

THE SOUTHSIDE A'S

MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB

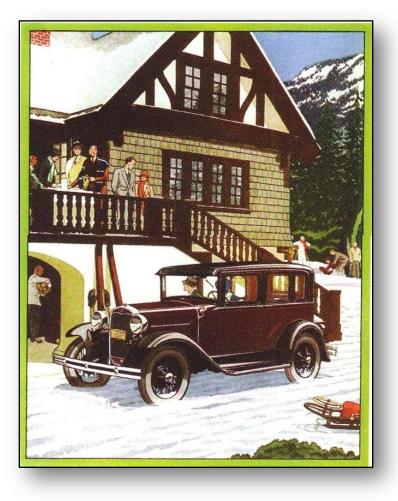
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# Newsletter

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"Winter touring in your Model A!"

### Southside A's 2014 Board of Directors

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## 2014 Southside A's Club Events

January 11	Les Andrews Seminar, hosted by
	CAMAFC , Montgomery, AL
	(Welcome dinner, January 10)
March 21-22	Barber Speedway, Birmingham, AL.
	Joint tour with CAMAFC.
May 16-18	Social Security Tour, LaGrange, GA
Sept. 12-14	Joint tour with CAMAFC - TBD
Oct. 16-18	Sweet Home Alabama - CAMAFC
	Montgomery, AL
May 26	Senoia Memorial Day Parade
December TBD	Holiday Party

#### 2014 Events of Interest

Mar. 9-14	MAFCA National tour - Texas Hill
	Country
April 3-6	MARC Membership Meet - St. Louis,
	МО
April 25-26	9th Annual Model A Parts Swap Meet
	Greenwood, SC
June 22-27	MARC National Meet, French Lick,
	IN
July 14-18	MAFCA National Convention -
	Puyallup, WA
September 20	MAFFI - Model A Day
	Hickory Corners, MI
Sept. 28-Oct. 2	MAFCA Smokey Mtn. Chapter -
	"Mountains, Music & Model A's"
	Pigeon Forge, TN

#### **Editor's Notes:**

Happy New Year to everyone! It's hard to believe that the calendar page has turned. As the weather turns frosty, we will continue to gather for Friday night dinners, and do those little (or big) garage tasks on our Model A's to get them in tip-top condition for the coming touring season.

The schedule is filling up, but if you have something you'd like to see or do, let the Board know! All hands on deck can make almost anything happen, so don't be shy.

**Gwyneth Shotwell** 

#### Happy Birthday!

$7^{th}$	Kathie Meyers
$8^{th}$	Gwyneth Shotwell
$10^{\text{th}}$	Mary Ann Routh
$11^{th}$	Sean Hobbs
$18^{th}$	Robert Carden
19 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Bennett
$19^{th}$	Tim Jones
$24^{th}$	Ann Hunter
$24^{th}$	Betty Miller
$25^{th}$	Barbara Kitchens
$29^{th}$	Tom Romine
$31^{st}$	Marshall Pape



#### Happy Anniversary!

 $23^{rd}$  - Jim & Kim Wingo



## Notes from Our Director

It is a pleasure to serve as your Director for the coming Year. My two primary goals are to make touring fun and safe.

2014 is shaping up to be a fantastic touring season. If the weather holds we should have an early and relatively mild Spring. Hopefully, with club members' participation in the planning process, we'll have plenty of interesting day tours.

Our sister club, CAMAFC, has already scheduled five major events which are geographically accessible to us. The schedule can be studied elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter.

I have asked Web Meister Pat Tyler to design a downloadable tour planning sheet in Excel format which can be used to construct tours. This format is used by all of the major antique car clubs and is easy to follow. Basically it contains: leg mileage, running total mileage, driving directions and landmarks. Pat is asking for member input and can be contacted at <u>pat@patpamtyler.com</u>

Our hobby is a delightful way to establish friendships around a shared interest. It also provides plenty of opportunities to share experiences and to learn from one another; there is always somebody who has experienced the same latest problem with which we are wrestling and, for good or bad, is always willing to share their solution. Teamwork often becomes the quickest way to getting back on the road.

Over time we become like family to one another. We help one another and lift each other up and we come together in times of loss and sorrow. Our brother Merle "Mike" Bennett was recently called to his Heavenly home after a long and trying illness. Through it all Merle and Lisa participated in almost all of our events. Their courage and determination serve as an inspiration. Merle will be missed. Please keep Lisa and her children in your prayers.

Please think of interesting day tours and be prepared to organize one. But don't think that you have to be original and do it on your own. Mentoring or working in tandem with another person or couple is a fun way to complete the task. Think of a destination. Run an old car friendly route. Locate a lunch stop and a half-way break w/restrooms and fuel both going and coming home. Make notes. Run it again. Once the details are refined ask your buddy to run the route. What we think is perfect will often have a flaw or two. It's great fun. Give it a go.

Here's to an exciting touring season! See you down the road,



#### **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:



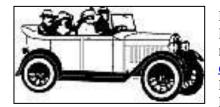
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**Featured Photo of the Month:** (As with 2012, we will be featuring photos that glorify the Model A in all its varied styles, and enhanced by beautiful or intriguing settings. Keep track of your favorites throughout the year and we will once again take a tally and announce the winner for "Miss 2013.")



#### MARC Model A Mileage Awards Program



It is time for Southside A's to make our annual mileage report for MARC's Driving Awards program. If your Model A is registered in the program, please read your odometer and contact Eugene Willingham at 770 253-6518 or <u>eewill@numail.org</u>. Eugene must gather the reading and make our report to the National Driving Awards Chairman, so please get your odometer reading to Eugene as soon as possible.

If your Model A is not registered for this program, consider signing up. MARC established the program to encourage us to "drive our Model A". Once your car is registered, we will report your odometer reading annually and once your car has reported 2,000 miles, you will receive a 2,000 mile award. The second award comes at 5,000 miles, and then at each 5,000 mile interval. Miles driven are cumulative. There is a \$1.00, one-time registration fee. You need to have an operating odometer. If you have any questions, contact Eugene Willingham. Southside A's are strong supporters of this program, so register and become a part of the program.





## **Remembering Merle**

#### By Tom Miller

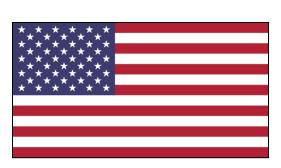
I met Merle after joining the Southside A's in 2007. He was still driving then, and working on multiple Model A projects, although he was showing the effects of Parkinson's. In the portion of the obituary printed below, you will read that Merle was a career military man, serving in combat. Merle was exposed to Agent Orange while serving in Viet Nam. It seriously damaged his lungs, resulting in the removal of one and a portion of the other. Those exposed to Agent Orange are much more likely to develop Parkinson's. Merle did.

As friends, we talked about many things while working on Merle's cars. He was not bitter about his predicament. I think I would have been. He missed working, repairing, and driving – the physical things. His mind was sharp even in ill health and I marveled at his ability to recall facts and figures. Not just as it related to Model A's, but for just about anything that he had ever read. Merle did have the ability to see both sides of any issue possibly because he lived it. He was a graduate of a Military Prep School and a college graduate, yet he enlisted. After serving as an enlisted man, he applied for Officer Candidate School and was commissioned. He was an American who became a member of the German community, fluent in German. Difficult, or impossible, life-altering transitions for many, yet Merle just sailed along! Here is a portion of the obituary, prepared by his family. You may wonder why his family and some friends called him "Mike". Merle does not translate well:

"Retired Major Merle Ludlum Bennett Jr. "Mike", 72, of Newnan, Georgia died Monday December 2nd, 2013 in Peachtree City. He was born to the late Captain Merle Ludlum Bennett and wife Irene Russell, September 30th, 1941 in Wichita Kansas. He attended the New Mexico Military Institute and received a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Nebraska. He had a distinguished military career attaining the rank of Major. He served tours in Vietnam, Korea and Germany and remained in Germany for over 20 years. Merle retired from active military duty in 1985. After retirement from active duty, he worked for The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). He returned to the United States in 1998 and settled in Georgia where he worked for the US Army Reserve Command (USARC) at Fort MacPherson until his final retirement in 2003. He was a Model A Ford enthusiast with a lifelong passion for driving and restoring Model A cars and he was an active member of the Southside A's Model A club. He also was a 32nd degree Free Mason and had been active in the Fayetteville Masonic lodge for many years. While living in Germany, he was a volunteer firefighter in the town of Klein-Zimmern for 20 years, and was very involved in the community. In 1965, he married Frankey Newell in Albuquerque, New Mexico and together they had four sons. The marriage ended in divorce. In 1980, Merle remarried to Anneliese Vaethjunker. Anneliese brought two children to their marriage. Together they had one daughter. Merle never knew a stranger. He was warmhearted, outgoing, and generous. He will be sorely missed by many."

Wow, that last sentence is an understatement! I can only add – "never forgotten".

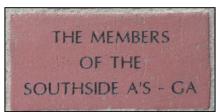




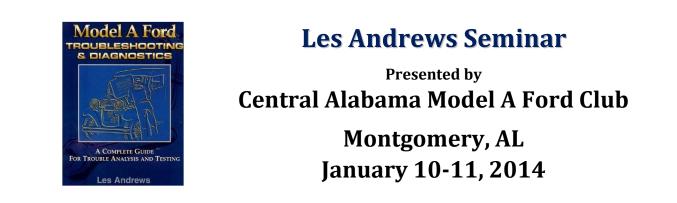


### MAFFI NEWS

As a follow-up to that good news, and to promote additional members to the MAFFI itself, our club has been offered a nice opportunity: If three club members become members of MAFFI, at a cost of \$25, the Southside A's will be able to have an inscribed brick to be placed at the museum, for FREE! That's a \$150 "thank you." So please consider getting an application from our club liason, Mike Shotwell, and joining MAFFI



through our club. It's a wonderful way to continue to support the important and worthwhile work of this dedicated organization.



Les Andrews the author of three (3) major Model A books, the Mechanics Handbook Volume, I & II and the Troubleshooting & Diagnostics will be the guest speaker at the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club meeting in Montgomery, Alabama on Saturday January 11, 2014. There will be a welcome dinner for Les Andrews Friday evening, January 10, 2014 in downtown Montgomery. On Saturday, January 11, 2014 Les Andrews will present a Model "A" Ford seminar in the morning, a talk at lunch and after the meal a book signing. There will be an antique mall tour in the morning for the ladies. This will be an opportunity to meet and talk with one of the foremost authority in the Model "A" Ford Hobby.

#### AGENDA:

#### Friday, January 10, 2014

5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Welcome Dinner, downtown Montgomery AL	
	<u>Saturday January 11, 2014</u>	
9:00 a.m 9:45 a.m.	Meet and talk with Les Andrews	
10:00 - 11:30	Model "A" Ford Seminar & Questions	
(Lad	lies antique mall tour 9:45-11:30 am)	
11:30 - 12:00	Break and meal setup	
12:00 - 1:00	Catered Lunch	
1:00 - 2:00	Book signing	

#### **REGISTRATION FORM:**

Name(s):				
Street Address:		<u>City:</u>		<u>Apt./Suite:</u>
Zip Code:	Phone Number:	Email:		
Cell Number: Car Club:				
Buffet Meal: Number of Guests @ \$15.00 (per person)		\$		
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (No Refunds After January 5, 2014)			\$	
I will attend Friday Evening Welcome Dinner for Les Andrews			Yes / No	
(Each person responsible for the cost of their own meal):			(Circle One)	
Number Attending Welcome Dinner (for reservation purposes):				

Please Make Your Checks Payable to the "Central Alabama Model 'A' Ford Club"

Please send completed registration form and payment NO LATER THAN JANUARY 5, 2014 to:

Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club 1309 Magnolia Curve Montgomery, Alabama 36106-2010

Make your reservations directly with the Drury Hotels by calling (334) 273-1101, toll free at 1-800-druryinn or on-line at www.druryhotels.com.



#### **NEW MAFFI LICENSE PLATE TOPPER!**

MAFFI has just announced a wonderful emblem for your Model A, the purchase of which will benefit the **Model A Ford Foundation Endowment Fund**. They are available for \$15 each, plus \$2 shipping/handling.

Send your check for \$17.00, made out to MAFFI, to:

Jay McCord 4532 Merridock Ct. Santa Maria, CA 93455

For questions, contact Jay at: 805-598-8133



## SOUTHSIDE STYLES

By Kathie Meyers, Fashion Chair

## HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2014 !

It's been a great year serving as Fashion Chair and I thank you for the opportunity! I have enjoyed the journey and have learned so much about the trends of the era along the way and hope that you have too! I had intended that December, 2013, would be my last little article, but I couldn't close without sharing just one more item I discovered that I thought was just amusingly interesting! So, in closing my final article, I'd like to wander off the path a little to present an excerpt from a book prior to our Model A Ford Era, entitled "Woman as Decoration" by Emily Burbank, in 1917.



#### "How to Dress when Travelling in an Automobile

#### Chapter XIII 'Woman Decorative in her motor car'

It is not easy to be decorative in your automobile now that the manufacturers are going in for gay colour schemes both in upholstery and outside painting.

A putty-coloured touring car lined with red leather is very stunning in itself, but the woman who would look well when sitting in it does not carelessly don any bright motor coat at hand. She knows very well that to show up to advantage against red, and be in harmony with the putty-colour paint, her tweed coat should blend with the car, also her furs. Black is smart with everything, but fancy how impossible mustard, cerise and some shades of green would look against that scarlet leather!

An orange car with black top, mud-guards and upholstery calls for a costume of white, black, brown, tawny grey, or, if one would be a poster, royal blue.

Some twenty-five years ago the writer watched the first automobile in her experience driven down the Champs Elysées. It seemed an uncanny, horseless carriage, built to carry four people and making a good deal of fuss about it. A few days later, while lunching at the Café de Reservoir, Versailles, we were told that some men were starting back to Paris by automobile, and if we went to a window giving on to the court, we might see the astonishing vehicle make its start. It was as thrilling as the first near view of an aëroplane, and all-excitement we watched the two Frenchmen getting ready for the drive. Their elaborate preparation to face the current of air to be encountered en route was not unlike the preparation to-day for flying. It was Spring--June, at that--but those Frenchmen wearing very English tweeds and smoking Enlish pipes, each drew on extra cloth trousers and coats and over these a complete outfit of leather! We saw them get into the things in the public courtyard, arrange huge goggles, draw down cloth caps, and set out at a speed of about fifteen miles an hour!

The above seems incredible, now that we have passed through the various stages of motor car improvements and motor clothes creations. The rapid development of the automobile, with its windshields, limousine tops, shock absorbers, perfected engines and springs, has brought us to the point where no more preparation is needed for a thousand-mile run across country with an average speed of thirty miles an hour, than if we were boarding a train. One dresses for a motor as one would for driving in a carriage and those dun-colored, lineless monstrosities invented for motor use have vanished from view. More than this, woman to-day considers her decorative value against the electric blue or lovely chintz lining of her limousine, exactly as she does when planning clothes for her salon. And why not? The manufacturers of cars are taking seriously their interior decoration as well as outside painting; and many women interior decorators specialize along this line and devote their time to inventing colour schemes calculated to reflect the personality of the owner of the car.

Special orders have raised the standard of the entire industry, so that at the recent New York automobile show, many effects in cars were offered to the public. Besides the putty-coloured roadster lined with scarlet, black lined with russet yellow, orange lined with black; there were limousines painted a delicate custard colour, with top and rim of wheels, cassis and lamps of the same Nattier Blue as the velvet lining, cushions and curtains. A beautiful and luxurious background and how easy to be decorative against it to one who knows how!

Another popular colour scheme was a mauve body with top of canopy and rims of wheels white, the entire lining of mauve, like the body. Imagine your woman with a decorative instinct in this car. So obvious an opportunity would never escape her, and one can see the vision on a Summer day, as she appears in simple white, softest blue or pale pink, or better still, treating herself as a quaint nosegay of blush roses, for-get-me-nots, lilies and mignonette, with her chiffons and silks or sheerest of lawns.

'But how about me?' one hears from the girl of the open car—a racer perhaps, which she drives herself. You are easiest of all, we assure you; to begin with, your car being a racer, is painted and lined with durable dark colours—battleship grey, dust colour, or some shade which does not show dirt and wear. The consequence is, you will be decorative in any of the smart coats, close hats and scarfs in brilliant and lovely hues,--silk or wool."

#### ---"Woman as Decoration" by Emily Burbank, in 1917.

What did you learn from this article?!! What I learned: I wouldn't "fit in" in 1917; "lawn" is not only grass, it is a "fine light cotton fabric"; Ms. Burbank would be most surprised at our attire these days!

Think Vintage, Happy Motoring, and Best Wishes, Kathie

**ATTENTION Fashion Mavens!** We are looking for a new <u>Fashion Editor</u> for the newsletter, and this could be a wonderful chance to stretch your creative muscles.

This position can be tailored (!) to your abilities and interests; whether you'd like to create original articles, with illustrations, or choose something out of an era magazine to be scanned and shared, it's up to you. Our desire is to include the feminine sense of the era in the clothing and accessories. Men's and children's fashions are fun to see, too.

The Editor has several period publications, such as McCalls and the Delineator, that can be made available for perusing. Please let me know if you have an interest that we can cultivate! ---Gwyneth

## Christmas Party - December 28th

#### By Rick Horne

Christmas and New Years all rolled into one at the Tylers!

December 28th dawned a rainy, and I mean <u>Rainy</u>, day. This didn't stop a large and cheerful crowd going to LaGrange to partake of Pat and Pam Tyler's warm hospitality. The Tyler home is a beautiful and festive place with 11 Christmas trees of various sizes scattered all around the house.



An incredible display in one room was Pat's "Christmas in the City," complete with a city train, ice skaters, and ballroom dancers. Pat has been collecting the Department 56 "Christmas in the City" houses and accoutrements since the early 1990s. I cannot imagine that he does not have every piece ever made. Pat has also done a masterful job of building the "layout" as the railroad fans would refer to it.

Pat also stores his collection of liquor miniatures in the same room. Phil Meyers and I were debating the possibility of sliding under the tables where they are stored for some of our own sampling! After a bit of quick math we figured our feet would be exposed while under the table and we'd get caught. Oh well, there was plenty of refreshment of every persuasion available already.

The outgoing officers were thanked with a round of applause. Incoming Director Larry Peterson was welcomed into office. Larry spoke of our recently deceased friend and member Merle Bennett. Merle led an incredible life and we were all fortunate to have known him.

Some very nice door prizes were given out. Pat and Pam also gave a Hallmark Model A Roadster Christmas tree ornament to every couple. Ours went on the tree as soon as we got home and it will remind us every year of the wonderful afternoon spent with friends.

Thank you, Pat and Pam for hosting such a fabulous event. We look forward to wonderful Model A events for 2014.

Happy New Year!



## **On the National Scene**

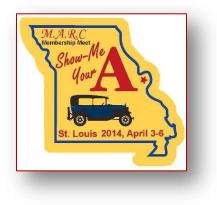


**MAFCA National Tour** - Mar. 9-14, 2014 - The Texas Hill Country, San Antonio, TX Enjoy breathtaking scenery and historic towns on this, the 4<sup>th</sup> MAFCA National Tour. Great touring on roads made for the Model A, as well as attractions such as San Antonio's beautiful River Walk, the Alamo, honkytonks, and antique shopping.

Visit <u>www.gta-texas.com</u> for more information and registration.

#### MARC Membership Meet - April 3-6, 2014 - St. Louis, MO

Explore St. Louis with hosts, the Missouri Valley Region, including trolley tours, self-guided tours, the St. Louis Zoo, Museum of Transportation and more. Plus technical seminars, judging standards meetings, and an all-Ford car show on Sunday.



Check out <u>www.modela.org</u> for all the details and registration.

## We'll be highlighting more 2014 national activities in next month's issue, but it's not too early to mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

MARC National Meet - June 22-27, 2014 - French Lick, IN

MAFCA National Convention - July 14-18, 2014 - Puyallup, WA

MAFFI Model A Day - Sept. 20, 2014 - Hickory Corners, MI

MAFCA Smokey Mtn. Chapter - "<u>Mountains, Music & Model A's</u>" Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2014 - Pigeon Forge, TN

#### And if you're REALLY adventurous:

MARC of Western Australia National Meet - Sept. 21-27 - Brusselton, Western Australia

#### WELCOME!

Rick & Merlene Morris of Suwanee, GA

### <u>Treasurer's Report</u>

Balance as of November 30, 2013	\$1,709.36
Deposits	\$375.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Balance as of	
December 31, 2013	\$2,084.36

## **Items For Sale**

**<u>FOR SALE:</u>** (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.** Wayne Haisten



haistenrw@aol.com 678-513-0668

**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, <u>Gfireman52@aol.com</u>



## **WANTED:** 1930-31 Roadster Driver side door.

Contact Sean Hobbs, 678-877-5152



#### 1964 Corvair Monza Convertible

I know it is not a Model A but you may know someone who could be interested in the car. Last driven in 1978 when placed in storage. Since waking it up we have a rebuilt engine installed along with new clutch, 4 speed transmission, differential, starter, complete brake system, battery, radial tires, etc. Stripped to rare metal and repainted the original medium blue. White top and original blue carpet and interior. MUST SELL – badly need space. **\$12,800 or reasonable offer.** 

Jack Miller, 770-461-2400

**<u>FOR SALE:</u>** 1930 Georgia License Plates. Unrestored and Restored. Singles, pairs, and sequentially numbered plates available.

Email Jim Hunter at <u>ytguy@aol.com</u> or call (770) 487-0140





## **Club Items**

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

#### Shirts and Hats

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

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

<u>**Club Banners:</u>** 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</u>



## Invitation to join Model "A" Restorers Club

Membership in MARC is a wonderful investment in the Model A hobby. A good resource, it includes the bi-monthly magazine, "Model A News," which is filled with informative articles, notices of upcoming national events, and news of local regions. Membership in Southside A's requires membership in MARC, as well.



#### 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.

#### The Southside A's Newsletter:

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