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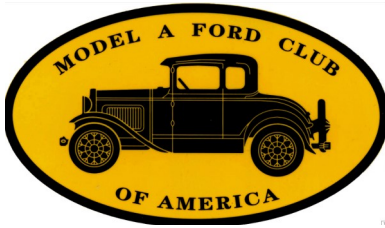
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18th Annual

ALL Model A & Model T

SWAP MEET & CAR DISPLAY

at

Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts
60 Wisconsin St. West Columbia, SC

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Friday, June 16, 2023 8am to 5pm Swap Meet

Saturday, June 17, 2023 8am to 3pm Swap Meet & Car Display

Vendor Space: Early registration: \$15/one day \$25/two days \$20/\$30 at the gate

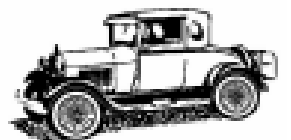
Car Corral: \$10 for two days

Palmetto A Members - Free Vendor Space

\$2 Door Prize Tickets Food Concession 50/50

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"A" Note from the President...

In May, the Palmetto A's joined with the Low Country A's of Charleston and the Aiken A's for an outing to Orangeburg to visit Edisto Memorial Gardens, followed by a great lunch at Antley's BBQ. We had five of the twenty-two Model A's attending. A big thank you to the Low Country A's who made the arrangements for this outing. We were also encouraged by Dr. Eddie Collins of the Low Country A's to sit at lunch with members of other clubs so as to get to know others in our shared hobby. Great idea, thanks Eddie.

The June event for the Palmetto A's is our annual Swap Meet at Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts on June 16th & 17th. We will set up on Thursday 15th at 8 AM. We will "unpack" things to be ready for final arrangement on Friday & Saturday mornings. As usual, we will need our members to lend a helping hand with the "set up" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, as well as helping out with food serving and other table positions. This is a club event and many hands are needed to make it successful. I look forward to a great turnout by our members and enjoying the fun and fellowship.

Let's keep those 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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**Palmetto A's Board Meeting, May 15, 2023**

John Cockerill called the meeting to order on May 15, 2023 at the IHOP in Columbia. Attending were Wayne & Debbie Areheart, Cheryl Austin, John & Happy Begg, John & Twila Cockerill, Dick Fraser and Dan Ward.

Happy made a motion, Twila seconded that the minutes of our last meeting be approved as published in the newsletter. Approved.

Dick distributed the Treasurer's Report for Feb, March & April. No updates on Fund Raisers/Mileage Program.

Happy reported that the website is up to date.

Twila reported that we now have 9 advertisers in our newsletter.

Wayne suggested several dates for the Tech Session on Front End Alignment. It will be held on May 27 at 10 a.m. Twila will send out an email informing all Club members.

Plans were made for the Swap Meet to be held at Smith & Jones June 16-17, set up on Thursday, June 15.

Cheryl then gave suggestions for tours & plans were made as follows:

June 16-17 – Swap Meet, with set up on June 15

July 15 – Sweatman's BBQ in Holly Hill. Several members will be attending the MAFCA National Tour during this time.

August 19 – Sylvan Farm & Market in Saluda
 We will invite the Olde 96 Club to join us.

Sept 16 – International Model A Day – Lone Star BBQ
 We will invite other Clubs to join us.

Oct 21 – Breakfast at Lizards Thicket in Lexington, then travel to the Benjamin E. Mays Historical Preservation Site in Greenwood

November 18 – McLeod Farms in McBee

December – Christmas Party

Times and meeting places will be published in the monthly newsletter.

The Board voted to "buy a brick" at the Model A Museum in memory of J. P. Temple. \$50 will come from Club funds, with the additional \$100 donated by Board members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Debbie Areheart, Secretary





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

June 16 - 17 – (Set up on the 15th) Annual Swap Meet at Smith & Jones.

July 15 - Sweatman's BBQ in Holly Hill

August 19 - Sylvan Farm and Market, Saluda

September 16 - Lone Star BBQ, Santee

October 21 - Breakfast at Lizard's Thicket, Lexington, then tour to the Benjamin Mayes Historical Site in Greenwood

November 18 - McCleod Farms, McBee

PLEASE NOTE: DATES AND PLACES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Other Events of Interest

June 3 - Shade Tree A's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Contact Jim McPherson at 706-564-0120 for details.

July 16-21 - [MAFCA National Tour](#) "Backroads to the Classics" in Indiana/Michigan hosted by Southeastern Tour Group

July 30-August 4 - [MARC National Meet](#) in West Chester Township OH

September 7 - 9 - [Charlotte Auto Fair](#)

September 15-16 - 12th Annual Model A Days at the MAFFI Museum in Hickory Corners MI

September 16 - International Model A Day

October 2 - 6 - [Hershey Swap Meet and Car Show](#)

October 14 - Warren Reynold's (Old 96) Annual Yard Sale. 120 Stoker Rd, Greenwood. Info: 864-980-7937, 864-980-0708 or swreynolds@centurylink.net

November 30 - Dec 2 - MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Santa Maria, CA





Palmetto A's, Lowcountry A's and Aiken A's trip to Edisto Memorial Gardens in Orangeburg



Treasurer's Report, May, 2023

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

Sunshine Report

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: John Cockerill, Mack & Mary Day, Wes Porterfield 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.

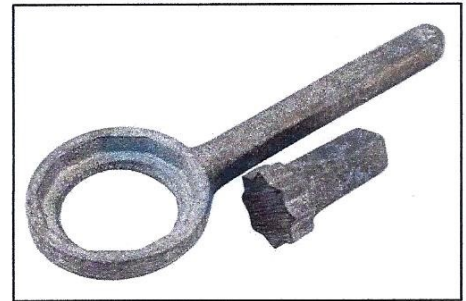
If you have any Sunshine concerns, please call or email the newsletter editor to add the name to our Sunshine Report.

Gas Gauge Repair

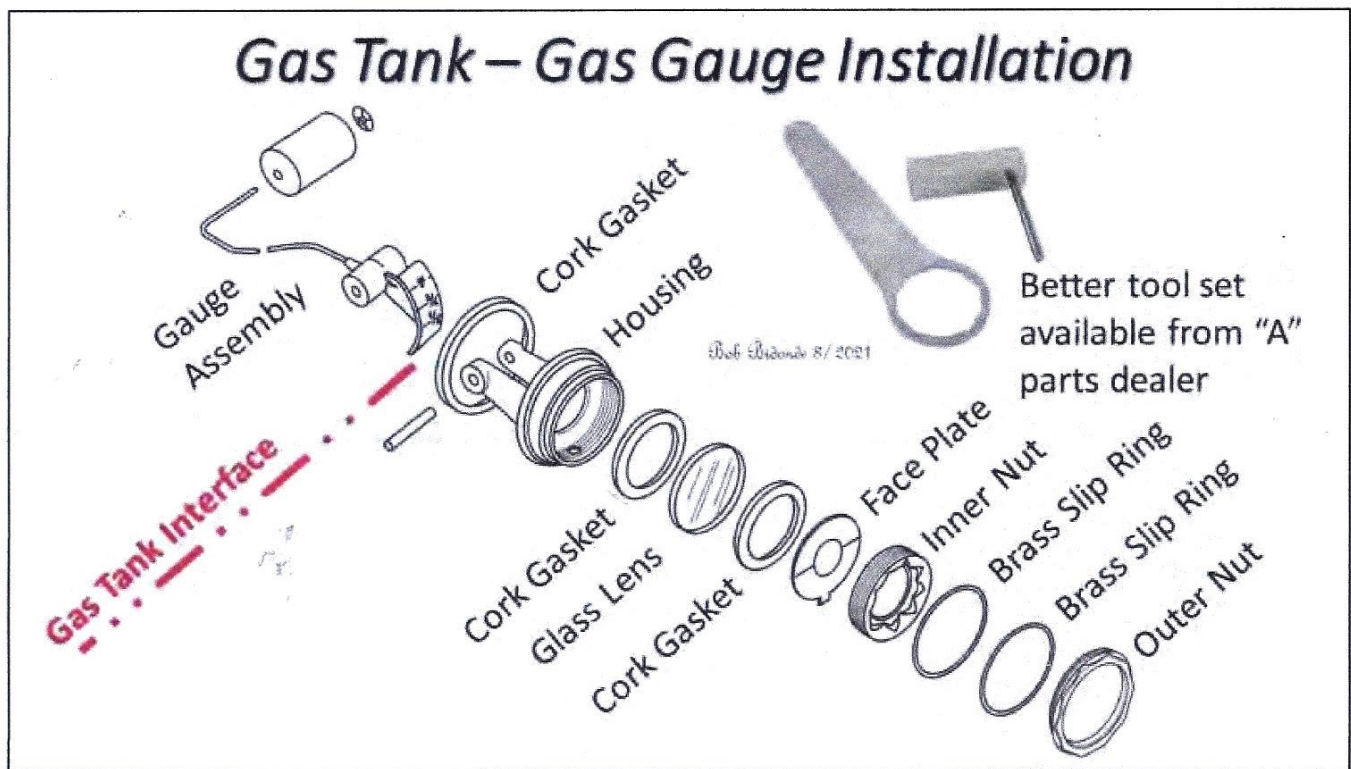
by Tom Endy 2021

There will come a time in the life of a surviving Model A when the gas gauge will need repair. The first order of business is to have the proper tools to get it apart. Model A suppliers carry them. Most repairs consist of replacing the float and the gaskets. The best choice for a float is one made of brass that modern fuels will not destroy. An excellent brass float is available from Reenlee H. Kotas of San Diego, 858-945-2018. Price in 2020 was \$6. Gaskets and brass slip rings can be obtained from Bratton's.

Gas gauge gaskets 13570 \$2.50 set
Brass slip rings 13571 \$1.15 each



The original Ford installation required only one brass slip ring. However, in the modern Model A kingdom it has been determined that at least two (or more) slip rings are required to prevent a fuel leak. With only one slip ring the outer nut will likely bottom on the threads before there is a crush on the gaskets. The drawing below shows two brass slip rings. It is also suggested that cork gaskets be used. Avoid the neoprene gaskets as modern fuels are likely to destroy them.



Drawing by Bob Bidonde

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 web-sites, and some are not published anywhere but here: santaanitaas.org/tom-endys-tech-articles/. Enjoy, utilize, and learn!

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*!

NEED HELP WITH YOUR MODEL A?

IS YOUR PROBLEM SOMETHING THAT COULD BE ADDRESSED BY THE CLUB "TECH TEAM?" WAYNE AREHEART AND THE "TECH TEAM" ARE LOOKING FOR SMALL JOBS THAT WOULD PROVIDE A "LEARNING" TECH SITUATION FOR THE CLUB. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT WAYNE at dareheart@sc.rr.com or JOHN COCKERILL AT johnwilac@yahoo.com.



June

Birthdays

Orville Booth - 7th
 Corie Johnson - 9th
 Wayne Areheart - 10th
 Starke Ward - 10th
 Ann Lyons - 11th
 Judy Barnes - 15th
 Byron Johnson - 20th
 John Begg - 25th

Anniversaries

Mack & Mary Day - 6th
 Chester & Ann Kay - 12th
 Duane & Sandra Long - 22nd
 John & Twila Cockerill - 23rd
 Mike & Stephanie Petty - 24th

June MAFFI Minute

Planning for MAFFI **Model A Days 2023** is nearing completion. Of course, there will be a swap meet, seminars, memorabilia sales, rides, Model A driving classes, and a dinner tour. Hotel rooms have been blocked for our guests. It will be a mix of the old and proven with a few new twists. **September 15 & 16** are the days. Visit the MAFFI or Gilmore web pages, register and make your reservations.

For those who have attended before, Model A Days at Hickory Corners is a wonderful ending to the summer season and beginning of the fall season. It is a chance to see and touch some wonderful old cars, to see what has been changed or added to the museum. There are few places like the Gilmore complex. You can sit in the shade of a maple tree and eat a sandwich and ice cream purchased from a diner converted from an old-time streetcar. While doing this you can talk with friends and look at the vintage cars.

“Huff & Puff”, the Model AA school bus, will be giving rides. The theme this year will be open cars, so look for a phaeton or roadster to be giving rides around the campus. Finally, the AA stake bed truck should be moving the remainder of the passengers around the streets.

This is a great chance to visit with a large group of fellow Model A’ers, one last time before the seasons force us to choose to move most of our activities indoors.

If you are one of the many Model A Club members who will not be able to attend our event, remember September 16, is a Saturday. Use the day to have your own local Model A Day celebration with a tour, or picnic, or both, with your club. A joint tour with a neighboring club might be exciting.

Happy motoring,
 Mike DuBreuil
 MAFFI Board of Trustees
 Secretary



35 Mile Ride

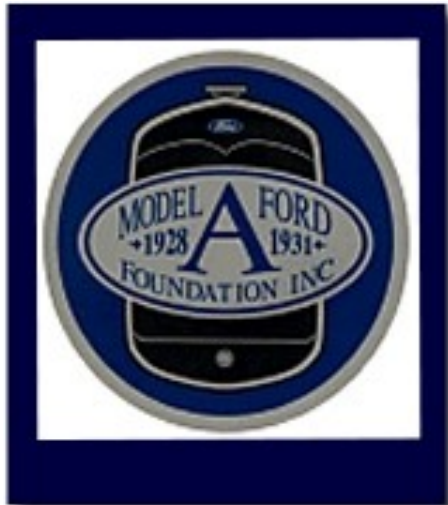
I noticed this guy going around and around our motometer just as we hit Gaston on our way home from Orangeburg. It wasn't like he was hanging on for dear life, he strolled the perimeter as if we were standing still instead of doing 45. He would crawl on the front and meander to the back without difficulty. He even took time to clean both front legs and then both back legs, just moving on down the road. I think there's some kind of life lesson here!

Twila



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**Due date for submissions
for the July 2023
issue is June 20th**



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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 61 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

Annual dues are \$50 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

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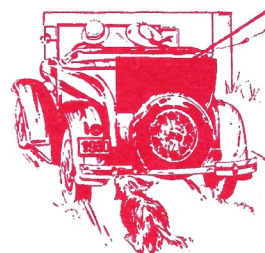
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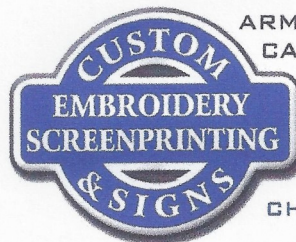
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