



Newsletter of the Aiken Model A's

Aiken, SC

A New Chapter in an Old Story

March 2019



Featuring: the green vehicles of Charles Hilton,
Rachel d'Entremont, and Vance Coulthard

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Tuesday, March 5, 2019

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

Noel Cleveland of the
Pacific Model A's, Vancouver
will host the monthly presentation!

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ABOUT THE COVER:

We have all colors of vehicles in our AMA 'stable'. On the cover, 3 of them that happen to be green!

To see more, visit our website.. www.aikenas.org, click on "About", then chose "Our Vehicles".

And here's another green one..the Roberts' panel delivery.....:



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 Rachel...

The Aiken Model A's lost two of its original members in February: George Gordon and Ken Jackson. I suppose it's inevitable in a club centered around cars produced 90 years ago.

George's health had been declining for several years. He endured numerous lengthy hospital and medical rehab stays and just when we thought George couldn't take it any more, he would miraculously recover and be back at our weekly coffee and monthly club meetings. He couldn't hear most of what was said but he was always ready to participate and was always asking "What's next?" Even when he had to give up driving, he and daughter Misty would make the 60-mile round trip to Aiken whenever he was able, always ready with a hug for "his girls". George had been like the TV-ad "Energizer Bunny"; he just kept going and going... until February 2nd. Many of us were at Coffee and Cars when we heard the news that his fight was finally over and he was on the way to heaven. February 17th would have been his 88th birthday.

Ken, 86, was the instigator of Coffee & Cars, our Saturday morning get-together, and was a faithful participant until he was no longer able to attend. It was a sad day when Ken realized his driving days were over and he decided to sell his beloved Model A. He died February 5th. At his funeral, his daughter said that he was always working on a project and went from one project to another without pause. She said that his final project was to restore the 1931 Coupe that had been up on blocks in the (New Jersey) garage as long as she could remember. She thanked the club for helping him achieve his last goal.

GEORGE'S FUNERAL & CELEBRATION OF LIFE

On Saturday, March 2, George's family requests that we meet (with our Model A's) at Elliot & Sons Funeral Home on Columbia Road in Augusta at 10am and travel as a group to Westover Memorial Park.

There will be a Graveside inurnment at 11 am at Westover with full military honors being observed. After the service, there will be a celebration of life at the Savannah Rapids Pavilion, 3300 Evans to Lock Rd. (Martinez, Ga. 30907) from 1 to 5 p.m. where refreshments will be served.



February 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church, Aiken, SC

President, Rachel d'Entremont called the meeting to order. Rachel noted that the evening's program would be presented by Larry Shirley. Larry introduced his family members who were visiting at the meeting.

Member Concerns and Celebrations included details about the upcoming March 2nd Celebration of Life for member George Gordon. Tom R. informed us that former member, Ken Jackson, had passed away. Dotti S. noted that she had spoken with members Richard and Susan Buff, and Richard's mother is gravely ill.

The minutes from the December 4th meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

During officer reports Rachel stated that Ed Mann, not being a member of MAFCA, (a MAFCA requirement for insurance purposes) had resigned his position as Treasurer. Brian d'Entremont resigned his position as Vice-President in order to take on the vacated Treasurer's position. Charles Hilton has accepted the board's invitation to serve out the current term as Vice President.

Rachel made the suggestion that the position of AMA's Treasurer be exempt from the by-laws requirement of a maximum two-year service duration. Continuity and skill set requirements were cited as the impetus for the suggestion. There was agreement that further discussion is needed..

Other reports included Rachel giving a brief treasury report, including income and expenses.

Due to touring to Blackville in lieu of a January meeting, past events of both December and January were reviewed. Noted was the great turnout of clubs and members for lunch in Blackville.

Upcoming events for 2019 as currently known:

March 2, Celebration of Life for George Gordon. Please attend and drive your Model A to the interment. (See article to the left)

March 5, AMA's meeting. Noel Cleveland, friend of the Shogren's, is visiting from Vancouver and will host the monthly presentation.

(Minutes, Continued from page 3)

March 9, Tour/Lunch at Shealy's BBQ in Batesburg-Leesville. Meet on Lauren's in front of First Presbyterian for a 10 a.m. departure. Local clubs have been invited to join in.

March 30, The Palmetto A's host the annual "Picnic in the Park" however, it will be at a new location this year. Details can be found in this newsletter, p. 6.

May 4, Model A display at a fundraiser held at Banksia, Aiken County Historical Museum. Mark your calendar. Details to follow.

June 21-22, Palmetto A's swap meet at Smith and Jones.

September 14, Shade Tree A's host their annual invitational International Model A Day Tour.

October 17-19, Charlotte Fall Auto Fair. The AMA's have been invited by the Charlotte Model A club (Queen City A's) to display our Model A's, including free admittance.

December 13-14, Sage Valley annual Currier and Ives Shuttle Night will be held on two nights in 2019. Cars will be secured overnight at the Country Club if desired.

In further discussion of future events, Craig McMullin will get us more information about an invitation from the Ridge Spring Historical Society to display our cars at a festival in May. Rachel asked that AMA's members suggest locations for new local tours, possibly in lieu of meetings, as done in January with the tour to Blackville for lunch at Miller's. She then raised a discussion of possible dates for an AMA's fall picnic, noting it will be the club's 5th anniversary this fall. October 5, 12, and 26 were suggested dates, pending scheduling the shelter at Odell Weeks and asking Larry to cook.

Next, it was noted that a nominating committee needs to be formed to work on this year's upcoming officer elections. Dotti volunteered. Rachel then raised the topic of changing the by-laws to reflect different term limits for the officers. A discussion with several members' thoughts on the topic ensued, with conclusion that the topic would need further thought and discussion. Nominating committee activities will be suspended until then.

Larry Shirley then commenced with the evening's program; an intriguing and informative slide presentation on the history of automotive paint. His presentation included many hands-on examples of paint finishes and other samples of interest.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

(Minutes submitted by Dotti Shogren for Eric)

Another Tech Tip:



Oil vs. Grease --

What's the Difference?

We pour oil into the engine, transmission, differential and steering gear box. We use grease on the chassis, in all the "grease fittings, and we pack our wheel bearings with grease. Have you ever wondered what the difference is between these two? I have.

Oil is a slippery liquid at room temperature that provides a film between parts that are sliding or pressing quite hard against each other while in use. Higher viscosity oil will allow for higher pressure between parts before the oil film gets pressed out and you lose the protection between the parts. It also helps with cooling inside an engine while it runs.

One characteristic of oil that you are all familiar with is that it does not mix with water, because it is made up of organic molecules that don't interact with polar water molecules. They will usually mix with other oils and solvents. The oil molecules may be distilled from the mix of hydrocarbons found in crude oil, or they may be formed and built up, piece by piece, in a chemical reaction with catalysts (which we call synthetic oil). Synthetic oil molecules tend to be more uniform (all the same) than conventional mineral oils, because they were each built from the same building blocks. That improves their performance in many applications.

Grease is a lubricant that consists of about 85% base oil, as above, about 15% thickener that keeps the grease in a semisolid state, and various additives for things like corrosion prevention. The base oil can be a vegetable oil (safe to use around food), conventional mineral oil from crude, or a synthetic oil. The thickeners are actually some form of soap, made with things like lithium, calcium, or aluminum. Unlike oil, grease does not "flow"; that's why it is not recommended in our steering gear box. We want the oil to run down into all the bushings, bearing and gears.

Grease is an interesting substance. It has a high initial viscosity or thickness but as stress is applied, the viscosity decreases, approaching that of the base oil. Release the stress and it thickens again. Grease can separate over time -- you've probably seen the oil part run out of a grease gun that sits. Grease can dry out and harden with age. The soap part can break down with a lot of heat, reducing how well the grease stays inside the bearing (think of front wheel bearings).

So if you can't remember when you last packed fresh grease into your front wheel bearings, you might want to go clean them and repack them this weekend. Avoid problems on the road and Have a Model A Day!

Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

HAPPY TRAILS.....



In early February, we lost two Aiken Model A folks. Our good friend **George Gordon** died on February 2nd after years of health issues. He was an active member until the very end and we'll miss him. We've heard it said 'a picture is worth 1,000 words'. If that's true, here are 13,000 of them! Remember Roy Rogers? He always closed his shows with the song "Happy Trails...to you, till we meet again." Thinking it appropriate, I borrowed the sentiment.



Another founding member, **Ken Jackson**, died on February 5th after a long illness. Ken had not been able to be active in the club for over a year and hated to give up his Model A. His service was held February 13. Here's Ken's 2,000 words!



Kenneth Jackson
1932-2019



MARCH 30th: Palmetto A's Annual Picnic!



You are Invited to

The Palmetto A's Model A Club's

24th Annual Picnic

St. James Lutheran Church

1358 South Lake Drive in Lexington

Saturday, March 30, 2019

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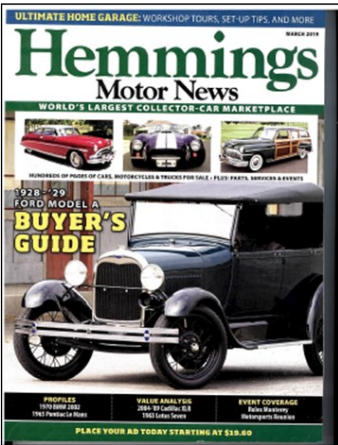
Jim McPherson

TECH TIPS...

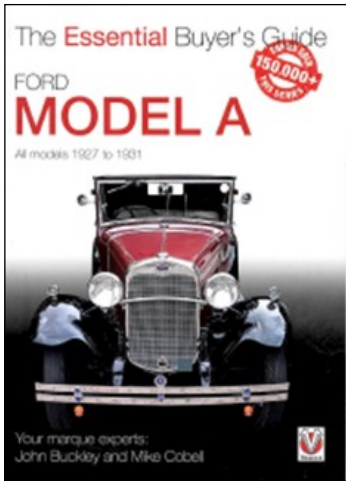
And the Model A Ford kept rambling right along.....

By Jim McPherson

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.



Hemmings Motor News, March 2019, included an article “1928-’29 Ford Model A Buyer’s Guide”, pages 20-25. The cover features a 1928 Phaeton. Actually, the Buyer’s Guide only features the prices for Roadsters and Phaetons for 1928 and 1929. The article includes nice photographs of the 1928 Phaeton and a 1929 Roadster and text. Like many articles, the photographs include details of the cars which are not original to the Model A as produced by the Ford factory, and likewise the text includes inaccuracies as well. While any vehicle you own is your own, and may be modified or restored as you like, these inaccuracies do a disservice to many in the hobby. Many a time, when talking with a proud owner about his Model A, details of its restoration are “documented” from photographs and text from such articles, and frequently such inaccuracies are not correct. You would think respected publications would hold themselves to a higher standard of accuracy in the information they publish.



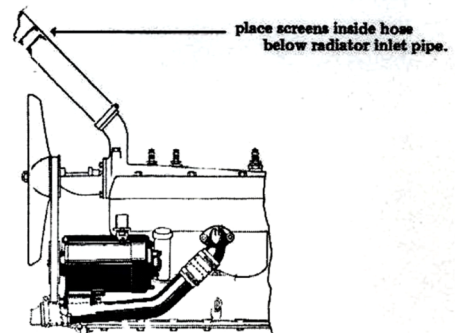
Another new Model A Ford book has been published. “The Essential Buyer’s Guide: Ford Model A” by John Buckley and Mike Cobell was reviewed in the Antique Automobile, the Official Publication of the Antique Automobile Club of America (Volume 83, Number 1, January/February 2019.) This book is written for the first time Model A buyer, although the pricing is limited to “ Very good with no faults 75%, Tidy usable with nothing fundamentally wrong 50%, A tatty but usable example 40%, A non-runner, all pieces present 25% “, it is not much help to the first time buyer. As you might guess from the quote, the book was written and published in the UK. They attempt to use the US vocabulary, but I found the British vocabulary very interesting. The book contains 64 pages and 114 color photographs, and does suffer from some of the inaccuracies seen in other publications. It is available from MidlifeClassicCars.com located in Charlotte, NC.

TINY TIPS

RADIATOR SCREEN

I have found that most of the problems of overheating are caused by a stopped-up radiator. Rust and grease from the engine and water pump work their way through the engine and lodge in the radiator. To stop the matter from reaching the radiator, a screen can be placed in the upper radiator hose. Here’s how: (1) Cut two pieces of window screen (aluminum is good, but brass is better), about 1-inch larger in diameter than the radiator inlet pipe. (2) Form each piece over the outside of the radiator inlet pipe making a cup. Push each cupped screen into the upper radiator hose from the engine end toward the radiator end of the hose. It should fit snug. Push the first screen so that it rests just below the radiator inlet pipe. Push the second screen to a point just below the ‘first screen. Do not push the two screens together. Do not push the screens so that they are crushed by the radiator pipe after installation. The object of the screens is to trap rust before it can enter the radiator. The screens should be cleaned about

every 500 miles at first. After that, at intervals as needed. It is recommended that if the radiator has been on the car a long time or if the radiator seems to lose its water after long drives, the radiator should be cleaned to remove all rust and grease. I had the problem of a radiator, stopped-up from engine rust, forcing the water out the top of the radiator. I flushed the radiator but it stayed clean only a short time. Since installing the screens the radiator has stayed clean.



Submitted by Robert Hitchcock

MODEL A's, HERE 'N THERE...



From MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America) come these items of interest:

STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS

On November 1, 2018, MAFCA announced a new Student Membership to high school, technical school and college students, starting with the 2019 membership year.

2018 MAFCA President **Doug Linden** explains, "We all recognize that we need to grow the Model A hobby with more involvement by young people. We are encouraged by the increased interest in the Model A by students at the high school level around the country with many chapters mentoring these young enthusiasts. I hope to see more Student Members join and more Student Chapters formed as a result of this low-cost membership option."

This new class of membership costs only \$5.00 and the student will receive a "digital only version" of The

Restorer magazine. All it takes is filling out a short form or a call to MAFCA headquarters to become a student member. (See below, or go to MAFCA.com)

We encourage all Student Chapter members, and youth from all over, to take advantage of this special membership option.

MAFCA Student Membership Application

MAFCA student membership is available to High School, Technical School and College students age 13-22. The annual dues is \$5.00 per year and includes a digital only copy of *The Restorer* magazine.

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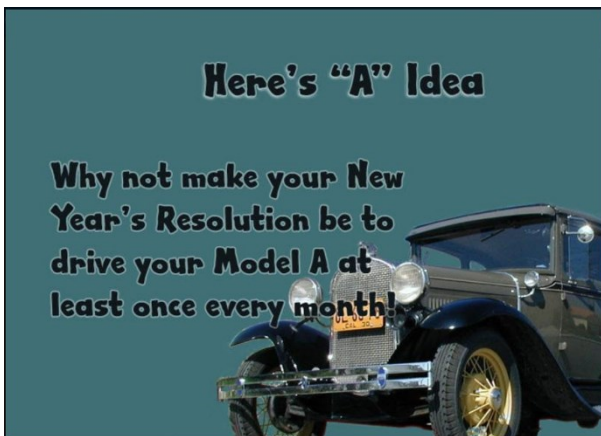
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FREE MAFCA MEMBERSHIP

Again this year, MAFCA is extending the free membership application opportunity for prospective members to join MAFCA for 2019. The free memberships are available to **all Model A enthusiasts who have never been members of MAFCA.**

MAFCA requests that those who sign up for these memberships have an avid interest in Model A Fords. Their goal is to help grow our chapter and for MAFCA to retain those members who take advantage of the 2019 free membership offer. After reading *The Restorer* and seeing the benefits of membership, such as technical advice, chapter touring articles, and era

fashion articles, just to name a few, they believe they will see great value in remaining members of MAFCA for many years to come.

The 2019 free membership offer includes printed and digital editions of *The Restorer* Magazine. Please remember to complete the "referred by" line on the application form to enroll in the Blue Oval Program and mail, or scan and email to MAFCA Headquarters (info@mafca.com) the completed applications.

Interested? Eligible? See Pat Roberts, Membership Chairman, or Rachel d'Entremont, President, for a free membership form.





Fashions: New???or Old???



Know your Vintage?

Do you think you have a pretty good idea of what the 1920-1930's styles look like? Well, I thought I did...until I started doing a little research and the result really surprised me. Check it out. The pictures below are gleaned from the internet and are a combination of dresses both modern and from the 20-30's era. Look them over, and see if you can tell which is which! Some are the real deal; the modern ones are vintage-inspired or just found in a catalog, but currently available for purchase (although for a pretty penny for a couple of them! Ouch!) The answers are below, so you don't have to wait to see how you did!

From "The Roadrunner", September 2009
 NW Missouri Chapter—Sherry Winkhofer—Newsletter Editor



KNOW YOUR VINTAGE? Answers 1) New, leluxeclothing.com 2) Old, Early 1920s Dress-pastperfectvintage.com/the20sand30s.htm, 3)New, vintagewedding.com 4) Old, Flapper printed velvet day dress, c.1925-vintagetextile.com/1920s_to_1930s.htm 5) Old, Art Deco silk matte pongee print dress from the mid 1920s-pastperfectvintage.com/the20sand30s.htm 6) New, kaboodle.com7) Old, Couture-quality unlabeled evening dress of sapphire tulle, c.1921-vintagetextile.com/gallery_1920s.htm 8) New-unique-vintage.com 9) old, Deco silk tulle shawl, embroidered with a bold geometric pattern of metallic gold and silk floss,c.1920.-vintagetextile.com/gallery_1920s.htm 10) New, designersales.biz 11) old, orange floral 1930's dress-propervintageclothing.com/dresses.html 12) New, leluxeclothing.com 13) Silk lace flapper dress, mid 1920s-vintagetextile.com/1920s_to_1930s.htm 14) Old, 1930's evening dress and mantle in leopard print came from a period when motion pictures with color and sound first hit the big screen. Exotic animal skins worn in the popular Tarzan films made such prints popular in the West.-untoldlondon.org.uk/news/ART62277.html 15) New, vintagewedding.com 16) Beaded lamé evening dress, 1930s-vintagetextile.com/1920s_to_1930s.htm

Editor's Note: Sherry's the editor of "A" World, published by MAFCA for the benefit of youth and the promotion of the Model A hobby. It's free, and as of May 2016 it became a web or email-only publication. If you wish to have it emailed directly, please send your email address to AWorldEditor@hotmail.com.



FORDITE: These Gorgeous Stones Were Accidentally Created From Layers of Car Paint In Old Auto Factories



At first glance, these brilliantly colorful gemstones might look like **agate**, a stone valued for its beauty and used in the jewelry industry. Their origin, however, might surprise you – these stones, called **Fordite**, (also **Motor City agate** or **Detroit Agate**), are actually paint deposits from old car painting racks!

Before the car painting process was automated like it is now, automotive bodies were hand spray-painted on long production lines. The vehicles' paint would drip off and dry on the equipment used to move the automotive bodies. This enamel paint would then get baked onto the rack and solidify. After this process was repeated hundreds or thousands of times, the colorful layers grew to be several inches thick, became obstructing, too thick and heavy, and had to be removed.

As the story goes, some crafty workers with an eye for beauty realized that this unique byproduct was worth salvaging. It was

super-cured, patterned like psychedelic agate, and could be cut and polished with relative ease, revealing a dazzling array of colors!



Some of these stones can represent America's automotive history – the older Fordite specimens contain colors that are no longer popular today, like pastel yellow or sea-foam green. Although modern jewelers are moderately successful at recreating the process and creating their own Fordite, the stones with an actual history to them are the most valuable.

Below, this screenshot from Amazon.com shows some jewelry 'made from Fordite'.



Fordite (motor agate)
 Created from overspray of
 Vintage, and classic vehicles
 That were painted in the old
 style paint bays. These many
 layers were repeatedly baked in
 the bays and then removed when
 the paint bays were cleaned.
 This process is no longer used,
 so Fordite is limited



If you'd like to know more, two websites to explore are fordite.com and www.boredpanda.com

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DOWN THE ROAD....



MONTHLY AMA HAPPENINGS

First Saturday Breakfast—March 2, April 6, May 4....Masonic Lodge, Aiken. (see page 2 for address)

Saturday Morning Cars and Coffee at the Village Café—Food, fellowship, coffee and conversation. (see page 2, too)

OUR REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

March 5—AMA Business Meeting, First Pres Fellowship Hall, Aiken, 7 pm

March 9—Road trip to Shealy's BBQ, Lexington, SC—depart First Pres, 10 am

March 16—St. Patrick's Day Parade, Augusta—lineup at noon; parade at 2

March 23—Benton House Assisted Living visit, Village at Woodside, 11 am

March 30—Palmetto A's 24th Annual Picnic—see flyer, page 6

April 4-7—Charlotte Spring AutoFair, Charlotte, NC

April 26-27—Swap Meet, hosted by the Old 96 District Model A Club, Greenwood, SC

April 27—ACTS car show, Aiken

May 4—Model A Display, Aiken County Historic Museum



June 21-22—All Model A & Model T Swap Meet/Peoples' Choice—hosted by Palmetto A's, Smith & Jones, Columbia

September 14—3rd Annual International Model A Day Tour—hosted by Shade Tree A's

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

October 17-19—Charlotte Fall AutoFair, Charlotte, NC—invitation to car show on 19th; see minutes, page 4

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

OTHER UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

March 3-7—AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) Regional Tour, "Southern Model T and Model A Tour" in Savannah, GA. Email Lee Froehle at jfla67@aol.com for tour details, registration form and hotel information.

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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Richard Buff
- 12—Don Cerefin
- 17—**Pat Kirk**
- 18—Pat Gormley
- 19—Brion Frontroth
- 29—Patti Clark
- 31—Gloria Fischer



What topic(s) would YOU like to see covered in our monthly business meetings? Simply let Rachel know (rachel@dentremont.us); we'll see what we can do!

