

### ARIZONA



**MARC of Arizona:** This may look like Santa at work but actually is a Frank Gemmill photo of our club president, Mr. Ernie Vitucci, putting some final touches to the sound deadening materials in Bob and Becky Ingram's 1930 Deluxe Coupe prior to delivery to the upholsterer's shop. Several club members had joined Bob and Ernie in preparing the car for restoration completion. Now finished, the car is the pride of the Ingram household and a beautiful example of a Model A.

*Henry Ruzicka*



**Phoenix MAC:** December brought seasonal holiday festivities. The 31st annual F. Q. Story Historic Home Tour was on December 5-6. The homes match the age of member cars as most were built in the late 1920s. The third annual Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade was on December 12. Driving Model A's in the parade allows us to share our love of these grand old pieces of history with older generations and delight the younger with sights of earlier times and the distinctive Model A horn.

*Jim Grose*

**Tucson A's:** Our year culminated with a gala Holiday banquet at the Tanque Verde Ranch. After a delightful meal, awards were presented including: participation, significant contributions, and the always humorous "Hard Luck" awards. Betty Trimble and her creative crew gave each participant a cleverly made "edible mouse" - a party favor with a flavor. President Dan Osterman introduced our club's 2016 officers and board members. To say "a good time was had by all" would be a gross understatement.

*Mike Liebert*

### CALIFORNIA

**Bakersfield A's:** December started out with our annual Model A Club Christmas banquet, where we welcomed the new members of the board for 2016. The following week we attended the Ronald Reagan Library, for a President's tour for our 2015 President Ken Quarnberg. We ended December with our annual trip to the Kern County museum for the lamp light tour in our Model A's. We are excited for the New Year and our January activities.

*Ali Dyess*

**Blossom Trail A's:** Our Club has been busy this winter. Our November tour took us to breakfast and a visit to the Cat Haven in Dunlap, when we donated \$250 toward the expenses of moving 34 wild cats to various venues to protect them from the Rough Fire. In our tradition of giving back, we donated \$500 to Street Light Ministries to feed the less fortunate in our community for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Happy New Year Everyone!

*Maurine Segars*



**Capitol A's:** 2016 will be a fun-filled year for us! Finished 2015 with a "Champion" Christmas party, and a fabulous Ladies Tea at the Tarczy's home waited on by our men. The party continues with our anniversary dinner in February which will be "A Great Gatsby" event complete with outfits and awards. The cars keep rolling too, starting with a tour of the Folsom Power House and Apple Blossom tour in February.

*Donna Smith*

**Delta A's:** Larry Muir won King of the Hill in Bob Miller's speedster at the F.A.S.T. NorCal Hill Climb. Gary Floyd won in his class at the F.A.S.T. Murrieta Hill Climb. At our annual Christmas brunch, Corky Enslay and Jim Jewell were honored for their service in the Vietnam War, receiving beautiful quilts from Quilted Hugs of Gratitude. Both were very touched by this recognition. Toys went to the Women's Center.

*Pat Rut*

**Diablo A's:** Our first tour this year was led by Patty and Tom Howard to Wayne Wichern Millinery where we observed the making of custom hats. Our Sunday brunch tour led by Reyane and Doug Freeman took us on a scenic tour ending with brunch at La Veranda Restaurant. Special recognition was given by Alex Janke to June Rosploch for her work as Editor and Steve Mick as Webmaster.

*Bob Estrella*

**El Camino A's:** We've had a rainy couple of months which has been very welcome to our drought-ridden state. It's kept our A's at home, but not our members. The week after Christmas, 30 of us showed up for dinner at our local restaurant. In January we had our President's Brunch and had planned to celebrate our member who is turning 102. Unfortunately he was unable to make it. Looking forward to February!

*Mary Anne Stergion*

**Hangtown A's:** Twenty members gathered for dinner before our first meeting in January. Vice President Jeannette Powell shared her many plans for outing in the upcoming year. We held a celebration of life for one of our dear long time members, Dorothy Tribbett, who had been a MAFAA member for over 30 years. Plans are well underway for another exciting Apple Hill event reports Claude Sipe, Chairman for Apple Hill 2016.

*Ginger DeGregory*



El Segundo Christmas parade

**Harbor Area A's:** Forty-two members enjoyed dinner at Olive Garden Restaurant in Torrance before heading off to our annual Christmas Lights tour of Sleepy Hollow. Bob and Phyllis DeCrescenzo led the tour and we met afterwards at their home for a cookie exchange. They decorate their home with wonderful Christmas collectibles. This year we had two Christmas parades at the same day and time. The Wilmington parade had six Model A's and 13 people. The El Segundo parade had seven Model A's and 18 people.

*Sue Hankins*



**Lake County A's:** Happy New Year. Our club officers are staying on for another term: President Dick Munger; Vice-President Tom Macomber; Secretary Eileen Talbot; Treasurer Ken Barnes and board members Gil Sissons (new) and Tom Burns. We are very excited about upcoming events, especially our annual Spring Opener, April 29-May 1. Lots of fun and good times are planned. Looking forward to seeing all our friends at the event, so put it on your calendar.

*Irma Eddy*

**Linden A's:** December 6, we enjoyed the Festival of Trees at Mickle Grove Park in Lodi. Our Christmas lights tour on December 19 ended at Bon Mange in Stockton. The 2016 Installation/New Year's Brunch was on January 3 at the Machado's. The threat of rain prevented a tour on January 17, and we were delighted. We need lots of rain to catch up from four years of drought. The Linden A's wish you and yours a healthy and happy 2016.

*Terry Machado*

**Marin A's:** Be advised that the Marin A's toured to Lodi for a tour of the Corto Olive Oil Company. The annual Toys for Joy tour included giving gifts anonymously to deserving children in the county. The annual Christmas party theme was "recycling" wherein participants developed gifts from reused parts such that the gift was ready for a new use. In January we had our installation dinner recognizing the Marin A officers for 2016.

*Lester Foote*

**Modesto Area A's:** John and Nancy Carvalho sponsored the Veterans Day parade to support our veterans. Keith Collins had a seat belt seminar at Ron Crum's barn. It was a productive day and safety for our members is a concern. Our Christmas program and installation of officers had many of our members dressed in era clothing. Our newly elected club officers for 2016 are: President Jim Krieser; Vice-President Alan Aolquhoun; Secretary Burta Herger and Treasurer Fred Dick.

*Sharon Ott*

**Oakdale A's:** With elections over and a new governing team, new President Susie Davy expects an exciting new year. The Waterford Christmas Light parade was great fun. Of course eats and setups were at the Casey's, just a light meal. Again another great Christmas dinner thanks to Pat Bordona. Want to Thank Mal Gray for writing this charter report for more years than we know; Mal one of the starting members of MAFAA.

*Richard Gravel*

**Orange County:** OCMAFC is gearing up for the annual Pancake Breakfast on April 10 at historic Hart Park in Orange. Expect great food, awesome opportunity gifts and especially the gathering of Model A enthusiasts. More than 1,000 breakfasts are traditionally served by volunteer club members. The 2016 calendar is already filling up with seminars, tours, swap meets, car shows, parades, the monthly breakfasts and any excuse to meet up for lunch somewhere on the road. Don't forget April 10 Pancake Breakfast.

*Kathie McCull*



**Orange Blossom A's:** Club members Wayne and Jan Epley's gorgeous 1930 Model A won our monthly meeting raffle. Fritts Ford graciously allows the club to meet each month at Fritts Ford Truck Center, Auto Center Drive & Jefferson in Riverside, 2nd floor meeting room. All are encouraged to drive their Model A's and join the fun for 2016. Check out Facebook, "Orange Blossom A's".

*Rob Holmes*

**Oroville Golden Feather A's:** The New Year is under way. Gary Soderlund, President, has his slate of officers in place and things are happening. The planning committee met during January at Francisco's, the local Mexican diner and set up the 2016 calendar. Parades, Tours and Special Events add up to nineteen events for the year. We are all looking forward to another great year.

*Gene Carrell*

**Palomar A's:** The new year has started with a bang, pop and wheeze with the A's on tour to the Deer Park Auto Museum in Escondido. They have had a museum for a few decades with a variety of cars but it is always fun to revisit there as it is a nice tour. Of course there was lunch afterward. Now with the new board in place we are anxious to have our monthly tours and a great 2016, which we also wish to everyone.

*Barbara Kruegel*

**Paradise Valley MAFC:** Our sparkling Fords shone at Christmas parades in San Bernardino and Redlands; and how we appreciated the Alford's hospitality for hosting a luncheon for the participants. A special thank you to those who planned our Christmas party - delicious food, great friends and outstanding musical entertainment. We toured to Vista to see a display of beautiful Model A's. Take your Honey to Brunch was held at Polly's Pies in Moreno Valley to celebrate a great start to a new year.

*Jeaneene Buchanan*

**Pomona Valley MAC:** We set a record on our money-making club auction in January; lots of fun and participation. We even auctioned off four authentic Austrian home-cooked dinners at \$25 each. Cable Air Show went well in spite of threatening rain. In February, will tour our local Puddingstone Dam, an age-old water catch basin/recreation area in San Dimas. Will attend annual Orange County Pancake Breakfast in April.

*George Munday*

**Redding Rambling A's:** New officers were elected and they are making great plans for the coming months. We ended the last quarter of the year with the Veterans parade, Christmas parade, Senior and Masonic breakfasts and our annual Christmas party at the Bishops home. Thanks guys for opening your home to us for a fun time. We thank all last year's officers for a great job and look for their help this coming year. Happy New Year to all.

*Norm Faith*

**San Diego:** November we took part in a car display in downtown San Diego, the Fall Back Festival. December saw two holiday parades, the North Park Toyland and Pacific Beach Holiday with our cars in their Christmas attire. January 9 was our yearly banquet with the theme a Gatsby Affair. New officers for 2016 were installed. Club members came dressed in period attire. We even learned how to dance the Charleston and attendance was 100+.

*Karen Wittkop*

**San Fernando Valley MAFC:** In November, we had 10 Model A's tour Mulholland Drive overlooking Los Angeles, Hollywood and the San Fernando Valley. Our nomination/pizza meeting was well attended and all but one of the past Board will stand for reelection. In December we joined together for the Granada Hills Christmas parade. Members supported the Toys for Tots project.

*Keith Smith*

**San Francisco Bay Area:** We paid tribute to veterans of all wars at the 96th Veterans Day parade, once again sandwiched between Harleys and Studebakers as we passed through Fisherman's Wharf. A few weeks later we presented our annual donation to Make-A-Wish Foundation at the San Francisco Cable Car Pull after a fundraising breakfast at the Buena Vista Café. The following week, our Christmas banquet, where we collected gifts for the S.F.F.D.'s children's toy program. Our January President's Brunch at Harding Park Golf Course followed a drive along the Pacific Coast Highway.

*Walter Caplan*

**Santa Anita A's:** Ninety-six members and friends attended the Ruby Gala held at the Shakespeare Club, celebrating our club's 40 years of serving the Model A Ford community. Congratulations to all the attendees, especially to three founding members; Brad Belmont, Marlin Perry and Gordon Johnson! Onward to our Golden Gala! December saw us at the Arabian Horse Show at Cal Poly and our annual Christmas party. Rick Phillips was our celebrated Veteran for December.

*Keith Smith*

**Santa Barbara Chapter:** November was our great travelling Lunner (lunch/dinner) This is the last major club drive. And of course December is the Christmas party. The chapter collected a large amount of canned goods for the local food bank. Next: 2016

*Bill Berger*

**Santa Clara Valley:** SCVC had its annual pumpkin carving and scarecrow building contest/tri-tip BBQ at the Burtz' in October. November, we drove Someone Else's A and had a speedometer check at local West Valley College. December, volunteered at the Family Giving Tree and held the installation banquet. President K. Bybee, Vice-President S. Colbeck, Secretary J. Barrett, Treasurer J. Dalcanto, Membership Director K. Lancaster, Editor W. Innamorato, Activities Director R. Hershey and G. Alexy. We are looking forward to an exciting 2016.

*Susan Colbeck*

**Sierra A's:** In December, we had 17 Model A's decorated with Christmas lights entered in the Clovis Electric Light Parade. We also had our Christmas banquet at Classic Catering with 62 members in attendance. We were served steak, salmon or chicken. In January we'll have our monthly breakfast at the Waffle House. We're still busy at work on the 2016 CCRG Jamboree. Hope to see you all on April 15-17 in Fresno/Clovis.

*Dorothy Piccirilli*



**Santa Maria A's:** The Santa Maria A's Christmas party was held December 10 at the Historic Santa Maria Inn. Fun was had by all with dinner, entertainment, raffle prizes and installation of the 2016 board. Some of the members dressed in era clothing. We placed second in our division in the Santa Maria Parade of Lights. Also the Santa Maria A's participated in the Orcutt Christmas parade.

*Trudy Stevens*

**Simi Valley:** Early December, our club took a tour of lights through Candy Lane in Moorpark. We decorated our cars with electric lights and displayed them while serving coffee and hot chocolate. In addition, we had carolers to entertain while passersby took their time learning about automotive history.

*Brad Lawson*

**Sonoma A's:** Karen Ingram organized our wonderful Christmas party. New officers were elected: President Karen Ingram; Vice President Bob Dungan; Treasurer Bob Gutteridge; Secretary Sue Jacoby; Directors Marc Silva and Judy Jacobson; and Judy Lewis as Director/Advisor. Rick Janssen is taking over the time-consuming job of Grapevine Gazette newsletter editor from Steve Lewis, who did a wonderful job for the past two years. Thank you, Steve. \$700 was collected and with a \$500 club contribution, \$1,200 was donated to Redwood Empire Food Bank.

*Bob Cortelyou*

**South Bay Touring A's:** Hard to believe that 2016 is here already. We went to Gunthers Yard in December, what an interesting place. He only opens once a year for car folks to come in and browse; lots of antique equipment. We also had our annual installation banquet at the Ports a Call Restaurant. One of our biggest and best banquets ever. We are getting tours and seminars lined up, should be lots of fun. Happy New Year!

*Dick Valot*

**Temecula Valley Model A's:** The club started out January 1 with 21 Model A's on tour. The weather was ideal for a beautiful scenic drive, led by Rudy and Lori, to see a collection of Model A Panel Trucks. Our host and hostess were Bruce and Jeanette, who provided a grand tour of their impressive collection. Thank you for a wonderful day! With such a spectacular beginning, 2016 promises to be a banner year for fun and friendship!

*Joyce Grieb*

**Ventura County:** December was definitely parade month with our club participating in processions in the cities of Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Camarillo. The Fillmore parade featured two of the three trucks that were originally built by club member Lin Thomas's Fillmore High School auto shop class for the coast-to-coast "Race Across America" rallies of 1999, 2000 and 2001. The trucks were scratch built from parts and didn't have to spend any "hook" time (towed) on the way. Wow.

*Richard Atchison*

**Whittier Chapter:** We continue to have our meetings on the first Thursday of the month. We had our installation of officers combined with our Christmas dinner at the Roadhouse Restaurant in Whittier in December. Our January tour was well attended; we went to the Chino Airport by way of a scenic drive down Carbon Canyon road and had a fun breakfast at Flo's Restaurant.

*Howard Gentry*

## COLORADO

**Model A Ford Club of Colorado:** Winter is upon us here in the Rockies. Our annual drive to Buffalo Bill's grave site atop Lookout Mountain turned out to be a breakfast gathering. With several inches of snow, frigid temperature and high winds, we opted out of the drive and enjoyed a nice warm breakfast. Only one Model A showed up and wouldn't you know it, Alden and Phyllis Elshof who live the furthest and were the oldest couple in the group showed us up. Planning and final details are being readied for the 2016 National MAFA Convention, registrations have already showed up and it looks like a great gathering is going to happen. See you in Loveland June 19 - 24, 2016.

*Dick Przywitowski*

## FLORIDA



**Palm Beach A's:** The club kicked off the new year with a pizza party! After a short meeting, we listened to an engineer who works for Caulkins Water Farm in Indiantown. This pilot project is part of the solution to a sustainable water source in Florida. The following Saturday, we took the A's to the "high road" and drove around the facility on the levee. In addition to recharging the aquifer, the natural habitat creates a refuge for many of our wild friends including the alligator. Check out Palmbeachas.com.

*David Carlson*

## GEORGIA

**Shade Tree A's:** We participated in several area Christmas parades during an unusually warm December. We held a catered Christmas party at Richard and Frankie Dunevent's. Early New Year's morning found 40 members and several cold Model A's at the Cracker Barrel restaurant for our annual breakfast. Ten Model A's and 15 members toured to the Crossroads Café near Gibson for a BBQ lunch and hot fried peach pies.

*Jim McPherson*

## IDAHO

**Treasure Valley:** In May the club participated in the 21st annual Don Borchers Melba tour, the largest classic car tour in Idaho. Named after the guy who started it, who is still alive. We thought it might be nice to recognize people before they pass on. Next up were all the 4th of July parades. In September, the 62nd annual McCall tour. It was 20 degrees with 20 mph winds - the coldest McCall tour in 20 years. Several attended the Boise Holiday Parade. Polar Bear tour is on January 1. Safe touring everyone!

*Jim Borchers*

## ILLINOIS

**Central Illinois A's:** January 10, and Illinois is covered with snow with cold, cold temps - two degrees this morning. The snowbirds have flown south to Florida, Texas and Arizona. Our Model A's and the owners who stayed to enjoy the winter in Illinois are hunkered down for the most part. Those with heated garages are sanding and repairing as necessary. When warm Model A weather arrives, we will all be ready. Let's Roll!

*Kay C. Lee*

**Fouereur Fours:** Peeking through frosted windows at snowy streets outside makes it hard to imagine chuckling along with tops down and windows wide. Trust me; there will again come the day we roll out the A's to cruise the less traveled and mostly rural roads. We will soon make the old Fords ready again to tour with old friends to new places. We have much to see and miles to go before we sleep!

*Ron Cloat*

**Land of Lincoln A's:** Many members have put their Model A's to bed while our mild winter weather of 50's and 60's beckons us to hit the road. We are very thankful for mild weather this winter. Our annual Christmas party, gift exchange and election was very well attended as usual. We look forward to "seeing you down the road" as one of our eldest members often says. As always please encourage other Model A enthusiasts to join MAFA.

*Nathan Ruppert*



**Salt Creek A's:** Members had a great time at the annual holiday party. They are now looking forward to our traditional Souper Bowl in February. We have a new President, Ilene Schauer, who takes over at our Souper bowl meeting in February. Members are thinking about getting their cars ready and plans are being made for summer tours. Several are hoping to go to the MAFA national meet in Loveland, Colorado.

*Holly Beam*

## IOWA



**Central Iowa:** Fifty-nine members attended our banquet in January. Thanks, Chris Klein and Jan Volf for arrangements. Joe Lamb presented the DARR Award (our club's highest honor) to Bill Magers. Joe Lamb was recognized for 20 years of GAMARAI (Great Annual Model A Ride Around Iowa). Officers for 2016: President John McClain; Vice-President Clarence Cory, Secretary Margaret Cory, Treasurer Don Briggs, Director of Programs Chris Klein, Director of Publications Mike Youngblood, Director of Finance Charlie Volf, and Board Members Tom Jamison, Joe Lamb, and Dave Klein.

*Margaret Cory*

**Hawkeye MAFC:** This finds us in December with the 2015 touring season behind us. As we reflect, we had five very successful tours over six months along with our seventh annual Iowa Model A Day. Yes, we have a very active Model A Club whose purpose is to use, promote the Model A and have fun. The club, during the winter and spring months, will focus on tech sessions to ready those Model A's for the 2016 season. [www.hawkeyemodclclub.org](http://www.hawkeyemodclclub.org).

*Jan Wenger*

**Humboldt A's:** The year 2016 begins with 47 regular members plus 11 honorary members in the club. They will be led by officers President Mark Moore, Vice President Al Thilges, and Secretary/Treasurer Gayle Reed. These 47 members strive to restore, maintain and preserve 37 cantankerous old Model A's for their own enjoyment and the enjoyment of others. Soon these A's will be waking from their long winter's nap and sounding their ahoogas in jubilation of spring.

*Larry Tamm*

## KANSAS

**Flint Hills:** The 4th annual Topeka Veterans Day parade was Monday, November 7 in downtown Topeka. We had two members attending driving Army vehicles. Our November monthly breakfast was held at Coyote Canyon Saturday, November 28, and the December breakfast was cancelled because of Christmas. The Christmas Dinner/Party was Saturday, December 12, 2015 at the Museum of Kansas National Guard, Topeka. What a wonderful dinner and day we enjoyed! Wishing each and everyone a happy and healthy 2016!

*Dorothy O'Dell*

**Kansas Plain O' A's:** We have installed our new board members and plans are being made for 2016 activities. Our Christmas dinner was enjoyed by everyone. We are looking forward to the National Meet in Loveland, Colorado. Now is the time to check your Model A over for needed repairs.

*Bruce and Vicky Mills*

**Wichita A's:** Our annual club auction in November raised \$2,033 for charity. The ladies used their creativity painting ceramics at a Christmas brunch. We enjoyed lunch and good music at Prairie Rose Chuckwagon for our club Christmas party. There were several Model A's on the New Years Day tour including a speedster and roadster with the top down despite the cold weather. We enjoyed brunch and a tour of a local yard with sculptures made out of yard sale treasures.

*Brenda Broadhead*

## LOUISIANA

**Red Stick Chapter:** The Red Stick club will be celebrating 50 years in 2016. At this time no plans have been made to remember this momentous occasion, but shortly after the beginning of the year, we will start our motors and begin planning. Stay tuned as we roll out the "Red Stick Carpet".

*Marie Tortorich*

## MAINE

**Pine Tree A's:** December was unusually mild and we had four Model A's at our annual Christmas party. We thank Bev Wheeler for a great party. Rick Sylvestre is our Outstanding Member for 2015, congratulations Rick! Over the winter we will meet with interesting seminars scheduled and the tour committee is making plans for when we can get back on the roads. Just think about it, the newest cars we will be driving are now 85 years old!

*John Brissette*

## MARYLAND

**Greater Baltimore MAFC:** November 14 saw Club members at John Lebo's fall workshop and had refreshments and troubleshooting many problems. Following this, several members went to a Cub Scout outing to show the scouts our cars and explain the working of the Model A. December 5 saw six A's and 14 members visiting a Christmas Garden in Halethorpe, then a pizza parlor. December 13 was our Christmas party with a great turnout. We had a nice lunch and installed our new Board for 2016.

*Bud Carroll*

## MASSACHUSETTS

**MAFC of Cape Cod:** Our members enjoyed several events this winter. We had one regular meeting in November where the Nominating Committee reported their recommendations for the upcoming year along with recommendations for bylaw review. A seminar on the Model A distributor was presented with much information disseminated. Our first ever website was designed and implemented. Much effort and dedication went into this endeavor (<http://clubs.hemmings.com/mafcapecod>). In December, our annual Holiday Brunch at the Old Yarmouth Inn, with most driving their A's. An enjoyable event.

*John Schnyer*

**MARCOM:** Winter is here in southeastern Massachusetts with 4-5 inches of heavy wet snow on the ground. MARCOM members elected officers and board members for 2016. Bill Brum is the new President, with Donald Karp, Sue Menard and Steve Pyne re-elected to Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Board members are Lou Zadra, Charles Marchewka, Dan Zwicker and Bruce Ketchen. Frank and Luke Dent have done a great job in finishing our new website, please check it out at [www.marcomodela.com](http://www.marcomodela.com).

*Charles Marchewka*

**Minuteman MAFC:** As we look forward to spring, the Minuteman club welcomes the 2016 slate of officers: President Doug Linden; Vice-President Tom Zappala; Secretary John Erb and Treasurer Andy Adams. We will be hosting the N.E. Regional Meet in September at the Westford Regency in Westford. The tour schedule for 2016 has been printed and we look forward to driving our Model A's on a beautiful day! Here's to a new and eventful season ahead. *Susan Champagne*

**Worcester County MAC:** One last unexpected our for 2015: On December 12 with temperatures in the 60's, 11 A's led by the O'Keefes made their way to the Steaming Tender in Palmer. January saw the installation of 2016 officers at our after-Christmas Holiday party. Plans are underway for a busy 2016; Deb and Don Pelly are planning the 2016 Presidents tour to the Green Mountains of Vermont. Karen Hyson was awarded the club's Terry Young Award for Outstanding Service.

*Keith Costello*

## MINNESOTA

**Twin City MAFC:** Congratulations to Doug Persing on being elected our 2016 President. Our Spark Plug Award was presented to Mark Leder for his work on our newsletter and clinic contributions, and to John and Linda Pole for hosting club meetings and a tour. Our Life Member Award went to Dave and Jean Gerold for coordinating the Pancake Breakfast and volunteer help, and to Roger Anderson and Lynne Groven for serving on our board and coordinating the Iron Man Tour. *Ed Porter*

## MISSOURI



Garage Day test engine

**Northwest Missouri MAFC:** Members gathered at Corner Café in Liberty to celebrate Valentine's Day. The well attended luncheon was a welcomed break from the confinements of winter weather. Our annual shakedown tour is in the planning stages. Bill Auch and his crew always put together an interesting and challenging tour. Car talk at Monday and Wednesday coffee groups seems to be centered around attending the early swap meets. Planning groups have been set up to coordinate travel plans and activities for those traveling to Colorado in June. *Vicky Roseberry*

## MONTANA

**Big Sky A's:** About 25 members enjoyed the holiday party at The Keep Restaurant in Missoula, complete with wonderful food and a silent auction of Model A and other items. Congratulations to Arlen Fratzke for 25 years with MAFA. His Fordor is named Reuben, after his grandfather. Also, congratulations to Merle Phillips of the North Bunch for 46 years with MAFA! *Don and Janan Beller*

**Magic City:** So excited about attending the National in Colorado in June! We have 10-12 members planning to drive to Loveland. This will be our annual "Big Tour", will involve 10 days cover over 1,000 miles. We plan to spend our first night in Casper and our final night at the beautiful Thermopolis Hot Springs, soaking our travel-weary selves, before heading home. This will be a trip to remember! Thank you Mile High and everyone involved for organizing this event. *Thelma Witt*

## NEBRASKA

**Cornhusker MAFC:** In December, a holiday banquet and installation of 2016 officers was held at Misty's Restaurant. The Borchers provided musical entertainment. A video recap of club activities, annually prepared by Margaret Mays, was enjoyed. Earlier in December, 11 A's participated in the dedication program to open the rebuilt "Penny Bridges" in Lincoln's Boulevard Historic District. Members wore vintage clothing and Lincoln's mayor rode in the lead car. January's meeting included planning for monthly dinner runs and other 2016 activities. *Janet Jeffries Beauvais*

**Meadowlarks:** We installed our 2016 officers during our annual banquet at Anthony's Steakhouse - President Ken Grigsby, Vice-President Esther Miller, Treasurer Mike Cahalane, Secretary Marilyn Cahalane, and Board Members John Leddy, Anne Krueger, Mike Tritsch, Lee Hendrix, and David Miller. Our 2015 goal of driving our Model A's the distance around the world (24,901 miles) was surpassed with 31,749 total miles. Charlie and Suzanne Earnest are the 2015 champions (4,535 miles). Ten families exceeded 1,000 miles. *Greg Bowden*

## NEVADA



**Las Vegas Valley MAFC:** Several club members drove their A's to our annual Kickoff Breakfast at the Paiute Indian Reservation. President Mark Schieff acknowledged many past officers, directors and other contributors to the Club with each reporting the duties and number of years they performed for the Chapter. The new officers were sworn in and began their official duties. With about 80 members in attendance, it was a great event. *Rita Waroway*

## NEW MEXICO

**Poco Quatros:** We installed the new club officers at the December end-of-year banquet and recognized those who drove their Model A's the most miles. Several new members have joined, bringing in younger folks to enjoy our Model A activities. In spite of snow and cold, Model A sounds are heard as members are getting their cars ready for spring driving. We are planning several tours around New Mexico and especially to the June MAFA convention in Loveland, Colorado. We're looking forward to another great year. *Al Stanley*

## NEW YORK

**Mohican MAFC:** October 17, the Club met at Little Falls Antique Center for shopping and then motored to Beardslee Castle for a luncheon. Our annual meeting was November 7 at the Utica Maennerchor. On December 6, our Christmas party at the Colgate Inn in Hamilton. After the buffet we had a brief meeting and reflected upon the loss of our Co-President, Charlie Hicks. A poem was read that he had composed just prior to his untimely death. He will be missed by all. *Sondra Roberts*

## OHIO

**Dayton-Buckeye MAFC:** With the exceptional warm weather in Ohio this year many of us were able to drive our Model A's late into December. At our December meeting the ladies in Clara's Club discussed and shared Christmas gifts from the era. We held our Christmas banquet on December 12. We had a good time and enjoyed table fellowship with old and new friends. In 2015, ten new couples joined our club. One new couple joined us in January. *John Stuckey*

## OREGON

**Beaver Chapter:** January 23, 2016 was our annual Chapter Banquet, the theme was a Masquerade Ball. Members enjoyed an evening of dining, cocktails, music, dancing and good fellowship. The newly elected club officers were introduced and outgoing board members recognized for their service. The 2015 mileage award was presented to Mike and Una McLaughlin. 2015 was a successful year with great events planned for 2016. We wish all MAFA members a very "Happy New Year". *Bill Henderson*

**Enduring A's:** The cars are in hibernation but not the members. Our annual swap meet in November was successful with the support of buyers, sellers and hard-working club members like Glen and Paula Osborn. The December Christmas dinner organized by Ann Cook left members full to the brim and introduced new officers for 2016: President Larry Brokaw; Vice President Grace Hinton; Secretary Brian Cook; Treasurer Linda Harding; Board Members Dave Hinton, Michael Chambers and Robert Weber, and Past President Byron Cook. *Martin Harding*

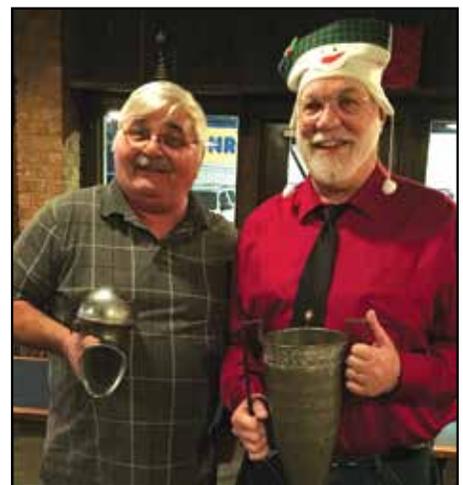
**Henry's Lady Chapter:** Our Christmas party was postponed by a power outage, so we finally met in January for a celebration with our sister club, Caveman Vintage Car Club. Our new officers for 2016: President Bill Hallows, Vice-President John Firth, Treasurer Gene Amaral, Co-Secretaries Nancy Firth, Mary O'Cain, and Ann Tarski. Others include Tour Chairman Tom Rogers, Sunshine Pam Green, Librarian Art Peary, and Membership Chuck Green. They do a great job for our club. On a sad note, longtime member Chuck Tarski passed away in January. We'll all miss him. *Rick Black*

**Rogue Valley A's:** The Rogue Valley A's elected a new slate of officers for 2016: President Dan Doss; Vice-President Kyle Edwards; Secretary Nell Mathern; Treasurer Kisty Wikkerink. Our new "Sunshine Person" will be Reid Williams, he sends a card to a member in time of sorrow or illness. We planned tours and seminars at our January meeting. Check out our tour for May. Your chapter might want to do the same thing in your area. [www.southernoregon-livesteamers.com](http://www.southernoregon-livesteamers.com) *Nell Mathern*

## RHODE ISLAND

**Little Rhody MAFC:** Our January meeting was very interesting with a slide show of pouring Babbitt bearings. Ray Pagliarini does this in his own shop. We are planning on meeting the Western Massachusetts club at Wright's Chicken Farm on February 6. Al Silvia discussed the Model A Family Picnic in Glen Park on July 23. Mo and Janice Rousseau, new Program Chairs, are planning a CPR demonstration for our February meeting. *Pat Howard*

## PENNSYLVANIA



**Steamtown A's:** Virginia and Mike Curcerello hosted the sixth annual Steamtown A's Christmas Party and Gift Exchange Extravaganza on December 13 at JJ Bridges in Chinchilla. Approximately 45 members attended the gala and many unique gifts were enjoyed. Each male attendee received a lovely holiday cap and the ladies, a Christmas ornament. Carols were led by Wayne Trivelpiece and Don Anderson. As always the food was exceptional and everyone had a great time! *Kathi Fergler*

## SOUTH CAROLINA

**Aiken Model A's:** Fortunately, old man winter hasn't hit our beautiful area like it has some, but it has been enough to keep us inside. Aiken Model A's great group of officers have scheduled indoor functions such as Tech Sessions, where our members converge on a Saturday morning with their A's, bringing with them a list of "to do's", some tools and lunch. It is always lots of fun, educational, and the needed work on our cars gets done! Looking forward to warmer weather... *Bill Cox*

**Lowcountry A's:** Greetings from soggy South Carolina. We had biblical floods in the fall and haven't dried out yet - keeps our Model A tires dirty! We have new officers and look forward to another great year of touring, fun and fellowship. There is much to see and do in and around our beloved Charleston - and with 60+ members we take advantage of it! If you're in Charleston on the second Thursday of the month, join us. We gather in a neat old restored filling station. *Eddie Collins*

**Old 96 District MAFC:** Winter activities included the Due West Christmas parade followed by food and fellowship at the Riches'. We transported town officials in the Ninety Six parade. Christmas dinner at Carson's incorporated festive decorations, good food, and Era fashion, followed by a business meeting, elections, and gift swap. 2016 began with a trip to Dean Hunter's farm, with traditional black-eyed peas and collards meal. McDill's hosted the January Tech/business meeting with 26 attending. Plans were made for our April 15-16 Swap Meet. *Debby McDill*

**Palmetto A's:** December 5 found the A's traveling to the Holiday Open House at Ruins Plantation in Statesburg. December 12, our Christmas party at Whiteford's in Clinton. 2016 found the A's on the road to Tom and Sherry Mack's home for a New Year's Day traditional dinner. January 2, 13 members driving seven Model A's toured to Savannah to spend the night. On a sad note, we lost one of our long-time members. Bill Prince died December 19. He held many different positions in the club. Bill will be missed. *Judy Barnes*

## TENNESSEE

**Smoky Mountain Model A's:** Our annual Christmas party was highlighted by a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. Thanks, Susannah Morgan, for setting up that event. Mr. & Mrs. Model A for 2015 went to Bob and Lin Helsel. Thanks Bob for being our president the past four years. The Fairbanks and Schwerdt enjoyed a great time at the Central Alabama MAFC's annual tour to Guntersville, Alabama. Members are looking forward to a March murder mystery dinner. *Randy Schwerdt*

## TEXAS



**Autumn Trails Model A Ford Club:** We had an awesome Christmas Party at the Tea Room in Quitman, Texas. In January, Ken Parker put on a great program on Model A brakes and braking systems. *Tex Willis*

**Cedar Creek:** Some members enjoyed a great Thanksgiving weekend in Waco with the Houston club. Mel and Jane Rivers planned a great weekend with much to see and do, good food, and rain did not stop us! Christmas was great this year. We adopted nine veterans in the nursing home who have no family and showered them with Christmas gifts. I do not know who was the happiest...the veterans or us! Paul Pirtle passed away. He was a wealth of knowledge. 2016 is set to be another fun-filled year. *Sue Capps*



**Fort Worth A's:** Cowtown A's celebrated Thanksgiving with 12 member Model A's in the 33rd annual downtown City of Fort Worth Parade of Lights. In early December, members began the holiday season with the election of 2016 officers at the combined annual business meeting and Holiday dinner party with 95 members and guests, including Santa, attending. The Cowtown A's are the sponsors of the annual 2016 Texas Tour, June 9-12, in Glen Rose. *Chuck Nixon*



**Greater Houston A's:** Fifty years ago this spring, the Greater Houston A's became a reality through the effort of Bill Coleman and several others. Bob Terry's words on our 25th anniversary are still applicable today. "The club started small and we had to meet anywhere there was an available place. However, down through the years we have always had a nucleus of willing workers that have built a fun club of which we can all be proud." *Bob Pond*



**Dallas MAFC:** We had a successful Christmas party in December. At our January meeting, new high school age club members presented a skit about Henry Ford for National History Month. They played Lucy and Ethel (I love Lucy) working at the Ford Assembly line, talking about the life and times of Henry Ford. The workshop in January was a rear end overhaul. Our bingo and chili cookoff is scheduled for March, with a Mystery tour in April. *Pam Henricks*

**Lone Star MAFC:** The Christmas party was fabulous. Mel's Lone Star Lanes along with CJ's Catering had a very nice separate room for us and they served a delicious home style buffet. We had a gift exchange and fun was the theme. Everyone enjoyed the venue so much that we have already booked the party for 2016. Five restoration clinics, Mardi Gras parade, Blanco tour and a Mystery tour are already planned for 2016. Georgetown IHOP is the Saturday morning hotspot for LSMAFC. *Laurie Taylor*



**John Drury**

**Tyler MAFC:** John Drury is our 2016 president. His wife, Susan, has also been a real boon to the club, doing many tasks, including serving as vice-president a couple of years back! We were entertained by a

local band called "Working on it". This is their retort when asked their band name. They are very skilled musicians. We had our annual fashion show and good food. Last year's officers were recognized and we had lots of fun with Jim Durnal, our 2015 president, presiding. *James Monroe*

#### UTAH

**Utah's Beehive A's:** Winter's here in snow country, and the roadsters are in hibernation. The '2015 Touring & Band-Aid Repair Season' has ended...and the 'Intensive Care' season begins! Doug Jenkins gave a sigh of relief and handed over the 2016 steering wheel to Clay Pitkin at the annual Christmas party. Thanks, Doug, for a great 2015! It was great seeing Merial Hawkins at the party! You can follow us at: beehiveva.com. *Clark and Annette Peterson*

**Utah's Color Country A's:** St George, Utah is Model A heaven in the winter. Dennis Rutoski is our new 2016 president, while Jeff Eggertz takes a rest. Thanks Jeff! We had a great January pizza party at Roger and Marion's shop. Thanks kids. Next up: Over 'Utah Hill' to Peggy Sue's Diner in Mesquite. The Color Country A's are a fun bunch to hang out with! NOTE: we'll be meeting the 'first Tuesday' of the month during 2016. *Snooky Peterson*

#### VIRGINIA

**Capre Henry MAFC:** We participated in holiday parades in Winfall and Hertford, North Carolina, and in Virginia Beach. The enthusiastic spectators at each location loudly applauded our decorated antiques. We held our Christmas party in December in conjunction with our annual club meeting. Our slate of officers, formally elected in November, were introduced to the club at this time. Dewey Milligan received the Sparkplug Award for his hearty support of the club throughout the year. *Gordon Spence*



**Colonial Virginia A's:** After enjoying a spectacular holiday season, members are busy preparing for the upcoming touring season. The club closed out last year by showing off their decorated classics at the Williamsburg and Smithfield Christmas parades, and the Christmas banquet at Warwick Forest was well attended. The prestigious Spark Plug award went to former President Ms. Patty Belvin - Congratulations, Patty! Members launched the New Year with a Snowflake tour on the Colonial Parkway on New Year's Day followed by a "pitch-in lunch" and silent auction in mid-January. *Ray Putnam*

#### WASHINGTON



**Clark County Flying Eagle A's:** A personal note to the Flying Eagle A's "Thank You for repairing my '28 Model A Roadster Pickup, Henry". The garage day for Henry was the first event. They tore him apart, replaced the steering box and other worn parts and put him back together in one day. I can't tell you how much I appreciate it. The club has been planning events and activities for the new year. Check our Facebook page. Congrats to Gina and Dave on their Jan wedding. *Judy Pashon "Henry's proud Mom"*

**Columbia Basin A's:** We lost a longtime member on November 25. Our sympathy goes out to his family. His daughter and son-in-law have joined the club and will be driving his Model A. We celebrated Christmas with our annual brunch and Chinese gift exchange on December 12. Eighteen members were able to be together. We also elected new officers and they are busy planning events and tours. The ladies monthly luncheon was on January 6 at the Grill on Gage. *Robin Eldhardt*

**Evergreen A's:** As part of our Holiday party on December 12, there were some Longevity Awards presented; Bob and Pat Watson for 50 years and Marlin and Diane Cavender for 40 years. We have a new member, Michael Cavender; he is following his parents and grandparents as a third-generation member. 2015 Woman of the Year was presented to Glorrian Nau and Man of the Year to Win Brown. The mileage award went to Bruce Moulton for his trip to Alaska of 6,300 miles. *Ila Sage*

**Gallop'n Gerties:** A new venue for the Christmas party - we commandeered a Tacoma bowling alley, played putt-putt golf, pool, bingo, and bowled. Delicious food ranged from appetizers to deserts. Everyone had a fun time. A New Year's Day tour brought out 54 people and 30 A's that enjoyed excellent views of Mount Rainier. March 12-13, our Almost Spring Swap Meet. Plan to join us at the Puyallup Fairground for this 36th annual event. *Tony Bina*

#### WISCONSIN

**Central Wisconsin:** At our November winter clubhouse closing, we enjoyed a chili dump and elected the same officers for 2016. Our club donated \$75 to each of five county food pantries. There was a large turnout at our annual banquet in January. Our club mourns the loss of honored member Art Hoppe who was a Model A expert, was instrumental in obtaining our club ground land, and was a very avid member. Art will be greatly missed. *Steven King*

**Great Lake A's:** Spring is just around the corner in Wisconsin. All of our car magazines that we saved from last summer have now been read. Our first driving event, the annual St. Patrick's Day parade, is just about here. Winter saw us visit Remy Battery shop, multiple historical homes, and make a trip to our state capital. Of course we had monthly breakfasts or dinners. This proves that the GLA is all about the people, not just the cars. *Gary Zehner*

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