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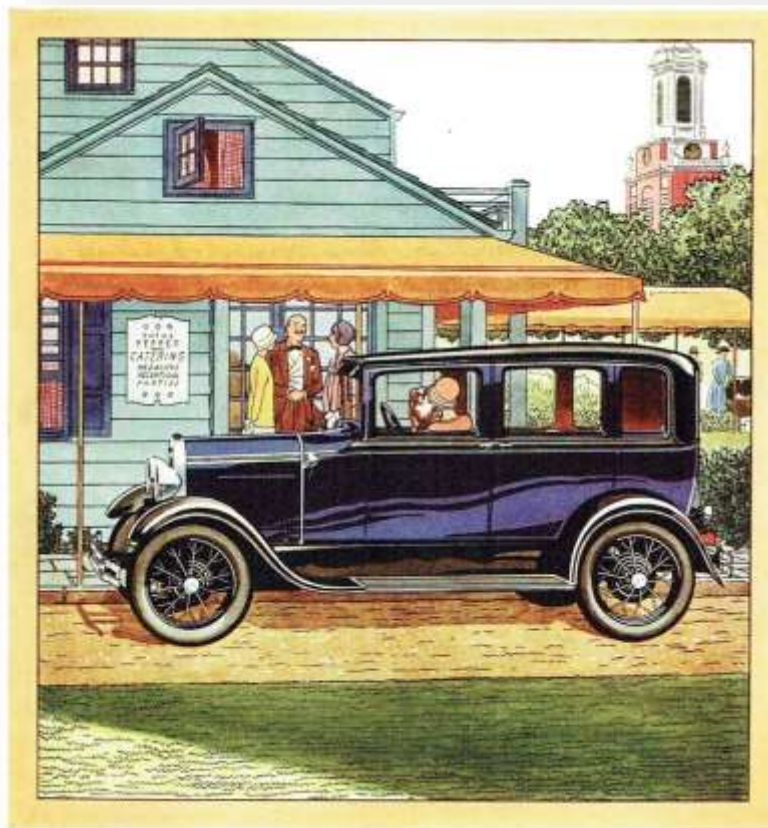
Newsletter



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"Lunching with the ladies."

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****Board Meeting Minutes:** We will now be posting our Board Meeting Minutes on the website each month. Simply go to the website and click on the link under "About" on the home page, or [click here](#).

2025 Southside A's Club Events

September 6	Tech Meet – Hunter's garage: front end alignment.
September 20	Combined SSAs IMAD and Lunch Bunch tour – particulars TBD
October 4 NEW DATE!	Southern Belle Farm. 20 TH Anniversary!
October 14-17 NEW DATE!	Southside A's Fall Tour. Rome, Georgia, and environs!
November 8	Annual Business Meeting
December 6-7	Callaway Christmas Lights overnight

Activities of Interest

September 18-20	Model A Days, MAFFI museum
October 24-26	N. Alabama Touring Group – Fall Leaf Tour CANCELLED

Editor's Note:

As fall approaches, we have several fun things on the calendar to look forward to. For starters we have another informative Tech Meet on Sept. 6., followed by International Model A Day on the 20th.

October will see us enjoying Southern Belle Farm in McDonough for their 20th Anniversary. Then it's off to Rome for the Southside A's Fall Tour. See all the info inside.

And if you run into Kelly Adams, congratulate her on losing the arm sling, as her re-do of 2014's shoulder surgery is about to allow for gear shifting again!

—Gwyneth



Begins September 22

Happy Birthday!

5th – Niva Atkins
13th - Shirley Davis
15th - Meghan Martino
18th - Lynn Herrin
29th – Harry Saunders



Happy Anniversary!

22nd - Jim & Ann Hunter



Thoughts from Our Director

Hello Southside Model A Members,

We've been enjoying more moderate temperatures lately, a nice change from a very hot summer. We had an extremely enjoyable breakfast outing on August 13 to City Cafe in Fayetteville with 25 members and 5 Model A's in attendance. As usual the food and fellowship did not disappoint. A big thank you to Jackie Peterson for organizing this trip.

Once again I want to remind everyone of our upcoming **Tech Meet on September 6** at Jim Hunter's Garage at 9:30. Please respond to Tom Romine that you will attend so he and Jim can have an accurate count. Remember to bring your \$10.00 for coffee, donuts and a pizza lunch. Tom will be demonstrating the front end alignment on the Model A and answering any other questions. I especially enjoy these Tech Meets. I still have a lot to learn and always enjoy the camaraderie with club members.

On that same day there is a Car Show at Christian City in Fairburn from 10:00 to 2:00.

Enjoy this nicer weather and hopefully will see everyone soon.

Best regards,

--Steve

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty."
---Winston Churchill

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Southsides.com

Join us on Facebook!

SAVE THE DATES:

September 20 – SSAs day tour for International Model A Day/Lunch Bunch

October 4 – Southern Belle Farms. 20th Anniversary celebration.

October 14-17 – SSAs Fall tour. We're going to Rome! (Georgia, that is...)

See information inside about this fun tour. Make your plans, and reserve your room now!



NEXT TECH MEET – SEPTEMBER 6, 2025



Our next **Tech Meet** will be on **Saturday, September 6**, and Jim Hunter is again providing his wonderful shop for our endeavors. The topic this time will be front end alignment.

The day's format will be the usual: coffee and donuts before; lunch after; \$10 per person to cover the cost of the meet. A reminder email will go out closer to the date.

But you can always let Tom know you're going to attend before that.

Tom Romine: 770-527-4039

Jim Hunter's: 599 Bankstown Rd., Brooks, GA 30205



Southside A's will celebrate Model A Days on **September 20th** with a tour and a lunch.

The Romine's will continue their September service to the club by leading us on a tour to Buckner's Restaurant! Tom reports that they have a new dining room and are happy to welcome us. So mark your calendar and come celebrate our wonderful car hobby with our outstanding club. (**Note: Tom has 2025 IMAD Patches!**)

GATHER: Circle K at Hwy 16 and Ga 85 in Senoia.

TIME: TBD (but probably around 10:00-ish?)

RSVP: By Thursday, September 18, to Tom Romine, **770-527-4039**

We'll also send a reminder email for those of us who take a little more time to consult our calendars!

P.S. This is also being considered our **September Lunch Bunch** gathering. Two for one!



Southern Belle Farm Saturday, October 4, 2025

This is the Farm's **20th Anniversary!** And they are excited to have us bring our old cars to add to the celebration. It's been five years since we were last there, and they have even more to enjoy. As before, they will be giving

us all complimentary wrist bands for admittance to all attractions. Lunch will be on our own, and besides their own smoke house serving food, there will also be food trucks; so lots of options.

The pumpkin patch will be open, as well as the Market and Bakery. Lots of yummy things to buy to take home.

We'll plan to arrive about 10:00 am, and stay until about 2:00. Of course you can stay later, if you choose!

This is a perfect outing for the grandkids, and the kid in all of us. Bring on the maze and the pig races!

GATHER: Sam's Club, Fischer Rd. & Hwy 34, Sharpsburg (**Note:** folks from Georgia Region, or elsewhere outside of the Sam's area, can certainly meet us there.)

TIME: 8:30 for an 8:45 departure. The drive is approximately 1-1/4 hrs.

RSVP: By October 2, so we can give them a head count. **Gwyneth:** gwynshot@aol.com, 805-890-5195

August Lunch (BRUNCH) Bunch

City Café in Fayetteville

Recap

Our August Lunch Bunch was transformed into a Lunch BRUNCH, which allowed for an earlier start with somewhat reduced temperatures. Those of us from the Sharpsburg area enjoyed a medium meandering tour out of Palmetto to make our way to Fayetteville and the City Café. We had a five-vehicle caravan led by two Model A's – the Shotwells and Larry Peterson.

We were joined at the restaurant by the rest of our 25-people strong contingent, including three additional Model A's.

It was a most congenial group, and we found the breakfast/brunch idea to be a winner. We'll definitely keep that in the playbook for next year's Lunch Bunch planning.



Participants: Larry & Jackie Peterson; Mark & Marilyn Corley; Terry & Nive Atkins; Pat & Pam Tyler; Tom & Liz Romine; Dick & Pam Carne; Jim Wingo; Jack Miller; Jim & Ann Hunter; Steve & Ardith Vied; Steve & Barbara Searock; Jerrel Shell & Bonnie Bearden; Kelly Adams.



(NOTE: We won't be having a Lunch Bunch in October since we have an outing and a tour. We'll start up again next March!)

Southside A's Fall Tour!

*To beautiful Rome, Georgia, and environs
October 14-17, 2025*

Make your plans now to join us for a lovely tour north to Rome, staying in the heart of the historic downtown. Hawthorne Suites will be our base – a hotel housed in a former 1890s warehouse, with original wood floors, brick walls and skylit atrium.

Tours will include Martha Berry's home and the Oak Hill Museum, the historic New Echota national site in nearby Calhoun, visits to the impressive Savoy Automobile Museum, as well as the Booth Western Art Museum, both located in Cartersville.



Oak Hill



New Echota Historic Site



Savoy Automobile Museum



Booth Western Art Museum



Downtown Rome

There will also be time for additional optional activities, shopping and exploring downtown, or just relaxing on one of the lovely patios at the hotel.

You can make your hotel reservations now, and look for the registration form to arrive in the next several days. This promises to be a fun, varied, and entertaining enterprise. We hope to see you there!

Hawthorn Suites

100-110 N 2nd Ave NW

Rome, GA

706-378-4837 OR use link below to reserve online.

Code: "Southside A's"

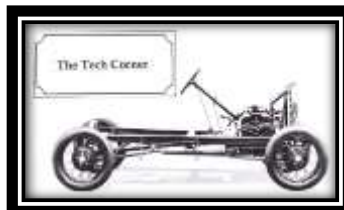
King room - \$144+tax. Dbl Queen - \$164+tax

[Hawthorne Extended Stay by Wyndham-Rome](#)

Rate includes parking, but not breakfast. There is a nice full service restaurant onsite, as well as breakfast options on Broad St., a short walk from the hotel.

We have a 10-room block reserved that can be added to, if needed. The block will be held until **September 23rd**. The rate will still be honored after that date, if rooms are available. Cancellation policy is 48-hours prior to arrival. Trailer parking is available. Contact Gwyneth or Jim Wingo for details; numbers on pg. 2.





The Tech Corner

Editor's note: Thanks to MAFCA for sharing this article from Jim Cannon.

Jim's Tech Tips

"Ignition Misfires"

We've all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburetor problem, but don't overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor.

Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So check it and increase the gap back to 0.020" if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak condenser.

Look at the rotor. Make sure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap, and is not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor.

Look at the underside of the distributor cap. Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.

Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for "carbon tracks" on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing. (See photo.) Replace if needed.



Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*
Jim

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

August 2025

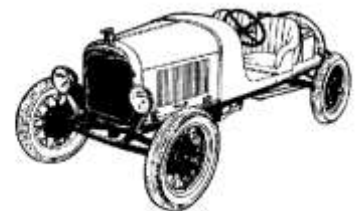
Maybe you haven't visited the MARC website recently, but if you have, you are aware that our website is rather outdated and while our Facebook page has thousands of members, very few take the next step to join MARC.

Your Board of Directors has just approved a preliminary budget and formed a committee, led by Chris DuVall, to review and make changes to our complete social media strategy and website. The committee will begin meeting on a frequent basis and we will keep you updated on our progress.

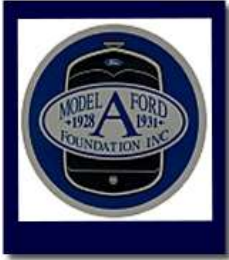
Also, speaking of Chris, he recently posted a brief video on our Facebook page on the basics of starting a Model A. We need more videos like this to teach new Model A owners the basics of diagnosing and fixing mechanical issues. If you are interested in producing a video, please contact Joe Fox or any other Board member.

Regions, we still need volunteers to step up to host future MARC meets; a National Meet, Tour, or Membership Meet. As you know, we will be combining our 2026 Membership Meet with our Finger Lakes Tour in May. All of your Board members have experienced hosting a Meet and we will help any Region interested in hosting a future event. Contact Jim Zimmer or Joe Valentine for any information.

Continuing our focus on Region recognition, the Board recently approved a motion to recognize Regions who have achieved 50+ years MARC membership. A brick will be donated in your Regions name to be placed at the Gilmore Museum! As we donate annually to MAFFI, they provide us bricks that we will use for this purpose. We currently have 40 bricks available and will begin recognizing the 40 longest member Regions first. Twenty more will be recognized in 2026 and the remainder in 2027. We will notify you as your bricks are placed.



MAFFI Minute



We're 5 weeks away from Model A Days at Hickory Corners, MI. Are your reservations made? We hope so. This will be the grandest event yet!

The Model A Ford Museum has always been a treat for our hobbyists. Whether you've been there before or are planning to go this year, this visit will be extra special because of the completed expansion! The museum used to be able to showcase 30 vehicles; now all the vehicles that the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. owns are in one building! Production years, 1928 through 1931, as well as a variety of body styles from Tudors to Phaetons --

Pickups to Firetrucks and a City Bus ---and more-- are on display. There is a larger variety of interactive exhibits and vignettes to put visitors right back in the era of the vehicles.

If you would like a sneak peek at the museum, go the www.maffi.org and click on the camera links for a live view: There's Expansion Bay 1, Expansion Bay 2, and Expansion Entrance along with a live view of the rest of the museum.

And, for those of you planners, get this on your agenda. Save the dates September 12-16, 2028 for the 100-year anniversary of the Model A: 1928-2028! There will be driving tours offered by each of the national organizations, MARC and MAFCA and activities galore for all 5 days.

I know there's no such thing as too much fun, but we're pushing the envelope!!

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

NATIONAL EVENTS – 2025 & 2026



For Sale/Wanted

FOR SALE:

1931 Model A Mail Truck. Has a bench seat, but original seat is available. This is a fine Mail A Mail Truck. Comes with 30's mailman uniform, mail bags, and Mail Truck mailbox. I've driven it on Talladega Motor Speedway. Runs, drives and stops with no issues. It does have fiberglass fenders. Other than that it is pretty much original; has the security wire and curtains on the rear door. Oxford, AL. **Asking \$25,000.00**
Call 256-310-6463 or email gfireman52@aol.com
Gerald Grizzard



FOR SALE: PRICE REDUCTION!

1930 Model A four door Town Sedan, dual side mounts; rebuilt starter, distributor, carburetor, battery disconnect, new wiring harness, turn signals, new 2 blade fan, new coil, brakes have been gone through; mains & rods bearings have been tightened. Nice driver; paint is presentable; steel body; cranks, runs and drives with no issues. Oxford, AL. **Asking \$14,500.00**
Call 256-310-6463 or email gfireman52@aol.com
Gerald Grizzard



FOR SALE:

Slightly used Float-a- motor FRONT motor mount.
Asking \$50.00. New ones go for \$ 75.00
Contact: Tom Romine 770 527-4039



FOR SALE:

1928 Leather Back Fordor Sedan

Complete frame off restoration. Excellent condition. Runs and handles well. Regularly driven; always garaged. Rose beige original color.

Asking \$31,500

Contact: David Hadden 770-539-1742
davidonnahadden@gmail.com Buford, GA



FOR SALE: 1930 Georgia License Plates.

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Contact: Bill Nitschke, cell (914)-323-8958, williamjnitschke@gmail.com

WANTED:

A 2012 **Model A Day patch** to complete my collection. I will purchase the patch or trade a 2024 Model A Day patch.

Contact: Gerald Grizzard, 256-310-6463 or email gfireman52@aol.com

NEED A CLUB NAME TAG?

The price is \$8 each, which covers the tag, tax and shipping.

Here's how to place your order:

1. EMAIL your name(s), and City/State as you would like them to appear, PLUS your mailing address for delivery, to **Pat Tyler:** pat@patpamtyler.com.

2. Send your check at **\$8 each**, made out to **SOUTHSIDE A's**, to:

Nive Atkins
156 Taylor Len Drive
LaGrange, GA 30240



Club Items

Club Banners: We have designed a Club Banner to display on your car when touring or just to hang in your shop. \$15/each.

Call Jim Hunter @ (770) 710-2153 or ytguy@aol.com



Application for Club Membership

Southside A's Membership

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Business) _____ (Cell) _____

Occupation _____ E-mail _____

Please list Model A's you own (You do not have to own a Model A to join our club)

YEAR	BODY STYLE	ENGINE and/or VIN No.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Membership Dues: \$20.00. (See below for National Dues, if necessary.)

Applicant's Signature _____

_____ Date

*NOTE: Applicants approved for membership at the November or December Board Meetings shall be considered paid for the following year.

Send application, along with check made out to "Southside A's," to: Niva Atkins, 156 Taylor Len Dr, LaGrange, GA 30240

Membership in the national Model A Restorers Club (M.A.R.C.) required. Are you a member?

() YES Please furnish membership Number _____

() No Please complete application below for National M.A.R.C. membership

Model "A" Restorer's Club
6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$50.00/YR

SEND DIRECTLY TO ADDRESS ABOVE

NAME (print) _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Invitation to join Model "A" Restorers Club

(Membership in Southside A's requires membership in MARC, as well.)

MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

P.O. Box 498, Howell, Michigan 48844

(734) 427-9050 Office

(734) 427-9054 Fax

modelarestorersclub@gmail.com

Membership Application 1 Year Term

☐ U.S. Membership \$50.00

☐ U.S. Air Mail \$62.00

☐ Canada \$60.00

☐ International \$70.00

☐ Digital Only Membership \$50.00

Call office for Youth Membership and Surviving Spouse
Membership

Make checks payable to: Model "A" Restorers Club or (M.A.R.C.)

All checks must be payable in U.S. funds. U.S. funds must be stamped on the check and drawn from a U.S. bank. International Money Orders in U.S. Funds are also accepted.

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Membership # _____ If renewing Region (If member) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

I give permission to publish my phone number in the future MARC Membership Rosters:

☐ Yes ☐ No Phone: _____

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☐ Yes ☐ No Email: _____

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The purpose of the Model "A" Restorer's Club is to encourage its members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit, and make use of the Model "A" Ford vehicles (models 1928-1931) and all things pertaining to the historical information, and to promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship among its members.

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New Membership

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Country_____ Telephone_____

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