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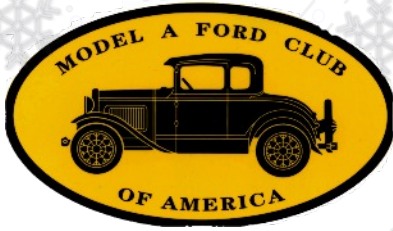
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Happy New Year!

I'm looking forward to a year with some serious Model A touring, and I hope you are too! Our Christmas party out at the Gantt's Relief Farm was great fun for all. We had 35 members and 5 Model A's at the event. A big thank you to the Gantt family for hosting another wonderful day in St. Matthews. The day was full of fun, singing The Twelve Days of Christmas Model A Style, a 50/50 drawing, and White Elephant Gift Exchange. If you weren't there, you missed really good food and fellowship with your Model A friends.

Plans have gelled for the January 13th or January 13th & 14th Mystery Tour. Lauren and I have had a change in direction because of the colder than usual weather we are experiencing of late. We had thought that we would go north initially, but decided at the last minute to go toward the south. See the flyer in the newsletter, page 3, to register for the tour. This will be a fun day for those who only want to go for the day, or for those who want to go a little further on the 13th of January, spend the night away, then return to Columbia on the 14th.

Our January business meeting will be held at the Oakridge Hunt Club in Hopkins, hosted by Wyman and Linda Toole. We need to approve the 2018 budget at our first meeting. Danny and Cheryl have graciously volunteered to make Chicken Bog and club members are requested to bring sides and deserts. Same drill - A-K-please bring a desert and L-Z-please bring a side dish. The meeting will be on Saturday, January 20th. We will meet at the Southeastern Salvage Company on Garners Ferry Road at 10:00 AM and tour together to Hopkins.

If you haven't been to a meeting or come on tour with us in a while, please know you are missed. If your car isn't running, call Wayne Areheart (803-960-0927), John Begg (803-727-4392) or John Cockerill (803-419-1042). They can round up the Palmetto A's Tech Crew and set up a date to help you get back on the road, again. You pay for the parts, and the crew will fix your car! Such a deal!!

See you soon and Happy Motoring,
Happy Begg
2018 Palmetto A's President



**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th**

We will meet at the McDonalds at the corner of Garners Ferry Road and Atlas Road and leave promptly at 10:30.

Directions to Oakridge Hunt Club Clubhouse: From 1-77, take Hwy 378 east towards Sumter. Go approximately 8 miles. Go through traffic light at Horrell Hill. Work your way into the left lane as you proceed down the hill and around curve. Turn left into the entrance of Oakridge Hunt Club at the big subdivision sign. The Clubhouse is straight ahead.

There was a red jacket left at the Gantt Farm after the Christmas Party. If it belongs to you, please call Cheryl Austin at 351-5687.

Dues!

**If you have not yet paid your dues, mail them to:
Membership Director
Palmetto A's Model A Club of SC
PO Box 8717
Columbia SC 29202**



Birthdays

Alinia Smith - 4th

Bobby Williamson - 7th

Tom Mack - 13th

Anniversaries

Paul and Shirley Laingen - 14th

Gary and Margaret Smith - 31st



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Mack and Mary Day

Editor's Note.....

Welcome to this brand new year!
 We have the potential to make 2018 great and memorable. We have a new president, vice president/tour director and secretary. We will also be looking to fill other positions in our board line up. If there is a position you would like to fill, please let the Board know. We need directors for the following committees: Sunshine, Fashion, Picnic in the Park, Swap Meet and the Christmas Party. Plans are in the works for this year's tours. If you find someplace that you think the Club would like to visit, let Lauren Eckstrom know about it. This is our club. It is what we make of it!

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*Treasurer's Report
December, 2017*

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.
 Tom Barnes, Treasurer



Sunshine Report

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Mack Day, Shirley Fraser, Bill Hornsby, Eddie Seastrunk and Bobby Williamson.

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.



TECH SESSION
at
Dick Fraser's Garage
December 6, 2017



+ Palmetto A's
 2018 January
 Mystery Tour
 Jan. 13, 2018
 or
 Jan. 13 - 14, 2018



Join us as we travel the back roads on Saturday, Jan. 13th for a day of touring or travel on further with an overnight stay, returning to the Columbia area on Jan. 14th.

Jan. 13th will be a day of touring with a stop in a familiar town, while there, we will take in an interesting tour plus lunch.

After lunch, you may choose to travel on for more adventure and an overnight stay away from home. Sunday morning, we will enjoy a big breakfast, then make our way back to the Columbia area before dark.

Choose either the 1-day or 2-day tour. We promise you will have fun! Both prices include lunch and tour on Saturday. Send in your registration, today!

Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

One day tour = \$40 per couple / \$20 per person (includes Sat. lunch & Sat. tour)

Two day tour = \$170 per couple / \$150 per person (includes lodging, Sat. lunch & Sat. tour)

Mail your registration form and payment by January 5 to:

Happy Begg 1811 Salem Church Road Irmo, SC 29063

Questions: email happybegg@gmail.com or 803-622-0048



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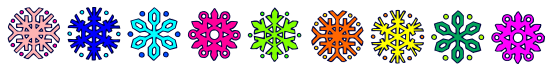
Jim's Technical Tip

Winter Tire Pressures

If you drive your Model A in the winter, and I hope you can, remember to check the tire pressure when the mercury drops. Cold temperatures make the air pressure in the tires go down. Low tire pressure makes steering harder, and lowers your gas mileage. You may notice a little bit of a vibration, due to flat spot on the tires, when you first start driving. These should go away as the tires roll and the rubber warms up.



Jim Cannon, Technical Director, MAFA



Photos below are from the Palmetto A's Christmas Party at The Gantt Relief Farm in St. Matthews, SC December 9, 2017



HAVING FUN WITH ERA FASHIONS

By Julie Klutz, MARC Fashion Committee Member

Fashions and fashion-related activities have always been a part of the fun at MARC Meets. The fashions featured at these meets are from the years 1928 – 1931, the four years the Model A Ford was in production.

Membership meets usually feature a fashion seminar and Fashion swap sessions. At the national meets, in addition to seminars and sales, there is Fashion Judging and a Fashion Show.

Fashion judging is divided into several categories, such as Adult daytime, Adult evening or Formal, Junior (age 12 – 18), Children and Specialty. The Specialty category includes various sporting attire, uniforms, sleep and lounge wear, wedding clothes and so forth.

For judging, a person tries to acquire a complete ensemble of original clothing that is appropriate to the category. That includes the main garment which determines the category; coordinated apparel (neck-tie, coat, underclothing, furs, etc) to complete the main garment; accessories such as handbags, jewelry, etc; hair-do or headgear (hats or hair ornaments); shoes and stockings, including garters. Sometimes it takes years to acquire a complete ensemble that goes together. And it takes much research to date the fashions and find the right accessories.

The clothes are judged for year, fit, condition, and appropriateness. A 150 point score sheet is used. If the main garment is not era (the years 1928-1931), the judges explain to the participant and they are not judged. If there is a question of era or non-era, the participant is encouraged to show documentation in the form of a magazine, photo or pattern from the era. Sometimes documentation is the fact that the outfit was worn by a family member for a particular function that could be dated, such as a wedding, graduation, trip, etc.

Since clothing 85 years old is becoming harder and harder to find in wearable condition, MARC has another judging class which is Reproduction. In the reproduction category, the main garment should be made from an original pattern or from a pattern cut from an original garment. The garment should be made of materials available in the years 1928-1931. About the only synthetic material available in those years was rayon. The garment should be constructed in the same manner as original clothing, i.e., no zippers, no facings in ladies' dresses (most edges were bound in bias) and no zigzag stitching. Studying original clothing for construction techniques is very helpful.

After a main garment is selected, underclothing will need to be bought or sewn to achieve the look of the times. Cotton slips, garter belts and tap pants can still be purchased or fine undergarments can be made of silk. Original and reproduction patterns are available.

Hats can be made, copying originals and occasionally new hats can be found that offer the right silhouette and can be decorated to achieve the desired look of the late 20's and early 30's.

If one is getting into the reproduction class, never pass up a shoe catalog or large shoe warehouse where one can see many types of shoes. Many high fashion shoes mimic fashions of years gone by, so it is possible to find shoes with the right look. The heel, toe, etc. will not be exactly like originals, but in the reproduction class, you look for the nearest thing with the most similarities.

Hats, handbags, and shoes made in the later 30's may still look like era and be acceptable in the reproduction class. Nylon stockings instead of silk are acceptable in reproduction if they have seams and similar heel treatments. The reproduction class requires just as much or more research and ingenuity to put an ensemble together as when one is doing an original costume. Both take study and research to do well.


If you are just starting in the vintage clothing fun, don't be discouraged by the preceding – that is what fashion shows and seminars are for. If you want to learn, then attend seminars and swap sessions and talk to fashion judges and participants. We are all eager to share our knowledge and tell you how much fun it is. You can appear in fashion shows without a complete, perfect outfit – just wear what you have found. Someone who sees you may have the shoes or hat you have been searching for.

MARC Fashion Committee has a complete set of Fashion Standards and is constantly doing research and sharing knowledge through workshops, magazine articles and one-on-one help.

You can never tell how much fun you can have with your car and the appropriate fashions. It can add a whole new aspect to the great hobby we all enjoy.

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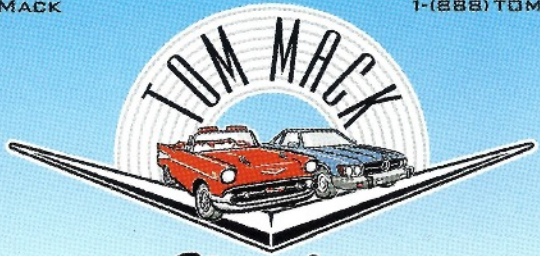
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- Model A Ford Club of America. Annual dues are \$40 and include a subscription to **The Restorer Magazine** from MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631 and
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Down the Road

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Palmetto A's Schedule for 2018

January 13-14 Mystery Tour, see page three

January 20 Annual Budget Meeting at Oakridge Hunt Club Clubhouse, see front page

February 17

March 24 Picnic in the Park

Other Events of Interest

(details on National Club Websites & Magazines)

April 5-8 [Charlotte Auto Fair](#)

April 20-21 Old 96 12th Annual All Model A and Model T Parts Swap Meet

June 24-29 MAFCA National Convention in Sparks-Reno, Nevada

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