great weekend in gold country! The Double T Agriculture Museum welcomed us for a tour, dinner, and movie on a train with Union Pacific's Pennsylvania #1660 steam locomotive. A wonderful tour, Schulzes and Nixons. *Barbara Collins*

**Palomar A's:** With our long tours to the Central California Regional Group in Clovis and the Orange County Pancake breakfast, we are getting great local tours scheduled around San Diego County. The club is now meeting once a month to enjoy breakfast together. We are also joining other Model A clubs to get better acquainted and enjoy different events in the hobby. *Barbara Kruegel*

**Paso Robles A's:** Here on the central coast, spring wildflowers have been prolific. After our March meeting we toured to see them. April brought more sunshine and a tour to the Long Branch restaurant in Creston. Nine of us enjoyed good Southwest cuisine, surrounded by many cowboys and cowgirls



participating in a rodeo at the Creston rodeo grounds. We mourn the loss of Pete and Nancy Peterson, Paul Lindberg, and Jim McIntyre. Too many great people moving on. *Dave Krill*



**Riverside/Corona MAFC:** We're readying for our October car show and collecting old parts to top the trophies. Marlin Brandt conducted seminars on brakes and rebuilding shock absorbers. We enjoyed a Riverside history tour by historian Steve Lech as well as tours to a military museum, a picnic in the park with train rides, and a drive to the Norton Air Force Base Museum. Sadly, we said goodbye to our member Jerry Miller, who joined MAFC 50 years ago. *Gary Struempf*

**San Diego MAFC:** Thirteen Model A's enjoyed a spring drive through San Diego's back roads to Hansen's Garage in Ramona for a technical seminar and picnic. Members were transported from a lower pasture parking area to the upper level garage via a 1918 Model T. Topics included front axle and suspension, differentials, transmission, brakes, and a Burtz engine on a run stand. A relaxing lunch of pulled pork sandwiches was enjoyed before our return to the city. *Kris Francis*



**San Francisco Bay Area Chapter:** On Saturday, May 4, we attended the "A Divine West Coast Meet" in Atascadero, celebrating cars with hidden headlights. Club members Tom and Terry Machado won first in class for their 1972 DeTomaso Pantera-L. Then on Saturday, May 18, we were off to Linden in the central valley for the annual Linden Cherry Festival parade along with a number of Model A's and other assorted vehicles from the past to the present. *Walter Caplan*

**San Gabriel Valley A's:** A little rain couldn't stop us from donning the green and celebratin' Saint Pat with corned beef and cabbage, songs, jokes, and good company. With members showcasing their culinary skills, the April meeting was a potluck, and no one went home hungry! On April 20, several of us had lunch at Moralito's Mexican and went to the Duarte Historical Museum. Duarte, in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley, is home to City of Hope Medical Center. *Jim Lank*

**Santa Anita A's:** As our club has wrapped up spring, one of the highlights was our annual Mount Baldy tour. We started with coffee and donuts at Royal Oaks with residents viewing the cars, drove up the mountain, enjoyed lunch and Model A fellowship, then drove down to San Dimas Park for an ice cream social. Chili cook-offs, safety seminars,



monthly meetings, men's and ladies' gatherings, and tours with other clubs round out our season. *Dennis Chapman*

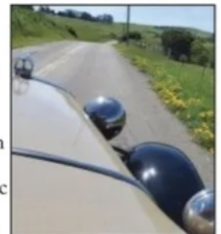
**Santa Barbara MAFC:** We celebrated women's week in March with classes on the operation and maintenance of the Model A. The celebration culminated with the ladies demonstrating their Model A prowess ... and some driving a Model A for the first time, earning a "This Lady Drives a Model A" badge. The men in the club then served them a three-course lunch of Caesar salad, oven-baked chicken, mac and cheese, and a chocolate chip cookie for dessert. *Susan Carty*

**Santa Clara Valley:** We've been busy touring (jointly with another club) in April to a train museum in Salinas, California, and tuned up the Hubleys for the MAFC National as our technical seminar for that month. Our fun fashion seminar made some beautiful lace pins and, of course, we have been meeting regularly on Zoom for our group meetings. We're continuing on with business as usual in Santa Clara Valley. Come by the club if you visit California. *Michael K. Stevens*

**Santa Maria A's:** Joined by the Cuesta Crankers from San Luis Obispo, we came together at Richard Alexander's for their annual barbecue. Richard and his staff do such a good job every year for this event, plus inviting all to his museum and collection of cars. We had a great day with lots of food, laughs, and stories to tell. *Trudy A. Stevens*

**Sierra Chapter:** We started the month with a breakfast at the Waffle House. We participated in the Clovis Rodeo Parade, with eight of our cars circling downtown Clovis. The parade watchers really enjoyed the cars, especially the *aboogab* horns. We took a tour to the foothill community of Raymond, driving 40 mph back roads. We visited the town museum, which was one of the founders' home built in the late 1800s. *Dave Ekstrom*

**Sonoma A's:** What a lovely day for a leisurely drive through Sonoma County with the Buick Club! The wildflowers were stunning. We had a great turnout, 29 people in five Model A's plus nine Buicks on the tour. Our stop at the French Cheese Factory for tasting was delicious, and our picnic lunch at the Stafford Lake Park was the perfect way to end the day. We can't wait for the next adventure with this wonderful group! *Bob Gutteridge*



**South Bay Touring A's:** This year looks busy. Our annual banquet was as good as it gets, and our monthly breakfasts are well attended. Going to Eat at Rudy's in Wilmington offers a long enough drive to get our Model A's warmed up. In April we had a wonderful tour to the Santa Monica Aircraft Museum, followed by lunch. Seminars are coming along to keep our Model A's purring so fine and lessening the chance of breakdowns. *Dick Valot*

**Temecula Valley MAC:** Upcoming summer events include San Luis Ray Bakery and Restaurant tour in Oceanside on July 21st. This 56-year-old establishment is known for authentic Mexican food

and bakery treats. Also planned is a tour for the August 17 Anza car show and Anza Museum tour in September. General meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Richie's Diner in Temecula. Visitors are always welcome. Happy motoring!  
*Sharon McBride*

**Ventura County MAFC:** Club activities this month included work-on-your-Model-A days in March and April, with topics of brake adjustment, ignition systems, and lighting. Our March club meeting was a special program dedicated to friends and long-time members, the Hatchers, who are moving to Las Vegas. A special event was "corn burrito day" at BJ's drive-in, with eight Model A's doing a photo shoot.  
*Richard Atchison*

## COLORADO



*The year's first Sonic Sunday.*

**Model A Ford Club of Colorado:** Monthly summer Sonic Sundays began with eight Model A's and 27 people. We've planned many tours, meals, meetings, and fun! Coming up: Park Hill parade July 4; Canon City/Royal Gorge bridge tour July 15-16; cars, coffee, donuts in Thornton July 20; Bird City tour July 26-28; Hometown Days parade August 10; pancake breakfast August 17; ladies drive an A tour August 31 (It's time I learn!)  
*Sherri Krueger*



**Northern Colorado Model A's:** We came together May 5th at Walt and Pam Sparks' house, with the Model T's, for our annual dust-off. There were 18 Model A's and 4 T's. Lots of delicious dishes for the potluck guaranteed no one would go home hungry. Many expert mechanics performed a checklist of routine and not-so-routine maintenance checks. The afternoon was topped off with a silent auction and a door prize drawing.  
*Dan Schell*

**Pikes Peak MAFC:** We celebrated our club's 58th anniversary. Many past presidents came and shared memories from past. We met up with the Model A Ford Club of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Model A club for a tour and lunch. The three clubs had a great time. We drove up to the Western Museum of Mining & Industry for their History Family Day. The kids loved climbing in the A's and listening to the *abogab* horns.  
*Ray Gross*



## CONNECTICUT

**Northwestern Connecticut A's:** For our first tour of the season we had only four A's, with seven

people starting from Harwinton, Conn. The first stop was at Carol's Lunch Box in Farmington, then on to Collinsville and New Hartford to visit two antique shops. Another first was that our youngest member, Jennifer, joined us for her first tour ... and the farthest she had been away from home in her 1928 Pickup.  
*Donald Bruno*



## FLORIDA

**First Coast Region MAC:** We have enjoyed

the beautiful Florida spring weather, perfect for Model A driving. Our maintenance crew proved how valuable they are to the club. One of our newer members, Emily Sordian, inherited a 1928 Tudor from her late grandfather. She shipped it to Jacksonville, and our maintenance crew was there to drive the car off the transport trailer. With a new set of tires and some minor maintenance, the car is now roadworthy.  
*Larry Smart*



**Model A's of Greater Orlando:** Spring arrives early in Florida, bringing great weather for driving our Model A's! Thankfully, we did not have April showers for our annual club-sponsored picnic on April 28th! 17 Model A's, 60 members, and 3 guests enjoyed a beautiful day, a lovely drive, and a scrumptious catered picnic at Downey Park in Orlando, also celebrating three birthdays! In other news, members are winning awards in car shows and sharing joy at senior centers.  
*Denise Acerra*

**Palm Beach A's:** We now meet in Hobe Sound at the Civic Center and for some of our tours. We visited Gary and Carol Gerber's collection in Riviera Beach. In May we headed to Okeechobee for lunch and tire kicking at the OK Corral, hosted by Joe and Barbara Charles. Our website now includes a video of Project Lift activities and news from Phane Jones, owner of Stuart Model A, who is now a Burtz engine dealer.  
*David Carlson*



**Sara-Mana MAFC:** Our active winter season activities included an outstanding tour of the historic Venice Train Depot, a pre-dawn trek to the

Edison Ford Estates car show, our first classic car movie morning, a Realistic Auto Restorations tour, and the 34th annual Venice AACA car show, where four club A's won trophies and the coveted club participation trophy. Our active season capped off with an Edison Ford MAFC joint outing to Punta Gorda's Military Heritage Museum.  
*Mike Zelle*

## GEORGIA

**River Cities Ford Model A Club:** We participated

in a group trip with members from the Central Alabama Ford Model A Club, up to Gordy Sherman's garage for a tour and fish fry! The Shermans went all out. After this outstanding lunch, the members drove over to the Wellborn Muscle Car Museum. If you are in the Alexander City, Alabama, area this is a must-see! We had a great A day!  
*Mark Smith*



*On our fish fry tour.*

## IDAHO

**Palouse Regional A's:** Our 2024 tour season started off with a tour to Elberton, Washington, a historic town in Whitman County. Only the church remains standing, but you could see some house foundations. We visited with 6 cars, 14 adults, and 1 child. We look forward to a busy year. We will be joining a "smooth rider" tour in June and a hub tour in Redmond, Oregon, in September. Happy touring!  
*Judy Colvin*



**Treasure Valley Model A Club:** We took part in the 29th annual Don Borchers Melba Fun Run. The tour raised \$4,000 for the Melba Senior Center and involved 37 cars from six car clubs, including Model T's and V-8's. The tour stops at Celebration Park on the Snake River. The park features petroglyphs from very early Indian tribes in the southern Idaho area, where the canyon was cut when the ancient, great salt lake emptied.  
*Jim Borchers*

## ILLINOIS



**Central Illinois A's:** May 4 found the CIA's at Kep's Sports Bar & Grill in Washington for our May meeting. After lunch, a board meeting was held in which officers were elected and approved for 2024-25. Plans are in place for tours throughout the summer and fall, with one of them being Steve's new barn full of Model A's and old

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Cadillacs. The picture includes our newest member, Anthony, who is 7 years old. Let's roll! *Kay Lee*



*Model A youth event in May at the 40 Horse Farm.*

**Illinois Chapter:** April's tech talk was cleaning carburetors by the Stockingers. Members attended the local MARC Membership Meet in Joliet. Kochevar hosted a pizza party, our first since COVID. For May's tech talk, members round-tabled "My first/my favorite Model A." We learned a lot about each other. Some great stories! We enjoyed a large turnout for May youth month, with a busload of high school auto mechanics coming out to the 40 Horse Farm. *Nick Clancy*

**Naper As:** After a long winter, we are driving as much as possible. We're assisting members with their repairs and joining area Model A clubs in a restoration project of a 1931 Model AA Bus. We welcomed six new members into our chapter, including 15-year-old David Oreste, who has just acquired his first Model A! We will take part in the Naperville Memorial Day parade, where veterans will ride in our Model As. *Nick Mazzarella*



**Rock-Ford As:** With the weather heating up, so is our slate of activities. We've been invited again to tour with the Rockford Model T Club in the fall, as well as participate in quite a number of parades this summer. The Clinton High School Auto Club was successful with their rolling chassis project, starting and driving (on the school grounds) the Model A, which hadn't run for 60 years! Great job! An exciting day at school. *Anne Laviolette*



*One stop on our garage tour.*

**Salt Creek As:** April was crammed with Model A activities nearly every weekend. We had a great garage tour turnout. We hadn't had one since 2019, so it was great to see what some members were doing in their garages. A few need some Model A help, so we're looking to volunteer some time so they can get on the road, because June looks to be the beginning of a busy summer. *Ken Dust*

## INDIANA

**Columbus Indiana Model A Club:** April's safety day helped us prep for touring season. Eighteen cars and 29 members participated. No major issues, but several small things were found and communicated to the car owners. We reviewed seat



belt installations, and a glass expert presented the different glass types and how to identify laminated safety glass. Our annual swap meet again brought in a crowd on a beautiful day. We have a great touring season planned for our 60th anniversary! *Rob Kirkpatrick*

## IOWA

**Hawk A Model A Club:** Our tour season began with a bang. We started with a "Dust Off Drive" in April to Kalona. In May, a one-day to Maquoketa. In June, a two-day to the Muscatine area and July, a one-day to the Wadena area ... with three tour months to go. All the results of a great tour committee. Busy, fun times. In August: the 15th Annual "Iowa Model A Day" in Amana. Stay in touch. [www.hawkamodelaclub.org](http://www.hawkamodelaclub.org) *Jan Wenger*

## KANSAS

**Flint Hills Touring As:** We have two new pairs of members: Larry and Garrie Oppitz and Jerry and Shirley Gifford. April's meeting had two guests, with one in May. Monthly attendance is about 22. Recent months have been filled with activities: monthly breakfasts, a St. Patrick parade, an Easter parade, Combat Air Museum (pancakes and car show), Shawnee Lake Tulip Festival, Washburn Tech car show, and Sunday evenings at Jason's Deli. Every Friday and Saturday evening, there's a cruise night somewhere. *Jo Ann Hemmer*

**Plain Ol' As:** Our five cars didn't let the chance

of storms stop us from touring to Salina. Our tour included a car museum, wildlife museum, Concordia's Orphan Train, the visitors center's sculpted brick wall, President Eisenhower's museum, and the world's largest belt buckle. Because of a heavy rain forecast, we skipped our Manhattan visit after overnighting in Junction City and headed home to Kansas City. Our Memorial Day picnic will be at Wyandotte Park in Bonner Springs. *Ron and Theresa Guenther*



**Wichita As:** We started the tour season in March with a drive to Sedan, Kansas, to the Sedan Floral Company and Emmett Kelly Museum. We spent a Sunday afternoon in April flying kites. The first weekend in May, several attended the 2024 Big Kansas Road Trip: a tour of Ellsworth and Lincoln counties as well as Lucas, Kansas, in Russell county. We enjoyed a picnic at the McLaughlin home on May 18. *Brenda Broadhead*

## LOUISIANA



**Ark-La-Tex As:** May 4th, our newly formed club had our second meeting, in Minden, La., at the

Dorcheat Museum. We have picked up four new members, so we are growing. We now have about 16 couples as paid members! Most of us have more than one Model A to work on and have fun with! We are seeking new members who live in the Arkansas-Louisiana-Texas area, so give us a call or find us on Facebook. *Schellee Francis*

## MAINE



*A beautiful late April day for the dust-off tour.*

**Pine Tree Chapter:** The dust-off tour was a success! Thanks to Carl Sneirson for organizing it and Randy and Connie Kinville for hosting. We had 92 Model As from three states and more than a dozen other old cars. David and Jodie White hosted a tune-up clinic and lunch at their home. Ryan Thibeault hosted his annual open house at Tebo's Barn. Thanks to all who helped get the touring season off to a roaring start! *John Brissette*

## MARYLAND

**Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club:** April 18, nine cars and their owners drove to St. Louis School in Clarksville and enjoyed visiting with kindergarten, 4th, and 8th graders. On April 20th, our annual spring workshop was held at the wood-turning shop of Mark and Nancy Supik. After coffee and donuts, we worked on the cars. The Supiks provided a delicious lunch, and all the cars departed under their own power. *Jeff Whitsett*

## MASSACHUSETTS

**Model A Restorers Club of Massachusetts:** Our tour season started with a shakedown tour to Borderlands State Park in Sharon, Mass. Twelve Model As made the trip, which included a picnic. We have scheduled a Great Gatsby tour to Rochester High School May 28th and a Cape Cod Canal tour June 9th. There are more tours, parades, and events in the works. *Charles Marchewka*

**Minuteman Model A Ford Club:** We are enjoying the best time of year in our Model As. We will kick off the summer with a 4th of July parade, car shows locally and in Vermont, having lunch and ice cream together, visiting the Middlesex Canal and Willard Clock Museum, and concluding August with a movie night courtesy of the Kerns family. Let's get out for a ride. *Susan Champagne*

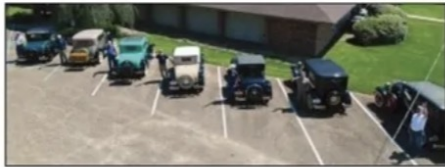


**Worcester County:** On May 5th, 13 As and one Caddy participated in our dust-off tour. Tour leaders Jim and Pauline Sheridan took us through the Blackstone River Valley, stopping for lunch, antiques, and ice cream. May 10th, the club was invited to Bay Path Regional Vocational High School for Model A youth month. Ten As participated, with stations staffed by members demonstrating the internal workings of mechanical brakes, an *aboogab* horn, a distributor, and carburetor. *Keith Costello*

## MINNESOTA

**Twin Cities Model A Ford Club:** We're starting to get real busy. We had our tune-up clinic in early May. Dale Pomerleau has been hosting our monthly clinics all year. Mark Leder coordinated a bring-your-A-to-lunch at one of the Byerly's supermarket parking lots. It gave the public a chance to jealously view our cars. Lots more is being planned. *Marc Rude*

## MISSISSIPPI



**Mississippi Model A Restorers Club:** At May's meeting, we toured back roads to the Canton Country Club. They reserved parking for us in front of their clubhouse, where the Model A's drew a lot of attention. We have also made trips to Clinton and Flora, traveling the scenic Natchez Trace Parkway. In Clinton we stopped at the welcome station for a presentation on the World War II German prisoner-of-war camp. *Douglas Jones*

## MISSOURI

**Heart of America MAFC:** We had a busy spring. On March 30th eight Model A's participated in the Raytown Community Parade. On April 27th, we toured the Belger Art Museum in Kansas City, followed by lunch at Jack Stack BBQ. Four Model A's drove in The Harry's Hay Day's parade on May 4th in Grandview, an event to celebrate President Harry Truman's birthday. *Tom MacSweeney*

## NEBRASKA:



**Cornhusker MAFC:** Club members worked the annual Rocky Manginelli Memorial Swap Meet in March. In April, we had a driving tour to the Strategic Air Command Museum for a tour and lunch. April activities also included a breakfast meeting. In May, an auto-detailing tech seminar was presented in Lincoln by Nick Brown. Monthly eat-outs continue, as does planning for summer car shows, displays, and parades. *Janet Jeffries Beauvais*

**Meadowlark Model A Club:** Once a month in the summer driving season, the Meadowlark Model A Club of Omaha goes to a retirement community to display our Model A's. Our May display was at the Immanuel Graceview Courtyard in Council Bluffs, Iowa. It was a beautiful day, and so many stories were told involving Model A's. *Steve Zikmund*

## NEVADA



**Las Vegas Valley MAFC:** This delightful group shown above turned out to drive their Model A's in the annual Hellorado Days parade in May. There were four Pickups, a Cabriolet, a Sport Coupe, and a Roadster rolling through the downtown streets of

Las Vegas, being greeted by waves and shouts from the crowd. The club has also enjoyed an ice cream social, a picnic with our local Model T club, and a ladies driving day! *Liz Prebm*

**Silver State A's:** We've announced a new award for club members: the Silver Dip Stick Award! Ever done something to or while working on or with your Model A... then quickly turned around and prayed no one was watching? If so, you're a candidate! Our meetings will now include a "true confessions" time to stand up and testify. Testimony must be based on experience (literary license acceptable). Members present vote on who gets the Silver Dip Stick. *Jim Connelly*

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Lakes Region Model A Club:** Our driving season began April 29 at the annual gathering of Model A Fords at the Bean Farm in Sanbornville. This event consistently attracts close to 100 Model A's. On May 18, we traveled as a group to the second annual open house at Tebo's Barn in Milton. In early June, we hosted a cookout for the Worcester County (Mass.) Model A Club president's tour. A great start! *Nancy Wilmont*

## NEW MEXICO



**Borderland A's:** In early June, we partnered with a local winery to host a "classic car show" with 70 cars from the 1920s to the 1970s. It was a great day with cars from around New Mexico and El Paso. In late June, many of us traveled 120 miles to Ruidoso for the 2024 MAFC National Convention. The host club did a great job with some innovative ideas. We thoroughly enjoyed the meet. *Rick Black*



**Poco Quatros:** Chapter president Buzz Lenander and Charlie Spooner presented us a MAFC certificate recognizing us for 60 years as a chartered chapter. After our April breakfast, eight members went to Double Eagle Airport for photos with a Ford Tri-Motor, and two members took a ride. After the May breakfast in the Sandia Mountains, three A's continued to the crest: elevation 10,300 feet. All returned safely. *Bill Capels*

## NEW YORK



**Lakeshore Model A Ford Club:** We were lucky enough to be in the path of totality for the solar eclipse in April, so we had a great time getting together to enjoy food and the darkness! In May

we toured the George Eastman Museum and connected our cars to a period in regional history when those cars were brand new! *Tom Burlingame*

**Model A Ford Club of Long Island:** In April we met for breakfast then toured Ronkonkoma and five antique shops.

Fourteen members attended the Model A Trexlertown Show in Pennsylvania. In May our Model A's were displayed at the Bay Shore High School. Students viewed 10 cars and learned about the era's automotive technology. We also attended the Veteran's Home car show in Stony Brook and the Bayport Aerodrome fly-in and car show, with 8 Model A's attending. Our website is now up. *Debby Duprez*



At Bay Shore High School.

**Mohican Model A Club:** Our February meeting was held in Rome, N.Y., with food and entertainment by the Barber Shoppers Quartet. This event has been hosted by Ray and Judy Cousins for 22 years. Pat and Sharon Abbott hosted the March event, which included good food and fun playing Bingo at the Wa-Noa Golf Club. The April event, hosted by Sal and Kim Caruso, was held at the Norwich Northeast Classic Car Museum. *Jane Hicks*

**Sullivan Trail A's:** Our meetings have continued as a hybrid of virtual and in-person. May highlights included the annual classic car auction at Jeff Barber's Stalene Auto Auctions and a picnic in Havana Glen Park. This year we have welcomed quite a few new members into the Model A hobby! The spring safety checkups were rained out, but we are looking forward to upcoming shows and special events in better weather. *Julie Costie*

## NORTH CAROLINA



**Queen City Model A Club:** So much has been going these past few months! The Depot Hack is nearing completion; we have toured to see the beautiful spider lilies; and the tour to Augusta, Georgia, and Key West, Florida, is happening! We also had a wonderful turnout at the annual White Home show in Rock Hill, S.C.! July will see many of us heading to Asheville! *Sandeep Berry*

## OHIO

**Dayton Buckeye MAFC:** A big thank-you to Charles Powell who set up a Facebook page and website for us. The Facebook page provides a benefit to all the members. It can keep everyone informed of events and also help recruit new people interested in the Model A into the club. We are grateful the Dayton Buckeye Model A Ford Club Facebook and website are up and running. Reach us at [www.daytonmodelaclub.com](http://www.daytonmodelaclub.com) *Donald Richison*

**Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club:** Our April activities included a well-attended Friday lunch, then we toured the Hamilton County Crime Lab. In April we hosted a 120-mile tour to a general store that was built in 1939. To finish out May, the club hosted a 50-mile tour starting with

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lunch in a Civil War era schoolhouse that has been converted into a restaurant. For information about our club visit <http://ovrmafc.com/> Jarrod Williams

## OKLAHOMA

### Oklahoma City Model A Restorers Group: In

April, seven Model A's and two moderns from our club made a quick overnight trip to Enid. On the way we stopped in Hennessey at an old Sinclair station for photos. We immediately became a focus in town ... and made the front page of their newspaper. In May, we had a hot dog cookout/evaluation event, where Dan and Laurie Morris took the group through the purpose and process of a Restorers Class evaluation. *Joni Sheldon*



**Sooner Model A Club:** Our spring tour with the Tulsa Model A Club was to Lawton, Oklahoma. Our first morning drive was to Fort Sill and the U.S. Military Museum, Museum of the Quads, and Geronimo's grave. After lunch, we visited the Museum of the Great Plains and the Comanche Museum. Saturday morning, we traveled to the Frederick (Oklahoma) Museum, then the Wichita Wildlife Welcome Center and the Holy City of the Wichitas in the afternoon. *Kaye Sage*

### Tulsa MAFC: We have kept our vehicles and

members busy. Several members drove about 650 miles, participating in the spring tour to Lawton. Shorter tours to an abbey, poker runs through Will Rogers territory and Bixby, and to weekly coffees were well attended. Our monthly meetings have had large attendances, with programs on weather, alternative fuels, and EVs. A private tour of Tulsa's Gathering Place, voted best city park in the USA, was a highlight. *Barbara Cail*



### Will Rogers Model A Club: We got to partici-

partate in the Wayne McCombs classic 1880s baseball game at the famous Will Rogers Museum. The youth in the club also got to participate in the Torch Run for peace that was coming through town. Great cars and a great cause. The museum and the Model A club have a special relationship and look forward to many more events! *Charles Ramsey*



## OREGON

**Beaver Chapter:** Our April tour involved 17 Model A's as we had a breakfast at the Monitor Fire Station, then a visit to the Wooden Tulip flower fields led by Kirk Meteer. May was our swap

meet banquet, hosted by Brenda Caseday, where 18 cars were featured under cover with a wonderful meal and entertainment. The Oregon ghost town tour with 11 cars will happen in June, and several other tours are happening soon. *Tom Irwin*

### Enduring A's: Our annual roadworthiness clinic,

hosted by Nick Koberstein, had the Salem and Eugene chapters join us. Liz and Phil Anderson organized a great visit and lunch, with rides on the beautiful hand-carved animals at the Albany carousel. We also participated in the Lebanon Veteran's Home car show and Linn Benton Community College's "Dyno Days." *Martin Harding*



**Henry's Lady Chapter:** Spring and summer, with all the good weather, has brought our club together already for some neat touring with a visit to a great local old antique radio collection. Parades, car shows, an auto gymkhana, and three out-of-town overnight tours are expected summer and fall activities. This will be a busy touring season for the club, and showing off our A's. *Mike McKey*



Parking lot poker under the McCullough Bridge.

**Myrtlewood A's:** We headed south to Gold Beach for our annual Mother's Day run. We spent the night, then everyone headed up the Rogue River to Agnes, "over the hill" to Powers, and over more hills back to Coos Bay. It was quite an adventure. Now that summer is here, our meetings will be hosted each month by a different club member, complete with great food and fellowship. Want to join us? Call 541-759-4904. *Debbie Sargent*

### Rogue Valley A's: With it parade time in our local

communities, we were honored to be invited to carry dignitaries in our Model A's. It is so worth the smiles we see from the crowds of people when they see our Model A's. We get lots of thumbs-up to sound our *aboogab* horns. We were invited by a local antique show to display a Model A on the showroom floor. It made the event come alive! *Nell Mathern*



## RHODE ISLAND

**Little Rhody Model A Club:** Our weather the past few months hasn't been conducive to Model A fun. We had to cancel our spring dust-off tour, but will reschedule. Otherwise, members are doing the usual spring Model A activities: cleaning, lubricating, and tuning engines. We are planning our summer picnic for early July, with food, fun, and car games. A few club rides are in the early planning stages, with Rhode Island having numerous ride worthy destinations. *John Mennucci*

## SOUTH CAROLINA

**Aiken A's:** We held a work session at Guben's Garage, home of our local Model A mechanic guru. We fixed a few things, ate donuts, drank coffee, and enjoyed fellowship. Weather has been a bit problematic lately, as it seems events are rained out frequently, but we try and try again. President Greg took his Victoria to the local elementary school as a backdrop to their Roaring '20s party, and the kids really enjoyed it. *Greg Jones*



Ralph and Madge Roub (center) with Robby and Alice Bell.

**Old 96 District MAFC:** Our 18th annual swap meet included vendors and attendees from several states, and we look forward to our 19th one next April. Our club has gone on several tours. Rain put a damper on other planned trips, but we look forward to being on the road over the summer. Our club recently recognized charter members Ralph and Madge Roub, who will be relocating several states away to be closer to family. *Robby Bell*

**Palmetto A's:** What a wonderful time of year. The cars are all repaired and ready to roll, and that they are doing. We held our annual picnic with our neighboring clubs in April. May, we visited Magnolia Ridge Antique and Arts Festival in Ridge Spring, S.C. After the festival, it was off to find something to eat. We're looking forward to next month for our annual swap meet at Smith and Jones. *Wayne Arebeart*

## TENNESSEE

### Smoky Mountain Model A's: With the emphasis

on getting younger people involved in the Model A hobby, we provided a photo background for the Magnet Academy High School graduation prom that was themed "The Great Gatsby." We parked four different type A's at the venue entrance. A lot of interest was generated by the arriving students and staff, and many photos were taken. Our monthly first-Tuesday brunches are continuing to bring out more members and their A's. *Bob Helsel*



## TEXAS



**Cedar Creek MAFC:** In April a group of 10 got Model A's out and drove to Ennis to see the spring flowers. It was a cloudy, cool day, so no crowds. But lots of bluebonnets to enjoy as we drove the back roads. Then a lunch of Mexican food before heading home. *Lou Carpenter*

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**Dallas Model A Ford Club:** Welcome, four new members! Our restoration workshop was held at a paint and body shop, teaching about patching, welding, and painting. Several A's transported honorees in the annual Medal of Honor parade in Gainesville. We drove in the Bluebonnet Tour in Ennis and the Machine Gun Kelly Days tour in Paradise. Our annual club picnic was a big success despite bad weather. The Texas Tour in Nacogdoches will be June 13-16!  
*Nick Olson*

**Greater Houston A's:** Another successful Pate Swap Meet has come and gone! It was very windy, and the hard rain Friday created a "Pate River" that ran through our tent ... but was vacuumed out by Warren Pollard and the team. Thank you to Paul Yeoman, Robert Wheelless, and Keri Johnson for all their work throughout the year and to all the members who worked hard planning, preparing for, and working the event.  
*David Bolton*

**Lone Star MAFC:** The unseasonably cool temperatures of early April, along with hilly, winding, roads and Texas bluebonnets, made our wildflower tour to the Sail & Ski Yacht Club Marina in Lakeway captivating. Our lunch at the Sundancer Grill was served in the open-air dining room overlooking our eight Model A's and the drought-stricken Lake Travis. The food was delicious, and great fellowship was had by all.  
*Laurie Taylor*

**Piney Wood MAFC:** A fun time was had by all on the Poor Boy Tour in Gonzales, Texas with two other area clubs. We had a day tour to the Museum of Funeral History, where we viewed a 1921 hearse. The Texas Tour comes next, June 13 to 16, in Nacogdoches. Model A folks from far and wide attend this tour. We wish all a Happy Fourth of July. Safe Model A-ing down the byways!  
*Dan Kunds*

**Tyler Model A Ford Club:** Dennis Weis, a former president of the Tyler Model A Ford Club, passed away last year. His church decided to organize a car



show and invited us to participate. This is the type of activity any club needs to jump at. Our participation honored Dennis and won the admiration of the church's members. I would advise every club to cultivate their roots. We continue to raise funds through auctions after meetings.  
*Bruce Witwer*

**Victori-A's:** On April 12th, we lost club member James Kasper. James loved the Model A. He was a working member of our club, who planned and led tours. He was a faithful, vital part of our club and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Chris, who serves as secretary of our club.  
*Nancy Whiddon*



UTAH



**Beehive A's:** Sometimes our Model A's get more than just a tune-up or refreshing. One of our members is getting all hands on a Burtz engine installation. But our most notable activity this past month was our annual visit to local high schools. It is important for us to show our Model A's and teach students about the simplicity of these machines. We hope we are building interest in those students for a Model A future.  
*Brian Gough*

**Color Country MAC:** Spring is always fun for us Model A guys in sunny southern Utah, with lots of

opportunities for day tours to our nearby national parks. The Gunlock State Park waterfalls were particularly beautiful this year. Everyone loves these old Model A's. They bring back fond memories to the older folks, and the younger ones are amazed that we still drive them around regularly. They put lots of smiles on lots of faces.  
*Clark Peterson*



**Utah Valley:** We held two garage days where members helped replace a crank pulley and fix a leaky gas gauge. A week later, members helped install a new engine in a 1930 Fordor. These activities drew 33 people and 11 Model A's! We were also invited to attend a ribbon-cutting for a new waste transfer station, where we had 21 members and 17 model A's. We look forward to parade season!  
*Mike Carlton*

VIRGINIA

**Cape Henry MAFC:** With the promise of spring, the club experienced numerous opportunities to join together in projects and to show our cars. We got together to itemize and store the parts donated to the club from John Long's estate. We then joined in to swap out the engine in Melonie Kordis' 1930 Roadster. We were well represented at the 2024 NATO parade. We took our leisure exhibiting our cars at several nursing homes.  
*Gordon Spence*

**Colonial Virginia:** The touring season is upon us. April was especially busy with the Gloucester Daffodil Parade, a tour to Endview Plantation in Newport News, and meeting with the Old Dominion Club for Ashland Train Day. Some of our members traveled to South



Gloucester Daffodil Parade.

Boston, Virginia, in May for their annual Heritage Festival. Also in May we went on a mystery tour that led us to Merchant's Mill Pond State Park in North Carolina. *Ivan Morefield*



**George Washington Chapter:** Our small parts day was hosted by Benny and Sharon Leonard. We also had Steve Van Pelt, Matt Krafft, James Kolody, Dave Greenwood, Mike DiBerardino, John Dougherty, Doug Tomb, Val and Larry Faircloth, and Bruce Metcalf, with eight A's driven to the event! Lunch was bring-your-own, pizza, donuts, and coffee, with abundant camaraderie. After lunch, the crew worked on electrical problems, horn tuneups, dizzy bushings, and lube and oil changes. *Bruce Metcalf*



**Old Dominion:** We met for breakfast, followed by a tour of Ballos Machine Shop; 19 members attended tech day safety inspections; an annual picnic was held at Dogwood Terrace; and 10 A's from the Chapter and 8 A's from the Colonial Virginia club were displayed at Ashland Train Day. *Sam Watkins*

## WASHINGTON

**Columbia Basin A's:** We attended a play by the Richland Players, a local theatrical group, March

22nd. On March 29th, five cars and 11 members enjoyed the migrating Sandhill cranes that were resting at the Barker Ranch, a wildlife preserve just outside of Richland, Wash. The birds were very close to the road. The Walla Walla club joined us in Waitsburg for the Pomeroy Spring Farm Days 200-mile tour on April 13th. *Robin Eldbardt*

**Evergreen A's:** Twenty members participated in ensuring our club cars remain roadworthy through our annual "get-out get-under" at the Sage garage. This three-station process covers lubrication, engine performance, alignment, safety, and many other aspects. Touring is now underway with our first official run of the year to the tulip fields. Many more tours and parades are on the horizon, and we recently displayed A's in a Roaring '20s dinner and auction, gaining much attention. *Rich Nestler*



**Inland Empire A's:** For our March meeting we had a presentation by one our Lady A's, Maureen Bledsoe, on "Preparing Your Tool Box" and first-aid kits for touring. In April, we held our annual safety inspection, where all the guys inspect their cars to be road ready for the touring season. 15 cars turned out, so our inspectors were pretty busy. Afterward we enjoyed a potluck style lunch, with a fire pit to roast hot dogs. Good times! *Jackie Bonner*

**Volcano A's:** Our April tour took us up the Columbia River Gorge for lunch in Stevenson, then a tour of the Columbia River Museum. Also, the Lava Ladies enjoyed a lovely tea at the Jubilee Tea House. We celebrated the May 18th anniversary of the Mount St. Helens eruption by driving through

the Columbia Gorge to get to a viewpoint on the north side of the mountain, then lunch at Fargher Lake House: a beautiful drive. *Dian Lane*

## WISCONSIN



*At our tune-up day.*

**Central Wisconsin:** In May, Ken Brekke hosted a Model A tune-up day. A number of our members attended the event, with emphasis on ignition tuning and brake adjustments. Cars were placed on jack stands with initial brake checks made by resistance to rotation, then making subsequent brake wedge adjustments. The cars were test driven and further checked by heat gun at the drums. Point gap and distributor timing were checked, too. *Steve King*

**Great Lake A's:** Our summer season promises to be busy. We have scheduled two July Fourth parades, and have again been invited to the South Milwaukee Heritage Days Parade in June. We enjoy parades, but our primary focus is getting these old cars on a rural Wisconsin back road, stopping at a local restaurant, then visiting an ice cream parlor. Our annual picnic will be hosted by Al and Mary Musilek August 10th. Stop in if you can! *Gary Zebren*

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