



Newsletter of the Aiken Model A's



Aiken, SC

A New Chapter in an Old Story

June 2020



*Comings and goings...
Saturday, May 2, 2020*

AND — AWAY WE GO!

It's said that 'all good things must come to an end'!
This is the very last "Roberts" edition of THIS newsletter..
Who knows what the future holds?????
(See "Off the Running Board", page 3)

A-HOO-ga!!



JUNE BUSINESS MEETING UPDATE

We'll let you know about the June business meeting when we know. At the time this issue is being distributed, the church isn't open yet! Keep an eye on your 'inbox'!!

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WHO'S WHO IN AMA?

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WHAT, WHEN, WHERE??

CARS & COFFEE

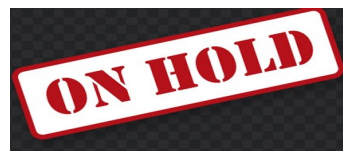


CLUB BUSINESS MEETINGS



GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

FIRST SATURDAY



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 July 1-June 30.



AMA OFFICER ELECTION

In late April an email was sent out calling for nominations for 2020-21 officer positions. Members were given approximately two weeks to submit nominations (deadline May 13). There were no members willing to run for an officer position.

As a result of no member offering to run as well as the current COVID-19 situation, the Board decided that the current slate of officers would run on the ballot. It was decided that we would do electronic voting (by email).

In mid-May, an email was sent to all AMA members, informing them that the current slate of officers had agreed to stand for re-election. If the member agreed, all they had to do is respond to this email with a "yes" (meaning they were voting for the current slate of officers) or "no", (meaning they were voting against the current slate of officers). A response was requested by Friday, May 22, and I agreed to tally the vote.

Nearly 2/3 of our membership responded, each with a "yes" vote. Therefore, the current slate of officers (see upper left corner, this page) will continue into 2021.

Pat Roberts

AMA Dues Are Due!!

Per our bylaws, annual dues for the Aiken Model A's are payable prior to July 1. Dues for our 2020-2021 fiscal year are

\$25.00

Please make checks payable to Aiken Model A's and mail (before July 1) to

**Aiken Model A's
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 Aiken, SC 29802**



This Roberts version of the AMA newsletter may be 'history', but you'll still be receiving the news!
 Stay tuned—we'll see what's coming up soon!
 AND—Don't forget to visit our website at www.aikenas.org.



OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from President Greg.....

I want to thank Rachel d'Entremont for coming up with the idea to tour various senior assisted living homes in the Aiken area. Not only did she come up with the idea, she completely coordinated the whole thing in an excellent manner. I don't recall the exact number of cars that turned out, but it was one of the best our club has ever seen. The residents seemed appreciative and the Aiken Standard even did a front page article on us. The weather was great, and everyone in attendance seemed quite happy to emerge from "hibernation" to get out and drive their Model A. Of course, social distancing guidelines were in force.

Coming up with an idea for a club activity and spearheading it into reality is a great example of the type of action our club needs. Members should consider how they can contribute to the club, whether it is by volunteering to take on a task or come up with an idea for an outing. However, if you do have an idea, we need your help in bringing it to reality. With everything, there is planning and coordination that takes time and effort.

I want to thank Pat Roberts for her tireless efforts in putting out our first-class newsletter. Pat is currently publishing her final newsletter, as she agreed several months ago to continue putting it out until we could find a volunteer to take it over. ** Unfortunately, we did not get a volunteer to take it over so from here on Rachel will be sending out a brief email on a weekly basis with salient information about the club activities.

Finally, the Board of Directors met and discussed the need to have an election for officers. A call for nominations was sent out. Since there were no members willing to run for an officer position, the Board agreed to run the current officers on the ballot. Instructions on voting will (or have been already) sent out.

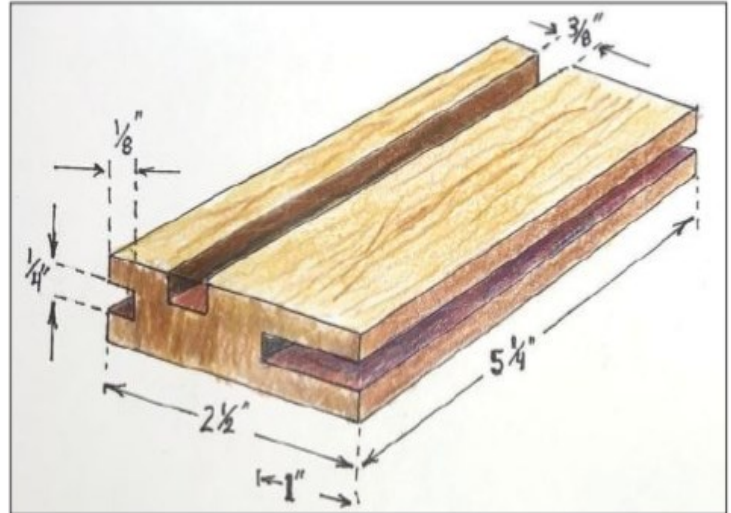
*A note from Pat: **Debi Paul recently 'retired' from her job, too! She was responsible for sending in AMA 'blurbs' to MAFCA's Restorer magazine. Thanks to you, Debi!! Lew Fierke has stepped in to assume that task—another example of club cooperation!!*

Phone Cradle for Your Model A

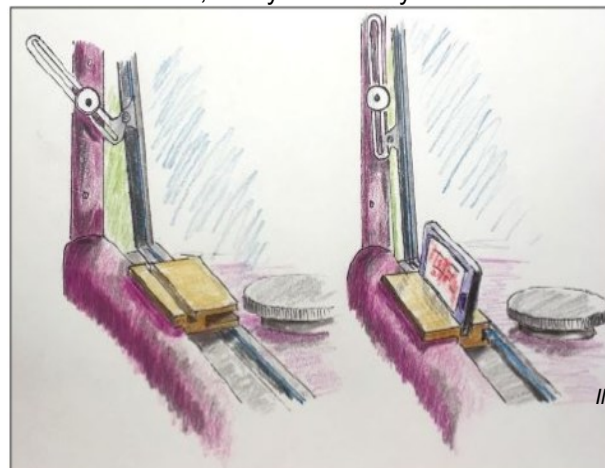
By J. Robert Howard, Round Rock TX
Tiny Tip from *The Restorer*, Sept/Oct 2019

Especially since the time I was the last car in the tour group and missed a turn, I've been looking for a way to use my cell phone as my navigation system in my Model A. I tried a magnetic mount and a suction mount, but they kept falling off. So, here's my solution to mounting a device that can tell you where you are—and what to do if you miss a turn.

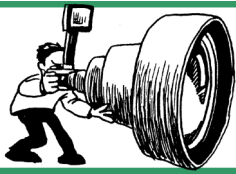
- Take one of those scraps of wood you didn't throw away and cut a block 2-1/2" x 5-1/4" x 3/4".



- On one side, cut a slot 1" deep. On the other side, cut it 1/8" deep.
- The slot should be about 1/4" wide to fit your lip. (Cutting it 1/32" less for the shallow slot and 1/32" more for the deep slot worked for me.)
- In the top, cut a slot about 3/8" to match the thickness of your phone. (My phone has a soft case, and the slot was not sanded. When it's in place, it doesn't move.)
- When you slip the deep slot into the dashboard, you should be able to close your windshield.
- When you use the shallow slot, you should be able to use the notch in your windshield swing arms.
- Paint it black, your dashboard color, or your windshield frame color, and you're ready for the road.



Illustrations by John Pratt, Urbana, IL



May Snapshots

Photographs by Greg Jones; Shiann Sivell



During the “merry month of May”, the AMAs dusted off our “A’s”, fueled them up, and travelled through some parts of Aiken spreading good will. The tours were billed as “social distancing, non -contact” ones, and we adhered to those guidelines.

The early part of the month, we visited several retirement homes in the area, and, mid-month, re-visited two nursing facilities. This time, we were invited to be part of a large group of “modern” cars and their drivers, some of whom were seeing their family members and friends for the first time in a l-o-n-g while. Smiles all around!

In the latter part of the month, we decorated a dozen of our cars for Memorial Day and drove through parts of historic Aiken, passing four retirement homes and a children’s home. *Aiken Standard*



reporter Shiann Sivell rode along in AllisonLynn’s rumble seat..thanks to her and the *Aiken Standard* for the great Vance and AllisonLynn photos ** and article in its Memorial Day edition.

THIS HASN'T CHANGED:
You'll **ALWAYS** find up-to-date photos from our events on our website, www.aikenas.org



Did you know,..
Social Distance = 6 ft (72 ")
Model A's are 67 1/4" wide
Do the math!!
(Shared by the Salt Creek Model A Club of Aurora, IL)





Week 6—Getting ready to go on our “Retirement Home” Tour

A final look at Our Virtual Cars & CoffeeLest We Forget! (Thanks, Anna!!)



Week 7 — Note sign on truck; mask on worker!



Week 8—
Anna’s question: Now... how far do we have to drive before the coffee’s ready???
(This question led to the “Manifold Cookery” article, page 6.)

Week 9—Happy Coffee and Cars for Memorial Day Weekend!!





Worth Another Look (?)—from the Archives: Nov 2007 and Mar 2008

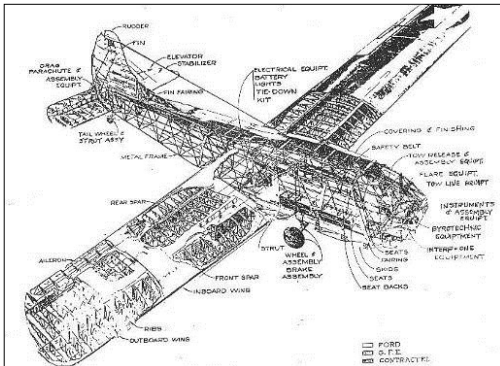
I originally prepared these two articles for those issues of the STA Newsletter...pat

Serendipity?

It happens sometimes. You learn something one day, and sooner or later it comes full circle! This is a tale of Michigan, gliders, Model As and Aiken's First Presbyterian Church.

In the early 2000s, Tom and I took a trip through Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Henry Ford's name kept popping up everywhere—so in the Kingsford area we visited one of his facilities. We saw a film on the development of the CG-4A cargo glider during WWII. Ford was not the only manufacturer, but he was the largest.

Since the early 1920s Iron Mountain/Kingsford had been producing wooden auto parts, station wagon bodies, chemicals, and charcoal (Kingsford—what else?) It was the area's largest employer. and it had been closed early in the war after being classified as a 'producer of products non-essential to the war effort'.



Early in 1942, however, the government asked Ford to build 1,000 15-seat cargo gliders, so that summer the plant was reactivated.

Renovations took place and new machinery was installed. New drying and gluing machines were invented to enable the daily production of 8 gliders by the 4,500 workers working three shifts.

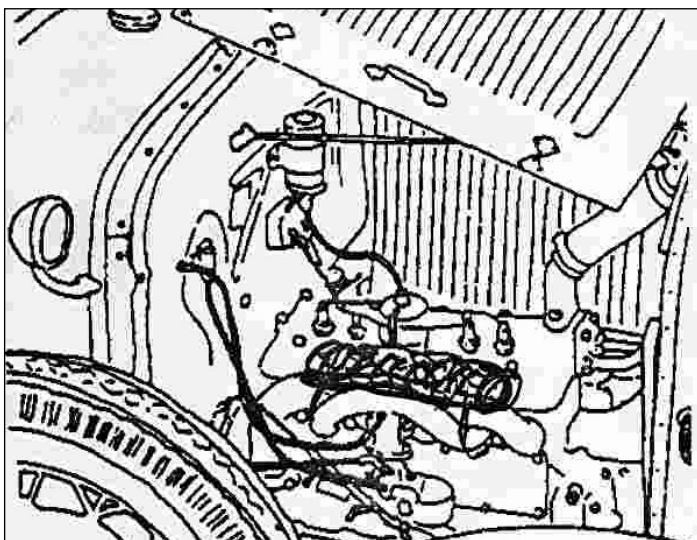


In the next 3 years, a total of 4,205 15-seat gliders were produced by the Kingsford plant. They were crated and shipped via railroad—each filled 5 crates loaded on 3 flatcars—then they were shipped overseas. (In addition, the company produced 87 huge CVG-13A gliders, redesigned by Ford to carry 42 armed soldiers.)

Ford gliders were used in the invasions of Sicily and Normandy, as Allied planes towed the giant streamlined gliders (3,750#, 48' long, 12½' high) from which troops successfully dropped behind enemy lines.

Fast-forward 60+ years. On September 11, 2007, we took our three Model A's to church, where Tom had been asked to present a program on his hobby. (see photo, above) He mentioned Fordlandia and gliders.

In the audience was Curt Davis. It's a small world, indeed, for one of Curt's assignments while stationed in England during WWII was.....opening those crates and assembling those Ford gliders! He was so excited to hear 'the rest of the story'!



COOKERY TIPS:

- Triple-wrap food packages with tin foil
- Use enough liquids to cook food
- Secure with hay wire to the exhaust manifold
- Check cooking times with some stops and sample
- Manifold gets very hot so wear gloves or use pot holders

Manifold Cookery

Interstate 20 Chicken Wings

(Distance: 150-210 miles)


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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 18 chicken wings | 3 cloves garlic, minced |
| 1/2 c catsup | 1 T oregano |
| 1 c red wine vinegar | 1 tsp red pepper flakes |
| 4 to 6 jalapeno peppers | Salt (to taste) |
| (more for really hot) | |

At home, place chicken wings in a bowl. Blend the remaining ingredients in a second bowl and then pour over the wings. Cover tightly and refrigerate 24 hours, stirring occasionally. Drain wings, retaining marinade liquid, and divide them among three sheets of foil. Brush with remaining marinade. Cook from Aiken to Atlanta. Total cooking time will be about 2 1/2 hours. If they aren't done at Atlanta, check them again at the Alabama state line!

—from "Manifold Cookery, Vancouver Island Style"
by Bob and Karen Crowley

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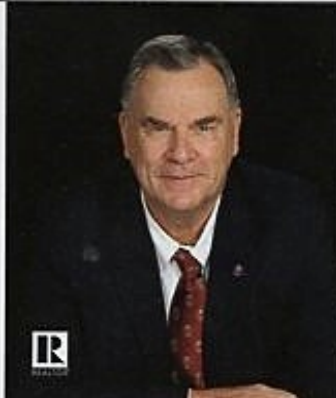



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MONTHLY AMA HAPPENINGS

****First Saturday Breakfast**— Masonic Lodge, Aiken—Cancelled until further notice.

****Saturday Morning Cars and Coffee at the Village Café**—Cancelled until further notice, too.

OUR REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

June 20—Trenton's 50th Ridge Peach Festival, Trenton, SC—cancelled

June 20—Palmetto A's Swap Meet, Columbia, SC—cancelled

August 8—12th Annual Model A Ford Parts Swap Meet, Tucker, GA. Hosts—GA Chapter of MAFCA. Held at Cofer's Stable of Thoroughbreds Automobile Collection, 3701 Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker. FREE spectator admission & parking. FREE admission into the air conditioned automobile museum. View a very rare Duesenberg Model SJ originally purchased by a Titanic survivor. Vendor spaces only \$20. Info: Hal Dye, (770) 841-8353. 1262 Wisteria Bluff Ct, Hoschton, GA 30548

September 19 — International Model A Day

October 22-24—Charlotte AutoFair, Charlotte Motor Speedway (charlotte-autofair.com)

OTHER UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

September 19 —10th Annual Model A Day 2019 at Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI

October 7-10—AACA Fall Meet, Hershey, PA (MAFCA in space CF 81-83)

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

- 7—Vance Coulthard
- 7—Roy Fischer
- 10—Phil Martini
- 16—Grant Cassem
- 20—Tom Roberts
- 26—Tom Mickle

We Get Around!

The Aiken Model A's are in the news... here are just three examples

Rolling back the decades: Model A parade greets senior residents

Aiken Standard, May 4, 2020

• By Bill Bengtson bbengtson@aikenstandard.com

Residents of several local retirement homes had the chance to go on a quick nostalgia trip Saturday morning, with help from Henry Ford and a car club.

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The Starter

Salt Creek Chapter Model A Ford Club of America

MAY 2020

In South Carolina, MAFCA member Lewis Fierke gave his 1929 Coupe & 1928 Fordor extra protection just like us these days of Covid-19. "A" of the Day picture of April 3rd www.mafca.com

TOP STORY

Aiken Model A's put on a Memorial Day parade downtown

Shtann Sivell ssivell@aikenstandard.com May 24, 2020 Updated 10 hrs ago

The Aiken Model A's delight a crowd of movie-goers during their tour of downtown Aiken Sunday

Aiken Standard, May 25, 2020