



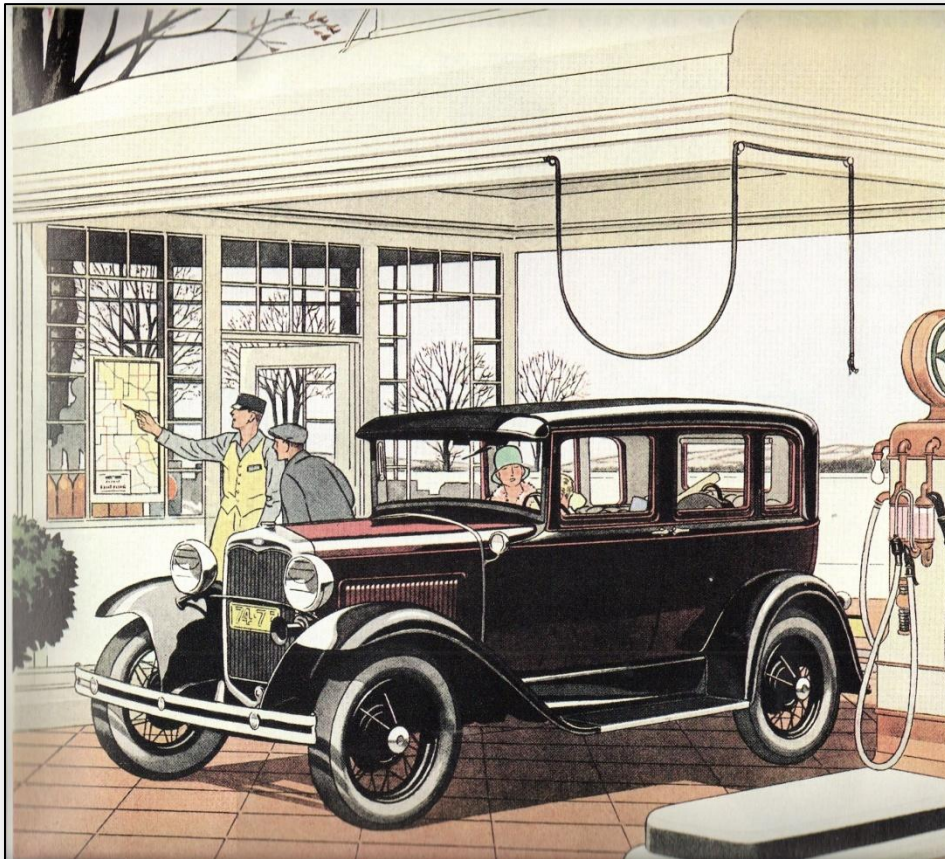
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A'S
MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB
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“A hint of the touring season just around the corner.”

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 * Can be shared, for twice the fun!

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Fashion: **Position Open!**

2011 Club Events

****BOARD MEETING: JAN. 4, 7:00 at the IHOP in Fayetteville. Come at 6:00 if you would like to dine beforehand.**

Southside A's 2012 Calendar of Events

January 21	Dinner and a Movie - "The Greatest Auto Race on Earth"
February 11	Valentine's Day day-tour; lunch in Senoia. Era clothing strongly encouraged!
March 9-10	Joint day tour with CAMFC - Anniston/Oxford, AL, including visit to Talladega Race Track.
April 20-21	Overnight tour - Forsyth, GA
May 11-13	Social Security Run - LaGrange, GA
June (TBD)	Possible day tour to Barnsley Gardens

2012 Events of Interest

September 8	Day-tour with CAMFC to the Tuskegee Airmen and George Washington Carver Museums.
October 19-20	Sweet Home Alabama - CAMFC tour in Huntsville, AL.

Editor's Notes:



Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell

January Birthdays

7th Kathie Meyers
8th Gwyneth Shotwell
10th Mary Ann Routh
18th Robert Carden
19th Lisa Bennett
19th Tim Jones
24th Ann Hunter
24th Betty Miller
25th Barbara Kitchens
29th Tom Romine
31st Marshall Pape



January Anniversaries

01/23/1988 Jim & Kim Wingo



Notes from Our Director

Due to hectic schedules during the holidays, we do not have notes from the Director in this issue. They will resume, with vigor, next month.

Dinner & a Movie!



"The Greatest Auto Race of 1908" comes to the Miller Movie Theater on Saturday, January 21 at 6:00 PM! Come see the story of the Thomas Flyer, racing from New York to Paris in 1908. Bring a side dish or dessert to compliment the famous Tom & Betty Hot Dogs. BYOB, as well; soda, tea, wine, etc. And don't forget to come attired in either a hint, or full-blown, era outfit. Door prizes to be drawn as well! See you there!

**The Southside A's
currently has 42 active families
on our roster.**

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

The SSA's June Board Meeting was held on December 7th at the IHOP in Fayetteville.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Director Phil Meyers. The following members were present: Tom & Betty Miller, Merle Bennett, Dick Carne, Tommy Davis, Eugene & Kathleen Willingham, Phil & Kathie Meyers, Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell, Jim & Jackie Johnston, and Tom & Liz Romine.

The November 2011 Board meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer Jim Hunter reported a balance of \$1143.28. A Motion was made & approved to accept the treasurer's report.

Committees:

Membership: There are 42 members. Dues payments for 2012 are typically slow coming in. A discussion on how to get all members' dues paid by years end resulted in an idea for an incentive for the membership to pay their dues by years end. All members who pay their dues by Christmas will be eligible for a drawing for a \$50.00 prize to be awarded at the Christmas Party. Members eligible will not have to be present to win.

Corresponding secretary: Eugene has submitted two articles to the MARC National Newsletter. Eugene exchanges our Newsletter with several other Model A clubs and reports the feedback is always positive. Eugene also mentioned that participation in the MARC mileage by our club is to be commended. The Southside A's is probably one of biggest participating regions in both members and miles.

Fashion: No report. Teri has pre-submitted articles to the Newsletter through January 2012. Teri will be stepping down as our Fashion Chairperson, and we are looking for a member to replace her.

Newsletter: Mike & Gwyneth announced that Ray and Teri Besch have asked to be relieved

from their task to mail the Newsletter to members that do not have internet access. Mike & Gwyneth will be looking for a member to replace them.

Recording secretary: No report

Scrapbook: Ann is always looking for contributions to add to the scrapbook.

Tech: After serving as our Tech Chairperson for three years Tom Romine is stepping down. Tom has done a great job for us during his reign and the Board extended their thanks and appreciation. Benny Bohanan has agreed to assume the Tech Chairperson position, and we are looking forward to working with him again.

MAFFI: Mike Shotwell expressed his frustration with MAFFI and their effort to raise the necessary funds to begin construction of the museum building. MAFFI estimates the shortfall at \$200K and Mike opines that it may be more than that. MAFFI is apparently reluctant to approach corporate donors such as Ford Motor Co. and others.

Activities: Dick Carne announced that he will be stepping away from his Activities Chairperson position. Dick cited business priorities are the main reason for his departure. Due to his business travels Dick missed several Board Meetings this year and he foresees the same situation in 2012. Dick's efforts will be missed. Three years ago Dick was instrumental in starting the yearly planning sessions with other local Georgia and Alabama Model A clubs. This resulted in these clubs and the Southside A's supporting each other's touring events that made for some great tours with more to come in the future.

Phil Meyers started a general discussion on our planned activities for 2012. Many things were discussed including how to increase member participation, the number of events, and some different approaches such as Saturday Morning Breakfast get together. It was decided that we would pursue quality instead of quantity by sanctioning one 'feature event' each month, but try

also to offer alternative activities as time and schedule permits.

January 21, 2012 Dinner and a Movie at the home of Tom & Betty Miller.

February 11, 2012 Valentine's Day Tour and Lunch.

March 10, 2012 Joint tour with CAMAFC to Anniston/Oxford and Talladega Speedway and Motorsports Hall Of Fame Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Johnston for Teri Besch,

Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of October 31, 2011	\$908.68
Deposits	\$240.00
Expenses	\$5.40
Balance as of November 30, 2011	\$1,143.28

Featured Photo of the Month: (We begin a New Year, once again featuring photos that glorify the Model A in all its varied styles, and enhanced by beautiful or intriguing settings.)



JANUARY

YEAR-END VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE FEATURED PHOTO OF THE MONTH!

Please let us know, via email, which month's photo gave you the most enjoyment. Give us your top three. We'll give 5 points for your #1 pick, 3 points for your #2, and 1 point for your #3. Voting is in strictest confidence, of course! We'll tally the results and publish the winner with the highest score in our February newsletter. gwynshot@aol.com

And the contestants are:



JANUARY



FEBRUARY



MARCH



APRIL



MAY



JUNE



JULY



AUGUST



SEPTEMBER



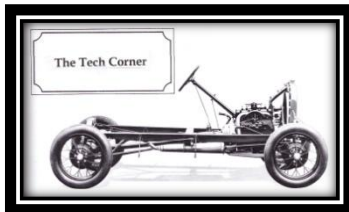
OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



The Tech Corner

"Technical O & A's"

By Bentley Bohanan, Tech Editor



Please let me introduce myself. I am Bentley Bohanan. I have a beautiful wife, named Pam, and we run a shop called "Bentley's Antique Auto Service, Inc." We specialize in Model A Ford service and restoration. I got in to Model A's in 1995, when a friend had a Model A Pickup near my home. I helped him get the truck running, and then drove it around the block. That test drive changed my life, I was immediately hooked on Model A's and had to have one for myself. My wife and I bought a 1930 Tudor from a local barn, did an amateur restoration on it, and have been enjoying the hobby ever since.

I would like to thank the South Side A's for asking me to be the Club Technical Director in 2012. My goal is to help fellow Model A'ers when the need arises, and to provide an informative article for the newsletter. Most of the articles will be in a "Question and Answer" format. Please feel free to e-mail me at bennypam@windstream.net any time with your Model A related questions. I will answer

them to the best of my abilities, and hopefully we will all learn something along the way. I am not perfect, so please don't take any of it too seriously. We will also do several Technical Seminars throughout the year. I would like to do at least 2 Seminars in the South Side area, so please let me know of a local venue that will work out. Perhaps a members garage will be suitable. Other seminars will be at our shop in Maysville, GA.

Most of the Q&A's will come from actual phone conversations, emails, or experiences we run into at the shop. Again, feel free to drop me an email. I want to be your Go-To-Guy for Model A information. Here is my contact information, please keep it handy:

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Model “A” Fashions

Making Your Own Model A Era Clothing

By Teri Besch

On the way to the M.A.R.C. Nation Meet in French Lick, Indiana, our travelling group stopped in Bowling Green, KY for the night. The ladies went to a flea market (the men went to the Corvette Museum) where I purchased a vintage house dress. I wore it a couple of times in French Lick and a few more times after that.

Then the dress started to show signs of wear. So I took the dress apart and used it as a pattern. Joanne Fabrics in Fayetteville had fabric similar to the dress. I looked for a pattern, just in case there was one, but could not find anything close. While searching fabrics, I found a burgundy gingham check that was close to the same pattern as the old dress and was able to use the original buttons and rick rack from the vintage dress. As long as I was shopping, my next stop was Hobby Lobby. There I found a lighter weight black gingham checked fabric. I added buttons & rick rack & I had two dresses to make.

While I do sew occasionally, it has been a couple of years since my last attempt. So I was thankful that I had the foresight to label each piece when I took the dress apart. I was impressed with the workmanship on the dress. Most of the seams were French seams. I wasn't sure how to do this but I hoped to find out on the internet. A YouTube video was most helpful. I was able to complete both dresses within a couple of weeks and decided that one is more geared to summer and one is a little heavier, so I am calling it my winter dress. So while my dresses probably would not be good for a competition, I don't care. I can have fun wearing them and that is more important to me.



So the point of this article is that you can do this without spending lots of money. I probably spent less than \$30.00 total on both dresses. It was fun making them. I know that Ann Hunter has made some outfits using modern clothes and adding her touches to make them look like Model A Era clothing. You can do the same.

Note: This will be the last article that I write, as I am resigning my position as Fashion for the Southside A's. I am looking forward to having a year off with no club responsibilities. Ray & I are ready to just drive the car and have fun.

The Holiday Party



If you were unable to attend the holiday party at Phil and Kathie Meyers' you missed a most congenial gathering. A lovely Christmas tree, colorful decorations, and of course a table covered with delicious food, made for an evening of tasty delights and fun conversation.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to our outgoing club officers, including Jim Hunter and Teri Besch, as well as to Fred Huey, Tech editor Tom Romine, and Activities chair Dick Carne, for service well done.

Drawings were also held for a variety of prizes, with eligibility being granted for those who had paid their 2012 dues by the day of the party. The hat was chock full of names, showing a great response. The grand prize was a crisp \$50 bill, which was won by Jim Johnston. A trip to Harbor Freight is probably in order!

We were also treated to a touching act of gift giving by the Meyers' to their "son" Larry Peterson. Suffice it to say there were chuckles, a funny story describing the "family feeling" between the participants, and the unveiling of the latest version of the iPad 2, known as the "u-Pad." Ask one of the guests, if your curiosity is aroused...

The following revelers attended: Rick & Liz Horne, Jack & Dreena Miller, Tom & Liz Romine, Jim & Ann Hunter, Phil & Kathie Meyers, Larry & Jackie Peterson, Eugene & Kathleen Willingham, Jim & Jackie Johnston, Merle & Lisa Bennett, Tommy & Shirley Davis, Gwyneth Shotwell, Ken Turner, James Bowlden, and Dick Carne.



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).

Dateline Peachtree City -Ray Besch is reportedly writing a new book entitled "Blue World." He claims that he has found long lost notes by Henry

Ford stating that he was about to launch a new Model A that would carry the advertising slogan, "You can have any Model A as long as it's blue." However, the idea was squashed by Edsel. Ray stated in a recent interview that he refuses to give up his quest to bring this little known story to light.



**TOUR OF THE TALLADEGA SPEEDWAY
AND MUSEUM
MARCH 9-10, 2012**



Come with us on March 9 as we join the Central Alabama A's on a tour to remember. They have planned a wonderful weekend that includes the Talladega Speedway and Museum, the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame, antiquing in Oxford, AL, and dinner and fellowship at the famous "Firehouse Dinner" to be held in Gerald Grizzard's Model A Museum.

FRIDAY, March 9, 2012: Arrival and check in at the Jameson Inn, in Oxford Alabama. The afternoon allows you to relax, kick tires, or visit the local shops. The fun will continue Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. with some good "ole" Model "A" fellowship, 50/50 drawing, great door prizes, (Free motel rooms & Speedway tours) as well as picking and grinning with the Blue Grass Buddies. Venue is 1 mile from the host motel.

SATURDAY, March 10, 2012: After breakfast and check out we're off to the Talladega Speedway for our Model A spin on the race track and tour of the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame Museum. Due to the race track schedule we must be on the track at 8 a.m. with our departure from the Motel parking lot at 7:30 a.m. (If the track is not in use on March 10th we will depart at 8:30 a.m. We will be notified by track officials by March 1st stating whether the track has been rented or not and we can arrive later.)

After our laps on the race track we will stop in place at the finish line for a still photo of all Model A's. After the group photo on the track we will move to the winner's circle for club and individual photos. Don't forget to bring your camera and a trophy to hold up.

From the race track we will proceed to the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame. After our tour of the museum we will saddle up in that "Ole A Model" and we're off to Diamond Lil's Restaurant for some good "ole" Country Cooking. After lunch we will tour through the countryside to the top of Cheaha. At the top of the mountain we will end our weekend activities and be released to head out for home, by club or individually, with the completion of another great Tour on the "MODEL-A HIGHWAY."

If you would like to tow your Model "A" Ford to the meet there is a designated parking area for tow vehicles 1 mile from the host Motel. Coordinate requirements with Gerald Grizzard at (256) 835-2998 or Cell (256) 310-6463.

All reservations at the Jameson Inn must be made no later than March 1, 2012 in order to receive the discounted rate of \$59.99. Be sure to mention you are with the Model "A" Ford tour when making your reservations. **Contact the Jameson Inn at (256) 835-2170.**

Fire up Henry's Finest and join us in Oxford, Alabama. Registration form attached. If you need additional information, contact Cecil Freeman at (256) 225-3250, Email: cfreeman43@aol.com or Gerald Grizzard: Office (256) 835-2998, or Cell: (256) 310-6463, Email: Gfireman52@aol.com.

TALLADEGA SPEEDWAY TOUR

MARCH 9-10, 2012

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & STATE: _____

CLUB: _____

PHONE: () _____ E-MAIL: _____

Year of Car:	Model of Car:	Trailer:	Arrival:
		Yes No	Fri Sat (Circle one)

Insurance Company:	Policy Number:

FRIDAY EVENING "FIREHOUSE DINNER" \$10.00 X _____

TOUR OF SPEEDWAY AND MUSEUM \$20.00 X _____

(A release form to enter the track will be signed at the Firehouse dinner or prior to entering the track, all individuals in each car must sign the release and have a ticket)

TOTAL INCLOSED: _____

Please make your reservations direct with the Jameson Inn (256) 835-2170. Make reservations by March 1, 2012 to get the group rate of \$59.99

Make Check Payable to: Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club and forward completed registration form with payment as soon as possible but no later than March 1, 2012 to:

Talladega Speedway Tour
1309 Magnolia Curve
Montgomery, Alabama 36106-2010



Southside A's 2012 Calendar

SOUTHSIDE A's 2012 CALENDAR - NOW AVAILABLE!

Once again, Fred Huey has produced a wonderful calendar featuring photos of various club members' cars. Calendars are only \$12 and can be purchased from the Shotwells. A portion of sales will be donated to the club.



Hear Ye, Hear Ye.

DUES ARE DUE!

Don't be left out of the fun; just \$15 will ensure you good times on the road, and all the news that's fit to print in our club's newsletter.

Items For Sale

FOR SALE: 1930 Town Sedan Fordor, Rubelite Red with cream wheels and white wall tires. Quail radiator cap, generator; oil filler cap has blow by tube; running board step plates, cowl lights, rear mounted spare with tire cover and luggage rack. Brown Mohair interior, rear side shades, loading assist straps, blanket rope on rear seat and chrome pull handles on all doors. Paint has a few chips but overall in good condition. A ten footer. **Asking \$13,500.00.**
Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, Gfireman52@aol.com



FOR SALE: 1930 Town Sedan Fordor. This is a very nice car; paint and body is excellent. The car is 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



MODEL A's FOR SALE: Roadsters, Coupes, Sedans, Victorias, even a T model. todavis@bellsouth.net or Call Tommy Davis @ 770-634-6113 or email for photos.

FOR SALE: Several 17 and 18 inch Ford spoke wheels, sand blasted, powder coated, cream in color, \$135.00 each. **Call James Stewart:** 706- 846-2157 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1929 Cabriolet – Great looking car, runs very well. Changed to 12-Volt and has an F100 Modified Steering – Asking Price \$25,000.
Contact Mike's "A"Fordables - 706-652-3866



FOR SALE: 1929 Fordor. Rare Model 170-A. Upholstery very good; original flower vases; Kari Keen steel trunk. \$20,250.00 Contact Richard Kiser at: 256-558-2229 or email at: kiserr@charter.net



FOR SALE: 1930 Model A Tudor. Well maintained; very dependable. Brass Works radiator; new brakes, alternator; Aries Muffler; high-speed rear end; seat belts, turn signals, and more. \$13,000.
Orville Booth – 803-261-2897

FOR SALE: 1930 Georgia License Plates (Unrestored)

Single plates: \$35.00 each. Pairs: \$100.00 pair. Sequential single plates (example: 348-123 and 348-124, etc): \$40.00 each.



Contact: Jim Hunter at 770-487-0140 or email ytguy@aol.com.

FOR SALE: 1928 - 29 roadster rear spreader bar; original in VG condition. \$25.00.

Air maze w. paper air filter fits Tillotson / Zenith - New \$30.00. Used price \$20.00. 2 new replacement cartridges for additional \$20.00.

Sun Pro mechanical water temp gauge, used, in good cond. -- \$10.00.

Sun Pro Mech oil pressure gauge - 0 - 100 psi. -- good cond -- \$5.00.

Model A horn voltage reducer. Use your 6-volt A horn on a 12-volt car. Good, used - \$12.00.

Two Model A bulb type sediment bowls. One "may" be cracked; one has all new parts in it. \$45.00/the pair.

Side of motor, restored water neck - excellent condition -- \$20.00.

Stock length pitman arm with new ball installed -- \$20.00.

Aluminum top water neck in good cond. -- \$10.00.

Steel top water neck with repaired crack -- \$5.00.

Call **Phil Meyers** for any of the above:

770-487-4220.



Club Items

Name Tags are available by contacting Teri Besch at 770-487-9215 or besch105@comcast.net

Shirts and Hats

We have Vendors that supply embroidery for hats and shirts. If you are interested contact Eugene Willingham @ 770-253-6518 or eewill@numail.org

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

Club Banners: We have designed a Club Banner to display on your car when touring or just to hang in your shop. Call Jim Johnston @ (678) 423-4344 or john8191@bellsouth.net

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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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