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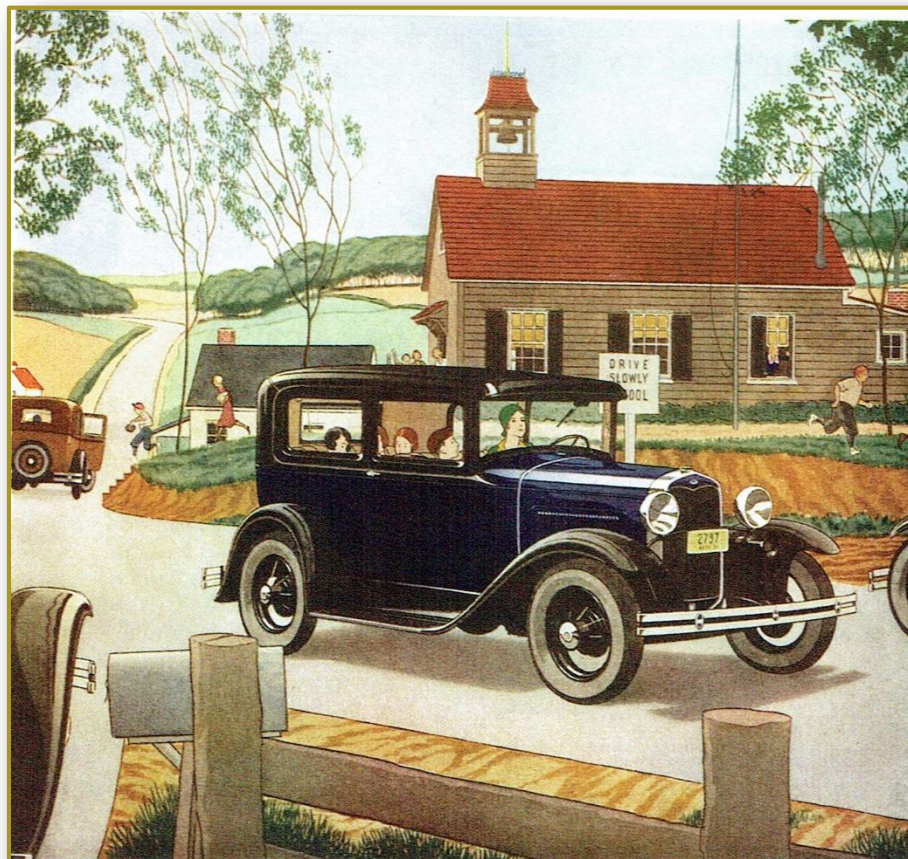
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Newsletter

2013 MARC Newsletter of the Year

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"Fall is definitely in the air..."

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2014 Southside A's Club Events

October 16-18	Sweet Home Alabama - CAMAFC Montgomery, AL
November 8-9	Fall Leaf Tour w/CAMAFC
November 15 5:30	Annual Business Mtg. Tim's Country Buffet, Fayetteville
December 27 5:30	Holiday Party Nikko's Restaurant, Tyrone

2015 Club Events In the Works! (stay tuned)

January - TBD	Dinner and a Movie - "Tucker: The Man and his Dream"
February - TBD	Valentine's Day tour and lunch - Franks at the Old Mill
March - TBD	Pre-tour season "Safety Check"
In the works...	Many More.....

Editor's Notes:

Wow! What a time we had on the Dick and Jane Tour! Outstanding. See our full recap in this issue.

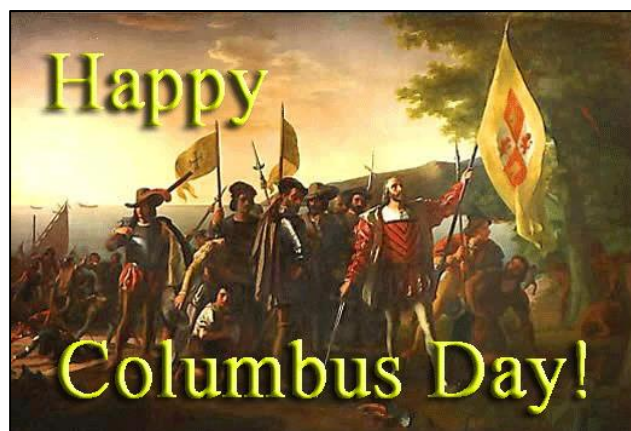
You'll also see reviews of the national Tobacco Road Tour, as well as Model A Day at MAFFI in Hickory Corners. Throw in International Model A Day, and it was an eventful month.

This month will include the annual Sweet Home Alabama tour based out of Montgomery. This event gets bigger and better every year. Hope you can attend.

And look inside for updates on special club meetings: the Annual Business Meeting in November, and our Holiday party in December.

And don't forget....Trick or Treat!

--Gwyneth Shotwell



Happy Birthday!

1st James Bowlden
4th Jackie Peterson
5th Hugh Brandon
7th Cathy Harrington
10th Bud Shelton
11th Jim Johnston
14th Jane Carne
16th Fran Watkins
16th Judy Merrill
23rd Ray Besch
30th Alice Parks



Happy Anniversary!

23rd - Bob & Cheryl Simpson
29th - Rick & Liz Horne



Notes from Our Director

For four months I have had a temporary handicapped parking pass. It was a Godsend for the first six weeks while tethered to a four posted wheeled walker. A few weeks after graduating to a cane my therapist encouraged me to walk for longer distance—beyond the handicapped parking spaces. Another month passed and I found myself *wanting* to park half-way across the large box stores paved lots. The exercise felt good.

Last week, while waiting my turn for a handicapped parking spot, being cramped and in pain, I nervously watched as a person not much older than me struggled to exit her car. She needed a full five minutes to manually lift and position her legs and winced the entire time she needed to get herself upright. Tentatively, as she struggled to walk, each step elicited a pained grimace. I turned to my wife and said, "There's somebody who needs this spot more than I. Let's keep it free."

In the early days of my arthritis pain my friend Judy, herself a long-time sufferer from joint and bone pain, while on the ballroom dance floor said to me, "Come on, Larry. Suck it up! Don't you know that there are people far worse off than you? People who can't walk and wish that they could? People who can't dance and wish that they could? You're not there yet. So don't let yourself think that you are!"

For a few months following my knee joint replacements I was an invalid confined to relearning the most basic of human functions—walking. My skeletal structure had been altered and all of my supporting ligature had been either severed and re-stitched or moved. Excruciating pain was ever-present. It was hard work.

Five months later, the pain is intermittent. There are good days and bad days. I still can't assume the contorted position of driving an A-Model Roadster but that ability will return and eventually I'll be able to tour again.

I'll be in the middle of the pack taking my rightful place and when we stop to eat—which will be often—don't look for me in one of the parking spots near the door. Come rain or sunshine I'll give up my spot for somebody whose physical condition warrants it. Besides, I'll need the exercise.

See you down the road ~ Larry



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.")



OCTOBER

Annual Business Meeting – November 15, 5:30

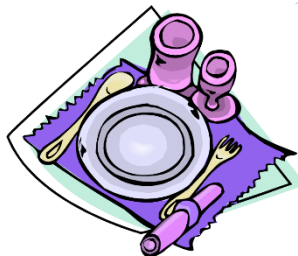


Come one, come all! To the Southside A's Annual Business meeting, to be held at Tim's Country Kitchen Buffet in Fayetteville: 175 Banks Station, at the corner of GA 85 N and Banks Station.

We will be electing our slate of club officers for 2015, as well as previewing highlights of next year's activities. Your input is highly desired!

R.S.V.P. to Jackie Peterson (770) 964-6644 or via email larrypete100@gmail.com

Hope to see all of you there!



Highlights from the September Board Meeting

The Southside A's September Board Meeting was held on September 3rd at the Los Mariachi's restaurant in Fairburn.

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM by Director Larry Peterson. The following members, in addition to Larry were present: Jackie Peterson, Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell, Jim Johnston, Bob & Cheryl Simpson, Pat & Pam Tyler, Tom Romine, and Dick Carne.

- The minutes from the August Board meeting were accepted.
- Treasurer's Report – Betty Miller was not present, but Jim Johnston reported that the current balance, reflecting deposits from the Dick & Jane Tour registration, is \$5572.57.
- **GA MAFCA Swap Meet Update** – Jim Johnston reported that he and Bob Simpson were able to sell Merle Bennett's remaining tools and parts for Lisa (due primarily to Bob's high pressure salesmanship!).
- **Fun with Dick & Jane Tour Update** – Dick Carne stated that he expects 25-30 cars, with (5) clubs and people from (4) states participating. He expressed kudos to Pat Tyler, Liz Horne, and Jackie Johnston for their efforts. It's shaping up to be a great tour
- **Sweet Home Alabama Tour** - Our October Event with the CAMAFC. Everything progressing smoothly. The registration form is in the Newsletter.
- **Fall leaf Tour with CAMAFC** – November 8th & 9th. This will be our November Tour. Information will be published in the Newsletter.



WELCOME!
Greg Marshall
of
Winston, GA

- **Annual Membership Meeting** – The annual membership/business meeting will be held on Saturday November 15th at Tim's Country Kitchen and Buffett in Fayetteville. Details will be published in the Newsletter.
- **Other Events** – The Christmas party is tentatively scheduled for Saturday December 27th at the Niko Japanese Steakhouse. Bob & Cheryl Simpson will contact Niko to finalize the reservation.
- January will be 'Dinner & A Movie'. Gwyneth Shotwell suggested the movie 'Tucker'. Gwyneth will coordinate the venue and date.
- **Other Business** – A general discussion was held on how to get more members to participate in the clubs events/tours. Dick Carne suggested an emphasis on tours in the local area, i.e. one day events as they seem to draw the best turnouts. Dick also stated that he thinks a 'phone tree'/committee would be beneficial as it would be a more personal invite in addition to the Newsletter. Gwyneth noted that the Goldmine Region does Donut Derbies as a short (half day) fun event, and perhaps we should try it. Another suggestion was to have a pre-tour Car Check-up in early spring for members that might like their cars inspected/and or tuned up so they would have confidence in the reliability of their cars to complete tours.

A date and location for the next Board meeting was not discussed.

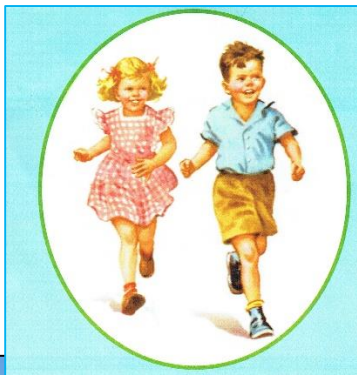
The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Johnston, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of August 31, 2014	\$5,422.57
Deposits	\$1,789.00
Expenses	\$4,021.50
Balance as of September 30, 2014	\$3,190.07



The Second (not necessarily annual) Fun With Dick and Jane Tour!

At the end of this memorable tour, Mike and I just had to say, "Wow!" With a marvelous team working tirelessly together, this tour came off without a hitch, and afforded a glimpse back in time to early days in Georgia. What a fitting tour for our old cars.



Pat & Pam Tyler's phaeton outside the Whistle Stop



On the street in Juliette



Happy participants: Bob Simpson, Mike Shotwell, Tom Miller

Beginning on Friday, most of the attendees gathered in the small hamlet of Juliette, famed for its location for the filming of "Fried Green Tomatoes." Our lunch was enjoyed at the famous landmark, The Whistlestop Café, which features prominently in the movie, and gave us a nice friendly start to our weekend.

After lunch we took a lovely drive to Milledgeville, with the highlight being the section through the Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge on the way towards Monticello and finally to the old capitol city. It is at this point that we need to give huge thanks to Pat Tyler for his exceptional work as our map maker, providing driving directions to all venues, which added real polish to the whole event.

Arriving at Lockerly Hall/Rose Hill Plantation, we were met by our private docent, who gave us an informative and personal tour of this historic property. We followed that up with a tour of Georgia's Old Capitol Building. The main floor is a museum that follows events and people from the original Indian tribes up to 20th century.



The Old Capitol Building, Milledgeville

The Old Governor's Mansion was next on the agenda. We really got to feel and imagine what life was like for the many governors and their families, who occupied this grand but livable home.

Saturday dawned with a little less heat than the previous days extreme temperatures. Suitably rested, we set out for Sparta and a feast of historic sites. Our route began with a short jaunt through the town of Eatonton, full of charming old homes and tree lined streets, that warrant a return visit.

There were many highlights to the day, including especially Glen Mary Plantation, Rock Mill Plantation & Ogeechee Car Museum, and finally our farewell dinner at the historic Harley-Harris-Rives House.



**Glen Mary Plantation: Liz Horne, Marilyn Meyer, Dick Carne, and mascot.
Tour attendees on the upstairs porch, overlooking a field of Model A's.**

Glen Mary is well along in its restoration, thanks to the devotion of Marilyn Meyers who has been overseeing this labor of love. Rock Mill Plantation has been completely redone and serves as a second home for the owners, Judy and Alan Shapiro. Mr. Shapiro has also indulged his love of old cars by creating the Ogeechee Car Museum on the same property. What a treat to behold.



Entering Rock Mill Plantation

restored homes, but equally the inside look at restoration in various stages of progress. It was

Our hosts for the farewell dinner, the Currey's of the Harley-Harris-Rives House, graciously trundled us all inside when our garden venue was threatened by rain. The house accommodated us all beautifully, and our catered meal was delicious.

One of the overriding features of this tour was the exposure not only to the



Inside the Ogeechee Car Museum

fascinating to really see what lies behind the walls....and ceilings.....basements, etc. This made the tour unique and impressive.

There were over 20 Model A's, some modern cars, and 50+ friendly folks taking part. Kudos must go to Dick and Jane Carne, for their overall vision of the tour locales; again to Pat Tyler for his tireless work (with Dick) on the routes and maps; to Liz Horne for her great ability to make connections with interesting people in interesting locations, and for her endless talent with brochures (!); and to Jackie Johnston for her expert handling of the financial end, as important a factor as any. Will this team agree to make it a Third - Not necessarily annual - tour next year?? Stay tuned.....



Harley-Harris-Rives House



INTERNATIONAL MODEL "A" DAY....

While many folks honored International Model "A" Day while on tour, others got together to mark the event more locally. **Tom and Liz Romine** organized a tour out to the Barnstormer's Grill and Peach State Aerodrome to enjoy a meal together, along with beautiful weather.

The Romine's, travelling in their buddy, Bill's, Tudor, were joined by **Ray and Teri Besch, Eugene and Kathleen Willingham** in their Victoria, and **James Bowlden** in his Coupe. **Barbara Kitchens** drove her Roadster to the airfield, and the Willingham's son and grandsons also made the trip, to complete the celebratory group.

MARC NATIONAL "TOBACCO ROAD" TOUR

CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

By Jim Wingo



Welcome Dinner beside Lake Montague

Southside A's members Ray and Teri Besch, Tom and Betty Miller, and Jim Wingo with friend Richard Kingman traveled over 1,200 total miles to MARC's 2014 National Tour, the North Carolina Tobacco Road from September 21st to 24th. The tour was based in Cary, N.C, one of the cities within the famed Triangle comprised of Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill. The tour was hosted by the TarWheel A's.

Tours were varied including: historical sites, fabulous Duke Gardens, amazing car collections, museums and even a drive-in movie.

The tour was kicked off with an excellent dinner of N.C. BBQ next to beautiful Lake Montague, over 100 Model A's gathered on Sunday evening to enjoy new and old friends with a common interest.

Several tours were enjoyed the first day including a visit to Atkinson's Mill, Tobacco Farm Life Museum, and Selma Antique hunting. Atkinson's Milling Company started operation in April 1757 and it is still producing high quality corn mill products today. The Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly, N.C. preserving the history and cultural heritage of Eastern North Carolina farm life. North Carolina farmers have been growing tobacco since the 1660's. A tour of Selma was also on tap with an excellent lunch, shopping antique



Atkinson's Mill

stores and visiting the oldest surviving train station in North Carolina that was built in 1855. The day was far from over as the group drove to the Raleigh Road Drive-In Theater, one of only four left in North Carolina, to enjoy the classic film "The Grapes of Wrath" starring Henry Fonda. An excellent film if only because of the many Model A's shown during the film.

The second day took the group to two privately owned car collections not generally open to the public in Franklinton and Zebulon, N.C. Bob Schaaf's collection included fine examples of low production, finned convertibles and woodies from the 1930's to 1962. The second collection, owned by Mike Leith was very diverse but focused primarily on cars from the 1930's thru 1960's, with "original unrestored" being the key criteria for the collection. The collection included three outstanding 1931 Model A's, a pickup, a Deluxe Coupe and a very nice Roadster.



Tom & Betty Miller, Teri & Ray Besch, Jim Wingo & friend Richard.

The final day and Grand Tour took the group to Carthage, N.C. and the 100+ Years of Progress Collection, a private collection and unique collection of farm and earth moving machinery, traction engines and antique vehicles owned by the Eders' family. The collection boasts 1,000 machines on display.

NEW MARC WEBSITE!

Be sure to visit and see the wonderful improvements that have been made. You'll find the new site well thought out and easier to navigate.

Modelarestorers.org

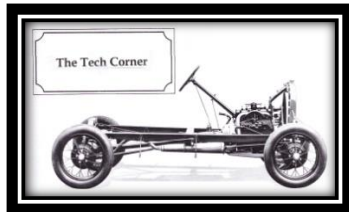
"I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid...he says he can stop anytime."

--Pun for the month

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



The Tech Corner

King Pin Geometry!

by Tom Endy

There are many articles written about how to install new king pins in a Model A Ford. However, unless you fully understand the geometry of the Model A front end, there may be an element of doubt concerning whether you did the job correctly. Since I did not understand the front-end geometry, I turned to Les Andrews for a proper explanation. Most of what is written here about the front-end geometry is a paraphrase of Les's explanation.

The weight of the body and frame in the front is resting on the center of the front spring where it is U-bolted to the frame. This weight is transferred out to each end of the front spring where the shackles attach it to the front axle. Therefore all the front-end weight is sitting on the front axle. This full weight is transferred to the king pins. To test the theory, slip a king pin into one end of the axle, without the spindle installed, and install the locking bolt, the king pin is now an integral part of the axle. It is easy to see that the weight of the axle will now be applied to the bottom side of the king pin flange. The king pin is locked in place in the axle and does not rotate.

Directly under the king pin flange a thrust bearing will be installed. The weight will now be on the thrust bearing and it will sit on top of the top surface of the spindle when it is installed. When the wheel is on the car and it is sitting on the ground the front-end weight is pressing down on the thrust bearing and against the top surface of the spindle. The spindle will rotate on the thrust bearing around the stationary king pin.

One would think all you had to do was put the parts together and you're good to go. Unfortunately reproduction parts and 75 plus years of wear enter into the equation. The thrust bearings available today (Timken part number T-83) are not as thick as were the originals (Ford part number A-3123), therefore shims are required for proper fit. The repo dust cover retainers supplied today are incorrectly made and will interfere with the installation. Wear to the mating surfaces of the axle and spindles are also a factor. All these variables must be taken into consideration when installing new king pins.

When installing new king pins the first effort should be to determine how many shims are needed under the thrust bearing. To do this install the king pin, the thrust bearing, and the spindle. Leave the dust seal off. Lock the king pin to the axle with the locking nut and bolt. Rotate the spindle and see how freely it rotates. Note any up and down movement. You will probably have up and down movement so add one or two shims. Check it again. Add shims until the spindle seems to be binding and not turning freely. Remove a shim if that is the case.

The shims will take up the free space that is between the bottom of the thrust bearing and the spindle. This free space is created by the lack of proper thickness of the thrust bearing and any wear that has occurred on the mating surfaces of the axle and the spindle.

Bratton's Antique Auto claims to stock a repo metal dust cover that is made to the original Ford drawing. That may be the case, but it still may not fit properly due to wear to the axle or spindle surfaces. Les Andrews says to leave them out completely. If you are a purist you may not want to do that.

My advice is to go ahead and try to install them. If they interfere, remove them and grind the lip down a little bit.

When you think you have the proper amount of shims installed and you think the dust cover is not interfering, there is a way to test it. With the car still sitting on jack stands, place a floor jack under the end of the spindle near the threaded end and run the jack up to put pressure on spindle. This will simulate the wheel being installed and the car sitting on the ground. With your fingers try to rotate the thrust bearing. You should not be able to move it. Do the same with the dust cover; you should be able to rotate it.

Correct installation of king pins, along with correct adjustment of the front wheel bearings is essential to safe proper steering. ☺



8th Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour

Oct 16-18, 2014

The Eighth Annual **Sweet Home Alabama Tour** sponsored by the **Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club** will highlight the beauty of Alabama's heartland. The Tour will be conducted as a hub tour from Montgomery, Alabama, and will feature spectacular scenery, county back roads, and local attractions. As an added attraction this year we will offer a free early bird tour Wednesday afternoon Oct 15, to **Dan Adkison's Antique Sign and Pump Museum** departing the motel parking lot at 2 p.m. (CST).

A great 3-day lineup of touring is planned this year. Thursday morning we're off to tour a large collection of antique tractors and Indian artifacts. Then we drive through the countryside to the **Confederate Memorial Park** for a tour and lunch. In the afternoon we head back to Montgomery for a tour of **Old Alabama Town** consisting of over 50 authentically restored 19th and early 20th century structures or the **Hank Williams Museum**. The day will end with a welcome cook-out of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and pecan pie and all the fixings at the historic **Marks House**.

Friday morning we saddle up and head out to **Moton Field** and a tour of the expanded **Tuskegee Airmen Museum**. This collection has artifacts and displays outlining the history of the Airmen before and during World War II. We will continue on to **Tallassee** for lunch with a selection of four (4) restaurants for traditional, American, Mexican and Chinese your choice. After lunch we will continue our scenic tour to **Fort Toulouse National Park** containing Indian mounds, a French & American Fort, or you may want to visit the Wetumpka Antique Mall, the evening will be open.

Saturday we're off to **Horseshoe Bend National Military Park** for a windshield tour and on site orientation at various locations of the battlefield. The Park was established to preserve and protect the site of the last major battle of the Creek Indian War (1813-1814). After the tour we will motor to the **Sherman Model "A" Ford garage complex** for our "All American" box lunch. After lunch we will visit the **Wellborn Muscle Car Museum**. It is truly an impressive collection of muscle cars and all sorts of MOPAR memorabilia and rare parts. As the men tour the car museum the ladies will be able to visit the large local Antique Mall or the Wellborn home. The 8th Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour will end in the evening with a Farewell dinner featuring a "**Taste of Montgomery Buffet**". Sunday morning we're off for home and the end of another adventure on the Model "A" highway.

The **Comfort Inn & Suites**, 10015 Chantilly Parkway, Montgomery, Alabama, will be our host motel. The special tour rate for the rooms will be \$75.99 per night that includes breakfast. Cutoff date for the tour rate is September 16, 2014. When making reservations tell them you are with the Sweet Home Alabama Model A Ford Tour to get the special rate. The Tow vehicle parking area is located less than one mile from the motel. Due to the small size of the motel parking lot we ask that all trailers and tow vehicles be parked in the designated area. Coordinate with Lester Hall for trailer parking at cell (334) 399-8059, email partsnology@charter.net The Tour Registration form is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact: Paul Majerick at (334) 312-3029 email: paulmajerick@aol.com. or Terry Longest, Cell (334) 549-1662 email jtbwlongest@myops.net



8TH ANNUAL SWEET HOME ALABAMA TOUR

REGISTRATION FORM



Name:		Name of Guest(s):		
Street Address:		City:	Apt./Suite:	
Zip Code:	Phone Number:	Email:		
Cell Number:		Car Club:		
Year of Car:	Model of Car:	License No.:	Trailer: Y / N (Circle One)	Arrival: Wed/Thru/Fri (Circle One)
Auto Insurance Company & Policy Number:				
Event Registration		Qty.:	Fee Per Car	Total
Tour Registration Fee (\$25 per driver and spouse or 1 guest)		Qty.:	\$25.00 (driver + 1)	\$
Additional passengers/guest (\$5.00 each)		Qty.:	\$5.00 (per person)	\$
THURSDAY:				
Confederate Memorial Park	Qty.:	@	\$2.00 (per person)	\$
BBQ Catered Meal	Qty.:	@	\$15.00 (per person)	\$
Tour Options (Please choose of the following):				
Tour #1: Old Alabama Tour (\$10.00 per person)	Qty.:	@	_____ for Tour # 1	\$
Tour #2: Hank Williams Museum Tour (\$5.00 per person)	Qty.:	@	_____ for Tour # 2	\$
Welcome Cookout at the Historic Marks House: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Pecan Pie, and Drinks	Qty.:	@	\$10.00 (per person)	\$
FRIDAY:				
Fort Toulouse	Qty.:	@	\$2.00 (per person)	\$
SATURDAY:				
Lunch (Please choose one for each person attending):				
Menu #1: Crossroads Club (Smoked turkey, ham, bacon, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, herb mayo & Dijon mustard on homemade multigrain bread, pasta, drink & dessert.)	Qty.:	@	\$12.00 (per person)	\$
Menu #2: Ham with pasta (Stacked ham, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onion, herb mayo & Dijon mustard on homemade multigrain bread, drink & dessert.)			_____ for Menu # 1	
Menu #3: Turkey with pasta (Smoked turkey, muenster cheese, lettuce, tomato & cranberry mayo on homemade walnut raisin bread, drink & dessert.)			_____ for Menu # 2	
			_____ for Menu # 3	
Wellborn Muscle Car Museum	Qty.:	@	\$9.00 (per person)	\$
Farewell Dinner "A Taste of Montgomery Buffet"	Qty.:	@	\$25.00 (per person)	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (Refunds on a case-by-case basis)				\$

Make your reservations directly with the Comfort Inn & Suites, 10015 Chantilly Parkway, Montgomery, AL 36117. Call (334) 532-4444, or (334) 532- 4400, GM.AL238@choicehotels.com Includes breakfast each day.

Please Make Checks Payable to the "Central Alabama Model 'A' Ford Club"

Mail Completed Registration Form to: Sweet Home Alabama Tour, 1309 Magnolia Curve, Montgomery, Alabama 36106-2010

Signed _____ Dated _____

The signers agree to indemnify and hold harmless for any and all liability due to my attendance and participation in the 2014 Sweet Home Alabama Tour, the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club (CAMAFC), CAMAFC Members, their officers, directors, staff and any and all constituents acting on behalf of the aforementioned affiliations and/or Tour Volunteers. Submission of this Tour Registration Form (signed or unsigned) constitutes acceptance of the terms of this release. The vehicle being used has all required automobile insurance established by state statute.

MAFFI UPDATE:

From MAFFI President, Stan Johnson

(Excerpt from report on this year's Annual Meeting and Model A Day) Friday was a work day, doing museum upkeep projects and preparing for the big day on Saturday. On Friday Night a live band played era music for the **Cruise-In** which was attended by people in Model A's as well as a variety of there interesting cars. It was a beautiful evening - the Diner was open, the Model A Museum was open, pretty much Heaven on Earth.

On Saturday more than 100 Model A's rolled onto the grounds and a crowd of several hundred people enjoyed a day that threatened rain, but the rain stayed away until late afternoon. **Special display cars** in front of the museum included the newly donated (Bill Edstrom) Taxi, the recently donated Deluxe Phaeton and Roadster Pickup (Paul Fagan). Also a Model N, and two Model K Fords and a Town Car were brought for the day by Tim Kelly. Inside was the recently donated (Beckwith) '29 roadster. The Secrets of Speed Society held their annual gathering at the same time and added a lot of interest to the overall event.

Seminars by Anne Neely-Beck; Ron Ehrenhofer, Dick Dorato and Rich Falluca were very well attended.

The ceremony to induct the first two members of the **Model A Ford Hall of Fame**, Henry and Edsel, went off well. A new display has been created so that every year new members can be inducted and honored with a photograph on the museum walls.

Ken and Helen Ehrenhofer were presented with the annual **Volunteer of the Year** plaque for their many contributions to the success of the foundation over the past years.

The **Swap Meet** was very successful with lots of good Model A items and other vendors mixed in. A rebuilt engine was offered in a silent auction. It was a great start for what we hope will be a reason to attend Model A Day at Gilmore every year.

Model 'A' Day at The Gilmore

Story and photos by Jim Johnston



Last month Jackie and I attended the 4th Annual Model 'A' Day at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The Gilmore is home to the Model A Ford Museum built by The Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI) with support from The Model A Restorers Club (MARC), The Model A Ford Club Of America (MAFCA), and many other individual Model A enthusiasts. This site was chosen because it is becoming a 'destination' for the antique automobile community.



The Gilmore Car Museum began in 1963 when Donald S. Gilmore's wife Genevieve gave him a 1920 Pierce Arrow for his birthday. Restoring that classic vehicle—which is still on display at the museum—ignited a passion. Over the years that followed, Donald continued buying and restoring great cars. To accommodate his

collection—which soon grew to over 30 vehicles—he acquired 90 acres of farmland in southwest Michigan.



He also purchased several historic barns, had them dismantled, and moved to the site—a stroke of inspiration that gives the museum its unique, rustic character. It was Genevieve who came up with the idea of turning the collection into a museum, which would allow future generations to enjoy the one-of-a-kind collection. The Gilmore's established a non-profit foundation and opened the museum to

the public for the first time on Sunday, July 31, 1966.

Today, the museum, in addition to the Gilmore Collection, includes the Model A Ford Museum, Pierce-Arrow Museum, Franklin Museum, Lincoln Museum, Cadillac-LaSalle Museum, Classic Car Club of America Museum, a 1941 Diner, a recreated 1930s Shell Station, and more. Most of the Marque museums depict a dealership showroom setting, where as the Model A museum has a service area and parts department in addition to the showroom. Because of this layout Jackie and I think the Model A museum is a cut above the others.



In addition to the 100+ Model 'A's (and two Model K Fords) in attendance, there was a swap meet, several seminars, and a display of Model 'A' Speedsters organized by the Secrets of Speed Society. The MAFFI Membership Meeting concluded with the induction of Henry and Edsel Ford into the Model A Ford Museum's Hall Of Fame.

If you are looking to do a 'gearhead' holiday in the future the Gilmore should be at, or near, the top of your list. I would recommend at least two days to enjoy the great automobiles on display there. Why not plan on attending Model A Day At The Gilmore next September?

FALL LEAF TOUR TALLADEGA NATIONAL FOREST AND CHEAHA STATE PARK NOVEMBER 8-9, 2014



The Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club is proud to announce a fall leaf tour through the Talladega National Forest & Cheaha Mountain, and a tour & dinner in Gerald Grizzard's Model "A" Ford Museum, Oxford Alabama Saturday evening. On Saturday (November 8th) we will tour to Clay County for lunch at Red's Catfish Cabin, 689 Catfish Road, Cragford AL (Hwy 49 to Catfish road which is at mile marker 57, turn and follow the road to Catfish Cabin.) We ask that all individuals on the tour arrive at Red's NLT 11:00 (C.S.T.) to linkup with the tour.

After lunch we will saddle up in that "ole" Model "A" Ford and head out on a scenic tour to the top of Cheaha Mountain the pinnacle of natural beauty and awe in Alabama. This foothill of the Appalachian Mountains is the highest point in the state of Alabama. Standing 2,407 feet above sea level, it is no wonder why the local Creek Indians named this place "Cheaha," meaning high place. We will continue on to the host Motel for check in, and then to Gerald Grizzard's Model "A" Ford museum for a tour and a catered dinner. The evening will be filled with good "ole" Model A fellowship, picking and grinning by the Blue Grass Buddies and fine Italian dining.

Sunday morning we depart the Quality Inn after breakfast and check-out for the final leg of the fall leaf tour and lunch. At 7:45 a.m. we will assemble in the parking lot of the Lone Star Restaurant (Next to the Motel) and depart at 8:00 p.m. Our tour will take us through more scenic roads highlighted by brilliant fall colors ending up at "Miss Anita's" restaurant in Ashland Alabama for lunch.

After lunch we head out for home with the completion of another great Tour on the "MODEL A HIGHWAY. Come in your modern automobile and join the fun even if you can only make one day. The scenery is outstanding during this time of year at Cheaha State Park! It's like being in the Smoky Mountains during the fall, but a lot closer. All members are invited to attend even if your Model "A" is not up and running.

TRAILER PARKER

If you would like to tow your Model "A" to Oxford Alabama on Friday and joint the tour, a designed area one mile from the host Motel is reserved for parking tow vehicles and trailers. Requirements should be coordinated with Gerald Grizzard (256) 835-2998 or (256) 310-6463 cell.

MOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Quality Inn of Oxford, 161 Colonial Drive, Oxford, AL (Exit 188, I-20) is our Host Motel with 20 rooms reserved (\$57.60 plus tax) for the tour. The rooms will be reserved until 30 days before the fall leaf tour begins. CALL NOW and make your reservations: (256) 835-2170, (tell them you are with the Model A Ford tour). Registration form is enclosed for your convenience and should be submitted now to give us a head count for the various activities.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE THE TOUR A SUCCESS!



Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club

1309 Magnolia Curve
MONTGOMERY, AL 36106

FALL LEAF TOUR REGISTRATION FORM NOVEMBER 8-9, 2014

<u>Name:</u>		<u>Name of Guest(s):</u>		
<u>Street Address:</u>		<u>City:</u>	<u>Apt./Suite:</u>	
<u>Zip Code:</u>	<u>Phone Number:</u>	<u>Email:</u>		
<u>Cell Number:</u>		<u>Car Club:</u>		
<u>Year of Car:</u>	<u>Model of Car:</u>	<u>License No.:</u>	<u>Trailing:</u> Y / N (Circle One)	<u>Arrival:</u> FRI / SAT (Circle One)

Event Registration:	Qty.:	@	Fee:	Total:
Saturday – Italian Dinner (Gerald Grizzard's Model "A" Ford Museum)			\$15.00 (per person)	\$

Make your reservations directly with the Quality by calling (256) 835-2170.

If reservations are made by October 8, 2014, you will be eligible for the group room rate of \$57.60.
plus tax

The signers below, agree to indemnity and hold harmless for any and all liability due to my attendance and participation in the 2014 Fall Leaf Tour, the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club (CAMAFC), CAMAFC Members, their officers, directors, staff and any and all constituents acting on behalf of the aforementioned affiliations and/or Tour Volunteers. Submission of this Tour Registration Form (signed or unsigned) constitutes acceptance of the terms of this release. The vehicle being used has all required automobile insurance established by state statute.

Please Make Your Checks Payable to the "Central Alabama Model 'A' Ford Club"

Please send completed registration form and payment **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 25, 2014** to:

FALL LEAF TOUR, 1309 Magnolia Curve, Montgomery, Alabama 36106-2010

Signed _____ Dated _____



Tours on the Horizon



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AND LOOKING ON TO 2015.....



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!

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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



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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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