

The Spare Tire

Palmetto A's of South Carolina

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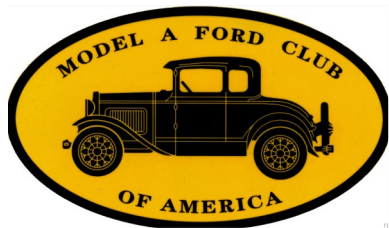
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Model A Restorers Club Region

Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.

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Happy 4th of July!

July

Birthday

Mike Petty - 12th
Nina Howard - 13th

Anniversaries

Doyle & Deneise Gains - 10th
Mike & Karen Lewter - 12th



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"A" Note from the President.....

Mother Nature brought to Columbia, as well as the rest of the country, record breaking heat for the month of June! The attendance by both vendors and Model A parts shoppers at our annual Swap Meet at Smith & Jones was adversely affected because of the heat. In spite of the extreme heat we had a group of our club members who "carried on" helping with setting up tents, tables, chairs and cooking for this event. To those members I offer a sincere huge thank you. It's these folks that keep the spirit of our club and love of our hobby alive. I also thank Davin Smith and his crew from Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts for allowing us a place to hold this event. **July 20th** offers some of our club members a chance to revisit a few places we have enjoyed in the past. For others it will possibly be their first visit. We will be meeting at the Wal-Mart in Irmo departing at 7 AM and then heading north of Columbia to have **brunch** at Grits and Groceries and then visit the Happy Cow Creamery. You may want to bring a cooler to bring home some dairy or cheese items from the dairy. Looking forward to sharing this outing in our wonderful Model A's with great friends! Let's keep those members on our prayer list in our thoughts. We hope to see them rejoin us soon! Remember as always, if your "A" is in the "repair or restore shop," you can still be part of the fellowship in your "modern." So let's dust'um off, gas'em up, and let's go "Model A'ing!"

John Cockerill

Treasurer's Report, June, 2024

We continue to maintain a balance in line with the club budget as set and approved by the Board of Directors. All bills and receipts are processed promptly. The checkbook is balanced monthly with no discrepancies.

Sunshine Report

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Susan Buff and Margaret Smith.

Also, condolences to Wayne Areheart in the loss of his father.

Remember: call, write or send a card to someone who needs encouragement. We are "FAMILY" and it helps to be thought of and prayed about.

If you have any Sunshine concerns, please call or email the newsletter editor to add the name to our Sunshine Report.





Down the Road

Is there a destination to which you would like to drive your Model A? Is there a lunch spot to which you would like to drive your Model A? Call or email Cheryl and Danny Austin at 803-351-5687, daustin002@sc.rr.com. They are looking for your ideas and input!

Palmetto A's Schedule for 2024

July 20 - Grits And Groceries for brunch and a visit to Happy Cow Creamery. Meet at Walmart in Irmo, 1180 Dutch Fork Road, at 7 am.

August 17 - The Shade Tree A's Swap meet in Thomson, GA and back to Old McDonald's Fish Camp for an early supper.

September 21 - Cross Road Café (country buffet and sea food) in Orangeburg for Model A Day.

October 19 - Club Picnic and Social. 4:00 pm at St. James Lutheran Church

November 16 - Lizard's Thicket for breakfast and tour to SC Military Museum

December 14 - Palmetto A's Christmas Party at The Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Ft. Lawn.

PLEASE NOTE: DATES AND PLACES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Other Events of Interest

2024

July 15-18 - [MARC National Meet, Asheville, NC](#)

August 16-17 - Shade Tree A's Swap Meet, in Thomson GA.
Contacts: Andrew Morse, 706-834-2342 or Jim McPherson, 706-564-0120

September 19-21 - [Charlotte Auto Fair Fall Meet](#)

October 8 -11 - [Hershey Swap Meet & Car Show](#)

December 11 - 14 - [MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hosted by the Beehive A's and the Salty A's.](#)

2025

June 15-22 - [MAFCA National Tour, Waynesboro, VA Hosts: Dallas Chapter](#)



Who is ready for Model A Day September 20-21st, 2024?

Model A Days always include the third Saturday in September at the Model A Ford Museum on the Gilmore Car Museum campus in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

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Jim's Tech Tips

"Make and Carry a Temporary Gas Gauge"

Every now and then you will come across a car or truck with an inoperable gas gauge. For example, the float sinks. You don't want to go driving around without knowing how much fuel you have in the tank.

Here are some basic instructions that you can use to make a temporary gas gauge, to use until the gauge is repaired. It's not a bad idea to carry it with you, to use on your car or to help someone traveling with you.

Take a simple paint stirring stick, like they give away at a paint store, and measure up from the end to mark the place indicating a Full tank. From there, you can use a ruler to estimate the $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ levels. Score a line in the wood at these 4 places, and then darken each line with a black marker.

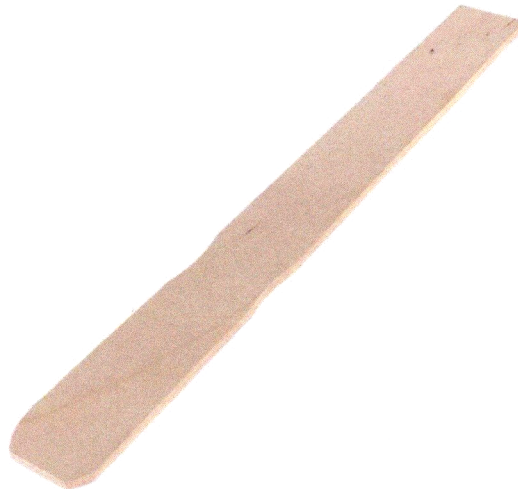
The gas tank changed design between 1928-29 and 1930-31. The '28-29 tank holds about 10 gallons, and the larger '30-31 tank holds about 11. That means that the distance to Full is slightly different between the two tanks.

I score and mark one side of the paint stirrer with the '28-29 height to Full of $7\frac{1}{4}$ " , and then mark off the quarters from there. Then I do the same on the other side of the stick using the 1930-31 height to Full of $8\frac{1}{2}$ ". Label each side. Now you have a stick that can be used on any year Model A.

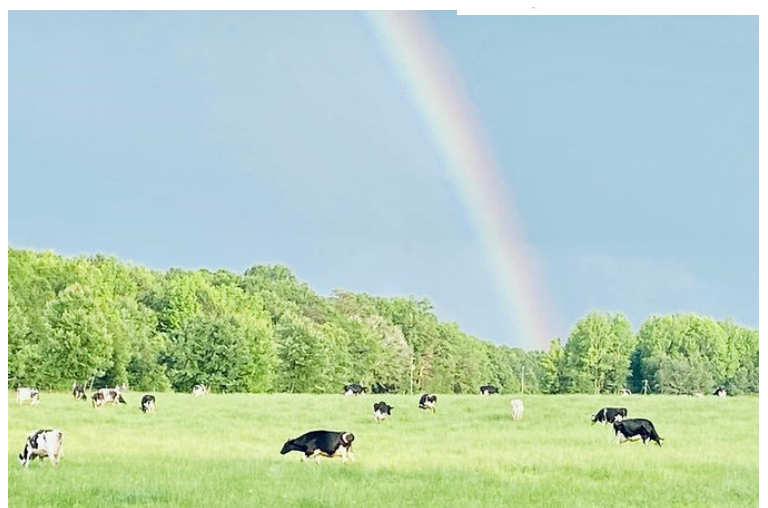
To use it, remove the gas cap (and the screen in the filler neck, if the car has one) and just dip the stick straight down until you touch the bottom of the gas tank. Now lift it out and see where the wet gas level is on the gauge. It will be approximate, close enough to drive with some confidence, knowing you will have enough fuel.

I hope you never get stuck with an inoperative gas gauge, but if you do, now you can be prepared with this temporary stick gauge.

Have a Model A Day!
Jim Cannon



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MAFFI MINUTE

June, 2024

Model A Enthusiasts:

Don't you cherish these days when we can go cruisin' in our precious Model A's? Are you decked out in Model A gear? If not, that's an easily remedied problem. Just go to the MAFFI website collection (maffi.org –click on “store”) and choose one---or some! It's a “fashionable” way to support your hobby!!

As of June 20, we're only 92 days away from Model A Days at the Gilmore Auto Museum! The Model A Days' Planning Committee is nearly ready for the big event. We're excited and we hope you make plans to join us. While you're on that website getting your Model A gear, click on the link for Model A Days and get registered for your hotel and Model A Days: Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21. You don't want to miss the unveiling of the “bus”, do you?

The Gilmore Auto Museum has been in construction mode these last few months so there are a lot of changes at the museum (picnic spots, food and beverage facilities, and more restrooms). We're excited to have so much to offer you this year at Model A Days! Motor on in to Hickory Corners in September!!

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

Did You Know????

MAFCA has a video section on their website.

Categories include: MAFCA Events, Technical, Historical, Member, Chapter, Fashion, and Miscellaneous. Check it out!

<https://www.mafca.com/videos.html>

MAFCA also has a YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3twKfHco40ySFBYpKzfJ3A>

MAFCA STAR PROGRAM

The MAFCA Star Program is designed to reward our members who enlist new members for the club. It applies to all New Members, both free and paid. We are hoping that this small token will stimulate existing members to bring new members to the club. The 2024 Free MAFCA membership form in our [Members Only area](#) has been changed to identify the sponsoring **member** instead of chapter. When an application is received by the MAFCA office, a MAFCA Star decal will be sent to the sponsoring member. -- Jay McCord, Membership Director

**OLD AGE COMES AT A
BAD TIME!
WHEN YOU FINALLY
KNOW EVERYTHING,
YOU START TO FORGET
EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.**



Model A Ford Technical
Questions

Paul Shinn has gathered a group to help answer your technical questions about Model A's. The group includes MAFCA's current tech director and several past tech directors. You can email your questions and concerns to:

ModelATechQuestions@gmail.com

Who knows, you may even see your question answered in *The Restorer!*

**NEED HELP WITH YOUR
MODEL A?**

IS YOUR PROBLEM SOMETHING THAT COULD BE ADDRESSED BY THE CLUB “TECH TEAM?” WAYNE AREHEART AND THE “TECH TEAM” ARE LOOKING FOR SMALL JOBS THAT WOULD PROVIDE A “LEARNING” TECH SITUATION FOR THE CLUB. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT WAYNE at dareheart@sc.rr.com or JOHN COCKERILL AT johntwilac@yahoo.com.

Just a reminder!!

The club has a library of Model A Technical DVDs for your use.

Contact John Cockerill at 803-446-3837 (cell) or at johntwilac@yahoo.com.

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**Due date for submissions
for the August 2024
issue is July 20th**



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Members are encouraged to join the following national clubs:

Model A Ford Club of America.

Annual dues are \$50 and include a subscription to **The Restorer Magazine** from MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631 and

Model 'A' Restorers Club

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Benefits of National Club Memberships

Membership in MAFCA includes the following:

A one year subscription to The Restorer, our award-winning bi-monthly magazine including free classified ads.

The right to register and participate in all National and Regional MAFCA meets

Voting privileges in National elections of officers and by-laws revisions

Free classified advertising on the MAFCA web site and posting of photo of your car in the Photo Album section

Technical advice to help restore your Model A and keep it in top shape

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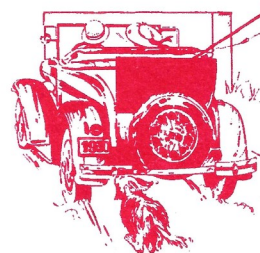
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