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MODEL A MUSEUM

Grand Opening

May 18, 2013



Model A Ford Museum

Gilmore Car Museum • Hickory Corners, Michigan



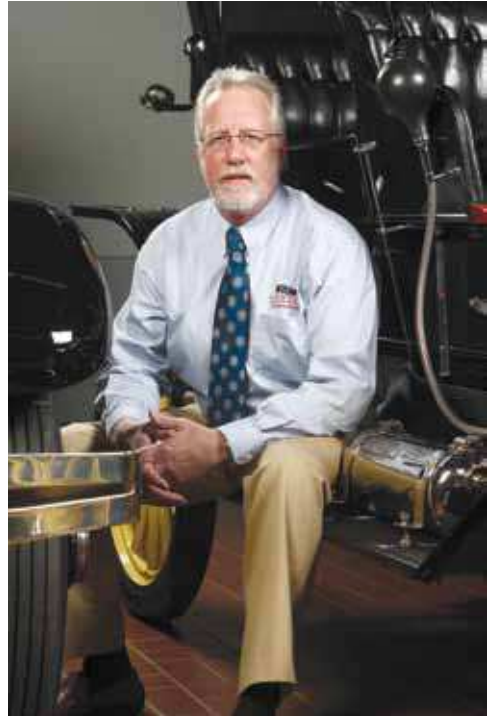
On behalf of the Staff, the Volunteers and the Board of Trustees of the Gilmore Car Museum I would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Model A Ford Foundation on the opening of its new Museum.

The addition of the Model A Ford Museum to the Gilmore Campus is another very important step in enhancing all of our visitors' experience. Ours is a unique business model that creates a win-win for all of the partners involved and offers each organization the opportunity to collect, preserve and display their artifacts and, be able to better tell their individual stories. We are proud to have been chosen as the site for this new facility and we look forward to many years of cooperation, collaboration and camaraderie. Welcome home Model A Ford!

Mike

Michael Spezia

Executive Director





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May 18, 2013

Dear Fellow Model A'ers:

Welcome to the Grand Opening of the Model A Museum! It has been nearly thirty years since people first started developing the concept of a museum dedicated to the Model A Ford. Now, at last, we have that museum.

It has taken a lot of effort the last few years, but there was also a lot of effort and foresight at the beginning. Edie Jones, as the first President, and Steve Hamilton, as the second President, laid the groundwork. They and their successors each built on the preceding effort until at last we could consider looking for a place to build the museum.

In June of 2011, with the MARC and MAFCA Presidents here lending their support, MAFFI President George Tynan and Michael Spezia, Executive Director of the Gilmore Car Museum, signed the agreement stating that the Model A Museum would be built at Gilmore. Later, in September of 2011, the First Model A Day at Gilmore was held in a large tent at the future site of the museum. Just one year later, in September 2012, the Second Model A Day at Gilmore was held inside the complete, but empty, Model A Museum building. This fall we hope to have the Third Annual Model A Day at Gilmore, with special displays and events surrounding this completed museum.

The goal all along has been to preserve the Model A Era for current and future generations, and that has been our guidepost. The museum has been a long time coming, and this beautiful museum is the result of contributions of time and resources by many, many people. So what you will see at the Grand Opening is a snapshot of the museum as of mid-May, 2013. I am sure it will continue to grow and evolve as supporters continue to provide the material and resources needed for our new focal point.

So my heartiest thanks go out to all the people who have contributed time and resources to make the Foundation and the Museum what it is today. Every bit of that effort has been essential, and we can feel proud of the way we all worked together to create what we are officially opening today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stanley R. Johnson'.

Stanley R. Johnson
President

Grand Opening Ceremony

Model A Ford Museum, Gilmore Car Museum – Hickory Corners, Michigan
May 18 2013

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

9:30 - EARLY PROGRAMS- 1 hour programs

- Garage Works tour. Jerry Morrissey leads visitors on a walk to the lower Gilmore area and then provides a guided tour through the student auto restoration program known as the Garage Works.

Note: Meet at the Model A Museum gas pumps

- Ford History Presentation. Steven Stanford of the Henry Ford Historical Association will give an hour-long talk on Ford history. Gilmore auditorium

11:00 – GRAND OPENING CEREMONIES

- Welcome and Introductions – Stan Johnson
- National Anthem – Dixieland Pickup Band
- Raising of the Museum Flag – Dixieland Pickup Band plays “Henry’s Made A Lady Out of Lizzie.”
- Recognition of Dignitaries:
 - Gilmore Trustees – The Trustees of the Gilmore foundation will be recognized
 - MAFFI Trustees – The Executive Director and MAFFI trustees will be recognized
- MARC and MAFCA – The Presidents and board members in attendance will be recognized
- Major Donors – Major donors to the museum effort will be recognized.
- Vehicle Donors – Individuals who have donated vehicles and major items to the museum will be recognized
- Architect and Builder – The architect and the President of Cornerstone Construction will be recognized
- Museum development staff recognition – Key people recognized

- Brief Review of Model A Museum History – Stan Johnson
- Placing of the birthday brick – Bob Kreipke, Ford Motor Company Corporate Historian
- Presentations of gifts and loans to the museum

- Keynote speech – Bob Kreipke, Ford Motor Company Corporate Historian

- Door prizes and raffle winners – Art Callan
- Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting – Bob Kreipke and MAFFI Presidents

12:30 p.m. – Lunch available at Gilmore food vendors
Buffet lunch for special guests

1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Open Touring of all the buildings on the grounds of the Gilmore Car Museum:

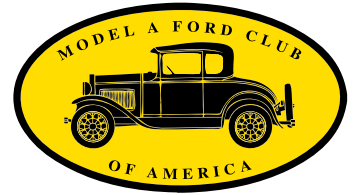
Model A Museum
Classic Car Club Museum
Pierce Arrow Museum
Franklin Museum
Cadillac Museum
The Gilmore Collections

Live Music; Historic Lecture

2:00- LATE PROGRAMS

- Garage Works tour. Jerry Morrissey leads visitors on a walk to the lower Gilmore area and then provides a guided tour through the student auto restoration program known as the Garage Works.
- Ford History Presentation. Steven Stanford of the Henry Ford Historical Association will give an hour-long talk on Ford history.





A Message From

Model A Ford Club of America

May 18, 2013

Congratulations to the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc., and all who appreciate these wonderful little cars on the Grand Opening of the Model A Museum. After 25 years of effort we finally have a world class facility dedicated to preserving the Model A Ford for all time. The museum not only depicts the car and fashions of the era, it also provides historical context for its years of manufacturing and sales.

This amazing vehicle reached peak production during the Great Depression and captured the imagination and admiration of the American public. Today over a half-million of them remain, many of which are driven regularly.

The new museum was created by individuals. There were no big corporate sponsors, large grants, or tax payer money. The funds to build it came from individuals – who had a love of the Model A Ford and a willingness to give for its preservation. Hundreds of dedicated volunteers spent countless hours over the years to make this dream a reality. Sharing the Model A Ford with future generations will keep the story of the Model A alive for posterity. The Model A Ford Club of America is proud to have played a role in the creation of this magnificent museum.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Janke". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Alex Janke, President

Model A Ford Club of America



A Message From
Model A Restorers Club



May 18, 2013

Welcome to the Grand Opening of the Model A Museum!

On behalf of the Model A Restorers Club, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Hickory Corners, Michigan. I wish to offer our congratulations to the Model A Foundation on the completion of the Model A Museum. What started many years ago as a dream of a few dedicated Model A enthusiasts has resulted in the magnificent building we see today. Their dream was to establish a museum where future generations could learn about the Model A Ford and the enormous contributions it's made to the development of transportation in this country and throughout the world. Today, we celebrate the Grand Opening of our Model A Museum, but to also say thank you to all the members of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. both current and past, who have labored so long in this endeavor.

Last, but not least, a very special thank you to Stan Johnson and Jerry Morrissey whose constant presence through the construction and finishing processes has made them easily the co-captains of the ship.

Sincerely

Bob Barker

Bob Barker, President

Model A Restorers Club

Original Light Fixtures from the

Twin Cities Ford Assembly Plant at St. Paul, Minnesota



During restoration by Randy Czubko, Valley City Sign, it was discovered that the leafed parts of the fixtures were copper. We elected to restore the fixtures to their original appearance. Make sure to see these!

This is one example that shows the Model A Ford Museum provides a home for Model A era treasures. Your support makes these restorations and exhibits possible.



Our sincere thanks to Ford Motor Company for this generous donation!

Our Keynote Speaker
Bob Kreipke

Ford Motor Company Corporate Historian and Creative Manager



Bob Kreipke apprenticed as a photographer in Detroit when he was in high school. He also studied music and worked on theater productions. Mr. Kreipke studied communications at Wayne State University and holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters degree with a minor in history. After college he helped pioneer medical fiber optic photography and produced over 25 instructional films while working for the Center for Instructional Technology. In 1975 Mr. Kreipke joined the Ford Motor Company as a filmmaker specializing in education, and public relations. Mr. Kreipke has over 50 major national and international awards for his films, videotapes and still photos. His historical photo presentations are displayed in many museums. He has served as: president of the Detroit Producers Guild, president of the International Television Association, president of the Great Lakes Division US Navy League, chairperson of the Michigan Bi-centennial Archive Commission and he served as a planning member of the American Automotive Centennial Commission.

Currently Mr. Kreipke serves as Vice Chairman of the MotorCities National Heritage Area. In November of 2001, Mr. Kreipke was given the Legend of the Year Award by the Media Communication Association International. Mr. Kreipke authored two books for Ford Motor Company, *Ford Motor Company: The First 100 years*, and also *The Model T*, both are available at www.turnerpublishing.com. He is a 2010 recipient of the Strathmore's Who's Who award. Mr. Kreipke is presently Ford Motor Company's Corporate Historian and Creative Manager.

The Model A Ford Gallery

The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc., is thrilled to present these wonderful examples of Model A Ford cars, trucks and working machines!

These exhibits are either donated or loaned to the Model A Ford Museum and we know you will enjoy seeing them. Additionally, other exhibits are presented to demonstrate the Model A era in the fashion, education, and commercial worlds. So take your time and enjoy these displays. We hope you enjoy everything presented!

If you would like to make a donation or loan of a vehicle, please contact:

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1930 AA School Bus – Huff and Puff
Donated by Hangtown A's – Placerville, California



1928 Roadster
Loaned by Jon Bowers – Richland, Michigan



1931 Pickup
Loaned by Bill Edstrom – Presque Isle, Wisconsin



1903 Ford Tonneau
Loaned by Brian Adkins – Germantown, Ohio



1924 Ford Model T Touring
Loaned by Ken Ehrenhofer – Woodstock, Illinois



Model A Ford Cut-Away Chassis
Loaned by Ed Dathe – Unionville, Indiana



1928 Phaeton – A gift to Thomas Edison
Loaned by The Henry Ford – Dearborn, Michigan



1928 AR Tudor
Donated by Archie Jackson – Galena, Illinois



1928 Business Coupe
Donated by Sam Nixon – Christiansburg, Virginia



1928 Special Coupe
Donated by Dick Beard – Fort Wayne, Indiana



1929 Phaeton
Donated by Bob Anderson – Hudsonville, Michigan



1929 Town Sedan
Restored by "Joliet" Bob Trousil – Downey, California



1930 Fordor
Loaned by Bill Edstrom – Presque Isle, Wisconsin



1931 Pickup
Donated by Gene Bunce – Stow, Massachusetts



1930 Deluxe Coupe
Donated by Margaret Wichman – Lenexa, Kansas



1931 Victoria Coupe
Donated by Marshall Lewis – Empire, California



1931 Cabriolet
Loaned by Gary Johnson – Highland, Michigan



1931 A 400
Loaned by AACA – Park Ridge, Illinois



1931 Deluxe Phaeton
Donated by Joe Hinton – Houston, Texas



1931 Postal Vehicle
Donated by Aldie Johnson – Bedford, Massachusetts



1929 Delivery
Donated by Gail Shafer-Crane – Lansing, Michigan



1929 AA Platform Tandem Axle • 1929 Tractor
Donated by
Tim Kelly – New Canaan, CT • Art Callan – Newton, MA



1930 AA Tanker Truck
Donated by Tim Kelly – New Canaan, Connecticut



Model A Ford Compressor
Restored by Ken Ehrenhofer – Woodstock, Illinois



Model A Ford Marine Engine
Restored by Roger Van Houten – Monroe, Michigan



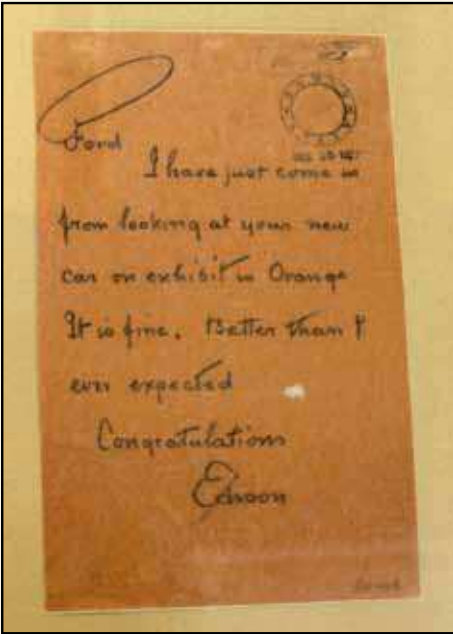
1930 Model AA Service Car
Loaned by Tim Kelly – New Canaan, Connecticut



A fabulous diorama of the Ford assembly line.
Made with Hubley cars and trucks. Built and donated by the
Missouri Valley Region – St Louis Missouri.



Fashions were an important part of the Model A era.
This display shows many, but others are featured through-
out the Model A Museum. Also displayed here is a
wonderful collection of scale model Ford Model A's.

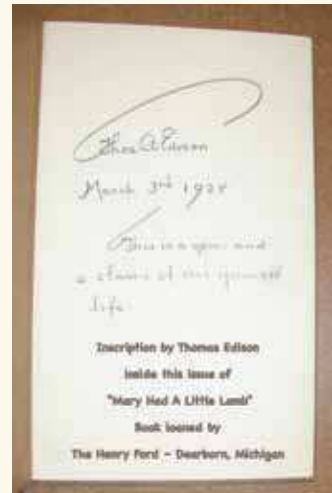


Thomas Edison sends congratulations to Henry Ford on the production of the New Ford - the Model A!

Era Fashion is a great look around the Gilmore Car Museum and especially, the Model A Ford Museum.



MAFFI President Stan Johnson (L) is shown a rare and vintage time-piece, once owned by Henry Ford, by Dick Folsom. Dick is loaning this fabulous artifact to the Model A Ford Museum, along with two books owned by Henry Ford. Make sure to see these!



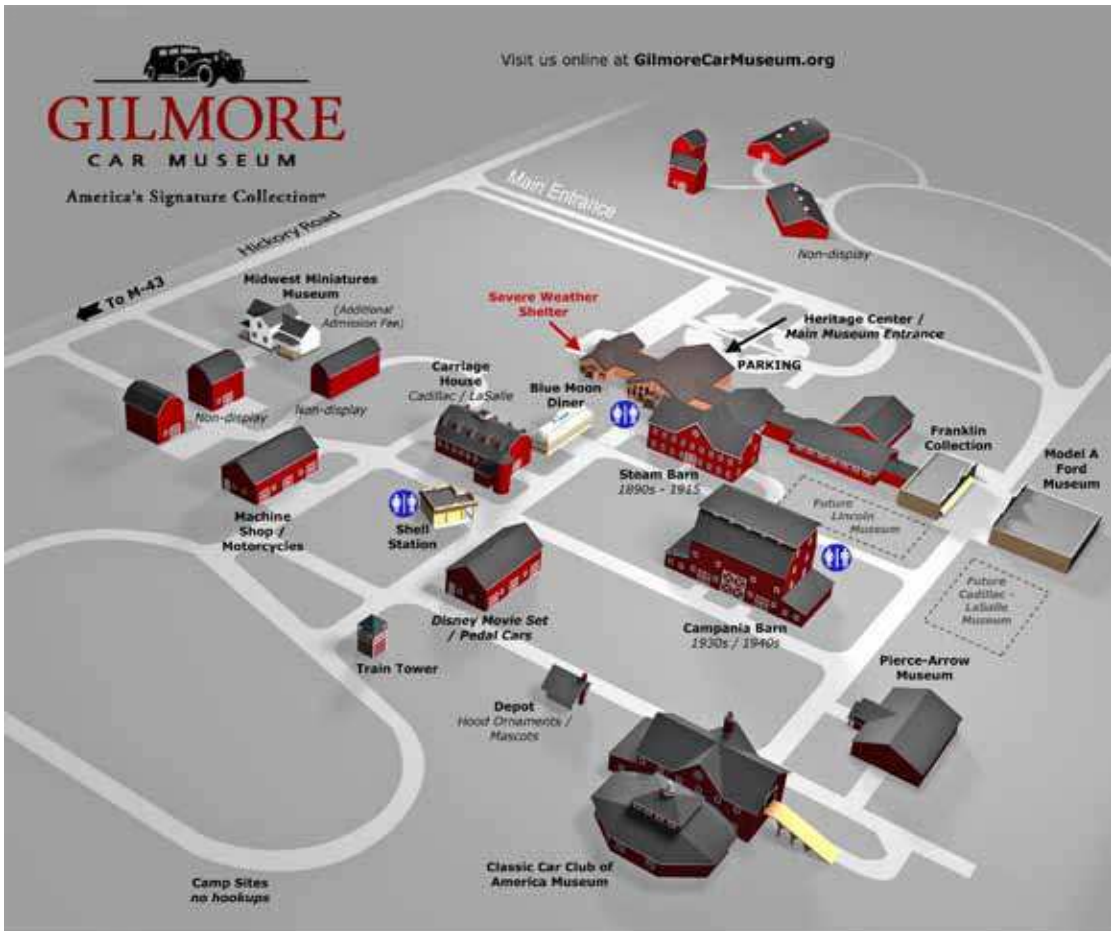
Among the many artifacts and exhibits, the friendship between Henry Ford and his great friend Thomas Edison. Henry Ford felt strongly about a small book titled, "Mary Had A Little Lamb," a copy of which is displayed in our school room section. Inside this important book is the above inscription written by Thomas Edison.



There are a great many small things to see inside the Model A Ford Museum. Make sure to see the Parts Department with rare items used during the Model A time frame. It is depicted as was seen at a Ford dealership 1928-1931.



See all the rare vehicles at the Gilmore Car Museum today!



Historic Campus

FRANKLIN COLLECTION — The H&H Franklin Club has preserved the legacy of America's most successful anorak automobile after the recreation of a circa 1938 dealership. Connected to the Illinois Heritage Center.

MODEL A FORD MUSEUM — The Model A Ford Foundation is acquiring a 1937 Ford Deering, complete with gas pump and service bay, to tell the story of Henry Ford's historic Model A. Opening late 2012.

CAMPANIA BARN — This 1937 barn was moved more than 45 miles and reassembled board-by-board from its 1966. Today the upper level houses cars of the 1930s. The lower level showcases the cars of the 1940s, a recreation of Preston Tucker's office and **business located under ramp.**

PIERCE-ARROW — Between 1902-1927 built some of the finest American luxury cars produced.

CLASSIC CAR CLUB OF AMERICA MUSEUM — CLASSICS™ and Automotive Memorabilia collection (road ornaments)

HELL STATION — Authentic mass collection as featured on TV's **RESTORED RACEDOWN**

TRAIN TOWER — Authentic train tower moved from Litchfield, Illinois.

MODEL CARS — Ford Cars, 1966 Disney Movie Set, from the Disney studio and original 1927 Lincoln factory stone work highlighted outside.

SHELL STATION — This recreated 1930s full-service gas station features original pumps, memorabilia and work bay. Check safety prior to the pump! **Motorcycle assembly Business**

RESTORED FORDS — Storage motorcycles from the 1930s - 2006.

STORAGE HOUSE — The Cadillac-LaSalle Club Museum's temporary exhibit while building begins.

BIKER — George & Sally's Blue Moon Diner is an authentic 1941 St. City diner that was moved from Meriden, CT to the Museum and restored in 2010.

ILLINOIS HERITAGE CENTER — Main exhibit galleries, restrooms, heater and museum store.

STEAM BARN — From the horse-drawn cartage to 1915, including gas, steam and electric powered. Connects to the Illinois Automotive Heritage Center.



The wonderful Gilmore Car Museum campus!

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**Thank you
for joining us today!**

**Tell your friends to
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Museum!**



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