



Annual Club Picnic Brings Food, Fellowship and Fun

On June 13, our club gathered for its Annual Picnic at Garrett Park in Robertsedale, Alabama. The pavilion, located near the ball fields and the park's new splash pad, provided a great setting for an afternoon filled with good food, fellowship, and club activities.

Eighteen members attended and brought a wonderful assortment of

side dishes and desserts to share. Martha generously provided the fried chicken, which was enjoyed by everyone. As always, the food was plentiful and delicious. More importantly, the picnic gave members a chance to slow down, relax, and enjoy each other's company. It was especially nice to reconnect with several members

we had not seen in a while and to spend time sharing stories about cars, travels, and family.

The weather was definitely summer-like, with temperatures climbing throughout the afternoon. Fortunately, a steady breeze moved through the

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July

Birthdays

5 Mary Astel
9 Bob Skrob
13 Kitty Ross
15 Michele Dawson
23 Andrea Short

Anniversary

4 Darrin & Charlotte Dahlenburg
15 Al & Marilyn Manning
16 Bob & Joyce Skrob
19 Jim & Michele Gray



Message from . . . _____

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Club Picnic. Great food, good fellowship, and plenty of conversation always make for a wonderful day. It was especially nice to welcome a new member who brought along his recently purchased Model A. Seeing new faces and new enthusiasm is a reminder of how much our club has grown over the years.

As many of you know, we are still searching for our next Club President. If you have the desire and passion to help lead the club and promote the antique automobile hobby, I encourage you to consider stepping forward. My goal is to announce our new president at the September business meeting during our club group photo and car exhibit at the Baldwin County Museum.

Over the past few weeks, several members have reached out for assistance with various projects and questions. That's exactly what being part of a club is all about. If you ever need a helping hand, advice, or just someone to point you in the right direction, don't hesitate to call. We have a wonderful group of members who are always willing to help one another.

Thank you all for your continued support, your friendship, and everything you do to make our club such a great organization.



Allen



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Club Happenings

pavilion, making the heat much more bearable. Barrett found his own way to stay cool by making several visits to the splash pad. He thoroughly enjoyed the water attractions and, judging by the amount of water he brought home with him, had a great time!

After everyone had finished eating and visiting, the club held its quarterly business meeting. Members discussed upcoming tours and events, reviewed recent activities, and shared ideas for future functions. There was also discussion about ways the club can continue to grow, attract



new members, and remain an active organization for Model A enthusiasts throughout the Gulf Coast region.

The highlight of the afternoon for many was the raffle drawing. A variety of prizes had been donated, and tickets were distributed so that everyone had an opportunity to participate. Thanks to the careful planning and generosity of those who contributed prizes, every member went home with something. The smiles and laughter during the drawing showed just how much everyone enjoyed this part of the day.

A special thank you goes to everyone who attended, brought food, donated raffle items, and helped make the picnic a



success. Events like these remind us that while our shared interest may be the Model A Ford, it is the friendships and fellowship within the club that make our organization truly special.

— Charlotte



June 6 Breakfast Gathering

Seven members gathered for breakfast on June 6 at Golden Corral in Pensacola. Ron and Bunny, Mike and Debbie, Griff and

Terri Griffin, Joe Stephens, and our newest member, Joe Henderson, enjoyed not only a great breakfast but also the opportunity to spend

time together swapping stories and catching up with friends.

During the gathering, the group agreed that the July breakfast meeting should be canceled. We look forward to resuming our breakfast get-togethers in August.



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June 14, 2026 - Summer Picnic Meeting

Location: Garret Park, Robertsedale, AL
Call to Order 12:03 pm
18 people in attendance

1. Allen will be stepping down as President at year end. He will remain as a Co-Treasurer, National Rep and Event Coordinator. He asked for someone to step up and lead the club.

2. Events:

- a. 19th & 20th of June, Northside of Pensacola there will be a show – display Azalea Trace Elder Care.
- b. Allen's truck will be on display for the 4th of July. If anyone is involved in Independence Day Festivities please post or take photos and submit them to the newsletter.
- c. Sept 19 Heritage Museum meeting bring your A to benefit the Museum. They have been very

generous to host our meeting at no cost.

- d. December 2 Lillian Christmas Parade
3. Thank you new members, Joe and Denise Henderson, for bringing your A!!
 - a. Introductions were made with the new member.
4. If you are out in your A, take a picture and submit to the newsletter
5. Proposal from Charlotte to change our donations obligations for each year
 - a. \$200 to the host club of the NAB (National Awards Banquet) to help offset the early stages of planning. Working with National to know what club to send the donation to.
 - b. \$100 to the National College or Restoration Scholarship Fund

- c. Charlotte made a motion for the above change, Terry Collins second, Passed

6. Discussion on supporting MAFCA. First year is free and \$50 a year after. Becky will email the free membership form with a welcome to GCMAC club email letter. National membership includes Members area on the website, the Restorer Magazine, National Tours, National Meets, 3 Free Classified Ads and more.
7. Becky gave a financial report. Membership report of 28 active members.
8. Martha made a motion to close the meeting. Passed
9. Raffle ticket drawing happened.

Respectfully submitted Kathy McNamara

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Classifieds



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Email to
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@yahoo.com

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date is the
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month

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Model A Facebook:

Private, by invitation only, Facebook group, "Today's Model A." This is for members-only group. Interested in joining the group, contact Scott.

Club Activities:

Monthly

Club Breakfast in Pensacola
July 4 8:30 am

Golden Corral 2260 Langley Ave, Pensacola, FL

September

19 11am

GCMAC Quarterly Meeting

Baldwin County Heritage Museum, 25521 US-98 Elberta Drive your Model A's club photo and more!

Have parts or a car you want to sell? Need a certain part for your restoration? Submit your ad and we'll run it in the newsletter for approximately 3 months. Email your ad with photos to Charlotte at realracegrill@gmail.com

MAFCA Activities:

August

21-22 5th Annual Model A Swap Meet Thomson, Georgia
See flyer at the end of the newsletter

September

10-17

Model A Days

December

2026 MAFCA National Awards Banquet Cincinnati, Ohio

2027

January

9 42nd Annual Winter Model A Swap Meet
Shepherdsville, Kentucky

June

13-18 2027 MAFCA National Tour Durango, Colorado

Regional Activities:

July

24-25 Hot Rod Nationals.

Destin, FL. 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd, Fort Walton Beach, Purchase tickets or register your ride at thehotrodnationals.com.

25 SEMCC Tillmans Corner Kids Day Car Display 5055 Carol Plantation Rd, Mobile, AL

August

8 Wilmer Community Car Show 8-2pm. 12140 Moffett Rd, Wilmer.

September

12-13 7th Annual Sparks in

the Park Car, Truck & Bike Show. 8-1pm, Mullet Festival Grounds, Niceville. Reg \$40
19 Hammers & Hotrods Car Show. 8am -2pm. Fort Walton Beach High School. Email: jgf@biaow.org

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Era Fashions



Looking One's Loveliest in 1929 A Pictorial Summary of Model 'A' Fashions

By Jill Barrett, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, California

1929 was a year to remember and a year that rang-out an exciting decade. The 1920's brought consumers' clothing catalogs with ready to wear outfits beyond 'Sunday best' or company outfits that indulged the consumer with larger wardrobes without too much expense or bother.

Henry Ford's advertising campaign emphasized the ease of driving, control under all conditions and a comfortable easy-riding car. With impressive sales figures in January

1929, Ford predicted to make 2,000,000 automobiles in 1929.

As the decade came to a close, the economic barometers were predicting disaster. This was also the year that proved the adage, as hemlines went up, stock prices went down.



1929 fashions found embroidery in ultrafashionable circles used on child's party dresses, smock-top frocks, and women's handbags

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Waistlines were creeping upwards with waist lines at the top of the hips and a seam curving upward to suggest a higher line seen in the gold dress below. The hem line was widened with flares placed low on a circular skirt.



Necklines were also softened with the popularity of scarves either as a separate scarf or as a collar that suggested a scarf line in the shape of a V. "Week-end wardrobes needed these informal frocks."

Popular colors for spring and summer were mint green, cedar rose and cadet blue. In fall and winter, darker colors like black and shades of brown were mixed with lighter colors. For more information about colors in the Model A era, check out The Color of Fashions in Your Model A World written by MAFCA member Peggy Gill. Her research and color descriptions will steer you in the right direction to recreate that perfect ensemble.



Evening and afternoon tea dresses might have an uneven hemline or trailing scarf. As a rule, the 1929 hemline was 3" below the knee, the length of the dress at the back hem for misses was 42", stout women was 45" and petite was 40-41".



Men's suits with shadow stripes were smart. Suits were made using a fine wool with neat silk stripes worsted for long wear.

Popular colors were an oxford gray with a darker gray or blue accent, brown with a dark brown accent and dark blue. Smart dressers were seen with wide cuff bottom trousers.

With so many clothing options available, 1929 started as a year to be out-and-about driving your stylish, new car and spending time with your active friends in your new clothes.



In young girls fashions, smocking formed a smart decoration on practical frocks worn with matching bloomers. Three rows of shirring mark the slot through where the sash is passed and the new French collar attached to the edge of the yoke suggested short sleeves on a sleeveless frock.

Detachable capes made frocks smart for school and blouses tucked in skirts with a short jacket were some of the popular patterns available to make at home.



Deep cape collars were shown and cape fashions were smart and sporty for active lives and daytime clothes similar to ones in the MAFCA Fashion Guidelines. The sport frocks were designed with practical lines similar to general utility wear, the main difference was the utility frock had sleeves and the sport fashion was sleeveless and generally worn under a short jacket.

Tech Tips

Stop Light Switch Anatomy

By Tom Endy,
Westminster, CA

For those folks driving a Model A with a 6-volt electrical

system, a converter is available that will provide 10 amps of 12-volt DC power to operate a GPS, a back-up camera, or

any other 12-volt device, and re-charge a cell phone while rolling down the road. It is small enough to be mounted under the dash rail along with an automotive power output receptacle.



The converter is available on-line from Amazon and is described as a Digiten 6-volt to 12-volt converter with a 10 amp output capacity. The device size is 2.9" X 2.9" X 1.25" and is priced at \$28.99.



Era Photos



Army Air Secretary to Fly on Inspection Tour of Canal Zone

3-8-28 - Assistant Secretary of War Devision and Major Gen. James E. Fechet, Chief of the Air Corps, plan to fly from Washington to Panama to inspect Air Corps activities there and the Canal Zone air defense, on March 11, this being the first time planes are to be used by Federal officials on inspection outside the continental limits of the United States. From left to Right they are: Assistant Secretary Trubee Davison of War; Major General James E. Fechet, Chief Army Air Corps; Capt. Ira C. Eaker; & Lieut Muir S. Faitchild, the four who will make the flight.

Leaders in Aeronautics Inspect Department of Commerce Air Markers

12-14-28 - Colonel Charles A. Lindberg; Henry Ford and William P. MacCracken, Jr. photographed together on the roof of the Department of Commerce where they were shown the air markers being developed by the Department for the aid of night and day flying.





James A Dewar inventor of the Twinkie

A Sweet New Arrival for 1930: The Birth of the Twinkie

When our Model A Fords were still rolling off assembly lines and Americans were adjusting to the challenges of the Great Depression, another icon made its debut. On April 6, 1930, the Twinkie was born.

The story begins in Illinois at the Continental Baking Company. Baker James "Jimmy" Dewar noticed that machines used to make cream-

filled strawberry shortcakes sat idle whenever strawberries were out of season. Rather than let valuable equipment gather dust, he came up with a new idea: a small sponge cake filled with banana cream. The result was a snack cake that would become one of America's most recognizable treats.

Dewar reportedly chose the name after seeing a billboard

advertising "Twinkle Toe Shoes." He shortened the name, and the "Twinkie" was introduced to the public.

The timing couldn't have been better. In 1930, a nickel still had buying power, families were looking for inexpensive treats, and many Americans were driving cars much like our beloved Model As. While a new Ford Model A coupe might have

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cost around \$500, a Twinkie was an affordable luxury that almost anyone could enjoy.

Interestingly, the original Twinkie filling was banana cream. During World War II, bananas became difficult to obtain, so the company switched to the vanilla-flavored cream filling most people know today. The change proved so popular that it remained even

after bananas became readily available again.

Like the Model A Ford, the Twinkie survived changing times, economic ups and downs, and evolving consumer tastes. While Model A production ended in 1931, Twinkie production continued for decades. In fact, Americans now consume hundreds of millions of Twinkies each year.

One persistent myth claims that Twinkies can survive for decades—or even a nuclear war. The truth is much less dramatic. A Twinkie's shelf life is only about 45 days. That's still considerably longer than a banana cream pie riding on the rumble seat of a Model A during a summer tour!

So the next time you're out enjoying a drive in your Model A, remember that in 1930 Americans were discovering two things that would become lasting symbols of their era: Henry Ford's dependable Model A and a little cream-filled snack cake called the Twinkie. One carried families down the road, and the other kept them happy along the way.

Sources: Northern Public Radio, "This Week in Illinois History: Birth of the Twinkie"; historical information from the history of the Twinkie and Hostess Brands.

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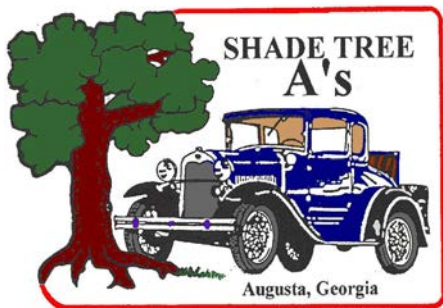
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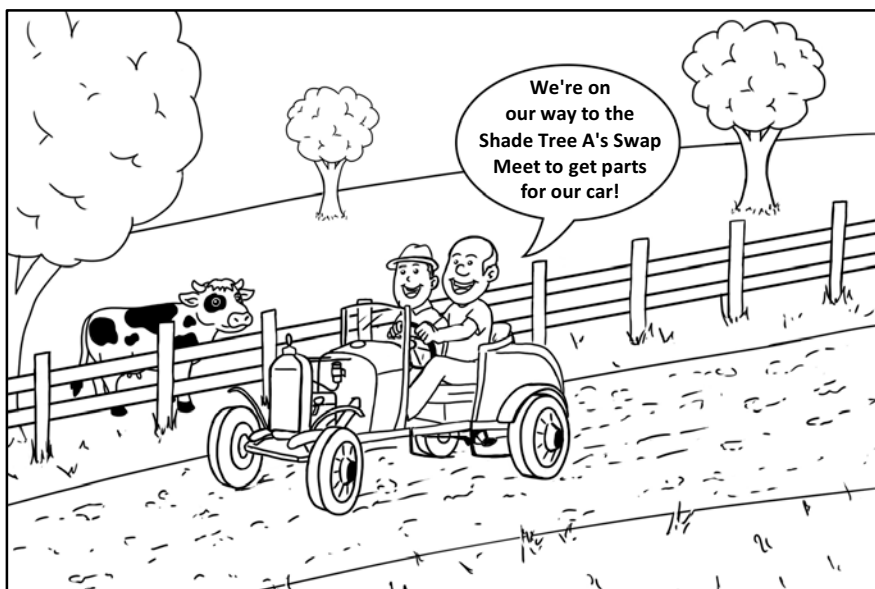




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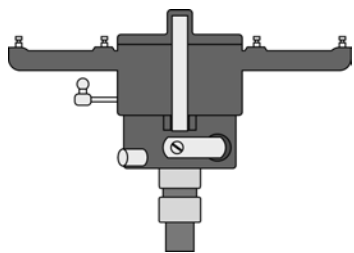


There is no Parking, Admission or Vendor fee for this event. Come enjoy your day with fellow Model A enthusiasts. This year we are sponsoring a special workshop on Model A distributors and carburetor diagnosis. See details below. Lunch will be available. For more information, contact:

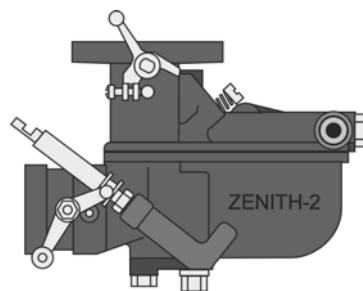
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Distributor and Carburetor Diagnostic Workshop

SATURDAY, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon



The Model A gurus tell us that if we think we have a distributor problem, we have a carburetor problem, and if we think we have a carburetor problem, we have a distributor problem. The Shade Tree A's are proud to present a workshop on Model A distributors and carburetors. Have your issues professionally evaluated by Eric Shogren, owner of Guben's Garage, a Model A repair facility in Aiken, SC. Bring your Model A distributor, ignition cable, and/or carburetor for evaluation and take advantage of Eric's many years of experience working on, diagnosing and repairing Model A's. The Workshop will be located in the air conditioned shop.



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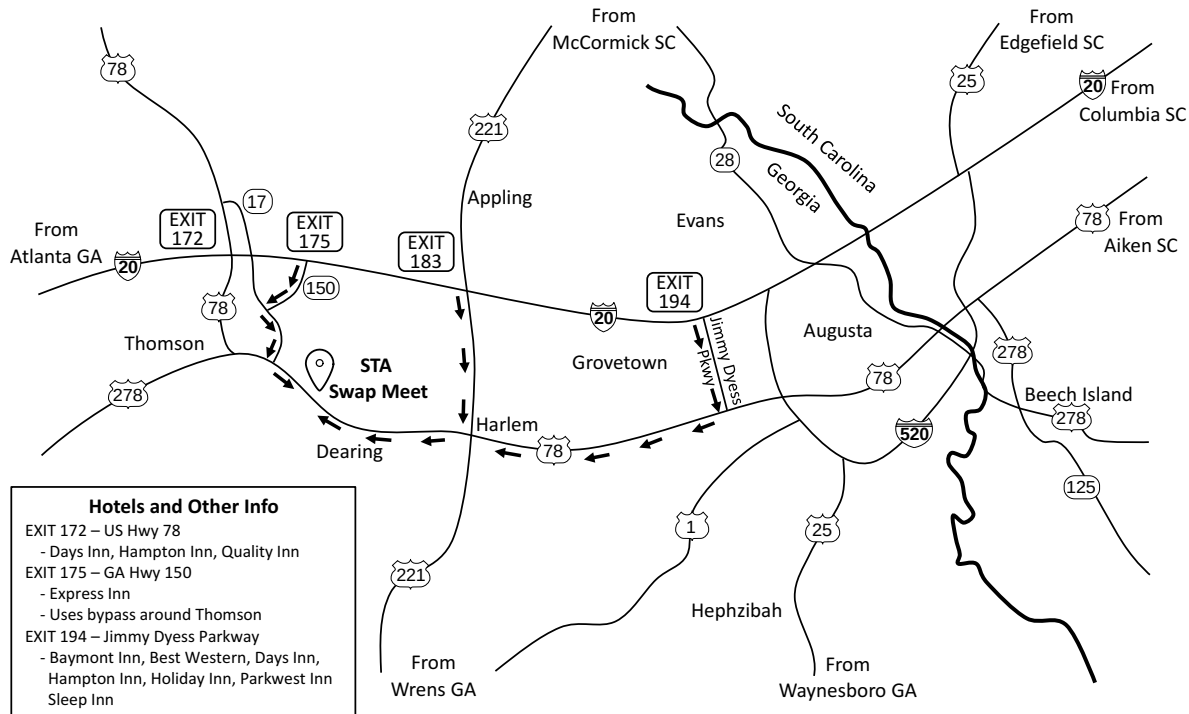


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MAFCA is a not-for-profit corporation with members and local affiliated chapters all over the globe. This makes us the largest car club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. We hope you enjoy looking through our site, and we invite you to join us! Membership in Model A Ford Club of America is encouraged. MAFCA Dues are \$50.00 and should be mailed to: MAFCA Headquarters, 250 South Cypress, LaHabra, CA 90631-5586 For more info visit: <https://www.mafca.com/>



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WELCOME.

We have breakfast the first Saturday each month in Pensacola and the second Saturday each month in Mobile. The Traveler, our newsletter, is published monthly and will come by e-mail. It is also posted on our website at [www.gulfcoastmodelclub.net/GMAC Traveler](http://www.gulfcoastmodelclub.net/GMAC%20Traveler).



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