

# SOUTHSIDE

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MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB Chartered March 1989

# Newsletter

2013 MARC Newsletter of the Year

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"Summer fun by the seashore."

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#### **2014 Southside A's Club Events**

June 7	Tour to Bulloch House and shopping
	in Warm Springs
July TBD	
Sept. 12-14	Joint tour with CAMAFC
Oct. 16-18	Sweet Home Alabama - CAMAFC
	Montgomery, AL
December TBD	Annual Mtg/Holiday Party

#### **2014 Events of Interest**

June 7	Grandfather's Day at
	Mikes-A-Fordables
June 22-27	MARC National Meet, French Lick,
	IN
July 14-18	MAFCA National Convention -
	Puyallup, WA
August 9	GA MAFCA Car Show and Swap
	Meet; Cofer Collection, Tucker, GA
September 13	International Model A Day
September 20	MAFFI - Model A Day
	Hickory Corners, MI
September 21-24	"Tobacco Road" Tour, Raleigh, NC
Sept. 28-Oct. 2	MAFCA Smokey Mtn. Chapter -
	"Mountains, Music & Model A's"
	Pigeon Forge, TN

#### **Editor's Notes:**

DON'T MISS OUT: on the wonderful day tour on June 7<sup>th</sup>, to the always enjoyable Bulloch House. Details inside.

Let's remembers all of the wonderful Fathers in our lives, and in our club. Might an additional Model A be an appropriate gift??

Keep cool as we bask in the lush, green landscape that we are lucky enough to live amongst.

**Happy Motoring!** 

--Gwyneth Shotwell

## Don't forget to visit our website:

#### Southsideas.com

Club photos, member profiles, useful links, and more!

#### Happy Birthday!

10th Sally Jones 13th Paul Beeghly 20th Ray Crisp 26th Drena Miller 27th Teri Besch 30th Don Filippone



#### Happy Anniversary!

14<sup>th</sup> - Ray & Teri Besch

14<sup>th</sup> - Sean & Lori Hobbs

18th - Ben & Pam Bohanan

18th - Johnny & Wyvonne Hobbs

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

25th - Jack & Drena Miller

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

30th - Jimmy & Alice Parks



## **Notes from Our Director**

#### You Can Pay Me Now, Or...

A dear friend stopped by earlier in the week. His facial expression was long, his shoulders were slightly stooped and his gait was slow. Extending my right hand I welcomed him to my home and invited him to have a seat.

"You won't believe what I did this weekend," he said in a manner that told me he didn't need my response to continue. So I listened.

"You're not the first person in the old car hobby to do that," I reassured him.

"Heck, I know that," he stammered. "But I felt so stupid sitting in the middle of the town square with people gawking and horns honking and there wasn't a thing I could do about it except sit there."

"That's a lonely place to be, for sure," I said. "But help had to be nearby?"

"You know how the old car guys are. There were a bunch on me in less than a minute and I got pushed to the curb. I used to help in the same way until my heart started acting up."

"That's a neat thing about our hobby," I said. "You never know who your next best friend might be. But most likely he'll be the one with the right part or the right tool at the right time!"

"You got that right," he laughed. "But I needed bench work to keep going so I had no choice but to give it up and trailer home." He paused for a moment, looked off into space, and added, "I felt so dad-gummed stupid."

What happened to my friend happens to all of us. He got distracted during his Pre-Trip Checklist. He got a phone call. He had an appointment to keep. His wife needed a chore done. He meant to get back to "square one" and had resolved many times to do so. He forgot until he broke down and, of course, by then it was too late.

Fortunately, for all of us, Les Andrews has included an often overlooked page in his "Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook," page A-1, entitled *Preventive Maintenance Checklist*. It's a great sheet to use prior to each and every trip; the perfect reminder for those of us who can't remember everything as well as we claim we once did.

Many years ago the FRAM Oil Filter Company ran an advertising campaign that implied an ounce of prevention was worth a pound of cure. The choice was simple: take a precautionary maintenance step or run the risk of financial ruin and "Pay me later!"

Proper preparation might make for a "Thumbs Up" tour. See you down the road, — \_\_arry

**Featured Photo of the Month:** (As with 2013, 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 2014.")



**JUNE** 

#### Saturday, June 7 - Tour to Bulloch House in Warm Springs

We will be enjoying a lovely scenic tour, led by Bob and Cheryl Simpson, to the Bulloch House in Warms Springs for a great Southern buffet lunch. After lunch we'll head up the road to Broad St. to enjoy the nice variety of shops that Warm Springs has to offer in this historic town. There are also places to find a bench in a shady area to visit with friends.

Our drive back to the Newnan area will follow a different route, so we can take in more of the picturesque back roads we are fortunate to live among.



Gathering place: Sam's Club on Fischer Rd. and Hwy 54. **Arrive at 9:45 for a 10:00 AM departure** (as usual, with gas tanks full and bladders empty).

Lunch: at 11:45

2:30 PM: Departure from Broad St. near GA 85, back to the Newnan area.

\*\*Please let the Simpsons know if you will attend so we can give the restaurant a reasonable count. Simpson.tractorworks@Yahoo.com or 770-301-7216.

#### **MAFFI HALL OF FAME**

Part of the festivities of this year's Model A Day at the Museum, on September 20, 2014, will include the first inductions into the newly initiated Hall of Fame. This will be an annual event, honoring people who have contributed significantly to the design, manufacture, sales, maintenance, accessories, restoration, preservation, publication and the furtherance of these functions through their work in supportive clubs and organizations.

Fittingly, the first two inductees will be none other than Henry and Edsel Ford.

In other news, MAFFI had formed a partnership with the Henry Ford Heritage Association.





#### **NEW MAFFI LICENSE PLATE TOPPER!**

#### Benefits the Model A Ford Foundation Endowment Fund

MAFFI has just announced a wonderful emblem for your Model A, They are available for \$15 each, plus \$2 shipping/handling.

Send your check for \$17.00, made out to MAFFI, to:

MAFFI 4532 Merridock Ct. Santa Maria, CA 93455

For questions, contact Jay McCord at: 805-598-8133, jemccord@aol.com

#### Coming up in September!

### "Second (not necessarily annual) Fun with Dick and Jane Tour"



This year's tour is slated for the week-end of **September 12 - 14**, and will be based out of Eatonton, Georgia. If you enjoy antebellum homes and great Southern antique architecture, then this event should be a "must attend" item on your schedule for this coming September. Like last year, we

have friends that will be joining us from both Georgia and Alabama, and representing possibly as many as five different Model A groups.

Our base hotel is *The Lodge on Lake Oconee*, 706-485-7785. Contact Katy Lanier. Room rates between \$89-\$130/night, which includes breakfast each morning.



#### (WATCH FOR MORE EXCITING NEWS IN OUR NEXT ISSUE!)

### **SOCIAL SECURITY RUN - 2014**

By Teri Besch

The weather for the tour was pleasant, ranging from occasional mist to sunshine. Jackie Peterson & her friend, Andrea, along with Phil & Kathie Myers met us at Collectors Corner. We met Tom & Betty Miller at Highways 154 & 54. We went a short distance and had a detour. We back tracked a little and ended up on Highway 29. We ate lunch at Niko's, a Greek/Italian Restaurant in Hogansville. The food was



very good and there was a lot of it. Ray & I decided we would make plans to return to the restaurant. The trip was uneventful to LaGrange. We checked in and a short while later left for the BBQ at West Point Lake. Usually at the BBQ we see swimmers at the lake but this time there were none. In fact, we were all bundled up because the temperature was in the fifties. Ray had his first request for help to repair a car. He couldn't fix it there as it needed a new rear hub. Ray had the required hub at home so he could fix it later. It was decided to wait and fix it in the daylight after the Friday tour.

Friday's tour took us to the Infantry Museum in Columbus. The scenic tour took us on many back roads and while going up a long hill, the car in front of us backfired and quit in the middle to the road. Ray got out the towing rope and pulled him up the hill to a safe place to work on the car. It had a bad ignition switch and the timing needed adjusted. Ray & Tom were able to fix it. As usual, Ray had an extra ignition switch for him. After Ray set the points and adjusted the timing, the car was back on the road. The owner said that the car never ran better.

The museum was interesting and had displays set up by wars or conflicts and there was a wealth of information, especially if you like history as I do. We were very lucky that the traveling Vietnam Wall

replica was on display outside the museum.





That brought back many memories for me. Ray was drafted in April of 1968. While he didn't go to Vietnam, many friends did.

We left the museum and drove the interstate back to LaGrange so Ray could hurry home to get the hub to repair the Model A that broke down Thursday night. The car owner, Dave Petrie, had a modern vehicle and he drove Ray to our house and back in record time. By 8PM the car was fixed and that meant that it could be driven

on the tour on Saturday. The happy "A" owner treated Ray & I to a dinner at Longhorn. Yum!

Saturday we went through the starting gate a little after 9AM and were given our first poker chip. We went back roads to Hogansville and shopped at the Spring Festival. The only problem was that we had to leave by 10 AM.

The next stop was in Luthersville at a pavilion where it was time for the second poker chip and a snack. We shopped a little and Ray found a very nice Stetson Fedora hat for only \$20.00. We continued on to our lunch shop following the back roads, of course.

Lunch was at Chandler Field in Williamson. When we arrived, Southside "A's" member Barbara Kitchens, was on hand to tell us where to park. We were served ham or meatloaf for lunch and got our third poker chip. Many tour participants wandered around looking at the planes and the museum there. We had a group picture taken of all of the Southside A members that were at the event. Penny Saunders missed the picture. It was time to move on. The next stop was at

It was time to move on. The next stop was at the covered bridge that the Southside A's have been to several times, but we did not arrive on the same side. In fact, we drove several miles





on a dirt road to get there. It reminded Ray and me of our drive up the Dalton Highway in Alaska. After receiving our fourth chip, we headed back to the hotel driving a scenic route, of course.

We stopped at a convenience store to stretch our legs and it turned into an ice cream stop. The HCCA group likes to eat ice cream as much as the SSA's.

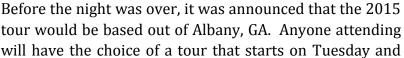
At the hotel, it was time to turn in our driving time and get the last chip. Then it was time for a little rest before the banquet.

At 6:30, we turned in our five poker chips to draw for five cards, hoping for the best poker hand to win

cash. Kathie & Phil Meyers were card dealers. Dave Petrie was a close second but didn't win. As for the time cards, everyone gave their driving times. The average time was calculated and the winner was the person that had the actual time closest to the average time. No one in the Southside A's was close. The theme of the banquet was period clothes. Jackie Peterson and Harry Saunders got my vote for best dressed but didn't win any prizes. The program was put on by the head knocker, Robert Taylor and family and friends. The theme was 1924. It was a good show. It always surprises me to see the talent in HCCA.









ends Thursday mornings with the Social Security tour starting on Thursday and ending on Sunday. You can do either one or both. We chose a different route going home, taking 109 to 109 Spur to Ga 74/85. It is safe to say that a good time was had by all.

Southside A members that attended this event were Ray and Teri Besch, Jackie Peterson, Harry and Penny Saunders, Liz and Rick Horne, Tom and Betty Miller, Kathie and Phil Meyers, and Dave and Jane Petrie.



"The batteries were given out free of charge." --'Lexophile offering'



#### CRUISE NIGHTS – FAYETTEVILLE:

June 7 and June 21 are the dates for the next two upcoming cruise nights outside Partners Pizza in Fayetteville. People usually gather around 4:00. Good fun, good people, and pizza, to boot! The schedule will continue through the summer, on the first and third Saturdays.

#### Southside A's and Memorial Day Parade in Senoia



Pleasant weather and an impressive turnout made this year's parade a joy to remember. We had 16 Model A's, led by Gerald Grizzard and friend, piloting Gerald's fabulous fire engine, brought to Georgia from Oxford, AL! Thank you, Gerald, for adding the crowning touch to the day.

After lining up, folks meandered up to town to visit the many vendors, listen to music, and partake of a variety of food.

The latter gave us the energy for driving up Main St., with

onlookers little more than an arm's length away. We really felt a part of everything, and loved experiencing the enthusiasm of the crowd.

To finish off the day, we toured over to Brewsters in Peachtree City for delicious ice cream treats, filling up the parking lot with all those A's, including the fire engine! A fun day, to be sure.

Lined up at Brewsters

Participants: Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell, with teen-age friends; Fred &

Kathy Huey; Eugene Willingham with grandsons, Riley & Brody; Dick Carne; Jason & Tina Carne; Richard Sewell; Jim & James Wingo; Tommy & Shirley Davis; Jim & Jackie Johnston; Bob & Cheryl Simpson; Tom & Betty Miller, with Tom's sister, Cindy; Roger & Sara Strandburg; Ray & Teri Besch; Pat & Pam Tyler; Joe Fegundes; Gerald Grizzard and friend.

#### CONSIDER THIS......



#### MARC National Tour- "Tobacco Road Tour"

Sept. 21-24, 2014 - Cary, N. Carolina - Hosted by the Tar Wheel A's.

\*\*\*We would love to get a group together of our Southside A members who have not done a national tour, but would love to try it out. Here is a great opportunity that is relatively close to home. Touring to Raleigh would be a fun drive, broken up with one night on the road. **THINK ABOUT IT!** 

We'll send out and publish more information as plans develop.

Come and explore the noted triangle of Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill. Numerous tours are available, to partake of this rich, historic area. Check out the website for full details: <a href="www.tarwheela.com">www.tarwheela.com</a>



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2014 GRADUATES!** 



#### The Tech Corner

### **Head Gaskets**

by Tom Endy

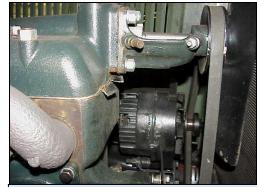
The FelPro Company has for many years manufactured the better quality head gaskets for a Model A Ford. The part number is 7013. Most of the major suppliers carry it under their own part number and don't necessarily tell you in their catalog that the gasket is a FelPro. Bratton's carry it under their part number 8070 (\$19.00) and they do identify it as a FelPro. You can also order one under the FelPro part number from any Napa store.

The FelPro 7013 is copper clad on each side with asbestos looking material sandwiched in between.

A number of years ago FelPro offered the 7013 with several different dash numbers to accommodate different applications. The 7013-1 was for use with an engine with a standard bore and up to .080 over, I believe. If there was a 7013-2, I do not know what the application was for and I have never seen one. The 7013-3 is for use with an engine bored .100 or more over. The difference is that the gasket has the piston openings at a larger diameter. This feature makes for very narrow gasket material in the area between the #1 and #2 pistons and the #3 and #4 pistons. A blown head gasket is a common occurrence in these two areas.

As the Model A came out of common use there was less demand for head gaskets and suppliers and the manufacturer determined that the FelPro 7013-3 would suffice for any application. Therefore the -3 is all that is available today and they have a -3 stamped in the upper left corner of the gasket. I recently acquired an old stock FelPro 7013-1 that I intend to use on an engine that is bored .020 over. The area between the cylinders is noticeably wider and hopefully better able to withstand blowing out in these areas.

In recent years another head gasket for the Model A has come on the market and is referred to as a "modern head gasket." Most of the major suppliers carry it. The price however is considerably higher. A number of people have expressed satisfaction with the performance of the new gasket.



A "modern head gasket" delaminated and sticking out under the water pump.

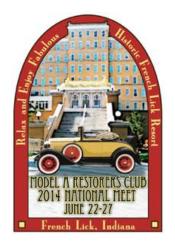


However, I had a bad experience with the one I attempted to use. After about 1,000 miles I noticed the front of the gasket had delaminated and migrated out a full inch and was sticking out under the water pump. Surprisingly the gasket had not blown and the car still ran good, but when I removed the head it appeared to be just about ready to go.

FelPro 7013 head gaskets. The gasket on the left is a -1, the arrow points to the area between #3 and #4 cylinders, note how wide the area is. The gasket in the center is a -3, note the area between #3 and \$4 cylinders is very narrow. The

number -3 is stamped on the gasket. The gasket on the right is a -3 that blew out between #3 and #4 cylinders. (Used with permission of Tom Endy.)

## On the National Scene



#### MARC National Meet - June 22-27, 2014 - French Lick, IN

The Meet will take place at the fabulous French Lick Resort which is made up of two elegant, historical, luxury hotels and their associated amenities:

## The French Lick Springs Hotel (Headquarters) The West Baden Springs Hotel.

Originally designated around their healing natural spring waters, both hotels experienced their heyday as health and recreation destinations in the early part of the last century. After decades of neglect, they have been meticulously restored and modernized to today's standards, within the last ten years.

Check out <a href="https://www.2014marcmeet.com">www.2014marcmeet.com</a> for all the details and registration.

#### MAFCA National Convention - July 14-18, 2014 - Puyallup, WA

The Gallopin' Gertie Chapter is hosting a Gallup to Puyallup, at the Western Washington Fairgrounds. For all the information, please visit their website: <a href="https://www.2014mafcanational.org">www.2014mafcanational.org</a> for all the details and registration.

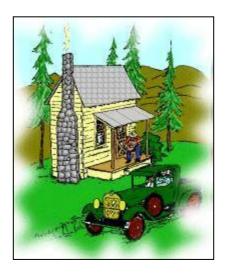


# MAFCA Smokey Mtn. Chapter - "Mountains, Music & Model A's" September 29 - October 2, 2014 Music Road Hotel - Pigeon Forge, TN

In the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains Call **1800-429-7700** for reservations.

Mention Smoky Mountain Model A Club to get discounted room rate of \$99 (+ Tax) per night.

For meet information and application, visit our website: http://www.smokymountainmodela.com



#### AND LOOKING ON TO 2015......



The MAFCA National Tour, "Lobsters and Lighthouses," will take place June 7-12. The tour will begin in Kennebunkport and finish in Bar Harbor. Go to: <a href="mainemodelafordclub.com">mainemodelafordclub.com</a> and click on the link to view the professional video of the tour. You won't be able to resist!

## **Items For Sale**

**FOR SALE:** 1931 model a coupe with rumble seat, unrestored. Owner lost interest. Body in good condition. Have remaining parts to finish car (as far as I know). For more info about car call Jim Parks @ 229-853-2462. Asking price is \$6700.





**FOR SALE:** 1931 Deluxe Roadster, owned by the late Robert (Bob) Jackson, River Cities Club. Restored and a trophy winner many times. Nothing needed for pleasant miles of touring. All you need is the key. Contact Betty Jackson: <a href="mailto:jonanabray@aol.com">jonanabray@aol.com</a>





**706-329-8935 (c) 334-298-3935** Located in Seale, AL

FOR SALE: 1929 Tudor Sedan. A "9" out of 10.





Located in Eastman, GA. "Iris" is a great ride. Would like offers around \$14K. Contact: Bobby Ray Holland - 478-231-8753

FOR SALE: 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) 487-0140

**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:** Model A Engine Stand. Stand is for storage; NOT adequate for running an engine, as it is. Constructed of 1/8" square tubing and 2" angle; weighs 21 lbs. and is drilled to mount the flywheel housing and the front at the timing gear cover. It is primed; not bare metal. Mobility can be attained by either attaching wheels or, as pictured, setting it on an inexpensive Northern or Harbor Freight dolly. Asking \$75 but will give a break to SSA-ers by **free** delivery within a reasonable distance. Contact Dale Fogg: 770-584-6085

DWFogg@juno.com





<u>FOR SALE:</u> 1930 Tudor, completely restored. Engine has not run in years, but is complete. Includes numerous parts, both engine and body. Restoration photos also included. **Asking \$15,000**. Contact: Chuck Panzarella, 770-463-4340 Cpanzarella1@att.net

#### 1964 Corvair Monza Convertible

I know it is not a Model A but you may know someone who could be interested in the car. Last driven in 1978 when placed in storage. Since waking it up we have a rebuilt engine installed along with new clutch, 4 speed transmission, differential, starter, complete brake system, battery, radial tires, etc. Stripped to rare metal and repainted the original medium blue. White top and original blue carpet and interior. MUST SELL – badly need space. **\$12,800 or reasonable offer.** 

Jack Miller, 770-461-2400

**FOR SALE:** THE RESTORER MAGAZINE 179 issues, 1975-2013. All years are not complete, but all copies are in "as new" condition. **\$500.00** for all, or I may consider discussing other sales.

Contact Jim Langley at <a href="mailto:jrpdl57@gmail.com">jrpdl57@gmail.com</a> or call (706) 289-6014, Phenix City, AL

## **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 <a href="mailto:eewill@numail.org">eewill@numail.org</a>

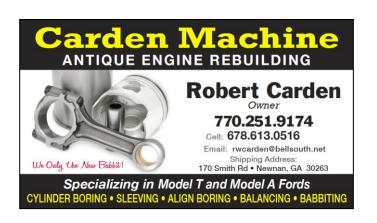
NOTE: The vendor who provides embroidery for club items has had a rate increase of \$1 per item, which the board has chosen to pass on to members. The cost is now \$9, still a reasonable amount. And \$1.50 goes into the club treasury.

**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

<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 Jim Johnston @ (678) 423-4344 or john8191@bellsouth.net







#### Invitation to join Model "A" Restorers Club

Membership in MARC is a wonderful investment in the Model A hobby. A good resource, it includes the bi-monthly magazine, "Model A News," which is filled with informative articles, notices of upcoming national events, and news of local regions. 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.

#### The Southside A's Newsletter:

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