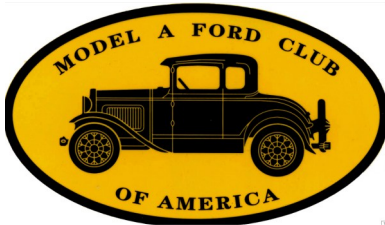


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ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THE CLUB BOARD

We come to the inevitable election time and we are back to looking for fresh new faces to join our board of directors. We need a slate of potential officers to present at our October 18th meeting (Grits and Groceries and Happy Cow Creamery,) If you are considering serving on our board, please tell a current board member which position are interested in.

Also, if you are considering taking a board position, board members must be members of both MAFCA and MARC.

We need a volunteer for the Sunshine column. That position has been vacant for years. The Sunshine person is the club member's contact for health and prayer concerns.



CELEBRATING

Grandparents Day 2025

Sunday, September 7

2025 Model A Days
2-Day Swap Meet
Fashion, Seminars, Car Corral,
Friday Night Dinner*

September 19 & 20, 2025 9-5pm

The Gilmore Car Museum
6865 W. Hickory Road
Hickory Corners, MI 49060



“A” Note from the President...

In August our club had nine members and two guest that enjoyed a leisurely breakfast at Lizard’s Thicket downtown. Afterwards, a short drive took us to the South Carolina State Museum. We enjoyed many updates of exhibits and some new ones. Other exhibits are still being created.

September will have us touring south to meet with the Shade Tree A’s, The Aiken A’s and The Low County A’s from the Charleston area. We all will be celebrating International Model A Day by having lunch together at 11:30 at the Cross Roads Café, 1680 Neeses Hwy. Orangeburg.

The Palmetto A’s will meet at the IGA in Gaston (Hwy 321 – Charleston Hwy) at 8:30 to head towards our destination. Be fueled up and don’t forget the walkie talkies. We continue to look forward to these fun outings with our Model A family.

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

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Sunshine Report

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: John Cockerill, Mack & Mary Day, Wes Porterfield and Margaret Smith.

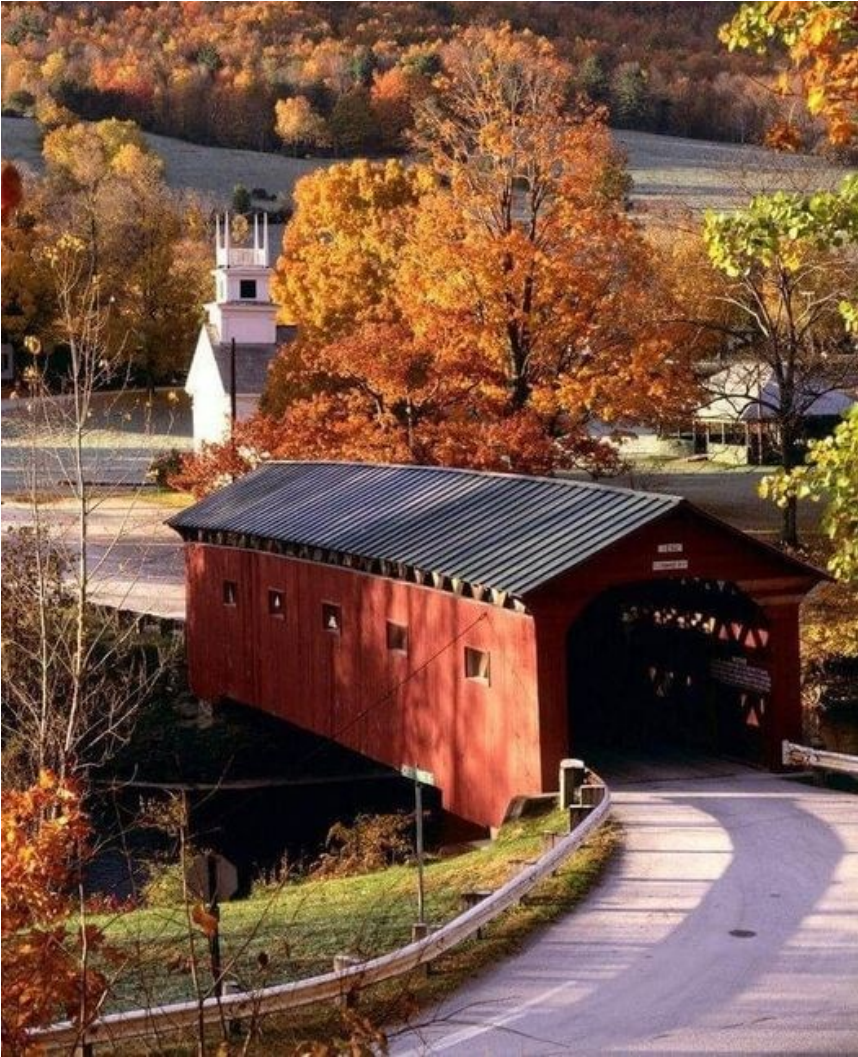
Remember: call, write or send a card to someone who needs encouragement. We are “FAMILY” and it helps to be thought of and prayed about.

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

Treasurer’s Report, August, 2025

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.





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, cherylaustin40@gmail.com . They are looking for your ideas and input!

Palmetto A’s Schedule for 2025

- September 13** - International Model A Day. Lunch at Crossroads Café, 1680 Neeses Hwy in Orangeburg, with other area Model A Clubs. We will leave from the IGA in Gaston. 185 Main St. N. (Hwy.321 – Charleston Hwy) at 8:30. We will have a stopover in Springfield.
- October 18** - Grits and Groceries and Happy Cow Creamery
- November 15** - Breakfast at Lizard’s Thicket and tour Robert Mills House
- December 13** - Christmas lunch at Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Fort Lawn

PLEASE NOTE: DATES AND PLACES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Other Events of Interest

- September 4-6** - Charlotte Auto Fair Fall Meet
- September 19-20** - Model A Days at the Model A Ford Museum on the Gilmore Car Museum campus in Hickory Corners, Michigan.
- October 7-10** - Hershey Swap Meet & Car Show
- December 3-6** - [MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Mobile, Alabama](#). Hosted by Gulf Coast Model A Club.
- 2026**
- May 2026** - 2026 MARC National Tour, Finger Lakes, New York
- May 31 - June 7** - [MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton, OR](#)

2025 MAFCA

NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET

Join us in
Mobile, Alabama

December 3 - 6

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel

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Registration form
<https://tinyurl.com/2025-MAFCA-NAB>

Info Video - <https://youtu.be/uGqvKcdfWTs>

In Mobile, we will celebrate our 2025 National Award Winners and meet the 2026 Board of Directors.

- Enjoy seminars by Sherry Winkinhofer and Paul Shinn
- Hear the history of Alabama’s roadways
- Tour the beautifully lit Gardens of Bellingrath, all decked out for Christmas
- Visit the USS Alabama and enjoy lunch under the planes
- Explore Mobile’s history by Trolley



Jim's Tech Tips

"Ignition Misfires"

We've all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburetor problem, but don't overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor.

Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So check it and increase the gap back to 0.020" if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak condenser.

Look at the rotor. Make sure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap, and is not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor.

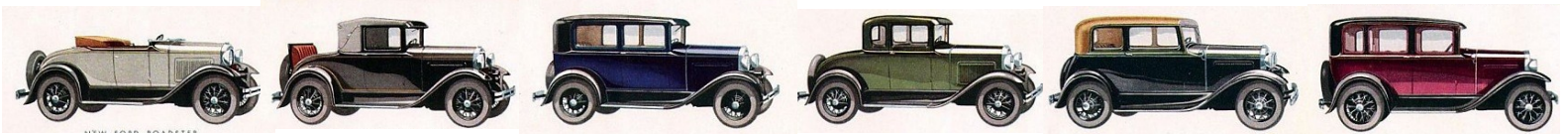
Look at the underside of the distributor cap. Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.

Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for "carbon tracks" on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing. (See photo.) Replace if needed.



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

Courtesy of MAFCA and Jim Cannon



MAFFI MINUTE August, 2025

We’re 5 weeks away from Model A Days at Hickory Corners, MI. Are your reservations made? We hope so. This will be the grandest event yet!

The Model A Ford Museum has always been a treat for our hobbyists. Whether you’ve been there before or are planning to go this year, this visit will be extra special because of the completed expansion! The museum used to be able to showcase 30 vehicles; now all the vehicles that the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. owns are in one building! Production years, 1928 through 1931, as well as a variety of body styles from Tudors to Phaetons -- Pickups to Firetrucks and a City Bus ---and more-- are on display. There is a larger variety of interactive exhibits and vignettes to put visitors right back in the era of the vehicles.

If you would like a sneak peek at the museum, go the www.maffi.org and click on the camera links for a live view: There’s Expansion Bay 1, Expansion Bay 2, and Expansion Entrance along with a live view of the rest of the museum.

And, for those of you planners, get this on your agenda. Save the dates September 12-16, 2028 for the 100-year anniversary of the Model A: 1928-2028! There will be driving tours offered by each of the national organizations, MARC and MAFCA and activities galore for all 5 days.

I know there’s no such thing as too much fun, but we’re pushing the envelope!!

Cindy Ellenbecker
MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

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 2025 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?

IS YOUR PROBLEM SOMETHING THAT COULD BE ADDRESSED BY THE CLUB “TECH TEAM?” WAYNE AREHEART AND THE “TECH TEAM” ARE LOOKING FOR SMALL JOBS THAT WOULD PROVIDE A “LEARNING” TECH SITUATION FOR THE CLUB. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT WAYNE at dareheart@sc.rr.com or JOHN COCKERILL AT johntwilac@yahoo.com.



WANTED:
NEWSLETTER EDITOR
FOR THE SPARE TIRE
Must have computer skills

I have been a Model A newsletter for 15 years, ten with Palmetto A's and this is absolutely my final year as your newsletter editor. I have enjoyed working with everyone to publish *The Spare Tire* every month but it is time for someone new to take over. You all have until October to consider this position and I will answer any questions anyone has about being a newsletter editor. It can be fun and challenging at the same time. You get to work with a great bunch of people on the Palmetto Board of Directors and the club membership. And, like the sitcom Cheers, "It's where everyone knows your name!" So, give it some serious consideration and see me if you have questions. If no one steps up, the newsletter will cease to exist and members will get a quick email of meeting times and tour information and email blasts for other pertinent information. This is the way other clubs are dealing with the lack of members willing to take on the newsletter editor position.

Thila



August 16, 2025 Palmetto A's Club Meeting at Lizard's Thicket and the State Museum



The Spare Tire

Due date for submissions
for next month's issue
is the 20th of this month.



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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 65 years. Monthly meetings are generally held the third Saturday of the month, time and location announced in **The Spare Tire**, the club's monthly newsletter. Palmetto A's membership dues are \$25 per year.

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

Annual dues are \$50 and include a subscription to the **Model 'A' News Magazine** from MARC, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135

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 National and Regional MAFCA meets

Voting privileges in National elections of officers 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

National MARC Membership Includes:

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