

# THE SOUTHSIDE A's

SOUTH METRO ATLANTA, GA Model A Restorers Club

Chartered March 1989 MAFCA Chapter - Chartered May 2014



# Newsletter



MARC Newsletter of the Year - 2013

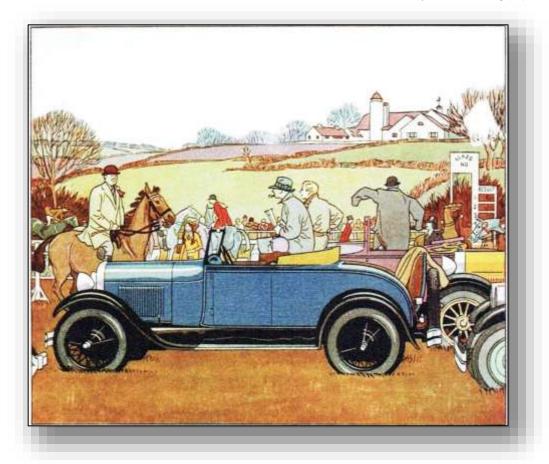
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MARC Award of Highest Achievement - 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

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"Happy days! A drive is coming up, just not with these crowds."

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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.

### 2020 Southside A's Club Events

June 27	Scenic drive and picnic lunch.	
July 18	Club Summer Social at Besch's	
October 16-17	CAMAFC Fall Leaf Tour, Cheaha	
	State Park	

### 2020 Events of Interest

Oct. 29-Nov.1	FINAL SOCIAL SECURITY RUN!

#### **Editor's Note:**

We've all experienced the loss of not seeing each other for three months now. And we all understand the necessities of caution and responsibility as we move forward. We hope you have all been staying safe, and wish the best for everyone's families and loved ones.

The good news is that the board has determined that a tour that exercises reasonable precautions can now take place. The end of June will find us gathering for a nice drive and a bring-your-own picnic lunch. See inside.

Also, enjoy one of many stories that have come my way about Model A adventures, old and new. This one will give you a smile, and admiration for ingenuity and grit.

-Gwyneth



**JUNE 21, 2020** 

### **Happy Birthday!**

10<sup>th</sup> - Sally Jones

13th - Paul Beeghly

20th - Ray Crisp

20<sup>th</sup> - Jill Dyke

26th - Drena Miller

27th - Teri Besch

27th - Deborah Pelham

30<sup>th</sup> - Don Filippone



### **Happy Anniversary!**

14th - Ray & Teri Besch

17th - Marshall & Marilyn Corley

18th - Benny & Pam Bohanan

18th - Johnnie & Wyvonne Hobbs

22<sup>nd</sup> - Tom & Betty Miller

25th - Jack & Drena Miller

25<sup>th</sup> - Don & Arlene Filippone

26th - David & Fran Birch

27th - John & Ruth DeBroux

30th - Jimmy & Alice Parks



### **Thoughts from Our Director**

### Greetings to all,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Memorial Day celebration. It was probably different from past years but hopefully enjoyable nonetheless.

Your board is excited that we can finally say we are having a club activity this month. However, we want to do so in a safe and responsible manner. For that reason, we've chosen to have a picnic at Sardis Baptist Church pavilion where there will only be our club members present. This will allow us to fellowship with each other, drive our cars, be outside, maintain social distancing and not come in contact with the general public.

Look for June picnic details elsewhere in the Newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Come July, I feel like we have a good chance to resume planned activities. I, for one, hope to never hear canceled due to COVID-19 ever again!

Let's keep our A's rolling,

-Jackie

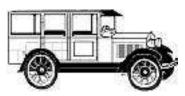
### Visit our website!

Southsideas.com









A little chuckle.....

**Sign at a Propane Filling Station:** 

"Thank Heaven for little grills."

### A Southside A's Tour and Picnic!

### Saturday, June 27, 2020

We are thrilled to announce a tour after three months of strict social distancing. The time seems to be right for us to venture out in our cars, see some beautiful countryside and share fellowship and a meal...while still practicing reasonable precautions.

Watch for an email with all the details coming soon.....

### **CELEBRATING OUR MODEL A's**

(During these unusual times....)

### Jim & Ann Hunter's Roadster Project

Jim sent in these photos illustrating where he is on the restoration of his Roadster.



Frame, suspension, brakes, and engine almost all done.



Fenders, splash guards, and running boards back from paint shop. Wheels also powder coated.



Parts for the body (except for gas tank and body tub) back from paint shop.

### Larkin's T Adventure

By Vic Groah

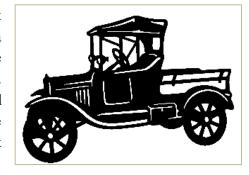
### (Forward to Larkin's adventure: To understand the following story fully some background information may be helpful.

The model T Ford truck was a very light weight low powered vehicle. Its 20 horse power engine and two speed planetary transmission was designed for use in a very light 1500 pound passenger car in 1908. When adapted to truck use it was terribly under powered with a cruse speed of about 20 miles per hour. The brakes were a single one-inch wide 12-inch diameter band inside the transmission lined with woven cotton cloth running in engine oil. The wheel brakes were just cast iron shoes against mild steel drums applied with a lever that automatically shifted the transmission into neutral giving no engine compression.

The trip from Lindsay California to Los Angeles in 1930 would be about 200 miles. The first 60 miles were flat ground and 20 mph would be possible. Then there were about 60 miles of four to ten percent grades up and down. Here is the rub, much of this empty would be 5 mph. Loaded walking speed at best! This truck had the optional two speed rear axle so it would give a four speed gearing. This did not help the brakes much but did give under drive gear ratios for engine compression help. After the mountains came the rest of the trip in rolling country for the remainder of the trip to Los Angeles; the reverse for the trip back.)

Many years ago a good friend, Larkin Vaughn, related an experience he had as a youth. I found it interesting and have decided to share it with you all.

The time was about 1930. Times were hard and if you had a job at all you would do almost anything to keep it. Larkin was working for a painting contractor in Lindsay California. The boss asked him to take the company Ford truck to Los Angeles to pick up a barrel of white lead. As you may know in those days any paint worth putting on was filled with great amounts of lead. As we all know lead is very heavy. I have no idea how much a 55 gallon barrel of white lead would weigh, but it must be a lot.



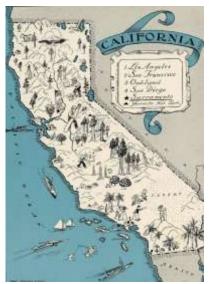
Larkin headed out early in the morning with the T Ford truck. This must have been a very old truck at the time as it had hard rubber tires. It took Larkin and the Ford all day and all the night to make the 170-mile trip over the old ridge route, with its 60 miles of steep, switch back curves to Los Angeles. It was a hard trip and he did not relish the thought of making it again any time soon. He had run non-stop, as he had taken a drum of gas and food with him to make the trip.

Larkin pulled up to the dock and noticed that there were three barrels of white lead with the company name on them. Now young Larkin thought to himself, that was a hell of a trip and he did not want to turn around and make it two more times. He had the dock crew use the big crane and put all three barrels of white lead on the truck, next to the drum of gas for the return trip. He was too smart to make that trip again the next day after getting home. It was just too long and hard.

Well, Larkin soon learned the error of his decision, within a couple of miles it became evident that the old 20 horse power T was not up to the task. Each little rise would bog the engine down and into low gear. It was fortunate the truck was equipped with a Ruxstell rear axle which was an under drive. This allowed for splitting gears and gave the two speed Ford four speeds forward, the massive grades of the ridge route loomed before him and he was already in low range in the Ruxstell on the rolling hills north of Los Angeles.

The heady grades of the ridge forced the poor T into low low with the throttle in wide-open position. He found a forked stick to prop the low pedal down by propping it against the seat base. A Ford model T the transmission is held into low by applying heavy pressure on the low pedal on the floor. He took the hood off the engine to let some of the heat out; the exhaust manifold was glowing red-hot. He could not stay in the cab

from the heat so walked along side or rode on the running board. Thus he went, 2 to 5 miles per hour for the 60 or so winding miles it takes to cross the mountains. It was a tortuous ordeal to say the least.



It took all day and all the night to make it to the top, and then he was in real trouble. Down hill !!! He had to keep it in low low in order to keep the truck from running away and joining the many other disasters at the bottom of one of the many canyons. He took a couple of short naps on the bed of the truck, as was the custom at the time. There were no motels in those days or money to rent one if there had been. He had packed a couple of lunches but due to the extended time ran out of food as well.

One last mistake was made. As the road straightened out into the valley he was determined to make up some of the lost time and took advantage of the last down slope to get up some speed. BIG MISTAKE. The hard rubber tires, with three times the weight they were designed for started to come apart, throwing off big chunks of rubber. Now the truck was going along CALUMP, CALUMP, CALUMP as the heavy load came down on the rim because of the missing chunks of tire. He again was reduced to walking speed.

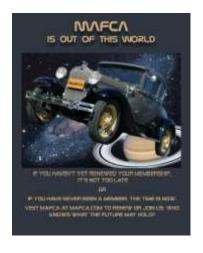
Well, several days after leaving home, and in the middle of the night, he made it back to Lindsay. He parked the poor, damaged T in the company compound and went home, knowing he no longer had a job. No use to go for the last paycheck. The truck was ruined and the repairs would cost much more than he had coming in pay.

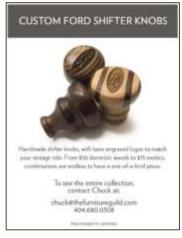
Much to his surprise the boss contacted him and had him come back to work. He had exhibited very poor judgment but was a good workman and that had saved his bacon.

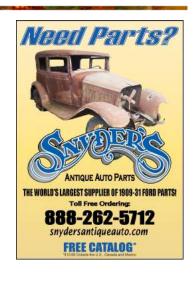
After writing this story I have talked with Larkin's daughter. She informed me that the white lead was for making the paint for the Lindsay city water tower. That job too was not a fun endeavor as in those days safety measures were not as they are now and Larkin had concerns about working with no safety lines on the tower.

Larkin had a lifelong respect for the model T Ford. He had one until his death in the 1970s.

Larkin Vaughn became a master mechanic and worked in the automotive field into his 80s. He also was a valued member on the Tulare County Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club of America for many years. His Overland, Franklin, and brass era T Fords were a part of most area tours from the 1950s to the end of his life. He was also a special friend and godfather to my son.







# 25th Annual Social Security Run The Final Run (Take Two) - Thanks for the Memories!



Hello Everybody!

This is the one and only "Headknocker" speaking to ya! I hope all is well with you and yours. They say all good things must come to an end and I guess that's true, 'cause this will be our last Social Security Run!

We started in 1996 – 25 years ago – so we are planning to make the last SSR something to remember and Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, GA will help us do just that! It is a beautiful place near some great roads to travel down.

The "Social Security Run" has done exactly what we wanted it to do – get the old cars out and have a good time doing it with old and new friends like you! If we hadn't started this event, our paths might never have crossed, but I sure am glad they did and I hope you are too!

If you still haven't decided whether or not to attend – let me encourage you to be a part of this very special weekend – **October 29 – November 1, 2020.** 

See Ya Down the Road!

Robert Taylor

(Editor's note: Check your recent email for the complete announce and registration form)

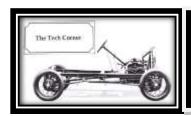
**NOTICE FROM ROAD AND TRACK.COM:** The Harbor Freight jack stands that we've all bought, borrowed or seen in our friends' garages are being recalled due to a risk of collapsing under load. Go check yours immediately.

In a recall filed with the NHTSA on March 20 of this year, Harbor Freight explains that certain 6-ton jack stands have the potential to disengage their support pawl under shifting weight, causing the stand to drop suddenly. A second recall, filed May 3, extends the recall to 3-ton jack stands. The defect is attributed to aging tooling at the factory that produced the jack stands.

The recall document says that the problem could affect more than 450,000 6-ton jack stands produced between 2013 and 2019 and nearly 1.3 million 3-ton jack stands produced between 2012 and 2020. These jack stands were sold under the Pittsburg brand name, and can be identified by item numbers 56371 or 61196 on 3-ton models, and 61197 on 6-ton models.



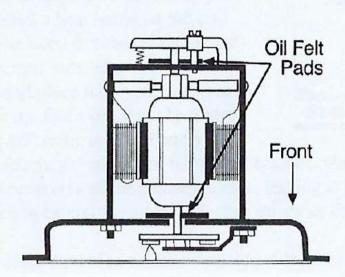
Harbor Freight urges anybody in possession of affected jack stands to return them to the store in exchange for a gift card equal to the price of the stands. Any unsold jack stands covered by the recall have been removed from stores. Check on your buddies and spread the word around—these jack stands are ubiquitous, and a failure like this could be fatal.



## The Tech Corner

### HORN LUBRICATION

Lubricating their horn is one item that some people overlook. There are two felt pads at the armature area of your horn. Put two (2) drops of 3-1 type oil on each felt oiler pad about two times a year and this will help keep your horn working. DO NOT OVER OIL.



Submitted by Tony Topicz, Ohio Valley Region. Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana





### **MAFFI Newsletter Minute – June 2020**



Model A Day at The Gilmore is planned for September 18-19. Our theme this year is "Model A First Responders". We plan to have police vehicles, fire trucks and a Model A ambulance on exhibit as part of our event. We also plan to have our swap meet as well as technical and fashion seminars.

The MAFFI Trustees have been working with The Gilmore staff to assure that the museums and grounds at The Gilmore are as safe as possible to prevent the spread of

Covid-19. The Gilmore will assure that procedures will be in place in accordance with Federal and CDC guidelines and Michigan safety and health regulations. There will be changes required to be in compliance with health regulations. Restrictions in gatherings of crowds will require a change in how we conduct seminars. Masks will be required of Gilmore employees and food service will be changed so that food orders are delivered to visitors after orders are taken. Our interactive displays will not be available for use this year. I'm sure other changes will be required pertaining to screening, physical distancing, PPE (personal protective equipment) and limitations in capacity. As stated by The Gilmore and fully supported by MAFFI, "Protecting the health and safety of employees and visitors is our highest calling". So, we will have to be flexible and adapt to the changes needed to support having a great event this year.

Since Model A Day attendees do not register for the event in advance, we don't have an ability to communicate with attendees through e-mail addresses. To keep everyone informed, we will communicate updates, as they occur, through our website, (<a href="www.maffi.org">www.maffi.org</a>), The Gilmore website (<a href="gilmorecarmuseum.org">gilmorecarmuseum.org</a>) and our national club Facebook pages. Please use these communication tools to learn more about Model A Day this year at The Gilmore. Also, I encourage you to contact me or any MAFFI Trustee with your questions or concerns.

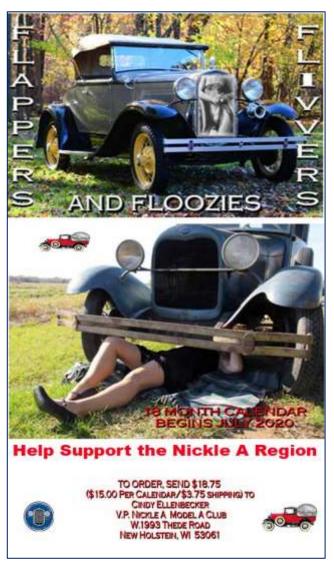
Sincerely,

John Begg, President



**FLAG DAY JUNE 14, 2020** 





### **FUN CALENDAR!**

The Nickle A Model A Region was set to host the June National Meet in Oshkosh before the Covid 19 pandemic! The ladies of the club put together an 18-month calendar with Model A's, their pictures, and sassy by-lines. The calendars start in July 2020 and run 18 months.

These calendars are dated so that we will not be able to sell them in 2021 when we hope to be able to host the national meet. PLEASE consider purchasing one or more of our great calendars to help the club.

Ordering information at the bottom of the picture at left.



### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance as of March 31, 2020:	\$3,073.50
Deposits: 2020 Dues	\$45.00
Expenses:	-0-
Balance as of May 31, 2020:	\$3,118.50

<sup>\*\*</sup>Two months, April and May have been combined in this report.



### STILL TO COME IN 2020

### MAFCA - See You at Hershey, October 7-10, 2020

MAFCA will be back at the Hershey show this October. We'll be in space **CF 81-83**, our usual spot in Chocolate field. Come for technical seminars, the opportunity to order merchandise, as well as the chance to talk with members of the Board and other Model A'ers. Looking forward to seeing you at Hershey!











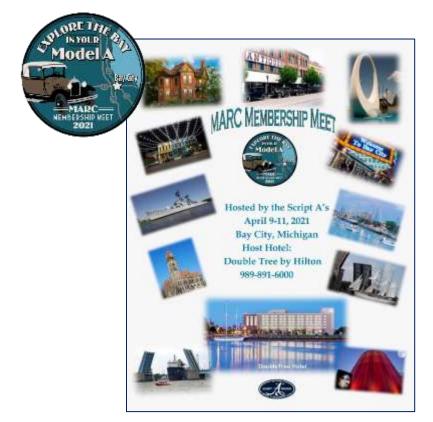






### NATIONAL TOURS - 2021

**NOTE:** Coronavirus has upended many things, including national Model A events. The National clubs have now rescheduled some events for the future.







# **Items For Sale**

**FOR SALE: NEW!** 1930 Rumble Seat Sport Coupe. Washington Blue with black fenders and straw wheels A very dependable and presentable car; drive it anywhere. Asking \$15,200. Contact Greg Marshall anytime after 6:00 PM. 470-234-7187





**WANTED:** Used '30 or '31 front and rear bumpers.

Contact D. Petrie 770-378-6578

**FOR SALE:** I have a few nice pairs of license plates available plus two complete runs from 1914 – 2018 with all the matching pairs, and one complete run from 1915 – 1970. Most are 'great paint'. If interested, please call after 7:00 PM.

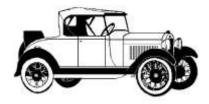
Greg Marshall: 470-234-7187



<u>FOR SALE:</u> 1930 Georgia License Plates. Unrestored and Restored. Singles, pairs, and sequentially numbered plates available. **Email Jim Hunter** at <a href="mailto:vtguy@aol.com">vtguy@aol.com</a> or call (770) 710-2153







# **Club Items**

<u>Club Banners:</u> We have designed a Club Banner to display on your car when touring or just to hang in your shop. <u>Call JimJohnston</u> @ (678) 423-4344 or <u>jamesrj@charter.net</u>

#### **NEED A CLUB NAME TAG?**

Now you can order direct from **Shirts Atlanta**, **LLC**, located in Tyrone.

They have been providing our tags for many years and have everything set to go.

Simply email them at Info@ShirtAtlanta.com or give them a call at 770-487-9399. They will handle everything for your order, and mail it to you. If you live close by you can also stop in and pick up yourself



# Invitation to join Model "A" Restorers Club

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

### MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

6721 Merriman, Garden City MI 48135 (734) 427-9050 office (734) 427-9054 fax modelarestorersclub@gmail.com

2020 Membership Application					
Dues- New or Renewals					
( ) US Membership \$45.00 ( ) US Air Mail \$57.00 ( ) Canada \$55.00 ( ) International \$61.00					
IMPORTANT: Make checks payable to: Model "A" Restorers Club or (M.A.R.C.).  All checks must be payable in U.S. funds (U.S. funds must be stamped on check and drawn from a U.S. bank). International Money Orders in U.S. Funds are also accepted.					
CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: ( ) Visa ( ) Master Charge or ( ) Discover Credit Card ( ) American Express #					
EXP Date CVV2 Code # Phone # (Last 3 numbers on back of Credit Card)					
Membership #E-mail Name:					
Address: State: Zip:  L give permission to publish my phone number in the future MARC Membership Rosters:					
( ) Yes ( ) No Phone: I give permission to publish my email in the future MARC Membership Rosters: ( ) Yes ( ) No Email:					
With your membership you will receive a club membership I.D. card and the <i>Model "A"</i> News, our BI-monthly club magazine. In addition, each member is entitled to a free 40 word classified ad in each issue of our international publication, the <i>Model "A" News</i> (A good source of parts and information you may need for your car).					

### **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.

#### The Southside A's Newsletter:

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Name	The Restorer magazine • Technical Support • Local		
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Address	<ul> <li>"How To Restore" Series Judging Standards and</li> </ul>		
City			
StateZip	U.S. Membership - \$50		
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Permission n to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters? Yes:No:	Make checks or money orders payable to MAFCA		
Gift Membership	U.S. Funds Only		
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	Visa/MasterCard (circleone)		
Spouse's Name	Card Number:		
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Return this form and payment to: MAFCA

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1 - MAFCA Lapel Pin

1 - MAFCA Decal

1 - Name Badge Only \$10 extra