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SOUTH METRO ATLANTA, GA
MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB
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Newsletter



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"A ladies enjoyable outing gets underway."

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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](#).

2024 Southside A's Club Events

August 16-18	Georgia Mountain Fair, Hiawassee, GA Region coordinating
August 22	Lunch-BRunch TBD, breakfast
September 7	International Model A Day Tour/Lunch
September TBD	Lunch Bunch TBD
September 28	Tour to the late George Bugg museum in Athens. (planning stages)
October TBD	Lunch Bunch TBD
November 2	Annual Business Meeting - Carnegie Library, Newnan

Activities of Interest

August 16-17	Shade Tree A's Swap Meet. Info inside.
September 20-21	Model A Days, Gilmore in Mich.
October 4-6	GA State Fair/Parade, Perry, GA
October 9-13	SE Touring Group
October 24-27	N. Alabama Touring Group, Fr. Payne
November 9	GA Region Business Meeting
November 21-23	Moultrie Swap Meet

Editor's Note:

We are officially in the "dog days" of Summer, but that doesn't mean there aren't opportunities to get out in our A's....we just want to make an early start!

In case you missed our Lunch Bunch that included a stop for peaches at Gregg Farms, make your way there. It's the height of peach season!

—Gwyneth



Happy Birthday!

9th - Pat Tyler
10th - Charlie Biggs
11th - Tina Carne
11th - Jack Miller
12th - Pam Tyler
13th - Pam Carne
13th - Dick Carne
14th - Ruth DeBroux
15th - Jim Hunter
23rd - Lisa Klinger
29th - Johnnie Hobbs



Happy Anniversary!

5th - Jay & Lynn Herrin
10th - Mike & Carole Foran
12th - Mark & Pat Gamble



Thoughts from Our Director

As I am sure you are aware, our hobby is supported by those that show commitment in the joy of owning and operating our cars. It got me to thinking how less valuable and fun the hobby would be if it was solely a solitary endeavor.

Each of us has experienced the support of a few people that seem to be always there to help. These encounters require the sacrifice of time and energy on the part of a precious few of our membership. It's important to recognize these folks. You know who they are and so do I.

Our club requires all of our efforts to make it work. This is not just working on our cars but working on tours, communications and handling the financial resources of the club. If you are not part of the club's "support team," I encourage you to jump in and step up.

The message of sacrifice in daily life often revolves around the idea of putting the needs and well-being of others before our own. This concept can manifest in various forms, such as dedicating time, resources, or emotional support to help those around us. When individuals share common interests, sacrifice can take on an even deeper meaning, as it fosters a sense of community and collaboration.

Sacrificing to make the hobby more meaningful will mean investing time and being there when someone needs you. It means offering encouragement and understanding during challenging times. How many times have I thrown up my hands ready to quit, when someone came to help? It means sharing knowledge, skills, or materials that can help others solve problems.

Ultimately, the message of sacrifice in this context emphasizes that by supporting one another, we can create a more fulfilling and enriching experience for everyone.

Recognizing this I would like to encourage you to attend the next club technical meet hosted by Jim Hunter and Tom Romine this coming Saturday. Details are given on this newsletter. I would also like to thank Jim and Tom for continually offering second to none instruction on Model A maintenance.

With that, I will see you down the road!

-Jim



LUNCH BUNCH TOUR TO CONCORD, GA

JULY 18

Gwyneth Shotwell



Our heart-of-summer Lunch Bunch tour on July 18 was another delightful excursion organized by Jackie and Larry Peterson. Although the weather had been threatening rain, that held off until we were safely home. In the meantime, our morning departure provided comfortable temperatures for the drive to Concord.

The Concord Café has been transformed from a buffet restaurant to an open, airy sit-down venue. The staff were welcoming and friendly, and we all enjoyed selections off the varied menu.

Then it was off for a short scenic route to Gregg Farms where we enjoyed their wonderful peach ice cream. And a nice breeze kept the ice cream from melting too fast, thank goodness!

We wrapped up our visit with several folks buying bushels of peaches and sundry other items. I can attest to the outstanding quality of the Elberta peaches, a freestone variety that was one that Jackie Peterson grew up with, straight from family farms. The Shotwells also took home some hard to find Tupelo honey, known for not crystalizing, thereby extending its shelf life while also being delicious.



Fun mural across from Concord Café.



Our Model A's alongside Jerrel's '57 Chevy.



Gregg Farms



Heading to our cars with peachy treasures.

Those participating in the day were Fred & Kathy Huey with Kathy's Mom, Jo, and caregiver, Jessica; Jack & Drena Miller; Kelly Adams; Jerrel Schell with friend, Bonnie; Larry & Jackie Peterson, with Clyde; Bob & Cheryl Simpson; Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell; Taylor & Judy Merrill.

Georgia Mountain Fair in Hiawassee

August 16-18, 2024



Who doesn't love a good parade? The annual **Georgia Mountain Fair parade** is a tradition in the hills of Hiawassee dating back 73 years and a tradition for our club. The parade begins at 11am on Saturday, August 17th. The parade starts at South State Bank and parades to the Fairgrounds.

GROUP DINNER - Saturday, August 17th, 4:30pm, Rib Country Restaurant, 580 NC-69, Hayesville, NC.

HOTEL: Holiday Inn Express in Hiawassee. Arrive Friday, August 16, checkout August 18. **Email Mark Corley at marshallacorley@bellsouth.net or call 404-557-2529 if attending by August 10th.**

Next Lunch Bunch Day-tour

This will be for breakfast! Beat the heat!

Thursday, August 22, 2024

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details. We're exploring breakfast/brunch options for this tour and will email everyone as soon as we have a venue.

Visit our website!

Southsideas.com

Join us on Facebook!



SUMMER TECH MEET – AUGUST 3, 2024



Our next Tech Meet will be on Saturday, August 3rd, and Jim Hunter is again providing his wonderful shop for our endeavors.

We will be taking on the task of rebuilding a distributor, and if you would like to offer yours for our main example, let Tom Romine know. 770-527-4039. You will need to get, and bring, your own parts. We can help others who wish to work alongside to rebuild theirs, with the requisite parts brought along with you.

The day's format will be the usual: coffee and donuts before; lunch after; \$10 per person to cover the cost of the meet. A reminder email will go out closer to the date.

NOTE: Please RSVP. Tom will need to know how many people with distributors to plan for.



MARC NATIONAL MEET – Two club members are winners!

At the 2024 Model A Restorers Club National Meet in Ashville, NC we had two of our club member families win prestigious awards. With approximately 400 Model A cars in attendance, thirty-two were presented for judging in the MARC Touring Class. **Dick and Pam Carne** won 2nd place with their 1931 Cabriolet and **Mark and Marilyn Corley** won 3rd place with their 1930 Deluxe Roadster. Congratulations to both families!!!



Dick & Pam Carne with 1931 Cabriolet

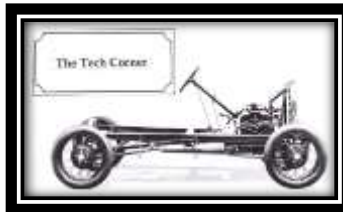


Mark & Marilyn Corley's 1930 Deluxe Roadster



Attendees at the left; scenic views on the right





The Tech Corner

Zenith Float Valves

by Tom Eady

The float valve in a Zenith carburetor controls the fuel level in the reservoir. Most Zenith how to publications recommend that the fuel level should be set at a nominal 5/8" down from where the upper and lower castings come together. This is an important setting and it should be confirmed that the setting is actually there. However, since you cannot see it, in most cases the adjustment is done by guess and it is not always accurate.

There is a test widget on the market that you connect to the bottom of the carburetor at the drain plug. My experience has been that they don't work very well. For this reason I constructed a test stand that allows me to see where the fuel level is actually set, and more important, holding at that level over a period of time.



Zenith carburetor fuel level test stand. Fuel is poured into the container at the top. It then runs down into the carburetor reservoir. When the float rises with the fuel level and reaches the set point, the valve closes.



The fuel level can be seen in the glass and measured down from the bottom of the top casting. The fuel level at the mark is at 5/8".

To adjust the fuel level, the recommended method is to add or subtract washers underneath the float valve. It is best to never bend or adjust the float mechanism, as the results will more than likely distort it and cause it to not actuate properly. Molested floats are often the cause of the float valve not holding the fuel at the proper level over a period of time.

My experience has shown that the best float valve on the market is the modern viton tip float valve Bratton's carry. However, it does come with some problems. Though the design is good, the quality control is poor. For that reason it is advised to take it apart and do some work on it. It comes apart very easy. With a small jewelers type screwdriver pry out the clear plastic washer and remove the needle valve. Inspect both the valve and the seat with a magnifying glass. You will no doubt find brass-machining debris, clean them off the viton tip and from around the seat. You may also have to use a small drill bit to clear the burrs off the seat. This is no reflection on Bratton's, as they have little control over the quality control process of their supplier.



Bratton's viton tip float valve. The valve comes apart by prying the nylon washer out at the left end of the valve.

When testing an upper casting for the proper fuel level, allow the test to sit static for about 30 minutes. If the fuel level is going to rise past the set point it will show an indication within 30 minutes.

A properly set float level is but one of the important aspects of several for a properly functioning Zenith carburetor. ☺



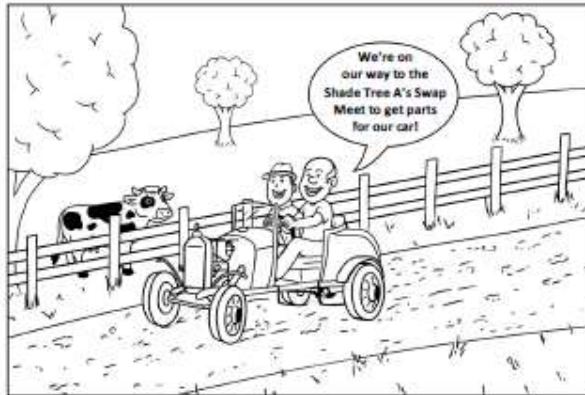
Shade Tree A's Swap Meet

sponsored by the

Shade Tree A's Model A Ford Club

1818 Augusta Highway, Thomson, Georgia 30824

Friday, August 16 and Saturday, August 17, 2024, 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM



There is no Parking, Admission or Vendor fee for this event. Come enjoy your day with fellow Model A enthusiasts. This year we are sponsoring a special workshop on Model A distributors. See details below. Lunch available.

For more information, contact:

Andrew Morse

706-834-2342

4morses@comcast.net

Jim McPherson

706-564-0120

Take note: this event is TWO DAYS this year. Also note the last paragraph regarding orders with Smith and Jones. Good to know.

George Bugg Collection



A tour is in the works to go and visit the car collection of the late George Bugg in Athens, GA.

Saturday, September 28 has been set aside, and Dick Carne is working out the details.

George Bugg was a noted collector who loved sharing with car clubs and enthusiasts. To be able to experience this collection that spans decades, along with automobilia, is very special.

We will send out further info, including whether it is a day trip or an overnight, very soon.

Stay tuned!

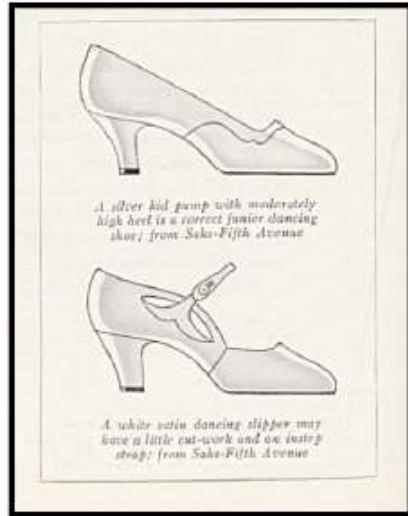


FASHION FINDS...

From Gwyneth Shotwell

Here is the final page of our “Stepping out in Style” shoe review. This is a charming description of the kind of heels appropriate for a “girl of fifteen,” or a “sub-debutante.” Plus you can peruse the article’s sources and further information.

(Thanks once again to Lynda Davis, Dallas and Fort Worth Model A Clubs, and the MAFCA website.)



“The very high spike heel is the worst possible taste for a girl of fifteen. On the other hand, there is some justice in a girl’s contention that she need not wear flat heels that are appropriate for her nine-year-old sister. For sports and for school, of course, her heels should be very nearly flat, just as her mother’s golf shoes are; for afternoon and evening, she may wear a Cuban heel, a rather low French heel, or a modified spike heel. None of these should be really high, but they may very well approximate the heels of the smart woman’s walking shoe, which is cut high enough to give a graceful line to the foot and take away any suspicion of a ‘babyish’ look.”

The illustration at left is provided by *Vogue* for their “sub-débutante” article.

Looking for more information?

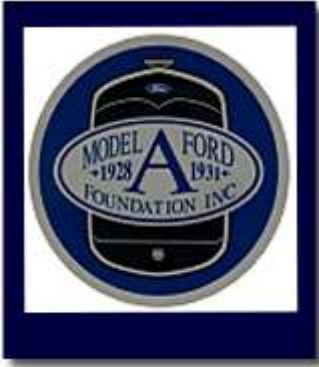
Anyone wanting to dress in the vintage style can easily find help from *Facebook* groups like *Vintage Menswear* and our own group page: *Model A Era Fashions – MAFCA*. One may mine quite a bit of information and advice not only from *MAFCA Fashion Guidelines* but also from websites like *Vintage Dancer* and *Gentleman’s Gazette* (both are hives of documented, research-based articles on fashions for both men and women and organized by decades). Even *The Library of Congress* has an era fashion blog, entitled “*Women’s Fashion History Through Newspapers*.” And members of *Genealogy.com* have access to 1928-1931 *Sears* catalogs. In fact, much of the information I collected for this article came from open resources found in *Google Books*.

Sources:

American Duchess: “What Kind of Heel Is That? A Quick Guide to Historical Shoe Heels” (*Americanduchess.com*); *MAFCA Fashion Guidelines*; *Merchandise Manual for Shoe Departments* by Elizabeth Dyer, January 1921; *Montgomery Ward & Co.*, Fall & Winter 1929-30; *M.W. Savage Co.* Minneapolis, Minn, Spring & Summer 1931; *National Bella Hess Co. Inc.*, New York City, 1928 and 1930; *The Shoe Retailer, Boots and Shoes Weekly*, July 20, 1904; *Vintage Shoes* by Caroline Cox, and *Vogue*, issues April 1, 1927, August 15, 1927, and February 15, 1930.

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MAFFI Minute



Well, the MARC National Meet in Asheville will be over by the time you read this, and I'm hoping the MAFCA folks who were unable to have their meet because of wild fires got to join in the MARC meet. And, I'm really hoping you ALL get to Hickory Corners, Michigan –September 20 and 21 for Model A Days.

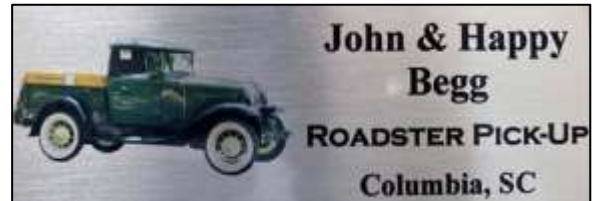
This year will be like no other . . . the commercial bus that so many have worked on and supported with donations is scheduled to be unveiled on September 20! And if that isn't enough excitement, the addition to the museum should be underway. We are literally just waiting for the proper permits to break ground!

We'll have all the usual fun in addition to the bus and expansion to view: the "first" start, museum cars, personal Model A's, Model A gifts, seminars, music, swap meet items, and more!

Did you get your "my A" plaque for the museum expansion yet (contact Val Maron at 847-951-5858 or email at TheMyAProgram@gmail.com), so that you and your car can have your name on the wall as part of the fabulous museum? Is your wardrobe updated with attire from Model A T-shirts (go to MAFFI.org and click on "store"), and did you get your Sweepstakes ticket yet (MAFFI.org), so you have a chance at a historic Model A? So many ways to support your museum . . .

There are less than 60 days until we all gather 'round to celebrate Model A Days!! I can't wait!

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Secretary



CHECK OUT OUR NEW NAME TAG DESIGN!

We have a NEW design available for **club member Name Tags!** Pat Tyler has worked hard to bring us an updated tag that offers several nice features.

The letters are larger and easier to read; we have our current club logo alongside the logo for MARC. And one of the best things is the addition of a QR code which, when read by a cell phone's camera, brings up a link to our website. This is a great way to instantly provide information about our club to people we meet when we're out and about.

They attach with a magnet that's sturdy and has a heavy-duty plastic back, making it a little lighter weight than our current model.

The price is \$8 each, which covers the tag, tax and shipping. It takes about two weeks to get them processed.

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:

Jim Hunter
599 Bankstown Rd.
Brooks, GA 30205



GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIR, PERRY, GA

October 4-5, 2024



Our Georgia region, and SSAs members, Mark and Marilyn Corley, invite you to join them for the annual trip to the **Georgia National Fair and Parade in Perry**.

This has always been a fun outing, with the parade leading directly into the fairgrounds, where we can enjoy complimentary entry for the day.

We will arrive in Perry the night before, Friday, October 4, and then participate in the parade the next day. Here is all the information for making your hotel reservations.

MODEL A CLUB TRIP RESERVATIONS: 17 ROOMS AVAILABLE AT LAQUINTA INN

Room Reservations: **9** King Rooms @ \$102 per night + tax and other fees and/or **8** Double Queen Rooms @ \$112 per night + tax and other fees.

Rooms will be held in this block until all rooms have been reserved or **September 4, 2024**.

Call hotel directly at (478) 224-0999 or make reservation at this

link <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/perry-georgia/la-quinta-by-wyndham-perry/overview?checkInDate=10/04/2024&checkOutDate=10/06/2024&groupCode=MODA>

CODE FOR ROOM RESERVATION:

All must reserve a room using this 4 letter code: **MODA**. This code is only for Friday and Saturday, October 4 & 5, 2024. Check out is Sunday, October 6, 2024.

Be sure to let the Corleys know if you would like to participate. For questions or more information, please call Mark Corley @ 404-557-2529.



Famous Left-Handers: Leonardo, Henry, and Jay...all sharing mechanical minds.

For Sale/Wanted

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
davidonahadden@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
davidonahadden@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

WANTED:

1928 Georgia tag, any condition. '28 roadster, roadster pickup, or phaeton (front) doors. Narrow bed tailgate.

Contact: Jim Dawson, 706-675-3696

Club Items

Club Banners: We have designed a Club Banner to display on your car when touring or just to hang in your shop. Call **Jim Hunter** @ (770) 710-2153 or ytguy@aol.com

NEED A CLUB NAME TAG?

****Check out NEW tags on Page 10!**



Application for Club Membership

Southside A's Model A Restorer's Club

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)

YEAR	BODY STYLE	ENGINE and/or VIN No.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Membership Dues: \$15.00. (See below for National Dues, if necessary.)

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

*NOTE: Applicants approved for membership at the November or December Board Meetings shall be considered paid for the following year.

Send application, along with check made out to "Southside A's," to: Kathy Kelly-Huey, 1825 Palmetto Tyrone Rd., Sharpsburg, GA 30277

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

6721 Merriman, Garden City MI 48135
(734) 427-9050 Office
(734) 427-9054 Fax
modelarestorersclub@gmail.com

2024 Membership Application

- U.S. Membership \$50.00
- U.S. Air Mail \$62.00
- Canada \$60.00
- International \$70.00

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.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

EXP Date _____ CVV Code# _____ Phone# _____
(Phone# is for questions regarding credit card payments)

Membership# _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

I give permission to publish my phone number in the future MARC Membership Rosters:

Yes No Phone: _____

I give permission to publish my email in the future MARC Membership Rosters:

Yes No Email: _____

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.

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Join The Model A Ford Club of America

New Membership

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Country _____ Telephone _____

Permission to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters? Yes: ___ No: ___

Gift Membership

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Country _____ Telephone _____

Return this form and payment to:
MAFCA

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

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Dues per year are

U.S. Membership - \$50

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International Membership - \$70

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Visa/MasterCard (circle one)

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

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Optional Initiation Package For New Members Only

- 1 - Back issue of *The Restorer*
- 1 - MAFCA Lapel Pin
- 1 - MAFCA Decal
- 1 - Name Badge
- Only \$10 extra

