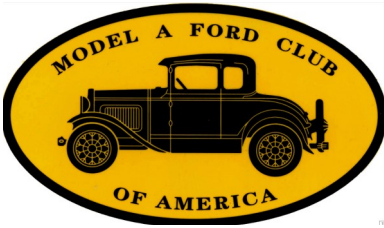




The Spare Tire

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"A" Note from the President...

The Palmetto A's enjoyed a beautiful 70 degree November day for our trip to Ridge Spring, SC. We had 7 A's, a custom '55 Buick and 4 "moderns" to make this tour. We were joined by, and enjoyed the company of, Warren & Sue Reynolds and Donnie & Annette Devore from the Old 96 Club. We also met soon to be new members, Keith & Gayle Newman. We explored the Shops in Ridge Spring, some finding "treasures"! We then headed to Shealy's BBQ to enjoy a lunch at their picnic area on this beautiful day.

We welcome new members, Brent & Mackenzie Takach who have just joined our club and are looking for a Model A. I would like to offer a huge thank you to Cheryl Austin our Vice President / Tour Leader for, in these trying times, arranging trips for our club while dealing with the issues surrounding the Pandemic. Also I appreciate the dedication to our club by all of our Board members for their continued efforts to keep our club up and running.

For our **December 12th "tour/outing" (2nd weekend)**, we will head west to historic McCormick, SC where they are having the Festival of Trees at the Grist Mill and Holiday Market at the Cotton Gin. Arrangements have been made for our club to have lunch at Definitely Delicious in McCormick. Please bring your mask and temperatures will be checked at the door. The cost of lunch, for ONE MEMBER & ONE GUEST, will be covered by the club. After lunch we will explore the Festival of Trees at the Grist Mill and the Holiday Market at the Cotton Gin.

We will meet & LEAVE at the Food Lion- 744B W. Main St. Lexington, SC – at 8:00 AM. – 12 Dec. (2nd weekend) ----This is next door to the "old" K-Mart where we used to meet. We will be on a tight schedule, so PLEASE BE ON TIME. (65 miles to McCormick) Also have a full tank of gas when we start and don't forget to charge your Walkie-Talkies.

Twila and I are looking forward to getting out and enjoying the fellowship with our club. So Dust'em off, Gas'em up and let's go Model A'ing!!!

John Cockerill



Palmetto A's Club Tour
12 December, 2020
Lunch at Definitely Delicious
Festival of Trees and Holiday Market
at the Grist Mill at the Cotton Gin
McCormick, SC
See details in the President's letter



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December

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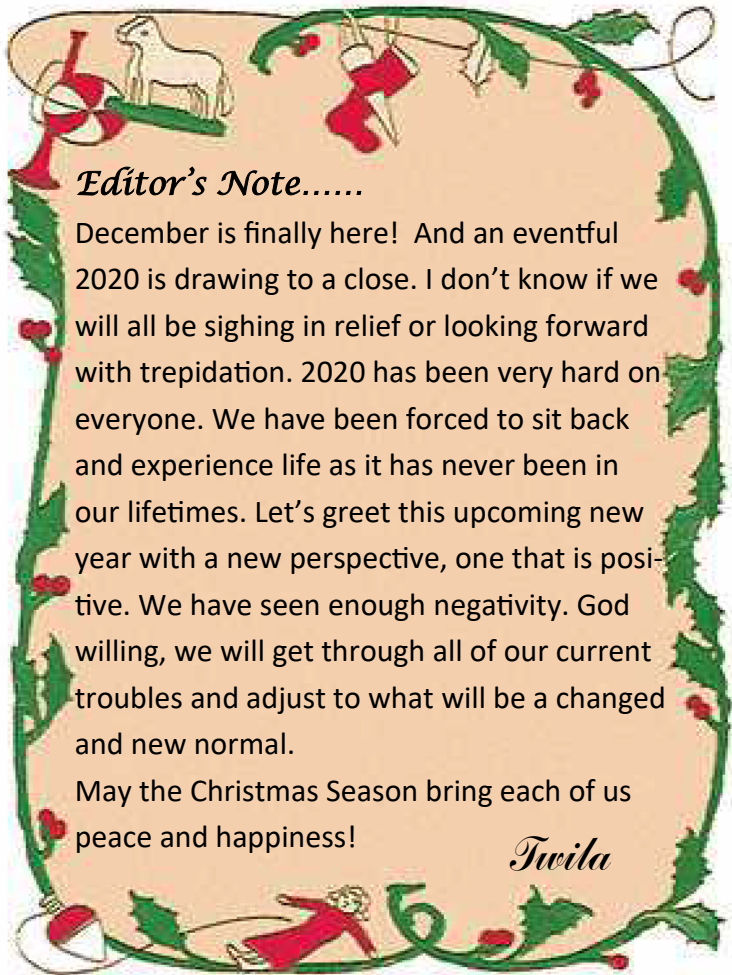
Dick Fraser - 1st
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Linda Toole - 11th
Pat Robb—17th
Mack Day - 18th
Twila Cockerill - 21st



DUES NOTICE

**Please respond in a
timely manner.**

Deadline is 15 February, 2021!



Editor's Note.....

December is finally here! And an eventful 2020 is drawing to a close. I don't know if we will all be sighing in relief or looking forward with trepidation. 2020 has been very hard on everyone. We have been forced to sit back and experience life as it has never been in our lifetimes. Let's greet this upcoming new year with a new perspective, one that is positive. We have seen enough negativity. God willing, we will get through all of our current troubles and adjust to what will be a changed and new normal.

May the Christmas Season bring each of us peace and happiness!

Twila

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Treasurer's Report, November, 2020

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.

Happy Begg, Treasurer



Sunshine Report

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Mary Day, Sara Koon, Ann Porterfield and everyone touched by COVID-19 and all the caregivers.

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.



Keith & Gayle Newman



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Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon

Removing Rear Wheel Hub/Drum

The rear hubs and drums are bolted on to the tapered axel shafts quite tightly. It is not always easy to get them off when you need to inspect the brakes or check the rear wheel bearings. Don't let this put you off.

You can buy a special "hub puller" that is designed to help get the hub off of the axel. It uses a large bolt that you screw in to press against the axle, and the puller pulls on the hub.

Some Model A hubs were made with a ridge that sticks up, away from the hub body. The puller connects with that ridge. Other hubs were made with a groove machined down into the hub. The puller goes down into that groove and pulls as you tighten the bolt.



Some pullers are specific to the style hub you have (ridge up or groove down) so before getting a tool, you should remove a wheel to see what kind of hub you have to be sure to get the right puller. Other pullers are designed to work with either style hub, which is handy -- so you might want to look for one of them.

When using the puller, it is hard to keep the drum from turning as you tighten the bolt on the puller. Put a wheel lug nut on the drum temporarily and put a 13/16" box-end wrench on it. Press down on that wrench while you lift up on (tighten) the big bolt in the puller. The wrench will jam against the hub and stop the drum from turning as you tighten the bolt.

[insert photo here]

When using the puller, tighten the big bolt, then tap the head of the bolt with a hammer. Tighten the bolt again, then tap with a hammer again. Repeat this until the hub pops free of the tapered axle.

Removing the rear drums is a pretty common task for servicing a Model A, so it is worth investing in a hub puller tool. It makes the job easier and helps you get back on the road quickly to Have a Model A Day!

Jim

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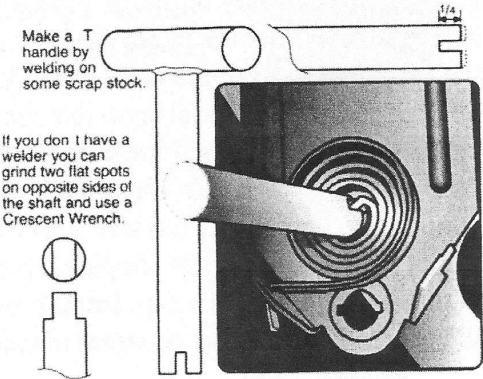
TINY TIPS



WINDOW REGULATOR SPRING TOOL

Sometimes a window regulator spring will either break or become so weak that it makes it hard to roll up the window. Installing a new spring can be difficult and also dangerous.

Take an old distributor shaft and weld on a T handle made from rod stock. Grind down the slotted end so the slot is only 1/4" deep. Put the regulator in a vise and wind it until the lift arm is all the way up. This is the position in which the spring is least compressed. Hook the outer hook of the spring and insert the tool in the center. Turn the tool to compress the spring until it fits into the slot. Release the tool. Tap the spring into position with a hammer.



Courtesy of MAFCA

HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE 1900

The average life expectancy in the USA was 47.
Only 14% of the homes in the USA had a bathtub.
Only 8% of homes had a telephone. A 3-minute call from Denver to New York City cost \$11.
There were only 8,000 cars in the USA and only 144 miles of paved road. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee were each more populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populated state in the union.
The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
The average wage in the USA was 22 cents an hour. An accountant could expect to earn \$2000 a year. A dentist could expect to earn \$2500 a year. A veterinarian could expect to earn between \$1500 to \$4000 a year. And a mechanical engineer could expect to earn about \$5000 a year.
More than 95% of all births in the USA took place at home.

WELCOME TO THE YEAR 2021!



MAFFI President's Message - 2020

Dear Model A Friends,

The Model A Ford Foundation is nearing a significant milestone, and a huge Thank You is needed to the many supporters who have brought us to this point. I have decided to write this State of the Foundation article to let everyone know MAFFI's current status and the plans for the future.

We are very close to achieving our \$1 million endowment goal. This is a great achievement and it is due solely to the generous donations given by our Model A hobbyists. So, maybe it's time to reflect on the purpose of the endowment and where we go from here.

A number of years ago it was determined that to assure the perpetuity of our Museum, a fund would be required to support the long term costs associated with its running. A goal of \$1 million was eventually established in order to generate revenue (if required) from any earnings, without disturbing the principal. A conservative return of 3-4% generates about one third of our annual operating costs. To be more specific, we spend about \$100,000 per year to run the Museum. This includes our annual fee to The Gilmore, insurance, displays and exhibits, publications, vehicle maintenance, transportation and storage expenses. We have no salaries or personnel expenses. We also have no debt to service. From an income perspective, we currently take in about \$30,000 from our annual Model A Day event and about \$70,000 each year from membership dues, club support and individual donations. Therefore, our income and expenses balance out. Since we can't predict the future, we need a significant financial cushion should income decline. This is why we have an endowment.

Best Regards,
John W. Begg
President

Cook's Corner....

Five Minute Fudge Wreath

Ingredients

1 (12 ounce) bag semisweet chocolate morsels

9 ounces peanut butter morsels (3/4 of a 12-ounce bag)

1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk *SAVE the empty can!

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

8 ounces chopped nuts of choice (optional)

Candied red and green cherries or Holiday colored candies for garnish

Instructions

Place a heavy pot on the stove and pre-heat it over low heat. Add chocolate and peanut butter morsels and milk stir until morsels are melted and milk is combined. *Save the empty condensed milk can. Stir in the vanilla and remove the fudge from heat. If adding nuts stir in immediately. Line round cake pan with plastic wrap and lightly coat with cooking spray. Cover the empty condensed milk can with plastic wrap and place in center of cake pan. Spoon fudge into pan around can, making sure to center the can if it drifts. The fudge will set up almost immediately. Garnish can only be added in the first minute or two that the fudge is in the pan, so work quickly. Decorate your wreath with "holly" made from cut candied red and green cherries or sprinkle with red and/or green sprinkles. Chill covered in the refrigerator. Remove the can from the center, remove fudge from pan, discard plastic wrap and place on decorative plate, and cover.

Note: Peanut butter morsels can be replaced by mint or butterscotch morsels or you can go all chocolate morsels!



Guess the Carols

- 1. Quadruped with Crimson Proboscis
- 2. Eight pm to Six am without Noise
- 3. Minuscule Hamlet in the Near East
- 4. Ancient Benevolent Despot
- 5. Exuberance Directed to the Planet
- 6. Listen, Aerial Spirits Announcing
- 7. Trio of Monarchs
- 8. Yonder in the Hay Rack
- 9. Cherubim Audited from Aloft
- 10. Assemble, Everyone Who Believes
- 11. Hallowed Post Meriden
- 12. Fantasia of Colorless December 25
- 13. A Dozen Twenty-four Hour Yule Periods
- 14. Befell During the Transparent Bewitching Hour
- 15. Homosapien of Crystallized Vapor
- 16. DESIRE A Pair of Incisors on December 25
- 17. I Spied My Maternal Parent Osculating
- 18. Perambulating Through December Solstice Fantasy
- 19. Adorn the Vestibule
- 20. Tin Tintinnabulums

Answers are on page 8.



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

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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
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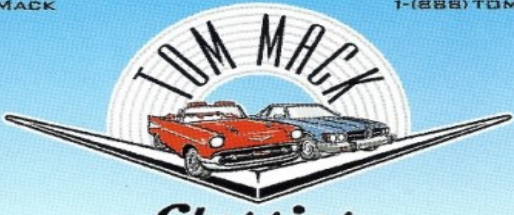
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Is there a destination to which you would like to drive your Model A? Is there a lunch spot to which you would like to drive your Model A? Call or email Cheryl and Danny Austin at 803-351-5687, daustino02@sc.rr.com. They are looking for your ideas and input!

Palmetto A's Schedule for 2020

December - Festival of Trees and Holiday Market and lunch at Definitely Delicious in McCormick, SC.

2021

January 16 - Chicken Bog at the Austin's

WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE THE CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS ON A MONTH BY MONTH BASIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOCIALLY DISTANCING GUIDELINES.

Other Events of Interest

2021

April 8-11 [Charlotte AutoFair](#)

April 9-11 [MARC Membership Meet](#) 2021 in Bay City, MI

June 20-25 [MAFCA National Tour](#) in New Hampshire. Watch for details!



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1. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer,
 2. Silent Night,
 3. O Little Town of Bethlehem,
 4. King Wenceslas,
 5. Joy to the World,
 6. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,
 7. We Three Kings,
 8. Away in a Manger,
 9. Angels We Have Heard on High,
 10. Come All Ye Faithful,
 11. O Holy Night
 12. I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas,
 13. Twelve Days of Christmas,
 14. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,
 15. Frosty the Snowman,
 16. All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth,
 17. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Clause,
 18. Walking in a Winter Wonderland,
 19. Deck the Halls,
 20. Jingle Bells



The Spare Tire

Due date for submissions for the January 2021 issue is December 20th



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