

AIKEN MODEL A'S NEWSLETTER



Aiken Model A's Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America

December 2018

“Most Wonderful Time of the Year”

It's wonderful that the Christmas season is upon us...but, *where* did the year go? Some of our favorite activities are just around the corner, *again!*

The first Christmas parade of the season is in Graniteville, and always on the first Saturday in December. Don't let it sneak up and surprise you; this year *that* Saturday is on December 1st. This is a fairly long-route parade and always well attended by both spectators and cars from the AMA's. Line up is at 2-2:30 pm in the usual parking lot at Leavelle McCampbell Middle School. The parade starts at 3 pm.

Bring your AMA's tour banner and seasonal décor for your Model A to each parade, and remember, our club has agreed we do not

throw candy during parades for liability reasons.

The Aiken Jaycee's Christmas parade is traditionally on a Sunday, and this year it is on Sunday, December 9th with a theme of “Fairy-Tale Christmas.”

Another favorite December event is the Friday night tradition of providing shuttle service at Sage Valley. Be there December 14th in era attire and either display your Model A or volunteer to use your car to provide rides to the members of Sage Valley Golf Club.

Be sure to review the events calendar on pages 10-11 for complete details of the AMA's December happenings.

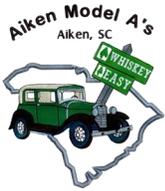


The cars of the AMA's ready to roll at the 2017 Graniteville Christmas Parade.

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ABOUT THE AIKEN MODEL A'S



The Aiken Model A's (AMA's) is a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). We are a not-for-profit corporation, dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile. Owning a Model A Ford is not required for membership. An application for membership in the Aiken Model A's is available at www.aikenAs.org. AMA's annual dues are \$25.00

For information about the Aiken Model A's, visit our web page, noted above, or contact Membership Coordinator, Pat Roberts at (803) 649-0054, or e-mail aikenmodelAs@gmail.com.

To further the Model A Ford hobby, AMA's members are encouraged to consider memberships in the hobby's national organizations, MAFCA, (Model A Ford Club of America), MARC (Model A Restorer's Club) and MAFFI (Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.) For information on these organizations go to www.mafca.com and www.model-a-ford.org and www.maffi.org.

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Meetings

Fellowship Hall at
First Presbyterian Church
224 Barnwell Ave NW Aiken, SC
Monthly, First Tues., 7 P.M.
GUESTS WELCOME!

Cars and Coffee

Join the AMA's at the Village Café, 10 - 11
a.m. on Saturdays, for fun and fellowship,
car-talk and comradery.
110 Coach Light Way SW, Aiken, SC 29803
GUESTS WELCOME!

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Meeting Minutes

Aiken Model A's (AMA's)

November 6, 2018

President, Rachel d'Entremont, called the meeting to order in room 32 of Aiken's First Presbyterian Church. The group welcomed visitor, Grant Cassem, a friend of AMA's member, Fred Clark. Grant drives a 1929 Model A Roadster Pickup.

The minutes from the October meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Rachel reported that Pat Roberts will be taking the position of newsletter editor, beginning with the January 2019 issue. Greg Jones has volunteered to maintain our website.

In Ed Mann's absence, Rachel gave the treasurer's report.

Pat Robert's reported that the website is up to date, including listing Charles Hilton's recent acquirement of the Robert's 1931 Fordor.

Under recent events the October Ice Cream Social at The Hills as well as the club's fall picnic were briefly reviewed. No members had attended the Richland Creek Fall Festival or the picnic at the Buff's.

Upcoming events include: (see page 11 for more details)

- December 1 Graniteville Parade. Line up at 2 pm, parade starts at 3 pm
- December 9 Aiken Jaycee's Christmas Parade. Line up at 1 pm parade starts at 2 pm. Our line up position will be emailed to the membership closer to the event.
- December 9 (Friday) Sage Valley Shuttle night. Please contact Rachel if you can participate, as this year we will need to supply names in order to enter the

property. Our coordinator, member Larry Lamb, has asked for 6-8 Model A's for shuttling, an additional 6-8 members to assist with loading, and as many Model A's for display as possible.

Under upcoming events, Rachel raised a discussion on a January tour/club party. She asked for volunteers to help organize an event, and for suggestions for a venue. Members suggested a possible location in Edgefield.

Rachel stated that a club event is always well supported by lots of members willing to contribute time and skills, however leaders are in short supply. Members were asked to consider participating in this role. Please contact Rachel to support organizing the January event.

The club received a post card advertising the services of a company called North Star Plating. A couple of members were familiar with this business and endorsed the company as a reliable source. If club members have other reliable sources for parts and services related to our hobby, they are encouraged to share these with the club.

A reminder was mentioned of the 7 for details). There being no further business, the technical portion of the meeting followed.

A video from Jim's collection of CD's was shown, depicting a Model A era tour of various aspects of production at Ford's River Rouge plant in Detroit.

Upon completion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotti Shogren, acting secretary

The Cut-Out

by Tom Endy

The Model A Ford generator cut-out is the mysterious little device that sits on top of the generator. There is a switch inside that is either open or closed. Its very simple purpose is to connect and disconnect the generator from the battery and the rest of the electrical circuit. In the days before there were generator regulator circuits the cut-out was a means to connect the generator to the car's electrical circuit when the engine was running, and disconnect it when the engine was not running.



Original quality Ford cut-out on the left. Insides of a poor quality reproduction on the right

When the generator is not rotating and producing electrical power its stopped condition would be a drain on the battery. Therefore the cut-out switch is commanded to open.

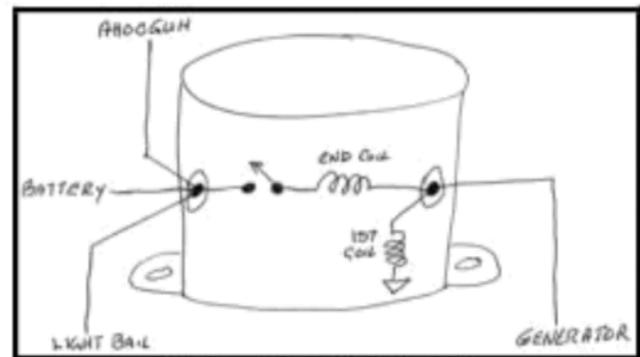
When the generator is rotating and producing electrical power the desire is to have the generator connected to the car's battery and electrical system. It then carries the load of any electrical device that is switched on and it also charges the battery. Therefore the cut-out switch is commanded closed.

How it does this is where the mystery comes in. Anytime you pass current through a coil of wires it creates magnetism and magnetism is what opens and closes the switch. Inside the cut-out housing, in addition to the switch, are two coils of wire. The two coils open and close the switch much like a relay operates.

The switch contacts inside the cut-out are normally open. The first coil has a very fine gauge wire and is connected in parallel with the generator. As soon as the generator starts rotating it begins to produce voltage and current flows through the coil. The faster the generator rotates the higher the voltage level rises. When it reaches a set point above the battery voltage (a nominal 7 volts) the magnetism in the coil is strong enough to close the switch. The generator is then connected to the car's battery and electrical system.

The second coil has a very heavy gauge wire and is connected in series with the generator. The coil wire has to be heavy because all the current produced by the generator flows through this series coil. It too produces magnetism that is in concert with the first coil. The combined magnetism of the two coils keeps the switch closed.

When the engine speed returns to idle or is turned off and the generator slows or stops it is no longer producing voltage. The battery then takes over the load and current through the series coil is reversed. The magnetism of this coil is also reversed and is stronger than the parallel coil and it cancels it out and opens the switch.



Cut-out electrical circuit

Men and Wigs

by Jackie Brooks

Men wanting to appear youthful could discreetly purchase a full wig or toupee. There were several companies that manufactured hair pieces. The Hyman & Oppenheim Company of New York City was established in 1878. They were providing services to beauty salons, barber and specialty shops well into the Model A era. They also manufactured wigs of all kinds, holding several patents.

They put out a handbook, which they referred to as, "More than a catalog" in 1928, consisting of 150 pages of Beauty Shop essentials. Their  trademark was reputed to be, "Known the world over to be the dealer in hair goods,  for quality, style and value." They also distributed furniture, equipment, appliances, novelties, cosmetic supplies and hair goods.

Long hair was more common in Europe and highly valued to be used in wigs. Many women sold their



BEFORE

MEN'S WIGS

Men who are partly or entirely bald have everything to gain by concealing that baldness with a toupee or wig. Socially it will free them from the taunts of their friends and acquaintances. Physically, it will afford them protection from colds and neuralgia. Most important of all, it will prove a definite economic asset in making them more youthful in appearance; for the consciousness of looking younger will increase their efficiency and their earning capacity.

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Every toupee and every wig ordered from H & O conform in all details of quality and workmanship to the high standards unflinchingly maintained by this house.



HOW TO PUT ON A WIG



FINISHED WIG



AFTER

Men and Wigs

by Jackie Brooks

long hair which was processed, sometimes dyed and curled. It was then hand tied into a silk net base which was then used to form wigs and hairpieces (also known as "Transformations") of various sizes and styles for men, women and dolls.

The local barber could take the required measurements and pictures. He would then forward the information to the company.

MEASURING CHART FOR A WIG

Use an accurate measure. Brush the hair back flat before measuring. Give all 5 measurements. Write in the size of your customer's hat and send a photograph if possible.

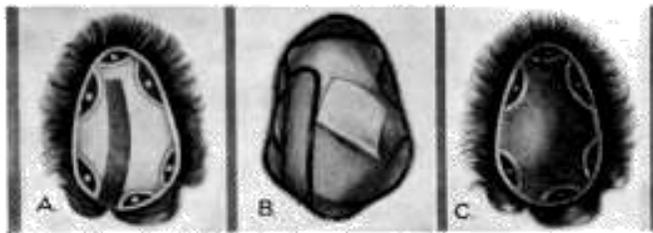


Measure from point to point, as shown by tape measure.

- No. 1—Measure from where hair grow on forehead around back of head to starting point.
 No. 2—Measure from where hair grow on forehead over top of head to the top of neck.
 No. 3—Measure from ear to ear across the forehead.
 No. 4—Measure from ear to ear over the top of the head.
 No. 5—Measure from temple to temple around the back of the head.

Indicate clearly just what each measurement is.

A ventilated wig, in brown or black, cost \$30 wholesale. In grey and what was referred to as "Rare" shades it was \$35. The expected markup could be as much as 100%. This was a pretty penny for the day when a man on the Ford production line was paid \$20 a week. Toupees' wholesale cost ranged from \$30 to \$50.



FOUNDATIONS of TOUPEES

"A" No. 3200—Toupee in the regular best quality with an insertion of real hair lace. The dark segments are reinforcements of non-shrinking, pure silk ribbon and the strips represent bindings of the same silk ribbon. The small squares illustrate pieces of Toupee Plaster for holding the Toupee in place.

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Come join us for our annual
**Christmas Open House at
 Bentley's Antique Auto Service**

Friday December 14, 10 AM-2 PM

This is a special day we set outside each year to have fellowship and show our appreciation to all our Model A friends and customers. The shop will be opened up for a day of fun, and a nice lunch for everyone at noon. We invite everyone to bring snacks and food to share. Of course we would love for you to drive your Model A or other classic cars to show to everyone. Bring your families and friends, all are welcome to this day of fun. We will even have some nice door prizes to share.

This is our way of saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Model A Friends.

This year we will be hosting a Car Show

This car show will be open to Model A's and any other kind of classic car, pre-1972. We invite you to drive your antique car and show it off to all your friends. There will even be some trophies at the end of the event to show our appreciation. We are excited about this event.

**You might want to bring a chair.
 Looking forward to seeing everyone**



Vance and Eric came up with this D-I-Y solution for a high lift transmission jack. Pretty clever!

TINY TIPS

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HARD STEERING

If you feel that your Model A is steering harder than other Model A's, harder than it should, there are several things you can do to ease the problem.

1. Check your front end castor; too much castor (caused by sagging front spring) can cause difficult steering.
2. Improper steering adjustment; over-adjusting to remove play.
3. Worn front tires.
4. Low air pressure - 35 psi minimum pressure is recommended.
5. Lack of steering lubrication.
6. Improper steering box lubricant.
7. Worn steering arm balls.

If all the above have no effect, there is a product on the market to ease your steering. It is in kit form. It includes the replacement of the drag link and tie-rod ends with teflon, and can be obtained through your Model A outlet stores.

Patent Cures



Red E. Power

Classifieds



1930 Ford Model A

\$16,000 along with lots and lots of Model A parts like a pick up truck load of parts, many books and posters of Model A's. This car has turn signals, Mitchell Overdrive, custom car cover.

Martin Durham (843) 467-7114
Murrells Inlet, SC



From the MAFCA Store:

New item; Model A Socks for both men and women. Made in the USA
\$12/pr

See other items for holiday gift giving at

www.mafca.com

MAFFI Newsletter Minute November 2018

Send a Brick for Christmas!

Since 2011, when we first started raising money for the construction of the Model A Museum, about 1550 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of your favorite Model A'ers, Model A clubs and regions. We have room under the gas canopy at the Museum for about 110 more bricks. It would be a wonderful thing if we could finish off that area by Model A Day 2019! So how about ordering a brick for a loved one for Christmas. A personalized brick would make a great gift for that parent or grandparent who really doesn't 'need' anything and of course, it would benefit the Model A Museum as well. If your Model A region or club doesn't yet have a brick at the Museum, now would be a good time to do that as well. Use the brick order form in the upcoming issue of the 'A' Preserver or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.maffi.org/WContent/Download/BuyABrickDonation.pdf>

It will be in place at the Museum by September 21, 2019.
Merry Christmas and thank you,
Loukie Smith, Brick Coordinator

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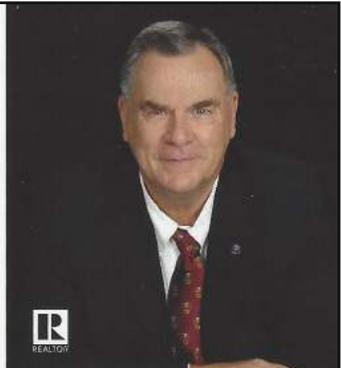
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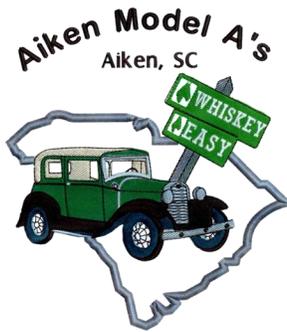
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Aiken Model A's Calendar of Events

December 1 Graniteville Christmas Parade, See page 11 for details

December 4 AMA's Club Meeting, every first Tuesday each month in the Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian, 224 Barnwell Ave NW Aiken.

Meet at 6:30 p.m. for social time, and the business meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Members, please wear your name badge, bring your ideas for tours and events and your items for show and tell. Guests are always welcome. For more information call Tom or Pat at (803) 649-0054 or email us at aikenmodelAs@gmail.com

December 1, January 5, February 2 First Saturday Breakfast, AMA's members and guests are encouraged to meet for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, downtown Aiken. A \$5 or more donation to the Masonic Lodge is suggested. Afterwards, if you care to, head over to Cars and Coffee off of Silver Bluff Road! Contact Woody with any questions about First Saturday Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge.

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturday Morning Cars and Coffee at the Village Café

Stop by our friendly drop-in social hour for food, fellowship, coffee and conversation from 10-11 a.m. The breakfast menu continues to improve, with more hot entrée items being added. Guests are always welcome to join us. For more information call Tom or Pat at (803) 649-0054 or email us at aikenmodelAs@gmail.com

December 9 Aiken Jaycee's Christmas Parade, See page 11 for details

December 14 Christmas Open House, Bentley's, Maysville, GA. See page 7 for details

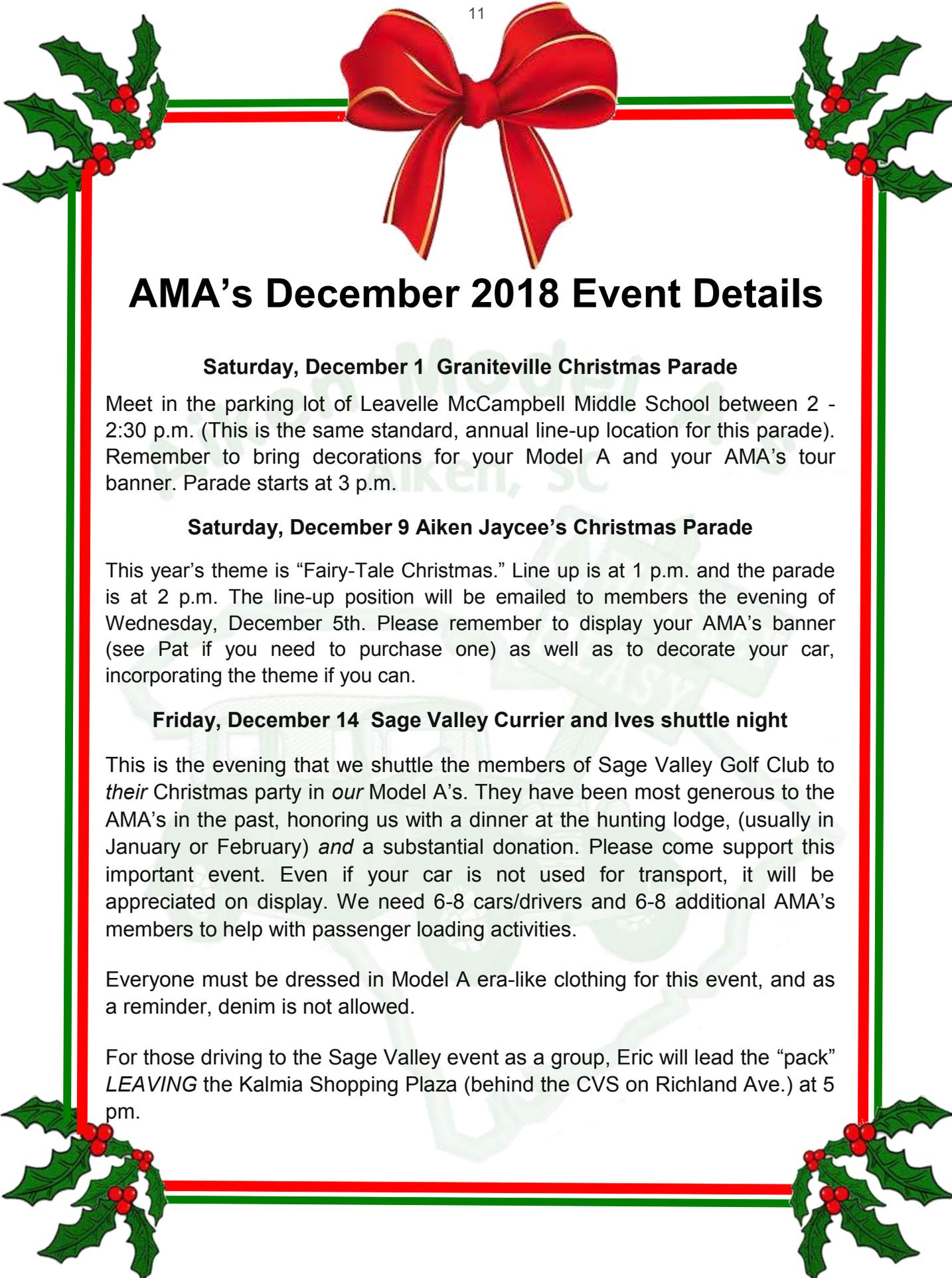
Future Opportunities

Feb 28 - March 2, 2019 For MARC Members; The 2019 MARC Membership Meet will be held in Richmond Hill and Savannah, Ga. [Click here for more info](#)

March 3-7 2019 AACA Regional Tour, "Southern Model T and Model A Tour" in Savannah. Email Lee Froehle at jfla67@aol.com for tour details, registration form and hotel information. Reserve your rooms now.

March 23, 2019 Picnic in the Park, Saluda Shoals Park. Lexington, hosted by the Palmetto A's of Columbia, SC

April 26-27 2019 Swap Meet, hosted by the Old 96 District Model A Club, Greenwood, SC



AMA's December 2018 Event Details

Saturday, December 1 Graniteville Christmas Parade

Meet in the parking lot of Leavelle McCampbell Middle School between 2 - 2:30 p.m. (This is the same standard, annual line-up location for this parade). Remember to bring decorations for your Model A and your AMA's tour banner. Parade starts at 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 9 Aiken Jaycee's Christmas Parade

This year's theme is "Fairy-Tale Christmas." Line up is at 1 p.m. and the parade is at 2 p.m. The line-up position will be emailed to members the evening of Wednesday, December 5th. Please remember to display your AMA's banner (see Pat if you need to purchase one) as well as to decorate your car, incorporating the theme if you can.

Friday, December 14 Sage Valley Currier and Ives shuttle night

This is the evening that we shuttle the members of Sage Valley Golf Club to *their* Christmas party in *our* Model A's. They have been most generous to the AMA's in the past, honoring us with a dinner at the hunting lodge, (usually in January or February) *and* a substantial donation. Please come support this important event. Even if your car is not used for transport, it will be appreciated on display. We need 6-8 cars/drivers and 6-8 additional AMA's members to help with passenger loading activities.

Everyone must be dressed in Model A era-like clothing for this event, and as a reminder, denim is not allowed.

For those driving to the Sage Valley event as a group, Eric will lead the "pack" *LEAVING* the Kalmia Shopping Plaza (behind the CVS on Richland Ave.) at 5 pm.