



Newsletter of the Aiken Model A's

Aiken, SC

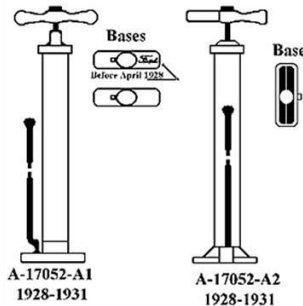
A New Chapter in an Old Story

September 2019

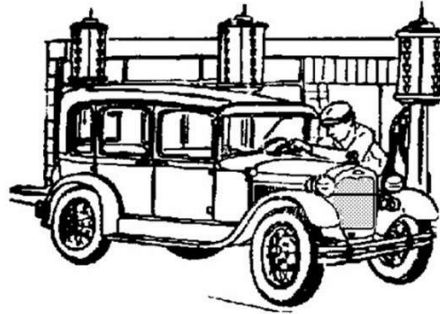
Specifications You May Need For Your Model A

Crankshaft bearing clearance	.001 to .003
Cooling system	3 gallons
Connecting rod to crankshaft	.001 to .003
Crankshaft end play	.004
Distributor point gap	.018 to .022
End play of water pump shaft	.006 to .010
Engine compression	76 PSI
Gas tank 1928 - 1929	10 gallons
Gas tank 1930 - 1931	11 gallons
Crankcase oil capacity	5 quarts
Pistons to cylinders	.002
Piston ring gap - upper ring	.012 to .015
Piston ring gap - center ring	.010 to .012
Piston ring gap - lower ring	.008 to .010
Main bearing clearance	.001 to .0015
Rear axle grease	1 1/2 pints
Spark plug gap	.035
Steering gear grease	1 pint
Transmission grease	1 pint
Timing gear backlash	.004
Tire pressure	35 PSI
Valves in valve guides	.001 to .0015
Valve to tappet clearance	.010 to .013

Model A Tire Pumps



We're off to a good start at Rye Patch in 2014. (Can you see our "AMA"?)

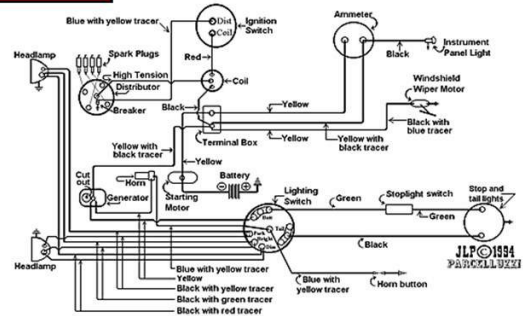


AMA, Aiken, SC



Ford Model A

Wiring Diagram
1929 - 1931 Without Cowl Lights



**In the fall of 2014,
we formed the Aiken Model A's.
Rachel, Pat, Tom, Eric, Dotti and Craig
(with Greg as photographer) formed an unforgettable (?) "AMA"**

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
Aiken, SC, 7 pm
September business meeting.

Program: The Model A Distributor

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WHO'S WHO IN AMA?

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About the Cover:

From our archives:



I assembled this composite along the way—some useful information, a really ‘with it’ tech fellow, and, above all—a wonderfully-formed “AMA”— we were beginning our ‘new chapter in an old story!’



Wonder Bread is a brand of bread which originated in the United States in 1921 and became one of the first to be sold pre-sliced nationwide in 1930. This led to the popular phrase “the greatest thing since sliced bread”.
 ..and Model A's were there!
 The brand is currently owned by Flowers Foods in the United States. (from MAFCA archives)

WHAT, WHEN, WHERE??

CARS & COFFEE

Join us Saturdays at the Village Café from 10-11 for fun, fellowship and car-talk!
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CLUB BUSINESS MEETINGS

Fellowship Hall
 First Presbyterian Church
 224 Barnwell Ave NW
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 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.



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

Thoughts from President Greg.....

I am writing this month's message while flying back from France where Mary and I attended my niece's wedding. We had a spectacular time! I saw the repairs underway on the Notre Dame cathedral and thought to myself, "that looks tougher than restoring a Model A."

We need to start getting our fall events organized and we can discuss these at the September meeting. Our club birthday party typically involves a barbecue/potluck affair and volunteers will be needed to help coordinate. If all of us chip in and do a little, then one or two people will not be stuck with doing all the work. At our September meeting let's discuss if we would like to invite other clubs and see if there is consensus for doing that.

So far, our technical programs have emphasized the Model A cooling systems and their proper care and maintenance. I thought this would be a timely topic especially given our rather "warmish" summer weather.

At our next meeting I will be presenting a technical program involving the Model A distributor, with a particular focus on some problems and solutions relating to use of the original points available from suppliers. As it turns out, the points are not being made exactly right but there is a solution. This discussion will be on the original distributor setup and not the "modern" V8 points and condenser, but we will talk about them a bit.

A special thanks to Pat Roberts who is producing our monthly newsletter. Like the web site she also maintains, Pat does a great job with the newsletter and carries on the excellence we have established for this monthly publication. Great job....and thanks!



AUGUST 6, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Eric Shogren, Secretary

President, Greg Jones, was out of town so Vice President Charles Hilton called the meeting to order. The minutes from the July meeting were approved, as published in the newsletter.

Under member concerns, Lew Fierke had a hip replaced the morning of the meeting.

Under officer's reports, Charles noted that President Greg Jones was out of town. Brian d'Entremont provided the treasurer's report.

For Show & Tell Charles Hilton brought in a car jack, embossed with B3272. He asked the membership if they thought it was a Model A car jack. A quick search of the MAFCA website unfortunately proved that it wasn't.

In the mailbox Rachel reported on receiving a flyer, which she passed out, on the Fall Magnolia Ridge Antiques & Art Gathering, September 21 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is the fall version of the event the club attended in May. After a general discussion noting how much fun this festival had been in May, it was decided to add it to the club calendar.

Under recent events, the impromptu Palmetto A's tour to Aiken and lunch at Betsy Around the Corner was discussed. It was a good opportunity to catch up with our Palmetto A's friends.

Under upcoming events there was hinted that Fred Clark might be hosting something for the club in the future.

The following upcoming events were discussed:

August 10 – 11th Annual Model A Ford Swap Meet held at Cofer's Stable of Thoroughbreds, Tucker, GA.

September 14 – International Model A Day Shade Tree A Tour

October 5 – Aiken Model A's 5th Birthday Party Picnic (11:00 to 3:00), Odell Weeks Park

October 17 & 19 – Charlotte Auto Fair Display
December 13 & 14 – Sage Valley Currier & Ives Christmas

May 2020 – Tour and Picnic at Rivers Bridge State Park

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Under other business, a very gracious proposal from Jim Hedges was discussed. Jim proposed donating a complete set of cataloged and bound *Model A News* magazines. The *Model A News* is the publication of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC). Jim wanted this to be the start of the *Cathy Hedges Memorial Library* for the Aiken Model As. While the membership thought this was a very generous offer, it was also discussed at length what would be suitable setting where this collection could be maintained and added to. Everyone agreed that this collection had to be maintained in a climate controlled environment and not relegated to garage. After much discussion, it was unfortunately determined that a suitable location could not be identified and a motion to decline Jim's offer was passed.

As a followup to July's Tech Talk, the DVD *Fahrenheit Fright* was shown.

From a mailer from one of our AMA advertisers:
(Check out the Model A's he's advertised this month!)



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This one's for YOU!

A note from Pat: Three more issues, and then I'm out of a job! I volunteered to 'do' this newsletter for 2019, and how the time has flown! I've enjoyed my time as your editor—now it's time for someone new to step up and volunteer for 2020.

I'll be happy to help anyone who's thinking (or may be thinking) about assuming this task (your 'editorship' would begin January 2020, with that issue sent out in late December)...just tell Greg (or me) if you're interested. Thanks!!

GET THE WORD OUT

Every two years since 1994, the **Model A Youth Restoration Awards** (MAYRA) program gives financial assistance to youth who are restoring a Model A. They must be between ages 12 and less than 22 when the awards are announced. Every applicant who meets the award requirements will receive the same amount. In 2018, nine youth each received \$2,200 in financial support. If you know of a youth who is working on a Model A, please tell him or her about the program. All the details are on the website – www.modelarestorationaward.org. The deadline for filing for a 2020 award is May 31, 2020.

MAYRA's guiding philosophy is that the future of the hobby rests with instilling an interest and love for the Model A in youth. Once that interest takes hold, the youth is more likely to stick with the hobby or rekindle the interest in the hobby at a later point in life. And being successful in the restoration often depends on finances and that is MAYRA helps.

The program requires just two things, youth and donations:

Youth – If you know of someone, please tell them!

Donations – The program is funded with donations from Model A clubs, the national organizations of the MAFCA and the MARC, Model A parts and services vendors, individuals and memorials. We are a 501 (c) 3 educational organization.





CARS & COFFEE



Pictures: Atlanta Bread Co., Village Café

It isn't our exclusive idea (see sign, below), but every one of our Saturday get-togethers at Cars & Coffee is unique. From Fred's interpretation of a snake to Eric being the 'go-to' person for everything Model A (and more), the often laughter-filled meetings (first proposed by Ken Jackson) have been most enlightening. We've learned a lot—about babbits, carburetors, Australia, travels, mothers, black ice, Vagabonds, paint jobs, horses, libraries, arthritis, history—you name it—and each other, too.



Things Found Along the Way.....



MODEL A FUN from MAFCA

Find all 7 things that have been changed. Answers, p 11.



Don't Miss
our 5th Birthday Picnic!



October 5, 2019
11 am - 3 pm
Odell Weeks Park, Aiken



A "BUGGY" A!

HOW DID THE "PICK-UP" TRUCK GET ITS NAME?

(here's one answer:)

In 1925 the Ford Motor Company introduced the first "pickup" based on the Model T Runabout. Ford offered the rear "pickup box" separately at their dealer parts department for \$25.00. The box was then bolted onto the back of the vehicle as an accessory. Since the box was "picked up" at the parts department by the customer, the term "pickup" took hold for this style of vehicle. Later the box was installed at the factory and evolved into today's pickup trucks.



TINY TIPS: IDLING (from MAFCA)

If you just can't seem to make your Model A idle properly (ta-puck-a-ta, puck-a-ta, puck-a-ta) like they are famous for, check the following:

1. Are your valves in good condition?
No burned exhausts valves
Compression good?
2. Is the carburetor okay? Has it been checked out?
3. Is the distributor okay? New condenser, etc.?

Patent Cures



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4. No excess play in the distributor linkage?
5. Do you have Champion 3X spark plugs? Are they fairly new plugs?
6. Is the spark plug gap 0.035" to 0.040"?
7. Look for possible leaks in the intake system like manifold gaskets, cracked intake manifold, faulty windshield wiper hose or fittings.
8. Check for manifold leaks by spraying a very light liquid like WD-40 along the manifold to block gasket while the engine is idling. Does it slow down? If it does your manifold gaskets might be leaking. The gaskets could be improperly installed or the manifold surfaces could be warped.



What is it? Ford Form 3027 contained “break-in instructions” and was attached to the inside lower left corner of the windshield of almost all new Model A and AA Fords ...

Ford Form 3027

NEW CAR DIRECTIONS

SPEED Avoid high speeds while the car is new. To obtain best results, IT SHOULD NOT BE DRIVEN FASTER THAN 30 TO 35 MILES PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST 500 MILES.

OIL Keep the oil at “F” on the measuring rod, especially during the first few hundred miles. Never let it get below the mark “L.” Remove measuring rod and wipe with a dry cloth before testing the level. OIL SHOULD BE CHANGED AFTER THE FIRST 500 MILES AND EVERY 500 MILES THEREAFTER.

BRAKES This car is equipped with 4-wheel mechanical brakes which are quick and positive in action. Keep the car under control at all times to avoid the necessity for sudden application of brakes which might result in discomfort to passengers or collision from rear.

FAN BELT Do not tighten fan belt. The V-type fan belt does not require tight adjustment for proper operation. Too tight an adjustment will result in excessive wear on fan belt and generator bearings, particularly at higher speeds.

TIRES For easy riding qualities, proper braking and long life keep the tires, both front and rear inflated to 35 pounds.

INSPECTION To insure best results have an Authorized FORD DEALER (preferably the Dealer from whom you purchased your car) inspect this car and make necessary minor adjustments after the first five hundred miles of running.

DRIVE SAFELY



Jim McPherson

2 TECH TIPS...from 2 JIMS!

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 award winning restoration of Gary Russolillo's 1931 Model A Ford De Luxe Roadster is on the cover of the Antique Automobile magazine, the official publication of the Antique Automobile Club of America (Vol 83, Number 4, July/August 2019). The story of the restoration and pictures are on pages 52-55. You might enjoy looking at them.

For those of you who do not subscribe to the Model A Times magazine, there is a report from the Silver GHOST Association (Rolls-Royce) documenting massive cooling system failures apparently caused by certain antifreeze products. "The antifreeze that can be used safely in our cars uses an older fashioned Inorganic Additive Technology (IAT) additive. You can tell by the color of the antifreeze if it's safe to use. Also, the product may be labeled "Safe for Older Cars" - meaning 10 years old at most. Brands to be avoided are all Prestone lines, Zerex's G-05 in the gold container, Avoid any "extended life" antifreeze. None of us wants to pull and rebuild our cars' engines. Acceptable brands are Peak, Peak's HD Product "Sierra", and Zerex Original Green in the white container. If any of the OAT, H-OAT, or N-OAT products are in your car the cooling system should promptly be drained - radiator and block - the system flushed thoroughly, and IAT antifreeze installed." The failures they are reporting are to gaskets and gasket cements. Many of us stopped using these products in our Model A's long age, when overheating issues resulted in geysers spraying our hoods, fenders and windshields with antifreeze, and the antifreeze leaving the paint damaged.

NUT and BOLT TORQUE



Ford did not publish torque specs for the nuts and bolts on a Model A in the service bulletins. (The torque wrench was not invented until 1931 and was not common in automotive repair until the late-'30s.) Ford relied on the experienced hands of the mechanic to tighten, but not overtighten, the various fasteners on the car.



Torque is actually a measure of the twisting force on something, like a nut or a bolt. When you tighten a nut, you are actually stretching the bolt or stud that the nut is turning on. It is the stretch of the bolt or stud that provides the strong "clamping force" that holds everything together tightly.

Think of the bolt or stud as a very powerful spring. You stretch it out when you tighten the nut, and the stud or bolt "spring" keeps pulling things together. If a stud or a bolt is weak, due to age or corrosion, it will often break under the intense stress you are applying when you torque the nut. This is why we put new studs in the block, for example, so that they don't break.

There are tables of values published today for nuts and bolts on a Model A. I recommend you follow them as a guide and use a torque wrench. Today's modern torque wrench "clicks" when you get to the desired torque. When it clicks, stop tightening. If you are going to insert a cotter pin into the nut after it is tight, keep turning the nut beyond the point where the wrench clicks, just until the cotter pin will slide in. This is better than loosening the nut to get the pin in.

In general, published torque values (unless it states otherwise) are for tightening a nut or bolt with clean, dry threads. This means the rust has been cleaned off of the bolt or stud threads (I use a wire brush) and they have been wiped dry. No oil, grease or anti-seize compound should be applied to the threads that the nut will be turning on. (A drop of oil can be applied to the surface that a nut is tightening against, such as the boss on the top of a head, where the stud goes through the head.)

If you lubricate the threads on a stud or bolt, it will be too easy to turn the nut as you torque it. So when you stop at your target torque (say 55 ft-lbs for a head nut) you will have stretched the bolt or stud more than 2 times as far as you would with the same torque with dry threads. This will be like over-torquing the nut and can result in the stud or bolt breaking, the stud pulling out of the block, or the head or block cracking, due to too much stress on it. That will ruin your day!

So clean the threads before you start, keep the threads dry, use a torque wrench, and stop pulling the instant the torque wrench clicks. You'll be glad you did.

Have a Model A Day!



INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY

International Model A Day Tour Registration Form

Saturday September 14, 2019

Name: _____ Name of Guest(s): _____

Street Address: _____ City & State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email: _____ Car Club: _____

Year of Car: _____ Model of Car: _____

Will you be trailering? YES _____ NO _____

Event Registration: Qty: @ COST: Total:
 Registration Fee: _____ @ \$10.00 (per car) \$ _____

(includes 1 car/driver/passengers & 1 IMAD patch)

Additional IMAD patch _____ @ \$3.00 each \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Additional Activities:

I/we will attend the Friday night dinner: YES/NO _____ Number of persons _____

Lunch on your own during tour.

Make your hotel reservations directly with your favorite hotel. See list on flyer.

Please make your check payable to the "Shade Tree A's".

Please send your completed registration form and payment **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6, 2019 TO:**

Dan Perla, 454 Fulcher Dr., Martinez, GA 30907-8766

The signers below (all attendees) agree to indemnity and hold harmless for any and all liability due to attendance and participation in the 2019 International Model A Day Tour, the Shade Tree A's (STA), STA members, their officers, staff and any and all constituents acting on behalf of the aforementioned affiliations and/or tour volunteers. Submission of this Tour Registration Form (signed or unsigned) constitutes acceptance of the terms of this release. The vehicle being used has all the required automobile insurance established by state statute.

Signatures: _____

Date(s): _____

This is a rain or shine event.



Visit <https://www.shadetreeas.org/> and, on the home page, click on the 2019 International Model A Ford Day patch (pictured) to get additional details about what's planned, times, places to stay, etc. You'll also find a summary on page 12 of this newsletter. Make note of the deadline!

The
Model A
Years:



FLOWERS as FASHION

Flowers as Fashion

By Sherry Winkinhofer, Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club

In the modern world, we think of corsages and boutonnieres as fresh flowers worn for formal occasions such as weddings or proms. But in the Model A days, they were a much more common sight. Fresh floral arrangements were still the thing for those formal occasions, but artificial flowers were very visible in day-to-day life.

Read the full article on the MAFCA Website at http://www.mafca.com/ef_articles.html and learn how artificial flowers were used in daily fashion during the Model A years!



- The Chicago Mail Order Company Winter 1929-30



- Gorringe's Catalog Autumn 1928



- The Robert Simpson Company. Catalog Fall and Winter 1928-29.



-The Robert Simpson Catalog Fall & Winter 1928-29



-Chicago Mail Order Co. Winter 1929-30



- August 1928 Good Housekeeping ad for linens.

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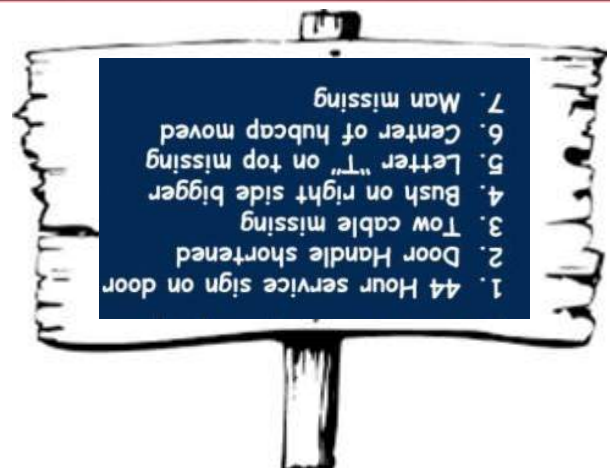
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DOWN THE ROAD....



MONTHLY AMA HAPPENINGS

First Saturday Breakfast—September 7, November 2....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

**** (see below) September 14**—3rd Annual International Model A Day Tour & Poker Run—hosted by Shade Tree A's

September 21—Magnolia Ridge Antiques & Art Gathering, Ridge Spring (second gathering); see flyer, below

October 5—Aiken Model A's 5th Birthday Picnic, Odell Weeks Park, 11 am—3 pm

October 18-19—Charlotte Fall AutoFair, Charlotte, NC—invitation to car show on 19th

December 13-14—Currier and Ives Event, Sage Valley Golf Club

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

OTHER UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

****September 14**—Join the **Shade Tree A's** of Augusta for their International Model A Day Tour and Poker Run. Planned are: dinner Friday night for early arrivers; touring backroads of GA and SC, crossing Thurmond Dam; a visit to car collection of STA member; visit to historic Edgefield, SC with self-guided tours; visiting the Edgefield artisan community (2 potters, blacksmith, wood carver, distillery), its local museums and historic sites, Town Square and Model A roped-off parking area. Poker run winners determined on the town square with cash prizes @ 2 p.m.; many eating places near hotels—make your reservations; all hotels located at or near Jimmie Dyess Parkway, GA exit 194 on I20. (You'll find a *registration form on page 9*; note **registration deadline**—and don't forget to bring your chairs!!)



September 21—Model A Day at MAFFI. The 2019 Model A Day events begin Friday evening with a 7pm seminar. Saturday is the main event day which includes a swap meet, technical and fashion seminars, museum touring and the annual meeting. There is a lot to see. Haven't been to the Gilmore Car Museum yet? It's in Hickory Corners, West Michigan, midway between Detroit and Chicago. Without a doubt, it's definitely worth the trip!
<http://www.maffi.org/WSCContent/MAD.html>

October 6-10—2019 MAFCA National Tour, Canyonlands. Travel with us through Southwestern Utah and Northeastern Arizona. We will visit several national parks and national monuments during this "Hub and Spoke" style tour based out of Kanab, Utah. Registration is now open. Visit the MAFCA website for more information. (www.MAFCA.com/)

October 9-12—AACA Eastern Fall National Meet- Hershey Region - Hershey, PA. Since 1955, the Eastern Division AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) National Fall Meet takes place each year during the 1st full week in October. Hershey is considered one of the largest antique automobile shows and flea markets in the United States.

November 9—Vintage Wings, a new non-profit aviation museum based in Ridgeland, SC is holding a kick-off event featuring both antique/vintage cars and aircraft.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



5—Lewis Fierke
9—Bryan Riley
21—Charles Hilton
24—Kelly Frontroth
30—Fred Clark

Magnolia Ridge



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