

# The Spare Tire

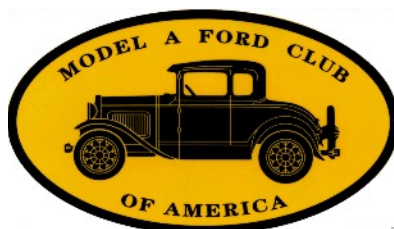
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### "A" Note from the President...

Spring has sprung open that big box of yellow pollen and is causing many of us allergy sufferers a heck of a time. However I'm thrilled to see the start of spring. We had a glorious day for our annual picnic. Our new location according to many, including myself, received positive comments for the new site. We greatly appreciate Cheryl and Danny Austin and Debbie and Wayne Areheart making it possible for us to use their church site and wonderful facilities. We had 22 model A's and several "moderns" in attendance. Other clubs who joined us for the day were Old 96 A's, Shade Tree A's, Live Oak A's, Low Country A's and the Postal A's. We all enjoyed the wonderful meal and desserts provided by all in attendance. A special thanks to Davin Smith of Smith & Jones for providing another great batch of home-made ice cream. We are fortunate to have Smith & Jones conveniently in our "backyard" Midlands area. Also many thanks to all who donated items for our silent auction fund raiser as well as those who purchased items making it a great success.

We are excited to welcome two new families to our club roster. They are Simon and June Elkins, whose '31 coupe is in the shop for a paint job and Bobby and Sheila Gable who drove their beautiful Tudor. We had a special guest along with his family, and hopefully new member, 12 year old Jack Reosti. Jack has a special interest in Model T's and Model A's. He and some of his siblings enjoyed seeing first hand our A's and learning more about them. Jack's level of knowledge and interest is amazing. They also had fun helping out with some of our car games and were able to ride in a few.

This month we have two opportunities to enjoy driving and fellowship. First on April 6<sup>th</sup> we again gather to support the Epworth's Children's Home annual "Cookout for Kids". Then on April 26<sup>th</sup> we'll meet for breakfast then head up to Greenwood to support The Old 96 swap meet. See front page for details.

Twila and I are looking forward to seeing our "Model A family" this month as we continue to enjoy our wonderful Model A's. So "Dust'em off", "Gas'em up" and lets go Model A'ing!!!

*John Cockerill*

### April Schedule



#### April 6

##### Epworth Childrens Home

You can meet the Austins for breakfast at 8 am at Eggs Up Grill on Devine St. Please text Cheryl at 803-351-5687 so she can get a head count. Otherwise, please arrive at Epworth by 10:30 to get the Model A's lined up.



**All Model A Parts Swap Meet**  
**Old 96 District Model A Club**  
314 Old Mount Mariah Road Greenwood, SC 29646  
( On Rt. 221 Between Rt. 25 and Rt. 225 )

#### April 27 Club Meeting

We will meet at 8:00 am for breakfast at the Lizard's Thicket, 7569 St Andrews Rd, Irmo and tour to Greenwood for the Old 96 Swap Meet.



22 Model A's lined up for our Annual Picnic





# April

## Birthdays

Mary Day - 12<sup>th</sup>

Wes Porterfield - 12<sup>th</sup>

Fred Luce - 20<sup>th</sup>

## Anniversaries

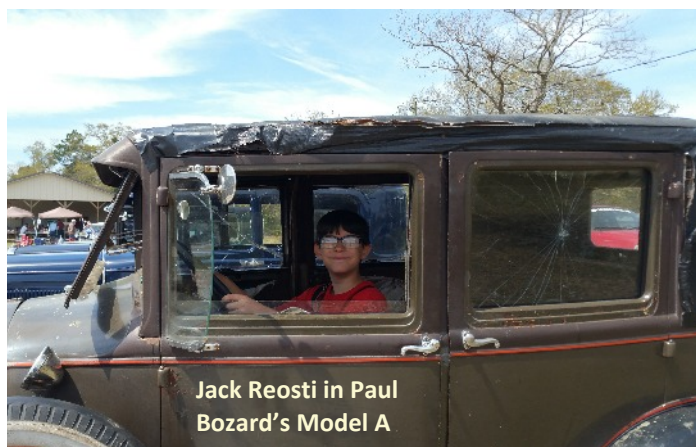
Harold & Barbara Dye - 9<sup>th</sup>

Fred & Joy Luce - 15<sup>th</sup>

Davin & Alinia Smith - 24<sup>th</sup>



Bobby & Sheila Gable  
and their '31 Tudor



Jack Reosti in Paul  
Bozard's Model A



Wes Porterfield playing the  
Bean Bag in the Hoop game

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## Treasurer's Report February, 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: Dick & Shirley Fraser, Retta Gantt, 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.



## Board of Directors Meeting Highlights 19 March, 2019

President John Cockerill opened the meeting at 11:15 am at the St. James Lutheran Church in Red Bank, SC, with the following in attendance: Cheryl Austin, Happy & John Begg, Sharon & Orville Booth, John & Twila Cockerill, Wes Porterfield and Wayne & Debbie Areheart.

Minutes of the February 1, 2019, Board Meeting were read by Sharon Booth. Happy made motion that they be accepted as presented, seconded by Twila Cockerill and unanimously approved.

Happy distributed the February Financial Report including the bank statement with notations of all deposits and expenses. Sharon Booth made the motion to approve the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Cheryl Austin and unanimously approved.

Cheryl stated there are currently 30 paid members with 5 lifetime memberships, and she will call those who have not yet paid.

Cheryl gave the Tour Director report:

**March 30<sup>th</sup>** - The Annual Picnic will be held at St. James Lutheran Church in Red Bank. Discussion was held on the logistics of parking so the Model A's are kept together. Modern vehicles will be parked in the back with exception for anyone who needs to park in the designated handicap spaces. Board members are asked to arrive by 9am to assist in setting up tents and tables. It was suggested that new photos be taken of members with their cars at the event for the Web site.

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** - Epworth BBQ Fundraiser. Members are asked to arrive at 9:30AM. Danny and Cheryl will take the tents from the Picnic to Epworth.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** - Regular April Club meeting with plans to attend the Old 96 Swap Meet in Greenwood. Meet for breakfast at 8am at the Irmo Lizard's Thicket.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** - Club will meet at the Lexington K-Mart at 1:30pm to travel to the Old McDonald Fish Camp in North Augusta for the evening meal.

**June 21&22** - Palmetto A's Swap Meet at Smith & Jones with set-up on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Happy, Twila and Cheryl will each get prices to compare from other

sources for the burgers, dogs & buns since the contact where these were formerly purchased at Sysco is no longer available.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** - Club will meet at the Irmo WalMart at 7am to travel to Aunt Sue's Country Corner Restaurant in Pickens SC for lunch with a side trip to Caesar's Head State Park.

**August 17<sup>th</sup>** is still open for suggestions.

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** - Shade Tree A's have invited us to celebrate International Model A Day with a Poker Run beginning 9am at the Lady Antebellum Park in Evans GA and ending in Edgefield SC. Registration is required with a \$10 fee prior to September 6<sup>th</sup>. A list of motels has been provided for those wishing to drive down on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** - Arehearts' hunt club: Beaufort Stew will be prepared by Happy Begg with members providing side dishes.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Party will be at the Miller's Bread Basket at 11:30am in Blackville, SC.

Twila Cockerill stated the newsletter was sent out on schedule. There are six paid ads with no response from two who have previously advertised. John Begg and John Cockerill will seek new possibilities.

Happy reported the Web site was updated yesterday with no issues.

**Old Business:** Cheryl will contact Pastor Harper for a date for the Club to attend his church before he retires.

**New Business:** The Club has received an invitation from the Shade Tree A's to join them on June 1 for a tour to Magnolia Springs State Park in Millen, GA. (More details later.) This sparked a discussion of getting together with other clubs in the area to plan group outings since membership and attendance at meetings has been down. It was decided that President John and John Begg would attempt to meet with other clubs' officers at the Picnic to see if there is interest in setting up a cross-referenced calendar of events that each club would like to invite other clubs to participate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Sharon Booth, Secretary



Palmetto A's Annual Picnic at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington



Warren Reynolds playing car games



Vacationing in Your Model A  
(Taken from The Delineator, July 1929)  
By Patti Jones

With summer rapidly approaching, traveling in your Model A requires consideration on what to pack, for both the woman and the man. The next couple of series of articles tell what the well-dressed Model A'er would be packing for that ultimate vacation.



For the Model A Lady, a dust-proof tan feather-weight woolen coat is a must. This coat comes with a notched collar, adorned with stitching to match the pockets, and flared cuffs. Her cloche is tan, same as the coat and trimmed with ribbon. The color selection is neutral to blend with every color of the rainbow to match what dresses she has packed for the trip.

For the man, it is suggested that he wear an all-purpose outfit to withstand the stress of long driving, or even changing of a tire on his roadster. His suit is double-breasted of imported wool tweed. With it, he's wearing a tan collar-attached shirt, reddish-brown foulard tie, and tan soft-toed oxfords.



For a round of golf at a visiting country club, this Model A lady is wearing a pale pink angora blouse with matching cardigan for those cool mornings. Her skirt is a light-weight white flannel. She's wearing lisle hose and brown and white shoes with rubber soles. Her cloche is made of pale pink felt to top off her golf ensemble.

This man's golf suit is made of plain-color homespun brown wool. His jacket allows for ease of movement with a pleat at the back of the sleeve that has four buttons that really button at the cuff. His knickers are pleated at the waist for comfort. His brown golf shoes are complemented by his golf length honeycomb-patterned stockings.

Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club  
(PHSMAFC) Car Raffle, 2019

By Wilbert Smith PhD.

The Pasadena High School Model A Ford Club (PHSMAFC) is restoring a 1929 Model A Roadster to be given to one lucky family on April 20, 2019. That's right! One grand prize-winner will own a beautiful roadster restored by the only Model A Club located on any high school campus in the nation.

Each participant will receive one raffle entry per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) contributed. The odds of winning our 1929 Roadster are quite favorable as we limit the number of entries to seven-hundred-fifty (750). Additional cash prizes will also be awarded.

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Cook's Corner...

Breakfast Muffins

- 2 cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
- 4 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 egg, well beaten
- ¾ cup milk
- 4 tbs butter or other shortening, melted

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Combine egg and milk and add to flour, beating until smooth. Add butter. Bake in muffin pan in hot oven (400°) 25 minutes. Makes 10 muffins.



Thanks to Mary Day for sharing this recipe from the September, 1929 issue of *The Farmer's Wife*





# Massive Oil Leak

by Tom Endy

A fellow Model A owner recently sold his Model A to a person who knew nothing about Model A's. The Model A was a 1930 Tudor that I was very familiar with. It had belonged to a friend that lives down the street from me. We had both done a lot of work on this car, and we had it in excellent condition. The new owner had spotted the Model A sitting in my friend's driveway and decided he had to have it. He approached my friend and offered him an unusually high price that he could not refuse.

A few weeks later the new owner came driving up to my house with my friend in the passenger seat and with oil pouring out from underneath the car. Upon examination we discovered the oil was coming out through the cotter pin drain hole in the bottom of the flywheel housing. This was not just a little oil leak, it was massive; oil was pouring out the flywheel housing hole in a steady stream as long as the engine was running.

My friend and I both felt an obligation to determine the problem and correct it. My thinking was that the oil was coming out through the rear main bearing and into the flywheel housing. This had to be caused by one of several malfunctions. The oil pipe attached to the rear main bearing cap could be plugged with debris. The thrust washer could have broken off and fallen away. The babbit in the rear main may have failed and fallen out. The engine had recently been overhauled and re-babbitted and only had a few hundred miles on it and it ran very well.

The decision was made to drop the pan and remove the rear main bearing cap for inspection. When the task was complete we could find nothing out of the ordinary. The thrust washer was intact, the bearing was intact, and the return pipe was not plugged. We were somewhat stymied. Oil had been pouring out over the rear main bearing labyrinth seal, but why?

We had no other choice but to put everything back together without doing anything to resolve the problem. When everything was back together I went about putting new oil into the engine.

I went to pull the cap off the end of the breather tube and the whole assembly came out from the engine block. A closer look revealed that the cap on the end of the breather tube was not original Model A. Instead it was round and highly polished chrome. It did not have any vent passages to allow venting of the crankcase. We tried blowing through the breather tube toward the cap, it was totally plugged off, and there was no venting.

We quizzed the owner and found that he had recently purchased the cap along with an abundance of other glitter accessories from a local Model A supplier and had installed it on the car a few days before. This day was the first time he had driven the car and the first time oil had poured out the rear main.

We had some difficulty removing the accessory breather tube cap, as it was jammed tight onto the end of the breather tube. When we finally got it off we discarded it and installed a proper Model A cap. We started the engine and there was no oil leak. I was astounded; I knew an engine crankcase had to be vented, but I had no idea how a completely plugging off the breather tube would have such a dramatic affect and cause such a massive oil leak.

Apparently a Model A engine can build up a tremendous amount of pressure inside the crankcase if the breather tube is plugged off. The pressure must be created by some amount of compression that sneaks past the piston rings and into the crankcase. This pressurization must be sufficient enough to cause oil from the rear main bearing to be forced out through the labyrinth rear oil seal.

This could have been a real disaster for the new owner if he had continued to drive the car and had not become aware of the oil leak. He would have soon starved the engine of oil and destroyed it,

The lesson learned here is that a blocked off Model A breather tube will cause excessive crankcase pressure that will force massive amounts of oil to pour out over the rear main bearing labyrinth seal.

This is something that should be considered by Model A owners when they get the ideal of jamming a roll of steel wool or a Brillo pad into the breather tube cap to provide filtering of the air.

*Tom Endy is a member of the Santa Anita A's and the International Model A Victoria Association*



**On 9 March, 20 Model A's from Aiken A's, Shade Tree A's, Old 96 Club and the Palmetto A's went to lunch at Shealy's BBQ and then gathered at a nearby church for a photo shoot.**



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Due date for submissions  
for the April 2019 issue  
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Editor’s Note...

Spring has sprung and everyone is ready for “cabin fever” relief! As you get everything in order for the warmer weather (spring cleaning?), you may come across Model A parts and pieces that you are willing to part with. Just a reminder that you can advertise those items in *The Spare Tire*. And here is my annual posting of our advertising policy.

Newsletter Advertising Policy

Advertisement for a business card size ad in our newsletter and on our website with hot links to company’s website imbedded within is \$50 (12 issues/one year).

Model A and Model A related items for sale by Palmetto A’s members are posted in *The Spare Tire* at no charge to the member. Ads will be run on a month by month basis and will be renewed only as requested.

However, if the member is also a dealer, there will be fees incurred. An ad of ¼ page size (27 sq in) will be charged \$15. An ad 1/6 page size (18 sq in) will be charged \$10.

This is done on a month by month basis. A yearly contract for advertising may be worked out to benefit both the advertiser and the club.

All ads are subject to the editor’s approval.

*Twila*

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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 58 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



*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](mailto:daustino02@sc.rr.com). They are looking for your ideas and input!*

### *Palmetto A's Schedule for 2019*

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**April 26** - Breakfast at Lizard's Thicket in Irmo, then tour to Old 96 Annual Swap Meet.

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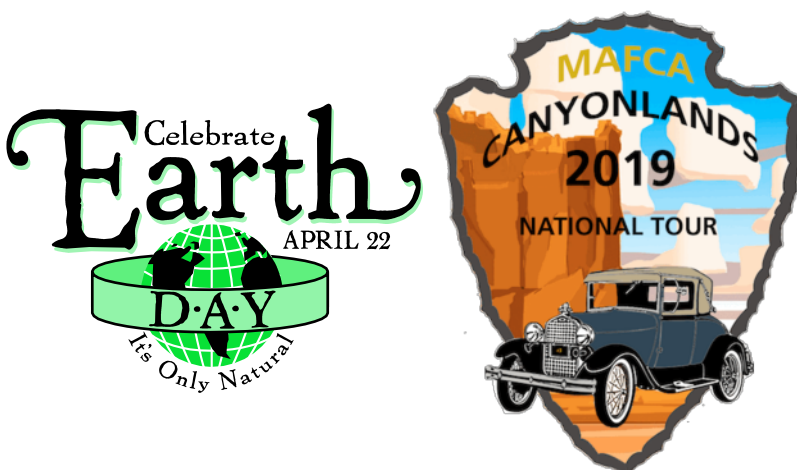
**August 17** -

**September 21** -

**October 19** -

**November 16** -

**December 14** - Christmas Party, 11:30 am at Miller's Bread Basket in Blackville



### *Other Events of Interest*

(details on National Club Websites & Magazines)

**April 2 - 9** [Southeastern Tour Group Natchez Trace Tour](#)

**April 4 - 7** [Charlotte Auto Fair](#)

**April 26 - 27** Old 96 Annual Swap Meet

**April 27** - [24th Annual Fiddlers and Fiddleheads Festival in Unicoi, NC](#)

**May 20 - 23** [MARC National Tour](#), Elkins, WV

**June 14-15** [Mountaineer Antique Auto Club](#) 52nd Anniversary Auto Show in Fletcher, NC

**August 4 - 10** [MARC 2019 National Meet](#) in Dearborn, Michigan

**September 21** International Model A Day

**September 21** Model A Day at the [Gilmore Museum](#) in Hickory Corners, MI

**October 7-11** [Canyonlands Hub and Spoke Tour](#) of the Redrock Canyonlands of Southern Utah and Northern Arizona, based in Kanab, Utah

**October 9 - 12** [Hershey Swap Meet](#)

**October 17 - 20** [Charlotte Auto Fair](#)

**December 5-8** MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Claremont, CA

### *Palmetto A's have been invited..*

**June 1** - A tour to Magnolia Springs State Park in Millen, GA with the Shade Tree A's. They will provide fried chicken, we will bring fixin's. They will need a head count by May 25.

**September 14** - International Model A Day Tour and Poker Run sponsored by Shade Tree A's. Flyer and registration form was attached to your email of this newsletter. For those that get hard mail copy of the newsletter, contact Twila Cockerill at 803-446-5803 for the form.

