

The Spare Tire

Palmetto A's of South Carolina

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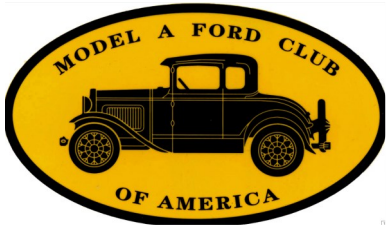
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Model A Restorers Club Region

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Mystery Tour 11° Fahrenheit Survivors



Our A's
conquered



the
cold



Dick and Dan indicating 11°!



Happy Begg, left
John Cockerill, right
Our friend, Dr. John Munn of
the Western Carolinas Model
A Club, center

HAPPY
Valentine's Day



“A” Note from the President...

January 2024 saw sixteen members gather for breakfast on a 24-degree Saturday morning in downtown Columbia, SC. Afterwards, 12 members in 6 Model A’s and one “modern” left for our overnight “Mystery Tour”. To offset the winter temperature, we had beautiful sunny skies both Saturday and Sunday. By lunchtime, we realized our destination was the town of Gaffney, SC. After lunch, we explored a number of downtown “antique” stores looking for treasures. We then drove over to the Cowpens National Battlefield, one of the many American Revolution battle sites. We viewed a short film and then took a short walk on the grounds. The following morning we got to experience what it must have been like in the late 1920’s and early 1930’s to have to start and drive the A’s in really cold weather. We started Sunday morning off with the temperature at 11 degrees! All six A’s were a little reluctant to start right up, but with a little persistent coaxing, all six were started. After letting them warm up, we were on our way to visit with a fellow Model A owner and friend, Dr. John Munn. We stopped at John’s beautiful house that looks right up at Glassy Mountain from Hwy.11, The Cherokee Foothills National Scenic Highway. We were amazed to see the large collection of wood carvings done by John as well as seeing his collection of Model A’s and other mid-thirty’s automobiles. Saying our goodbyes, we continued west on Hwy 11 to our lunch stop, Aunt Sue’s Country Corner Restaurant. The all you can eat buffet was wonderful! Then it was on towards Pickens County and then heading south back towards Columbia and home. We’d like to thank Happy Begg and Cheryl Austin for coordinating the tour. I think I speak for all, it was a fun trip. I look forward to next year’s “Mystery Tour!”

February 17th brings us to our annual “Chicken Bog” / Budget Meeting, again being graciously hosted by Cheryl and Danny Austin. Danny will be cooking up his famous chicken bog and members will supply the sides and desserts. We will be presenting the 2024 budget for the club’s approval.

I look forward to continuing a new year of fellowship and touring/meetings. 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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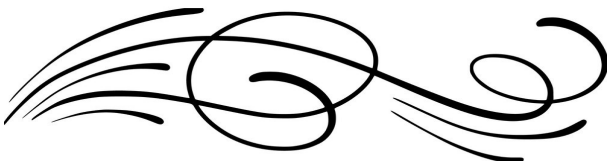
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February Birthdays

- Mike Lewter 2nd**
- Sonny Koon 5th**
- Stephanie Petty 15th**
- Nancy Rye 22nd**
- Cheryl Austin 26th**
- Susan Buff 29th**

Anniversaries

- Charlie & Kimberly Ann Dudley 4th**
- Wayne & Debbie Areheart 9th**

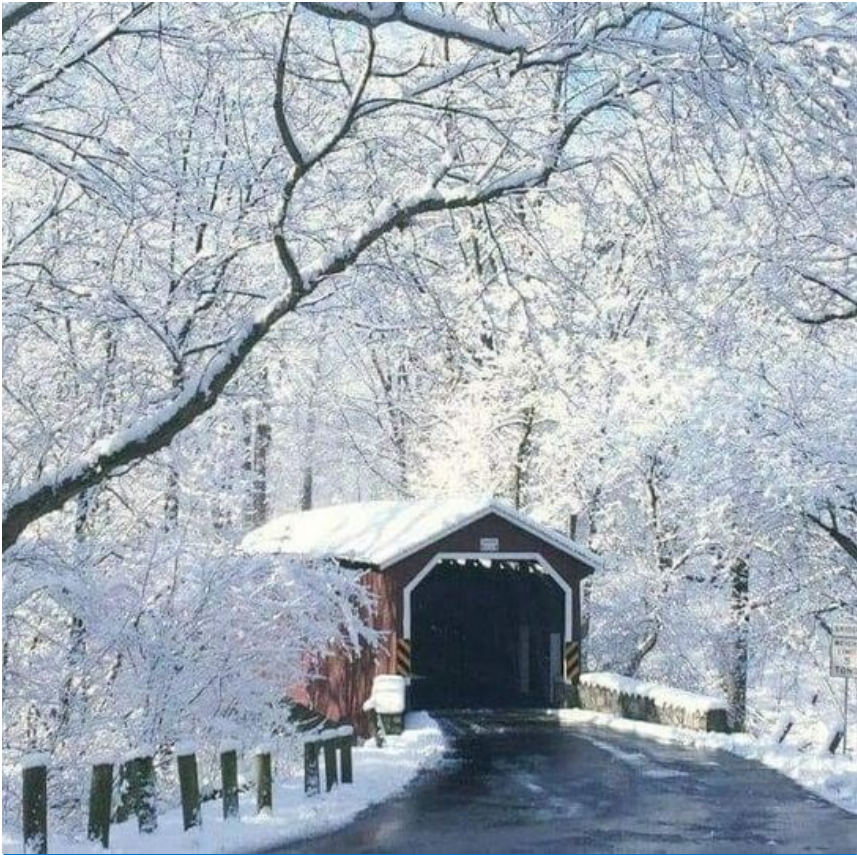


Sunshine Report

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Susan Buff and Pat Robbs.

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.



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, daustino02@sc.rr.com. They are looking for your ideas and input!

Palmetto A's Schedule for 2023

February 17 - Annual Budget Meeting and Chicken Bog at the Austin's. 10:30 with lunch about 12 noon. **Last names A-F bring deserts, all others bring sides.**

March 16 - TBA

April 6 - Palmetto A's Annual Picnic

June 14 & 15 - Palmetto A's Annual Swap Meet

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

Other Events of Interest

2024

April 4 -7 - [Charlotte Auto Fair](#)

April 4 -7 - [2024 MARC Membership Meet in Joliet, IL](#)

April 19-20 - Old 96 Annual Swap Meet

May 21-23 - [MARC 2024 National Tour in Berlin OH](#)

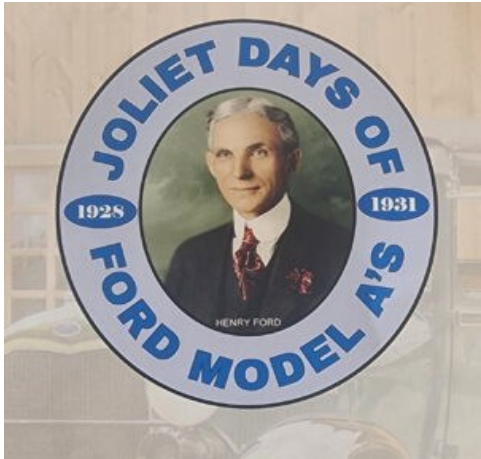
June 23-29 - [MAFCA 2024 National Convention in Ruidiso, NM](#) hosted by the Southwest Model A's

October 8 -11 - [Hershey Swap Meet & Car Show](#)

December 11 - 14 - MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hosted by the Beehive A's and the Salty A's.

2025

June 15-22 - [MAFCA National Tour, Waynesboro, VA](#) Hosts: Dallas Chapter



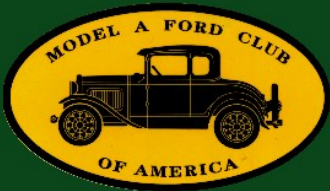
[2024 Membership Meet](#)
Joliet IL
April 4 — 7, 2024



[MARC NATIONAL TOUR](#)
May 21— 23, 2024



MAFCA 2024
National Convention
June 23 - June 29



Palmetto A's Board Meeting

16 January, 2024

President John Cockerill called the meeting to order on January 16, 2024 at the IHOP in Columbia. Attending were Wayne & Debbie Areheart, Cheryl Austin, John & Happy Begg, John & Twila Cockerill, Dick Fraser and Dan Ward. Twila read the minutes from the last meeting, a motion was made that they be approved, motion seconded and carried. Dick gave the Treasurer's Report, a motion was made that they be approved, motion seconded and carried. Happy reported that the website had been updated. John Cockerill stated that the Swap Meet needed to be added. Happy announced that the proposed 2024 Budget will be presented to the members at the Annual Meeting in February. At this time, John Begg will propose setting aside additional \$ for the Model A Museum. Twila received another well-deserved award from MAFCA for our newsletter. Members can see this at the Annual Meeting. Twila reported that the cost of stamps will be going up this Saturday.

Cheryl reported that we currently have 27 paid members and 4 lifetime members. John Begg suggested that in order to boost membership, we give Davin at Smith & Jones several applications offering prospective new members a free one-year membership. John Cockerill will handle this. Dick needs mileage reports from everyone participating in this program by the end of February. Wayne announced that they just finished up one project and have 2 other members' car issues that need to be addressed. He will announce at the Annual Meeting that anyone needing assistance on their cars let him know.

Cheryl announced proposed upcoming tours/meetings. The Mystery Tour for those that have registered will be January 20-21, following the breakfast meeting at Lizards Thicket on Elmwood. The Chicken Bog/Annual Meeting will be held at the Austin's on February 17. Check your newsletter for info on who should bring sides and who should bring desserts. A presentation on available Club apparel will be given at this meeting. Other tours/meetings will be announced as plans are finalized. Cheryl will be sending the list of new Club officers and members to MAFCA and MARC.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.
Submitted by Debbie Areheart, Secretary

MAFFI Minute

The Gilmore Auto Museum, the site of the Model A Museum, is open year around and at this time of year the museum has Sunday afternoon lectures at 2p.m. The website has a complete listing, but one that I found enticing is on February 4, "How to Buy and Sell Collector Cars".

However, if a trip to Hickory Corners, Michigan isn't in your January/February travel plans, you can still indulge in Model A hobby fun by visiting or re-visiting the maffi.org website. The website has 4 live streaming cameras to view the museum from your armchair. And, if you click the Media button, you can hear the audio recordings of original records developed in the Model A Era for salesmen's use in training and customer sales. They're fun to listen to! If you're more of a visual person, there's a MAFFI You Tube site, also accessible from the website as well as Paul Shinn, the Model A Guy's You Tube site, accessible from the website.

And let's not forget the upcoming Valentine's Day. You do have a Model A that is your sweetheart don't you? Why not honor her (or him) with her/his picture at the Model A museum next to your name by getting involved in the "My A" program. It features a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing your vehicle, your name, your home area, and your vehicle body style. Details can be found under "expansion" on the maffi.org website.

And, as a bit of fun trivia let me leave you with this tidbit. One hundred and ten years ago, on Jan. 5, 1914, Henry Ford implemented a \$5 per day wage for his workers. But, workers soon found out they wouldn't immediately get the \$5 per day. Workers still made \$2.30 and were given a \$2.70 bonus if they followed all of the company's requirements. Here's how workers would be eligible:
abstain from alcohol
not physically abusive toward their families
not take in boarders
keep homes clean
contribute to a savings account
(from www.cbsnews.com/detroit/news/henry-ford-implements-5-per-day-wage-this-day-in-history/).

A few of those requirements wouldn't be a bad deal today to require, would they!! Happy Valentine's Day Model A Hobbyists!

Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary
Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Trustee

Treasurer's Report, January, 2024

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.



To Kill A Battery!

by Tom Endy

Model A Ford battery:

The battery in a Model A Ford tends to not last as long as one in a modern car. The reason is the inactivity. Cars that are driven daily usually keep the battery fully charged. Batteries that sit around less than fully charged tend to fail sooner.

A sneaky leaking diode:

One of the things that will drag a battery down is a leaking diode. Model A Fords did not have diodes back in Henry's day. Today many owners have installed a diode in the generator cut-out, or replaced the generator with an alternator. An alternator has six diodes in it. If you drive the car daily you might not even be aware you have a leaky diode. However, if you let the car sit for a long period of time it will pull the battery down.

The diode:

A diode is a device that when installed in an electrical circuit will allow current to pass in one direction but not the other. Another way of stating it is that it has a low resistance in one direction and a high resistance in the other direction. The high resistance direction, however, is not absolute, and a very minute amount of current is able to pass in that direction. The amount is so small as to be almost undetectable, and to a car driven daily it is of no consequence.

The cut-out:

The purpose of the cut-out on a Model A Ford is to disconnect the battery from the generator when it is not rotating. A non-rotating generator would be a dead short on the battery and would discharge it very quickly. There is a single set of contacts inside the cut-out. When the engine is running and the generator is rotating the contacts close automatically so that the generator will charge the battery. When the engine stops the contacts open automatically. After many years of service the cut-out contacts can become stuck together, this is especially true with the poor quality reproduction cut-outs being offered on the market today. Thus became the reason for the cut-out diode modification. The diode does not have contacts, but it can still fail. Many times the failure is subtle and is manifested in a leak instead of a dead short.

The alternator:

An alternator is a device that produces AC power. In order to convert it to DC power for use in a car six diodes are installed as a rectifier circuit. When the alternator is not rotating the diodes prevent the battery from discharging through the alternator exactly the same as does a diode in the generator cut-out. If any one of the six diodes develops a leak it will pull the battery down.

The ammeter:

The ammeter on the dash will indicate if there is a severely leaking diode. When you shut the engine off the ammeter should be zeroed out. If it is deflected slightly negative, something is drawing current. However, a leaking diode may not be leaking enough to register on the ammeter.

An easy check:

Most inexpensive volt-ohm meters (\$10. or less) have a milliamp scale. The one I have has a 250-milliamp scale. This equals one quarter of an amp. One quarter of an amp will not register on the dash ammeter, but it is enough to kill your battery. Pull the fuse out of the holder on top of the starter (it is prudent to have one installed) and place the meter probes across the fuse holder with the meter set to the milliamp scale. The meter will measure the current drain. The six-volt positive ground alternator on my Model A has one or more diodes leaking 200 milliamps and it did kill a battery.

Pull the fuse:

Anytime you park your car for an extended period of time, or even overnight, it is a good idea to pull the fuse and stand it on it's head at one end of the holder. If you do have a leaking diode somewhere the absence of the fuse will prevent it from draining your battery. The six-volt positive ground alternator on my Model A still has a leaking diode, even after I installed a new battery. It may have been that way for a number of years, however it puts out power just fine. One of these days I may get around to fixing the problem, but for now I just make sure I lift the fuse when I am done driving for the day. ☺

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/. Enjoy, utilize, and learn!

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 2024 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*!

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Just a reminder!!

The club has a library of Model A Technical DVDs for your use. Contact John Cockerill at 803-446-3837 (cell) or at johntwilac@yahoo.com.

Collars, Cuffs, Sleeves and Belts

By Lois Przywitowski

The season is changing, and once again last year's wardrobe is in good condition but could be improved by an update. So, as a fashionable, but budget minded woman of the Model A era, what can you do? As always, the fashion industry has a solution for you, it's not a new idea, but it still works wonders with your wardrobe. You can purchase, or make, new collars, cuffs, sleeves, or belts for that perfect update.

In the June 1930 *McCall Style News*, it was noted that "the mode has definitely gone feminine, these softening and flattering accessories play a very important part in the chic ensemble."



The collar and cuff set on the left side of this picture is said to be "the most desirable style of the season." It is made of white linen, trimmed with lace and sells for 49 cents.

The second collar and cuff set is made of semi stiff white cotton with lace edging. This lovely collar sells for 39 cents.

The Charles William Stores, Inc., Fall and Winter, 1928-29



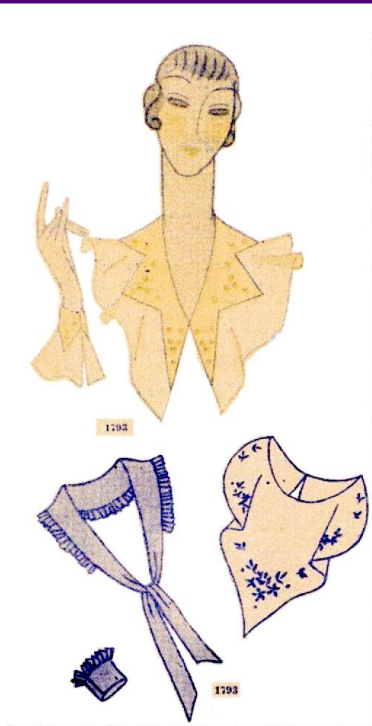
This belt, collar, and cuff set, shown in the April 1929 issue of *Woman's World* is featured as one of "the newest ideas for accessories which are easily and quickly made." The entire set, with its subtle simplicity, is made from felt.

Woman's World, April 1929



The collar pattern shown here was available in small, medium and large sizes. The recommended fabrics were chiffon, pique or lingerie lawn. They were sure to add femininity and grace to the right frock with their flowing lines.

McCall Style News, June 1930



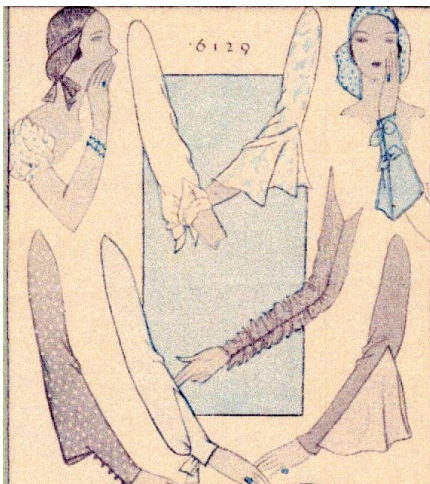
This smart collar and cuff pattern came in one size. The recommended fabrics were organdie, flat crepe or satin; some with hand embroidery, others had picoted edges or were finely pleated.

The pattern included blue transfers and sold for 35 cents.

McCall Style News, June 1930

This sleeve pattern came in 6 sizes. Note the short puff sleeve in the upper left corner. The pattern description notes that "with the advent of the short sleeve many a frock may be remodeled attractively and made to serve another season."

McCall Style News, June 1930



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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 62 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

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