

The Spare Tire

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'A' Note from the President.....

Our October club meeting was held at Shealy's Barbeque. Fourteen members and seven Model A's showed up for the breakfast meeting. Thanks to Vice President John Begg for conducting the meeting as Twila and I were unable to attend due to a relative's funeral. At this meeting the nominees for office for 2018 were presented to the club. For President: Happy Begg, Vice President: Lauren Eckstrom, Treasurer: Tom Barnes, Secretary: Sharon Booth, News Letter Editor: Twila Cockerill. The request for nominations from the floor resulted in none. Therefore, according to our bylaws, Article V, The Waiver of Election, there is not a need for an election and the nominees presented by the nominating committee, will assume office in January of 2018. Sincere thanks to those who have been selected to serve as officers to guide our club for the coming year. Some members then left after the breakfast meeting and drove to St. James Lutheran Church, where the Austin's and Areheart's attend, to enjoy the car show that was being held there. Our Nov. meeting (see details on this page) will be at this same location where the plan is to have a "burger & dog" lunch, then go for a drive in our A's. Our dues notices for the coming year should be arriving in your mail box soon, so please return those in a timely manner so our new membership roster for 2018 can be published. We need everyone to fill out the membership form so we have accurate and updated info. I look forward to seeing all at this month's meeting.

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

John Cockerill

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**10:am, Saturday
November 18, 2017**

We will gather at St James Lutheran Church at 1358 South Lake Drive in Lexington. The club will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings and drinks. Meet at the church at 10 and lunch at noon. Those so inclined will go for a drive after lunch.



Dues! Dues! Dues!

The dues notices will be in the mail soon. Please fill out the Membership form and return it with your dues payment!





November

Birthdays

- Lori Bailey - 2nd
- Tony Johnson - 3rd
- Mark Temple - 6th
- Sharon Booth - 9th
- Charles Smith - 12th
- Fred Gantt - 26th
- Danny Austin - 28th
- Maxine Kelly - 29th

Anniversaries

- Joey & Lauren Eckstrom - 7th
- Fred & Rhetta Gantt - 27th

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- Swap Meet - Committee
- Christmas Party - Committee
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- Webmaster - [Happy Begg](#)
- Website: www.palmettoas.net



Editor's Note.....

Thanksgiving this month, Christmas next month, where has the year gone? Time to do winter checks and preps for our Model A's. Our new Board members will take over January and they will be calling on members to volunteer for Committee positions. We need Committee Chairs for Sunshine, Fashion, Picnic in the Park, the Swap Meet and the Christmas Party. We will also need volunteers to be on those committees. If you see a position that you want to fill, let someone on the board know; you don't need to wait to be asked. Remember: Give thanks for your many blessings and gifts and thank our veterans because they are the reason you can enjoy both!

Twila

**Treasurer's Report
October, 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, Ann Porterfield, Eddie Seastrunk and Bobby Williamson. Also add Sherry Mack in the loss of her father.

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.

The Spare Tire

Due date for submissions
For December 2017
issue is November 20th



A Word From Our MAFCA President

Crisp autumn air and Model A's are a perfect combination! I hope you are able to get out in your car and enjoy the fall foliage! I recently returned from a Model A adventure to the Outer Banks of North Carolina and the weather could not have been better! If you have the opportunity to make that drive, you will enjoy pristine untouched beach areas and great seafood. I highly recommend the drive.

Hershey was well attended this year and the weather was wonderful. A big thank you to all who helped in the tent, but especially to Alex Janke for presenting our technical sessions!

We are looking for a new Editor of our award winning magazine, The Restorer. Our long time, 17 years, Editor Jim Spawn has decided that it is time for him to retire from editing our magazine. I'm certain we will see him and his wife, Melissa, at events in the future. I wish Jim the very best and hope he will enjoy his free time driving the back roads in his Model A for many years!

I hope you will be joining us in Oklahoma City for the 2017 National Awards Banquet. The Sooner Model A Club will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary and would love for you to be there. The 2018 MAFCA Board of Directors will be installed and we will be recognizing those folks who have gone above and beyond to support MAFCA and the Model A hobby with awards. It's not too late to register and those forms can be found on the Home page of the MAFCA website (www.mafca.com).

Don't forget to order your Christmas cards from MAFCA. We have a wonderful new design this year. It depicts a family loading up the Model A with gifts. These can be ordered either online, https://mafca.com/cart/index.php?show_price=yes%22, or by calling the office, 562-697-2712. You will also find holiday gift ideas for your Model A friends and family on the website. Order early to be sure to receive them in time!

Registration materials for the 2018 National Convention to be held in Reno, Nevada are available on the NCRG Convention website, <http://www.ncrgmafca.com/2018MAFCAConvention/2018index.html>. Don't forget to make your hotel reservations at The Nugget Hotel, 1-800-843-2427 and mention the code GMODEL for the negotiated rate of \$89++ per night.

Planning is well underway for the 2019 National Tour. It will be a "Hub & Spoke" style of tour, based out of Kanab, Utah, October 7-11, 2019. The Canyonlands Special Interest Group will host this unique tour through the red rock canyon lands of Southwest Utah and Northeast Arizona. Start making plans to join us as we discover this hauntingly beautiful area of the Southwestern US! I hope to see you in Oklahoma City at the end of this month!

Happy Begg
2017 MAFCA President



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Palmetto A's Members Meeting Highlights

14 October, 2017
The Palmetto A's Model A October meeting was held at Shealy's Barbeque with 14 members in attendance: John and Happy Begg, Lauren and Joseph Eckstrom, Dick and Shirley Fraser, Sharon and Orville Booth, Margaret and Gary Smith, JP and Mark Temple, Paul Bozard, and Dan Ward.

The meeting was led by Vice President John Begg, who announced the nominees for the new Board:

President: Happy Begg
Vice President: Lauren Eckstrom
Secretary: Sharon Booth
Treasurer: Tom Barnes
Newsletter Editor: Twila Cockerill

J. Begg asked for any nominations from the floor; there were none. Therefore, according to Article V, The Waiver of Election, there is not a need for an election and the appointed will begin January of 2018.

J. Begg also announced the fellowship lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs on November 18th at St. James Lutheran Church and the Christmas Party on December 9th, where period dress was encouraged. Attendees were asked to bring sides or a dessert.

J. Begg asked if there was any business that club members wanted to share. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Lauren Eckstrom, Secretary



*"On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who sacrificed so much so that we can live free."
- Lipinski*

Quick & Easy!

Isolating an electrical fault:

by Tom Endy

Most Model A owners today have installed a fuse mod on the top of their starter. This is certainly a prudent thing to do; a blown fuse is much better than having a fire in the car.

Once a blown fuse has occurred, the next step is to determine where the short circuit exists that caused it to blow. This can be accomplished rather quickly by a method of isolation. There are three areas on the car where a short circuit is most likely to occur.

1. **In the light bail located at the bottom of the steering column, which consists of all the switching circuitry for the car's lights. This is the most common fault area.**
2. **Inside the terminal box located on the firewall where a number of connections come together and can easily short out against the armored ignition cable.**
3. **Behind the dash panel where connections to the ammeter and dash light are located that can easily short out against the dash.**

The first effort to isolate the fault is to unhook the three wires attached to the terminal post on the cutout switch, which sits on top of the generator. If you have an alternator the three wires are attached to the output terminal post of the alternator. Disconnect the three wires and spread them out so they don't touch anything.

One of the three wires comes from the terminal box on the firewall and provides battery power. A second wire runs down to the light bail, and the third wire goes off to the ahooguh horn.

Install a new fuse. If it does not blow you have eliminated the terminal block on the firewall and the dash panel as the culprit. If there is a short in either of these two places it would have blown the new fuse. Next connect the wire from the terminal block to the wire that runs to the ahooguh horn. If the fuse does not blow you have eliminated the ahooguh horn. Next hook these two wires back onto the terminal post of either the cutout or the alternator. If the fuse does not blow you have eliminated the

cutout, generator, or alternator. This leaves only the light bail as the likely culprit.

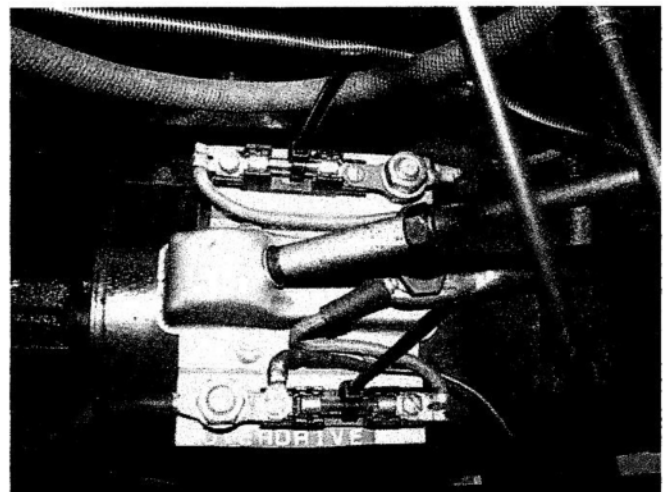
Inside the light bail is a rat's nest of wires and switch contacts that could be oil soaked from a leaking steering box. If the light bail assembly is a poor quality repo, chances are there are wire whiskers and poor connections involved. If you are out on the road it is best to fool with further trouble shooting of the light bail at home. You can drive the car with the light bail wire disconnected. Just keep in mind you won't have any lights, including brake lights.

If a new fuse blew when you installed it after disconnecting the three wires from the cutout, the fault is likely in the terminal block on the firewall or behind the dash panel, and not in the light bail, ahooguh horn, cutout, generator, or alternator.

Start with the terminal box. Remove the cover and inspect for loose and shorting wires. A poor quality repo terminal box can also have one of the terminal threaded shafts shorted out behind the box. It is possible for the threaded shaft to back off and touch the firewall.

If the terminal box appears to be ok, remove the dash panel and inspect for loose and shorted wires on the back of the ammeter.

If you follow this procedure you will quickly locate the fault 95% of the time. However, a subtle electrical fault could possibly be lurking somewhere else that may not be as obvious. ☺



This particular Model A has a second fuse circuit to accommodate a Borg Warner overdrive. The tie wraps are to provide a means to easily remove the fuses when the car is not in Use.



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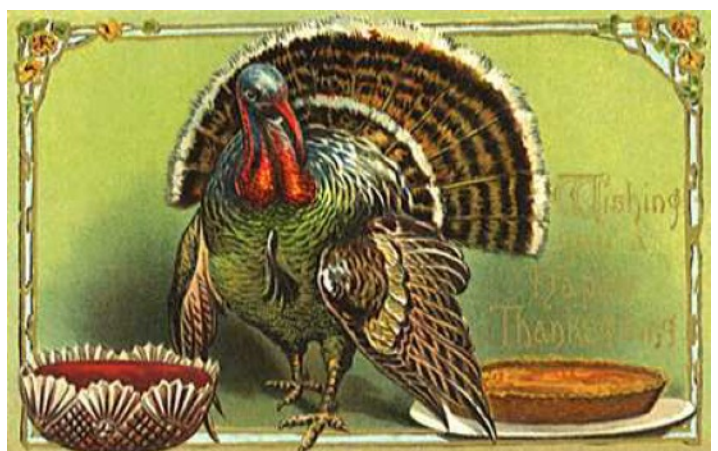
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So God Made a Soldier by Paul Harvey

And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a protector." So God made a soldier.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, run 10 miles, drive all day in the hot summer sun, and trudge through damp jungles in the dark of night, eat cold bland food from a can all while carrying forty pounds of equipment up a mountainside to his next post." So God made a soldier.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to pull a buddy off the side of a cliff and yet gentle enough to hold a baby that was left abandoned in a ransacked village. Somebody to fix roads, tame a Humvee that slips out of gear, come back to base hungry, but be willing to wait until the canteen is done feeding a batch of refugees who have fled a war zone, and then spend the few hours he could have spent sleeping making sure every last one of them has gotten a meal." So God made a soldier.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with an injured comrade if only to watch him die. Then dry his eyes and say, "God has him now." I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a piece of driftwood, fix a misfiring weapon with a paper clip, who can make a snare out of parachute cord, a hankie and a sapling. And who, when duty calls, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, then, with feet swollen and blistered, march another 40 miles to relieve and support the guys on the front line." So God made a soldier.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the roads at double speed to get through the gauntlet of mines and IEDs, and yet stop in mid-route and race to help when he sees a civilian who was wounded in the crossfire. So God made a soldier.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to swim from ship to shore loaded with his pack, yet gentle enough to pick up, hold and nurse a puppy that wandered into camp from parts unknown, who will stop his job to help a friend who is struggling to complete his own. It had to be somebody who'd have a hard mind, but a soft heart. Somebody who would march, shoot, run, salute, and throw and jump and guide and navigate and love his neighbor, be willing to put the lives of others in front of his own, have unbreakable love for his country and unshakable faith in his maker." So God made a soldier. "Somebody who'd hold his family together with the soft strong bonds of caring, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life "doing what dad does." So God made a soldier.



Cook's Corner.....

Impossibly Easy Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients

- 1 cup canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
- ½ cup Original Bisquick mix
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, softened
- 1 ½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs
- Whipped topping, if desired.

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease 9-inch pie plate. Stir all ingredients except whipped topping until blended. Pour into pie plate. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 30 minutes. Refrigerate about 3 hours or until chilled. Serve with whipped topping. Store covered in refrigerator.



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What's new with MAFFI?

At this year's annual Board of Directors Meeting, we were excited to have Olle Bergstrom accept the position of International Liaison for MAFFI. This newly created position is intended to provide greater exposure for our museum and to gain knowledge of activities in manufacturing and sales for the Model A outside of North America.

This year we began building an exhibit we have titled "A-Round The World". We have acquired memorabilia, a right hand drive Deluxe Phaeton and have produced signage to explain the history of Ford Model A production and marketing in Europe, Asia and South America. We are looking forward to having Olle help expand our exhibit content and generate greater international enthusiasm for our museum. If you weren't able to be at Model A Day this year, plan a trip to see the Museum. There is something new to see and explore not only at our facility but at the Gilmore as well. Thank you for your continued support of MAFFI!

John Begg,
MAFFI President



A World Magazine

A MAFCA Publication

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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 57 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.

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Model 'A' Restorers Club

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Down the Road

Is there a destination to which 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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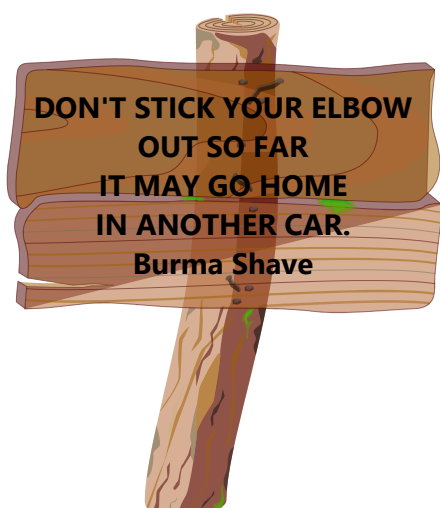
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November 18 Cookout at St James Lutheran Church, 1358 South Lake Drive, Lexington

December 9 Christmas Party at the Gantt's Relief Farm.

2018

January 20 Annual Budget Meeting, Oak Ridge Hunt Club

February 17

March 24 Picnic in the Park

April Epworth Children's Home

May 19

June 16

July 21

August 18

September Swap Meet at Smith & Jones

Other Events of Interest

(details on National Club Websites & Magazines)

November 29 - December 2 MAFCA 2017 National Awards Banquet in Oklahoma City

2018

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

June 24 - July 1 MARC National Meet, Branson, Missouri

2019

October 7-11 Canyonlands Hub and Spoke

