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MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB
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Newsletter



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"Time for the Summer Fete!"

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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

July TBD	Lunch Bunch
August 13	Lunch BRUNCH. City Café, Fayetteville
Sept. 29-Oct. 2 (new dates)	Tentative tour to Charleston, SC with Georgia Region.
September 18	Lunch Bunch - TBD
October 11	Southern Belle Farms day
October 16	Lunch Bunch - Tim's Lighthouse
November 8	Annual Business Meeting
December 6-7	Callaway Christmas Lights overnight

Activities of Interest

June 16-20	MARC National Meet, Gettysburg, PA
June 15-22	MAFCA National Meet, Waynesboro, VA
October 24-26	N. Alabama Touring Group - Fall Leaf Tour

Editor's Note:

This year is flying by...as it always seems to do! And Southside A's continue to enjoy our Model A's in a variety of ways. Several members hit the road to Pennsylvania to take part in the MAFCA National Tour of the Gettysburg area. And we had another delightful Lunch Bunch outing.

Speaking of which, if YOU know of a venue for a nice lunch, take the plunge, plan a route, and voila! we have another tour. Don't be bashful, just take the plunge.

—Gwyneth



Happy Birthday!

6th - Ardith Vied
8th - Jason Carne
8th - Fran Birch
8th - Ben Dyke
8th - Jackie Johnston
10th - Jay Herrin
10th - Richard Myrick
12th - Rae Ann Burmaster
12th - Bob Simpson
15th - Kim Wingo
16th - Bobby Cleveland
24th - Jim Wingo
28th - Dave Birch
30th - Dallas Wurst



Happy Anniversary!

3rd - Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell
23rd - Tommy & Shirley Davis
25th - Larry & Jackie Peterson
28th - Bobby & MaryJane Cleveland



Thoughts from Our Director

Greetings Model A Members,

Our summer social was a success with a dozen Model A's that showed up at Line Creek Brewery. We had good weather and an amazing fly over. A big thanks to Jay Herrin for coordinating the event! We even gained a new member - Joey Robinson and his wife, Melissa. We also added another new member, Janet Robinson. Welcome to the Southside A's!

Hope Father's Day was special for you and your family! Fatherhood is an honor!

Our June Lunch Bunch proved to be a winning venue! Especially with 12 members in attendance. We traveled down the back roads to Hills and Dales in LaGrange. After a great informative tour, we had lunch at Nutwood Winery Restaurant in LaGrange. Then a special stop at Dairy Queen with complimentary ice cream from Taylor Merrill and his wife, Judy. A big thank you to Niva Atkins and Mary Jane Cleveland for organizing this wonderful tour!

Enjoy your 4th of July and try to stay cool in this heat!

--Steve

"Great moments are born from great opportunity."

---Nikola Tesla



**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!**

Joey & Melissa Robinson

of Senoia, GA

Janet Robinson

of Newnan, Ga



Our 2025 Summer Social was a hit!

At Line Creek Brewery, Peachtree City, May 31

The weather gods were shining on us for our annual Summer Social this year! The rain and the heat caused us no pain. Instead we had clear skies and mild temperatures; perfect for displaying our cars and sharing them with the public.

Major thanks go to club member, Jay Herrin, who acted as liaison with the brewery, and secured an ideal spot to park our A's, grouped together in a wonderful car corral. Some 28 members were there, with a total of twelve cars on display.

A food truck featuring delicious pizza arrived at noon to feed hungry guests, and the many picnic tables available made for a relaxing and comfortable lunchtime. And of course, for those desiring to partake of the brewery's wares, the knowledgeable staff were ready with information, suggestions, and samples to make one's choice easier.

At about this time we were treated to the afternoon's highlight – an air show from the Falcon RV Squadron, ten planes strong, exhibiting formations, fly-by patterns, smoke trails and exiting noise! What a special treat.

After the show, with the planes safely back in their hangars, the pilots joined us at Line Creek, where the club treated them to a few well-deserved thirst quenchers. It was nice to get to talk with them, express our awe and thanks, and chat about everything planes. They are a great bunch of guys, and their performance was made possible through coordination with Jay, their friend and fellow flying enthusiast.

Our goal with the summer social is always to share our hobby with others, especially those who might want to explore it more and even join the club. Well, this year we had visitors arrive in their family Model A, and join us in our "car corral." Joey and Melissa Robinson heard about the event and came to check it out. They got to talk with several members of the club, and lo and behold, they have indeed become members of Southside A's, plus Joey's mom, Janet, has joined as well. A true family affair.

So, this year's Social is deemed an all-around success!



Attendees: Terry/Niva Atkins; Mike/Gwyneth Shotwell; Jim/Kim Wingo; Mark Limmer; Carlos/Michelle Martinez; Jim/Ann Hunter; Jay/Lynn Herrin; Steve/Barbara Searock; Tom/Betty Miller; Tim McMullin; Steve/Ardith Vied; Kelly Adams; Bob/Cheryl Simpson; Fred/Kathy Huey; Teri Besch & son, John.

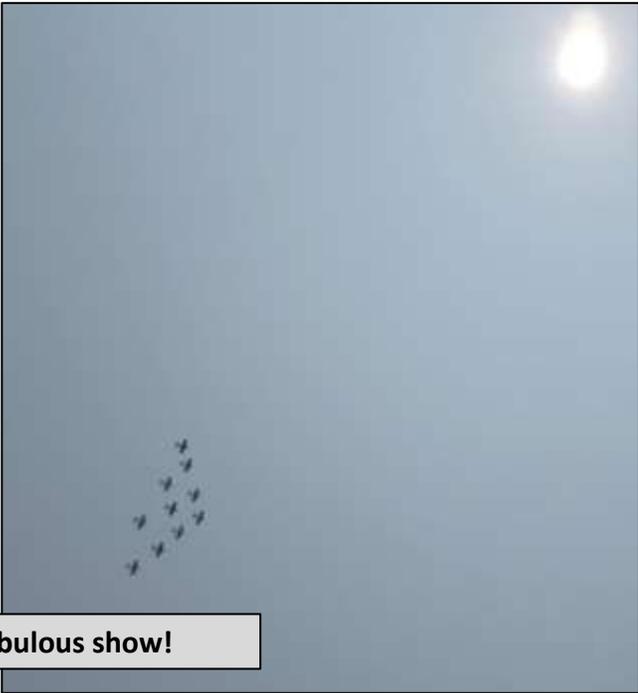
The lineup.



More photos, next page.....



The crowd.



The fabulous show!



The fabulous pilots with Jay Herrin.



June Lunch Bunch tour To Hills & Dales, and Nutwood Winery Restaurant

Recap by Gwyneth Shotwell



I know we talk a lot about the weather and how it can affect our tours, but what can I say...it matters! So on June 26, with temperatures rising, we chose to “drive modern” to LaGrange. The one exception was with the Merrills, who drove their A from their home nearby.

We still took the pretty route from Sam’s Club that was devised by Nive Atkins, and then followed her and Terry the last leg to Hills & Dales. We got to see lovely, uncrowded routes through LaGrange.

At our destination, we were treated to an outstanding guided tour by Haley, who was impressively versed in what seemed like all the details of the house, the families that comprised the

succession of ownership, and so much of their lives. A beautiful tour of a beautiful family home. We also strolled the remarkable gardens before heading into town for lunch.

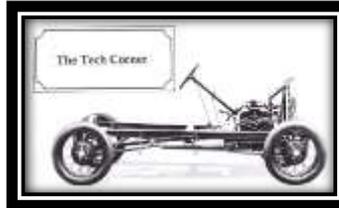
The Nutwood restaurant provided a great place for a variety of meals and comfortable conversation. We all were able, however, to leave room for yummy desserts as we were hosted by Judy and Taylor at their local Dairy Queen. Some of us even got to dispense our own soft serve ice cream cones! Thanks to the Merrills for a perfect ending to a wonderful day.

Here are some photos from our day. We were not allowed to photograph inside the home, but the gardens and exteriors did not disappoint.





Taylor & Judy Merrill; Bobby & MaryJane Cleveland; Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell; Terry & Nive Atkins; Bonnie Bearden & Jerrel Shell.



Differential Bust Up

by Tom Endy 2022

A recent overhaul of a Model A differential provided a unique challenge. The differential had suffered a ring & pinion failure with several teeth broken off the ring gear. A new ring & pinion gear set was procured and the rebuild was in process. While trying to set the carrier bearing pre-load we experience a lock up each time we tightened the banjo bolts. There was much frustration as we manipulated bearing shims and banjo gaskets to no avail.

It was finally discovered there was a gouge on the inside of the left axle housing that would contact the back side of the new ring gear each time we bolted it down. An inspection of the old destroyed ring gear showed a witness mark on the back side. What apparently had happened was one of the broken off teeth from the ring gear had gotten between to the back side of the ring gear and the left axle housing and had caused a gouge that raise the metal enough to contact the new ring gear when bolted down. Using a grinder we ground off the protrusion and were then able to obtain the required carrier bearing pre-load.

This something to look for when doing a differential overhaul. Make certain there are no gouges on the inside of the axle housings as a result of a bust up.



Teeth broken off the ring gear



The inside of the axle housing should be smooth

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THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

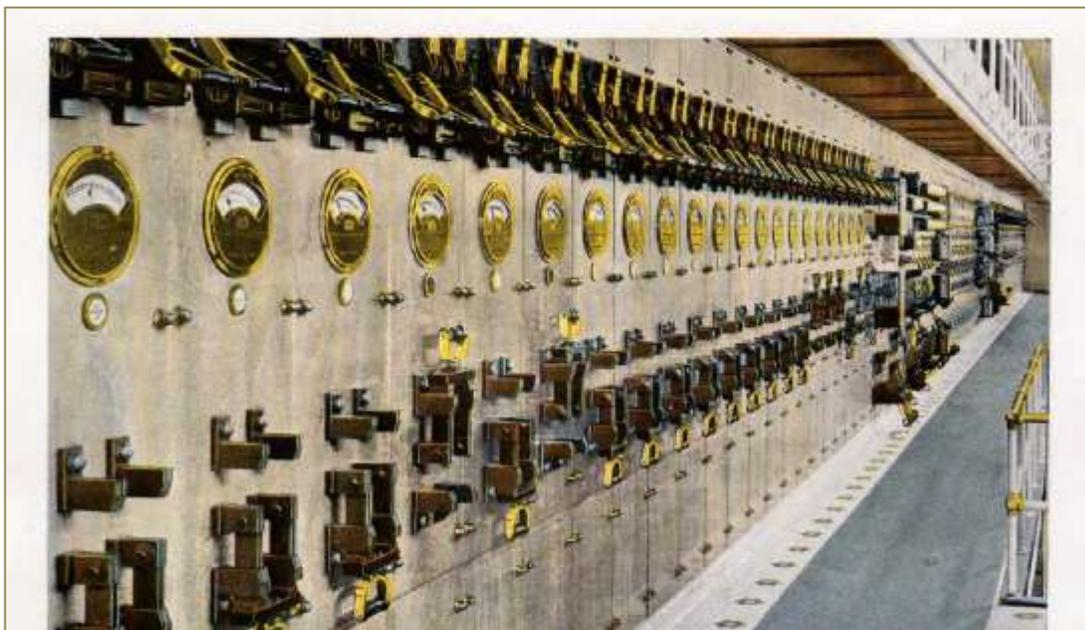
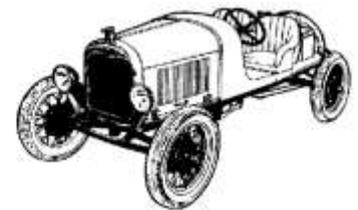
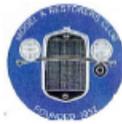
June 2025

MARC is planning something different for next year! As a test, we will be combining our annual Membership Meet with our National Tour. Beforehand, committee and other business meetings will be held with the Board via Zoom conference calls. Our General Membership meeting and award ceremonies will be held at the Tour host hotel. More information will be communicated as planning is finalized.

As your Board, we are working hard make improvements. Our website, future meets, working together with MAFCA to begin planning joint events, our merchandise, changes in Fashion judging, Driver Class judging geared to draw fellow enthusiasts who love restoring and driving their cars but with modifications that are not exactly correct per judging standards. If you haven't already, make plans to attend the Gettysburg National Meet and learn more.

Regions, we have been contacted by several of you. Reportedly, Region officers have been receiving SPAM emails purportedly from either the President or Treasurer of the Region asking for money to be sent to them at another email address. Please use caution when receiving an email like this. As a reminder, MARC does not request any funds to be sent via email. Region dues can be paid directly to our website by credit card, PayPal or by mailing dues to MARC, P.O. Box 498, Howell Michigan, 48844.

Can you count the benefits of joining MARC? It's more than just insurance and a great magazine, it is also a network of experts who can help you either restore or keep your Model A running well. If you are into era fashion, we have experts there too. MARC meets offer a chance to network, drive your Model A, experience fashions and activities for young Model A enthusiasts. Just watching our experienced repair tent crews perform their magic will teach you more than you could imagine. Please encourage all of the non MARC members of your Region to sign up today to take advantage of our FREE trial 12 month membership. Just call 734-427-9050 to join!



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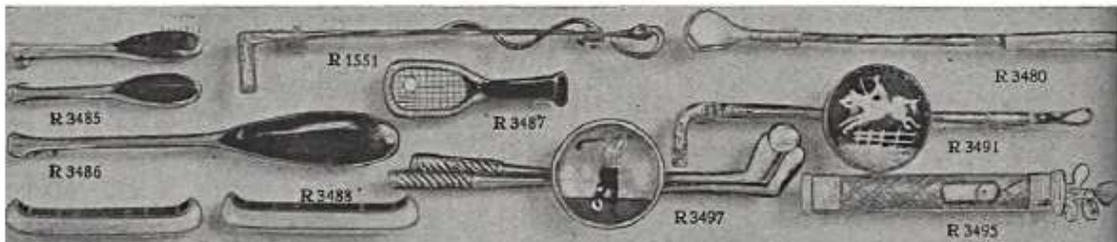
FASHION FINDS...

From Gwyneth Shotwell

This month we have page 3 of our Novelty Era Jewelry article. It's wonderful to see the variety of themes represented: sports, watches, charms, and more. Enjoy this further step in our decorative journey.

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

Sports themed items were easy to find. These include golf, tennis, riding and racing, and hunting, as can be seen in the items below:



Daniel Low 1928—A selection of sports pins.



1931 Illustrated Ford Dearborn Gift Book—Hunting Dog with duck pocketknife.

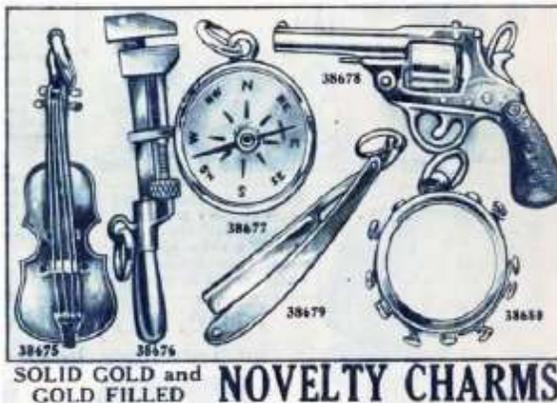


Tribuadeau Factory catalog, 1929—Pocket watch with horse design.

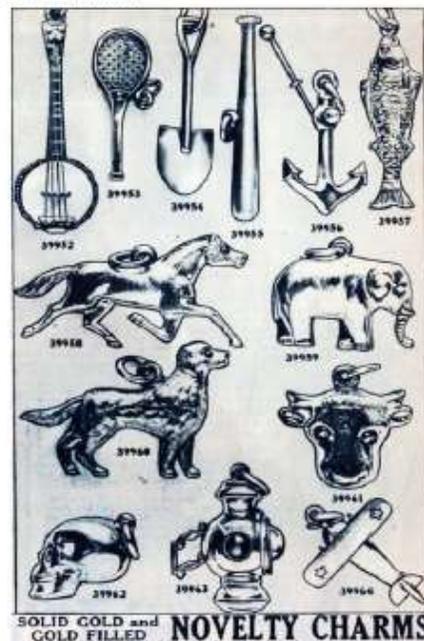


Daniel Low 1930—Sterling silver belt buckle, available with golf, baseball or tennis figure.

Jewelry catalogs were full of various charms. Not for charm bracelets, instead, they were used on watch chains! Any hobby or vocation could be represented with a charm.

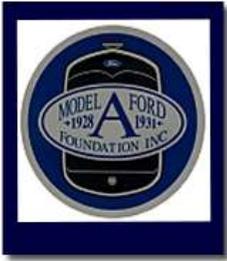


1930 Jason Weiler-Baird North Co novelty charms



SOLID GOLD and GOLD FILLED NOVELTY CHARMS
1930 Jason Weiler-Baird North Co novelty charms

MAFFI Minute



The Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) Trustees and Executive Director would like to send a big shout out, **"THANK YOU"** to all the hobbyists who have supported this expansion effort. Without you, this project wouldn't have happened; you preserved history and made it possible to have a fabulous historical learning experience available for years to come!

Several Trustees, the Executive Director, the Grape A's Club, and friends of each gave up Memorial Day weekend to move cars, clean up, and set up vignettes-- to get the museum expansion one step closer to being fully finished. It's looking good, and we can't wait for the ribbon cutting in September.



The expansion allows for more vignettes of the era (see the attached photos: Dustbowl vignette, school house vignette --- complete with bus in the background). There will be period correct murals on the exterior of the building (see sample attached), a working garage, and so much more. You need to come to Model A Days, September 19th & 20th to see for yourself how awesome this museum has become ---thanks to all our wonderful hobbyists!



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:

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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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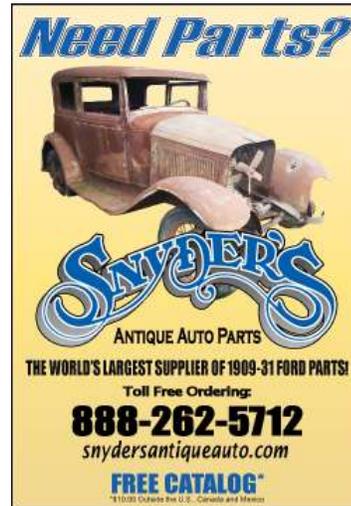
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Nive Atkins
156 Taylor Len Drive
LaGrange, GA 30240



Club Items

Club Banners: We have designed a Club Banner to display on your car when touring or just to hang in your shop. \$15/each.

Call Jim Hunter @ (770) 710-2153 or ytguy@aol.com

Application for Club Membership

Southside A's Membership

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

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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APPLICANTS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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Invitation to join Model "A" Restorers Club

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

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Yes No Email: _____

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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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