

# The Spare Tire

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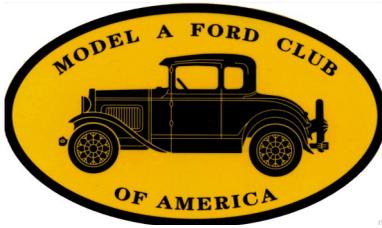
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## "A" Note from the President...

Well, here we are, cautiously entering into June. I hope that you are all still healthy and are ready to pursue some summertime Model A'ing! Hopefully we're not using up all of our "rain allowance" now, but also I'm looking forward to a sunny Model A'ing day. Last month Tom and Sherry Mack invited us to come to their house to enjoy a picnic lunch on the lawn. Many of our club took advantage of the opportunity not only to get out of the house, but also enjoy getting together in our A's and fellowship. Thanks again to Tom and Sherry.

For the month of June, we will not be having our "Annual Swap Meet", but we will instead head to Shealy's Bar-B-Que in Leesville-Batesburg. We will meet at 9:30 at the Food Lion grocery store parking lot, next door to the old K-Mart site (**see address this page**). If you turn off of West Main at the signal light at the corner where the Circle K Shell Gas station is, head straight up towards the corner of the building and park one row to the left (in K-Mart lot). As of now, at Shealy's you enter the side door and place your order, then pay for either a BBQ sandwich type meal or a "plate" type meal. We will then move our cars behind and to the left of Shealy's where they have a picnic table area and eat there.

There is another topic I'd like to share with all who were not in attendance for the May picnic. During our meeting the following idea was presented. Due to the club's relatively shortened touring season and certain events being canceled because of the virus pandemic, this year's club officers have not had a "full year" of serving. Also because of the virus, it may be hard to fill officer positions for the upcoming year. It is being suggested that we enter into 2021 with the same officers as we have now, and plan for an election of new officers in the fall of 2021. There was a voice of approval from those in attendance at the May meeting for this plan and the current officers agreed to serve thru 2021 if this idea was approved. As this proposal does not follow the current guidelines in our club bylaws, it would need to be voted on by the club for approval. Therefore, we will plan on conducting a business meeting to discuss and vote on this topic at our July club meeting which is scheduled to be held at the Austin's house.

Twila and I are looking forward to being able to once again join together and fellowship with our "Model A family" and friends. So Dust'em off, Gas'em up and let's go Model A'ing!!!

*John Cockerill*

## 20 June, 2020 Club Tour

Lunch At Shealy's BBQ  
340 E Columbia Ave  
Batesburg-Leesville



We will depart at 9:30 from the Food Lion, 744B W Main Street in Lexington. Bring chairs in case the picnic area is crowded.

RAIN CANCELS EVENT!



**June**

**Birthdays**

- Orville Booth - 7 th
- Wayne Areheart - 10 th
- Starke Ward - 10 th
- Ann Lyons - 11 th
- Mark Temple - 11 th
- Judy Barnes - 15 th
- Sheila Gable - 21 st
- John Begg - 25 th

**Anniversaries**

- Mack & Mary Day - 6 th
- Lester & Maxine Kelly - 9 th
- Chester & Ann Kay - 12 th
- Bobby & Sheila Gable - 15 th
- John & Twila Cockerill - 23 rd
- Mike & Stephanie Petty - 24 th

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**Due date for submissions  
For the July 2020  
issue is June 20th**



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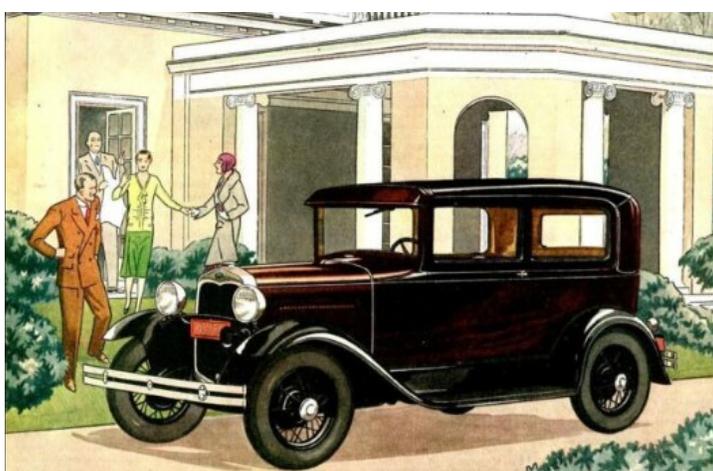
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*Treasurer's Report, May 2020*

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: everyone touched by COVID-19 and all the caregivers.

*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.

## Palmetto A's Board of Directors Meeting

May 16, 2020

President John Cockerill opened the meeting at 1:45pm on May 16, 2020, at the home of Tom & Sherry Mack in Prosperity, SC, with the following officers in attendance: Danny & Cheryl Austin, Happy & John Begg, Sharon & Orville Booth, John & Twila Cockerill and Dick Fraser, with other club members also present.

President John thanked the Mack's for their invitation and hospitality in having the Club meet at their home for a socially-distant, bring-your-own picnic on the lawn today due to the current COVID19 threat. The Minutes of the last Board meeting in March were not read as the Minutes were approved as published in the April Newsletter.

Treasurer Happy Begg reported that all bills have been paid according to the budget, and she will check on Jack's Jr. Membership in MAFCA.

Happy also reported that the Web Site is up to date except for the roster which Twila will forward to her. Dick Fraser distributed MARC Mileage Program awards as follows: Mack Day 2,000; Happy Begg 10,000; John Cockerill 15,000; and Orville Booth 80,000.

Newsletter Editor Twila Cockerill stated there were now ten paid ads and gave tribute to Mack Day who has been contacting potential advertisers.

In light of the Covid19 situation, discussion was held as to whether the Swap Meet planned for June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> should be held. Cheryl Austin made the motion that the Swap Meet be cancelled, seconded by Happy Begg, and supported by the majority present. Cheryl suggested the Club drive to eat at Shealy's on June 20<sup>th</sup> since they have picnic tables in the back where we could eat outside and be reasonably socially distant. Time and place of meeting will be

announced in the Newsletter.

July 18<sup>th</sup> is planned as breakfast at the Austins' to set up a committee to find candidates for 2021 officers. John Begg made a motion that the present Club Officers remain in their positions for next year since this year has not had the usual activity, seconded by Club member Mark Temple, and after discussion the support was unanimous.

It was decided that the Club will still have breakfast at the Austins' on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am with each person contributing \$5 toward the cost and the Club will pay any balance. It will be necessary for everyone to RSVP by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Club meeting plans will be decided month-to-month as the COVID19 restrictions are revised.

John Begg requested donation of Model A parts for the MAFFI Swap Meet to make money to support the Model A Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum. Model A Day is September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Museum, and if anyone is interesting in driving up, please contact John Begg. Special rates are available at the Kalamazoo Sheraton by mentioning you will be there for the Model A event—find the information on MAFFI web site.

Old Business: Inquiry was made to see if the Club had paid for a vendor spot at the Old 96 Swap Meet which was cancelled which Happy confirmed had not been paid.

New Business: Attention was drawn to the wonderful article in the current MAFCA Restorer magazine written by Happy on the Southeastern Touring Group Natchez Trace tour.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm.

Submitted by Sharon Booth, Secretary



Picnic on the back lawn at Tom & Sherry Mack's on 16 May 2020



## Technical Talk

### Model A Maintenance Quiz

Since we are coming into the touring season, many of us will be taking our Model A's out of the garage, here is a little maintenance quiz for you to review.



1. How many grease fittings are on a Model A?
  - a. 10-12
  - b. 28-31
  - c. 40-50
  - d. Exactly 42
  - e. This was before grease fittings were invented
2. What happens when the front wheel bearings run dry?
  - a. The front wheel falls off
  - b. Grease squirts out from behind the hubcap
  - c. They seize up and weld to the spindle
3. How should the distributor cam be lubricated?
  - a. With a light coating of Vaseline
  - b. Through a normal grease fitting
  - c. Oil can
4. What type of lubricant goes into the steering column grease fitting?
  - a. 600W, just like the rear differential
  - b. The same grease as all the other fittings
  - c. 10W-30 non-detergent motor oil
  - d. Any of the above
5. How often should you change your oil?
  - a. Every 200 miles
  - b. Every 500 miles
  - c. Every 1000 miles
  - d. Just keep adding
6. How soon should you check your breaker points gap after installing new ones?
  - a. 10 miles
  - b. 15 miles
  - c. 100 miles
  - d. Never
7. What is the perfect color of spark plug electrodes after extended use?
  - a. Pitch black and dry
  - b. Pitch black with a little oil for lubrication
  - c. Pitch black with a little gas smell
  - d. Bright white
  - e. None of the above
8. How do you know when the u-joint has enough grease?
  - a. Remove the speedometer cap and look for new grease
  - b. The grease gun will be hard to pump
  - c. Grease will squirt out around the grease fitting
9. Which generator charging amperage range is considered best?
  - a. 1-2 amps
  - b. 3-5 amps
  - c. 6-9 amps
  - d. 15-20 amps
10. What is good front tire toe-in amount?
  - a. 1/32 inches

- b. 1/16 inches
- d. 1/8 inches
- c. Model A's use toe-out instead
11. How many miles between tie-rod greasings?
  - a. 500 miles
  - b. 1000 miles
  - c. 2000 miles
  - d. 5000 miles
12. How much play should the clutch pedal have?
  - a. None, any play is bad
  - b. 1 inch
  - c. 2 inches
  - d. 4 inches
13. What is the best way of preventing grinding gears when shifting?
  - a. Double-clutching
  - b. A low idle RPM
  - c. Pure STP in the transmission
  - d. All of the above
14. How much pressure is recommended for Model A tires with tubes?
  - a. 50 lbs
  - b. 75 lbs
  - c. 35 lbs
  - d. None of the above
15. How do you access the clutch thrust bearing grease fitting?
  - a. There is no such bearing on the Model A
  - b. Not accessible on the Model A
  - c. From under the car, behind the transmission
  - d. Under the floorboard, through the transmission cover.

- ANSWERS:
1. b. 28-31
  2. c. They seize up and weld to the spindle
  3. a. With a light coating of Vaseline
  4. a. 600W, just like the rear Differential
  5. b. Every 500 miles
  6. c. 100 miles
  7. e. None of the above
  8. a. Remove the speedometer cap and look for new grease
  9. c. 6-9 amps
  10. b. 1/16 inches
  11. a. 500 miles
  12. b. 1 inch
  13. b. A low idle RPM
  14. c. 35 lbs
  15. d. Under the floorboard, through the transmission cover.

### Editor's Note....

Welcome to June and the long awaited summer! I hope everyone's continuing with their COVID19 precautions. Personally, I'm tired of being cooped up! The sooner we get through this, the sooner we can get out in our A's without all the restrictions. Being stuck at home does have some benefits. We can perform more involved projects on our A's, our homes and our yards.

All this "free" time can nurture our love-hate relationships with our computers, cell phones and televisions. Boredom is looming if we don't act to keep it at bay! Now is the time to do all those things you were going to do, if only you had time! Seriously, we hope to see you at our socially distanced tour to Shealy's BBQ on June 20.

*Twila*

# Quick Reference Guide for Daytime Fashions 1928-1931



## Women's Daytime Wear

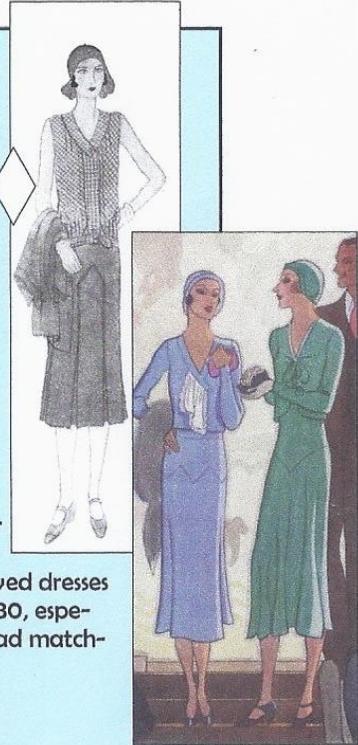
### 1928

1928 was the year of the short, (at the knee) straight skirts. Many day dresses had peats, drapes, and flounces. A dress could give the appearance of having two skirts, one longer than the other. The waistline was dropped and defined at the hip—in 1928 it was at the widest part of the hip. The top was loose, with interesting necklines, jabots, and other lovely details flattering to almost any figure. According to MAFCA Guidelines, with the exception of house dresses and some sport dresses, the sleeves were mostly long, having buttons, snaps, or cuffs. However, we have seen original garments, as well as patterns and pictures in magazines of short sleeved dresses.



### 1930

1930 was a year of transition. The waistline gradually returned to the natural waist, but early 1930 catalogs showed the many fashions with a "new" waistline about halfway between the hipline and the natural waist. By the end of 1930, belted fashions finally placed the belt at the natural waist. By adding a belt, a thrifty woman could make over last year's dress into something new. In many styles the old dropped waistline was still visible in the dress bodices. The length of the skirt dropped to four inches below the knee for street wear, and six to eight inches for afternoon tea dresses. Most hemlines were straight by this time. Short sleeved dresses became popular for street wear in 1930, especially in the summer. Many dresses had matching jackets or boleros.



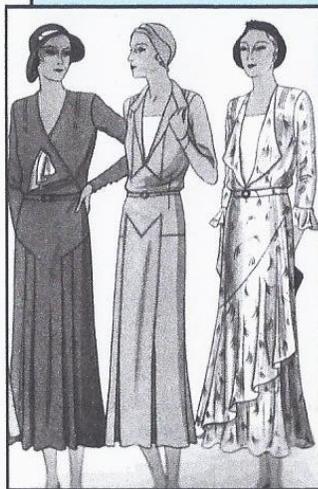
### 1929

Skirts were still at the knee for daytime wear. Pleats were often arranged in front or at either side of the front, or in clusters at one side. Loose panels were seen in the back of the skirts. Drapes and flares continued to give fullness, although the hipline was snugger than in 1928. MAFCA Guidelines state that hemlines were straight for daytime wear, although afternoon tea dresses might have an uneven hemline which dipped considerably on either side or in the back. By the fall/winter of 1929, the waistline had moved to the top of the hips, or just slightly above. Necklines were lower than 1928; often seen were square, round, and the popular "v". Matching jackets, short or three-quarter length were becoming stylish.



### 1931

The dress styles were more fitted and longer in 1931, giving the silhouette a tall, slim look. Catalogs in 1931 show that the length of dresses were one to two inches longer than in 1930 (ten to twelve inches from the floor). By the end of 1931, all of the waistlines were at the natural waist, and any hint of the earlier dropped waist was gone. Skirt lines were straight, pleated, flared, or fuller at the bottom. One piece dresses, which looked like a skirt and blouse often sported a matching jacket. V-necks were still seen, but mostly with ruffles, lace, bows, buttons, or pleats.



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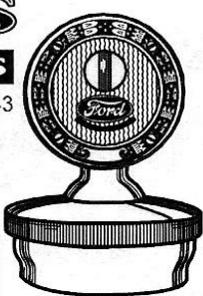
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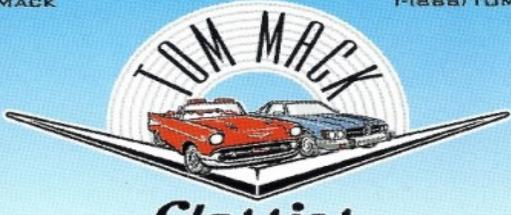
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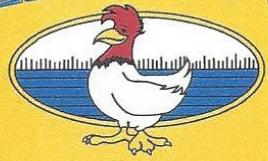


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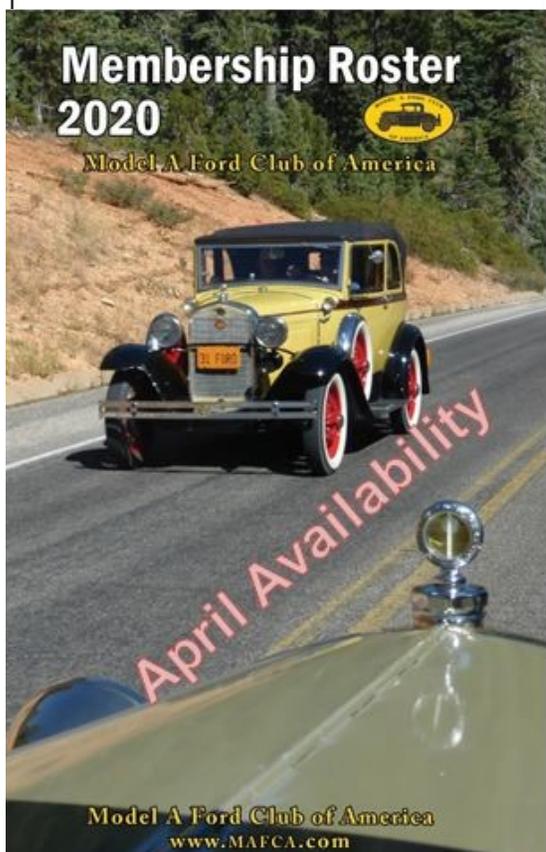
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## Palmetto A's Schedule for 2020

June 20 - Tour to Shealy's BBQ for lunch. Details are on the front page.

July - Breakfast at the Austin's. Cheryl needs a headcount by July 10!

August - TBA

September - TBA

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE THE CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS ON A MONTH BY MONTH BASIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOCIALLY DISTANCING GUIDELINES.**

## Other Events of Interest

2020

June 12-14 - [Charlotte Autofair](#) (postpone from April) **CANCELLED**

June 21-26 - [MAFCA National Convention in Texas Hill Country](#) **CANCELLED**

October 7-10 - Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey, PA **CANCELLED**

October 15-17 - Charlotte AutoFair

December 3-6 MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Fort Worth, Texas **CANCELLED**

2021

June 20-25 MAFCA National Tour in New Hampshire. Watch for details!

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