

# The Spare Tire

*Palmetto A's of South Carolina*

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Next Club Meeting

Saturday, June 17, 2017

Miller's Bread Basket in Blackville  
with a stop at  
Healing Springs

We will leave from the IGA, 185 Main Street N  
in Gaston, promptly at 9:00 am. We will stop  
at Healing Springs and then proceed to  
Blackville for lunch at Miller's Bread Basket.



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

Our Club had five Model A's travel to McConnells, SC to visit the Brattonsville Plantation. Unfortunately about five of our regular touring couples had other events or obligations and were not able to make the trip. It was a special weekend for the Plantation as they were hosting a huge gathering of re-enactors from different states. They had gathered to do a re-enactment of the Battle of Kings Mountain. There must have been over two hundred folks, men and women, dressed in period clothing that had encampments set up that they were actually camping out in, to include cooking their meals. Vendors were set up selling their wares which related to the period. This seemed to me like a "National Meet" for Revolutionary Re-enactors. Leaving Brattonsville, we traveled to Fort Lawn for lunch at the Wagon Wheel restaurant, and then headed for home. Coming up on the 17th of June is our tour to Blackville for lunch at Miller's Bread Basket and a stop "Healing Springs" (bring your containers for water). We have invited several area Model A Clubs to join us for lunch. I look forward to seeing not only our members but those from other clubs as well. As we are now into warmer weather don't forget to bring some water for yourself and your Model A's. Please note some changes in our monthly "Tour Schedule". 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*





**Birthdays**

- Orville Booth - 7<sup>th</sup>
- Wayne Areheart - 10<sup>th</sup>
- Starke Ward - 10<sup>th</sup>
- Ann Lyons - 11<sup>th</sup>
- Judy Barnes - 15<sup>th</sup>
- Lloyd Merritt - 16<sup>th</sup>
- Paul Laingen - 24<sup>th</sup>
- John Begg - 25<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversaries**

- Lester & Maxine Kelly - 9<sup>th</sup>
- Chester & Ann Kay - 12<sup>th</sup>
- John & Twila Cockerill - 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Mike & Stephanie Petty - 24<sup>th</sup>
- Richard & Doris Morris 25<sup>th</sup>

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**Palmetto A's Website Under Construction**

Due to issues with the previous website, a new site is under construction. Nothing will be added/corrected/deleted from the present site until the new site is built and live. Apologies for the inconvenience. Happy Begg, Webmaster, Palmetto A's

**Treasurer's Report  
May, 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. 2017 Palmetto A's Approved Budget is posted on website on the 'Member Secure Page.'



**Sunshine Report**

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Shirley Fraser, Eddie Seastrunk, and Bobby Williamson. Also, Lauren Eckstrom in the loss of her grandmother and Charles Pardee in the loss of his great grandmother.

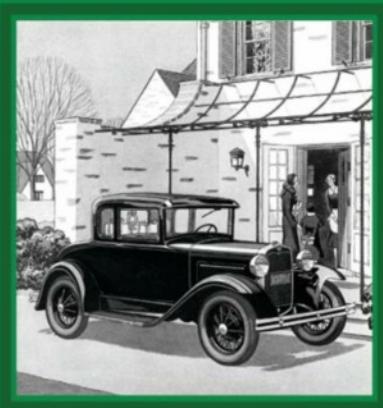
*Remember: call, write or send a card to someone who needs encouragement. We are "FAMILY" and it helps to be thought of and prayed about.*

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



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**Board of Directors Meeting Highlights**

15 May, 2017

The Palmetto A's Model A Board meeting was held at Tom Barnes's community clubhouse with the following in attendance: John Cockerill, Twila Cockerill, Cheryl Austin, Lauren Eckstrom, Dick Fraser, Wes Porterfield and Tom Barnes. John Begg was unable to attend.

The minutes for the March meeting were read by L. Eckstrom and a motion to approve the minutes was made by J. Cockerill, seconded by T. Barnes, and approved.

Barnes gave the treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$6033.25. Nothing has changed since the March meeting. The website is down, H. Begg's computer has crashed and is being worked on.

C. Austin is checking the PO Box. Nothing to report from the membership director.

T. Cockerill spoke about the newsletter. The "Henry the Farmboy" storyline is no more because of a lack of response from the author of the series. A request was also made for emails regarding any mistakes in the newsletter to be sent to T. Cockerill for clarification.

D. Fraser reported that Orville and Sharon Booth had received a mileage award.

J. Cockerill discussed upcoming meetings. **See back page for listing and please note the many changes.**

**New Business:**

Swap meet.

Set up will be Thurs., the 7th. The pop-up tents, chairs will need to be removed from storage.

Committee to be formed consisting of D. Fraser, O. and S. Booth, D. Austin, W. Areheart, and D. Smith. The food prices have been increased: \$6/plate, + \$4 for an extra burger, +\$3 extra hot dog, + \$1 extra drink. T. Barnes has volunteered to get the meat and buns from Sysco. C. Austin has volunteered to get the chili. T. and J. Cockerill have volunteered to get the condiments. Lettuce, tomato, etc... will be decided at a later date. W. Porterfield and T. Barnes has volunteered to cook. The car show will have at least a \$5 entry free. The prize from the show still needs to be determined.

Other things that need to be determined are the raffle prizes and their budget, procuring the port-a-johns, and who will be in charge of the raffle tickets and the 50/50.

Nothing has been reported for the Turkey Tickets.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Lauren Eckstrom, Secretary

**Palmetto A's Membership Meeting Highlight**

No membership meeting notes for our May tour.

**Jim's technical tip for May**

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

"Most carburetor problems are electrical." In other words, when your Model A starts running poorly and you think you have a carburetor problem, first look at the ignition system. How old is your condenser, how good are your points, is the point gap correct? Are all of the connections between the coil, ignition switch and distributor clean and tight? If you have a wire inside your distributor between the lower plate and the upper plate, what condition is it in? Is the ignition switch making a good connection inside? These things are as common as carburetor problems, if not more so, to cause your engine to run poorly.



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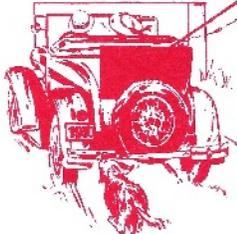


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## MAFCA President's Letter

I recently came across a Ford Motor Company advertisement from a Good Housekeeping magazine, dated August 1930. It features a photo of a 1930 Roadster on a dock near the sea. Its caption was, "A joyous car for golden summer days." It goes further to say, "Many are the delights of the Ford Roadster these golden summer days. Short the miles and pleasant because of its alert and sprightly performance, its safety and its easy-riding comfort. And what a joy it is to travel along the way with the top down, the blue sky overhead and the fresh, cool air brushing a rosy glow upon your cheeks... Many months of glorious motoring await your beckoning." Wow, I'm sold! Let's take out our Model A's and go for a ride! Don't forget to keep track of your miles for the 100K Miles in A Day Challenge! Travel with your Chapter or on your own - you pick the day! Send your mileage to Garth Shreading, Membership Director, 100k@mafca.com. The long awaited Model A Coupe Book is now available for purchase, \$24.95, through the MAFCA Store and online at [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com). This book was put together by some of our most dedicated members, Alex and Ruth Janke, Les Andrews and Garth Shreading, with assistance from many others. This is a superior compilation of all of the articles ever published in *The Restorer* on Model A Coupes, plus some written by Les Andrews and never before published, until now! The book has a terrific introduction written by Alex Janke, which includes all of the data sheets with the original fabric, paint, and stripe combinations available on the various Coupes. This book is a must for the Model A hobbyist! It is only available from MAFCA and our vendors, order yours, today! Over the years, the Model A Ford Club of America and your Board of Directors has been very successful in giving you, our membership the best that can be offered in the antique car hobby. Our membership is the largest of any single marque. I believe this is because we have many great membership benefits such as our award winning magazine, *The Restorer*. Our magazine went from a fledgling cut and paste, black and white newsletter in 1957 to a sixty-six page, full color magazine today. Published six times a year, *The Restorer*, features articles about the Model A Ford, news of Chapters and activities, and other interesting articles. Along with *The Restorer*, MAFCA's Directors, especially

the Technical Director, are available to you via telephone, mail and email to answer your questions and guide you in the repair and restoration of your cars. Each year, MAFCA recognizes our members who have contributed their talents to MAFCA and the Model A hobby at the National Awards Banquet. Every even numbered year, we hold a National Convention, hosted by one or more Host Chapters in different places, gathering more than 1,000 members, and every odd numbered year, one or more Chapters host a National Tour for our members. We help to bring you together with others who have the same great love for the Model A Ford. The Board of Directors has always been prudent in the expenditure of our membership's money, carefully investing along the way. As everyone is aware, the cost of doing business is an ever-increasing number, and we have arrived at an economic squeeze point. We have done the very best to give you the most for your dues that we could, cutting out non-essential expenditures and reducing costs of doing business where possible, yet offering great membership programs. It has been ten years since MAFCA has had a dues increase. In order to maintain and continue our great club, it is necessary to have one. Beginning with renewals for the 2018 calendar year, dues will be \$50 for US membership, \$60 for Mexico/Canada, and \$68 for International memberships. Along with this increase, we will be including a bonus, the online edition of *The Restorer* with every membership. For our International members, we are offering a \$40 membership for the online edition only. The online edition of *The Restorer* is a very valuable premium, as it is readable on your desktop and laptop computers, your tablets, and your smart phone - no matter where, around the world, you are! Up to three years, once online, will be available for your reference. Along with the First Fifty Years of *The Restorer*, available on flash drive, you will have a huge digital library of Model A articles available anywhere you travel! Remember, as a member of MAFCA, you are always welcome to attend any Board of Directors meeting, whether it is held in La Habra or elsewhere. Our next meeting will be held at The Gilmore Museum, home of the Model A Ford Museum, in Hickory Corners, Michigan, on September 15th beginning at 8am. I hope to see you there!

Happy Begg 2017 MAFCA President

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 57 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

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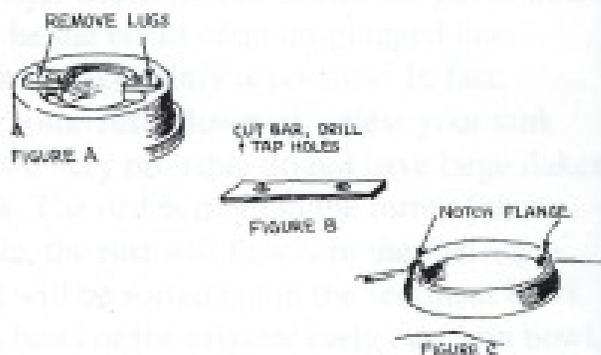


**TINY TIPS**

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**SECURING RADIATOR ORNAMENTS**

If a quail or other permanent base, flip-top radiator ornament fits loosely or is chipped, it may come off too easily. This procedure will remedy the situation and make the ornament solid - removable only with an Allen wrench. My quail used to fit so loosely that I removed it whenever I left the Ford unattended. Remove the brass lugs on the bottom of your cap. These are usually held on with Allen head screws. See figure A. Cut a piece of metal bar with the same width as the removed lugs. The bar should be about the same thickness as the lugs. The length of the bar should be as long as possible within the diameter of the radiator neck under the flange. Test the cut bar for fit. It should have about 3/16" play on the ends. Drill and tap the bar to accommodate the Allen head screws. See Figure B. Some of the material may have to be removed from the area of the lugs on the cap base. If so, file very carefully and remove only the necessary material for the bar to fit snugly. Notch the radiator neck flange with a small file (or a broken round file chucked in an electric drill) where the new bar will be when the cap is in place. File and fit until this notch is as deep as practical for your cap. See Figure C. With the new locking bar loosely attached, put the cap on and tighten the Allen head screws. As the screws are tightened, the bar will be pulled up into the notches, holding the base firmly. The bar does cover part of the radiator opening, but it doesn't keep you from checking the coolant level nor does it interfere with the overflow tube.



Submitted by Ron Harper, Corvallis, Oregon

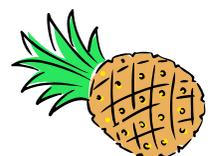
*Cook's Corner....*

**Hawaiian Wedding Cake**

- Cake:**  
 2 tsp baking soda  
 2 c all-purpose flour  
 2 c sugar  
 2 eggs  
 1 can (20 oz) crushed pineapple with juice  
 2 tsp vanilla extract  
 2 cups chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease a 9" X 13" Baking dish. In a large mixing bowl, combine baking soda, flour and sugar. Add the eggs, pineapple (with juice), vanilla and nuts; mix well. Pour into prepared baking dish and bake 35-45 minutes. Remove from oven and cool.

- Frosting:**  
 8 oz cream cheese, softened  
 1/2 c confectioners' sugar  
 1/2 stick butter, softened  
 1 tsp vanilla extract  
 Beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add confectioners' sugar, softened butter and vanilla. Spread over the cooled cake. Cut into squares and serve!

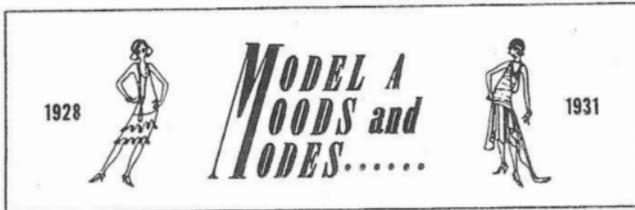


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By LOIS RATHER

**Proper Topping** ... Model A fashion collectors have complained about the scarcity of accessories to complete a proper outfit. True, shoes, hats, gloves and hosiery, like children's garments and ladies' housedresses, seem to have been discarded rather than preserved. The gorgeous silk or velvet or brocade dress might have been laid away in tissue paper, but who saved everyday garments?

We can't do much about shoes and handbags and gloves except to keep looking; but most ingenious needlewomen can manage hats. And in our local library the other day we came across a small book published in 1930 and entitled "Millinery Processes" by Carlotta M. Brown, which encourages the homemaker to plunge right in.

There were in 1930 certain materials for use of home milliners available "at slight expense." These included basic felt shapes with crowns smoothly blocked and large floppy brims ready for cutting to desired size; and also stiff crinoline or buckram crowns and separate brims, some of them wired at the outside edge. These we may not find so easily

today, but buckram may be purchased by the yard and stitched or even stretched to shape over a headblock; and the observing shopper may even find a felt hat adaptable to Model A lines.

The first essential to be noted well is the necessary height of the crown. According to this instruction book, the standard height was "9 inches measured over the top of one half of the crown to its base."

Instructions are given for shaping a fabric cover for the hat by any of several methods. One was to cut petal-shaped sections which were stitched to a point at top of the crown. Another was to use a bias-cut side crown and an oval insert at top. Spirals of bias folds or of braided ribbon were applied sometimes, beginning at top center and proceeding to hat brim.

The millinery instructor goes into considerable detail about cut felt and shaped satin ornaments for hats, but the safest course for today's amateur is to select a contemporary magazine illustration or pattern showing the type of hat desired, then follow it as well as may be.

We should note that the typical *cloche* or bell-shaped hat, a holdover from the Twenties, was fairly standard until about 1930. The hat sat low on the forehead, sometimes concealing the brows and most essential facial expression. In 1930, however, as skirts became longer and dress lines changed, there was a definite tendency to bare the brow, to twist the hat or tilt it over one eye, to cut brims so they drooped unevenly, or swept back or under, or caressed one cheek.

Some accommodating designers supplied patterns for making hats to match dresses, or coats, or even handbags. The one we show here cost 35 cents in August 1931 and was to be ordered from the *Woman's Home Companion* in "sizes 20, 21, 22 and 23-inch head measures." The hat and bag together required  $\frac{3}{4}$  yard of 36-inch material.

One essential of the home milliner, at least, is still easily available. What better use for today's wig block than as a form for a Model A millinery confection?



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### Editor's Note...

We have all waited for summer and here it is! And Christmas will be here before you know it.

The older we get, the more we realize that time is not our friend. We always think, 'I'll do that tomorrow (or next week or next month)' only to never get "it" done. The same thing happens in our Model A club. We will volunteer to fill a board position, plan a tour or help with one thing or another "next time". Well, let me tell you, folks, sometimes there is no next time. Time slips away! Here is my favorite Andy Rooney quote: "Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer to the end, the faster it goes!" Our generation still has a lot to share. WE are the care takers of our Model A hobby. WE are the ones that will educate and pass on the love of the Model A Ford. If WE don't do it, our cars and all the work we have put into this hobby will just fall to the wayside and disappear.

Time is ticking!

*Twila*

### Nine Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older

#9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 Life is sexually transmitted.

#7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky-panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

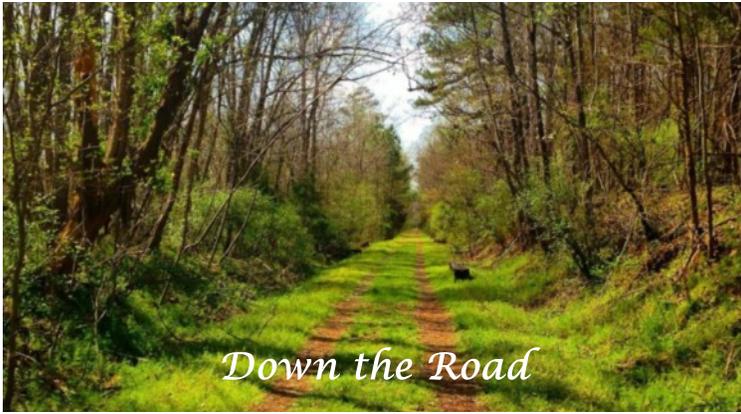
#4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY!**



*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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*Palmetto A's Schedule for 2017*

- June 17** Blackville/Healing Springs/Miller's Bread-Basket
- July 15** Swan Lake in Sumter with lunch at the Cut-Rate Drug Store
- August 19** Cayce Museum
- September 8-9** Swap Meet
- October 14** Shealy's for a breakfast, Ridge Spring, Edgefield, Nominees for Board announced.
- November 18** Brunch or lunch at St James Lutheran Church in Lexington; Vote/election results.
- December 9** Christmas Party at the Gantt Farm

*Other Events of Interest*

(details on National Club Websites & Magazines)

- 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
- 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



MAFCA's  
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September 24-29  
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