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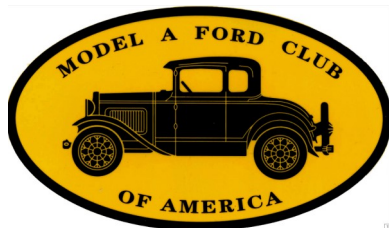
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Model A Restorers Club Region

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"A" Note from the President...

In August we started the month with a tech session and hot dog lunch held at Wayne and Debbie Areheart's home. We had 22 members in attendance to see a demonstration on adjusting steering wheel play headed up by John Begg and Mark Temple. We then enjoyed a hot dog lunch with Wayne as the head grill master. We thank Wayne and Debbie for hosting this very enjoyable event. For the next outing of the month we stayed "local," starting with breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, then on to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame and Museum. We were given a private tour by Jim McClary, the Administrator. His love of history and enthusiastic dedication to his job resulted in a very informative tour. Thanks to John Begg for arranging this outing for our club. We had 15 members and 8 Model A's along with a few "moderns" in attendance. We finished our tour just before noon and were able to get home just before the heat of the day.

For our September outing we will be joining the Lowcountry A's Model A Club, as well as other clubs, for lunch at LoneStar BBQ and Mercantile to celebrate International Model A Day. It will be fun to see and visit with members of other clubs. Thanks to the Lowcountry A's for coordinating this get together. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing our friends from other clubs and well as having the opportunity to enjoy the BBQ!

We will be meeting at Cayce Commons at the Dollar Tree, located at 2241 Charleston Hwy. Cayce, SC. We use to meet here at the Old Reid's Store. We are departing at 9 AM. Don't forget to charge and bring your walkie/talkies.

It's not too early to start thinking about our club officer elections. Nominations will be presented in October and elections will be in November. If you are interested in filling a position please contact me or one of our other board members. Note: per our by-laws, all club elected officers and directors are required to be members of MAFCA and MARC.

Remember, if your "A" is the "repair or restore shop," you can still be a 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



Palmetto A's Club Tour

September 11, 2021

LoneStar BBQ & Mercantile

2212 State Park Rd in Santee

We will meet in front of the Dollar Tree in Cayce Commons, 2241 Charleston Hwy, Cayce and depart at 9:00 am. Since this is a multi-club event sponsored by the Lowcountry A's of Charleston, please wear club apparel and/or a name tag.



*Happy Grandparents Day
September 12, 2021*



September

Birthdays

- Pat Fenner - 1st
- Karen Lewter - 1st
- Carroll Barker - 2nd
- JoAnn Jones - 7th
- Happy Begg - 8th
- Ron Robbs - 9th
- Nathaniel Harper - 10th
- Paul Bozard - 15th
- Debbie Areheart - 23rd
- Dan Ward - 24th
- Fay Prince - 29th

Anniversaries

- Danny & Cheryl Austin - 1st
- Harold & JoAnn Jones - 1st
- Keith & Gail Newman - 2nd
- Dan & Starke Ward - 9th
- Ron & Pat Robbs - 11th
- Wyman & Linda Toole - 21st
- Richard & Susan Buff - 24th

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- Swap Meet - Committee
- Christmas Party - Committee
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- Community Outreach - [John Begg](#)
- Webmaster - [Happy Begg](#)
- Website: www.palmettoas.net

WANTED:

NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR THE SPARE TIRE

Must have computer skills

Current newsletter editor willing to teach "the ropes"

This is my seventh and final year as your newsletter editor. I have enjoyed working with everyone to publish *The Spare Tire* every month but it is time for someone new to take over. You all have until October to consider this position and I will answer any questions anyone has about being a newsletter editor. It can be fun and challenging at the same time. You get to work with a great bunch of people on the Palmetto Board of Directors and the club membership. And, like the sitcom Cheers, "It's where everyone knows your name!" So, give it some serious consideration and see me if you have questions.

Twila

Treasurer's Report, August 2021

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. The club account balance is reported at each General Membership meeting.

Happy Begg, Treasurer

Sunshine Report

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Mack Day, Calvin LeNeve, Mike Lewter, Wes Porterfield and Wyman Toole.

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.





August 7 Tech Session at the Areheart's 22 attendees enjoyed a demonstration on adjusting steering wheel play headed up by John Begg and Mark Temple. A hot dog lunch followed the session.



August 21 Tour

15 club member and 8 Model A's visited the South Carolina Law Enforcement Hall of Fame. We were given a private tour by Jim McClary, the administrator.



Cook's Corner

Perfect Apple Dumplings

Sauce

2 c sugar

2 c water

¼ tsp each cinnamon and nutmeg

¼ c butter.

Combine sugar, spices and water and cook for 5 minutes.

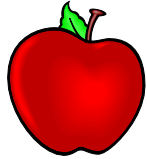
Add butter and remove from heat.

Pare and core 6 apples

Crust

2 c flour

1 tsp salt



2 tsp baking powder

¾ c shortening

½ c milk

Combine flour, salt, baking powder and cut in shortening as for pastry. Add milk all at once. Stir just until flour is moistened.

Turn out on floured surface and roll ¼" thick. Cut into six 5" squares. Place one apple on each square, sprinkle with additional sugar and spices. Dot each with additional butter. Fold corners to cover apple. Pinch edges together. Place 1" apart in a greased pan. Pour sauce over dumplings. Bake at 375° for 35 minutes. Serve hot with cream.

A Poor Man's Posi traction

by Tom Endy 2021

Every once in a while I disassemble a Model A rear axle assembly and find that someone has welded the three spider gears in the differential to their axle shafts so that they do not rotate. I envision some 17 year old kid with a duck-tail haircut back in 1950 doing this. In the day this was called a poor man's Posi traction. By welding the spider gears so that they do not rotate, there is essentially no differential gearing in the rear axle assembly. This allows Mr. Ducktail to take off from a signal and lay down a strip of rubber equally from both back wheels. The differential gearing in a rear axle assembly was developed by some ingenious mind. It allows a car to turn a corner with each rear wheel turning at a different rotation. The outboard wheel is turning faster than the inboard wheel. This allows the car to make a turn in either direction in a smooth continuous manner. Mr. Ducktail when making a turn would have his out board wheel skipping and making a chirping sound as the rubber tire skidded around the turn.

It is interesting to note that the rear axle assembly that the spider gear assembly came out of in the photo below also had a tooth missing from the ring gear.



The poor man's Posi traction that came out of Model A Ford that was one time owned in 1950 by a 17 year old kid with a duck tail haircut.

Santa Anita A's Member, Tom Endy; Editor of the Victoria Association Newsletter (The Bustle) for the past 20 years, has created the 20+ years of the work. Some of the articles and documents have been featured in the MAFCA Restorer Magazine, other club's websites, and some are not published anywhere but here: santaanitaas.org/tom-endys-tech-articles/. Enjoy, utilize, and learn!

Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Working with Jack Stands

We frequently put our vehicles up on jack stands, to change the oil, grease the chassis, or adjust the brakes. I have a hard time seeing under the car, to see if I have the two jack stands on an axle set to the same height. I sometimes end up with the car leaning to one side or the other when I get one jack stand set to a different height from the other.

Here's what I've done to help my poor eyes: Use a paint pen and number every other ratchet tooth on each jack stand, so that you can quickly set the pair on an axle to the same height.



Holly has a nice collection of these paint pens in her craft stuff, so I borrowed a white one for a few minutes and added some numbers to the teeth. As you can see, the contrast of the white paint makes them easy to read from a distance. I now quickly get them set where I want them.

Until next time, Have a Model A Day! Jim



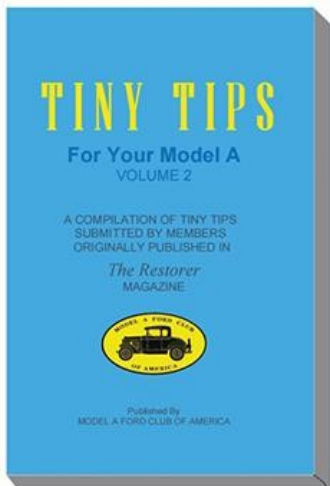
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Editor's Note.....

September has arrived! Indian summer to follow! Kids are back to school.

And we come to the inevitable election time. Due to the COVID Pandemic, our 2020 elected officers continued to serve in 2021. Now we are back to looking for fresh new faces to join our board of directors. We need a slate of potential officers to present at our October 16th Picnic at St James Lutheran Church. If you are considering serving on our board, please tell a current board member which position are interested in.

We also have volunteer positions that need to be filled. Fashion and a Sunshine have been vacant for years. Neither position is onerous and the newsletter editor would gladly pass both positions on! The newsletter editor will gladly pass her position on, too, but still no takers!

We are all looking forward to cooler touring!

DID YOU KNOW?

The MAFCA website has a list of Tech videos. Check them out here: <https://www.mafca.com/videos.html#technical>

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Men Working

By Melanie G. Whittington

How does the Model A man dress when he isn't a suit and tie or overall wearin' kinda guy? There are plenty of choices to give your Model A excursion an era feel. A modern, long-sleeved button up dress shirt is a good start. Referencing the Fashion Guidelines look for solid colors, striped or figured designs in harmonizing or contrasting colors. Long sleeved button up shirts made of cotton, flannel, wool, or blends of these fabrics are common. A flannel shirt in plaid or solid colors would fit in perfectly. [OverAttired Vintage Fashion](#) carries a variety of vintage clothing and are always adding to their inventory.

As you begin, a modern pair of trousers with or without cuffs, flat front, or a single pleat with belt loops would be appropriate. Look for a trouser with wide legs and a high waist. The most difficult to recreate is the button fly on a pair trousers. There are patterns available to make your own or see if a local tailor is willing to take the pattern and make you a pair. [Simon James Cathcart - SJC - \(simonjamescathcart.com\)](#), is a high-quality modern brand making era appropriate men's clothing.



1: National Bellas Hess Co. Inc., Autumn 1931, Winter 1931-32

Headgear for the everyday man was also diverse. Straw, sailor and boaters were worn during warmer weather with casual wear, according to the Fashion Guidelines. Caps are easier to find in modern men's shops and there are companies recreating them to have the correct look of the A era, [TheWellDressedHead \(etsy.com\)](#), is one example. A variety of patterns were used; tweed, checked, herringbone and plain. The Fashion Guidelines also list a variety of specialty caps including mechanics caps. The familiar blue striped engineer cap was also worn by mechanics.

To add to your look, a sleeveless or long-sleeved, V-neck sweater could be worn. A shawl collar long sleeve pull-over or button up sweater could be added. [Bozeman Vintage](#) carries a variety of vintage menswear for everyday dress. Hunting and outdoor jackets made of khaki or duck are very similar to what you can find today from Carhartt, Cabela's and other sporting goods stores. Long underwear or union suits are in all the era magazines, usually wool, cotton or a mix. Cotton union suits in red or white are still easy to get from a variety of stores like Tractor Supply, Vermont Old Country Store and Hanes.

Lucky for you, men's era shoes have not changed much from those you can find in modern stores. Low top, high top, cap toe and plain toed shoes and boots were available. Square and round toe shoes were seen in all four years of the A era. Cowboy boots and hunting or hiking boots are also options you can look into. These shoes and boots would have been leather with leather soles, with some having rubber heels Leggings and puttees could be worn for a hunting or hiking look. These could be leather, wool or canvas and would provide warmth and protection for the lower leg.

Take a look in your closet or at your local second-hand store. You may find a suitable outfit for your next ride in the Model A I hope this helps you put together an easy and comfortable outfit. We look forward to seeing you on tour and posting pics to the MAFCA social media pages: [MAFCA - Model A Ford Club of America | Facebook](#) and [Model A Era Fashions - MAFCA | Facebook](#).



2: Montgomery Ward & Co., Spring and Summer 1928

Read the full article on the MAFCA website at: https://www.mafca.com/ef_articles.html

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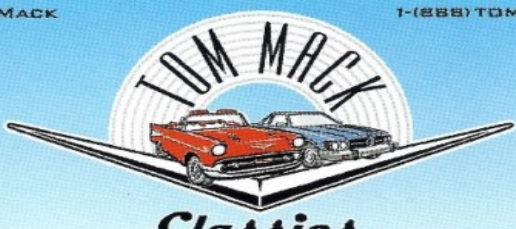
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Ivanhoe Lake Area of Colorado
Photo taken by Carol Rickstrew Burns

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, daustino02@sc.rr.com. They are looking for your ideas and input!

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Palmetto A's Schedule for 2021

September 11 - International Model A Day, Lone Star BBQ in Santee with the Low Country A's.

October 16 - Picnic at St James Lutheran Church

November 20 - TBA

December 11 - Christmas Party at Tom Mack's showroom in Prosperity

2022

January 15 - Chicken Bog at the Austin's (tentative)

Other Events of Interest

2021

September 9-11 [Charlotte AutoFair](#) Charlotte, NC

September 11 International Model A Day

September 17-18 11th Annual Model A Day at the Gilmore Car Museum

October 6-9 [Hershey Fall Swap Meet](#) Hershey, PA

December 2-5 MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Ft Worth, TX

2022

April 1-3 MARC National Membership Meet Swan Lake, Plymouth, Indiana

June 5-11 MARC 2022 National Meet, Morgantown Pa

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