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ARIZONA



MARCA: We held a paint polishing seminar featuring club member expert Terry Xelowski using a faded Sport Coupe to show us how it's done. All our cars will be much shinier soon!
Bill Acker



Tucson A's: We had a great end to 2023. We toured three shops, watched a large plasma cutter make duct work at a metal fabrication shop, and enjoyed a Ford garage full of nicely organized Ford memorabilia, cars, and antique gas pumps. Then we had lunch at B.J.'s Brewhouse. The holiday banquet was held at Tanque Verde Ranch. A fellow Model A couple invited 10 cars to Desert Springs Retirement home: great fellowship and lunch.
Christy Strong

CALIFORNIA



Capitol A's: Our Santa event was featured on our local news station. We are lucky to have

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such special members as the Urbans. Mr. and Mrs. Claus helped us contribute to the kids toy drive and made our December celebration extra special with kids and grandkids in attendance. There was not only great food, but gifts from Santa. Our new officers have not missed a beat filling our calendars with fun! Next up: our 65th anniversary, Hawaiian style!
Donna Smith

Charter Oak A's: In 2023 we had 39 enjoyable outings, and we're looking forward to having more in 2024. We had a great turnout and lots of fun at our holiday lunch/raffle, where we also installed our 2024 officers. We're preparing for our 2025 Central California Regional Group Jamboree. Some members have had serious health issues, and we all wish for a good recovery and are looking for them to be back with us again.
Marsha Brooks-Smith



Chico A's: We had six cars that went on a Christmas lights tour in Paradise. Club ladies made beautiful Christmas wreaths, and we also had a Christmas cookie exchange. We toured up to Butte Meadows for lunch at Bambi Inn and toured the Jonesville Hotel with eight cars. We enjoyed our annual Christmas party with delicious food and a fun gift exchange. On New Year's Day we toured Orland.
Karen Hicks



Christmas light tour

Diablo A's: On December 5th, we held our annual Christmas/holiday party at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill. Besides a fabulous buffet dinner, we were treated to a wonderful medley of holiday music by our own virtuoso Eric Tottman and his pocket trumpet. The new board was duly installed with Herb Neuman assuming the role of president. Our first tour will be the annual brunch tour on January 21, led by Bob and Val Dawes.
Mark Pighin

Gra-Neva MAFC: In November we had our annual Souper Saturday lunch and meeting. After everyone had enjoyed delicious homemade soups, salads, and desserts, the new slate of officers was presented by president A.J. and approved. The new officers were installed at our Christmas party, where another highlight was the attendance of three new members: Dan Wagner, who just relocated here from Minnesota, and Doug and Cheryl Giles. A warm welcome to them!
Donna Lichti



Hangtown A's: We celebrated the Placerville Christmas parade with seven cars at the front of the parade and won a first place in the car club division. We held our annual holiday luncheon at the Greenstone Barn in Placerville. The luncheon was well attended with catered Mexican food. Our thanks to Rick and Joanne Colgate, who made the arrangements. Our January brunch tour to the Diamond Springs Hotel was an eating event.
Tom Jeanes

Harbor Area: December was a busy month. We participated in the Wilmington and El Segundo Christmas parades on the same day. Twenty-one members attended the 1947 classic movie *34th Street* at the El Segundo Old Town Movie Theater. Mirco and Elaine Pisu opened their home for our annual Christmas cookie exchange and meeting. We donated 50 bags of food for the Food for Kids run by the Torrance Volunteer Center in Torrance.
Sue Hankins

Linden A's: December 10 we joined the Freewheelers for their annual holiday luncheon in Livermore. It was a bright, clear, crisp day. January 13 we attended the Celebration of Life for Ed Simpson, 96, of the Delta A's. Ed was the ultimate Model A guy. He could fix just about anything on an A, and his talents were known far and near. Ed was there to answer questions for any A owner, and he is sorely missed.
Terry Machado

Marin A's: We enjoyed a fine annual soup party. The event is a highlight of the year.

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We are sad to acknowledge the passing of two longtime members of the club: Norma Baumsteiger and George Vaio. *Lester Foote*



Our two remaining founding members: Hank Welch (left) and Stanley Braden at Hank's 100th birthday bash.

Modesto Area A's: The club showed "A" strong presence in Modesto's Veterans Day parade: thank-you, Carvalhos! S. Riggs' president's party took us to the Hornblower Brunch Cruise on San Francisco Bay: a delightful day! Thanks, Stratt! Founding member, Hank Welch's 100th birthday was celebrated by 50-plus family members, Modesto and Sonora A members, and friends. Eleven members enjoyed the Santa Maria A's National Awards Banquet and tours to Hearst Castle and Solvang. *Barbara Collins*



Orange County Chapter: Start making plans to attend our 61st annual pancake breakfast, Sunday April 14th at Hart Park Orange, 7:30 to 11:00, followed by our fabulous raffle. Our members have shown a renewed interest in era fashions, and many dressed for our installation banquet. Congratulations to our novice yet talented newsletter editor, Eric Engle, for recognition and certificate in *The Restorer*. It takes our members, the directors, and our hard-working committees to keep us connected. *Debbie Parrish*



Paso Robles A's: We had a nice early Ford turnout for the Pioneer Day parade, highlighted by historic farm equipment. This

parade includes 200 entries and dates back to 1931, thus the common existence with the Model A Ford. The first week of October, the Paso Robles A's greeted about half a dozen Auburns and Cords as they visited the Templeton Historic Museum. Our Christmas party was held in the Pioneer Museum and organized by Paul and Anna Hohman. *Bob McCormick*



Trophies we made for our second annual car show.

Riverside/Corona MAFC: The new year welcomed new club members and officers. Thanks to members volunteering to continue in their 2023 positions, as well as new members for the 2024 open posts. No arm-twisting here. A list of club tours has been prepared for most of the year. Our well-oiled machine is in gear. *Gary Struempf*

San Diego MAFC: "Aloha A's" was the theme of our 2024 annual installation and awards luncheon held in January. We enjoyed a paradise-themed venue complete with tikis, talking parrots, surf boards, ukulele entertainment, and a luau menu. At the photo booth, members could take a snapshot memory of the day. With 90 members in attendance, it was our largest event in recent years. Our new 2024 board is now ready for action. Aloha! *Kris Francis*



At Vasquez Rocks.

San Fernando Valley MAC: We're a passionate group of automotive enthusiasts in Southern California, hosting weekly lunches and monthly driving tours to explore the local cuisine and the scenic beauty of the LA area. Don't miss our 58th annual car show and swap meet in Chatsworth, and our festive holiday banquet. Follow us on social media for insightful how-to content on Ford Model

A's. Fuel your love for Model A's: Join our club and hit the road with us! *Aimee McNatt*

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter: In our A's we toured Christmas displays around town including Entwined, the spectacular annual dazzling forest of light with sculptural artworks at Peacock Meadow in Golden Gate Park. Then on New Year's Day, we joined the Breakfast Club One on One 2024 Road Rally through west Marin and Sonoma Counties, ending with a post-rally lunch at Washoe House in Petaluma, the oldest roadhouse in California. What a great way to welcome in 2024. *Walter Caplan*

San Gabriel Valley Model A's: Three amazing chili chefs and one schlub vied for first place in our annual cook-off with Bob Moore garnering a blue ribbon. We celebrated a new/old board and holiday party in early December, complete with a catered lunch and wonderful camaraderie. Thanks to the board who stepped up. Karen and Joe hosted a cookie exchange, but illness limited the folks attending, so we listened to carols. *Jim Lank*

Santa Anita A': We're going through winter in true Model A style! Multiple clubs and others joining for one big show and tour. We're also helping each other keeping our A's on the road. Food, meetings, a new board and officers, and tours are rounding out one season and heading for another. Spring is just around the corner! We have exciting safety seminars planned by some of the best restorers and mechanics in the land. *Dennis Chapman*



Santa Barbara MAFC: Our club has reached out internationally! In October, Annie Villareal visited the Oslo, Norway, branch and told them about our club. In November, Steve and Phyllis Penniman visited New Zealand and got in touch with the Christchurch club. Unfortunately their visit coincided with the Rugby World Cup matches, during which other activity ceases. Finally, in the beginning of December, our president, Janet Cox, had a wonderful tour of Paris, France, in a Model A car! *Susan Carty*

Santa Clara Valley Chapter: We held our December installation banquet with 92 people. The new board for 2024 was installed, and the old board was celebrated. Approximately 40 members were recognized for their contributions to running the club. In January, we went on a short breakfast tour to the Morgan Hill Grange facility with 78 people in attendance, but only 10 brave souls drove their cars due to inaccurate weather reports. All went very well. *Michael K. Stevens*



Santa Maria A's: December 14th, we held our Christmas dinner party at the magnificent, historic Santa Maria Inn. With plenty of food, music, raffle prizes, and live music, we all enjoyed a wonderful evening. All families donated to Toys for Tots, as well. Above is our 2024 slate of officers. *Trudy A. Stevens*

Sierra Chapter: We started our winter season celebrating our Christmas party at The Old Spaghetti Factory, installing our officers for 2024. We shared the Christmas spirit with the community, participating in the Children's Electric Parade. Our cars were lit up with Christmas lights. They looked great. Our cars still had their ornament lights on for the next tour to the Christmas Tree Lane. We crossed into January with a past president's breakfast at Carrillo's. Staying busy with activities. *Dave Ekstrom*



Sonoma A's: We had a late 2023 tour to the Ford Assembly Plant, in Richmond. Now a wonderful new year is upon us. Most officers have volunteered to stay on for a second term to support our new president. We gained several new members last year as our chapter rebuilds. Along with the normal activities, one extended tour is being planned for 2024. *Bob Gutteridge*

Sonora A's: We closed out the year with our Christmas banquet hosted by our club president and his wife, Frankie. The festive evening began with a catered dinner and ended with a spirited gift exchange. Everyone had a great time. Our new board members were installed, and we look forward to another active year with tours, parades, and community events. A maintenance day and our first tour of the year have been scheduled. *Ed Anderson*

South Bay Touring A's: We ended the year on a strong note. At our December meeting, we elected officers and finalized plans for our annual banquet. We started off 2024 with a club breakfast that was very well attended, so we may just make it a monthly event. We

are looking forward to some great seminars in 2024; last year we assembled an engine that is available to any club member who needs it for a short time. *Dick Valot*

Temecula Valley MAC: The Thanksgiving and Christmas tours were great! Upcoming tours include the Turlock swap meet in January; February 8th tour of the Temecula Historical Society; March 2nd to the Welburn Gourd Farm; March 8-9 Clovis/Central California Regional Group; April 6th the California Wolf Center/Reserve near Julian; and April 14 to the annual pancake breakfast at Orange County Hart Park. We hope to see you there, where hundreds of Model A's attend this Model A spectacular! *Sharon McBride*

Ventura County MAFC: Our major efforts this period were surely in the workshop, with mufflers, alternators, ammeters, and gas gauge repairs as objectives. We had a good turnout for the Fillmore Christmas parade, with eight Model A's attending, and we participated in the Camarillo Christmas parade with five cars of our cars involved. In January our new slate of officers were sworn in while we enjoyed a fine catered barbecue. Happy New Year, Model Aers! *Richard Atchison.*

COLORADO



December 30 on Lookout Mountain.

Model A Ford Club of Colorado: We had a wonderful turnout on the end-of-the-year Lookout Mountain tour, with 51 for lunch at The Ranch. Upcoming is a Valentines tour on February 3, the Tri-State swap meet Feb 3-4, Bunco on February 18, and the inaugural banquet February 25th. March brings Saint Patrick's day tour March 9, just-lunch bunch March 13, a fun "debugging tour" on April 6, and another tour April 27! Come, join in as we're doing fun stuff! *Sherri Krueger*



Pikes Peak MAFC: We wrapped up 2023 with our annual holiday Party. We announced

our new board members and presented the club's annual awards. In January we started with our "Kick Off Tour of 24." Members enjoyed lunch at the Coffee Cup in Monument, Colo. Even in the extreme cold and snow, we had one brave soul in a Model A. We also conducted driving tests for women drivers for the MAFCA Ladies' Driving Award. *Ray Gross*

FLORIDA

First Coast Region MAC: We had a very busy holiday season. In December the club held our annual Christmas party at the historical Hilltop Restaurant. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful meal and fellowship. The members held a Christmas parade in Orange Park, Florida. We decorated our cars, and the community loved seeing the Model A's. 2024 promises to be another banner year; our new officers are planning many tours and events. We always enjoy the spring weather. *Larry Smart*



Heart of Florida Model A Club: The busy season is upon us, and club members are taking their Model A's to a variety of events. We presented eight cars at the Villages Showcase Car Show Invitational, and we were the featured club at the Villages Cruise-In for January. We will hold our March meeting in conjunction with the Leesburg Arts Festival, and we have been asked to participate in an Honors Flight car show. *Bob McMahon*



Model A's of Greater Orlando: Christmas bells were ringing, and our A's were rolling! Fifteen nicely decorated Model A's drove right down Park Avenue in the 71st annual Winter Park Christmas parade, packed with thousands of cheering onlookers. What a great parade! At our club Christmas party, 71 people came, mostly dressed in 1930s holiday attire. We even had a visit from Santa! Our club turns 37 in February, and we look forward to celebrating it on the road! *Denise Acerra*

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Palm Beach A's:

The club celebrated the holiday season with our annual brunch at the Dolphin Bar and Shrimp House in Jensen Beach. We collected Toys for Tots and enjoyed a great meal! Our January meeting was at Project Lift in Palm City, where we are building a Huckster as part of their vocational training. The weather here is great for touring! Join the fun at palmbeachas.com.



David Carlson



January breakfast meeting turnout.

Sara-Mana MAFC: Club members kicked off the holiday season with a tour of the Siesta Key Rum Distillery. After collecting supplies for those cold winter nights, we headed to Ford's Garage for a well-earned lunch. 42 members and guests participated in our Christmas party, where we had a lively white elephant exchange. In 2024 our full schedule of events got off to a great start with a well attended tech day. Please join us:

www.saramanamodelaford.club/events

Mike Zelle

GEORGIA

River Cities Ford Model A Club:

We were proud to honor Mrs. Mary Nelle Singer with the Model A Ford Club of America Chapter Service Award at the annual Christmas celebration. Mary Nelle, and her late husband, Paul, were two of our founding club members. President Bryan Chin presented the award, stating, "Mary Nelle is a go-getter, always willing to lend a helping hand where needed." We thank you for your many years of service to our club.



Mark Smith

IDAHO

Treasure Valley Model A Club: We are sad to report that Glen Clayton passed away. Glen was a key to keeping many cars on the road. He had just finished his 22nd car and had just celebrated his 90th birthday. He will be missed but not forgotten. It was wonderful to see the line of Model A's that attended his funeral. On a very happy note, the club did enjoy a wonderful Christmas party earlier in the month.

Jim Borchers

ILLINOIS

Central Illinois A's: Illinois' minus-zero weather has hindered Model A driving, but our members are using the time wisely. Steve Simpson has three projects going: his De Luxe Tudor needs a carburetor, his A Pickup has a rattle at 40 mph, and the engine on his 1974 Cutlass needs attention. The Wagners are having trouble finding parts for their 1931 Tudor Sedan, while building a garage for their "toys." Welcome new members George and Leeah from Chillicothe. Let's Roll!

Kay Lee



Illinois Chapter: November's turkey dinner organized by Dan Pritchett was attended by several regional car clubs. Veterans Day had us at the Klairmont Kollection auto museum; thanks, John Golanty. December's meeting had a craft night for the women; thanks, Melinda Pritchett; while Ken and Ron Ehrenhofer did a slide show from Hershey for our tech talk. December was mild in Chicagoland, and a few A's were spotted outside their garages ... but winter found us in January!

Nick Clancy



Naper A's: Our winter project is the disassembly and "mechanics' rebuilds" of Model A engines. Not all of them we've acquired are rebuildable, but provide critical hands-on training. Any blocks with cylinders or bearings too far out of spec were rejected. Our experienced members are mentoring some newer members. Several engines were successfully reassembled and made available to members and friends at around the cost of materials. Some of our team are shown in the photo.

Nick Mazzarella

Rock-Ford A's: Winter is not over, but we've begun organizing 2024 events, beginning with our soup luncheon in February. Our Annual Model A Day in Clinton, Wisconsin, on June 2nd is in the planning stage and is shaping up to be our best ever! More of everything this year! We are really looking forward to participating in a crime documentary in Delavan, Wisconsin, in the spring that we were contacted about last year.

Anne Lavolette

Salt Creek A's: In December we had our annual holiday party with an always-fun white elephant gift exchange, plus a new event: a holiday lights tour organized by Ilene Schauer.



This tour was held in pouring rain, but Bob and Gayle Boryca braved it anyway with their 1929 Coupe decked out with colorful lights. Our 2024 agenda has a garage tour, a local Model A Day in Clinton, Wisconsin, as well as May's Model A youth month.

Ken Dust

INDIANA



Columbus Indiana Model A Club: We have launched into our 60th anniversary year ... and are planning celebrations all year long. There will be many highlights, but one that requires advance planning is a trip down Route 66's memory lane. If you're interested in joining us for all or part of the drive, or helping us plan fun along the way, shoot a note to modelacolumbus@gmail.com. For fun, here's a club photo from 1994, halfway through our history.

Rob Kirkpatrick

IOWA

Central Iowa Model A Club: Last year ended with elections in November and our Christmas party in December. A Hubble derby is planned for our March meeting. We are looking ahead to warmer weather and starting to plan our 2024 driving tours. Mark your calendars and consider joining us for our Great Annual Model A Ride Across Iowa (GAMARAI) scheduled for September 16-20. Check our website for details: www.centraliowamodelaclub.com.

Holly Szczodronski

Hawk A Model A Club: 2024 is upon us, and plans are being made for a full year of activities. Our annual swap meet has come to an end. We will now concentrate on our six monthly (May-October) club-sponsored tours and, of course, our main event: the 15th Annual Iowa Model A Day in August. Tour planning began in February, and a schedule will be published in May. Plus monthly club meetings and breakfasts. www.hawkamodelaclub.org

Jan Wenger

KANSAS

Flint Hills Touring A's: This is not Model A weather in Kansas, but 19 showed up for our monthly meeting! We had a good showing

for the Veterans Day parade; Leon had help with three of his military vehicles. We had 22 at our Christmas dinner; 12 went to Ralph Enloe's 90th birthday. Mike Kozubek was nominated for activity director, replacing Randy Bales. There was lots of discussion on 2024 activities and breakfasts. January breakfast will be at Banjo's. *Jo Ann Hemmer*

Plain Ol' A's: We finished 2023 with our Christmas banquet and gift exchange. Forty members attended the festivities, held at the Olathe Embassy Suites. We began 2024 with 22 members at the District Pour House restaurant in Shawnee for K.C. Restaurant Week. Plans are in the works for an April tour to the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene. We have a group going to New Mexico in June. We're ready for warmer weather and more Model A adventures.

Ron and Theresa Guenther

Wichita A's: We had our Christmas party at Prairie Pines Christmas Tree Farm. We enjoyed a three-course meal and a murder mystery play. December 9, the ladies visited the Sewing History Museum at the Noble Estate, built in 1888. The house was filled with sewing machines and products from the late 1800s through 2020. Forty attended the New Year's Day tour. We enjoyed lunch, then visited and learned about the beginnings of Friends University and McCormick School.

Brenda Broadhead

MAINE

Pine Tree Chapter: It's awards season!

Two of our members received MAFCA literary awards for articles in *The Restorer* in 2023. Rod Koehn won the President's Award for "My Rookie Year Adventures" in the March/April issue, and Frank Kennedy won the Editor's Award for "Rocky's Truck" in the September/October issue. At our holiday luncheon Scott Lansberry, our treasurer, received the club's "Outstanding Member of the Year" award. Congratulations to Rod, Frank, and Scott! Great work, guys!



*2023 Outstanding Member
Scott Lansberry.*

John Brissette

MARYLAND

Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club: On November 12, Scotty Scott hosted four young Model Aers at "Once in a Blue Moon" Farm, where they were treated to a special class on how a carburetor functions in operating a Ford Model A. Norm Molter chaired with club members Dave Sturges, Andrew Reymier, and Steve Meyer. At the annual Christmas party on December 9, we elected new officers: Harvey Hack, president; Andrew Reymier,

vice president; Barb Lohorn, secretary; Steve Meyer, activities.

Jeff Whitsett

MASSACHUSETTS

Model A Restorers Club of Massachusetts:

Many MARCOM members have put their A's away for the winter as it is getting much colder here in Southeastern Massachusetts. Some adventurous members will continue to drive their A's in winter as long as the roads are dry. Our members are busy planning for upcoming events such as the MARCOM Annual Flea Market, which will take place on March 3rd, and our annual awards brunch, which will be in April. *Charles Marchewka*

Minuteman Model A Ford Club: It's now time to dust off the Model A and give it some exercise. March can be a bit moody with the weather here in New England but nonetheless, we are ready to get outside and drive in our trusty cars. Some have been apart experiencing maintenance, others have had a few parts replaced or refurbished, but it's always exciting to be riding in the Model A for the first time. *Susan Champagne*

Worcester County: Ten A's came out

of winter hibernation for a final tour in tribute to founding member Frank Miller II, who was laid to rest on a crisp, sunny morning of December 23rd. Frank, along with his wife, Angie, and son, Frankie III, seldom missed a club event. Many New England Model A friends will remember Frank as a regular at New England Meets with his 1930 Cabriolet. He'll be missed by the Model A community. *Keith Costello*



*Farewell our friend,
Frank Miller II.*

MINNESOTA

Twin Cities Model A Ford Club: Two of our club members had big mileage summers. Dave Gerald took his A (while towing a small camper) round trip to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, (above the Arctic Circle): 11,500 miles. Steve Barnacle took his A round trip to the West Coast via the Lincoln Hwy: 5,000 miles. We had two banquet dinners this past fall. We meet every month for a clinic and have our monthly business meetings via Zoom. We're very active. Happy motoring!

Marc Rude

NEBRASKA

Cornhusker MAFC: A holiday party was held at Misty's restaurant. Officers for 2024 were installed, and the club steering wheel, our symbol of leadership, was passed from outgoing president Harvey Jecha to new president Nancy Hanshaw. During the evening, newsletter editor Margaret Mays

presented a video program highlighting 2023 activity. Members Tom Schuerman and Janet Jeffries provided musical entertainment, and \$500 in gift cards were collected for Villa Marie School. Activity planning for 2024 is underway. *Janet Jeffries Beauvois*

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Lakes Region Model A Club: The Lakes Region club has been looking forward to spring after a relatively quiet winter. Our Christmas party was hosted by Mark and Heather Smith, and a good time was had by all. Now as we look toward summer, many of us are eager for the melting season to be over so we can take our little A's back out on the road. *Nancy Wilnot*

NEW MEXICO

Poco Quatros: Our club had a Christmas potluck dinner and gift exchange. New officers were installed, and we participated in three Christmas parades. A Valentine's Day luncheon is planned. *Bill Capels*

NEW YORK

Lakeshore Model A Ford Club: We celebrated the holidays together before settling in for winter. We joined the Rush Rod & Piston Club for their annual Winter Warm-Up. With March comes maple syrup and pancakes at Cartwright's ... and good company! *Tom Burlingame*



Model A Ford Club of Long Island: During the holiday season there was a Christmas parade in Patchogue, with a dinner following. December 3 our club attended a new officers installation luncheon at Old Street Pub, attended by many club members. We also provided Toys for Tots, with a lot of toys donated. On December 16 we met for breakfast at the Garage Eatery, then toured a train club miniature train layout. Our new website is in the works. *Debby Duprez*

Mohican Model A Club: Rain held off for the September car show. Although numbers were down, the show was a success. At the after-show dinner hosted by Jim and Darlene Boncella, Bill Miller was presented with the award for best member's car: a 1931 Model A Pickup. The award for outstanding club members of the year was given to Joe and Carole VanSlyke. In October, members motored to the New York State Fish Hatchery and Salmon River Falls. *Jane Hicks*

NORTH CAROLINA

Queen City Model A Club: As we came

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into the new year, we enjoyed a few parades and elected a new board. We asked members to dress up in period clothing for one of our meetings and were treated to a wonderful 1930s Lindy Hop style dance! Members have been busy building a 1919 Model T Depot Hack from parts purchased (not a rebuild of an existing car). We are also planning a trip to Key West for the summer!



Sandeep Berry

OHIO

Dayton Buckeye MAFC: On December 2, the members of Dayton Buckeyes had our Christmas party for the first time since COVID. We had our party at the Hope Hotel at Wight-Patterson Air Force Base, with 52 members present. We had entertainment from the Shakertown Stompers band, and we all had a good time. Our outstanding member award was presented to Ed Daniel for his many years of service to the club. Congratulations, Ed.

Donald Richison

Northern Ohio Model A Club: We are in planning mode to prepare for 2024. Our annual attendance at the Piston-Powered Show will kick off the season, followed by our Amish tour, and other scenic tours exploring picturesque Ohio. There are also whispers of potential Hubley races to add an element of playful competition. With engines revving and camaraderie in the air, the club envisions another year filled with the joy of our beloved Model A's.

Josh Madden



Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club: We finished out the year in grand fashion. The club participated in our local Wreaths Across America event, where we drove our Model A's to the 150-year-old Spring Grove Cemetery to lay wreaths on the headstones of fallen soldiers. In December we had a fabulous Christmas party and holiday banquet to celebrate a year of fun Model A tours, events, and comradery.

Jarrod Williams

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City Model A Restorers Group: We held our Christmas dinner December 10 at Northwest Metropolitan Library. The club provided ham and turkey, and attendees brought all the sides and desserts. Awards from MAFCA were presented to John Adams: Service Award; and David Mitchel:



Wayne Whaley, center, received our Golden Gear award.

Director's Literary Award. Wayne Whaley received our Golden Gear award for the help he provided the group during the year. 2024 is looking to be a very busy year. *Joni Sheldon*

Sooner Model A Club: We eagerly look forward to the 2024 activities. Members are helping each other get our Model A's ready to drive to many exciting places. Plans are underway for a spring tour with the Tulsa Model A Club. Other activities will include parades, picnics, and day trips. May you have many happy travels this year. *Kaye Sage*

Tulsa MAFC: We had never participated in a nighttime Christmas

parade. But thanks to Bob and Linda Stine, three of our club members' cars represented us in the Collinsville parade. The Slavens, Johnsons, and Stines used battery-powered lights and garland to make their A's festive! The Stines also hosted a pre-parade snack. With a new board in place, we are set for a great 2024, weather cooperating!



Barbara Cail

OREGON

Beaver Chapter: We're looking forward to spring touring after a brutal winter. Many 2024 trips are planned, including the fall three-day past president tour in Central Oregon. Kirk Metteer is planning one or two tours per month. The Portland Swap is the first weekend in April. Tom Winterroud was the mileage winner for 2023. The club now has six Burtz engines in member's cars. Let's go touring.

Tom Irwin

Enduring A's: Our annual swap meet, led by Rolie Young, was a great success. Ann Cook and Cheryl Berkey organized a ride on the "Candy Cane Express" train and a great dinner in December. This year's officers are John Myers, president; Glen Osborn, vice president; Martin Harding, secretary; Linda Harding, treasurer; Phil Anderson, Paul Knapp, and Robert Weber, board members; and Nick Koberstein, past president.

Martin Harding

Henry's Lady Chapter: This past few months, we have moved indoors for activities. Our major activity was the election of new officers and our annual holiday banquet and

auction. This year 89 members attended the catered banquet, and we had 98 items in the auction, which garnered three times what the banquet cost the club. We all had a great time Model A'ing.

Mike McKey



Rogue Valley A's: The club is ready to tour. We drove our 1930 Model A Coupe to the Medford, Oregon, International Airport to see off our son, who was piloting for the forest fires last summer. Our adventure to the airport made us want to bring our entire club on tour to the airport. We have several members who have planes at the airport, and we may have some connections for a great tour.

Nell Mathern

Rhode Island

Little Rhody Model A Club: We had our Christmas party December 2nd at Richards Pub. The meal was great, as usual, with the staff going all out to decorate the hall for us. We donated gifts to the Toys for Tots program in lieu of gifts to each other. We have tech programs coming in the new year, with content from YouTube and Paul Shinn contributing. We also have a Dust Off Tour set for early spring.

John Mennucci

SOUTH CAROLINA

Aiken A's: We participated in our annual hometown Christmas parade, with ten cars showing up for the festivities. We continue visiting local assisted living facilities, spending time with residents and giving rides in our Model A's. We enjoy bringing smiles to the residents and make this an ongoing effort throughout the year. We meet each Saturday at the local deli for cars & coffee, where we discuss any and all Model A issues.

Greg Jones



Our engine swap crew.

Old 96 District MAFC: Over the winter, our club did a complete engine swap for a new member's Sedan and a tune-up on another member's Phaeton. Other members continue to make repairs on their own cars in hopes of driving more, once warmer weather arrives. Preparations are well underway for our annual swap meet April 19-20 in Greenwood, S.C. Several new vendors will be present in addition to our regular vendors.

Robby Bell

TEXAS



Cedar Creek MAFC: In October we toured to Mineola to a 100-year-old movie theater. After a backstage tour, we enjoyed a silent movie. October also saw our annual weekend trip to Winnsboro for the Autumn Trails parade. First was a big Model A gathering for a stew supper at the Willis Farm. Then, after the parade, Saturday shopping, visiting, and a barbecue dinner. Our Christmas party was loads of laughs and great food. *Lou Carpenter*

Dallas Model A Ford Club: We continue to grow with new members. There was an overnight tour of Marshall and Jefferson, Texas, and Christmas lighting displays of local homes. The workshop included changing pistons. We enjoyed our Christmas party with great food, a raffle, and a nostalgic vocal group. January's meeting was canceled due to bad weather. Plans are shaping up for the Texas Tour in Nacogdoches in June. *Nick Olson*

Greater Houston A's: We held our Christmas party on December 2nd at the BraeBurn Country Club, with about 60 members. Gordon Cook served as emcee and also entertained us with some light-hearted jokes. Christmas carol singing was led by Rena and Jack Sartin. Activities included a candy jar guessing game and several men's and women's door prize drawings. Officers, directors, and chairpersons who significantly helped out over the past year were thanked. *Bob Pond*

Lone Star MAFC: We have some nice scenic Model A tours planned this spring: One to Taylor to eat at the Lucky Duck Cafe. One up to Belton to eat at the Dead Fish Grill. The annual Onion Creek Hickory Classic is always a scenic ride and a fun time. We hope to see some wildflowers on our tour over to Lakeway. As always, we have breakfast on Saturdays at the Georgetown IHOP. *Laurie Taylor*



Tyler Model A Ford Club: We are strengthening ties between the clubs in East Texas to help promote the Model A hobby. In the past year, new ties have been made with the Autumn Trails club in Winnsboro. Joint meets in Mineola and at the Mid-America Flight Museum have been successful. The Dallas Model A Ford Club is sponsoring the Texas Tour in Nacogdoches in June. The Tyler Club is looking forward to helping where we can. *Bruce Witwer*

Victori-A's: Here in Victoria, the Veterans Day parade was canceled due to weather. We did participate in the Victoria Lighted Christmas Parade and enjoyed dinner together afterward, along with our local antique car club. We enjoyed a lively Christmas party with an auction and gift exchange. Vice President Gary Henrichs presented to our longtime member Betty East our annual rotating award, "The Steering Wheel," for helping to steer our club in the right direction. *Nancy Whiddon*



UTAH

Beehive A's: At the closing of a wonderful, eventful year, the Beehive Model A Club of Northern Utah held their traditional Christmas dinner at Timbermine at the base of Ogden Canyon. Our outgoing president, Mike Nichols, was given a round of applause for his many accomplishments this year. Mike passed the iconic steering wheel to our new president, Ronald Lucero. We are confident Ron will lead our club forward to a wonderful, fun-packed 2024. *Brian Gough*



Color Country MAC: It's been a fun 2023 for us. Our Christmas party was well attended, as was our annual pizza party, hosted by Roger and Marion Rumney in their spacious garage. Barry Gray is our new president. Tim Kuhr is our vice president, and Sandra Green will serve as secretary. Barry suggested we start taking bi-weekly tours for the next few months. *Clark Peterson*



Utah Valley: In November, the club activity was a tour of the BYU Engineering building and labs. A club goal was achieved in late December when our build-from-the-ground-up Speedster was driven for the first time. 2023 came to a close with our annual Christmas luncheon and collecting donations for Toys for Tots. 2024 is shaping up to be a busy year, with our chapter co-sponsoring the National Awards Banquet, December 11-14 in Salt Lake City. *Mike Carlton*

VIRGINIA

Cape Henry MAFC: Despite disappointments in our 2023 schedule, we look forward

to many new opportunities. Our annual safety/maintenance check is well received. In March we'll be in Ocean View for the raucous and entertaining Saint Patrick's Day parade. In April we'll honor our nation's commitment to NATO and parade through downtown Norfolk and under the big guns of the USS Wisconsin. Spring in Tidewater Virginia is guaranteed to be a great time to parade our Model A's. *Gordon Spence*

Colonial Virginia: With the touring season completed, members met at Two Rivers Country Club in Williamsburg for our annual Christmas banquet. Awards and prizes were presented, with Carl Carlson earning the Spark Plug Award. Afterward, Marlon Spratley was installed as our new president. Members also participated in the Williamsburg Christmas parade, where they were awarded best in vehicular class. We started off the new year with our snowflake tour along the scenic Colonial parkway. *Ivan Morefield*



Snowflake tour.

George Washington Chapter: Members enjoyed our third C&O Canal tour before the weather got too cool. The group included Jim and Connie Baker; Matt Krafft and his wife; Bill Sims; and Shuyan and Milford Sprecher. We stopped at the Monocacy Aqueduct and the Catoctin Aqueduct, built for canal traffic. After this, we headed back to Point of Rocks to the Aroma House, a sandwich shop. We ended the tour at the Rocky Point Creamery for ice cream. *Bruce Metcalf*



Old Dominion: Twelve A's participated in the Ashland Holiday Parade. The annual holiday luncheon was held at Tanglewood Ordinary. Three A's drove in the Powhatan Christmas parade, and one was displayed at the Church Hill Holiday House Tour. We donated toys to the Dogwood Terrace Toys for Tots program, and members attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Cold Harbor National Cemetery, along with meeting for breakfast in November and December. *Sam Watkins*

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WASHINGTON



Evergreen A's: Holidays have passed, and fun was had as we celebrated with 80-plus members at our annual holiday party and awards banquet. Following dinner and the presentation of awards and the installation of officers, the evening ended with the frivolity of a white elephant gift exchange, always a hit. Looking ahead, our chili contest will happen in February, and our annual "get-out, get-under" A inspection will occur soon as we prepare for the start of touring. *Rich Nestler*

Gallop'n' Gerties: More than 20 members were present at the Veterans Day parade in Auburn. Members of the Evergreen A's and the Gerties watched the parade, then drove their Model A's, with flags and Toys for Tots, to the parade headquarters as a thank-you for all the great veterans



who've serving our country. In January our new president, John Michaud, (pictured) started off New Year's Day with our typical 50-mile drive and a nice lunch. *Norm Brocard*

Inland Empire A's: We started the new year with our annual cook-off. This year's theme was soups/stews. No Model A's were present since we had a winter storm advisory in effect. But the soups and stews hit the spot. Yummy stuff! In February we present trophies to members for mileage, hard luck, restoration, participation, and rookie. We have a lot of fun with this. We end our meeting with a Sweetheart pie social for Valentine's Day. *Jackie Bonner*

Walla Walla Sweet A's: We had a successful Christmas party and installed new officers. We're glad to have Bill Geurts and Dave Wirth continuing. We welcome Kathy Kopf as our new secretary-treasurer. Members continue to enjoy lunch gatherings, even with snow on the ground. Steve Plucker and Phil Hoffman are working on the Smooth Rider Tour set for late May. It's been so cold, shop work has stopped ... but only temporarily. More tours in the works! Enjoy winter. *Debbi Bethel*

Volcano A's: An important tradition for our club in November is participating in the Veterans Day parade to honor our service men and women. Our cars looked great decorated with flags. In December we had a

beautiful tour of Christmas lights in several neighborhoods. Our December meeting is one of our best with a bountiful potluck dinner, followed by a gift auction, which is a fun fundraiser for the club. *Dian Lane*

WISCONSIN

Great Lake A's: Spring is slow in coming to Wisconsin. The oil is changed, the car is greased, and the tires are pumped up. We still are having our monthly lunch dates, but tours remain in the planning works. Visits to historical sites, parades, tours along rustic roads, and our annual picnic are in the works for our summer season. On a sad note, we lost longtime member Ella Mueller this winter. *Gary Zehren*

Wisconsin Chapter: Our club heads indoors during the winter season starting in November, but our cars don't get put under wraps until we participate in the annual Waukesha Christmas parade. Pizza and newsletter trivia kicked off our first indoor meet in November. Santa, goodies, and a white elephant exchange rounded out our year. *Karen Schmiechen*

