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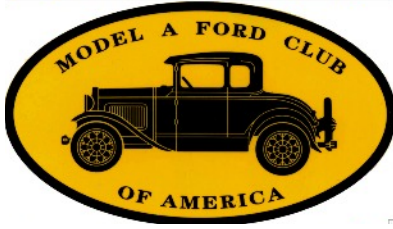
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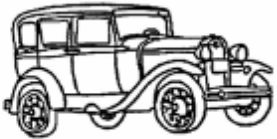
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Friday, June 21, 2019 8am to 5pm Swap Meet

Saturday, June 22, 2019 8am to 3pm Swap Meet & Car Show

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

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Photos from our 18 May Tour on our way Old McDonald's Fish Camp with stops at Magnolia Farm in Ridge Spring and the square in Edgefield





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**Treasurer's Report**  
**May, 2019**

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

**In Memoriam**



Shirley Fraser  
1931 - 2019

**Sunshine Report**

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Dick Fraser and family in the loss of Shirley, Retta Gantt, JP Temple and Bobby Williamson.

*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.

*Board of Directors Meeting Highlights*

May 9, 2019

President John Cockerill opened the meeting at 8:30am on May 9, 2019, at the I-Hop Restaurant in Columbia, SC, with the following in attendance: Cheryl Austin, Happy & John Begg, Sharon & Orville Booth, John & Twila Cockerill, Wes Porterfield and Wayne & Debbie Areheart.

Minutes of the last Board meeting on March 19, 2019, were read by Sharon Booth. Happy Begg made motion that they be accepted as presented, seconded by Twila Cockerill and unanimously approved.

Happy distributed the current Financial Report including the bank statement with notations of all deposits and expenses. Cheryl Austin made the motion to approve the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Twila and unanimously approved. As the silent auction was very successful at the picnic, members should begin thinking of items to donate for next year.

Membership Director Cheryl stated there are currently 34 paid members with 5 lifetime memberships.

Cheryl gave the Tour Director report noting that the club will meet on May 18<sup>th</sup> at K-Mart in Lexington at 10am to stop in Ridge Spring for the Magnolia Ridge Antique & Arts Festival followed by supper at 4pm at Old McDonald Fish Camp in North Augusta. The monthly activities for the year were each discussed and the details will be provided in the Newsletter.

Newsletter Editor Twila stated the newsletter was sent out on schedule and two new ads were received which makes a total of nine.

Website Manager Happy will update the ads on the Website and identify Wayne and Debbie Areheart as our new National Directors.

**Old Business:** Cheryl will contact Pastor Harper for a date for the Club to attend his church before he retires. John Begg will look into how clubs in other states organize a get-together of all clubs in the state, sometimes referred to as a round-up, to coordinate in an effort to have more participation at events.

**New Business:** President John announced that Shirley Fraser passed away on Monday, May 6.

Twila read a thank you note from Judy Barnes for expressions of sympathy by Club members following the passing of her husband Tom on January 28.

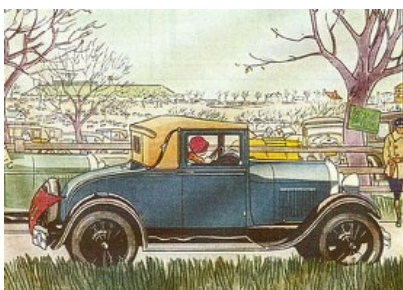
The following persons will be responsible for picking up the food for the upcoming Swap Meet: President John will get the burgers and hot dogs with buns and the ice; Cheryl will bring the chili; Happy will get the condiments and sodas.

The Arehearts will add the Swap Meet and Annual Picnic events to the national club Website calendars.

Mention was made that next year will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Palmetto A's Club and ideas are requested for celebration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25am.

Submitted by Sharon Booth, Secretary

*“A” Note from the President...*

This past month of May we had a “Carolina warm” outing with 7 Model A’s, 1 Model T, and 3 “mod-erns”. Our first stop, after a quick break in Leesville, was Ridge Spring where we attended the Magnolia Ridge Antique & Art Festival. We brought our chairs, so after perusing various vendors’ tables with a variety of items for sale and some art work, some opted for a quick bite that was prepared on site. Yes, I did have a chili dog! Others enjoyed checking out the antique tractors then sitting under the large shade trees and socializing. A few headed downtown Ridge Spring to check out the antique shops. Leaving Ridge Spring we then headed to Edgefield where we parked on the square and walked down the hill to an antique shop that some had been to on a previous trip. After a thorough walk through and a few purchases were made, it was back up to the square and our A’s. Then it was off to Old McDonalds Fish Camp for a wonderful meal. Afterwards we made a quick fuel stop and headed for home. Thanks to Happy and John Begg for being our “lead” car and tour guide for this trip. We all missed Cheryl and Danny our regular tour guides as Cheryl was under the weather.

For June we will be having our annual Swap Meet at Smith and Jones. Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> is “set up” day and Friday and Saturday are the swap meet days. As usual, we will need help Thursday morning to “set up” and Fri. and Sat. to help with cooking and “man-ning” tables. We’ll have our “People’s Choice” car show on Saturday.

Twila and I look forward to a fun and successful Swap Meet this month with our “Model A family” and friends. So “Dust’em off”, “Gas’em up” and lets go Model A’ing!!!

*John Cockerill*



Jack Reosti showing off the Model A he constructed with Lego blocks



## The Model A Rear Spring

by Tom Endy

Many new members to the Model A hobby are not aware of the danger surrounding the Model A rear spring. A tremendous amount of energy is packed into a rear spring that has been spread and attached to the shackles on each side of the rear axle assembly. The spring can be lethal if care is not taken when dealing with it.

Before ever contemplating doing any work on a Model A involving the rear spring first obtain a proper spring spreader. Most Model A clubs have one in their inventory of tools and will loan it out to their members.

A proper spring spreader is one that clamps around the shackle eyes on both sides of the spring. Each side of the spreader has a large nut that when turned takes the tension off the shackles and transfers it to spreader. The spreader has to be stout enough to be able to contain the spring tension. Most suppliers carry a proper spring spreader in their inventory. Beware of home made spring spreaders, especially those that only spread one side of the spring. Some suppliers carry a one-sided spring spreader and advertise them as a "traveling spring spreader". The danger with this type of spreader is that the spreader can easily slip off the axle housing and launch like a crossbow arrow.



A traveling spring spreader



A proper spring spreader

A Model A rear spring should only be spread and attached to the shackles on a rear axle assembly when it is safely attached to the rear cross section of the frame with the two U-bolts. It should never be spread and installed on a rear axle assembly when it is outside of the car. This is something that is commonly done and it is extremely dangerous.



**This practice is extremely dangerous. The 3/8" center bolt was never meant to retain the amount of tension the spread spring contains. If the rusted 80-year-old bolt head should pop off the top leaves will fly 20 feet in the air. There is also inherent danger in a worn shackle bolt breaking. Removing and/or installing the spring spreader while the axle housing is out of the car also imposes danger.**

The recommended sequence of events when removing a rear axle assembly from a Model A is to first mount a proper spring spreader on the rear spring and spread it enough to take the tension off the shackles. Next remove the two shackle bolts along with the other hardware attaching the rear axle assembly to the car. The rear axle assembly can then safely be removed from the car. The spring spreader can be left in place on the spring for as long as the rear axle assembly is out of the car.

If the task involves restoration of the rear spring collapse the spring spreader and remove it from the spring. Very little tension remains in the spring and it is safe to deal with it. Remove the spring from the car by unbolting both U-bolts. Reverse the procedure when installing both the rear spring and the rear axle assembly. Remember safety first.

Tom Endy is a member of the Santa Anita A's and the International Victoria Association

Happy  
Fathers  
Day



Happy 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
to the  
Palmetto A's Model A Club  
of South Carolina



## Fun Fashions for Fellas

By Pegge Blinco

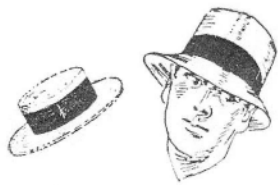
With the hope of urging our gentlemen into fashions of our era, I offer suggestions for doable clothing – off the rack – simple, easy and uncomplicated.

One of the best items a fella should have in his closet should be a light, putty-colored Docker pant or light colored washable linen slack. Add a white or pin-striped long sleeve shirt, a four-in-hand tie or bow tie – or no tie, suspenders or belt. For footwear, saddle shoes, two-toned wing tips or cap toes, light colored canvas shoes with rubber soles or buckskins ... but NEVER athletic shoes!! A driving cap or straw boater completes the outfit.



When the weather got warm, sleeves were rolled to and above the elbows, as short sleeves did not exist on men's shirts until late 1931.

To kick this up a notch, use the same light slacks and shirt, unroll the sleeves, add a blazer, preferably dark colored, single or double breasted, a bow tie, or four-in-hand tie – length was short – 45", same shoes, straw boater or Panama hat, and he's suitably dressed for lunch or afternoon party.



We are all familiar with the sports attire of knickers or plus fours, generally used for golfing, hiking and/or motoring. The home seamstress can create a pair by cutting 13-14" off wide trouser pants. This will allow for enough blouse to be 4" below the knee when finished. If this doesn't work for you, contact [www.tbarryknickers.com](http://www.tbarryknickers.com). To complete this very sporty look, add a great cable or plain-knit V-neck sweater, and don't forget the collared shirt, bow tie if you like, and driving cap, if needed.



A very easy formal look could be the ever-popular and never out of style tuxedo. Consider a trip to your local tuxedo rental shop, and find out when they have their annual purging of rented tuxes. The reduced-to-clear prices are great – just as great to have one on hand for weddings, New Years, costumes – whatever. Your tuxedo will require a winged collar shirt (also from the rental shop sale) a black bow tie, a Homburg hat, tall hat or derby, black highly polished shoes, and black socks. For extra splash, add a cane, white gloves and maybe a white silk scarf with fringed ends. Be aware: don't wear hats that are too small; they shouldn't sit on top of your head like a peanut!



Another "dress" option you may like to consider: a white dinner jacket from the tuxedo rental shop for summer wear – with the same tux trousers or nice black slacks; add a cummerbund, the black shoes and socks. Really study the photographs and pictures; they tell us so much.



Fun Fashions are not just fun to wear but rewarding. You have now completed the "look of the era", enhanced by your beautiful car.

A special "thank you" to Winnie Colwell for the use of pictures from her booklet

"Men's Era Fashions for 1928 1929 1930 1931."

## Cook's Corner....

### Hershey Cake

½ cup butter, softened  
1 cup sugar  
4 eggs  
1 can Hershey Syrup  
1 cup flour  
1½ tsp baking powder  
¼ tsp salt  
1 tsp vanilla

Preheat oven to 350°.

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each egg. Blend in syrup and vanilla. Add dry ingredients and blend well. Pour into 9" X 13" greased pan. Bake 35 minutes or until done. Ice while warm.

### Icing

¼ cup butter  
1¾ cup powdered sugar  
¼ tsp vanilla  
1- 4 oz block semi-sweet chocolate (4 squares)  
4 tbs milk  
Dash of salt

Melt butter and chocolate in a sauce pan over low heat. Add sugar, salt and milk. Beat until smooth. Cook and stir over low heat until mixture bubbles well around edges. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Beat until it starts to thicken. Spread on warm cake.

Cool completely before cutting.

## Editor's Note...

Look out! Here comes June! Where did the first five months of 2019 go?

Ladies, could you drive your Model A if you had to? Have you tried? There's a "how to" book just for you on the MAFCA website. It's called the Ladies "A" Driving Handbook and here's the link:

<https://mafca.com/downloads/Publications/Ladies%20Driving%20Handbook%202010%20Vancouver.pdf>

It is 11 pages of well written information and I will putting a copy in each of our Model A's "just in case"!

*Twila*



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**Due date for submissions  
for July 2019 issue is  
June 20th**

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- Voting privileges in National elections of officers and by-laws revisions
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### MAFFI Newsletter Minute, June 2019

What's new at the Museum?

The Museum is always striving to keep our exhibits new and exciting but also educational. We recently received a car donation of a 1930 Coupe from the Frank Corey Estate, although beautifully restored, it was a duplicate of one already on display. We wanted to use this car in some capacity so it was decided to create a "Service Bay" Display near our Part's Department. Linda Morford, our fashion coordinator, found a mannequin that would bend at the waist, a service coat was donated by Erik Kellner, and now our new display is complete! Make plans today to attend Model A Day, September 21, 2019 to see this and other great displays at the Museum.

Your membership dollars to MAFFI helps keep our Museum what it is today, the most toured of all the museums at the Gilmore Complex.

Thank you for your continued support through membership, the purchase of memorial bricks and donations.

Thank you,  
Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee  
clubcontact@maffi.org



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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

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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](mailto:daustino02@sc.rr.com). They are looking for your ideas and input!*

### *Palmetto A's Schedule for 2019*

**June 21-22** Palmetto A's Annual Swap Meet Set up Thursday at 9am.

**July 20-21** - Aunt Sue's Country Corner Restaurant in Pickens, SC for lunch with a side trip to Caesar's Head State Park and Pretty Place Departure time will be very early and **this WILL NOT be an overnight event.**

**August 17** - McCaskill's Farm Restaurant in Rembert, SC

**September 13-14** - international Model A Day Tour and Poker Run sponsored by Shade Tree A's.

**October 19** - Wayne Areheart's fish/hunt club for Beaufort Stew

**November 16** -

**December 14** - Christmas Party, 11:30 am at

### *Palmetto A's have been invited..*

**September 13-14** - International Model A Day Tour and Poker Run sponsored by Shade Tree A's. **This is an overnight event.** Flyer and registration form was attached to your email of this newsletter. For those that get mailed a hard copy of the newsletter, contact Twila Cockerill at 803-446-5803 for the form.

### *Other Events of Interest*

(details on National Club Websites & Magazines)

**June 14-15** [Mountaineer Antique Auto Club](#) 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Auto Show in Fletcher, NC

**August 4 - 10** [MARC 2019 National Meet](#) in Dearborn, Michigan

**September 21** [Model A Day at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI](#)

**September 21** International Model A Day

**October 7-11** [Canyonlands Hub and Spoke Tour](#) of the Redrock Canyonlands of Southern Utah and Northern Arizona, based in Kanab, Utah

**October 9 - 12** [Hershey Swap Meet](#)

**October 17 - 20** [Charlotte Auto Fair](#)

**December 5-8** [MAFCA National Awards Banquet](#) in Claremont, CA

