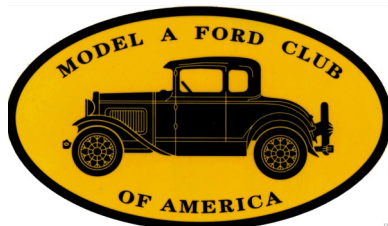


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You are Invited to

The Palmetto A's Model A Club

30th Annual Picnic

St James Lutheran Church

1358 South Lake Drive in Lexington

Saturday, March 22, 2025

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

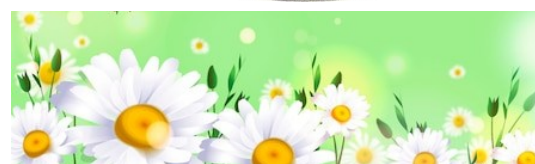
Raffle Prizes

Silent Auction

For more information email John Cockerill at

johnwilac@yahoo.com or

Cheryl Austin at cherylaustin40@gmail.com





Birthdays

John Roberts - 14th
Duane Long - 16th
Calvin LeNeve - 23rd
Margaret Smith - 26th

Anniversaries

Orville & Sharon Booth - 14th

March

“A” Note from the President...

February was the time for our annual “Chicken Bog” / Business Meeting hosted by Danny & Cheryl Austin. Thanks Danny & Cheryl for, in my opinion, one of the best Bogs so far. Thanks also to all the members that provided the sides and desserts. Our budget was unanimously passed for 2025. Again I want to thank our great staff of club officers for keeping the wheels turning and our club up and running. We gained a new member, Mickey Ammons who recently purchased a 1928 Tudor Sedan. We hope meet and see Mickey and his “new” Model A soon. March 22nd the 4th weekend will be our annual Picnic & Silent Auction at St. James Lutheran Church Pavilion. As usual, bring lunch and drink for your family/group and enough to share. Don’t forget to bring an item or items for our silent auction club fund raiser. In case of rain we’ll meet inside. Twila and I are looking forward to this fun gathering with our Model A family. For all trips, make sure your cars are fueled up and don’t forget your walkie talkies! 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’um off, gas’em up, and let’s go “Model A’ing!”

John Cockerill



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Sunshine Report

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: John Cockerill, Wes Porterfield and Margaret Smith.

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.

Treasurer’s Report, February 2025

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.





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, cherylaustin40@gmail.com . They are looking for your ideas and input!

Palmetto A's Schedule for 2025

- March 22** - Palmetto A's Annual Picnic at St James Lutheran Church, 1358 South Lake Drive, Lexington.
- April 11 (FRIDAY)** - Old 96 Swap Meet. Meet at The Irmo Walmart, depart at 9:15
- May 17** - Magnolia Ridge Antiques & Art Festival
- June 7** - TBD
- July 19** - TBD

PLEASE NOTE: DATES AND PLACES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Other Events of Interest

- 2025**
- April 3-5** - Charlotte Auto Fair Spring Meet
 - April 11 - 12** Old 96 19th Annual Swap Meet
 - June 15-22** - [MAFCA National Tour, Waynesboro, VA](#) Hosts: Dallas Chapter
 - June 16 - 20** MARC National Meet, Gettysburg PA
 - September 4-6** - Charlotte Auto Fair Fall Meet
 - October 7-10** - Hershey Swap Meet & Car Show
- 2026**
- May 31 - June 7** - [MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton, OR](#)



Jim's Tech Tip
Clutch Pedal Free Play

It is easy to forget to check the Clutch Pedal Clearance (or Free Play) now and then, but you really do need to check it. I press down gently on the pedal with just a couple of fingers, to judge how far down the pedal goes before you are pressing the throwout bearing against the clutch "fingers". If you do not have an inch of movement, follow the instructions below. A little extra free play will not hurt anything.

Clutch Pedal Clearance

The correct clearance or play for the clutch pedal is approximately 1". That is when the clutch pedal is depressed there should be about 1" movement in the pedal before it starts to disengage the clutch.

As the clutch facings wear this clearance or movement gradually grows less. Consequently it should occasionally be checked. Under no circumstances should the car be driven without clearance or play in the clutch pedal.

Adjusting Clutch Pedal Clearance

The adjustment is easily made by removing the clevis pin (see Fig. 4) and turning the release arm rod. Screwing the rod in decreases the clutch pedal play. Screwing the rod out increases the play. After making adjustment, be sure to replace clevis pin and cotter key.

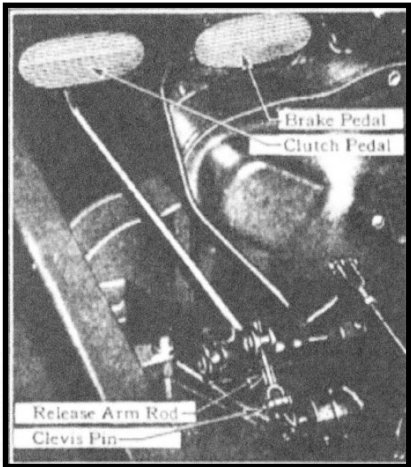


Figure 4
Clutch Pedal Adjustment

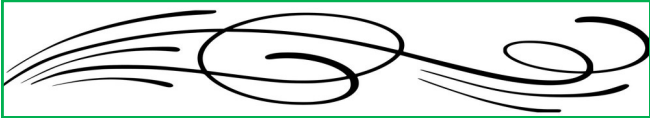
Forgetting to keep an inch or so of clutch pedal free play can lead to premature throwout bearing failure, because the bearing is spinning all the time where the pedal is pressing it into the clutch. We don't want that. So maybe check it every time you change the oil and adjust as required.

Have a Model A Day! Jim

Courtesy of MAFCA and Jim Cannon



February 15, 2025 Chicken Bog at the Austin's



Palmetto A's Annual Budget Meeting/Chicken Bog
February 15, 2025

President John Cockerill welcomed the 27 members and 5 guests gathered at Danny & Cheryl Austin's for our Annual Budget Meeting. He thanked Danny & Cheryl for hosting the event and preparing the chicken bog. Members were thanked for bringing the sides and desserts to share. Joe Anderson & his girlfriend Stacey Atkinson were introduced. Although several members had already met them, this was their first time with our group. So happy to have them & look forward to seeing them often! February birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

After the blessing and delicious food, John called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m.

Cheryl gave the membership report with 26 paid members, 1 free membership & 4 lifetime memberships. John explained that the free membership was a year "trial" for anyone interested in joining the Palmetto A's. Cheryl then gave a list of tours tentatively planned for the remainder of 2025. Actual times and meeting places will be in the monthly newsletter. Cheryl reminded everyone that they were welcome to make suggestions for tours.

Twila reported that everything is good with the newsletter. Members were reminded that all newsletters can be found on the Palmetto A's website.

Wayne reminded everyone to reach out if they needed help with their Model A small repairs. The member would be responsible for providing parts.

Dick gave the Treasurer's Report.

Happy presented the proposed 2025 budget "basically the same as last year". We combined "Meeting Expense" and "Annual Meeting Expense". \$500 was allocated for "The Great American Race" that will end in Irmo this year (June 2025). Members may participate as volunteers & these allocated funds may be used for t-shirts, etc. Members were told a little about what this event is all about.

After a call for questions on the proposed 2025 Budget produced none, Happy moved to accept the 2025 Budget as presented. Motion was seconded and the 2025 Budget was unanimously approved by the members present.

50-50 drawing was held and \$40 awarded to Calvin LeNeve.

Danny, Cheryl and all members were thanked again. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Submitted by Debbie Areheart, 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 2025 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*!

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Members are encouraged to join the following national clubs:

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