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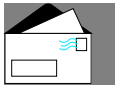
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## President's Message



Hey there Fellow Model Aer's.

Our largest activity so far this year is behind us. Our July 4th parade and lunch was a big success. We had 45 members for lunch and 16 A's in the parade this year. In 2019, 66 members and 18 cars participated. A big thank you going out to Stratt for parade planning and donuts, Ott's and friends, Gonsalves's and friends and Kriese's and friends and anyone else who helped make the lunch happen. Everything was "FIRST PLACE", including our parade award! Good job everyone.

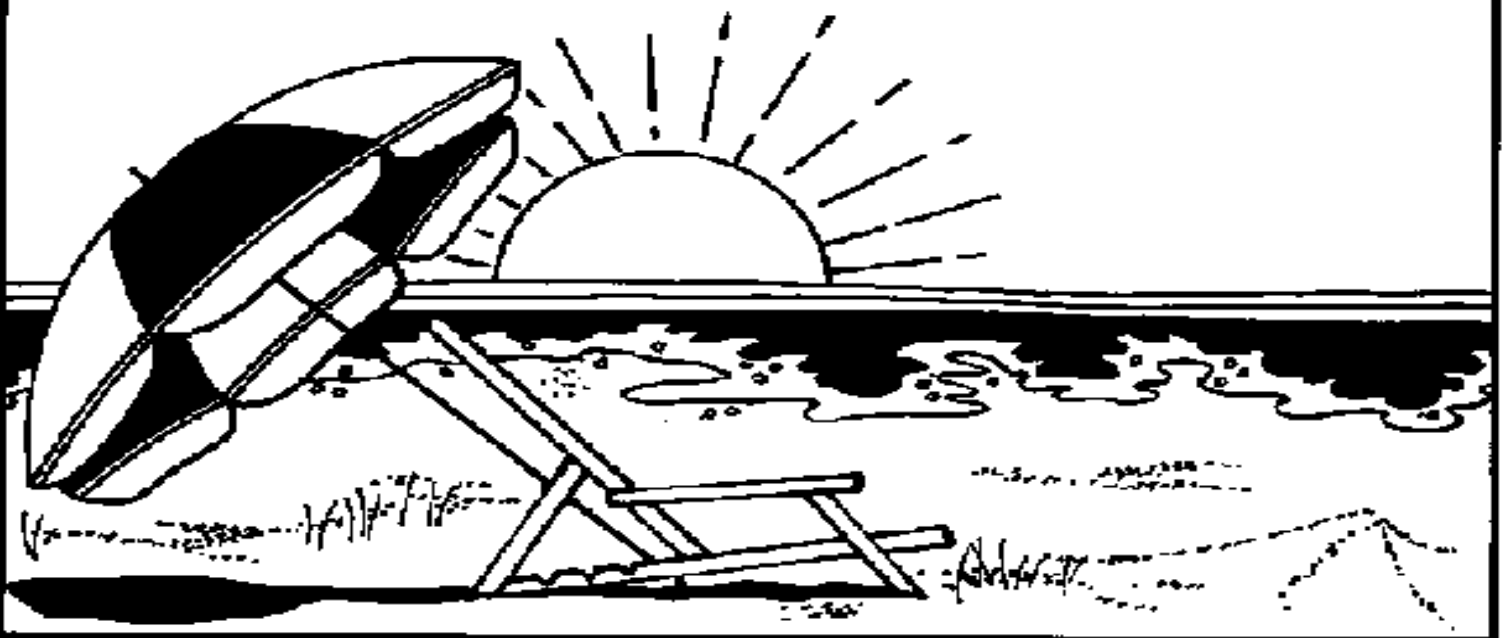
Nothing much in the hopper as far as tours go, so lets get planning. I know it is hot, but there must be someplace to go before we are locked down again. I think Gonsalves's are having the Hubby races in the fall, and Marci has plans for the ladies in October. Keith is hatching up something for the guys later this fall as well. BUT...that doesn't get us out in our cars, and that is what it is all about. A drive to a restaurant (DUTCH TREAT) would be nice!

Come to the August meeting and hear all about the latest Swap Meet plans!

Stay safe and keep in touch with each other. See you on the road.

Keep those A's rolling,

*Martha*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <div>2021</div> <div>  </div> <div>2021</div> </div>						
1	2	3	4	5 President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the first Federal income tax, 1861	6	7
8	9 <b>Board Meeting</b>	10	11	12	13 <b>Regular Meeting</b>	14 President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act. 1935
15	16	17	18 The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, 1920	19	20	21 
22	23	24 Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D.	25	26	27	28
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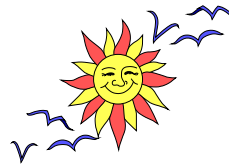
# Club News and Information



August 15 ..... Thorai Kenner  
August 16 ..... Debbie Gonsalves  
August 25 ..... Mary Adams  
August 27 ..... Stephen Smith  
August 31 ..... Chuck Mahnke



August 5 ..... Mark and Michele Hill  
August 18 ..... Duane and Karen Anderson  
August 23 ..... John and Nancy Pimentel



## Sunshine

by  
Jo Ann Bledsoe

Hello from the sunshine corner. The update for Jim Schellman is that he went home from the hospital Wednesday the 21st and doing better each day.

Patty Ecker has been moved to a care facility in Turlock and no visitors allowed.

Be safe and see you at the meeting in August.

## Ladies Tour October 9

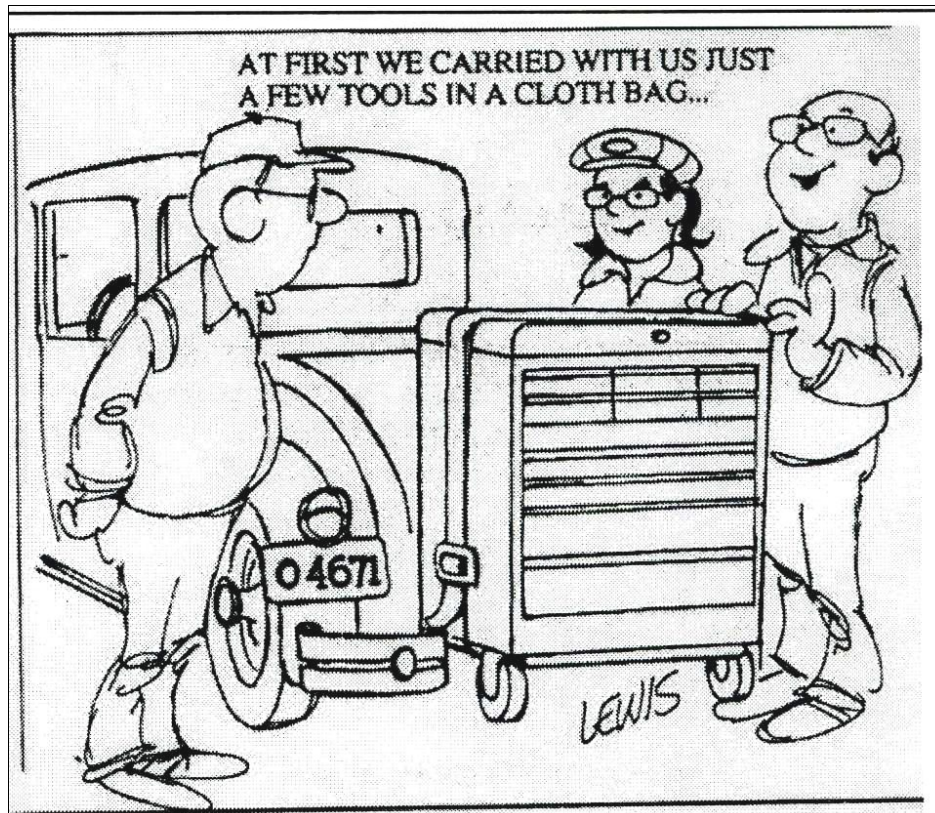
We will be meeting at Home Decor and More at 502 McHenry Avenue, Modesto (corner of Morris Ave) at 9:30.

After enjoying the store, we will head to Waterford for a fun and delicious luncheon. After which we will tour the upstairs Museum. They have added more to it since the time we were there a few years ago.

You won't want to miss signing up. We have room for 30 ladies. Make a check out for \$15.00 to Modesto Area A's to hold your spot.

Deadline for signing up is September 24.

Thanks Marci





## Era Fashion News . . . From Teresa Sissible

If the heat hasn't done us all in by now, we're ready for some outings, picnics & travel finally. I enjoyed this article written by Melanie Whittington for the MAFCA web suite. Thought I'd share it with all of you travelers. Sorry, I have no dates yet for events. Will keep you posted.

### Take a Little Trip

Melanie G. Whittington

Traveling in a Model A is one of the highlights of our hobby. Combining an interest in Model As, travel, and era fashion is about the best thing I can think of to experience all aspects of this hobby. Where are you going? Is it for the weekend? What's the weather forecast? A few things to ask yourself before beginning to plan your wardrobe and luggage requirements.

"Each year motoring becomes more and more a favorite pastime as weekends grow in popularity..." according to the June 1931 issue of *Good Housekeeping*. This sentiment is



Figure 1; Picnic set

very similar to the short tours so many of our chapters take each year. Do you and a few Model A friends like to take day trips and pack a lunch? Have a little fun with it! One of my favorite trips involved the Southeastern Touring group and a trip onto the Blue Ridge Parkway. My husband and I packed a lunch and brought our picnic set along. Add some fried chicken, potato salad, and lemonade for a trip you won't soon forget. (Figure 1) These luncheon kits were suggested for anyone "motoring much". This cobra-grained Fabrikoid kit was setup for six-place settings and to fit



Figure 2; Luncheon kit ad from June 1931, *Good Housekeeping*

the running board. (Figure 2) Kits like these were available during all years of the Model A era. They range from simple sets to more elaborate. I have seen kits with eight-place settings, multiple thermoses, tin, or enamel boxes to carry a variety of items, cups, and various other accessories. They are not the easiest to find at antique stores, but I have seen several in my travels. It may look like a suitcase if it is setting on the floor closed. Look a little closer and you may find a treasure.

**LUGGAGE**  
--that will go vacationing with smart travelers

**For Short Trips**  
Light luggage for immediate use is a necessity. Choose a kit with a variety of items, such as a thermos, cups, and a small container of food. \$3.95 to \$25.00

**For Long Trips**  
Whether your trip is long or short, a combination of both our new zipper cases and our old-fashioned trunks will provide the most complete and comfortable travel. \$15.00 to \$100

**Motoring Trips**  
For motoring trips, choose a kit with a variety of items, such as a thermos, cups, and a small container of food. \$10.00 to \$65.00

The importance of correct luggage cannot be over-emphasized. See our selection at once.

**The Regal Company**  
36 WEST MARKET STREET  
Luggage the Acceptable Gift for Commemoration

Figure 3; York Daily Record, July 1927, "new zippered cases"

"Talon Hookless Fasteners," "slide fasteners" or "Zip-O-Grips" were all names for what we would call a zipper. These started showing up in luggage before the Model A era. Here is an ad from July 1927 in the York (PA) Daily Record. (Figure 3) The same ad, two months earlier, from Austin, TX did not mention the "new zippered cases" noted in the "For Long Trips" section.

Of other interest is the mention on short trips using "light luggage for feminine travelers". Not only were motoring trips becoming commonplace, the ads were focusing on females and the needs of traveling with multiple dresses, shoes, and hats.

In our effort to reproduce an authentic trip in our Model As, we may not be able to go into every aspect, but pick something you enjoy and try it! If you love hats, find a nice hat box and throw it in the back seat, trunk or rumble seat. If you're lucky enough to have a truck, you have plenty of room for luggage. Be sure, if you're using originals, to keep them protected from the elements. They aren't making any more "Wheary Wardrolettes of buffalo rawhide." (Figure 5)





Figure 4; Luggage from June 1931, *Good Housekeeping*

organized and less wrinkled. Dresses of lace, such as Chantilly, were invaluable for travel as they don't show wrinkles as easily as silk. Wool suits were also great for cool days and less prone to wrinkling. Bringing along wraps or "tiny jackets" which can be used with multiple outfits is also a smart idea. Those with light fabric such as chiffon or "transparent velvet, require almost no space at all."

"Brimmed hats having returned to fashion importance, a large hat box is required, as proved by the Mendel-Drucker model, covered in Scotch tweed duck." Also shown, is the Oshkosh duffel bag of orange and red striped cord duck which is great for shoes. In the lady's hand you see a Zip-O-Grip handbag made of bright-colored goat skin. At her feet is the Revelation suitcase of black cobra-grained cowhide with locks and adjusts to 14 sizes. The Seward Aero-Pak suitcase, to the far left, included wardrobe conveniences. Hanging over the Seward is a Snuggle Rug of English plaid woolen, which, on motor trips, is a "wise precaution". This rug is bag shaped and uses a Talon Hookless Fastener closing. (Figure 4)

The items in Figure 5 include the Oshkosh hat box, with cord duck to match the duffel bag mentioned earlier. Trunks were used for longer trips, usually rail or sea travel. Wardrobe trunks would keep your clothes



Figure 5; Luggage from June 1931, *Good Housekeeping*



Figure 6; February 1930 ad from Kansas City newspaper, Aerolite Bags featuring Zip-Lock fasteners

This February 1930 ad from the *Kansas City Star* for Aerolite Bags specifically mentions they are "designed for air travel." It also featured a Zip-Lock fastener. (Figure 6)

Next time you travel in your Model A, think about your luggage and packing for the era. Many of these suitcases, duffles, and trunks can be found on eBay or in antique stores, for a decent price. Even if you only use it as a prop in your "A," or for your next trip down the runway at a fashion judging event, you'll be adding a little more authenticity to the occasion.

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## THE CUT-OUT

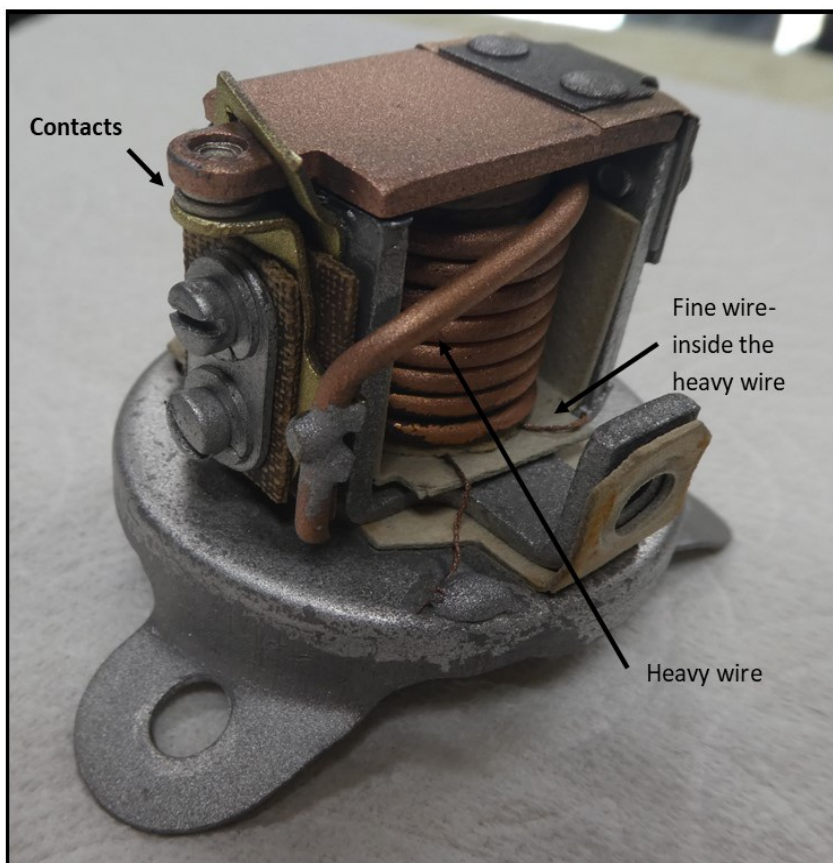
From the files of Tom Endy

The Model A Ford generator cut-out is the mysterious little device that sits on top of the generator. There is a switch inside that is either open or closed. It's very simple purpose is to connect and disconnect the generator from the battery and the rest of the electrical circuit. In the days before there were generator regulator circuits the cut-out was a means to connect the generator to the car's electrical circuit when the engine was running, and disconnect it when the engine was not running.

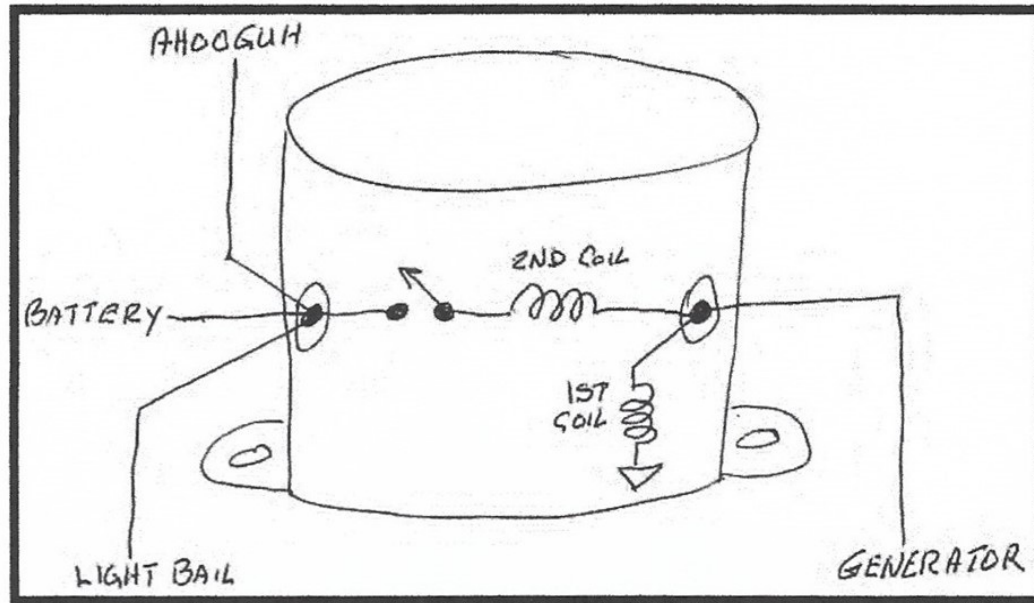
When the generator is not rotating and producing electrical power its stopped condition would be a drain on the battery. Therefore the cut-out switch is commanded to open.

When the generator is rotating and producing electrical power the desire is to have the generator connected to the car's battery and electrical system. It then carries the load of any electrical device that is switched on and it also charges the battery. Therefore the cut-out switch is commanded closed.

How it does this is where the mystery comes in. Anytime you pass current through a coil of wires it creates magnetism and magnetism is what opens and closes the switch. Inside the cut-out housing, in addition to the switch, are two coils of wire. The two coils open and close the switch much like a relay operates.



The switch contacts inside the cut-out are normally open. The first coil has a very fine gauge wire and is connected in parallel with the generator. As soon as the generator starts rotating it begins to produce voltage and current flows through the coil. The



**Cut-out electrical circuit**

faster the generator rotates the higher the voltage level rises. When it reaches a set point above the battery voltage (a nominal 7 volts) the magnetism in the coil is strong enough to close the switch. The generator is then connected to the car's battery and electrical system.

The second coil has a very heavy gauge wire and is connected in series with the generator. The coil wire has to be heavy because all the current produced by the generator flows through this series coil. It too produces magnetism that is in concert with the first coil. The combined magnetism of the two coils keeps the switch closed.

When the engine speed returns to idle or is turned off and the generator slows or stops it is no longer producing voltage. The battery then takes over the load and current through the series coil is reversed. The magnetism of this coil is also reversed and is stronger than the parallel coil and it cancels it out and opens the switch.



## News of the Past

### 50 Years Ago - August 14, 1971

Pres. Bergamaschi called the meeting to order at the Camp Out at Board's Crossing. Guests introduced were Al & Marilyn Ronson and Mike Helver. Vern & Betty Sousa were welcomed as new members.

The decision to sell or exchange the club type writer after much discussion was left up to Phil Machado. Hank asked for the Regional dues of \$20 be paid at the Regional meeting in August.

George Nunes reported on points. Hank suggested a Model A accessory or part be the prize. It was decided to leave the decision up to George after much discussion.

Joe Stewart announced that the camp out would cost \$2 for dinner and \$1 for breakfast. The next meeting would be an ice cream social. Sousa's, Welch's, Lewis's and Bergamaschi's would bring ice cream and the rest would bring cookies.

Colleen Bergamaschi, Acting Secretary

### 25 Years Ago - August 9, 1996

President Ron Crum called the meeting to order. Guests were Carl Fischer's friend Alice, Crum's granddaughter Shawnda and Oletta's granddaughter Hillary.

Sharon Troglin told of a Fashion Museum in Lafayette. She said that 1920's wedding attire would be on display in a Newman Museum.

Ron Crum handed Frank Herger the Hard Luck Trophy for having a broken crank in Minnesota.

Bob Scott presented mileage pins to Alex and Ada Levintini- 25,000 miles; Frank and Burta Herger- 10,000 and 15,000 miles; Paul and Ann Curtis- 20,000 miles and Ron and Donna Crum 25,000 miles.

Lauren Campbell said that Betsy had prepared a two page article on the Roundup for the "Restorer".

Mary Webb sent flowers and cards to Walt Langill and George and Shirley Mattos.

Jack Martin thanked the Kenners and Webbs for the July 4 barbecue and parade. The Barbers are planning the Casa de Fruita camp out. The Fallon House Theater tour by Gail Waters was announced.

Louis Fine showed the members a replica shop coat used on the Ford assembly lines. Cost is \$75.

Raffle winners were Fred Woolf, Woody Mall, Shawnda Crum (sic), Jim Mahaffey, Weldon Smith, Gail Waters, Erman Webb, Ernie Oletta, Harry Webber, Carl Fischer, Jim Kriese, and Liese Ott.

Name badge winners were Marge Nunes, Dave Lyons, and Ebbie DeWilms. Ryan and Megan Palmer won the kid's raffle. Linda Weaver, Secretary

### 15 Years Ago - August 11, 2006

Pres. Jack Adams called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Empire Community Center. Ted & Mary DeKasha were guests of Brooks Rushing.

Linda Weaver passed out a Roundup profit/loss statement. It was m/s/p by Marshall Lewis and Cliff Wagoner that a donation of \$150 be made to NCRG. Many compliments of the Roundup were received by Stan & Carol Braden at the National Meet in Mass.

Elroy Eberwein thanked the Bradens for the Two Castle tour, the Adams for the July Parade, the Otts for the July picnic, and the Campbells for the Music Circus. Jack announced the President's Party will be at the Grand Mansion in the Delta. The annual Hubley will be at the Crum's Ranch.

Roland Barber presented the Hard Luck Trophy to Jack Noxon because his car wouldn't start after the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

Jack Haney presented Jack Adams with a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

It was m/p by Bonnie Webber that the committee arrange additional Swap Meet parking with out having to obtain club approval.

Raffle winners: Dana Trimble - Model A pictures, Rosie Monaco - era platter, Walter Langill - charger, Bill Wilkerson, throw, Dorothy Langill - clock & vase, Jan Lutterman - era dish, Ron Trimble - era picture & stand, Linda Mahnke - era purse, George Mattos - era shoe clips, Kirk Gustafson - Coin Separator, Art Lucero - tool box, Thorral Kenner - torque, Gail Waters halogen light, Pat Oletta - cloth purse, Jim Patrick - era pictures, Walter Brandhorst - Model A shirt, Dave Hansen - heart compact, Harold Hill, era necklace, Pat Oletta - era picture. Name Badge winner Bonnie Webber - gear lubricant. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Gail Waters, Secretary



# FOURTH OF JULY PARADE





## **MAFFI Newsletter Minute**

**July 2021**

Model A Day 2021 is fast approaching-September 18th!

Every year in conjunction with Model A Day, MAFFI has a Swap Meet on Saturday and MAFFI has a booth with all the proceeds go to the foundation. If you are driving to the event this year, and your club would like to donate a Model A part for our booth, please contact Greg Fish (fish\_49202@yahoo.com) and let him know. This year's Swap Meet is looking to be one of our biggest and best yet!

The old saying goes, "Many hands make light work" and nothing could be truer than at Model A Day. We could use a few volunteers to help at several areas throughout the day on Friday and Saturday. It could be something as simple as selling tickets for a seminar, working a shift at the front gate, helping park cars and so many more.

Any questions regarding the Swap Meet or for volunteers, contact:

Mark Maron (markmaron@gmail.com)

Stay tuned for next month when we will be able to announce the many seminars that will be available for you to attend.

The Trustees are looking forward to meeting each and every one of you this year and are proud to showcase our beautiful museum with our First Responder's Display.

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Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee

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