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Monthly Message

No one stepped forward to plan a Christmas party this year and since we didn't have a picnic or a Christmas party last year, Yvonne and I decided to plan a last minute Club Christmas Dinner at Paula Deen's Family Kitchen at OWA in Foley. If we get enough RSVP's before December 1st, we'll go for it so it's dependent on members letting us know that they want to get together. There are more details about the Christmas party later in this newsletter. RSVP Jim or Yvonne Quinlan.

Yvonne and I just returned from Ft. Payne Alabama touring with the North Alabama Touring Club and we had a ball despite some wet weather. The old cars are a lot of fun but the best part is hanging out with fellow Model 'A' enthusiasts.

In Ft Payne, we saw Paul and Marie Majerick from the Central Alabama Group and Sweet Home Alabama tour group. Paul said they were hoping for another Sweet Home Alabama tour. So get your cars ready to tour !!

Jim
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Thanks to Nancy and Terry Pampel for printing and mailing the newsletter to several people who do not have an email account.

Coming Events Calendar

For a comprehensive list of car shows in our area, here's a link to the Gearjammers website with them listed: <https://bamagearjammers.com/events.html>

Club Meeting Saturday, November 6, 11 am

Baldwin County Heritage Museum
25521 US-98, Elberta, AL

There may be a short presentation
How to maintain and refresh your Model 'A's Sparton Horn

Drive your Model 'A' and bring a snack to share



CLUB MEETING

Thursday November 11, Pensacola Veterans Day Parade

Line-up is at 7:30-8:00 at the latest. Parade starts at 9:00am and we'll meet in the "vicinity" of Garden and Spring Street.



Decorate your cars and join us **to honor veterans** !



November 24 Thanksgiving

Be thankful !



December 11 1PM

GCMAC Christmas Dinner at Paula Deen's Restaurant Downtown OWA (Tentative)

Reserve your place at our Christmas party by calling or email Jim & Yvonne Quinlan by December 1st. More details at our next meeting November 6th, and in this newsletter.



December 25 Christmas Day



January 1, 2022 New Years Day

Any one up for starting 2022 off right with a drive in their Model 'A's?



April 24 - 28, 2022 Nachez Trace Parkway Tour.

Details to be announced later in the year as we finalize the planning.

June 12-17, 2022 MAFCA National Convention

Kerrville, Texas Hosts: Alamo A's.

Make plans to attend now ! It will be a FUN time hanging out with hundreds of Model 'A's and their owners.

Garage meet / Tech Day October 16



Setting float levels of Zenith Carburetors and flow testing jets and valves

We had a nice turnout at our October Garage meet / Tech Day. The weather could not have been any nicer with cooler temperatures and sunny skies. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed home made cupcakes, cider and cake.

Many people brought carburetors with them and it was surprising how many of these carburetors were not working due to a float valve being gummed up or loaded with rust particles / gunk so that the carburetors were getting zero to a very restricted flow from the gas source. Installing them on the test stand makes for an easy visual diagnosis as you could actually see the flow of gas into the carburetor (**or not**). When a good valve gets installed into



the carburetor and retested, you can see gas filling up the chamber and then determine the level. Special gasket shims are used to bring the level to 5/8" from the top of the fluid level to the lip of the carburetor. Remember, NEVER bend a carburetor float to adjust the level. Once you do that, you risk distorting the balance of the float which may degrade performance.

We stayed busy tearing down at least a half dozen carburetors. We also tested the carburetor jets flow using a flow tester which determines if the jets are within established specifications. These two testers can identify 75% of carburetor problems and save a lot of time on rebuilds. I spent a lot of time replicating a flow tester from one used by a famous Model 'A' carburetor guru Steve Pargeter to match Ford's standards. The float tester was fabricated based on a design I saw some time ago but I tweaked it to be more efficient and easy to use.



Several members drove their Model 'A's to the meet and it was fun socializing with other Model 'A' folks. There are quite a few new members in our club who are working to get their new Model 'A' acquisitions into good running condition again. As many of us know, it takes patience, but it can be very rewarding and enjoyable as these cool old cars are not very complicated.



Happenings of the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club

Terry Pampel and Jim Quinlan heating rivets red hot to peene down while installing the Front Brake roller track set.



October was **Radiator month** for Gulf Coast Model 'A' club Members Doug Wolbert, Chris Hornady, Mike Short and Bob Neidlinger all experienced radiator issues in the month of October (and these are just the members that we know about). Doug installed one of the aluminum ones on his AA truck so he could pick up seed at the co-op with his Model 'AA' dump truck. Bob had cleaned out his radiator with a foaming agent but didn't get all of it out so the water bubbled out while driving to the club breakfast.

Using an anti foaming agent fixed the problem.



New Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club members **Steve and Betty Tubbs** from Gulf Shores Alabama. Steve and Betty own a 1930 Model 'A' Deluxe Sport Coup.

Mike Short has been very busy getting his new 1930 Tudor into shape. He recently purchased it from someone in South Carolina and is hard at work fixing the car's quirks. Radiator, water pump, distributor, carburetor, new wiring harness, shocks, brakes/bearings. Whew ! Busy guy
Mike's Father in law helped develop the Natchez Trace Trail so they are interested in the April Natchez Trace tour.

GCMAC member **Rob Collins** loaned Mike a hub puller so he could inspect his rear axle/hub/drums.



After pulling the rear drum, grease was everywhere. Brakes and all were covered !

Wesley Chalk is looking into installing a new window for his AA Truck.

Lee Stepney and **Jim Quinlan** rebuilt Lee's Tillotson carburetor. Lee is the son of the late GCMAC member Harold Stepney

Got a new Model 'A'? Starting a new project or making progress on your current one? Send news and/or pictures to Jim at Tap5s@yahoo.com

North Alabama Model 'A' Touring Club Fall Color Tour in the mountains October 2021



Historical Tidbit

The Frank Mossberg Company was an important early maker of wrenches, automotive tools, and especially interchangeable socket sets. In the years before 1920, Mossberg along with Walden-Worcester both defined and dominated the early market for socket sets, and their products laid the groundwork for the later development of interchangeable socket tools.

During the 1920s the company continued to expand its automotive service tools line. In 1927 the company was reorganized as the APCO-Mossberg Company by merger with APCO (The Auto Parts Company) of Providence, Rhode Island. APCO was a maker of parts and specialty tools for the Model T Ford and Model A Ford, and some examples of their products can be seen in this ad.

This ad was found in papers belonging to Bruce Waterman. Julia shared this for the Quail Tale.



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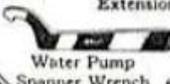
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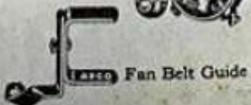


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Rear Wheel Pulley



Bakelite Oilless Timer



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Mechanical perfection. Design excellence. The two have never combined so fortuitously and timelessly as in the Ford Model A. Why? Because Henry Ford, who demanded mechanical perfection, and his son Edsel, who was a consummate design executive, briefly overcame their notoriously difficult relationship and combined forces to create the Model A. Nothing like dire necessity to call a truce on petty politics and focus the best minds on the task at hand. The whole future of the Ford Motor Company was at stake, and the result was superb, and set a standard that could never really be equaled. The Model A was undoubtedly the best Ford ever. In fact, it might well be the best car ever.

From Curbside Classic BY PAUL NIEDERMEYER - POSTED ON SEPTEMBER 3,

Natchez Trace Parkway tour update

Thanks to the efforts of our committee, the planning has been going forward and details are starting to firm up. It's all coming together as they say. The Host hotel in Natchez, Ms \$69.99 group rate allows us to store our car trailers there during the tour.

Committee members: Terri and Nancy Pampel, Charlotte Dahlenburg, Joe and Teresa Stephens, Jim & Yvonne Quinlan

Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club Annual Christmas Dinner

Join us December 11, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Paula Deen's Family Kitchen at OWA in Foley. The menu will be family style with a choice of 3 main courses - Southern Fried Chicken, Beef Pot Roast, or Fried Catfish.

The four sides will be Creamed Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Broccoli Casserole and Creamed Corn. Desert is included but drinks and gratuity are not.

Our group rate is \$16 per person if we can book at least 25 people.

We must know who is coming by December 1st so please don't forget to reserve your place RSVP Jim & Yvonne Quinlan (727)265-0381 or tap5s@yahoo.com. Let us know if you have any questions.



We hope to have a drawing for some nice prizes for our members. After dodging COVID and changing so many of our plans, this will be a nice way to end 2021 so be sure to mark your calendars and join us.



And as always, the world will love seeing you drive your Model 'A' to the party.



November Birthdays

- 17 Zeno Chaudron
- 24 Walt Fuller





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 and photos to Jim at tap5s@yahoo.com

Wanted to purchase:

Zenith or Marvel Carburetors needing restoration

Contact Jim Quinlan (727) 265-0381

Free to a good home:

I have two glass windows that are 26 1/2 x 14 one is perfect other has small crack both new free to anyone. If I can make it, I'll bring them to our next meeting November 6th.

Call Wesley Chalk (850) 232-8855



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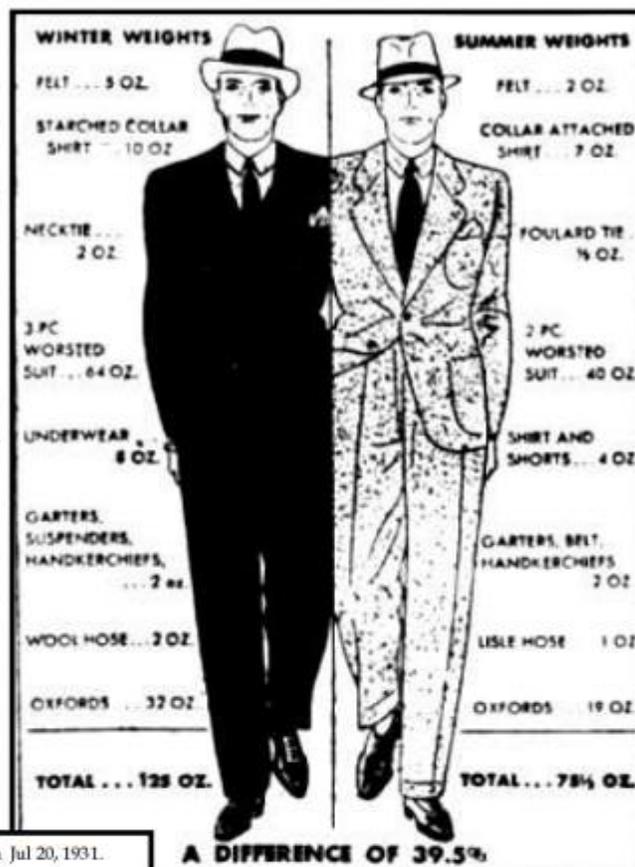


Era Fashions



The 1930s were a turbulent decade where the free-spirited, reckless, youthful "me" class of the roaring twenties was replaced by serious, masculine, working-class men who had responsibilities to their home and country. The stock market crash of 1929 not only put men out of work, but also out of reach of high fashions coming from Europe. The new man of the 1930s was conservative yet colorful, oversized yet practical, and confident yet concerned about his spending on unnecessary clothing. His "larger" than life look spoke to his optimism for a recovering economy and his role as the patriarchal head of household.

Hair was worn short and natural, parted on the side. Men left their pomade in the cabinet, going for the natural look. The older gentlemen still sported a mustache while carrying his cigarette case, wallet, signet ring, cuff links and two handkerchiefs; one in the pocket and one, for actual use, in the coat sleeve. The hearty man appears with a double-breasted, dark-colored suit and the hat brought down over the top of his face.



From *The Lincoln Star* on Jul 20, 1931.

Unemployed men outside a soup kitchen in Depression-era Chicago, Illinois, the US, 1931.



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*From the desk of 2021 Chapter Coordinator
Robert Bullard*

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Amongst all the planning each of you is doing for your local Chapters' fall outings don't forget the MAFCA National Awards Banquet being held in Ft. Worth from December 2nd through December 5th. If you live in colder climates it will be a good time to take an early break before hard winter weather settles in and if you live in more temperature moderate climates it presents an opportunity to enjoy cooler, fall weather. The Cowtown A's membership along with Jordan Douglas have put together a great agenda with plenty of opportunities to immerse yourselves into the local Ft. Worth culture. They have planned trips to the Ft. Worth Modern Art Museum, a walking tour of the historic Ft. Worth stockyards, an awesome banquet scheduled for Joe T. Garcia's Mexican food restaurant and a trip to the Stockyards Championship Rodeo. And of course, plenty of time to meet old friends, make new friends and catch up on all the latest at MAFCA and the Model A hobby. As we would say in Texas: "Alright Buckaroo's, this should make for a rootin' tootin' good time! Ya'll make sure ya come on down."

As you start to plan for your Christmas gift giving don't forget the great collection of Model A literature, books, pins, stickers, clothing, patches and other items available from MAFCA. We had a nice display of these items at the Hershey Swap Meet and they were well received and many sold from the many visitors to our tent. We clearly have items for those new to our hobby and the seasoned veterans as well. There is also a nice selection of Christmas Cards available that are very attractive.

Speaking of the Hershey Swap Meet you definitely want to put it on your bucket list if you haven't ever attended or if it's been a while since you were there. Attendance looked a little down this year as everyone continues to recuperate from the Covid 19 economic impacts. I still saw lots of great Model A parts available on the fields. I expect to see attendance and vendor participation to continue rebounding to historic norms. When you get a chance to attend don't forget to stop by the MAFCA tent and say hello. The tent is a great place to meet and catch up with fellow Model A hobbyists.

Drive carefully and "I'll see you down the road" (maybe at the MAFCA Notional Awards banquet in Ft. Worth?)

Robert
2021 Chapter Coordinator



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- Fine Point Vehicle Judging
- Era Fashions & Judging
- Restorers Class



I've been on vacation for that past few weeks touring the Pacific Northwest in the Model A but wanted to remind all members that ballots for MAFCA's annual election will soon be mailed to all members. Additionally, the September/October Restorer magazine contains election information and bios on the candidates. This year we have six candidates running for four openings so be sure to vote for no more than four.

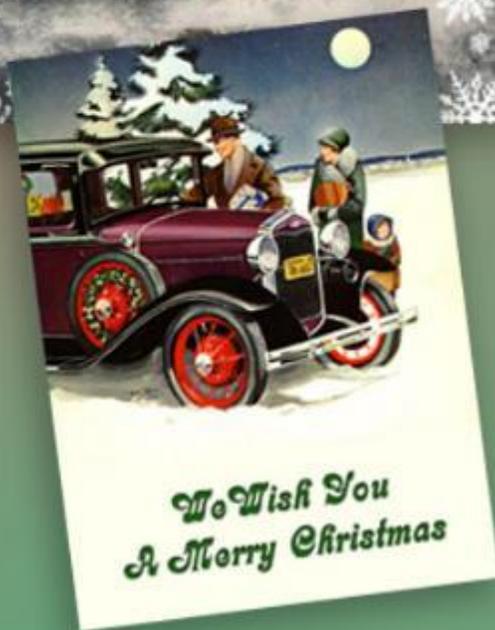
Your club has the option of collecting the chapter's ballots and mailing them to MAFCA in one envelope.

Robert
2021 Chapter Coordinator

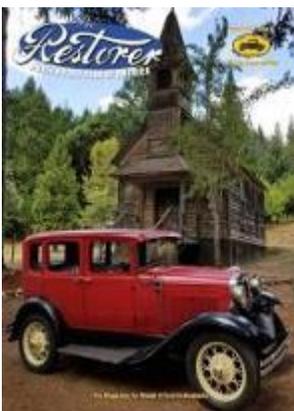
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About the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club

The Traveler newsletter is published for the membership and friends of the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club.

We strive to organize monthly outings 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
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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.

We have fun and would welcome you as a member whether you own a Model A or not. Come join with us in a wonderful hobby that is historical and worthwhile. You will meet friendly people who are in love with the Model 'A' and who love to drive, show and talk about these interesting cars.

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Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club website:

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