

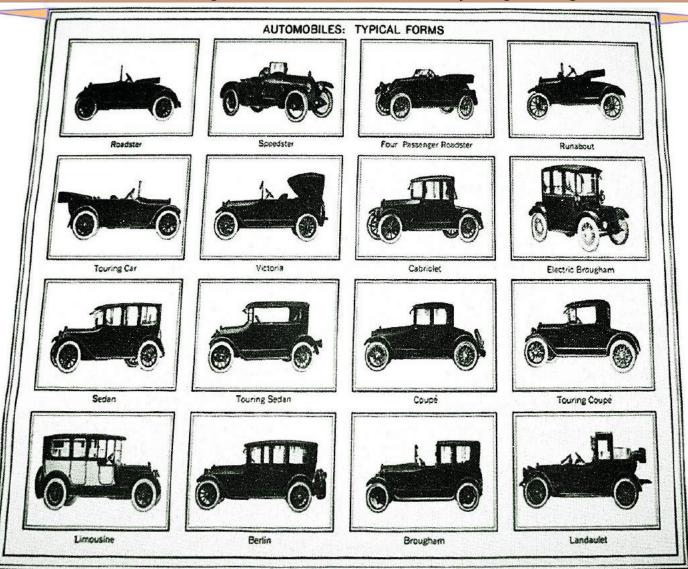
Newsletter of the

Aiken Model A's

A New Chapter in an Old Story

August 2019

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Tuesday, August 5, 2019

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

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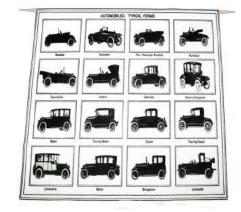


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About the Cover:



I was looking for an antique car garden flag when I found this one on Amazon. Do you recognize some of the labels? Wonder who assembled this collection of images????



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
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.

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 hope everyone is braving the rather "warm" weather we have here in July. I do hope you are finding time to enjoy your Model A during these summer months.

I want to extend a warm welcome to new members Tom Mickle and Allison Bond! We are excited to have them join us and glad to have them aboard. Please extend a warm AMA welcome to them.

I have been watching the various special shows on television commemorating the Apollo 11 landing 50 years ago. Considering the technology and brainpower that went into pulling that mission off makes our Model A's look not-so-complicated. I still marvel at the bravery and skill of the astronaut corps and thought it worth mentioning on this important anniversary of the moon landing. At the time, my Model A was a young 39 years old. It is now 89 years old! Funny, I haven't aged a day......

Recently I was changing the points in my distributor and came upon some surprises. I use a stock setup as per original. Come to find out, the points being manufactured are not correctly sized such that the points don't line up at the point block. At first, I thought the upper plate was not made correctly, but as Jim McPherson noted the problem is with the points. Jim told me that Bratton's has a solution for this problem.... I have not tried it yet but I think it will work fine. Come to next month's meeting to find out the solution!

Do your best to stay cool during these hot summer months and let's plan for the upcoming cooler months activities. Perhaps we can even plan a brief outing during the summer months too!



JULY 2, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Aiken Model A's was called to order by President Greg Jones at 7:05 PM at the Fellowship Hall, Presbyterian Church, Aiken, SC. President Jones welcomed all who were there with a special welcome to new member Thomas (Tom) Mickle (1930 Coupe).

During show and tell, Greg presented an era-appropriate new old stock Edison-Spitindorph spark plug that he had recently acquired. He reminded us of the strong ties between Henry Ford and Thomas Edison. (*picture, page* 4)

The minutes of the June 4, 2019 meeting were presented. Tom Roberts made a motion to approve as printed, seconded and motion was approved.

The status of our IRS 501 (c) 3 standing was briefly discussed. All necessary paper work has been filed regarding our lapse to timely file returns, and we are awaiting a hopefully favorable reply from the IRS that all is well again.

Recent Events:

June 15 - Trenton Peach Festival Parade –
Approximately 9 Model A's with the comment it seemed the event was getting more commercialized and less attention to individuals such as ourselves participating.

June 21-22 – Smith & Jones Swap Meet – Small Event with 6 or 7 vendors and maybe a total of 10 cars.

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 14 - Int. Model A Day Tour & Poker Run - STA

Oct 5 – AMA's 5th Birthday Party - Odell Weeks Park

Oct 17 - 19 - Charlotte Auto Fair

Dec. 13-14 - Currier & Ives - Sage Valley Golf Club

May 2020 – Tour and Picnic - Rivers Bridge State Park – STA's

Other events were discussed including a run to Miller's Breadbasket. It was generally agreed with the heat to wait until September – November to plan those events. It was mentioned to possibly do some lunches locally after Cars and Coffee on Saturday. (continued, page 4)

(Minutes, continued from page 3)

Fred Clark invited the club for a tour of his "Collection of Stuff" when it gets a little cooler, again probably after a Coffee & Cars. His home is located off Chime Bell Church Road.

Greg presented an interesting and informative presentation on "Model A Radiator Issues". It was a timely discussion and Charles's radiator problems were discussed with some potential solutions.

The meeting was adjourned.

Charles A. Hilton Acting Secretary



Henry Ford and Thomas Edison



Two Gems..

AMA member Ed Mann, recently touring in the 'cool' state of Maine, sent these photos from the **Seal Cove Auto Museum** on Mount Desert Island. Thanks, Ed!

1922 Detroit Electric

 Special features: Henry Ford bought his wife Clara a new Detroit Brougham every two years from 1908 to 1914 since she refused to drive a gasoline powered car.

The Anderson Carriage Company in 1907 produced its first electric car, the Detroit Electric. It was rated at 80 miles per charge and recorded over 211 miles on a single charge. By Christmas of 1907, 125 Detroit Electrics had been built. In 1909, Anderson acquired Elwell-Parker, maker of the Detroit Electric's electric motor and its controller. The Company changed its name to the Anderson Electric Car Company in 1911, and in 1920 the name was changed again to The Detroit Electric Car Company. The company filed for bankruptcy after the stock market crash in 1929. A.O. Dunk bought out the company and kept it alive until a few years after his death in 1936.

TINY TIPS (from MAFCA)

OIL PUMP SPRING

Over the years I have seen altogether too many Model A engines with a bolt in the hole at the oil pump. These bolts were presumably installed not only to prevent oil loss but also to hold the oil pump in place - this is wrong! This hole has a 1/8" N.P.T. thread not a machine thread. The hole was originally fitted with a short 1/4" pipe plug with a screwdriver slot, much the same as the one supplied with some intake manifolds.



There is a 3/8" N.F. set screw and lock nut in

the side of the head to lock the distributor in place. Don't confuse the two situations.

The oil pump is to be held in place with a spring attached to the pump or in early models with the spring attached to the pan. The only situation tolerating a 3/8" N.F. bolt in the side of the block would be to hold the oil pump in place when installing the pan.

The bolt must be removed before starting the engine and replaced with the proper pipe plug. Failure to do this can cause the oil pump body to break.

The 1/4" pipe hole was put there to test the pump or to install fittings for an accessory oil pressure gauge.



1928 Ford Model A Huckster

- Number produced: 3572612
- Engine: Inline L-head, 4-cylinder; cast iron block; displacement 200.5 cu. in; brake H.P. 40 @ 2200 RPM
- Transmission: Sliding gear transmissions; speeds 3
 F/1 R; floor shift controls
- Wheelbase: 103.5

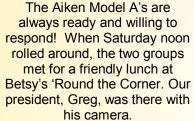
The Huckster is a style of vehicle used in the early part of the 20th century by peddlers. Normally built by converting a pick-up body, the rear of this type of vehicle was often fitted with a wood enclosure giving plenty of space for wares for sale, such as fruits and vegetables.

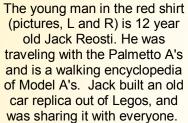


A JULY SATURDAY



The phone call came about 2 on Friday afternoon. It was John Begg with the Palmetto A's of Columbia. 'We're coming to Aiken tomorrow,' he said, 'to ride around a little and have lunch. Could you join us?'





Meanwhile, seven of our AMA members also met for Saturday's Coffee and Cars at the Village Café. Ken even attended both functions!

Glad you came, Palmetto A's! Hope you enjoyed your visit to our 'stompin' ground!!















Things Found Along the Way.....

It's Scary!

One of our members found this offering while looking on eBay:



Described as: <u>Model A T NOS Quickstart Intake Heaters</u> Vintage New Old Stock

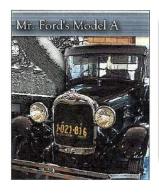
Member's Comment: 'This is a **SCARY** Model A Accessory. It's a heater coil that goes between the carb and the manifold. I'm surprised it doesn't go by the brand name **Kaboom!**'

Be ALERT!

I'll Have What He's Having: Henry Ford's Love For Bottled Water

While bottled water sales have climbed in recent years, Henry Ford was an early proponent to the beverage, taking bottled water wherever he went.

Like a lot of innovators ahead of their time, Henry Ford had an eccentric side when it came to what he consumed. Ford never drank cold water; he always drank it room temperature, and his favorite was Poland Mineral Water. He was such an avid fan of bottled water that water bottle holders were added to Ford's personal 1929 Model A Coupe and his Model T Coupe.

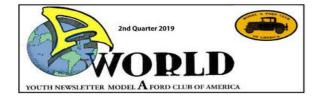




Images from Henry Ford Estate, Fair Lane

Here's One For The kids

Read the most recent "A" World



Text Link https://mafca.com/downloads/Youth/A-World.pdf

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Below is the table of contents of A-World's current issue. It's a most interesting publication, and isn't just for kids—it's for ALL of us.

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- 5. EVEN MORE KIDS & THEIR A'S
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ROAD TRIP: MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA

Transportation began to change dramatically in 1903, with the founding of the Ford Motor Company and its release of the first Model T in Detroit in 1908. It changed the way people lived, worked and played. Traveling no longer was limited to the rich and famous; it was open to 'everyman'. "I will build a car for the great multitude," Henry Ford once said of the Model T. "It will be so low in price that no man making a good salary will be unable to own one — and enjoy with his family the blessing of hours of pleasure in God's great open spaces." An avid fan of nature, birds and travel, Ford not only delivered a way to explore Michigan, but he led by example. He helped shape the state's early tourism industry in more ways than one. Henry Ford's iconic tire tracks lead to dozens of historic sites around the U.P. It's a fascinating area..here are a few examples.... Information from pamphlet: Henry Ford/Ghosts of his Northern Empire



Alberta Village Museum and Sawmill

Henry Ford built this village in 1935 to demonstrate his concept of a model, selfsufficient community. All of the original buildings remain and Alberta today looks much like it did in the 30's.

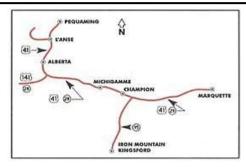
Enter the historic sawmill and you can see how Henry Ford processed logs into lumber. The lumber from the sawmill was used in the production of Ford automobiles. It's where the Woody got its wood!



Village of L'Anse – Ford Sawmill Site

Site of former sawmill acquired by Ford in 1922, currently the site of Celotex ceiling tile plant. At its peak the sawmill employed 1,000 people and produced 180,000 board feet of lumber daily for automobile parts manufactured at Ford's Iron Mountain assembly plant. Lumber was transported by lake freighters which docked in Keweenaw Bay.

Up along the hill on Baraga Avenue stood a radio tower which provided communications between the mill, woods operations and ships on Lake Superior.



The story goes: During one trip to the UP, Mr. Ford was asked to assist another fisherman who was having car trouble. He could not get his Ford car up a steep incline--it would stall out and die before getting halfway up the incline. Ford said, '1'II get that car up the hill," To the angry Ford owner, Mr. Ford said, 'Excuse me sir, let me help you get your Ford up that hill.' The man, quite surprised to meet Mr. Ford on the banks of the North Branch, gladly let him take control. Ford promptly started the car, turned the Model T around and easily backed up the hill in reverse gear.

The story has been repeated many times and it was always assumed the key was the reverse gear. But a man explained otherwise. He said "the Model T had the gas tank in the rear, and when the car was pointed forward up a steep incline, the gravity-fed gas could not get up to the motor. Thus, the car would stall."

Picturesque Michigamme

The Michigamme Historical Museum located on the main street has an exhibit devoted to telling the Ford story in their community.

Ford operated the Imperial Mine near here from 1921 to 1933. A formerly closed Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co. operation, it employed up to 225 men, sported a model town and benefited from Ford's demands for good mine air, clean surroundings..and endless painting and repainting.

Access to the Bungalow and grounds near the Bungalow is by reservation only. For reservations/rates, phone 906.524.7595.



Henry Ford Plant, Kingsford

In July 1920, Ford came to the Iron Mt. area to buy farms and forests. By August the factory and sawmill were begun. Shortly, dams, homes, a hospital, office building. railroads, a unique kiln system and an airport were constructed.

Kingsford briquettes were made using wood by-products. During WWII, production stopped, the plant was retooled, and 4,000 CG4A gliders were built for the war effort.

The plant closed in 1951, but relics of Ford's empire remain for drive-by viewing: Ford Plant, two dams, airport, hospital, clubhouse, commissary, offices, etc. An 8' replica of the CG4A glider rests at the Cornish Pump Museum.



The Bungalow is a quiet, spacious guest house that Henry Ford called a 'favorite place'. Here, on the shore of scenic Lake Superior's Keweenaw Bay, he was the host to many visitors; some of the most noteworthy were Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone.

The guest house is available for reservations—9 bedrooms, 6 full baths, 5,000 feet of living area. See info at left.



TECH TIPS: GASKETS

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

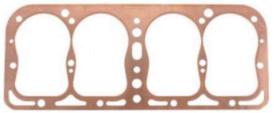
Jim McPhersor

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.

Gaskets fill the space between two mating surfaces to provide a seal and prevent leakage from or into joined surfaces. The gasket is used to fill the imperfections in the mating surfaces. Gaskets are manufactured out of many different materials because they serve different purposes. Gasket adhesives can be used to improve their sealing ability. Where large amounts of heat are generated, the cylinder head, manifold and exhaust pipe gaskets are made of asbestos, copper lined with asbestos or steel lined with asbestos. The compressibility of the gasket material is an important factor.

The cylinder head gasket (R) has received much attention lately. Blown head gaskets are being blamed on either higher compression heads, poor gasket materials/construction, or both. The copper clad gaskets are still considered best for our Model A's. However the fill material between the copper sheets may have changed. When installing a head gasket, make sure you remove all foreign material. Check for warpage or distortion by placing a straightedge lengthwise on the head. Slide a



feeler gauge between the straightedge and head to determine if there is any warpage. If there is more than 0.006", have the head surfaced. Check the new head gasket for proper fit.

Should you use a gasket sealer? Theoretically you should not need one. I always use a sealant. There are several brands available, Permatex Copper, Fel-Pro Spray Tack and K & W Copper Coat. Only a thin layer should be applied, and allowed to tack before installation. They help fill the imperfections in these old mating surfaces. Aluminum spray paint makes a good sealer, and should be used with an aluminum head. In the old days, a thin coat of grease was used as a sealer. This is not a good idea. As the engine heats up to operating temperature, the grease turns to a liquid, and may be forced out from between the mating surfaces by the engine compression. The result is a blown head gasket.



October 5, 2019 11 am - 3 pm

Odell Weeks Park, Alken

The Model A Gas Gauge

- from "A-World", https://mafca.com/downloads/Youth/A-World.pdf

Have you looked closely at the Model A fuel gauge? Looks pretty simple doesn't it! A little window with marking showing full, 3/4, half, etc. But what else do you know about it. Did you know that the fluid you see in the window is actually gas from the tank? And that the gauge is actually attached to a rod with a cork at the end of it that floats in the gas tank to move the gauge itself? And that there are numerous nuts, rings, lens, and gaskets involved in keeping the gas from leaking out? Check out the below diagram, there are over a dozen parts involved in this process of measuring the gas in your tank!



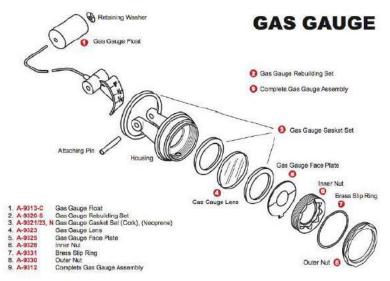
The gas gauge in your instrument panel

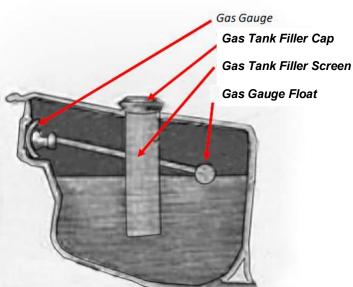


The actual gauge The part you see from inside



The rod and cork attached to the gauge





Model A gas gauges are made to show "E" for empty when there is still about a gallon of gas in the tank. If yours doesn't, you can adjust it! Here's an easy way to check it. Make sure you do this with an adult! First, remove the gas cap and the inner screen (if still there). Make a long wire hook by straightening out a coat hanger. Reach inside the tank, and hook the float wire and lift it up gently until it touches the top of the tank. Now have someone look at the gas gauge. If it show "F", you're good! If not, use a yardstick to gently bend the float wire, until it matches. Careful now, little bends go a long way on the adjustments!

The Model A



AUGUST 1930 FASHIONS

Hot Weather
Fashions
Late Summer
Fashions

McCall's August 1930
showed this frock
as the frock to be
seen in on a
late summler night.
It is light and airy,
to keep her
fresh and cool.

This lovely example
of a sheer frock of
lace or chiffon has a
deep very full skirt,
flounce edged
with rows of
narrow ruffles.
A perfect gown to be
worn in the late
summer.



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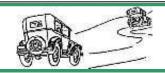


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DOWN THE ROAD....



MONTHLY AMA HAPPENINGS

First Saturday Breakfast—August 3, September 7....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)

October 5—Aiken Model A's 5th Birthday Picnic, Odell Weeks Park

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—You're invited to 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 its self-guided tours; visiting the Edgefield artisan community (2 potters, blacksmith, wood carver) and its local museums and historic sites. Poker run winners determined on the town square with cash prizes; many eating places near hotels—make your reservations; all hotels located at or near Jimmie Dyess Parkway, GA exit 194 on I20. (registration form available—see June newsletter)

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/WSContent/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.





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2—Ken Bernacchi 10—Walker Crosby 11—Sheila McPherson

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Thomas (Tom) Mickle 214 Maple Leaf Court Warrenville, SC 29851

Tom has a 1930 Coupe.

AllisonLynn Bond 518 Peach Orchard Place Aiken, SC 29801

Allison has a 1930 coupe.