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MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB

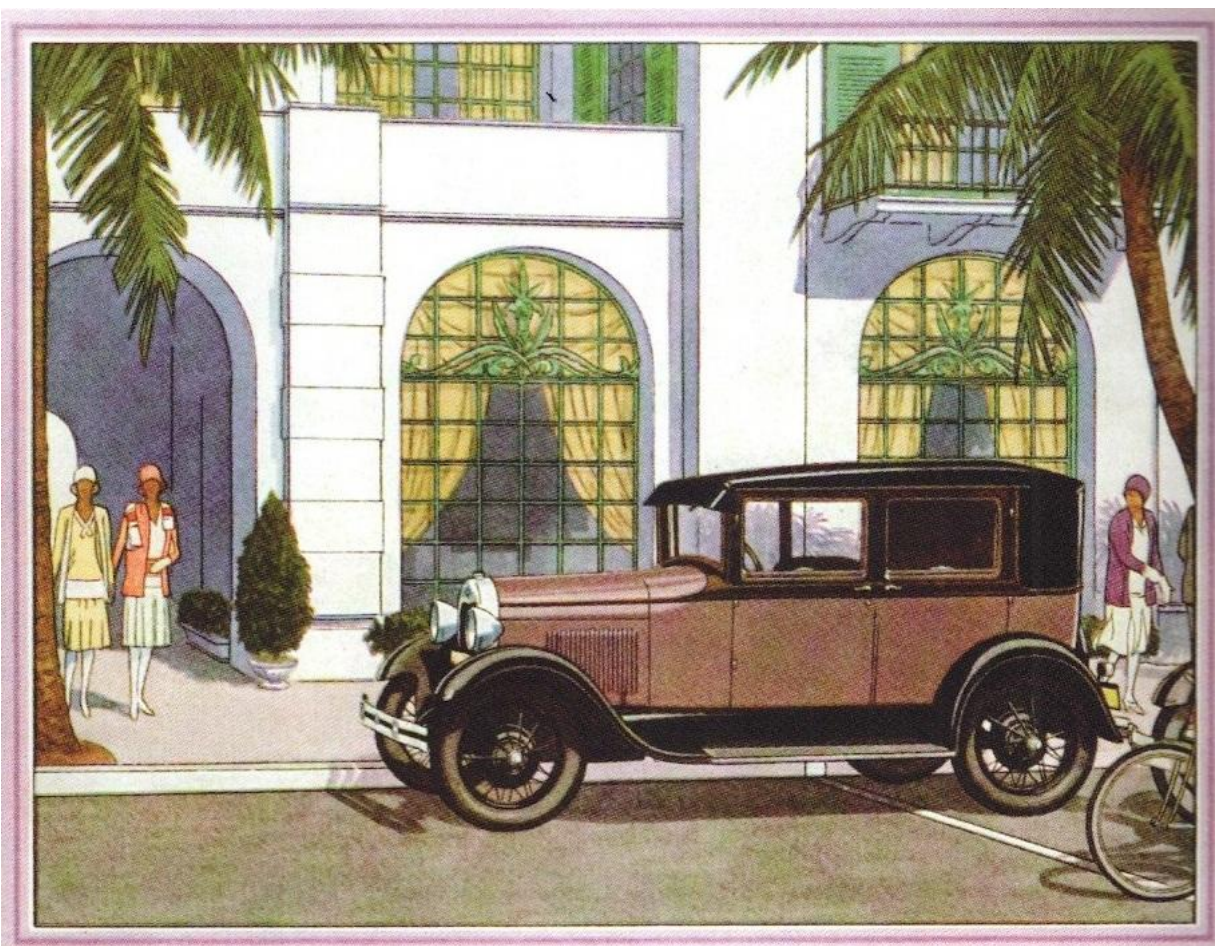
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# Newsletter

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"Ah, the palm trees of Gulf Shores beckon."  
Sweet Home Alabama!

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**2011 Club Events**

**\*\*Next Board Mtg.:** Wed., October 5 at our Director's home, complete with a tasty dessert. 205 Old Plantation Way, Fayetteville. Meeting starts promptly at 7:00.

**Southside A's 2011 Calendar of Events**

October 21-23	Sweet Home Alabama (CAMAFA)
November 5	Business Meeting
December 28	Christmas Party at the Meyers'

**2011 Events of Interest**

October 5-8	Hershey Show
October 15	Heritage Days in Talking Rock, GA
Nov. 5	Steeplechase @ Callaway Gardens
Nov. 18, 19, 20	Moultrie Swap Meet

**Editor's Notes:**

This month we continue to highlight upcoming tour activities, with special emphasis on Sweet Home Alabama. We also are introducing a new opportunity in the Steeplechase for the Arts at Callaway Gardens. The Georgia Region spilled the secret in their newsletter and we've picked up the ball to tag along. Check it out! And, we are choosing our Nominating Committee this month in order to develop a slate of Officers for 2012.

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

### October Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> James Bowlden  
4<sup>th</sup> Jackie Peterson  
5<sup>th</sup> Hugh Brandon  
10<sup>th</sup> Bud Shelton  
11<sup>th</sup> Jim Johnston  
14<sup>th</sup> Jane Carne  
16<sup>th</sup> Fran Watkins  
23<sup>rd</sup> Ray Besch



### October Anniversaries

10/3/1980 Merle & Lisa Bennett  
10/24/1959 Dan & Marilyn Bookwalter



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## Notes from Our Director

GOOD BYE TO A HOT HOT SUMMER, HELLO FALL !!!!

September was another good month for the Southside A's. We had two events that we could choose to participate in. One an overnight tour, and one day trip.

We had four cars participate in the Gold Mine region sponsored trip to Fort Payne Alabama. The way I heard it this was a very enjoyable trip and a good time was had by all. No cars had any break downs, but someone told me that Eugene's car can stop on a dime and give nine cents change. For more on that you will have to ask Eugene.

That same weekend we had four cars travel together to attend Barnseville Buggy days in Barnseville. There were many crafts vendors to see and many food vendors to buy some tasty snacks from. This event is really well attended by the people that live out in that area, making for lots of questions about the cars, and a lot of interest in them. At noon we joined in the parade around town by cars, beauty queens and a marching band. All the stuff that makes a parade a fun small town event. I must say that I have never seen so many children line the streets for a parade. They all just love the sound of that good ol' AHOOGA horn !

By now all of you have received the e-mail from our Secretary, Teri Besch, for you to vote for the nominating committee that will select our club leadership in 2012. PLEASE, vote for the people that you want to perform this important task. By voting for them you are voting for the kind of leadership that you want our club to have next year.

If you are currently serving our club in an elected or volunteer position and do not wish to do so next year, please let me know so that we can better plan for 2012. If you would like to serve in a different position next year I would like to hear from you as well. If you have never been active in our club leadership, now would be a very good time to throw your name in the ring by letting me know of your interest. We welcome anyone to help out and make our club better year to year. Please participate; it can be a lot more fun than you might think.

Our October board meeting will be held at my home at 205 Old Plantation Way, Fayetteville 30214. The meeting will begin at 7:00 and we will provide coffee , ice tea, and a nice desert for all. So eat dinner at home or in the area here and come on over for our meeting.



# **Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**

September 7, 2011

The September 7, 2011 meeting of the Southside A's Model A Club was called to order at 7:15PM by Phil Meyers at The Flying Biscuit in Peachtree City. The following members were present: Ray & Teri Besch, Liz & Tom Romine, Tom & Betty Miller, Jim & Ann Hunter, Eugene & Kathleen Willingham, Phil & Kathie Meyers, and Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell. A drawing was held. The winners were Kathleen Willingham, Jim Hunter, Tom & Betty Miller.

Prior to the official start of the meeting, Eugene Willingham made some announcements: Georgian Place, A Senior Citizens Facility, in Newnan, asked that members display cars for the residents on Wednesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30PM. Savannah Court, an additional assisted living facility in Newnan, is having a volunteer appreciation day on Wed., Sept. 16 at 2PM.

The August minutes were approved.

Treasurer Jim Hunter reported a balance of \$827.28. Motion was made & approved to accept the treasurer's report.

Committees:

Membership: No report

Corresponding secretary: Eugene continues to submit articles to the MARC national newsletter. There was a lot of discussion about a location for the SSA's as it has recently become a requirement by the southeastern editor of the M.A.R.C. Model A News. It was agreed that Eugene would contact the editor to see if we must have a city to base our club. While we preferred not to have a single city named, if we have to the city location for the articles submitted to M.A.R.C. for the Model A News, it will be Peachtree City.

Fashion: No report

Newsletter: Gwyneth asked that members send an e-mail if there are any important items to be included in the newsletter. Mike would like members to submit articles about A's on the Road or other adventures in or about their Model A's.

Scrapbook: Send pictures

Tech: Tom felt that the article about fire extinguishers was one of his best. He also announced that he wanted to give up the position at the end of 2011.

Activities: Dick Carne was out of town. Here is a list of some upcoming events.

October 21-23 Sweet Home Alabama Tour: SSA Members attending will leave the Wednesday (Oct. 19) before and spend the night in the Montgomery, AL area. Tom & Betty Miller will be the contact with the AL Group and will plan a tour on the way to Montgomery, AL.

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>: Steeple Chase at Calloway Gardens.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mike Shotwell present information about our club becoming a M.A.F.C.A. & M.A.R.C. club. If the club becomes a M.A.F.C.A. Club, all officers would have to be a member of M.A.F.C.A. but the general membership would not have to be a member of M.A.F.C.A. There was a lot of discussion about this and a suggestion was made that if we became a joint club, that the club would pay the officer's M.A.F.C.A. dues. No action was taken but it was suggested that the membership be polled on the nominating committee ballot to see if club members were interested in a joint membership.

Nominating Committee: 2010 members were Dick Carne, Jim Hunter, & Fred Huey. 2009 members were Jim Hunter, Tom Miller, & Jim Johnston. No member can serve for more than two consecutive years so Jim Hunter cannot serve on the nominating committee in 2011. Ballots will be e-mailed to members and mailed to members

without e-mail no later than Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. They ballots will be due in by Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>.

The November meeting will be a dinner meeting and will also be election of officers. It will be held on November 5 with a location to be named at a later date.

Motion was made by Eugene and seconded by Ray to close meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teri Besch,  
Recording Secretary

### Treasurer's Report

Balance as of July 31, 2011	\$835.08
Deposits	\$0.00
Expenses	\$7.80
Balance as of August 31, 2011	\$827.28

**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.)



OCTOBER





## Fall Tour to Fort Payne, AL

By Larry Peterson



**Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell, Larry & Jackie Peterson, Eugene & Kathleen Willingham, George & Jane Merry, Tom & Betty Miller, Sue & John Martin, and our hosts, Susan & Butch Morgan.**

Special thanks to Susan Morgan (and husband Butch, of course) for planning a great Fall 2011 outing. Susan ordered up cool weather under an umbrella of pillowy clouds which was a welcomed relief from our long, hot, humid summer.

The Southside A's, consisting of the Willinghams, Millers, and Shotwells, departed Newnan to rendezvous with the Petersons north of Carrollton and continued onward to Rome to join up with the Gold Mine Region's Morgans, John and Susan Martin, along with George and Jane Merry who all drove in from Dawsonville.

The combined convoy left under textured skies and within 20 minutes had motored into another time zone upon crossing the Alabama State Line. As with every old car trip our first major stop of note was the Lighthouse Restaurant in Cedar Bluff overlooking the sprawling 30,200 acre Weiss Lake. Our welcoming committee consisted of Cecil Freeman and Tom Smith of the Central Alabama A's who joined us for our midday repast.

We drove into Fort Payne, home of the country music megastar group Alabama. After checking in to the motel some folks rambled on over to the Depot Museum which, from the outside looks more like a church than a relic from the heydays of the Alabama Great Southern Railroad of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.



The only unfortunate incident of the entire trip occurred following supper when a discourteous modern car driver swerved and cut off Eugene and Kathleen Willingham's "Vicky." Eugene avoided a collision but the sudden stop sent his bride head first into the windshield. Kathleen sustained a lacerated forehead and a bruised upper forearm and initially looked to be in very bad shape. Doctor Eugene patched her up with the help of the Holiday Inn Express night clerk and by Saturday morning Mrs. W. was ready to roll.

A more gorgeous day couldn't have been served any better. Early clouds gave way to radiant sunshine just in time to accent the verdant DeSoto State Park "walk among the trees" and the three cascading Little River Falls. Named stops such as *Hawks Glide Overlook* and *Crow Point Overlook* gave testament to the natural vistas painted by God's hand in this natural preserve.

Our 64-mile-long outing culminated with a steep plummet back into Fort Payne which made braking, as described by John Martin, "feel like stepping on a grapefruit" by the time we reached the bottom of the hill.



**Lunch stop at The  
Lighthouse Restaurant.  
Delightful & delicious!**



**DeSoto Falls**





The Boom Festival was in full swing and gave us all a welcomed opportunity to eat, shop and revel in a small town party of historical reckoning and celebration. We topped off our full day with an all-you-can-eat buffet at Ryan's Family Restaurant.

Sunday morning dawned demurely and coaxed us out of town for our drive back to our homes in Georgia. Another fun time of fellowship, tall tales and rich blessings was had by all.



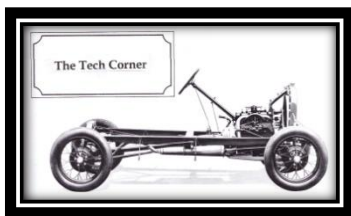
**Our group lined up at DeSoto Falls, being guarded by "Clyde."**



**George & Jane Merry, with Susan Morgan, in the Morgan's lovely A.**







## The Tech Corner

### Start Your Engines!

By Tom Romine, Tech Editor

*I read the following and thought it was quite interesting, so give it a read and see what you think. Don't laugh at the language, it is great.*

**BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE** – Be sure the gear shift is in the neutral position – i.e., the position in which it can be moved freely from side to side, as in any standard gear shift car.

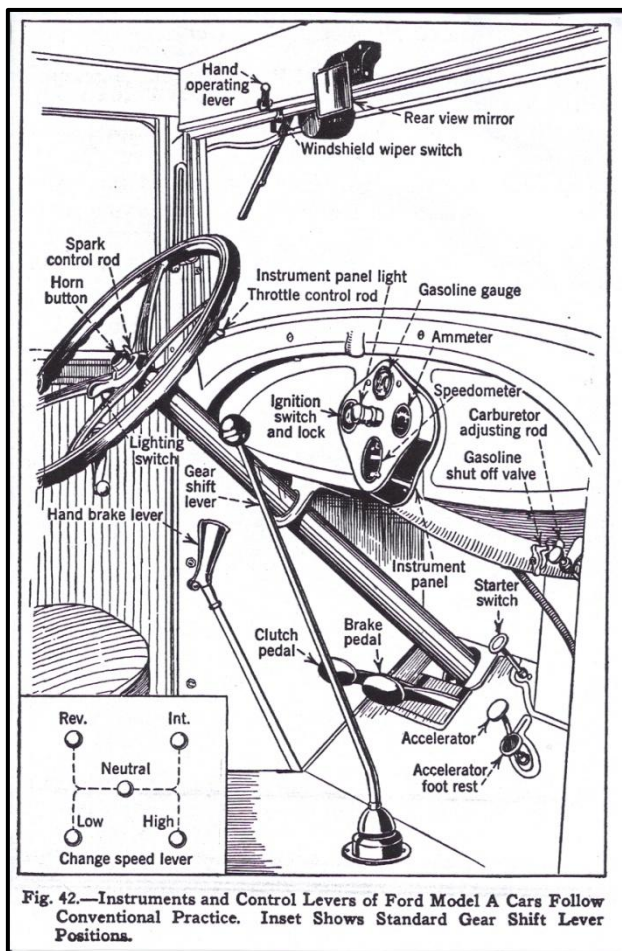
Advance the throttle lever, located under the steering wheel (right hand side), about three notches, or until the accelerator pedal moves slightly downward. The Ford Model A control levers and instruments are shown at

Pulling down the throttle lever or pressing on the accelerator pedal, controls the quantity of gas entering the cylinders, and regulates the speed of the engine. In the Model T there was no accelerator pedal. Carburetor control was entirely by hand lever.

Place the spark lever (left hand) at the top of the quadrant (the notched quarter-circle on which the lever is operated). This is the retard position. The spark lever regulates the timing of the spark which explodes the gas in the cylinders. Readers who are familiar with the Model T will note the changed location of engine controls.

Always retard the spark lever when starting your car. Starting the engine with the spark advanced may cause the engine to kick back, and damage the starter parts. After the engine is started, advance the spark lever all the way down the quadrant.....

**HOW TO START THE FORD MOTOR WITH HAND CRANK** - The essential precautions enumerated having been taken, the first step in starting the motor is to look at the steering wheel and notice the position of the spark and throttle control levers. The right hand lever is called a "throttle," as it controls the amount of gaseous mixture drawn into the motor. When the power plant is in operation the nearer the operator this lever is the faster the engine will turn and the greater the power output. The left hand lever controls the spark which should be in retard position or at its extreme position away from the operator when starting the motor. It is possible in many cases to advance this lever three or four notches by moving it toward the seat without any danger of injury in cranking by hand in an emergency.



The throttle lever should be placed about four or five notches down to secure easy starting. The reason it is desirable not to advance the spark lever too far is that the engine may kick back. This may result in damage to the wrist or arm of the person cranking the motor unless care is taken in the method of handling the starting crank. Before cranking the engine one should make sure that the emergency brake lever is pulled back as far as it will go. When in this position the hub brakes are engaged, which prevents the car from moving. After inserting the switch key in the "electro-lock" and turning on the ignition one is ready to start the engine.

**CARBURETOR CHOKE LEVER** - The carburetor choke lever has been re-designed to permit easy choking when cranking the engine by hand. This change consists of adding a hole at the end of the lever so that a wire or piece of twine can be easily attached for choking.

After having put the switch key in position so the ignition is unlocked the next step is to crank the engine by lifting on the starting crank at the front of the car. Take hold of the handle and push the crank in toward the car until you feel the ratchet on the crank shaft engage with the pin passing through the hand crank. The crank handle should be pulled forward with a quick swing. The proper method of grasping a crank is shown at Fig. 43.



Always grip the crank with the thumb wrapped below with the fingers. NEVER push the crank down the right side of the rotation!

It will be observed that the crank is grasped in the left hand and that any tendency to backfire will pull the handle out of the hand by opening the fingers. The improper method of cranking is shown....In this case the right hand is placed around the crank handle and the engine is started by pushing down against the compression instead of lifting up on the handle to overcome the compression resistance. It will be evident that if the spark advance lever is set so that an early explosion obtains this will drive the handle vigorously backward, which force is partially resisted by the tensed arm of the operator. There are times when it is necessary to turn the crank vigorously which is called "spinning" the engine. In this case be sure that the spark lever is fully retarded, otherwise a sudden backfire may cause injury.

If the engine has been standing for a time it is advisable to prime the carburetor by having someone pull on the choke control while giving the engine two or three turns with the starting handle. In cold weather gasoline does not evaporate very readily so it is somewhat more difficult to start a motor under these conditions. Special instructions are given to meet these conditions. The Ford Model A cars are provided with a very efficient electrical starting system and the hand crank will only be used in an emergency. The instructions given should be carefully studied, however, because hand starting is becoming a lost art since electrical starters function so well.....

**Now go out and hand crank your 'A'....if you're brave enough.**

*The above article was taken from Model A Ford, construction - operation - repair, by Victor W. Page. Originally appeared in April, 1931.*

Notice: Tom Romine has served the club diligently as our Tech Editor for a nice long tenure. But he is ready to hang up his tools and open the door to someone else (if we can't convince him otherwise).

We want to encourage anyone with the interest & the knowledge to please consider taking over this important position.



## 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).

**Spy notes from the Marble Slab:** August 31, 2011 is a date for all SSA'ers to note. Bud Shelton, The Prince of Tyrone, driving his Deluxe Woody and accompanied by Pedro Gonzales, his pet Jack Russell Terrier, was lured to "Ice Cream Night" by an offer from Eugene for a free ice cream cone. All in attendance were dazzled with fun stories centering on a Hopalong Cassidy lunchbox with its original cork; various local personalities; the need for the hobby to have fun; Georgia BBQ; Lash Larue; and many more. It's always a fun time when "The Prince" graces our gatherings.

*"If your Model A could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?"*

**--Steven Wright** (adaptation)

An elderly man was driving his Model A down the interstate when his cell phone rang.

Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on I-85. Please be careful!"

"It's not just one car," said Herman. "It's hundreds of them!"

## Hear ye, Hear ye,



If you haven't already done so, be sure to **send in your ballot** for the **Nominating Committee**. Teri Besch needs to receive them by October 4.

And don't forget to vote on whether or not you would like our club to also be a member of **MAFCA**. It would increase our participation in the Model A world and give us access to MAFCA's resources and website, as well as additional insurance options for club events. Individual membership would NOT be required (but has nice benefits for a nominal dues amount).

## **"In case you missed it..."**

The editors are continually striving to bring all the news that's "fit to print" to our club's newsletters. However, we have had to admit that we are human, and occasionally may miss the reporting of something important to our members. PLEASE help us by sending in items you feel should be included for everyone's knowledge or enjoyment.

## Model “A” Fashions

Fall 1931 Fashion Advice From Ladies Home Journal  
By Teri Besch



An October, 1931, Ladies Home Journal Article: “Formal and Informal Clothing” by Amos Parrish, starts out talking first about a coat. The coat must be versatile enough for both formal and informal wear. The more formal version on the left shows a beltless coat that fastens above the waistline with a “nipped in, smaller waist.” This was “what fashion wanted.” The hat with the shallow crown is correct for fall. It fits snugly because it is wired around the edges. The author states that the “rather formal dress (shown on left) belongs with the coat.” Crepe faille, a new silk like fabric, is made for a coat like the formal one shown. It goes with this fall’s dull coating woollens. The article goes on to describe what color your dress needs to be to match your coat. If your coat is black, then your dress could be black, trimmed in red or green. If your coat is brown, your dress could be brown trimmed in red, green, or beige.

The author states that you can take the formal coat and belt it and “presto, you have an informal costume.” You must have a different dress and accessorize differently though. In addition, the author states that “most women prefer belts because belts help make waistlines easily adjusted.” And in 1931, “the belt belongs below, not between the buttons.” A popular hat for the informal coat is the turban style, worn forward and to one side. As for the dress, here is the description: It has a diagonal closing, closing higher up than dresses did last year. (Closing is called a Bruyere, after the designer.) The dress would have a belt and buttons of a contrasting color and would be made of light weight wool or silk. The same rules of dress color and coat color still apply to the informal coat and the dress.

My thoughts after reading this article are that there sure were a lot of rules about fashion in 1931 and the informal styles appear to be very formal to me! The article ended with the following quote: “Wider at her shoulders, narrower at her skirt hem, slimmer at her waist – that’s fall fashion 1931.”





## BARNESVILLE BUGGY DAYS

By Teri Besch

Ray & Teri Besch, Kathie & Phil Meyers, Ann & Jim Hunter, & Jim and Jamie Wingo met at 8:30AM Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, and departed from Senoia for an uneventful trip to the 38<sup>th</sup> Barnesville Buggy Days in Barnesville, GA. Fran & Jerry Watkins had planned to join us but could not be there due to car issues; Jerry came later in a modern car. The weather was perfect.

We arrived a little before 10AM and were soon joined by the GA Region. The historic city of Barnesville blocked off part of Main Street for us to put the cars on display. We ended up with about 20 Model A's for the locals to look at. Barnesville Buggy Days has many activities. Events included a craft fair, cars on display, and a parade. Barnesville promotes old cars for their parade/car exhibit. This year most of the cars on display were Model A's.



When we arrived, everyone checked out the booths. Ann Hunter noticed that there were marshmallow guns being sold at about 1/3 of the booths there. Many people enjoyed browsing the antique stores. Most, if not all, of our group ate lunch at the Pastime Grill. It was country cooking and had reasonable prices. At 1:30PM, it was time to line up for the parade. Phil Meyers was surprised at the amount of people that were there for the event.

After the parade, we headed back towards Fayetteville to the cruise night where we were joined by Dick Carne and Fred & Kathy Huey. The night ended with a meal at Partners II Pizza. We stayed a little later than we planned to because we waited to see Phil & Fred get awards for their A's. Jim Hunter got a door prize: a gift certificate to Partners Pizza. It was a near perfect "A" day.



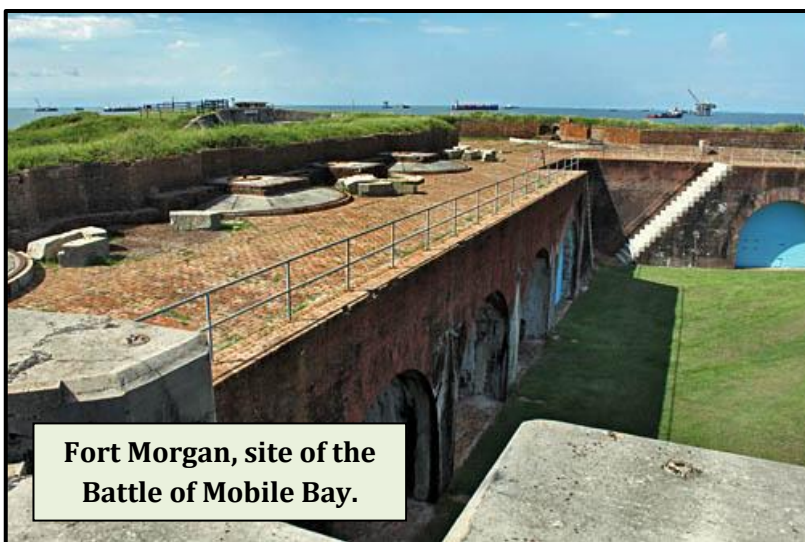
## SWEET HOME ALABAMA!

October 21-22, 2011  
(with fun travel time on both ends...read on)



Our adventure to the Gulf Shores area of Alabama, is rapidly approaching, and plans are solidifying for Southside A's participants travelling down and back. Tom and Betty Miller have once again agreed to lend their legendary expertise in planning a fun "tour to get to the tour," if you will. Plans are to leave Newnan on Wednesday, October 19, and head for Columbus for a visit to the Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, followed by lunch. (*Note: You can always join us for just Wednesday in Columbus, even if you won't be going to Alabama.*) Travel will then resume, taking us to Montgomery, AL, for the night, before heading on to Foley on Thursday, and an early-bird get-together with the other participants. News has it that members from nine antique auto clubs from four states are signed up for this tour!

Watch for follow-up email information with more particulars, including return travel home. And be sure to see the full tour description and sign-up form later in this newsletter.



**Fort Morgan, site of the  
Battle of Mobile Bay.**



# Steeplechase for the Arts at Callaway Gardens

Saturday, November 5, 2011



How about a fun tour to Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, to participate in their annual Steeplechase for the Arts? Besides watching thoroughbred horses in exciting races involving jumps, racing Jack Russell terriers and the splendor of bagpipes, the whole infield of the track will be filled with Model A's.

Our own Bentley Bohanan is leading a tour south on Friday, November 4, to be able to enter the infield first thing Saturday morning. Your Model A is your free ticket to the festivities. So, bring your lawn chairs, a hat and your camera for a fun-filled day that's great

for the whole family. AND...we can experience everything and still depart in time to be home for that evening's Business Meeting for our club.

The Shotwells are planning to attend, and caravan south with Ben's group. If you are interested in joining us, please email or call to let us know! It should be a unique, exhilarating event that also supports a variety of arts and education groups and foundations.



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## Board Meeting October 5:

Our next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, at the home of our Director, Phil Meyers. He and Kathie will be enticing participation with the promise of delicious desserts! And being a "person in the know" is also a nice perk of joining in to see what's happening with the club, as well being able to contribute your own ideas or questions. Come one, come all....7:00 PM.

## Tales from the Road

**(This periodic segment brings to light travels of members of the SSA's and their experiences with other far-flung members of our hobby.)**

Over the past year, we have been collecting superior photos of all types of Model A's, not only for personal enjoyment, but also to exhibit periodically as "photos of the month" or as additions to various articles. Before a recent trip to Las Cruces, NM, to see Mike's mother, we followed a lead from the internet and contacted local Model A owners, Allen and Marsha Rhodes, to see if they might be available to meet. They invited us for an impromptu lunch, followed by a tour through Allen's wonderful shop. Of course, their Model A, a superlative '31 S/W Town Sedan, was the main event. It's beautifully cared for and used for club events and general touring.

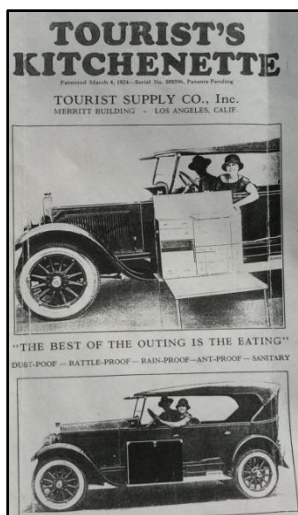


Allen also shared a wonderful period photo of his mother, Ruby Rhodes, and her Model A, taken in the early '40's during WWII.

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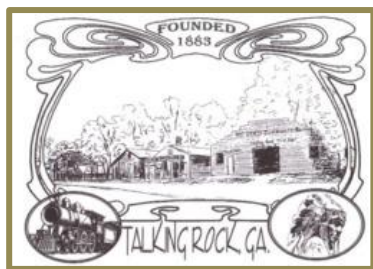
And finally, they showed us a spectacular and rare 1920's travel kitchen that Allen had restored. Here is a photo showing the stove in use on the back of their Model A, along with part of an ad description, and the restored stove in Allen's garage.



It was such a treat to hook up with fellow enthusiasts, on the road, and share in their varied experiences. Since the trip we have communicated several times and look forward to seeing them again in the near future.

## Bits and Pieces

### Talking Rock Heritage Days with the Gold Mine Region:



During the Sixteenth Annual Heritage Days Festival, the little town of Talking Rock in North Georgia will be filled with booths featuring a wide variety of arts, crafts and antiques. There will be interesting demonstrations for the young and old, Blue Grass and Southern Gospel Music and good food.

John Martin of the Gold Mine Region has invited all interested Model A owners to join in the fun for this one-day event. The plan is to meet at Biguns BBG at Highway 515 and Carns Mill Rd at 11:00. (Carns Mill Rd is about 6 miles from where 53 crosses 515 in Jasper.) The group will depart at 11:30, led by the Sheriff's Dept., over to Talking Rock, and will parade into town, then park amongst the crafts folks on Main Street. There is a pavilion in town where we can picnic together, tool around the festival, then at 3:00, load up and drive up the mountain to John and Susan's house for some front porch sitting and dessert eating.

Please contact John at **706-692-7626** or email at [john@gsi-executes.com](mailto:john@gsi-executes.com) so he can get an idea of how many cars will need parking space on Main Street, and how much dessert to have on hand!

**\*\*Editor's Note: After spending the weekend in Fort Payne with John and his wife, Sue, and hearing such wonderful stories about their home north of Jasper, consider it another reason to try to participate in this event.**



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour October 21 - 22, 2011

The Fifth Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour will highlight the beauty of Alabama's Gulf Coast. The Tour will be conducted as a hub tour from Foley, Alabama and will feature spectacular Gulf Coast scenery, country back roads, great seafood, the Naval Aviation Museum, and Historic Fort Morgan.

We plan to have an early bird get together Thursday evening (6p.m.) at the famous Lambert Café, "The home of throwing rolls," for some tire kicking, and renewing old friendships. The scenic tour will start Friday morning October 21st with a road trip along the gulf coast to the Pensacola Naval Station and a tour of the National Naval Aviation Museum. The museum and grounds displays more than 150 restored aircraft and 4,000 artifacts representing the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Aviation. Among the 291,000 square feet of exhibit space in the museum are an IMAX theatre and flight simulators. After the tour at the NAS and lunch we will proceed to Gulf State Park site #4 for tour pictures. At this point the agenda for the rest of the afternoon and evening will become free time. Attendees will be able, on their own or with friends, to enjoy the beach, visit shops in Gulf Shores, tour the "Hang out" and other tourist attractions. You will be able to top the evening off with a special meal at your favorite Gulf Shores restaurant. Also available will be evening shopping at the Tanger Outlet Mall in Foley (Open until 9). The activities for Saturday will begin with a tour of the Baldwin County Heritage Museum, and on to downtown Foley. The tour in Foley will feature lunch and a self guided tour through the city which has antiques shops, a railroad museum, a medical museum, Stacey's ole time soda fountain and more. In the afternoon we're off through the countryside to Fort Morgan. Fort Morgan was active during four (4) wars but is famous for its role during the battle of Mobile during the Civil War. The festivities continue Saturday evening with a "Seafood feast" at the Wolf Bay Lodge. Sunday morning we're off for home and the end of another adventure on the Model "A" highway.

The Holiday Day Inn Express, Alabama (251-971-1700) is our host Motel. A block of rooms has been reserved and will be released on September 22nd. When you make your reservations, mention you are attending the Sweet Home Alabama Tour to receive the tour special rate of \$79. Make your reservations early, we have only reserved 40 rooms and they will go fast. If you are towing your Model "A" Ford you will be able to park tow vehicles and trailers along the main entrance road and the turn around at the end.

If you have questions, give Paul Majerick a call at (334) 269-1309, or email him at paulmajerick@aol.com. Bring "Henry's Finest," your lawn chairs, beach hat, and get ready to do a lot of tire kicking, touring along the beautiful Alabama Gulf Coast and just plain having fun. No Street Rods please. Tour registration form is attached.



# FIFTH ANNUAL SWEET HOME ALABAMA TOUR OCTOBER 21-22, 2011

## REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: (LIST ALL ATTENDEE'S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL NUMBER (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Insurance Company:	Insurance Policy Number:

**REGISTRATION FEE PER CAR** (\*This includes admission to Ft. Morgan, donation to the Heritage Museum, Door Prizes and Breaks\*)

**\$ 25.00 (Per Car)**

Friday – 11:00 a.m. Naval Air Museum IMAX Film (Hubble 45 mins)  
(\$8.00 Per Person) \_\_\_\_\_ people \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday – 6:30 p.m. Sea Food Feast at the Wolf Bay Lodge  
(\$25.00 Per Person) \_\_\_\_\_ people \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** (No refunds after Oct 11, 2011) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your reservations direct with the Holiday Inn (251) 971-1700 Make reservations by  
Sept. 20, 2011 to get the tour rate of \$79.00

Make Check Payable to: Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club and forward  
Completed Registration form with payment no later than October 10, 2011 to:

**Sweet Home Alabama Tour  
1309 Magnolia Curve  
Montgomery, Alabama 36106-2010**

## Items For Sale

**FOR SALE:** 1931 Victoria Leatherback. Older restoration. Good-to-excellent condition. Blue-ribbon quality. Low mileage; rebuilt braking system; rebuilt steering box and column; new tires; new clutch; mohair interior; wood grain; and much more.

\$25,900.00 **Call Mike Shotwell: 805-890-5113**  
or email at [mdshot@aol.com](mailto:mdshot@aol.com)



**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:** 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.**

**MODEL A's FOR SALE:** Roadsters, Coupes, Sedans, Victorias, even a T model.  
[todayis@bellsouth.net](mailto:todayis@bellsouth.net) or **Call Tommy Davis @ 770-634-6113** or email for photos.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:ytguy@aol.com).

**FOR SALE: Cover Craft;** cotton - poly car cover for 2- or 4- door sedan with storage bag. Sells new for \$180.00. Offered used, excellent \$ 85.00.

**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](mailto:besch105@comcast.net)

**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](mailto:john8191@bellsouth.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](mailto: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.

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