

# THE SOUTHSIDE A's

SOUTH METRO ATLANTA, GA MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB Chartered March 1989 MAFCA Chapter - Chartered May 2014



# Newsletter



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"Even with sprinkles, it's a Model A Day."

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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.

## 2021 Southside A's Club Events

May 6	Ice Cream Nights begin! Culvers in
	Newnan.
May 8	Barnstormer's Grill, and Griffin
	Historic Home Tour.
May 26	1st Monthly Lunch - Southern Pit
	BBQ, Griffin. Details inside.
June 7	Collector Car Insurance presentation.
	Dinner at Tim's Country Buffet.
June 16	Monthly Lunch Bunch - Little
	Hawaiian, Carrollton.
June TBD	Day Tour - in the works!
July 17	Summer Social at Besch's
July 21	Monthly Lunch Bunch - Concord
	Café and Greg Farms, Concord, GA.
August TBD	Day outing - in the works!
August 18	Monthly Lunch Bunch - TBD
September 16-19	Dick & Jane Tour - Aiken, SC, and
_	environs. Stay tuned for details!
September 22	Monthly Lunch Bunch - TBD
October 16-17	Warner Robbins Air Museum

#### **2021 Events of Interest**

June 7-11	MARC National Meet, Oshkosh, WI
June 20-25	MAFCA National Tour, New
	Hampshire
Sept. 17-18	Model A Day, Model A Museum,
	Hickory Corners, MI

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

This month we celebrate Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Be sure to remember the mothers in your life, young and old, and take a moment to remember all those who served our great country, assuring our precious freedoms.

Look inside for upcoming activities as well as a recap of our latest outing to Auburn, AL.

May is prime touring time and we'll try to make the most of it!1

-Gwyneth

#### Happy Birthday!

2<sup>nd</sup> - Lori Hobbs

3<sup>rd</sup> - Tom Miller

7th - Jerry Watkins

9<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Searock

9th - Tony Martino

14<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Kelly-Huey

15th - Pat Gamble

20th - Fred Huey

20th - Penny Saunders

24th - Eugene Willingham

### **Happy Anniversary!**

22nd - Harry & Penny Saunders



## **Thoughts from Our Director**

Greetings to all,

WOW! Spring is here in all its glorious color and the weather is perfect for touring so let's polish up those A's and hit the road. What better time to enjoy not only our cars but all of our friends.

It's time to revive two of our favorite spring/summer activities: Culver's in Newnan is open for inside seating so we can once again meet there as we have in the past. We will gather at 6 o'clock every Thursday evening beginning May 6.

The monthly "Lunch Bunch" will resume outings on Wednesday, May 26. We'll tour to Griffin and have lunch at Southern Pit Barbecue. Look for details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Now that most of us have had our COVID-19 vaccination and restrictions are being lessened, we can take advantage of the opportunity to get back to a more normal existence. Hooray!!

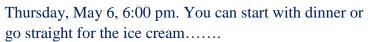
Let's keep our A's rolling,

- Jackie



It's that time of year again!!

#### **ICE CREAM NIGHTS!**



Every Thursday 'till Fall. Bring you're A and we'll see you there!

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Southsideas.com

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#### **HISTORIC HOME TOUR – GRIFFIN**

(Preceded by lunch at Barnstormer's Grill)





Dick Carne has arranged a nice outing, with routing help from Jim Hunter. The first stop will be for lunch at Barnstormer's Grill at Peachstate Airport, followed by a drive to Griffin where we will tour the Bailey-Tebault

house, built c. 1859. This stately home is also the location of the Griffin-Spalding Historical Society.

Dick has also extended an invitation to members of the local Early V8 Club to join us, giving us an opportunity to meet new car-enthusiast friends!

The weather forecast looks very favorable for a lovely spring day of touring. So plan to attend!

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 8.

**GATHER:** Circle K (Flash Foods) at GA 85 and Hwy 16 in Senoia

**TIME:** 10:00 AM, with departure at 10:30

**RSVP:** Dick Carne email: dickcarne@gmail.com so we don't leave you behind!

\*\*There is a Cruise Night in Griffin that afternoon/evening, for those who may be interested.

#### MONTHLY LUNCH BUNCH BEGINS! WEDNESDAY, MAY 26



The first outing of the year for the "Lunch Bunch" will be Wednesday, May 26, for a tour to **McGhin's Southern Pit Barbecue in Griffin**.

**Gather at Race Trac** at the corner of State Route 85 and Ramah Rd., south of the Courthouse Square in Fayetteville.

10 AM for a 10:15 departure.

RSVP: By Saturday, May 22, to either Jackie Peterson (jackiepete100@gmail.com) or Gwyneth Shotwell (gwynshot@aol.com).

# April "Spring Fling" Tour

#### A wonderful day in Auburn, AL

Kathy Kelly-Huey put together a full day's tour that took us on many and sundry back roads for a great Model A drive! Six cars took off from Sam's Club, and then we picked up four more in LaGrange. Our destination was Auburn, Alabama, with our first stop being the Jule Collins Smith Art Museum. We were greeted by friendly and knowledgeable docents who took us in groups to see both an impressive array of paintings by Bernini and the Roman Baroque, as well as a variety of sculptures in the surrounding gardens.

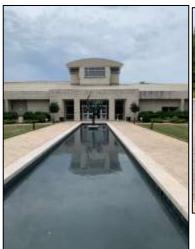
With appetites reflecting the "hour gained" time difference, we descended on the charming Mason Jar restaurant for a nice Southern buffet. We'll have to make a return trip for a late afternoon visit sometime so we can partake of their famous "Milkshake Bar!"

From there we took a short drive to the home of Bryan Chin, owner of "The Last Model A." This is a very interesting and significant car on many levels. Purchased out of the Roy Frost collection, it was originally created for Henry Ford II as a beach wagon to take the kids to the beach when in Southhampton. It was also considered the first Ford "Sportsman," with a convertible top, tailgate, side curtains, and more. Built on a Model A chassis, the vehicle is made up of various elements from the Model A era, along with many custom made parts. Its registration is from 1946. For more information, try these links to Google docs written by Mr. Chin.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19GDKuOfSnE0ARQYuCijY5fpetVcILHPg/view

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NQm27C6lh-YqS6 LQXjAHrcOseALTtGj/view

After touring the rest of the Chin garage, with all manner of collections and automobilia, we saddled up for the scenic drive home. It was a great Model A day!





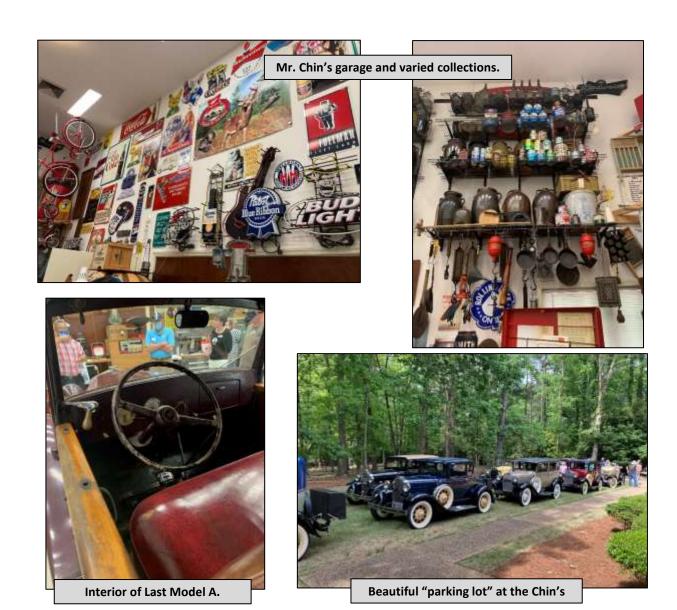




Jule Collins Smith Museum grounds







Our merry band: Fred & Kathy Huey; Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell; Jim & Ann Hunter; Ray Besch; Eugene Willingham riding with Jim Wingo; Mark & Marilyn Corley; Bobby & MaryJane Cleveland, daughter Brittany & boyfriend; Pat & Pam Tyler; Terry & Niva Atkins; Taylor & Judy Merrill.

#### **COMING IN JUNE:**

**June 7, 6:00 PM** – Collector Car Insurance presentation (NOT a sales pitch!) Come to Tim's Country Buffet in Fayetteville for dinner and learn how to properly insure your collector car(s). A local agent will explain the ins and outs of insurance terms, and how it affects your policy. Questions? Email Jim Hunter in advance so our guest can fill you in that evening. <a href="mailto:ytguy@aol.com">ytguy@aol.com</a> There will be a board meeting just prior to dinner, starting at 5:30.

**June 16** – **Monthly Lunch Bunch**: Little Hawaiian Seafood Grill, Carrollton.

**June TBD** – Day-tour, still in the works! Stay tuned.....

# FASHION FINDS...

Over the next few months I'll be publishing one page each of a 7-page article by Jill Barrett of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of MAFCA. It is so well done, both fun, tasteful and informative. Thanks to the MAFCA newsletter online for the link. I hope you enjoy it.

And then there was the jacket: good-looking, fresh and it had a definite place in the fashion world in the Model A era.

In 1930, the jacket had a reminiscent trend from 1880 silhouettes with a fitted bodice above a skirt fairly flat in front and very full at the back.

In evening frocks, the short bolero in the back resembled short wings that floated gracefully above a very long skirt. Also in 1930, boleros were still a favorite style that made a fitted waistline more becoming.



Hats in 1930 were described as "off the face". Hat crowns were shallower, usually with a skull-fitting short front, exposing her forehead. They were trimmed with insets, handwork and embroidery.

Looking One's Loveliest in 1930

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May 2020



Sunday, May 9





# MAFFI Newsletter Minute May, 2021



#### **Buy A Brick**

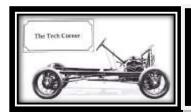
One of the ways that you can support the museum is to purchase a brick for the walkways in front of the museum. There are currently 20 spaces left in front of the museum under the gas station canopy but we have prepared another area and will be utilizing it as more orders come in. The cut-off date is June 1<sup>st</sup> for installation at the museum on the 2021 Model A Day. If you have been thinking about ordering a brick 'In Memory' or 'In Honor' of someone near and dear to you, or if your club/region doesn't have a brick at the museum with its name on it, now would be a great time to do it. Each brick is \$150 and the form can be found at <a href="www.maffi.org">www.maffi.org</a>. Just go to the tab that says Store and go to Just a Brick. There will be an order form for you to download.

#### Make your Reservations for Model A Day 2021

Our Host Hotel is ready for you to start making your reservations! You can easily do this by going to <a href="www.maffi.org">www.maffi.org</a>. Just go to the tab that says INFO and follow it to the link for Model A Day. The Gilmore is open and running with required Covid Restrictions in place. We hope that you will be excited to come and enjoy our museum as well as the other fun activities, seminars, swap meet and tire-kicking that goes along with any Model A get-together! We look forward to seeing you there on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. (If you come a day early, there will be a few seminars on Friday afternoon and evening.)







#### The Tech Corner

# Jim's Tech Tip

#### Towing Your Model A on a Trailer

There will be times when you need to transport your Model A on a trailer. Here's a tip on trailer loading to help you tow safely.

When the car is loaded on the trailer, the tongue weight of the trailer on the trailer hitch (on the back of your car or truck) should be between 10-15% of the total weight of the combined "trailer+Model A". If you load the trailer with less than 10% of the weight on the hitch, the trailer will sway as the speed increases, which is very dangerous. Over 15% can put too much unnecessary load on the back of your tow vehicle, which can take weight off of your front wheels (needed for steering and braking) – which is also not good.

How do you know the weight of your "trailer+Model A"? I took my car on the trailer to my local feed store where they have a scale. Many truck stops also have scales. I parked the loaded trailer on the scale, disconnected my truck, and moved the truck off the scale. They charge a small fee to give you the weight. Once I had that total weight, it was easy to calculate 10% and 15% of that. For example, if your "trailer+Model A" is 4,200 pounds, your Target Tongue Weight is 420 to 630 pounds, call it 525.

Once you know the Target Tongue Weight that you are shooting for, how do you know what the actual tongue weight is when you put the Model A on the trailer? You can figure it out with a ruler or tape measure. Go to a building supply store (like Home Depot) with your tow vehicle and no trailer. Measure and record the distance between the bottom of the trailer hitch and the ground. Now start loading 80# bags of dry concrete mix into your car trunk or truck bed until you have loaded your Target Tongue Weight. (I had a helpful young guy at HD load them in for me.) The exact load is not critical, but it must be above your 10% number. Now measure and record the distance between the bottom of the trailer hitch and the ground again. Once you have those 2 numbers, you can ask the helpful lad at the store to unload all those bags and put them back! Thankfully, you only have to do this exercise one time.

With these 2 measurements, before and after the load was added, you can quickly figure out the change in height above the ground when you have your Target Tongue Weight on the back of your tow vehicle. This CHANGE in the height of your trailer hitch is the HITCH DROP that you need to get when you load your Model A on the trailer. Before attaching the trailer to your tow vehicle in the future, measure the height of the trailer hitch above the ground. Now attach the trailer and load your Model A on it. Pull the Model A forward on the trailer until your trailer hitch has dropped by your Target Hitch Drop. You can roll the Model A forward and backward a bit on the trailer to get the amount of drop that you are shooting for. Now tie the Model A down in this position on the trailer and be confident that you have enough, but not too much, tongue weight on your trailer hitch.

I have marked on my trailer the best spot to load a Model A to get the target tongue weight and hitch drop. When I put them on the mark, the tongue weight is correct.

For more tips on safe towing, check out the following web site: https://www.curtmfg.com/towing-safety

Let's be careful out there, and Have a Model A Day! Jim Cannon



#### NATIONAL TOURS – 2021





#### 2021 MAFCA's National Tour



Mountains, Woodlands, Meadows and Lakes Tour in the White Mountains of New Hampshire

Come Join us in MAFCA's 2021 National Tour, hosted by the New Hampshire Lakes Region Model A Club

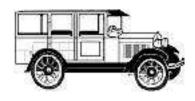
#### June 20-25, 2021

This hub and spoke tour will take you over miles of scenic roads in the fresh New England air with spectacular views of the White Mountains, woodlands, meadows, and the Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

We invite you to explore the White Mountains, drive the Kancamagus Highway, venture to the top of Mount Washington via the Auto Road or ride the Cog Railroad to the summit. Take in the spectacular views and vista points of the White Mountain National Forest. Visit the famous Mt. Washington Hotel and the world-famous Clark Trading Post. Travel aboard the Conway Scenic Railroad from North Conway through the area's unique terrain. Enjoy the Lakes Region of New Hampshire's Lake Winnipesaukee and Squam Lake, where the movie On Golden Pond was filmed. Putter along on back country roads over covered bridges—all this while returning each night to the comforts of North Conway. Over beautiful byways surrounded by fields and forests you and your "A" will go, so don't miss out on this scenic opportunity. Join us!

Come and enjoy touring the many roads less traveled, taking in the peaceful surroundings and breathtaking views of all that the Granite State offers. Motoring through miles of spectacular mountains, passing meadows and woodlands lined with stone walls built in a simpler time, and crossing a river stream on a picturesque one-lane covered bridge—all this and much more awaits you in New Hampshire.









# For Sale/Wanted

FOR SALE: 1929 Town Sedan (AACA First

Place winner) 1985 National Meet.

Not a show car now but a Model A set for touring. **\$18,000**. On eBay currently. Located in AL.

Contact: David Black, 256-339-3234





<u>FOR SALE:</u> 1930 Model A Coupe. Reported to run and drive great. Asking \$17000. For more information, call **Wade Brewer, 404-725-8730**.





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

Contact D. Petrie 770-378-6578

<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





**FOR SALE:** 1929 Model A Phaeton, reasonably solid body chemically stripped (now light surface rust), excellent original top bows complete with wood. Car is about 75% complete and rolling on 21 inch wheels. Asking \$4500. You are invited to look it over in Franklin, GA.

Call Jim Dawson: 706-675-3696

# **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. Call

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# **Application for Club Membership**

# Southside A's Model A Restorer's Club

Name	Spou	Spouse's Name		
Street Address	City/State	:/Zip		
Phone (Home)	(Business)	(Cell)		
Occupation	E-mail			
Please list Mo	del A's you own (You do not have	to own a Model A to join our club)		
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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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#### **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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Name			
Spouse's Name			
Address			
City			
State	Zip		
Country	_Telephone		
Permission n to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters? Yes:No:  Gift Membership			
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Spouse's Name\_\_\_\_\_

State Zip

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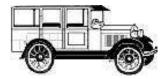
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  - 1 Name Badge Only \$10 extra







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