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Newsletter

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"The Springtime fete."

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2015 Southside A's Club Events

March 6-7	Talladega Superspeedway, hosted by	
	Central Alabama club	
March - 28	"Touring Tune-up" at the Simpson's,	
	10:00. BBQ to follow.	
April 18**	Tour to Streetside Classics, Lithia	
NEW DATE	Springs.	
May 11-17	Pines, Pecans & Peanuts Tour (combo	
	of Nickel Era Touring Registry and	
	HCCA 20th Social Security Run)	
May 25	Senoia Memorial Day Parade	
May 30	A visit to the car collection of Rick &	
	Liz Horne, Carrollton.	
June 20	A visit to the car collection of Jack &	
NEW DATE	Drena Miller, Fayetteville.	
September 18-20	"Fun With Dick & Jane" joint tour	
	with CAMAFC.	
October 15-17	Sweet Home Alabama hosted by	
	Central Alabama MAFC, in	
	Guntersville, AL	

2015 Events of Interest

April 10-12	MARC Membership Meet, Joliet, IL	
June 7-12	"Lobsters and Lighthouses" MAFCA	
	tour, Kennebunkport, ME	
June 21-26	MARC National Meet, Niagara Falls,	
	Ontario, Canada	

Editor's Notes:

Well, Spring is rapidly approaching and I've been hearing multiple votes for it to come along, already! I may have even heard a rumble or two from my garage....

A good start to the driving season will come early this month with our tour to Talladega Superspeedway, where we'll let Henry's ladies break loose in a controlled but exciting frenzy.

And later this month there will be a "Touring Tune-up" that will include useful demonstrations and minor "check outs" for those wishing to have our tech gurus (Bob Simpson, Tom Miller and Jim Johnston) take a peek at your A.

May the luck of the Irish be with you this month, too! Happy St. Patrick's day, March 17.

-- Gwyneth Shotwell

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

2^{nd}	Larry Peterson
6^{th}	Phil Meyers
6^{th}	Pam Bohanan
7^{th}	Judy Brandon
8 th	Mike Foran
8 th	Michael Young
10^{th}	John Keller
14^{th}	Carole Foran
16^{th}	Betty Fagundes
16^{th}	Cheryl Simpson



10th - Donald & Barbara Murdock
25th - Taylor & Judy Merrill
26th - Charlie & Barbara Biggs



Notes from Our Director

Spring is right around the corner and I'm ready for it! Our Valentine's Day Tour was great and everybody seemed to enjoy the short tour and the food. But this is how my day started: I checked my Coupe out carefully the day before the tour to make sure she was ready to go. Checked everything, some things twice! Heck, I'm hosting a technical day for the club at my place on March 28th and know what to do, right? I went to the shop early to allow some warm up time before heading to Sam's for the tour. Here's where the fun starts. The first thing I noticed was a flat tire on the right front. Keep in mind the tires were all checked the day before and all was in order. After a quick tire change we were ready, but then the engine wouldn't start. The fuse holder was bad a wiring bypass got the engine running. Sheesh!! I'm glad I got an early start. Picked up Miss Cheryl and headed to Sam's. Two miles from the house the exhaust manifold flange broke off right above the muffler. I took that as a sign to go back home and get the Jeep. I was humble and quiet as I pulled up to Sam's in a "modern" vehicle and got some good-natured ragging. It was a good day with good friends in spite of having to drive the Jeep.

We have a tech day set up for March 28th and will do some work on a couple of cars. Jim Johnston, Tom Miller and myself will pull rear brake drums and inspect rear brake systems. We will do compression checks for whoever wants them, along with some other basic checks and inspections. Tom Miller will teach us his fool proof method to aim headlights. I hope I have all the demons out of our coupe but if not, the guys that can do an exorcism on it will be here. Come if you can, bring your demons and let's get the Model A's out of hibernation!

-Bob



WELCOME!
Richard & Susan Buff
of
Lexington, SC





"Gentlemen (& Ladies) start your engines...."

Friday, March 6th we head up to Oxford, AL, to join other motoring enthusiasts for an exciting spin around the track at *TALLADEGA SUPERSPEEDWAY*, thanks to our Central Alabama Model A friends! After a fun evening of Firehouse food, music, and socializing, we will head out Saturday morning for the Speedway and a visit to the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame.

Jim & Jackie Johnston will lead a caravan on Friday for those driving their A's (as opposed to trailering). We'll return together as well. Here are the details:

When: Friday, March 6. Gather at 11:15 for an 11:30 departure.

Where: Little Giant Grocery, corner of Hwy 29 and Newnan 34 Bypass.

Contact: Jim Johnston at john8191@bellsouth.net or by phone, 678-423-4344 to let him know

you're coming along.







The Lovely Valentine's Day Tour....



A cheery group of seventeen gathered at Sam's Club on February 7th for what we hope will become an annual Valentine's Day tour. It's a tad early for the full touring season, but intrepid travelers ventured out, nonetheless! It was a beautiful Georgia day, and we were treated to a relaxing, scenic drive through the back roads, on our way to our luncheon destination at Frank's at the Old Mill. The route even included some roads that long-time local residents had not driven before; quite a feat of planning, I say.

This trip was an adventure for our esteemed Director, which you can read about in his monthly missive at the beginning of this issue. His experience proved that the best laid plans....well, you know. As he and Cheryl arrived in their modern, sporty vehicle, we were glad to see a smiles on their faces.

Tom & Liz Romine wowed us with their completed Vicky; she is a real beauty, and an A to be truly proud of.

The perseverance award goes to the Tylers, Pat & Pam, who imitated Eskimos in order to drive from

LaGrange in their Phaeton, with a starting temperature hovering around 25 degrees.

Lunch was a tasty affair, in the cozy dining room at Frank's. It was yet another gathering that felt so warm and natural, that made me marvel once again at what a treat it is to be a member of such a terrific group.





The Willinghams. A fine example of Valentine's Day!

Attendees: Jim & Jackie Johnston; Eugene & Kathleen Willingham; Pat & Pam Tyler; Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell; Larry & Jackie Peterson; Tom & Liz Romine; Bob & Cheryl Simpson; Phil & Kathie Meyers; Fred Huey.

Highlights from the Feb 24, 2015 Board Meeting

"It was a dark and stormy night"

The Southside A's February Board Meeting was held on February 16th at the home of Bob and Cheryl Simpson in Chattahoochee Hills.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Director Bob Simpson. The following members, in addition to Bob were present: Cheryl Simpson, Larry & Jackie Peterson, Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell, Jim & Jackie Johnston, Tom & Betty Miller, and Pat Tyler.

- The minutes from the January 2015 Board meeting were accepted.
- <u>Treasurer's Report</u> For Betty Miller reported a balance as of January 31, 2015 of \$3163.29. The treasurer's report was accepted.
- Membership Report Jim Johnston reported our total membership at this time is (50). MAFCA is continuing their 2015 membership drive. The application for membership submitted by Richard and Susan Bluff of Lexington, SC was approved.
- <u>New Business</u> Jackie Johnston reported that the planning for the 'Fun With Dick & Jane' Tour is ongoing.



- One Day Events and Activities Gwyneth
 Shotwell suggested swapping the Jack & Drena
 Miller/Streetside Classic dates. The tour to
 Streetside will be held on April 18th, and the tour
 to see Jack & Drena Miller's collection will be
 held on June 20th.
- Touring "Tune-up" and Cookout Bob & Cheryl Simpson will host this event at their home in Chattahoochee Hills on March 28th.
- <u>New Business</u> The Board voted to grant complimentary memberships to Lisa Bennett and Bud Shelton.

The next board meeting will be at the home of Bob & Cheryl Simpson prior to the Touring "Tune-up" on March 28th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Johnston, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of	\$2,998.29
December 31, 2014	
Deposits	\$75.00
Expenses	\$.00
Balance as of	
January 31, 2015	\$3,073.29
Balance as of	\$3,073.29

Why do frogs like St. Patrick's Day?

Because they're always wearing green

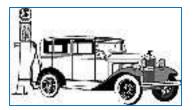
Featured Photo of the Month: (As with 2014, we will be featuring photos that glorify the Model A in all its varied styles, and enhanced by beautiful or intriguing settings. Keep track of your favorites throughout the year and we will once again take a tally and announce the winner for "Miss 2015.")



MARCH

GET YOUR "A" READY FOR THE TOURING SEASON.....

Saturday, March 28, there will be "Touring Tune-up" tech meet at the home of Bob & Cheryl Simpson, including a BBQ lunch! Bring your Model A and get some useful hints for putting it in shape for the season. You can have your car looked over, ask questions, and get recommendations for possible tune-up techniques.

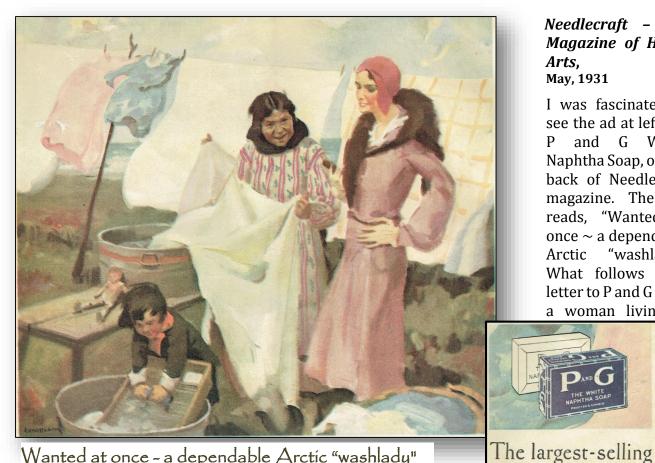


Ladies, you are more than welcome to join in, as mechanical inclination is not limited to the male of the species. However, if this isn't your thing, Cheryl will have some fun activities planned indoors, which will naturally include friendly visiting. Ladies (or gents) may bring a dessert, if they're so inclined.

WHEN: Saturday, March 28

WHERE: The Simpsons – 8735 Watkins Rd., Chattahoochee Hills, 30268. 770-463-5833

FASHION FINDS... By Gwyneth Shotwell



Wanted at once - a dependable Arctic "washlady"

Needlecraft - the Magazine of Home Arts. May, 1931

I was fascinated to see the ad at left, for and G White Naphtha Soap, on the back of Needlecraft magazine. The title reads, "Wanted at once ~ a dependable Arctic "washlady." What follows is a letter to P and G from a woman living in

Alaska, near the Arctic Circle, who raves about the product in helping her with her wash day for a family of seven. She describes the four children, "who hunt and fish, ski and skate, slide, hike on showshoes and go to school!" In winter, which lasts 10 months, they melt the snow for the washtubs, as long as it is clean and not salty. Otherwise, the boys hitch up the dogs and drive to some freshwater creek miles away to saw out ice and haul it home. That, too, must be melted for the washtub.

The local "washladies" depicted in the ad apparently were not always consistently dependable, or arrived with small children in tow, necessitating a lot of attention; this naturally cut into washing time. So the writer was expressing her gratitude at being able to have P and G soap when she was left to the chore; she said it meant less "elbow grease" in cleaning the laundry.

What a window into everyday life in a locale not usually associated with the Model A era. I loved reading about this woman's day to day activities in a harsh climate, but also took special note of how nicely she was dressed for the occasion! (perhaps just a touch of editorial license from the advertiser...) But just imagine her final washing step – hanging the clothes indoors to dry. If they were hung outside they would simply freeze stiff as a board, or rip to shreds from the wind. Now that's doing "chores!"







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MAFFI LICENSE PLATE TOPPER

Consider purchasing this wonderful MAFFI tag topper for your Model A. Proceeds benefit the Model A Ford Foundation Endowment Fund and on cost \$15, plus \$2 shipping/handling. Send your check for \$17.00, made out to **MAFFI**, to:

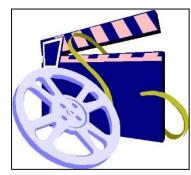
MAFFI 4532 Merridock Ct. Santa Maria, CA 93455

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

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! Wheels rolling.....

Member, Mike Foran, writes:

I have a friend who's involved in the Pinewood business and he gave my name to the folks who arrange cars. Below is the info if you are interested in contact her. In addition to your name and phone number, she wants 5 pictures of your car, front, back, both sides and inside. Her name is **Shelley** and she's also looking for anything military from the late 20's early 30's. Please pass this

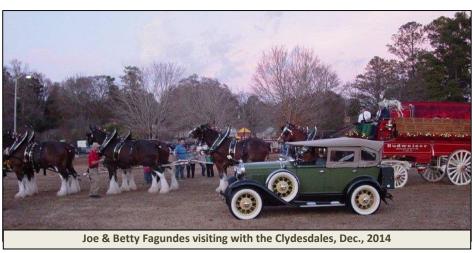


on to other car club so she can grow her inventory. Any questions, just drop her an email.

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A Slippery Subject

By Jim Johnston

Oil, or more specifically the oil we use in our Model A's, has always been a little bit of a controversial subject. Most of us have strong opinions on the oil we use, some of them justified with technical substantiation, but most of them just opinions. The purpose of this article is to pass along some information that may help you decide which oil you think best for your 'A'.

I am currently rebuilding Ford 200 cu/in six for Jackie's Falcon. I purchased a rebuild kit through the shop where I had the machine work done. The kit is from Melling – a well know manufacturer of aftermarket engine parts especially oil pumps (think Melling sponsorship on Bill Elliot's NASCAR Fords back in the day). Included in the kit was a new cam and lifters. Packed with the cam was a pamphlet with information on cam shaft breakin for flat tappet cams. Included was a list of oils with higher levels of wear preventative additives – (the pamphlet doesn't state it but I suspect the quantities are PPM (parts per million) as this has been the case in similar comparisons.

<u>Delco 400</u>	<u>Delvac</u>	Rotella T
Magnesium 23	Magnesium 419	Magnesium 20
Calcium 3343	Calcium 2195	Calcium 3322
Zinc 1378	Zinc 1231	Zinc 1499
Viscosity @ 100 deg C 15.95	Phosphorous 1120	Phosphorous 1326
	Viscosity @ 100 deg C15.5	Viscosity @ 100 deg C15.12

The other source for this article is from a book I read this past year by Jim Brierley - 4-Bangers and me! Jim is very well known for his work on Model A & B Fords. In addition to his involvement in the MAFCA and MARC sanctioned group called F.A.S.T (Ford A Speed Technology) he has been grinding high performance cams for these engines since 1970. The following paragraph is from the book and reprinted here with Jim's permission.

"Oil: Use good modern engine oil. Never use non-detergent oil, even during break-in. There is no need for added zinc either. The Model A has a steel cam and hardened lifters, and very little valve spring pressure as compared to post 1940's OHV V8 engines. In the 50's the only engine that wasn't experiencing cam wear was the Buick V8, because it had a steel cam. (not cast iron) There have been a lot of articles written about oils, but most do not apply to the Model A. Today's oils still have zinc in them, just not at the levels they had before catalytic converters. Oil available when the 'A' was new had no zinc or other additives, this resulted in wear and sludge build-up inside the engine. Modern oils have additives that our engines do need, use good oil!"

So, my intent here is not to recommend any particular oil or oils, but to make available information that may be helpful when choosing engine oil for your 'A'.

Note: If you are interested in Jim Brierley's book I have his contact information. It is \$24 postage included.

National Tours on the Horizon



MARC Membership Meet- April 10-12, 2015 - JOLIET, IL

The Crossroads region of MARC will host the 2015 Membership Meet, to be held at the **Clarion Hotel Joliet Banquet & Convention Center**.

411 S. Larkin Ave., Joliet, IL 60435.

815-729-2000

Room rate: \$95 + 13% tax, **Mention code: JRM** Rate applies from 4/6/2015 to 4/15/2015

Free Full Breakfast Buffet

Stay tuned for more information, or check in on the MARC website: modelarestorersclub.org



The MAFCA National Tour, "Lobsters and Lighthouses," will take place June 7-12, 2015. The tour will begin in Kennebunkport and finish in Bar Harbor. Go to: mainemodelafordclub.com and click on the link to view the professional video of the tour. You won't be able to resist!

MARC National Meet - Niagara Falls - June 21-26, 2015

The meet will be held at Niagara Falls in Ontario, Canada and hosted by the Canadian MARC Region, CanMARC. Plans are coming together for a very special event with our northern neighbors. Check out MARCNiagraFalls2015.com.



Looking Ahead to 2016



Loveland, Colorado will be the locations for the MAFCA National Convention, June 19-24, 2016. The Ranch Events Complex will be serve as the headquarters for activities. The tri-city area of Loveland, Fort Collins and Greeley comprise "Northern Colorado."

For a sneak peek, go to milehighcountry2016.org and click on the

"Preview" link for a fun YouTube presentation to whet your appetite. Presented and hosted by the Model A Ford Club of Colorado.

Items For Sale

FOR SALE: Safety Cones - 18" Reflective and



Collapsible. These compact cones are perfect to keep in your Model A for all kinds of situations. They are

good quality and new in the box. Limited Supply. \$10. each. **Harry Saunders**, **404-352-2946** or w4kj@arrl.net.

<u>FOR SALE:</u> Model A Ford engines that crank and run great, and come with original head. Each cylinder has 78 psi. Engines are painted and ready to install. Buyer's choice - \$1,850 each. Contact Gerald Grizzard: **256-310-6463**, <u>Gfireman52@aol.com</u>

FOR SALE: 6 volt electrical items:

1-Alternator w/ 2-3/4" pulley, \$70;

1-LED tail light Rt side Red/red, \$23;

1-LED tail light Lft. side Red/red, \$29;

1-LED 3rd light (Brakelighter), \$45;

1-Electric wiper motor, inside, chrome, \$30;

Sparton Horn Cover, Black Concept Paint, \$10.

Contact: Tom Romine: 770-527-4039

ModelATom@comcast.net

<u>FOR SALE:</u> Early Model A rim for AR. 1 only. Very



good condition – no cracks, or bent spokes; no pitting. **Price:** \$50.00

Contact Fred Huey: 770-463-1951.

fhuev@hotmail.com

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: jonanabray@aol.com

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

<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

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.

Price lowered to: \$7,950.00 Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, Gfireman52@aol.com





FOR SALE: 1930 Georgia License Plates. Unrestored and Restored. Singles, pairs, and





sequentially numbered plates available.

Email Jim Hunter at ytguy@aol.com or call

(770) 719-4742

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 jrpdl57@gmail.com or call **(706) 289-6014**, Phenix City, AL

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





Club Items

Name Tags are available by contacting
Teri Besch at 770-487-9215 or
besch105@comcast.net

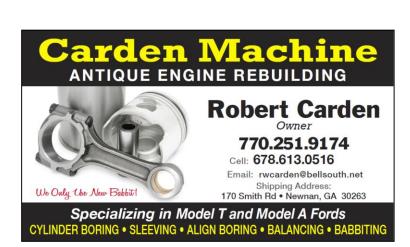
Shirts and Hats

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

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





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Southsideas.com

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

Invitation to join Model "A" Restorers Club

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

MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

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modelarestorers@sbcglobal.net

Membership Application

2015 Dues- New or Renewals

() US Membership \$40.00 () US & Canada Air Mail \$52.00 () International \$58.00

IMPORTANT: Make checks payable to Model "A" Restorers Club (M.A.R.C.)

All Memberships from outside the U.S. are to be remitted by International Money Orders in U.S. Funds (drawn on U.S. Bank) or credit card. And a personal check drawn on U.S. bank (U.S. funds must stamped on check.)

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With your membership you will receive a club membership I.D. card and the *Model "A" 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 *Model "A" News*

(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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Invitation To Join Model A Ford Club of America

New Membership

Return this form and payment to: MAFCA

250 South Cypress Street • La Habra, CA 90631-5515

Source: MAFCA Web Site
2009 Membership Form

~ Membership Benefits ~

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Dues per year are
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