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MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB

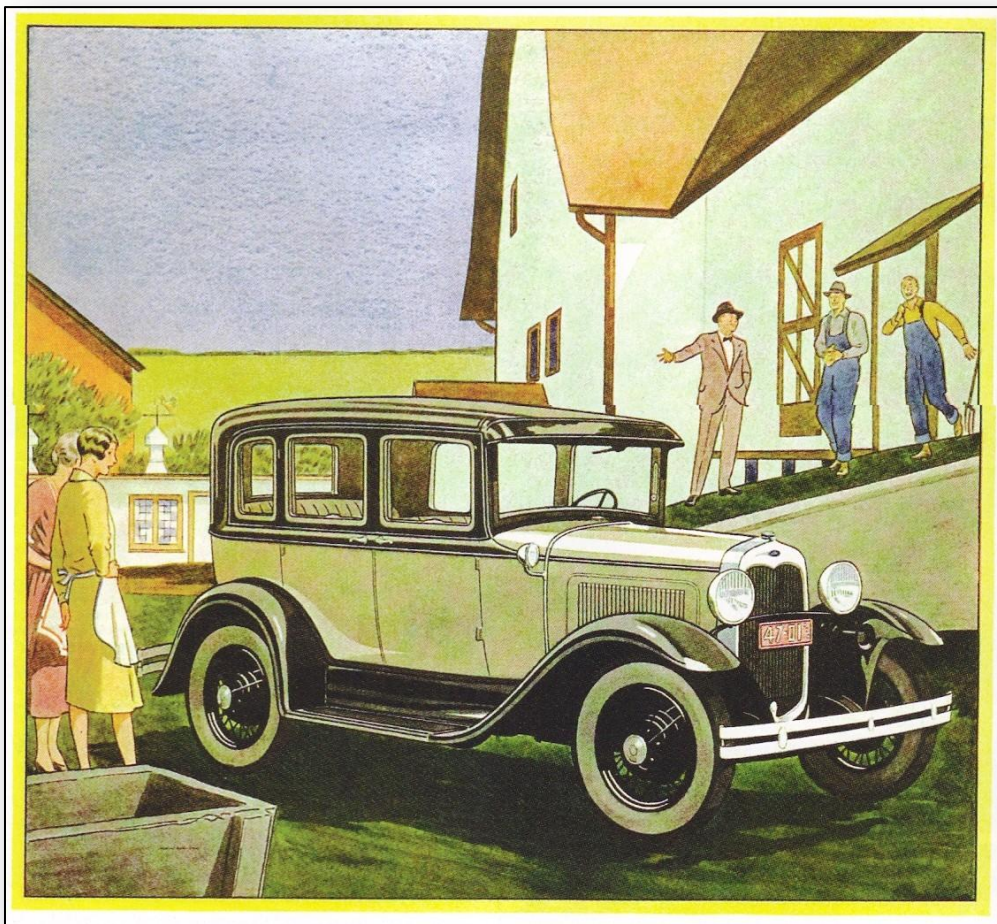
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# Newsletter

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“Phil Meyers sharing his ‘baby’ with the neighbors.”

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\* Can be shared, for twice the fun!

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**Fashion: Position Open!**

**2012 Southside A's Club Events**

**\*\*BOARD MEETING: SEPT. 5, 7:00** at the home of Phil and Kathie Meyers. Dessert will be served!

September 7-8	Tour with CAMFC to the Tuskegee Airmen and George Washington Carver Museums.
September 22	International Model A Day! Truett Cathy Collection; tour to Barbara Kitchens; dinner at Barnstormers Grill.
October 27	Planning Meeting for 2013
November 9	Annual Business Meeting/Dinner
December (TBA)	Annual Christmas Party

**2012 Events of Interest**

September 16-19	MARC National Tour, Chattanooga, TN
September 15	Model A Day at Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore!
September 28-29	Model A & Model T Swap Meet, at Smith & Jones, W. Columbia, SC
October 10-13	Hershey Car Show
October 19-20	Sweet Home Alabama - CAMFC tour in Huntsville, AL.
November 16-18	Moultrie Swap Meet

**Editor's Notes:**

International Model A Day will be a real treat for us this year. Two events in one day!! Look inside for info about the Truett Cathy Collection, Barbara Kitchens' home, and finishing off with dinner at Barnstormers Grill.

We also feature a book review related to our A400's Russian-built engine; informative and thought-provoking.

And don't miss our latest "Meet the Southside A's!"

**Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell**



## September Birthdays

13<sup>th</sup> Shirley Davis  
30<sup>th</sup> Merle Bennett



## September Anniversaries

22<sup>th</sup> - Jim & Ann Hunter



## Notes from Our Director

### SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING -- WED SEPT. 5<sup>TH</sup>...

...at the Meyers home. [ALL SOUTHSIDE A'S MEMBERS ARE WELCOME](#) to come to any board meeting. Come once in a while to imprint your thoughts on what we should do when and where. If you are not a board member, please send me an e-mail if you plan to attend so that we have enough great desert for all.

September club events are plentiful -- just check them out.

Sept. 7 & 8 ---- A joint tour with the Central Alabama Club to visit the Tuskegee Airmen and George Washington Carver Museums in Tuskegee Alabama. This tour will be led by Mike and Gwyneth Shotwell. Please let them know if you would like to join in.

September 16 -- 19th -- MARC National Tour in Chattanooga Tennessee

September 22nd -- International Model A Day -- We will celebrate with not one, but two, tours on this special day.

Look further in the Newsletter for exciting details.

Come one, come all, let's have a Model A Ball!!

*Phil Meyers*

## SEPTEMBER IS NOMINATING MONTH

This month, Jim Johnston will be emailing ballots to the Membership, for electing the Nominating Committee. Look for his email, which will also describe the procedure. Please respond promptly. The Nominating Committee will, in turn, be fielding a slate of potential officers to serve in 2013.

Let's begin the process to ensure a *dynamic board* for the coming year!



**We're going on a class trip to the  
Coca-Cola factory.  
I hope there isn't a pop quiz.**



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## Highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting

The SSA's August Board Meeting was held on August 1<sup>st</sup>, at the home of Phil & Kathie Meyers.

The following members were present: Phil & Kathie Meyers, Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell, Jim & Jackie Johnston, Tom Romine, and Jim Hunter.

The July 2012 Board meeting minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Betty Miller reported via email that we have a balance of \$1218.41. The Treasurers Report was accepted.

**Activities:** Upcoming activities are:

**September 7 - 8<sup>th</sup>:** Tuskegee Tour with Central AL Club.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>:** "International Model 'A' Ford Day" - Through the efforts of Dick Carne, the Gold Mine Region has asked us to join them to view Truett Cathy's collection and enjoy lunch courtesy of Chick-fil-A. In the afternoon we will tour to the home of Barbara Kitchens Farm in Milner, GA and then to the Barnstormer's Grill at the Peachstate Aerodrome for dinner.

**October 19 - 20<sup>th</sup>:** Sweet Home Alabama Tour, Huntsville, AL.

**October 27<sup>th</sup>:** Is the date set aside for the 2013 planning meeting with other interested clubs. Tom & Betty Miller will host this meeting.

**November 9<sup>th</sup>:** Annual Business Meeting and election of Officers.

**Old Business:** The procedure for the process to elect the Nominating Committee was reviewed.

Jim Johnston will distribute the ballots to the membership in September.

Jim Hunter inquired about the patches for International Model A Ford Day. Jim Johnston agreed to check with the previous source to see if they will be available this year.

**New Business:** Phil noted that we need to start looking ahead to the elections for 2013 officers. Board members were encouraged to try to get members involved with helping to steer the club in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jim Johnston, Recording Secretary**

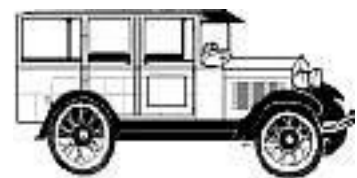


**WELCOME!**  
**Taylor & Judy Merrill**  
**and**  
**Pat & Pam Tyler**  
**Both from La Grange, GA**



### MARC NATIONAL TOUR - CHATTANOOGA, TN

**SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2012:** The Scenic A's have planned many tours, and beginning at the host hotel, the historic Chattanooga Choo-Choo. We'll look forward to hearing all about it from SSA attendees.



**Featured Photo of the Month:** (As with 2011, we will be featuring photos that glorify the Model A in all its varied styles, and enhanced by beautiful or intriguing settings. Keep track of your favorites throughout the year and we will once again take a tally and announce the winner for “Miss 2012.”)



SEPTEMBER

## 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:** The editorial staff and spy network has been digging into government files in the National Weather Service and the National Aeronautical and Space Administration seeking answers to a Southside A bizarre phenomena relating **Dick Carne's** driving his topless Model A's and the sudden appearance of rainstorms. *"I have no idea why this happens over and over,"* said the distraught, soaked **Carne** when he arrived home

from the Buckner's tour. *"It's obviously a punishment of some kind."* Theories abound. One irreverent example linked the biblical story of **Noah** and the **Carne's** phaeton. Spies sent by the editorial staff gained access to the Carne garage, however, no open Model A's were found with feathers or animal leavings inside. The research continues, however a clandestine group of SSA'ers has submitted a petition requesting that Dick not drive any open car on SSA tours until this story is fully researched and it's proven he's not a modern-day Jonah. Anyone with information please contact the SSA editorial staff.



## Buckner's Moonlight Run

By Mike Shotwell

I'll start out with a question: Is there anyone who went on the Buckner's tour who didn't have a fabulous time? Now, I'll answer the question with a resounding, "No!"

At our starting rendezvous location, at the south end of Peachtree City, Tom Romine handed out his well planned driving directions, and shortly thereafter, 15 Model A's and a couple of modern cars trailed off into the spectacular countryside for a great 32-mile run.



Above our heads was an ever-changing mosaic of blue sky, with clouds, puffy white, mixing with an intriguing grouping of the more ominous dark gray variety. But, hey, there was only a 20% chance of rain!

One of our group's great pleasures was seeing the return participation of Kathleen Willingham, escorted by her loving Eugene. She looked beautiful, perched in their maroon Vicky, talkative and smiling like the old days. And her accessories were enhanced by a cane with a motif of red roses. What style! We were happy, too, to hear she's making great progress after her recent trials and tribulations.

It was also a pleasure meeting **Pat and Pam Tyler**, our newest members from LaGrange. They blended in wonderfully with the group. We're looking forward to having them join us in their pretty new Phaeton on future tours. They're in the process of seeking out a used open trailer. Anyone have any leads?

Three round tables awaited us at Buckner's and the minute our backsides hit the chairs, food was landing on the huge lazy Susan's...chicken, BBQ pork, corn, white new potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, cornbread, and finished off with a terrific peach cobbler.

The editors strongly recommend a Buckner's run every year, as it attracts a lot of folks that are unable to make the two and three day tours or don't have cars capable of longer journeys.



Some folks just don't know how to follow the rules.



The tour home was fun, too. Remember those clouds we mentioned? Well, they opened up just after we left the restaurant for a pretty good twenty-minute Georgia rain storm. The A's pressed right through without incident, although Dick and Jane Carne found out two things: how quickly they can raise the top on their phaeton, and how that doesn't quite protect you from the knees down!



Cars...



...cars...



Liz & Rick Horne with Dreena & Jack Miller.



...cars.

And, finally, as if peach cobbler weren't enough to fill every the last nooks and crannies, several cars enjoyed a desert's desert at a Dairy Queen on the way home. We never let an opportunity go to waste.

Hats off to **Tom and Liz Romine** for their excellent planning.

**The Southside tour group included: Tom & Liz Romine, Jim & Ann Hunter, Jim & Jackie Johnston, Fred Huey, with guest John Keller, Ray & Terry Besch, Eugene & Kathleen Willingham, Phil & Kathie Meyers, Paul Beeghley, Don and Barbara Murdock, Dick & Jane Carne, Jack & Dreena Miller, Barbara Kitchens, Larry & Jackie Peterson, Rick & Liz Horne, Jim Wingo, Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell.**



Mike Shotwell, Larry Peterson, Ray Besch & Jim Wingo.



*Following the National Meets this summer, a truck, trailer and Model A were taken from the Ford Museum parking lot in Detroit. The editors were discussing this event over ice cream recently and were introduced to a clever, and important, piece of information for identifying one's Model A in the event of its ever being stolen. Now, as you know, Model A's in many cases are cookie cutter cars and difficult to distinguish side by side. Engine numbers can be changed easily as well as other unique items. So, if you find yourself in a similar situation, and are lucky enough to have the police find the car, how do you prove it's yours?*

*Here is something we all should do with our collector car(s): devise a simple I.D. tag, make two or three copies, and hide them somewhere in your car. Good locations would be behind a door panel, inside the door, on the top of a frame rail, etc. Use your name and address, possibly including a number, like a PIN, to set it apart. Keep a copy of the tag somewhere safe, should you ever need it. We also heard of dropping your business card into the door after rolling down the window. But laminate it first so it has some "shelf life."*

*Here's an example of how this technique has worked in the real world: a street rod was spotted at a Pawn Shop, that turned out to be a locally stolen car. When the authorities were notified by the owner, he advised them to remove a panel and look for his I.D. tag. This they did, thus proving ownership, and he regained possession of his car.*

*Good ideas for further protecting our precious "ladies."*

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## **September 22 - International Model A Day - and TWO great tours!**



Truett Cathy's legendary car collection is one of the treasures of Georgia, and it's only open to visitors twice a year, *by invitation only*. We are fortunate to be able to join the Gold Mine Region, and other local car clubs, in visiting the Chick-fil-A owner's second passion (after chicken, of course).

Ray Besch is our point man for coordinating this get together for our club; particularly counting heads for lunch, graciously served by our host. If you haven't already done so, contact

Ray at [besch105@comcast.net](mailto:besch105@comcast.net) to get your name on the list. More details to be sent out as we approach the date.



**THEN.....**



After lunch, we head south to visit the home of Southside A's member, Barbara Kitchens, to get a glimpse of her twin delights, classic cars and airplanes. We understand this car-loving aviatrix has an interesting world to share with us. This writer is looking forward to hearing more about Barbara's diverse experiences in the skies.

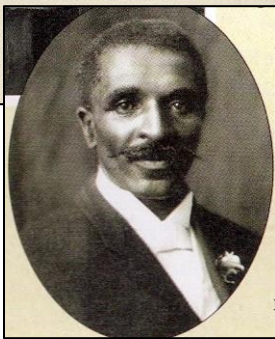


Following our visit we head, yet again, in the pursuit of food! Off we go to the Barnstormer's Grill located at the Peachstate Aerodome. The airport is charming and the restaurant serves up yummy food.



Not a bad slate of events to celebrate International Model A Day!

## Tour with CAMFCA To Tuskegee, Alabama - September 7-8



George Washington Carver

We will be joining the Central Alabama Model A Ford Club as they host us at the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site and the George Washington Carver Museum, as well as enjoying lunch at the Kellogg Conference center, at the center of the campus of Tuskegee University. We will tour as far as Auburn on Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup>; enjoy this college town, and then make the short drive the next morning to Tuskegee. For last minute sign-ups, contact The Shotwells - [gwynshot@aol.com](mailto:gwynshot@aol.com)

### **EDITORS' HEALTH TIPS!**

The editors, seeking to enlighten the membership and enrich their lives, have discovered a new study worth sharing:

**Chocolate alert** - A recent study from the University of California, San Diego, indicates that those who eat chocolate every day are thinner than those who don't.

Godiva, here we come!!



# Meet the Southside A's

## Ray and Teri Besch



If you've ever seen Ray and Teri during the Christmas season, they are an unmistakable pair...Ray with his flowing white beard and magisterial robes dressed as Santa, and Teri artfully playing his elf. But in the world of Model A's, they are equally well known for their contributions to our club over many years, as well as their generosity in helping others get their Model A's on the road, particularly after tour breakdowns.

But, as they say, there is more to the story so we will start at the beginning. Ray was born in South Bend, Indiana, (home of the Fighting Irish!), three years after the close of WWII, and 45 years after

Henry Ford's first 2-cylinder car was produced. A new devotee had entered the world.

Teri was born in Niles, Michigan, (the year that Bobby Thompson hit the homerun, "The Shot Heard Round the World," against the Dodger's Ralph Branca, crushing the dreams of this writer who was 9 years old at the time). Ray's parents had relocated to Niles, setting the couple up for a future meeting. In fact, Ray said that the two of them *"actually...sort of grew up together. We were married as kids,"* with most of their memorable experiences having been enjoyed together.

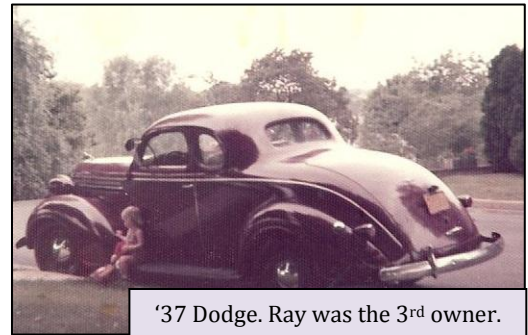
So, was Ray's father handy with tools? *"In our home a handyman was never called."* Obviously, Ray was an apt pupil of his dad's, starting with construction on such early projects as roofing the family home at age 8 following a hail storm, and assisting on an addition to their home at age 12. A few years later he even helped to convert both his parent's and grandparent's furnaces from oil and coal to natural gas.

Cars were always a passion, and Ray assisted his father with repairs were to the family car, all done outdoors, without a garage



Teri's '63 VW Bug.  
Bought off a lot and restored.

shelter...and, Ray reminds us, *"Michigan was cold."* His first exposure to a Model A, as a teenager, was seeing a 28/29 Model A Coupe on the last stop of his paper route - a used car lot. It was brush painted but looked pretty good; asking price was \$50. Ray pled his case to his mother to buy the car, but was met with an emphatic, "No way." Much to Ray's chagrin, the edict held.



'37 Dodge. Ray was the 3<sup>rd</sup> owner.

As it turned out, Ray's father had two Model A's in earlier years, both roadsters. He and Ray's mom had courted in them around

Michigan. And Ray discovered one of the reasons for his mom's adamant answer... Ray's father had taken apart one of the A's and the parts were scattered all over the family's yard.

After high school graduation, Ray joined the US Army from 1968-70. Upon Teri's high school graduation in June, 1969, they were married in Niles on one of Ray's three-day passes from Fort Knox, KY. Teri



turned 18 two weeks later.

Following the army tenure, Ray and Teri relocated to Harrisonburg, VA, following Ray's employer, Kawneer, an architectural aluminum company, to a new facility/division. His lifelong interest in technical drawings was put to good use during his 41-year career, holding various sales and management positions.

Teri worked in the business world on and off for about 10 years before deciding to follow her dream to be a teacher. She complete her Bachelor of Science degree, followed by a Masters, and she just celebrated her 26<sup>th</sup> year as an elementary school teacher.

Although Teri won't be found pulling an engine or lubing the undercarriage, her love of the car hobby (Model A and otherwise) is just as great as Ray's. And she's driven all of them, even as daily drivers. The family stable has included three '37 Dodge Business Coupes (Teri bought the first one as a 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday present for Ray) , a '56 Ford, '53 Studebaker, '76 Corvette Stingray, and so on; and, of course, their 1930 Model A Coupe, seen here before its restoration:



Ray and Teri's two children - daughter, Kris, and son, John - grew up with the fun of the many family cars. They were each given a rebuilt vehicle upon reaching driving age, participating in their reconstruction and maintenance. John is a diehard gear-head and is immersed in the car world even more, if possible, than Ray.

The Southside A's came into being largely through Ray's efforts. He and Teri were among the initial members that grew out of the "Griffin A's." The loose-knit club, which included the Carnes, Papes, and Willinghams, wanted to expand, and so re-formed under the name "The Southside A's." Ray became the first president in 2004 and served in that position for three years. The fledgling club soon included the Millers and the Johnstons, among others. Ray also launched the newsletter which chronicled the club's events and provided cohesiveness to the venture. The club was on its way.

Always intrepid travelers, the Besch's exemplify Ray's philosophy of driving your Model A's anywhere, since, "they can take it." And they proved that with their 11,000-mile trek to Alaska and the North Pole in 2011. More trips are always beckoning, including a possible coast-to-coast run.

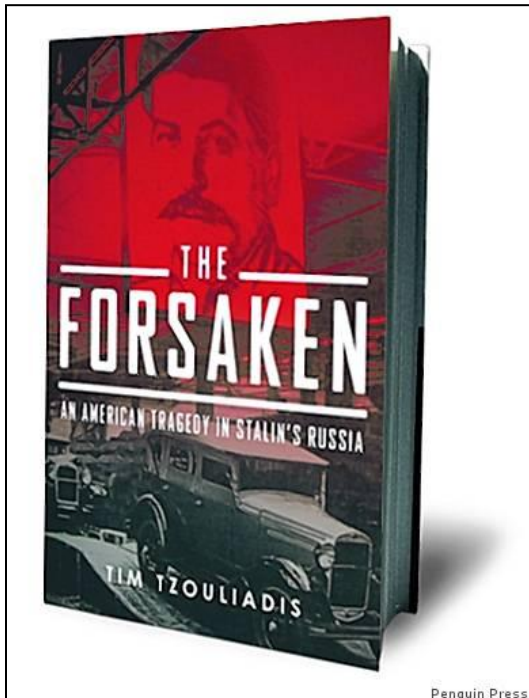


Both Ray and Teri are enthusiastic about the future of the hobby; Teri would especially like to see more young members taking part. Ray's bucket list includes finishing their highly modified '46 Plymouth Deluxe Coupe which has been a work-in-progress for longer than he wants to admit. There's also the '59 Willy's Station Wagon, waiting patiently at a friend's hotrod shop. It will have an S-10 chassis and be a daily driver, part of Ray's plan to rid the family of all modern cars. What a dream! --Mike & Gwyneth Shotwell

## "The Forsaken" by Tim Tzouliadis

### The Henry Ford/Joseph Stalin Partnership

(After purchasing our A400, and discovering that it had a Russian-made Model A engine, my research took me to a recently published book that tells the story of the building of the Ford factory outside Moscow in 1932, and the Americans who made the journey to work there on the assembly line. Many people are unaware that this factory even existed, let alone that Americans worked in it. As a fascinating, and moving, history related to our hobby, I thought it would be of interest to share a review of this thought provoking book.)



There exist many myths in regard to the curious collaboration between the famed American Capitalist, Henry Ford, and Joseph Stalin, which some called “Henry Ford’s parallel universe.” But its result was the GAZ automobile plant near Nizhni Novgorod, Russia, and was manned by thousands of Americans who went to Russia during the height of the Depression, some out of a naïve embrace of socialism, but all seeking paying jobs.

Many believe that Ford was never paid for founding the “Soviet Detroit,” and was angry about the entire enterprise. But the overall result was that he was able to off-load his antiquated Model A machinery and sell 75,000 cars to the Russian government...all of it paid for in gold. That the gold was mined by slave labor was a fact Ford was unaware of.

In Tim Tzouliadis’s recent book about this era, “*The Forsaken*,” he describes how Henry Ford’s palpable hatred of labor unions and Communism had to be politely ignored, while at the same time, Ford ironically was revered in Russia as a secular, socialist saint who gave the automobile to the common man. Of course,

the underlying reason for this unlikely alliance was that Ford needed money, and the Russians needed cars; Ford, “*held the keys to a mechanical heaven*.” The cover of the book shows a completed Model A Phaeton coming off the Gorky production line under a massive Stalin banner.

Regardless of the motivations of the Ford/Soviet enterprise, or the dreadfully mistaken characterizations of Ford himself, the sad result concerned the fates of the two thousand or more American engineers and skilled auto workers, some with their families, who had enthusiastically moved to the Soviet Union to work at the GAZ as part of the original contract, bringing with them American baseball, jazz and a powerful work ethic. They fell into two distinct groups: those who were enamored of the Russian socialist experiment; and those who desperately needed work when jobs were scarce in the U.S.



American workers baseball team at the Gorky automotive plant



Tzouliadis's book is an in-depth study, against the backdrop of the factory, of how these Americans became caught up in the events leading up to Joseph Stalin's Great Terror that occurred between 1936 to 1938, and beyond. Much has been learned about The Terror, and the subsequent bloody years until Stalin's death in 1953, as a result of the collapse of the Soviet empire, Glasnost and the partial release of KGB, NKVD, and other secret police documents. This information reveals much about Stalin's bizarre and savage fear of Western influence.



After getting the assembly line into production, and living, working and raising their families, their lives intersected with the tide that was turning in Stalin's worldview. A visit to the American Embassy, seeking help or a trip back home, only made one a target. And so, these hapless people, stripped of their American passports, were soon sentenced to the gulag slave labor camps where certain death awaited within a few short months; were executed in the Lubyanka prison or other killing spots; or burned in the Moscow crematoriums. All together, mass graves situated throughout Russia and Siberia contained the remains of an astonishing 15-30

million souls, far in excess of Adolph Hitler's unbridled brutality. The difference was that the allied forces liberated Hitler's death camps and recorded the horror; while having a camera in the Siberian wilderness amidst the camps was a certain death sentence. In Russia, there were no Western liberators. Very few Americans returned after the Terror began in full force.

The unrepentant Bolshevik, Vyacheslav Molotov, for whom the factory was named and the Model A and B engines were dedicated, was Stalin's functionary-in-chief, who had an iron revolutionary will, and signed the death warrants of millions. In an act of self-preservation, when Molotov's wife was imprisoned on espionage charges, Molotov wrote a letter to Stalin stating he was in favor of the action.

In the face of Stalin's unrelenting, lethal wrath, that periodically eliminated his henchmen and those closest to him, Molotov miraculously survived, as did his wife. After Stalin's death in 1953, Mrs. Molotov was released and returned to live with her husband in the dacha settlement of Zhukovka. Molotov died there at the age of 96.

The final, tragic irony was that many of these terrified workers, taken in the night by NKVD police, were transported in the very Model A Fords that they had so enthusiastically helped to build at the Gorky factory.

--Mike Shotwell



# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour October 19-20, 2012



The Central Alabama Model "A" Club will conduct its Sixth Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour on October 19-20, 2012 that will highlight the beauty and southern hospitality of the States of Alabama & Tennessee and will feature the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. This will be a "Hub Tour" conducted from Huntsville, Alabama with the headquarters at the Holiday Inn.

The tour will kick off with a welcome "home style" dinner Thursday evening, 6:00 p.m. at the Helion Masonic Lodge for some tire kicking, renewing of old friendships, and great southern dining. The scenic tour will start Friday morning in Huntsville, AL with a tour of the Burton Collection with its antique automobiles, tractors, engine collection and many other historical items. Then we're off on a road tour through the countryside to historic Pulaski, Tennessee. Our visit will include a stop at the Trail of Tears Memorial, a tour of the local Ford Dealer's museum, and lunch on the town square at the historic STAAR Theater. After lunch we will visit the local antique & flea mall, "Ole Time" hardware store, drug store for some ice cream at the soda fountain, and then on to shop at a small local Amish Store. On our return trip to Huntsville we will pass under a one-lane Civil War Era Railroad Bridge, stopping at the Greenbrier Restaurant in Huntsville for dinner. After dinner we will return to the Holiday Inn.

Saturday's activities will feature a visit to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center (Rocketcenter. Com), which has the largest collection of rockets in the world, an IMAX theater, thrilling rides, and actual vehicles & artifacts from U.S. and Russian Space Programs. Afterwards, we will tour the Veteran's Memorial Museum, which displays over 30 historical military vehicles from WWI to the present, as well as artifacts and other memorabilia dating back to the Revolutionary War.

The festivities continue Saturday evening with a farewell dinner, at the Holiday Inn and the "Famous Huntsville Buffet." Sunday morning we're off for home and the end of another adventure on the Model "A" Highway.

The Huntsville Holiday Day Inn is our host hotel. It is located at 401 Williams Ave SW, Huntsville, AL 35801 / Main Desk: (256) 533-1400, Reservations: 1-800-holiday or (256) 465-4329 / Via Website: [www.holidayinn.com/huntsville](http://www.holidayinn.com/huntsville). A block of rooms has been reserved for the tour and will be released on September 18, 2012. Make your reservations early, as we have only reserved 45 rooms and they will go fast. When you make your reservations, ask for the "Antique Car Club Group" to receive the Tour discounted special rate of \$89.00 per room which includes 2 full buffet breakfasts each day. If you are towing your Model "A" Ford, you will be able to park your tow vehicle and trailer in the designated area in the back Hotel parking lot.

If you have any questions, please contact David Miller at (256) 313-6924 / E-mail [miller5531@aol.com](mailto:miller5531@aol.com), or our Club Activities Coordinator Paul Majerick at (334) 269-1309 / E-mail [paulmajerick@aol.com](mailto:paulmajerick@aol.com).

Bring "Henry's Finest" and get ready to do a lot of tire kicking, touring through the countryside and just having a good old time. PLEASE NOTE: No Street Rods. Tour Registration Form is attached.





## SIXTH ANNUAL SWEET HOME ALABAMA TOUR REGISTRATION FORM



<b>Name:</b>		<b>Name of Guest(s):</b>			
<b>Street Address:</b>		<b>City:</b>	<b>Apt./Suite:</b>		
<b>Zip Code:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Email:</b>			
<b>Cell Number:</b>		<b>Car Club:</b>			
<b>Year of Car:</b>	<b>Model of Car:</b>	<b>License No.:</b>	<b>Trailer:</b> Y / N (Circle One)	<b>Arrival:</b> Thurs / Fri (Circle One)	
<b>Auto Insurance Company:</b>		<b>Auto Insurance Policy Number:</b>			
<b>Event Registration</b>		<b>Qty.:</b>	<b>@</b>	<b>Fee Per Car</b>	<b>Total</b>
Number of Cars Registering			@	\$25.00 (per car)	\$
Thursday – Welcome "Home Style" Dinner			@	\$10.00 (per person)	\$
Friday – Box Lunch in the Historic STAAR Theater <i>(Please choose one of the menu selections below for each person attending):</i> <b>Menu Selection #1:</b> Chicken Salad on a Croissant, Broccoli Salad, Kettle Chips, Drink and Dessert  <b>Menu Selection #2:</b> Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Roll, Drink and Desert			@	\$10.00 (per person)	\$
Space & Rocket Center Admission			@	\$11.00 (per person)	\$
Veteran's Museum Admission			@	\$3.00 (per person)	\$
Saturday – 6:00 p.m. Tour Banquet the "Famous Huntsville Buffet"			@	\$27.00 (per person)	\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (No Refunds After October 10, 2012)</b>				<b>\$</b>	

Make your reservations directly with the Huntsville Holiday Day Inn: (I) Call the Main Desk at (256) 533-1400; (II) call Reservations at 1-800-holiday or (256) 465-4329; or (III) online at [www.holidayinn.com/huntsville](http://www.holidayinn.com/huntsville). Includes 2 full breakfast buffets each day.

The signers below, agree to indemnify and hold harmless for any and all liability due to my attendance and participation in the 2012 Sweet Home Alabama Tour, the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club (CAMAFC), CAMAFC Members, their officers, directors, staff and any and all constituents acting on behalf of the aforementioned affiliations and/or Tour Volunteers. Submission of this Tour Registration Form (signed or unsigned) constitutes acceptance of the terms of this release. The vehicle being used has all required automobile insurance established by state statute.

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

Mail Completed Registration Form to: Sweet Home Alabama Tour, 1309 Magnolia Curve, Montgomery, Alabama 36106-2010

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

## MAFFI UPDATE



The third weekend in September has been established as **Model A Weekend** at the large Gilmore complex. This year, **Saturday, September 15, 2012**, the trustees are planning to give you a one-time opportunity to **'Put your Model A in the Model A Museum'**. You will be able to drive your car in, stop, have your car photographed in the museum, drop off either a donation of money, a part, accessory, or something for the museum, and then drive out the back door.

In perusing the **MAFFI website**, you will find that they have a link for a comprehensive data base for all existing Model A's; pretty impressive. You can enter your own automobiles, with pertinent information, and contribute to this marvelous resource.

**Memberships** in the Museum are also available, beginning at \$25 for one year, which includes the quarterly newsletter, *The A Preserver*.

### Auctions of Interest

#### **RM:**

Hershey, PA - October 11-12

#### **BARRETT JACKSON:**

Las Vegas, NV - September 20-22

#### **MECUM:**

Dallas, TX - September 6-8

St. Charles, IL - September 19-22

If you've received our Newsletter as a complimentary copy, and our activities look intriguing and exciting, consider becoming a **MEMBER!** Remember, owning a Model A is not a requirement; just having the interest is all you need. We are a congenial group and would love to have you join us. Contact Jim Johnston at: [john8191@bellsouth.net](mailto:john8191@bellsouth.net).



## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013!

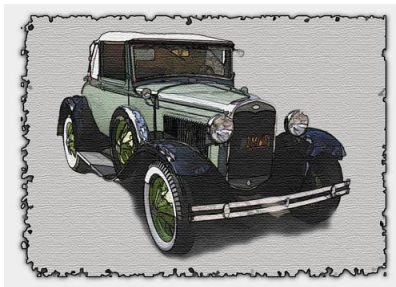
### MAFCA NATIONAL TOUR: The Blue Ridge Parkway, May 6-10, 2013



From Charlottesville, VA to Gatlinburg, TN, the Blue Ridge Parkway is considered one of the most beautiful drives in America. With commercial traffic prohibited, and speed limits a comfortable 45mph or less, this is the perfect scenic roadway for the Model A.

The tour will include stops at many scenic and historic places along the way. Several members of the Central Alabama Model A Club are planning to attend, and have already done some advance coordinating with members from our club who have expressed interest. Contact the editors, if you'd like to be part of the group travelling together.

MAFCA membership is required to attend this tour. Go to [MAFCA.com](http://MAFCA.com) for registration and membership materials.



### MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET: Concord (Charlotte), NC, April 11-14, 2013

Host Club: Queen City Model A Club

Host Hotel: Great Wolf Lodge

705-549-8206

Code: 1303MODE

More information to follow, once it is available.

### MARC NATIONAL MEET: Lexington, KY, June 24-28, 2013

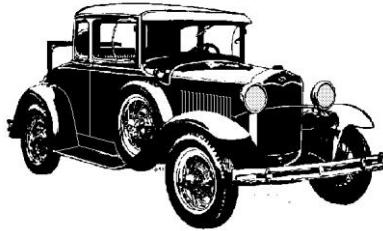


It's not too early to make your reservations for the MARC National Meet coming to Lexington, KY next June. The host hotel is the Hyatt Regency in downtown Lexington and the number is:

**1-800-233-1234, and the code is MDLA**

Our cars will share the week with the engines of their predecessors, the horse. The Kentucky Horse Park will be the location of several events, and is a venue not to be missed. We might even have an "extra" horse-related outing, but that is still in the works and will remain a mystery for now...

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**Swap Meet , November 3-4**  
**All proceeds go to the MAFFI**  
**Museum!**

The location for this Swap Meet is the Mill at Lebanon, which has been transformed into a wonderful event space. For more information, contact Alabama Ramblin' A's member, David Black, at [david.black@model-A-man.com](mailto:david.black@model-A-man.com) OR 256-287-0317

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# Items For Sale

**FOR SALE:** 1930 Ford Model A Fordor Town Sedan. New head gasket, leakless water pump, and front carpet. Good running car **\$13,950.00**  
Contact: Jim Hunter at [ytguy@aol.com](mailto:ytguy@aol.com) or 770-487-0140



**FOR SALE:** 1930 Town Sedan Fordor. Very nice car; paint and body is excellent; black on black with red wheels and pinstripe; excellent grey interior with fold down armrest in rear. Equipped with cowl lights, motormeter, Sparton horn, running board step plates, rear mounted spare and full rear bumper.



**Asking \$15,500.00.** Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, [Gfireman52@aol.com](mailto:Gfireman52@aol.com)

**FOR SALE:** Ford 1940 Deluxe Fordor. Excellent condition. Smooth and cool running Flathead V8. 12 Volt system (alternator & Powermaster starter), dual exhaust. Ready to cruise in style!

**Asking \$19,000.00.** Jim Johnston 678-423-4344. [john8191@bellsouth.net](mailto:john8191@bellsouth.net)



**FOR SALE:** 1931 Tudor Sedan, indented firewall, two tone green with green wheels. Has rear mounted spare tire, luggage rack, Sparton horn, running board step plates, green Mohair interior.

This would make a very good first car, the paint is just so-so (10-20 footer), body is good except one spot above rear window. Cranks and runs well.

**Asking \$8950.00.** Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, [Gfireman52@aol.com](mailto:Gfireman52@aol.com)



**FOR SALE:** 1929 Model A Ford Woody Depot Hack; has been converted to 12-volts; has sealed beam headlights. Body was built in Cuba, MS, and has the looks of a station wagon. Body is in good condition but could use a new sealing. Truck was cranking and running well when stored. Could use a little TLC.

**Asking \$9250.00** Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, [Gfireman52@aol.com](mailto:Gfireman52@aol.com)



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

**Asking \$13,500.00.** Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463, [Gfireman52@aol.com](mailto:Gfireman52@aol.com)



**FOR SALE:** Rare 1931, black and burgundy Ford Model A Victoria. Much loved, fun touring car. Runs great, has new battery; is in mint condition. Flower vases, pull shades, cut-off switch, turn signals, Good upholstery ,leather trunk. Asking \$26,000.

Wayne Haisten

[haistenrw@aol.com](mailto:haistenrw@aol.com) 678-513-0668



## Club Items

**FOR SALE:** 1931 Slant window town sedan.  
F-100 steering; 4-speed transmission; new  
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muffler & air conditioner; front tool box; wood grain  
trim; mirror clock; oil & temp gauges; new brakes;  
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plugs; modern distributor; timing scale for timing  
light; 12-volt system; key start; extra B-model carb.  
**\$24,500.00 Firm.** Contact Cecil Freeman,  
256-225-3250 [CFREEMAN43@AOL.COM](mailto:CFREEMAN43@AOL.COM)



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

**Air maze** w. paper air filter fits Tillotson / Zenith -  
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**Stock length pitman arm** with new ball installed --  
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**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.**

**WANTED:** 1931 Left front fender.

Contact Cecil Freeman,  
256-225-3250 [CFREEMAN43@AOL.COM](mailto:CFREEMAN43@AOL.COM)

**Name Tags** are available by contacting  
Teri Besch at 770-487-9215  
or [besch105@comcast.net](mailto:besch105@comcast.net)

### Shirts and Hats

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**NOTE:** The vendor who provides embroidery for  
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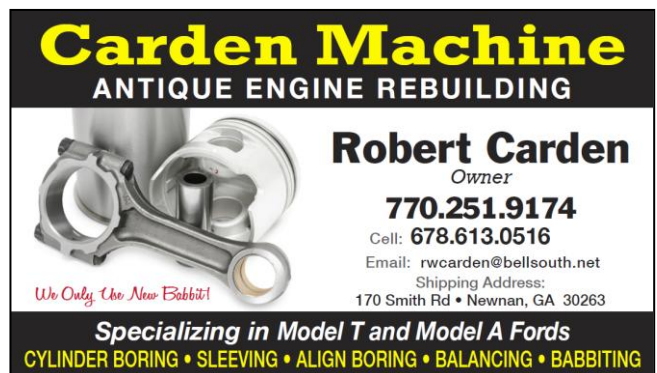


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 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
*Is it ok to list phone number in club roster (yes or no)?* \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Is it ok to list email address in club roster (yes or no)?* \_\_\_\_\_

Check, Visa, Master Card, Discover Card (Circle one)  
 Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV code (last 3 #s on back of credit card) \_\_\_\_\_  
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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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