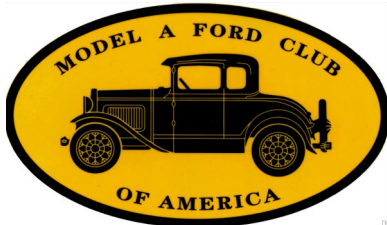


# The Spare Tire

## Palmetto A's of South Carolina



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

Despite the predicted high heat and humidity and the decision for the Palmetto A's not to host the annual swap meet at Smith & Jones, due to potential health concerns, I understand that quite a few of our members attended and some helped out with various chores. I offer kudos to those who lent a hand and attended.

This month the Palmetto A's will try to "beat the heat" starting the day with a breakfast meeting at the Lizard's Thicket on Elmwood Ave. downtown Columbia. Afterwards we'll take a short drive to visit the State Museum and Planetarium. The club visited the museum some years back but we thought it would be interesting to see some of the new exhibits.

#### General Admission

Includes entry to 4 floors of permanent and changing exhibits.

**Adult** \$8.95

**Senior (Ages 62 +)** \$7.95

**Children (ages 3-12)** \$6.95

**With one Show add on:**

General Admission plus one planetarium or 4D show

**Adult (age 62+)** \$13.95

**Senior (age 62+)** \$12.95

**Children (age 3-12)** \$11.95

Face coverings are encouraged throughout the galleries and in the planetarium, 4d theater and observatory.

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 Meeting July 23, 2022

We will meet at the Lizard's Thicket, 818 Elmwood Avenue, at **8:30** for breakfast.



After breakfast, we will go to the South Carolina State Museum. Admission for seniors is \$7.95 and \$12.95 if you want to see the planetarium show at 1 p.m.



**4th of JULY**





Palmetto A’s Board Meeting....

June 6, 2022

President John Cockerill opened the meeting at 8:10am on June 6, 2022, at the I-Hop Restaurant in Columbia, SC, with the following in attendance: Cheryl Austin, John & Happy Begg with grandson Jacob, Sharon & Orville Booth, John & Twila Cockerill, Dick Fraser and Dan Ward.

The Minutes of the last Board meeting were not read.

John C. distributed the Treasurer’s report for April and May from Dick Fraser.

Discussion was held on expense of mailing the newsletter to members without Internet access. Presently the advertising has been able to cover the expense. Due to the announced postage increase scheduled for July 16 and another proposed for January 2023, it was decided that President John will pick up enough Forever Stamps to cover three years of mailings.

Cheryl gave the Membership Director’s report of 39 paid members and 5 lifetime members. She then gave the Tour Director report as follows:

June 24-25 – Palmetto A’s Annual Swap Meet – Smith & Jones 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

July 23 - Proposed breakfast at Elmwood Lizard’s Thicket with a tour of State Museum

August 20 - Lunch at School House Restaurant with Tour to Lake City

September 24 – Lunch at Lone Star BBQ

October 15 – Tour to King’s Mountain for Picnic Lunch and Membership Meeting to vote on By-Laws change and present 2023 slate of Club officers

November 19 – Meet at Flying J for tour to Camden Revolutionary War Center

December 3 or 10 – Christmas Party at Tom Mack’s in Prosperity

New Year’s Day – Happy will plan a Mystery Tour

Old Business:

Club Apparel catalog to be available on Club website with notice in the Newsletter.

Notice will be posted in September Newsletter outlining the proposal to change the second sentence of Section 4 of Article 3 of the By-Laws from “by February 15” to January 31. The vote will be held at the October Membership Meeting.

New Business:

A plea for volunteers will be made in the Newsletter for both Committee Members to find candidates and any who would like to be 2023 Officer Candidates.

Cheryl Austin is finalizing an emergency contact list for Club Members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Submitted by

Sharon Booth, Secretary

Editor’s note.....

It’s July! Hot, humid, sudden storms, hurricanes, you name it, we get it!  
It’s also the month that we must consider our fall election for new board officers. Many of our current officers have served passed their allotted time due to Covid. We need a committee of volunteers to come up with qualified nominees for 2023. In the coming weeks, you may be called on to serve on this committee. Please consider serving the club in this capacity. It takes more than the same handful of members to keep a club going!  
We have a pretty full schedule lined up for the rest of the year. Check it out on the last page.  
See you all at Lizard’s Thicket!

Twila

This month’s Cook’s Corner recipe comes from a Taste of Home collection of The Great Depression Era recipes.

Cook’s Corner.....

Vinegar Pie

Pastry for double crust pie

2 cups sugar

3 tbs all purpose flour

¼ to ½ tsp ground nutmeg

½ cup butter, cubed

⅔ cup white vinegar

1 quart hot water

Preheat oven to 450°.

Whisk together sugar, flour and nutmeg; set aside. On lightly floured surface, roll one-third of pie dough to ¼ inch thick circle; cut into 2X1 inch strips. Layer a deep 12 inch enamel coated cast iron skillet or ovenproof casserole with half the strips; sprinkle with half the sugar mixture. Dot with half the butter. Repeat crust, sugar and butter layer.

Roll out remaining two-thirds pie dough to ¼ inch thick circle. Place over filling, pressing against sides of skillet or casserole. Cut a slit in top. Add vinegar to hot water; slowly pour vinegar-water mixture through slit. Liquid may bubble through crust, this is normal. To catch spills, line oven rack with foil.

Bake until crust is golden brown, about an hour. Cover edge loosely with foil during the last 15-20 minutes if needed to prevent overbrowning. Remove foil and cool on a wire rack.

# Grease!

by Tom Endy

The Model A Ford has numerous grease fittings sticking out all over the car just begging to be greased. However, one area Henry failed to consider is the two parking brake levers on the rear wheels, each with a pair of bushings.

Even though the bushings see little wear, they should be greased. Trying to oil them is difficult. There is a way to install grease fittings. The modification has been around for years and is something worth doing. It is best approached when doing a brake job when the rear brakes are apart.



The above photo shows a pair of brake levers with grease fittings installed. Drill from the end of the shaft with a nominal 1/8" drill bit down to a point between where the two bushings ride and cross drill it. Then drill the end of the shaft with a 5/16" drill bit about 3/8" deep.



Press in type grease fittings and the insertion tool

Press in grease fittings and the tool to insert them can be obtained from Bratton's. The part number for the grease fittings is 36740 and the part number for the drive-in insertion tool is 36810; page 160 in their catalog.

Using the tool, hammer the grease fittings into the end of the shaft where you drilled the 5/16" hole and the shafts are then ready for installation.



The above photo shows a grease fitting in service on a vehicle driven daily. Give it a shot of grease whenever greasing the car.

Santa Anita A's Member, Tom Endy; Editor of the Victoria Association Newsletter (The Bustle) for the past 20 years, has created the 20+ years of the work. Some of the articles and documents have been featured in the MAFCA Restorer Magazine, other club's websites, and some are not published anywhere but here: [santaanitaas.org/tom-endys-tech-articles/](http://santaanitaas.org/tom-endys-tech-articles/). Enjoy, utilize, and learn!



## The 10 Rules of Vintage Car Ownership

1. There's always something to fix, but not right now.
2. You should sell it while it's running great, but you won't because this experience is why you own the thing in the first place.
3. No, you aren't going to make any money off it.
4. One out of 10 parts will not arrive in time for the weekend.
5. That rattle.
6. There's always a better example for sale.
7. You can never have enough spares.
8. You're never going to use all those spares.
9. Rust is an enemy worth fighting to extinction.
10. That rattle.

Borrowed from The Desert A newsletter , Mesa AZ

## Jim's Tech Tips "Mounting Wheels"

I know that my Dad reads these Tech Tips, so today's is a special shout out to him, who taught me this Tip for mounting wheels when I was about 12 years old. Thanks, Dad!

Start with a classic X-style lug nut wrench. If you don't already have one, mine is 20" across and works quite well.



Place the wheel/tire next to the vehicle, leaning it against the hub and brake drum you plan to mount it on. Adjust the jack so that the wheel needs to be lifted an inch or two onto the studs.

Now slip two of the tire iron arms under the tire, one arm to the left of where the tire touches the ground, and the other arm to the right. Grab one of the tire iron arms that is pointing out toward you, and lift the tire up with one hand while you guide the wheel to hang on a stud or two with the other hand.



Hold the wheel in against the drum while you lower the lug wrench and use that free hand to start a lug nut on one of the studs. Once you have that lug nut started, you can let go of the wheel and start the rest of them. Use the tire iron to run them all in snug, then lower the jack and tighten them all again.

This Tip is not just applicable to mounting a wheel/tire on a Model A. It works on pretty much any vehicle: car, truck, trailer... In fact, the larger and heavier the wheel/tire is that you are putting on, the bigger help this is.

So in the shop or out on the road, use a simple tire iron to help you lift a wheel up into place and hold it there while you start the lug nuts.

Until next time, Have a Model A Day!  
Jim

Courtesy of MAFCA



MAFFI Newsletter Minute June 2022

Model A Days Model A Driving School

Registration for this event has been light so far. Each student will have ample attention and anybody who does sign up should be in for a real treat. Jerry Morrissey attended the Model T Driving School at the Gilmore on June 9, looking for insight and ideas for the Model A Driving School being offered [Friday September 16, 2022](#), at Model A Days. He came away very excited about parts of their program that had not been discussed for our program. Jerry explained, “The Model T’s took a short drive to learn forward and reverse with each driver. Then they took a longer drive to experience shifting into high gear. Lastly, they finished with a mile long drive along the private road towards Gull Lake utilizing both gears, stopping and turning around. For the Model A’s we can do something similar with a short, medium, and longer drive.” While nothing is set in cement at this time adding a one-mile scenic drive on a private road in one of the several cars or trucks being offered for the class would be exciting, no matter what your previous driving experience is.

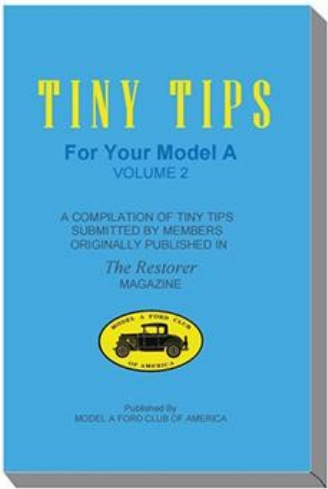
Enrolling in the Model A Driving School is done by registering on-line at [www.maffi.org/](http://www.maffi.org/) Model A Days/Special Event Registration.

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From: Doug Zinn, Little Rock, Arkansas  
Illustrated by John Pratt, Urbana, Illinois

O-Ring to Protect Upholstery

I GOT THIS SIMPLE IDEA from a friend of mine – Bobby Roy, who lives in Ola, Arkansas.

Behind a finish washer for upholstery, use a #78 O-ring under the washer as a backup to keep from cutting into the material. I have put this idea to use with good results.



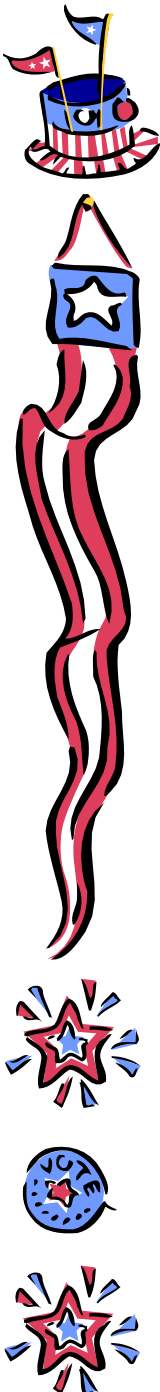
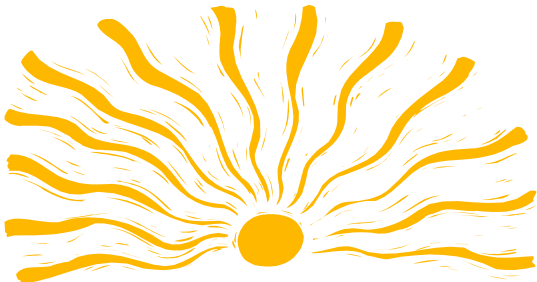
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Model A Ford Technical Questions?

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*!



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**Must have computer skills**

Current newsletter editor willing to teach “the ropes”

This is my eighth and absolutely 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 contact me if you have questions.

*Tilda*

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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  
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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

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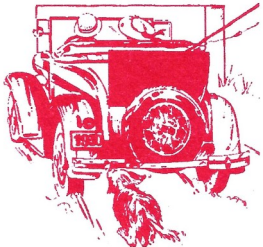




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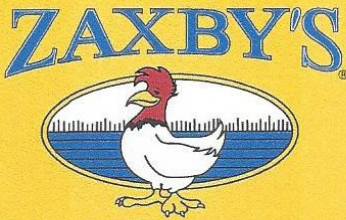
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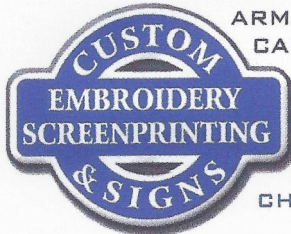
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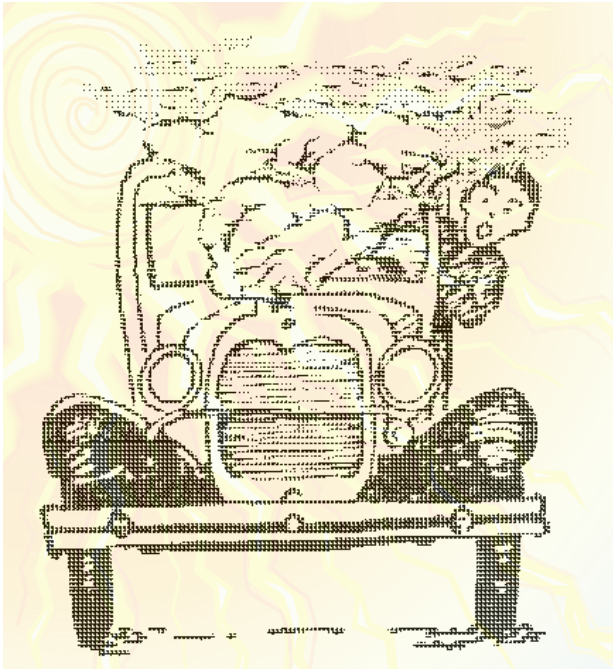
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**December 10** - Christmas Party at Tom Mack's Showroom in Prosperity

**Please note: dates and places are subject to change!**

*Other Events of Interest*

2022

**August 17-19** - [MARC National Tour](#) in Harris, Michigan

**September 8-10** [Charlotte AutoFair](#)

**September 16-17** [Model A Days at the Gilmore](#)

**October 4-7** [Hershey Fall Swap Meet](#)

**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

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