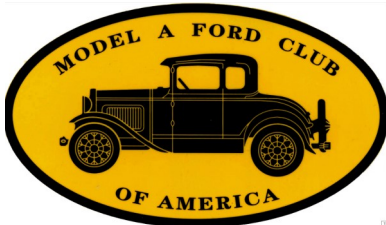


# The Spare Tire

*Palmetto A's of South Carolina*



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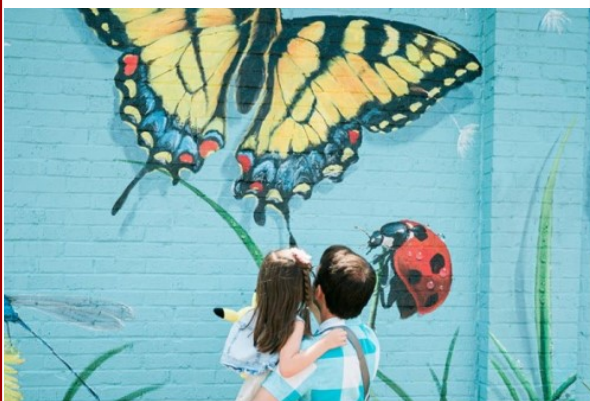
## *"A" Note from the President.....*

In October we started our day with lunch at Hawg Heaven BBQ in Prosperity, SC. After lunch we headed for the "Square" in downtown Prosperity to Tom Mack's Showroom where we held our club business meeting. Present for this outing we had 17 members, 2 prospective members, and 5 visitors. We had some members who were not able to attend because of various medical situations. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers and hope to see them next outing. A big shout out and thanks to Tom Mack for the use of his showroom for our business meeting. At this meeting we presented the by-laws change, which places the deadline for dues renewal at Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> each year. This change was voted on and passed unanimously. Then Cheryl Austin, our Membership Director, presented candidates for club officers for 2023. They were: President - John Cockerill, Vice President – Happy Begg, Treasurer – Dick Fraser, Secretary – Debbie Areheart, News Letter Editor – Twila Cockerill. Then Cheryl asked for nominations from the floor. None being offered, per our by-laws, the slate of candidates presented become the officers for 2023 and no election will be necessary. Other business brought up by Twila Cockerill was the fact that we still need some positions to be filled. They are "Sunshine" person, Era Fashions person and Technical Articles person. If you think you might be interested in helping out in any of these areas, contact Twila to learn more about them. After our meeting we got to view a variety of cars at the "Cruz 'in the Square" car show before wrapping up a great Model A day.

**For our November 19th outing we'll be heading south-east to Lake City for a driving tour of the downtown building murals and to Scranton for lunch at the School House BBQ. We'll be meeting at the McDonald's on Hwy 378 (Garners Ferry Rd.) at 8 AM. Don't forget to charge and bring your walkie talkies.**

I look forward to seeing you all for another opportunity to enjoy the fellowship and our model A's. Remember, if your "A" is the "repair or restore shop", you can still be a part of the fellowship in your "modern". **So let's dust'um off, gas'em up, and let's go "Model A'ing"!**

*John Cockerill*



## **Palmetto A's Tour November 19, 2022**

We will meet at the McDonald's, 7501 Garners Ferry Road at 8 am. We will be touring to Lake City to look at the wall murals throughout the city. We will be having lunch at School House BBQ, 2252 US-52 in Scranton, SC.



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**





*November*

*Birthdays*

Mark Temple—6th

Sharon Booth—9th

Danny Austin—28th

*Anniversaries*

Paul & Pat Fenner—1st

Joey & Lauren Eckstrom - 7th



*Treasurer’s Report, October, 2022*

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.

Dick Fraser, Treasurer

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Sunshine - We need a volunteer!

Palmetto A’s Annual Picnic - Committee

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Christmas Party - Committee

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Website: [www.palmettoas.net](http://www.palmettoas.net)

*Sunshine Report*

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Richard Buff, Mac & Mary Day, Wes Porterfield , and JP Temple.

**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.**

Dear Car Club Friends,

A special thank you to Happy and John for hosting our going-away party and to all who came. We are so thankful for what your friendship and fellowship have meant to us over these many years and already miss each one of you. Please let us know if you are ever in Michigan as we would love to meet up to reminisce!

Best wishes,  
Sharon & Orville





Palmetto A’s Business Meeting  
October 15, 2022

President John Cockerill called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm. New members Byron and Corie Johnson and their son Jack were recognized as well as visitors Duane and Sandra Long. The club was then called to order for our business meeting. Members present were Danny & Cheryl Austin, Joey & Kay Austin, Paul Bozard, John & Twila Cockerill, Charlie & Kimberly Ann Dudley, Dick Fraser, Byron & Corie Johnson, Sonny & Sara Koon, Tom Mack, Mark Temple and Dan Ward.

First on the agenda was the proposed change in our bylaws concerning the late dues payment which was voted on and passed. The latest date for dues payment is now January 31. Members unpaid at that time will be dropped from the roster.

Second on the agenda was the presentation of proposed candidates for the Palmetto A’s Board of Directors. The following members had volunteered to serve and were presented by Cheryl Austin:

President: John Cockerill

Vice President: Happy Begg

Secretary: Debbie Areheart

Treasurer: Dick Fraser

Newsletter Editor: Twila Cockerill

Cheryl then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations and as per our bylaws, those nominated were declared elected.

Twila Cockerill brought up the fact that the club needs a Sunshine person and a Fashion person.

Cheryl Austin then went over the up coming meetings and tours which can be seen on the last page of this newsletter. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by Twila Cockerill

24 October, 2022

Its with sadness that I inform you of the passing of our former Restorer Editor, James B. Spawn. Jim was a wonderful editor. He brought the Restorer into the modern age of publication taking us from cut and paste to computer production. He also produced our first all color Restorer.



He served the club during the years 2000 to December 2017, as our longest serving editor. He was a fun-loving ambassador for MAFCA and the Model A Ford Hobby. He was an all-around great guy. Jim’s induction into the Model A Ford Hall of Fame as MAFCA’s selection in 2021 was well deserved. We will miss him.

Jay McCord  
MAFCA 2022 President

**October 20 - Message from MAFCA President Jay McCord:**

Please join me in congratulating our new board members for 2023. We had a successful vote count with support from the Diamond Tread and Pomona Valley Chapters. The newly elected directors are :

- Robert Bullard
- Dave Gill
- Will Langford
- Gary Price
- Melanie Whittington

Join us in Golden Colorado when we install our new board of directors for 2023.

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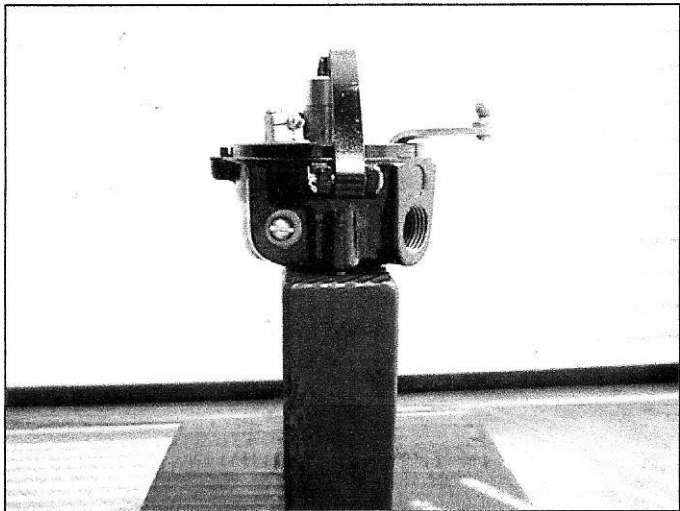
by Tom Endy

Quite often you find Model A's on the road that have had the distributor modified with modern points. When doing this the original Model A condenser is no longer part of the circuit and has been discarded. A modern condenser is installed along with the modern points and is attached to the upper plate of the distributor.

This can create a potential electrical fault. The mounting of the original condenser holds the tab on the lower distributor plate in place. When the original condenser is discarded there is no longer anything holding the tab in place and it can easily be pushed up against the housing when the ignition cable is screwed in and short out the ignition points.

It is therefore prudent to install a dummy original condenser in order to hold the tab on the lower plate in position. A dummy condenser can be made by removing the material inside the condenser rendering it non-functional, but structurally intact to hold the lower plate tab in place.

A better idea is to leave the distributor as Henry designed it as it will perform just as good, if not better, than any modern improvement.



**An original Model A distributor as Henry ordered. Note the screw in the window on the left side of the housing. It is screwed into the business end of an original condenser. The insulated washer keeps the lower plate tab from shorting to the housing.**

*Santa Anita A's Member, Tom Endy; Editor of the Victoria Association Newsletter (The Bustle) for the past 20 years, has created the 20+ years of the work. Some of the articles and documents have been featured in the MAFCA Restorer Magazine, other club's websites, and some are not published anywhere but here: [santaanitaas.org/tom-endys-tech-articles/](http://santaanitaas.org/tom-endys-tech-articles/). Enjoy, utilize, and learn!*

## MAFFI Newsletter Minute September-October, 2022

As you will have read in the MARC Model A News and the MAFCA Restorer magazines by now the Model A Museum celebrated its 10th anniversary at Model A Days on September 16-17 on the Gilmore campus near Hickory Corners, MI. Those same magazines will have published the MAFFI Hall of Fame (HOF) inductees for the 2022 year. You, however, will probably not read any of the inductee's acceptance speeches. Howard Minner's became the first person to make his HOF acceptance speech live at the MAFFI Annual Membership Meeting, using "ZOOM" and seen on a big screen television. Below are excerpts from his remarks that history buffs of the Model A hobby will find interesting:

"Two milestone events stand out and I'll make them very brief. Once MAFFI decided to establish a museum, two issues became an immediate focus.

'The first was the obvious question of where the museum would be located. I ended up spending time with other Board members, personally visiting a number of possible sites. Among them the AACA Museum in Hershey, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, the Petersen in California, the Gilmore, of course here in Michigan and the Early V-8 Museum outside of Auburn, Indiana. The latter had been a prime consideration. But MAFFI Board members subsequently visited the Gilmore and agreed this is where we wanted to be.

'Thereafter, the question arose, what should our museum look like. I, along with Loukie Smith and Stan Johnson, came together and brought along pictures of various Ford dealerships from the Model A Ford era. By chance, I brought along a May 1929 article ..... from a magazine called Ford Dealer and Service Seal. This was a private magazine for dealers and edited by Mary Bronstein. (Page 40) showed a front face view of a suggested medium size Ford dealership building. That drawing eventually won the day, and that is what you now see as the facade of our MAFFI Museum here at the Gilmore."

You now know, "the rest of the story".

Mike DuBreuil, MAFFI  
[clubcontact@maffi.org](mailto:clubcontact@maffi.org)







Palmetto A's  
October 15th  
meeting at Tom  
Mack's  
Showroom in  
Prosperity.

Photos contributed by Bruce Cockerill



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The MAFCA website has a list  
of Tech videos. Check them  
out here:  
[https://www.mafca.com/  
videos.html#technical](https://www.mafca.com/videos.html#technical)

**NEED HELP WITH YOUR  
MODEL A?**  
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**Model A Ford Technical  
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Paul Shinn has gathered a group  
help answer your technical ques-  
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includes MAFCA's current tech di-  
rector and several past tech direc-  
tors. You can email your questions  
and concerns to:  
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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 61 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 \$50 and include a subscription to the **Model 'A' News Magazine** from MARC, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135

Benefits of National Club Memberships

Membership in MAFCA includes the following:

- A one year subscription to The Restorer, our award- winning bi-monthly magazine including free classified ads.
- The right to register and participate in all National and Regional MAFCA meets
- Voting privileges in National elections of officers and by-laws revisions
- Free classified advertising on the MAFCA web site and posting of photo of your car in the Photo Album section
- Technical advice to help restore your Model A and keep it in top shape
- National MARC Membership Includes:
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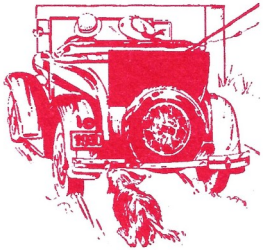




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*Down the Road*

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*Palmetto A's Schedule for 2022*

**November 19** - Schoolhouse BBQ in Scranton, then tour the Lake City Public Art Walk.

**December 10** - Christmas Party at Tom Mack's Showroom in Prosperity

**2023**

**January 21** - Breakfast at Lizard's Thicket, 818 Elmwood Avenue with an overnight [Mystery Tour](#) to follow. (See below)

**February 18** - Annual Budget Meeting with Chicken Bog at the Austin's

**PLEASE NOTE: DATES AND PLACES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

*Other Events of Interest*

**2022**

**November 4-6** [Richland Creek Antique Fall Festival](#)

**December 5-8** - [MAFCA National Awards Banquet](#) in Golden, Colorado

**2023**

**April 14-16** - [MARC Membership Meet](#) in Bay City, Michigan

**July 16-21** - MAFCA National Tour in Indiana/Michigan hosted by Southeastern Tour Group

Room Release date is June 15th, 2022

Reservation information will be released on June 15th, 2022, & posted on social media

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Please contact Happy Begg @ 803-622-0048 by phone call or text, or by clicking this link: [Mystery Tour](#) by December 9<sup>th</sup>. December 9<sup>th</sup> is the cut off date for securing your spot on this tour.

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