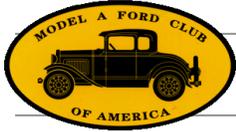


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Southeastern Touring Group



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MAFCA Charter

On Saturday, April 23, 2016, the Southeastern Touring Group became an official Special Interest Group of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA).

Club Website

Membership

Membership in the Southeastern Touring Group (STG) is open to all members of MAFCA and the twice yearly tours are our meetings. The purpose of the group is to tour the Southeastern area of the US in Model A's, with tours in the spring and fall of each year. Membership dues for all family memberships is \$5.

It's Hot - Must Be Summer!

The Spring 2017 Tour in the Bluegrass State of Kentucky was a great success! It was unfortunate that Mother Nature didn't cooperate with warm temperatures and sunshine, but a bit of liquid sunshine did not stop those who gathered in Lexington from having a great time. Hats off to Martha and Jerry Baker for planning a terrific tour filled with miles of beautiful rolling hill country resplendent with green grass and miles and miles of horse fencing! We visited Old Friends Racehorse Retirement Home and got up close to horses who had collectively won about \$100 Million between them. These are beautiful spirited horses living where they are well cared for and loved. Of those registered and participating with the tour, 50% had not traveled with us in NC, last fall. The tour had something for every one and of course great food along our way.

Plans are now firm for the Outer Banks Tour in October. This will be a self paced driving tour with no arranged meals along the way. There is a lot to take in out on the Outer Banks and I will be sending a "tour booklet" with directions and places of interest for you to see along the way once you are registered. The club has contracted to hold 35 rooms for this trip at all the host hotels along the route. We are not going to limit this tour to any number of participants. However, only the first 35 registrations will be given access to the hotel rooms being held. In other words, if you register and your number is 36 or higher, it will be up to you to find your own accommodations. These hotels have more than 35 rooms, but we have only contracted for 35 at a reduced rate. It is off season in the area and these hotels usually do not sell out and the rates are much lower than during high season. Registration will open for this tour in early July, and I will send out an email to those folks who have paid their membership dues for the 2017

calendar year a couple of days ahead of time.

There are a lot of ideas bouncing around about different areas to tour in our little cars. You know your area better than anyone and I know there are places to go and sights to see where you live. If you are not comfortable planning a tour, but would like the club to see your area, call or email me or Katie Herrick. We can help you with all the little details of hosting a tour. Remember, we are spread out through about 15 states and for the most part, we probably haven't driven our Model A's in your area.

Happy Motoring...

Happy

Fall 2017 Tour

The Fall Tour will be to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. We will tour south on NC 12 and US 70. The drive is about 143 miles with 2 ferry crossings. We will see lighthouses, beautiful beaches, and Bankers ponies. More information can be found on the club website. Won't you join us for this southern coastal adventure?

Registrations will open in early July.

No mailed in registrations or payments will be accepted.



May 6, 2017 Membership Meeting

Daniel Boone Tavern, Berea, Kentucky

Quorum established.

Gift of embroidered lap blanket presented by Katie Herrick to the Baker's in thanks for hosting the tour.

ByLaws were adopted as presented to membership via email.

Information shared about upcoming Fall Tour to the Outer Banks, NC. Registration will be available ion early July. No limitations on tour size, but only 35 rooms at host hotels will be secured. First 35 registered will have the opportunity of booking held rooms at negotiated rates.

Membership was thanked for participating and all were asked to consider hosting a tour in their respective areas.



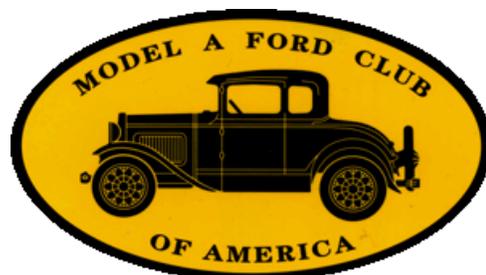
Touring with your Model A & The Southeastern Touring Group

1. The tour leader should go over or provide instructions as to the route to be followed including all stops and coordinating which channel will be used on the walkie talkies.
2. When the tour first gets under way, the leader should make sure everyone is in line.
3. It is most important to keep the car behind you in view. That is more important than keeping up with the car in front of you. If everyone does this, no one gets left behind.
4. If the car in front of you pulls over for any reason, you do the same UNLESS they give you a “thumbs up” signal, which indicates they are OK.
5. If there is a problem, allow the driver opportunity to correct the problem first, then offer assistance.
6. If someone behind you doesn't make a light, slow down or pull over and this will signal the others to do likewise. **DO NOT GO THROUGH RED LIGHTS JUST TO KEEP UP.**
7. Keep at least “several” car lengths behind the car in front of you so modern cars can pass safely.
8. Maintain a speed of 40-45 MPH as much as possible.
9. If everyone starts with a full tank of gas everyone should need fuel about the same time.
10. Be certain to share your cell phone number with everyone touring.

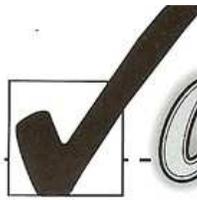
ALWAYS

- Start with a full tank of gas and don't let it get below ¼ of a tank if possible.
- Check your tires while they are cold and inflate them to 35 PSI.
- Carry at least a gallon of water for any overheating.
- Give your car the “once over” the night before. Make sure it starts and warm it up.
- Remember to bring a fully charged walkie talkie.

Remember, WE are a distraction to other drivers and they are looking at us rather than the road. YOU need to keep your eyes and ears open and obey the rules of the road.



MAINTENANCE



Checklist

The May/June issue contained a very useful article from the Diablo A's Chapter on maintaining a Model A in safe, reliable running condition - Maintenance for the Model A, by R. Accornero, B. Grady, B. Truesdell and A. Janke. This checklist accompanied that article, but unfortunately, space was too tight to include it. The article was very well received. By popular demand, this checklist has been made available for download at www.mafca.com.

- Inspect radiator hose
- Inspect / adjust fan belt
- Inspect fan
- Inspect engine compartment
- Lubrication
 - Front spindles upper / lower
 - Steering tie-rod / drag link
 - Front brake camshafts
 - Front spring shackles/ check tightness
 - Front shock links
 - Rear spring shackles / check tightness
 - Rear shock links
 - Rear brake camshafts
 - Rear brake wheel bearings
 - U-joint
 - Service brake cross shaft
 - Emergency brake cross shaft
 - Brake / clutch pedal bushing
 - Water pump
 - Throw out bearing
 - Transmission fluid level
 - Differential fluid level
 - Steering fluid level
 - Overdrive fluid level
 - Accelerator control shifts
- Distributor / Spark plugs
 - Check / inspect points
 - Set point gap .018" to .022"
 - Lubricate shaft (oil filler)
 - Lubricate cam
 - Inspect plug wires
 - Clean and regap plugs .035"
 - Clean distributor body, lid, rotor, and inspect for cracks
 - Check coil polarity and output
 - Set ignition timing
- Compression check
 - #1 Cylinder _____
 - #2 Cylinder _____
 - #3 Cylinder _____
 - #4 Cylinder _____
- Electrical system
 - Test headlights, tail lights, stop, and dash
 - Wipe out headlight switch
- Check tail lamp mounting screws
- Clean battery cable clamps
- Check battery ground connections
- Check battery box tie down
- Check safety fuse
- Inspect all wiring and connections
- Check battery electrolyte level
- Check battery output
- Wheels and Tires
 - Tire pressure 32 p.s.i.
 - Examine tires for cracks, wear, damage
 - Toe-in _____
 - Inspect front wheel bearings for looseness, spin
 - Check all lug nuts – 55 lbs torque
 - Inspect king pins
 - Rear axle nut torque – 100 lbs min
- Brakes
 - Inspect all cotter pins
 - Inspect service brake / emergency cross shaft
 - Inspect all linkages, rods, and return springs
 - Check one front brake for internal wear – if necessary check all
 - Adjust brakes as required
- Other items
 - Test windshield wiper
 - Check wiper blade rubber
 - Test signals / emergency flashers if equipped
 - Tighten spring U-bolts front / rear
 - Lubricate door strake plates / dovetails
 - Drain fuel sediment bowl
 - Check carburetor / manifold bolts
 - Clean carburetor filter screen
 - Inspect fuel system for leaks
 - Adjust clutch free travel
 - Clean horn commutator, oil bearings, adjust
 - Check entire exhaust system for leaks
 - Check exhaust clamp
 - Check manifold bolt torque – 45 lbs
 - Check springs for cracks or broken / excessively worn shackles
 - Repack upper ends of shock links as required

Owners should ensure their crankcase oil is changed, filters re-placed if so equipped and they should drain and flush radiator with clean water. Add Redline Water Wetter to radiator when filling.

Long Distance Touring in Your Model A

This is what the Southeastern Touring Group is all about! There are some simple guidelines which must be followed in order to have an enjoyable experience.

First of all, make sure your car is in tip top shape to make the trip. If, at the last minute, you discover that your car is not, then you have two choices. One, withdraw from the tour or two, drive your modern car/truck and participate with the tour. Yes, there are many well qualified “mechanics” in our club who could fix your car. These folks have not signed up for the tour to fix anyone’s car. They have registered for the tour to enjoy themselves, just like you! So use the check list on page 4 and go over your car thoroughly!

Second, when touring with a group, it is necessary to follow a few simple “rules of etiquette.” You will find them on page 3. It is most important to remember that WE are the distraction on the road and you must be aware of everything!

If you do not have a set of Walkie Talkies, now is the time to invest about \$100 in a decent set. They can be purchased online at amazon.com. These days, everyone has a cell phone, but not always service. The set I recommend is the Motorola T600. Click [here](#) to see a review on the 10 best of 2017.

Everyone wants to have a good time. Good times touring come with careful planning and preparation. Make sure you have done your preparation before arriving to begin a tour.

Have you seen our Facebook page?

Click [here](#) to view and join. This page is where you will find information about the club and more photos!

Be sure to join the page and post your photos of touring with the group.



Letter to the Membership

Dear Southeastern Touring Club Members,

I wanted to address the Club and explain a few things that have happened and ask you to please be tolerant of us as we experience some growing pains. First, we did not know when Happy and I formed this group that within a year's time we would have almost 70 families join our touring group. Second, this is a new club and while we will always take your suggestions to heart, we may and probably will not do things the way some other clubs do them. Our charter members are spread out over several states so planning a tour has a totally different logistic set up. When someone is willing, in the group, to plan a tour, we must let them set some guidelines based on the venues they choose. The tour planners have a much better knowledge of the size of group that those venues can handle. To my knowledge, even the MAFCA national tours have space limitations, granted they are much larger than ours, but they do cut off registration when their limits have been met.

I believe I can speak for the other officers in the Club, if we have to make space limitations, you will be notified well in advance of registration so that you can make your plans to get your registration in as soon as the registration opens. We will not shut off registration arbitrarily without you knowing beforehand when registration will be closed based on number of registrants.

As our club grows and matures, I am confident there will be more changes and I am sure more complaints. That is just the nature of humans. I do encourage each club member to be active and if there is something you don't really like about one of our tours, feel free to volunteer for the next one. We can always use your help in planning a tour. This is your club, so please take part and help us make it the best touring club it can be.

Thanks for wanting to share the Model A road with us.

Katie Herrick



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