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President's Message

As we start a new year, I want to thank everyone for your outstanding support in 2021.

Our efforts to recruit new members has been most successful. **Becky Baisden's** efforts to improve our website and expand into Facebook had a major impact on our success. **Jim Quinlan's** outstanding communications through our newsletter about events within and outside our club are definitely appreciated. His coordination of our Garage Meetings and Technical sessions were well received. Also new members **Chris and Amanda Hornady** are putting together a Fairhope trip with our Model 'A's for a photo shoot with a vintage Ford Tri Motor Airplane.

Our "new" meeting facility at the Baldwin County Heritage Museum will be a positive change this year. Plans are also in motion for a Club picnic, possibly on the Museum grounds.

The Natchez Trace tour are going together nicely. Get your cars in shape!

Deb and I are looking forward to sharing more great experiences with all of you this Year!

Mike Fowler,

President, Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club



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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>

January 1st, 2022



Saturday February 5, 8:30 am Pensacola Breakfast
Golden Corral, 2260 Langley Avenue, Pensacola, FL

Club Meeting Saturday, February 19, 11 am
Baldwin County Heritage Museum
25521 US-98, Elberta, AL

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

**CLUB
MEETING**



March 18-19 "Racetrack Adventure", Oxford, AL

March 2022 Ford Tri Motor Airplane + Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club tour and photo opportunity in Fairhope, AL. Hosted by Chris and Amanda Hornady with their EAA Chapter. Details to be announced ...



April 24 -27 2022 Natchez Trace Parkway tour
Now is the time to make your Hotel Reservations
See next page for more information

Model 'A' Garage meet / Tech day **Saturday, January 8, 1:00pm**



This month we'll be watching the informative DVD Model 'A' "Annual Tour Preparation" which is full of helpful tips of items that should be addressed to get your Model 'A' ready for touring. The video is 54 minutes long so bring something to write with and be ready to take some notes.

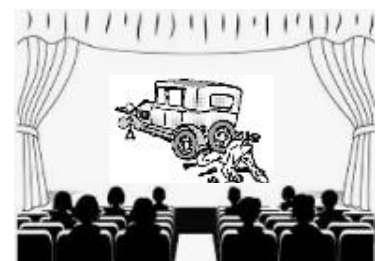


This will help everyone to prepare their cars to be ready for touring the Natchez Trace Parkway in April.

And yes, popcorn will be provided.

Garage Meet is at 9195 Clarke Ridge Rd. in Foley, AL **Saturday January 8 at 1:00 pm**. The garage is now heated in case of cool weather. Everyone is encouraged to drive their Model 'A's. Any questions call (727) 265-0381 Jim.

Please don't forget to bring a folding chair.



Natchez Trace Parkway

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Natchez Trace Parkway
Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee



Model 'A' Tour information and update

Now is the time to book your hotel reservations for the Natchez Trace tour. We reserved blocks of 25 rooms along the way and have special rates for members. Everyone is responsible for booking their own hotel reservations on this trip. **Don't wait to reserve your rooms** because these types of tours can be popular and our block of rooms with special rates will go quickly.

City / Date	Hotel	Phone#
Natchez, MS Sunday April 24	Days Inn by Wyndham Natchez. Group rate: \$69 109 Highway 61 S. Natchez, Ms They will allow us to leave car trailers while touring.	(601) 445-8291
Ridgeland, MS Monday April 25	Hyatt Place Jackson/Ridgeland. Group rate: \$103 1016 Highland Colony Pkwy Ridgeland, Ms	(601) 898-8815
Tupelo, MS Tuesday April 26	Comfort Suites. Group rate: \$120 1064 Carter Cove, Tupelo, Ms	(662) 432-1550
Franklin, Tn Wednesday April 27	Best Western Franklin Inn Group Rate \$99.00 1308 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin TN	(615) 790-0570

We are very fortunate that GCMAC member Allen Braddy has graciously volunteered to travel the tour with his truck and open car trailer to assist tour participants (at his discretion).

Every night we will all stay in the same town and every morning we'll have a drivers meeting in the hotel lobby or parking lot. Then, everyone is on their own to travel along the parkway in groups or on their own. There are many historical points of interest along the parkway so you can pick and choose the areas that interest you. Throughout most of the day we'll be encountering other Model 'A' folks along the parkway. We noted several suggested restaurants or you can pack a lunch and have a picnic in the park.

Staying at the recommended hotels along the way is not mandatory. You can stay anywhere you prefer. The Host Hotel in Natchez, Ms (Days Inn Wyndam) that we're using will allow us to leave our car trailers

Natchez Trace parkway tour continued

there while we tour the Natchez Trace parkway. This is a nice gesture from the hotel.

After reaching the end of the parkway in Franklin, TN, we hope to have a Farewell banquet dinner. After that everyone is on their own to travel home or even spend an extra night in Nashville.

Please note that we might limit the amount of cars on the tour to 35 so there won't be congestion at stops and restaurants along the way. So don't hesitate and at least make your reservations.

Tour Registration form will be available later in January.



Pensacola December Breakfast

What a nice turnout ! We had 24 people and 6 Model 'A's show up for breakfast at the Golden Corral in Pensacola and good fellowship was had by all. The Golden Corral sure makes some delicious omelets.

After breakfast, several people stopped by Bill Ross's garage to look at car parts and discuss stretching and installing Roadster top's. On our way home, and at a traffic light we **witnessed some smooching going on** in the Model 'A' in front of us. What better excuse to blow the aaaooohhgaaah horn !!!! We will keep the identity of the smitten couple safe so as not to cause a scandal ☺



Pensacola December Breakfast

continued



January Birthdays



2 Martha Fuller
9 Mike Fowler
13 Margaret Lundy
15 Jim Quinlan

19 Jim Gray
28 Janice Warmack
28 Chris Hornady



Lillian Christmas Parade



We had three cars and six members show up for the Lillian Christmas Parade with their cars decorated. The weather forecast probably scared away some members as it threatened rain throughout the day. Fortunately the weather held off and it turned out to be a beautiful day for a parade.



The only issue that we had was the throwing of candy, beads and toys. It's not really that safe when you're driving an old car and a little one jumps in front of your car to grab some beads or candy that were thrown from a previous car. Most of the kids had large bags of candy that they collected and some of us felt that throwing stuff to kids in the parade kind of detracts from the fun of the parade besides the safety issues.



Before the parade, Joe introduced us to several people he knew that had Model 'A's and were planning on joining our club AND hoping to join us on the Natchez Trace parkway tour. Both Named Tom ! Last month we had a run of new Mike's, and now it's Tom's 😊



Christmas Party/Dinner at Paula Deen's

Everyone seemed to have a nice time at our Christmas Party / Dinner at Paula Deen's with a great turnout of almost 30 members. Over \$250.00 worth of prizes and gift certificates to MAFCA and Snyders antique auto parts were given to lucky members in a drawing. The food and the service was very good too.





Happenings of the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club

December seems to be Oil Pan removal month for several local Model 'A' people. Unfortunately one unlucky guy had a problem where the bottom gasket should be removed but the top part stays. By accidently removing the top piece, he realized what a difficult task it would be getting it back in place. Several tips were offered at the Christmas party by sympathetic members that had this happen to them in the past.

Darrin and Charlotte Dahlenburg have decided once again to participate in The Great Race in 2022. The race will go from Rhode Island to North Dakota. They won't be using the same car as they used last year so stay tuned to the newsletter for future updates as we get them

Darrin and Charlotte Dahlenburg are in the Christmas spirit this year. They decorated their Model 'T' with festive holiday lights to create a very unique and cool looking Christmas display.



Alabama Living Magazine encourages people to send them pictures of them traveling and holding up a copy of Alabama Living Magazine. They award prizes if you're selected. So in June Jim & Yvonne Quinlan entered a picture of them in Texas during the Texas Model 'A' Tour and they published this in Alabama Living Magazine.



Jim and Yvonne Quinlan of Foley visited Longview, Texas, with their 1928 Model A Ford, along with 100 other Model A enthusiasts. They are members of Baldwin EMC.

Happenings of the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club continued

Gulf Coast Model 'A' member **Joe Stephens** and soon to be Gulf Coast Model 'A' club member **Tom Stanley** participated in an event at Bubbas 33 restaurant in Pensacola sponsored by the Bad Boys Rod and Custom Club to commemorate the ending of prohibition.

The station wagon/depot hack belongs to Tom Stanley and the Coupe belongs to Joe Stephens.



Ronald McDonald House Donations made by Gulf Coast Model 'A' Members at the Christmas Party/Dinner at Paula Deen's in OWA

John and I, with help from Ray Harper and Al Manning, delivered the club's donations to Mobile's Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to all our members for their generosity. This charity services families in both the south Alabama and south Mississippi areas. You all raised \$450.00 in cash and gift cards as well as items for the families to give each other for Christmas. Much needed paper products and cleaning supplies were also donated. The volunteers were as excited over seeing Al's Model A as they were over the donations! Let's think about making this an annual event as there is also a facility in Pensacola as well.

Merry Christmas,
Debbie Bright



Pictured Above: Ronald McDonald (left) Ronald McDonald house employee and Debbie and John Bright. Ray Harper was taking the picture. That beautiful Model 'A' belongs to club member Al Manning





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Jim's Technical Tip

by Jim Cannon,

Ignition Cam Screws

I have helped a few Model A owners with an unusual problem: For no reason at all, their distributor goes "out of time". They lose power and have to limp home. They reset the timing and the car runs great again, but after a while the same thing happens and they limp home. Gremlins? No.

The problem is that the ignition cam screw may not hold the cam down tightly to the distributor shaft. After a bit of driving, the cam rotates into a more and more "retarded" position and the engine loses power.

In spite of getting out a big screw driver and tightening the screw as much as possible, the cam still moves on them. Why is this? The SCREW that they are using is too long for the hole that is drilled and tapped in the top of the distributor shaft.

Some reproduction screws are just too long. Or the hole in the reproduction distributor shaft is too shallow. Or both! Whatever the case, the screw bottoms out in the hole and jams up tight before the cam is properly locked down on the shaft. So the cam moves.

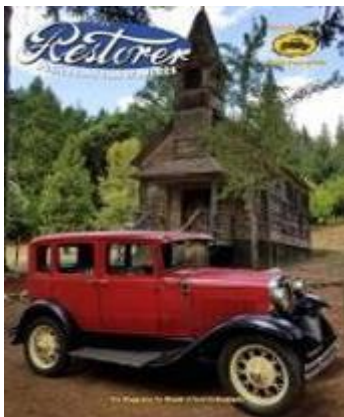
The simple fix is to add a washer under the head of the cam screw. Now the cam will get locked down well before the screw bottoms out in the hole. You also want to inspect the underside of the cam; it should have ridges that help lock it down on the shaft. Once the screw is tight, put the rotor on the cam and gently try to turn it on the distributor shaft. It should not move.

If you or a friend encounters this problem with the engine going out of time, I hope my little Tip does the trick for you.

Jim Cannon

Have a Model A Day

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The Model A Ford Club of America MAFCA **Serving Model A Ford owners since January 1, 1997**

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-



‘Racetrack Adventure’ March 18-19 2022

The “Racetrack Adventure” cancelled in 2020 due to Covid 19 has been rescheduled for March 18-19, 2022. Please post this in your newsletter for your members information:

March 18-19, 2022, Oxford Alabama the “Racetrack Adventure” will be hosted by the Central Alabama Model “A” Ford Club.

Registration will take place at the host motel on Thursday. On Friday you will be able to tour of the expanded Barber Motorsports Museum and due to recent track resurfacing take a lap on the upper road of the track, in the evening a welcome meal is planned in a Model A Ford Museum. We will continue on Saturday with laps on the fastest Speedway in the country “The Talladega Super Speedway”, and tour the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame Museum.

Contact: Gerald Grizzard 1709-G Hillyer Robinson Pkwy S, Oxford,
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Host Hotel:

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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.

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:

GCMAC,
PO Box 812
Cantonment, FL 32533



Club dues are \$25 per year for individuals or families. We currently have a membership of 35+ 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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