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I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends! With Thanksgiving behind us, I'm sure everyone is now in full Christmas and Holiday mode. Be sure to slow down and enjoy this time of year and remember the reason for the season. In order to not interfere with anyone's Christmas and/or Holiday activities, please be reminded that our December monthly meeting will take place one week earlier than normal on December 12th. The location will be Jonathan Nozzolillo's shop (Joey's Limousine) located at 76 Mountain St W, Worcester, MA 01606. Please be sure to bring along a chair for the meeting.

We ended our 2023 touring season with two great driving (and eating) events. On November 5th, we participated in the annual antique car club day at Wright's Chicken Farm Restaurant. Thank you again to Paul Mitchell and Carol Eliadi for leading this tour. About 40 people in 13 Model A's and a few other antique and modern cars participated in this event which consisted of a beautiful drive and of course a great meal that we all look forward to each year. On November 11th, Hayden Larson along with Karen and Jerry Hyson, lead a club tour to the Bull Run Restaurant in Shirley. Once again, we lucked out with a beautiful day when about 15 cars enjoyed pleasant and scenic backroad driving and a wonderful lunch at the Bull Run Restaurant. The day concluded with an ice cream at Rota Springs. Thanks to Hayden, Karen and Jerry for organizing and leading this event.

As we look ahead, the Old Car Club and the Worcester County Model A Club Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Val's Restaurant, located at 75 Reservoir Street (Route 31) in Holden. The cost per person is \$45.00. There will be Cash Bar for all beverages. We will have live entertainment from The Mason Tyler Trio. Many thanks to Jonathan for once again coordinating this evening. The deadline to RSVP is January 14, 2024.

Please mail a check made payable to: OLD CAR CLUB.

Mail to: C/O Jonathan Nozzolillo
76 West Mountain Street
Worcester, MA 01606

or feel free to stop by Jonathan's office.

As noted in last month's newsletter and meeting, Paul and Amy O'Keefe have established the dates and destination of the 2024 President's Tour. The tour will take place from June 2nd through 9th and the destination will be Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. We will be staying at the Crescent Inn and Suites in Wolfboro. Reservations will start to be made after January 1st and before that time, a room block code and contact information will be provided. Sounds like a great week, so be sure to get this in your calendars!

Keith and Ellen Costello are organizing a 'Natchez Trace Parkway' tour in October, 2024. Keith has previously shared some of the details regarding this tour, so please take a look and if you are able to take part, it certainly looks like an absolutely fantastic event. Please let Keith and Ellen know whether you are interested in attending by January, 2024.

Finally, the month of December will mark the end of my term serving as President of the Club. It has been a wonderful experience and I want to thank everyone for your support throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who helped plan and lead tours, who took part in activities and tours, who helped and participated in meetings, who provided guidance and advice and for everything in between. I will leave the club in the extremely capable and enthusiastic hands of Paul O'Keefe as President and Dale Smith as Vice President! Congratulations, good luck and thank you to all other 2024 Club Officers who were voted in at our November meeting as well!

Yours in Model A'ing

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--Joe

P.S. Just a reminder that there will not be a January Newsletter or a regular January monthly club meeting. The monthly Newsletter and the monthly meetings will resume in February, 2024. Merry Christmas!



A get well card was sent to Ron and Linda Laconto who have been ill recently

If you know of anyone that should receive a card please let Lyn know.

Lyn Stevens Sunshine



New member Hayden Larson (grandson to our members - Jerry and Karen Hyson!

Lyn Stevens Membership



**DECEMBER 12TH 7:00PM MEETING AT
JOEY'S LIMOUSINE**

76 MOUNTAIN ST

WORCESTER



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LIMOUSINE 76 MOUNTAIN ST WORCESTER**

**JANUARY 20TH CHRISTMAS PARTY VAL'S
RESTAURANT RT 31 HOLDEN**

**JUNE 2ND TO 9TH 2024 PRESIDENTS TOUR
TO LAKE WINNIPESAUKE NH.**

Treasurer's Report		
Balance, October 31, 2023		\$5,727.19
Income		
Dues		\$40.00
Raffle		\$16.00
Coffee		\$15.00
Wright's Chicken Farm		\$12.00
Total Income		\$83.00
Expenses		
Total Expenses		\$0.00
Net Income		\$83.00
Balance November 30, 2023		\$5,810.19





Consider becoming a New Member or Renew your Membership to

MAFCA, MARC & MAFFI

To our new & old members - as the Worcester County Model A Club liaison to MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America), MARC (Model A Ford Restorer's Club) and MAFFI (Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.) I would encourage you to consider joining these great National Model A Ford Clubs and organization.

MAFCA and MARC are the two National level Model A Clubs in which Worcester County Model A Club is a Chapter and Region respectfully and in addition the club supports MAFFI with a yearly donation. By becoming a member, you will receive many the benefits that these organizations offer as well as MAFCA's "The Restorer" or MARC's "Model A News" magazine six times a year. Please visit each of their websites to learn more regarding the benefits of becoming a member. Membership applications are available on their websites: *(Note currently MAFCA is offering a one-year membership free to any new member who has not previously been a member & MARC is currently offering a ½ price discount for the 1st year of membership to new first time members.)*

MARC: <https://model-a-ford.org> Mission statement: The Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC), aims to encourage the fellowship amongst Model "A" Ford owners around the world as they acquire, restore, and preserve and exhibit the Model "A" Ford.

MAFCA: <https://www.mafca.com> Mission statement: The Model A Ford Club of America, Inc. (MAFCA), is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Ford Model A and AA cars and trucks, as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. We are an active family friendly organization whose members share a passion for these historic vehicles, plus other aspects of life in that era such as fashions.

MAFFI: <http://Maffi.org> Mission statement: The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. seeks to preserve Model A Ford related artifacts and memorabilia, encourage research, and educate present and future generations about the Model A Ford and its era. The Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore Museum is a creation of MAFFI. Information on the museum can be found on their website.

Keith Costello





INAUGURAL “BAY STATE MOTOR FESTIVAL” JUNE 2024 IN FRAMINGHAM ANNOUNCED

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Framingham, Massachusetts November 19, 2023 – Framingham will be the setting for the first Bay State Motor Festival, June 15-16, 2024. The event, a collaborative initiative by Bay State LLC in partnership with the Framingham History Center and the City of Framingham, includes lectures, an evening reception and a unique car show featuring a special exhibition of automobiles made in Massachusetts.

Ken Lemoine, executive director of Bay State LLC, stated, "Framingham has a rich history of automobile manufacturing in Massachusetts. The Bay State Motor Festival is a platform to celebrate this historical relationship and highlight the Massachusetts automobile industry. We're excited to share this history and examples of vintage and classic vehicles, and today's autos, with car enthusiasts and the general public."

The two-day Festival begins on Saturday, June 15, with the Framingham History Center presenting two engaging lectures exploring the deep-rooted history of automobiles made in Framingham. One lecture will feature the little-known "Bay State" automobile, manufactured in Framingham from 1922-1925, marking a significant early chapter in Framingham's automobile history. This lecture will feature a presentation on "Raceland" in Framingham - a thoroughbred racetrack from 1925-1935, and event venue until 1971, when it became Macomber Reservation. The Veteran Motor Car Club of America held its original car shows there, "Horseless Carriages on Parade." A rare original video of the 1940 event will be shown. A second lecture will explore Framingham's GM plant history (1946-1989) from the perspective of its employees – many still living in the region.

A reception for former GM employees and for owners of vehicles built in Framingham on Saturday evening at Village Hall on the Common will celebrate the GM plant's pivotal role in the region's economic and industrial narrative.

On Sunday, June 16, the Festival will present a car show at the historic Cushing Memorial Park, with an expected lineup of hundreds of automobiles ranging from classics to modern marvels. Visitors that day will enjoy an interactive "Made in Massachusetts" exhibition featuring vehicles including Framingham-built Oldsmobiles, Pontiacs, Buicks and Chevys, and the sole surviving Bay State sedan; Springfield-built Rolls-Royces, Brewsters, Knox and Indian motorcycles; Boston-built 1792 Thayer Hand Pumper; Waltham-built Metz, Stanley Steamer and Orient motorcycles, bikes and buckboards; Orange-built Grout, Natick-built Northway trucks; Amesbury-built Bailey Electrics; and others. A mid-morning procession will circumnavigate Cushing Memorial Park, concluding with Framingham's Flag Day ceremony honoring our flag and the Veterans who have defended it.

The Festival will include food trucks, vendors, car club gatherings, and an exhibit by the Framingham History Center.

About Bay State LLC:

Mission: With Massachusetts, known as the Bay State, being the birthplace of the automotive industry in the United States, the Bay State Motor Festival will educate and promote this rich history, and preserve the stories and examples of "Made in Massachusetts" automobiles for generations to come. Contact: Ken Lemoine, baystatemotorfestival@gmail.com

About Framingham History Center: The Framingham History Center (FHC) is committed to crafting community and belonging through engagement with Framingham's past, present, and future. For nearly 150 years, the Framingham History Center has provided opportunities to explore this region's history, and today features onsite exhibitions, public programs, a 10,000-piece artifact collection, and preservation of three historic buildings. Visit framinghamhistory.org to learn more.

About the City of Framingham: A city of about 72,000 people today, Framingham was first settled in 1647 and incorporated in 1700. It is located in the region known as "MetroWest" and conveniently located less than 20 miles from Boston. It has a rich history of industry from grist mills, textiles, bonnet-making, shoes and automobiles. It continues today to be the home of world headquarters for leading companies in technology, biomedical and retail, such as Bose, Sanofi, TJX, and others. It is also the home of the internationally recognized Framingham Heart Study. Visit framinghamma.gov/1182/History to learn more.

An Invitation to "The Natchez Trace Parkway 2024 Tour" organized by Keith & Ellen Costello.

Driving our Model A from Nashville, TN to Natchez Mississippi following the Natchez Trace is on our bucket list of places to go in our Model A and with that said Ellen and I are planning to drive the Natchez Trace in our Model A in the fall of October 2024. This will be an adventure spanning just over two weeks and we are inviting our Worcester County Model A Club friends along who are interested in joining us. We will trailer the "A" to Nashville, TN and then continue along the Natchez Trace Parkway from Nashville to Natchez, Mississippi in our "Model A".

"The Natchez Trace" Parkway is part of the National Park System and is a 444-mile recreational two-lane road scenic drive with limited access with speed limit ranging between 40 and 50 miles/hour which is ideal for Model A touring. The Natchez Trace travels through three states, (Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi), starting just outside of Nashville, and ending in Natchez on the Mississippi river. It roughly follows the "Old Natchez Trace" a historic travel corridor used for over 10,000 years by American Indians, "Kaintucks," European settlers, slave traders, soldiers, and future presidents. The tour will cover approximately 1,250 miles including side excursions along the way in the A. We will spend two nights sightseeing in Nashville & Franklin, TN visiting the likes of the Grand Ole Opry and more before starting out on our journey along the Natchez Trace with (3) planned overnight stops along the way to Natchez. While in Natchez we will spend two days and nights sightseeing historical points of interest in and around Natchez, crossing the Mississippi in the "A" into Louisiana and taking in the southern charm of the area. The return trip back to Nashville will retrace our way down but with stops at places of interest and side trips missed on the way down staying one of the three nights going back to Nashville in historic Vicksburg, MS. If you're interested in joining this adventure let us know and we will keep you updated with the details. Keith & Ellen

