

# The Spare Tire

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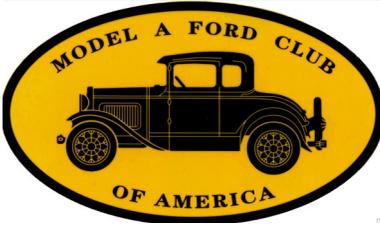
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### "A" Note from the President....

Cooler weather has arrived!! I think it's safe to say, we're past our "Famously Hot" weather. For our October meeting we had mildly cool and slightly wet weather. That did not deter five Model A's and some "moderns" from caravanning to enjoy the gathering at Wayne Areheart's clubhouse near Prosperity, SC. The Beggs and Austins provided us with fabulous homemade Low Country Boil, cornbread, coleslaw and Linda Toole provided homemade strawberry pound cake. The club provided cookies. We had 17 members and 3 guests in attendance for lunch and our business meeting. At this meeting no new candidates for officer positions were offered for 2020. Therefore per our by-laws, the current Board of Officers will remain in place for the coming year of 2020.

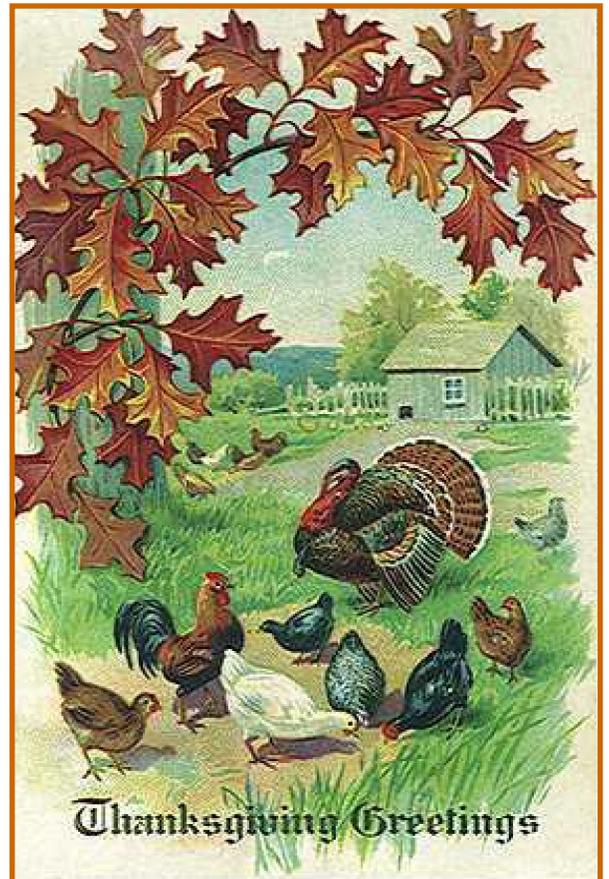
Coming up for this month we have a trip planned to enjoy our A's as we travel to Scranton, SC to eat at The School House BBQ. This is a place that some of our members have visited in the past and enjoyed the bountiful buffet. They **do not accept credit or debit cards** but will gladly take your cash or check.

If your "A" is under construction or repair and temporarily out of service, remember you can still participate in the club outings in your "modern". Also let us know if you need assistance from the "tech team" in getting back on the road. Sometimes it just takes a few more than two hands to get you back on the road.

Again, to those we haven't seen on our last few outings, some because of illness, others out of town, we've missed you and hope to see you all soon.

Twila and I look forward to a fun day with our "Model A family" and friends. So "Dust'em off", "Gas'em up" and lets go Model A'ing!!!

John Cockerill



**Saturday, 16 November**

**Membership Meeting**

**Schoolhouse BBQ, Scranton SC**

We will meet at the McDonald's, 7501 Garners Ferry Road at 9:30 am and tour to Scranton SC for lunch at Schoolhouse BBQ. The lunch buffet is around \$10 per person. **They do not take debit or credit cards, cash or check only. There is an ATM on site.**



**Time to  
Pay  
Dues!**

## November

### Birthdays

Tony Johnson - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Sharon Booth - 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Fred Gantt - 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Danny Austin - 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Maxine Kelly - 29<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversaries

Cole & Nancy McKinney - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Joey & Lauren Eckstrom - 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Fred & Rhett Gantt - 27<sup>th</sup>

### MAFFI Newsletter Minute, October 2019

Model A Day 2019 was a success with many Unique and Original vehicles depicting our theme for this year. We had over 250 cars that came for the day and all enjoyed the Model A Museum as well as the many other museums on the Gilmore Campus.

Our Board of Directors had their annual meeting on Thursday prior to Model A Day and have laid the groundwork for a Strategic Plan to keep the museum interesting and entertaining for years to come. Our wish is for each and every one of you to come visit the museum. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you have not already done it, please renew your membership today and consider a year end monetary gift to our Endowment Fund which will ensure our museum will be there for generations to come.

Visit our website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) and follow the link to Membership. We now offer PayPal for your convenience.

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee  
[clubcontact@maffi.org](mailto:clubcontact@maffi.org)

### WANTED

Hello. I have a 1931 De Luxe Tudor Sedan and as a side hobby, I'm trying to collect one 1931 car license plate from each state. I'm not very picky about condition; in fact, I prefer NOT to get a nice plate the could be used on someone's car as I'm just hanging these in my shop. The plate can be bent, rusted, repainted, etc. In fact, just about any condition except one where part of the plate is missing or severely rusted through.

I have 41 plates so far, but I don't have one from South Carolina. If you can publish this request in your chapter newsletter, I'd appreciate it.

Regards,

Rick Black  
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## Treasurer's Report, October, 2019

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: Retta Gantt, Sara Koon, Eddie Seastrunk, JP Temple, Wyman Toole 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.

## Palmetto A's Membership Business Meeting

October 19, 2019

President John Cockerill opened the meeting at 1:00pm at Wayne Areheart's "Fishing/Hunt Club House," Prosperity, SC, with thanks to those who prepared the food and provided the facilities. He then announced the birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

President John called for any nominations from the floor of those who would like to be placed on the ballot for any of the Club offices, and there were none. He also reported that Wayne Areheart who was charge of the Nominating Committee also had received no other nominations. Therefore, no election needs to be held and the current officers will continue to serve for the year 2020. It was noted that those holding the offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary will be ineligible to run for that office in 2021 due to the limitations set by the Constitution.

Mack Day was commended for his promotion of the Club in seeking new members and advertisers for the Newsletter.

Upcoming Club events and those of interest were presented and will be listed in the Newsletter. Reminder was made for Members to dress up for the Christmas Party on December 14<sup>th</sup> even if not in period clothing.

Suggestion was made for a Spring 2020 Weekend Tour on Scenic Hwy 11 to include a tour of the BMW Plant if possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

Submitted by,

Sharon Booth, Secretary



Members Present: \*drove Model A  
Wayne & Debbie Areheart  
Cheryl & Danny Austin\*  
John & Happy Begg\*  
Orville & Sharon Booth\*  
Paul Bozard  
John & Twila Cockerill\*  
Mack Day\*  
Joey & Lauren Eckstrom  
Dick Fraser  
Wes & Ann Porterfield  
Wyman & Linda Toole



## Palmetto A's Board of Directors Meeting

October 17, 2019

President John Cockerill opened the meeting at 8:15am on October 17, 2019, at the I-Hop Restaurant in Columbia, SC, with the following in attendance: Cheryl Austin, Happy & John Begg, Sharon & Orville Booth, John & Twila Cockerill, Dick Fraser, Wes Porterfield and Wayne & Debbie Areheart.

The Minutes of the last Board meeting were not read as no meetings have been held since July.

Happy distributed the current Financial Report including the bank statement with notations of all deposits and expenses.

Wayne gave the Nomination Committee report stating that no one had presented any other nominations than the current officers, so if none are received at Saturday's meeting, the current officers will continue. However, John Cockerill noted that next year all officers will be precluded by the Constitution from remaining in their office for the following year.

Membership Director Cheryl stated one new member has been added, John & Jennifer Clark, so there are currently 32 paid and 5 lifetime members.

Cheryl gave the Tour Director report noting that the club will meet at the Lexington K-Mart at 10am Saturday to caravan to Wayne Areheart's Club House near Prosperity for presentation of officers for the year 2020. Those attending were to send payment of \$10 each to Happy for the meal of Beaufort Stew, coleslaw and cookies. It was noted that payment has been made to Wayne's Club for use of the facilities. On November 16<sup>th</sup> the monthly tour will be to the School House BBQ in Scranton, meeting at the McDonald's on Garners Ferry at 9:30am. The annual Christmas Party will be held at the Millers' Bread Basket in Blackville at 11:30am on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Members are encouraged to dress up even if not in period clothing. Meet at the IGA in Gaston at 9:30am to travel with the group. Other activities will be listed in the Newsletter.

Newsletter Editor Twila stated the newsletter was sent out on schedule. Discussion was held on the possibility of adding another ad which would allow a two-page expansion of the Newsletter which would increase the postage by 20 cents.

Happy stated that the Web site is up to date, and she will make corrections to the list of officers as noted.

National Directors Debbie & Wayne Areheart stated the activities report is set to be sent timely to both national magazines.

**Old Business:** Next year will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Palmetto A's Club and ideas continue to be requested for its celebration. President John reported that there are no regularly scheduled events in the months of February, May, July, August or September.

**New Business:** It was discussed that new members' dues paid from now until end of the year will be applied for next year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25am.

Submitted by

Sharon Booth, Secretary

The Palmetto A's is a not for profit organization with chapter affiliations with MAFCA and MARC. The organization is dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile and supports membership in the national organizations dedicated to the same purpose. Palmetto A's is one of the oldest Model A Clubs in the nation, having been active for over 59 years. Monthly meetings are generally held the third Saturday of the month, time and location announced in *The Spare Tire*, the club's monthly newsletter. Palmetto A's membership dues are \$25 per year. 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

Annual dues are \$45 and include a subscription to the *Model 'A' News Magazine* from MARC, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135





Saturday, 19 October 2019 Palmetto A's Membership Meeting  
Beaufort Stew at Wildlife Island - The Gathering

## Warm Furs for Winter

By Patti Jones

(Taken from the 1931 Cownie Tanning Co. Catalog)

Winter is fast approaching and what better way for a Model A woman to keep warm but to cuddle up in a fur coat. These 4 styles of fur coats cover all outdoor activities you might take in.



(A) This short coat is designed for street wear as well as going out for dinner. This type of collar is called a French Johnny collar, has a semi-flared tailored sleeve, and a single button attached low to the bottom of the coat. It could be purchased in muskrat or rabbit pelts.



(B) The short coat is ideal for a night out on the town. It's made from black seal and can be worn with or without the belt.



(C) This style of coat can be worn just walking down the street or up in the stands rooting for your favorite football team. It's made of calf skin, has 2 deep pockets, belted sleeves and is trimmed with leather.



(D) This is your typical "raccoon coat" for sports and general wear. It has a large full collar, with leather buttons and lined with either silk or wool for added warmth.

In my 40+ years of collecting, I have run across only the raccoon coat (D). A couple of hints when looking at fur coats:

Be sure that that the pelts are not stiff or dry. If they are, the coat will deteriorate very quickly. Check that the stitching between pelts is solid. Furriers used heavy silk thread and over the years the thread does deteriorate. The pelt might be good, but may have come apart from the one next to it.

Do not store any of your furs in plastic bags. Instead, cover your fur with a cotton sheet or pillowcase. Because your body oils will deteriorate and mat the fur, I typically brush out any fur coat/pelt that I have worn close to my neck before I put it away.

### Editor's Note....

Once again we come to the month of Thanksgiving. We have so many reasons to be thankful. We have so much while others have so little.

Daylight Savings Time ends the first weekend of this month. A wise old Indian once said "Only the US government would cut the end of a blanket off, sew it to the other end and think the blanket was longer." I agree!

Dues notices will be coming to your mailboxes this month. Please fill out the renewal form and send along with your check to the Palmetto A's PO box address.

Let's Keep these Model A's on the road!

*Twila*



*"On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who sacrificed so much so that we can live free."*

*- Lipinski*

## Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

### Torqueing Nuts and Bolts on Your Model A

Torque is actually a measure of the twisting force on something, like a nut or a bolt. When you tighten a nut, you are actually stretching the bolt or stud that the nut is turning on. It is the stretch of the bolt or stud that provides the strong "clamping force" that holds everything together tightly. Think of the bolt or stud as a very powerful spring. You stretch it out when you tighten the nut and the stud or bolt "spring" keeps pulling it together. If a stud or a bolt is weak, due to age or corrosion, it will often break under the intense stress you are applying when you torque the nut.

Although Ford did not publish torque values "back in the day", there are many values published today for nuts and bolts on a Model A. I recommend you follow them as a guide and use a torque wrench. Today's modern torque wrench "clicks" when you get to the desired torque. When it clicks, stop tightening. If you are going to insert a cotter pin into the nut after it is tight, keep turning the nut beyond the point where the wrench clicks, just until the cotter pin will slide in.

All published torque values, unless it clearly states otherwise, are for tightening a nut or bolt with clean, dry threads. This means the rust has been cleaned off of the bolt or stud threads (I use a wire brush) and they have been wiped dry. No oil or grease or anti-seize compound should be applied to the threads that the nut will be turning on. (If you'd like to, a small drop of oil can be applied to the face of the head or other surface that a nut is tightening against, such as the boss on the top of a head, where the stud goes through the head.)

If you lubricate the threads on a stud or bolt, it will be too easy to turn the nut as you torque it. So when you stop at your target torque (say 55 ft-lbs for a head nut) you will have stretched the bolt or stud more than 2 times as far as you would with the same torque with dry threads. This will be like over-torqueing the nut and can result in the stud or bolt breaking, the stud pulling out of the block, or the head or block cracking, due to too much stress on it. That will ruin your day!

So clean the threads before you start, keep the threads dry, use a torque wrench, and stop pulling the instant the torque wrench clicks. You'll be glad you did.

Have a Model A Day!

Jim

## Cook's Corner.....

No-Bake Eclair Cake

Ingredients:

Cake layer:

1 box (16 oz) graham crackers  
2 packages (3.4 oz each) instant vanilla pudding

3 ½ cups whole milk

8 oz Cool Whip

Chocolate Frosting:

3 Tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder

1 ½ cups powdered sugar

3 Tbsp of salted butter, melted

3 Tbsp whole milk

Instructions:

Whisk together the pudding and milk in a large mixing bowl until thickened, about 2 minutes. Fold in the Cool Whip.

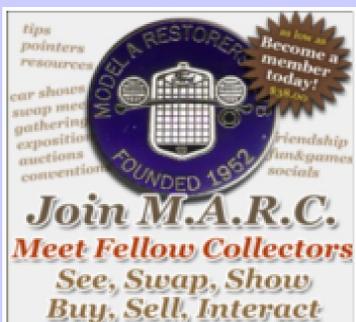
Spray a 9x13 baking pan with non-stick spray. Layer graham crackers, half of pudding mixture, graham crackers, the other half of pudding mixture and top with another layer of graham crackers.

Whisk together the frosting ingredients. Spread evenly over top the third layer of graham crackers.

Refrigerate overnight so the pudding has time to set up and the graham crackers soften before serving.



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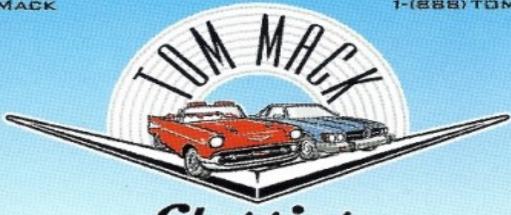
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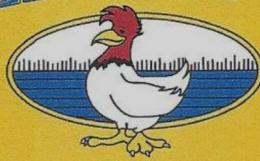


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*Palmetto A's Schedule for 2019*

- November 16** - School House BBQ in Scranton
- December 14** - Christmas Party, 11:30 am at Miller's Bread Basket in Blackville
- 2020**
- January 18** - Annual Budget Meeting at the Austin's with their famous Chicken Bog for lunch.
- February 15** - TBA
- March 21** - Palmetto A's Annual Picnic
- April - 18** TBA

*Other Events of Interest*

- November 1-2** - [Pig on the Ridge in Ridgeway](#) , SC
- November 1-3** - [Richland Creek Antique Fall Festival](#)
- December 5-8** MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Claremont, CA
- 2020**
- April 2-5** - [Charlotte Autofair](#)
- April 25** - 25th Annual Fiddlers and Fiddleheads Festival, Unicoi, TN
- June 1-5** - MARC National Meet, Oshkosh Wisconsin ( Details coming soon!)
- June 21-26** - MAFCA National Convention (Details coming soon!)
- October 7-10** - Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey, PA
- October 15-17** - Charlotte AutoFair



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issue is November 20th



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