



## Sun, Thunder, and Fried Chicken: A Classic Gulf Coast Picnic

In true Gulf Coast fashion, summer served up its usual suspense. Pop-up thunderstorms danced all around Garret Park, rumbling just close enough to keep us on our toes. But luck—or maybe a little divine favor—was on our side. The rain skirted right around us, leaving our annual Gulf Coast Model A Club picnic high, dry, and ready to roll.

Garret Park has been home to this summertime gathering for as long as most of us can

remember. It's where old stories are retold, new memories are made, and Model A friends become family.

As if choreographed, everyone seemed to arrive at once. In no time, the pavilion came to life—tables moved, coolers unpacked, and the unmistakable buzz of shared excitement in the air. Before we could say “pass the potato salad,” the tables were overflowing with one of the finest potluck spreads you could hope for.

At the center of it all, the fried chicken stole the show once again. The crunch, the seasoning, perfection

And for those watching their sugar, yes, there were even guilt-free desserts that didn't skimp on flavor.

Terry gathered us for a blessing, and then it was time to dig in. Plates were filled, laughter echoed, and stories flowed like sweet tea on a hot day.

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### July Birthdays

13 Kitty Ross  
22 John Thompson  
23 Andrea Short



### Anniversaries

4 Darrin & Charlotte Dahlenburg  
15 Al & Marilyn Manning  
19 Jim & Michele Gray

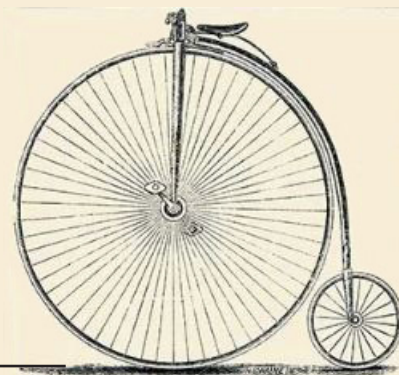
### Message from ...

Hello all,

Hoping everyone is well. I would like to start by thanking all those who have been participating in our events we have held lately. I hope with all the additional events that we can continue to grow our numbers and presence in the community. If you haven't been able to join us, please check out our calendar for what the rest of the year will be bringing. Opportunities to be a part of the national events, in our region, are coming very soon. Be sure to check out our website for events and the registration forms. I was really impressed at the friendliness a National events brought. I knew no one there, and by the final day, I felt like I had expanded my family circle. And now I'm ready to introduce them to those of you that have never been to this level of an event.

Thank you,

*Allen*



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# Club Happenings

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A second table brimmed with door prizes, adding a little extra spark to the afternoon. One lucky member scored an extra ticket by nailing a trivia question—because who doesn't love a little friendly competition?

Our very own Joe Stephens won the Grease Monkey's Award from MAFCA.

It was a day full of charm, cheer, and just the right amount of weather drama to make it memorable. Until next year, Garret Park - same time, same place, same delicious fried chicken.

-Charlotte



Joe Stephens receiving the Grease Monkey Award







## Saturday June 14 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened by Allen Braddy, our President.

A short explanation of the by laws was given and the updated version was emailed to all members as per the current bylaws requirements. Becky Baisden motioned that the changes in the new version be accepted as is. Joe Stevens second the motion - bylaws were passed

Our Club Swap Meet to be held June 28. 8-2pm to be held at 2206 LaVista Ave, Pensacola, FL is about here. The vendors that are in Virginia right now say the event is the buzz. We are expecting a good turn out. Set up can start as early at 6am. Parking across the street. We will have volunteers making

burgers and dogs.

Our next meeting, September 20 at the Baldwin County Heritage Museum we will be updating our photo on website. Please bring your Model A.

National Awards Banquet Update - Becky has set up Venmo for payments. We currently have 8 registrations. Becky has collected enough money to pay back club for the bus deposit. Auction and raffle tickets items request went out to all the Chapter Presidents last week. We are in the process of looking for items close by. If you have contacts with any store or company please ask them for a donation. We will group items together to make interesting baskets.

Also the item do not have to be Model A related.

5. Officer nomination will be held at the next meeting. If you would like to hold a position or continue your position please let the Board members know.

6. Christmas Celebration Dinner is going to be in November. Nancy Pampel is checking with Ivies (same place as last year). Elections must be held in the 4th quarter so November 15 was put a tentative date. Nancy will give us full details at the next meeting

7. Terry Pampel made a motion to close the meeting and Becky second the motion. Meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted -  
Charlotte Dahlenburg



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## A Full Circle Moment with the Family Truck



On May 31, Sabine and I took a memorable trip down to Nashville, Georgia in our 1929 Ford AA Stake Truck. We were headed to a car show at my cousin's church, but this was more than just another show.

While I drove on to Valdosta, a family member had the chance to ride in the truck her father once loved. Her dad was the very person who gifted the truck to my own father, making it a heartfelt full-circle



moment. The truck itself was originally purchased by my grandfather, Wilson Allen Braddy, in 1930. It served on the family farm for decades, hauling everything from crops to community goodwill, and even pitched in during local government projects.

Now, all these years later, the old Ford still brings people together. We spent the day sharing stories, enjoying the local car culture, and even

meeting a cousin, Tommy, who I had never met before. The show was great, but the real joy was in reconnecting with family and honoring the legacy of a truck that just keeps rolling through generations.  
- Allen Braddy



## Quiz Time!

Read the newsletter to find the answers to the following questions.

### 1. Who was honored in the Era Photos?

A. Floyd Bennett, B. Captain Koehl, C. Micky Mouse, D. President Truman

### 2. Who was honored with the Greece Monkey Award?

A. Allen Braddy, B. Joe Stephens, C. Martha Fuller D. Michele Gray

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Submissions to  
realracegrill1  
@gmail.com

# Classifieds

Submission  
date is the  
20th of each  
month



## For Sale

### 1931 Model A Coupe

Not original motor.  
Includes extra signal  
light kit, right side tail  
light and cowl lights

Rose Overstreet

•850-393-6103

•jmoore9161@gmail.com



## For Sale

### 1931 Ford Model A Pickup

\$20,500

New tires, stone guard and new  
battery pictures on request.  
Other item for sale, front axle,  
rear axle, frame, starters and  
generators, and other items.

Contact Larry Nelson

251-323-8050



## WANTED

1931 Ford Model A  
engine that is  
running and ready  
to place in car.

Send price and  
location.

Carl Whaley

850-377-5464,

mncewhaley@

bellsouth.net

Have parts or a car you  
want to sell? Need a  
certain part for your  
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# Entertainment

Submission  
date is the  
20th of each  
month

## Car Shows, Events, Cruise Ins & More

### Model A Facebook:

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

### Club Activities:

#### Monthly

#### Club Breakfast in Pensacola

**July 5 8:30 am**

Golden Corral 2260 Langley Ave, Pensacola

#### September

**20 11am**

#### GCMAC Quarterly Meeting

Baldwin County Heritage Museum, 25521 US-98 Elberta

#### November

**15 11:30-1:30**

#### Christmas Dinner

Ivey's Fine Dining  
18427 Pennsylvanian St.,  
Robertsdale

#### December

**3-6 National Awards**

**Banquet Hosted by GCMAC in Mobile.** Must Preregister for events and be a member of MAFCA to participate. Non MAFCA members can volunteer to help with various jobs to make the event happen.

### MAFCA Activities:

#### August

**15**

Model A Ford Swap Meet  
Thompson GA

#### September

**13 All day**

#### INTERNATIONAL MODEL A

**FORD DAY – Worldwide**

**Sept.22-Oct. 13, 2025**

**Route 66 Tour – United States**

#### October

**31-Nov 2**

2025 Florida Model A Day at the Barberville Pioneer Settlement, Barberville, Florida

#### December

**3-6**

#### 2025 MAFCA National

**Awards Banquet – Mobile, Alabama**

#### May

**May 31- June 7**

#### 2026 MAFCA National

**Convention – Pendleton, Oregon**

### Regional Activities:

#### August

**23 Emerald Coast**

#### Powerfest Automotive

**and Audio Show, 10-3pm.**  
Escambia County Equestrian Center, 7750 Mobile Hwy, Pensacola, FL.

**30 8th OWA Labor Day Car & Motorcycle Show, 8-4pm.**

OWA Park & Resort, 1501 S. OWA Blvd., Foley, AL

#### September

**13-14 7th Annual Sparks**

#### in the Park Car, Truck and

#### Bike Show, Mullet Festival

Grounds Niceville, FL

**27 Abba Shrine Swap**

#### Meet & Grand Bay Country

**Cruisers Car Show, 7-3pm.**

Abba Shrine Center, 7701 Hitt Rd., Mobile, AL

#### October

**4 Olde Time Days &**

#### Tractor, Antique Car &

#### Truck Show, Baldwin County

Bicentennial Park, 9-4pm.

51233 Highway 225, Stockton, AL

**5-12, 29th Cruisin The**

#### Coast, Mississippi Gulf

#### Coast, Cruise Central

Registration Desk, 200 E Beach Blvd, Gulfport, MS.

**18 35th SABCC Annual**

#### British Car Festival, 9-4pm.

Fairhope United Methodist Church, 155 S. Section St., Fairhope, AL

**25 21st Lillian Methodist**

#### Men's "Best of Decades"

**Car Show, 8-2:30pm.** Lillian United Methodist Church, 12770 South Perdido Street, Lillian, AL

#### November

**1 7th American Legion**

#### Open Car Show, 8-2pm.

American Legion Post 99, 2101 S. McKenzie St., Foley, AL Vehicle Registration is free.







## Era Photos



### Caisson, Bearing Body of Bennet On Way To Burial Plot

4-27-28 Photo shows the caisson, bearing the body of Floyd Bennett and escorted by eight pallbearers chosen from the ranks of petty officers of the Navy, on its way through Arlington National Cemetery to the final resting place of Floyd Bennett.

### Conquerors of Westward Trail Speak Before "Mike" Here...

4-28-28 Major Fitsmaurice, Captain Koehl and Baron Huenefeld, who arrived at Washington to pay a last tribute to Floyd Bennett, are shown before the microphone at Bolling Field where they are guests of Major Davidson, Commandant, until their return to New York today.



– Photographer Bill Shrout





# Era Fashions



## Plus Four Knickers for Fun

By Rosie Cassou, Cruisin' A's of Hemet, CA & Era Fashion Committee

Knickers or Plus Four trousers certainly set a style in the Model A Era. The look was one of fun and carefree activity. While the origin of knickers and Plus Fours came from the early 19th century, the practical use for men and women were on the sporting fields, shooting range, golf courses, and for a



casual drive in a sporty Model A roadster.

They were called plus fours because they bagged below the knee and were 4" longer than knickerbockers. Plus fours were made in tweeds, linen, corduroy, flannel, and wool. Today women, men, or youth can wear a pair of Plus Fours either in the Original Category fashion judging or in the Era Image Category. Appropriate Coordinating Apparel would be a long sleeved shirt with a sweater vest, a patterned sweater, or a matching or contrasting suit jacket. A jacket belted in the back, made the outfit more "sporty" looking. The heavy argyle socks worn with tie shoes

were often the first features noticed by others. Sometimes the socks and sweater were matching to add a daring flare to the ensemble. For accessories, a man, or woman might use a golf club, a road map, a suitcase, or a walking stick. For youth, accessories might be sporting or camping equipment or schoolbooks.

Fashion enthusiasts can make their own pair of Plus Fours from a pair of roomy trousers with or without front pleats, measure 10-12 inches from cuff and mark this line with safety pins. Try on pants, sit down, and make sure you have plenty of comfort room to bend your knees plus an extra



1/2 inch for the seam allowance. The safety pinned line should not curve up your knee but be parallel to the floor. If necessary, adjust the whole line. You can always trim length, but not add it back on. When you are satisfied your knees will have plenty of bending (sitting) room, and then cut the excess lower leg fabric. Save the cuff cut off the trouser leg for making the band that will fit just below the knee. Fasteners on the band can ease putting the Plus Fours on and will help to hold the band in place below the knee.

Another option is to make a casing, inserting wide elastic that measures the circumference of your leg just below your knee. The extra length of fabric will fall over the band creating the ballooning of the fabric, which gives Plus Fours the characteristic style.



As more Model A enthusiasts are finding Era Image a comfortable way to travel, wearing a pair of Plus Fours while driving your Model A will add value to your experience and will certainly catch the eye of onlookers!

Enjoy driving all year long in your favorite pair of knickers or Plus Fours

MAFCA Fashion Guidelines, 2015 Edition Driving in Style, MARC August 2019

December 2010 Phoenix Magazine, Phoenix in the 1920s

# The Model A Ford Club of America MAFCA

*Serving Model A Ford owners since 1955*



Our award winning magazine  
"The Restorer"

MAFCA is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Ford Model A and AA cars and trucks, as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. We are an active, family-friendly organization whose members share a passion for these historic vehicles, plus other aspects of life in that era, such as fashions.

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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# Tech Tips

## The Tudor Basement

By Tom Endy,  
Westminster, CA

A number of years ago there was a company that offered a device called a Tudor basement that fit in a Model A Tudor and provided storage space under the rear floorboard. The storage compartment was made of sheet metal and straddled the torque tube. The floor board had to have a trap door cut into it that would open to allow access. The item was discontinued when the Model A overdrive came into being. The Tudor basement conflicted with an overdrive installation and fell out of vogue. Many Tudor basements were removed in favor of an overdrive.

During the restoration of my grandson Ben's 1930 Tudor we definitely wanted to install a Tudor basement, we also wanted a Mitchell overdrive. It occurred to me that we could have both with a little ingenuity. A Mitchell overdrive configured for a Victoria body style has the gear box positioned in the drive train 4.5 inches further forward in order to clear the rear dropped floor pan. There could be enough room behind the gear box to fabricate a Tudor basement that would be



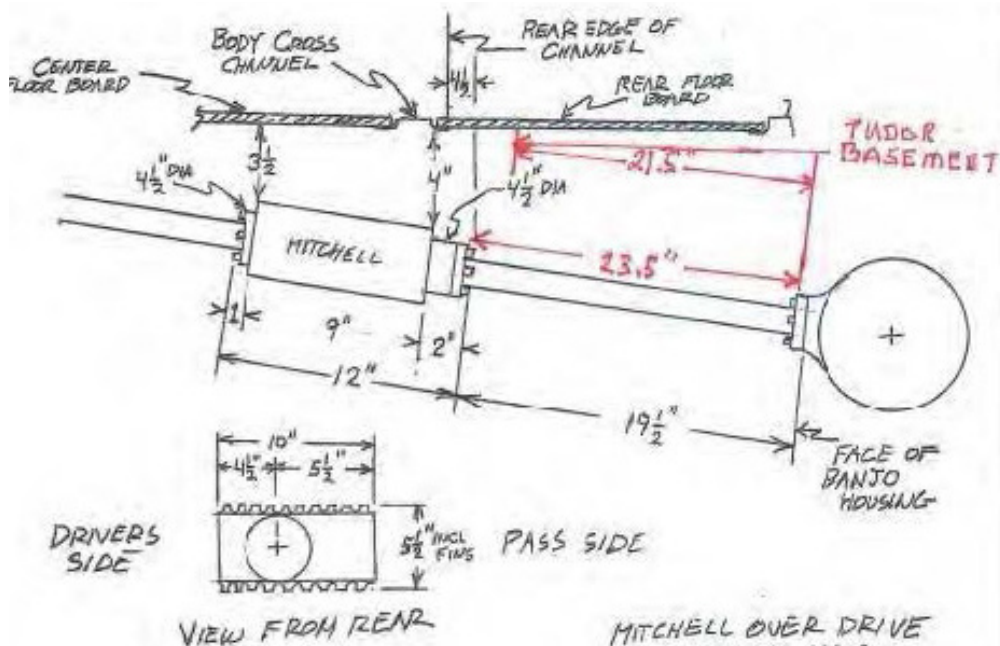
March 9, 2020 - Ben's 1930 Tudor when it was first acquired and the restoration began. By December 31, 2022 the restoration was complete and the Tudor has both a basement and a Mitchell overdrive.

compatible with the overdrive.

Chris Wickersham, the technical director for the Santa Anita A's, has a 1930 Tudor with a standard Mitchell overdrive in it. I asked Chris to send me some measurements, instead he sent me a detailed engineering drawing of the installation. The drawing is seen below. From his drawing we concluded that a Tudor basement installation with a Victoria configured overdrive was possible. We then constructed a basement out of cardboard to fit in the car and to clear all the other obstacles. When we were satisfied with the cardboard construction we

took it to a sheet metal shop and had the Tudor basement fabricated from sheet metal, and hoped it would be compatible with a future Mitchell overdrive installation. When the overdrive was eventually installed we were pleased to see it fit as desired. In fact there was two inches of clearance at the front, we could have increased the length of the basement by one inch and still have had enough clearance. In Chris' drawing below, the red lined dimensions show how the gear box of a Victoria configured Mitchell overdrive and the fabricated Tudor basement relate.





The above diagram sent by Chris Wickerson shows the dimensions of a standard Mitchell overdrive installed in a 1930 Tudor. We are anticipating installing a device called a Tudor basement in Ben's car, which is essentially a dropped floor pan tool compartment. It would be located under the floor board in front of the back seat. The concern is if it would conflict with the eventual installation of a Mitchell overdrive.

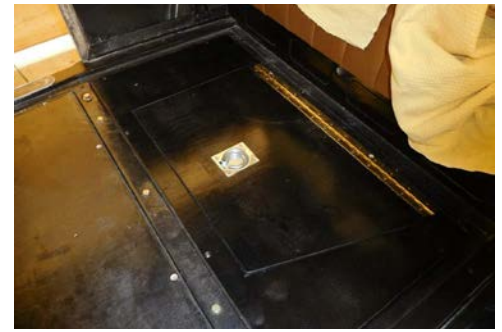
My conclusion is that if a Mitchell overdrive was ordered from a Victoria it would position the housing 4.5 inches further forward (25 inches instead of 19.5 inches) and it would be well out of the way of basement installation.



Photo of a Tudor" basement that was marketed some while back.



This photo shows the sheet metal fabricated Tudor basement installed in Ben's 1930 Tudor. The basement is sitting on the metal rails that the floorboard attach to. The floorboard was placed over it and the mounting screw holes were marked on the basement. With the holes drilled out in the basement, the mounting screws go down through both the floorboard and the basement. The basement was later painted black inside and out.



This photo shows the floorboard installed with the trap door cut into it. The piano hinge and the pull handle were procured from Home Depot.

The rear axle assembly with Victoria configured overdrive can be removed and installed with the Tudor basement in place.



This photo shows the trap door open. The Tudor basement is a great place to carry tools, some spares, and a place to hide things. A carpet will cover the floorboard.



After the car was reupholstered the basement is completely hidden by the carpet. If prohibition ever comes back it will be an excellent place to hide booze when transporting it across a state line.





## President Calvin Coolidge's Adoption into the Sioux Tribe (1927)



A striking portrait of President Coolidge donning a traditional Sioux war bonnet during the adoption ceremony

In the summer of 1927, President Calvin Coolidge and First Lady Grace Coolidge spent several months in the Black Hills of South Dakota, residing at the State Game Lodge in Custer State Park, which served as the "Summer White House." During this time, President Coolidge engaged with various Native American tribes, including the Sioux.

On August 4, 1927, during the annual Days of '76 celebration in Deadwood, South Dakota, President Coolidge was ceremonially adopted into the Sioux tribe. The ceremony was led by

Chief Chauncey Yellow Robe, a descendant of Sitting Bull, and his daughter, Rosebud Yellow Robe. As part of the adoption, Coolidge was given the Lakota name "Wanblee-Tokaha," meaning "Leading Eagle," and was presented with a traditional feathered war bonnet. Grace Coolidge was also honored with a pair of moccasins.

The adoption was in recognition of Coolidge's signing of the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, which granted U.S. citizenship to all Native Americans born in the United States. The event was attended by thousands of



Sioux tribe members and was widely covered in the press, with photographs of Coolidge wearing the war bonnet appearing on the front pages of major newspapers.

Rosebud Yellow Robe, then a student at the University of South Dakota, gained national attention for her role in the ceremony. Her image was widely reported by the press, and she became an instant national celebrity. She was sought after by film and theatrical agents, including Cecil B. DeMille, who tried to persuade her to take the title role in his movie "Ramona," but she declined.

The ceremony was not only

a personal honor for President Coolidge but also a significant cultural event, symbolizing a gesture of goodwill and acknowledgment of his efforts to improve relations between the U.S. government and Native American tribes.

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Photograph of President Coolidge with members of the Sioux Indian Republican Club of the Rosebud Reservation on the White House lawn. Source: Library of Congress





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December 3-6, 2025

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## Bus Tours

29th Annual Magic Christmas in  
Lights - Bellingrath Gardens

USS Alabama Battleship  
Memorial Park

Mobile History Trolley Tour

## Seminars

Fashion with Sherry Winkinhofer

Mechanics with Paul Shinn

Secret History of Mobile with Todd Duren

History of Alabama Roadways with Dr. Martin Olliff

