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Message from the President

by Mike Fowler

In my first communication as President of the Gulf Coast Model A Club, I would like to thank all of our members who have offered their congratulations and support.

One goal this year is to make an effort to locate additional Model A owners and extend a personal invitation to join the GCMAC. We have located two in the Pensacola area.

Joe Stephens and I are canvassing this area for potential breakfast meeting sites, in anticipation of being able to meet again in the near future. Our old standby, Golden Corral, remains closed. If anyone has any suggestions, please feel free to share with me.

Jim Quinlan's Garage Meet/Tech Day has been well received. I highly recommend these opportunities to share our collective knowledge of the "A".

Welcome back to Ron & Bunny Cummings. They had "Henrietta" out for a short tour already.

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Happenings of the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club

New Years day cruise was cancelled due to foul weather. There was a fair bit of interest in this cruise so it was unfortunate we had to cancel. We might try it again at another time.

Thank you very much to Wesley and Helen Chalk for offering to host the club to visit and see their Model AA Dump truck. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate.

Ron Cummins wrote to share information about a re-engineered Model 'A' engine that is being built:

"I am forwarding this to you as it might be of interest to some of our members. I was going to buy and build one of these engines but decided I won't. I am high up in the prospective buyers list if anyone wants to build one of these engines. The \$3,500 price is pretty high but will increase after the initial introduction.

Regards, Ron Cummins"

[Click here to learn all about this re-engineered engine that will soon be available for Model 'A's.](#)

The January Garage Meet was a good time and we discussed some future Garage Meet / Tech day topics which may include:

- A) Replacing a Gas Gauge on Wesley Chalk's AA Truck. **(Will be done in February)**
- B) Seminar on how to properly adjust the front end alignment of Model 'A's using a front end alignment gauge. **(March Topic)**
- C) Another seminar will be How to Remove a Body and possibly an Engine from a Model 'A' as we dismantle Austin Wall's Model 'A' using creative techniques.
- D) Adjustment / Shimming of Model 'A' Engine Bearings using plastigauge and/or Aluminum foil.
- E) We will be also be rebuilding a freshly babbitted short block Model 'A' a little at a time (as we figure it out) during these garage meets.

Several people could not make the garage meet because of conflicting weekend events. Saturdays don't always work for everyone so we'll continue to do weekday Garage meets and occasional Saturday ones upon request. If you need access to a car lift to do something simple like an oil change, give me a call any time.

Jim 727 265 0381.

*Got a new Model 'A'? Starting a new project or making progress on your current one? Anything interesting in your world that you want to share with the club? Gulf Coast Model 'A' members want to know. Send news and/or pictures to the editor at tap5s@yahoo.com.
Thank you !!!*

The receipt to the right was shared by Betty Fortner

for the donation made by Betty from the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club in December to the VFW



1/5/2021

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)



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Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club Memories from the past

Combined 2014 Christmas Party with Model 'A' and 'T' Club



Model A and Model T Club Christmas Party Dec. 6th, 2014



Christmas Banquet Model A Club
Dec. 6, 2014



Christmas Banquet Model A Club
Dec. 6, 2014



Since Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club wasn't able to have a Christmas party this year due to COVID, Club Historian Ray Harper shared these pictures of a combined Christmas party at the Mobile Senior Center with the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club and a Model 'T' Club.

Does anyone remember the name of the Model 'T' club?

Tech Day / Garage Meet January 16, 2021

The Tech Day / Garage Meet

We had another enjoyable Garage meet / Tech Session on January 16th at Jim & Yvonne Quinlan's home in Foley.

Much was learned from Austin Wall about rebuilding engines and how babbitt works and the steps necessary to rebuild an engine. Also a few important tips of what not to do when rebuilding an engine.

We also checked a front end alignment using an alignment tool and also discussed the merit of balancing tires vs using some of the glass beads that some are using in their tubes.

After some cider and donuts the highlight of the day was when Terry Pampel took Austin's grandson Methias for his first Model 'A' ride. Not only did Methias get his first Model 'A' ride, Terry let him drive his Model 'A' back to the garage meet. Methias is going to help Austin get Austin's Model 'A' back on the road after being on the fritz for quite a few years with a bad engine.

It was a beautiful sunny day and a good time was had by all. It's always good hanging out with fellow Model 'A' people **so mark your Calendars and join us next time.**







Coming Events Calendar

Feb 2 Groundhog Day

Feb 5-6 Moultrie, Ga Swap Meet
<http://www.moultrieswapmeet.com/>

Feb 13 Day before Valentine's Day Cruise

Feb 14 Valentine's Day

Feb 15 President's Day

Feb 16 Mardi Gras



Feb 17 Garage Meet / Tech Day

Mar 14 Daylight savings time Starts

Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day



Pensacola and Mobile Restaurant Breakfasts are still on hold.

Model 'A' Garage meet / Tech day Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Replacing a gas gauge on Wesley Chalk's 1931 AA Truck will be this month's project. Terry Pampel recently replaced his Gas Gauge so he has the correct tool. We will also start our Group Model 'A' engine rebuild project. If we have time we will measure the cylinders of the rebuild engine using a bore gauge. Doug Wolbert has a box of pistons and said they can be used in the engine rebuild if they fit.

Garage Meet is at 9195 Clarke Ridge Rd. in Foley January 16 at 1:00 pm. Please let me know if you have any questions 727 265 0381 Jim. Trailer parking is available.



"Day Before Valentine's Day" Cruise Saturday, February 13, 2021

Get your Model 'A's ready for cruising on **February 13, 2021**. We will meet at the waterfront park/pier in Fairhope at 1 N Beach Rd, at 11:00 am and then enjoy a pleasant cruise ending up at the Gulf Shores Zoo (see map in newsletter).



This cruise is a nice way to celebrate Valentine's Day and take your best friend for a ride. Afterwards, you are free to purchase an admission to the zoo if you wish or head for home. What better way to spend Valentine's Day weekend. It's a nice little zoo. **If you can't drive your Model 'A' drive what you have and join us !**

It should be a fairly easy route to keep the group together as well as a pleasant scenic tour. Lunch at the Safari club is optional as well as visiting the animals in the zoo. It will be nice to see club members come out and support this event driving their cars.

PLEASE RSVP Jim Quinlan (727) 265 0381 / tap5s@yahoo.com if you think you can make this cruise and also if you are interested in lunch at the Safari Club at the Zoo with a count of people in your group. Thank you

Route for the Day before Valentine's Day Cruise



February 13 Road Trip

We're hoping you can join us !!!!



Tiny Tips From MAFCA Members

From Tex Willis, Winnsboro, Texas
Illustrated by John Pratt, Urbana, Illinois

Leveling a Manifold

Picture this: it's Saturday afternoon, you find that you need to replace your intake/exhaust manifold, so you run a straightedge and it's a tad bit warped. Of course your local machine shop is closed.

Take the sandpaper off of your belt sander, cut it and lay it on a really flat surface. Glass is good – so is sheet rock. Duct tape about 1/4" all the way around. Flop the manifold over and hand sand the manifold. 60 or 80 grit works well. Try not to keep more pressure on one side over the other, and I sand in long ovals rather than straight back-and-forth. Check after a few strokes and you can see your high spots! It may not be as good as a machine shop but it will get you back on the road!



If you have a helpful tip about Model A restoration or maintenance that you'd like to share with MAFCA members, please forward it to the MAFCA Office, 250 S. Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631-5515 or e-mail to: restorer@mafca.com.



Here is another (very funny) tip from Tex Willis in Winnsboro Texas who owns one of my favorite Model 'A' trucks. Always puts a smile on my face.

Tex made a couple of entertaining videos. A popular video he made is a DIY project showing how to make custom Hub Caps for a Model 'A'.

You need a certain sense of humor to appreciate this video but I think it's pretty darn funny.

So for all you Model 'A' folks wanting to learn how to make custom hubcaps (and have a laugh) for a 28/29 Model 'A' Ford

click this link:

<https://youtu.be/8LtXB6tF2KQ>

(You can actually see the fancy hubcaps in the picture to the right)



February



Anniversaries



13 Rene' Marques

none

If your birthday or anniversary doesn't appear and it should, please notify the editor so we can update our list, thanks

Colors That Match the Season's Mode

AMONG the features of the Ford car is the privilege of selecting from a variety of beautiful colors. These colors are rich in tone and are changed at frequent intervals, in keeping with the season's mode. Frequently you will find that one of Fashion's newest shades, or a harmonious blending of it, is available also in the Ford car.

With reasonable care, the smooth, gleaming finish of the Ford car as it comes



fresh from the showrooms may be maintained for a long period. The pyroxylin lacquer is not affected by heat or cold and is easily polished to a shimmering luster. The Rustless Steel used for the radiator shell, hub caps, cowl finish strip and other exterior metal parts is an additional assurance of enduring worth and permanent beauty. Throughout the life of the car it will not scale, tarnish or corrode.



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The Host hotel is now booked but they have a secondary Hotel which looks beautiful and will probably be as good or even better than the Host Hotel. Click here [MAFCA NATIONAL TOUR](https://www.2021mafcanationaltour.com) to find the sign up for the Early Bird Newsletter, Registration and Lodging, Contact Information and much more.



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code: National Model A Tour 2021
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Hosts: New Hampshire Lakes Region Model A Club
<https://www.2021mafcanationaltour.com>
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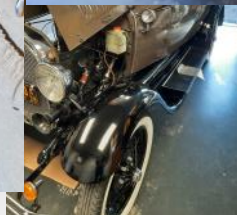


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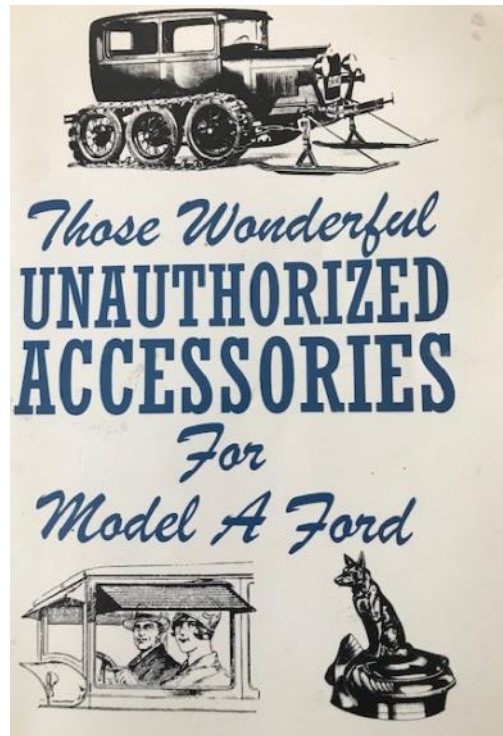
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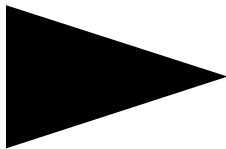
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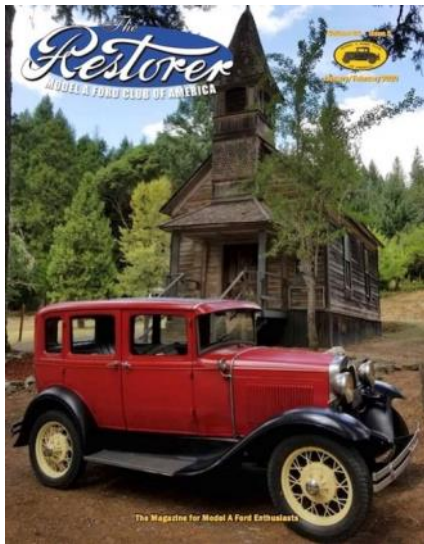
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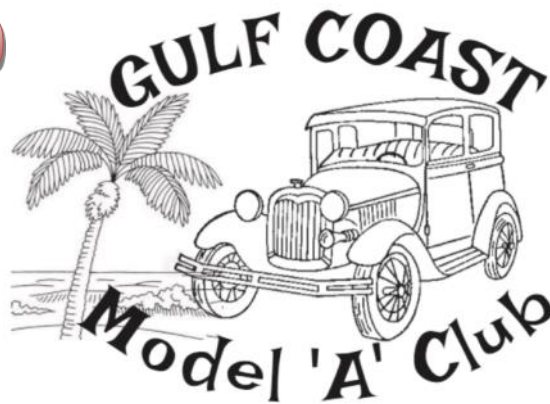


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The **Traveler** newsletter is published for the membership and friends of the **Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club**. Outings are held monthly at various locations and times. Views expressed in the **Traveler** are not necessarily those of the Club Officers or MAFCA. Club membership is \$30.00 per year and can be mailed to Becky Baisden at:

GCMAC,
PO Box 812
Cantonment, FL 32533

Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club website:
<https://www.gulfcoastmodelclub.net/>



Club dues are \$30 per year for individuals or families. We currently have a membership of 30+ families. We believe in doing maintenance on the cars, educating ourselves on the Model 'A', fellowship with other members, showing the cars, driving the cars locally and on tours and having a great time seeing and driving Model 'A' Fords.

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