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Palmetto A's of South Carolina

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- 2012, 2014 & 2015 MAFCA Newsletter of Merit Award
- 2013 MAFCA Newsletter of Distinction Award
- 2015 MARC Newsletter of Highest Achievement
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- 2013 MARC Newsletter of Excellence
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April 8, 2017

BBQ

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Saturday, April 8th Club Meeting

Please arrive at Epworth by 10:30 so we may get the Model A's lined up before the crowd appears!

Saturday, April 22nd Old Ninety Six Swap Meet

We will be attending the Old Ninety Six 12th Annual All Model A & Model T Swap Meet at 314 Old Mount Mariah Road in Greenwood. We will meet at the Walmart at 1180 Dutch Fork Rd at 9:00 am and travel on to Greenwood.

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Boston Butts	\$30 ea.
Kid's Plate <small>(Hot Dog, Chips & Drink)</small>	\$5 ea.

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Saturday April 8, 2017

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Birthdays

Lenon Kyzer - 11th

Wes Porterfield - 12th

Fred Luce - 20th

Anniversaries

Harold & Barbara Dye - 9th

Fred & Joy Luce - 15th

Lloyd & Barbara Merritt - 15th

President's Note...

Our club was saddened with the recent loss of long time member Margie Temple. Margie was wife and mother of members Mr. J.P. Temple and Mark Temple. We continue to keep them and their family in our thoughts and prayers. The Palmetto A's started the month of March with a "Tech. Session" hosted by Wayne and Debbie Areheart at their home. Wayne led the discussion on timing and making adjustments. Five members drove A's while others came in "moderns". We had a good crowd and after sharing info on timing, adjustments and other topics, we went to lunch at Zaxby's with Dan Ward, club member, newsletter advertiser, and owner of Zaxby's. Closing out our month was our annual "Picnic in the Park". We had a beautiful day and shared picnic lunches with members of sister clubs; Low Country A's, Old 96, and Shade Tree A's. We had a total of 57 club members plus other family and friends in attendance. There were 30 beautiful Model A's, some who enjoyed participating in our after lunch car games. It was fun to watch the various driving skills of members, some veterans, some rookies and they tried their luck in the games. The winners were rewarded with gift certificates from Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts who also furnished us with their wonderful homemade ice cream. I would like to thank our club members who helped "set up" and "take down" tents, tables, and other materials that make this day possible. A big thank you also, to Orville Booth for bringing the club trailer. Our next meeting is coming up quick. April 8th is the annual Epworth Children's Home BBQ fundraiser. This is an event we as a club support by displaying our Model A's, and enjoying the BBQ lunch. This will be our April club meeting. We will have a short business meeting at our "tent" and vote on possible changes in our By-Laws. Please join us for the fellowship as we support this very worthy cause and of course getting to drive those A's!

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

John Cockerill

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Treasurer's Report March, 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, Wes & Ann Porterfield, Eddie Seastrunk, Mike Smith, JP & Mark Temple and Bobby Williamson.

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.

A World Magazine

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<http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Youth/A-World.pdf>

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights, 13 March, 2017

The Palmetto A's Model A Board meeting was held at Tom Barnes's community clubhouse with the following in attendance: John Cockerill, Twila Cockerill, Orville Booth, Sharon Booth, Cheryl Austin, Lauren Eckstrom, Dick Fraser, Wes Porterfield and Tom Barnes. John Begg was unable to attend.

An invitation was extended to Orville and Sharon Booth to join this and future Board Meetings.

Lauren Eckstrom read the minutes for the February board meeting and they were approved.

Tom Barnes gave the treasurer's report and shared thank you letters for the donations to the scholarship funds. Cheryl Austin reported that the PO Box fee increased from \$70 to \$76 and has been paid. She has also made the reservations for next year's Picnic in the Park, which will be March 24, 2018. The price of renting the shelter at Saluda Shoals Park is also going to increase from \$210 to \$250.

John Cockerill spoke of letters received from MAFCA concerning the Ambassador program invitation. The Ambassador programs mentions having one chapter member from each group to also be a national member. Twila Cockerill spoke about the newsletter. Five out of seven advertisers have renewed their ads for the newsletter and website.

Dick Fraser spoke about mileage saying that currently no awards have come back.

John Cockerill discussed upcoming meetings.

March 25 Annual Picnic in the Park. Bring food and drink to share. Car prizes need to be bought. J. Begg and J. Cockerill will MC. Possible children's and door prizes were discussed with a budget of \$90.

April 8 The Epworth Fundraiser, our regular April meeting due to the Easter season falling on the 3rd week-

end, our normal time to meet. We will be voting on the by-law changes at this meeting.

April 22 The Old 96 Swap Meet in Greenwood. We will meet at WalMart in Balentine at 9am.

May 20 Brattonsville

June 17 Blackville, Miller's Bread Basket, Healing Springs. Twila Cockerill to send invitations to Low Country, Aiken, Old 96, Shade Tree As.

July 15 Juniper's in Ridge Spring. (Might need to RSVP for this!)

Aug 19 Cayce Museum with a possible picnic. Arrangements to be made with Leo Redman.

Sep 9 Swap meet. Committee to be formed. It was discussed and decided to make the swap meet two days again and have the small tents. This will need to be discussed with Davin Smith. The food prices will need to be increased.

Oct 14 Site TBD. Present the slate of officers: A president and VP will be needed. The nominating committee needs to be formed by August.

Nov 18 Site TBD. Officer Elections.

Dec ?? First or second weekend? A suggestion was made to go to the Wagon Wheel again. Input will be received at the picnic in the park.

Old Business:

The mileage for the MAFCA Million Mile challenge needs to be recorded. A suggestion was made that as tour director, John Begg should be responsible for keeping track of the miles.

New Business:

A proposal was made to make the next Board Meeting for Monday, May 15th. This was accepted.

A memorial in honor of Margie Temple was sent to her church, Saluda River Baptist Church, for \$50.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Lauren Eckstrom, Secretary

Palmetto A's Membership Meeting Highlight

No membership meeting for March.






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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 55 years.

Monthly meetings are generally held the third Saturday of the month, time and location announced in **The Spare Tire**.

Palmetto A's membership dues are \$25 per year.

Members are encouraged to join the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). Annual dues are \$40 and include a subscription to **The Restorer Magazine** from MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631

Members are encouraged to join the Model 'A' Restorers Club (MARC) Annual dues are \$45 and include a subscription to the **Model 'A' News Magazine** from MARC, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135

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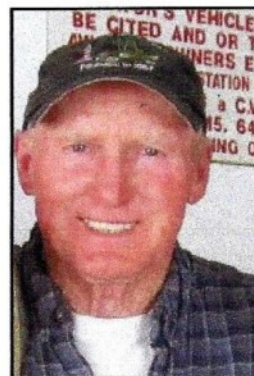
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Photos by Wes Porterfield,
John & Twila Cockerill





Technical Talk
with Dick Lusk



Checking the Alternator. What's Right?

Dear Tech. Director:

The other day I saw a mechanic disconnect the battery lead on his Model A engine while running it at a fast idling speed. The engine was equipped with an alternator in place of a generator. When I asked the mechanic why he was doing it that way he explained:

"If the engine is running while the battery is disconnected, the alternator is producing the current for the ignition circuit and is therefore working properly". Is this an accurate way to test an alternator?

Bill DeWitt, Yankton, IA

Dear Bill:

No, that procedure does not prove that the alternator is in perfect shape. Most alternators have three sets of windings and three sets of rectifier diodes. If one of the windings or diodes has gone bad, the alternator would still produce enough current for the ignition circuit, but won't produce enough current to keep the battery fully charged. The most accurate way to test an alternator is with an ammeter, voltmeter and ohmmeter.

There is more to this. Suppose the alternator is in good condition. Disconnecting the battery lead may damage it. Allowing an alternator to operate without a battery lead can cause a rise in voltage that can cause stress on the alternator windings. Also when the battery lead is disconnected a high voltage spike is induced in the electrical system. This spike, which can reach 150 volts, may damage the diodes as well as the regulator. When the battery lead is reconnected, another spike is produced. Therefore, disconnecting the battery lead with the engine running is not a good idea.



Good Luck and Happy Motoring!
Your Technical Director,
Richard Lusk

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Spring Ensembles for Girls

By Patti Jones
(Taken from The Delineator, February, 1930)

The following are daytime fashions that young girls were wearing during the Model A era. These different styles copied their mother's dresses during this era. Dropped waistlines were still being used in the early part of 1930. Later in the year, dresses were belted at the waistline to copy their mom's new styles coming from Paris.

The dress on the left is a jumper with a short-sleeved blouse made from cotton fabric. The second dress is an ensemble (dress with jacket or coat) made from wool. The middle dress is a 3 piece suit with a skirt, blouse and jacket. It was made from velveteen and cotton. The 4th ensemble combines plain and printed fabric in both the dress and the coat. The dress at the far right has a button over neckline and an unusual yoke with stitching down the front.



To complement the daytime fashions here are party dresses for the young girl. They are made of fancy fabrics; satins, organdy, taffeta, and silk. The length of the dresses is at or above the knees. They could have capped sleeves. The first dress is made from organdy and has a ribbon belt trimmed with rosettes (flowers). The 2nd dress has shirring (gathering of the fabric) in the front. The 3rd and 4th dresses are 'sister' dresses and are made in a printed silk and have a long drape down the front. The last dress is made of silk with scallops around the hem line (bottom) and trimmed with contrasting edging.



Spring Ensembles for Girls

www.mafca.com

Cook's Corner

Seven Layer Cookies

Melt ¼ cup of butter or margarine in 8x8 or 9x9 pan. Add on top 2 cups of graham cracker crumbs. Spread on 1 cup angel flake coconut and sprinkle on 1 cup chocolate chips and 1 cup butterscotch chips. Top with 1½ cups finely chopped pecans. Pour 1 12 ounce can of condensed milk on top. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes. Cool and cut into bars.

From The Bethel Baptist Church Cookbook, Sumter, SC

Potato Casserole

- 1 - 32 oz package thawed hash brown potatoes
- 1 stick butter
- 1 -10 oz can cream of chicken soup
- 1 - 8 oz carton sour cream
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese

Mix all ingredients, leaving some grated cheese to sprinkle on top, Bake in a 350° oven for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

From The Spring Valley Baptist Church Cookbook, Columbia, SC

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Due date for submissions
for May 2017 issue
Is April 20th

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

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- Six issues each calendar year of our award-winning, international, bi-monthly Model 'A' News magazine.
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Proposal of changes to Bylaws of The Palmetto A's Model A Club of SC

Article V
Club Officers

Section 2. Method of electing Club Officers: Officers of the club shall be elected annually by secret ballot at the November business meeting. Nominations for new officers each year shall be identified as follows: **A nominating committee consisting of the existing elected officers will** bring a slate of nominees, who have agreed to serve, to the October business meeting to be published in the November Spare Tire newsletter. Also at the October meeting nominations from the floor may be added to the slate. A ballot for use at the November meeting shall be prepared for the election of officers.

Change to read:

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Add the following to Article V of the current bylaws:

Waiver of Election

If, after the close of nominations, the number of people nominated for election to the Board of Directors is not more than one nominee for each office to be elected, the Board of Directors may, without further action, declare that those nominated and qualified to be elected have been elected.

This proposal will be discussed and voted on at the membership meeting on 8 April. 2017.

Editor's Notes...

Ahhh.... April!! Spring has sprung and we are so ready to get the A's out and about.

MAFCA is extending an invitation to join for free to club members (and prospective club members) that have never held membership in MAFCA. This free 2017 membership includes *The Restorer* magazine and all the perks of MAFCA membership. The digital edition of the magazine is also available and will require \$5.00 to be included with the application. For those of you who receive *The Spare Tire* via email, the application was sent as an attachment with your copy of the newsletter. If you get your newsletter by mail, you may request an application from John Cockerill. **ALL** completed applications must be returned to John Cockerill (with \$5 check if digital magazine is requested) by mailing them to 'President' at the Palmetto A's address listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Also included in this edition of *The Spare Tire* is the latest update of the Palmetto A's club roster. Check your information closely. Please notify Cheryl Austin of any corrections.

A quick reminder: Palmetto A club members can advertise Model A's and Model A parts for sale for free in *The Spare Tire*. Contact me to run an ad.

Please review the proposed changes to the club bylaws on this page. We will be voting on these changes at our club meeting at Epworth Children's Home on the 8th. See you there!

Twila



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 one of the following, they are looking for your ideas and input!

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- John Cockerill - johntwilac@yahoo.com or 803-446-3837
- Tom Barnes - tbarnes1@sc.rr.com or 803- 776-9422
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- April 8** 2017 Cook Out For Kids at Epworth Children's Home. We will also have our April membership meeting while at this event.
- April 22** Old Ninety Six Swap Meet.
- May 20** Brattonsville Plantation
- June 17** Blackville/Healing Springs/Miller's Bread-Basket
- July 15** Ridge Spring, Juniper Restaurant
- August 19** Casey Museum
- September 8-9** Swap Meet at Smith & Jones

Other Events of Interest

(details on National Club Websites & Magazines)

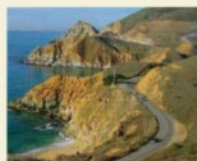
- April 6-9** Charlotte Auto Fair, <http://www.charlotte-autofair.com/>
- April 21-22** Old Ninety Six Annual Swap Meet
- May 4-7** Southeastern Tour Group Kentucky Bluegrass Tour
- July 30 - August 4** MARC National Meet, Gettysburg, PA
- October 1-6** MAFCA National Tour, Paso Robles to Napa Valley, CA
- October 19-22** Southeastern Tour Group Outer Banks of North Carolina Tour
- 2018**
- June 24-29** MAFCA National Convention in Sparks-Reno, Nevada
- 2019**
- October 7-11** Canyonlands Hub and Spoke Tour of the Redrock Canyonlands of Southern Utah and Northern Arizona, based in Kanab, Utah



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