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Join MAFCA !!!

About GCMAC

This morning while enjoying a coffee, I feel particularly grateful for the enthusiasm that has been growing in our club. We are lucky to have good people that step up to make it an active club. Just look at the list in this month's newsletter of everyone that helped with our upcoming Natchez Trace Parkway trip. Plus, looking at the activities calendar, you'll see how fortunate we are to have members volunteering to coordinate an event. It's rewarding when you can be part of something knowing that your efforts have contributed to its success. Don't be shy to volunteer.

We have **many** newer members that are working hard to get their Model 'A's in good running shape. Some are already suggesting activities or tours they might plan in the future.

Of course, enthusiasm is more likely when you have a good running Model 'A'. It's a key ingredient that binds our club together. Reach out to fellow club members when you have questions or especially, if you want to lend a hand to help get their cars running and back on the road. If you don't already have a current copy of the club roster, you can request one from our club treasurer, Becky Baisden.

At least Four couples from our club will be driving their Model 'A's around 1500 miles on the Natchez Trace tour this month. That's a lot of miles in a Model 'A' and impressive. Plus, we'll be joined by some really cool Model 'A' folks that are driving in from all over the country. Besides Florida and Alabama, they're coming from SW Florida, Texas, Tennessee, Indiana and Iowa. As of today we have 26+ adventuresome people signed up with around a dozen Model 'A's. Add in the scenic and historic Natchez Trace Parkway in full bloom, along with beautiful spring weather, this is the perfect combination for a unique and wonderful adventure.

Jim Quinlan

Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club Newsletter Editor



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Natchez Trace Parkway Tour

Thank you for all the suggestions and help that was received in planning this trip
from Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club members:

John and Debra Bright
Becky Baisden
Terry and Nancy Pampel
Charlotte Dahlenburg
Joe and Teresa Stephens
Dick and Gerry Fischlein
Mike and Debbie Fowler
Jim and Yvonne Quinlan
Allen and Sabine Braddy
Wesley and Helen Chalk

This is the design of the metal Dash Plaque that participants of the tour will receive (1 per registration). There are 26+ people signed up for the tour. Should be fun.



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>

Saturday, April 2, 8:30 am Pensacola Breakfast
Golden Corral, 2260 Langley Avenue, Pensacola, FL

Apr 15 Good Friday

Apr 16 Civitan picnic - See brochure in newsletter. This picnic is given each year for agencies that work with people with developmental disabilities. Thank you to **Becky Baisden for Coordinating**



Apr 17 Easter Sunday



April 24 -27 Natchez Trace Parkway Tour
26+ People are signed up.
See you in Natchez, MS !!!!



Friday, May 6 Azalea Trace is once again inviting the Club Members and their Cars to the celebration of "**Kentucky Derby Day**" on Friday, May 6th. The



members are asked to have their Cars at Azalea Trace by 10:00 that morning. The members and their companions are invited to Lunch in Dining Room at Noon. The music starts after Lunch, the Mint Julep Bar opens and there will be a "Run for the Roses". Also, there will be a Salute to our veterans and lots of good music. You are encouraged to offer rides in your car around the Campus to the Azalea Trace residences.

Azalea Trace is at 10100 Hillview Drive, Pensacola, 32514. North of Nine Mile Road on University Blvd. turn right onto Hillview Drive. After you go thru the Gate take the first left and go around to the Club House and the Club House is where the fun begins. Thank you to **Clyde for coordinating**



Saturday, May 7, 8:30 am Pensacola Breakfast
Golden Corral, 2260 Langley Avenue, Pensacola, FL

Saturday May 14 Club Picnic/Meeting
Thank you **Martha Fuller for Coordinating** Details will be announced



Week of September 11 Old Car Festival at Greenfield village and Model 'A' Days at The Gilmore museum (MAFFI) in Michigan. **Being planned.**

End of October Mobile, Al. Jim Henderson Car Museum Tour and fall picnic hosted at John and Debbie Brights home. Details to be announced **John and Debbie Bright coordinating.**

March Pensacola Breakfast

There was a fair turn out, 50-50 won by John Price a guest from Wisconsin. He donated winnings back to club. Thank you John. Thanks to Joe Stephens for sharing these pictures.



Westgate Parade

We had four cars participate, Bob Neidlinger, Joe Stephens, Mike Fowler and Chris Hornaby. Thanks to Joe for providing pictures for the newsletter.



EAA/GCMAC Ford TriMotor event in March

Six of us, **Wesley Chalk** and his granddaughter **Ashley**, **Mike Fowler** and his good friend **Don** (crew chief), and **Jim and Yvonne Quinlan** braved the windy, cold weather to drive to Fairhope Airport to see the 1929 Ford Trimotor airplane. Unfortunately, **Chris Hornaby**, the GCMAC member who planned this event was ill and couldn't attend.

It was too windy for rides on the plane but it was a beautiful day for pictures and hanging out. It was nice getting a picture of our **1929 Ford Model 'A' with the 1929 Ford TriMotor airplane**. We all met at the Baldwin county Heritage museum and caravanned to the Fairport Airport.

On Sunday **Austin Wall** and a good friend also drove out to see the TriMotor and get some pictures. **Mike Short** and a friend also went Sunday AND were able to go for a ride ! Lucky dogs that they are :)

It was a fun day ! ! !



Trimotor GCMAC event continued



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April Birthdays



6 Bunny Cummins
8 Phillip Childers
13 Zack Lundy
14 Betty Tubbs
24 Ron Cummins
24 Steve Tubbs

26 Lee Stepney
28 Ron Persons
28 Nancy Pampel

Please let Becky 850-384-5717 bekyb0814@att.net know if you're planning to attend so she can have a head count for the group. Thanks !



27th Annual Civitan Community Picnic

IN SEVILLE SQUARE

After a 2 year hiatus we will be back
Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 11 AM- 2 PM

Pensacola Fire Department • Gulf Coast Model A Club
Face Painting • Uplifting Performance by Pyramid Show Choir
Sing and Dance to John Wheeler • Food & Fun • Arts & Crafts



The picnic is given each year for the agencies that work with people with developmental disabilities - and the clients, families, and caretakers they assist



Pensacola Civitan Club

MUST READ ARTICLE: Recently, while driving to see the Ford Tri Motor I was testing a freshly rebuilt carburetor. On the way, Wesley Chalk remarked that it smelled like it was running rich. So the rest of the way I ran it with GAV almost closed which worked better and is proof that all the Zenith carbs have their sweet spots. Some need more or less GAV. This is an excellent article that gives you a different insight and hopefully will have you tweaking the GAV while you drive. Also an important thing to know when you're looking to conserve gas like on our upcoming Natchez Trace tour.

Jim Quinlan



MODEL "A" FORD CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT

By Russell E. Baetke Seattle, Washington

You say you don't look under the hood, you don't know what a carburetor looks like, you don't even want to get your hands dirty and never did. You may not have thought of it this way, but if you have ever started the engine and driven a Model "A," you have done a carburetor adjustment. You hire a mechanic (or your buddy) to adjust the carburetor but you still do more important carburetor adjustments than the mechanic under the hood will or can.

A carburetor like Zenith and others of the Model "A" era were not automated to compensate for all the driving conditions like our modern types. You as the operator must provide, as best you can, the adjustments necessary to help the carburetor meet the need of various driving conditions. All the mechanic under the hood can do is set the idle. That is done once, but you, the operator, adjust the carburetor with the Gas Adjusting Valve (GAV) on a continuing basis as you drive. Well, you should! I know there are many out there who set once and forget it. The car runs fine, who bother? So they think. Don't want to bother? Okay. You don't expect much and you don't get much. Don't blame the car.

Rotating the GAV is key to getting the most out of your car. It is as simple as reaching over with your right hand to the knob on the dash. Rotate it counter-clockwise to enrich the fuel mixture. Rotate it clockwise to lean the fuel mixture.

When do I turn it? Which way? When you start a cold engine, rotate the GAV counter-clockwise until it keeps running without the choke and the hand throttle. As you drive, and the engine warms, turn the GAV clockwise to lean the mixture. For low speed stop and go driving, experiment with the setting to find a good peppy pick up performance. Count the turns open and file for your driving reference. This may or may not agree with the old Ford driving manuals. Doesn't matter. This setting and others may not seem critical to you in the beginning. As you gain experience the differences will become more and more apparent. Soon you will naturally reach over and adjust the GAV as naturally as you shift gears.

If you enjoy touring you will want to find your cruise lean setting. Then again, why bother with getting good gas mileage, the trips are short, gas is still cheap and it's easier to discuss your poor gas mileage with tour buddies (misery loves company). If you are thrifty and curious try this. Pick your cruise speed and turn the GAV clockwise. You should find a point where you feel a power drip. Experiment around this setting for maximum fuel economy. At this setting there is less power for acceleration and hill climbing. Reach over to open the GAV (counter-clockwise) for more power. What is happening here is that for "low speed stop and go" and "high speed power" the engine needs a rich fuel mixture, but for better fuel economy at cruise the engine should be set lean. Trouble is the carburetor isn't smart enough to figure out when to be what. It needs you to tell it with the GAV! By now you should be fairly impressed with what engineers have accomplished with modern carburetors. Modern carburetors do it all for you!

So you have a nice cruise lean setting and have to stop. One of two things might happen. The light turns green and your car just barely pulls away from the light when you try to go. That's easy to fix. Open the GAV to your low speed power setting. Get back to speed and close it for cruise. Gee, is that a lot of trouble? Now you are learning to appreciate the improvements in technology. Remember that that was the best in those days. You are driving history. Love it for what it teaches.

The second thing that can happen is the engine stalls when you stop. That is a common problem caused by a faulty idle setting. Contrary to popular opinion and conventional wisdom, the idle speed is set too fast. Repeat, too fast. Reduce the idle speed and reset the idle air needle. You can test this. When idling, the GAV should have no effect on engine speed as you rotate it to extremes in either direction.

If these techniques don't work as described, it is time to go into the inner sanctum of the carburetor. It's time to get your hands dirty. There are a lot of ill fitted carburetors out there.



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



Bonnie and Clyde

I am cleaning out my garage and have boxes of:

Model A News 1997-2008
the Restorer mid 60s and 70s
some Model A trader magazines
Hemmings Classic Car magazines

To anyone interested

Doug Wolbert 251-986-3111



Early 1928 Sport Coupe for sale. Runs and drives well, Rebuilt Carburetor, Water Pump and Distributor. 12 volt conversion...plus extra parts. **\$8,000 (251) 979-1329**
Thanks ... Lee

Also have 4 50's Ford hubcaps for sale all 4 for \$50



Classified ad's continued

For Sale: 1929 Model A Tudor Sedan. Older restoration, freshly built engine, ready to tour in.

\$12,500.00. More photos can be provided. **Contact: Gator Gould, Monroeville, AL 251-765-2677.**



1928 Model "A" Ford Standard Roadster. Frequent local car show trophy winner, including several "Best of Show" awards. Many items and spare parts convey with car.

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PRICE UPDATE \$ 13,000.00 As-is, where-is in Mobile, AL.

Contact cashdollar521@msn.com. for pics, extensive list of conveying items, and restoration history.

If anyone is looking for a **heavy duty** car hauler open trailer with ramps and a custom wind / bug block let Jim Quinlan know. The trailer platform is wood, 18' x 7' and needs minor TLC. I'm selling this for a member in our club with the price of **\$1300 obo**
Jim (727) 265-0381





Era Fashions



Bringing Back the Bustle

By Mary Carlson

All of you know the saying "What's old is new again". To prove the point, let's take a brief look at the bustle as it appeared in the 1880's, the Edwardian period, and the Model A era.

During the 1880's, a bustle was a necessary item to create the fashionable silhouette. To attain the desired womanly figure, the bustle was worn to create the illusion of a small waist and ample hips. To achieve this look, a bustle extended at a right angle to the body. Some bustles were more extreme than others.



In the illustration to the left, they are making fun of the size of this rather large bustle.



The silhouette of the period [1887] looked like this. These decorative but restrictive fashions had their place in history; however it seems unlikely that the liberated women of the Model A era would have adopted garments such as these.



Era Fashions



The bustle shown to the right is from about 1884. It would be used to create the look seen below.



As time went on the bustle faded away, to be replaced by a crinoline, and / or petticoats. In the Edwardian period, a revised version of the bustle, which could be made of wire, fabric or even horsehair appeared. The silhouette featured a gentle downward slope from the back of the

waist. Think of the very graceful and famous "S" curve that was prevalent in the early 1900's.



A bustle pad such as the one to the right would be required to create the look shown here.



This article will be continued in May's newsletter



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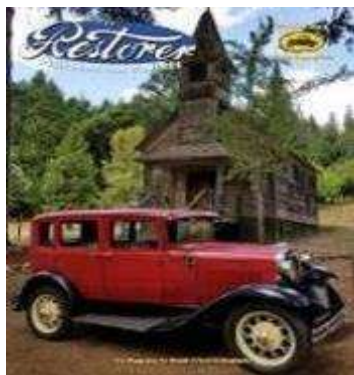


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Some of the week's highlights:

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- The Alamo - Birthplace of Texas
- Great Sightseeing & Restaurants!
- Fine Point Vehicle Judging
- Era Fashions & Judging
- Restorers Class

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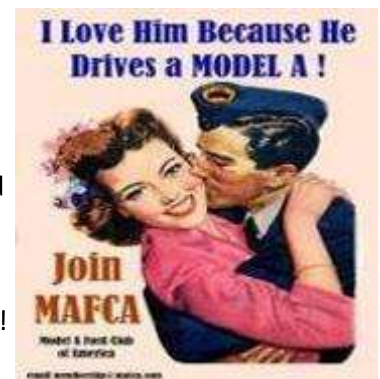
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is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Ford Model A and AA cars and trucks, as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. We are an active, family-friendly organization whose members share a passion for these historic vehicles, 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!





About the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club

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 \$25.00 per year and can be mailed to Becky

Baisden at:

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Club dues are \$25 per year for individuals or families. We currently have a membership of 40+ 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 love to drive, show and talk about these interesting cars.

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Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club website:

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