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MAFCA Chapter - Chartered May 2014



Newsletter



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"Perfect day for sightseeing in the big city."

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**Board Meeting Minutes: We will now be posting our Board Meeting Minutes on the website each month. Simply go to the website and click on the link under "About" on the home page, or click here.

2025 Southside A's Club Events

April 5	Tour to collection of Tommy Davis,
	lunch after at Barnstormer's Grill.
April 12	Tech Meet: "Spring Tune-up"
April 22	Lunch Bunch - Callaway Gardens
	Azalea Tour, lunch in Pine Mountain
May 15	Lunch Bunch - Warm Springs Winery
	at the Shed/Fitzgerald Farms
May 31	Summer Social - Line Creek Brewery,
	Peachtree City
June TBD	Lunch Bunch
July 16	Lunch Bunch - Hills & Dales tour,
	lunch in LaGrange
August 13	Lunch BRUNCH. City Café,
	Fayetteville
Aug. 29-Sept.5	Tentative tour to Charleston, SC with
	Georgia Region.
September 18	Lunch Bunch - TBD
October 11	Southern Belle Farms day
October 16	Lunch Bunch - Tim's Lighthouse
November 8	Annual Business Meeting
December 6-7	Callaway Christmas Lights overnight

Activities of Interest

April 24-27	Pigeon Forge Tour - GA Region	
June 16-20	MARC National Meet,	
	Gettysburg, PA	
June 15-22	MAFCA National Meet,	
	Waynesboro, VA	

Editor's Note:

We kick off a busy month with a trip to see Tommy Davis's car collection, with lunch at Barnstormer's Grill, then a Tech Meet and an azalea-filled Lunch Bunch! Don't miss out. Read about last month's tour, and get all the info for upcoming activities.

We even have an interesting raffle opportunity to check out, along with all the rest.

Enjoy!

-Gwyneth

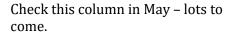
Happy Birthday!

April anomaly....
No member birthdays!



Happy Anniversary!

...AND no member anniversaries!





Thoughts from Our Director

It's good to see that spring is here - although it brings pollen. The temperatures have been a roller coaster but the buds on trees and flowers are beautiful and a reminder that warmer temps are on the way! And that means it's time to wash and tune up our Model A's. To help with the tune up we have a Tech Meet April 12 at Jim Hunter's garage and led by Tom Romine.

Great news- our Treasurer reports that everyone is up to date on their dues!

Our first Lunch Bunch outing of the year was to Walker Hill in Griffin followed by lunch at Corner Cafe in Zebulon. It was a nice turnout!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next get together.

--Steve

"Genius is one percent inspiration, and ninety-nine percent perspiration."

Thomas Edison



APRIL 5th TOUR TOMMY DAVIS'S CAR COLLECTION

On April 5th we have a treat planned -- to visit club member Tommy Davis's home in Senoia to see his wonderful car collection. Tommy has a variety of cars that includes his own, as well as a changing array of automobiles for sale. He has also collected automobilia over the years, making for a fun and unique display.

After our visit we will take a drive to nearby Williamson for lunch at Barnstormer's Grill at the Peachstate Airport. We're getting there on the early side, hoping to avoid the lunchtime rush. And we'll likely be able to enjoy seeing various take-offs and landings from the private air enthusiasts who frequent the airport.

We'll gather at the Circle K at Hwy 16 and GA 85 in Senoia for the short hop to Tommy's, going in a caravan since the entrance can be tricky to spot.

GATHER: Circle K at 16 and 85 in Senoia **TIME:** Arrive at 9:00 for a 9:15 departure

RSVP: By April 3 so we know who to expect, and don't leave anyone behind! Steve Vied, 678-477-6105 or srvied@gmail.com, OR Gwyneth, 805-890-5195 or gwynshot@aol.com.



First Lunch Bunch of the Year!

Walker Hill & Corner Cafe

Recap by Gwyneth Shotwell

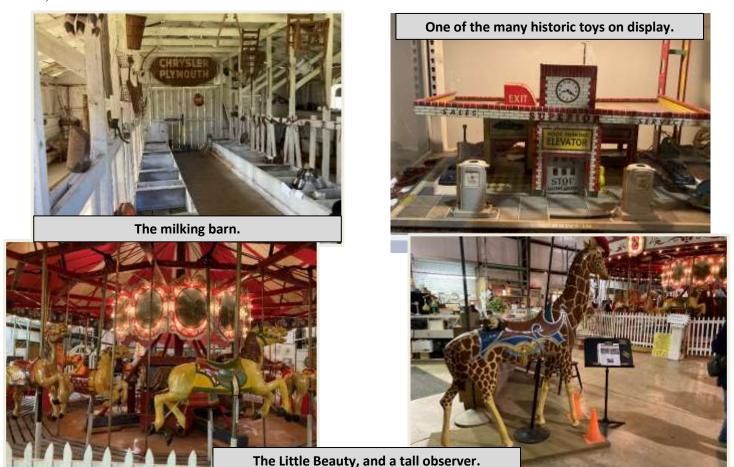
We started off our 2025 Lunch Bunch series with a wonderful tour organized by Steve and Ardith Vied. After meeting up in Fayetteville (after one couple mistakenly went to the WRONG location!) we took a really lovely drive to Griffin to visit historic Walker Hill. The home was built in 1867 and was purchased in 1905 by the Walker family. It was run as a dairy until 1933 when it became the permanent residence of the Walker family. We were privileged to have Mr. Walker's great-grandson, Ron Walker, as our informative and enthusiastic guide.

Ron's mother and his Uncle Charles grew up in the house, and went on to care for and nurture the property. Charles was a natural collector, and eventually built a large "barn" to house artifacts depicting life in the South of a bygone era. Set up as a series of vignettes, we saw vintage phones, toys Charlie had played with, a wonderful musical instrument reminiscent of a pipe organ called a Chrysglott, rare kitchen gadgets, and more. But the centerpiece of this wonderful museum is the Little Beauty wooden carved Carousel in the very center of it all.

Charlie restored the carousel as a labor of love over many years, even being featured in a local TV news story back in the 1980s. With fewer wooden, hand-carved examples remaining, this is a true treasure. And several of us took a ride, complete with music and lights. It was delightful.

Afterwards, we took a short drive to Zebulon to have lunch at the Corner Café. Our group of 16 became 19 as we were met there by the Tylers, and Kevin Moss. There was lively conversation, tasty food, a fabulous waitress who felt like an old friend, and a yummy dessert case that several folks took advantage of for take-home goodies. All in all, a wonderful day. Thanks again to the Vieds!

Attendees: Terry & Niva Atkins; Steve & Barbara Searock; Steve & Ardith Vied; Tom Romine; Dick & Pam Carne; Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell; Pat & Pam Tyler; Richard Myrick; Mark & Marilyn Corley; Jim & Ann Hunter; Kevin Moss.









Folks enjoying their rides! Clockwise from above: Tom Romine, Gwyneth Shotwell, the Hunters, Steve Searock. And below, the gang.





Next Lunch Bunch:

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Lunch in Pine Mountain followed by a Tour of **Callaway Gardens**

It's Spring. Flowers are in bloom. Join us on **Tuesday, April 22nd** for a slow country road drive to Pine Mountain for lunch at the **San Marcos**

Mexican Restaurant followed by a visit to Callaway Gardens to enjoy the beautiful azalea blooms as well as a visit to the butterfly center.

We will finish the day with a stop at **Lubell's Ice Cream Parlor** where you can enjoy your choice of an ice cream refresher before you begin your drive home.

Niva and Terry Atkins are organizing this tour, including purchasing the Callaway tickets, for which we will reimburse them that day. The fee is \$20/per person.

Folks from the LaGrange area will meet at the restaurant. Those coming from the Fayetteville/Peachtree City/Newnan environs can join a caravan from Sam's Club, Sharpsburg, led by the Shotwells.

DATE: Tuesday, April 22.

GATHER: Sam's Club, Fischer Rd & Hwy 34, Sharpsburg

TIME: 10am for a 10:15 departure. We plan to arrive at the restaurant at **11:30.**

RSVP: #1) A call or text to 864-525-6364 or an email to <u>niva@charter.net</u> by **April 17**th will secure your spot for this Lunch Bunch tour. Tickets will be picked up a few days before and will be passed out at lunch. Cash, check, Zelle or cashapp accepted. No Callaway cancellations after the 17th.

#2) Please let the Shotwells know by Sunday the 20th if you are joining the caravan.

NEXT TECH MEET April 12, 2025



Our next Tech Meet will be April 12th at Jim Hunter's Garage. With the beginning of the Touring Season just around the corner, it would be nice to make sure you know what to do to your car to get her ready. Who knows what you may want to do, or where you may want to go. So let's get them ready.

So I am concentrating, this month, on 'A' Spring Check-up. I'm looking for a car that we can look at, make some adjustments to and get ready to Tour. My requirements are... A car that maybe is not driven much, but WANTS to be. One that, the owner wants to join in for some of our fun (as you know we go on lunch tours, one day tours and overnight tours). Please respond as soon as possible so we can put this Tech Meet together.

Now this meet will be the same as the previous ones. To be held at Jim

Hunter's garage: **599 Bankstown Road, Brooks, GA 30205**. We will have Coffee n' Donuts, most likely Pizza for lunch, training and fellowship, all the very low cost of \$10.00.

We start at 9:30 and try to be finished by 2:00.

Please **RSVP** so we can have a correct number for the food.

Come join the fun and fellowship.

--Tom Romine modelatom@comcast.net 770 527-4039

Pigeon Forge Tour with Georgia Region

April 24-27, 2025

We want to let you know about a fun tour being planned by Mark & Marilyn Corley with the Georgia Region

club; they are also members of SSAs. It's a trip to Pigeon Forge, TN, and includes several activities that are sure to please.

Enjoy an evening with the Hatfields & McCoys Dinner Theater, attend a Comedy Barn show, and marvel at the Titanic Exhibit. Price for all activities is \$139/pp; a great deal! Some folks are already planning to attend from our club, and a caravan can be organized for a group. Trailering is also an option.

Hotel LeBlanc Best Western

\$139.33 incl. taxes

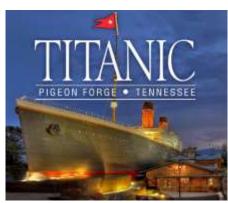
Call <u>865-453-2999</u> & give Bobby DeLong's name/confirmation #398594808 for discount room rate. Rooms at this rate are going quick.

Call Bobby Delong at 678-283-0854 to let him know you have made hotel reservations & to get instructions on paying for weekend activities. **Cut-off date:** 4/2/2025

For more information, and coordination options, call the Corleys:

Mark cell: 404-557-2529. Marilyn cell: 404-557-2531





NATIONAL EVENTS



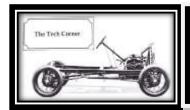


Waynesboro, VA





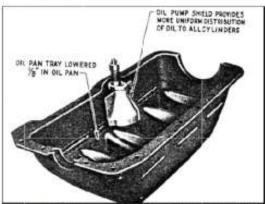




The Tech Corner

Oil Pump Change

by Tom Endy Ford made a change to the oil pump and the dipper tray in late summer of 1931. According to the service bulletin the reason was to lessen oil consumption.



Service Bulletin, page 576, for July August 1931:

"An Improvement to lessen oil consumption: A shield is provided that fits around the oil pump and assures a more even distribution of oil to all the cylinders. The oil pan tray has also been lowered by 1\8" and is accomplished by raising the bead in the oil pan tray."



The shield that fits around the oil pump



The bottom dipper tray is the modified one with the bead raised 1/8" along the edge of the tray to lower it in the pan. The dipper tray at top is the original with the bead in the center.

Common wisdom has it that if you are going to use the oil pump shield you must use the corresponding modified dipper tray.



The engine in this 1931 wide bed pick-up was found to have the oil pump shield installed, but not a modified dipper tray. The shield was removed from the pump.

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

From Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

March 2025

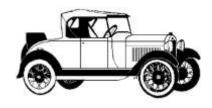
embership continues to hold relatively stable with January renewals. We are in the process of invoicing 2023 and 2024 members who have not renewed hoping to reach people who have missed renewal notices. We would again ask all of our Regions to encourage new and existing members to join MARC. Don't forget about our expanded youth membership eligibility and our special membership rate for surviving spouses!

s a reminder, your MARC Board has extended our free one year membership offer to Region members who have never become MARC members. This membership includes the digital version of the *Model A News*, but you can experience all the other benefits of MARC membership. Give it a try!

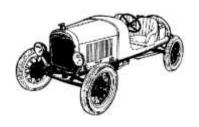
Regarding MARC's Technical Chairman, you are probably aware that after serving more than 10 years, Ron Ehrenhofer has retired and Larry Shepard has volunteered to step up to fill his shoes. Larry is more than qualified for this role. A big thank you to both for your dedication to our organization.

ommittee announcement! The Driver Class Judging Standards Committee is pleased to announce that the judging standards are available on the MARC website. Just select Menu, Programs and Awards, then click on MARC Driver Class to view and download the standards! Participants having vehicles judged will be required to provide the scoring sheets at Gettysburg this summer.













MAFFI Minute



Through the generous donation of Gary and Laurie Mills, their 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton will be used in this year's sweepstakes. Their request was that the proceeds be used to fund the expansion of the Ford Model A Museum on the grounds of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

The 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton highlights:

- Like a traditional phaeton this open car has no side windows, providing an openair driving experience.
- Unlike a Ford Model A roadster, the Phaeton has four doors, allowing passengers access to the back seat.
- With an open design, the Phaeton was not as commonly purchased as other Model A body styles.

Entering in the sweepstakes not only benefits the Model A Ford Museum, you are entered to in this amazing car! To enter, cut and paste this address:

https://www.tapkat.org/model-a-ford-foundation-inc/eE6e35?promo=MAFFIWS20 (or go to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. website, click on Expansion and then click on Sweepstakes).

The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) seeks to preserve Model A Fords and related artifacts and memorabilia, encourage research, and educate present and future generations about the Model A Ford and its era.



Every year a special Model A Day celebration is held on the third weekend of September. You are encouraged to attend the two-day Model A only event, because all funds collected at the Gilmore Museum's gate that day are given to MAFFI to support the foundation and the Model A Ford Museum.

By entering this Sweepstakes, you are becoming a part of a broader plan to help the Model A Museum expand.

You may also support the Model A Museum through Membership in MAFFI, and all donations and bequests are welcome and much appreciated.

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary







FASHION FINDS...

From Gwyneth Shotwell

Here is our final installment for all things "Whoopee!" Well, as it pertains to Model A era clothing, anyway.... I hope you've enjoyed this charming slice of American life way back when.

(Thanks to Laurie Elliott, Santa Clara Valley Chapter of MAFCA, and the MAFCA website.)



While this pair of men's shoes is typical for the time period and seem nice enough, the only new aspect is that they are now offered in navy blue in addition to the usual black or brown. Is this flamboyant enough to earn a Whoopee appellation?

The men's wool hat to the right first appears to be shapeless and without spark, but imagine it in Royal blue, light green, red or purple! Maybe it has earned its Whoopee title after all, but I wonder just how many were sold or worn in public. Both of these listings are from National Bella Hess Co. Spring & Summer 1930.





Conclusion

I hope you got a kick out of my casual sampling of Model A clothing ads. Interestingly, I didn't find any ads for women's dresses, pants or pajamas using the term Whoopee. And definitely not a single ad for any women's step-ins, bloomers, or any kind of underwear or union suit for women or men. Was "Whoopee Style" a distinctive style in the Model A years? I highly doubt it, but the catch phrase absolutely got my attention!

Sources:

Montgomery Ward & Co. Chicago, Fall & Winter 1929-30.

M.W. Savage Co. Minneapolis, Minn. Spring & Summer 1931.

National Bella Hess Co. Inc. New York City, Annual Summer Sale Catalog, 1928.

National Bella Hess Co. Inc. New York City, Spring & Summer, 1930.



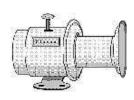


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For Sale/Wanted

FOR SALE:

1931 Model A Mail Truck. Has a bench seat, but original seat is available. This is a fine Mail A Mail Truck. Comes with 30's mailman uniform, mail bags, and Mail Truck mailbox. I've driven it on Talladega Motor Speedway. Runs, drives and stops with no issues. It does have fiberglass fenders. Other than that it is pretty much original; has the security wire and curtains on the rear door. Oxford, AL. Asking \$25,000.00 Call 256-310-6463 or email gfireman52@aol.com Gerald Grizzard



FOR SALE: PRICE REDUCTION!

1930 Model A four door Town Sedan, dual side mounts; rebuilt starter, distributor, carburetor, battery disconnect, new wiring harness, turn signals, new 2 blade fan, new coil, brakes have been gone through; mains & rods bearings have been tightened. Nice driver; paint is presentable; steel body; cranks, runs and drives with no issues. Oxford, AL. Asking \$14,500.00 Call 256-310-6463 or email gfireman52@aol.com Gerald Grizzard



FOR SALE:

Slightly used Float-a- motor FRONT motor mount. **Asking \$50.00**. New ones go for \$ 75.00 Contact: Tom Romine 770 527-4039



FOR SALE:

1928 Leather Back Fordor Sedan

Complete frame off restoration. Excellent condition. Runs and handles well. Regularly driven; always garaged. Rose beige original color.

Asking \$31,500

Contact: David Hadden 770-539-1742 davidonnahadden@gmail.com Buford, GA





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) 710-2153**







FOR SALE:

1931 Slant Windshield Fordor Sedan

Complete frame off restoration. Excellent condition. Runs and handles well. Regularly driven; always garaged. Classy wedding car.

Asking \$31,500

Contact: David Hadden 770-539-1742 davidonnahadden@gmail.com Buford, GA





WANTED:

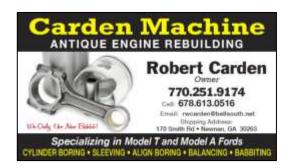
The late 1927 Model A Ford crank with FORD script on the middle (angle) bar, 11/16" lug nut socket, 8 inch throw-offset, 90 degree pin position.

Contact: Bill Nitschke, cell (914)-323-8958, williamjnitschke@gmail.com

WANTED:

A 2012 **Model A Day patch** to complete my collection. I will purchase the patch or trade a 2024 Model A Day patch.

Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463 or email gfireman52@aol.com



Club Items

<u>Club Banners:</u> We have designed a Club Banner to display on your car when touring or just to hang in your shop. \$15/each.

Call Jim Hunter @ (770) 710-2153 or ytguy@aol.com

NEED A CLUB NAME TAG?

The price is \$8 each, which covers the tag, tax and shipping.

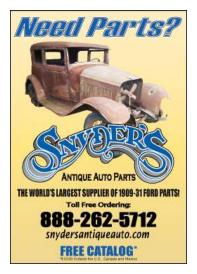
Here's how to place your order:

- **1. EMAIL** your name(s), and City/State as you would like them to appear, PLUS your mailing address for delivery, to **Pat Tyler**: pat@patpamtyler.com.
- **2. Send your check** at \$8 each, made out to **SOUTHSIDE A's.** to:

Nive Atkins 156 Taylor Len Drive LaGrange, GA 30240







Application for Club Membership

Southside A's Membership Name____Spouse's Name____ Street Address_____City/State/Zip_____ Phone (Home) (Business) (Cell) Occupation_____E-mail____ Please list Model A's you own (You do not have to own a Model A to join our club) BODY STYLE ENGINE and/or VIN No. YEAR Membership Dues: \$20.00. (See below for National Dues, if necessary.) Date Applicant's Signature "NOTE: Applicants approved for membership at the November or December Board Meetings shall be considered paid for the Send application, along with check made out to "Southside A's," to: Niva Atkins, 156 Taylor Len Dr, LaGrange, GA 30240 Membership in the national Model A Restorers Club (M.A.R.C.) required. Are you a member? ()YES Please furnish membership Number ()No Please complete application below for National M.A.R.C. membership Model "A" Restorer's Club 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$50,00/YR SEND DIRECTLY TO ADDRESS ABOVE NAME (print) SPOUSE'S NAME_ STREET ADDRESS CITY/STATE/ZIP DAYTIME PHONE APPLICANTS SIGNATURE _____DATE_____ EMAIL ADDRESS_

Invitation to join Model "A" Restorers Club

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

MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

P.O. Box 498, Howell, Michigan 48844 (734) 427-9050 Office (734) 427-9054 Fax modelarestorersclub@gmail.com

Membership Application 1 Year Term

__U.S. Membership \$50.00 _U.S. Air Mail \$62.00 _Canada \$60.00 _ International \$70.00 _ Digital Only Membership \$50.00

Call office for Youth Membership and Surviving Spouse Membership

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

All checks must be payable in U.S. funds. U.S. funds must be stamped on the check and drawn from a U.S. bank. International Money Orders in U.S. Funds are also accepted.

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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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