

# The Spare Tire

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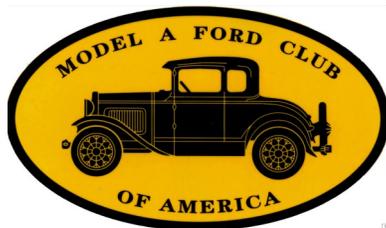
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### "A" Note from the President...

Our November club meeting/tour was to Sconyers BBQ in Augusta, GA. It was a beautiful but a chilly day starting out. We had 11 A's, (3 of those were open cars!) 2 "moderns" and 20 members in attendance. It's great to see the number of A's continue to increase on our monthly outings. We enjoyed a nice drive thru "horse country" in route to our destination. Thanks to Dan Ward for introducing us to a new place to enjoy BBQ.

**For our December meeting/Christmas Party we'll be "touring" to Prosperity to enjoy lunch at Tom Mack's Classics on the Square downtown. I want to thank Tom and Sherry for hosting our party this year. For those who wish to participate, we'll have a "white elephant" gift exchange. Period clothing is encouraged. We will meet at the Wal-Mart at 1180 Dutch Fork Rd., Irmo and depart for Prosperity at 10 am. Please be "gassed up" and ready to roll! Don't forget your walkie talkies. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone for a fun drive and fun Christmas Party/ Lunch.**

Remember, if your "A" is in 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 Model A Club**  
**Christmas Party**  
**December 11, 2021**  
**Tom Mack's on the Square**  
**in Prosperity**  
**Food from Hogg Heaven**  
**White Elephant Gift Exchange**  
**Period dress encouraged!**

For those members who made reservations, we will depart from the Ballentine Walmart at 10 am. Members with last names beginning with A-L are to bring appetizers, names beginning with M-W are to bring desserts.





*December*

**Birthdays**

Dick Fraser - 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Chester Kay - 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Linda Toole - 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Pat Robb - 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Mack Day - 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Twila Cockerill - 21<sup>st</sup>

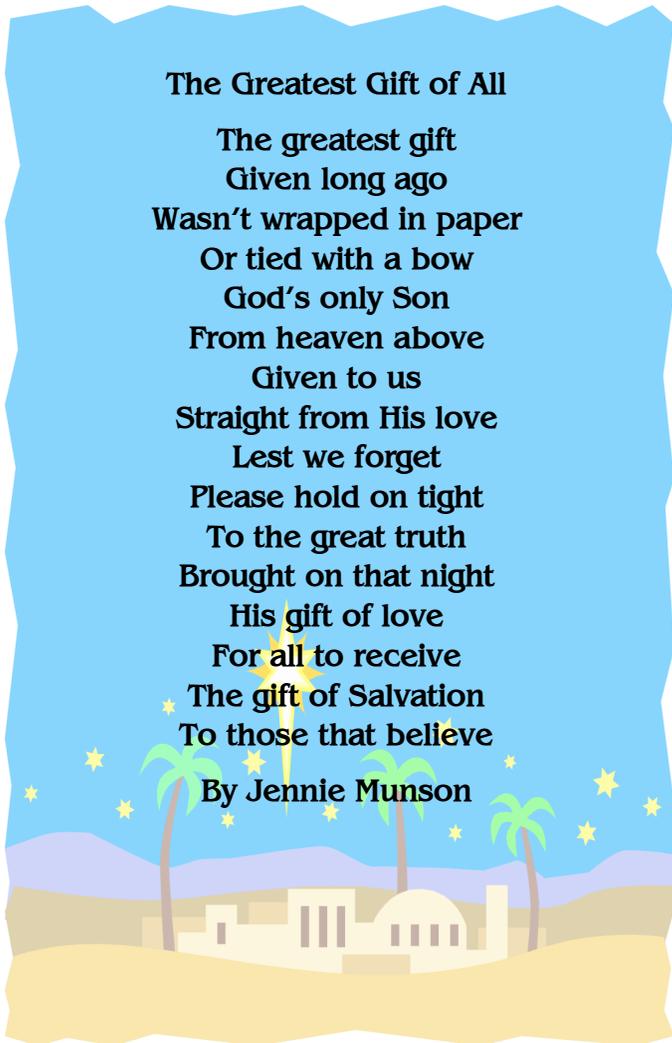
**Anniversary**

Joey & Kay Austin - 29th

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By Jennie Munson



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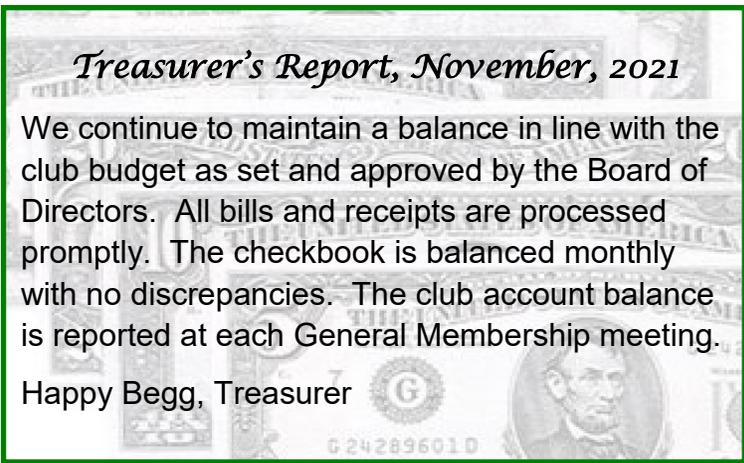
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*Treasurer's Report, November, 2021*

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

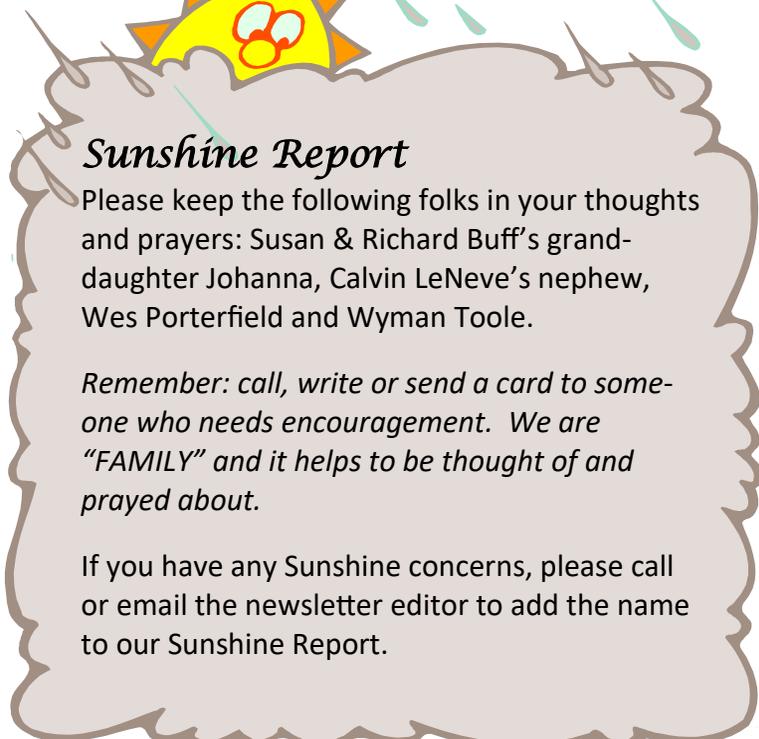


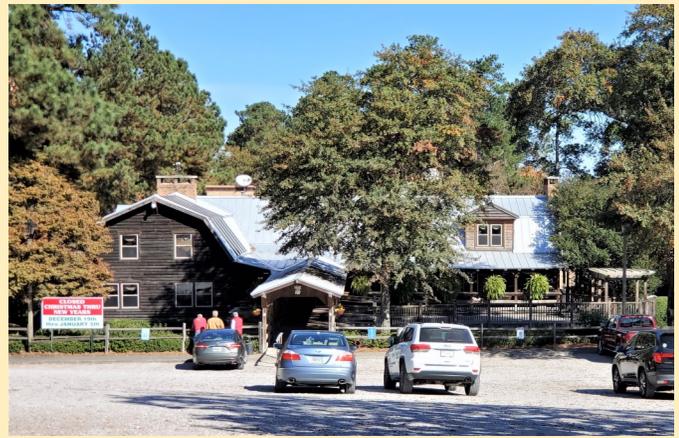
**Sunshine Report**

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Susan & Richard Buff's grand-daughter Johanna, Calvin LeNeve's nephew, Wes Porterfield and Wyman Toole.

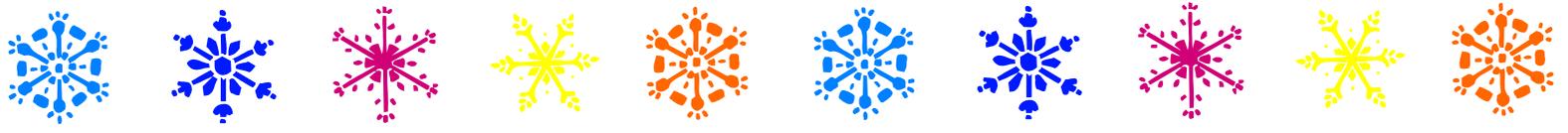
*Remember: call, write or send a card to someone who needs encouragement. We are "FAMILY" and it helps to be thought of and prayed about.*

If you have any Sunshine concerns, please call or email the newsletter editor to add the name to our Sunshine Report.





**Our 20 November trip to Sconyer's BBQ in Augusta GA**



**MAFFI Newsletter Minute-November 2021**

Dear Model "A" Owners and Hobbyists,

Thank you for your continued support of The Model A Foundation and of our museum, located on the grounds of The Gilmore. Through your membership and donations, we have been able to establish a world class museum exhibiting displays of vehicles, era fashions and memorabilia associated with the Ford Model "A". Over the last year we have set aside a few vehicles to participate in the "Ride the Classics" program at Gilmore. This was made possible by the generous donations of our members of some great vehicles. We are currently researching the possibility of creating a Learn to Drive class for the Model A as well. A local collector donated eight Model A's to help make this possible.

The Model A Ford Foundation has built and outfitted the museum without incurring debt. Your donations and contributions have allowed us to manage the Foundation in this way. The Foundation's income primarily comes from annual membership dues, the selling of museum items such as bricks, proceeds from our annual Model "A" Day and from club and individual donations. We ask that you consider giving an additional gift to help us support our operations. Your gifts allow us to continue supporting our hobby with one of the best museums anywhere in the world.

All of us associated with the Model A Ford Foundation wish you well and hope you remain safe during this difficult time. Thank you again for your generous donations. Happy Holidays!

Jerry Morrisey  
President, MAFFI

*Editor's Note.....*

Once again, we come to the last month of the year and we have survived all that 2020 has hit us with! The holiday season can be difficult for some people. Everything is so rushed and the pace sets us up for short tempers and even less patience. If you can be anything you want to be, choose to be kind! A smile can be worth a million dollars and it costs nothing to give it away. Have a very merry Christmas!

*Tilla*

## Jim's Technical Tip

by Jim Cannon,

### Ignition Cam Screws

I have helped a few Model A owners with an unusual problem: For no reason at all, their distributor goes “out of time”. They lose power and have to limp home. They reset the timing and the car runs great again, but after a while the same thing happens and they limp home. Gremlins? No.

The problem is that the ignition cam screw may not hold the cam down tightly to the distributor shaft. After a bit of driving, the cam rotates into a more and more “retarded” position and the engine loses power.

In spite of getting out a big screw driver and tightening the screw as much as possible, the cam still moves on them. Why is this? The SCREW that they are using is too long for the hole that is drilled and tapped in the top of the distributor shaft.

Some reproduction screws are just too long. Or the hole in the reproduction distributor shaft is too shallow. Or both! Whatever the case, the screw bottoms out in the hole and jams up tight before the cam is properly locked down on the shaft. So the cam moves.

The simple fix is to add a washer under the head of the cam screw. Now the cam will get locked down well before the screw bottoms out in the hole. You also want to inspect the underside of the cam; it should have ridges that help lock it down on the shaft. Once the screw is tight, put the rotor on the cam and gently try to turn it on the distributor shaft. It should not move.

If you or a friend encounters this problem with the engine going out of time, I hope my little Tip does the trick for you.

Jim Cannon

*Have a Model A Day*

Courtesy of MAFCA



## Rear Spring Cross Piece

by Tom Endy 2020



The rear spring on a Model A Ford is a 7-leaf for roadsters, an 8-leaf for coups and Tudors, and a 10-leaf for sedans and pick-ups. The rear spring is mounted to the frame with two U-bolts. The U-bolts are the same size for all Model A cars. In order to accommodate the different thickness of the rear spring the cross piece at the bottom of the U-bolt comes in two different thickness sizes. A 1&1/8" thick cross piece accommodates the 7-leaf and 8-leaf springs. A 5/8" thick cross piece accommodates the 10-leaf springs. It is important that the correct cross piece be used with a given spring. Two are required for each spring installation.

If a 7-leaf or 8-leaf spring is installed using a 5/8" cross piece it will not allow the rear axle assembly to be properly secured to the frame of the car because the nuts will have bottomed out on the threads of the U-bolts before the spring is secured to the frame, which will create an unsafe condition. If a 10-leaf spring were to be mounted using the 1&1/8 cross piece, I don't think you could get the nuts on the U-bolts all the way.

Both size cross pieces are carried by most suppliers. Snyders refers to it as a “rear spring clip bar”. (part numbers A-5708-A and A-5708-B). Bratton's refer to it as a “rear spring center bottom plate” (part numbers 7510 and 7520).



### Cook's Corner....

#### Snowman Poop Bags

You will need miniature marshmallows, Cellophane Christmas Treat Bags, (snow flakes or snowmen are most appropriate) gift tags and ribbon. Put about a dozen marshmallows in the bag, attach tag (see below) and close with ribbon.



Imagine being born in 1900. When you are 14 years old, WWI begins and it ends when you are 18 with 22 million deaths. Shortly after, a global pandemic, a flu called Spanish. It kills 50 million people. You come out alive and free. You are 20 years old. Then at 29 years you survived the global economic crisis that started with the collapse of the New York Stock Exchange, causing inflation, unemployment and hunger. At 33 the Nazis come to power. You're 39 when WWII starts and ends when you're 45 during the Holocaust (Shoah) 6 million Jews die. There will be more than 60 million deaths in total. When you're 52 years old, the Korean War starts. When you're 64 starts the Vietnam War and ends when you're 75 years old. A child born in 1985 thinks his grandparents have no idea how hard life is, and they survived various wars and disasters. A boy born in 1995 and today 25 years old thinks it's the end of the world when his Amazon package takes more than three days to arrive or when he doesn't get more than 15 "likes" for his photo posted on Facebook or Instagram.. In 2020, many of us live in comfort, have access to different sources of entertainment at home and often have more than we need. But people complain about everything. However, they have electricity, phone, food, hot water and a roof over their heads. None of this existed before. But humanity survived much more serious circumstances and never lost the joy of living. Maybe it's time to be less selfish, stop complaining and crying.

Posted on Facebook by Simona Leone



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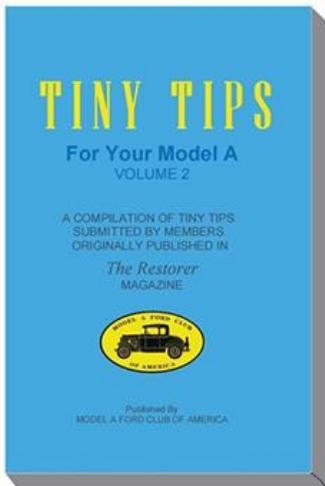
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Members are encouraged to join the following national clubs:

- 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

## DID YOU KNOW?

The MAFCA website has a list of Tech videos.

Check them out here: <https://www.mafca.com/videos.html#technical>

## Benefits of National Club Memberships

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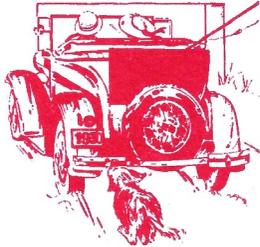
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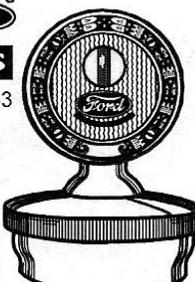
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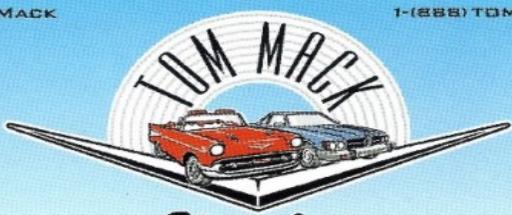
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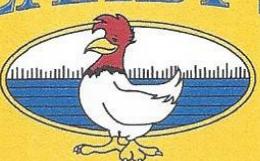


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### Down the Road

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### Palmetto A's Schedule for 2021

2021

**December 11** - Christmas Party at Tom Mack's showroom in Prosperity

2022

**January 15** - Chicken Bog at the Austin's

**February 19** - State Museum (tentative)

**March 19** - Palmetto A's Annual Picnic

**April 15 (Friday)** - Old 96 Annual Swap Meet

### Other Events of Interest

2021

**December 2-5** MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Ft Worth, TX

2022

**April 1-3** MARC National Membership Meet Swan Lake, Plymouth, Indiana

**April 15-16** Old Ninety Six 16th Annual Model A and Model T Parts swap meet in Greenwood, SC

**June 5-11** MARC 2022 National Meet, Morgantown Pa

**June 12-17** MAFCA National Convention Kerrville, TX



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**Look for the Registration Form in the July/August Issue**