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"Shopping in the big city."

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**Board Meeting Minutes: We will now be posting our Board Meeting Minutes on the website each month. Simply go to the website and click on the link under "About" on the home page, or [click here](#).

2025 Southside A's Club Events

August 13	Lunch BRUNCH. City Café, Fayetteville
September 6	Tech Meet - Hunter's garage: front end alignment.
September 20	Combined SSAs IMAD and Lunch Bunch tour - particulars TBD
Sept. 29-Oct. 2 (tent. new location)	Tentative tour to Rome, and environs, with Georgia Region.
October 11	Southern Belle Farms day
October 16	Lunch Bunch - Tim's Lighthouse CANCELLED.
November 8	Annual Business Meeting
December 6-7	Callaway Christmas Lights overnight

Activities of Interest

August 15-16	Shade Tree A's Swap Meet
September 18-20	Model A Days, MAFFI museum
October 24-26	N. Alabama Touring Group - Fall Leaf Tour

Editor's Note:

So, July was a bit of a quiet month for our Model A's but we're back in the saddle on August 13 for a nice Lunch Bunch that will actually be for breakfast...a way to beat some of this heat that doesn't seem to want to go away. Details are on page 4, so plan to sign up for a morning get-together.

You'll also see info on our next Tech Meet, plans in the works for a Fall tour, and even the recognition of Left-hander's Day.

Check everything out, and we'll see you down the road.

—Gwyneth



Summertime...

Happy Birthday!

9th - Pat Tyler
11th - Tina Carne
11th - Jack Miller
12th - Pam Tyler
13th - Pam Carne
13th - Dick Carne
14th - Ruth DeBroux
15th - Jim Hunter
23rd - Lisa Klinger
29th - Johnnie Hobbs



Happy Anniversary!

5th - Jay & Lynn Herrin
10th - Mike & Carole Foran
13th - Ben & Jill Dyke



Thoughts from Our Director

Hello Southside Model A Members,

Hope all of you are staying cool in this summer heat. We did not have our usual Lunch Bunch tour in July, so my Model A and I are itching to go on our next Lunch Bunch scheduled for August 13 at City Cafe in Fayetteville. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Tom Romine has set the date of September 6 for our next Tech Meet. He will be demonstrating the Model A front end alignment and answering any other questions. As usual the Tech Meet will be at Jim Hunters Garage starting at 9:30. Remember to bring your \$10.00 for coffee, donuts and lunch. On that same day Saturday, there is a car show at Christian City in Union City from 10:00am to 2:00pm. It would be great to support them if you are not coming to the Tech Meet.

Remember, summer is a good time for watermelon, ice cream and picking peaches!

WARNING! There are members in our Southside Model A Club who are still receiving Email scams in my name as Director asking for money. Do not fall for this scam! I would never ask for money via text or Email. I did not make these false claims.

Best regards,

--Steve

"Father made the most popular cars in the world; I want to make the best."

---Edsel Ford

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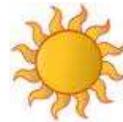
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SAVE THE DATES:

September 20 - SSAs day tour for International Model A Day/Lunch Bunch

September 29-October 2 - SSAs Fall tour, **change of venue**. Plans are being formulated for a 2 to 3 night stay in Rome to enjoy a variety of interesting activities in the area.



August Lunch (BRUNCH) Bunch

City Café in Fayetteville

Wednesday, August 13



This month the Petersons return to the Lunch Bunch arena with an outing to City Café in Fayetteville. But because we are in the heart of Summer, this will be for BREAKFAST! And City Café offers a great one, including a case-full of enticing pastries.

We'll gather on the early side to enjoy a bit of a scenic drive, beginning in Palmetto at the Circle K station at the corner of Hwy 16 and Phipps Rd. Our reservation is for 10:00 am.

DATE: Wednesday, August 13

GATHER: Circle K in Palmetto, Hwy 16 and Phipps Rd.

TIME: 9:00 for a 9:20-ish departure. It's a 30-minute drive, plus time for parking at the restaurant.

RSVP: By Sunday, August 10. Jackie: 404-863-2468, call or text.



Treasurer's Report

Balance as of May 31, 2025:	\$3,215.13
Deposits: Dues; other	\$64.00
Expenses: Jay Herrin - Line Creek Summer Social costs	- \$74.30
Balance as of June 30, 2025:	\$3,204.83



Gregg Farms





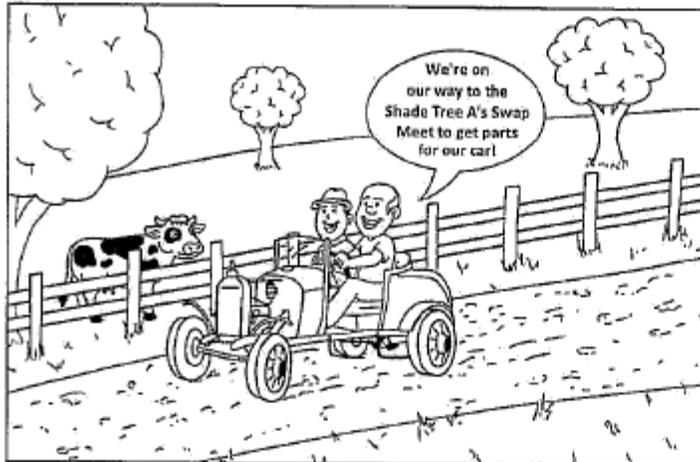
Shade Tree A's Swap Meet

sponsored by the

Shade Tree A's Model A Ford Club

1818 Augusta Highway, Thomson, Georgia 30824

Friday, August 15 and Saturday, August 16, 2025, 8:00 AM until



There is no Parking, Admission or Vendor fee for this event. Come enjoy your day with fellow Model A enthusiasts. This year we are sponsoring a special workshop on Model A distributors. See details below. Lunch available.

For more information, contact:

Andrew Morse

706-834-2342

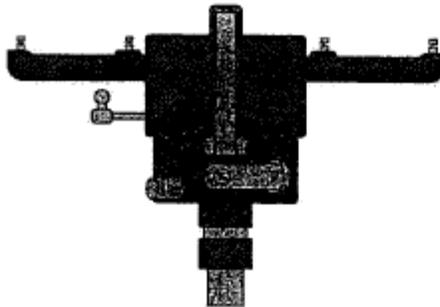
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706-564-0120

Distributor Diagnostics and Rebuilding Workshop

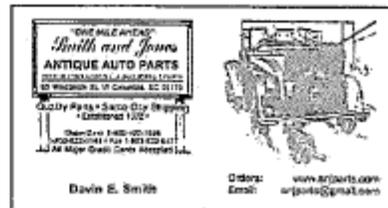
SATURDAY, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon



The Shade Tree A's are proud to present a hands on workshop on the Model A distributor. Have your distributor issues professionally evaluated, or get help rebuilding your distributor. Eric Shogren, owner of Guben's Garage, a Model A repair facility, will be available to evaluate your distributor or assist in rebuilding your distributor. Bring your distributor, and the new parts to rebuild it, and Eric will have the tools available to rebuild your distributor. Workshop located in the air conditioned shop.

Smith and Jones Antique Auto Parts will be attending our Swap Meet. Contact Davin Smith with your parts order for delivery to the Swap Meet and save on shipping.

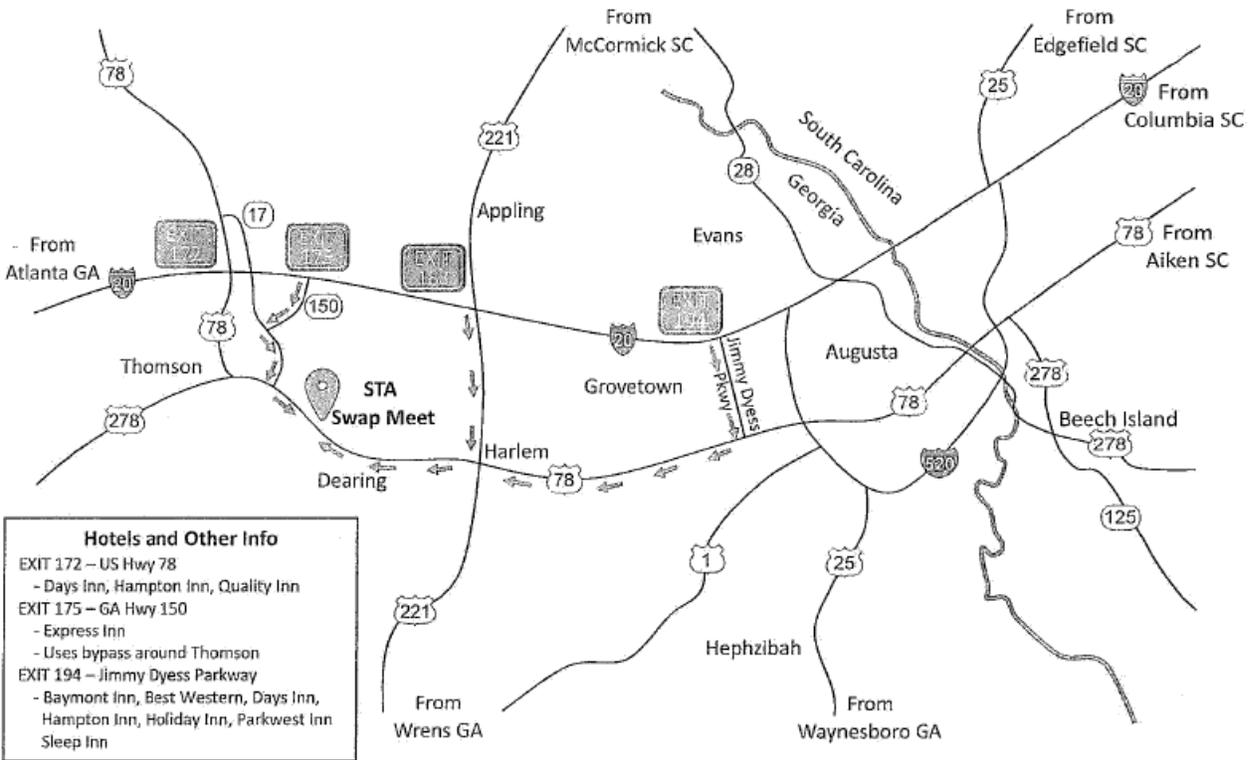
Phone: 803-822-4141, 800-422-1928; e-mail: snjparts@gmail.com



For vendor registration, please contact Andrew Morse or Jim McPherson

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Shade Tree A's Swap Meet
 1818 Augusta Highway, Thomson, Georgia 30824



NEXT TECH MEET – SEPTEMBER 6, 2025



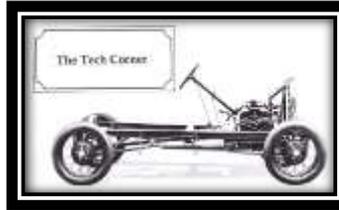
Our next **Tech Meet** will be on **Saturday, September 6**, and Jim Hunter is again providing his wonderful shop for our endeavors. The topic this time will be front end alignment.

The day's format will be the usual: coffee and donuts before; lunch after; \$10 per person to cover the cost of the meet. A reminder email will go out closer to the date.

But you can always let Tom know you're going to attend before that.

Tom Romine: 770-527-4039

Jim Hunter's: 599 Bankstown Rd., Brooks, GA 30205



The Tech Corner

Editor's note: I do not have a date for this Tom Endy article; if this issue happens to be out of date, I apologize, but it sounded like a worthy topic.

Quality-Safety Alert!

by Tom Endy

Front hub dust seal (A-1190):

There is a front hub inner dust seal, part number A1190, on the market today that is of such poor quality that it can cause you a considerable amount of grief. The A1190 fits onto each front spindle behind the large inboard front wheel bearing. The parts are being made in India and most Model A Ford suppliers probably have them in their stock. The part can be referenced in an East Coast preferred supplier's parts catalog on page 3.

Preferred supplier modification:

This supplier discovered one aspect of the out of tolerance condition and took steps to correct it. In their catalog they state that the outer circumference was .006 oversize, such that the wheel hub would not fit over it. They had all parts in their stock turned down on a lathe for proper fit inside a hub.

The encounter:

I had a need to replace the front wheel bearings on my Victoria and I had difficulty getting the large inboard bearing off of each spindle. I had to remove the large outer grease slinger from the backing plate in order to get a chisel behind the A1190 dust seal. While prying off the seal and bearing, I butchered up one of the seals. When I ordered the new set of wheel bearings from the preferred supplier I also ordered two A1190 dust seals. When the order arrived, for some reason I was only sent one. Since I needed a second one I went to a local supplier and purchased one. Their price was 40% less than what the preferred supplier sells them for and this aroused my curiosity. When I got home I re-read the statement on page 3 of their catalog. Obviously the higher price reflected the cost of turning the part down on a lathe.

Time to measure:

I measured the outer diameter of the one purchased locally and found it to be .030 over the preferred supplier one and also .030 over one I had removed from the car. The one purchased locally would also not fit inside the hub, which was conveniently sitting on my workbench and afforded the opportunity to check it.

A more sinister problem:

My plan was to install the one from the preferred supplier on one wheel and one I had removed from the car on the other wheel. While comparing the two I noticed that the flange on the inner circumference of

the preferred supplier part was uneven and varied about 1/16th of an inch. I also noticed that when pressed onto the spindle the flange (lip) protruded past the seat where the large inboard bearing is supposed to come to rest. I compared the one from the preferred supplier with the one I purchased locally (both made in India), and they were both the same. Had I not noticed this I would have installed the bearing up against the uneven protruding flange and I would not have seated the bearing, and there is no way I would have known that because one cannot see behind the bearing because the A1190 dust seal blocks the view.

Four critical dimensions:

There are four critical dimensions concerning this part, and the India made parts are out of spec in all four areas.

1. The outside diameter must be smaller than the outside diameter of the bearing race pressed into the hub (the bearing race O.D. is 2.5005).
2. The inside diameter must be such that it is an interference fit onto the spindle (about 1.635).
3. The outside diameter flange (lip) must not exceed the depth above where the bearing race seats in the hub (about .250).
4. The inside diameter flange (lip) must be less than the distance from the base of the spindle to where the bearing seats (about .200).

The unsafe condition:

If an unsuspecting person installs one of these poor quality dust seals the hub will be bound up against the outer diameter of the dust seal, that is if you can get the hub on at all. The lip on the outer circumference could also be up against the edge of the race pressed into the hub. If the inner circumference is not a press fit it can come loose and rattle around loose on the spindle. If the inner circumference lip is too high the bearing will not be properly seated because it will be up against the inner flange of the dust seal and it may be cocked to one side. The result of all this would be bound up and/or wobbly front wheels.

Problem resolved:

I was able to resolve my immediate problem by removing the A1190 dust seals completely and installing the new wheel bearings without them. I believe I read somewhere that these dust seals were not originally installed on the Model A Ford during manufacture. ☺

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

July 2025

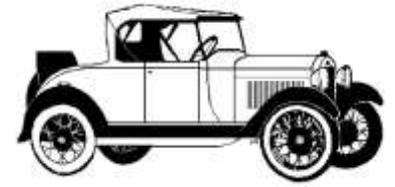
MARC's Gettysburg National Meet this year is now behind us. We had more than 300 registrations, many informative seminars, Special Interest Group meetings, tours, car judging and great food at the welcome party, grand tour and awards banquet. More details and plenty of pictures in the next *Model A News*. Thanks to Tom and Janora Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region for hosting this great event.

Also, don't forget that we have a special Finger Lakes tour in the pipeline for next May and another great National Meet scheduled for next July in French Lick Indiana. We expect both to be jam packed with fun filled activities so plan to attend. We still need Regions to step up and volunteer to host future events! Your Board of Directors will gladly help you plan a tour, meeting or a national event. Contact any MARC Director please

Remember that the online version of the *Model A News* is always available for viewing by the first day of every even month (February, April, June, August, October and December). Going forward, we will communicate availability on Facebook only.

Can you imagine that Adina Cloud, representing the French Lick Resort and a MARC member, won the 50/50 drawing at the closing awards banquet and then contributed the winnings to the Model A Youth Restoration Awards? Then, Tom Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region donated the other half: \$2,000 to MAYRA!

Remember that MARC has a special membership offer for youth, 18 -25, not living at home. FREE membership with a sponsor, digital MAN only, but all the other benefits of full membership. Contact the office for details. Let's get those young people signed up!



August 13



FASHION FINDS...

From Gwyneth Shotwell

Here is the final page of our article on novelty jewelry from the Model A Era. I hope you've enjoyed the sheer variety and uniqueness of these fun items. I especially like the twin flyers on this lady's hat!

(Thanks to Sherry Winkinhofer of the Northwest Missouri Chapter of MAFCA, and the MAFCA website.)



Dual airplane hat pin—Loretta Young 1929

Airplanes were a novelty in real life so of course they captivated ladies as jewelry.



1930 Bellas Hess— Airplane pin



Illustrated Ford Dearborn Gift Book— Propeller pin with wings.



1930 Jason Weiler-Baird North Co— "Aeroplane" in sterling silver.

A few more of my favorite finds:



1930 Jason Weiler-Baird North Co - Kewpie ring



Sears & Roebuck
1930—penguins—
Wings Over the
Pole.

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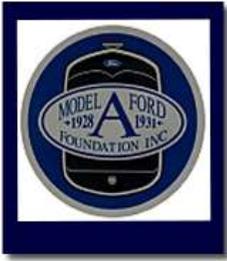

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1928 Bellas Hess jester or clown hat pin

Just to be clear, it seems that these whimsical pieces were likely not found in large numbers. However enough of them can be found to document that people in the Model A era still had a sense of fun. The above examples include costume jewelry and fine jewelry with diamonds, gemstones and platinum and other precious metals. So, no matter what your budget and style, don't be afraid to shakeup your jewelry box and add a playful touch to your era fashion!

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MAFFI Minute



This month I thought I'd share a bit of the history to be found in the museum at Hickory Corners, where the very first Model A is housed --to whet your appetite to visit and see ALL the history found there along with the completed museum expansion. Model A Days are September 18-20, 2025. Join us!!

"The first Model A " Serial Number: 1, 1928 Ford Model A Tudor changed to a Phaeton
Motor: 4 Cylinder, 201 CID, 40 HP Brakes: Mechanical Transmission: 3 Speed Manual non
synchronized Body: Ford Motor Company Maximum Passengers: 5 6 Volt Battery
w/positive ground Tire Size: 450-21 Fuel Capacity: 10 Gal. Gasoline Weight: 2,212# Cost new: Gift

This car is the first 1928 Ford Model A produced. It was assembled on October 20, 1927 and given to Henry Ford's best friend Thomas Edison. It was originally a Tudor Sedan and Thomas preferred an open car. Henry had the Tudor body replaced with a Phaeton body. Outside door handles were not produced for the early Model A cars. With the existing changes to the car, a restoration process was never attempted. Photos of Henry stamping number 1 on the engine are available.

Henry Ford told Thomas Edison that his name would always be with the Ford name and in the logo for Ford, the cross in the letter F forms a letter T in the distance. The swirl on the end of the cross forms the top of the letter E with the letter O forming the bottom of the letter E.

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary



NATIONAL EVENTS



December 3-6, 2025

Mobile, Alabama

For Sale/Wanted

FOR SALE:

1931 Model A Mail Truck. Has a bench seat, but original seat is available. This is a fine Mail A Mail Truck. Comes with 30's mailman uniform, mail bags, and Mail Truck mailbox. I've driven it on Talladega Motor Speedway. Runs, drives and stops with no issues. It does have fiberglass fenders. Other than that it is pretty much original; has the security wire and curtains on the rear door. Oxford, AL. **Asking \$25,000.00**
Call 256-310-6463 or email gfireman52@aol.com
Gerald Grizzard



FOR SALE: PRICE REDUCTION!

1930 Model A four door Town Sedan, dual side mounts; rebuilt starter, distributor, carburetor, battery disconnect, new wiring harness, turn signals, new 2 blade fan, new coil, brakes have been gone through; mains & rods bearings have been tightened. Nice driver; paint is presentable; steel body; cranks, runs and drives with no issues. Oxford, AL. **Asking \$14,500.00**
Call 256-310-6463 or email gfireman52@aol.com
Gerald Grizzard



FOR SALE:

Slightly used Float-a- motor FRONT motor mount. **Asking \$50.00.** New ones go for \$ 75.00
Contact: Tom Romine 770 527-4039



FOR SALE:

1928 Leather Back Fordor Sedan

Complete frame off restoration. Excellent condition. Runs and handles well. Regularly driven; always garaged. Rose beige original color.

Asking \$31,500

Contact: David Hadden 770-539-1742
davidonhadden@gmail.com Buford, GA



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WANTED:

A 2012 **Model A Day patch** to complete my collection. I will purchase the patch or trade a 2024 Model A Day patch.

Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463 or email gfireman52@aol.com

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- 1. EMAIL** your name(s), and City/State as you would like them to appear, PLUS your mailing address for delivery, to **Pat Tyler:** pat@patpamtyler.com.
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Southside A's Membership

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Phone (Home) _____ (Business) _____ (Cell) _____

Occupation _____ E-mail _____

Please list Model A's you own (You do not have to own a Model A to join our club)

YEAR	BODY STYLE	ENGINE and/or VIN No.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Membership Dues: \$20.00. (See below for National Dues, if necessary.)

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

*NOTE: Applicants approved for membership at the November or December Board Meetings shall be considered paid for the following year.

Send application, along with check made out to "Southside A's," to: Niva Atkins, 156 Taylor Len Dr, LaGrange, GA 30240

Membership in the national Model A Restorers Club (M.A.R.C.) required. Are you a member?

() YES Please furnish membership Number _____

() No Please complete application below for National M.A.R.C. membership

Model "A" Restorer's Club
6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135

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SEND DIRECTLY TO ADDRESS ABOVE

NAME (print) _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Invitation to join Model "A" Restorers Club

(Membership in Southside A's requires membership in MARC, as well.)

MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

P.O. Box 498, Howell, Michigan 48844
(734) 427-9050 Office
(734) 427-9054 Fax
modelarestorersclub@gmail.com

Membership Application 1 Year Term

U.S. Membership \$50.00
 U.S. Air Mail \$62.00
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Call office for Youth Membership and Surviving Spouse
Membership

Make checks payable to: Model "A" Restorers Club or (M.A.R.C.)

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Membership # _____ If renewing Region (If member) _____

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Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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Yes No Phone: _____

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Yes No Email: _____

Model A Restorers Club Purpose:

The purpose of the Model "A" Restorer's Club is to encourage its members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit, and make use of the Model "A" Ford vehicles (models 1928-1931) and all things pertaining to the historical information, and to promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship among its members.

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