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Model A Restorers Club Membership:

<https://model-a-ford.org/>

Model A Ford Club of America:

https://mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca_new_member=yes

Visit our website:

555illinoisregionmarc.com/

The Illinois Region M.A.R.C., Illinois Chapter M.A.F.C.A. holds it's monthly meetings the 2nd Tuesday of every month at B.P.O.E. Lodge # 1526:

495 Lee St. Des Plaines IL.

Technical Talks and refreshments provided at all meetings. Bring a guest and your 'A'. Please attend.

Any paid member who would like an updated IL Region Roster: Send a text to John Silvestri, Roster Chairman, and he will email you a new roster.

Text John: (630) 935-2320

Editor's Notes-

Business card ads continue to be available for \$25.00 per year. Your comments and suggestions for anything pertaining to The Distributor are always welcome. If you have sold an item, or no longer need your ad to appear, please let me know. Otherwise, **classified ads will run for 3 issues.** I can be reached by email at thedistributoreditor@gmail.com or by phone or text at (815) 666-6026.

Remember, this is YOUR Newsletter!

SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOME and ENCOURAGED –

We are always looking for cover features, photos, tech talks, jokes, humorous memes, seasonal recipes etc. Working on a project in your garage? Take some pictures and let us know about it.

On the Cover: Diane Kory and her '30 Sedan.

Diane is looking for a little help. Read her request for aid on page 11.

2025 Official Illinois Region Events Calendar

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
VCCA Swap Meet 12 Will Co. Fairgrounds	General Meeting 11	Swap Meet 9	General Meeting 9
General meeting/BOD 14	Kane Co. Swap Meet 16	Friendly Ford	MARC Membership Meet-Nashville IN 11-13
		General Meeting/BOD 11	
<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
General Meeting/BOD 13	General Meeting 10	Parades 4	General Meeting 12
	MARC National Meet 16-20 Gettysburg PA	General Meeting/BOD 8	
<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
General Meeting/BOD 9	General Meeting 14	General Meeting/BOD 11	General Meeting/ Cookie Exchange 9

MARC Illinois Region Financials

November 21, 2024 thru December 20, 2024

Intake	\$1,100.00	Exhaust	\$1,666.93
		Ladies Event	\$595.00
Membership Dues	\$650.00	Elks Club Meeting Rental	\$100.00
50/50 Raffle	\$60.00	Distributor Postage	\$40.40
Banquet	\$180.00	Meeting Refreshments	\$24.58
December Ladies Event	\$210.00	MARC Region Dues	\$25.00
		APR Graphics	\$112.00
		MAFFI Memorial Brick	\$150.00
Total in account 11/21/2024: \$14,738.51		Banquet Deposit	\$200.00
Total in account 12/20/2024: \$14,171.58		Rallye Productions (Banquet)	\$419.95



January – Directors Corner

Greetings, and I wish you all a Happy New Year! I am excited and honored to serve as your director, where I will build upon the successes of our past Director, Melinda Pritchett. Thank you, Melinda, for a job well done!

I have been a club member for 10 years (a newbie compared to many others serving this club) and have enjoyed participating in club events and activities. I inherited my 1930 Model A Town Sedan from my father, who purchased the car in 1961 and spent 30+ years passionately restoring his treasured car – he sure loved driving that car. I joined our club because, being unfamiliar with Model As and not being a mechanic, I knew the club would assist me in keeping the car on the road while enjoying fellowship activities and excursion trips.

Here's a little background on me. My wife Jill and I have been married for 47 years and have two sons. I retired from AT&T (28 years of service) and 5 years ago from Uline in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, after serving as their Chief Information Officer (Information Technology) for 12 years. While retired, I served as chairman/president of my national fraternity, Delta Tau Delta, from 2020 through 2022 after serving on the fraternity board for 14 years. This summer, you may see me wearing a baseball uniform at a meeting because I play in two leagues outside Milwaukee – Tuesday for a 62+ team and Thursday for a 70+ team (yes, it is hardball, pitching from a mound, 9 innings, stealing bases, etc.). I've been playing baseball for the past 8 years and have had the rare opportunity to play in the "Shoeless Joe Jackson Seniors Tournament" in 2019 – truly a dream come true. I usually play left field, but depending on the team's health (hey, we're old), I have played shortstop, second base, center field, and pitcher. I'm having a great time being a kid again!

I aim to promote the club (be more visible), increase membership and club participation, get our cars back on the road, and share our Model A passion with as many people as possible.

Bruce

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Illinois Region Model A Club Business Meeting

Agenda For Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Meeting called to order (starting at 7:30 p.m. sharp)

- o Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Joe

- o Welcome – Bruce

- o Approval of November Meeting Minutes as per The Distributor [Floor Motion]

Old Business

- o Reminder to pay 2025 Club Dues – Bruce

- o 2025 Awards Banquet update – Vince

- o March Swap Meet at "Friendly Ford" update – Nick

New Business

- o Upcoming 2025 events/calendar review – Dan & Roger

Reports

- o Model A National News – Ken

- o Asst Director Report – Nick

- o Treasurer's report – Jerry

- o Activities update – Dan / Roger

- o Membership update (# on 2024 roster # of members who paid 2025 dues) – Larry

- o Roster / Directory update – John S

- o "The Distributor" newsletter update – Matt

- o Webmaster – Owen

- o Greeter – Melinda/Deb Sarasin (Guests, New Members Vehicles at the meeting)

- o Club apparel sales update – Vince

- o Club swap/parts sales update – Joe

Questions, Comments, Other – Floor open to membership

Tonight's Tech Talk – Annual Auction

Raffle

Motion to Adjourn

Refreshments Start of Auction



Meeting Minutes Dec 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM, by Assistant Director: Steve Sarasin (filling in for Melinda)

The pledge was led by Joe Romando

Motion for approval of the November meeting minutes as per the Distributor: 1) Dan Prichett and 2) Vince Scalabrino, all in favor.

Old Business

Mileage Award: (Tracking 6 forms) Steve Sarasin asked for final odometer readings. Several were turned in at the meeting.

Officers for 2025: The 2025 Officers were introduced. Bruce Peterson, Director; Nick Clancy, Assistant Director; Tom Klise, Secretary; Jerry Tiesch, Treasurer.

2025 Dues: Reminder to all members that 2025 dues should be paid and a reminder that all members must be a member of one of the two National clubs MARC or MAFCA as well as our club.

Powermaster Tour Recap: Wally talked about the tour and the various products Powermaster makes for the Model A.

New Years Event Status: Vince provided an update on the event to be held at the Elks Lodge.

Swap Status: Nick provided an update of vendor and visitor fees and a need to get the word out.

New Business

2025 Events: Dan and Roger spoke about events in the works now and asked members to plan and/or make suggestions for other events, especially tours to help fill out the 2025 calendar.

Picnic: Roger provided an update. Fox River site is a backup site in case the Pranger's do not host in 2025.

Reports

Greeter: Mike – No guests

Treasurer: Jerry gave balances in the club's accounts. See Distributor for more detail.

Editor: Matt – Always looking for content and jokes. Looking for club members to contribute.

Activities: Dan – Looking for driving events, want to build out more in 2025.

Membership: Larry – 126 current members. Still need dues for 60 members with only three weeks left in the year. New membership forms are available, need your national club number and the date you joined the Illinois chapter (our club.)

Announcements: Steve – Award to John Slivestri for Roster Coordinator in 2023.

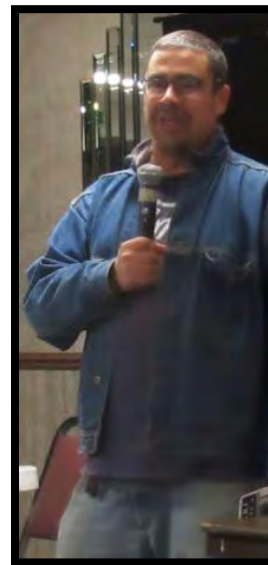
Roster Coordinator: John Slivestri – text John to get a copy of the roster. Both the text and the photo rosters are being updated for the new year.

Webmaster: Owen – Noted there is another Bus project for sale if anyone is interested.

National News: Ken – April Membership Meet in Nashville & June National Meet, Gettysburg.

Club Sales: Vince – Go to club website to order items. 50/50 Raffle – Gene won

Motion for Adjournment: 1) Vince Scalabrino, 2) Frank Smith



Coming events

50TH ANNUAL SWAP MEET JANUARY 12, 2025

7:00 AM To 1:00 PM

Donation \$7.00

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THE MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET

Places of Interest

Nashville - Shopping / Eating / Walking District

- Nashville is known for its Artist Colony past during the first half of the 20th century. This artist charm continues to the day in the 140+ unique shops and restaurants that make up the town.
- Brown County State Park- Indiana's #1 visited State Park.

Columbus, IN (18.5 miles to East of Nashville)

- Columbus is a city of over 47,000, yet The American Institute of Architects ranked it 6th in the nation for architectural innovation and design - right behind Chicago, New York, Boston, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. The visitor's guide lists over 90 buildings and pieces of public art by internationally noted architects and artists. Self and Guided Architectural Tours are available Monday - Saturday and accessed at the Visitors Center website at <https://columbus.in.us/>
- Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor & Museum - Since 1900 - Zaharakos is known nationally as one of the best preserved and restored turn of the century ice cream parlors in America. Food and Ice Cream made onsite are served and the museum is a site to see. <https://zaharakos.com/>

Bloomington, IN - Home to Indiana University. (18.6 miles West)

- The Wonder Lab science museum has hands-on kids' exhibits, plus insects and reptiles. Indiana University's Eskenazi Museum of Art has paintings, sculptures and decorative arts from around the world. The 1835 Wylie House is now a museum with period furnishings and an heirloom garden.

Indiana Premium Outlets

- Over 76 Outlet Stores to explore in one place. Located at the intersection of I-65 and US-31 just north of Columbus, IN.



April 11th-13th, 2025



For more information contact Chair, John Prohaska prohaska1069@yahoo.com 812-350-8780

The Winter Swap!

Winter Parts Swap



Hosted by the Illinois Region MARC

**All Makes and Models are welcome
Clean out your garage and attic
Admission \$6 Plenty of free parking**

**Friendly Ford in Roselle Illinois
333 E. Irving Park Road
Sunday March 9th, 2024
8AM til 1 PM**

For Swap spaces
Contact: Nick Clancy
PH: 224-500-1720
nick.clancy@yahoo.com

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Lunch will
be available**

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Contact: Gene Levin
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spaces are 10x10 - bring tables and chairs**

Dues for year 2025

Membership Application

Dues must be paid by the end of January to be an active member and receive
The Distributor or emails.



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Illinois Chapter MAFCA

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Our Basic Requirements are as follows:

Payment of Yearly Dues

Liability insurance on any vehicle antique or modern that is used at a club function must be current

All Region Members MUST be a member of either MARC or MAFCA National

National Membership Number MARC _____

National Membership Number MAFCA _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Referred By: _____

MAFFI Minute

Here's wishing you a wonderful holiday season and please share the messages below with your clubs and Model A friends:

The Model A Museum will be closed from January 1 through 26, 2025 for expansion demolition and the Gilmore's renovations. The first half of the month, the wall between the current Model A museum and the expansion is coming down so exhibits and vehicles have to be moved. The 2nd half of the month, the Gilmore grounds will be closed because Gilmore is redoing flooring. Everything should be back open beginning January 27, 2025.

This month I'm sharing the President of the Model A Ford Foundation's message:

Dear Model "A" Owners and Hobbyists,

Thank you for your continued support of The Model A Ford Foundation Museum, located on the grounds of The Gilmore Car Museum. Through your membership and donations, we have been able to establish a world class museum exhibiting displays of vehicles, era fashions and memorabilia associated with the Ford Model A.

The Model A Ford Foundation is in the process of expanding our museum another 8,400 square feet. This expansion will allow several more vignettes, a Learning Center Garage, and restrooms to be added for your enjoyment. The Foundation's income primarily comes from annual membership dues, the selling of museum items such as bricks, proceeds from our annual Model "A" Days and from club and individual donations. We ask that you consider giving an additional gift to help us support The Museum. Your gifts allow us to continue supporting our hobby with one of the best museums anywhere in the world. All of us associated with the Model A Ford Foundation wish you and yours well this Holiday Season. Thank you again for your generous donations.

Best Regards,

John Begg, President

Classified Ads

For Sale: 28/29 transmission \$300, 28/29 grill shells \$150 ea. Contact Owen (773) 218-9575. futura65@comcast.net

For Sale: used 21" Allstate Brand, fair \$50 obo (630) 212-8965 or kenlouderman@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: 1929 Model A Tudor, asking \$9,000. New upholstery, powder coated wheels. Dawn M. (708) 227-5214.

For Sale: 1930 Model A Deluxe Roadster \$26,500; V8 16" wheel with chrome ring, Wards Riverside Tire (6.00-16 4 ply) good condition \$150. Call for details Byron Collis (312) 405-1845

For Sale: 1929 Tudor. Good driver quality car, less than 500 miles on tires. \$12,000 (954)857-3136 alanputz@gmail.com

Wanted: 1930 radiator shell in good condition, I have an incorrect 1931 shell on my car. Willing to work out a deal. Also, in need of a Sparton horn in good or repairable condition, this will replace an old Washakie horn that came with the car. George Holdcroft (847)217-2339

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-Humour section by Mike Kochevar-

My wife wants me to wear a bracelet that belonged to her grandfather. It says, "Do Not Resuscitate."

It's been months since I bought the book, "How To Scam People Online." It still hasn't arrived yet.

House cleaning tip: If you have a red wine stain on your carpet, get some white wine and drink it until you don't care anymore.

I COULD NOT BELIEVE IT TODAY, WHEN I CAME HOME AND WAS TOLD BY MY WIFE THAT MY 5-YEAR-OLD SON WASN'T ACTUALLY MINE...

SHE SAYS THAT I NEED TO PAY MORE ATTENTION WHEN PICKING HIM UP FROM SCHOOL

One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.

Even rarer than a doctor who can't stand the sight of blood is a lawyer who can't stand the sight of money.

If your palm itches, you are going to get something. If your crotch itches, you've already got it.

My wife and I decided to never go to bed angry. We've been awake since Tuesday.

My wife said, "That's the 4th time you've gone back for dessert! Doesn't it embarrass you?" I said: "No, I keep telling them it's for you."

Being old is when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

I now know how it will all end for me -- one of my grandkids will unplug my life support to charge their phone.

**When a man says
he'll do anything
for a woman, he
means fight bad
guys and kill
dragons, not
vacuum or wash
dishes**

A Mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a LS460 when he spotted a well-known cardiac surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiac surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished, it worked just like new. So how is it that I make \$48,000 a year and you make \$1.7M when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiac surgeon paused, leaned over and whispered to the mechanic:

"Try doing it with the engine running."



On the Cover

LOOKING FOR TUTORS

Our Illinois Region Club has an abundance of members with years of experience and excellent knowledge of the Model A.

I have come to the realization that it is not enough to own a Model A. You must be able to maintain and understand the car.

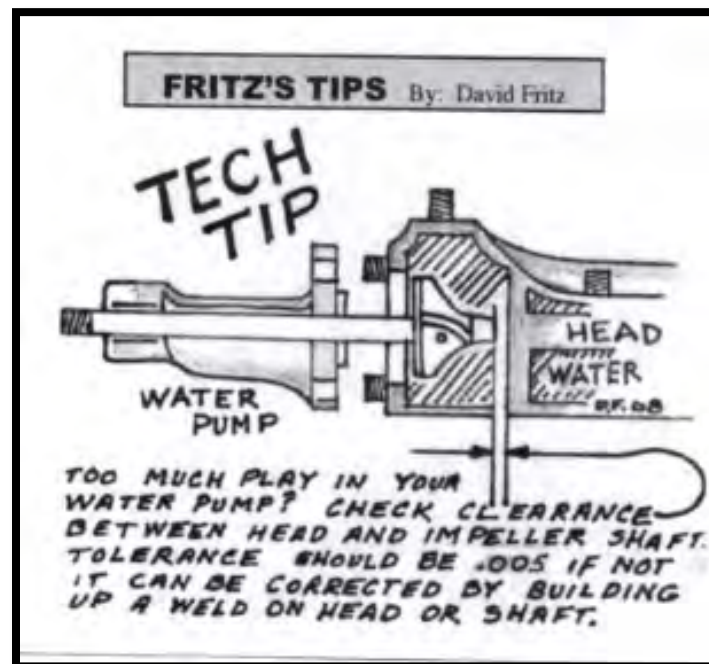
I am turning 84 and can't get under the car the way that I used to but I am determined to be able to maintain it the best I can.

It took me many years to restore my Town Sedan. I love my car and want to keep it on the road where it belongs.

That is where I need your help. I need "hands on" experience maintaining the distributor, points, fuel and choke settings, timing and carburetor. If you have the knowledge and expertise in any of these areas--I need your help.

I am looking for tutoring and will gladly pay for your time and knowledge. Watching it done helps but not as much as "hands on", do-it-yourself. I realized that at the excellent seminar Ken Ehrenhofer gave at his summer swap meet.

So, if you are willing to lend a hand; my 1930 Town Sedan and I would be very grateful.
Thanks, Kory
email DLK1930A@gmail.com

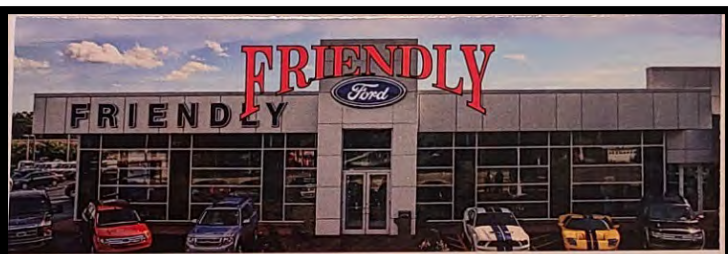


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**Too many men
are afraid
of being fools.**

-- Henry Ford





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