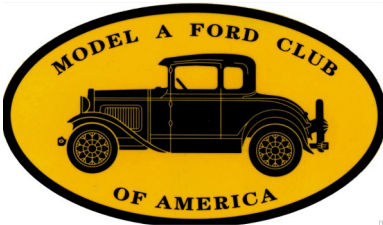


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MAFFI SWEEPSTAKES

Win "BETSY"

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Closing Date: September 30, 2024
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Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy" has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950's. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee, which urged for the best restorations possible, leading toward developing the judging standards. This 1930 Ford Model A, affectionately named "Betsy", became famous as the best Model A in the world. The Ford Model A has gathered 32 top place trophies in the 34 shows in which the car was entered. That includes two national shows in 1957 and 1962. We can thank Red Grow and the MAFCA founders for their vision. In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubbs for \$5,000, an unheard of price in those days. As a result, Dave Grubb placed the car in a glass cage centered in his dealer showroom. Sadly, Red Grow passed away in February 1978 at the age of 65.

Drawing Date: September 30, 2024
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For more Information contact Jarrod Williams at jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com or <http://maffi.org>

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Bruce Edge 17th

Sandra Long 17th

Chuck Lyons 27th

Wyman Toole 30th

Anniversaries

Tom & Sherry Mack 3rd

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Sunshine - We need a volunteer!

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Treasurer's Report, April, 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, Bruce Edge, Mike Lewter, and Margaret Smith.

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.

"A" Note from the President...

Our Club's annual picnic, the first of two events for April, was enjoyed by not only our members, but also we had guests from the Old 96 Club as well as The Aiken A's and The Shade Tree A's. The weather was perfect and the food and fellowship were great. Thanks to all who attended. The second outing was our trip to the Old 96 Club's swap meet in Greenwood. Another beautiful day for the four A's that made the trip to enjoy "parts" shopping, fellowship, and burgers & chili dogs for lunch.

For May, on the 18th we'll be heading to the Magnolia Ridge Antique and Art Show in Ridge Springs, then a late lunch at Shealy's BBQ buffet. Meeting time, 8:30 at the Food Lion, 744B W. Main St., Lexington, SC.

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

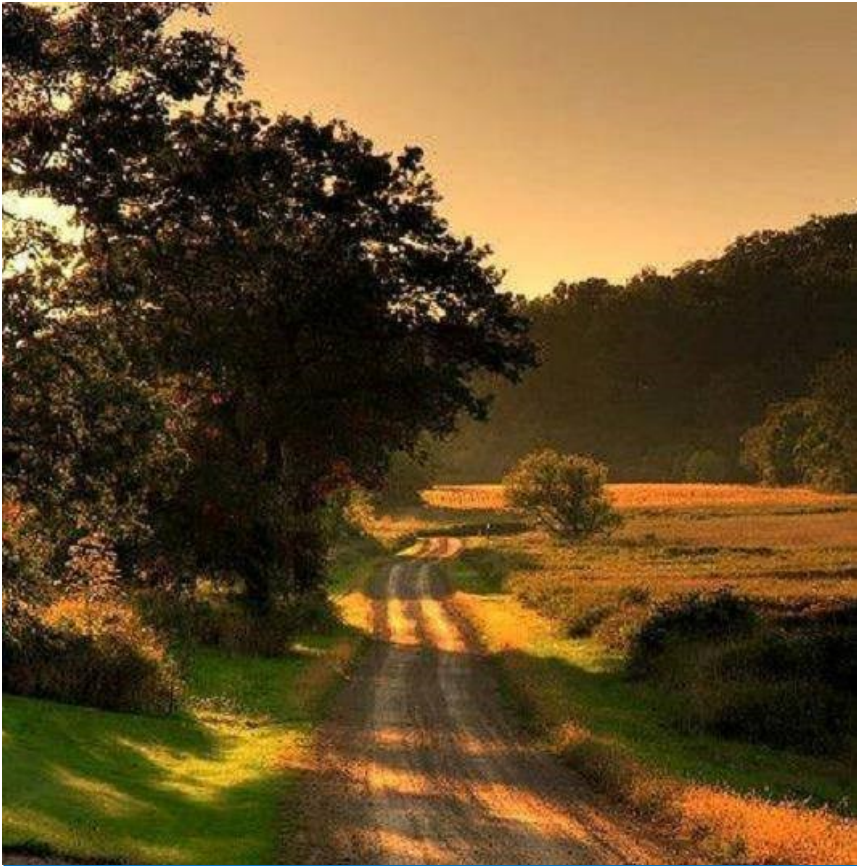
WELCOM NEW MEMBERS!

David & Nina Howard

1930 Tudor

Jim & Belinda Jones

1931 Tudor



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, daustin002@sc.rr.com. They are looking for your ideas and input!



Palmetto A’s Schedule for 2024

- May 18** - Magnolia Ridge Farm Antiques & Arts Festival, Ridge Spring, SC and lunch at Shealy’s BBQ. Meet at 8:30 the Food Lion, 744B W Main St, Lexington.
- 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
- August 17** - Sylvan’s Farm & Old McDonald’s Fish Camp
- September 21** - Cross Road Café (country buffet and sea food) in Orangeburg for Model A Day.

PLEASE NOTE: DATES AND PLACES
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Other Events of Interest

2024

- 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](#)
- August 16-17** - Shade Tree A’s Swap Meet, in Thomson GA.
Contacts: Andrew Morse, 706-834-2342 or Jim McPherson, 706-564-0120
- September 19-21** - [Charlotte Auto Fair Fall Meet](#)
- 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](#)



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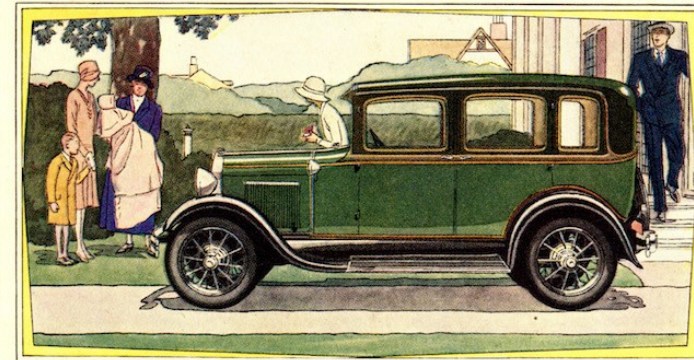


From the technical side of things

On a recent Saturday morning as I sat watching the Weather Channel and drinking my coffee, I received a phone call from a friend (a fellow Model A enthusiast). As I answered the phone I heard a cry for HELP! Not to be alarmed, the friend went on to say that they had been working on their car and just couldn't get it to run. Well, immediately my ego shot through the roof. This friend has been around Model A's longer than I could even spell Model A. And here they were calling ME for help. As we continued to talk, they said "I didn't know who else to call." Well, there went my ego, I was the LAST person they thought of that might could help them. Not to be deterred, we continued the conversation. The friend stated that they had a lot of hours invested, working on this car and simply couldn't think what it was that they were missing to get it to run. I told the friend I would come by that morning to see if we could figure it out. Upon my arrival, we set out diagnosing the problem. Checking the fuel, then the distributor. This is where we found the issue to be, in the distributor. Yes, this is a really simple thing to miss, a bad condenser. But in defense of the friend, I too have worked on things before and gotten to a point that I couldn't see the forest for the trees being in the way. Now, I go through this simply to make a point that, we all, myself included, need a little help with our cars now and then. The Palmetto A's Tech Team has always said, if you need help with your car, we are there for you. So please ask one of us for assistance. By the way, I'll not name the friend. It's up to you all to figure it out. If you want to!

Wayne Areheart

**Palmetto A's Annual Picnic
April 6, 2024**



Another new Ford car is the Town Sedan. Distinguished by its roomy comfort and rich finish. Interior hardware is of satin finish nickel. Rear window and rear quarter windows have silk curtains. Driver's seat is adjustable. Folding center arm and side arm rests add to comfort of rear seat. Rear compartment also has bow light and flexible robe rail. Three side windows, large rear window, and narrow pillars give unusual vision.

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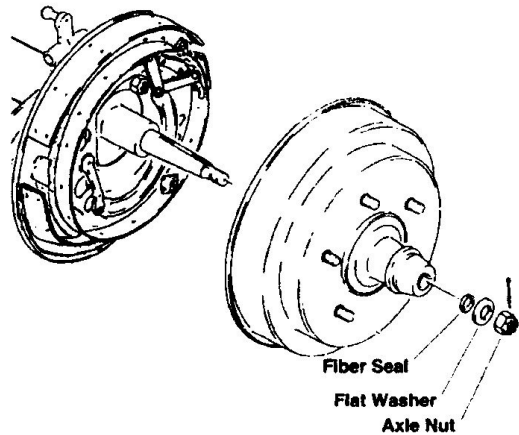
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Henry Ford

Courtesy of MAFCA

Jim's Tech Tips
"Check Your Rear Axle Nuts"

Every time I have a rear wheel off of a Model A, I use the opportunity to check the tightness of the rear axle nut for that wheel. They are supposed to be quite tight, and yet I find many with at least one axle nut that is loose. This is not good. If the hub is able to move on the axle, it will cause excess wear to the end of the axle and can damage it to the point where the axle will need to be replaced.



To check it, first remove the cotter key. With the transmission in 1st or Reverse gear, and the opposite rear tire on the ground, you can apply a wrench to the axle nut and confirm it is tight.

Ford did not publish torque values for nuts and bolts; he counted on the experience and "feel" of expert mechanics to know how tight to make things. Les Andrews has a value of 125 ft-lbs. in his book for this nut, and I feel that is a good target to shoot for. Watch the position of the cotter pin hole relative to the slots in the axle nut. If the pin will not line up on the nut, keep tightening the nut until the cotter pin goes in. Bend the ears over. I use a new cotter pin every time.

This simple maintenance step will help you avoid bigger problems down the road.

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

Courtesy of MAFCA and Jim Cannon

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

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

NEED HELP WITH YOUR MODEL A?

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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

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