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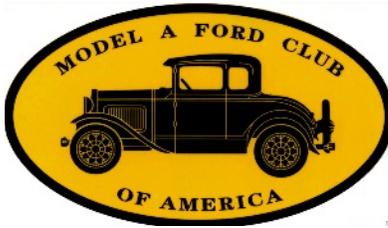
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"A" Note from the President.....

The Robins have arrived and my Flowering Almond is in full bloom, Spring can't be too far off for South Carolina! January was quite cold, but that didn't stop some of us from driving our A's, last month. See the article in this issue about the Annual Mystery Tour for one of the January excursions! You aren't going to want to miss the next one!

Our annual membership meeting was held at Kennerly Road Baptist Church and our hosts were Sharon and Orville Booth. We had 19 members in attendance. Although a few drove moderns, we had 6 Model A's make the drive. It was wonderful to see Ken Busby, who has rejoined the club. Sharon's recipe for Chicken Bog was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the sides and desserts supplied by the membership were every bit as delicious! Many thanks to the Booths and our members for a wonderful lunch!

Our 2018 budget was approved at the January meeting and is available to anyone who would like a copy of it. See me at any meeting or send me an email (happybegg@gmail.com), and I will get you a copy. Again, our budget is balanced and we have adequate funds in our treasury to continue to pay our bills.

I am looking forward to February and our tour to Redcliffe Plantation in Beech Island, South Carolina. We will meet at the Food Lion in South Congaree and plan to leave there at 9:30 AM. The cost of the Plantation house is \$7.50 or \$5.00 for Seniors. We are planning a lunch stop at a local barbecue restaurant before heading back to the Columbia area. It is anticipated that we should be back by 4-4:30 PM, long before dark.

I hope to see you on tour in February as we make our way down to Redcliffe Plantation and a great barbecue lunch. Happy motoring.....

Happy Begg

2018 Palmetto A's President

FEBRUARY 17, 2018 CLUB TOUR TO REDCLIFFE PLANTATION



We will meet at the Food Lion in South Congaree on Highway 302, 675 Main St, West Columbia, SC with a 9:30 a.m. departure. Our tour of Redcliffe Plantation is scheduled for 11 am. Admission for the 45 minute tour is \$7.50, \$5.00 for seniors. We will have lunch at a local restaurant following the plantation tour.

FINAL DUES NOTICE

The notice for Palmetto A's club dues was mailed out back in October. As per our club bylaws, dues must be paid by February 15. If you have not paid your dues, this is the last newsletter you will receive and your name will be removed from the Palmetto A's roster. Renewal forms are available on the website or you may contact Cheryl Austin. The updated roster will be sent out with the March issue of *The Spare Tire*.





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Palmetto A's Membership Meeting

January 20, 2018

President Happy Begg opened the meeting at 11:30am for the purpose of adopting a budget for 2018 at Kennerly Road Baptist Church in Irmo, SC.

Happy identified committees that still needed members such as the Swap Meet and Sunshine Committee and confirmed that Dick Fraser was willing to continue to be in charge of the 50/50 activity and Cheryl Austin to continue as Membership Director.

Vice President and Tour Director Lauren Eckstrom reported on the activities scheduled for each month for this year which will be published in the Newsletter. June and July activities are still undecided and recommendations are invited.

Twila Cockerill as Editor of our Newsletter was honored by MAFCA with a Meritorious Award.

Happy reported that the Website is being revamped and John Cockerill made a plea for more pictures from members with their Model A's.

No treasurer's report was available as Treasurer Tom Barnes was unable to attend because of illness. Happy reported that the club finances continue to stay within the budget.

Happy reviewed the line items in the proposed 2018 Budget with comments and questions encouraged. Motion was made by John Cockerill to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Eddie Seastrunk, and the voice vote of Yea was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at noon followed by a chicken bog lunch with potluck sides and desserts.

Submitted by,
 Sharon Booth, Secretary

Treasurer's Report January, 2018

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.
 Tom Barnes, Treasurer

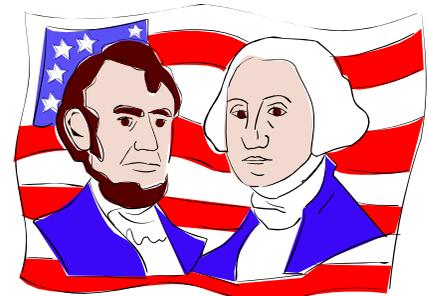


Sunshine Report

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Mack Day, Shirley Fraser, Bill Hornsby, Eddie Seastrunk and Bobby Williamson.

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.



PRESIDENT'S DAY

January Mystery Tour

On January 13, 9 Model A's with a total of 16 passengers met at the Hardees in Red Bank for the Annual Mystery Tour. Lauren Eckstrom and I planned the tour with the option of traveling just 1 day or traveling 2 days with an over night stop.

The group traveled south toward the small town of Blackville, SC. Just north of Blackville, we stopped at the quaint general store of Mr. Yoder. It was a very cold morning, so the stop was quite welcome for warming up!

Once warmed up and purchases made, we were off to Healing Springs Mennonite Church. Our docent, Mr. Yoder, explained in great detail the differences between the Amish and the Mennonite communities and their life styles.

After leaving Mr. Yoder at the church, we traveled just passed Blackville to Barnwell State Park. Barnwell State Park was one of the 16 built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in SC in 1937. Of course, we were an instant car show for the park visitors that morning! We spent about 45 minutes at the park, then it was time for lunch. Everyone was pleased to learn that we were headed to Miller's Bread Basket. Lunch was wonderful and enjoyed by all. After lunch, we said goodbye to two Model A's and Wes Porterfield and the Betchers. The remaining 7 Model A's were headed south to an unknown destination for the night.

We were headed south and soon crossed the Savannah River into Georgia. After a quick sightseeing drive through Savannah we shortly arrived at our destination - Tybee Island. Within walking distance of our host hotel, we enjoyed supper at a great seafood restaurant on the marsh. The next morning, after a hearty breakfast, we were on our way back to the Columbia area.

Our lunch stop was at Lester's Barbecue, just outside of the little town of Estill, SC on the Savannah Highway. Lester's is a great place and where many of the residents enjoy Sunday lunch.

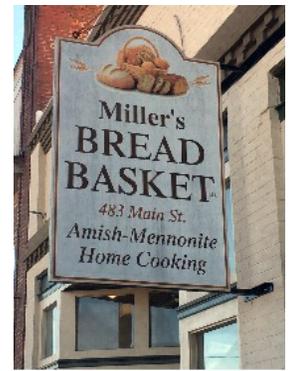
We all arrived home before dark, tired, but happy. We had spent 2 days traveling in our beloved Model A's and no one had any mechanical problems. The best fun was listening to where everyone thought we might be going. No one really knew until we pulled into our hotel parking lot for the evening!

Another Mystery Tour is planned for July. Although the destination is unknown, the direction will be toward the north and cooler elevations. Make plans to join us on this tour! You won't be disappointed, I promise!

~Happy Begg



Rich Betcher warming his feet on the intake manifold



Blackville, SC

Barnwell State Park



Crossing the Savannah River

Coming into Savannah



East River Street, Savannah

Close up of East River Street, Savannah

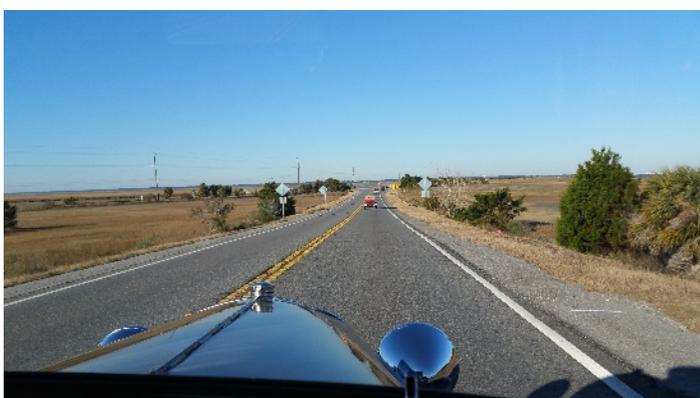


Warren Square, Savannah

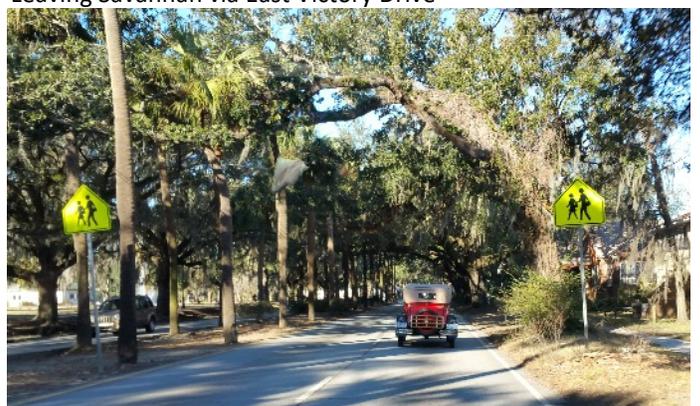
Waving Girl



Leaving Savannah via East Victory Drive



Driving to Tybee Island



A Power Inverter!

By Tom Endy, Westminster, California

6-volt Positive Ground:

The Model A Ford was designed and built with a six-volt positive ground electrical system. It has for many years served the car well and will continue to do so. However, many Model A owners have converted to a 12-volt negative ground system for various reasons. This is a matter of personal choice. To make the conversion one must replace the battery, the generator (or alternator), the ignition coil, and all the light bulbs. A dropping resistor will be needed for the ah-oo-gah horn, and it would be prudent to change the starter to a 12-volt version, however, a six-volt starter will work on 12-volts.

Personal Thoughts:

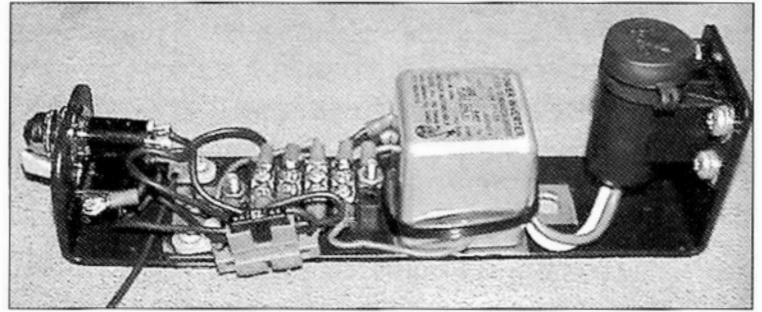
If I were starting from ground zero with a Model A restoration I would definitely convert it to 12-volts. Since I would have to buy a battery, alternator, ignition coil, starter, and all the light bulbs, the cost would be about the same regardless of which I chose, 6- or 12-volt. The advantage of the 12-volt system would be that I could recharge my cell phone and operate a portable GPS system while on a tour. I would also be able to replace a failed alternator on a tour by going to most any auto parts store. It would be difficult to obtain a 6-volt positive ground alternator while on a tour.

An Alternative:

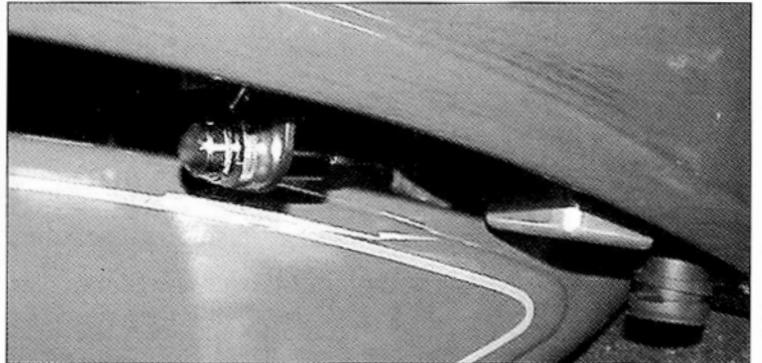
My Victoria already has a 6-volt positive ground electrical system and because I did not want to go to the expense of converting it, I found an alternative solution. Bratton sells a device called an inverter that will provide a low power 12-volt negative ground voltage from a 6-volt positive ground system that is capable of operating a cell phone, and a GPS. Bratton actually stocks two types. One has a 1.2 amp output that will support a cell phone or GPS (\$70); the other has a 2.5 amp output that will support a radio or tape player (\$100). I selected the 2.5 amp unit. The inverter is very small, just one and three quarter inches square. It uses a common ground for both input and output. The unit is grounded to the chassis and there is one lead for a negative 6-volt input, and one lead for a positive 12-volt output.

The Installation:

A power outlet of the "cigarette lighter" type was obtained from an auto supply store. The inverter and the power outlet were attached to a homemade bracket that fits up under the dash rail on the passenger side of the car. It mounts to two existing bolts five inches apart. An off-on switch controls the inverter and a power on lamp was included to indicate power on. Both the inverter and the power outlet are pretty much out of sight. I now have the ability to power my GPS and recharge my cell phone while rolling down the road in my 6-volt positive ground Vic.



The complete assembly is shown above. The inverter is the square looking device in the center. The power outlet is to the right. The power outlet points straight down when installed under the dash rail. A single wire runs from the terminal strip to the negative 6-volt battery voltage. The power switch and the indicator lamp are to the left. The entire assembly is grounded by virtue of mounting it under the dash rail.



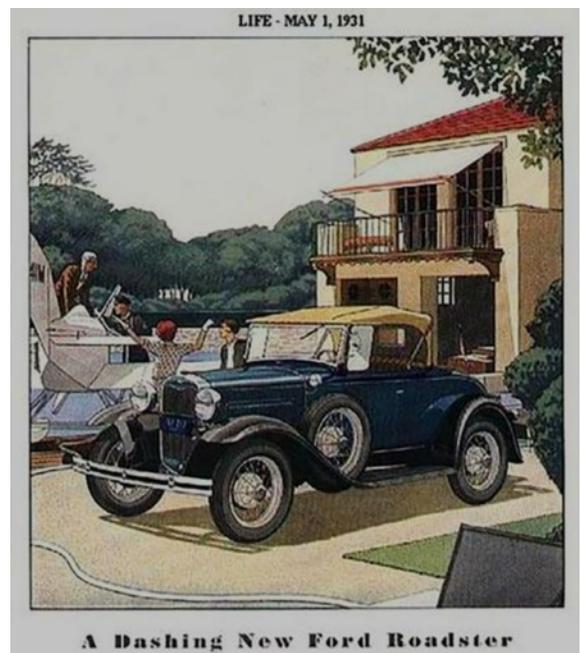
Shown above is the entire assembly installed under the dash rail on the right side of the car and ready for use.

Copied from Tom Endy's Tech Articles
The Santa Anita A's

Editor's Note...

It is cold outside! And it was even colder for our January Mystery Tour. After spending hours in our roadster, I resolved to find some way to generate warmth the next time we take "10" out on a cold day. That search led me to the above article about power inverters. We all find ourselves in need of a charge at one time or another for cell phones, GPS devices and walkie-talkies. This solution shows promise and I did check with Bratton's and they still carry the 2.5 amp inverter (part # 14940) for \$100. Mike's A Ford-able has a 7.5 amp unit (part # A10000CHD) for the same price. I'm still searching for that added warmth. Maybe I need a bigger, better, warmer blanket!

Twila



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Cook's Corner.....

Jubilee Jumbles

- 2¾ cups plain flour
- 1½ cups brown sugar (packed)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon soda
- 1 cup dairy sour cream
- ½ cup shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup chopped nuts (I usually double that)
- Browned Butter Glaze (below)

Heat oven to 375°.

Mix thoroughly all ingredients except glaze. If dough is soft, cover and chill.

Drop dough by level tablespoons 2" apart onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes or until almost no imprint remains when touched with finger.

I usually bake 1 test cookie. If cookie spreads during baking and chilling does not help, add flour a tablespoon at a time until cookie does not spread when baked. Immediately remove from baking sheet and cool.

Spread with Brown Butter Glaze.

Brown Butter Glaze

Heat ½ cup butter over low heat until golden brown. Remove from heat and blend in 2 cups confectioners' sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Stir in 2 to 4 tablespoons hot water until of spreading consistency.

Makes 4½ to 5 dozen cookies.

Twila Cockerill



TINY TIPS

IDLING

If you just can't seem to make your Model A idle properly (ta-puck-a-ta, puck-a-ta, puck-a-ta) like they are famous for, check the following:

1. Are your valves in good condition?
No burned exhausts valves
Compression good?
2. Is the carburetor okay? Has it been checked out?
3. Is the distributor okay? New condenser, etc.?
4. No excess play in the distributor linkage?
5. Do you have Champion 3X spark plugs? Are they fairly new plugs?
6. Is the spark plug gap 0.035" to 0.040"?
7. Look for possible leaks in the intake system like manifold gaskets, cracked intake manifold, faulty windshield wiper hose or fittings.
8. Check for manifold leaks by spraying a very light liquid like WD-40 along the manifold to block gasket while the engine is idling. Does it slow down? If it does your manifold gaskets might be leaking. The gaskets could be improperly installed or the manifold surfaces could be warped.

Patent Cures



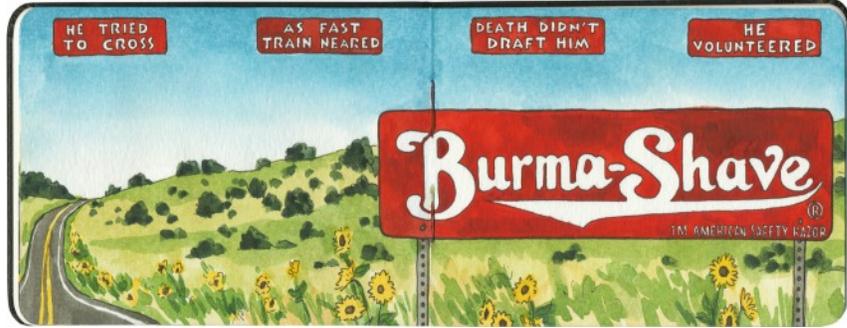
Red E. Power

Jim's Tech Tip

A film builds up on glass with time as you drive, especially on the windshield. About once a year it helps if you give the glass a very thorough cleaning. I use a paper towel with a LITTLE lacquer thinner on it to remove the film. You will see the black slime on the paper towel as you go. (Obviously, don't get the thinner on your paint.) Then follow up with a good glass cleaner. My favorite cleaner is called "Sprayway Streakless Glass Cleaner"; it has no ammonia. I know WalMart stocks it, other stores probably do, too. It really gets the glass clean and shiny.

Have a Model A Day
Jim Cannon,
MAFCA Technical Director

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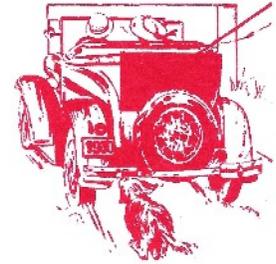
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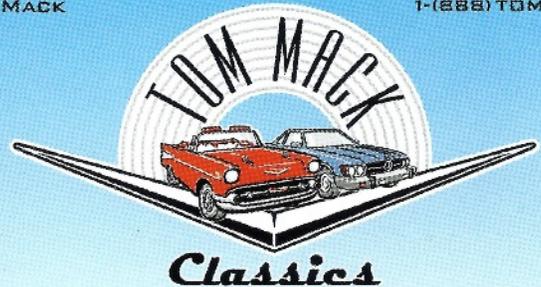
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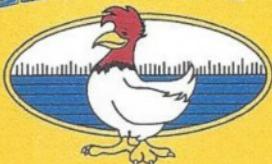
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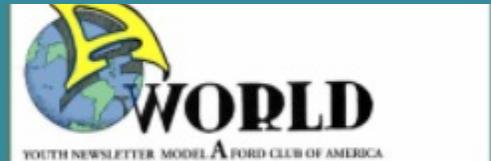
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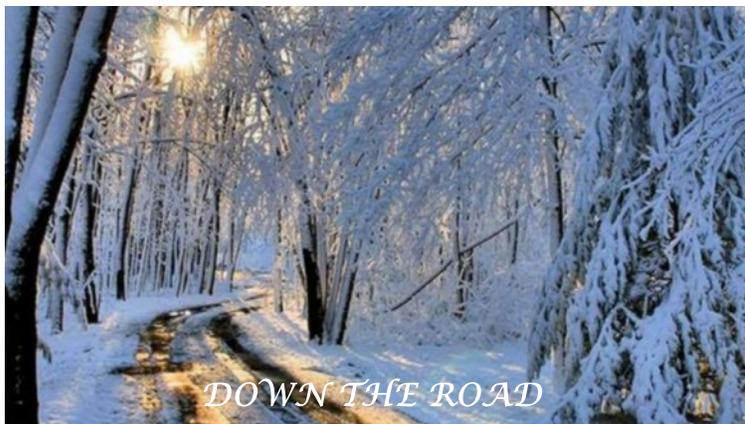


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Annual dues are \$50 and include a subscription to **The Restorer Magazine** from MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631 and
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Is there a destination to which you would like to drive your Model A? Is there a lunch spot to which you would like to drive your Model A? Call or email Lauren Eckstrom at (551)206-0821 or laeckstrom@gmail.com. She is looking for your ideas and input!



Palmetto A's Schedule for 2018

February 17 [Redcliffe Plantation - Beech Island - Aiken County](#)

March 24 Picnic in the Park

April 14 Epworth Cookout for Kids BBQ

April 21 Georgetown / Litchfield / lunch in Georgetown

May 19 Rhythm on the Rails, Clinton, SC

June 16 Open for suggestions

July 21 Open for suggestions

August 18 Congaree / Manchester State Forest, Lunch in Sumter

September Swap Meet

October 20 [The Mountain House Restaurant, Caesar's Head State Park](#)

November 17 Pot Luck suggested

December Christmas Party

Other Events of Interest

(details on National Club Websites & Magazines)

April 5-8 [Charlotte Auto Fair](#)

April 12-15 [MARC Membership Meet, Granville, Ohio](#)

April 20-21 Old 96 12th Annual All Model A and Model T Parts Swap Meet

June 24-29 [MAFCA National Convention in Sparks-Reno, Nevada](#)

June 24 - July 1 [MARC National Meet, Dancin' in Branson](#)

September 17-20 [MARC National Tour, Elkins, West Virginia](#)

September 22 International Model A Day

November 27 -December 1 [MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Tucson, Arizona](#)

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