

# The Spare Tire

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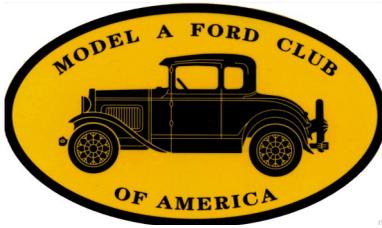
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## "A" Note from the President.....

In the month of November our club had the opportunity to participate in three outings. On Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> three A's attended "Pig on the Ridge" in Ridgeway, SC for BBQ and Car show. The following weekend, we had three A's and one "modern" make the trip to Maggie Valley NC. This was our "home base" for the weekend. We traveled to Leicester, NC to visit with James Rodgers who runs Dreamwerks, where he rebuilds Model A engines. He spent time explaining his operation and his techniques. After leaving Dreamwerks, we toured some of the Blue Ridge Parkway and then back to the hotel. Sunday morning we headed to Flat Rock, NC to the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site. This was a wonderful tour and experience. Thanks to Happy Begg for making our travel arrangements for this great weekend. November 16<sup>th</sup> was our regular club outing. Even though it was not a bright sunny day, we had four A's show up along with five "moderns". Unfortunately we had one A that developed a problem that prevented the Austins from completing the trip. We had a total of 16 people make the trip to the School House BBQ. We all enjoyed the buffet bar that included many items from BBQ to deserts. Diets were put on hold for this meal! Coming up for this month is our last meeting for 2019. We have a trip planned to enjoy our A's as we travel to Blackville, SC for our Christmas lunch at Miller's Bread Basket. All are encouraged to dress up for this luncheon. Period clothes are encouraged. We don't get a chance to do this often, so here's our chance. See departure place and time on this page.

As we finish out 2019 I think back at the good times and places we traveled to. I'm looking forward to the coming year with more adventures in our A's. If you have a new place we might visit please let us know. Also if there is a place you enjoyed going in the past, and we may not have visited recently, let us know if you would like a repeat trip.

I would like to say that it has been my pleasure to serve this year as an elected Board member along with Cheryl Austin, Happy Begg, Sharon Booth, Twila Cockerill and also those who were appointed members Dick Fraser, Wes Porterfield, Wayne Areheart and Orville Booth. All of these folks work to serve our club and I greatly appreciate their dedication to our club and our hobby. I look forward to serving with them again in the coming year.

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*



## *Palmetto A's Christmas Lunch Saturday, 14 December, 2019*

We will meet at 9:00 am at the Hardee's in Swansea, 105 N Church St (Hwy 321) and leave from there at 9:30 and head toward Blackville. We will have lunch at Miller's Bread Basket at 11:30. We encourage everyone to dress in period clothes.



## December Birthdays

Dick Fraser - 1st  
 Chester Kay - 9th  
 Linda Toole - 11th  
 Mack Day - 18th  
 Twila Cockerill - 21st

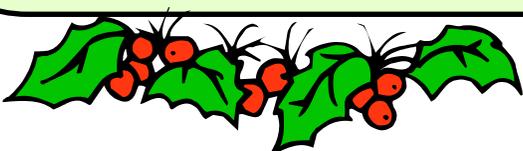
### MAFFI Newsletter Minute November 2019

In an effort to keep our museum exhibits new and different, we have appreciated our association with NATMUS (National Automotive and Truck Museum) in Auburn, Indiana. They have been willing to use several of our Model A Trucks and service vehicles in one of their exhibits and have made several improvements to display them. This has opened up areas in our museum to bring in newly donated vehicles and to showcase others. Dave Yarde who is one of our Trustees is also the Executive Director of NATMUS and we appreciate his willingness to work with us on this effort. Also a special thank you to Randy Czubko and his grandson Tyler, Stan and Mary Sorrels, Greg Fish, Jerry Morrissey and Lou Ironside for their help in the move.

If you haven't been to NATMUS, you should make it a destination. It is well worth seeing and it is adjacent to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum which also has an amazing showroom of beautiful cars.

Your continued support of MAFFI through your membership and donations is always appreciated. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2020, please go to our website [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) and renew using PayPal or download a form and pay by mail.

Thank you,  
 Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee  
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### Treasurer's Report, November, 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, 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.

## Jim's Tech Tip

### Towing Your Model A on a Trailer



There will be times when you need to transport your Model A on a trailer. Here's a tip on trailer loading to help you tow safely.



When the car is loaded on the trailer, the tongue weight of the trailer on the trailer hitch (on the back of your car or truck) should be between 10-15% of the total weight of the combined "trailer+Model A". If you load the trailer with less than 10% of the weight on the hitch, the trailer will sway as the speed increases, which is very dangerous. Over 15% can put too much unnecessary load on the back of your tow vehicle, which can take weight off of your front wheels (needed for steering and braking) – which is also not good.

How do you know the weight of your "trailer+Model A"? I took my car on the trailer to my local feed store where they have a scale. Many truck stops also have scales. I parked the loaded trailer on the scale, disconnected my truck, and moved the truck off the scale. They charge a small fee to give you the weight. Once I had that total weight, it was easy to calculate 10% and 15% of that. For example, if your "trailer+Model A" is 4,200 pounds, your Target Tongue Weight is 420 to 630 pounds, call it 525.

Once you know the Target Tongue Weight that you are shooting for, how do you know what the actual tongue weight is when you put the Model A on the trailer? You can figure it out with a ruler or tape measure.

Go to a building supply store (like Home Depot) with your tow vehicle and no trailer. Measure and record the distance between the bottom of the trailer hitch and the ground. Now start loading 80# bags of dry concrete mix into your car trunk or truck bed until you have loaded your Target Tongue Weight. (I had a helpful young guy at HD load them in for me.) The exact load is not critical, but it must be above your 10% number. Now measure and record the distance between the bottom of the trailer hitch and the ground again. Once you have those 2 numbers, you can ask the helpful lad at the store to unload all those bags and put them back! Thankfully, you only have to do this exercise one time.

With these 2 measurements, before and after the load was added, you can quickly figure out the change in height above the ground when you have your Target Tongue Weight on the back of your tow vehicle. This CHANGE in the height of your trailer hitch is the HITCH DROP that you need to get when you load your Model A on the trailer.

Before attaching the trailer to your tow vehicle in the future, measure the height of the trailer hitch above the ground. Now attach the trailer and load your Model A on it. Pull the Model A forward on the trailer until your trailer hitch has dropped by your Target Hitch Drop. You can roll the Model A forward and backward a bit on the trailer to get the amount of drop that you are shooting for. Now tie the Model A down in this position on the trailer and be confident that you have enough, but not too much, tongue weight on your trailer hitch.

I have marked on my trailer the best spot to load a Model A to get the target tongue weight and hitch drop. When I put them on the mark, the tongue weight is correct.

For more tips on safe towing, check out the following web site:

<https://www.curtmfg.com/towing-safety>

Let's be careful out there, and Have a Model A Day!

Jim Cannon



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





**Sharon and Orville Booth's Model A and one of several hot air balloons seen on the way home from Maggie Valley, NC.**



**Palmetto A's November 16th meeting and tour to Scranton SC and School House BBQ**



**Mini Tech Session**

**John Cockerill and Jack Reosti after successfully removing the radiator from John's 1928 Roadster.**

## The Color of Fashions in Your Model A World

By Peggy Gill, Sacramento Capitol A's

Prompted by a query from one of our fashion friends in Texas, I embarked on a project to determine which colors would be appropriate for a young woman in the Model A Era to wear. The project resulted in a lengthy thirteen-page article that included a "color dictionary" and a cross-referenced color table. However due to space limitations for publication in *The Restorer*, it was decided to publish the background and history of the project in *The Restorer* (slated for Jan/Feb 2020), and to direct readers to MAFCA's website for the color dictionary and color table.

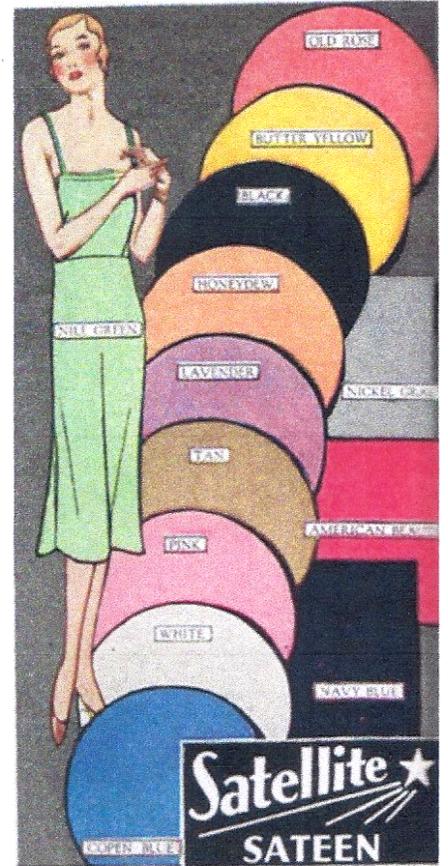
### **The Birth of the Color Dictionary:**

What colors do you envision when you read the name of *Misty Morn*, *Gobelin*, or *Singalee*? It was a bit confusing even in the Model A era. Luckily for us, *Sears, Roebuck and Co.*, one of the largest distributors of apparel and textiles during the Model A era decided to take the lead in correcting the "color problem" by standardizing and simplifying color names for their customers.

### **The Color Tables:**

Armed with seven different catalogs from Sears, Roebuck and Co., Montgomery Ward and Co., and National Bellas Hess Co., all from 1928-1931, I endeavored to develop a table of the colors of the clothing available for purchase cross referenced with the age/size group for which it was sold.

Access the full article and printable tables on the MAFCA Website at [http://www.mafca.com/ef\\_articles.html](http://www.mafca.com/ef_articles.html)



## STEERING GEAR LUBRICATION

As a suggestion, the next time you service your steering gear, fill the box with as much chassis lube as you can pump into it. Then fill in the voids with all the EP-140 gear lubricant that it will hold. Then turn the steering gear from stop to stop and then add EP-140 to the top once again.

You see, all steering gears are prone to leak with normal use. By using chassis lube you will provide a non-leaking medium that will tend to seal the leakage area while the EP-140 will provide the extreme pressure lubrication for severe metal to metal lubrication.

In other words, the grease will keep the lubricating oil on the job.

### Patent Cures



**Red E. Power**



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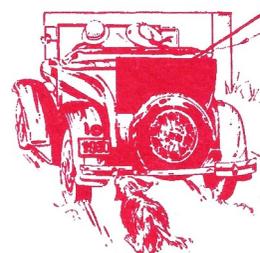
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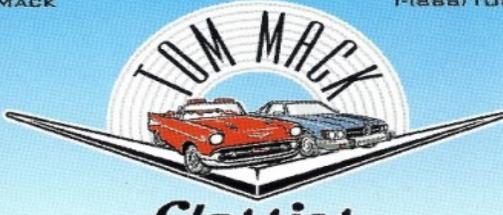
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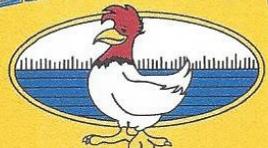


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**Editor's Note.....**

It's December!

Once again it is time to stop and reflect on the past year. It has been a year of changes: our annual swap meet changed to June instead of September and our annual picnic added a silent auction. We've said hello to new club members and a hard goodbye to others. We have been to new places and meetings with other area Model A Clubs. We ate chicken bog, Beaufort stew and BBQ, lots of BBQ!

And now we look forward to next year. We will be having chicken bog at the Austin's in January, our annual picnic in March, BBQ at Epworth in April and our Annual Swap Meet in June. The rest of the year will be open for suggestions! See you at Miller's Bread Basket for lunch on the 14h!

John and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Tula*



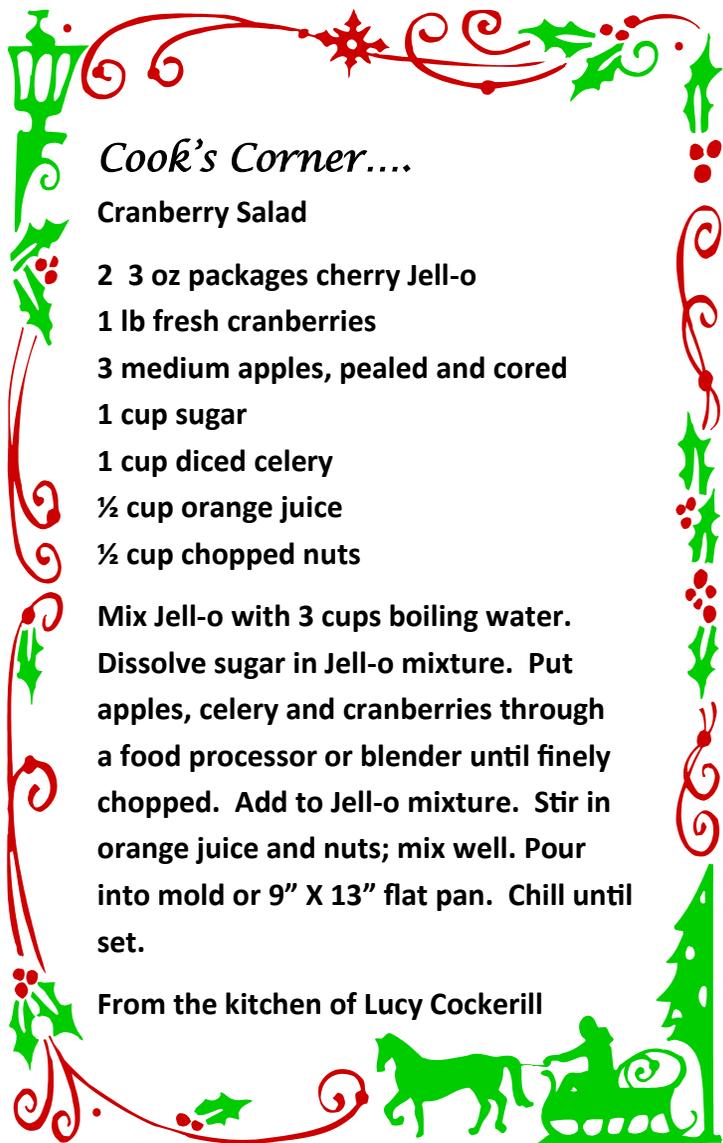
**Cook's Corner....**

**Cranberry Salad**

- 2 3 oz packages cherry Jell-o**
- 1 lb fresh cranberries**
- 3 medium apples, peeled and cored**
- 1 cup sugar**
- 1 cup diced celery**
- ½ cup orange juice**
- ½ cup chopped nuts**

**Mix Jell-o with 3 cups boiling water. Dissolve sugar in Jell-o mixture. Put apples, celery and cranberries through a food processor or blender until finely chopped. Add to Jell-o mixture. Stir in orange juice and nuts; mix well. Pour into mold or 9" X 13" flat pan. Chill until set.**

**From the kitchen of Lucy Cockerill**




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### Palmetto A's Schedule for 2019

**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

**2020**

**January 11-12** Tom Mack's 36th Annual Carolina-in-January Auction, Swap Meet, & Collector Car Corral. Concord, NC.

**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 in Texas Hill Country (Details coming soon!)

**October 7-10** - Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey, PA

**October 15-17** - Charlotte AutoFair

**2021**

**June 20-25** MAFCA National Tour in New Hampshire. Watch for details!

### FOR SALE

I have a set of four tires for 1927-1929 Model A Fords (those years having 21 inch wheels.) These are bias ply Firestone whitewalls, less than 2 years old, with less than 1000 miles on them. They are presently on my '29 Ford and are in excellent condition. Selling just the tires, not the wheels. Reason for selling - I am going to purchase newly available \*radial\* tires for my car. These Firestone whitewall tires sell new for just under \$900. I am asking \$575. Email: Eddie Collins [1947collins@gmail.com](mailto:1947collins@gmail.com)

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