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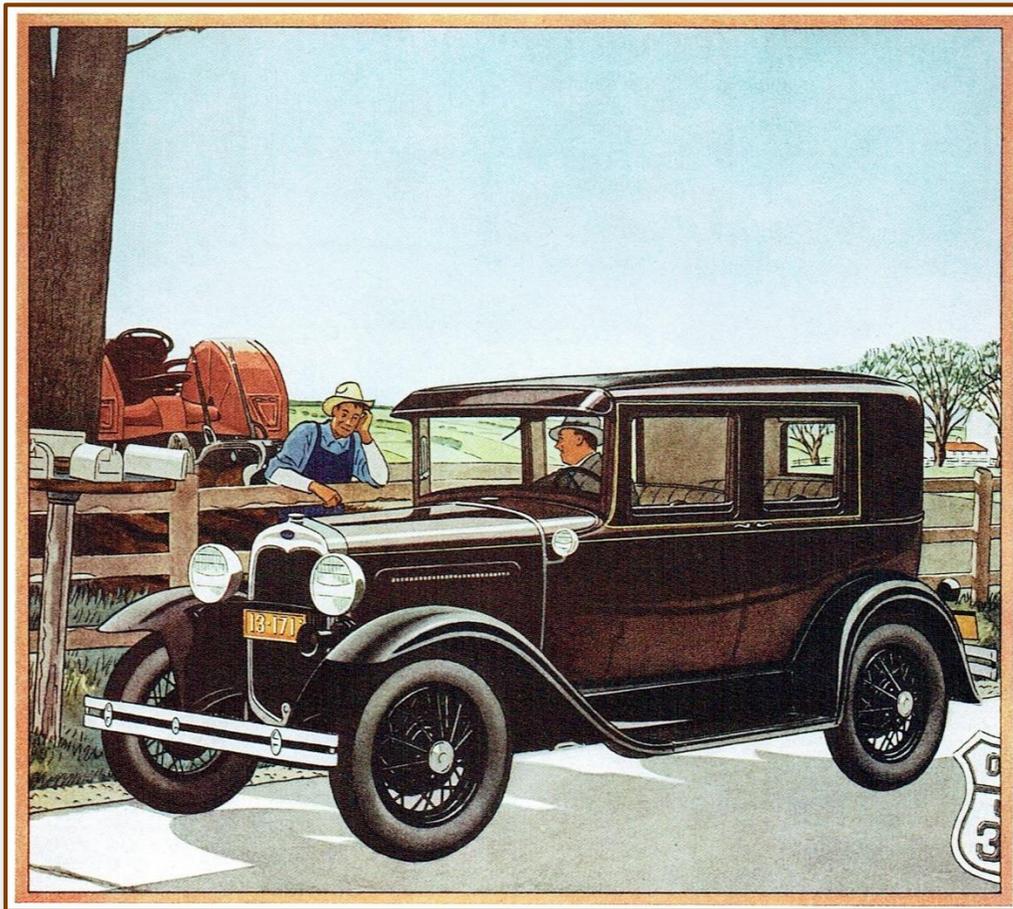
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Newsletter

2013 MARC Newsletter of the Year

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“Real Model ‘A’ men DO ask directions.”

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2015 Southside A's Club Events

April 18**	Tour to Streetside Classics, Lithia Springs.
May 11-17	Pines, Pecans & Peanuts Tour (combo of Nickel Era Touring Registry and HCCA 20 th Social Security Run)
May 25	Senoia Memorial Day Parade
May 30	A visit to the car collection of Rick & Liz Horne, Carrollton.
June 20	A visit to the car collection of Jack & Drena Miller, Fayetteville.
September 18-20	"Fun With Dick & Jane" joint tour with CAMAFC.
October 15-17	Sweet Home Alabama hosted by Central Alabama MAFC, in Guntersville, AL

2015 Events of Interest

April 10-12	MARC Membership Meet, Joliet, IL
June 6	Grandfather's Day at Mike's-A-Fordables
June 7-12	"Lobsters and Lighthouses" MAFCA tour, Kennebunkport, ME
June 21-26	MARC National Meet, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Editor's Notes:

Happy Easter to everyone!

We got our touring season off to a wonderful start in March, with the Talladega Superspeedway at the start, and a super tech day at the end of the month.

So let's keep those cars purring happily, and you can do that by joining us for a tour to Streetside Classics on the April 18th.

Our friends Central Alabama are hosting a swap meet on April 11 that you might want to check out. Info is inside. And MARC will also be having the annual Membership Meet in Joliet, IL.

Activities are heating up, along with the weather!

--Gwyneth Shotwell



Happy Birthday!

19th Dale Fogg
23rd Liz Horne



Happy Anniversary!

2nd - Don & Deborah Pelham
16th - Hugh & Judy Brandon
20th - John & Tess Keller
21st - Robert & Julie Carden



Notes from Our Director

Model A Therapy

Some of my friends think that I could benefit from some serious therapy in part because I fool with old cars and other old machines. What they don't know is these old cars and machines are my therapy and they could benefit from that kind of therapy as well. If you have worries or just feel a little out of sorts, a short ride the Model A can clear your mind and make things better. Drive it to the doctor, the dentist or a meeting you just don't want to attend, things will be more tolerable. We are overwhelmed with technology, instant communications and have too many demands on our time and attention. Time spent in the Model A is quality time and we all need as much of that as we can get.

Driving season is here. When you have to go somewhere that you'd rather not go, drive the Model A. Don't just walk by and give it a pat or wipe off the dust that's gathering on the hood. Drive it, you'll be glad you did it and may even enjoy the trip. You can do a lot of things with a Model A, wash them, wax them, fix things that aren't broken, look at them and talk about them. All of these things are a form of Model A therapy but the most effective therapy is provided by driving. Try it, you'll like it and your Model A will like it too.

-Bob



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Club photos, member profiles,
useful links, and more!

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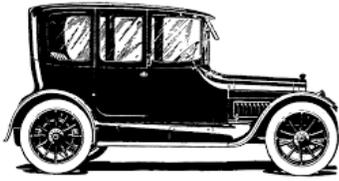
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Tour to “Streetside Classics,” with Lunch on the Side



On Saturday, April 18th, we are going to tour to Lithia Springs to visit Streetside Classics, a consignment dealer for collectible and classic cars. It’s practically like going through a museum, and there is always a wide variety of cars to enjoy or even drool over.

The Shotwells will be leading the tour from Sam’s Club on Fischer Road.

When: Saturday, April 18th. Arrive at 9:30 for a 9:45 departure

Where: Gather at Sam’s Club at Highway 34 and Fisher Rd.

Contact: Mike or Gwyneth Shotwell at gwynshot@aol.com or by phone at 770-463-2630

TALLADEGA SUPERSPEEDWAY

On Friday, March 6th, six Model A’s began the scenic drive to Oxford, Alabama, picking up a 7th “A” along the way. Tom and Betty Miller were our intrepid leaders, followed by the Shotwells, the Simpsons, Jim Wingo on his maiden voyage with his newly complete A-400 and joined by his son-in-law Billy, the Romines in their shiny Victoria, and Eugene and Kathleen Willingham, packed to the gills with enthusiastic grandsons, Riley and Brodie. Pat and Pam Tyler joined the caravan along the way, glad that the temperatures were at a respectable level for riding in an open car.



Larry and Jackie Peterson trailered to Oxford, and brought along our guest of honor, Rex White, a recent inductee into the NASCAR Hall of Fame. And we were pleased to hook up with members Jim and Alice Parks, as well as Joe and Betty Fegundes, which made for a very fine showing from the Southside A’s.

After a delicious and plentiful dinner at the Grizzard Firehouse Museum, we were treated to remarks by the unassuming and charming Rex. He entertained the group with his stories and review of how NASCAR was in the early days. He told us of the safety equipment (or lack thereof) when he got started on dirt tracks and of some of the drivers he had raced against. Afterwards he welcomed questions and those asked generated even more. Rex has written two books about his racing career, he had one of his books, “Golden Thunder” available for sale. He is a throwback to the days when driver’s built and maintained their race cars, and ate only after the gas tank had been topped off. (continued on next page...)

The evening was rounded out with music from the ever-entertaining Blue Grass Buddies and of course the generous door prizes and 50/50 draw that our Central Alabama friends are famous for. And I must say, a good many of our members were happy recipients.

Saturday morning was certainly crisp, and tested the resolve of those in open cars; but everyone proved amply up to the task. And with a police escort we were on our way. Some 48 Model A's of all colors and body types, and from multiple states, rolled into the Talladega campus for our run around the track. We were given distinct rules for our driving conduct this time around, and for the most part they were adhered to, affording us that thrilling sense of what it must be like to actually drive where the track feels positively vertical. But there were rumors of a couple of Southside members, who shall remain anonymous, who simply couldn't resist one teensy passing maneuver before getting back into the proper line.

After time spent in the Motorsports Museum, we headed out to Lincoln, AL, for a memorable lunch at R&B Bar-B-Q, located in the historic area of town, next to the railroad station. Everyone ate their fill. And then it was time to head home after another wonderful gathering where we were able to renew old friendships and enjoy our delightful cars.



NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

This month we feature two newly completed restorations. Congratulations to Jim and Tom!



Jim Wingo's A400



Tom & Liz Romine's Victoria



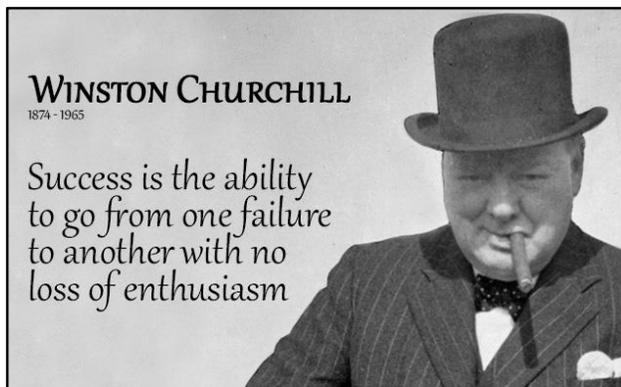
Highlights from the Mar. 28, 2015 Board Meeting

The Southside A's March 2015 Board Meeting was held, prior to the Tech Meet, on March 28th at the home of Bob and Cheryl Simpson in Chattahoochee Hills.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Director Bob Simpson. The following members, in addition to Bob were present: Cheryl Simpson, Larry & Jackie Peterson, Jim Johnston, Tom & Betty Miller, Pat Tyler, Jason Carne and Dick Carne.

- The minutes from the February 2015 Board meeting were accepted.
- **Treasurer's Report** – For Betty Miller reported a balance as of January 31, 2015 of \$3163.29. The treasurer's report was accepted.
- **Membership Report** – Jim Johnston reported our total membership at this time is (51).
- **New Business** - It was agreed that the secretary would notify the vendors that advertise in the Newsletter that a complimentary membership was extended to them.

Fun Fact: April 9 is **"Winston Churchill Day,"** commemorating the date in 1963 when he became the first person to be made an honorary U.S. Citizen. This was accomplished, posthumously, by an act of the Senate, to recognize Churchill's extraordinary contributions in his life.



"I hate it when my foot falls asleep during the day because that means it's going to be up all night."

--Stephen Wright

- **Touring updates** – The tour to Streetside Classics on April 18th is on schedule. Jim Wingo is planning a tour to Louisville, GA on April 15th and 16th. The Board is fine with Jim extending an invitation to SSA's members for this tour. Jim will forward details for the membership. The Fun With Dick & Jane Tour plans are progressing. The tour will be to Washington, GA.
- **New Business** – The Board voted to grant complimentary memberships to Lisa Bennett and Bud Shelton.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Johnston, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of January 31, 2015	\$3,073.29
Deposits	\$90.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Balance as of February 28, 2015	\$3,163.29



Featured Photo of the Month: (As with 2014, we will be featuring photos that glorify the Model A in all its varied styles, and enhanced by beautiful or intriguing settings. Keep track of your favorites throughout the year and we will once again take a tally and announce the winner for "Miss 2015.")



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Touring Tech Day

Contributed by Bob Simpson



Bob's Hideaway in the Chattahoochee Hills – The “Presidential Retreat”

We got off to a cool start with temps at 36. A hot fire in the pot belly stove at the shop kept us comfy till the morning warmed up. We had a board meeting at 9:00. The tech work started at the shop at 10:00. We had coffee, donuts, muffins and more coffee.

Demos on rear brake system inspection and adjustment were done by Jim Johnston. Tom Miller instructed a session on aiming headlights on the Model A. Jim Johnston also ran compression checks on several cars and showed the group how it was done. A taillight wiring problem was corrected on Phil Myers car and the emergency brake was fixed on Eugene Willingham’s car. One of the exciting things was that John Hobbs brought his 14-year-old grandson, Cameron Hostager, who is reportedly becoming enamored of cars, after having climbed into Fred Huey’s ’36 Ford some time back. Well young Mr. Hostager helped fix up the wiring problem on Phil’s taillight! That’s what we like to see. We had a total of 12 Model A’s and 19 men taking part.

We wrapped things up about 2:30 before heading to the house. Everybody enjoyed a delicious barbeque lunch (cooked by yours truly) with all the trimmings, and some excellent desserts prepared by our ladies.

During the tech portion of the day, the ladies, a lovely group of 6, visited and organized all the food for our lunch. There was some talk of going shopping at the Serenbe, but I think the cool weather kept the ladies inside.

A good time was had by all 25 attendees, and everybody wants to do another Tech Day.

Turn the page for a couple more photos.....



Cameron doing his handiwork.



Charlie Biggs & Tom Romine working on Pat Tyler's brakes.

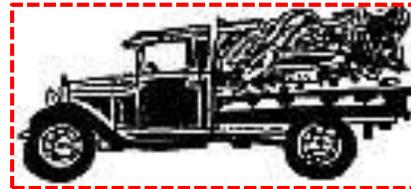


Pat Tyler and Harry Saunders fine tune Pat's engine.

The Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club invites you to a **SWAP MEET** on Saturday **April 11, 2015** at 9259 Vaughn Rd, Pike Road, Alabama (Next to Montgomery). This will be a great time to visit with Model "A" friends, and you may just find that part you've been looking for, or an item you just can't do without. **Hours are 9:00 to 3:00.**

A special club lunch will be available as follows:

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| Hot Dogs | \$1.00 each |
| Potato Chips | \$0.75 each |
| Cold Drinks (soda/water) | \$0.75 each |
| Coffee | \$0.50 per cup |



MOTEL

Comfort Inn & Suites, 10015 Chantilly Parkway, Montgomery, Alabama 36117, (334) 352-4444, the motel is 2.5 mile from the swap meet. Rates: King \$89, Senior rate \$76, Twin \$89, the motel offers a free deluxe continental breakfast.

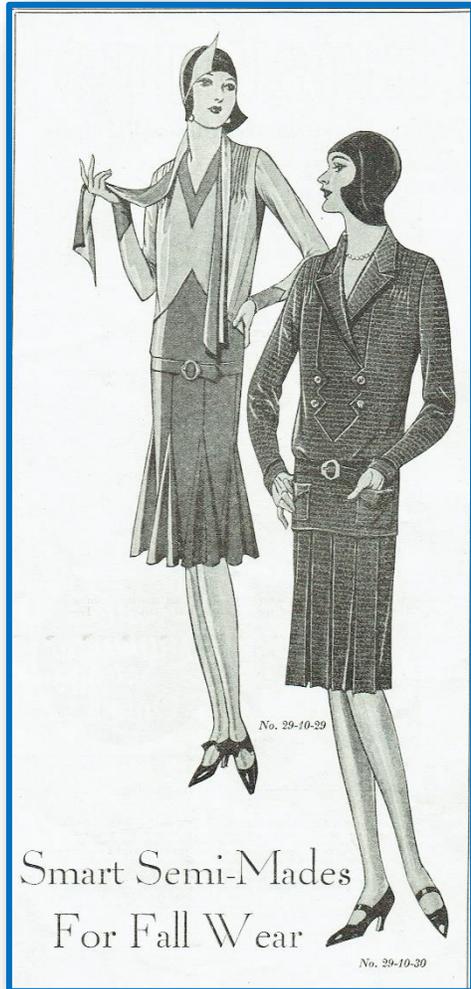
DIRECTIONS:

From I-85 North: Take Exit 11 (Mitylene/Mt. Meigs), onto Chantilly Pky. Continue 2.5 miles to the last road on your right before you get to Vaughn Rd. Turn right at the Model A sign to the back entrance and park as directed.

From I-85 South: Take Exit 11 (Mitylene/Mt. Meigs), turn left back under the overpass onto Chantilly Pky. Continue 2.5 miles to the last road on your right before you get to Vaughn Rd. Turn right at the Model A sign to the back entrance and park as directed.

For questions, or a space, contact Lester Hall, (334) 399-8059, partsnology@charter.net email Paul Majerick (334) 312-3029, paulmajerick@aol.com

FASHION FINDS... *By Gwyneth Shotwell*



Modern Priscilla, October, 1929

I discovered something rather fascinating while looking through this issue of *Modern Priscilla*: a piece on “Semi-Made” dresses. The illustrations at the left were lovely depictions of sewing patterns one could buy, which included many parts of the ensemble already completed. The idea was that you would purchase the pattern, with the finished parts, and then simply put them together with your sewing machine.

For example, the frock on the right was described like this: *“The business girl, who has little time to sew, the college girl and the homemaker all have constant need for something simple, smart and efficient looking. What could be more so than a two-piece frock of printed tweed flat crepe which has its blouse front all finished, collar and cuffs and pockets all made, skirt pleats all laid and bodice material included.”*

It went on to describe the sizes available and the different fabrics – *“...tweed print on a brown, Ensign blue or black background.”*

In doing a brief bit of research online I found that there were actually a pair of companies that advertised this same type of product, Berth Robert, and Fifth Avenue Modes. They both offered catalogs to shop from, and advertised that they provide everything you need to do the simplest of sewing to complete your outfit, including a spool of matching thread. Since both of these companies

continued well into the 1930’s it’s evident that it was an idea

that had a significant market. And since sewing for yourself was much more common at that time, most women would have the capabilities to put the outfit together, while preserving more time as lives were always getting busier. Definitely a fun “Fashion Find.”

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Model A Q&A's

From Ben Bohanan

Q: The other evening I drove my 1929 Fordor. I didn't realize when I got home that I left my parking lights on. The next morning my battery was flat dead. I charged it up, but now it keeps blowing the fuse. It never blew the fuse before, what went wrong?

A: Believe it or not, you may have accidentally charged the battery backwards. In other words, the polarity of the battery is now reversed. The Model A uses a positive ground electrical system. If you charge the battery with the black lead of the battery charger going to ground, then the battery will take a charge in reverse. You can check this with a voltmeter. If that is the problem you will need to leave the lights on and run the battery dead again, then charge it correctly. Let me know if this solves your problem.

Q: I have a 1930 Tudor. The paint and interior looks nice, but the top is looking ratty, and leaks when I drive it in the rain. How much trouble is it to replace the top material?

A: This is a great project if you are handy and a DIY kind of person. You can get a complete kit from Mike's "A" Fordable Parts to do the job. Instructions are included. One thing I must caution you on is if your top has already been leaking, then chances are the wood underneath will be rotten. You can check this with a sharp instrument like an ice pick. The wood should be solid and stable enough to hold nails. Changing out the wood is a bigger project than the top, but many times you will have to do both.

Q: My 1931 Coupe has been in our family since the 1950s. It underwent a full restoration back in the 80s, and we have really enjoyed it since. Often, though, when I drive it water from the radiator sprays out on the hood and windshield. Could this be an overheating problem?

A: Often this is not so much overheating as it is just a faulty seal under the radiator cap. If you have a Quail or Moto meter, check the rubber seal between the cap and the radiator neck. You can even use some silicon sealer in this area, if needed.

Enjoy the Drive...

Bentley C Bohanan

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National Tours on the Horizon



MARC Membership Meet- April 10-12, 2015 - JOLIET, IL

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The MAFCA National Tour, "Lobsters and Lighthouses," will take place **June 7-12, 2015**. The tour will begin in Kennebunkport and finish in Bar Harbor. Go to: mainemodelafordclub.com and click on the link to view the professional video of the tour. You won't be able to resist!

MARC National Meet - Niagara Falls - June 21-26, 2015

The meet will be held at Niagara Falls in Ontario, Canada and hosted by the Canadian MARC Region, CanMARC. Plans are coming together for a very special event with our northern neighbors. Check out MARCNiagraFalls2015.com.



Looking Ahead to 2016



Loveland, Colorado will be the locations for the MAFCA National Convention, June 19-24, 2016. The Ranch Events Complex will be serve as the headquarters for activities. The tri-city area of Loveland, Fort Collins and Greeley comprise "Northern Colorado."

For a sneak peek, go to milehighcountry2016.org and click on the "Preview" link for a fun YouTube presentation to whet your appetite. Presented and hosted by the Model A Ford Club of Colorado.

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Contact: Tom Romine: 770-527-4039

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fhuey@hotmail.com

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Cpanzarella1@att.net

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