



The Spare Tire

Palmetto A's of South Carolina

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Model A Ford Club of America Chapter
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Saturday, May 20, 2017
Tour to Brattonsville

We will meet at the Flying J Travel Plaza, I-20 Exit 70, 5901 Fairfield Road and leave promptly at 8 a.m. to tour to Brattonsville Plantation. Admission for the Plantation tour is \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors (60+). Lunch at The Wagon Wheel in Wagner will follow the tour.



We mourn the passing of Mike Smith on April 20, 2017. He was a long time member of our club. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Faye, Davin, Christy, Gary and all of the family.





MAY

Birthdays

Barbara Dye - 5th
 Davin Smith - 9th
 Cole McKinney - 11th
 Harold Jones - 17th
 Frank Sox - 22nd
 Chuck Lyons - 27th
 Wyman Toole - 30th

Anniversaries

Tom & Sherry Mack - 3rd
 Frank & Bobbie Sox - 9th

President's Note.....

Our club started the month of April by having 11 Model A's and 18 members in attendance as we supported the Epworth Children's Home annual fundraiser. Thanks to all who attended to give our support to this very worthy cause. While there, beside enjoying a beautiful day, BBQ lunch, meeting "Captain America", "Batman", "Wonder Woman", "Super Girl", and "Spider Man" !!!, we also had time to have a short business meeting. We discussed, voted on and unanimously passed a change and an addition to our club by-laws. The latter part of the month we toured to Greenwood to attend and support our sister club's annual Swap Meet.

Coming up for the month of May, on the 20th, we head to McConnells, SC to visit the Brattonsville Plantation. This is north of Columbia and southwest of Rock Hill. We will have a lunch stop on the way. Some members may remember that we visited here back in 2014. We enjoyed a wonderful house tour (one of three houses there built between 1775 and 1855) with informative tour guides. Some scenes from the movie the Patriot were filmed here. Whether it's a return trip, or your first, it should be an enjoyable day for all to tour and fellowship in our A's and see some history of our state. Hope to see you for another fun day in our A's.

So Dust'em off, Gas'em up and let's go Model A'ing !!!

John Cockerill



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Treasurer's Report April, 2017

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: Shirley Fraser, Eddie Seastrunk, Bobby Williamson and the family of Mike 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 World Magazine

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Have you downloaded the most recent edition of A World Magazine? Click on the link, download the magazine and print! This is a great magazine with fun for all ages!

<http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Youth/AWorld.pdf>

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

No Board Meeting in April



Editor's Note.....

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? More pollen! This has been the earliest and worst pollen season we have experienced in years! No matter how often you wipe your "A" down, the yellow stuff will not be vanquished, not even in a closed garage.

Please remember to keep up with your mileage for the 100k in a Model A challenge. (See page 7) We are going to keep a total mileage for each of our tours and use the date for the tour with the most cumulative miles to submit to MAFCA.

Even though it is only May, it is time to consider nominations for our 2018 Board. Both the president's and vice president's positions must be filled as they have both completed their two year stints. The board will be appointing a nominating committee in the near future.

Hope to see you all on our tour to Brattonsville!

Twila



Palmetto A's Membership Meeting Highlight

8 April, 2017

The Palmetto A's Model A January meeting was held at Epworth Children's Home in Columbia, SC.

Vote on Bylaw Changes and Additions

There were two issues voted on at the meeting and each passed unanimously.

- Article V Section II was changed from "... A nominating committee consisting of the existing elected officers will bring a slate of nominees, who have agreed to serve," to "... A nominating committee consisting of club members will be appointed by the elected officers to bring a slate of nominees, who have agreed to serve."
- An addition to Article V. The Waiver of Election, stated "If, after the close of nominations, the number of people nominated for election to the Board of Directors is not more than one nominee for each office to be elected, the Board of Directors may, without further action, declare that those nominated and qualified to be elected have been elected."

This year's election calls for the offices of President and Vice President to be filled.

A reminder was made to keep track of mileage. The most mileage recorded by October will be sent to MAFCA for the million miles. This is only eligible for member of MAFCA.

Upcoming tours were announced, and can be seen on the last page of this newsletter.

The Southeastern Touring Group will be headed to the Outer Banks the third weekend in October. There is no limit on cars, but there are only 35 rooms available. Signup will begin in the first week of July. There is only online registration and payment for SET and this event. Contact Happy Begg with questions.

Happy is also working on a video project and requesting shots with drivers and their Model As.

The meeting was adjourned.


Submitted by Lauren Eckstrom, Secretary



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LEXINGTON YESTERDAY
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Grandpa’s Model A

My grandpa has been a bountiful source of inspiration for a lot of my stories in Lexington Yesterday. Our family spent most Sunday afternoons sitting around his wood stove if it was cool or on the front porch if the weather was warm.

There’s was typical Lexington County home – a Carolina I-frame. It had a central hall with rooms on either side. The kitchen was in back. It was not detached. Grandpa Willie Edwin built the house in 1875.

There was a smoke house, hen house, green-house, outhouse, corn cribs and other grain storage buildings and two barns – a new one in the upper lot and old one in the lower lot.

In the summer the hay loft was filled to capacity with winter hay for his cows and two mules. The barn lot served as a graveyard for worn out wagons. The buckboard that rested in the tall grass had seen its last days. But oh how sweet it was to ride into town in that buckboard. When you passed the Fourteen Mile Creek, Lexington was not far away.

In the summer the scent of new hay and wa-

termelons was thick. To this day I still catch the scent of fresh cut watermelon at the Fourteen Mile Creek bridge every now and then.

To the left of Grandpa’s house was another barn and storage building where Aunt Lizzy and Uncle Joe’s convertible Model-T spent its last days along with Grandpa’s Model-A.

Grandpa bought that car when he came home from France in WWI. He also bought bells for Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

He drove his Model-A for at least 20 years before he bought a Model-T truck. When his boys entered Clemson on scholarships, he bought a Ford for them to travel to school. I think it was a 1954. It rests in the upper lot.

“Mr. Archie” and his chugga were known everywhere. If he had car trouble he fixed it with baling wire. The seats were threadbare with springs peeking up through burlap sacks.

All we have now are memories.

What I would give for just one more ride across the dam in Grandpa’s Model-A and a stop at Katie Bell’s store for a bag of peppermint and Mary Janes.

LEXINGTON YESTERDAY
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Wayne Areheart with Grandpa’s Model A in Lexington last week.

Grandpa’s Model A still chuggin’ along

Can you believe it? I have located Grandpa’s Model A right here in Lexington.

When I wrote about my fond memories of Grandpa’s A Model, I never suspected it was still “alive.” It is much more than that. It has been beautifully restored and happily cruises along Lexington’s highways and byways from time to time. You may have seen it.

After the story about Grandpa’s A Model, I received an email from Wayne Areheart, son of David and Bonnie Areheart of Lexington County. He informed me that he had bought the car from one of my cousins a few years ago and restored it. I could hardly wait to see it.

It is beautiful – new paint job, new tires and upholstery. The dings of farm life are gone.

Wayne tells me he restored it with care, keeping to its original condition, just as when it rolled off Henry Ford’s assembly line in 1929.

Wayne Areheart is a cousin. Since the car’s beginnings, it has always been in the family. In the 1970s, Grandpa sold the car to his son, Willie Lee Corley, who lived in Georgia. Willie Lee’s son Bryan drove it in West Columbia and sold it to Wayne seven years ago. Except for its stay in Georgia, it has never “lived” outside of the county. It took Wayne and wife Debbie five years to complete the restoration. Now the Arehearts join antique car clubs to travel often with other enthusiasts.

When the Model A struts its stuff, people stop, turn in admiration, smile and wave.

The old girl is well over 80. For just a moment people forget what may have been weighing heavily on their minds. It’s a sight to tell your grandkids about.

How do I know this? Yes, I got to ride in Grandpa’s Model A. Wishes do come true.

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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 55 years.

Monthly meetings are generally held the third Saturday of the month, time and location announced in **The Spare Tire**.

Palmetto A’s membership dues are \$25 per year.

Members are encouraged to join the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA).

Annual dues are \$40 and include a subscription to **The Restorer Magazine** from MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631

Members are encouraged to join the Model ‘A’ Restorers Club (MARC)

Annual dues are \$45 and include a subscription to the **Model ‘A’ News Magazine** from MARC, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135



Photos from our Epworth Children’s Home event.

TINY TIPS

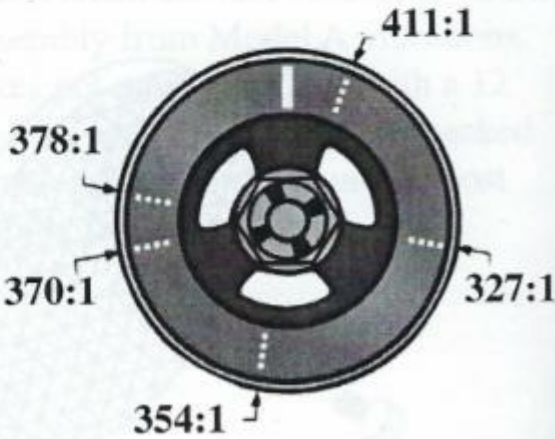
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HOW TO DETERMINE YOUR REAR END RATIO

Here's one way to find out the ring and pinion ratio in your Model A. Park on a flat surface with several feet of clear space in front. Remove all four spark plus. Put a chalk mark on a rear tire at 6 o'clock as shown. Mark the front of the crank pulley at 12 o'clock. With the help of a friend, and the transmission in high gear, push the vehicle forward and watch the mark on the crank pulley. Count the number of times the mark on the pulley reaches 12 o'clock and stop when the tire mark is at 6 o'clock again. Note the position of the mark on the crank pulley. The mark you made will be at approximately the area of your gear ratio as shown.



With 411:1, the crank pulley will have made 4 1/8 revolutions. The crank pulley will have made three complete revolutions, then a little past 3/4 of a turn with a ratio of 3.78:1 (standard).



Submitted by Dan Ritt, Mt. Arab, Ohio
Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

TEXTING FOR SENIORS

- Young people have theirs, NOW we seniors have our own texting codes.
- ATD - At the doctor's
 - BFF - Best friend's Funeral
 - BTW - Bring the wheelchair
 - BOYT - Bring your own teeth
 - CBM - Covered by Medicare
 - CUATSC - See you at the Senior Center
 - DWI - Driving while incontinent
 - FWIW - Forgot where I was
 - GGPBL - Gotta go, pace-maker battery low
 - GHA - Got heartburn again
 - HGBM - Had good bowel movement
 - LMDO - Laughing my dentures out
 - LOL - Living on Lipitor
 - OMSG - Oh my! Sorry, gas
 - TOT - Texting on toilet
 - WAITT - Who am I talking to?
- Hope these help.....And the best one is: GGLKI - Gotta go, laxative kicking in!



Our Model A's at Epworth Children's Home on 8 April, 2017

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By Harriet McNeill, Era Fashions Committee

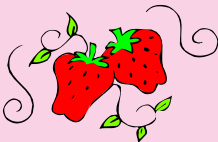


This is an ad from National Bellas Hess for the frugal and creative gal to make her own felt hat and for only \$.89. Everything was included; from stamped outlines for cutting the hat and for embroidery, contrasting felt for trim and even the needle and yarn for embroidery. You even had a choice of colors and again --- all for \$.89.

Cook's Corner....

Strawberry Pretzel Dessert

Mix:
2 cups crushed pretzels
¾ cup melted butter
3T granulated sugar
Smooth in bottom of 9x13 baking dish.
Bake at 375° for 10 minutes, then cool.
Beat 8 oz cream cheese with ½ cup granulated sugar. Stir in 2 cups Cool Whip Spread on cooled crust and refrigerate.
Combine in saucepan: 2 - 6oz packages Jell-O Vanilla Cooked Pudding/Pie Filling
1 - 6 oz package Strawberry Jell-O Gelatin 3 cups water.
Bring to a boil, then chill until slightly thickened.
Fold in 2 cups Cool Whip and 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries.
Pour onto crust and refrigerate at least 2 hours until set.
Cut and top with more Cool Whip—decorate with strawberries if desired.
Submitted by Sharon Booth





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Due date for submissions
for the June 2017 issue
is May 20th

Benefits of National Club Memberships

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 Na- tional and Regional MAFCA meets.
- Voting privileges in National elections of offi- cers and by-laws revisions.
- Free classified advertising on the MAFCA web site and posting of photo of your car in the Photo Album section.
- Technical advice to help restore your Model A and keep it in top shape.

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April 2017 MAFCA President's Column

April brings many of us to that special time of year when the snow has melted, or mostly melted, and the roads are dry. Perfect time to get out there and see where your favorite car will take you!

I've been quite busy over the past couple of weeks working with my husband, John, to bring a recently acquired 1930 Sport Coupe up to my safety standards for long distance and daily driving. I've also discovered a new meaning for dirty! It is our hope to have the car in shape about the beginning of May. I hope your projects are coming along well.

Have you given some thought to running for the MAFCA Board of Directors? If you have and think you would like to share your talents with MAFCA, give Garth Shreading a call to talk it over. His phone number is 409-753-2564 and his email address is membership@majca.com. Garth has served our membership in a variety of Board positions and is in a great position to really give you the ins and outs of each office and answer questions you may have.

If you have a Model A related product to sell or a Model A business, contact Donna Lewis, MAFCA's Advertising Director, for your commercial advertising; her email is advertising@majca.com and her phone number is 281-255-8885. What better way is there to get your message to 13,000 enthusiasts than through advertising in The Restorer and on our website?

The Bakersfield Chapter is receiving registrations for the 2017 National Tour in California. Although the route was changed due to a recent bridge wash out on the original route, they have chosen an alternate route through beautiful farmlands and vineyards for a short section of the tour. These roads are perfect for the Model A! San Simeon and Hearst Castle will still be the first stop along the Pacific Coast Highway. No matter the route, any National Tour is about our members getting together to drive their cars, together. If you have never joined in the fun of a National Tour, it is guaranteed that you will make new friends from all over the US and maybe some from outside the US and have a great time! For more information, please [click on this link](#).

Many of us are on the Internet using Facebook. MAFCA has a growing Group Page, MAFCA - Model A Ford Club of America. This is a really good place to share your photos and stories of your adventures. It is also a great place to get the word out about your local club's swap meets, tours, and meetings. Although anyone can view the page, you must have a Facebook page and request to be a member of the page to make a post. There is no charge to join in and see what other Model A enthusiasts are up to with their cars.

The Board of Directors is available to you for any issues, concerns or other comments. We would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me by email, president@majca.com, or by phone (803-622-0048).

Until next month - Happy Motoring...

Happy Begg

2017 MAFCA President





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 one of the following, they are looking for your ideas and input!

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May 20 Brattonsville Plantation. See front page for details.

June 17 Blackville/Healing Springs/Miller's Bread-Basket

July 15 Ridge Spring, Juniper Restaurant

August 19 Cayce Museum

September 8 & 9 Swap Meet

October 14 Riverbanks Zoo, depending on rates; or apple picking. Slate of nominees for the board to be presented.

November 18 Elections, venue TBA later.

December 9 Christmas Party at the Gantt's Farm.

Other Events of Interest

(details on National Club Websites & Magazines)

2017

July 30 - August 4 MARC National Meet, Gettysburg, PA

October 1-6 MAFCA National Tour, Paso Robles to Napa Valley, CA

October 19-22 Southeastern Tour Group Outer Banks of North Carolina Tour

November 29 - December 2 MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Oklahoma City, OK

2018

June 24-29 MAFCA National Convention in Sparks-Reno, Nevada

2019

October 7-11 Canyonlands Hub and Spoke Tour of the Redrock Canyonlands of Southern Utah and Northern Arizona, based in Kanab, Utah



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