



# Newsletter of the Aiken Model A's

Aiken, SC

A New Chapter in an Old Story

January 2020



**SNAPSHOTS**

**L, Tom and Ed,  
Mickle coupe**

**Bottom L,  
Cheryl,  
Lamb Tudor**

**Bottom R,  
Gloria and Roy,  
Fischer Tudor**

(Greg's photos)



## **JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING** Tuesday, January 7

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall  
Aiken, SC 7 pm

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# WHAT, WHEN, WHERE??

## CARS & COFFEE

Join us Saturdays at the Village Café from 10-11 for fun, fellowship and car-talk! Solve all the world's problems here!  
 110 Coach Light Way SW  
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## CLUB BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

## GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

## 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

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 July 1-June 30.

# WE'RE GOING ON A DIET!!



Resolution: A new year; a smaller newsletter! Monthly, we plan to include important-to-you information, such as club news and pictures, president's column, meeting minutes, technical tips, national organization news, and a look ahead. Also, if submitted, we'll publish want ads! Enjoy the look!

# TIRES FOR SALE

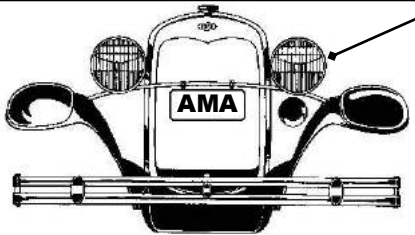
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I have a set of four tires for 1927-1929 Model A Fords (those years having 21 inch wheels.) These are bias ply Firestone whitewalls, less than 2 years old, with less than 1000 miles on them. They are presently on my '29 Ford and are in excellent condition. Selling just the tires, not the wheels. Reason for selling - I am going to purchase newly available \*radial\* tires for my car. These Firestone whitewall tires sell new for just under \$900. I am asking \$525.

-Eddie Collins, Lowcountry A's, Charleston  
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DO YOU KNOW?



These headlight lenses were used for what years of Model As?

*A note about this surprise award:*

*When I agreed to 'do' the club newsletter for 2019, I added MAFCA to the distribution list. Apparently, we qualified for the award, and we received it in my home mailbox in December!*

*Thanks, MAFCA!  
 Pat Roberts (and the Aiken Model A's!)*





## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from President Greg.....

The Aiken Model A's have been busy in December, participating in local Christmas parades and other special functions. We had great participation in the Aiken Christmas parade with 15 Model A's, possibly a new record. We also participated in the Graniteville/Vaucluse/Warrenville (GVW) parade on a nice warm, sunny day.

December included our annual support of the Sage Valley Christmas party, where we provide an "old-timey" touch to their Christmas celebration. Nine Model A's gave rides to patrons attending the party. We enjoy this annual support to Sage Valley, and they are in turn very good to the Aiken Model A's. Thanks to Larry Lamb, Pat Roberts, Eric Shogren and all those who coordinated this event.

Looking ahead, we are entering the "cold months" here in the South. While our southern winter weather is nowhere near as cold as is experienced in the northern climes, it can get quite chilly here in Aiken during January and February. We have a tendency to hibernate and Model A club activities tend to slow down during this period.

However, there are some activities we can do such as going to Miller's Breadbasket in Blackville, or Meeting on Main in Williston. Let's discuss at our January meeting.

As we finish out 2019, let's be sure to remember those who may be ailing or going through a rough time. The Aiken Model A's is a club dedicated to Model A Fords, but it is the people that make it what it is. We were blessed with new members in 2019 (with their shiny cars!) and I hope they find Aiken Model A's enjoyable. We are sure glad to have them! In closing, I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous new year.



## DECEMBER 3, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Eric Shogren, Secretary

President, Greg Jones, called the meeting to order.

It was brought to the attention of the membership to keep Walker Crosby in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved with a correction to a date published in the newsletter.

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

In the mailbox Greg Jones noted that Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) had solicited a donation to the Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI. It was noted that donors could specify whether donations go to the maintenance of the Museum or to the Endowment, which when funded will continue to fund the Museum. During the discussion it was brought up that that donors could also split their donation. A motion was made to donate \$250 with \$125 to maintenance and \$125 to the Endowment. The motion carried and Brian d'Entremont took the action to make the donation.

Under recent events the Aiken Christmas Parade was discussed. We had 15 cars participate – A NEW RECORD! Outstanding Turnout!! And of course Ed Mann's energetic participation was recognized and appreciated by all.

Greg Jones made a clarification to his November presentation on the restoration of a Model A Sports Coupe body. Specifically, the level of metal work he did was not what was required for all restorations. This particular body he restored was recovered from where it had been sitting in water for years. Therefore, it was in need of that level of restoration.

The following upcoming events were discussed:

December 2 – Aiken Christmas Parade at 2:00 PM (line up at 1:00 PM). This year's theme: 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 also noted that we need to be looking for a newsletter editor.

In lieu of a technical presentation the arrangements and coordination of the upcoming Sage Valley Currier & Ives Christmas Gala on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned.



# DECEMBER'S PICTURES



## AIKEN JAYCEES CHRISTMAS PARADE



The rainy morning wasn't very conducive to a parade, but the afternoon was great—balmy, almost WARM!! We had a record 15 cars joining the festivities as we wound our way through beautiful downtown Aiken.



Enjoy Greg Jones' pictures....



More pictures:  
[www.aikenas.org](http://www.aikenas.org)

# GVW (Graniteville/Vaucluse/Warrenville) CHRISTMAS PARADE

One of the early challenges in this LONG parade tested our driving skills: finding our lineup spot and getting there headed the right direction! But, of course, our ten or so AMA cars conquered this problem, and we joined the myriads of folks (and the thrown candy) in Graniteville. See if you recognize anyone you know in Greg's pictures..more on our website! ([www.aikenas.org](http://www.aikenas.org))



Oh, those "Ahooga horns": How does **your** horn sound? It should be long, loud, and have a nice "ahooga" sound! If you say yours sounds more like a sick cow, it might just be time to do something about it!



Sometimes, all it will take is properly oiling and adjusting the tension screw. Try this first. If you still don't get a good sound, it's time to take it off, take it apart, and clean or repair it! This is not a difficult job, and is a great entry level task for working on a small motor.

An ahooga horn is a fairly simple design. A small motor turns a ratcheted wheel against a thin metal diaphragm. Sometimes one of these two parts needs to be replaced. The brushes on the motor can also be dirty or worn and need replaced. All major Model A suppliers sell parts, or you can buy a complete rebuild kit with all the parts included.

If you have copies of the "Model A Mechanics" Handbooks by Les Andrews, there is a great step by step tutorial to follow. Also, just do a little searching on youtube, and there are some great videos to watch for guidance. Remember, a great sounding horn is more than just fun, it's a necessity for safety too!

—from A-World, 2013



AHOOGA!



# SAGE VALLEY SHUTTLE



This was the first year Sage Valley had planned their yearly Currier & Ives party to span two nights, but copious rain (4 inches ±) destroyed hopes of the first night's plans. (It was also Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, if you're superstitious) Saturday, there was real sunshine, though it was COLD..so our nine AMA drivers, helper/loaders and vehicles 'did their thing', shuttling the Sage Valley partygoers to their clubhouse. Check us out in our fine attire, and admire our fine vehicles (and their often-not-seen-or-used) headlights\*\* . Thanks for the pictures, Greg.



More on our website! ([www.aikenas.org](http://www.aikenas.org))



**\*\*ABOUT HEADLIGHTS:** I found two headlight lenses in Bratton's catalog. (The word "Bratton's" does not appear on the actual lenses!)



This lens (L) was used on 1928 vehicles. It had vertical lines only; they're known as flutes. The headlamp bulbs are dual-filament for "bright" and "dim".




From 1929 on, headlights now bore the name TWO-LITE, and were furnished with a two-bulb reflector. A 15 candle-power bulb provided the parking light, and a dual-filament 32-32 cp bulb was the driving light. The Ford script appeared in the bottom of the lens, and the lens pattern had been changed, possibly to produce a better beam.



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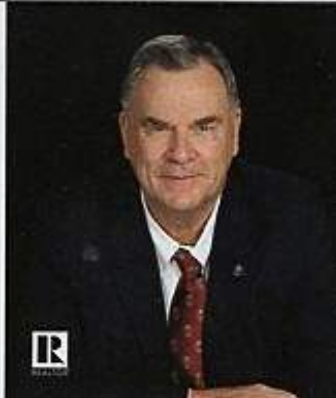



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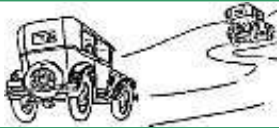
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# DOWN THE ROAD....



## MONTHLY AMA HAPPENINGS

**First Saturday Breakfast**— January 11....Masonic Lodge, Aiken. (location, page 2) - **date change January only**

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

## OUR REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

**April 17-18 —15th Annual All Model A Parts Swap Meet, Greenwood, SC** Hosts: Old Ninety Six District Model A Ford Club. Model A Parts Swap Meet but Model T Vendors always welcome. Admission: Adults \$2.00. Car Corral \$10.00 both days. Vendor Spaces \$25.00 Pre-Register/\$30.00 at the gate. Lunch available 11:00-2:00. Door Prizes and 50/50 Drawing Daily. Set up date: April 16. Location: 314 Old Mt. Moriah Road Greenwood SC 29646 (on Rt.221 between Rt.25 and Rt.225) **Info:** Warren Eugene Reynolds, 864-980-7937 or 864-992-3230

**May 2 —Tour & Picnic, Rivers Bridge State Park, SC** Hosts: Shade Tree A's, Augusta, GA

**September 19 — International Model A Day**

## OTHER UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

**June 21-26 — MAFCA National Convention** in Texas' Hill Country, Kerrville, TX Hosts: Alamo A's  
Host hotel: World-famous YO Ranch Hotel and Conference Center; check Alamo A's Website for latest details:  
<https://www.alamomodela.com/mafca-national-convention-2020.php>

**September 19 —10th Annual Model A Day 2019 at Gilmore Car Museum** Hickory Corners, MI Hosts: MAFFI (Model A Ford Foundation) hosts the 10th Annual Model A Day at the Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum. Swap meet, Annual MAFFI membership meeting **Info:** MAFFI website: <http://www.maffi.org> or Jerry Morrissey, 269-615-3719

**December 3-6 — National MAFCA Awards Banquet** Hosts: Fort Worth Chapter, TX; details coming soon



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### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

23—Woody Malone  
26—San Riley

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1931 Deluxe Fordor Sedan