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MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB

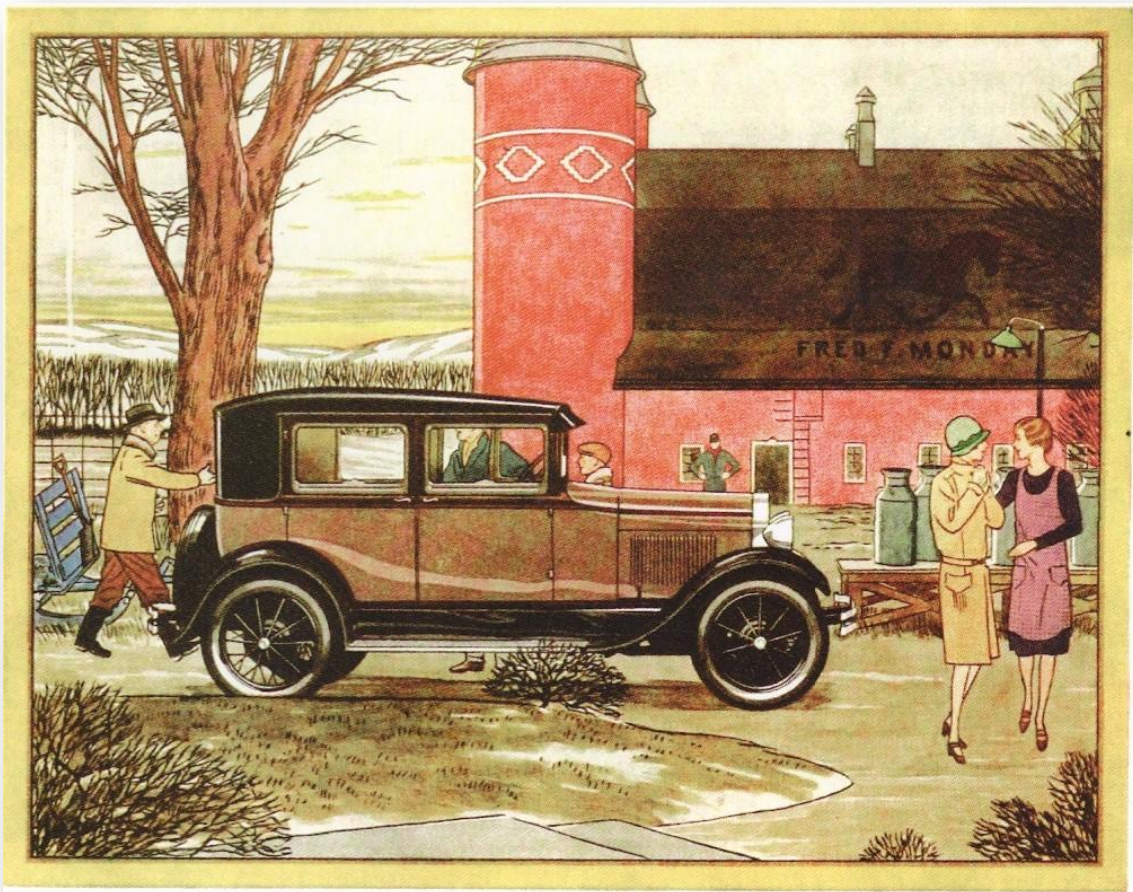
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“A reminder of the Wisconsin countryside from the MARC Meet.”

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2012 Southside A's Club Events

****BOARD MEETING: JULY 11, 7:00 at the home of Phil and Kathie Meyers. Dessert will be served!**

July 21	Summer picnic at the Meyers'. Possible sunrise tour to start the day.
August 18	Moonlight Tour - Buckner's
September 8	Day-tour with CAMFC to the Tuskegee Airmen and George Washington Carver Museums.
September 22	International Model A Day - local tour and dinner at The Lighthouse
November 9	Annual Business Meeting/Dinner
December (TBA)	Annual Christmas Party

2012 Events of Interest

September 16-19	MARC National Tour, Chattanooga, TN
October 10-13	Hershey Car Show
October 19-20	Sweet Home Alabama - CAMFC tour in Huntsville, AL.
November 16-18	Moultrie Swap Meet

Editor's Notes:

We hope you are all staying cool during the fire-cracker heat! Perfect for the 4th, of course.

Five Southside A couples ventured to the two national meets in June, enjoying varied and wonderful experiences, recounted below.

As a result of being gone for quite some time, this issue will be a bit slimmer than usual, but no less interesting (we hope)!

Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!!

July Birthdays

8th Jason Carne
8th Jackie Johnston
15th Patsy Riley
15th Kim Wingo
16th Julie Carden
16th Lois Crisp
18th Arlene Filippone
24th Jim Wingo
26th Ken Riley



July Anniversaries

3rd - Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell
4th - Eugene & Kathleen Willingham
23rd - Tommy & Shirley Davis
25th - Larry & Jackie Peterson



Notes from Our Director

HOT -- We're talking HOT here in Georgia !! Wow, this has been a tough month on the home front to create some Model A action. For some, however, these days were filled with Model A's everywhere in sight! We had members attend both the MARC and MAFCA Conventions in Oshkosh, WI, and Marquette, MI. By reading all about the Besch's and Miller's trip on their blog (www.beschmiller2012.blogspot.com) or perhaps in this edition of the newsletter you can hear about a great road trip in their Model A's. This was a great accomplishment and I am sure a great deal of fun. Model A's are very tough cars. Two other members took in both conventions as well but chose to drive modern and tow their cars: the Shotwell's and the Johnston's. They had a great time seeing all the sights as well. I cannot wait to hear all of the stories that big road trips like these can generate. Our get-togethers over the next few months are sure to be filled with some great stories.

On July 21st we will gather at my home for our annual Summer picnic. As hot as it;s been lately, we just might get some people into the pool yet. All are welcome and bringing your swimsuit along is encouraged. If it is just too hot outside we will spend our time indoors. One way or the other we will have fun and good food. Look for a special e-mail invitation about this gathering in the near future. If anyone is willing to head up a short morning tour for this day please let me know at once so that it can be included in the invitation to all.

ICE CREAM NIGHT -- Wednesdays -- The past two weeks have been just too hot to be outside, and the next Wednesday is the 4th. So, let's hope that the following Wednesday, the 18th, we can get together again at Brewster's in Peachtree City.

2013 Elections --- NO, not national politics -- **Southside A Elections!** With half the year gone it is time to start thinking about what board or activity position you might enjoy serving in for the next year. No club can be any better than the folks who devote their time and talent to running the club. We have a fun and active group that likes to drive their Model A's and we need some fun and talented folks to step up to hold a position in the next year. Let your desires be known to any of our current board so that we can work to get everything filled by year end election time.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER !

Phil Meyers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to various circumstances affecting attendance, the **Board of Directors** did not conduct a meeting in June. They will have even more to discuss at the July 11 meeting, to which **ALL MEMBERS** are always welcome.

Featured Photo of the Month: (As with 2011, 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 2012.”)



JULY



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Southside A's Share Their Cars at Savannah Court

Three Southside A's members took their cars to Savannah Court on June 15. Several antique cars were on display, and the residents voted on their favorites. **Jim & Ann Hunter's** 1930 Roadster took the top prize, and **Richard Sewell's** 1931 SW Fordor tied for third place. **Eugene Willingham** shared his and Kathleen's 1929 Roadster, and enjoyed visiting with a man he has known for over 60 years, describing him as being "100 years young."

MARC and MAFCA National Conventions

Well folks, the back-to-back MARC and MAFCA National Meets in Oshkosh, WI and Marquette, MI have come and gone for 2012. The SSA's were admirably represented by five couples, **The Miller's, The Besch's, The Johnston's, The Shotwell's and the Harrington's.**

The meets will be well-covered in the MARC and MAFCA magazines, so we won't attempt to delve into all of the programs, but instead touch on the events from our own club member's perspectives.



Tom and Betty Miller and **Ray and Teri Besch** were the stalwarts, driving Daisy and the Besch Blue Flash from GA to both gatherings. Their blog spelled out their adventures, through the back roads and attractions along the way, culminating with a four-hour ferry ride across Lake Michigan to the western shore, and then driving to Oshkosh for the MARC extravaganza. Their travels were well-documented on the terrific blog set up and manned by Teri. We all enjoyed the daily reports.

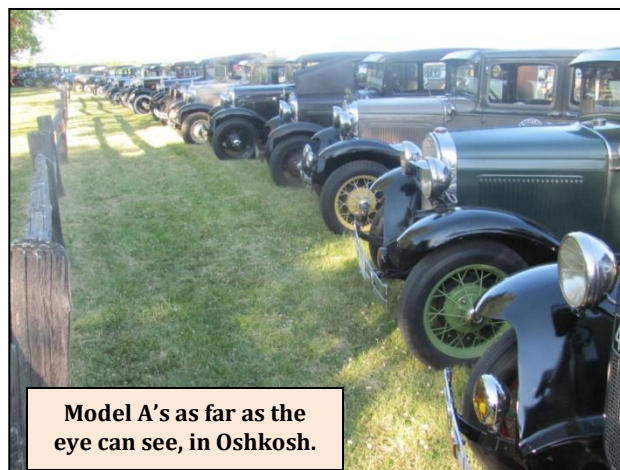
The **Shotwell's** and **Johnston's**, their new trailers loaded up with Gracie and the glossy black Tudor, respectively, tandemed in relative comfort up interstates and 4-lane highways, to Auburn, Indiana and a day spent visiting the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. They survived the challenging drive through Chicago on their final leg north to Oshkosh. The four parties then met up with **Mike and Cathy Harrington** who had flown up from Florida.



National meets are fascinating happenings; attendees are exposed to practically all forms of Model A's...from tattered road warriors to the finest examples of restoration, from the most common models to the rarest. In other words...Model A heaven. Some of the rarer models included a Town Car, 400A's, Deluxe Phaetons, Victoria's, AA's, two immaculately restored fire trucks, Henry Ford's personal unrestored fire truck, wreckers, panel trucks, and the 20,000,000th Ford, a '31 S/W Fordor. Exploring the surrounding locales provides additional layers of enjoyment.

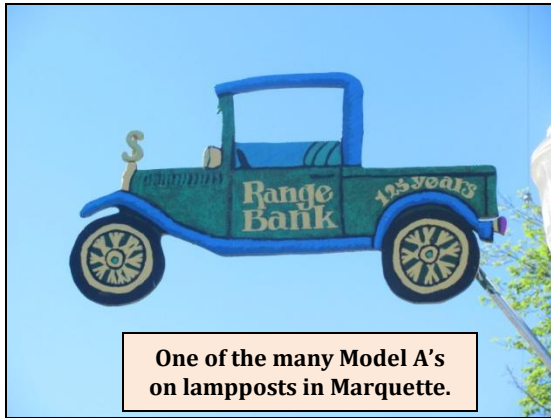
The meets were both well attended, boasting approximately 800-900 people and 400 Model A's, including a large contingency from Northern California who drove their cars, some across a northern route, others along Route 66. But the group from New Zealand (17 people!) won the "who came the farthest" award at the MAFCA gathering.

Notable seminars from both venues covered upholstery, children's era fashions, the history of Henry Ford in the Upper Peninsula, and building a car up from scratch (kid's program) which was a wonderful experience for the **Harrington's** as they are currently having Ben Bohannon do a ground up restoration on their Fordor.



Jim Johnston, Model A restorer par excellence, and formerly with Pratt Whitney, particularly relished the MARC event as it took place on the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) in Oshkosh, also the home each year of the national fly-in that attracts approximately 750,000 attendees. The impressive EAA Museum is possibly second only to the Smithsonian in breadth and scope.

Jim and Jackie made the pilgrimage to the Culver's frozen custard restaurant across from the motel; of course, they also initiated the rest of the enthusiastic SSA's.



One of the many Model A's on lampposts in Marquette.

The small town of Marquette, MI (20,000), with its quaint architecture, the historical presence of Henry Ford, and the sheer size of the Superior Dome, was well suited for the MAFCA national event. Lampposts were decorated with every style of Model A, festively painted by local residents; signs welcoming MAFCA members were seen frequently; and between two- and three-thousand spectators descended on the Dome for public viewing of the fine point and featured vehicles on Thursday night. **The Shotwell's** were partial to this event overall, and were honored to meet Edsel Ford II at the farewell banquet, where their 400A was among the featured vehicles.



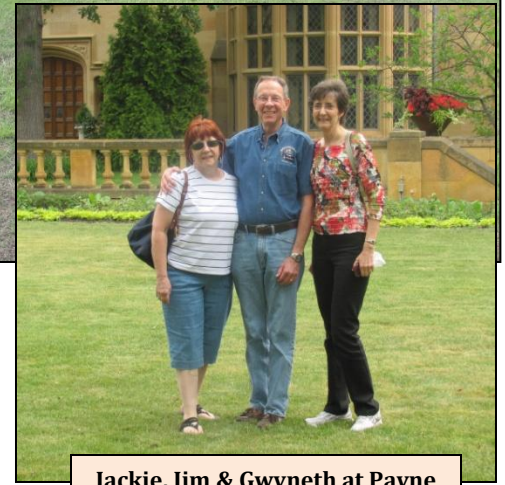
Mike Harrington & Tom Miller enjoy lunch in Iron Mtn.



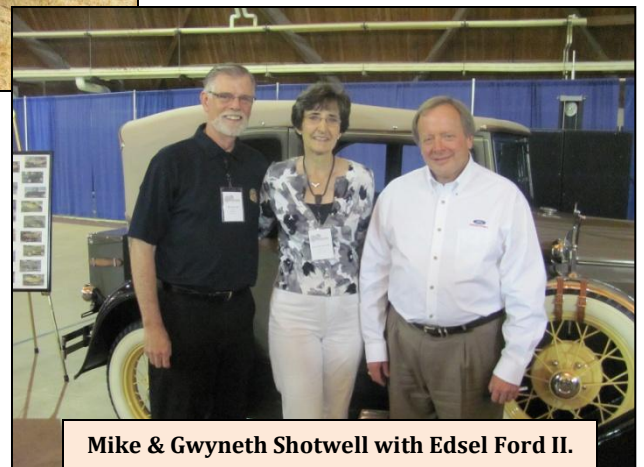
Model A's after parade in Marquette; MAFCA meet.



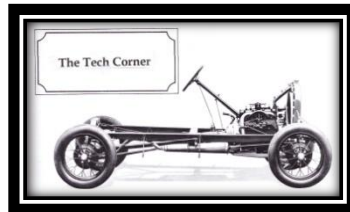
Rarity on view at the Oshkosh meet.



Jackie, Jim & Gwyneth at Payne Art Center, Oshkosh.



Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell with Edsel Ford II.



The Tech Corner

"Cup Holder Crazy"

By Bentley Bohanan, Tech Editor

If you have looked at new cars lately, one of the big selling points is how many cup holders it has. No less than 2 cup holders per passenger is the norm, and 3 on luxury cars. I even saw a new lawn mower at home depot recently that has 2 cup holders! So I thought it would be fun to look into some of these must-have accessories for our Model A's.



First up is a very neat **Cup Holder**, available from Bert's Model A in Colorado for \$30. Made in USA. Fits all closed cars, using existing dash rail bolt. 1-800-321-1931 www.modelastore.com

Next up is the **"Vagabond"** for the Model A Ford. It is a combined cup holder and storage bin which sits on the floor right in front of the seat. They are available in many color choices. It includes a shifter boot, which looks nice and holds the unit in place. \$79.75 from "Cupholders Plus" 800-978-6300

www.cupholdersplus.com



Hopkins SMT Twin Cupholder

Here is a neat plastic cup holder that will fit in the floor in front of your seat, and behind the shifter. It readily holds 2 of your favorite summer beverages, and has a cubby hole for snacks in the middle. It is available from Amazon.com for only \$11.80, with free shipping.

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Now here is a **real classic**. The one that started it all. The good ole plastic cup holder that hangs from your window channel. I found this one at Walmart in a 4 pack for only \$6.99. It is simple, rugged and dependable, plus if you break it, you can just get the next one out of the pack and put it straight to work.

Enjoy the Drive!

Beware of the “BUY IT NOW” button!!!

By Jim Hunter

Being depressed that Ann wouldn't let me buy her an 1800's spinning wheel from eBay, I decided to look at Model A's. It was then I happened to come across a 1930 Model A Phaeton. I only look at 1930 vehicles since I still have about 730 1930 Georgia license plates! I guess I will have to sell some of them or buy a lot more 1930 cars. Anyway...the Phaeton had only been posted for about nine hours and already had six bids. I noticed there was a “Buy It Now” price. Plain and simple, I just needed it!!! The question was, how to convince Ann that she also “just needed it.” After a pleasant(?) conversation with Ann and calling the seller and discussing the car with him for about 30 minutes, I couldn't stand it any longer..... and clicked on the “BUY IT NOW” button.



Thank goodness for great friends (the type you meet in Model A Clubs). When I told Phil Meyers what I had done, he instantly volunteered the use of his trailer. Not only did he volunteer his trailer, he volunteered to accompany me on the trip to pick it up. Phil also made the windshield, grill, and headlight protectors as seen in the picture. Several days later we were on a 900-mile road trip to Saint Joseph, MO. We made the trip in 2 ½ days, averaging 600 miles per day.

The Phaeton turned out to be everything Ann and I were hoping for. We also discovered how to fit five cars and a golf cart in a four-car garage. We plan to drive our new Model A many miles and have many years of enjoyment out of it.

The Southside Spy



(**Editor's Note:** this section reports rumors, sightings and other miscellaneous pertinent data. Factual information is always sought, however, misstatements, distortions and outright fabrications will also be strongly considered).

News from the National meets:

The SSA's ever-present spy network has informed the editors that CAMAFC's **Gerald Grizzard** was seen coercing women attendees at the recent national conventions to have their photos taken with him. The smiles on the ladies faces seemed to mask their real feelings...apparently, they requested \$10 per photo, but only received \$5. *"Do these women think I'm made out of money?"* snorted the irritated Model A magnate. The women's resounding answer was "Yes." CAMAFC spokesman, **Cecil Freeman**, stated that the club will look into the matter and mete out fines and admonishments as required.



MARC NATIONAL TOUR - CHATTANOOGA, TN

SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2012: The Scenic A's have planned many tours, and beginning at the host hotel, the historic Chattanooga Choo-Choo. Make your plans to attend!

Auctions of Interest

RM:

Monterey, CA - August 17-18
Hershey, PA - October 11-12

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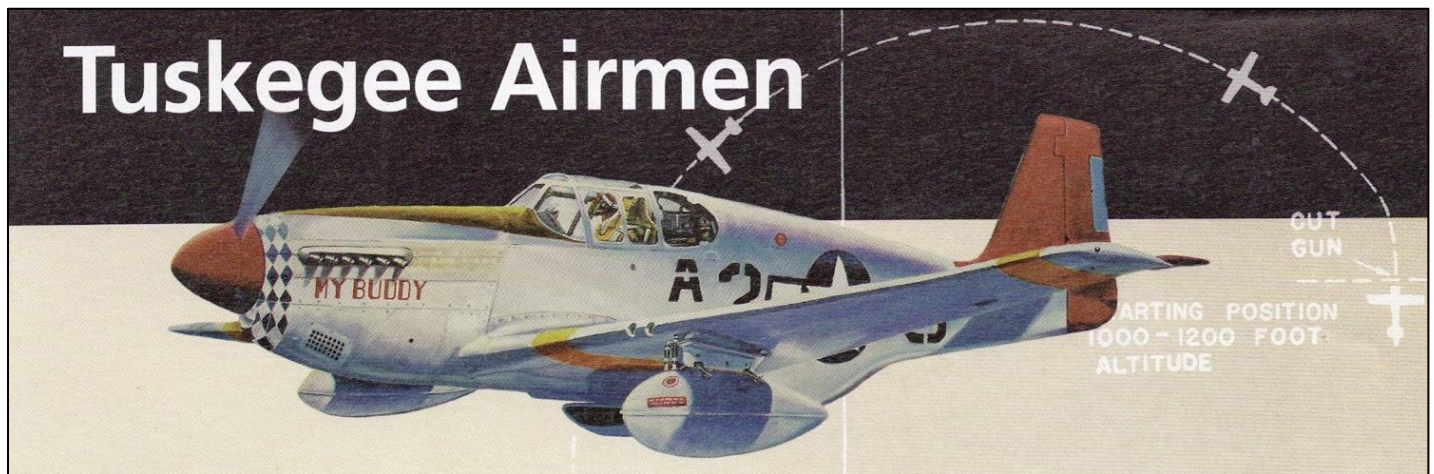
Las Vegas, NV - September 20-22

MECUM:

Monterey, CA - August 16-18
Dallas, TX - September 6-8
St. Charles, IL - September 19-22

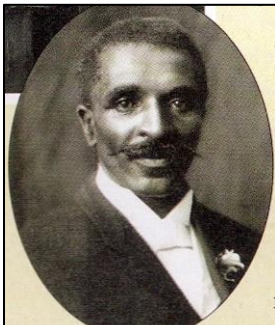
If you've received our Newsletter as a complimentary copy, and our activities look intriguing and exciting, consider becoming a **MEMBER!** Remember, owning a Model A is not a requirement; just having the interest is all you need. We are a congenial group and would love to have you join us. Contact Jim Johnston at: john8191@bellsouth.net.

Tour with CAMFCA To Tuskegee, Alabama - September 8

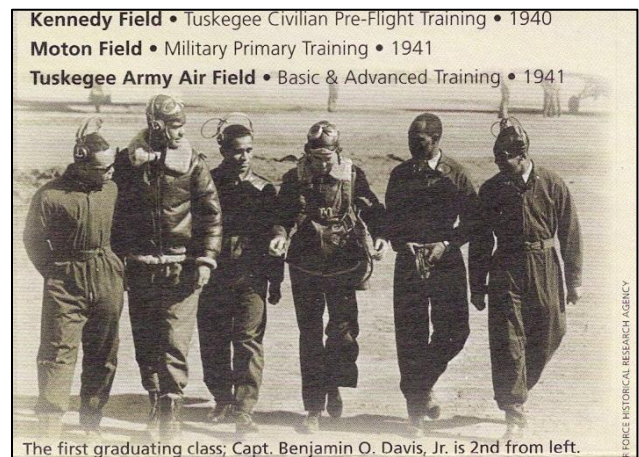


Plans are underway for a fascinating day, touring the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site and the George Washington Carver Museum. Having lunch at the Kellogg Conference center, at the center of the campus of Tuskegee University, will round out the day.

This will probably be an overnight tour, leaving Friday afternoon and returning in the afternoon on Saturday. More information to follow.



George Washington Carver



First graduating class of airmen.

“...AND A SIDE OF PANCAKES WITH YOUR MODEL A?”



On Saturday, June 9, 14 Southsiders came together at the IHOP in Peachtree City for a nice breakfast and to have a nice visit. Considering that we had 8 members on the road at the National Convention, this was quite a good crowd. We all enjoyed a good meal and good friends. A nice part of the event was having Eugene Willingham there to give us a firsthand update on how Kathleen was doing. Since so many folks enjoyed this breakfast idea we will definitely do this again soon!



MAFFI UPDATE



Here's a firsthand look at the MAFFI Museum with our intrepid travelers in front. Coming along nicely, don't you think? We understand the opening will be in September with a formal dedication next Spring.

The Museum is also presenting a **raffle** for a wonderful **Model A quilt** donated by Ruth Janke of Concord, CA, as well as a pair of **Goodyear Diamond Tread tires** (wheels not included).

Go to www.maffi.org to download ticket forms. The drawing will be held September 1, 2012. Winner need not be present. **\$1 per ticket; 6 tickets for \$5; sheet of 12 tickets for \$10.**



Items For Sale

FOR SALE: 1929 Sport Coupe; excellent car. **\$23,900.00.** Call Tommy Davis @ 770-634-6113 for more info, or todavis@bellsouth.net



FOR SALE: 1930 Town Sedan Fordor. Very nice car; paint and body is excellent; black on black with red wheels and pinstripe; excellent grey interior with fold down armrest in rear. Equipped with cowl lights, motormeter, Sparton horn, running board step plates, rear mounted spare and full rear bumper.



Asking \$15,500.00. Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, Gfireman52@aol.com

FOR SALE: Ford 1940 Deluxe Fordor. Excellent condition. Smooth and cool running Flathead V8. 12 Volt system (alternator & Powermaster starter), dual exhaust. Ready to cruise in style!

Asking \$19,000.00. Jim Johnston 678-423-4344. john8191@bellsouth.net



FOR SALE: Trailer for your Model A. Two years old in excellent (like new) condition. Professionally built by Hooper Trailers for my A. 1980 lb. empty, 5980 GVWR, 3500 lb. axles, with electric brakes, and EZ Lube hubs. I towed this trailer with my Toyota Highlander with no problem. **Asking \$1550.00.** Please call Jim Johnston 678-423-4344.



FOR SALE: 1931 Tudor Sedan, indented firewall, two tone green with green wheels. Has rear mounted spare tire, luggage rack, Sparton horn, running board step plates, green Mohair interior.

This would make a very good first car, the paint is just so-so (10-20 footer), body is good except one spot above rear window. Cranks and runs well.

Asking \$8950.00. Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, Gfireman52@aol.com



FOR SALE: 1929 Model A Ford Woody Depot Hack; has been converted to 12-volts; has sealed beam headlights. Body was built in Cuba, MS, and has the looks of a station wagon. Body is in good condition but could use a new sealing. Truck was cranking and running well when stored. Could use a little TLC.

Asking \$9250.00 Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, Gfireman52@aol.com



FOR SALE: 1930 Town Sedan Fordor, Rubelite Red with cream wheels and white wall tires. Quail radiator cap, generator; oil filler cap has blow by tube; running board step plates, cowl lights, rear mounted spare with tire cover and luggage rack. Brown Mohair interior, rear side shades, loading assist straps, blanket rope on rear seat and chrome pull handles on all doors. Paint has a few chips but overall in good condition. A ten-footer.

Asking \$13,500.00. Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, Gfireman52@aol.com



FOR SALE: 1931 Slant window town sedan.

Car has the following: F-100 steering; 4-speed transmission; new pressurized radiator; high compression head; new muffler & air conditioner; front tool box; wood grain trim; mirror clock; oil & temp gauges; new brakes; leakless water pump; six-blade plastic fan; new plugs; modern distributor; timing scale for timing light; 12-volt system; key start; extra B-model carb.

\$24,500.00 Firm. Contact Cecil Freeman,
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Side of motor, restored water neck - excellent condition -- \$20.00.

Stock length pitman arm with new ball installed -- \$20.00.

Aluminum top water neck in good cond. -- \$10.00.

Steel top water neck with repaired crack -- \$5.00.

Call Phil Meyers for any of the above:

770-487-4220.

WANTED: 1931 Left front fender.

Contact Cecil Freeman,
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Club Items

Name Tags are available by contacting

Teri Besch at 770-487-9215

or besch105@comcast.net

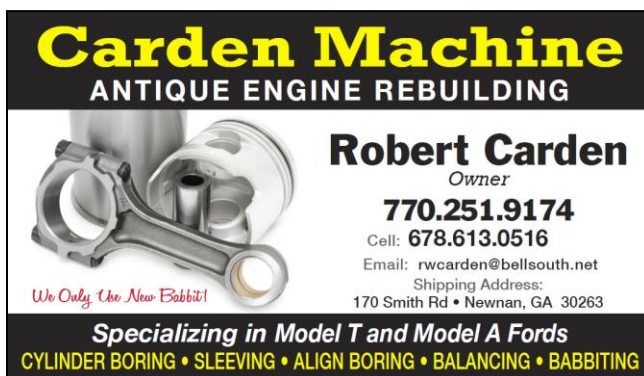
Shirts and Hats

We have Vendors that supply embroidery for hats and shirts. If you are interested contact Eugene Willingham @ 770-253-6518 or ewill@numail.org

NOTE: The vendor who provides embroidery for club items has had a rate increase of \$1 per item, which the board has chosen to pass on to members. The cost is now \$9, still a reasonable amount. And \$1.50 goes into the club treasury.

Remember: There is almost no limit to what you can have embroidered. Use your imagination, talk to Eugene and see what you can come up

Club Banners: We have designed a Club Banner to display on your car when touring or just to hang in your shop. Call Jim Johnston @ (678) 423-4344 or john8191@bellsouth.net



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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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