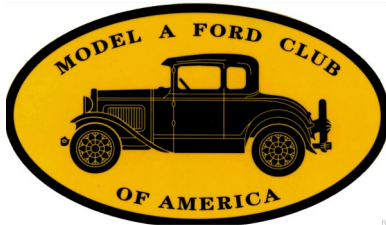


# The Spare Tire

## Palmetto A's of South Carolina



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

For our November outing, we traveled east to Scranton for lunch at the School House BBQ and after lunch to Lake City for a driving tour of the downtown building murals and the memorial to astronaut Ronald McNair. On our drive to Scranton we had an unexpected roadside tech session. Just before getting to I-95, we were in the process of stopping at a gas station/Subway, when I suddenly discovered I had no brakes! I was able to slow the car by slightly pulling up on the emergency brake and then managed to maneuver to the side of the parking area stopping with the emergency brake. With help from the "tech team," we discovered I had lost a cotter pin and clevis pin that connects the brake pedal and the brake rod. Luckily, I had some spare clevis pins and cotter pins, and in short order the repair was completed. While getting ready to resume our trip, we had another car that refused to restart. After replacing most of the innards of the distributor with new borrowed parts into a borrowed distributor housing we were again on the road again. You never know what parts you might need when traveling in our Model A's. Also, a good overall check of your car before an outing is always a good idea. **Next on our calendar** is our final outing for the year. This past year has really flown by. **We will be having our annual Christmas lunch party again in Prosperity at Tom Mack's on the Square on Saturday, 10 December. We will meet at the Wal-Mart, 1180 Dutch Fork Rd., Irmo, at 10 AM and caravan to Prosperity. Fun and games, NO White Elephant.**

**Don't forget!!! If you are planning on doing our Jan.21<sup>st</sup> 2023 meeting, the overnight tour, that December 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 is the deadline to contact Happy Begg to secure your spot for the tour. See "It's A Mystery" article in this issue.**

For all of our tours, don't forget charge and bring your walkie talkies.

I look forward to seeing you all for another opportunity to enjoy the fellowship and our model A's. Remember, if your "A" is the "repair or restore shop", you can still be a 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

Palmetto A's Model A Club

Christmas Party

December 10, 2022

Tom Mack's on the Square  
in Prosperity

Food from Hogg Heaven

Period dress encouraged!

We will have games

and

there will be singing!

For those members who made reservations,  
we will meet at the Ballentine Walmart at  
10am and depart from there.



Merry  
Christmas



December

Birthdays

Dick Fraser - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Chester Kay - 9<sup>th</sup>  
Linda Toole - 11<sup>th</sup>  
Pat Robb - 17<sup>th</sup>  
Mack Day - 18<sup>th</sup>  
Twila Cockerill - 21<sup>st</sup>

Anniversary

Joey & Kay Austin - 29th

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Welcome MAFCA's newest  
Model A Club  
Brasstown Valley A's

Sunshine Report

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Richard Buff, Mac & Mary Day, Wes Porterfield , and JP Temple.

*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.

Model A Ford Technical Questions?

Paul Shinn has gathered a group 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](mailto:ModelATechQuestions@gmail.com)

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



Treasurer's Report, November, 2022

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.

Dick Fraser, Treasurer

From the Technical Side of Things...

Our "Tech Team" has been busy lately, with several occasions to help members and non-members with their Model A's.

We began with helping a non-member get her late husband's Model A started. This car was sitting in a lean-to shed with four flat tires and had not been started for 20-25 years. After 2.5 hours of chasing down problems, to our surprise, the car started.

Then it was off to Florence to help the Johnsons get their Model A started. We were again blessed in that theirs also came back to life.

Then, on our trip to Lake City, we were again faced with problems to help solve; one car with no brakes and one that had been driven close to 50 miles and then refused to start again. One brake rod connecting pin (which I'm still surprised was available) and one replaced distributor later, we were on the road again,

If you are having trouble with your Model A and would like our help resolving the issue, please let us know. There's no charge for the service, you only have to pay for the parts. Of course, we don't rebuild engines, but there's lots of things we can help with. Let John Begg, John Cockerill or myself know and we'll be glad to help.

Wayne Areheart



November 19, 2022 Palmetto A's Tour to Lake City  
Bottom two photos taken at the Ronald E. McNair Memorial



Plus Four Knickers for Fun

By Rosie Cassou, Cruisin' A's of Hemet, CA  
&  
Era Fashion Committee

Knickers or Plus Four trousers certainly set a style in the Model A Era. The look was one of fun and carefree activity. While the origin of knickers and Plus Fours came from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the practical use for men and women were on the sporting fields, shooting range, golf courses, and for a casual drive in a sporty Model A roadster.

They were called plus fours because they bagged below the knee and were 4" longer than knickerbockers. Plus fours were made in tweeds, linen, corduroy, flannel, and wool. Today women, men, or youth can wear a pair of Plus Fours either in the Original Category fashion judging or in the Era Image Category. Appropriate Coordinating Apparel would be a long sleeved shirt with a sweater vest, a patterned sweater, or a matching or contrasting suit jacket. A jacket belted in the back, made the outfit more "sporty" looking. The heavy argyle socks worn with tie shoes were often the first features noticed by others. Sometimes the socks and sweater were matching to add a daring flare to the ensemble. For accessories, a man, or woman might use a golf club, a road map, a suitcase, or a walking stick. For youth, accessories might be sporting or camping equipment or schoolbooks.



Fashion enthusiasts can make their own pair of Plus Fours from a pair of roomy trousers with or without front pleats, measure 10-12 inches from cuff and mark this line with safety pins. Try on pants, sit down, and make sure you have plenty of comfort room to bend your knees plus an extra 1/2 inch for the seam allowance. The safety pinned line should not curve up your knee but be parallel to the floor. If necessary, adjust the whole line. You can always trim length, but not add it back on. When you are satisfied your knees will have plenty of bending (sitting) room, and then cut the excess lower leg fabric. Save the cuff cut off the trouser leg for making the band that will fit just below the knee. Fasteners on the band can ease putting the Plus Fours on and will help to hold the band in place below the knee.



Another option is to make a casing, inserting wide elastic that measures the circumference of your leg just below your knee. The extra length of fabric will fall over the band creating the ballooning of the fabric, which gives Plus Fours the characteristic style.

As more Model A enthusiasts are finding Era Image a comfortable way to travel, wearing a pair of Plus Fours while driving your Model A will add value to your experience and will certainly catch the eye of onlookers!

Enjoy driving all year long in your favorite pair of knickers or Plus Fours

MAFCA Fashion Guidelines, 2015 Edition  
Driving in Style, MARC August 2019  
December 2010 Phoenix Magazine, Phoenix in the 1920s



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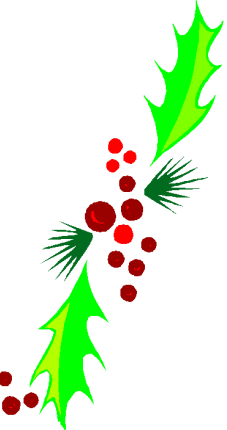
2023 Palmetto A's Mystery Tour

Join us as we travel on January 21 and 22 in our Model A's. This will be an overnight tour. We will depart from Lizard's Thicket, on Elmwood, directly after the January Club breakfast meeting on January 21, at approximately 9:30am. Come prepared for the weather, as we will travel rain or shine. The overnight accommodations will be \$104.50 and includes all taxes. Meals will be on your own. We anticipate being home before dark on January 22.

Please contact Happy Begg @ 803-622-0048 by phone call or text, or by clicking this link: [Mystery Tour](#) by December 9<sup>th</sup>. December 9th is the cut off date for securing your spot on this tour.

Marinated Asparagus

- ½ cup sugar
  - ¼ cup water
  - ¼ cup white vinegar
  - 1 cinnamon stick
  - 3 whole cloves
  - ½ tsp salt
  - ½ tsp celery seed
  - 1 can asparagus spears, drained
- Combine first 7 ingredients in small pot and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and pour over asparagus. Cover and refrigerate 6 – 24 hours. May be served hot or cold.



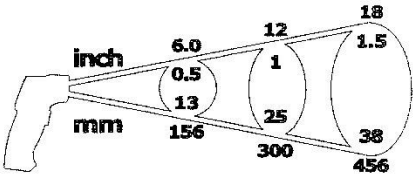
**Jim's Tech Tips**  
*"Infrared (IR) Thermometer Guns"*

These little IR thermometer guns are amazing. I use mine to check coolant temperature at the outlet of the engine, look for cool spots on radiators, check tire sidewall temperatures, and to see if all of my brake drums are at about the same temperature after a hard brake (to confirm even braking action at each wheel).

If you are going to get a reliable, consistent, and reproducible reading with these guns, you need to understand a bit about how they work. When you aim the gun at something and press the button to read the temperature, the gun reports to you the average temperature of everything within its "Field of View".

**Field of View**

The meter's field of view is 12:1, meaning that if the meter is 12 inches from the target, the diameter of the object under test must be at least 1 inch. Other distances are shown in the diagram below. Make sure that the target is larger than the unit's spot size. The smaller the target, the closer you should be to it. When accuracy is critical, make sure the target is at least twice as large as the spot size.



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If you want to read the temperature with a spot circle diameter of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (a very handy size), you must hold the gun 6" from the object. I have seen some guys hold the gun several feet from a radiator hose and not understand why the reading is so low; their 3" diameter spot circle includes a lot of cool air on either side of the radiator hose. Get in the habit of holding the gun up close to the object for the best readings.

Some guns have a laser pointer built in that helps you see where the temperature readings are being taken. The laser does not read the temperature, it just helps you see where the reading is from. You have to visualize the spot circle size, depending on how far the gun is from the object.

I hope this helps you get more out of your IR thermometer. If you don't have one, they are handy to have around the shop and on the road.

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

Courtesy of MAFCA

**MAFFI Newsletter Minute**

The seasons are changing. Our friends living in Hickory Corners have settled in on their winter hours. While a good portion of the country is still wondering why anybody would ever want a snow blower, these people are wearing them out trying to clear paths around the Gilmore Campus for the hearty crowd braving the ice and snow to visit the museum. There are those who have packed their Model A's away for the winter, those who barely see a change in the seasons, and those in between who continue driving our A's, but cuss them because there is no heat, or the heat is dispensed on the wrong side of the vehicle. It is the holiday season. Let's not forget this is also a giving season. The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc draws revenue from several sources throughout the year. A popular source of this revenue is their memorial brick sales. This is a chance

to preserve the memory of your club or one of its former members (current members for that matter) by having a brick cast in their memory in front of the Model A Ford Museum. To help MAFFI grow, we are offering clubs a free brick for their help in signing up three new MAFFI Members. Three member applications, with their checks for \$25 each, and your FREE brick order should be sent in one envelope to:

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The brick engraving detail is captured in the donation form. These forms are attached for your convenience.

Thank you,  
Mike DuBreuil, MAFFI



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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 61 years. Monthly meetings are  
generally held the third Saturday of the month, time and location an-  
nounced 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:

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**The Restorer Magazine** from  
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Benefits of National Club Memberships

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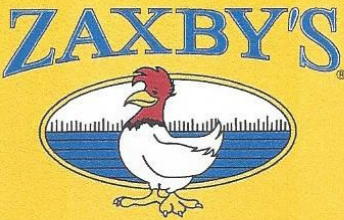
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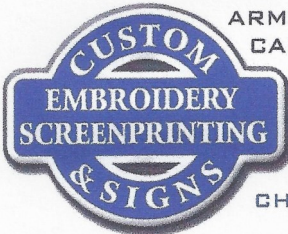
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*Down the Road*

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*Palmetto A's Schedule for 2022*

**December 10** - Christmas Party at Tom Mack's Showroom in Prosperity

**2023**

**January 21** - Breakfast at Lizard's Thicket on Elmwood Avenue followed by an over-night Mystery Tour. (See information on page 4)

**February 18** - Annual Budget Meeting with Chicken Bog at the Austin's

**PLEASE NOTE: DATES AND PLACES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

*Other Events of Interest*

**2022**

**December 5-8** - [MAFCA National Awards Banquet](#) in Golden, Colorado

**2023**

**April 14-16** - [MARC Membership Meet](#) in Bay City, Michigan

**July 16-21** - MAFCA National Tour in Indiana/Michigan hosted by Southeastern Tour Group



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