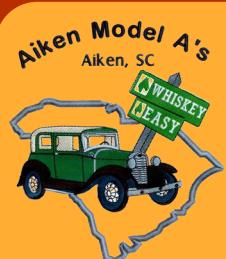


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SEPT. 19TH INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY COOKOUT AND AMA'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY

by Bill Cox

It was a picture-perfect sunny day at the O'Dell Weeks Center in Aiken on Saturday afternoon. At approximately 2:30 p.m. the Model A's started to roll in from the Aiken Model A's club and the Shade Tree A's from Augusta, and backed into their parking spots facing Whiskey Road. A count of the number of cars present was sixteen...a great showing for International Model A Day.

There were several people walking among the cars and trucks, sharing their stories with the owners and admiring all their hard work on the cars.

FOTAS (Friends Of The Animal Shelter) of Aiken County was named the "official charity" for this event. They had a tent set up in amongst the cars for

people to stop by and donate or just discuss adoption possibilities with them. A special shout out to Pat and Tom Roberts for the use of their Model A pickup truck for the collection of doggie and

on that bad boy was so big, it was operated with hydraulic arms and electric activation.

The Lamb's had all the comforts of home set up for us, like hot and cold running water. Heck, you could have even taken a shower if you were so inclined to.

Kudos to all the ladies for a magnificent pot luck meal. There was plenty of everything you could imagine on that table.

The desert was to die for! The Aiken Model A's first anniversary cake was complete with our logo. There was also homemade ice cream, lemon tarts, cupcakes, apple strudel, cookies and more.

A special thanks to Rachel, Tom and Dotti for coordinating this fun Saturday afternoon.



The cars on display for the public to stop by and take a closer look.

pur-r-r-fect items for the shelter.

Oh Boy!! I smell smoke...that can only mean that Larry and Cheryl Lamb are here with their HUGE BBQ grill on a trailer. Yes sir, I'm tellin' you the truth now when I say, I ain't never seen a BBQ this big before. How big was it, you ask? The lid

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE COOKOUT



FOTAS volunteers collected money, food, toys, kennels, treats and towels donated by club members and the public for homeless cats and dogs.



Stephanie and Denise Turner were our guests for the event. Stephanie (above) is a reporter for **The Aiken Standard** and has given the AMA's great press coverage our first year.



(L to R) Woody Malone, Pat Roberts, Rita Thornhill and George Gordon enjoy the shade of the picnic shelter and all the good food at our event.



Bill Cox is on-hand to talk with the public about the Model A's.



The cars, lined up facing Whiskey Road, made a colorful and enticing display for passers-by. We had a great turnout of visitor who stopped to see the cars and donate to FOTAS.



A nice variety of Model A Fords were displayed...plus a special visitor! A friend of Bryan Roberts (Pat and Tom's grandson) brought his 1935 Ford Coupe. Can you spot it?



THE SPARK

DOTTI SHOGREN, PRESIDENT

We had a wonderful turnout of club members, spectators and Ford Model A's for International Model A Day. It was a fun and successful day and culminated two and one-half months of planning, communication, teamwork and effort. Every AMA's member involved should give themselves a pat on the back for a job well-done! Be sure to check out the many photos from our cookout and first anniversary celebration on the Aiken Model A's website, www.aikenas.org.

This event began with the first board meeting of the 2015-2016 fiscal year when a discussion of International Model A Day evolved to include a cookout and celebration of our first anniversary as a club.

Next, Rachel d'Entremont and Tom Roberts stepped forward to co-chair this event. They planned every detail, from the flyer and map that went into the monthly newsletter to the tables for the food, and every detail in between.

I contacted AMA's member, Larry Lamb, about cooking, and made the deposit on the shelter. I saw to it that Stephanie Turner, our ever-faithful supporter and story writer knew of our desire to

invite the public to view the cars on International Model A Day.

Larry graciously agreed to set aside September 19th from his very hectic schedule to cook for us, and he helped to determine the menu. Stephanie Turner came through with flying colors with a photo-shoot and two full news stories in *The Aiken Standard*, plus a follow-up article after our event.

Our club members supported my desire to make community service part of the day's activities by voting the Aiken County Animal Shelter as the charity we would champion, and you, our club members, brought exceptionally generous donations to aid the animals at the shelter.

FOTAS (Friends of the Animal Shelter) coordinated their volunteers to attend our event and reached out to the local TV stations with press releases about our group supporting their efforts. We had no less than four news stories air on TV after our event.

Even the staffers at the O'Dell Weeks Center softened their rules when I asked if we could please have a little leeway with literature and taking monetary donations for the animal shelter.

The public responded to the information in Stephanie's stories that ran in *The Aiken Standard*, and brought both financial and physical donations for FOTAS while stopping to see our cars on display.

Members helped in every way needed; parking cars, visiting with the public, bringing food, setting up and cleaning up.

So, as Paul Harvey used to say, "Now you know the rest of the story." There were many facets to this event - it was so much more than just a club celebration.

I am placing myself in potential peril if I forget someone, however, the following people more than deserve recognition and I want to thank each and every one for making the day a resounding success.

- * Rachel, for your seemingly limitless devotion to the needs of the club, for being our impromptu on-camera spokesperson, and for your energy to pack your Roadster to the roof (that wasn't up!) and then drag everything home again to unpack and clean, plus freezing our left-overs.

- * Tom and Pat, for your organization and

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- dedication to this event, plus so many others, that always helps things go smoothly. Thanks too, for printing all the brochures about the club, the membership applications and keeping track of all that paperwork.
- * Larry and Cheryl, thank you for your time and your expertise in cooking for a crowd, bringing your impressively complete set-up and making even simple hamburgers and corndogs taste exceptionally good.
 - * Every club member that joined in the celebration—shining up your cars and driving them for public display, representing our club and visiting with the public, bringing food and

donations for the shelter, and lending a hand when needed.

- * Stephanie Turner, who's writing talents were a key component to the success of sharing International Model A Day with the public. Without her stories our collection for the animal shelter would not have been as sizable.
- * FOTAS – for the stellar work done for homeless dogs and cats in Aiken county, arranging for TV coverage and your enthusiasm for our event.
- * Greg, our man-behind-the-camera, recording our events for posterity.
- * The entire Roberts clan; Bryan, Ted, Becky, Tom and Pat for driving *all* four of your family's Model A's to the car display and using your pick up for collecting the shelter's donations.
- * Don - first member there to help set up, and willing to do whatever was needed.
- * Roy, Vance and Bill - keeping up with the incoming Model A's and getting them parked for our display and tirelessly greeting the spectators.
- * Roy and Gloria, who took home the left over cake to wrap, freeze and store for the upcoming Saturday Tech Session at their garage.
- * Misty Hooker who called us to order and stepped up to give the blessing before our meal.
- * Bill for helping out this club where ever the need arises, and writing the front-page story for the newsletter.
- * Our guests: Ken Meeler, who drove his Model A, met with the public and gave us the opportunity to finally put a face with his name! Bryan Roberts' friends who drove their 1935 Ford and joined us for the day, and Denise Turner (Stephanie's mom) who was brave enough to trust me to teach her to drive a Model A!
- * And lastly, but in no way least, I thank the public for sharing in our day, for your interest and respect for these fine old cars and your generosity in supporting our efforts to help the dogs and cats at the Aiken County Animal Shelter.



MEETING MINUTES

Rachel d'Entremont, Secretary

AIKEN MODEL A's SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 CUMBERLAND VILLAGE 1835 ROOM

Present: Dotti & Eric Shogren, Pat & Tom Roberts, Don Cerefin, Rachel d'Entremont, Ken & Marilyn Jackson, Jim & Sheila McPherson, Charles Hilton, Ken MacPherson, Jackie Testa, George Gordon, Misty Hooker, Rita Thornhill, Bill Cox, Woody Malone, Roy & Gloria Fischer, Craig McMullin, Vance Coulthard and Louise Mellon.

At 7 pm President Dotti welcomed everyone to the meeting. She announced that Ken MacPherson and Jackie Testa were now officially members and that we had two other new members: Jim and Cathy Hedges. She asked Bill Cox to facilitate the meeting.

Bill asked if there was any news of illness among the membership. It was noted that Jim M. was back after a hospital stay. Misty said that her long awaited knee replacement was scheduled for October 13 and that she anticipated two weeks of rehab. The other knee will be replaced in January.

Louise and Vance were thanked for hosting the August 8th dinner at Louise's home.

Bill asked that the minutes from August 4 be considered. Eric made a motion, seconded by Woody, that the minutes be approved as printed in the newsletter. The motion carried.

Vice President, Woody M., suggested that the club meet for breakfast on Sept 5th at the Masonic Lodge on Laurens Street where they hold a monthly breakfast, and then take a local tour afterwards. It was agreed that the club would meet at the Lodge at 9:30. Woody added that he had really enjoyed a recent visit to the Gilmore Model A Museum and recommended it to any who had not been. He said that he was willing to lend his book about the collection.

Membership Coordinator and our Webmaster, Pat R., passed out the latest roster and asked for corrections. She said that she had put a photo from the previous Saturday's Coffee & Cars on the website's homepage.

Our Treasurer, Don C., reported a healthy bank balance.

For show & tell Tom passed around the burned wiring harness from his pick-up truck. Eric had two oil-return pipes, one from an early '28 and another from a later year to show the difference in length and shape.

Old Business:

- Craig McMullin shared details from the upcoming Edgefield Prohibition reenactment. He said that participants would be treated to dinner (about 7:30 pm) and he would need a headcount

of participants. He asked that those taking part with their Model A's be at the square in Edgefield by 5:30 on Friday, September 18, wearing period attire. If people are planning to bring guns, they were instructed to make sure that they are empty of ammunition and to contact Craig in advance with the type of gun so that there will be enough "blanks" available.

- Palmetto A's Swap Meet - Sept 18 & 19 at Smith & Jones.

- September 19 at 3 pm - International Model A Day Cookout & Anniversary celebration at the Weeks Center. Rachel requested that the club approve up to \$200 for club-purchased meat, food, and picnic supplies. The motion was seconded and approved.

- Olar Model T Festival - Oct 17. There was interest in making this a club event. It was noted that it was the same day as the Boshears Fly-in in Augusta. It was suggested that participants bring chairs and drinks, and that festival-type food would be available for purchase in Olar.

- Boshears Fly-in, Daniel Field, Augusta - Oct 17 (10 am - 3:00 pm). Each Model A driver and one passenger

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would be given free admission.

New Business.:

•Dotti led a discussion of possible charities for which to accept donations at the car display in conjunction with the September 19 cookout. It was noted that monetary donations could not be solicited at the Weeks Center. After discussion it was the consensus that we accept donations including pet toys, pet food, used towels, small blankets, and throw rugs for the Aiken County Animal Shelter. *After the meeting, Dotti met with a staff member from the City's Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department who subsequently approved the collection of monetary donations to the shelter and to the distribution of literature about the AMA's.*

•Dotti noted that if we were to have embroidered club jackets this fall, that it was time to begin the process. Eric performed an animated and entertaining runway walk to model his Shade Tree A's jacket. Dotti noted that for \$25 Susan Meloan would embroider jackets with the

large AMA's logo. Susan does not stock jackets and the AMA's would need to find a source. The consensus was that light grey or khaki would be a good choice. It was suggested that a vendor be found who can supply both tall and petite sizes.

•Dotti asked for volunteers to set up the meeting room on a monthly basis. Woody volunteered. In addition, a sheet with available club service positions was handed out.

•The revisions to the by-laws as discussed in August were approved via motion, second, and vote. *It was later determined that the vote was not advertised with 30 days written notice as required in the by-laws and therefore the September vote was voided. The vote will be on the October agenda.*

•Louise asked for a couple of Model A's for a wedding between police officers being held at her home on October 24. It was determined that the club could surely accommodate her request but the actual cars and drivers was left to a later date.

•It was the consensus of those present that the

Christmas party scheduled for December 8 would be in place of the regular (December 1) meeting.

•The club has been asked to display cars at the Gaston Livery Stable Gift Faire on Friday November 27. It was agreed to add it to the schedule.

•The next scheduled Tech Session will be November 14 at Roy's garage.

Both the 50/50 (\$15 prize) and the lottery ticket were won by Ken J.

Eric presented a program on rebuilding a water pump.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45.



BREAKFAST TOUR



Roberts' Coupe , with the new AMA's tour banner tied on back, makes its way down South Boundary.

Far Right, Top; The cars in front of the historic Wilcox Hotel.

Far Right, Center; A look down Mead Avenue from the Roberts' point of view.

Far Right, Bottom; Shogren's Fordor, the d'Entremont Roadster, Jackson's Coupe and Gordon's Pickup make their way through the historic streets of Aiken on a leisurely tour.

Near Right; Greg Jones' Cabriolet is greeted by a lawn jockey at The Wilcox Hotel.

Members of the AMA's met for breakfast at the Masonic Temple on September 5th, and enjoyed all-you-care-to-eat eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, grits, pancakes, waffles, toast, coffee, juice and other breakfast items -

all for a donation of \$5.00! This once-a-month breakfast is always cooked to order and was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

After breakfast, an improvised drive around town proceeded through Aiken's historic district, including a ride under the oaks of South Boundary and a photo opportunity in front of The Wilcox Hotel. Participating in the short tour, led by



the Shogren's, were Tom and Pat Roberts, Woody Malone riding with Rachel d'Entremont, Ken Jackson, and Rita Thornhill riding with George Gordon. Craig McMullin attempted to start the tour but a blown head gasket in the parking lot of the Masonic Temple forced him to limp home. Mid-tour, we were joined by Greg Jones in his 1930 Cabriolet.



EDGEFIELD SHOOT-OUT

It was a rowdy night in the old town of Edgefield when whiskey toting bootleggers came face-to-face with the law. Shots rang out and a gun battle ensued, causing by-standers to

Organized by members of the Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society, the event included blanks for the guns, real pottery jugs for the “liquor” and a catered dinner afterwards for the participants. Both the actors and the spectators agreed the event was a success and great fun.
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ABOVE: The “actors” pose for a photo before the action begins. RIGHT: “Bootlegger” George Gordon drives his “son” Ike Carpenter and “grandson” through the town square chased by the sheriff, BELOW.



Edgefield Pottery holds the “moonshine”



cover their ears as gunpowder smoke filled the air.

This re-enactment of a prohibition raid took place September 18th on The Square in Edgefield, SC, with many AMA’s members participating. Driving our Model A’s and dressing to play the parts of bootleggers, lawmen or innocent bystanders added an authentic ambience to the event. A couple of not-so-innocent looking ‘floozies’ were also spotted adding ambience to the event!



The “Sheriffs” subdue “bootlegger” Ike Carpenter.



Handcuffed to his bumper, Ike watches his “moonshine” slammed to the ground.

More Photos From the Edgefield Shoot-Out



The bootleggers attempt to escape and the shoot-out begins.



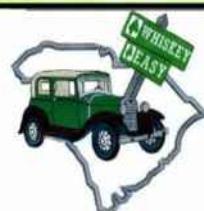
Ike Carpenter is comforted after being "shot."

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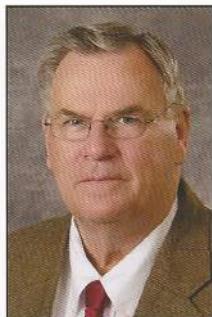
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Below is a flyer with information and a map for our tour on October 10th. Tom Roberts is our tour contact person for this event and has organized our jump off point in Montmorenci.

From Pine Log Road East, turn onto Charleston Highway (US 78). Go 2.7 miles (you'll see flashing lights at the Montmorenci Fire Station). Take the next right (Old Barnwell Road), go across the railroad tracks and immediately turn L on Woodward Drive. There is a good parking area there to gather the cars. We'll leave here at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 10 and head out to Windsor.

FALL FESTIVAL

OCT 10TH 10:AM

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TIDBITS

We have been invited to lunch and a car display at the Spring Branch Fall Festival in Windsor, on October 10th. See the flyer and details for this tour on page 10.

Vance Coulthard has invited the club to a Shepard's Pie dinner at his house on October 31st. It just so happens that this is Halloween, so get ready for a costume party! We will work out more details at the October 6th club meeting, but for now, be thinking about what costume you'll wear.

Richland Creek Antique Fall Festival is November 6-8. See more details about the event [here](#). We will plan the details of the jump-off point for this tour at the October 6th club meeting.

Our big club tour this fall is the Olar Model 'T' Ford Festival and Antique Car Display on October 17th. Come to the October club meeting and help us plan the details for the day. This is about a 75-90 minute drive to Olar, and there will be a variety of vehicles displayed, in addition to Model T's and Model A's. Bring your chairs and your drinks, if desired. Food vendors will be selling the usual festival type fare.

Everyone's calendars get filled quickly between now and the first of next year, so add the following dates to your calendar if you can! Details for the following events will be planned at future club meetings.

November 14 Saturday Tech Session at Roy and Gloria Fischer's garage. We're discussing cooking hamburgers and serving cake...yes, you guessed it! We froze the left-overs from our cookout, so we can enjoy them again!

November 27 Gaston Livery Stable Gift Faire and Car Display, Richland Ave. We attended this event last year and it was quite enjoyable. We have been personally asked by Colleen Reed, the President of the Friends of the Gaston Livery Stable to attend and we voted to commit to this as a club event. Please help us support this worthy cause by displaying your Model A. It is on a FRIDAY this year, the day after Thanksgiving.

December 8 AMA's Christmas Party in the Club House at Cumberland Village. We are planning a fun and relaxing evening, with a plated dinner and dessert. Era fashions are encouraged, but optional.

December 13 Aiken Jaycees' Christmas Parade, Downtown Aiken, 2:00 p.m. start time. We will get our line up position and time in December.

December 18 Currier and Ives Shuttle Night at Sage Valley. Last year, Sage Valley Golf Club was very generous with their donations to our club for supporting their event. Please plan to include this event on your calendar to reciprocate our appreciation of their support.





TINKERIN' TIPS



Without a doubt, our Model A Fords are fun cars to drive, and the driving is *a lot more* fun when the car is running well. The best way to keep these cars running well is to drive them on a regular basis, which in turn, requires regular maintenance. The following chart of periodic maintenance is re-printed with permission, courtesy of Benny Bohanan, one of our AMA's newsletter advertisers. Benny owns Bentley's Antique Auto Service, Inc., 95 West Ridgeway Rd, Maysville, Ga 30558. (678) 407-1947

The safety of all members, whether traveling solo or touring in a group, is dependent on the reliability of the Model A to perform to safety standards for braking, steering, lighting and any number of other systems. Please track your mileage each time you drive your "A" and stay current on the recommended maintenance required. We have a Saturday Tech Session coming up November 14th if you need help getting your Model A in tip-top shape for fall tours and parades.

Lubrication & Periodic Maintenance - Model A Ford

EACH 500 MILES

- inspect radiator hoses
- adjust fan belt
- inspect fan for cracks
- change crankcase oil (if not using filter)
- check fan bearing for looseness (side play)
- test windshield wiper
- check wiper blade rubber

EACH 1,000 MILES

Left Right

- front spindles (upper & lower)
- steering tie-rod
- front brake camshafts
- front spring shackles
- front shock links
- rear spring shackles
- rear shock links
- rear brake camshafts 1
- rear wheel bearings 1

- do all 500-mile items
- test emergency flashers 2
- test wheel bearings for looseness, spin 3
- tighten accessory mountings (windwings)
- tighten spring u-bolts, front & rear 4
- tighten all wheel lug nuts
- test lights (head, tail, stop, dash, etc.)
- inspect all engine compartment cotter pins
- inspect all brake system cotter pins
- inspect all steering system cotter pins
- service brake cross shaft
- parking brake cross shaft
- engine control link joints
- wipe out headlight switch
- door dovetails (light coat of vaseline)
- door striker plates (same)
- door latch mechanism & lock (white graphite)
- go over entire fuel system for leaks
- go over entire exhaust system for leaks
- clean distributor cap, lid, rotor, and check each for cracks
- check steering wheel free play (1" max.)
- battery high discharge voltage test 5
- check battery with electrical tester
- clutch pedal bearing
- brake pedal bearing
- drag link (both ends)
- U-joint
- check lubricant level in

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differential

- check lubricant level in transmission
- check lubricant level in steering gear
- fan bearing
- water pump bearing
- check for tight electrical connections 6
- distributor shaft (fill oiler)
- distributor cam (very light coating)
- check points gap (.018" to .0223")
- check points for pits, misalignment
- remove crank from front of engine
- generator bearings
- clean & re-oil air cleaner
- clean battery cable clamps & vaseline
- tighten battery ground connection
- oil horn bearings
- clean horn commutator
- clean generator commutator, check brushes
- drain fuel sediment bowl
- clean carburetor filter screen
- oil main throttle shaft (rear of engine)
- door hinge pins (1 drop light oil)
- hook hooks (same)
- check clutch pedal for 1/4" free play
- check tail lamp lens mounting screws

- test ground wire on all power tools

EACH 2,000 MILES

- do all 500 and 1,000-mile items
- check shock fluid
- inspect starter commutator & brushes
- grease steering gear sector shaft
- examine tires for wear, cracks, damage
- clutch release bearing (under floor board)
- check engine timing 8
- remove crank from front of engine
- adjust service brakes
- inspect main leaf springs for cracks
- repack upper ends of shock links
- test parking brakes for hold on hill
- drain & flush radiator with clear water 9

EACH 5,000 MILES

- do all 500 and 1,000-mile items
- check headlight focus and aim
- drain, flush, refill transmission
- same for differential
- tighten engine, chassis, body bolts & nuts
- front wheel bearings: clean, inspect, pack
- inspect front brake drums, linings, springs 10

- spark plugs: clean & re-gap (.035")

- give cooling system a chemical flush

EACH 10,000 MILES

- do all previous items
- clean, inspect, pack rear wheel bearings
- inspect & clean rear drums, linings, springs
- lubricate speedometer cable
- polish headlight reflectors

1. Rear wheel bearings and rear brake operating shafts must not be over-lubricated. These areas, already subject to oil seepage past the axle housing seals, have a tendency to drip lubricant onto brake drums.

2. This concerns the battery-operated portable red flashers some owners carry for road emergencies.

3. Be sure there is no excessive looseness in the fronts, and no gritty sound or drag in any.

4. The large U-bolt's holding the leaf springs to the frame cross members should be kept very tight at all times. This is a precaution against cracks in the cross members and broken springs.

5. Check each cell with a high discharge tester; this shows whether the battery will hold its voltage under actual operating loads.

6. To test for tightness, try to wiggle the connection with your fingers. If it gives, tighten it. Check also that the wires are not loose in their crimped-on

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terminals. Look for frayed or cracked insulation, and for spots where wires rest against metal to cause worn insulation. Open up the junction box and check for these items.

7. This obviously has nothing to do with the Model A, but is a good check for the restorer. Use ohmmeter to see that there is NO resistance between the exterior metal case of the tool and the ground prong of the three-prong plug (with plug pulled out of wall outlet). Even after making this test, the safe practice is never to touch the tool while standing on a damp surface or while touching or standing on any metallic or wet object as ground circuits within your shop or garage are not always reliable.

8. A very accurate way to see exactly when distributor points open is to hook up a six volt DC voltmeter across the points. With ignition on, the

meter needle will jump from zero to about six volts at the instant the points open. When not performing this test, keep ignition switch off, or slip a piece of paper between the points, to keep battery from discharging through the coil primary winding.

9. Drain radiator immediately after running engine for about ten minutes, sediment and loose scale will be stirred up into the water. Do not pour cold water into a warm engine. If hot water is not available, allow engine to cool completely before refilling.

10. Clean every trace of grease from brake drums and brake shoe lining with rags damped in lacquer thinner. Dry off with clean dry rags. Also remove any excess grease from bearings, bushings, and backing plates, so that none will later drop down onto drums or shoes. With everything sanitary, inspect for scored drums, worn linings, broken springs.

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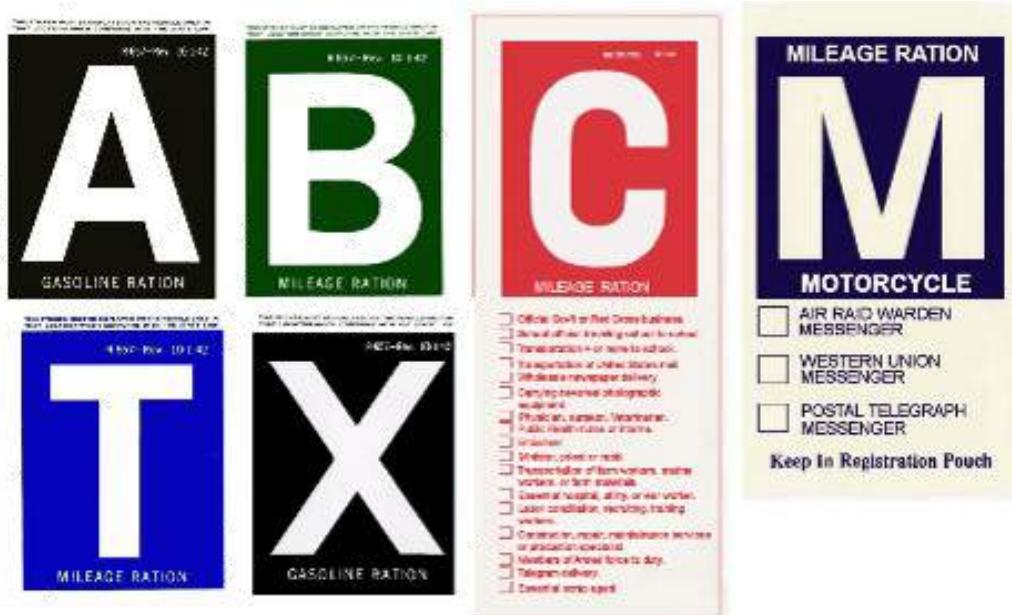
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Gas Ration Stickers

Source: www.CarType.com

If you've been in the "old car" hobby for a while, chances are that you've seen gas ration stickers in the right corner of the windshields of classic cars. When World War II broke out, the U.S. Office of Price Administration (OPA) rationed gasoline on May 15, 1942 on the east coast, and nationwide that December to assist in the war effort. This was in reaction to shortages of gasoline, and stickers were introduced to control the amount of gasoline that the public consumed.

By law, the stickers had to be affixed to the lower right side of the windshield. Most car hobbyists



have seen the "A" gas ration sticker, but there were several more types issued.

The "A" sticker was the most common and was issued to the general public. To get the sticker, you had to certify that you needed gasoline and that you owned no more than 5 tires, which were also rationed during the war.

The "B" sticker was issued to business owners. It allowed them to get more fuel for their business vehicles.

The "C" sticker was issued primarily to professional people, physicians nurses, dentists, ministers, priests, Mail delivery, embalmers, farm workers, construction or maintenance workers, Soldiers and armed forces going to duty, and several others. The interesting thing about the "C" sticker is that there was a list of 17 different occupations and check boxes at the bottom of the form that the person had to check off to qualify for the sticker. In reality, the "C" sticker was probably the most common during the war, as many people tried to qualify to get more gasoline. However, after the war, most "C" sticker users scraped it off their windshield, as they didn't want the world to know their profession.

The "M" sticker was issued to motorcycle owners. This included telegraph delivery and other

The "T" sticker was issued to truck drivers

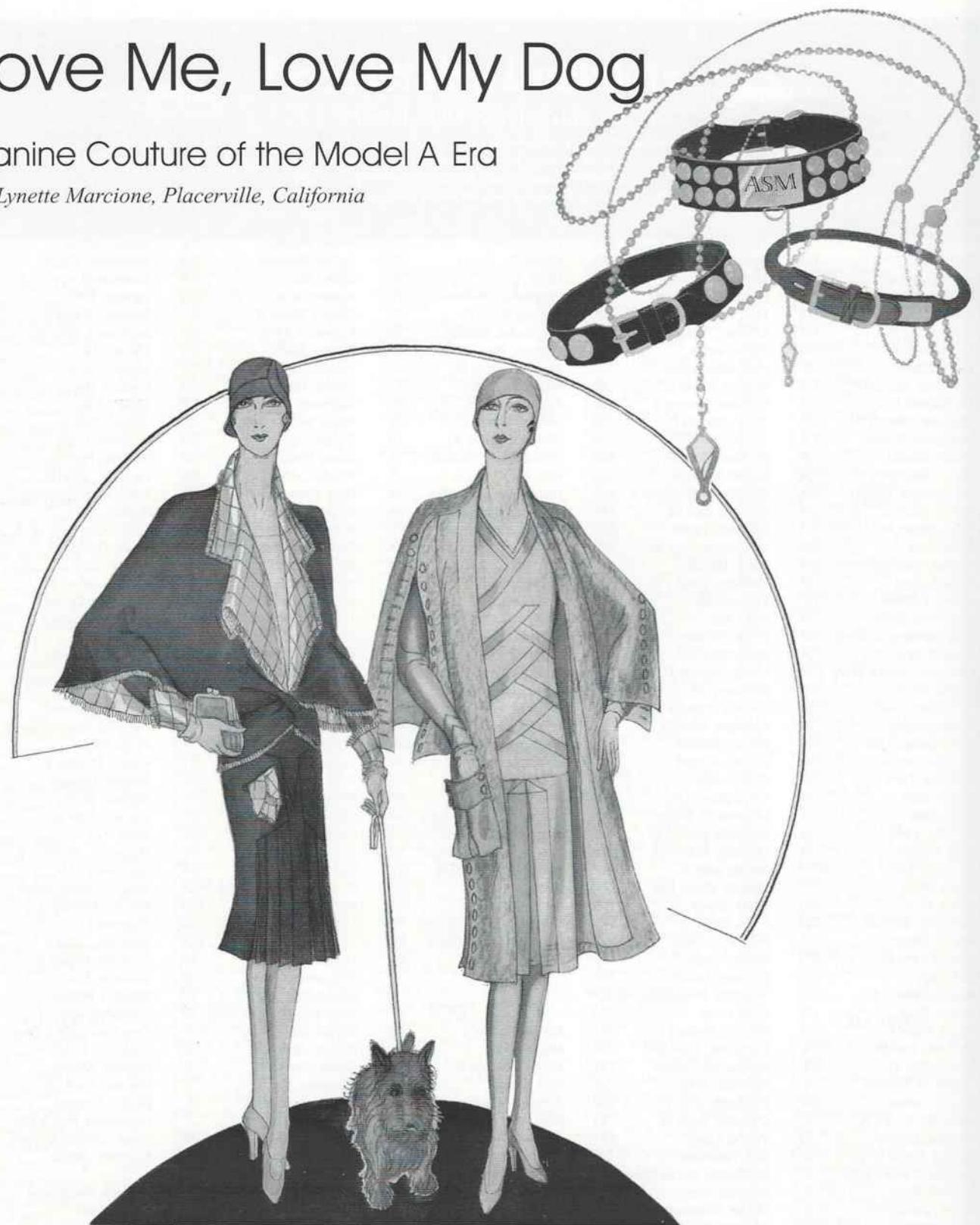
The "X" sticker was issued in special instances for high mileage type jobs such as traveling salesmen.

Reproductions of many of these stickers are available, and they add to the vehicle's restoration.

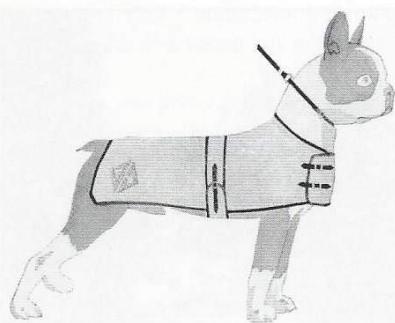
Love Me, Love My Dog

Canine Couture of the Model A Era

By Lynette Marcione, Placerville, California



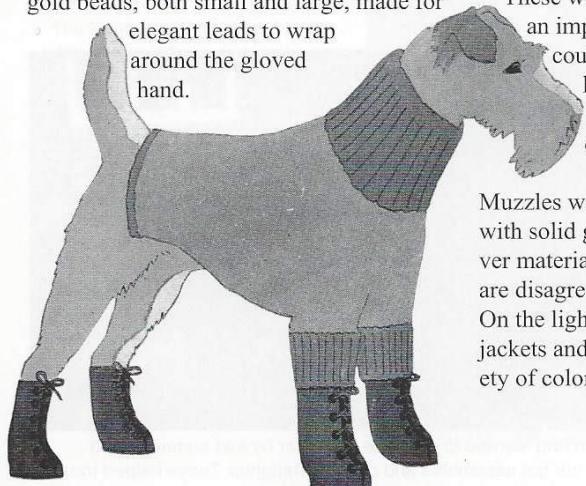
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Many of us have seen those enchanting Erté drawings of beautiful women of the era and their canine companions. Often they are artfully lounging on scrupulous cushions, or walking together on a windswept path. The romance of providing pet lovers with the most fabulous pampered pup accessories is just as popular today as in the Model A era. Whether a championship breed or magnificent mutt, apparel, toys, charming collars, leashes, and bedding all were designed with style for your doggie dreamboat.

Walking the dog was, and still is, a popular pastime for that lucky dog and the owner. Yet, it was carefully considered as to what the well-dressed dog was wearing and the devoted companion at the other end of the leash. In New York's Central Park you might see a hairless puppy wearing his mistress' priceless diamond bracelet for a collar. Or you might hear the rattle of metal anklets ringed together around the neck of a well dressed canine.

Jewelers were known to convert ladies old-fashioned watch chains into dog leashes. Luxurious long strands of silver and gold beads, both small and large, made for elegant leads to wrap around the gloved hand.



Today, we go to the vending machine at Petsmart and strike out our pooch's name, address, and phone number on a colorful metal tag. Not so in the early part of the last century. Smart dogs could be seen going in and out of the best places with a golden name tag studded with jewels.

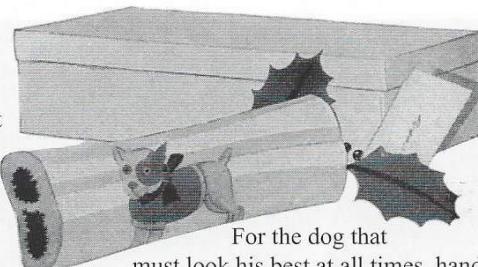
Then, of course, weather is always a constant concern for the comfort of your canine. When the wind blows, no matter what the breed, the pooch must be kept warm. What could be smarter than a blanket with a jeweled monogram or initial for those cool rides in the Cabriolet. I can just picture it for my faithful companion, a pink blanket with diamond initials "ASM" for Annabelle Star Marcione, princess of the entire world! If you don't have an eight-pound poodle, but you have a brown, dark eyed Chow, clearly topaz would be nothing short of divine, and for the police dog, deep, heavy sapphires. The possibilities are endless!

Leather goods stores were kept busy with orders for special dog collars with gold and silver ornaments, name plate, and hand-hammered buckles. The name plates would be monogrammed carefully, and by hand. Color coordination is just as important in a dog's appearance. Moroccan leather was used in a variety of eye catching colors for the leash, collar, and harness.

Along a more practical line, rubber rain slickers were an advisable addition to the dog's wardrobe. And to safeguard his health, shoes should not be overlooked.

These were made to measure by taking an imprint of the dog's foot. They could be made in a couple of hours, in any color, all four for shoes for about ten dollars.

Muzzles were of thin leather with solid gold or sterling silver materials, even though they are disagreeable possessions. On the lighter side, there are jackets and sweaters in a variety of color schemes.

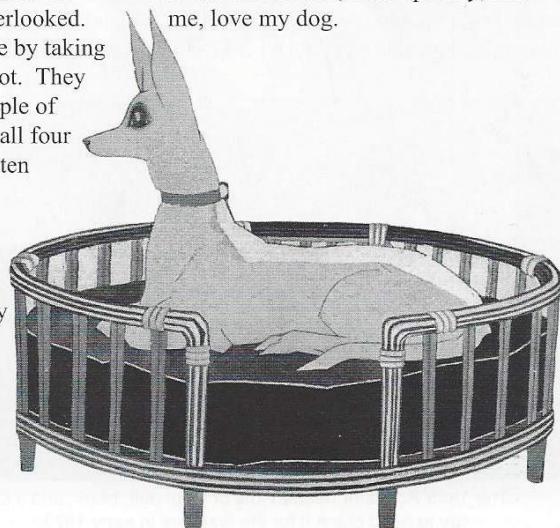


For the dog that must look his best at all times, handsome hair combs in special cases could be slipped into the owner's smart handbag. While motoring in the Town Car, a dog's hair could become windblown. This handy hair comb would be very convenient in smoothing out that rumpled, unkempt look.

Among other lovely dog accessories for the couture conscious canine are fur garments for the unexpected blast of winter. These top coats are fashioned from madam's discarded fur wraps and lovingly renewed and re-styled for a canine cape. That's a pretty good idea. I might try that one myself.

Lastly, for the sweetest of dreams, every dog must have a sleeper. A bed selected with care, up off the drafty floor, and fitted with a down comforter. An inviting bed, gracefully finished with lacquered legs and painted in divine colors, and perfectly coordinated with the home's interior. Prices start at \$25.

Dogs have graced the best of homes and the humblest of abodes. They have ridden in Model A's and Rolls Royce's. These faithful and loving companions give us hours of pleasure and devotion. Their membership in our families is often just like one of the kids, consequently, love me, love my dog.



ANSWER TO THE SEPTEMBER TRIVIA QUESTION

SEPTEMBER'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

What is the significance of the Model A pictured?

(HINT: It did not begin life as a Phaeton).



"The First Model A "

1928 Ford Model A Tudor changed to a Phaeton Serial Number: 1

Cost new: Gift

Motor: 4 Cylinder 201 CID 40 HP

6 Volt Battery w/positive ground

Brakes: Mechanical

Tire Size: 450-21

Transmission: 3 Speed Manual non-synchronized

Fuel Capacity: 10 Gal. Gasoline

Body: Ford Motor Company



2,212 lbs.

Maximum Passengers: 5

This car is the first 1928 Ford Model A produced. It was assembled on October 20, 1927 and given to Henry Ford's best friend Thomas Edison. It was originally a Tudor Sedan and Thomas preferred an open car. Henry had the Tudor body replaced with a Phaeton body. Outside door handles were not produced for the early Model A cars. With the existing changes to the car, a restoration process was never attempted. Photos of Henry stamping number 1 on the engine are available.

The first Model A is on display at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan; the proud home of the Model A Ford Museum, the world's largest museum dedicated solely to the Model A Ford.

Photo and information is found at

<http://www.maffi.org/DisplayPages/1928ThomasEdisonCar.pdf>

HISTORICAL TRIVIA

Historical Events for October 1928

- 12 1st use of iron lung (Boston's Children Hospital)
 15 German dirigible "Graf Zeppelin" lands in Lakehurst, NJ

Historical Events for October 1929

- 11 JC Penney opens store #1252 in Milford, Delaware, making it a nationwide company with stores in all 48 U.S. states.
 24 "Black Thursday," start of stock market crash, Dow Jones down 12.8%
 28 Dow Jones plummets 38.33 pts (13%) to 260.64
 29 "Black Tuesday," Stock Market crashes triggering "Great Depression"

Historical Events for October 1930

- 20 Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, premieres on NBC radio
 25 1st scheduled transcontinental air service began

Historical Events for October 1931

- 4 Dick Tracy comic strip by Chester Gould debuts
 18 Thomas Edison, inventor who lit up your life (held 1200 patents), dies at 84
 24 George Washington Bridge linking NY City and New Jersey dedicated, opens the next day
 24 Gangster Al Capone is sentenced to 11 years for tax evasion

HISTORICAL TRIVIA QUESTIONS FOR OCTOBER

1. Ford Model A's were classed as a luxury car in England, and taxed at a higher rate than was a Rolls-Royce! Why?
2. By the autumn of 1931, Model A sales in England had fallen to a trickle. On October 19, 1931, Ford Motor Company formally began work on a car to combat the problem in question 1. What was this car called?

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OCTOBER 6	AMA'S MEETING 1835 ROOM CUMBERLAND VILLAGE
OCTOBER 7-11	HERSHEY SWAP MEET
OCTOBER 10	CAR DISPLAY SPRING BRANCH FALL FESTIVAL IN WINDSOR, SC SEE DETAILS PAGE 10
OCTOBER 17	23 RD ANNUAL BOSHEARS SKYFEST FLY-IN AND CAR SHOW AT DANIEL FIELD, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA
OCTOBER 17	FALL TOUR TO THE OLAR MODEL 'T' FESTIVAL AND ANTIQUE CAR DISPLAY
OCTOBER 31	DINNER AT VANCE COULTHARD'S AND HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY
NOVEMBER 1	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS. SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR
NOVEMBER 6-8	RICHLAND CREEK ANTIQUES FALL FESTIVAL WWW.RICHLANDCREEKANTIQUES.COM
NOVEMBER 14	SATURDAY TECH SESSION AT ROY FISCHER'S GARAGE
NOVEMBER 20-22	MOULTRIE SWAP MEET
NOVEMBER 27 (FRIDAY)	GASTON LIVERY STABLE GIFT FAIRE AND CAR DISPLAY, RICHLAND AVE.
DECEMBER 2-5	MAFCA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET MEDFORD, OREGON www.mafca.com
DECEMBER 8	AMA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE CLUB HOUSE AT CUMBERLAND VILLAGE
DECEMBER 13	AIKEN JAYCEES' CHRISTMAS PARADE 2:00 PM DOWNTOWN AIKEN
DECEMBER 18	CURRIER AND IVES SHUTTLE NIGHT AT SAGE VALLEY

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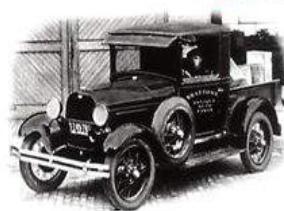
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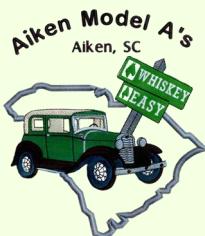
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on the first Tuesday of each month in
The 1835 Room at Cumberland Village

Meeting	Tech Seminar Topic	Presentation By
October 6	Radiator Issues	Greg Jones
November 3		
December 1	NO REGULAR MEETING	DUE TO PARTY NEXT WEEK
December 8	Christmas Party	N/A

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— **Henry Ford**