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“Warm in your “A” in chilly January.”

Southside A's
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**Board Meeting Minutes: We will now be posting our Board Meeting Minutes on the website each month. Simply go to the website and click on the link under "About" on the home page, or [click here](#).

2025 Southside A's Club Events

January 4	12 th Night Celebration – Due South, Peachtree City.
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Activities of Interest

March 11-13	MARC Membership Meet, Nashville, TN
June 16-20	MARC National Meet, Gettysburg, PA
June 15-22	MAFCA National Meet, Waynesboro, VA

Editor's Note:

Happy New Year, everyone! It's hard to believe I'm starting on my 15th year as newsletter editor. With a new year and new board members, I think we will make this a time of great Model A activities, driving our cars and enjoying each other's company.

Planning will begin soon, including the beginning of our popular Lunch Bunch outings. Be sure to share your ideas with us, and plan to be involved...there's plenty of help to get you started!

Here's to the anticipation of a wonderful 2025!

—Gwyneth



Happy Birthday!

4th – Kelly Adams
8th – Gwyneth Shotwell
11th – Sean Hobbs
15th – Donna Moss
19th – Tim Jones
23rd – Steve Searock
24th – Ann Hunter
24th – Betty Miller
29th – Tom Romine



Happy Anniversary!

15th – Steve & Barbara Searock
23rd – Jim & Kim Wingo



Thoughts from Our Director

Happy New Year, Southside A Club Members,

I am honored that I was asked to serve as your new Director for the 2025 year. This Model A club means a lot to me and I want to see it move forward. During the New Year I hope our club will grow by involving more members and encouraging participation in activities scheduled. There are a lot of members we have not seen lately. We would love to see all of them join us on the road making new memories. I look forward to our upcoming tours and tech meets.

I have worked beside so many who gave of their time and energy without a second thought to teach me. Those moments are greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

-- Steve Vied

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success". Henry Ford

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We're looking forward to our 12th Night Celebration on January 4!

Watch for a recap in next month's Newsletter.



Senoia Christmas Tour of Homes

Recap by Gwyneth Shotwell

As we all know, sometimes the best laid plans have a way of morphing into something different. But that doesn't necessarily have to be a negative, just a variation on a theme. In any event, what was intended to be a short parade of lighted and decorated Model A's filling a block in Senoia for the enjoyment of passersby, turned out to be two A's, one with lighted wreaths in the Christmas spirit.

Weather, timing and holiday plans affected the car turnout, but the option to just join for the pre-tour lunch at Nic and Norman's proved to be the big draw for the day. Seventeen happy folks enjoyed the warm atmosphere in one of the iconic buildings along Main St. Originally the site of Founder's Restaurant, the space has original wooden floors, exposed brick walls, and the signature long wooden carved bar, all creating a fabulous interior for dining. Lunch was varied and delicious, and conversation typically lively.

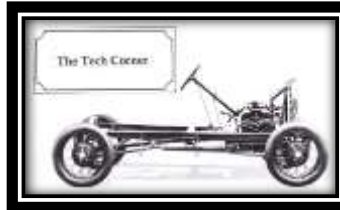
After the meal, six of us embarked on the tour, visiting a nice mix of new and older homes, all beautifully decorated for Christmas. Even though the weather was somewhat damp and chilly, indoors was all warmth and cheer. I would say the homes themselves, regardless of decorations, were a big draw for participants. Senoia is a growing area, with new homes maintaining much of the historic feel that makes the town so appealing.



And we know the event was popular when we learned it had sold out a week before.

So the afternoon/evening turned out to be delightful, and one we would consider repeating next holiday season.

Participants: *On the tour of homes* were Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell, with friends Josh & Christa Muscatine; and newer club members Kevin & Donna Moss, both of us with our Model A's. *Joined at lunch by:* Tom & Betty Miller; Teri Besch; Will & Jessica Schalk; Terry & Nive Atkins; Bobby & Maryjane Cleveland; Steve & Ardith Vied.



Rear Backing Plates

by Tom Endy

The installation of Model A Ford rear backing plates appears to be an easy process. However over the years I have noticed a problem that occurs quite often.

After the four mounting bolts are installed and torqued down the end of the bolt with the hole for the cotter pin protrudes some distance past the end of the slots in the castle nut. In some instances the nut has bottomed on the threads of the bolt and the backing plate is not tight against the end of the axle housing flange.

This phenomenon occurs even with original bolts and all the other hardware being original. In a number of cases I found the four mounting holes in the backing plates wallowed out in the shape of a football caused by the backing plate rocking back and forth during braking and acceleration.



Fig.1 Shows the castle nut run all the way up on one of the mounting bolts. The hole protrudes way past the end of the castle slot in the nut. This is often how the relationship of the bolt and nut ends up after the backing plate, emergency brake carrier, and grease baffle are installed.



Fig.2 This is how far the bolts protrude through the backing plate and the emergency brake carrier. The grease baffle, which is very thin, has not been installed yet.



Fig.3 Special shims have been added on each of the four mounting bolts before the baffle is installed. The total thickness of the shim stack is a nominal .020" in thickness. This will space the castle nuts out further on the bolts and better align them with the cotter pin holes. It will also ensure that the nuts have not bottomed on the threads of the bolts.



Fig.4 The shims that were used have an inside diameter of .450 and an outside diameter of .750. They fit very neatly between the emergency carrier and the grease baffle.



Fig.5 The final photo shows the backing plate installed using a nominal .020 of shims on each bolt between the emergency carrier and the grease baffle. The castle nut is properly aligned at the end of the mounting bolt and the cotter pin installs neatly. ©

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

December 2024

Membership Reminder: Our special offer of a FREE one year membership expires December 31, 2024. Any member of a Region who is not a MARC member can get a free 12 month membership with the digital version of our award winning *Model A News* and all the other benefits of MARC membership. Automatic renewal is required. Contact our office at: (734) 427-9050 for details.

Anyone interested in joining our Driver Class committee or just seeking information can contact Jim Zimmer at: jwzimmer9119@gmail.com. Hurry, as we are currently drafting the judging standards and now is a great time to provide your input. This new judging class is being formed for members who have a good looking Model A that has been modified to improve driveability.

Region dues are due by January 31st, 2025. Please renew via our Website: www.modelaford.org; select Regions on the drop down menu, and tap "click here to register and pay by credit card or PayPal". If you select the pay by check option, make sure to mail your check to: Model A Restorers Club, PO Box 498, Howell, MI 48844.

Consider buying a great Holiday gift of MARC merchandise for yourself and for your significant other. Some Black Friday special pricing may be extended so look for special pricing in the next issue of the *Model A News*. Also, don't forget to renew your MARC membership at the same time. Happy Holidays!



NATIONAL EVENTS



Waynesboro, VA



FASHION FINDS...

From Gwyneth Shotwell

For the start of the New Year, we begin a look at a style of clothing with an amusing name with several usages, namely “Whoopee.” Here is a sampling from men’s fashions of the Model A era, along with some fun reading on the origin of the term. This is page 1 of what will be four installments. We hope you enjoy it!

(Thanks to Laurie Elliott, Santa Clara Valley Chapter of MAFCA, and the MAFCA website.)

Whoopee Trousers: Young Men’s Style or Mere Catchphrase?

By Laurie Elliott, Santa Clara Valley Chapter

The ad in a M.W. Savage Co., Spring/Summer, 1931 catalog really caught my eye as both the header at the top of the page and the drawing of the center model who was wearing rather wild pants held a banner that used the word “Whoopee.” A song began playing inside my head:

*“Another bride, Another groom, Another sunny honeymoon,
Another season, Another reason, For making whoopee.”*

The song, usually referred to as “Makin’ Whoopee!” is a jazz/blues song popularized by Eddie Cantor, published and released in November 1928 and appeared in the musical play “Whoopee!” that same year. A movie version of the play was made in 1930. The song has been recorded by numerous artists from Rudy Vallee to Cyndi Lauper, and appears in many movies and TV shows, including Sesame Street where Cookie Monster croons his version, “Eating Cookie.” Clearly this song was popular, but I doubt the suggestive “whoopee” in the song means the same thing as the “whoopee” in the ad, which is defined by Webster’s as a cry of joy or excitement. Perhaps the ambiguous meaning was part of the appeal by savvy copywriters.



The “Whoopee Style” Ad

By today’s standards, these trousers look pretty tame, but in the Model A years of 1928-1931, they were downright imaginative. The ads were mostly aimed at young collegiate men or high schoolers with waist sizes 28” through 36”.

The variety of trouser features are shown in the page at left. Some slacks had extended waistbands which may or may not have been shaped, and many had the “new” taller waistbands of 2-3”. The text reads, “No belt, no suspenders needed.” An adjustable strap and buckle in the back allowed for easy fitting. The 22” wide pant legs were almost always cuffed. Exclusive silk embroidered emblems might be offered near the right pocket.

The pants were made of all wool, wool and cotton blends, or unspecified fabric content, in plain weaves, stripes, tweed or herringbone designs. Colors were grey, tan, medium brown, navy blue, and blue grey.

Whoopee! Trousers

www.mafca.com

November 2023

MAFFI Minute



Model A Friends,

The Model A Museum will be closed from January 1 through 26, 2025 for expansion demolition and the Gilmore's renovations. The first half of the month, the wall between the current Model A museum and the expansion is coming down so exhibits and vehicles have to be moved. The 2nd half of the month, the Gilmore grounds will be closed because Gilmore is redoing flooring. Everything should be back open beginning January 27, 2025.

This month I'm (Cindy Ellenbecker) sharing the President of the Model A Ford Foundation's message:

Dear Model "A" Owners and Hobbyists,

Thank you for your continued support of The Model A Ford Foundation Museum, located on the grounds of The Gilmore Car Museum. Through your membership and donations, we have been able to establish a world class museum exhibiting displays of vehicles, era fashions and memorabilia associated with the Ford Model A.

The Model A Ford Foundation is in the process of expanding our museum another 8,400 square feet. This expansion will allow several more vignettes, a Learning Center Garage, and restrooms to be added for your enjoyment. The Foundation's income primarily comes from annual membership dues, the selling of museum items such as bricks, proceeds from our annual Model "A" Days and from club and individual donations. We ask that you consider giving an additional gift to help us support The Museum. Your gifts allow us to continue supporting our hobby with one of the best museums anywhere in the world.

All of us associated with the Model A Ford Foundation wish you and yours well this Holiday Season. Thank you again for your generous donations.

Best Regards,

John Begg, President

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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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,
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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:

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Southside A's Membership

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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: \$20.00. (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 _____

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Invitation to join Model "A" Restorers Club

(Membership in Southside A's requires membership in MARC, as well.)

MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

P.O. Box 498, Howell, Michigan 48844

(734) 427-9050 Office

(734) 427-9054 Fax

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Call office for Youth Membership and Surviving Spouse
Membership

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Membership # _____ If renewing Region (If member) _____

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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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