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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE LITTLE RHODY MODEL A CLUB

November 2025

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## President's Message:

It seems that the older we get the faster time goes by. Hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us. John and I wish you all a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

The annual Christmas party is about all set at Richard's Pub on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. The cost is \$40.00 per person. If you have not signed up yet, please let Evie Osborne know as she needs the final head count. Her phone number is (401) 397-7724 (home). Evie requests that we pay her on the day of then party. The food is always great at Richard's and we have a couple of surprises in store. The Christmas party is always a nice way to end the year. Hope to see you all there.

The next regular meeting is on January 11, 2026. We need two people for hospitality, please let Marie Penta know if you are available for hospitality on that date (401) 486-4524. I will have the dates of 2026 meetings in the December Quail Tales.

I wish to thank Ken and Carol Trudel for taking over the treasurer's position. Also I wish to thank Evie Osborne for all the years she performed the treasurer's duties. Thanks to all the other officers and committee members for keeping their positions for 2026. It's a great help to me and keeps the club running smoothly.

It looks like the club will have another busy year coming up. The tour committee has a lot of rides planned for next season. Thanks for all the planning it takes to to put the rides together successfully. We are looking forward to seeing more of the Rhode Island and surrounding areas on our tours.

Be safe and stay healthy.

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!

*Till Next Month,  
Dawn*



## Connect with Little Rhody Online!

Club Website: <https://littlerhodymodelclub.com>

Club Blogsite: <https://rhodybogg.blogspot.com/>

Club Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2484753575034399/>

## Meeting Location:

Cornerstone of Faith  
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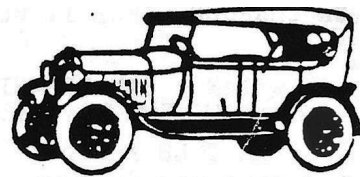
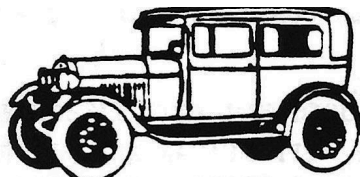
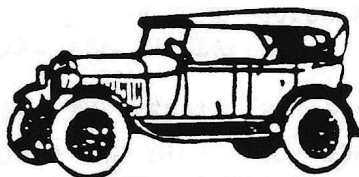
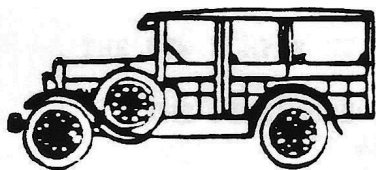
Model A Ford Club of America



Model A Restorers Club

## Next Meeting:

**November 9th**



## 2025 Meeting Calendar

January 12th:	Meeting @ 2PM
February 9th:	Meeting @ 2PM
March 9th:	Meeting @ 2PM
May 3rd:	Dust-Off Tour, 9AM-2PM
May 18th:	Meeting @ 2PM
June 8th:	Meeting @ 2PM
July 13th:	Picnic @ 1PM
August:	No Meeting
September 21st:	Meeting @ 2PM
October 19th:	Potluck Dinner @ 2PM
November 9th:	Canned Goods Donation & Brown Bag Auction @ 2PM
December 6th:	Christmas Party at Richard's Pub @ 2PM

Note that these dates are subject to change. If you are on the roster, you should expect to receive an email, text, or call with more details. If you have any questions, contact John and Dawn Mennucci.

### Message from the Tour Planning Committee

Our goal is to plan a minimum of eight tours this year consisting of both educational and entertainment value. Our committee has started to meet to start the process of tour planning for 2025.

*Want to contribute? Call Dean @ 401-573-3276*

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please make sure we have your current contact information on file. We send out communications between the newsletter mailings by email. and phone calls to those not internet connected. So stay in the loop and don't miss any impromptu planning by keeping your club up to date on your contact info.

### Technical Program / Educational Committee:

Our goal is to provide information on the maintenance and repair of your Model A so you can comfortably go *from the garage, to the street*. We pick subjects based on member input. We feel that working on a particular members problem as a group can be both educational and entertaining while also bringing another car into our touring fleet. It's a win win.

### Refreshments

December  
Christmas Party



# ~ ~ ~ Little Rhody Tours & Events 2025 ~ ~ ~

**December Christmas Party Saturday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Richard's Pub**

**Route 2, East Greenwich, RI 02818**

## **~Touring Report~**

### **The Wright's Chicken Farm Tour: November 2nd, 2025**



Vice President Russell Dean walks the parking lot.

Members,

Another great tour! Nine Little Rhody Model A's made the trek to the Wright's Chicken Farm in Burriville, Rhode Island on Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a multi club event. We had the Model A Restorer's Club of Massachusetts and the Minuteman Model A Club from up north in attendance. (The Minuteman club was the recent host of the 2025 New England Meet held in Boxborough, Massachusetts). It truly was a Model A car show! If you've never been, plan to do it next year. This is a yearly club event!

Dean Travis - Touring Committee Chair

## Touring Committee Report

Hello Members,

It's with great pleasure that I can report that we have finished our touring calendar for 2025. We had no cancellations based on weather and all of the events were well attended. Our next touring committee event will be our 2026 Tour Planning Committee Meeting where we will discuss this coming year's tour destinations and dates. We have some great destinations planned for 2026!

Dean Travis - Touring Committee Chair

## Technical Program Report

Last Meeting, we had an open discussion. I asked members to bring us your questions: tell us what you're planning to do on your Model A over the winter and let's see if we can help. Well, you responded. It appears our exciting touring program this past year has sparked more than a few winter projects. Members want to join in on the touring fun!

The winter projects discussed included water pumps, brakes, steering box rebuilds, window regulators, tires, head gasket replacements, alternators, connecting rod shims adjustment and engine replacement.

Our members are busy with projects. Tell us what you're working on.

See you at the next meeting in January!

Dean Travis  
Dennis Allsop  
Program Committee Chairs

### **Canned Goods Donations from our November Meeting Collection**

Please see the letter from the West Warwick Assistance Agency. We did good, gang. We did good. Many thanks to all who donated to this worthy cause.



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November 17, 2025

Dear Little Rhody Model A Club,

Your generous donation of food fuels our mission to create positive change in everyone's lives we serve especially during this holiday season. With your support, we're empowered to make a lasting profound effect, turning challenges into opportunities. Your donation will make Christmas brighter for families in our community.

We know you have a lot of choices when it comes to donating, and we are so grateful that you chose to donate to our cause. In the month of October, we served 1074 clients and received 29 new clients. None of our success would be possible without generous donors like you.

Sincerely yours,  
WEST WARWICK ASSISTANCE AGENCY

*R. L. Dauplaise*  
President

## ~ ~ ~ *Vintage Vehicles* ~ ~ ~



### “On the way to a Thanksgiving Dinner?”

It looks to be a warm fall day, our travelers have folded the windshield down! There are no cowl lights on what appears to be a 1930 Standard Roadster (40-B). This full front view shows a striking 1931 New Jersey plate, and extra driving light.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*C/O Mark Henion Photo Collection*

### Little Rhody Tech Tips

**Spark Retarded:** Never allow the engine to run for any length of time with the spark retarded because this creates a great amount of carbon to be deposited on the walls of the cylinders, combustion chambers, pistons, spark plugs, etc. The engine will not be developing its maximum power and will overheat.

**Engine Noise:** Noise in the Engine will be heard as “backfire” or “knocks”. The spark could be too advanced or you could have a poor mixture of gasoline or clogged muffler or improper timing to name only a few.

**Tight Fan Belt:** Over tight adjustment of the fan belt wears the belt down and causes early failure of shafts and bearings in the fan, water pump and generator.

**Fan Fit:** The fan should fit tight on the hub. Any play at this point would cause the fan blade to vibrate and eventually break.

**Flickering Headlamps:** If both headlamps flicker, look for a loose connection or intermittent ground. If flickering is due to a loose connection, amperage reading should be less than normal while they are flickering. If flickering is due to an intermittent ground, the amperage reading should be greater than normal while the lights are flickering.



## MAFFI Minute

Winter is approaching here in the Midwest, and the museum is still rapidly working on new and updated exhibits! Darwin Schafer donated a really special unrestored and fully original 1930 De Luxe Delivery (130) which was originally used by a funeral home for flowers. This will be used during Model A Days to demonstrate corn shelling since it has a power take-oU' system for a belt (though personally, I might try and sneak an ice cream maker on it!).



Andrew Oliver of Connecticut won the sweepstakes on the 1928 Phaeton, and Kris Wilson of Missouri won the rebuilt engine.

Now that the trustees have had a chance to go over the numbers for the 2025 Model A Days, it looks like it was a great success thanks to all our hobbyists who came to support the museum. There are plenty of ways to get involved with helping and still plenty of ways to donate to the museum between the My-A-Program, Brick Memorials, and even regular donations. As we get towards the Holiday Season, this is something great to keep in mind, especially for your local club.

Keep on motoring!

*John Grossheim*

*MAFFI Trustee/ Secretary*

## *Editor's Corner*

As my second year with the club comes to a close, I wanted to thank everyone for the positive contributions they've made to the club and the welcoming response I've received. I've been involved with a few tours and events, including the New England Meet, of which there was an article posted about myself and a few other young people who attended. Honestly it was a good learning experience to see what other young Model A hobbyists are like, including their interests, backgrounds, and what drew them to be involved in the community. Four different states were represented, and I was proud to be part of Little Rhody!

*Mike Marcello*

### **The Future of the Hobby Is Here**

**A**T THE RECENT New England Meet, hosted by the Minuteman Club of Massachusetts, we were excited to welcome four young men who attended the 68th edition of this regional event.

They each either own or are restoring a Model A. At the moment there may only be four of them, but these young men are so enthusiastic about the Model A that it is infectious — and bound to reach others.

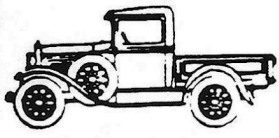


From left: Hayden Larson, Mass., 22; Michael Marcello, R.I., 26; Beau Barnes, Maine, 17; and Gavin Houghtaling, Conn., 23.

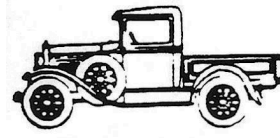
From four different states, they had not met each other before, but they have already made plans to meet again at the MAFFI Museum in September 2028 for the Model A's 100th anniversary.

— *Nan Linden,*  
*Minuteman Chapter*



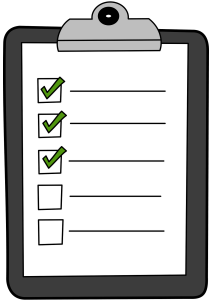


Minutes



## Little Rhody Membership Meeting

### --Attendance--



John and Dawn Mennucci

Bob and Evie Osborne

Steve and Annie Swiader

Bob Doucette

Dennis Allsop

Michael Sr. Michael Jr. and Denise Marcello

George and Marguerite Pakuris

Ken and Carol Trudel

George Taber

Tom Cash

Mike Lyons

Rich Masterson

Russell and Marilyn Dean

Mark Henion

Glenn and Fe Gresko

Dean Travis

Dean Antipas

### Meeting Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM At the opening of the meeting Russell Dean asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mike King, President of MARCOM who passed away recently.

### Secretary's Report:

The reading of the secretary's report was waived by membership vote.

### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasury's Report was read to those in attendance.

### Vice President's Report:

Russell said that there are still rooms available at the host hotel for the New England Meet in Southbridge, MA. Russell would like anyone who will be driving their Model A to the meet to sign up with him.

### Newsletter Editor / Publisher's Report:

All on track.

### Historian's Report:

No report.

### Guests and New Members:

New member Mike Lyons attended tonight's meeting.

### Correspondence and Notices:

Dawn read a letter from Ray Pagliarini Jr. He says his father appreciated our saving the tools he had made for rebabbiting Model A engines.

### Committee Reports:

**National Editor:** Reports have been sent to both national magazines.

**New England Meet:** Russell filled us in on the latest.

**Membership:** All on track.

**Hospitality:** Marie is working with Dawn to organize the Christmas party. The party will be at our usual location, Richard's Pub. Cost will be \$40.00 per person.

**Sunshine:** Marguerite is sending cards to Dottie Cece and Marie Penta.

**Librarian:** No report.

**Webmaster:** No report.

**Program:** Dennis and Dean asked for ideas on future programs, as well as reports on what we have planned for work on our cars over the winter. They are also looking for ideas for subjects that would interest women members of the club.

**Photos:** Michael is snapping along.

### **Business Old and New:**

- We discussed arrangements for the Christmas party. Dawn has taken over Marie's duties for the party. She is working with Richard's Pub on finalizing plans and cost per meal.
- Dean will deliver food collected from members tonight to a food bank.
- Dean talked about the slate of officers for 2026. All officers will remain at their jobs except for Evie Osborne, Treasurer. Ken and Carol Trudel have taken over Evie's position as Treasurers. Dean is planning a restructure of the historian's duties.
- Evie told us "Dues is due"
- Dean talked about the Wright's Farm tour. He said it was a good turnout. Dean talked about tour plans for 2026. He is going to have some tours in the northern part of the state.

### **Adjournment:**

Adjournment was at 2:45 PM

## **-- Birthdays and Anniversaries --**

### **Birthdays for November:**

Dennis Allsop, Dean Travis  
John and Dawn Mennucci  
Chris Feisthamel, Michelle Place  
Bob Gerold, Michelle St. Ament

### **Anniversaries for November:**

John and Barbara Budziak  
Chris Feisthamel  
Michelle Place



## **Buy/ Sell/ Trade**

- WTB 30-31 Roadster cowl - Contact Dean Travis @ 401-573-3276 11/24
- WTB Top half Model A Ford Holley Carb - 1927-1928 Contact Russell Dean 401-301-8306 5/25
- WTB 21" '28-'29 Rims - Contact Russell Dean 401-301-8306 7/25
- WTB 30-31 Radiator Cap - Standard non-pressurized cap. Can be used but ideally in good condition w/gasket. Contact Mike Marcello @ 401-340-0239 or [mikemarcello40@gmail.com](mailto:mikemarcello40@gmail.com) 11/25
- For Sale - Contact Robert Doucette @ 401-821-1384
- 2 Rear Fenders for a 1928-29 sedan Fiberglass: \$150.00 11/25
- For Sale - Contact Bob Gerold @ 941-685-3155
- Intake & Exhaust Manifold - Excellent condition: \$225.00
  - 6 Volt Generator w/ cutout - Used, works fine: \$125.00
  - Completely rebuilt distributor w/ new shaft - Like new: \$160.00
  - Gas gauge wrench - Metal: \$15.00
  - Set of four original Champion 3x Spark Plugs: \$100
- For Sale - Contact Mike Marcello @ 401-340-0239 or [mikemarcello40@gmail.com](mailto:mikemarcello40@gmail.com)
- Two 28/29 hood latches, black w/rubber gasket - new: \$20
  - 6 volt generator w/ new bearings. Was "rebuilt" by a local company but having issues with the third brush. Can be used as a core or to fix and use: \$75
  - Late '31 exhaust manifold. Serviceable condition - \$40 11/25



## ~~~ Membership Corner ~~~

The Little Rhody Model A Club is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Model A Fords.

- Little Rhody Model A Club **highly recommends** memberships in the organizations below
- Membership in MARC or MAFCA is **required** if you take your Model A on any club tours



### Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA)

- Dues are \$50 per year
- Includes a subscription to The Restorer magazine

For more information, visit

<https://mafca.com/membership/>



### Model A Restorers Club (MARC)

- Dues are \$50 per year
- Includes a subscription to the Model A News magazine

For more information, visit

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

### Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI)

- Dues are \$35 per year
- Membership includes access to the Gilmore Car Museum campus

For more information, visit

<https://maffi.org/WSContent/Membership>

### Membership/Dues

- \$22 a year (includes husband & wife)
- You will become a lifetime member at age 80 or older and have 5 years of previous membership
- Renewal Membership/Dues Due by January 1st
- Pay Dues at November meeting for following year, or mail your Dues to club treasurer

Evie Osborne  
140 B Victory Highway  
West Greenwich, RI 02817

Applications also available on the Little Rhody Website

### Qualifications for membership may include:

- Actual possession of a Model A Ford
- An interest in the objectives of the club
- A desire to take an active part in club activities

If you are interested in becoming a member, contact the Membership Chairperson

### **NEW MEMBERS:**

A name badge with the picture of your vehicle will be made for you by John Mennucci. If you do not have a picture of your vehicle, a badge with a picture of a similar vehicle will be made.

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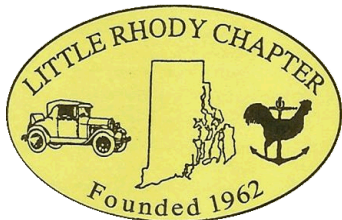
  
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**Little Rhody Model A Club**  
**Rhode Island Chapter**  
**Membership Application**

Please make checks payable to the Little Rhody Model A Club.  
Send checks to Tom J. Cash, P.O. Box 111, Chepachet, RI 02814  
Don't forget to send this form with the check!

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER CONTACT INFO:**

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Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLUB MEETINGS:** Our club meets once per month at 2:00 pm. The meeting place in the Cornerstone of Faith United Methodist Church, 1081 Main Street, Coventry, RI 02816. The meeting is held the second Sunday of each month BUT there are some exceptions to the rule which are published in the club newsletter, Quail Tales.

**DUES:** Yearly, \$22.00 per couple (or for a single membership)

**PUBLICATIONS:** Each Month a "Quail Tales" containing meeting minutes, tech tips, recipes, fashions, etc. is emailed to the membership. There is a web site and a web log (blog) of club activities. Addresses for the sites are in the Quail Tales. The club also has a library of books, Restorer magazines, videos, and more to borrow. Some videos have hands-on approaches demonstrated related to maintenance and repair of Model A cars and trucks.

**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:** INSURANCE DISCOUNTS      FREE CLASSIFIEDS      USED PARTS  
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