

# The Spare Tire

## Palmetto A's of South Carolina

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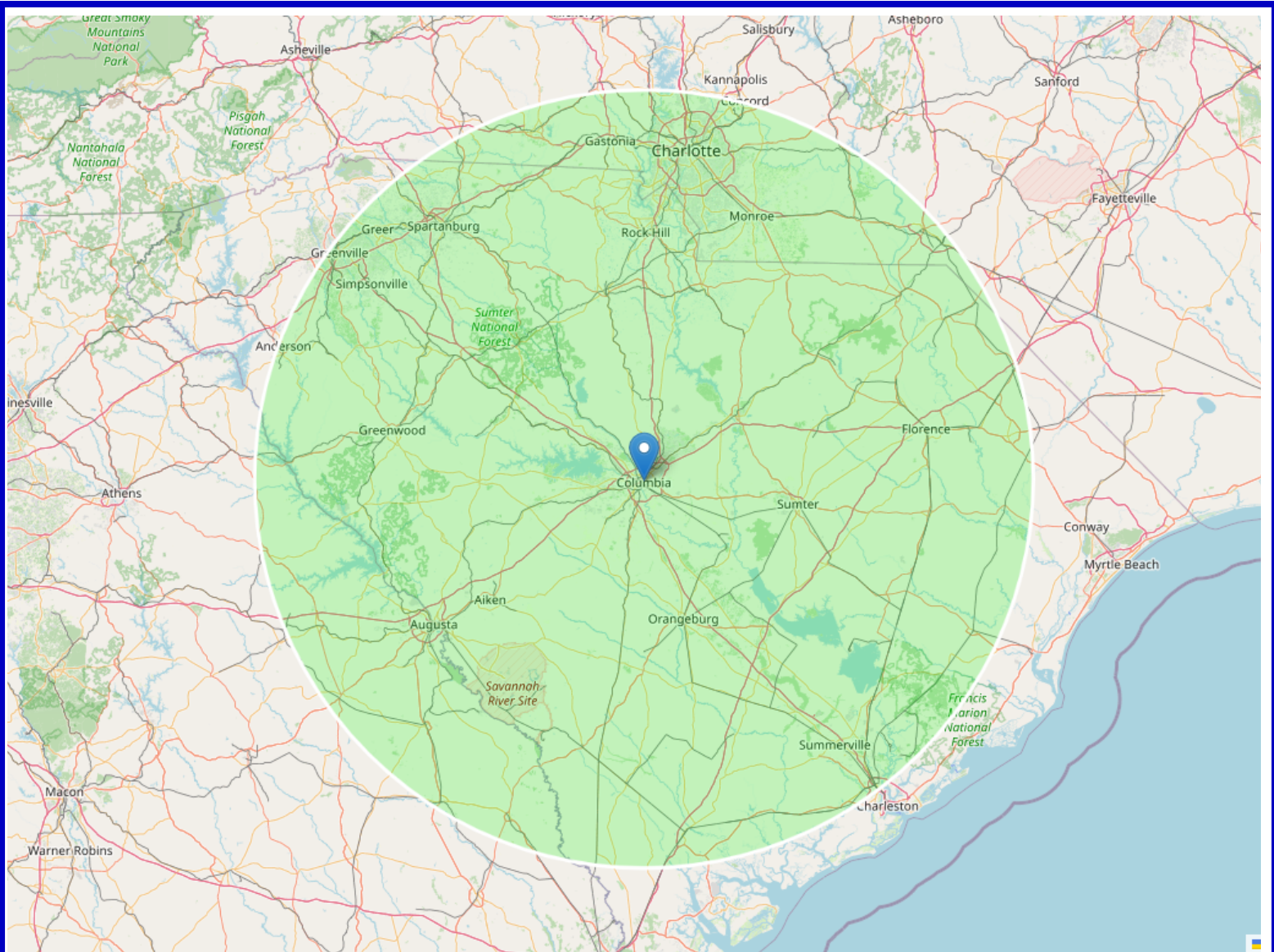
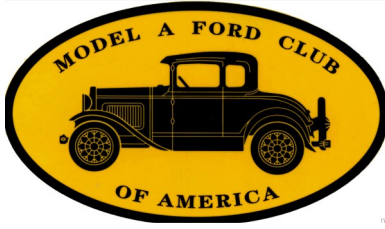
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### 2024 Palmetto A's Mystery Tour, January 20-21

#### Mystery Clues:

About 100 miles from our monthly meeting place, Lizard's Thicket on Elmwood, is where we will spend the night. Total mileage for both days should be about 250. We will depart from Lizard's Thicket on Elmwood right after our monthly meeting.

We are not going to the mountains or to the beach this year. The area was settled in the very early 1800's. The history of this area goes back much further than the 1800's.

Cost: One night hotel stay will be \$125.00. Breakfast is included with hotel cost. All other meals are your responsibility. Mail your check, made out to Happy Begg, 1811 Salem Church, Irmo, SC 29063. Your check must be received by January 12, 2024. Make sure your car is prepared for night driving, if necessary, rain, and of course cold January weather.





## January Birthdays

**Alinia Smith - 4th**

**Bobby Williamson - 7th**

**Jerry Hill - 9th**

**Karen Lewter - 9th**

**Tom Mack - 13th**

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

We closed out 2023 with our December annual Christmas party at Cheryl and Danny Austin's home. We had beautiful weather and enjoyed a great meal while having time to visit with each other. We missed those who were not able to attend due to illness and other circumstances. Again, I want to offer a huge thank you to Danny and Cheryl for hosting and all others involved with preparations.

**January 20 and 21, 2024 we begin the New Year with a "mystery tour."**

Our monthly meeting will be 8 AM breakfast at Lizard's Thicket on Elmwood St., downtown Columbia. We will depart on the tour after our breakfast meeting.

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Please be gassed up and ready to tour and don't forget your fully charged walkie talkies.

I look forward to starting a new year of fellowship and touring/meetings.

Let's keep those members on our prayer list in our thoughts. We hope to see them rejoin us soon! Remember as always, if your "A" is in the "repair or restore shop," you can still be 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*

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Sunshine - We need a volunteer!

Palmetto A's Annual Picnic - Committee

Swap Meet - Committee

Christmas Party - Committee

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

### *Treasurer's Report, December, 2023*

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

### *Sunshine Report*

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Susan Buff, Pat Robbs and Starke Ward.

**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.**







### 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 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 2023

2024

**January 20** - Breakfast at Lizard's Thicket on Elmwood at 8 am, Overnight Mystery Tour participants leaving at 9:30.

**February 17** - Annual Budget Meeting and Chicken Bog at the Austin's.

**March 16** - TBA

**June 14 & 15** - Palmetto A's Annual Swap Meet

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

### Other Events of Interest

2024

**April 4 - 7** - [2024 MARC Membership Meet in Joliet, IL](#)

**April 19-20** - Old 96 Annual Swap Meet

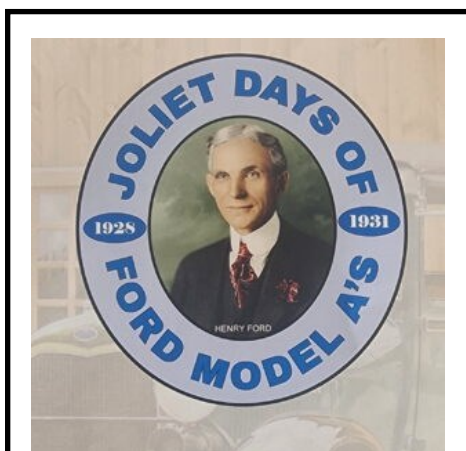
**May 21-23** - [MARC 2024 National Tour in Berlin OH](#)

**June 23-29** - [MAFCA 2024 National Convention in Ruidiso, NM hosted by the Southwest Model A's](#)

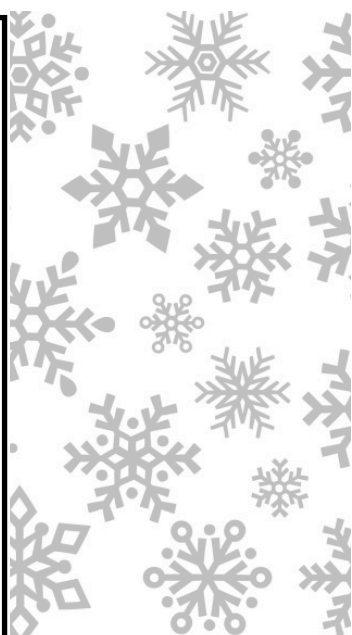
**December 11 - 14** - MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hosted by the Beehive A's and the Salty A's.

2025

**June 15-22** - [MAFCA National Tour, Waynesboro, VA](#) Hosts: Dallas Chapter



[2024 Membership Meet](#)  
Joliet IL  
April 4 — 7, 2024



[MARC NATIONAL TOUR](#)  
May 21 — 23, 2024



**MAFCA 2024  
National Convention  
June 23 - June 29**





**Palmetto A's Christmas Party  
at the Austin's  
December 9, 2023**



**2024 MAFCA Board of Directors**  
Left to Right: Ed Tolman, Will Langford, Dave Gill, Melanie Whittington,  
Chet Wojcik Jr, Paul Shinn, Bill Truesdell, Gary Price, Robert Bullard

**DUES!!**  
Have you paid your dues? Your dues were to be paid by December 31. If you have not paid your dues by January 31, 2024 (grace period!), YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE ROSTER AND EMAIL LISTS!!



**Jim's Tech Tips**  
*"Ignition Misfires"*

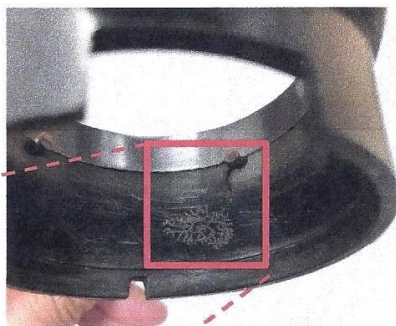
We've all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburetor problem, but don't overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor.

Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So check it and increase the gap back to 0.020" if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak condenser.

Look at the rotor. Make sure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap, and is not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor.

Look at the underside of the distributor cap. Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.

Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for "carbon tracks" on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing. (See photo.) Replace if needed.



Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*  
 Jim

Courtesy of MAFCA



**Did You Know????**

MAFCA has a video section on their website. Categories include: MAFCA Events, Technical, Historical, Member, Chapter, Fashion, and Miscellaneous. Check it out!

<https://www.mafca.com/videos.html>

MAFCA also has a YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3twKfHco40ySFBYpKzfJ3A>

**MAFCA STAR PROGRAM**

The MAFCA Star Program is designed to reward our members who enlist new members for the club. It applies to all New Members, both free and paid. We are hoping that this small token will stimulate existing members to bring new members to the club.

The 2024 Free MAFCA membership form in our [Members Only area](#) has been changed to identify the sponsoring member instead of chapter. When an application is received by the MAFCA office, a MAFCA Star decal will be sent to the sponsoring member. -- Jay McCord, Membership Director

**Model A Ford Technical Questions**

Paul Shinn has gathered a group to help answer your technical questions about Model A's. The group includes MAFCA's current tech director and several past tech directors. You can email your questions and concerns to: [ModelATechQuestions@gmail.com](mailto:ModelATechQuestions@gmail.com)

Who knows, you may even see your question answered in *The Restorer!*

**NEED HELP WITH YOUR MODEL A?**

IS YOUR PROBLEM SOMETHING THAT COULD BE ADDRESSED BY THE CLUB "TECH TEAM?" WAYNE AREHEART AND THE "TECH TEAM" ARE LOOKING FOR SMALL JOBS THAT WOULD PROVIDE A "LEARNING" TECH SITUATION FOR THE CLUB. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT WAYNE at [dareheart@sc.rr.com](mailto:dareheart@sc.rr.com) or JOHN COCKERILL AT [johntwilac@yahoo.com](mailto:johntwilac@yahoo.com).

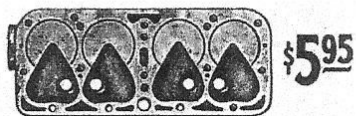
*Just a reminder!!*

The club has a library of Model A Technical DVDs for your use. Contact John Cockerill at 803-446-3837 (cell) or at [johntwilac@yahoo.com](mailto:johntwilac@yahoo.com).



**Valentine Gifts**

Taken from Fall/Winter Montgomery Wards, 1931  
By Patti Jones



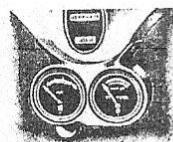
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61 C 2504—De Luxe Model as used on finest cars. For Models A-AA Fords with plain or ribbed panels. 9¢  
61 C 2516—Standard Model Gauge. Models A-AA Fords with plain or ribbed panels. 8¢

(B)



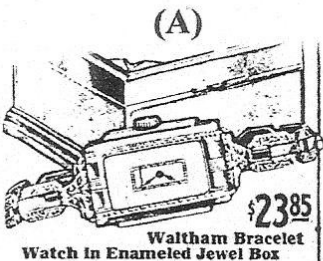
**For Fords A and AA Brake Lever Extension 98¢**  
Brings emergency brake within easy reach. A slight pressure releases it. Quickly installed—no drilling. Black enamel and nickel.  
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(D)

O.K. ladies, what would our "Men" want for Valentine Day in 1931 for their Model A Fords? Looking at a 1931 Montgomery Wards catalog, I came across items that any Model A'er would like to accessorize his car. Upper left (A) is a high compression cylinder head; also known as a Police head, that law enforcement agencies have put on their Model A's for speed. It will give a Model A 5.9 to 1 compression ration to a stock Model A head. Another fancy added on was a heat and oil pressure gauge accessory mounted under the dash of your Model A, upper right (B). For easy starting, a starter-pedal, giving easy reach and little effort to help your Model A man (C). Last, is another gadget aid to the "Model A man of your life". It's an emergency brake extension lever so your Model A man doesn't have to have a long reach in releasing and setting the parking brake (D). Many of these 1931 gifts would be still greatly appreciated today by our guys ..... except the prices indicated here; especially the \$5.95 police-head, would go for over \$225.00!

**Gifts for Her**

It's very easy, gentlemen, to please a Model A lady.... We'd love a new Waltham Bracelet Watch in white gold (A). Or, we'd even take a new compact with lipstick in any of these styles (B). Of course,, a "girl's best friend" is a diamond and here are various ring selections I'm sure she would love; many set in platinum. Lastly, any of the enameled mesh bags below would certainly win your Model A lady's heart.



**Have A Happy Valentines Day!**



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**Due date for submissions  
for the February 2024  
issue is January 20th**



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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

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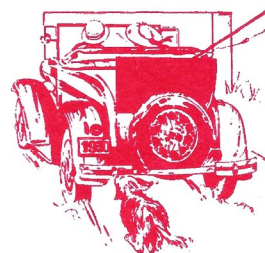
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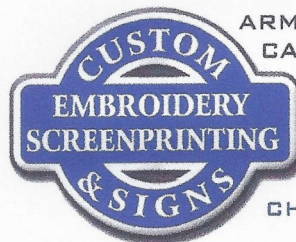
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