



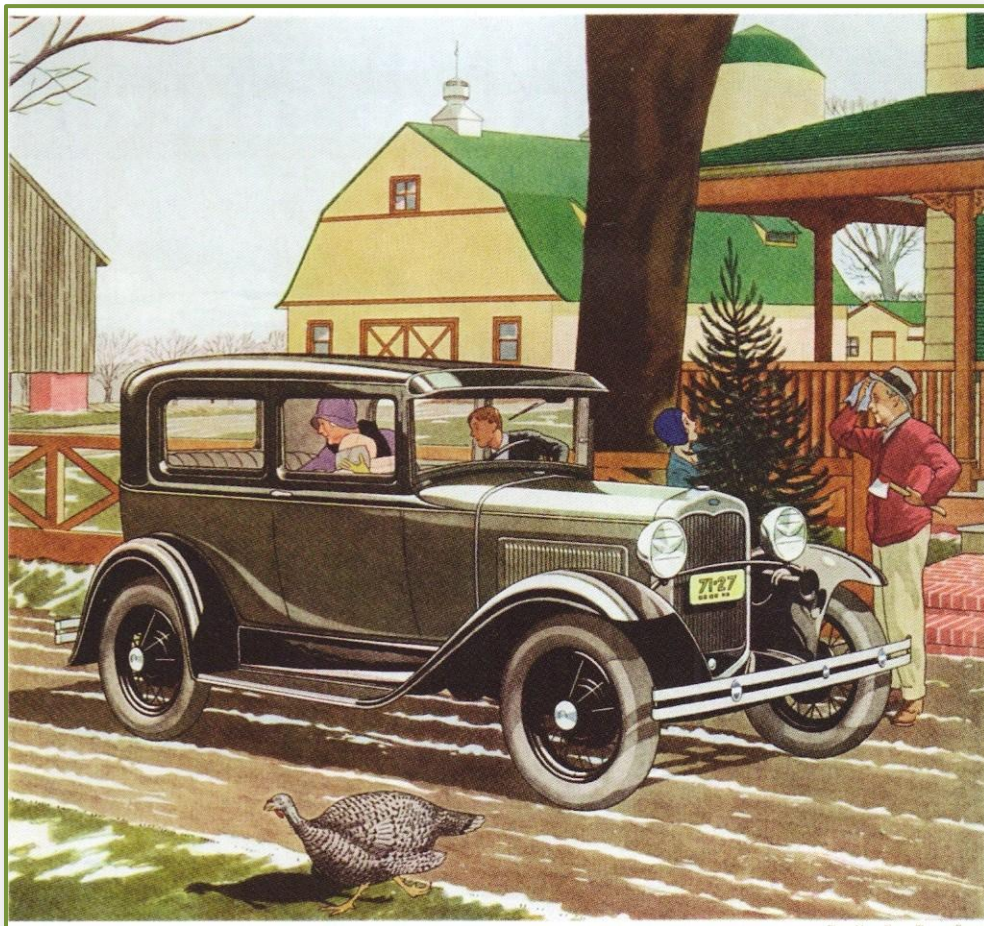
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# Newsletter

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🌿 "Taking home the Christmas tree." 🌿

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\* Can be shared, for twice the fun!

Newsletter: Mike & Gwyneth  
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Historian/Scrapbook: Ann Hunter

Tech Activities: Bentley Bohanan

Phone Tree: Merle Bennett

Fashion: Position Open!

**2012 Southside A's Club Events**

December 5	SPECIAL Board Meeting at the Meyers' - update 2013 schedule
December 29	Annual Christmas Party - at the Meyers' - 6 to 8PM

**2013 Southside A's Club Events**

January 26	Dinner and a Movie - at Tom & Betty Miller's. "Lawless" featuring some Southside A's member's cars!
February 16	Valentine's Sweetie Tour
March 15-16	Talladega Speedway, joint tour with CAMAFCA.

**Editor's Notes:**

As this Model A year winds down to its close, we can look back on one of our most active seasons, complete with participation in both National Meets, parades, joint tours with our Alabama friends, and more.

The club has meant so much to us, and we are honored to be able to chronicle the adventures of such a warm and wonderful group.

Looking forward, we are very excited to be on the brink of a fabulous Website. Watch for news of "The Launch!"

**Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell**



## Happy Birthday!

6<sup>th</sup> Bob Sims



## Happy Anniversary!

27<sup>th</sup> - Dale & Beverly Fogg  
31<sup>st</sup> - Jerry & Fran Watkins



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## Notes from Our Director

With thanks...

The last two years that I have served as Director of the Southside A's will always be a good memory for me. And, as I write this just after the Thanksgiving Holiday, I must say that I am thankful for all of the people that served along with me on the board. I am thankful for the people that have been in the club from the early beginning. I am thankful for all of the new members, now new friends, that have joined in with us this year. We have a really nice club that I am thankful for, filled with really nice people that will always try to lend a hand or be helpful if they can. When we gather with our cars there always seems to be something that we can talk about fixing or making better or driving better. Not many other hobbies can do for you what our great Model A Fords do for us. Fun to fix up, sometimes fun to repair, and best of all, fun to travel in. As we go into this next year try to think about this and do all that you can to help out with our new board and Directors. Having the cars is great, but sharing them with a great club of other Model A owners is the best.

On December the 29<sup>th</sup> we will gather for our annual Christmas party at my home. I hope that all will try to come and celebrate Christmas here together. "It's a wonderful time of the year !"

*Phil Meyers*

**P.S. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 5 -----** A special board meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup>, primarily to finalize our 2013 planning session. We will also cover any necessary year end business for our club. It will be held at the home of Phil & Kathie Meyers starting at 6:30 and should be complete by 8:00. All club members are invited, and encouraged to attend!

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### ***SOUTHSIDE A'S WEBSITE! SUBMISSIONS NEEDED!***

Our website developers have been hard at work and are looking forward to their official launch for the club in the near future. To make this truly **OUR** website, the team is in serious need of **EVERYONE'S** personal and car photos, plus a short bio that describes your Model A (and otherwise) history, that will be a delightful and important focal point for fellow members and visitors to the site.

Please send jpeg photos, and written material, to [gwynshot@aol.com](mailto:gwynshot@aol.com). For help with composing your personal blurb, call Mike Shotwell, who will take care of it with a short phone-call interview. It's fun!



## Highlights from the November Board Meeting

The SSA's 2012 Annual Membership Meeting was held on November 9, 2012 at the Nikko Steak House in Tyrone, GA.

A drawing was held for several door prizes including some 2013 Model A Ford Calendars from Hemming's Motor News. Phil announced that the SSA's Business Cards were available at the meeting for any members to be used to promote interest in the club for prospective members.

Phil recapped the 2012 activities and handed out a sheet of the scheduled activities for 2013.

Tom Miller, the Nominating Committee Chairman, (along with members Tom Romine and Jim Johnston) recognized the 2012 Officers for their service. He announced the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the 2013 Board of Directors as follows:

Co-Directors: Tom Miller and Jim Johnston

Vice Director: Larry Peterson

Treasurer: Betty Miller

Secretary: Jim Wingo

Corresponding Secretaries: Mike and Gwyneth Shotwell

Tom asked for nominations from the floor and none were offered. With that Tom then asked the members present for a show of hands in favor of the Nominating Committees recommendations. The vote was unanimous 'yeas' with no opposition.

The floor was then turned over to Mike Shotwell. Mike and Pat Tyler have been diligently working on a new website for the club. Mike gave a short overview of exciting things to come. They hope to have the website up and running by the first of the year.

### DUES ARE DUE!

Please send your check in the amount of \$15, made out to "Southside A's," to our Treasurer:

Betty Miller  
135 South Shore Drive  
Newnan, GA 30263

A man went into a garage and asked, "Have you got a wiper blade for my Model A here?"  
The garage owner looked over the spiffy Deluxe Phaeton and replied,  
"OK. Seems like a fair deal."



"Okay, Mike, the chicken, my old engine with the bad rod, and \$150 bucks... for the '29 with the V6."

**Featured Photo of the Month:** (As with 2011, 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 2012.”)



DECEMBER

## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING / ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS**



On Friday, November 9, a large voting contingency of Southside A's gathered at Nikko's Japanese Steakhouse in Tyrone to conduct our election of officers for 2013. We were all eager to do our duty, but the enticement of delicious food and fellowship sealed the deal.

Our Nominating Committee of Tom Miller, Chairman, along with Tom Romine and Jim Johnston, presented the membership with a wonderful slate of officers, who were duly elected, absent nominations from the floor. Our new Board for the year 2013 are:

<b>Co-directors:</b>	Tom Miller & Jim Johnston	<b>Vice-Director:</b>	Larry Peterson
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jim Wingo	<b>Treasurer:</b>	Betty Miller
<b>Corresponding Secretaries:</b>	Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell		

2013 promises to be another stellar year for our club, with an enthusiastic new board. Congratulations to our new officers.

Other business included the handing out of club business cards to be used to promote interest in the club; door prizes, including a wonderful calendar from Hemming's Motor News; and hearing about the highlights of our future website.

As a reward for our conscientious participation in club business, we then partook of delicious food, artfully prepared table-side by master chefs. And a good time was had by all!

## Bear Creek Hounds Opening Hunt!



On Saturday, November 10, the Southside A's contingency was represented at the Bear Creek Hounds splendid 1600 acre farm in Moreland, GA. Led by **Fred and Kathy Huey** in both of their Tudors, they were followed up by **Mike and Gwyneth Shotwell's** two cars which included their daughter Lauren and their dear friends Jeff and Cheryl Miller.

The weather was perfect and the day magical, filled with the festivities of the demonstrative fox hunt, Celtic strongmen heaving stones and flinging cabers, an Olympic rider demonstrating dressage techniques and jumping over a variety of fences with a spectacular horse, a demonstration of skeet shooting in the farm's private arena, Scottish bagpipers, concession stands and a huge festive tent where patrons were treated to a gourmet shrimp and grits meal and other wonderful delicacies.

The four Southside A's cars were parked in the spot of honor outside the tent for attendee viewing. Cameras were clicking all afternoon and the history and significance of Model A's repeated often.

The **Shotwell's** volunteered their 400 for a contest to see which of the strongmen could lift the front end off the ground the farthest. The winner, Dave Robinson, posed after his victory. The thud when the car dropped brought the folks out of the tent in a hurry...just kidding folks, but occasionally we need to see if you're reading our columns.

If this event is ever held again, we heartily recommend to all to attend. It is hard to imagine a more elegant and fun-filled day. A big thank-you to Kathy Huey for organizing the event and also to our Bear Creek hosts for the gracious invitation to display our cars and treating us to the wonderful meal.



# The Southside Spy



**(Editor's Note:** this section reports rumors, sightings and other miscellaneous pertinent data. Factual information is always sought, however, misstatements, distortions and outright fabrications will also be strongly considered).

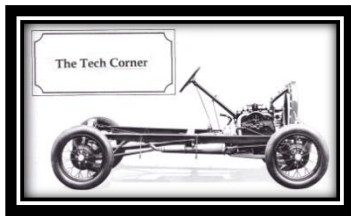
**Breaking News!** An amazing event was witnessed at the Bear Creek Fox Hunt by the intrepid team of Southside spies...an event that will be chronicled in SSA literature in perpetuity. During the Celtic strongman events, our own Fred Huey became disgusted with the puny throws of the stones and cabers. Summoning the audacity of his former youth, Fred donned a kilt and asked to be entered. The laughs ceased almost immediately when on his first hammer throw he wheeled and beat the farthest throws by 10 feet. The roar of the astonished Celts was so loud it frightened horses and set pandemonium loose throughout the event. Fortunately, a photographer rushed over to capture a group photo, with Fred front and center, after the

record-setting event. Fred will be competing in the upcoming Olympic trials and will be the likely favorite.



Our own Scottish Highlander strongman, FRED HUEY, (third from left) with fellow competitors.





# The Tech Corner

## Shared by Robert Carden

*Machinist's Workshop* recently published some information on various penetrating oils. The magazine reports they tested penetrates for break out torque on rusted nuts.

Below listed, a subjective test was made of all the popular penetrates, with the control being the torque required to remove the nut from a "scientifically rusted" environment.

Average torque load to loosen:

No Oil used ..... 516 pounds

WD-40 ..... 238 pounds

PB Blaster ..... 214 pounds (mineral oil in a solvent carrier, often acetone or mineral spirits)

Liquid Wrench .....127 pounds

Kano Kroil ..... 106 pounds (mineral oil in a solvent carrier, often acetone or mineral spirits)

ATF - Acetone mix.....53 pounds (ATF - predominantly mineral oil)

The ATF-Acetone mix is a "home brew" mix of 50 - 50 automatic transmission fluid and acetone. Note this "home brew" released bolts better than any commercial product in this one particular test.

Our local machinist group mixed up a batch and we all now use it with equally good results.

Note also that Liquid Wrench is almost as good as Kroil for 20% of the price.

ATF-Acetone mix is best, but you can also use ATF and lacquer thinner in a 50-50 mix. (ATF=Automatic Transmission Fluid)

<http://www.homeshopmachinist.net/home> has some interesting downloads and pass-alongs.

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## Jennie Briggs & Gracie Enjoy Thanksgiving!



On such a beautiful day, the Shotwell's Model A's, Gracie and Jennie Briggs, were eager to tour from Sharpsburg to Jonesboro to enliven Thanksgiving for Gwyneth's folks and their fellow residents at The Palms at Lake Spivey. Taking our daughter Lauren along, and dressed in our era togs, we arrived under the porte cochere at the main entrance for viewing and fun photos.

L. to R. - Gwyneth, step-father, Don, her mom, Dian, Mike and Lauren.

During our meal we met head chef, Christian Jendrasak, and in the course of a lively conversation, discovered that he, too, is a car aficionado! We saw photos of his 1968 Buick Riviera at a cruise-in, which turned out to be the one we frequent in Fayetteville! He came out front to see the cars and said, yes, he recognized our Tudor from the car shows. Small world...Having enjoyed Christian's tasty repast, we headed home.



One small aside: since Gwyneth has now driven the '29 on two outings, Mike isn't sure whether she'll ever let him drive it again!

We hope everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving.

If you've received our Newsletter as a complimentary copy, and our activities look intriguing and exciting, consider becoming a **MEMBER!** Remember, owning a Model A is not a requirement; just having the interest is all you need. We are a congenial group and would love to have you join us.

Contact Jim Johnston at: [john8191@bellsouth.net](mailto:john8191@bellsouth.net).

## MAFF UPDATE



We have featured photos of the Model A Ford Museum from the outside, illustrating the authentic look of a Ford dealership in times past, complete with a pair of gas pumps to fill up the lovely coupe, Tudor or phaeton. But here is a glimpse of the interior space, with its glistening floor reflecting some of the museum's nascent collection of automobiles on display.

Now that the museum has had its dedication and first opening, they are in need of continued donations in order to push along the continued filling in of the various showrooms. Visit the website to check out the various ways to contribute, some of which we are already familiar with. You could always consider purchasing a brick to commemorate a new acquisition, or event.

The museum board has also sent out a call to individual Model A clubs to promote the idea of giving a set amount, of the club's own choosing, as an annual infusion specifically for the care and maintenance that will always be required. It's certainly an endeavor that deserves continued nurturing that can come from a variety of places. As our own new board takes their positions, we will probably bring this idea to the floor for discussion.

### **FREE TO GOOD HOME!**

As many of you know, another vice Liz and I have is collection antique fountain pens. While at Hershey I picked the most esoteric of Ford ephemera, Ford pen nibs.

The Esterbrook Pen Co. began making pens and nibs in 1871. Of course, at that time pens were dip pens. They made dip pens and nibs well into the 1930s. Many companies retained the dip pen long after self-filling fountain pens became popular. You may have seen in 30s and 40s era movies where a hotel patron signs in using a dip pen. Many companies had the nibs marked with their logo. This was very prevalent with railroads. One reason for this marking was prestige. Another reason? Perhaps it kept the help from taking them home.

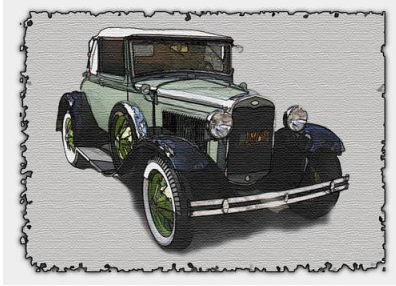
In the 25 years I've been collecting pens I've never seen an Esterbrook Ford nib before. They have the trademark Ford script. I have 7 left over. Anyone who would like one is welcome to it, no charge. I can't say the value will put the kids through college, but it is an interesting piece of history. Just let us know if you'd like one.

Rick and Liz Horne

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## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013!



### MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET: Concord (Charlotte), NC, April 11-14, 2013

Host Club: Queen City Model A Club

Host Hotel: Great Wolf Lodge

705-549-8206

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More information to follow, once it is available.

### MAFCA NATIONAL TOUR: The Blue Ridge Parkway, May 6-10, 2013



2013 MAFCA NATIONAL TOUR  
BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY  
MAY 6-10

From Charlottesville, VA to Gatlinburg, TN, the Blue Ridge Parkway is considered one of the most beautiful drives in America. With commercial traffic prohibited, and speed limits a comfortable 45mph or less, this is the perfect scenic roadway for the Model A.

The tour will include stops at many scenic and historic places along the way. Several members of the Central Alabama Model A Club are planning to attend, and have already done some advance coordinating with members from our club who have expressed interest. Contact the editors, if you'd like to be part of the group travelling together.

MAFCA membership is required to attend this tour. Go to [MAFCA.com](http://MAFCA.com) for registration and membership materials.

### MARC NATIONAL MEET: Lexington, KY, June 24-28, 2013



**Update:** The host hotel is sold out of the block of 325 rooms, however, if you will only be participating for a night or two, they may be able to accommodate that.. Check the Central Kentucky Region website for more info: [ckmarc.com](http://ckmarc.com).

\*\*\***Raffle tickets** are now on sale, with the prize being this 1929 Model A or \$5,000 in CASH!!

The drawing will be held June 28, 2013 at the Meet.

Tickets are \$10 each, three for \$25, or seven for \$50. MIKE SHOTWELL has tickets and you can contact him at 805-890-5113 (cell), or email at [mdshot@aol.com](mailto:mdshot@aol.com).



# Items For Sale

**FOR SALE:** 1930 Tudor Sedan. Excellent driver. Older restoration; runs very well. Flathead Ted brakes. 12-volt system. Stock engine, trans, and rear-end blinkers. **Asking \$9,000.00**  
**Contact: Fred Huey 770-463-1951**



**FOR SALE:** 1930 Town Sedan Fordor. Very nice car; paint and body is excellent; black on black with red wheels and pinstripe; excellent grey interior with fold down armrest in rear. Equipped with cowl lights, motormeter, Sparton horn, running board step plates, rear mounted spare and full rear bumper. **Asking \$15,500.00.** Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, [Gfireman52@aol.com](mailto:Gfireman52@aol.com)



**FOR SALE:** (PRICE REDUCED) Rare 1931, black and burgundy Ford Model A Victoria. Much loved, fun touring car. Runs great, has new battery; is in mint condition. Flower vases, pull shades, cut-off switch, turn signals, Good upholstery, leather trunk. **Asking \$22,000.**  
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**FOR SALE:** 1931 2-door deluxe phaeton. **Asking \$39,900.00.** Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, [Gfireman52@aol.com](mailto:Gfireman52@aol.com)



**FOR SALE:** 1931 Tudor Sedan, indented firewall, two tone green with green wheels. Has rear mounted spare tire, luggage rack, Sparton horn, running board step plates, green Mohair interior.

This would make a very good first car, the paint is just so-so (10-20 footer), body is good except one spot above rear window. Cranks and runs well. **Asking \$8,950.00.** Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, [Gfireman52@aol.com](mailto:Gfireman52@aol.com)



**FOR SALE:** 1929 Model A Ford Woody Depot Hack; has been converted to 12-volts; has sealed beam headlights. Body was built in Cuba, MS, and has the looks of a station wagon. Body is in good condition but could use a new sealing. Truck was cranking and running well when stored. Could use a little TLC. **Asking \$9250.00** Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, [Gfireman52@aol.com](mailto:Gfireman52@aol.com)



**FOR SALE:** 2005 Pace enclosed trailer, 5'X8'; No dents; recent Goodyear Marathon trailer tires; unused spare. Rear doors with opening of about 50X50 inches. Great parts hauler, tows smoothly. **\$1,200.00** Tom Miller, 770-502-8131

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Call Phil Meyers for any of the above:

770-487-4220.

**WANTED:** 1931 Left front fender.

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256-225-3250 [CFREEMAN43@AOL.COM](mailto:CFREEMAN43@AOL.COM)



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

**Remember:** There is almost no limit to what you can have embroidered. Use your imagination, talk to Eugene and see what you can come up

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