

AIKEN MODEL A'S NEWSLETTER



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

September 2018

Let the Good Times Roll

In anticipation of cooler fall driving conditions, our activities calendar is starting to fill in! Be sure to check out all the upcoming events listed on page 15.

Perhaps our most exciting news is about the AMA's club picnic. A date of Saturday, October 20th has been secured with the city. We will have use of the shelter at O'Dell Weeks again, where we can park our Model A's along Whiskey Road for the public to enjoy. Let's try to top the number of cars we displayed last year, which was in the neighborhood of thirty!

Stayed tuned for more details about the picnic. It will be a potluck style event, so start thinking about what yummy "eats" you could bring to share with the group.

The Fuel Economy Tour, hosted by the Shade Tree A's is another great event, and takes place on International Model A Day, September 22nd. Late registration may be available before September 5th. Hurry if you've not signed up yet! Details were in last month's newsletter, available at www.aikenAs.org.

In preparation for fall touring there will be a work day at Guben's Garage on September 8th, focusing on tune-ups. Bring your chairs and enjoy a cup of coffee, fellowship and a donut. Getting 'down and dirty' is optional, but learning hands-on technical information about your Model A is one purpose of holding work days. Getting your car running well so you are confident driving it, is another.

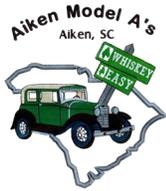


Photo of the Week Posted 8/25/18 on mafca.com

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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)

August 7, 2018

President, Rachel d'Entremont called the meeting to order at our new meeting place, First Presbyterian Church.

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

Richard and Susan Buff, though not new members were introduced.

Rachel started the officer reports. She reported that the IRS had rejected two of our three returns that had been filed. However, our accountant had discussed the issue with multiple people at the IRS and refiled the paperwork indicating this is not uncommon.

Rachel also noted that the Aiken Model A's had received a thank-you from the American Heart Association for a memorial the club had made in the name of Bryan Riley's mother. She also noted that the Aiken Model A's had received literature about the various candidates running for the MAFCA Board of Directors.

Vice President, Brian d'Entremont reported that next month's technical program would be on brakes and he solicited input from the membership that he would compile. Brian asked Jim McPherson for historical information of the evolution of Ford brakes. Eric Shogren volunteered to bring a couple of brake backing plates and centering jigs.

Ed Mann provided the Treasurer's report.

For upcoming events, the following were identified and discussed:

- 8/11/18 Tucker, GA Swap meet at the Cofer Collection
- 9/8/18, Aiken Model A's Working Technical Session at Guben's Garage – focus on tune ups

- 9/14/18 & 9/15/18, the Palmetto A's Swap Meet at Smith & Jones in Columbia
- 9/22/18 the Shade Tree A's Fuel Economy Run for International Model A Day

Next the Aiken Model A's Picnic was discussed. Rachel said she would contact the Odell Weeks Community Center for available dates. Dates of October 20th and 27th were discussed. Rachel, Dotti and Bryan volunteered to help coordinate. Ed Mann said he would see Larry Lamb on Saturday and would see if he was willing to cook. It was decided to once again invite all the local Model A clubs.

To follow-up on the July meeting, the club goal of automotive maintenance and repair was discussed. A good discussion was held on how often the club should have technical working sessions. The consensus was there should definitely be a spring and fall session and at least one other. It was also discussed and agreed that others could be called as the need arose, for example, someone has a particular issue with their car and needs help diagnosing and resolving the issue. Also, along this topic, it was decided that club should develop a list of tools, spare parts and safety equipment (e.g., reflective vests and road hazard triangles) that the club should have along on a tour. Eric Shogren volunteered to start a straw man list for the next meeting.

Brian d'Entremont provided a presentation on navigating the Aiken Model A's website and the wealth of information our webmistress, Pat Roberts has posted. Rachel noted and the membership agreed that level of information available far exceeds most club websites.

Rachel provided baked goodies and lemonade for fellowship following the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Shogren, secretary

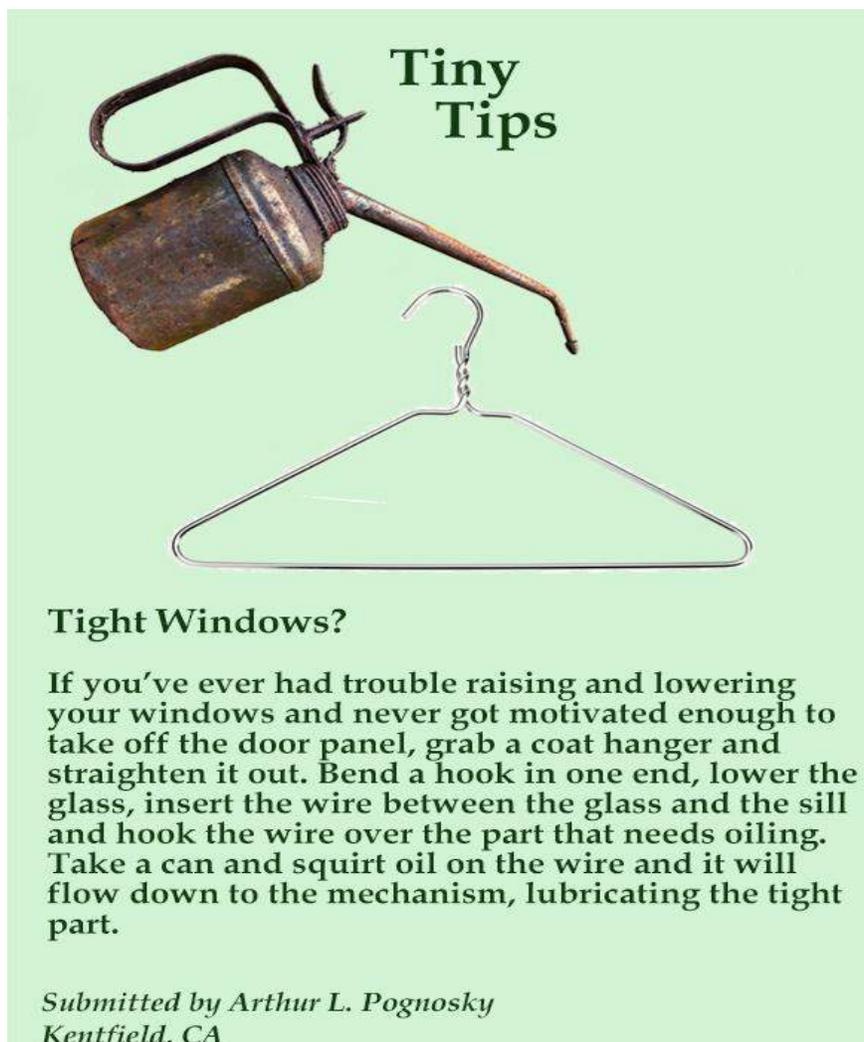
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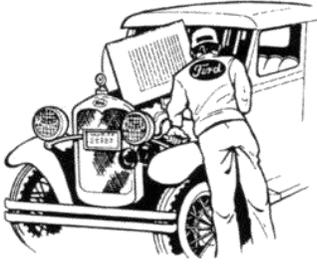
One of the definitions of "**family**" as define by Webster is: "a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation, a fellowship". To that end, I am humbled to say the Aiken Model A's are an extended family for me (and San) in both the above sense and the classical definition of family. Many thanks for the kind words of encouragement during the loss of my mom and the support provided during this period of my active job search. Thank you for the monetary donation made to The American Heart Association on behalf of Mrs. Allene W. Riley, my dear mother. The fellowshipping, learning, and participating in Aiken Model A's activities have been and continue to be very rewarding.

I simply wish to say "thank you" on all fronts!

Sincerely,

H. Bryan Riley, PhD
Aiken, SC 29803





Service Hints

Les Andrews - Technical Director

Model A Gas Gauge

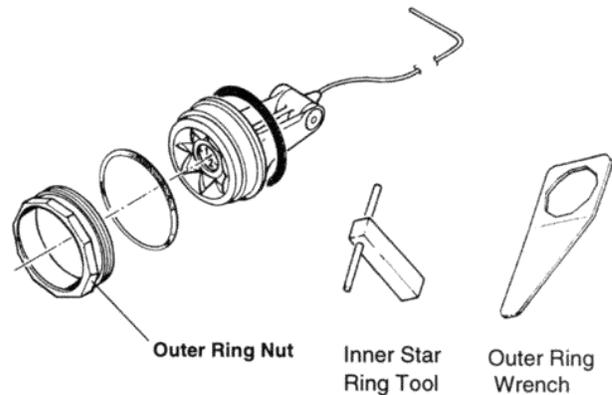
Most problems encountered with the gas gauge are gasket deterioration, resulting in leaks, and saturated float cork, preventing accurate or no indicator reading. With the proper tools, the gas gauge can be removed, repaired, and reinstalled in about 30 minutes. Anytime repairs are made to the gas gauge assembly, disconnect the battery for safety reasons.

Before removing the gas gauge assembly, ensure there is no more than 1/4 tank of gas in the tank. Two special tools are required to remove the gauge assembly from the gas tank. One is a special ten sided box wrench to remove the outer ring (nut) of the gauge. The other tool is a small inside star or square tool to remove the inside star ring (nut) from the gauge. These tool sets are made in two different configurations. Either set will work. One set is made of cast aluminum and the other set is made of cut steel. The steel tools are far superior, do a better job, and are easier to use.

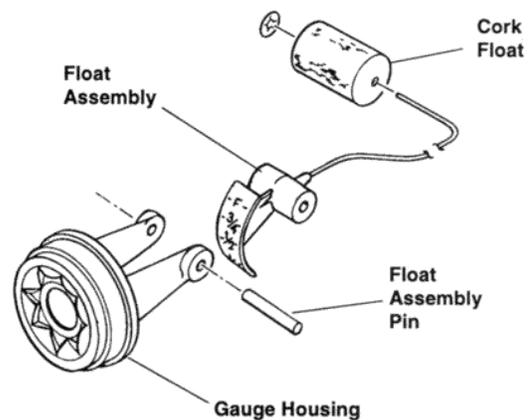
NOTE

Place the car in a well ventilated area before draining fuel. Remain 50 feet from flame or spark generating devices when draining fuel. To drain fuel from the gas tank, turn off the gas shut-off valve, disconnect the fuel line from the carburetor, and slip a 3-foot section of 1/4" neoprene hose over the end of the steel gas line end removed from the carburetor. Turn on the shut-off valve and drain fuel into a suitable container.

1. Loosen the speedometer cable clamp on the firewall to allow free movement of the cable.
2. Remove the four (4) mounting screws on the instrument panel.
3. Pull the instrument panel and speedometer cable far enough out to allow easy access to the gas gauge. With care the instrument panel can hang by the harness wires.
4. Use the large steel 10-sided box wrench to unscrew the gas gauge outer ring nut from the tank. The entire inner assembly may rotate with the outer ring. This is not a problem.
5. With the outer ring removed from the tank, the entire gas gauge assembly can be lifted out of the tank. Move the gauge assembly to the work bench for further disassembly and repairs.



6. Remove the float assembly pin to allow removal of the float and dial assembly from the housing.

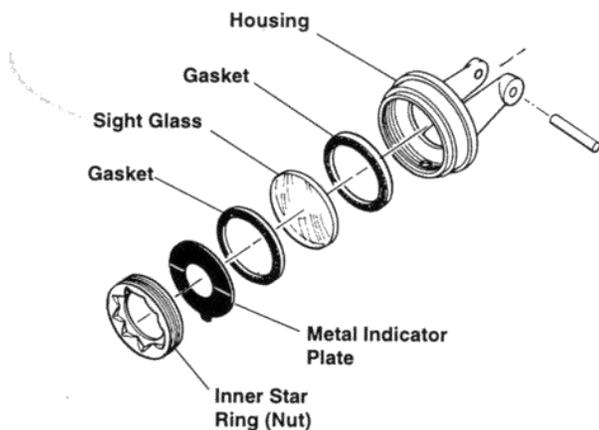


- Carefully clamp the gauge housing in a vise so the center star ring (nut) can be removed. Place the square block tool inside the inner star ring and screw out the center ring.

NOTE

The inner ring and glass may be difficult to remove because of gasoline varnish build up around the glass and ring. If necessary, soak the assembly in lacquer thinner or carburetor cleaner to soften the varnish around the center ring, gaskets and glass.

- After the inner ring has been removed, the metal indicator plate and glass can be removed from the gauge housing.



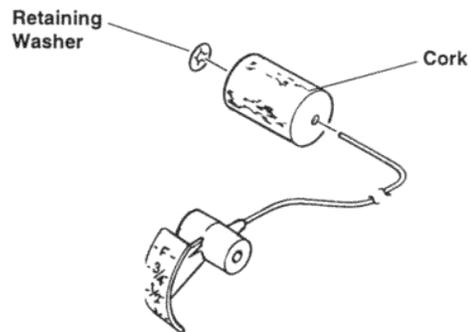
- Thoroughly clean all gasket material from the back side of the housing and from the inside ring. Soak in lacquer thinner or carburetor cleaner to remove gasoline residue.
- After cleaning, assemble the housing with a new gasket on each side of the sight glass, the metal indicator plate, and the inner star ring nut, as shown in the above illustration. Do not use sealant on either of the sight glass gaskets. The tab on the metal indicator plate sits in a small dimple in the housing. This prevents the indicator plate from moving when the star ring is screwed down.
- Using the center star ring tool, tighten the star ring nut to provide good compression of the two sight glass gaskets. This must be tight to provide a good seal around the glass.
- To replace the float cork, remove the retaining washer at the end of the wire and slide the old cork off the wire.

- A new cork must be thoroughly coated with shellac to seal the cork. Gasoline will not penetrate shellac.

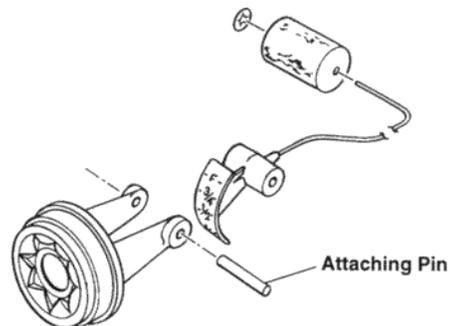
NOTE

The float can be replaced with either a cork float or a Tiltson carburetor float. A Tiltson carburetor float should be clamped to the wire and then soldered.

- If a new cork float is installed, place a retaining washer on the end of the wire and attach with a small drop of solder. Originally, the wire end was crimped to spread the wire and retain the washer. It may be easier to solder it in place.

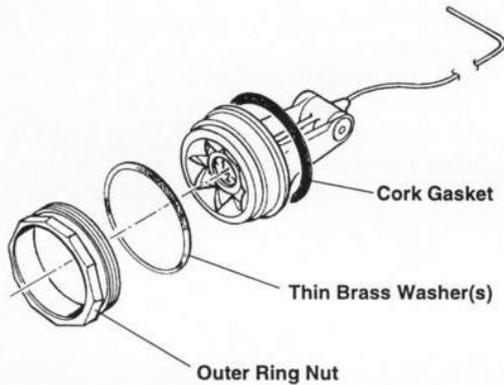


- Attach the float assembly with dial to the housing with attaching pin as shown. The gauge is now ready to install in the gas tank.



- Thoroughly clean all old gasket material from inside the gas tank gauge hole.
- Apply a small amount of gas resistant sealant on both sides of the large cork gasket in the gasket kit. Place this gasket in the gas tank gauge hole, fully seated on the inside flange.
- Insert the gauge assembly in the tank, placed against the cork gasket.

19. Two thin brass washers are used as thrust slip washers for the outer ring nut. Place a light coat of oil on the two (2) brass washers and place them over the gauge assembly and against the back flange of the gauge housing. These washers will prevent the gauge assembly from turning when the outer ring nut is tightened.



20. With the brass washers in place, screw the outer ring into the tank, pushing the gauge assembly against the inside cork gasket. Do not tighten this outer ring until the float level calibration has been checked.
21. Gas gauges were calibrated so that they register "F" when the cork float just touches the top of the tank. With this setting there will still be a reserve of approximately one gallon in the tank when the gauge registers "0". If the float gauge does not register as above, the float wire should be readjusted by slightly bending the wire until the gauge registers accurately.
22. To check the gauge reading, remove the gas cap and screen and insert a hook wire through the filler opening and lift up the float wire until the cork float just touches the top of the tank. If properly adjusted, the gauge should read full "F". To adjust, remove the gauge from the tank and bend the float wire. There should be only one bend in the wire, 1-1/2" back from the pivot pin. The 1928/1929 gas tank float wire should be nearly straight. The 1930/1931 gas tank float wire required a 1-5/8" drop bend to accommodate the 1930 style gas tank.
23. After the float has been checked and adjusted, screw the outer ring down tight using the ten 10-sided box wrench, pushing the gauge assembly tight against the inside cork gasket. If needed, use the square inner star ring tool to hold the inner gauge assembly level while using the outer ring wrench to firmly tighten the outer ring nut.
24. Place the instrument panel against the dash and attach with four (4) screws (10-32 X 1/2" oval head.)
25. Tighten the speedometer cable clamp on the firewall.
26. Reconnect the fuel line to the carburetor (if previously disconnected).
27. Reconnect the battery ground strap to the (+) battery terminal

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GRANDPARENTS DAY!**

News from MAFCA



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To read the latest MAFCA Board Meeting highlights, [click here](#).

To read the latest from the MAFCA President, [click here](#).

To join the Model A Ford Club of America, [click here](#). Renewals, [click here](#).

Are You Getting Everything? Did you know your membership in MAFCA includes a free copy of the digital The Restorer Magazine? If you are not receiving it, send an email to info@mafca.com. In the subject line, write "Sign Up for the Digital Restorer".

August 2 - Vendor List manager **David Jones** has supplied us with MAJOR additions and updates to the [Parts and Service Suppliers page](#). All of the recent additions are summarized at the top of the page.

In addition, we've also added a [red bar](#) under the names of all vendors who advertise in The Restorer magazine, so please mention that you also saw them listed on the MAFCA website.

August 27 - NEW AND IMPORTANT information for MAFCA members planning to attend the 2018 National Awards Banquet in Tucson and haven't made hotel room reservations,



PLEASE MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Due the popularity of the event, the initial block of that date, there is no guarantee that a room will be available at any price as the hotel is selling out very quickly this year. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-Hiltons (445-8667) and be sure to mention the MAFCA 2018 National Awards Banquet to get our special rate of \$109++ for a king or double bed room.

INTERNATIONAL MODEL "A" FORD DAY



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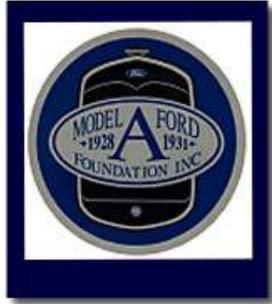
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MAFFI Newsletter Minute

August 2018

ALL Aboard!

When you next visit our museum, on The Gilmore grounds, you may have the unique opportunity to take a ride in a 1930 AA stake bed truck. Through a generous donation made to MAFFI last year, we have a beautifully restored AA truck which has been fitted with an entry stairway and bench seats for visitor rides.

The idea to use the truck for visitor rides was discussed with the MAFFI trustees and Chris Shires, Executive Director at The Gilmore. It was agreed that the AA stake bed truck was ideal for offering visitor rides and provided another way for visitors to have fun and learn about the museum's cars and trucks. Finding a way to safely enter the truck and to provide seating took some work, but, through the efforts of Larry Wallace and Rob Mills (MAFFI trustees) and Innovative Access Solutions in Leitchfield, Kentucky, a design was developed. The powder coated aluminum components were shipped to Rob Mills's farm where he completed the installation onto the truck bed and tailgate and delivered the truck to the museum. Randy Czubko, also a MAFFI trustee, developed magnetic signs which will help promote both the hobby and the museums. The signs will be installed on the truck doors when completed. The truck is on loan to The Gilmore so that rides can be given year round.

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee

clubcontact@maffi.org





News from the Model A Restorers Club



To get to the Model A Restorer's Club home page, [click here](#).

To join or renew your membership in MARC, [click here](#).

A raffle of Model-A-related items will be held at the August 4-10, **2019** MARC National Meet in Dearborn. Details may be found at <https://mark35879.wixsite.com/marcdearborn2019/tours>

“For the first time you can now buy your raffle tickets ONLINE! We have proudly teamed up with the Vintagefordfourm.com for an exclusive on line purchase. Just click the link and you will be taken to the VFF store to make your purchase. No sign up needed. Purchase as many as you like and they will be sent to you. Payment is via Pay pal or check and goes to the Sweet 16 A's.”

Your ticket purchases are linked directly to the Sweet 16 A's Model A club. The VFF is pleased to promote the raffle drive on their behalf.

(Editor's note...A holiday gifting idea for your "Model A-loving" loved one! You do not have to be a MARC member to purchase these tickets.)



2019 MARC National Meet



Your Host's the "Sweet 16 A's"

2019 National Meet Raffles

- Four-Goodyear Tires (Value of \$720.00)
- Model A Rebuilt Transmission (Value of \$800.00)
- Complete Set of Model A Safety Glass (Value of \$800.00)
- Brassworks Radiator Gift Certificate (Value of \$600.00)
- 1930 Fine Point Stainless Radiator Shell (Value of \$1400.00)

Tickets are \$2.00 Each or Three (3) for \$5.00

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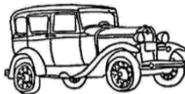
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Friday, September 14, 2018 8am to 5pm Swap Meet

Saturday, September 15, 2018 8am to 3pm Swap Meet & Car Show

Vendor Space: Early registration: \$15/one day \$25/two days \$20/\$30 at the gate

Car Corral: \$10 for two days

Palmetto A Members - Free Vendor Space

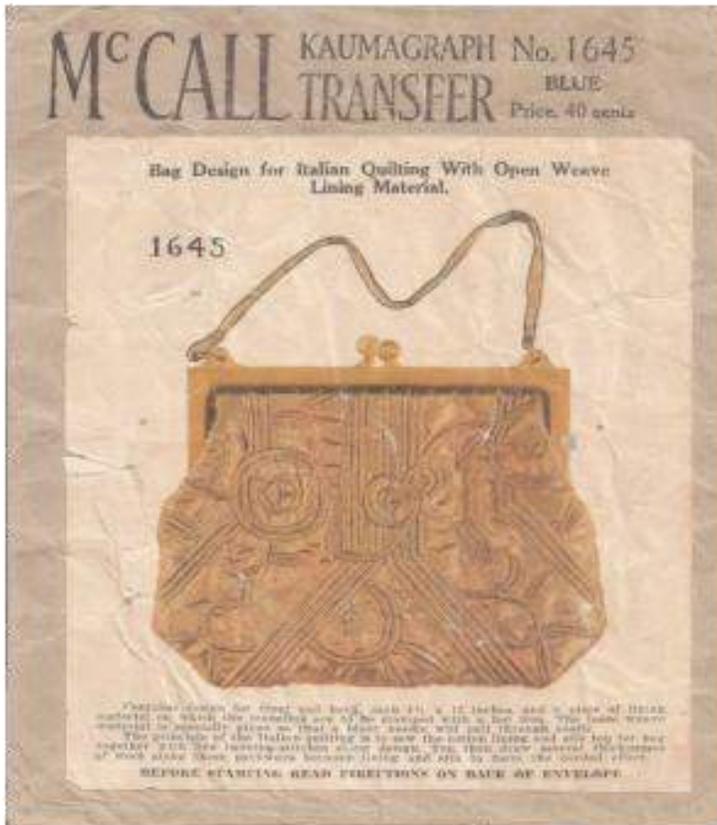
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McCall PURSE PATTERN 1645

by Janet Gundlach



McCall produced numerous purse patterns throughout the Model A years.

McCall PATTERN NO. 1645 appeared in the February & April 1929 *McCall Magazine*. The pattern was also featured in the Autumn 1929 *McCall Needlework & Decorative Arts Magazine*.

This pattern was purchased on eBay. Later the seller emailed that she had found the purse and frame. All came from an estate.



To the left is the purse and below the text from the *McCall Needlework and Decorative Arts*.

No. 1645. Another design for Italian corded quilting, the bag at left for which the thin lining material is also provided. You stamp design on lining, baste to your silk top, then work in running-stitches. To raise design, pull strands of wool on the back. Two transfers, 8¼ x 12. Price, 40 cents. Blue.

McCall PURSE PATTERN 1645



To the left is the original iron-on design that came in the pattern envelope. Originally there would have been two copies plus the light weight lining material in the pattern envelope.



Above and to the right are pictures of the original purse. The silk is rotten but the lining is in good condition. The purse was never attached to the frame. Purse frames could be purchased through catalogs & stores and were readily available.

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Good paint

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\$16,500

See both cars in banner at top of Aiken Model A's home page, www.aikenas.org.

They may also be viewed on that site's "Our Vehicles" page.

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Model A News - Virtually complete set. 1957 to present. (Few 1960-61 issues missing). The magazines, numbering approximately 400, are in 26 binders, as pictured at right.

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Jim Hedges 803-221-4940



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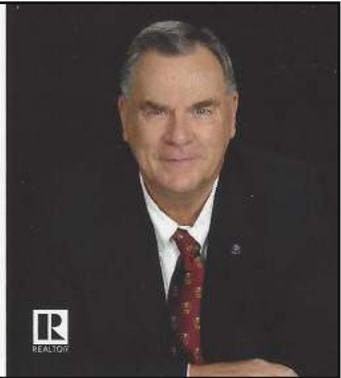
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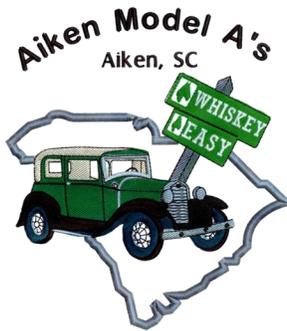
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Aiken Model A's Calendar of Events

September 1 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!

September 1, 8, 15, 22 and 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. 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 (Reminder: Sept. 8th we also have a work day at Guben's Garage).

September 4 AMA's Club Meeting, every first Tuesday each month. **NEW MEETING LOCATION! Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church, 224 Barnwell Ave. NW, Aiken.** The Fellowship Hall entrance is at the corner of Laurens Street and Barnwell Ave. Meet at 6:30 p.m. for social time, and the 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

September 8 Hands-on workday at Guben's Garage (Eric's shop off of Pine Log Road, 528 Patricia Court, Aiken, near Golden Harvest Food Bank). The focus will be tune-ups. Bring your car, get a tune up and drive your Model A with confidence this fall!

September 14-15 Palmetto A's Swap Meet at Smith and Jones See information on page 10 of this issue.

September 14-15 8th Annual Model A Day hosted by the Model A Ford Foundation at the MAFFI museum at the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan.

September 22 International Model A Day

September 22 Shade Tree A's Invitational Fuel Economy Tour Pre-registration required.

October 20 Aiken Model A's Club Picnic Watch your email and the next newsletter for details.

Future Opportunities

November 17 Pioneer Days, Lincolnnton, GA

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](#)

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