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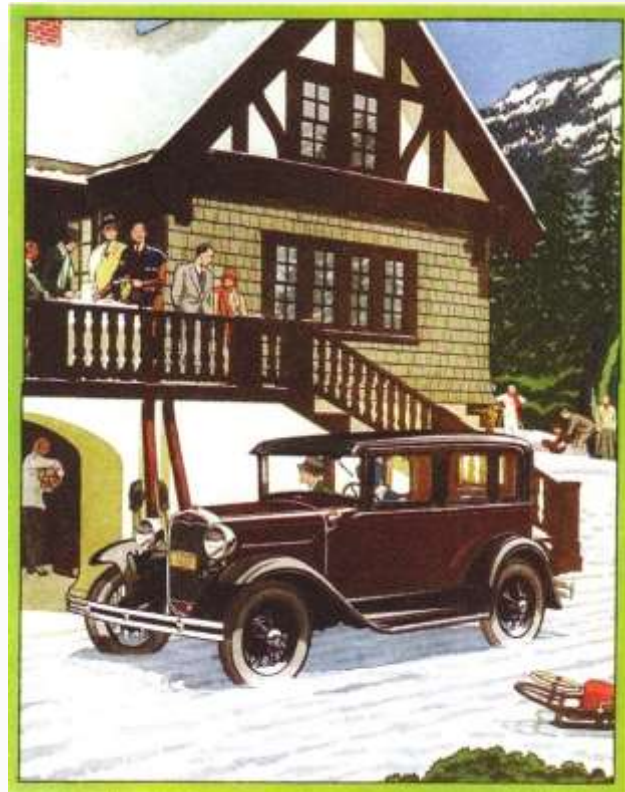
Newsletter



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MARC Award of Excellence - 2023

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“Christmastime is coming!”

Southside A's
2022 Board of Directors*

Officers:

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nosomi2@gmail.com

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kkhuey@gmail.com

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gwynshot@aol.com

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Terry Atkins*

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Membership: Kathy Kelly-Huey

Mileage keeper: Pat Tyler

Webmaster: Pat Tyler

Art Direction: Mike Shotwell

**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

December 15	Senoia Christmas Tour of Homes
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Activities of Interest

December 10	Tate House Tour - Georgia Region
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Looking ahead to 2025

January 4	12 th Night Celebration - Due South, Peachtree City.
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Editor's Note:

As our year moves towards its close we want to wish you peace and joy. Our greatest pleasure as human beings is the interaction we have with others, sharing life's experiences, large and small. And this special group that has united around the wonderful Model A automobile has afforded so much special camaraderie and fellowship throughout the year.

We look forward to a hopeful and exciting year to come, as we continue down the road with one another. Merry Christmas to all!

~Gwyneth



Happy Birthday!

7th – Wyvonne Hobbs
2h – Cathy McKinney



Happy Anniversary!

28th – Terry & Niva Atkins



Thoughts from Our Director

Dear Southside A Club Members,

As I reflect on the past year as the Director of the Southside A Club, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible support I have received from all of you. It has been a remarkable journey, and I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to those who have made this experience truly special.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to our board members: Gwyneth Shotwell, Tom Romine, Jim Hunter, Kathy Huey, Pat Tyler, Terry Atkins, and Jackie Peterson. Special thanks to the Corley's and Carne's for their continued help this year. Each of you brought unique talents, abilities and perspectives to the table, and it was a privilege to work alongside such dedicated individuals. Together, we have pulled our strengths to create an environment that fosters enjoyment and camaraderie for all our members.

The memories we've built while planning events that everyone could enjoy will always hold a special place in my heart. From brainstorming sessions to the laughter we shared during our meetings, every moment was a testament to our commitment to making the Southside A Club the best it can be.

As we transition to the new board, I wish you all the best in the coming year. I am confident that your collective passion and dedication will carry the club to new heights.

Finally, the Wingo family wishes you a holiday season filled with joy and happiness, and may it be enriched by the memories of the wonderful times we've shared together with our families and friends.

Thank you once again for your support and for being part of this special journey.

See you down the road.

-Jim

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - RESULTS!

Congratulations to our 2025 Board of Directors. The following were unanimously voted into office, and will officially take their positions as of our first activity, the 12th Night Luncheon Celebration.

Director – Steve Vied

Vice Director- Tom Romine

Secretary- Steve Searock

Treasurer- Niva Atkins

Member-at-large - Terry Atkins

Newsletter Editor - Gwyneth Shotwell

Past Director- Jim Wingo



We enjoyed wonderful fellowship over a delicious Mexican themed lunch provided by the Mooving Café, at the Carnegie Library in downtown Newnan. Thank you to Kathy Kelly Huey for making all the arrangements for this important and rewarding activity.

Tech Meet Report

By Tom Romine

Rebuilding Water pumps

We had 5 Water pumps brought to the Tech Meet. Four different styles and only one Henry original. While taking them apart we discussed the differences in each.

The Water pump rebuild kits appeared to be only for Henry's Original, although we were able to rebuild 3 of them. Two were completely different and the seals would not work (back to the drawing board).

After cleaning real good, sand blasting, and a coat of 'Model A' green paint, we reassembled them. All looked ready to reinstall on our A's.

And of course, Ann Hunter and Liz Romine setup lunch and provided delicious desserts.



Attendees: Terry Atkins, Bobby Cleveland, Ben Dyke, Johnnie Hobbs, Jim Hunter, Tim McMullen, Taylor Merrill, Tom Miller, Larry Peterson, TJ Romine, Tom Romine, Tony Stein, Ronnie Tumlin, Wayne Tumlin, Pat Tyler, Steve Vied, Dallas Wurst, and Jim Wingo.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of September, 2024:	\$3,175.54
Deposits: Dues	\$180.00
Expenses: Annual webhosting - \$177.87 Technically Speaking, Vol. #15 - \$21.00	- \$198.87
Balance as of October 31, 2024:	\$3,156.67

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Senoia's Candlelight Tour of Homes

Sunday, December 15th
4:00pm-8:00pm
Historic Downtown Senoia

Tickets are available online at
www.enjoysenoia.com



Senoia Christmas tour of Homes

Sunday, December 15

We are planning to head to Senoia on Sunday, December 15 to enjoy their annual Christmas Tour of Homes and show off our decorated A's.

The lineup is still being formulated but there will likely have seven-plus homes on the tour; final list will be available one week prior. The homes will be open from 4:00-8:00 PM.

(GO ONLINE AND ORDER YOUR TICKETS - \$25/each. ENJOYSENOIA.COM and then scroll down to this same flyer, click and you will see the TICKETS button.)

We inquired as to whether we could possibly reserve contiguous parking for our beautifully decorated Model A's, but discovered that is not something Senoia is in the habit of granting. No problem....**we have a plan:**

We will plan to arrive in Senoia for a late lunch at 2:30, which we hope will afford some open parking for our festive A's. Then we'll be set for the tour beginning at 4:00. The homes should be within walking distance of the center of town, or a short drive for those who would prefer that. The idea is that once we've enjoy each other's company for driving and a meal, we'll be on our own for navigating the tour, leaving Senoia when you desire.

GATHER: Meet up at the Publix at the south end of Peachtree City. Wilshire Center, 1200 GA Hwy 74.

TIME: Arrive at 2:00 for a 2:15 departure for the short drive to Senoia.

LUNCH: Nic & Norman's, 20 Main St., Senoia. Reservation at 2:30.

RSVP: By Friday, December 13. Email Gwyneth at gwynshot@aol.com.

NOTE: If you have not decorated your Model A for Christmas before, and need some help, let me know and we can get you some expert advice! It can be simple or elaborate, or anything in between. And, of course, you needn't decorate to participate!





SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

Once again, we will celebrate 12th Night, which marks the end of the holiday season, with the coming of the Three Kings to the manger, with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrr. It is also the finale to the "12 Days of Christmas."

To start off our luncheon we'll find out who our **King** and **Queen** are for the day, and treat them to lunch. There will be the ever popular 50/50 drawing. PLUS - Door prizes from the club and our advertisers, and a PowerPoint review of our activities in 2024. Our private room will still be decorated with a Christmas theme for our festive send-off. As we did previously, we are having a plated lunch, with three delicious options to choose from.

PLACE: The Loft at Due South (upstairs, with elevator) in Peachtree City, 302 Clover Reach, 30269.

TIME: 12 noon.

COST: \$35/per person, including tax and gratuity.

We need to **PAY IN ADVANCE**, by **DECEMBER 27**. So please use the form below to indicate each person's luncheon choice. *We will have place cards at the door showing your selection, so you don't have to try to remember!*

ALSO!!! If you have not paid your dues, why not do it at the same time? Just fill out the form and write your check for the combined amount. Easy, peasy!!

12th Night Celebration Selections
The Loft at Due South
Saturday, January 4, 2025, 12 noon

Grilled Chicken Spinach Salad, Bacon, Hard Boiled Egg, Tomatoes, Red Onion, Croutons, Balsamic Vinaigrette

Buttermilk Fried Chicken and Waffles, Maple Syrup

Big South Burger, with Double Beef Patty, American Cheese, Shredded Lettuce, Tomato, Special Sauce, Brioche Bun, Seasoned Fries

Name: _____ Choice: _____

Name: _____ Choice: _____

**If you have more people, simply include choices on a separate sheet of paper.*

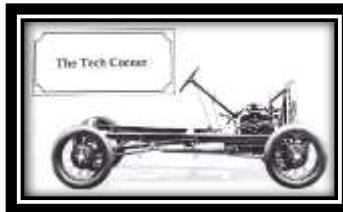
Number of people ____ @ \$35 each = _____

DUES: \$20 (if applicable) _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Make check out to "Southside A's" and mail to: **Due by December 27!**

Gwyneth Shotwell
71 Persimmon Dr.
Sharpsburg, GA 30277



The Tech Corner

A Dead Battery!

by Tom Endy

A common occurrence:

It's not uncommon for a Model A Ford to incur a dead battery, especially those that are still operating on six volts. Model A's are usually not driven daily and prolonged periods of sitting around tend to run the battery down. It is usually discovered when you climb in to go somewhere. You push on the starter button, and nothing.

Modern inconvenience:

What a lot of Model A hobbyist may not understand is that we the modern day owners may be contributing to this phenomenon. In a modern car when you switch off the ignition it shuts off all the electrical systems in the car, except maybe for the digital clock. In a Model A Ford when you switch off the ignition, at least the original pop out type, all you are switching off is the power that goes to the ignition points. That may have been fine in Henry's day, but stop and think about what a lot of us have done to the Model A Ford to improve on Henry's design.

The cutout:

The cutout used with the generator disconnects the battery from the generator whenever the engine is shut down. Without it the battery would discharge itself through the generator and you would have a dead battery. The cutout has a simple set of contacts that are either open or closed. The problem with the cutout is that the contacts can sometimes become welded shut over a period of time and not open, thus draining the battery when the car is parked. This is highly likely with the poor reproduction cutouts that are on the market. Modern day advancements in electronics provided the world with the diode. The diode is like a switch (sort of) in that it has a high resistance to current in one direction and a low resistance in the other. The low resistance path allows the generator to flow current to the battery to charge it. The high resistance path is supposed to not allow the battery to drain itself through the generator. An abundance of diode mod kits were made available at all the Model A hobby stores. The cutout contacts are replaced with the diode (hopefully in the right polarity) and welded contacts are a thing of the past. However, that high resistance direction is still allowing a small amount of current to flow out of the

battery through the generator to ground. The amount of current is minute, in the milliamps, but over time it draws the battery down. Turning the ignition key off does not shut the circuit off. Only removal of the fuse on top of the starter (if one is installed) will open the circuit and prevent the drain.

The alternator:

Another modern convenience seen on many Model A's today is the alternator. It is much more efficient than the old fashioned generator. You can buy them in either six volt or twelve volt. In fact you can even buy a six-volt positive ground alternator. However, the alternator has six diodes in it and the high resistance path will eventually drain the battery. This arrangement is also not switched off with the ignition key and it sits there and draws a small amount of current from the battery.

A failed alternator:

It is also possible to have an alternator that from all appearances is working fine. You start the car up and the ammeter shows it is charging. However, you can have one or more diodes that are partially shorted. With this situation the current drain from the battery is considerably more and in just a day or so the battery is dead.

Good advice:

Whenever you park your car for the night or any other extended period of time. Pull the fuse out of the holder and stand it on its head in one end of the holder. This way everything except the starter switch is disconnected from the battery and there is no chance that a sneaky diode will ultimately cause you to have a dead battery.☺



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

November 2024

Membership—We currently have about 5,500 active members (fewer than the 6,000 we projected for 2024), and we have about 1,100 members who have missed their renewal date. Regions, please encourage your members to check their renewal dates as we're finding many have just forgotten and do eventually renew—every member is important.

Another judged class—Driver Class has been added to our judged classes and standards are being written and will be published as soon as possible. Cars eligible for this class must have the external appearance of a stock Model A, but certain drive line, safety and performance modifications will be allowed. Driver Class judging is scheduled to be in place at the Gettysburg National Meet next year. Watch for the Gettysburg meet registration form in the *Model A News*.

Regions—Please pay your 2025 Region renewal dues by December 31st. For your convenience, you may pay online by going to the MARC website: www.modelaford.org and selecting "Regions". Then click "register", fill out the required information and select payment type.

Coordination between the clubs—MARC and MAFCA are currently discussing hosting a joint meet in 2028 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Model A. This meet would not conflict with the MARC normal schedule of events, but would be an additional meet similar to a homecoming with no judging but lots of fun, food, and camaraderie. More details will be published as details become available.



SOUTHSIDE A's CLUB LIBRARY RESOURCES

Don't forget that our club has a wonderful library consisting of back copies of *The Restorer* and *Model A News* going back decades, which can be borrowed for your leisurely perusal. Along with that we have technical DVDs with "how-to" information, and multiple volumes of MARC's *Technically Speaking* manuals, and more!

For a complete rundown of the holdings, check out the Resources tab on the club website.

MAFFI Minute



Model A Friends,

First, the Model A Ford Foundations Trustees and Advisors wish everyone a wonderful holiday season! It's always a magical time of year, but especially this year with the museum expansion in progress!

Executive Director of MAFFI, John Marshall and his team of elves have just finished decorating the museum for the holidays. The Parts Department in the museum is looking pretty festive. Meanwhile outdoors the trusses are up on the expansion. The walls for the expansion are expected to be up the week of November 18th --- so long as the weather cooperates. You can actually watch the construction if you go to maffi.org and click on the Camera icon, and then click on Expansion.



And right around December 23, the back wall of the museum will need to be opened up to connect the existing building and the expansion. This means moving all the displays at the back of the museum and covering all the museum artifacts with plastic. During this phase of the construction, the museum will be closed for safety reasons. (The closure is just temporary, so call ahead if you plan to visit in December or January to be certain the museum is back open).

Give yourself and your car a gift this holiday season: Have your car's picture and your name engraved on a plaque that will be the archway from the existing museum to the expansion. Be a part of the history of the museum! Just contact Val Maron at 847-951-5858 or TheMyAProgram@gmail.com For \$200, a donor will receive a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing their vehicle, name, home area and vehicle body style.

Happy Holidays,

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee, Secretary

DUES ARE DUE! (past due on January 15)

Dues are **\$20** for the year.

Please send your check, made out to "Southside A's" to:

Jim Hunter
599 Bankstown Rd.
Brooks, GA 30205



*If any of your personal info has changed, please include with your check.

**Make sure your MARC dues are renewed, too.

NATIONAL EVENTS IN 2024 and beyond...



December 11-14, 2024
Salt Lake City, Utah



Waynesboro, VA



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



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Slightly used Float-a- motor FRONT motor mount.
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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
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FOR SALE: 1930 Georgia License Plates.

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Asking \$31,500

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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.

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Club Items

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

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Southside A's Model A Restorer's Club

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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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New Membership

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Country _____ Telephone _____

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

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State _____ Zip _____
Country _____ Telephone _____

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