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May/June 2022



ARIZONA

MARCA: Spring has arrived, and so have the Model A swap meets, one of which was attended by our members in mid February. The annual event, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Cook in their backyard, always draws a crowd. Public get-togethers; similar to swap meets and breakfasts in the park, often result in drawing potential new club members who have an interest in our hobby and join just for the fun of it all.
Henry Ruzicka

Phoenix MAC: We now meet at the 43rd Avenue and Bell Road Whataburger for Wednesday morning coffees. We also changed the venue for our monthly general meetings to the new Mel Martin Auto Museum and Events Center. They have a fabulous display of 150 vehicles representing over a hundred years of automobile history. Now that COVID has started to wind down, area home tours are back. We had eight cars on display at Encanto Palmcroft in March.
Jim Grose



Tucson A's: February arrived with 37 people in search of an elusive white elephant. An old working payphone, a variety of Model A parts, and desserts were auctioned for a fundraiser. As always, a good time was had at Little Anthony's cars show. We were invited to display five cars at Trail Dust Town over three days, where a wedding was held. Car enthusiasts enjoyed the license plate show at the Arizona Auto Experience.
Christy Strong

CALIFORNIA

Acorn A's: Our Valentine's tour, hosted by Linda and Jim Rodrigues, took us through the redwoods between Castro Valley and Oakland, a beautiful drive. We had lunch at Dino's in Castro Valley. We did a tour to Niles to check out old license plates. The St. Patrick's Day parade was great fun; 9 model A's were there. Joining us were Henry's A's. There was only one stop — for a carburetor change — but after the parade.
Judy Satariano

Blossom A's: We hosted our annual club Selma Car Swap Meet on March 19th with great success and good weather. This fundraiser helps us with our scholarships and charity donations each year. Our spring came early this year so our February-April tours included some beautiful fruit tree blossoms. They are so gorgeous! The Central California Regional Jamboree was in early April on the coast and was attended by a few of our members — always great fun.
Craig Tomlinson

Capitol A's: We rolled quickly into 2022! At our 63rd anniversary luncheon,

we honored outstanding members Janie Felkins and Jerry Bengel with an honorary lifetime membership. Our monthly seminars are informative and make us tour-ready! We had a beautiful California day for our Almond Blossom Tour, driving right through the orchards! April means the Western Railway Museum Tour, Central Valley Roundup (in wine country), Cal Expo Autorama, and Knight Foundry Tour in Sutter Creek. Let's go!
Donna Smith



Gra-Neva A's: With winter giving way to spring, our members ventured out on the Shake Down Tour, testing our Model A's roadworthiness on a challenging route in local Sierra Nevada foothills. We made scenic stops in the Yuba River Canyon, at Bullard's Bar reservoir, and Oregon House for lunch, ending with a last stop at Collins Lake, famous for its huge servings of ice cream. Kudos to tour leader Ryck Johnson for a day of enjoyable motoring!
Bobbie Whiting

Hangtown A's: In February we held our first face-to-face meeting in about two years. It was great to see so many people again. We got together toward the end of the month for a president's brunch and had a great time at a local Mexican restaurant. In March we had a wonderful St. Patrick's Day tour and pancake breakfast tour at the end of the week. We are happily back in the groove.
Tom Jeanes



Happy Honkers: What a joy to be able to drive our Model A's with friends again! We invited the Charter Oak Model A Club to enjoy driving with us through the beautiful Sierra mountain wildflowers, and we certainly enjoyed lunch together. Our chapter will have participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade, and on April 4th we will leave on our tour to the Central California Regional Group Jamboree at Paso Robles!
Karen Bockman



Harbor Area: We are cautiously getting back to our regular monthly club meetings and planning events and tours. Jack and Joan Gordinier hosted our annual safety seminar at their home, where 13 Model A's were checked, and we enjoyed a catered taco bar and homemade flan cake. It was a fun day getting together in their interesting backyard. We are saddened by the passing of longtime members Jan Wyckoff and LeOra Combs.
Sue Hankins

Linden A's: The lack of rain has allowed us to take impromptu weekend trips to local parks. If this trend continues, Model A owners who lived in river towns now submerged under man-made reservoirs may be able to "go home again" ... if they can afford the gas. March 20 we joined The Freewheelers on a tour from Morgan Hill to Uvas Dam, where we enjoyed a picnic lunch. We saw many wildflowers in bloom along the way.
Terry Machado

Marin A's: Due to COVID, we have curtailed our activities. We have, generally, combined a breakfast, tour, and meeting into a single gathering. But we continued our traditional Toys for Joys donation, club gift exchange, officer installation, and soup party. The officer installation included re-electing Bob Johnson as president. With the relaxation of the pandemic, more tours are in the offing.
Lester Foote

Modesto Area A's: Thanks to Walter Nicolau, Alan Colquhoun, and Stratton Riggs, all was great for the club's 55th Annual Turlock Swap Meet in January: sunshine, happy people, and lots of swapping.



February saw a delicious after-swap-meet dinner thanks to Kevin Nelson and Vada Terpstra. Almond blossoms, a fabulous tour, and lunch, led by Jim and Dianne Kriese, ushered in March.
Barbara Collins

Orange County: We're gearing up for our "annual" pancake breakfast ... after a two-year hiatus. Three hundred-plus Model A's typically attend, plus classic cars, Model Ts, vintage bicycles, and people in era clothing. We recently celebrated our 60th Anniversary and Installation Banquet along with monthly seminars, club meetings, breakfast gatherings, and occasional tours. In spite of the passing of more than a dozen of our friends, new Model A enthusiasts have come along to keep the membership stable.
Kathie McCall

Palomar A's: With a very heavy heart we report our most dear member, John Frazee, has passed to the big meet in heaven. The Frazee family were pioneers of our club, and John and Dianne have been mainstays in many capacities in the club and MAFCA. John endeared everyone, helped whoever, and loved what he did. He's been a champion of the Model A hobby and leaves a great legacy with many. One last *ahoogab* in his remembrance.
Barbara Kruegel

Paso Robles A's: Harold Lowe, a member the "Greatest Generation" and WWII veteran who served in New Guinea and Australia — and also a charter member of both the Cuesta Crankers and Paso Robles A's — passed away at age 102. He married his high-school sweetheart, Virginia, in July 1944 and was always so passionate about his lifelong love for her. Most of us also remember his love for his two Model A's: a 1931 Pickup and a 1931 De Luxe Coupe.
Bob McCormick

Pomona Valley Model A Ford Club: Eight Model A's and several other vintage and classic car owners, joined us for our second annual Sweetheart's Tour through the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. We ended the day at the Early Ford Store in San Dimas. Great fun!
Ed Tolman

Riverside/Corona MAFC: We are back home at our sponsor, Fritt's

Ford, for our monthly meetings. Meanwhile, the tours have continued. Pictured is our tour to the Harvest Christian Church to display the "old cars" for the children. They were very attentive and appreciative. Upcoming tours are to the Orange County MAFCA pancake breakfast, an antique shopping spree, and a driving tour to see the art murals painted around Riverside.
Gary Struempff



San Diego Model A Ford Club: COVID year 2 and California restrictions made us re-think our annual Installations and Awards Banquet, traditionally held

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in January. We prayed for good weather and held an outdoor picnic instead. Bottled sodas were served from a Widebed Pickup, along with popcorn, and Model A era foods packed in a boxed lunch. Activities included a parts exchange, car gymkhana, booth games, and raffle. Twenty-three Model A's joined in the fun for a perfect day! *Kris Francis*



San Francisco Bay Area Chapter: We're not quite there yet, but we hope we're on the road to normalcy. The road has led us to venture out to the Canyon Inn for a socially distanced and masked outing. We sat outside in an open area beside the restaurant and were protected from the sun and wind, happy to be together once again. We plan for similar outings in the weeks and months ahead. *Walter Caplan*

Santa Anita A's: Member Chris Wickersham gave a seminar of the new Burtz Model A engine. We saw one on a stand running and one apart on the bench for examination. All the pros and cons were discussed. 30 members attended. We also toured to the Planes of Fame museum in Chino, California, for fun and food at Flo's Diner. 40 members attended that. Plans are set to join other clubs for events in California and the nation. *Dennis Chapman*



Santa Barbara Chapter: We are slowly coming back to normal, with local touring trips around town every month. In addition, in March we held a safety clinic, where all members could bring their cars to be inspected, have their brakes tested, and have some minor repairs made. *Bob Carly*

Santa Clara Valley Chapter: Twenty Model A's and 13 modern cars had a 103-mile tour to San Juan Bautista. As part of the tour we drove to the 3,000-foot elevation top of Fremont Peak, where we could see many miles in all directions. Afterward, everyone went to town for lunch. There were many antique shops to explore, as well as the 1797 Mission. Some members returned home on their own, while others took a longer, scenic route. *David Anderson*

Santa Maria A's: On February 19, the Santa Maria A's took a tour to the Ronald Reagan Library. It was a great tour, and we all had a great time at the library. It was a great day for driving, even though we took our modern cars. *Trudy A. Stevens*



Sonoma A's: President Gutteridge held a meeting about ideas to promote membership, including mentoring new members and offering a welcome packet. Bob Dungan created welcome packets with helpful information about our club, MAFCA, and useful items to know about an A. Monthly breakfast outings are being held again the second Saturday each month. Garage days are planned to get our A's safely back on the road. Club logo shirts and hats have been delivered to members. *Bob Cortelyou*

Sonoma A's: Our chapter finally returned to our annual Valentine's Day run with a tour through the foothills, a poker draw, and lunch at Columbia State Park. It was a nice tour and good to see everyone and a break in the weather. We look forward to a great touring season. *Ed Anderson*

Ventura County Model A Club: Erin go bragh, what a lovely parade now runs downhill 'stead of 'other way! We had a beautiful Green day with eight cars attending. Other activities this period included our annual officer installation luncheon in January, an orange-picking outing at the Thomases, and a couple of "Work on Your Model A Days" with shock absorbers, water in the oil, and head gaskets as topics. Our club meetings have returned to a pre-COVID normal. *Richard Atchison*

COLORADO

MAFC of Colorado: The tour season has begun, even with some snow still on the ground. Our club has done two local tours celebrating Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day. We also have resumed our monthly Just Lunch Bunch meeting one Wednesday each month as another opportunity to get our cars out and enjoy different eating establishments in the Denver area. *Paul Wilson*



Pikes Peak MAFC: After a two-year delay, Colorado Springs had their annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. We participated with nine highly decorated Model A's and a total of 26 driver/riders all decked out in green. The cars and ahoogahs are always a crowd favorite. It was a beautiful day and a great parade. The club is working up some more great tours and events for spring and summer. *Ray Gross*

CONNECTICUT

Fairfield County A's: With COVID still with us, and temperatures here lingering in the low 30s, our activity is at a standstill. So I had a brainstorm. I took a Hubley Model A Town Sedan from 1974 on my workbench ... and five weeks later I had my Ringling Brothers Clown Car. My fellow members in the A's all gave a thumbs-up. I hope you all enjoy the Clown Car. *Henry Kutash*



FLORIDA

First Coast Region MAC: Spring has arrived, and the First Coast Region MAC has been very active. In March, members attended an ice cream social to



celebrate late member BJ Cannon's 84th birthday. Our maintenance crew continues to stay busy, getting members' cars roadworthy. At this time, we are polishing our cars for the upcoming Clay County Fair. Members display our cars in the Early Florida Village. Thank God, COVID seems to be in our rearview mirror. *Larry Smart*

Heart of Florida Model A Restorers Club: Eleven A's gathered at the Paquette Tractor Museum in Leesburg for a tractor show and auction and also a car show of Model A's. Some went into the museum; others remained outside to enjoy the outdoors and answer questions about our cars from spectators. Miss United States was driven around the grounds on a 1929 Model AA truck. We also attended a car show in Leesburg that same day at their Mardi Gras celebration. *Clarence Bowman*

Model A's of Greater Orlando: We have weekly lunch get-togethers in addition to the regular monthly meeting. One this month was at a new neighborhood restaurant, PDQ, where the manager and staff enjoyed having us join them for lunch. Eight model A's showed up, plus a postwar Hudson. It was a great time, and everyone driving along the road enjoyed seeing our display. *Rickey Ricks*



Palm Beach A's: We started the year with limited outdoor activities due to a rise in COVID. In January we visited the home of two members and toured their collection of pristine vehicles. Our February tour was to Kiddy's Classics where they do high-end restoration work. March was our annual picnic at the St. Lucie Locks in Stuart. This year we had a catered barbecue, and members went home with an additional meal. Visit our revised website: palmbeachas.com. *Dave Carlson*



Sara-Mana MAFC: Our busy winter season continued with car shows, tech days, and meetings. 16 club cars participated in the 2022 Edison-Ford Car Meet, where Jan's car was a winner in the prewar class. The streak continued at the Tanya Clavey Car Show, where four club cars won trophies including Best in Show. Following our March meeting at D's, we toured Palmetto Historic Park. Please join us; we value Model A experts! www.saramanamodelaford.club/events *Mike Zelle*

GEORGIA

River Cities Model A Club: Our club is going strong, adding new members. It's great again being face to face, enjoying fellowship. Several members received trophies at the spring local car shows. Bobby Penny had great participation in the last MATTS program. Bobby did a presentation on the different Model A tools. Al Lugo put a fantastic book together



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showing the tools by model and year. Several of the club members brought in their tool kits to share.

Mark Smith

Shade Tree As: We've been busy this year. We had a meeting February 14th with Teri and Ray Beash from South Atlanta, talking about their 11,000-mile tour in a 1931 Coupe from Atlanta to Alaska all the way to the Arctic Circle and back. We had a presence in our local St. Patrick's Day parade. Our March meeting was entirely about the revision of our tour guidelines. Our president, Jim McPherson, conducted a seminar on Model A horns.

Matt Barrett

ILLINOIS



Central Illinois As: While most of our members are just getting their cars out for the first time, Steve has already driven 100 miles in his Model A. Winter work included a new engine along with a lot of smaller jobs. We welcomed a new member with a 1928 Roadster. We are looking forward to the driving season, including our picnics at Grand View Drive overlooking the Illinois river, with other tours in the works. Let's roll!

Kay C. Lee

Land of Lincoln As: We didn't have a January meeting due to several of our officers being ill. Our February meeting was held in Pana, Illinois, at the Pizza Man Restaurant. Our turnout was great, and we were all making plans for a great summer with our club and families.

Mary Beach

Rock-Ford As: Our annual soup luncheon in February was well attended. We've all been cooped up way too long and are ready to get together and get driving again. Long-time member Jim Morley was honored with a plaque for his many years of service to the Rock-Ford As. Tours and other activities are planned, as well as our 25th annual Model A Day in Sharon, Wisconsin, which we hope will be bigger and better than ever.

Anne Laviolette



Salt Creek As: It's spring, and activities are picking up for our club. A group toured to the Beller Museum to see a comparison between the Model A engine and the new Burtz engine. Our next tech talk will be on the U.S. route-naming system, just in time for the annual Red Carpet Tour down Route 66. Plus, we have plans already for a group tour to the Gilmore Museum for Model A Days this September.

Ken Dust

INDIANA

Columbus Indiana Model A Club: Over the holiday season we held our annual party for the membership. Incoming President Tim Diehn presented a recognition plaque to outgoing President Ronnie Lawson for his commitment to our club for serving 11 non-sequential terms as president through the decades. Our 2022 tour schedule is taking shape. Tours to French Lick, Indiana, the Pietenpol Fly-In, the Ark and Creation Museum in Kentucky, Mr. Muffin's Trains in Atlanta, Indiana, and many more day tours are planned.



John Prohaska

IOWA

Central Iowa Model A Club: Our club is in the process of planning several one- to two- day driving tours this summer to the towns of Pella, Creston, Boone, and Winterset. Details have been set for this year's G.A.M.A.R.A.I. (Great Annual Model A Ride Across Iowa) on September 19 to 23. The big event is open to all; visit www.centraliowamodelclub.com for details.

Holly Szcudronski

Hawk A Model A Club: Daylight savings time and warmer weather have arrived. Cars will soon begin to reappear, and our tour season will begin. Our six club-sponsored tours have been scheduled, with the first on May 13. We have a combination of one- and two-day tours. The October tour, of four days, will end the season in grand fashion. Most activities are progressing as before COVID; we hope for fun and new adventures year. Follow us at www.hawkamodelclub.org

Jan Wenger

KANSAS

Plain Ol' As: While Kansas weather can't decide to be winter or spring, our board of directors met at Olathe's Golden Corral for breakfast and to set up the 2022 calendar. With COVID mandates lifting, we're ready to get back to Ladies Night Out dinners, tours, and car shows. A group of us participated in the Leavenworth St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17th. We're ready to welcome Model Aers to Olathe for the 2022 Midwest Regional, June 2-7.

Ron and Theresa Guenther

MAINE

Pine Tree Chapter: We are past the vernal equinox, so it is officially spring and time to get our Model A's out of hibernation! Our tour chair, Frank Kennedy, has presented a proposed list of activities. It starts with the always-popular annual Dust Off Tour that brings together several clubs. This year is special because the pandemic caused it to be canceled the past two years. Our goal is for 100 Model A's to attend!

John Brissette

MARYLAND

Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club: Our January, February, and March monthly club meetings were well attended. At the January Zoom meeting, we were blessed to have member Ethan Rosman share some backstage insights about being the driver and overseer of Georgia Tech's "The Wreck," a 1930 Model A Coupe that is Georgia Tech's mascot. Club member Scotty Scott has hosted club members at his shop in recent months to do synchro transmission work and front bushing repairs.

Jeff Whitsett

MASSACHUSETTS

Minuteman Model A Ford Club: Spring in New England has sprung with flowers, green lawns, warmer, consistent temps, and a well-awaited ride in our Model A's out of the garage for an adventure. The Minuteman Club will be enjoying parades, dinner, or ice cream with other club members and trips to Pennsylvania or Texas for national meets. It sure feels good to be riding once again in our trusty Model A's enjoying the scenery and sunny weather.

Susan Champagne

Model A Restorers Club of Massachusetts: Spring is almost here with us scheduling a President's Tour in April to Edaville Railroad in Carver, Mass., our awards brunch in April, the Annual Sticker Day event in May, and many additional tours, events, and parades in the works. Dean Zwicker, coordinating efforts of over a dozen club members helping out, made our annual flea market a big success. A beautiful day brought out a great turnout of attendees with all vendor spaces filled.

Charles Marchewka

Worcester County: The President's Tour has become an annual event we all look forward to. Preparations are underway for this year's four-day tour to Cape Ann and Rockport, Mass. In March, members were seen hunting for Model A parts at the MARCOM and the Minuteman flea markets, and in April, members will help the Early V8 club with their annual flea market and car show parking in Fitchburg. Our Dust Off Tour is scheduled for May 1st.

Keith Costello

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi MAFC: We had a very good turnout for our March event at Fat Tuesday's, a New Orleans-style restaurant. Several members drove their Model A's. In April we will caravan to Mendenhall, Mississippi, to the shop of a close club friend who is restoring a 1924 Model TT School Bus. The bus had been stored in a barn since about 1930. The mechanicals have been restored, and the body is being redone now.

Doug Jones

MONTANA

Magic City Model As: We look forward to our Shake-Out Tour May 10-12, sponsored by Gary and Carol Donovan. We are traveling down to Thermopolis, Wyoming. Coming up June 9-16, is our yearly Model A Big Tour, sponsored by Don and Sandy Holzheimer. We will be traveling the back roads of Montana to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. We were hoping to go to Canada, but there are just too many restrictions in crossing the border.

Larry Malmstrom

NEBRASKA



Meadowlark Model A Club: Our first lunch tour of the year was to Pisgah, Iowa, home to the Old Home Cafe referred to in a 1970s C.W. McCall song. Six cars and 11 club members made the trip in wonderful weather to eat a very fine meal at the legendary cafe. All cars performed flawlessly on the trip, and everyone is already eager to get our cars on the road for the next lunch outing!

Steve Zikmund

NEVADA

Las Vegas Valley Model A Ford Club: February 14th was the 10th Anniversary of the Mob Museum. Our club and the Model T club were invited to help them celebrate the event with an era car show. Pictured are Cathy and Bob Guerin with Dale Rausch, our 2022 club president. The day was a great success and everyone loved our Fords! The day was a great success, and everyone loved our Fords!

Liz Prehm



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Lakes Region Model A Club: Spring has returned to New Hampshire, and with it comes the fun of driving our As and gathering with club members. Ideas for activities are being discussed, along with schedules for ice cream runs and tours. With the

pandemic almost behind us, we look forward to life returning to something near normal. A drive in a Model A is one of the best ways we know to do that.
Nancy Wilmot

NEW YORK

Model A Ford Club of Long Island: February, the month of love, brought our club to a Valentine's luncheon at Applebee's in Hauppauge. We had 24 members attend who were madly in love. As you read this, we will have celebrated St. Patrick's Day by participating in multiple parades. The weather is warming, so our Model A's will be out of hibernation and back on the roads, making everyone smile. We continue having monthly meetings in person at the American Armory Museum. *Debby Duprez*

Mohican Model A Club: Our February dinner meeting sponsored by Ray and Judy Cousins was held at the Franklin Hotel in Rome, N.Y. Representatives from Feed Our Vets shared the history of their organization, which ensures veterans in need are getting fed. Since 2009, thousands of pounds of food are given away monthly in Utica, N.Y., and Fort Drum in Watertown, N.Y. Feed Our Vets depends on private donations. The club made a donation, and members brought food donations. *Jane Hicks*

NORTH CAROLINA

TarWheel As: As we ended 2021, we were able to resume club activities. We managed a few tours, officer elections, several Christmas parades, and a Christmas party before Omicron made its appearance. As we move into 2022, many of our officers continue in their current roles. We welcome Brantley Blanchard, Jr., as president and Chuck Murray as secretary, both new members this year. Planning is underway on a tour and event calendar. *Steve Grace*

OKLAHOMA

Sooner Model A Club: This year marks our 55th year as a MAFC-affiliated club. As one of the older and well established clubs in the country, we continually restore and enjoy more than 100 member-owned Model A's and maintain our long tradition of fellowship among members. Please see *The Sooner Scuttlebutt* www.soonermodela.com for events, recognitions, and celebrations during our emerald anniversary year.



Tulsa MAFC: Our members are always excited to drive their Model A vehicles, especially if a meal is involved. We took three long drives, each over 200 miles round trip. Our first this year was to Krebs, an Italian settlement in Oklahoma. The two others were to sites in western Arkansas. The country roads were flanked with redbuds and dogwoods in bloom. Our spring tour with the Sooner Club was to Hutchinson, Kansas. *Barbara Cail*

OREGON

Beaver Chapter: The April 1 to 3 Portland Swap Meet is on, with help from President Debbie Dutton and Mike Worthington. This is a big job. Meetings continue with increased participation along with monthly tours and first Wednesday breakfasts. We recently visited the Austin Car Museum. Three Burtz engines are being built by members. It should be fun this summer. *Tom Irwin*

Enduring As: Our club is finally becoming active again. Martin Harding arranged for our club, the Corvallis Historic Auto Club, and the Early Ford V-8 Club to visit the Brothers Muscle Car Collection in Salem. Wow, what a collection! We have also restarted our monthly breakfasts. *Martin Harding*

Henry's Lady Chapter: Our Busted Knuckles Mechanic Group has been at it again, helping get



another Model A on the road. Fifteen members got together on a Saturday and in 4½ hours had the engine in, started, and the car driving down the road. Concerning tours, our club is heavily involved along with four other clubs, in the 26th Annual Oregon Tour, which will be based at Coos Bay, Oregon, in July this year. *Mike McKey*



Myrtlewood As: We held our first outing of the year: the Annual President's Day Freeze Out. We took a new route, starting with Coquille, then Myrtle Point and out Lampa Mountain and to Arago County Park for pictures. We headed next to Bandon and had a wonderful seafood lunch. Then back to Charleston and Coos Bay. It was a great outing: brisk and cloudy to start, turning to perfect and sunny. To join us call 541-759-4904. *Debbie Sargent*

Willamette Valley Chapter: We welcome Vincent Dunn as vice president and secretary/treasurer and Fred Lissner as tour chair. Returning are Bob Myers, president, and board members Blair Wasson, Bob Burton, Fred Kroon, Fred Lissner, and John Martin. Thanks to outgoing treasurer and past-president Gary LeMaster, retiring after 17 years. Our 2022 Father's Day swap meet is canceled and returning in 2023. Our monthly meeting relocated to the Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum at Powerland Heritage Park, Brooks, Oregon. *Bob Myers*

SOUTH CAROLINA

Aiken Model As: Warming weather and easing restrictions have our club activities on the rise, including a March 19 session on brake adjustments, March 26th joining the Palmetto As for a picnic, April 5th tour safety guidelines, April 23rd a drive-by of assisted living facilities, May 3 monthly meeting, May 7th Johnson Peach Blossom Festival parade. We're making reservations for dates in late summer and mid October. We're having more fun, more interest, and more interaction, through more activities. *Lewis Fierke*

Old 96 District MAFC: We look forward to our annual swap meet, featuring a number of vendors, to be held April 15-16 on Old Mount Moriah Road in Greenwood, South Carolina. Our monthly tech nights continue to be instructive and helpful. A Model A maintenance day was scheduled for a Saturday morning to assist members with oil changes, grease jobs, safety checks, and minor adjustments to get cars ready for driving in the coming warmer months. *Robby Bell*

Palmetto As: Our club has been active lately with several occasions to get together. January was a bust with the surge of Omicron. In February, we held our annual meeting at the Austins' awesome garage, where we enjoyed a delicious "chicken bog," prepared by the Austins. I hosted a tech session at my garage on shock absorber installation. March will see us and other clubs in the state at our annual picnic. *Wayne Areheart*

TENNESSEE

Smoky Mountain As: Despite a recent six-inch snow, warm weather has been sneaking in. Our April 14th annual, well attended, safety and reliability event is near. One of our industrious members was hard at



work during the pandemic transforming a Fordor into a Ford Super Cab Model A truck. It's a real eye-catcher and attracts attention wherever it appears, like leading our Veterans Day parade. Pictures don't do it justice. *Bob Helsel*

TEXAS

Alamo As: Newly elected vice president Tad Petrie is organizing exciting monthly drives. In January, nine Model A's and three moderns toured backroads through beautiful Texas Hill Country. In February, in partnership with the Model T club, we toured historic missions in south San Antonio. In March, a tour was planned to view wild spring flowers that blanket the Texas Hill Country. Plans are well underway for the National Convention in Kerrville, June 12-17. You all come! *Bob Jackson*



Brazos Valley As: February in Texas means either shorts or heavy coats, but our club tours no matter the weather. The February tour was a camera scavenger hunt around the Bryan-College Station area looking for colorful trains. Some 34 colorful train sculptures are advertised by the Arts Council, but some must have left the station because the winner found only three! Becky Barton organized the annual Ladies' luncheon. *Ray Himmant*

Dallas MAFC: We held our annual bingo/chili cookoff in February. In March, we restarted our restoration workshop with "Back to Basics." We had a tour to Palestine, Texas, famous for steam-engine trains, a dogwood driving trail, and a live performance of *Steel Magnolias*. We are planning a picnic in May and Memorial Day tour through the Arkansas Ozarks. In June, we plan to be at the National Convention (Texas Tour) in Kerrville, Texas. *Pam Henricks*



Fort Worth: We began the year with a new home, the Texas Girls' Choir building, for our monthly meetings of 50-70 members. February brought our first tour, to Mingus, Texas, where 16 Model A's and modern cars gathered about 50 members for lunch at an Italian restaurant. Our March tour consisted of gathering in our Model A's at the Coyote Drive-In Theater for a fun evening. April brings the Pate Swap Meet that we participate in. *Chuck Nixon*

Golden Triangle As: Our club had a breakfast tour in February with several members and cars participating. Unfortunately, we did not go on with

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the tour due to the rain and cold that moved in while we were eating. We have several upcoming trips including a weekend tour to Arkansas and the National Convention in Kerrville in June.

Kevin Parsley

Lone Star MAFC: The Onion Creek Hickory Classic is a golf tournament in Austin. The participants use hickory-shafted golf clubs and follow guidelines for preserving the traditions of the game. After a scenic tour to Onion Creek, we participate by parking our A's overlooking the 18th hole and greet the traditionally dressed Hickory Classic players as they finish the tournament. We all share great conversation along with refreshments. Our Model A's and era fashions enhance this awesome event.

Laurie Taylor



The tip-top of the circa 1928 LaSalle Hotel peeks out over the Attics Antiques where our entourage huddled together as snowflakes began to fall.

Piney Wood MAFC: We started off the year by literally enduring wind, rain, sleet, and snow on our February Sweetheart tour, but still had a wonderful trip to Bryan, Texas, and the LaSalle Hotel! March was also busy with our spring-cleaning maintenance tour to Copperfield automotive to use some hydraulic lifts for grease, oil changes, and preventative safety checks. Coming up soon is our annual Poor Boy Tour to Hallettsville.

Jackson Garrison

Tyler MAFC: The February meeting fell on longtime member Mike Allen's 85th birthday. Mike said he was celebrating his 58th birthday, and he planned to hold to that age from now on. Mike has served as the club president four times since 2001. Tyler was experiencing a snow flurry, and Mike was the only member who arrived in his Model A. That's impressive for our octogenarian ... a true Model A enthusiast. By the end of the meeting, the snow flurries had stopped, and all had a nice drive home.

Bruce Witwer



Victori-A's: Finally some nice weather! We look forward to getting on the road with our Model A's.



In two weeks we will visit a little, nearby town for their parade and 125-year celebration. After that we will be joined by two other clubs for our annual Poor Boy Tour. James Kasper was auctioneer at our Christmas party and had this neat welcome mat with a Model A Pickup on the front!

Nancy Whiddon

UTAH

Color Country MAC: Hooray, Hooray! It's springtime in Color County and time for serious Model A Days to begin. Mack Christensen updated our membership roster. Tim Kuhr is busy arranging for new club hats and jackets, and the details of our mid-May southern Utah tour with the Las Vegas and Cedar City clubs is being finalized. Lots of car shows and short trips will easily fill in the cracks in our schedule.

Clark and Annette Peterson

Salty A's: At the Christmas Party, Lance (past-president and club magician), showed us how things appear and disappear. Kamanski and Van Orman

used some Model A magic with hammers, dollies, grinders, etc. to make two sets of rusty junk turn into one '28 and one '29 Closed Cab Pickup. Some members drove to Turlock, Calif., to the big swap meet. We plan to participate in a three-Utah-club drive to Idaho's Lava Hot Springs when the snow's gone.

Roy Van Orman



Utah Valley: We totaled 14,062 miles in 2021 — not bad for a small club! We wish happy trails to our dear friend Richard Burr. We'll miss his kindness and friendship. In February we toured a machine shop that has planned many of our heads and manifolds. At our March garage day, we installed a rebuilt engine and added right taillights to two cars. We look forward to our Lava Hot Springs, Idaho, and Oregon Trail Tour in June.

Roger Davis

VIRGINIA

Cape Henry Model A Ford Club: Our Tidewater

weather has been very unpredictable and caused the cancellation of several planned events. Most disappointing was the cancellation of the Ocean View St. Paddy's Day parade. We are now looking forward to our participation in the NATO parade, sponsored by the US NATO command located in Norfolk. Thanks to president Richard Miller for providing interesting and varied topics for our meetings.

Gordon Spence



Colonial Virginia MAFC: Preparations are being made for our 50th anniversary, which kicks off in November. Members met in February at the Two-Rivers Country Club for our annual brunch and meeting. Des Donnelly was awarded the 2021 Mileage Award by accumulating over 4,000 miles. In March we met at the Carlsons' garage for our safety check and meeting. With a few minor adjustments, we should be ready for an active touring season.

Ivan Morefield



George Washington Chapter: Jim and Edna Cross, Doug and Bev Tomb, John Leydon, Jim and Connie

Baker, Bill and Alice Simms, Gene Rainville, Lew Parker, Milford Sprecher, Bruce and Loretta Metcalf, and Paul Bjarnason joined in the tour from John's Aldie shop on various two-lane country roads to the Willowcroft Farm vineyard for lunch and wine tasting. Along the way, we stopped at Whitestone Farm, a premier Angus cattle spread, to tour their impressive private carriage collection.

Bruce Metcalf



Old Dominion: Six members in three A's visited the Starbuck's drive-through for breakfast, followed by a driving tour through Richmond's Carytown shopping area. Five members in three A's were driven to Malvern Hill Battlefield in Varina, lunch at Two Drummers Smokehouse in Toano, and the New Kent Cruise-In at the Colonial Downs Racetrack.

Sam Watkins

WASHINGTON

Columbia Basin A's: In February, everyone enjoyed our annual chocolate and wine Valentine's Day party. The March tour was to Roscoe's Coffee Shop for lunch, followed by a tour of the Treasure Valley Coffee warehouse facility where coffee beans from around the world are roasted, ground, and placed into five-pound bags for local delivery.

Robin Eldhardt

Evergreen A's: We ended 2021 with our traditional Christmas/awards banquet and the presentation of chapter Man of the Year to Don Werlech. We have scheduled our Get Out & Get Under seminar, where member A's go through a three-stage mechanical review and tune-up preceding our first tour of the year to the tulip fields. Members will also participate in the Almost Spring Swap Meet. View our latest video, the rebuilding of a Model A distributor at

<https://vimeo.com/533017762> *Rich Nestler*



Gallopin' Gerties: The club's Spring Tour, through the east side of King and Pierce counties, was March 5th. Our Almost Spring Swap Meet and Car Show was March 19-20 at the Washington State Fairgrounds. The annual Spring Tuneup Workshop will be April 10th at John Hash's. A Snoqualmie Falls overview, train ride, and tour are planned for April 23rd. The club camp-out at Grayland Beach State Park will be June 3-5.

Cheril Erickson

Vancouver Washington Volcano A's: We celebrated our first meeting in 2022 on Valentine's Day with a dessert potluck. Yum! It feels good to resume our meetings. Our February tour was to the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, where we saw many varieties of birds, then enjoyed lunch. In March our ladies' group, the Lava Ladies, met to plan our activities and community service for the upcoming year. We look forward to the Portland Swap Meet in April.

Dian Lane

Walla Walla Sweet A's: Last September the club won first place for the Walla Walla Frontier Days parade. We are so excited to start the 2022 touring season! With places opening up, it should be fun. Some

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upcoming events are the "Freeze Your Fanny" tour in April out to the little town of Starbuck, along with Walla Walla University car show. In May and June we'll enjoy the Tri-City swap meet and Waitsburg car show. June will be the Dayton car show.

Debbi Bethel

WISCONSIN

Great Lake As: We are ready to proceed with a full summer of Model A events. With gas prices rising, it's time to turn the GAV down a bit and head out and enjoy some of the beautiful back roads of Wisconsin. A historical lighthouse tour, visiting a honey-producing farm, and our annual trip to the Model A Day in Sharon, Wisconsin, are some of the early summer events planned. Come, join us.

Gary Zehren

Wisconsin Chapter: No winter blues in this club! Our meetings have been well attended and our events spectacular. We put the cherry on the top of sundaes in January, and we put out the fires of chili with a Chili Dump in February. Our annual awards banquet January 16th was brightened with rain boots and rain clouds. In February, we hosted the largest indoor winter swap meet (our 56th annual). We will keep on Model A'ing through 2022.

Karen Schmiechen

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