



HOFMARC

HEART OF FLORIDA MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB

NEWS FROM THE HEART

JULY 2025

[Minutes of June 7, 2025](#), meeting of the Heart of Florida Model A Restoration Club held at the Mallory Country Club.

1. Called to order by President Richard Unsworth.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Christian prayer.
 3. Minutes of the May 3 meeting were summarized and accepted.
 4. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,938.20. The report was accepted.
 5. Old Business: We still need a member to serve as club Treasurer.
 6. New business:
 - a. Given that The Villages will not be hosting a cruise-in in the foreseeable future, President Unsworth suggested that we consider a Model A car show at a not-yet-determined location and/or a parade of some sort. We might consider inviting Model T's to join in.
 - b. Keith Meyers will fabricate a donation box for the purpose of raising funds for student Model A groups.
 - c. The idea of a club house was again brought up.
 - d. Bill Brun is organizing a list of members' tools that would be available to other members.
 7. Frank Lynch, Activities Director
 - a. Currently, our next regular car show is scheduled for November 17 at Brownwood.
 - b. Our next club meeting is scheduled for July 5 at the Grand Oaks Bistro.
 - c. A few more cars are needed for the July 12 display at The American House.
 8. June birthdays and anniversaries were recognized
 9. Peter DeBisschop won the \$50.00 on the 50-50 and Keith Meyers won the gift card.
 10. Meeting adjourned at 11:40.
- Bob McMahon, Secretary

Meeting at Mallory Country Club



Debbie has the 50/50 Under Control



[Look What I Found?](#) I try to keep my truck in good running order. I use the inspection sheet from “the red book.” Below is what I found during this month’s visual inspection. The fan belt was hanging by a thread. There was a cut from the inside surface almost out to the outside surface. I have twisted the belt in the picture below so the cut is visible.



I find the maintenance sheet in the “red book” to be invaluable. I write the mileage and date at the top of the sheet. I keep them for a record.

I also keep a log book of anything I have done to the truck above and beyond the regular maintenance. Such things include new front spring, cast iron brake drums, etc.

When it comes time to sell the Model A, I think these records will bolster the value.

Peter

Date: 6/8/25

Miles: 6,854

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CHECK LIST

APPENDIX

clean: Motor tab & contact
clean points
clean all contacts on

EACH 1,000 MILES

- Check crankcase oil level
- Check radiator water level
- Check water pump packing
- Visual inspection of engine

- Do all 500 mile checks
- Test front wheel bearings for looseness (See Service Adjustments)
- Oil generator bushings at each end of generator
- Tighten spring U-bolts, front and rear.
- Tighten all wheel lug nuts (64 ft. lbs torque)
- Test all lights (head, tail, stop, dash, dome)
- Inspect all cotter pins (See cotter pin list)
- Wipe out light switch (End of steering column)
- Lubricate door hinges, striker plate, dovetails
- Inspect entire fuel system for leaks
- Inspect exhaust system for leaks
- Check steering wheel free play (2" max, See Service Adjustments)
- Check specific gravity of battery, charge if needed (See service and repair, Battery)
- Check for tight electrical connections at all harness connections
- Check for tight coil connections
- Check for tight connections at ammeter and terminal box
- Check distributor point gap (.016 - .018) See Service Adjustments
- Clean battery posts and clamps, tighten battery ground connection

- Clean horn commutator
- Drain fuel sediment bowl
- Check clutch pedal for 1" free play. See Service Adjustments
- Check tail light lens mounting screws

EACH 2,000 MILES

- Do all 1,000 mile items
- Lubricate in accordance with 2,000 mile Lubrication Chart and brushes
- Examine tires for wear, cracks and damage
- Adjust Service Brakes (See Service Adjustments)
- Inspect front leaf spring for sagging and cracks
- Repack top end of shock links
- Tighten differential banjo bolts

EACH 5,000 MILES

- Do all 2,000 mile items
- Test engine compression
- Tighten rear wheel axle nut
- Rotate tires
- Lubricate in accordance with 5000 mile Lubrication Chart
- Flush cooling system
- Lubricate speedometer cable

EACH 10,000 MILES

- Do all 5,000 mile items
- Pull all brake drums, inspect brake linings, drums, and springs
- Polish headlight reflectors

MONTHLY

- Check all lights
- Check water pump for leaks
- Check carburetor and fuel lines for leaks
- Inspect fan for cracks
- Check battery water level
- Check tire air pressure -34
- Check tires for breaks, cracks, and abnormal wear
- Check radiator water level
- Check water pump packing
- Visual inspection of engine
- Visual underneath

EACH 500 MILES

- Lubricate in accordance with 500 mile Lubrication Chart
- Change crankcase oil
- Tighten accessory mountings (windwings)
- Inspect radiator hoses
- Check fan belt adjustment (See Service Adjustments)
- Check wiper blade rubber
- Check generator charging rate, adjust as required (See Service Adjustments)
- Check carburetor and fuel lines for leaks

Check differential
check transmission
Lube distributor
clean plugs
oil horn

in Belt crack cut A-1 - Order new
2d new set hoses -

added water

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Oil all throttle & spark rods

Check shift lower vent hole

Detergent

20-50
is on a
n gasket

Spint)

w

600W

oth box

Record of what I did.

See Les Andrew's book for "How to..."

1. New 6 Volt Battery
8/25/19 Interstate
List: \$163 + tax
A. Borghesi \$114 + tax

2. Replaced gas filter, spring
and gasket 9/14/19
Mac's 64-24751 \$14.99

3. Oil change 10/8/19
5 qts Castrol SAE 30

4. Radiator Flushed 10/9/19
3 gallons distilled vinegar 10/10/19
Baking Soda Flush Distilled water 10/11/19

5. Added transmission fill tube with
dipstick. Cut out floor
board 10/9/19.

World Famous Model A Trivia Quiz

Remember the date! Wednesday, July 23rd, 1:00 PM Mystic Ice Cream Café. 1217 W. Miller St., Fruitland Park 34731

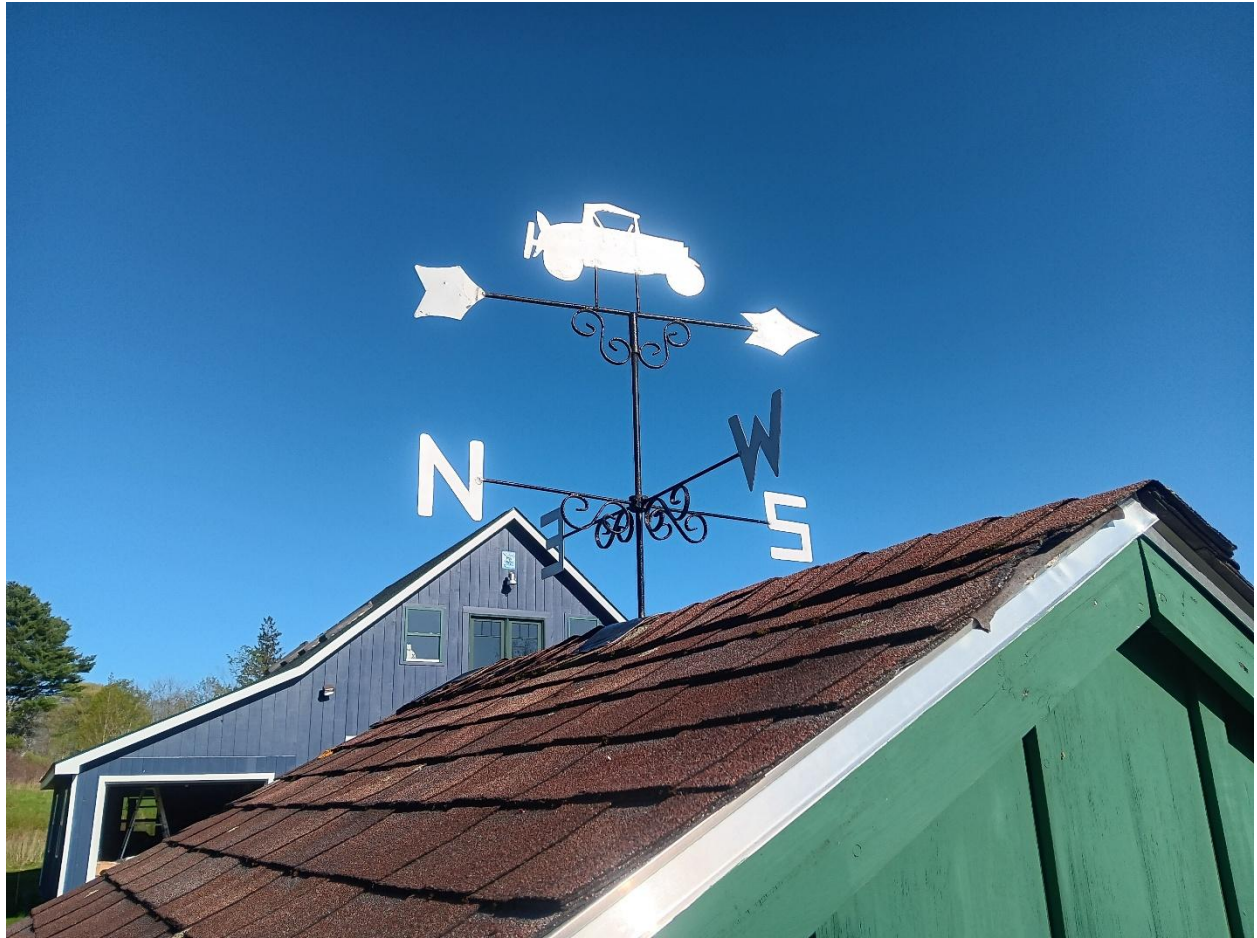
Your chance to become the HOFMARC Trivia Champion by being the best at a 20 question Model A and Model A era quiz. Entry fee \$1.

Our next meeting is July 12, at 11:00 at The Bistro at the Grand Oaks Resort. RSVP to Frank by Tuesday July 8th, please.

Tool Crib: A list of tools that members are willing to lend to others in the club has been created. It is attached to the email that contains this issue of the newsletter. Bill Brum is the keeper of the list. Contact him if you have items that you are willing to add to the list.

A nice story from Mike Brauch: *Back in 1972 my 9th grade metal shop instructor informed the class that we were going to make weathervanes with a chicken on top. At the time I was doing a ground up restoration on my first Model "A". I told him that I didn't want a damn chicken on my weathervane and that I wanted a Model "A" on mine! He said if you think you can do it go ahead! So, I did. I used my dad's 31 roadster for the silhouette, and it can out pretty nice. Hard to believe that was over 50 years ago!*





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Tales of Trouble from Mike Brauch: Mike recently sent me an email about getting the head off a car he had in this shop.

Two bolts in spark plug holes with nuts on top of plate. All the other bolts rest on the head studs. Tightening the two nuts on the spark plug bolts lifts the head. Although it lifts more on the passenger side as the plugs are more to that side. It only lifts as high as the head studs. Then you have to pry it off the rest of the way. This head was really stuck. I have had cars hanging off the ground with my engine hoist trying to take heads out! It's not much fun.





Before & After

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Time and damage had nearly erased this image — stuck to broken glass and barely visible.



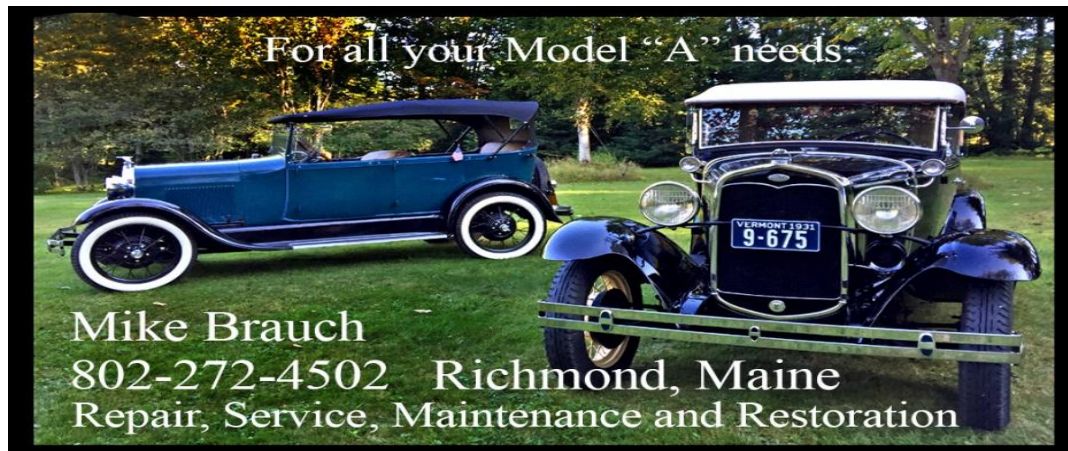
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Membership in one of these national organizations is required in the By Laws for HOFMARC Membership. Members must be approved by the HOFMARC Board of Directors. An Application for Membership must be completed, including signature and date each year. Membership is annual, January through December. Dues are \$20.00 annually, prorated for partial year membership. Potential members may attend one meeting at the invitation of a member in good standing. Non-payment of dues will result in discontinuance of privileges after the last calendar day of February of the current year.

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