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The Very Berry (Hot) Ice Cream Tour, July 19th.

The Prez Sez

am writing this edition of the Prez Sez early as I am heading off to the beach with family for a much-

I needed vacation. I know, how can a retired person need a vacation? Not sure, but maybe I need to slow down just a smidgen. So, I may not report on any happenings after July 15.

At our June club meeting in Gettysburg, PA, I realized just how lucky I am to be involved in such a great community. We had a great



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showing at the national meet, especially being 450 miles away. It is so much fun to meet new friends and reconnect with old friends from years past. The community is amazing and willing to help each other in any way needed. Just ask Frank about his experience.

We as the QCMAC do the same for our members and possible new members. We have the opportunity to grow our club and bring the younger generations into the Model A hobby and community. We are very close to getting our 501(c)3 non-profit designation and therefore the beginning of our fundraising efforts to establish the Model A Ford Youth Center. Stay tuned and let me know if you are willing to help us move forward.

In July, we had the Very Berry Ice Cream Day tour on Sat., July 19th. Look for details within the Distributor.

For August, we have the Shade Tree A's swap meet tour on the 15th-16th (details within Distributor) and our general club meeting on the 18th.

The details for the International Model A Day tour "Little Brown Jug" in September are included in the Distributor as well. This will be a dual club tour, so check out the details to find out who we are touring with. We also need to know who will be going so the catering can be set up. Please check out the details in Upcoming Events and provide info to Jerry Widner before Aug. 13th.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the Shade Tree A's swap meet tour (we currently have 9 cars going) and/or the monthly meeting.

See ya down the road,

Troy

"Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right." — Henry Ford

Submitted by Larry Long



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Keep the members below in your special prayers:

Carl Adams, as his Parkinson's disease limits his mobility.

Ron and JoAnn Bryant both with health problems.

Everett Titus, whose father died on July 6th.



AUGUST HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!



Barbara Kothe Aug. 21

Wayne Yankee Aug. 21

Herb Vogt Aug. 23

Jon Fowler Aug. 24

Mike McQuinn Aug. 29

Karsen Titus Aug. 30

Barb Roberson Aug. 31

JULY 2025 QCMAC REVIEW OF CHECKBOOK

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2025:

\$6,340.10

Income:

50/50+ \$165.00

Expenses:

Final expenses, Mystery Tour: **\$119.33** Distributor, supplies, printing, mailing:

\$142.48

Ending Balance as of July 31, 2025: \$6,243.29





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Car Show at Westminster Towers: Sat., Aug. 9th. Don't miss this exciting, last minute addition to August's upcoming events. Tour on Sat., Aug. 9 to Westminster Towers retirement home for a car show for the residents, followed by a stop at Springs Farm in Fort Mill for peach ice cream. Meet at Jim's shop at 10:30 a.m. to tour together. Please contact Jim Townsend (828) 964-3425 if you can come. Rain date is Sun., Aug. 10.

Tour to Shade Tree A's Swap Meet: Meet Fri., Aug. 15th at 10 a.m. at Jim Townsend's shop. Travel to Thomson, GA area, approx. 150 miles. Share dinner with some members of the Shade Tree A's on Sat. Aug. 16th, attend Shade Tree A's swap meet and return to Charlotte area. If you are interested in taking this tour, let Troy know! (See pg. 17-18 for swap meet info.)

General Meeting @ Sports Page: Aug. 18th. Host: The McDonoughs

"Little Brown Jug" Dual Club Meet-Up – hosted by Queen City Model A Club / Piedmont Region Model A Club: Sat., Sept. 13th, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Olin, NC. The First Annual "Little Brown Jug" meet-up for International Model A Day will start with

coordinated drives from the Charlotte (QCMAC) and Winston-Salem (Piedmont Region

Model A Club) areas to home base located in Olin. Note: If you want to trailer your "A" to Olin, that can be accommodated as well; we have plenty of space for you. *Be sure and bring your Lawn Chairs

Upon arrival to Olin by 10 a.m., the agenda below will follow:

8:30 a.m. - Meet-up at various locations for convoy/drive to Olin, NC

10 a.m. - Arrive at Olin "Little

Brown Jug" grounds



12:30 p.m. - Road trips to various destinations depart (see below to choose)

2:30 p.m. - Return to Olin for Model A "games"

4 p.m. - Group photo





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4:30 p.m. - "Little Brown Jug" concludes, safe travels home

Note: See the 30-mile round trip drives to various locations in and around the Yadkin Valley for you to choose from:

- Raffaldini Vineyards
- Fort Dobbs State Historic Site
- Southern Distilling Company

If you are interested in participating in the "Little Brown Jug tour," please note that we need to have numbers attending prior to Aug. 13th in order to prepare. Email or call/text Jerry Widner @ 968porsche33@gmail.com or (704) 657-7802.

Please provide the following info prior to Aug. 13th:

- First Name/Last Name of Attendee(s)
- Number of Model As you are bringing (per person or per couple, we just need to know how many As are going to be present)
- Are you driving or trailering your car?
- What driving tour you are interested in doing

September Beach Trip: Ocean Isle, NC: Sept. 26-28th, at The Islander Inn, 57 West First Street, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469. This is a very laid-back trip, with plenty of time during the day to sit on the beach, go fishing, or take a drive down the coast. We will have a few activities planned, including dinner together on Saturday. We already have 32 people who have RSVP'ed! Pray for beautiful weather! Note: A block of 20 rooms was held until July 28. If you haven't RSVP'ed, call



the Inn to see if they will honor the 10% off rate of \$169 to \$189. Small breakfast is included. Call (910) 575-7000 or (888) 325-4753. Please email Heather at hpfowler91@gmail.com to let the Palmers know you are coming!



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Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA)

As you all know, four youth from our club were awarded MAYRA scholarship at the National Meet in Gettysburg in June. They have all received some of the funds and are actively busy ordering parts to keep their restoration moving forward.

As members, reach out to Jon Dalsing, Connor Jackson, Holden Long, or Peyton Price to see if you can help them. I am sure they would appreciate the help! Recipients, stories have been told of a youth recipient in another region setting up workshops / shop time so club members would come help train, teach and encourage her. Hint, hint!!!

We as a club have the opportunity to bring more youth into the Model A Community. We are well on our way to establishing our club as a nonprofit and either build or purchase a building to house our Model A Ford Youth Center.













January	February	March	April
20 th General Meeting @ Golden	10th - 11th Augusta Club Meeting	5th QCMAC Breakfast 9:00 am	5th-7th Hornets Nest Auto Fair
Corral	Host – Troy Dalsing	Big View Diner	10th Breakfast at Stacks 9:00 a.m.
Host – Fishers	17th General Meeting, Internet	Host – Manfred Kothe	Host – Manfred Kothe
	Safety presentation @ Longhorn	17th General Meeting @ Sports	13th QCMAC Car Show @ White
	Steakhouse	Page	Home Host – Rhea Farris.
	Host – Berry Family	Host – Silvers	21st General Meeting @ Showmars
	22 nd Cob Web Shop Time		Host – Swanns
	Host – Jim Townsend		26 th – 27 th – Mystery Tour
			Host – Phillips and Crosbys
May	June	VINC	August
12th 501(c)3 Non-Profit Follow-up	13th-15th Tour to MARC National	19th Very Berry Ice Cream Day Tour	9th Car Show at Westminster
meeting @ Sports Page 6:00 pm	Meet Gettysburg Lead - Troy	Host – Berrys	Towers (meet at Jim's shop at
Host – QCMAC Board	16th-20th MARC National Meet	21st General Meeting @Longhorn	10:30 a.m.)
17th Youth Tour	16th General Meeting at MARC	Steakhouse	Host – Jim Townsend
Host - Troy and Jon Dalsing	National Meet	Host – Heather, Karsen &	15th-16th Shade Tree A's Swap
19 th General Meeting @ Golden	21 th -23 nd Tour Home from MARC	Claude	Meet Tour
Corral	National Meet		Host – Dalsing
Host – Gustafsons			18 th General Meeting @ Sports
			Page
			Host – McDonoughs
September	October	November	December
4th-6th Hornets Nest Auto Fest	20th General Meeting @ Showmars	8 th Veterans Day Tour	6 th Harvey Hood Memorial
13 th Intl Model A Day Tour	Host – Haacks	Host – Kalei Unea	Christmas Parade Tour
"Little Brown Jug"	25 th Day Tour To Special Car	17th General Meeting @ Sports	6 th Denver NC Parade
Host – Widners & Dalsing	Collection.	Page	8 th Christmas Party @ Longhorn
15th General Meeting @ Golden	Host – Ed Kale	Host – Marty and Manfred	Steakhouse Pineville 6:00pm
Corral Host – Leeks			
Host – Karsen Heather Claude			
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Meeting Place Addresses
Golden Corral, 11025 E. Independence Blvd., Matthews, NC
Sport's Page, 8400 Bellhaven Blvd., Charlotte, NC
Longhorn Steakhouse, 10605 Centrum Parkway, Pineville NC
Showmars, 7260 NC-73 Suite 119, Denver, NC

EDITOR'S LETTER

| By Karsen Palmer Titus |

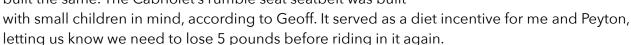
he Very Berry Ice Cream tour was very, berry HOT! The temperature was 98 degrees, real feel 298 degrees. My daughter, Peyton, and I made the ambitious decision to ride in the rumble seat of my dad's Cabriolet with my sister driving and my dad riding shotgun, (because his Tudor has some issues). We had an hour and twenty minute drive to the meeting

place in the cooler morning air, and Heather did great chauffering us. The second leg of the tour to the pizza place was another hour. For the last leg to (H)Ellerbe, my kid and I opted to ride in the air conditioning in Clare and Geoff Leek's modern-day truck!

I have never ridden in the rumble seat for any length of time and while it might not be perfect for a July heatwave, it was a lot of fun. There was a nice breeze, as long as we were moving. At times it felt a bit like riding a rollercoaster, so when we crossed bridges or hit bumps, Pey and I would hold our hands in the air and shout like kids.

I did learn a few things. First off, when you aren't in the rumble seat, CLOSE THE DOOR. We didn't do that after stopping at the meeting place, and the seat was a boiling river of lava. We had to borrow a towel from Heather Fitts just to be able to sit down again. Secondly, not all seatbelts are built the same. The Cabriolet's rumble seat seatbelt was built





Touring with my kid reminded me of one of her first tours, an early 2000s Christmas parade in Davidson, NC, which ended with an accident in front of us and a gigantic fire truck blaring its horn behind us. We all had PTSD after that. (We finally got out of the car and walked back to our modern car. Don't think we ever did that parade again!) Our ride home from Ellerbe was less dramatic, thank goodness. It was just HOT. Heather and my dad rode with the Leeks, and I drove the car home with Peyton beside me, navigating. The trip was about 3 hours long, and the engine heat was oppressive. It felt like an endurance race, to be honest. But we had plenty of laughs and the car ran perfectly. The trip is already seared in my brain as a happy memory.

Ahooga!

Karsen

TECH TALK

| Courtesy of Santa Anita As • By Tom Endy |

"Change the Condenser"

by Tom Endy, rev 2023

On most any Model A tour one of the participating cars will likely drift to the side of the road inoperative. Soon after everyone gathers around someone in the crowd will surely yell out "change the condenser". This knee-jerk reaction has become ingrained in Model A folklore. The truth is that good quality condensers available today seldom ever fail.

Over the years I have seen countless numbers of condensers changed out, but I have only observed one that actually failed, and that was because the ground strap soldered onto the back of the condenser came loose due to an over-heated engine.

The common practice for checking a condenser is to use an ohm meter. It will tell you if it is shorted or open, but not what the actual capacitance value is.



A Honeytek A6013L Capacitor Tester (called a condenser in automotive jargon) is available through Amazon for about \$22. The tester will tell you not only if the condenser is good or bad, but the actual value in micro-farads. Set the pointer on two micro farads.

What I have discovered with my new Honeytek tester is that the good quality condensers from Bratton's test out at a nominal .228 -.235 micro farads. I have never seen any documentation that Henry ever recorded about how many farads (or portions thereof) are required of a condenser to properly operate a Model A Ford ignition system.

It is difficult to describe what a farad is, especially when only a very small portion of one is used in a Model A condenser. A micro farad is but .000001 of one farad



The Honeytek tester is a unique thing to have along on a tour. You can easily test a condenser while it is still attached to a distributor installed in a Model A. Simply remove the car's fuse, and slip a business card between the points. The plus lead of the tester is clipped to the arm of the points; the negative lead is clipped to ground on the distributor.

There are still poor quality condensers being sold by some suppliers. They are easily identified by the ground strap being soldered to the end of the condenser. The good quality ones sold by Bratton's and a few other suppliers will show three little dots on the strap indicating they are stake welded on.



On the left is a good quality Bratton's condenser. On the right is a poor quality soldered on condenser still being sold by some suppliers.

TECH TALK

| Courtesy of The Ford Squeaks • Piney Wood Model A Club |



1931 Tool Kit Display

When the Model A Fords were sold, Tool Kits were included with the cars, so The owners could and did all the maintenance themselves.

By the early 1960's kits were tools to change tires only

- 1. Adjustable Wrench
- 2. Engine Crank and Wheel Lug Wrench
- 3. Grease Gun
- 4. Instruction/Owner's Manual
- 5. Jack and Handle
- 6. Oil Can (thru May 1928)
- 7. Open End Wrenches 7/16 x 1/2 & 9/16 x 5/8
- 8. Pliers (screwdriver blade on end of handle)
- 9. Screw driver
- 10. Spark Plug/Cylinder Nut wrench
- 11. Tire Iron
- 12. Tire Pump
- 13. Tool Bag

MEETING (MINUTES

By Carrie Swann, Secretary

onday, July 21st the QCMAC held their monthly meeting at Longhorn Steakhouse in Pineville, NC. The meeting was called to order by Brad Fisher at 6:58 p.m. and Brad gave the blessing, with 34 members present. Host/Hostess was the Palmer family: Claude, Karsen, Peyton, Heather & Jon. Dispensing of reading the Treasurer's report and the Minutes from June's meeting was motioned by Claude Palmer and 2nd by Peyton Price.

Committee Reports: Nothing to report. All agree that the newsletter is GREAT!!

New member Steve Robinson gave an outline of himself and his Model A. Scholarship Fund Donation has been put on hold till a future date. Non-Profit Application by the state is favorable; Federal approval is in the future. By August - October, we should have the results. Legal Zoom says we have everything together and there should not be any delays.

Bill Parker's problem with his third radiator is being resolved. There are a total 4 engines that have been rebuilt by members of the club. Troy, Kalei, Jerry are only a few.

Sandeep gave a report on the Very Berry Ice Cream Tour. HOT, Melting Ice Cream and Claude believing everything Sandeep told him about the destination!!

Coming up: Aug. 9th Tour to Westminster Retirement Home. 10 a.m. meet at Jim's shop. Afterwards, a trip to Springs Farm for Ice Cream. (Sunday will be Rain Date.)

Sept. 13th, Little Brown Jug Tour. More info to follow. Deadline date to register before Aug. 13th.

Beach Tour by the Palmer family September 26-28th. Going to Ocean Isle, NC. Group rate ends July 28. More info to follow.







NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

| Pete & Beth Johnston • By Jim Townsend & Pete Johnston |

ete Johnston is the individual largely responsible for the monthly gathering of old cars in downtown York, SC on one Saturday each month. He came to QCMAC seeking help in starting his late 1931 Deluxe Roadster that had been sitting outside under a cover for several years. During our attempted start up, we discovered that none of the cylinders showed compression as a result of intake valves being stuck in the open position. We were not successful in freeing all of them by tapping them down through the spark plug holes and resorted to removing the head. One valve was replaced. The engine was started and found to run pretty well! This is a picture of Jim and Pete going for a test drive after the start up.



The paint on the wheels was peeling, so tires were removed, wheels sandblasted, primed and painted to improve appearance. Pete will be

working with Buster Henderson to replace what is left of the old top and to install new leather on the seats. The car is amusingly solid and mostly original. There is even a WWII era gas rationing sticker on the windshield.

His story follows:

"I was born and raised in a small town in rural New York State Finger Lakes District. When I was 12 years old, I traded a .22 rifle for a Model A truck that was made by cutting the back half of a sedan off and installing a Model A box. I never realized it wasn't an authentic Model A truck until I traded it a few years later for a 1951 Mercury, which I drove to high school. A 1958 Edsel convertible followed the Mercury.

"After high school, I was employed as a service technician for the National Cash Register Company repairing cash registers and accounting machines. I received a draft notice from Uncle Sam and enlisted in the US Army for paratrooper training, but ended up attending infantry and Officer Candidate School, where I was commissioned a second Lieutenant of infantry followed by pilot training.

"I immediately shipped out to Vietnam where I flew O-1 Bird Dogs as a Forward Observer/ Forward Air Controller in support of Special Forces Commandos in the CIA's Secret War in Laos far from friendly forces. I served two consecutive combat tours followed by a threeyear tour in Germany, flying a three-star general all over Europe and skiing in my free time.

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"After eight years of active duty, having earned an associate's degree in night school, I

transferred to the Reserves, where I served an additional 22 years as an Army Aviator in airplanes and helicopters, and earned a bachelor's degree at SUNY Brockport. I then attended Georgetown University Dental School where I earned a doctorate in dental surgery.

"I moved to Charlotte, married, started a dental practice in the Park Road area, raised three wonderful children and retired in 2018 after 42 years of dentistry. In 1996, I retired from the US Army Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel after 30 years of service.

"I remarried in 2022 after a long relationship with the best woman in the world, my wife, Beth. In 2018, we bought our 1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster, a survivor, from a local gentleman who describes maintaining this car as a young boy for his neighbor, a local physician in New Hampshire. He later bought the car from the neighbor's estate. This relationship has given me a thorough history on the vehicle as the third owner since it was new. The Roadster has mostly original paint (Washington Blue).

"We have enjoyed driving the car in several parades and have fun at church functions, giving children a once-in-a-lifetime experience riding in a rumble seat of a 94-year-old car. We plan to maintain the car in as close to original condition as possible while making it safe and reliable, so we can put many more miles on it and allow our family, friends and neighbors to enjoy seeing it in function as a regular sight around York and York County (and beyond)."

Are you a new member interested in sharing your story? Reach out to Jim Townsend at townsendj@comporium.net or Karsen Titus at KarsenTitus@gmail.com.





A Very Berry Ice Cream Tour • By Sandeep Berry

n Sat., July 19th, the Berry family led the ice cream tour to Ellerbe, NC, where QCMAC got a peek at the "world's largest strawberry." The tour to the Berry Patch started off a little rough for both Lena (Larry and Holden Long's A) and Vivian (Sandeep's A). Lena got towed home before the tour even started and Vivian's battery was dead. But we all made it to our starting point and headed down to Albemarle for a stop at Pizzantica. Lunch was great, and the air conditioning was welcomed by all. It was at lunch that Claude Palmer came to realize the tough truth about the strawberry we were about to go see. Claude thought it was a real strawberry.

After a very loooooong lunch stop, we jumped back on the road and headed to Ellerbe, home of the tallest strawberry structure in North Carolina! As we arrived, folks had to ask where this structure was. It wasn't as large as I remembered, apparently! Even though the strawberry wasn't as big as we hoped it would be, the ice cream was delicious! It was incredibly hot though and we had bees that kept trying to attack us. Perhaps next time we move this tour to the spring or fall, or even just go somewhere closer!



Left, Claude, the moment he realized that the strawberry was a strawberry-shaped building. Right, the long, long lunch.
Bottom, it was berry HOT; perhaps "Hellerbe" would be a better name.







A Very Berry Ice Cream Tour • By Sandeep Berry





From top left, clockwise: The Berrys buy ice cream at the berry! Next, Jerry and Marie LaQuerre, Heather and Dan Fitts, Heather Fowler with Peyton Price, Geoff Leek and Claude Palmer, and lastly, Karsen Titus with Frank Gerosa after the Palmers accidentally drank his beer.









A Very Berry Ice Cream Tour • By Sandeep Berry





Above left & right: We had two youths on this tour! Left, Holden Long with grandfather, Larry; and right, Peyton Price, with Heather, Karsen and Claude Palmer (who is a "yout" himself). We also had several Berry munchkins running around!











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Above, check out Don Houser's gorgeous restored tractor. His next project is already on the slate - the restoration of his Vickie. Above and right, engine building is still in process for Kalei Unea, Jerry LaQuerre and Troy Dalsing. They are completing assembly of the fourth engine and then will move onto the test stand. Right, Bill Parker car's has been overheating. Thanks to Dan Fitts for providing a good known radiator for testing, which proved the radiator was the problem! Below right, check out Russ Winters' latest find, a 1931 AA truck. He has big plans for this one. Also (not pictured) new member Bruce Goodrich had a little fender bender with his car a few weeks ago. Repairs are near to being completed and he expects to be back on the road soon.







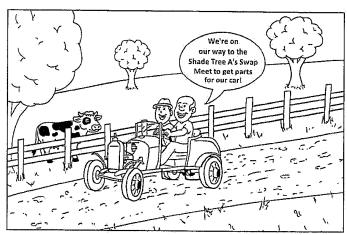


Shade Tree A's Swap Meet

sponsored by the

Shade Tree A's Model A Ford Club

1818 Augusta Highway, Thomson, Georgia 30824 Friday, August 15 and Saturday, August 16, 2025, 8:00 AM until

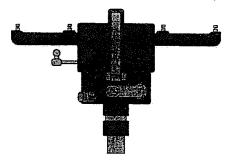


There is no Parking, Admission or Vendor fee for this event. Come enjoy your day with fellow Model A enthusiasts. This year we are sponsoring a special workshop on Model A distributors. See details below. Lunch available.

For more information, contact:
Andrew Morse
706-834-2342
4morses@comcast.net
Jim McPherson
706-564-0120

<u>Distributor Diagnostics and Rebuilding Workshop</u>

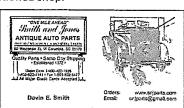
SATURDAY, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon



The Shade Tree A's are proud to present a hands on workshop on the Model A distributor. Have your distributor issues professionally evaluated, or get help rebuilding your distributor. Eric Shogren, owner of Guben's Garage, a Model A repair facility, will be available to evaluate your distributor or assist in rebuilding your distributor. Bring your distributor, and the new parts to rebuild it, and Eric will have the tools available to rebuild your distributor. Workshop located in the air conditioned shop.

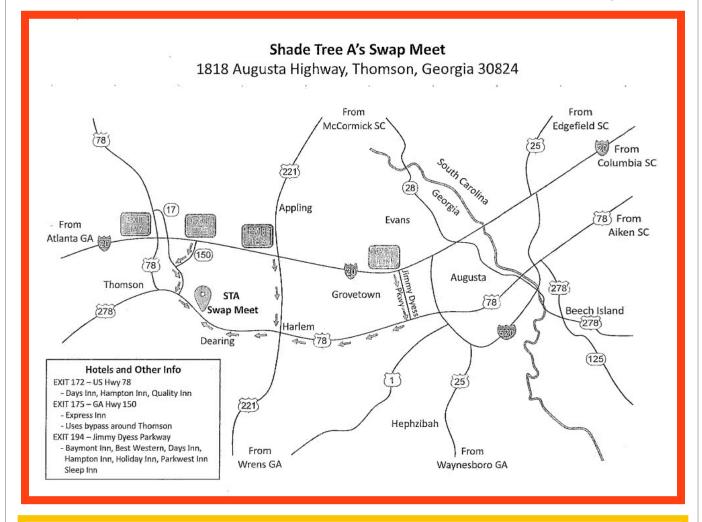
Smith and Jones Antique Auto Parts will be attending our Swap Meet. Contact Davin Smith with your parts order for delivery to the Swap Meet and save on shipping.

Phone: 803-822-4141, 800-422-1928; e-mail: snjparts@gmail.com



For vendor registration, please contact Andrew Morse or Jim McPherson

See Map On Reverse Side



QCMAC WHERE ARE WE GOING UPDATE

We are in the wait-and-see status regarding our application for 501(c)3 nonprofit status.

We believe we should get approval within the next 60 days.

Your board will continue to further develop our plans for fundraising and establishment of the Model A Ford Youth Center. Such exciting times!!

What to expect in the near future:

Sept. to Oct.: IRS Approval of 501(c) 3 application

Nov. 17th: Presentation at monthly club meeting of initial plan for fundraising

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Zenith Carburetors:

Cleaned, jets calibrated, and painted. New parts installed as needed. Perfect for touring or showing in touring class judging. \$200 with exchange of rebuildable Zenith. \$250 without exchange. Contact Jim Townsend @ 828/964-3425 or townsendj@comporium.net

Model A Ford-28/31 Zenith Carburetor Flow-tested Jets:

Four jets flow-tested:
Cap Jet, Main Jet, Idle Jet and Compensator Jet!
Also included is a Carburetor Gasket Set.
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Model A Distributor Housing:

Cleaned, new bushings honed and a new drilled upper shaft installed.

YOU-DO-THE-REST Add upper/lower plate

Call or email Bruce Hyland 704/488-6118 Bjhyland87@gmail.com



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

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

July 2025

ARC's Gettysburg National Meet this year is now behind us. We had more than 300 registrations, many informative seminars, Special Interest Group meetings, tours, car judging and great food at the welcome party, grand tour and awards banquet. More details and plenty of pictures in the next *Model A News*. Thanks to Tom and Janora Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region for hosting this great event.

Iso, don't forget that we have a special Finger Lakes tour in the pipeline for next May and another great National Meet scheduled for next July in French Lick Indiana. We expect both to be jam packed with fun filled activities so plan to attend. We still need Regions to step up and volunteer to host future events! Your Board of Directors will gladly help you plan a tour, meeting or a national event. Contact any MARC Director please

emember that the online version of the *Model A News* is always available for viewing by the first day of every even month (February, April, June, August, October and December). Going forward, we will communicate availability on Facebook only.

an you imagine that Adina Cloud, representing the French Lick Resort and a MARC member, won the 50/50 drawing at the closing awards banquet and then contributed the winnings to the Model A Youth Restoration Awards? Then, Tom Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region donated the other half: \$2,000 to MAYRA!

Remember that MARC has a special membership offer for youth, 18 -25, not living at home. FREE membership with a sponsor, digital MAN only, but all the other benefits of full membership. Contact the office for details. Let's get those young people signed up!



Model A Restorer's Club (MARC): Dues are \$50 annually, which includes a subscription to The Model A News magazine. Send to: MARC, 6721 Merriman Rd, Garden City, MI 48135. Note: MARC membership is required of all QCMAC members. Visit their website at: ModelARestorersClub.com

TASHION:

| Apron, Anyone? • By Karsen Titus |

he apron. While not specific to the 1920s-30s, they did play an important role during the Model A Era. As historian Debbie Sessions explains on the Vintage Dancer website (Vintagedancer.com), "The versatile apron kept house dresses clean and wearable for a week or more before washing. 1920s aprons were as long and shapeless as the dresses underneath. Aprons served many purposes at home, making each unique to the task."

There were cooking aprons, which were the length of the dress and were pinned on. They protected from food splatter and acted as a towel to dry your hands. For doing dishes or wet cleaning, a woman might have a rubberized apron. If tackling the laundry, the half sized "clothespin" apron would have pockets to hold the pins while outside. A long standard apron with patch pockets and cross straps or ties in the back were popular.

For fancy occasions, there were delicate, hand-embroidered tea aprons. According to Sessions, "Home magazines gave away patterns for aprons since they usually didn't require a complex paper pattern to be mailed, although there were plenty of those too. Tea aprons were often trimmed in ruffles and lace." These were worn while serving tea or sandwiches. They included ruffles, lace, or rick-rack.

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