



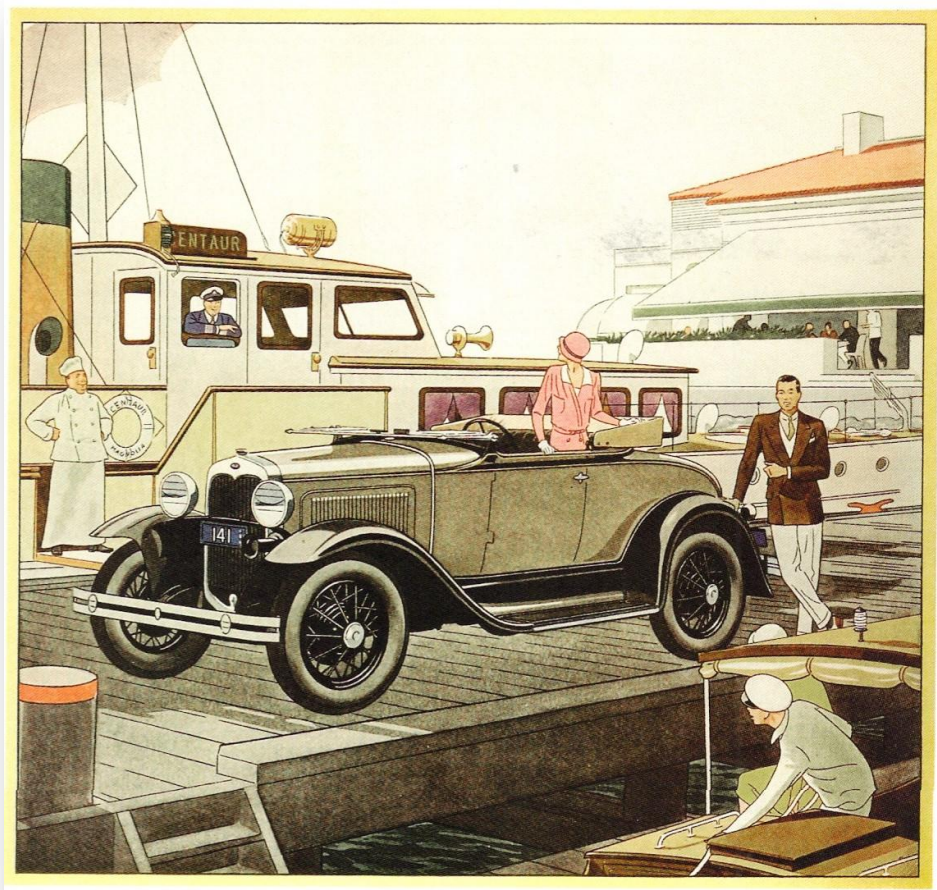
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"The Petersons at their Yacht Club."

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2011 Club Events

****May Board Mtg.: Wed., May 4 at IHOP in Fayetteville, 705 N. Jeff Davis Dr. (770 460-7550). Meeting starts promptly at 7:00.**

Southside A's 2011 Calendar of Events

May 12-15	Social Security Tour (HCCA)
May 21	Tractors & Chevrolets Tour
June 3-5	Chattanooga Tour Joint w/Central Alabama A's
July	TBD
August 20	Moonlight Tour - Restaurant TBA
September	Rome Tour
September 10	Int'l Model A Day
November 19	Business Meeting
December -TBD	Christmas Party

2011 Events of Interest

May 6	United Community Bank - Tyrone. Customer/Community Appreciation event.
May 7	Tour of Martin Dam, Ala. CAMAFC
May 14 th	Coweta-Fayette Rotary Chassis for Charity Car Show
May 21	Moreland Car Show Moreland United Methodist Church
June 4	Cruisin' For a Cure - Car & Truck Show LaGrange Mall
June 27-July 1	National MARC Meet in San Diego
October 21-23	Sweet Home Alabama ** SEE NOTE IN "Bits and Pieces." (CAMAFCA)

Editor's Notes:

We apologize for being a little tardy with this edition, but we wanted to be able to include Ann Hunter's wonderful article on the Antebellum Trail Tour, as well as all the important updates about upcoming tours and events.

Thanks again to everyone for your prompt submissions.

May Birthdays

3rd Tom Miller
7th Jerry Watkins
13th Jim Justice
13th James Stewart
14th Kathy Huey
20th Fred Huey
22nd Barbara Murdock
24th Eugene Willingham



May Anniversaries

5/4/1954 Robert & MaryAnn Routh
5/28/2005 Ray & Lois Crisp



Notes from Our Director

Hello Everyone,

By now many of you have been told that Fred Huey has found it necessary to leave his post as our Director for the balance of this year due to the health of his mother. Fred has asked me to take up his duties to keep the club growing and going for this term. I have accepted this request which will require formal approval at the board meeting on May 4th. I will also announce my successor as Vice-Director at this same meeting. All of these things considered, and with the touring season upon us, I encourage all of you to attend this meeting. I hope that all of you will keep the Huey family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

It is my plan to return to the IHOP restaurant in Fayetteville for this meeting and an e-mail confirming it will follow soon.

I sincerely hope that all of you will pitch in and help to make this driving season a great time for all. Every club can only be as great as the members that participate in its activities. So come along and join in - pitch in - and have a good time.

Phil Meyers

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



WELCOME!
Linda & Paul Beeghly
of Griffin

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

April 6, 2011

The April 6, 2011 meeting of the Southside A's Model A Club was called to order at 7:05PM Director Fred Huey at I Hop in Fayetteville. The following members were present: Ray & Teri Besch, Liz & Tom Romine, Tom & Betty Miller, Jim & Ann Hunter, Lisa & Merle Bennett, Dick Carne, Eugene & Kathleen Willingham, Phil Myers, Fred & Kathy Huey & guest, Paul Beeghly.

The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Jim Hunter reported a balance of \$1,116.96. Motion was made & approved to accept the treasurer's report.

Committees:

Membership: There are 42 members. Board members present voted to accept guest, Paul Beeghly as a new member. Paul has been into old cars for a long time & wants to buy a Model A.

Corresponding secretary: Eugene has submitted two articles to the MARC National Newsletter. Eugene also gave out the mileage awards. They are: Ray Besch, 30,000; Dick Carne, 5,000; Jim Hunter, 5,000; Tom Miller, 10,000; Tom Romine, 5,000; Eugene Willingham, 5,000; & Fred Huey, 2,000. John Nowak's 5,000 mile award was mailed to him.

Fashion: No report. She has newsletter fashion articles ready to submit to cover their extended Model A tour to Alaska.

Newsletter: No report. Eugene forwards out newsletter to other "A" clubs & has been getting positive comments.

Recording secretary: no report.

Scrapbook: Ann needs pictures from the Blue Willow Inn Trip.

Tech: No tech meets scheduled at this time.

Phone: Merle will call members that do not have e-mail to remind them of upcoming events.

Activities:

April 30-May 1st is the antebellum tour in Madison. Kathy Huey needs to know if you are going. She needs firm numbers to give to the restaurant for lunch on Saturday.

June 4-5th The June tour to Chattanooga will be planned by Tom & Betty Miller. Paul Majerick & the AL group is interested in participating in this event. "Horsing Around" is one of the outings planned along with a riverboat cruise and dinner. Coker Tire family has invited the SSA's to view their private car collection. Please RSVP to Tom & Betty Miller if you plan to go on this trip.

July tour hosted by the Shotwells will have to be rescheduled. We need a volunteer to host a July event.

Other Events:

Kathy Huey reported that the SSA's were invited to attend an event at a local horse farm on May 7th. If interested, contact Kathy.

Phil Myers reported the NHR event has a new date: June 25th. It will be a "Night of Fire" Admission is \$20.00. Contact Phil if interested. Phil also reported that Me-n-Ed's Pizza in Newnan if interested in having the SSA's for their annual Friday night dinner. April 16th was set as a date to go to this restaurant. Phil also commented that Marshall Pape has a lot of unique & hard to get parts. Information was made available about an Elvis Pressley car show at Graceland on Memorial Day Weekend.

Dick Carne reminded everyone of the invitation from John Martin, Jasper, GA to join them at their April 16th event.

Rick Horne suggested a possible tech meet with Herman Coppers from Naples, FL. Rick would host the meet at his home in Carrollton & provide lunch.

Old Business: No new information about the SSA website.

New Business:

Coming soon: ice cream nights at Dairy Queen on Hwy. 34 east of Newnan.

It was brought to the club's attention that some of our newest members do not have e-mail & have not been getting newsletters.

MAFFI: Ray made a motion to purchase two bricks for the new museum. The first one will say Southside A's of GA. The next one will have Rick Horne's name. Exact wording will be determined after speaking with Rick. Cost will be \$300.00. The motion was seconded by Betty Miller & unanimously approved.

Dick Carne & Tom Miller will develop a list of tour planning guidelines for members planning a tour.

The location of the May 4, 2011 meeting will be announced later. Motion was made by Eugene and seconded by Ray to close meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Besch,
Recording Secretary

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>	
Balance as of February 28, 2011	\$1066.96
Deposits	\$50.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Balance as of March 31, 2011	\$1,116.96

Featured Photo of the Month: (Editors note: Each month we'll feature photos that glorify the Model A in all its varied styles, and enhanced by beautiful or intriguing settings. At the end of the year we'd like the members to vote for their favorite Month, and we'll publish the results in the January, 2012 Newsletter.)



MAY

Antebellum Tour

Friday morning, April 29, five cars left the Sam's Club parking lot in perfect weather. The Hueys, Willinghams, Millers, Romines, and Hunters were sent off with a goodbye wave from Phil Meyers, who was staying behind to help with his new grandchild.

The caravan was joined by the Petersens in Barnesville. For the most part the scenery was beautiful, but we were all saddened by the tornado damage we observed. How heartbreaking!

Lunch at the Whistlestop Café in Juliette was terrific with complimentary fried green tomatoes. They also



had the largest onion rings we had ever seen! The stores contained interesting trinkets and very talkative shopkeepers.

After another lovely drive, accompanied by the alternating fragrance of honeysuckle and fertilizer, we arrived at the Comfort Inn and checked in.

We then proceeded through the town of Milledgeville amid the cheering of the college students. Our tour of the Governor's Mansion with its 36 inch walls was led by a very knowledgeable university student. Its many architectural features were amazing. Dick Carne, the Beschs and the Wingos joined us during the tour.

That night, dinner was split between two restaurants, Anbri Lane's restaurant downtown, and a Mexican restaurant. Both were great. Back at the hotel, the group gathered in the breakfast area for more fun until after 10 p.m.

Saturday morning, the Hueys were experiencing a little problem with their clutch so "Emma" had to stay behind at the hotel while the Millers gained two passengers. The first leg of the driving was a mere 276 feet across the street to the Flannery O'Conner home, "Andalusia". Tom Romine endured some light-hearted kidding from Jim Hunter about leaving his turn signal on. Jim wanted to know which pasture Tom intended to turn into! The grounds of

the 1930's style farmhouse included outbuildings, a peacock pen, a lake and nature trail.



A photographer just happened to be at the house that day to take pictures for a new brochure. He was overjoyed with our cars being there, particularly the Miller's car in its original condition.



Next we visited the Uncle Remus Museum. We learned about the life of Joel Chandler Harris and posed for pictures with the statue of Brer Rabbit.

Jim Wingo was traveling in his newest acquisition, a beautiful green sedan. It was making a funny noise so Ray rode with him while Teri drove the Besch's car with Kim as a passenger. The problem resolved itself during the drive as the speedometer cable snapped and the noise ceased. Fortunately this was not a problem that impaired the driving of the car.

A short side trip down a gravel road in the middle of nowhere brought us to the Kettle Creek Revolutionary War Monument. How did the soldiers ever find each other in all those woods?

Reserved parking spaces on the square in Washington awaited us for our lunch stop. Our cars drew quite a bit of interest. The Jockey Club Restaurant was at one time a mercantile/hardware store complete with a hand operated elevator to transfer goods to and from storage upstairs. During lunch, Dick Carne met a man he knew, who later took several men to view and buy old car parts. After

lunch, the group scoped out the town including the taxidermy shop, antique shops, the restored hotel, an old fire engine and various old homes.

On the ride back to the hotel, Dick Carne made a slight side trip to check on his family's gravesites in Sparta. The police blocked traffic enabling us to make a quick exit from town. We suspect they recognized Dick and wanted to make sure all of us left town.

The beautiful A. J. Stephens State Park was our next stop for a little break. We peaked into the windows of the Stephen's home and also observed his gravesite. A discussion was held at this site about the



pervasive humming sound of the cicadas. Those more knowledgeable about this phenomenon pointed out the bugs on nearby trees.

The group again split into groups for dinner, at the Mexican restaurant, the Brick Italian restaurant and Ruby Tuesdays. All reported having good meals except for the Petersens who went to the Mexican Restaurant by themselves. Apparently, the food was not as good without their fellow travelers present. Fred Huey had voiced the desire for a dinner of donuts and Jim Hunter liked that idea. Fred must have gotten his donuts eventually, as Sunday

morning a bag of donuts was hanging on the doorknob of the Hunter's room. Jim enjoyed them for breakfast and would not share them as Jackie Petersen can tell you.

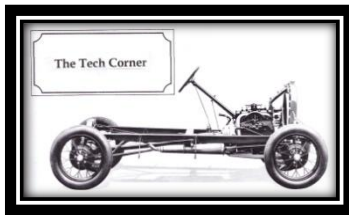
On Sunday, our trip home led us through rural country and it was fun waving to people and honking our horns. We saw 3 parachutists over an airport near Forsyth.

We stopped at the town square in Thomaston to view a mural of the town as it was in the 20's. Fred had watched the artist paint it and described how he formed the images with an overhead projector and old photographs. The lunch buffet at Norris Fine Foods was delicious.



We said our goodbyes upon leaving the restaurant and thanked Kathy and Fred for a well-planned and executed tour. The Hueys took care to provide for all our comforts and needs during this outstanding tour. We don't know how they managed to order such perfect weather! Although the scenery, sites, and meals were terrific, the real highlight of this trip was being with this group of people.

--Ann Hunter



The Tech Corner

New Tour Season Check-list

By Tom Romine, Tech Editor

It's hard to believe that it's May already. Touring season is already on us, and I hope you have your car ready, but if not here are several helps to get it ready.

Have you checked the fluid level in your Battery? Always charge FIRST - then add distilled water as needed.

Check Battery Cable Connections - both at the Battery and at the starter. If you have an additional ground strap, check for tight bolt connections. Do you have a fuse at the starter? Check the wires and terminals, they have been known to come loose and can corrode. While you're at it check the wires at the Generator & Coil. Coca-Cola will kill the corrosion!

Don't forget to lube the entire chassis and change the oil; simple yes, but we sometimes forget the simple things. Check the Fuel Bowl, any sediment? Good time to clean it out; also check for any seepage leaks after you clean the sediment bowl.

What about your Radiator? How clean is it, dirty, scaly, oily? If you clean the system, it will operate better & cooler. There are several ways to clean the system, and several products on the market you can use. C.L.R. can be used; Prestone also has a cleaner. The best way for oil residue is dishwasher soap; Cascade or most any low suds soap will work fine. The key is to get the water HOT, not just warm! Drive the car several miles, and then let it cool. Flush out and refill with clean water. How does it look? Still oily, dirty? Try again. It could take a couple applications. Always Flush with clean water

several times, then fill with 50 - 50 mixture of Anti-freeze. You can use plain water, but if you do you need to use a water pump lubricant. Also check the condition of your Hoses & Clamps, any leaks?

How are your brakes; does she pull right or left? You need to adjust them, as you never know when you will have a panic stop! In my December 2010 Tech Article I gave a detailed way to adjust them.

Check all your Lights, Parking, Low Beam, High Beam, Tail Lights and Brake Lights.

Check your Tires and air pressure, 35 PSI, including your spare.

We can go on & on, but these are the High Lights. If the engine does not run, you won't be touring anyway!

I have attached a couple of List's, general information (check list) and a good lube maintenance chart, both shared with us by Ray Besch.

Now go out there and get your 'A' in shape and come tour with us.

(Lists appear on the next pages)

LUBRICATION & PERIODIC MAINTENANCE - MODEL A FORD

ITEMS ARE TO BE LUBRICATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

EACH 500 MILES

- inspect radiator hoses
- adjust fan belt
- inspect fan for cracks
- change crankcase oil (if not using filter)
- check fan bearing for looseness (side play)
- test windshield wiper
- check wiper blade rubber

EACH 1,000 MILES

Left Right

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | front spindles (upper & lower) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | steering tie-rod |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | front brake camshafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | front spring shackles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | front shock links |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | rear spring shackles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | rear shock links |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | rear brake camshafts ¹ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | rear wheel bearings ¹ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | do all 500-mile items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | test emergency flashers ² |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | test wheel bearings for looseness, spin ³ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | tighten accessory mountings (windwings) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | tighten spring U-bolts, front & rear ⁴ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | tighten all wheel lug nuts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | test lights (head, tail, stop, dash, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | inspect all engine compartment cotter pins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | inspect all brake system cotter pins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | inspect all steering system cotter pins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | service brake cross shaft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | parking brake cross shaft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | engine control link joints |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | wipe out headlight switch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | door dovetails (light coat of vaseline) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | door striker plates (same) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | door latch mechanism & lock (white graphite) |

- go over entire fuel system for leaks
- go over entire exhaust system for leaks
- clean distributor cap, lid, rotor, and check each for cracks
- check steering wheel free play (1" max.)
- battery high discharge voltage test⁵
- check battery with electrical tester
- clutch pedal bearing
- brake pedal bearing
- drag link (both ends)
- U-joint
- check lubricant level in differential
- check lubricant level in transmission
- check lubricant level in steering gear
- fan bearing
- water pump bearing
- check for tight electrical connections⁶
- distributor shaft (fill oiler)
- distributor cam (very light coating)
- check points gap. (.018" to .022")
- check points for pits, misalignment
- remove crank from front of engine
- generator bearings
- clean & re-oil air cleaner
- clean battery cable clamps & vaseline
- tighten battery ground connection
- oil horn bearings
- clean horn commutator
- clean generator commutator, check brushes
- drain fuel sediment bowl
- clean carburetor filter screen
- oil main throttle shaft (rear of engine)
- door hinge pins (1 drop light oil)
- hook hooks (same)
- check clutch pedal for 3/4" free play
- check tail lamp lens mounting screws
- test ground wire on all power tools⁷

EACH 2,000 MILES

- do all 500 and 1,000-mile items
- check shock fluid
- inspect starter commutator & brushes
- grease steering gear sector shaft
- examine tires for wear, cracks, damage
- clutch release bearing (under floor board)
- check engine timing⁸
- remove crank from front of engine
- adjust service brakes
- inspect main leaf springs for cracks
- repack upper ends of shock links
- test parking brakes for hold on hill
- drain & flush radiator with clear water⁹

EACH 5,000 MILES

- do all 500 and 1,000-mile items
- check headlight focus and aim
- drain, flush, refill transmission
- same for differential
- tighten engine, chassis, body bolts & nuts
- front wheel bearings: clean, inspect, pack
- inspect front brake drums, linings, springs¹⁰
- spark plugs: clean & regap (.035")
- give cooling system a chemical flush⁹

EACH 10,000 MILES

- do all previous items
- clean, inspect, pack rear wheel bearings
- inspect & clean rear drums, linings, springs¹⁰
- lubricate speedometer cable
- polish headlight reflectors

1—Rear wheel bearings and rear brake operating shafts must not be over-lubricated. These areas, already subject to oil seepage past the axle housing seals, have a tendency to drip lubricant onto brake drums.

2—This concerns the battery-operated portable red flashers some owners carry for road emergencies.

3—Be sure there is no excessive looseness in the fronts, and no gritty sound or drag in any.

4—The large U-bolts holding the leaf springs to the frame cross members should be kept very tight at all times. This is a precaution against cracks in the cross members and broken springs.

5—Check each cell with a high discharge tester; this shows whether the battery will hold its voltage under actual operating loads.

6—To test for tightness, try to wiggle the connection with your fingers. If it gives, tighten it. Check also that the wires are not loose in their crimped-on terminals. Look for frayed or cracked insulation, and for spots where wires rest against metal to cause worn insulation. Open up the junction box and check for these items.

7—This obviously has nothing to do with the Model A, but is a good check for the restorer. Use ohmmeter to see that there is NO resistance between the exterior metal case of the tool and the ground

prong of the three-prong plug (with plug pulled out of wall outlet). Even after making this test, the safe practice is never to touch the tool while standing on a damp surface or while touching or standing on any metallic or wet object—as ground circuits within your shop or garage are not always reliable.

8—A very accurate way to see exactly when distributor points open is to hook up a six volt DC voltmeter across the points. With ignition on, the meter needle will jump from zero to about six volts at the instant the points open. When not performing this test, keep ignition switch off, or slip a piece of paper between the points, to keep battery from discharging through the coil primary winding.

9—Drain radiator immediately after running engine for about ten minutes, so that sediment and loose scale will be stirred up into the water. Do not pour cold water into a warm engine. If hot water is not available, allow engine to cool completely before refilling.

10—Clean every trace of grease from brake drums and brake shoe lining with rags dampened in lacquer thinner. Dry off with clean dry rags. Also remove any excess grease from bearings, bushings, and backing plates, so that none will later drop down onto drums or shoes. With everything sanitary, inspect for scored drums, worn linings, broken springs.

Model “A” Check List

Frequency	Task	Notes
Bi-Annually	Change Antifreeze	50-50 mixture recommended – Also used to Lube Water Pump
500 Miles	Change Motor Oil	Change Filter is so equipped.
Monthly	Check Tire Pressure	35 PSI is best for all driving conditions
As Needed	Wash / Wax Car	This is important if your car is expected to sit for any period of time
5,000 Miles	Top Off – Transmission, Differential and Steering Box	600 wt Oil recommended for all
Constantly	Make a Winter To-Do-List	Be ready for the 1 st day of Spring Touring
Every Fall	Add Sta-Bil to your gas tank	Not a bad idea even if you plan to drive during the winter.
Storage	Shut off fuel line and run to stall	Whenever you plan to let the car sit indefinitely
Seasonally	Put a Plastic Sheet under car	This will keep moisture from coming up to rust frame
1,000 Miles	Tune-Up Engine	Clean Plugs, Set Points, Check/Adjust Timing
1,000 Miles	Adjust Brakes	Maintain 60/40 ratio
5,000 Miles	Adjust Hand Brake	3 notch maximum
5,000 Miles	Lubricate Speedometer Cable	Graphite works well

Don't forget:

May 12-15 - Social Security Run

The festivities begin for Early Birds on Thursday night with a barbeque dinner. Friday will be a warm-up run to Stone Mountain and its many attractions, and dinner wherever your “A” takes you, on the way back to Madison. Saturday is the “run” which will take participants to Dausett Trails, a nature and wildlife park. Topping off the weekend will be the 50’s themed banquet on Saturday night, where prizes for closet average speed, best costumes, and door prizes will be awarded.

May 21 - Tractors & Chevrolets Tour

Be sure to mark Saturday May 21st on your calendars. Greg Marshall, fellow Model A and all around car enthusiast has planned a great day for us. We will depart Newnan (departure location to be determined) around 9:00 AM for Douglassville. While there we will view an Antique Tractor collection. The collection of 50+ Tractors date from the teens to the 1960’s. There are sure to be some Ford powered examples. From there Greg will lead us via back roads to South Fulton County where we will see James Collier’s collection of antique Chevrolets. James’s collection ranges from the twenties to the 1970’s – and then some! Lunch will be provided at James Colliers.

Greg is also looking into the possibility of touring a well-known rose garden in Douglassville, but has not had confirmation at this time. I will be sending out an e-mail later this month with the details. Hope you can make it!

--Jim Johnston

Update on our Chattanooga Tour

Southside A's and Central Alabama A's joint adventure!

Now is the time to mark your calendars and make your reservations, for a fabulous weekend tour to Chattanooga, Tennessee, complete with riverboats and carousel horses. This will be a joint tour with our friends, the Central Alabama A's, and we have a wonderful lineup in store.

Here are our plans, so far:

Friday - A tour through Northwest Georgia, with a visit to Harold Coker's personal **car collection**. Harold is the founder of Coker Tires, and has been collecting for many years; this should be a memorable stop.

We will arrive in Chattanooga mid-afternoon Friday for Motel check-in, afternoon activities and dinner. Plans for a group dinner are in the works; an update will follow.

Saturday - A visit to **Horsin' Around Carving School** with the Tour being led by world-famous wood carver, Bud Ellis¹. Bud has also offered to give us a personal tour of a carousel that he restored which is located in Coolidge Park.

After the tour, many open activities are available within about a mile of our hotel. They include a great antique mall, "Knitting Mills;" Ruby Falls; Incline Railway; and Rock City. We'll have directions for those who want to partake of any or all of these. The day will be topped off with a fabulous **dinner cruise** on the **Southern Belle Riverboat**.

Sunday - A few activities will be planned prior to our departure for home.

Motel info:

The La Quinta Downtown (**423-265-3151**) 100 West, 21st Street, Chattanooga, TN, 37408.

We were able to negotiate a special rate of \$69.00 for Friday and Saturday nights (June 3-4). (normal rate is \$89) The motel will fill up quickly with the beginning of the vacation season, so **make your reservations as soon as possible**. Mention the Southside A's Model A Tour to get this special rate.

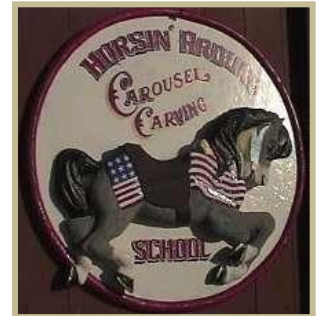
Riverboat info:



The cost for a full buffet dinner, while taking a 2-1/2 hour cruise on the Southern Belle, is \$38.50 per person, which includes all taxes and gratuity. Deadline for payment is **May 20th**. Please make your check out to Tom Miller and send to: **135 South Shore Dr., Newnan, GA 30263**.

So call the motel, write out your check, and let's kick off our summer with a great turnout for this memorable tour!

¹ Bud Ellis is a master wood sculptor with a fine arts background. After graduating with an art degree from Indiana University, Bud decided to try his hand at carving a carousel horse. Some twenty years later, he is now founder and owner of Horsin' Around Carousel Carving School. His students have carved over 500 carousel animals that live on in restored carousels across the country.



Model “A” Fashions

Spring is the start of touring season. It seems appropriate to read clothing guidelines established by The Ladies Home Journal, June, 1930 has advice on “Vacation Wardrobes.”

“The experienced and smart woman selects her wardrobe with two things in mind – she wants to be as inconspicuous as possible and she wants her clothes to give her as little trouble and concern as possible. ... It is possible to travel with a very small wardrobe and still be correctly dressed for a number of occasions...

For motor travel ... one chooses fabrics which will not show the dust or wrinkle easily, comfortable, simple models and inconspicuous accessories. Hats with brims will be found preferable for motoring...

Don't buy dresses with pleats, particularly in the back; or with white lingerie touches which will need frequent changing.

Be sure that your shoes are as comfortable and well-fitted as possible, and take new ones ...

Take plenty of stockings ...

Take substantial underwear, preferably a good deal of knitted silk or rayon which can, if necessary, be washed and worn without ironing.

Take enough gloves to have fresh ones every day...

Remember that lace packs well...

I found another book entitled, Individuality and Clothes, by Margaret Story, published in 1930. I found it at Amazon on line but \$87.00 is a little too much for me to spend. This book has a section on the tour ensemble for motor travel. It states that,

“there is no better choice than the ensemble of jersey, knitted, or tweed dress . . . and top

coat of wool or leather; a small comfortable hat with brim; oxfords or one-strap pumps with leather heels; lisle or service-weight silk hose.” Also suggested was to carry a silk sports dress for warm days and an informal afternoon dress for changing at dinner time. She goes on to say that men may choose a single-breasted tweed or double breasted flannel suit. The jacket of either suit can be worn with white or pale-colored flannel trousers. In 1928, men would have worn a raccoon coat with horn buttons, a glenurquhart (Scottish) plaid suit, striped tie, black derby, and tan calf oxfords. The deep-pile camel's hair topcoat replaced the raccoon coat in the 1930s.



Everyone knew that luggage should match and adapted for specific uses. Some pieces of luggage included: a toilet case for the man; wardrobe trunk; bathing suitcase; a fitted suit case to secure spillables.

This is another article created from the old issues of The Restorer Magazine, on loan from Tom & Betty Miller.

By: Teri Besch

Daisy does the Natchez Trace, 2011

You meet the nicest people in this hobby! Anyone who has ever talked with me for more than a few minutes has heard me say that. We met so many nice people, in fact, that it will be difficult to keep this article to a manageable size. We missed all of you and know you would have enjoyed it as much as we did. Please try to join these tours. They are just great!

We left on Thursday after putting Charlie (our dog) in Camp Mimi. We went as far as Oxford, AL and met up with Gerald Grizzard. We knew Gerald from past Sweet Home Alabama tours and most of you know that Gerald has a good collection of cars and fire trucks that he keeps in a facility that most people just call the "Firehouse." Although it is not really a firehouse, he has a nice apartment there and offered it to us for the night. We joined the group from Central Alabama for dinner where we met those who would be going on the tour along with many other members who came to see us off.

Gerald plotted a nice course through to Nashville and we all made the trip without problems. The host hotel was the Marriott in Franklin and we filled the parking lot with over 200 Model As. On Friday, there were meetings for those who like meetings, a flea market, and a large social room where you could sit down and strike up a conversation with anyone and have something in common with them. We saw the sights around Nashville on Saturday and got a picture of Daisy in front of the Parthenon, a full scale copy built for the 1898 World Expo. Saturday night we went as a group to the Grand Ol' Opry. We had excellent seats, and although we aren't rabid country fans, it was a darned good show. On Sunday there was an organized tour to a local collector but Betty and I decided to do church instead. Then I did a few things to Daisy to prepare for the trip (Rainex, clean the fuel filter, adjust the points).



Now on to the Trace... With over 200 cars, the rules for departure were open. Advised that all cars should be off by 10:30AM to be safely to the first overnight stop, our group got away around 8:00 A.M., stopping at the Trace entrance for a picture, and then hit the road.

If ever a road in the US was made for the Model A, it is certainly the Trace. This is a national park, pristine and naturally beautiful, even in the areas close to population centers. It is well paved and maintained and every few miles there is a pull-over with a scenic overlook or historic marker. Everything is clean and in good repair. I just don't have the words to describe the beauty and serenity that you experience in every mile. Add this to your "bucket list;" you must go!

Our first night was in Tupelo, MS, with a real treat awaiting us. Cecil Freeman, a friend of most of the Southside A's, had arranged for a visit to a collector of military equipment and memorabilia. The Greely brothers take collecting to the highest level. At the front of the property, they have recreated a general store from the Model A era. In the central building, they have a large kitchen, similar in size to a restaurant, with tables to accommodate any size group. One of the brothers told me that their father once ran an ad in the Tupelo newspaper inviting the city out for dinner one weekend. Well, with the people that Cecil invited and those that the brothers invited, there was a crowd of 50 plus. Surrounding the crowd was a collection

of early military vehicles. I would estimate there were 12 to 15 wagons, completely outfitted as they would have been 150 years ago with all supplies, tack, and sample cargo. The only things missing were the horses and wagon masters. In another building was an assortment of at least a dozen Jeeps, all with cargo, supplies, mock weapons, and even uniforms. There were also three HUMVEEs, all similarly outfitted and even an armored personnel carrier complete with a mortar. By the way, the dinner was delicious.

Tuesday began with a visit to the Tupelo Auto Museum. The museum was founded by Frank Spain, the founder of MCI Communication, to house his personal collection. The eclectic collection includes cars from the 1800's to the present, including a Lincoln previously owned by Elvis Presley (what else in Tupelo).



We were on the Trace by 10 AM and stopped for lunch in French Camp, MS. French Camp is a town comprised mostly of the French Camp School, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church. As a fund raiser, the school offers lunch for Trace travelers in a log cabin close to the Trace exit. The boarding school houses around 150 children from broken and troubled homes. A maximum of twelve children live in each of the homes with house parents and a solid family atmosphere. They rely heavily on volunteers and those adults who commit much of their lives to the work they do with the children. After lunch and a good rest, we went on down the trace to Canton, MS.

Canton has a nice downtown area with an old hotel that is the home of the Chamber of Commerce. We stopped in and spoke with a representative of the visitor's bureau, thinking this was a place we might want to visit again sometime. We travelled some of the back roads, visited some antique shops and got back on the Trace for the last leg to Natchez.



We got to Natchez early and spent some time looking at the beautiful old mansions and, of course, some antique shops. A highlight of our trip was Longwood, a six-story, 30,000 square foot mansion with construction that was begun before the Civil War. It is exactly the same today as when construction was halted--an architectural time capsule with only the basement finished as living space. It still has 80% of the original furnishings.

Our hotel was right on the Mississippi, on the river side of the levy. The patio overlooks the river, another one of those indescribable views.



After Natchez, about half of the group departed for home. We headed for Philadelphia, MS, to the Golden Moon Casino and Hotel. They have a huge arena and attract the biggest name acts. Another one of those places that might be nice to visit again.



On Friday morning the weather looked gruesome. We left early and zoomed to the east (you can't really zoom in a Model A), then south. We did go through some rain and saw a tornado in the distance as we went through Wayne County. Much worse than it sounds; we hardly got wet. The winds had a sustained speed of over 30mph as we went through Mobile. We went across the bay bridge on I-10 and, although it would have been scenic in good weather, it was scary in a tall, light car. We did make it to the beach OK and it was THE BEACH, so it was fantastic.

All good things must come to an end. We left the beach on Sunday morning with clear weather for a pleasant drive home. This is a new personal record for us of about 360 miles in one day. In the last two months, with our trip to St. Augustine and the Trace, we did around 3000 miles. We had no problems and only good memories!

--Tom Miller

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: A report from a deeply embedded source states that Dick Carne went a bit "over the top" recently. He started wood graining the Huey's interior dash and trim and just kept going on the body and fenders while the Huey's were off at an equestrian event. "The Huey's were a bit surprised," said Dick, "but it was as if an unseen hand was guiding me." Dick is presently working on a wood graining technique

for engines, transmissions...and even chrome-tipped tailpipes. The line forms at the rear. No ungentlemanly pushing, please.

Update:
Regarding Jim and Fred's faster Model A running gear project - this is a sneak review of the new flywheel.



Bits and Pieces

In Memory:

It is with sadness that we report that Bob Kitchens passed away April 12. He is survived by his wife, Barbara. They were long time members of the Georgia Region MARC as well as the Southside A's, and several other car clubs. Bob was a pilot, and he and Barbara enjoyed collecting and maintaining several antique planes and cars. Bob also spent a lot of time at the Peach State Aerodrome visiting with friends and helping with anything that needed to be done around the museum. He will be missed.

Sweet Home Alabama: **

Eugene Willingham has passed on further, intriguing, news about the 5th Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour hosted by the Central Alabama A's. The destination of Mobile will actually cover the area across the bay on the east side...more conducive for travel from our locale.

Tour destinations include: Tour of the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL; Baldwin County Historical Museum; and Fort Morgan in Gulf Shores, location of the Civil War battle of Mobile. The planners have allowed for relaxing time for exploring the surrounding sites, as well as good dining venues. The final Saturday night dinner will be at the Wolf Bay Lodge in Foley, AL, complete with still to be determined entertainment.

Sounds like it is shaping up to be a wonderful weekend, and one that may be within a comfortable distance for our club to enjoy.

JASPER ArtFest: To the members of the Gold Mine Region, Georgia Region, and Southside A's who journeyed to Jasper after a night of horrible winds and thunderstorms, thank you very much for coming and making the "Art of the Auto" display the highlight of the festival. Your participation was greatly appreciated by the ArtFest Committee, the local Sheriff's Department and all who ventured into our display.

--John Martin



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Contact June Bennett 706-654-1683

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WANTED: 1930/31 Rumble Seat Lid wanted. Need the inter panel but will take any 30/31 rumble seat lid. A trunk lid might work also. Call Wayne Mandeville, River City Model A Club @ 205/655-8641.

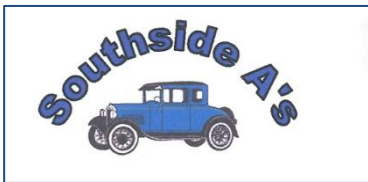
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