

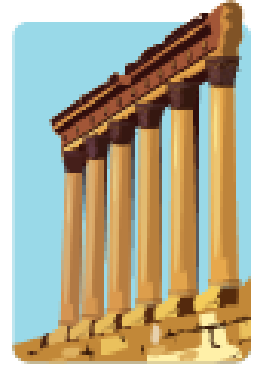
# MODEL A FORD HALL OF FAME



Model A Museum  
Gilmore Car Museum Campus  
Hickory Corners, Michigan



# Welcome to the Model A Ford Hall of Fame



The Hall of Fame exists to recognize the people who developed, produced, sold and maintained the Model A Ford vehicles. It also recognizes the many people who developed supporting and derivative tools, accessories and machinery; authored and published articles, magazines and books; and organized and led national organizations devoted to the Model A Ford.

The Hall of Fame is located inside the Model A Ford Museum. It is an evolving element within the museum and is expected to grow in size and importance with each new induction ceremony.

# 39<sup>th</sup> INDUCTEE



**Richard W. Black**  
**Inducted 2023**

Rick Black was born in Los Angeles, California in 1944 and got his love of cars when he was young. His dad was a mechanic and Rick inherited the gene. Rick bought his first Model A, a 1929 hotrod, when he was 17.

In 1964, he left college, enlisted in the Army, and served in France and Germany. While his Army specialty was accounting, he performed many data processing tasks and quickly learned how to program the Army's computers, which were, back then, very basic.

After being discharged from the Army in 1967, Rick moved back to Los Angeles and joined the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). He went back to college and studied Quantitative Methods so that he could take computer classes as a computer degree hadn't been offered yet. In 1968 Rick found a 1931 De Luxe Tudor Sedan to buy and moved to San Francisco to work for the Bank of America as a Systems Analyst. Because there was no local Model A Club near his home, in 1971 he organized his first MAFCA Chapter, the El Camino A's.

Rick owned a 1931 Model A Mail Truck, and in 1975 he met Aldie Johnson, a former MAFCA President. Together they researched Model A Mail Trucks at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. This led to Rick organizing, in 1977 Rick his second MAFCA Chapter, the Postal A's, a Special Interest Group (SIG). In 1994 Rick organized his third MAFCA Chapter, also a SIG, the De Luxe Tudor Sedan Owners. In 2008 he organized his fourth MAFCA Chapter, the Borderland A's.

In 1996, Rick asked MAFCA if they would like to have a website. At the time, few MAFCA members even used e-mail. He created the first MAFCA website in January 1997 and was the Webmaster from 1997 to July 2001 when he was elected to the MAFCA Board of Directors. He served as Publications Director in 2002 and in 2003 as Chapter Coordinator. He resumed the Webmaster position when his two-year commitment was up, at the end of 2003. He has continued to manage MAFCA's website to date – a total of 23 years as MAFCA's Webmaster.

In 2009 Rick and Dana, his wife, completely restructured the MAFCA website with drop-down menus and current technology updates. In recognition of his key contributions, he was awarded Life Membership in MAFCA in 2010 and received the Volunteer of the Year award in 2010. Rick has been a member of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) since 2013.

In addition to his computer and webmaster skills, Rick has donated his organizational talents in creating MAFCA chapters and chairing the committee to sponsor the 2015 National Awards Banquet. Rick is a multi-talented Model A enthusiast and has made significant contributions to both MAFCA and the Model A Ford hobby.

# 40<sup>th</sup> INDUCTEE



Sidonia DeAngelis  
Inducted 2023

Sidonia, better known as “Sid”, was born October 22, 1923, and was the wife of George DeAngelis. She shared George’s passion for the Model “A” Ford and was a major influence on the early success of the Model “A” News as well as the Model “A” Restorers Club itself. Before computers, social media, and the instant communication networks of today, newsletters and magazines were the choice for keeping club members informed of activities and virtually the only way to present technical articles, notifications of events and any news to the general membership and their Regions.

In the early 1960s, George assumed the editorship of the MARC News (today’s Model “A” News), a fledgling club magazine that was lacking in much of the content noted above. As he began to write for the magazine, Sid not only assisted with the publication, but became Membership Secretary of MARC and began the arduous task of reaching out to members who paid dues but were not receiving the magazine. During this time, MARC Headquarters was being moved from Ohio to Dearborn and the magazine was in disarray. But Sid persisted through the disorder setting up a bank account for the magazine and resolving mismanaged financial records while fulfilling an extensive number of backorders. She performed her duties with diligence and the determination to “get things right” for MARC and the magazine flourished and gained popularity; its technical content adding value for MARC’s membership.

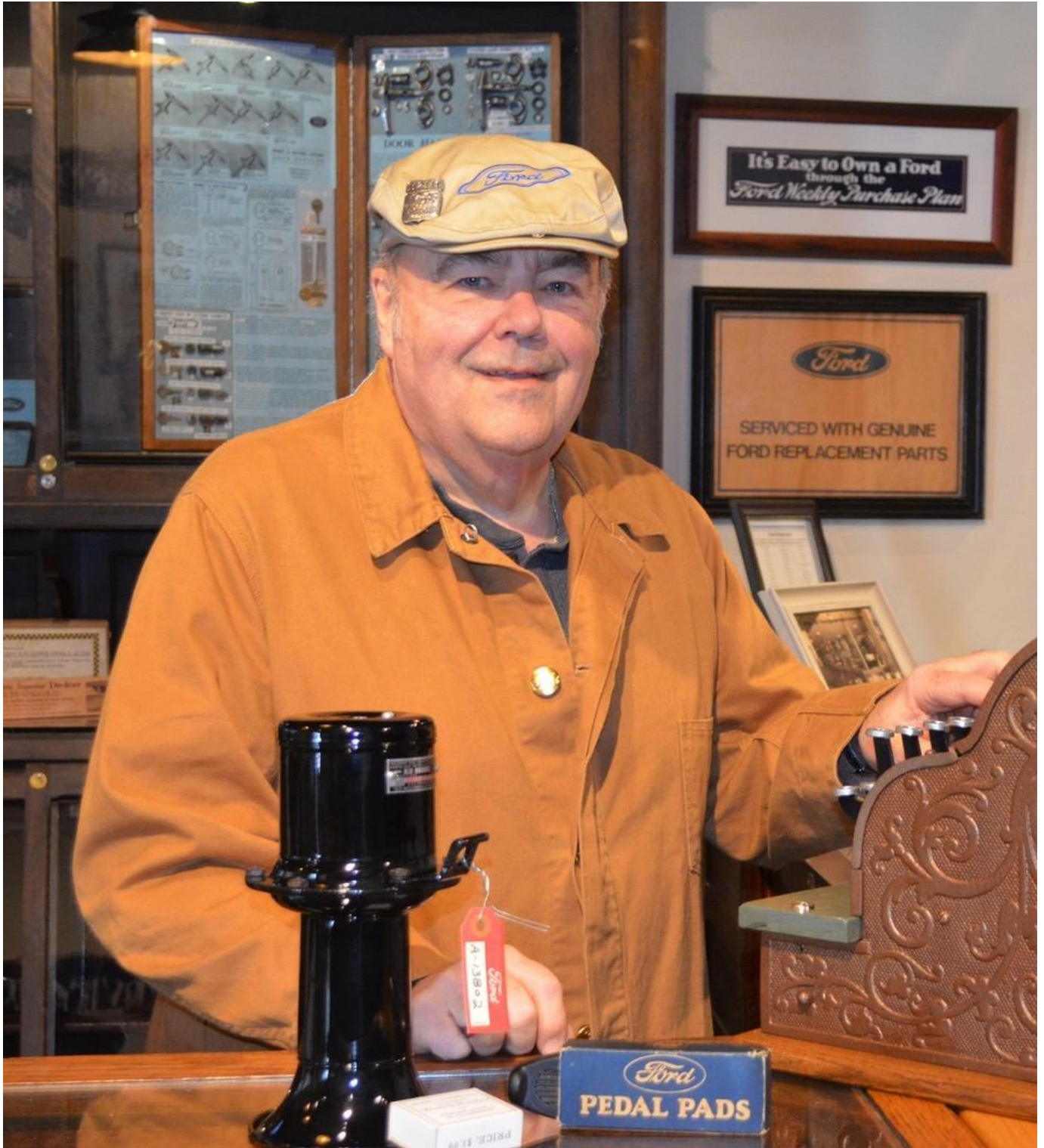
Working from the basement of the DeAngelis’ home, George and Sid continued to increase the page count and improve the magazine with numerous articles, color photographs and anecdotal stories, thus creating a bona fide MARC journal not only to be proud of, but to become a key factor in attracting new members. Sid’s financial aptitude, management, and organizational skills along with her dedication to the Model “A” News and MARC had a measurable impact on the early successes enjoyed by the Club and the hobby in general.

Sid passed away on February 11, 2018, but left us with a viable, world class magazine that she helped in no small way to create. While shying away from the bright spotlight during most of her tenure with the Model “A” Restorers Club, she is certainly one of the true unsung heroes who inspired those who followed her to continue the legacy of Henry Ford through the writings, photographs, personal stories, and hobby-related information contained in the Model “A” News as we know it today.

Sid’s contribution to the Model “A” Restorers Club, and especially to the Model “A” News, is one of significant importance and should not go unnoticed. Largely through Sid’s efforts, the magazine has evolved into a source of information on any, and all Model “A” issues and has remained a key element for recruitment of new MARC members.

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# 41<sup>st</sup> INDUCTEE



John D. Marshall  
Inducted 2023

John Marshall was born in October 1950. He has been a career law enforcement officer, a lifelong “car guy” and an extremely active member of the Model A Ford community. John first developed a love for Model A Fords when his father often took him to Joe’s Antique Auto in Chicago. John was always drawn to Ford Model A’s during those visits and dreamed of owning one someday. At a young age he participated in 1/4 midget car races. He raced the midgets at Soldier Field and at “Midwest Motor Mites”.

As John grew older, he still aspired to own a Model A, while restoring a variety of 3-wheeler ATVs and an old snow mobile. In the mid-80s, someone told him that there were “Model A Clubs” and gave him a list of the local chapters. Soon thereafter John became an official member of the Calumet Region of the Model A Restorer’s Club.

John was able to locate a 1931 Model A Roadster chassis. John sold all the ATVs and snow mobile to make this first purchase toward his very own Model A. John then purchased the back of a roadster cab from New Mexico. He quickly realized that the restoration was going to take much longer than anticipated and he couldn’t wait any longer to have a drivable “A”.

To “hold him over” during the Roadster restoration project, John found a 1931 Sedan at a bargain price in 1989. This sedan would take countless journeys to MARC National Meets and local events over nearly three decades. He finished the Roadster in 1993 but had to re-restore it soon after due to a garage fire on Thanksgiving Day in 1995 that consumed the entire contents of his garage.

John became very active in the Calumet Region after joining. He served as Calumet Region Treasurer for 3 years, Vice President for 14 years and won a variety of awards during his time as editor of The Chatter newsletter, including Newsletter of the Year in 2009. John was elected to the board of the national Model A Restorer’s Club where he was the Secretary of the MARC Board for 2 terms. John acted as a chairperson for the 1999 National Meet hosted by the Calumet Region in Alsip, IL and was a committee member for Business Meets hosted in Joliet, Illinois (2007) and Merrillville, IN (2009). For his outstanding contributions he was selected to receive the annual Ken Brady Award from MARC in 2014.

John became a member of the MAFFI Board in 2010 and subsequently became the Executive Director of MAFFI when that position became vacant. He has now served in for 6 years. In this role, John expanded on the great work of Art Callan and has enhanced the use of technology to help make donations and membership renewals easier for members.

When John became a Trustee of MAFFI, it was at the inception of the Model A Ford Museum. He was heavily involved in the museum’s development, specifically taking the lead in creating the magnificent Parts Department.



# 42<sup>nd</sup> INDUCTEE



George P. Tynan  
Inducted 2023

George's first car was a 1929 Ford Roadster with no top for which he paid \$35. After a lifetime of flying, George retired in 1992 and joined the Dallas Model A Ford Club. He was very active in the club, working Monday-Friday at a good friend's Model A garage educating newcomers to the hobby and helping others fix and recondition their Model As. He organized parades, meetings, canvassed huge swap meets on foot handing out club flyers, and led fundraising efforts like the Leake Kruse Auction. He was elected Vice President (1995) and President (1996), served as Chairman of the Auction Committee for many years, Chairman of the Texas Tour (2000), and President of the Southwest Swap Meet. He was awarded the Carl McClellan Award in 1997 and became a Life Member in 2011. He received the MAFCA Service Award in 1999, served as a MAFCA Board Member from 2001-2004 and 2009, and was MAFCA President in 2003. From 2006-2011, George was President of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) and instrumental in building the Model A Ford Museum. He travelled extensively to promote support for the museum, raise awareness, generate donations from local Model A clubs, and provide project status updates at national conventions.

As a teenager in 1944, George flew a Stearman biplane for the first time and got hooked on aviation. After high school, he served in the Marines from 1946-48. He then attended the University of Miami on the G.I. Bill, received a commission in 1951, and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-1980. During his career, he flew 468 missions in Korea and Vietnam and accumulated over 17,600 hours of flying time, mostly in B-52s. He was awarded the Legion of Merit (5 times), the Distinguished Flying Cross (twice), the Bronze Star, and more than 18 other medals. He retired in 1980 from the Air Force with the rank of Colonel.

Following his military career, George continued flying in the corporate world for 12 years. He founded Care Flight in Kansas City while his boss was on vacation.

Over the years, George managed to buy a beat up 1930 Cabriolet in Connecticut, drove it home to Dallas, rebuilt it himself, and drove it in all 48 contiguous states. In 2017 with his 1931 Blindback, he was the only one in the Dallas club to drive a Model A the entire way from Texas to Yellowstone National Park, up into Canada, and back home...by himself!

George was a college football star, career U.S. Air Force officer, NASA astronaut candidate during the Apollo Missions, and a passionate advocate of the Model A hobby.