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Our Covered Bridge Tour participants (back from left): Mike & Amy Schroeder, Troy Dalsing, Brad & Jane Fisher, Everett Titus, Russ & Harriet Winters, Karsen Titus, Frank Gerosa, Jonathan & Tammy Shewbridge, and Glenn Swann. Front: Kalei Unea (on Claude's rollator), Claude Palmer & Carrie Swann.

The Prez Sez

At our May club meeting, we voted to move forward with our application for 501(c)3 nonprofit status. I am happy to report that the review by legal went very well. We had no issues to address. A special thanks to the Crankin A's for sharing their documents and process they followed. We shamelessly copied how



Dedicated to the Restoration and Preservation of the Model
A Ford ... and we like to drive them, too!

they accomplished this, and it proved the right thing to do. We have submitted the application to the IRS and expect and hope to get approval within 90 days. Special thanks to Brad Fisher, Carrie Swann and John Haack for their efforts to make this happen. Your board will continue to further develop our plans for fundraising and establishment of the Model A Ford Youth Center. Such exciting times!

In June, we had 17 members and nine cars attend the MARC Annual meet in Gettysburg, PA. We had an amazing week of touring, learning, meeting old friends and making new. Two of our members had their cars judged in the touring class and both received excellent results. In addition, MAYRA Scholarships were announced and four of our youth won a scholarship. Pretty exciting stuff! Find the article within the Distributor.

For July, please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, we have a change to the date of the Very Berry Ice Cream day tour, to Ellerbe, NC. It's now on Sat., July 19th. More details can be found in Upcoming Events.

Please also take note of two new items within the Distributor.

I have added a tour to the Shade Tree A's Swap meet. I had planned to go and drive my A, so I just decided to make it a tour! We'll go down to Thomson, GA on Fri., Aug. 15th and returning on Saturday the 16th after the swap meet. Watch for details on a later page.

Secondly, the details for the International Model A Day tour, called "Little Brown Jug," are included 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 catering can be set up.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Very Berry Ice Cream day tour on Sat., July 19th. I can taste it already!

See ya down the road,

Troy



"Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs."

– Henry Ford

Submitted by Larry Long

CLOUDS & SUNSHINE

| For the love of driving Model As |

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.

Sandeep and Tom Berry, who are finally back in their house after over a year! There are still challenges, but progress made.

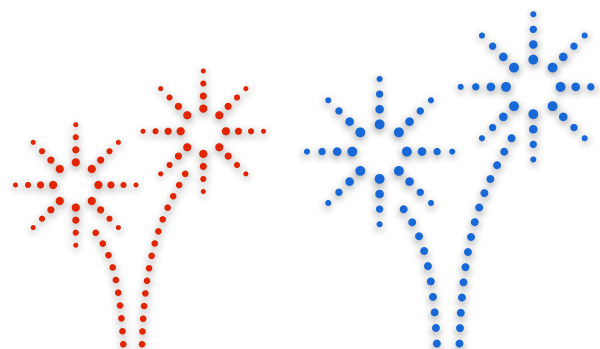
Everett Titus, whose father is in the hospital with kidney stones, Covid, and recovering from a heart attack.

Everyone who had to miss the Gettysburg MARC meet but really wanted to be there.



JULY HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Peyton Price | July 6 |
| Kathryn Johnson | July 7 |
| Ron Bryant | July 8 |
| Brad Fisher | July 13 |
| Danny Shaw | July 16 |
| Linda Foster | July 19 |
| Clare Leek | July 25 |
| Paul Crosby | July 28 |
| Jane Fisher | July 28 |
| Dave Habersang | July 28 |
| Everett Titus | July 29 |
| Kay McKinney | July 31 |
| Chris Neil | July 31 |



JUNE 2025 QCMAC REVIEW OF CHECKBOOK

Beginning Balance as of June 1, 2025:
\$6,315.10

Income:

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| New Members (1) | \$25 |
| No 50/50 (Gettysburg tour) | \$0 |

Expenses:

No expenses for June

Ending Balance as of June 30, 2025:
\$6,340.10

UPCOMING EVENTS

| For the love of driving Model As |

A Very Berry Ice Cream Day Tour: Sat., July 19th. Host: The Berrys. Don't miss Sandeep Berry's ice cream tour and a peek at the world's largest strawberry! Please note the updated tour date of Saturday, **July 19th** (not the 12th) at 10:30 a.m. We will be debarking for Ellerbe, NC to The Berry Patch, which is also home of the World's Largest Strawberry!



The juicy details:

When: Sat., July 19th

Meeting place: 10:30 a.m, in the parking lot of Circle K, 8910 Albemarle Rd, Charlotte, NC 28227, at 10:30 a.m.

Next steps: We will leave at 10:30, and head to Albemarle for lunch at Pizzantica, 780 Leonard Ave., Suite T, Albemarle, NC, 28001-5270; <http://www.pizzanticanc.com/our-menu-classic/> . We will fill up on gas (641 NC-24, Albemarle, NC 28001). From there, we will head to Ellerbe for ice cream at The Berry Patch, 51 Cargo Rd, Ellerbe, NC 28338. Then we will head home. We will stop at the same gas station to fill up (641 NC-24, Albemarle, NC 28001) and take a break!

General Meeting @ Longhorn Steakhouse: July 21st. Host: Claude Palmer, Heather and Karsen

Tour to Shade Tree A's Swap Meet: Meet Fri., Aug. 15th at 10:00 am at Jim Townsend's Shop. Travel to Thomson, GA area (hotel yet to be identified), approx. 150 miles. Share dinner with some members of Shade Tree A's. Sat. Aug. 16th, attend Shade Tree A's swap meet and return to Charlotte area. If you are interested in taking this tour, please let Troy know via email or text: troyadalsing@icloud.com or 704-956-4964.

September Beach Trip: Don't miss our trip to Ocean Isle, NC: Sept. 26-28, at The Islander Inn, 57 West First Street, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469. A block of 20 rooms is being held until July 28. Let the Inn know you are with QCMAC to get 10% off the rate below. Rates run from \$169 to \$189. Breakfast is included. Call direct: (910) 575-7000 or toll-free (888) 325-4753. Please email Heather at hpflower91@gmail.com to let the Palmers know you are coming.

YOUTH REPORT

| For the love of driving Model As |

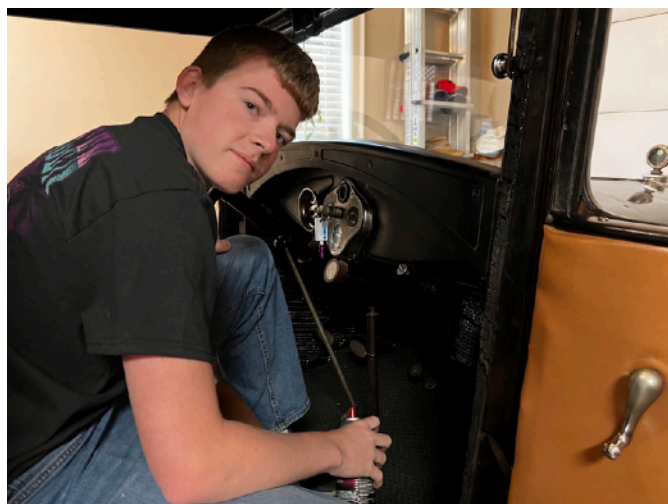
Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA)

If you have been following along, you know that four youth from our club submitted their application for the Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA). During the MARC meet awards banquet, on Fri., June 20th, it was announced that all four were awarded a scholarship. Some of us already knew as 3 of 4 applicants were notified prior to the awards banquet.

Congratulations are in order to Jon Dalsing, Connor Jackson, Holden Long, and Peyton Price! We as a club are here to support you and help keep your car restoration in process. As you need help, just let us know. We are happy to help and guide you.

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 voted this month to move forward to establish our club as a nonprofit and either build or purchase a building to house our Model A Ford Youth Center. Exciting times indeed!





QCMAC 2025 CALENDAR



| <u>January</u> | <u>February</u> | <u>March</u> | <u>April</u> |
|--|---|--|---|
| 20 th General Meeting @ Golden Corral Host – Fishers | 10 th - 11 th Augusta Club Meeting Host – Troy Dalsing 17 th General Meeting w/Internet Safety presentation @ Longhorn Steakhouse Host – Berry Family 22 nd Cob Web Shop Time Host – Jim Townsend | 5 th QCMAC Breakfast 9:00 am Big View Diner Host – Manfred Kothe 17 th General Meeting @ Sports Page Host – Silvers | 5 th -7 th Hornets Nest Auto Fair 10 th Breakfast at Stacks 9:00 am Host – Manfred Kothe 13 th QCMAC Car Show @ White Home Host – Rhea Farris 21 st General Meeting @ Showmars Host – Swanns 26 th – 27 th – Mystery Tour Host – Phillips and Crosby |
| <u>May</u> | <u>June</u> | <u>July</u> | <u>August</u> |
| 12 th 501(c)3 Non-Profit Follow-up meeting @ Sports Page 6:00 pm Host – QCMAC Board 17 th Youth Tour Host – Troy and Jon Dalsing 19 th General Meeting @ Golden Corral Host – Gustafsons | 13 th -15 th Tour to MARC National Meet Gettysburg Lead - Troy 16 th -20 th MARC National Meet 16 th General Meeting at MARC National Meet 21 th -23 rd Tour Home from MARC National Meet | 19 th Very Berry Ice Cream Day Tour (Note: date change!) Host – Berrys 21 st General Meeting @Longhorn Steakhouse Host – Heather, Karsen & Claude | 15 th -16 th Shade Tree A's Swap meet Tour Host - Dalsing 18 th General Meeting @Sports Page Host – McDonoughs |
| <u>September</u> | <u>October</u> | <u>November</u> | <u>December</u> |
| 13 th Intl Model A Day Tour "Little Brown Jug" Host – Widners & Dalsing 15 th General Meeting @ Golden Corral Host – Leeks 19 th -21 st Hornets Nest Auto Fest 26 th -28 th Beach Tour Host – Karsen, Heather, Claude | 20 th General Meeting @ Showmars Host – Haacks 25 th Day Tour To Special Car Collection Host – Ed Kale | 8 th Veterans Day Tour Host – Kalei Unea 17 th General Meeting @ Sports Page Host – Marty and Manfred | 6 th Harvey Hood Memorial Christmas Parade Tour 6 th Denver NC Parade 8 th Christmas Party @ Longhorn Steakhouse Pineville 6:00pm |

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Meeting Place Addresses

Golden Corral, 11025 E. Independence Blvd., Matthews, NC
 Sports 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 |

For the first time, my family hauled an A to the MARC National Meet, and the trip was an absolute success with no breakdowns.

Pre-trip, we were a little worried it was all a bad idea. It was a long way to go. It was a new-to-us truck and borrowed car hauler. Plus, my dad is not the strongest, so we had to devise a way to get him into my husband's F-250, which is HUGE. We ended up bringing a metal step-stool everywhere we went and going through an elaborate climb up and down routine. He never fell and got stronger every day, although speed demon, he is *not*. (All weekend, my husband called him Mario – as in Andretti.) We rolled "Mario" all over Gettysburg in his rollator, which is basically a walker with a seat. People took turns driving him, especially Russ and Kalei, and it turned out to be one of my dad's favorite parts of the trip.



Mario & The Backup King

My favorite part, other than hanging out with everyone, was driving his Cabriolet through the wide-sweeping views of the Gettysburg National Military Park. It was absolutely gorgeous, especially when it finally stopped raining. (Did I mention it rained Sunday through Wednesday?) I also loved the Grand Tour and our ambitious, five-hour Covered Bridge tour on Friday, which I led and my husband navigated ... and we didn't even get divorced.

But the most memorable part was witnessing my husband backing the car hauler out of a serpentine Starbucks drive-through that was made with Teslas in mind. When he realized we couldn't clear the exit-way, he backed all the way out without ever cussing or correcting his path, in what felt like a quarter-mile drive-through. He backed past a boat and a family of 5, and got us back on the road without scuffing a tire, earning himself the name "The Backup King."

Trip report card:

Weather: F until Wednesday; A+ Thursday-Saturday

Company: A+++ ...but we missed so many of you this year, including Jim Townsend, the Leeks, the Haacks, Sandeep Berry, and my sister, Heather Fowler. At least I did have another fun Heather to hang with ... new member Heather Fitts!

Grand Tour: A- ... but only because of the hour wait to start. The tour itself was beautiful!

Ahooga!

Karsen

TECH TALK

| Roadside Troubleshooting • Courtesy of *The Ridge Runner Newsletter* |

Larry Shepherd, MARC's Technical Director, held an informative Roadside Troubleshooting seminar at the 2025 MARC National Meet in Gettysburg. Here are some interesting points he shared:

When checking voltage:

- Poor grounds are often an issue. Clean, scuff, and/or sand ground connections until they are shiny metal.
- The starter switch lug should have the same voltage as your battery voltage, usually around 6.1 volts.
- The Terminal Box stud on the driver side should have the same (or within 1/10th of a volt) voltage as the starter switch voltage.
- The Terminal Box stud on the passenger side should have the same voltage as the starter lug voltage.
- Terminal Box studs should be tight. Reproductions are plastic with screw studs that loosen easily and can short out on the firewall. Use epoxy on the screw heads to ensure the screw studs do not back out to the firewall and become a direct short.
- Both coil terminals should have about the same voltage.

When looking for an electrical fault:

- Start at the battery, which should have tight cable connections.
- The ground cable should have a clean frame connection.
- Battery cable needs to be tight at the starter.
- Terminal Box connections and ammeter connections need to be tight.
- The armored ignition cable should not be screwed into the distributor too tightly, or it can short out. The distributor plate rivets must be tight.

Other tips:

- Larry recommends the original point system, not modern ones.
- A slow start can be caused by bad connections (ground, negative hot lead, a questionable battery, 12-volt cables on a 6-volt car, etc.)
- Make sure the points are clean. Use 600 grit sandpaper or finer to clean them up.
- O'Reilly Auto Parts tend to stock a 6V coil on the shelf, part number 2-5002.
- Coil wires should be wired and soldered to the tips to prevent connectivity issues.
- He favors a Fluke 77 multimeter when troubleshooting a Model A.
- Last but not least: "90% of all carburetor problems are electrical!"

"Let's watch this video of fireworks I took last year!"
-Said No one ever



MEETING MINUTES

| By Carrie Swann, Secretary |

The monthly meeting of QCMAC met June 17, 2025 at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Gettysburg, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Troy Dalsing with 18 members present. Dispensing of reading the minutes and treasurers report was motioned by Troy Dalsing, 1st by Brad Fisher, 2nd by Karsen Titus.

Youth donation of \$500 for scholarships to MARC on hold. QCMAC had 4 youths to apply for scholarships: Jon Dalsing, Conner Jackson, Hunter Long and Peyton Price. (Spoiler Alert!!) They all 4 won scholarships!

501(c)3 - non-profit application mailed May 30th, 2025. Approval usually takes 90 days or longer; we will get an update at our July monthly meeting. So far \$1,063 has been spent but we allowed \$1,450.

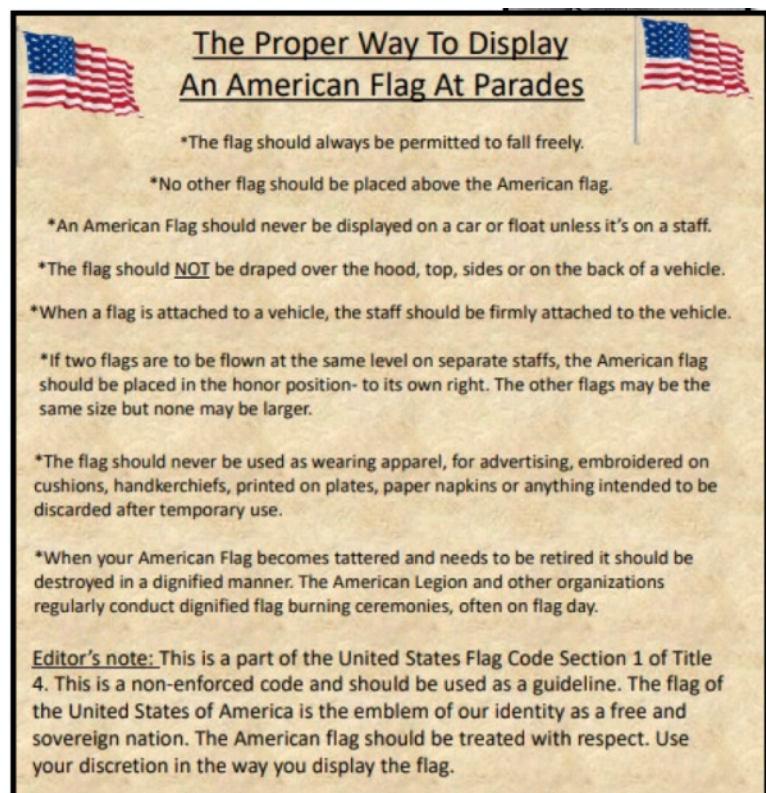
MARC Technical Director Larry Shepard asked for anyone with questions about mechanical problems to email him a question and he will try to answer your question in the MARC magazine.

Bruce Goodrich had a fender bender after leaving the shop.

Troy Dalsing, Kalei Unea and Jerry LaQuerre have been rebuilding 2 engines that were acquired from Wayne Helderman, and Claude Palmer.

Very Berry Ice Cream Tour is July 19, 2025. Leader of tour is Sandeep Berry. It has been 1 year since Sandeep & Tom's house caught fire with lots of smoke damage. They moved back in their house mid-June.

Beach Tour Sept. 26-28, 2025! Sign up by July 28th and let Heather Fowler, Karsen Titus or Claude Palmer know you are attending.



RECENT HAPPENINGS

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MARC National Meet 2025, in Gettysburg:

The Fishers, the Winters, and Claude Palmer, with Karsen & Everett Titus, pulled car haulers from Charlotte to Gettysburg through constant storms and traffic. Troy Dalsing, Kalei Unea, Frank Gerosa and Dan & Heather Fitts made a two-day tour from NC to PA via backroads. Doug & Judy Lentz and Wayne & Roxanne Yankee drove to Pennsylvania after a week-long trip in Cape Cod! Carrie & Glenn Swann came in their modern truck. No one was spared the soggiess, but everyone arrived safely!

It rained for much of Sunday-Wednesday, so everybody bought coats and donned sweatshirts. The outside parking for trailers turned into a sea of mud. (People were not happy.) We still managed to have fun! We spent lots of time being silly in hotel rooms; visited with Amy & Mike Schroeder and Tammy & Jonathan Shewbridge; and ran into our old friend Jasper Bond. Thursday – Saturday the weather behaved and we got the As out.

Above right, you don't see that every day in an A! Middle right, our Model A tourers had a dreary ride. Bottom right, check out the clearance between Claude's Cabriolet and the wall of the hauler!



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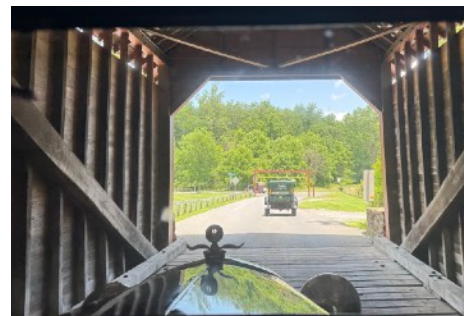
We had a beautiful Grand Tour along country roads. We met up at the Farmhouse at the Barn Resort and had a great lunch.



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Friday was the prettiest day, so most of the club did an ambitious Covered Bridge Tour led by Karsen Titus and navigated by Everett Titus. We visited 4 covered bridges, went over a trestle bridge, had an exciting pass on a busy highway, and ate lunch at Rube's Crab Shack, in Emmitsburg, MD. It was the Winters' first tour with QCMAC and the Fishers' first tour in their Vicky! Great day! We drove back to the hotel through the gorgeous Gettysburg National Military Park.



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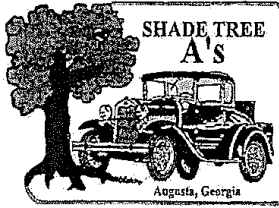
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After our bridge tour came the Awards Banquet. Russ Winters received 500 points for his Sports Coupe, and the Fishers received a first-place award for their Vicky. All four youth received MAYRA youth awards!

Well done, all the way around. It was a great group of friends having a great time playing with cars.





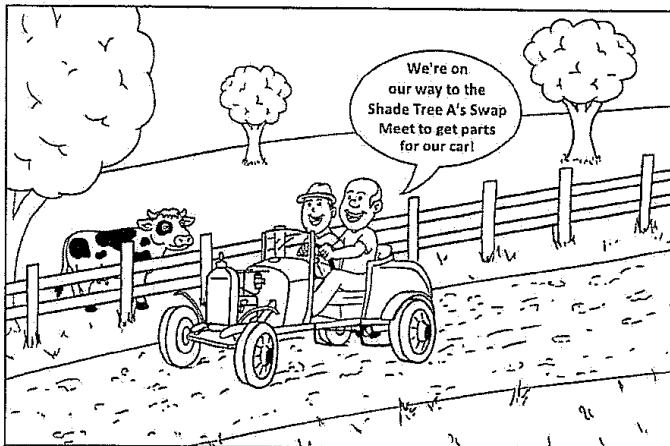
Shade Tree A's Swap Meet

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

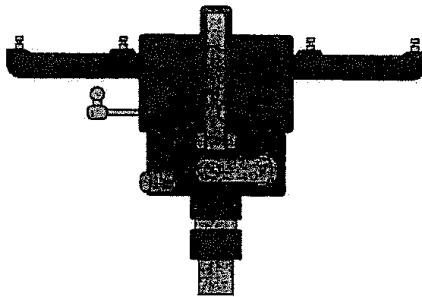
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Jim McPherson

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Distributor Diagnostics and Rebuilding Workshop

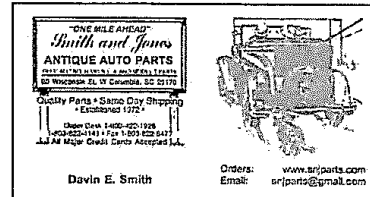
SATURDAY, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon



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

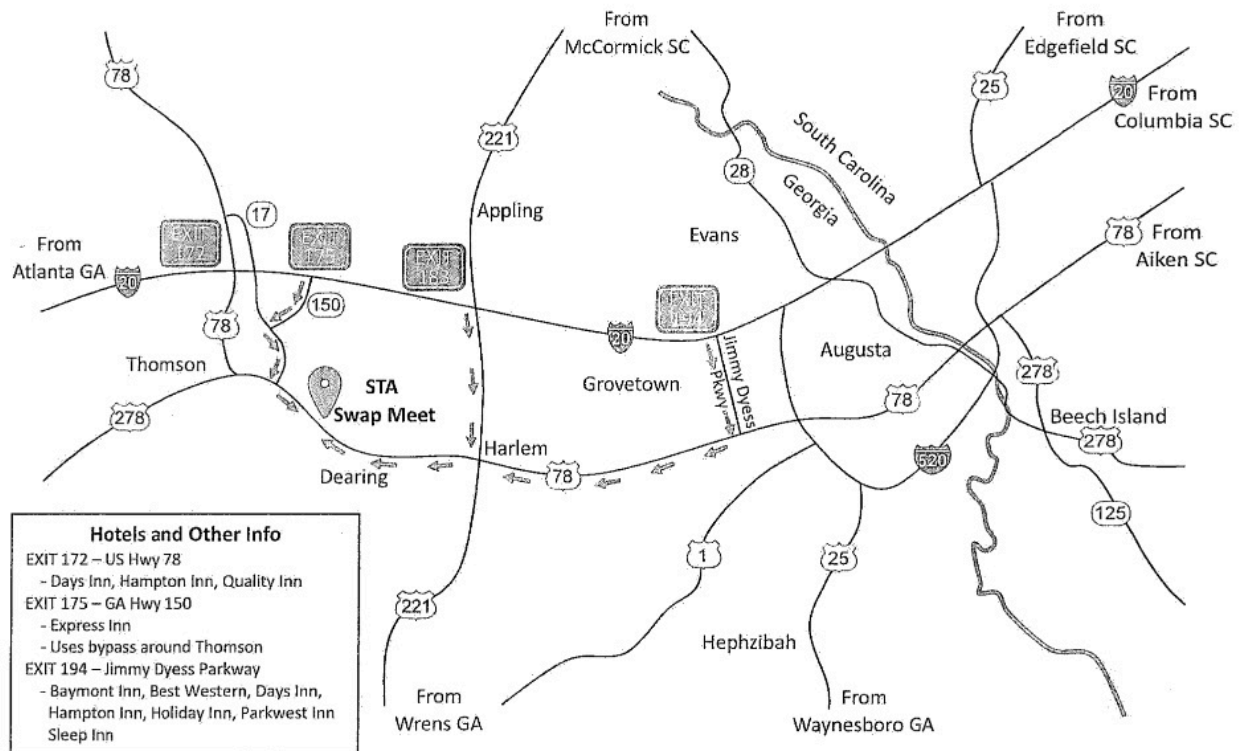


For vendor registration, please contact Andrew Morse or Jim McPherson

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Shade Tree A's Swap Meet

1818 Augusta Highway, Thomson, Georgia 30824



QCMAC WHERE ARE WE GOING UPDATE

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What to expect in the near future:

July 21st: Update on status of application submittal

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

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

We have added a tour to the Shade Tree A's Swap meet!

Meet Fri., Aug. 15th at 10:00 a.m. at Jim Townsend's Shop.

Travel to Thomson, GA area (hotel yet to be identified), approx. 150 miles. Dinner with some members of Shade Tree A's.

Sat., Aug. 16th, attend Shade Tree A's swap meet and return to Charlotte area.

If you are interested in taking this tour, please let Troy know via email or text!

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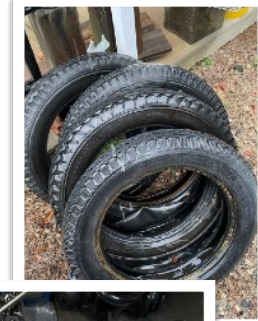
FOR SALE & WANTED

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FOR SALE:

Set of 5 used tires. Dated from the 70s and 80s, various brands. All were still holding air when removed. Make a reasonable offer.

Contact Greg Jackson @ 704/408-6217 or Gjackson15@gmail.com



FOR SALE:

Set of splash pans, bought at Hershey last year, \$50.

Contact Greg Jackson @ 704/408-6217 or Gjackson15@gmail.com



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.

If interested, call Bruce Hyland @ 704/488-6118

Or email Bruce @ bahyland87@gmail.com



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

June 2025

MARC is planning something different for next year! As a test, we will be combining our annual Membership Meet with our National Tour. Beforehand, committee and other business meetings will be held with the Board via Zoom conference calls. Our General Membership meeting and award ceremonies will be held at the Tour host hotel. More information will be communicated as planning is finalized.

As your Board, we are working hard make improvements. Our website, future meets, working together with MAFCA to begin planning joint events, our merchandise, changes in Fashion judging, Driver Class judging geared to draw fellow enthusiasts who love restoring and driving their cars but with modifications that are not exactly correct per judging standards. If you haven't already, make plans to attend the Gettysburg National Meet and learn more.

Regions, we have been contacted by several of you. Reportedly, Region officers have been receiving SPAM emails purportedly from either the President or Treasurer of the Region asking for money to be sent to them at another email address. Please use caution when receiving an email like this. As a reminder, MARC does not request any funds to be sent via email. Region dues can be paid directly to our website by credit card, PayPal or by mailing dues to MARC, P.O. Box 498, Howell Michigan, 48844.

Can you count the benefits of joining MARC? It's more than just insurance and a great magazine, it is also a network of experts who can help you either restore or keep your Model A running well. If you are into era fashion, we have experts there too. MARC meets offer a chance to network, drive your Model A, experience fashions and activities for young Model A enthusiasts. Just watching our experienced repair tent crews perform their magic will teach you more than you could imagine. Please encourage all of the non MARC members of your Region to sign up today to take advantage of our FREE trial 12 month membership. Just call 734-427-9050 to join!



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

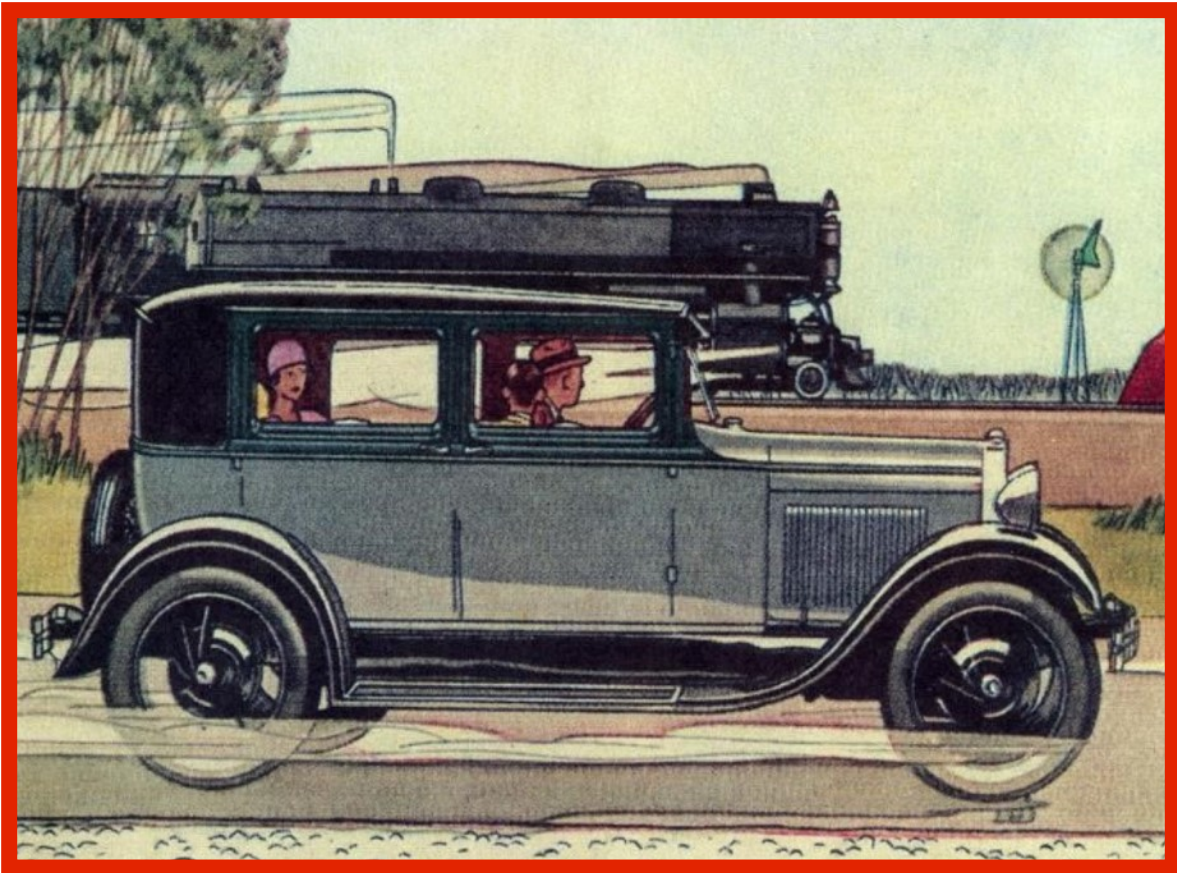
FASHION: 2025 MARC Fashion Show

Carrie Swann, QCMAC secretary, walked the catwalk at the 2025 MARC National Meet Fashion Show in Gettysburg. She debuted her handmade era-appropriate dress, which she made herself in 2024; it took approximately two weeks to create. She paired the dress with an original 1931 hat that her sister-in-law gave her; a vintage purse made in France; and her latest find – an original lipstick, purchased at the MARC meet.

Along with Jane Fisher, Carrie served in her first year as an apprentice judge at Gettysburg. She chose not to enter her outfit for judging, but instead to enjoy the moment!

This year's fashion show included several men who wore original fashions and won a Clara award. At the end of the show, the judges asked anyone in the audience wearing era-specific items to come on stage and show off their look.





Happy 4th of July!

