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Palmetto A's of South Carolina

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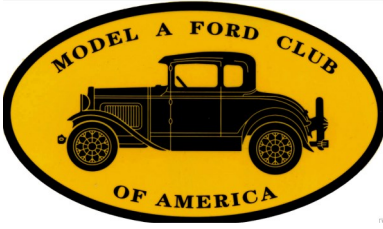
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Model A Restorers Club Region

Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.

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You are Invited to

The Palmetto A's Model A Club

29th Annual Picnic

St James Lutheran Church

1358 South Lake Drive in Lexington

Saturday, April 6, 2024

10:00 - 3:30 (lunch at noon)

****Bring a picnic + some to share and drinks for your family****

Covered picnic shelter with tables for a relaxed lunch

50/50

Raffle Prizes

Silent Auction





April

Birthdays

Mary Day - 12th
 Wes Porterfield - 12th
 Fred Luce - 20th

Anniversaries

Curt & Nancy Rye - 8th
 Fred & Joy Luce - 15th
 Davin & Alinia Smith - 24th

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"A" Note from the President...

Our March meeting took us to Scranton, SC for lunch at The School House BBQ. Five Model A's and one "modern" made the very nice drive led by our tour leaders Danny & Cheryl Austin. Even though it was an over cast day with the threat of showers, we only had one really short light shower for a few minutes on the way home.

For April we have two events scheduled. First will be our annual club picnic on the 6th (1st weekend) held at St. James Lutheran Church. We will also be having our silent auction fund raiser so be thinking about items you might donate.

The second event, April 20th (3rd weekend), will be our tour up to Greenwood to visit with the Old 96 Club at their annual swap meet. Check our club schedule on page 3 for details for meeting place and time.

We have had members recently ordering "club apparel" with the slightly redesigned logo. We are still working to find a light weight jacket for our club. I will still take orders from members and place them for you and deliver them when completed.

I look forward to continuing the year with 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 'em off, gas 'em up, and let's go "Model A'ing!"

John Cockerill

Treasurer's Report, March, 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.

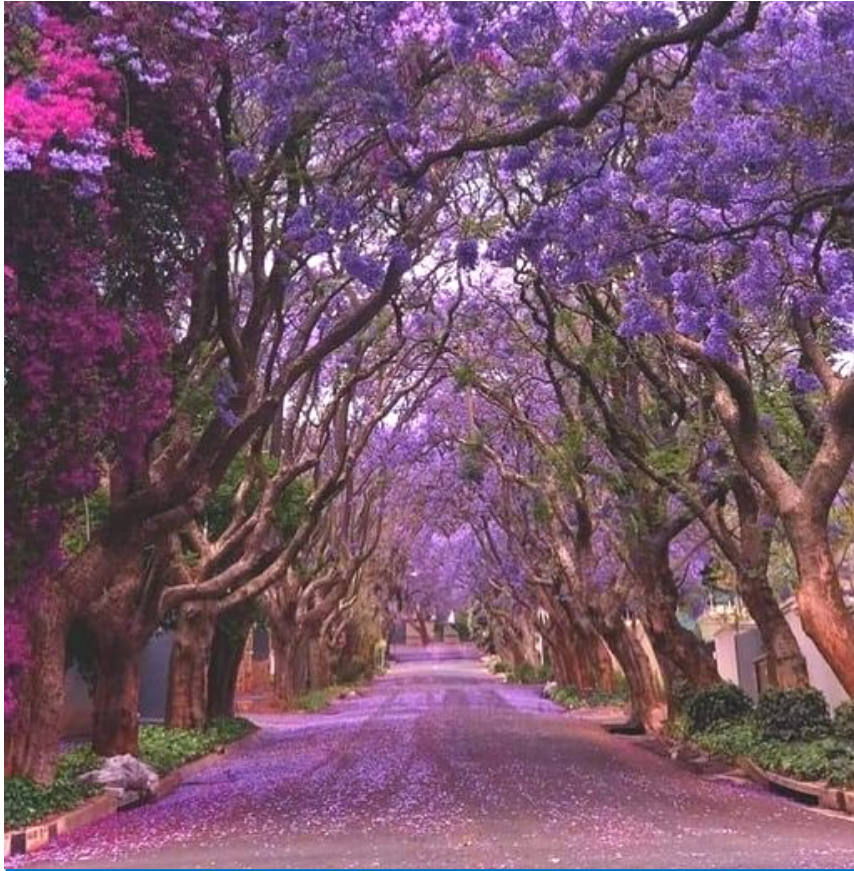
Sunshine Report

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

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 2024

- April 6** - Palmetto A's Annual Picnic at St James Lutheran Church, 1358 South Lake Dr, Lexington
- April 20** - Old 96 Swap Meet, 314 Old Mount Moriah Rd, Greenwood, SC. We will meet at the Wal Mart, 1180 Dutch Fork Rd, Irmo, at 9:00 am.
- May 18** - Magnolia Ridge Farm Antiques & Arts Festival, Ridge Spring, SC
- June 14 & 15** - Palmetto A's Annual Swap Meet, set up on Thursday, June 13 at 9:00 am.
- July 20** - Grits And Groceries and a visit to Happy Cow Creamery

PLEASE NOTE: DATES AND PLACES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

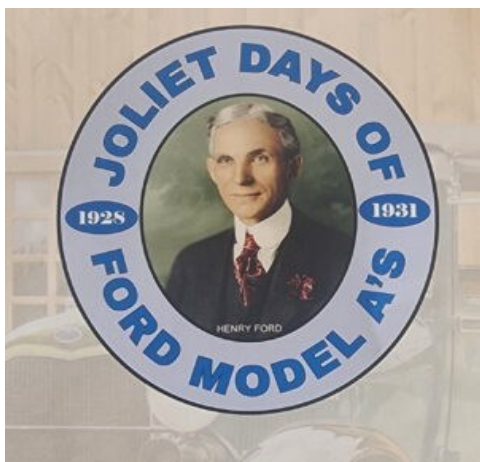
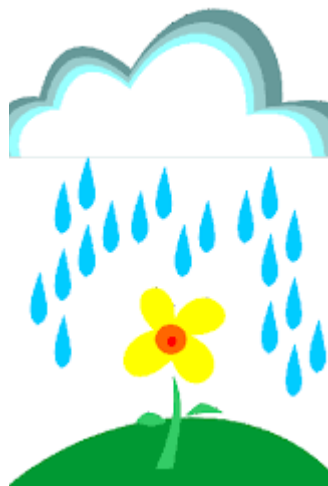
Other Events of Interest

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 3/23/24 trip to Schoolhouse BBQ in Scranton, SC



Turn Signals

by Tom Endy

Hand signals in the first half of the 20th century were a common sight. Most drivers understood them, although they didn't always use them. In today's world most young people don't have a clue. Often when using a hand signal they think you are waving at them.

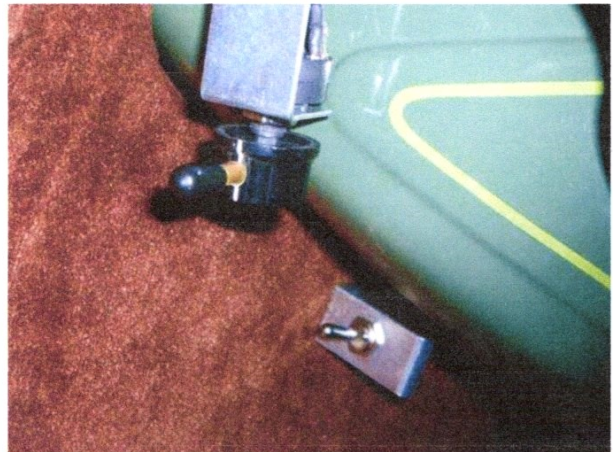
For this reason installing turn signals on a Model A Ford is a prudent thing to do. Turn signal kits are readily available from most Model A suppliers. Several of the kits install almost totally out of sight.

The kit I installed in my Victoria came from Bratton's Antique Auto. It comes in two versions, 6-volt (part number 18770) and 12-volt (part number 18771). The kits are pricey, however, they are well engineered, well made, and come with easy to follow installation instructions. The kit also includes an emergency flasher feature.

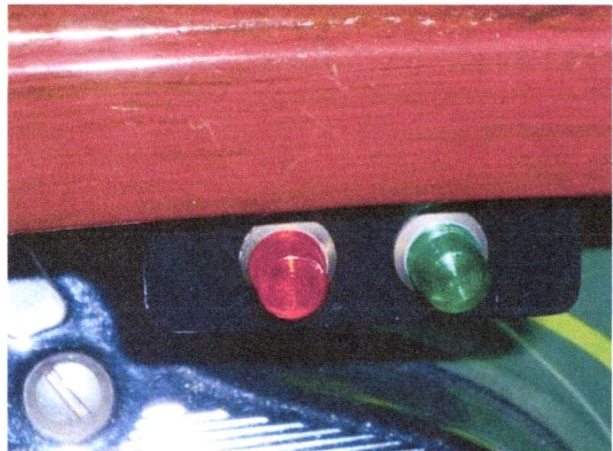
In order to install the kit the Model A must have cowl lights and two rear brake/tail lights. The kit will utilize both cowl lights as the front signals without eliminating the use of the cowl lights as originally designed. The rear brake lights will operate as turn signals along with normal brake light operation.

The small turn signal operating lever is mounted almost out of sight under the lower left side of the dash rail. A small "beeper" is mounted behind the dash rail to audibly signal the turn signals are in operation. This is extremely handy, as the driver must cancel the turn signals manually after completing a turn. The beeper keeps you reminded the signal lever is turned on. The emergency flasher switch is located almost out of sight on the left kick panel. When activated all four turn signals are activate along with the beeper.

Brighter cowl light bulbs can be purchased from Bratton's that can be substituted for the original 3-candle power bulbs. The 6-volt part number is 18480, and is a 10-candle power bulb. The 12-volt part number is 18520, and is a 6-candle power bulb. Extremely bright LED tail/brake light assemblies can also be purchased from Bratton's that offer an added safety feature.



The turn signal switch is mounted under the left side of the dash rail. The emergency flasher is mounted to the left kick panel.



An added feature to the installation was the inclusion of two very small signal lights mounted on a bracket that just peeks out from under the dash rail. The light on the left is red; the light on the right is green. They flash in concert with whichever signal lights are flashing.

If you do decide to incorporate LED brake/tail lights be certain to replace the bulbs in the cowl lights with the higher power ones so there will be enough current draw to cause the signal flasher to operate.

Santa Anita A's Member, Tom Endy, past editor of the Victoria Association Newsletter (The Bustle) for the 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-Endy's-tech-articles/. Enjoy, utilize, and learn!



MAFFI MINUTE, MARCH 2024

Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy", a 1930 Ford Model A has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the beloved Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the same condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950's. Enjoy driving "Betsy", your newest Model A, to your next cruise-in or car show. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee.

"Betsy", became famous as the best Model A in the world. The Ford Model A has gathered 32 top place trophies in the 34 shows which the car was entered. That includes two national shows in 1957 and 1962. Overall, the car won 39 trophies. It is said that Red Grow's car, "Betsy", was an inspiration at the time. It drove many people to do their best in restoring their own car. This urge to do the best restoration possible, developed the need for more information about how to a better job. As a result, the Judging Standards evolved. We can thank Red Grow and the MAFCA founders for their vision.

In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubbs for \$5,000, an unheard-of price in those days. As a result, Dave Grubb placed the car in a glass cage centered in his dealer showroom. Now, you have a chance to own "Betsy" by entering a Sweepstakes through our website, <https://www.maffi.org/index.htm>, or scan the QR code and receive 20% more tickets for your Donation, available at checkout!"

Happy Motoring,
Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee-Secretary



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!*

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.

WILL A MODEL A RUN ON ALTERNATIVE FUELS?

Check out Paul Shinn's video!

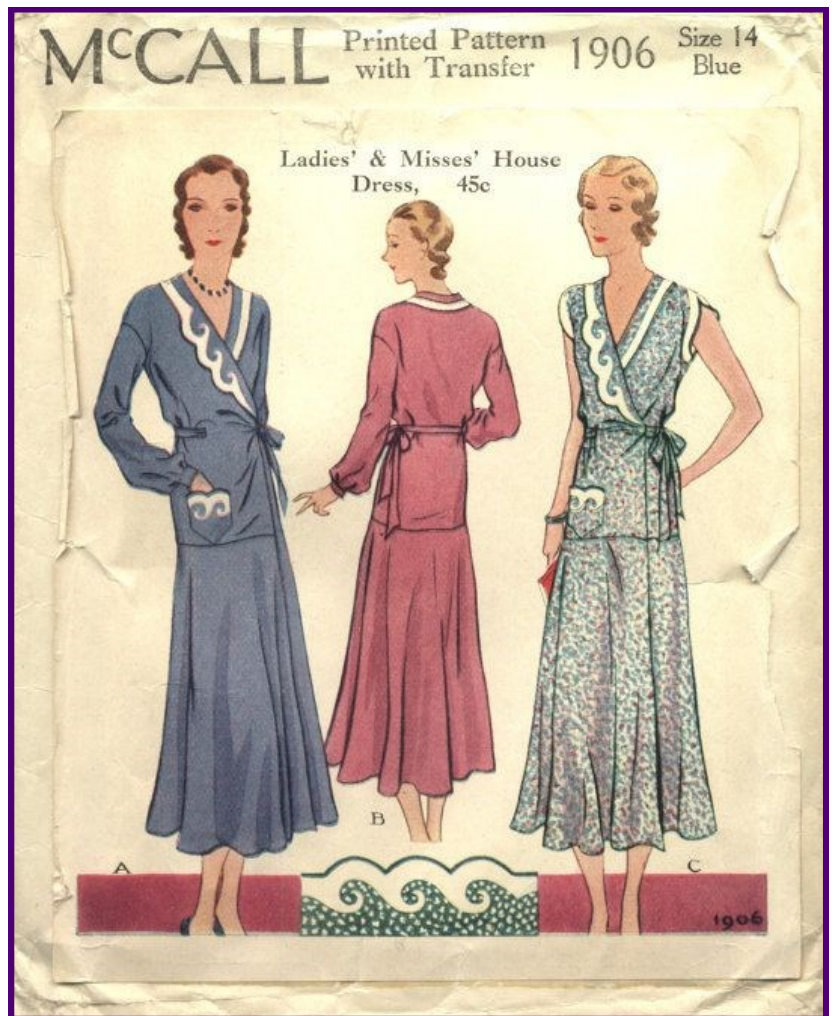
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THEY CALL US " THE ELDERLY "

We were born in the 40-50-60's.
 We grew up in the 50-60-70's.
 We studied in the 60-70-80's.
 We were dating in the 70-80-90's.
 We got married and discovered the world in the 70-80-90's.
 We venture into the 80-90's.
 We stabilize in the 2000's.
 We got wiser in the 2010's.
 And we are going firmly through and beyond 2020.
 Turns out we've lived through EIGHT different decades...
 TWO different centuries...
 TWO different millennia...
 We have gone from the telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world.
 We have gone from slides to YouTube, from vinyl records to online music, from handwritten letters to email and Whats App.
 From live matches on the radio, to black and white TV, color TV and then to 3D HD TV.
 We went to the Video store and now we watch Netflix.
 We got to know the first computers, punch cards, floppy disks and now we have gigabytes and megabytes on our smartphones.
 We wore shorts throughout our childhood and then long trousers, Oxfords, flares, shell suits & blue jeans.
 We dodged infantile paralysis, meningitis, polio, tuberculosis, swine flu and now COVID-19.
 We rode skates, tricycles, bicycles, mopeds, petrol or diesel cars and now we drive hybrids or electric.
 Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had!
 They could describe us as "exennials," people who were born in that world of the fifties, who had an analog childhood and a digital adulthood.
 We've kind of "Seen-It-All"!
 Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life.
 It is our generation that has literally adapted to "CHANGE."
 A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, which will be UNIQUE!

-Author unknown



18th Annual
All Model A Parts Swap Meet
Old 96 District Model A Club

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April 19-20, 2024

Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM - UNTIL



MODEL A DISPLAY AREA

Admission	\$2.00 per adult
Car Corral	\$10 for both days
Vendor Space	\$25.00 perregistration
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Lunch will be available

Door Prizes & 50 / 50 drawing daily

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**Due date for submissions
for the May 2024
issue is April 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 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

Annual dues are \$50 and include a subscription to the **Model 'A' News Magazine** from MARC, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135



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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

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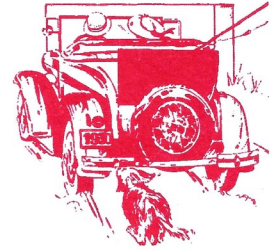
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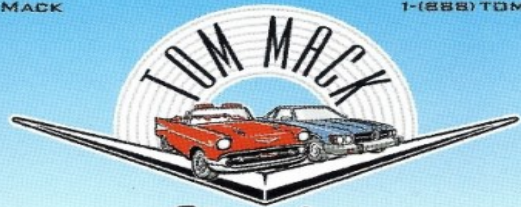
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