

# AIKEN MODEL A'S NEWSLETTER



Aiken Model A's Chapter of MAFCA

March 2016

## February Fellowship

The Aiken Model A's don't need an excuse to get together to kick tires or kick back, but February's event calendar offered quality opportunities to do just that. From breakfast AND dinner on Feb. 6th, to Cars and Coffee on Saturday mornings and a Valentine's dinner at Louise Mellon's on February 13th, we certainly ate well and shared fellowship. I know I am not alone in my sentiment that this club shares a special bond...the cars bring us out and about, but the camaraderie is palpable when we are together. Maybe it's the frequent laughter (raucous is a better description...we haven't been thrown out of Atlanta Bread Company...YET!) or the unspoken knowledge that no matter what, another member has got your back.

We had an influx of new members and guests this past month, and what a great time to get involved in the AMA's. Grab your fork and start your engines-there's loads of events, touring, car displays and of course, eating on our calendar!

Dotti Shogren  
Editor



Feb. 6th. The AMA's enjoyed dinner at the Hunting Lodge at Sage Valley Golf Club. HUGE is their motto: Cake AND fire places!



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Another of Louise's spectacular trifles; and pictorial testimony to her culinary success!

## Meeting Minutes

Aiken Model A's (AMA's)  
February 2, 2016

Cumberland Village 1835 Room

Dotti called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Larry Lamb reported that Sage Valley has again made a generous donation to the club in appreciation of our shuttle services, and are hosting dinner for all club members at Sage Valley Hunting Lodge on Feb. 6. Larry added that we will be invited to provide shuttle services for their member's 2016 Christmas party.

Larry relayed a request from a Sage Valley member for a car display in Hitchcock Woods on the weekend before Master's, to benefit a Horseshow. Details are pending.

Jim Hedges was welcomed to his first club meeting. Misty returned after knee-replacement surgery, and George had been hospitalized for a couple of days. He thanked everyone for their prayers on his behalf.

Treasurer Don said that the bank balance was good. Membership Coordinator and Webmaster Pat said that prospective members Keith and Joyce Lewis were unable to make the meeting but still planned to join. She said that the 2016 section of the web page was empty pending photos from Greg.

The deformed gaskets from Ken's manifold, which were replaced at the Jan. 30 work session, were passed around for show & tell. Roy motioned to approve the January minutes as printed in the newsletter; the motion was seconded and approved. Dotti led a discussion started at the January meeting pertaining to amending the

bylaws to establish term limits for officers. A vote will be taken at the March meeting.

Members traveling together to the Sage Valley dinner, meet in front of Roses; departure would be at 5:30. Members were reminded to call or e-mail Pat with their MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America) membership number which can be found on the wrapper of *The Restorer* magazine. It was suggested that the club add breakfast at the Masonic Lodge every first Saturday of the month as a regular event. Plans were made to do so on Feb. 6. An invitation to the AMA's Board of Director's meeting was given for Friday, Feb. 12 (11:30) at Cumberland Village.

Potential tours and activities for the near future were discussed. Some ideas included:

- Aiken Antique Power Association Tractor Show April 9
- Picnic in the Park w/ Palmetto A's March 12
- Charles Hilton's collection combined with a Saturday tech session April 30
- Greenwood Swap Meet April 15 & 16
- License Plate display February 27
- Penny Pinson Hot Dog Picnic May 14
- ACTS Car Show May 14

Misty won the 50/50 drawing and Brian and Tom won door prizes. The technical program was presented by Don Cerefin's guest and neighbor, Chuck Burhans, about the restoration of his 1950 Chevy Truck. Misty invited everyone to a party in honor of George's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday to be held at the United Methodist Church in Grovetown, GA on Saturday Feb. 20 from 1 p.m. until...

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned about 8:30 pm.

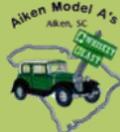
Rachel d'Entremont, Secretary



Ken's tattered gasket

### **WELCOME!!**

***To our new members, Keith and Joyce Lewis of Williston, and Grace Vance from Aiken! So happy to have you in the club!***



#### **AMA's Officers for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Dotti Shogren - President

Woody Malone - VP

Don Cerefin - Treasurer

Rachel d'Entremont - Secretary

Greg Jones - Director at Large

#### **Club Helpers**

Parade Coordinator - Tom Roberts

Membership Coordinator - Pat Roberts

Webmaster - Pat Roberts

50/50 - Roy Fischer

Nat'l Rep - Bill Cox

Monthly Mtg Tech Seminars  
Walker Crosby

Meeting Setup -  
Woody Malone

Newsletter Editor -  
Dotti Shogren

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#### **Meetings**

The 1835 Room  
Cumberland Village  
3335 Wise Creek Lane  
Aiken, SC

Monthly, First Tues., 7 P.M.

## “The Spark”

Dotti Shogren - President

A big WELCOME from everyone in the club to our newest members, Grace Vance, and Joyce and Keith Lewis! We are so glad to have you “in the family”. You could not have picked a better time to join the AMA’s as we gear up (pun intended) for another season of great Model A events - our calendar is filled with good times ahead!

On another note, the AMA’s Board of Director’s meeting on February 12th was very productive. Topics discussed included club objectives, keeping meetings interesting, forming a nominating committee and the election of 2016-2017 Officers, the 2016 Christmas party, dues renewals and club income, and our affiliation and support of the national Model A organizations. You’ll be hearing more about these matters at our monthly meetings.

The newsletter has a different look this month. The editor (...me) tells me (...the President) that the mental energy needed to create the previous version is at low ebb right now. The stacking and unstacking of my mental blocks is heavy work and I am worn out from trying to learn to accept some newly imposed limitations. My long-standing rollercoaster of ‘good’ and ‘bad’ days has just recently been diagnosed as Fibromyalgia, but I’m not sure about that label either. See, I told you “acceptance” wasn’t my strong suit! Aging is NOT for the faint of heart!

Well, be that as it may, the club had a lot of fun in February and isn’t slowing down any time soon. March 5th is a pancake breakfast at Fatz and the middle of the month has a fabulous opportunity to gather with Model A enthusiasts, from multiple clubs, at [Picnic in the Park](#). I really hope our whole club participates this year – I know I am excited about it because it’s the first time in many years that it isn’t on the same Saturday as the Aiken Steeplechase.

We have such an remarkable hobby! As Ken Jackson recently told me, and I paraphrase, “it beats stamp or coin collecting!” Take a minute each day to celebrate your blessings, and give a thought to our members and friends who need your prayers.



Last month’s “Caption This”

Even aliens want to study  
Henry’s technical genius.

I’m not leaving without my ‘A’

Aliens picked the best for the  
chance to take a joy ride.

### Members’ Wellbeing

Please keep our members in your thoughts and prayers.

George Gordon’s sister in Pennsylvania (and Misty’s aunt) passed away Feb. 28th. Our sympathies go out to the Gordon family.

Bill Cox went into the hospital in Aiken on Feb. 25th with lots of pain and partial paralysis. So far, tests have revealed more questions than answers. He is in room 333 (as of this writing), hospital phone is (803) 641-5333.

Misty had carpal tunnel surgery on her right hand, and is recovering well.

Pat is *finally* done with her extended dental work. Chomp, chomp Pat! We know you are so glad!

## Wrapping up January with shared mechanical expertise....

A Saturday Tech Session was held January 30th, at Greg Jones' garage. It was well attended and productive. Member's worked on Ken's manifold gasket, Rachel's horn and kicked around thoughts on Greg's brakes.



## Beginning February with excellent eats....



We were treated to an appreciation dinner at the Sage Valley Hunting Lodge on February 6th – and it was scrumptious! Grilled shrimp, chicken and filet mignon, with assorted grilled vegetables, potatoes and their infamously large portions of cake! Look at those smiles!



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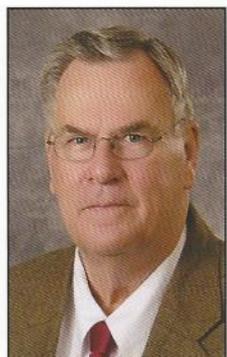
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Miss Crank

*Miss Crank has very little expertise on a great many subjects. She is here to answer Model A questions relating to manners, relationships, home, pets, and more.*

**Dear Miss Crank:**

**We have been having intermittent problems with our horn. It's worked well for years and then all of a sudden, it made a bleating noise like a baby goat in distress, then... nothing. Every time someone works on it, it works fine, until he walks away, then it stops working.**

**We were out driving recently when we saw a bumper sticker that said "Honk if you support XXXX". Well, XXXX is a real idiot who I would oppose even if he were the only person running. The driver of our car said "it doesn't matter, our horn doesn't work" then he proceeded lean on the horn and produce a loud "AhhhOOOgaaa" from what, we thought, was a broken horn. We are all mortified! It's not like any other car within 3 miles could have made that sound. How can we continue to live in this community? Everyone knows our car.**

**Mort T. Fide**

**Dear Mr. Fide:**

**On the bright side, you have figured out how to make your horn work! Put a "XXXX for president" bumper sticker on the underside of the hood where only the horn will be aware if its presence. Just be careful in front of whom you open the hood.**

**The beauty in a Model A horn, when it is working, is that the sound of it makes everyone smile and look around for the source. Most likely no one else even noticed the bumper sticker except the owner and that person's judgement and character are questionable. Everyone else was admiring the car. Your reputation is likely untarnished by this incident**

**Do try to get that horn repaired though; it's not just for entertainment. It sounds like a grounding problem.**

## Events Calendar



## ABOUT THE AIKEN MODEL A'S

MARCH 5	PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT FATZ BENEFITTING AIKEN LION'S CLUB SEE WOODY FOR TICKETS. \$7 (NO CARS AND COFFEE AT ATL BREAD)
MARCH 12	<a href="#">PICNIC IN THE PARK</a>
MARCH 13	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
MARCH 27	EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 2	BREAKFAST AT THE MASONIC LODGE (NO CARS AND COFFEE AT ATL BREAD)
APRIL 7-9	MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET, JOLIET, IL <a href="#">CLICK FOR DETAILS</a>
APRIL 7-10	CHARLOTTE AUTO FAIR <a href="#">CLICK FOR DETAILS</a>
APRIL 7-10	MASTER'S WEEK
APRIL 9	Aiken Antique Power Association Tractor Show and Car Display on Wire Road
APRIL 15-16	OLD NINETY-SIX DISTRICT GREENWOOD SWAP MEET <a href="#">CLICK FOR DETAILS</a>
APRIL 30	SATURDAY TECH SEMINAR AND TOUR OF CHARLES HILTON'S COLLECTIONS (NO CARS AND COFFEE AT ATL BREAD)
MAY 7	JOHNSTON PEACH PARADE
MAY 7	BREAKFAST AT THE MASONIC LODGE (NO CARS AND COFFEE AT ATL BREAD)
MAY 12-15	SOCIAL SECURITY RUN, CARTERSVILLE, GA
MAY 14	PENNY PINSON HOT DOG PICNIC
MAY 14	CAR DISPLAY AT LANGLEY POND BENEFITTING A.C.T.S.
MAY 28	AIKEN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
JUNE 18	TRENTON PEACH FESTIVAL/PARADE
JUNE 19-24	MAFCA <a href="#">NAT'L CONVENTION</a>
AUGUST 13	SWAP MEET, TUCKER, GA
SEPTEMBER 10	INT. MODEL A DAY

The Aiken Model A's are 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. Annual dues are \$50. Aiken Model A's club members are also required to maintain membership in MAFCA (\$40 annually). MAFCA membership includes a subscription to *The Restorer* magazine, technical support and other benefits. A MAFCA membership application is available at [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com). An application for membership in the Aiken Model A's is available at [www.aikenas.org](http://www.aikenas.org). 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](mailto:aikenmodelas@gmail.com).

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