# The Spare Tire



## Palmetto H's of South Carolina

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

The dog days of summer are upon us! It has been seasonably hot and humid in South Carolina. Not much new in the weather forecast

Our meeting last month was a tour to Boykin, SC. While there, we visited the Swift Creek Church, founded in 1782. It is a small wooden church in the Boykin community. For it's early years, the Baptists and the Episcopalians of the area used it alternately each week. Today, the little church celebrates Thanksgiving and Christmas and is available for small weddings. We enjoyed a fabulous meal of fried chicken, string beans, corn on the cob, rice and stewed tomatoes, and chocolate cake at the Mill Pond Restaurant. Mr. Belger was a very hospitable host.

Our August meeting will be a tour of Congaree National Park with lunch at Willie Sue's in Sumter. This promises to be a fun day with a nice drive, as they have been repaving Hwy. 378!

I hope you are thinking about the Palmetto A's Annual Swap meet at Smith & Jones, September 14 & 15. We will have great raffle prizes, a People's Choice Award, delicious hot dogs and hamburgers, and of course, great vendors selling Model A part. Smith & Jones will be open as usual for your purchases on Friday and Saturday. If you can be of help with set up or during the event, please call Lauren Eckstrom. Her number is (551) 206-0821 and her email contact is inleckstrom@gmail.com.

The Palmetto A's have received an invitation to participate in the Fuel Economy Tour, hosted by the Shade Tree A's to celebrate International Model A Day, on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. For registration and more information, contact Kent Carruthers at 706-564-7304 prior to August 14<sup>th</sup>.

I hope to see you at our August meeting!

Happy Motoring, Happy





August 18, 2018 Club Tour Congaree National Park

We will meet at the McDonald's at 7501 Garners Ferry Road and depart at 8:30 a.m. and tour to the park. Lunch at Willie Sue's in Sumter.

#### We Remember



Thomas William Hornsby, Jr. 6 August, 1941 to 23 July, 2018



Gary Preston Smith 7 July, 1939 to 28 June, 2018

# August

## Birthdays

Sherry Mack - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Retta Gantt - 7th

Ruth Harper - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Ann Porterfield 23rd

Josh Thomas - 24th

Rich Becher - 26th

Eddie Seastrunk - 26th

Joy Luce - 31st

Anniversaries

Bobby & Doris Williamson - 3<sup>rd</sup>
Charles & Wanda Smith - 26<sup>th</sup>

## Palmetto A's Membership Meeting

July 21, 2018

President Happy Begg opened the meeting in the Boykin Company Store in Boykin, SC, at 11:30am before a country buffet lunch. She announced birthdays and anniversaries, and reported on Gary Smith's death last month.

Lauren Eckstrom, Vice President and Tour Director, stated that plans were not yet complete for the August meeting and Rich Becher offered to check on the possibility of eating at the Shaw Air Force Base. Discussion was held on the upcoming Swap Meet at Smith & Jones, September 14 & 15. Volunteers were recruited to help with set-up and take-down. Happy will get the drinks, chips, and condiments. Danny Austin volunteered to help cook on Saturday.

A trip is being planned for October 20 to Caesar's Head with lunch at either Mountain House Restaurant or Aunt Sue's. Will check on the possibility of having the November meeting at the Gantt Farm. Happy and Cheryl Austin will coordinate the Christmas Party at the Barnes' neighborhood Club House. Cheryl announced that the Shade Tree A's have planned an event for Model A Day on September 22. Details will be in the Newsletter for those who are able to attend. Cheryl also has raffle tickets available for several big-ticket items to be given at the August 1019 MAFCA Meet in Dearborn, Michigan. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Submitted by Sharon Booth, Secretary

Attendance: \*Wayne & Debbie Areheart, \*Cheryl & Danny Austin, \*\*Rich & Pattama Becher, \*Happy & John Begg, \*Sharon & Orville Booth, \*Paul Bozard, Susan Buff, \*John & Twila Cockerill, Sonny Koon, \*Mack & Mary Day, Lauren & Joey Eckstrom, \*Wes Porterfield and \*Wyman & Linda Toole

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#### **Committee Chairs**

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Sunshine -

Picnic in the Park - Committee

Swap Meet - Committee

Christmas Party - Committee

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## Treasurer's Report June, 2018

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, Rhetta Gantt, Tony Johnson, Ann Porterfield, Eddie Seastrunk and Bobby Williamson. Also, keep the families of Bill Hornsby and Gary Smith in your prayers. 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.

<sup>\*</sup>Drove Model A's

<sup>\*\*</sup>Drove '34 Ford















Photos from our
July 21, 2018
Club Tour and Meeting
in Boykin

#### Editor's Note.....

Welcome to last full month of summer! For local school systems, summer ends in three weeks. For others, it ends the day after Labor Day. Officially, fall begins September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Then there is Indian Summer! That means we still have months when we can comfortably drive our open cars.

We have a couple of nice driving tours coming up. Our tour this month takes us to Congaree National Park. Our October trip to Caesar's Head will be a long and beautiful drive.

Don't forget the Swap Meet at Smith and Jones in September. We still need volunteers for set up and take down Friday and Saturday and help Thursday to get the chairs and tables out of the trailers. Hope to see you and your A's for our Congaree National Park tour this month!





To read the latest MAFCA Board Meeting Highlights, <u>Click here</u>

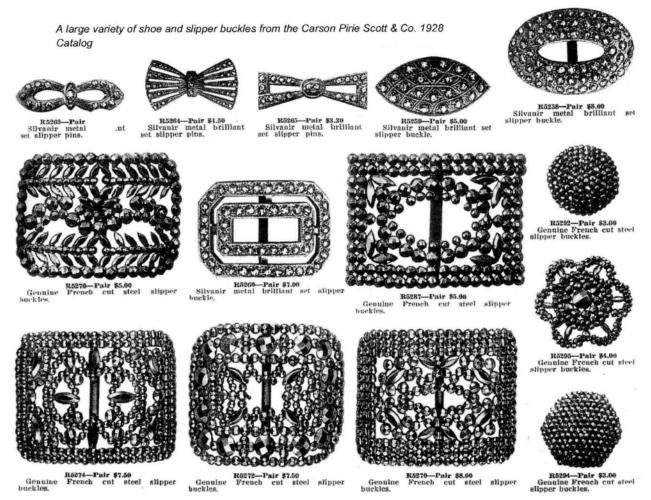
#### **Shoe Ornamentation**

Sherry Winkinhofer, Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club

Shoes in the early part of the 1900's were required to be serviceable and durable, but not necessarily attractive as they were not meant to be seen beneath long dresses. In the 1920's, hemlines began to climb higher and shoe styles evolved with them. Ankles were actually visible, and stylish shoes became more desirable.

An amazing variety of shoes were available in the Model A years, with straps and buckles being popular design elements. But as always, multiple pairs of shoes were expensive, and the prerogative of the rich. What to do if you were from a household with a more modest budget? Why, buy a simple pair of pumps and then use shoe ornaments to change the looks. Voilà, your shoes were now a master of disguise, mimicking the look of multiple pairs

Shoe buckles were a popular option. A plain pair of shoes could be dressed up for evening wear by simply strapping or clipping on a pair of cut-steel or rhinestone buckles.



Read the full article on the MAFCA Website at: http://www.mafca.com/ef\_articles.html

#### Cook's Corner....

Macaroni Pie or Cheese Pie, I've heard it called both, but whichever it goes by, all call it good!

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup elbow macaroni
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 9 jumbo eggs (or 11 large eggs)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 12 ounce can evaporated milk milk, about a cup

Cook macaroni in salted water just until soft, drain and add butter; set aside to cool. Break eggs into a well

greased 9 X 13 glass baking dish. Beat eggs with salt until transparent. Add evaporated milk and mix well. Add cooled macaroni and the grated cheese and mix gently. Add enough regular milk to bring the level of ingredients to within half an inch of the top edge of the baking dish and mix again. Bake at 350° for about 45 minutes or until center is set, jiggle the dish to check. May be baked at 375° for less time if it is sharing the oven with another dish. Just keep an eye on the center to keep from over cooking.

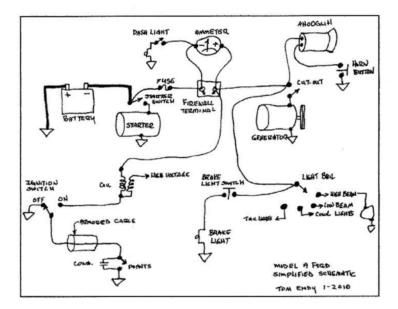
For years, this recipe was never written down on paper, just passed down by watching and doing. It takes a bit of practice to pull it from the oven at just the right time. Enjoy!

Twila

# **Ignition Electrical**

by Tom Endy

The best tool to have along in your Model A tool bag is a trouble light. They can be purchased at any auto parts store and they work on both 6 and 12 volts. When encountering an ignition fault whip out your trouble light before someone in the crowd cries out "change the condenser", and run a check of the ignition system.



Looking at the diagram above, start at the starter switch where the battery cable attaches. Next check both sides of the fuse. Move to both sides of the terminal box on the firewall. All of these points should light the trouble light. Next check both sides of the primary of the coil. With the ignition key off both sides should light the trouble light. Put a business card between the points and turn the key on. Put the trouble light probe on the arm of the points, the light should light.

If the trouble light does not light at all of these points, that is where you are losing voltage to the points. Quite often the loss will be found between one side of the coil and the arm of the points. The fault possibilities are then numerous and something you don't want to mess around with on the road.

This is where a spare distributor that has been road tested on your car with the timing and point gap set. You also need a bypass cable. Many of the suppliers sell them. Replace the distributor with your spare and attach the bypass cable to the replacement distributor and clip it to the primary side of the coil where the wire going to the key is attached. Remove this wire from the coil first.

This will bypass the ignition key, the pop-out cable and any fault inside the distributor.

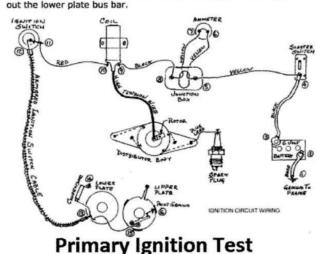
Note on the diagram that when the ignition key is switched to off the pointer goes to ground. This puts a ground on the ignition points and prevents hot wiring. Part of Henry's anit-theft thinking.

As a suggestion, make a copy of this diagram and put a red dot at each voltage point and carry it with the trouble light. The diagram can also be used to check out the rest of the electrical circuit using the trouble light.

Another suggestion is to remove the wire at the brake light switch going to the light bale. Fold it back and wrap it with electrical tape to insulate it. Run a new wire from the switch direct to the fuse. In the event of a short circuit in the rat's nest of wires in the light bale, disconnect the wire going to the light bale from the cut-out. Now you can drive the car during daylight hours and still have brake lights.

The diagram below was posted on Fordbarn by Tom Wessenberg and should be helpful to those who do not understand electrical schematics as it shows the actual components. This diagram can also be copied and carried with the trouble light. Put a red dot at each of the voltage points.

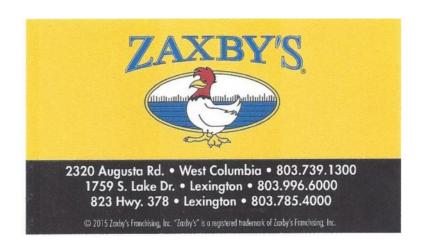
Use a test light to see where the voltage stops. With the key off you should have 6 volts on both coil terminals and on the wire from the coil to the switch. With the key on and points closed you should have ground on one side of the coil, both sides of the switch, and both sides of the points contacts. If the test light is lit on one side of the switch but not the other side, then the switch is turned off or it's bad if it's turned on. If the test light is lit on the movable points contact, but not the ground contact, then the points need to be cleaned. If the light is lit on both points contacts, then the distributor needs to be grounded. If the wire is screwed too far into the distributor, then it can ground out the lower plate bus bar.

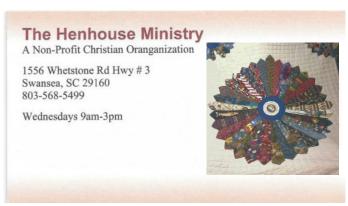


rimary ignition Test
by Tom Wessenberg



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Due date for submissions
for the September 2018
issue is August 20th

















#### **FOR SALE**



Barn Find Model A's- From an estate in Greenville, SC.

Selling at Tom Mack Auction on September 21 in Concord, NC. Free bidder registration for Palmetto A Club members. Estate includes 31 Victoria, 29 Phaeton, and 29 Speedster. Photos & more info soon at <a href="https://www.tommackauctions.com">www.tommackauctions.com</a> or call Tom Mack at 803-351-3695



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Model A Ford Club of America.
Annual dues are \$40 and include a subscription to

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MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631

and

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## 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 Lauren Eckstrom at (551)206-0821 or <a href="mailto:laeckstrom@gmail.com">laeckstrom@gmail.com</a>. She is looking for your ideas and input!





November 27 thru December 1

The Tucson Model A Club has a wonderful winter adventure planned for you!

Renew old friendships and make new ones while you enjoy a traditional cowboy dinner, a unique car collection, two world-class museums and a drive through a saguaro cactus forest!

Registration forms are available online at www.tucsonmodelafordclub.org and will be available in the July/August and September/October issues of *The Restorer*.

See you in Tucson!

## Palmetto A's Schedule for 2018

**August 18** Congaree National Park, lunch at Willie Sue's in Sumter

September 14-15 Swap Meet

October 20 The Mountain House Restaurant, Caeser's Head State Park

November 17 Pot Luck suggested

**December** Christmas Party

### Other Events of Interest

(details on National Club Websites & Magazines)

August 11 Georgia Chapter's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet in Tucker, Georgia

**August 30 - September 2** Southeastern Tour Group Fall 2018 Five State Tour

September 17-20 MARC National Tour, Elkins, West Virginia

September 22 International Model A Day

**November 2 - 4** 23<sup>rd</sup> Richland Creek Antique Fall Festival

November 27 - December 1 MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Tucson, Arizona

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February 29 - March 3 MARC Membership Meet, Savannah, Georgia

October 7-11 Canyonlands Hub and Spoke Tour of the Redrock Canyonlands of Southern Utah and Northern Arizona, based in Kanab, Utah





