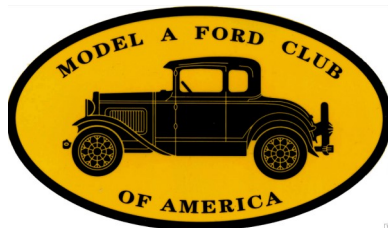
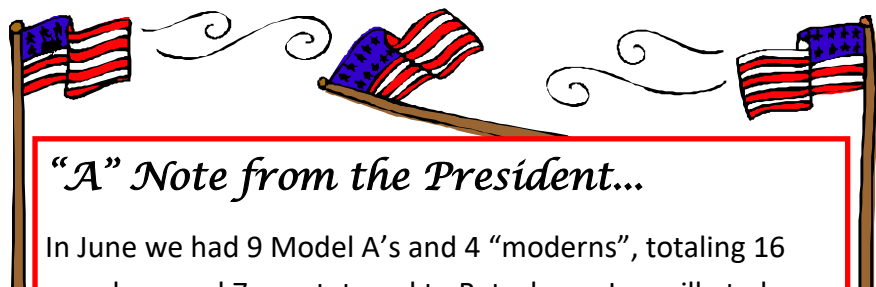


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"A" Note from the President...

In June we had 9 Model A's and 4 "moderns", totaling 16 members and 7 guest, travel to Batesburg- Leesville to have lunch at Shealy's BBQ at their outdoor picnic area. On the way Wes Porterfield and Calvin LeNeve stopped to assist Twila and myself with a "Roadside Tech Session." Just as we slowed down and made a turn to the right, I heard a lot of "metal clanging" and all at once our Victoria had no forward motion power! I quickly pulled to the side of the road. I got out and looked under the driver's side looking for loose parts, brake rods, something. Seeing nothing I checked the passenger side at the front and saw nothing. As I was getting up, Calvin, standing at the right rear stated, here's your problem. I looked toward the rear and was shocked to see the tire, with rim and hub half way out from under the fender! By the grace of God we had just slowed down and turned off the main road and got stopped before the wheel and hub came completely off. We got the car jacked up, removed the wheel and found the axle nut, washer and cotter pin in the wheel! One other piece that was missing was the axle key. After inspecting things we decided we could put the wheel back on and all would be well. But the missing axle key, who carries those? Well, both Calvin and Wes! So with everything back together in just under an hour, we were able to join the rest of the club for lunch. So you're asking why did the wheel come off? The cotter pin apparently had never been bent after being placed so it would not come out. Amazingly the Victoria had been driven over 500 miles before the cotter pin dropped out allowing the axle nut to come off and the wheel and hub to be able to come off. So lesson learned, don't underestimate the need for the proper cotter pin and correct installation!

This is a repeat reminder for all who were not in attendance
(Continued on next page)

Our Next Club Membership Meeting

July 18 at 9 am

at the Austin's

246 Calcutta Drive

in West Columbia

The meeting will be held at the Austin's. Danny and Cheryl will be making breakfast. Cost is \$5 per person. RSVP to Cheryl at 803-351-5687 or John Cockerill at 803-446-3837 by 10 July.

Parking: There is plenty of parking space. Please leave the driveway for those that have mobility issues. It is okay to park on the street.



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4TH OF JULY



The Spare Tire

**Due date for submissions
for the August 2020
issue is July 20th**

“A” Note from the President... cont.

for the May picnic. During our meeting the following idea was presented. Due to the club’s relatively shortened touring season and certain events being canceled because of the virus pandemic, this year’s club officers have not had a “full year” of serving. Also because of the virus, it may be hard to fill officer positions for the upcoming year. It is being suggested that we enter into 2021 with the same officers as we have now, and plan for an election of new officers in the fall of 2021. There was a voice of approval from those in attendance at the May meeting for this plan and the current officers agreed to serve thru 2021 if this idea was approved. As this proposal does not follow the current guidelines in our club bylaws, it would need to be voted on by the club for approval. Therefore, we will plan on conducting a business meeting to discuss and vote on this topic at our July club meeting which is scheduled to be held at Danny and Cheryl Austin’s house.

Danny and Cheryl have invited the club to join them for a breakfast meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday the 18th of July. **We will need a headcount by Friday, July 10 for food planning. Please contact either Cheryl or myself no later than this date.** Members are asked to pay \$5.00 per person. Any cost over that will be covered by the club. We will take a “tour” / ride after our meeting.

Twila and I are looking forward to being able to once again join together and fellowship with our “Model A family” and friends. So Dust’em off, Gas’em up and let’s go Model A’ing!!!

John Cockerill

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Treasurer’s Report, June 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

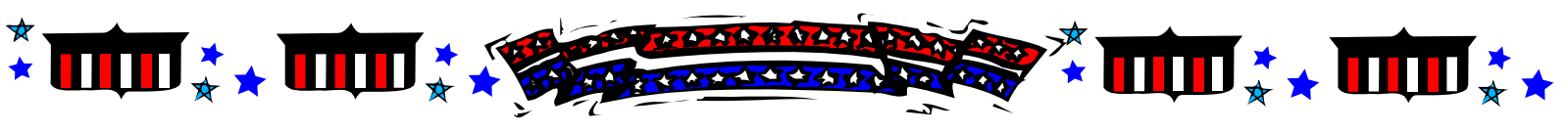
Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: everyone touched by COVID-19 and all the caregivers.

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.



June 20, 2020
Photos above: picnic area at Shealy's BBQ
Photos below: roadside tech on the
Cockerill's Victoria





*Palmetto A's Membership
Business Meeting*

June 20, 2020

President John Cockerill opened the meeting at 1:00pm at the picnic area of Shealy's BBQ in Batesville-Leesburg, SC. He then announced the birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

The Club is scheduled to have breakfast at Danny & Cheryl Austins' home for our July 18, 2020 meeting. The cost will be \$5 per person and reservations must be made by July 10th, any costs in excess of the amount collected will be reimbursed by the Club.

Motion was made at the Board meeting that the current officers remain in their positions for 2021 due to the COVID19 disruption of our regular activities. Vote will be held at our July 18th meeting.

President John announced the MARC mileage awards that were distributed at the Board meeting as follows: Happy Begg 10,000; John Cockerill 15,000; and Orville Booth 80,000. Also the Spare Tire Newsletter, Editor Twila Cockerill, received the Award of Highest Achievement from MARC.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
Sharon Booth, Secretary

Editor's Note.....

I miss the "good old days" when we could get out and about without worry or fear, when we could gather together in fellowship and share without hiding behind masks.

2020 has become a non-year. Nothing is normal or usual, and I fear, we may never have that time in our lives again. We have missed births, deaths, graduations, weddings and holidays. We have been unable to hold our loved ones. Our children and grandchildren are having to deal with schooling situations unheard of heretofore.

BUT...What have we learned? We've had to adapt and improvise in so many ways, and we've succeeded! We are resilient. We can do what we have to do, not only to survive, but to thrive, enforced lockdown be damned! We are all in this together. Many of us have become do-it-yourselfers by sheer need. If the parking lot of Lowe's is any indication, everyone has some kind of ongoing home project. And if you look at the MAFCA Facebook page, you will see many Model Aer's are working on their cars themselves, asking questions and seeking advise.

Things will get better, the sooner, the better! Until then, we will just keep on keeping on.

Just take your Model A for a "socially distant" ride every day and you will be happier and you will make others happy, too!

Twila





Jim’s Tech Tip

By Jim Cannon

Installing Fuses On Your Model A

Just to prevent a small electrical problem from becoming an even bigger one, many of us like to install a fuse on our Model A. You’ve all seen them, the little fuse holder that mounts to the side of the starter switch, holds a little glass fuse, and connects to the solid yellow wire. A great idea, but it has a few weaknesses.

First, an open fuse holder like this will eventually corrode as it is exposed to the elements. Oil mist and road grime will collect it and give you a bad connection. Vibration from the engine will loosen up the little metal clips that the fuse snaps down into. With time, this little fuse holder becomes a trouble spot in your electrical system. I’ve seen it several times on tours.

It is possible to purchase a molded fuse holder with a waterproof cover that snaps securely over the fuse. It uses a flat, blade-type fuse that can be obtained in any amp rating you need. They work on 6 volt or 12 volt cars. You splice it into the wiring harness and solder the connections (not just crimp them on). Cover with woven loom to hide everything except the fuse itself and it disappears (mostly). Much better.

I’m often asked where to put the fuse. If you only put it on the solid yellow wire at the starter switch, if it ever blows while driving, your engine will die right there. This might be at a very bad time to have no power, when you really need your engine running. It could be dangerous.

Most shorts that would cause a fuse to blow are in the lights or the horn. I recommend putting fuses in the two solid yellow wires coming off of the generator (alternator) that go to the headlight switch and the horn. If one of these fuses blows, you won’t have lights or a horn, but your engine will still run. Figure out how much current your lights draw and put a fuse about 25% bigger than that on that wire. The same with horn wire. If you accidentally use too small of a fuse, it will blow and you replace it with one of a slightly higher amp rating.

Once you have installed these first two fuses, then you add a third fuse to the yellow wire coming off of the starter switch. Use a fuse amperage here that is a bit bigger than the ones you used for lights and horn. This becomes your protection against a really big problem in all of the wires besides lights and horn (like ammeter and associated wires). This fuse should not blow if you have a short in the lights or horn, so the engine will keep running and you can limp home (without horn or stop lights -- be careful). But if you have a major short, one capable of starting a fire, the 3rd fuse will blow and save your car. This is one of my more complicated Tech Tips. I hope it helps your car stay safe and reliable. I’m always open to feedback.

Have a Model A Day! Jim

Cook’s Corner.....

7 UP BISCUITS RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup melted butter
- 2½ cups Bisquick, divided
- ½ cup 7Up (or Sprite)
- ½ cup sour cream

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 450F. Pour about 2/3 of the melted butter into the bottom of a 9x9-inch baking dish. Reserve the rest of the butter to brush on top of the biscuits.

In a medium mixing bowl, combine 2 cups of the Bisquick, the 7 Up, and the sour cream. Turn the dough out onto a counter dusted with the remaining 1/2 cup of the Bisquick. Sprinkle some of the Bisquick on top of the dough, then gently press down to 1/2-inch in thickness. Cut the dough into 9 biscuits. Place the biscuits into the prepared pan on top of the butter. Brush the reserved melted butter on top of each biscuit. Bake at 450F for 12-15 minutes until golden brown. Cool slightly in the pan before serving.

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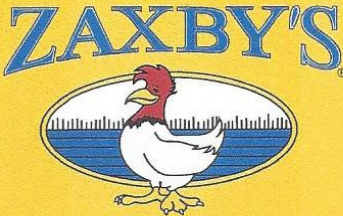
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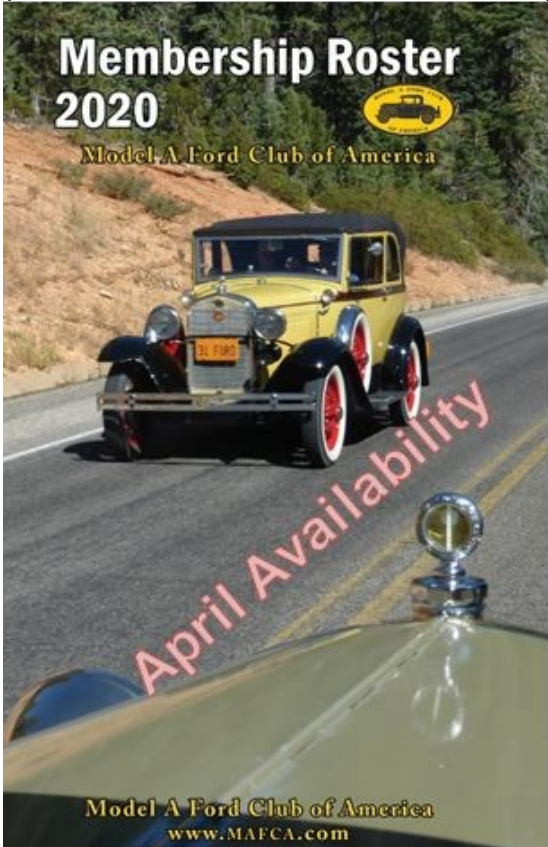
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Palmetto A's Schedule for 2020

July 18 - Breakfast at the Austin's. Cheryl needs a headcount by July 10!

August - TBA

September - TBA

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

2020

October 7-10 - Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey, PA **CANCELLED**


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