



# Newsletter of the Aiken Model A's

Aiken, SC

A New Chapter in an Old Story

December 2019



## Tuesday, December 3, 2019

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall  
Aiken, SC, 7 pm

December business meeting  
*Sage Valley discussion*

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# WHO'S WHO IN AMA?

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# WHAT, WHEN, WHERE??

## CARS & COFFEE

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 First Presbyterian Church  
 224 Barnwell Ave NW  
 Aiken, SC  
 First Tuesday of each month  
 7 pm

## FIRST SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Meet for a cooked-to-order breakfast and fellowship at the Masonic Lodge, 8:30 am on the first Saturday of each month.  
 443 Laurens St NW  
 Aiken, SC 29801

**GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO ANY AND ALL OF THESE MEETINGS!**



The Aiken Model A'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; a membership application is available at [www.aikenas.org](http://www.aikenas.org).



Our annual dues are \$25; our fiscal year runs from July 1-June 30. For more information, visit our website or contact the membership coordinator.



## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

'Pratterings' from President Greg.....

The Thanksgiving holiday is upon us this month, and we should all take the time to reflect on our many blessings of life. Thanksgiving is a time for the family to gather and share in the joy of being part of a family.

Those of us here in the United States have a great deal to be thankful for, especially the great bounty we have in our country. I have traveled to parts of the world that make me appreciate how good we have it in the United States. Above all, enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday and, of course, try to get in a drive in your Model A!

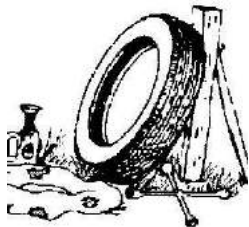
Thanks again to Eric Shogren for hosting the technical session at Guben's Garage where the topic was rebuilding and care/feeding of Model A distributors. It is always a pleasure to visit Guben's Garage and step back into the world of Model A Ford maintenance and repair.

Unfortunately, we were rained out on our planned trip to Hills of Cumberland. We will reschedule the event at a future date.

The Aiken Christmas parade will be held on December 1 and starts at 1400 hours (2:00 pm). We normally line up an hour before the parade at our position, which will be revealed at some point before the parade. This is our hometown Christmas parade and is always a lot of fun. Let's try to get as many cars in the parade as possible. As a reminder, our club does NOT toss out candy or goodies during the parade. We believe this practice is dangerous as it results in children running out to moving automobiles and there is just too much potential for something bad to happen.

Regarding the newsletter, we have not had anyone step forward to take over the newsletter production. Pat has graciously agreed to continue on for approximately 6 months. We may truncate the newsletter somewhat so it is not so much of a chore. Over the next 6 months, we will be looking for someone to take over the reins.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and reflect on how good we really have it.



## NOVEMBER 5, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Eric Shogren, Secretary

President, Greg Jones, called the meeting to order.

Members noted a donation jar on the table and asked what that was for. Greg explained that while there is no requirement to pay for our meeting space at First Presbyterian it is appropriate that periodic donations are made to the church. Greg went on to say that the board had voted to make a \$100 donation to the church; it was also decided that a donation jar would be placed in the meeting so members could also donate if they chose to.

Though they have not yet arrived in Aiken, Greg recognized our newest members Carl and Ellie Pease. They are moving to Aiken from Anaheim, CA later this year. They have a 1929 Roadster and a 1931 S/W Fordor.

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

Under officer's reports, Brian d'Entremont provided the treasurer's report.

In the mailbox Rachel reported there had been no new mail.

Under recent events the recent Tech Session at Guben's Garage was mentioned and that everyone found it informative and enjoyable.

The following upcoming events were discussed:

- November 29 & 30 – Western Caroline Antique Tractor Pull and Show at the Aiken Fairgrounds
- December 2 – Aiken Christmas Parade at 2:00 PM (line up at 1:00 PM). This years theme is Ushering in the Roaring 20's
- December 7 - The Graniteville Christmas Parade at 3:00 PM (line up at 2:00 PM)
- December 8 – Edgefield Christmas Parade at 3:00 PM (line up at 2:00 PM)
- December 13 & 14 – Sage Valley Currier & Ives Christmas
- May 2020 – Tour and Picnic at Rivers Bridge State Park

Under Other Business:

- ◆ Greg Jones discussed his thought about developing an Aiken Model A's calendar featuring the membership and their cars. Greg has done these in the past. With Greg doing the photography, he can get them produced at Cosco for approximately \$14-\$16 each. There will be more discussion, but the plan is to pursue this for 2021.

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- ◆ Greg Jones discussed that Bill Cox, our National Director, has said it is time to pass the baton. The National Director provides the bi-monthly synopsis of club events to MAFCA for publication in the Restorer.
- ◆ Greg Jones also brought that the club had been contacted by former Aiken Model A's member Donald George. Mr. George has a 1931 SW Town Sedan that he has not driven in eight years and he had approached the club about donating it the Aiken Model A's. Greg and Eric Shogren had met with Mr. George and his son Charles in late October and the Aiken Model A's board met to discuss this generous offer on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

After discussions with Donald's son, Charles, it was decided to defer the idea of a donation for now. Charles is looking for avenues to get his father more active and engaged. What was proposed was have Aiken A's work session in Mr. George's garage to get the car running. Then when events such as parades come up, a club member could drive Mr. George in his Model A. Charles George is currently trying to talk his father into this approach. Because while the idea of a donation of "Aiken Model A's Model A" sounds interesting, there would be many challenges with the legalities of a club-owned car (e.g., how is titled, insured and where would it be stored).

- ◆ Greg Jones also noted that we need to be looking for a newsletter editor, as Pat Roberts will be retiring from that position in December. Those interested should contact Greg Jones, Charles Hilton, or Pat Roberts.

Greg Jones provided an excellent Tech presentation on the restoration of a Model A Sports Coupe body he had undertaken prior to moving to Aiken.

## TINY TIP.....

### STEERING GEAR LUBRICATION

As a suggestion, the next time you service your steering gear, fill the box with as much chassis lube as you can pump into it. Then fill in the voids with all the EP-140 gear lubricant that it will hold. Then turn the steering gear from stop to stop and then add EP-140 to the top once again.

You see, all steering gears are prone to leak with normal use. By using chassis lube you will provide a non-leaking medium that will tend to seal the leakage area while the EP-140 will provide the extreme pressure lubrication for severe metal to metal lubrication.

In other words, the grease will keep the lubricating oil on the job.

Patent Cures



Red E. Power

## FALL TECH SESSION: 'Distributors'

November 2, 2019

Guben's Garage; photos by Greg



Eric,  
Lew,  
Ron



The Pauls,  
Tom,  
Ken,  
Bill



Tech Session  
Subject  
(Distributor)



Ron,  
Brian,  
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Eric



Phil,  
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Lew,  
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Ron

# COMING EVENTS...



## WESTERN CAROLINA ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL AND SHOW NOVEMBER 29 & 30, 2019



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★ The word from AMA member Roy Fischer: 'The folks riding in Model A's are admitted without charge. The people at the gate will get you to where you'll need to go!'



## PARADES

**1** The 2019 **Aiken Jaycees' Christmas Parade** will be held on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm in Downtown Aiken. The theme for this year is "Ushering in the Roaring 20's." Proceeds from the registration fees benefit Jaycee Camp Hope.

The line up will be sent out the evening of **Wednesday, November 27th**. Line up begins on the 1st at 1:00 pm. Watch your email—as soon as we receive the lineup position, we'll distribute it to all club members.

Please note that there is no rain-date for the parade. **The parade will be held on December 1st, rain or shine.**

Here are four events that are scheduled from now through Christmas.

Left, a fun activity held on the two days after Thanksgiving in Aiken ..

Then come the holiday parades with emphasis on the huge Aiken parade; two other options are shown, too.....

**2** The **GVW** (Graniteville/Vaucluse/Warrentville) Fire Department will sponsor the **GVW Christmas Parade** again this year on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 3pm in downtown Graniteville. Report to the parking lot of Leavelle McCampbell Middle School, Graniteville by 2 pm (and no later than 2:30) to line up for the parade.

**Tons of candy will be thrown.**

**Note:** We participate in this happy, lengthy parade most years, but we **DO NOT** throw candy. It's a challenge for us sometimes, because both children (and adults) dart out into the parade route to retrieve just 'one more piece' of candy. Be careful and alert.

## 3 Santa is coming to Town !



Sunday, December 8th

Edgefield Christmas Parade

3:00 p.m.

Downtown Edgefield

For more information or entry forms contact:  
Edgefield Town Hall at 637 - 4014



The Aiken Model A's have been registered in all 3 parades. To think about: The late start time (3 pm) for the Edgefield parade means a long ride home in the dark. How are **YOUR** Model A headlights?

# SAGE VALLEY SHUTTLE



Sage Valley Golf Club's Currier & Ives Night will, for the first time, be held on **two** nights this year—Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14. This is the event where we shuttle the members of Sage Valley to *their* Christmas party in *our* Model A's. Sage Valley has been most generous to the AMA's in the past, both honoring us with a dinner at their Hunt Club (usually in January or February) and with a substantial donation. It's fun to support this important event. Larry Lamb, AMA member and coordinator, has shared the following:

- 1) Plan to arrive at Sage Valley *no later than 5:20 pm* for a 5:30 driver's meeting. For those that use GPS, the address is 80 Old Vaucluse Road, Trenton SC 29847. *A contingent will (likely) be gathering at a central spot here in Aiken and leaving promptly to make this deadline..It has yet to be determined as to location and time.*
- 2) As in previous years, the staging area will be at the roundabout at the security shack. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided here.
- 3) Larry has asked for 8-10 Model A's for shuttling and an additional 3-4 folks to help load cars. Please contact me (Pat Roberts) if you can participate, as we'll need to supply names in order to get on the property. I may be reached by email at aikenmodelas@gmail.com; by text at my cell (803/522-6416) or by landline at home (803/649-0054). When you let me know you're planning on participating, please tell me what vehicle(s) you'll be bringing for the shuttling, (or if you're volunteering to help load cars) and whether you'll be participating on Friday (December 13) or Saturday (December 14) or both.
- 4) Attire: If possible, every participant should be dressed in period attire—either as early 1900s characters for Currier & Ives, or in Model A era clothing. If you have questions, ask when you call! Sage Valley has a **no denim** policy, so please adhere to it!
- 5) Sage Valley will provide a secure designated area to park your car(s) overnight if you want to leave them, but **you** must provide your own transportation back to your home—and get back to Sage Valley. for the next day's activities. On **Saturday** night, there will be officers to direct traffic as we leave Sage Valley—it will be dark and Bettis Academy Road is heavily travelled.
- 6) There will be another mailing to those participating closer to the time of the event that will provide more information. Greg will also be discussing this at our business meeting at First Presbyterian on Monday, December 3 at 7:00 pm.

## **Summary:**

What? Sage Valley Currier & Ives Shuttle

When? Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14 at Sage Valley Golf Club; arrive at 5:20 pm

What do I need to do and when? Determine if you're able to participate (as **driver w/car** or **loader**)—and for what night? or both nights? Let Pat Roberts (contact info above) know your plans ASAP to put your name on the list for a memorable evening. If your plans change between now and then, don't forget to let Pat know!!!



Oh, what fun it is  
to ride....



# MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee



In an effort to keep our museum exhibits new and different, we have appreciated our association with NATMUS (National Automotive and Truck Museum) in Auburn, Indiana. They have been willing to use several of our Model A Trucks and service vehicles in one of their exhibits and have made several improvements to display them. (See accompanying photos) This has opened up areas in **our** museum to bring in newly donated vehicles and to showcase others. Dave Yarde, who is one of our Trustees, is

also the Executive Director of NATMUS and we appreciate his willingness to work with us on this effort. Also a special thank you to Randy Czubko and his grandson Tyler, Stan and Mary Sorrels, Greg Fish, Jerry Morrissey and Lou Ironside for their help in the move.

If you haven't been to NATMUS, you should make it a destination. It is well worth seeing and it is adjacent to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum which also has an amazing showroom of beautiful cars.

Your continued support of MAFFI through your membership and donations is always appreciated. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2020, please go to our website [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org) and renew using PayPal or download a form and pay by mail.



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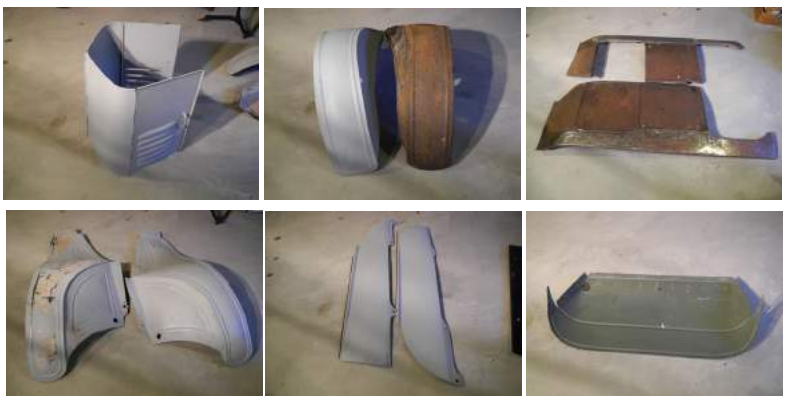
Complete body panel set and fenders with spare tire carrier. Parts are in various states of incomplete restoration, as pictured. There are some welded panels and a little fiberglass on the rear quarter and rear panel. A complete kit of new wood for the body is included, but excludes wood for the doors.

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### Towing Your Model A on a Trailer



There will be times when you need to transport your Model A on a trailer. Here's a tip on trailer loading to help you tow safely.



When the car is loaded on the trailer, the tongue weight of the trailer on the trailer hitch (on the back of your car or truck) should be between 10-15% of the total weight of the combined "trailer+Model A".

If you load the trailer with less than 10% of the weight on the hitch, the trailer will sway as the speed increases, which is very dangerous. Over 15% can put too much unnecessary load on the back of your tow vehicle, which can take weight off of your front wheels (needed for steering and braking) – which is also not good.

How do you know the weight of your "trailer+Model A"? I took my car on the trailer to my local feed store where they have a scale. Many truck stops also have scales. I parked the loaded trailer on the scale, disconnected my truck, and moved the truck off the scale. They charge a small fee to give you the weight. Once I had that total weight, it was easy to calculate 10% and 15% of that. For example, if your "trailer+Model A" is 4,200 pounds, your Target Tongue Weight is 420 to 630 pounds, call it 525.

Once you know the Target Tongue Weight that you are shooting for, how do you know what the actual tongue weight is when you put the Model A on the trailer? You can figure it out with a ruler or tape measure.

Go to a building supply store (like Home Depot) with your tow vehicle and no trailer. Measure and record the distance between the bottom of the trailer hitch and the ground. Now start loading 80# bags of dry concrete mix into your car trunk or truck bed until you have loaded your Target Tongue Weight. (I had a helpful young guy at HD load them in for me.) The exact load is not critical, but it must be above your 10% number. Now measure and record the distance between the bottom of the trailer hitch and the ground again. Once you have those 2 numbers, you can ask the helpful lad at the store to unload all those bags and put them back! Thankfully, you only have to do this exercise one time.

With these 2 measurements, before and after the load was added, you can quickly figure out the change in height above the ground when you have your Target Tongue Weight on the back of your tow vehicle. This CHANGE in the height of your trailer hitch is the HITCH DROP that you need to get when you load your Model A on the trailer.

Before attaching the trailer to your tow vehicle in the future, measure the height of the trailer hitch above the ground. Now attach the trailer and load your Model A on it. Pull the Model A forward on the trailer until your trailer hitch has dropped by your Target Hitch Drop. You can roll the Model A forward and backward a bit on the trailer to get the amount of drop that you are shooting for. Now tie the Model A down in this position on the trailer and be confident that you have enough, but not too much, tongue weight on your trailer hitch.

I have marked on my trailer the best spot to load a Model A to get the target tongue weight and hitch drop. When I put them on the mark, the tongue weight is correct.

For more tips on safe towing, check out the following web site: <https://www.curtmfg.com/towing-safety>

Let's be careful out there, and Have a Model A Day! Jim Cannon





Jim McPherson

# TECH TIP...from JIM!

*And the Model A Ford kept rambling right along.....*

By Jim McPherson (our very own AMA member!)

*This column contains maintenance, diagnostic, and technical tips to aid you in keeping your Model A on the road and operating at peak performance. I have stolen this information from a variety of sources including forums, websites, books, publications, discussions with fellow Model A owners and personal experiences.*

The Model A Fords may have a unique, but common problem. One of the two bolts holding the starter Bendix may shear off. This may be more prevalent on Model A's converted to 12 volts, but I can assure you it is also common on Model A's still equipped with the original 6 volt electrical system. Some think that not fully retarding the spark before starting the car is also a culprit.

The Bendix is held onto the starter shaft with two similar but different bolts. They have a fine shallow thread. Each has a unique tabbed lock washer. When one of these bolts shears off, or backs out due to the use of an incorrect lock washer, a sharp sudden noise like a 22 rifle firing is heard. You have just lost your ability to start the motor with the starter, and while driving, you will unexpectedly hear this noise again and again. While there have been many ingenious attempts to retrieve the bolt, fishing with a magnet, adhesive on the flywheel. Etc. many resort to removing the transmission to retrieve the bolt. In severe cases, the bolt can wedge and lock the engine down.

A modern cure for the problem is a newer type Bendix which fits the 5/8" (original) starter shaft. This Bendix uses a metal sleeve to cover the Bendix spring and bolts to prevent them from shearing off. It is fairly simple to replace, except for a strong spring which must be compressed to install the Bendix. A special spring compressor is available to accomplish this, but it adds to the expense. The Bendix can be installed by using two slotted screwdrivers to pry a washer back, to compress the spring, to expose a set screw, align and tighten. It can be done, but be fair warned, the spring is heavy duty. Just ask Tom Roberts.

Pictured here, from Snyder's Antique Auto Parts 2019 Catalog, are

- 1) bottom, this column—Original Bendix
- 2) top, right column—New Bendix
- 3) bottom, right column—Spring Compressor

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Model A  
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# THE COLORS OF FASHIONS

## The Color of Fashions in Your Model A World

By Peggy Gill, Sacramento Capitol A's

Prompted by a query from one of our fashion friends in Texas, I embarked on a project to determine which colors would be appropriate for a young woman in the Model A Era to wear. The project resulted in a lengthy thirteen-page article that included a "color dictionary" and a cross-referenced color table. However due to space limitations for publication in *The Restorer*, it was decided to publish the background and history of the project in *The Restorer* (slated for Jan/Feb 2020), and to direct readers to MAFCA's website for the color dictionary and color table.

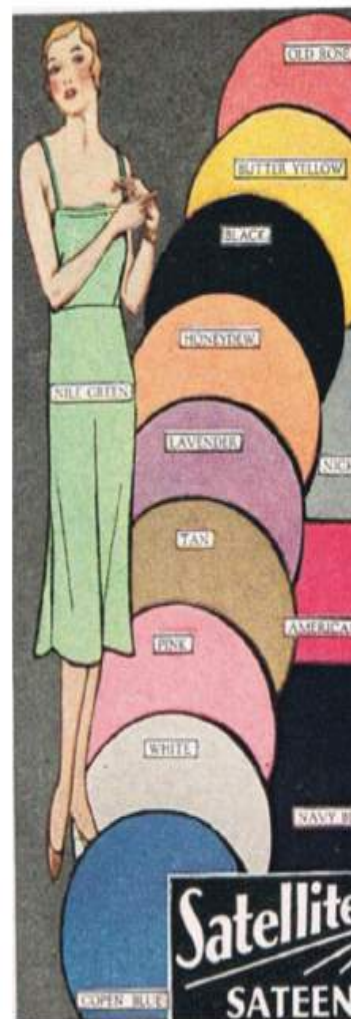
### ***The Birth of the Color Dictionary:***

What colors do you envision when you read the name of *Misty Morn*, *Gobelin*, or *Singalee*? It was a bit confusing even in the Model A era. Luckily for us, *Sears, Roebuck and Co.*, one of the largest distributors of apparel and textiles during the Model A era decided to take the lead in correcting the "color problem" by standardizing and simplifying color names for their customers.

### ***The Color Tables:***

Armed with seven different catalogs from Sears, Roebuck and Co., Montgomery Ward and Co., and National Bellas Hess Co., all from 1928-1931, I endeavored to develop a table of the colors of the clothing available for purchase cross referenced with the age/size group for which it was sold.

Access the full article and printable tables on the MAFCA Website at [http://www.mafca.com/ef\\_articles.html](http://www.mafca.com/ef_articles.html)



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### MONTHLY AMA HAPPENINGS

**First Saturday Breakfast**— December 7, January 4....Masonic Lodge, Aiken. (see page 2 for location)

**Saturday Morning Cars and Coffee at the Village Café**—Food, fellowship, coffee and conversation. (see page 2, too)

### OUR REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

**November 29-30 — Western Carolina Antique Tractor Pull and Show (Page 6)**

**Christmas Parades (page 6):**

- ◇ **Sunday, December 1**—Aiken Parade, 2 pm, Theme: *Ushering in the Roaring '20*; Lineup, 1 pm
- ◇ **Saturday, December 7**—GVW (Graniteville) Parade, 3 pm; Lineup at 2 pm at 'old' Leavelle McCampbell School
- ◇ **Sunday, December 8**— Edgefield Parade, 3 pm

**December 13-14—Currier & Ives Shuttle, Sage Valley Golf Club (Page 5)**

**2020: May**—Tour & Picnic, Rivers Bridge State Park, hosted by Shade Tree A's

### OTHER UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

**2020 — June 21-26: MAFCA National Convention in Texas' Hill Country**



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**  
 17—Eric Shogren  
 21—Lynn Malone

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**

Carl M. and Ellie Pease  
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