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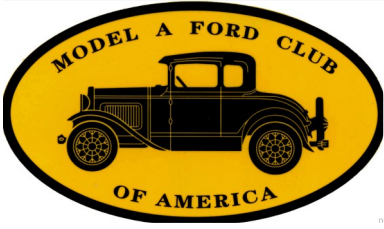
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## Our February 17, 2024 Budget Meeting and Chicken Bog at the Austin's







*March*

*Birthdays*

- Richard Buff - 1st**
- Charlie Dudley - 6th**
- Duane Long - 16th**
- Calvin LeNeve - 23rd**
- Margaret Smith - 26th**

*Anniversaries*

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

In February, we enjoyed fellowship and food at our annual "Chicken Bog" / Budget Meeting, graciously hosted by Cheryl and Danny Austin. Again I speak for everyone in thanking the Austins for providing a venue we can enjoy a social time in a relaxed atmosphere. After lunch, Membership Director Cheryl Austin presented the plans for the upcoming monthly meetings. The 2024 budget was presented by Vice President Happy Begg and unanimously approved by the membership.

**On March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we'll start by meeting at 8:30 at the McDonalds, 7501 Garners Ferry Rd. (Hwy 378) then we will head to Scranton, SC and have lunch at The Schoolhouse BBQ. Please be fueled up and don't forget the walkie/talkies. Our Annual picnic usually held in March was rescheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>. Be thinking about items you might donate for our Silent Auction we hold at the picnic. I look forward to continuing 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*

**Treasurer's Report, February, 2024**

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.

**Sunshine Report**

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Susan Buff.

**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 2024

- March 23** - Schoolhouse Bar-B-Que, 2252 US-52, Scranton, SC. We will leave the McDonald's, 7501 Garners Ferry Road, at 8:30 am.
- April 6** - Palmetto A's Annual Picnic at St James Lutheran Church, 1358 South Lake Dr, Lexington
- April 20** - Old 96 Swap Meet, 314 Old Mount Moriah Rd, Greenwood, SC. We will meet at the Wal Mart, 1180 Dutch Fork Rd, Irmo, at 9:00 am.
- May 18** - Magnolia Ridge Farm Antiques & Arts Festival, Ridge Spring, SC
- June 14 & 15** - Palmetto A's Annual Swap Meet, set up on Thursday, June 13 at 9:00 am.
- July 20** - Grits And Groceries and a visit to Happy Cow Creamery

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

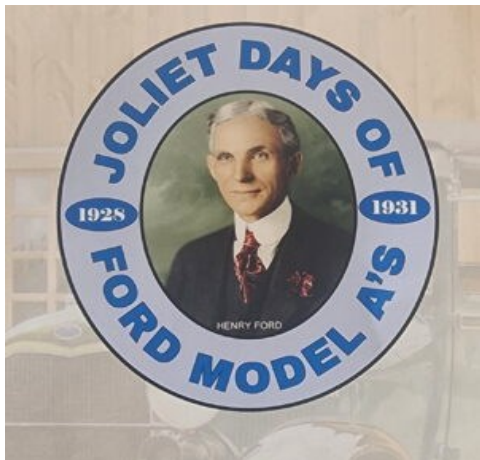
### Other Events of Interest

#### 2024

- April 4 -7** - [Charlotte Auto Fair](#)
- 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](#)
- October 8 -11** - [Hershey Swap Meet & Car Show](#)
- 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



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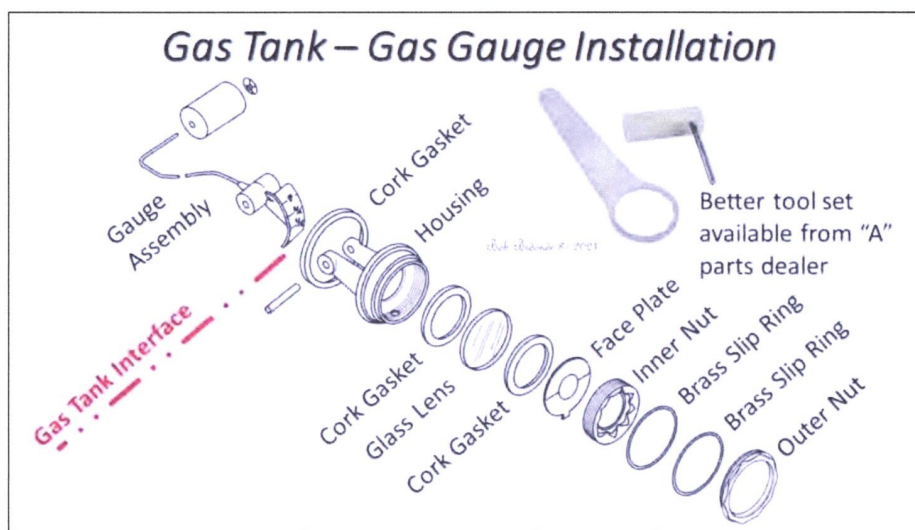
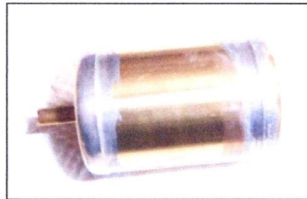
## Gas Gauge Repair

by Tom Endy 2021

There will come a time in the life of a surviving Model A when the gas gauge will need repair. The first order of business is to have the proper tools to get it apart. Model A suppliers carry them. Most repairs consist of replacing the float and the gaskets. The best choice for a float is one made of brass that modern fuels will not destroy. An excellent brass float is available from Reenlee H. Kotas of San Diego, 858-945-2018. Price in 2020 was \$6. Gaskets and brass slip rings can be obtained from Bratton's.

Gas gauge gaskets 13570 \$2.50 set  
Brass slip rings 13571 \$1.15 each

The original Ford installation required only one brass slip ring. However, in the modern Model A kingdom it has been determined that at least two (or more) slip rings are required to prevent a fuel leak. With only one slip ring the outer nut will likely bottom on the threads before there is a crush on the gaskets. The drawing below shows two brass slip rings. It is also suggested that cork gaskets be used. Avoid the neoprene gaskets as modern fuels are likely to destroy them.



Drawing by Bob Bidonde

*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*

## 12 Commandments for Seniors

1. Talk to yourself. There are times when you need expert advice.
2. "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.
4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. "On time" is when you get there.
7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
8. Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
9. Growing old should have taken longer.
10. Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
11. You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will!
12. "One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.



## MAFFI Minute

The Trustees are already planning Model A Days 2024! So far it looks like a candidate for the First Start Event (barn find which hasn't been run in a few decades) has been located. And, the report from the Gilmore Auto Museum is that one of the Event Centers will be finished in time for Model A Days, which will be nice for our Model A visitors.

Other news is that Model A's donated to the museum to be sold for the Model A Museum Expansion are getting checked over and repaired so they are roadworthy to sell. Our hardworking team of volunteers devotes Thursday evening to getting the Model A's in "sale ready" shape.

One Model A Tudor (1929) is on the sales floor already.

Another 1928 Tudor has had Trustees and friends repairing brakes, gas gauge, and a gas tank, to name a few, so it should be ready shortly

A 1929 Fordor Blindback is also in the queue for roadworthiness work.

And there are two 1928 Phaetons that we anticipate will be available to sell in the coming months.

Please contact Jerry Dennany, [jerrydennany@gmail.com](mailto:jerrydennany@gmail.com) or John Begg, [jwbegg@gmail.com](mailto:jwbegg@gmail.com) for information about these cars or if you have a vehicle you would like to donate to be sold for our expansion fundraising program.

Many of you have been following our Save the Bus project (school bus) and although the bus has taken longer than we anticipated, things are coming along nicely now. The sides are up and all 4 fenders have been installed as well as the bumpers. There's lots of sandblasting, and just plain sanding and priming going on now. Things are getting exciting at Save the Bus Headquarters!

As always, we appreciate your support as we move forward with fundraising. It's all of you that make the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Museum so awesome.

Cindy Ellenbecker, Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. Trustee/Secretary

Palmetto A's Annual Membership Business Meeting  
February 17, 2024

President John Cockerill welcomed the members gathered at Danny & Cheryl Austin's for our Annual Membership Business Meeting. He thanked Danny and Cheryl for hosting the event and preparing the chicken bog. Members were thanked for bringing sides and desserts. After the blessing and a delicious meal, John called the meeting to order.

Members having February birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. Cheryl reported that we now have 30 paid members. She reminded everyone that the information sheet sent with our annual renewal notice needs to be completed and returned each year. Cheryl then gave a list of tours tentatively planned monthly through October. Actual times and meeting places will be in the monthly newsletter. Possible 2 night tour during the Fall.

Twila announced everything is good with the newsletter. We currently have 9 advertisers. Renewal notices will be sent to these in March. Members were encouraged to get additional advertisers.

Wayne announced that the Tech Committee has 2 requests for help with Model As. If anyone else needs assistance, please let Wayne, John Begg or John Cockerill know.

Dick gave the Treasurer's Report.

Happy went over the proposed 2024 Budget. John Begg presented his request to donate \$500 to the MAFFI Museum for their expansion and none to MAYRA and MAYSF since they have excess funds already. The request would add an additional \$200 to the \$300 that had previously been given to the 3. This will be a 3-year plan. After asking for questions and there being none, Happy moved to accept the 2024 Budget as presented. Wayne seconded and the Budget was unanimously approved by the members present.

John Cockerill showed several items that can be embroidered with the Palmetto A's logo. A catalog was available for members to view and place orders if desired. John offered to assist with getting orders placed and items delivered to members when complete.

Our January Mystery Tour was discussed and members were told of the really good, but cold, time that those attending had.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted By Debbie Areheart, Secretary

**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?**

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**WILL A MODEL A RUN ON ALTERNATIVE FUELS?**

Check out Paul Shinn's video!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-XXBrHn9U>





## Plus Four Knickers for Fun

By Rosie Cassou, Cruisin' A's of Hemet, CA  
&  
Era Fashion Committee

Knickers or Plus Four trousers certainly set a style in the Model A Era. The look was one of fun and carefree activity. While the origin of knickers and Plus Fours came from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the practical use for men and women were on the sporting fields, shooting range, golf courses, and for a casual drive in a sporty Model A roadster.

They were called plus fours because they bagged below the knee and were 4" longer than knickerbockers. Plus fours were made in tweeds, linen, corduroy, flannel, and wool. Today women, men, or youth can wear a pair of Plus Fours either in the Original Category fashion judging or in the Era Image Category. Appropriate Coordinating Apparel would be a long sleeved shirt with a sweater vest, a patterned sweater, or a matching or contrasting suit jacket. A jacket belted in the back, made the outfit more "sporty" looking. The heavy argyle socks worn with tie shoes were often the first features noticed by others. Sometimes the socks and sweater were matching to add a daring flare to the ensemble. For accessories, a man, or woman might use a golf club, a road map, a suitcase, or a walking stick. For youth, accessories might be sporting or camping equipment or schoolbooks.



Fashion enthusiasts can make their own pair of Plus Fours from a pair of roomy trousers with or without front pleats, measure 10-12 inches from cuff and mark this line with safety pins. Try on pants, sit down, and make sure you have plenty of comfort room to bend your knees plus an extra 1/2 inch for the seam allowance. The safety pinned line should



not curve up your knee but be parallel to the floor. If necessary, adjust the whole line. You can always trim length, but not add it back on. When you are satisfied your knees will have plenty of bending (sitting) room, and then cut the excess lower leg fabric. Save the cuff cut off the trouser leg for making the band that will fit just below the knee. Fasteners on the band can ease putting the Plus Fours on and will help to hold the band in place below the knee.

Another option is to make a casing, inserting wide elastic that measures the circumference of your leg just below your knee. The extra length of fabric will fall over the band creating the ballooning of the fabric, which gives Plus Fours the characteristic style.

As more Model A enthusiasts are finding Era Image a comfortable way to travel, wearing a pair of Plus Fours while driving your Model A will add value to your experience and will certainly catch the eye of onlookers!

Enjoy driving all year long in your favorite pair of knickers or Plus Fours



MAFCA Fashion Guidelines, 2015 Edition  
Driving in Style. MARC August 2019  
December 2010 Phoenix Magazine, Phoenix in the 1920s

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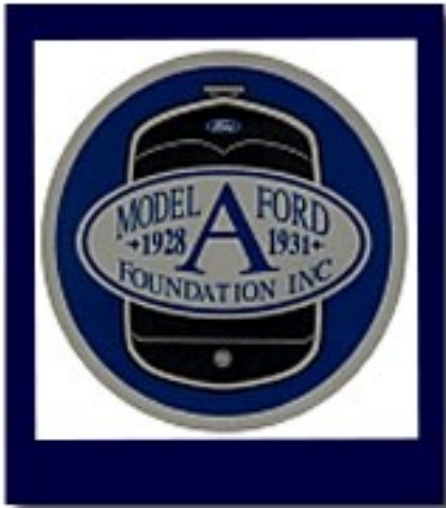
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The Palmetto A's is a not for profit organization with chapter affiliations with MAFCA and MARC. The organization is dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile and supports membership in the national organizations dedicated to the same purpose. Palmetto A's is one of the oldest Model A Clubs in the nation, having been active for over 62 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



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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

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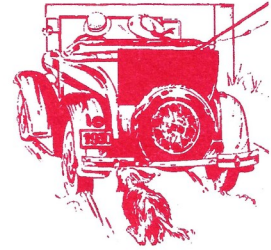
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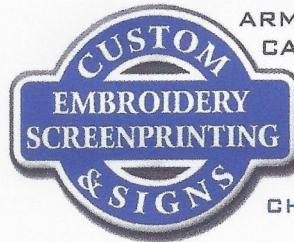
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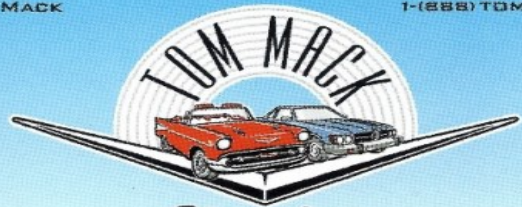
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