



GOING PLACES



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February 2021 Edition

Upcoming Events

Board has decided to cancel membership meetings and tours through March. We will continue to evaluate the pandemic situation for April activities.

Stay tuned!



"We want to live in the present and the only history that is worth a tinker's damn is the history we make today."

-Henry Ford

Chicago Tribune, May 25, 1916

Editor Note: More commonly quoted as 'History is bunk', this excerpt from the longer quote better captures Henry's actual intent.

President's Report

By Ron Lawson



Hello Membership!

This year has been a challenge to all of us. We have missed family and friends gatherings. We have survived illness and we have lost some dear friends. 2021 will be a different year for all of us. A late Merry (Mary) Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Randy Hughey is still doing very well and feeling much better. Carolyn Kemp has had a possible exposure to the virus. She has a weakened lung capacity as it is and the virus could be a serious situation for her. Whittie Herbert is doing well. Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.

Mary Easton mother of Chris Easton has passed away. Our condolences to Chris and Susan. Please keep Chris, Susan and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Click [here](#) for her obituary.

At our board meeting we have decided not to schedule any meetings for Jan/Feb/March and will watch the situation with Covid 19 to see if we can start again in April, we sure hope so!

Our meeting place, [Sirloin Stockade, is closed until spring](#). We will not be having meeting until further notice. Read your Newsletter for when we will be meeting again.

"Always do it for the good of the club". Together we will!

See ya on the Road— **Ron**



A Membership Minute

The Board met on December 28th to discuss events for 2021. With the pandemic for the foreseeable future, we wanted to proactively think about 2021 instead of scheduling and then cancelling. Here are the highlights:

Membership Meetings: These will be postponed at least until April. Sirloin Stockade is closed at least until Spring and may never reopen. We most likely will need to find a new location to hold the meetings. The Board is thinking of some new venues, such as Bakalar Airport. If you have an idea, please contact someone from the Board. So in the meantime, we will use this newsletter as the method to communicate to the membership. The Board still wants to hear from you, so please reach out to any Board member if you have a topic to discuss.

Tours: Normally we decide the tour calendar in February. We decided to wait until March to finalize a 2021 tour schedule. While some tours can be planned (or cancelled) quickly, others take planning and coordination to be successful. So we are trying to balance planning time with pandemic impacts. No sense scheduling something just to cancel it. We are always open to tour ideas, so if you have one, please let the Board know.

Swap Meet: It is a little early to make a final decision on the swap meet this year. Larry Morlock will be reaching out to the Fairgrounds as well as some of the key vendors while thinking about the pandemic impacts over the next month or so. The swap meet is not only a major fund raiser for the club, but also a great time to catch up with some long time friends. So we want to ensure we are taking everything into consideration. However, it is a real possibility the swap meet will be postponed until later in the year. Stay tuned.

Some other New Business:

Health Report: Randy Hughey is recovering well from his bout with COVID. Whittie Herbert has slowed down a bit, now using a cane and is no longer driving.

Awards: The Board decided to award the 2020 to Jerry Glunt and Jerry Curbox. During the Blue Ridge Mountain Tour in October, both experienced several breakdowns. Luckily, everything could be repaired in time to not miss a beat with the tour. Congratulations Jerry and Jerry!!

Treasurer's Report from December 29th:

Starting Balance = \$1,635.47

Income:

Christmas Party = \$46

Dues = \$90

Total Income = \$136

Expenses:

Refund Christmas Party = \$164

Newsletter = \$39.92

MAFCA Insurance = \$75

MAFFI Donation in memory of Randy Crandall = \$50

Total Expenses = \$328.92

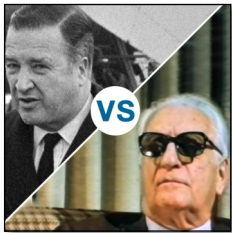
Ending Balance = \$1,442.55

FROM THE EDITOR

Over the holiday break when not in my garage disassembling, degreasing, repairing, painting, or assembling something, I was able to finally see some movies on my watch list. A couple featured some Ford connections, so I thought I would ramble on a bit about them in this month's newsletter.

First is the *Ford v Ferrari* movie. Worried it would be endless fast cuts and shaky shots of near collisions with close-ups of gear shifts and heel/toe maneuvers, this was not a typical racing film.

Rather, it depicted the failed attempt of Ford to purchase a cash strapped Ferrari in the early '60s and then Henry Ford II's and Lee Iacocca's desire to beat Enzo Ferrari at Le Mans. Carol Shelby was drafted to build a winning race car (based on an existing

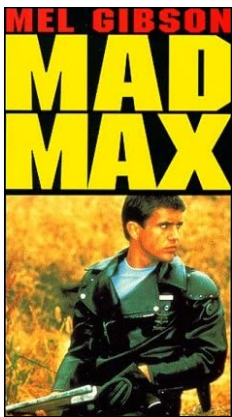


Lola chassis along with several other people not cited in the movie) to be driven by British driver Ken Miles. Ken was a bit hot tempered and the movie overplays his conflicts with Ford racing director Leo Beebe. And the movie skips a few races building up to the 1966 Le Mans, but how the race ended is true. I won't

spoil that for you. Overall a great movie that is fun to watch and full of action with Hollywood only taking a few liberties with history.



Next is a movie that may not be for everyone. Or even a few, to be honest. Ever since I saw the *Road Warrior* in the early '80s, I was captivated by the cars and storyline. Based on a post-apocalyptic world where oil is king, it's everyone for themselves to survive by making due with whatever is left. Creatively modified high powered cars are needed to ensure safe travel in a world without laws.



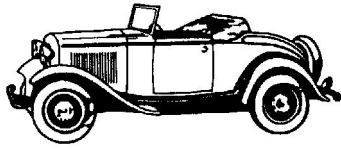
Road Warrior, starring a young Mel Gibson, was actually a remake of a low budget 1979 movie called *Mad Max* (starring an even younger Mel Gibson) that I had never seen until now. A bit tough to watch for the uninitiated, but an important movie to really understand the subsequent trilogy. Shot in Australia, the modified cars are mostly Fords. Australia made a few domestic only models that are featured in the movie. The star of the film is a 1973 Ford Falcon XB GT Coupe driven by Max Rockatansky (aka Mad Max) and with a prominently equipped supercharger as he hunts down the outlaws that killed his family. Many other Australian built Ford Falcon models are used in the movie. In the

following films, the cars become more outrageous along with the characters that drive them including a 'Cult of the V8' in the latest *Fury Road* installment that worships this iconic engine; perhaps a nod to Ford and its popular flathead V8.



Ok, to end on something more 'A' related, you may want to check out [Paul Shinn's YouTube channel](#). He has several videos on the 'A', with perhaps a fresh look on some common topics. He is also a radio enthusiast, so you will see a few videos about that topic as well.

Tim Diehn, Newsletter Editor



Next Board Meeting

Next meeting is January 20th at 8pm via Zoom.



Mileage Program

REMINDER: If you are part of the MARC Mileage program, please send your 2020 year-end odometer readings to Larry Morlock. If you would like to join, you will need to fill out a form to register your car.



MAFFI Liaison Letter

Closing out the year 2020, we realize many things we planned for our hobby could not take place. However, throughout this time, we also accomplished a number of good things including spending more time with our families. We also made some nice additions and improvements in our Museum. To list a few... we added an interactive chassis exhibit, the America's Sweetheart Roadster and improved our interactive start display. We brought in three First Responder vehicles and will continue to display these vehicles throughout 2021. We added to our era fashion exhibits by acquiring new mannequins complete with era fashion attire. Special collections including Ford Dealer records, Jim Beam Model A decanters, header clocks and additional tools were added to our displays. Next year we will be adding several new donations to our Museum including a 1931 Woody Station Wagon. We also created videos, which will be rolled out on our website, showcasing our museum and several displays.

Due to the cancellation of Model A Day, we had a significant shortfall in income. However, many clubs and individuals have made contributions to help offset some of this loss. For this, we extend our great appreciation!

From all of the Trustees and myself, thank you for all of your support and many happy wishes for this holiday season.

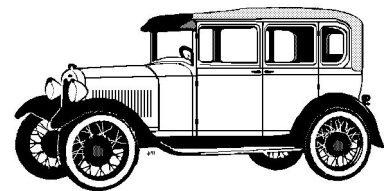
Best Regards,
John Begg, President

Model A Ford Foundation

Do You Remember???

Remember what the \$10 bill looked like before it was changed in 1999? Well, on the backside was a nice 3/4 view of the Treasury Building, there driving merrily along on East Executive Avenue (which may be closed now) is what appears to be a 1928 Model A Fordor. The [Wikipedia page](#) says “The \$10 bill was issued [1928] as a Federal Reserve Note with a green seal and serial numbers and as a gold certificate with a golden seal and serial numbers. The car parked outside of the Treasury Department building is based on a number of different cars manufactured at the time and was the creation of the Bureau designer who developed the artwork that served as a model for the engraving, because government agencies were prohibited from endorsing any specific manufacturer or product, according to a bureau of engraving and printing pamphlet. The tiny building to the right rear of the treasury building is the American Security and Trust Company Building, which for some years advertised itself as ‘right on the money’”.

Now, I wonder who is behind the wheel? And who might the passenger be?



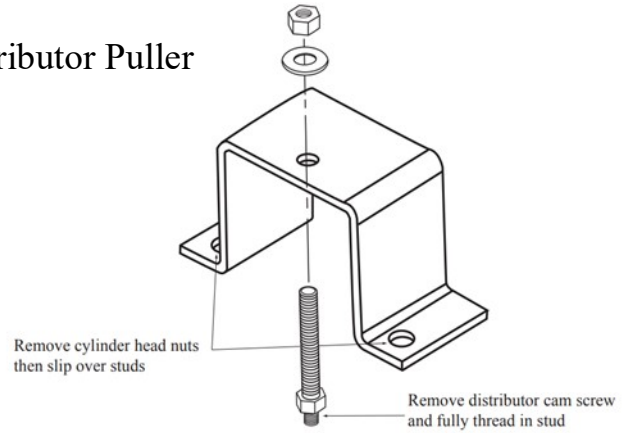


'What Is It?' Challenge

Answer to last Month's Challenge

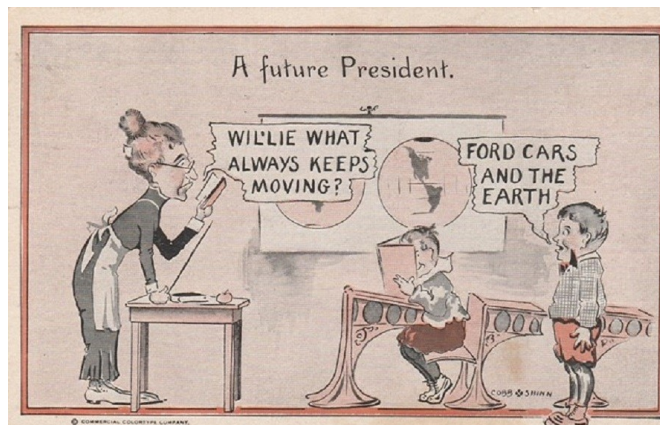


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This Month's Challenge

What is it and what is it used for?



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This publication is mailed or emailed to members and editors of similar publications monthly. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month. We invite members to submit articles containing technical Model A information and other interesting tidbits for publication in this newsletter.

Classifieds



1932 Model B Coupe

For Sale, 1932 Model B Coupe, rumble seat, high compression head. Recently completed restoration with some original rare interior parts preserved.

Call Don Miller
812-939-2779



1929 Model A Roadster

For Sale, 1929 Model A Ford Roadster, Red and Black. Dual side mount spare tires, Model B engine, Weber downdraft carburetor, four speed transmission, high speed differential, new tires. \$15,000.

Call Tom Bruce
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1930 Model A Coupe

For Sale, 1930 Model A Coupe, complete and all original.

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