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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 Still Hot!

Our first two tours have been great learning experiences! Number 1, we learned that folks really don't care what the weather is, they want to drive their Model A's! Number 2, folks will come from far and wide to drive their Model A's with others! We had friends join us in Kentucky from as far away as Texas and as close as 15 minutes from the host hotel! And, Number 3, there isn't enough time to see everything along the way! Some of the other things we learned were: Hospitality Rooms aren't too well utilized, parking lots are great places to hang out - even in the liquid sunshine drizzle, folks like to travel in packs - up to 25 cars when possible, if routes are complex there are never too many directions and landmarks, always travel with some sort of navigation system, and don't forget your roster with phone numbers!



So, let's get together in North Carolina and go driving, exploring and eating great seafood! Plans are 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 of 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 until August 1. In other words, if you register and your number is 36 or higher, an email will be sent to you giving you the names, addresses and phone numbers of the host hotels for you to make reservations after August 2nd. 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 on July 1 @ 8 am EST. 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. The truck/trailer parking will be in New Bern, NC - where the tour will begin and end, and again we will be requiring a minimal \$10 per unit. Your parking fee will be given to the church as a donation from the club. Our first day touring will be our longest and we will travel north for an overnight in the small town of Elizabeth City, NC, a 120 mile day. We chose this particular time of the year because the kids have gone back to school and the traffic situation is much better for us slow pokes!

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...

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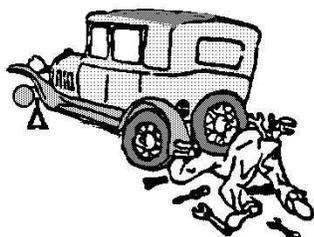
Fall 2017 Tour

The Fall Tour will be to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. We will tour south on NC 12 and US 70. The drive down the Outer Banks 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 on July 1 @ 8:00 am EST.

**No mailed in registrations or
payments will be accepted.**



Club's Online Store

All payments (dues and registration fees) to the Southeastern Touring Group must be made online through the Club Store. Payment links can be found @ [STG Online Store](#).

I recently came across a Ford Motor Company advertisement from a Good Housekeeping magazine, dated August 1930. It features a photo of a 1930 Roadster on a dock near the sea. Its caption was, "A joyous car for golden summer days." It goes further to say, "Many are the delights of the Ford Roadster these golden summer days. Short the miles and pleasant because of its alert and sprightly performance, its safety and its easy-riding comfort. And what a joy it is to travel along the way with the top down, the blue sky overhead and the fresh, cool air brushing a rosy glow upon your cheeks... Many months of glorious motoring await your beckoning." Wow, I'm sold! Let's take out our Model A's and go for a ride!

Over the years, the Model A Ford Club of America and your Board of Directors has been very successful in giving you, our membership the best that can be offered in the antique car hobby. Our membership is the largest of any single marque. I believe this is because we have many great membership benefits such as our award winning magazine, The Restorer. Our magazine went from a fledgling cut and paste, black and white newsletter in 1957 to a sixty-six page, full color magazine today. Published six times a year, The Restorer, features articles about the Model A Ford, news of Chapters and activities, and other interesting articles. Along with The Restorer, MAFCA's Directors, especially the Technical Director, are available to you via telephone, mail and email to answer your questions and guide you in the repair and restoration of your cars. Each year, MAFCA recognizes our members who have contributed their talents to MAFCA and the Model A hobby at the National Awards Banquet. Every even numbered year, we hold a National Convention, hosted by one or more Host Chapters in different places, gathering more than 1,000 members, and every odd numbered year, one or more Chapters host a National Tour for our members. We help to bring you together with others who have the same great love for the Model A Ford.

The Board of Directors has always been prudent in the expenditure of our membership's money, carefully investing along the way. As everyone is aware, the cost of doing business is an ever-increasing number, and we have arrived at an economic squeeze point. We have done the very best to give you the most for your dues that we could, cutting out non-essential expenditures and reducing costs of doing business where possible, yet offering great membership programs. It has been ten years since MAFCA has had a dues increase. In order to maintain and continue our great club, it is necessary to have one. Beginning with renewals for the 2018 calendar year, dues will be \$50 for US membership, \$60 for Mexico/Canada, and \$68 for International memberships. Along with this increase, we will be including a bonus, the online edition of The Restorer with every membership. For our International members, we are offering a \$50 membership for the online edition only. The online edition of The Restorer is a very valuable premium, as it is readable on your desktop and laptop computers, your tablets, and your smart phone - no matter where, around the world, you are! Up to three years, once online, will be available for your reference. Along with the First Fifty Years of The Restorer, available on flash drive, you will have a huge digital library of Model A articles available anywhere you travel!

Remember, as a member of MAFCA, you are always welcome to attend any Board of Directors meeting, whether it is held in La Habra or elsewhere. Our next meeting will be held at The Gilmore Museum, home of the Model A Ford Museum, in Hickory Corners, Michigan, on September 15th beginning at 8am. I hope to see you there! - Happy Begg, 2017 MAFCA President



Jim's technical tip for May

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

"Sealing threads to Stop the Drip"
Over the years I have discovered that a very light application of a non-hardening sealer to the threads of things like the fuel shut-off valve, the little plug on the base of the carburetor, the fuel line going into the carburetor and the fuel filter (apply to the ferrule, not the threads), and the oil drain plug can stop the annoying drips that seem to come off of each of them. Any time you have a bolt going into a part of the engine where oil or water is on the other side, put a little non-hardening sealer on the threads. Even places with a gasket will benefit from a light coating of sealant on the gasket surfaces.



For years I have used "Permatex Form-a-gasket #2 (non-hardening sealer)" for this purpose. This stuff is not a silicon "gasket in a tube". It is non-hardening, it stays pliable, so it comes apart at a later time without messing everything up. Don't use their #1 sealant; it dries up like super glue."

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JUNE BRIDES

By Harriet McNeill

With the June wedding season approaching, here is what a bride needs before the wedding, as suggested in McCall's, 1931.

For each bed, four sheets, six pillowcases, one pair blankets, one comforter. Also, one dozen bath towels, eighteen face towels, eight guest towels, one dozen wash cloths, two bath mats, one dozen dish towels, six glass towels, table cloths, tea cloths or place mats, large or medium size napkins, tea napkins, bureau covers, doilies, dusters, etc. The custom was that if the girl could afford it, she was to bring into the marriage enough of the household linens to start the running of a new house or apartment. She could have had embroidered sheets to dozens and dozens of table napkins, but the bride could also start comfortably with items from the above list.

Personally, for clothing, especially underthings, the bride was to have enough to last at least six months to a year. She needed not less than: four sets of underwear, four nightgowns, six pairs of stockings, three good pairs of shoes (two day and one evening), one kimono/neglige and slippers, twelve handkerchiefs, two morning dresses. Also a good suitcase was needed and maybe a trunk for going away AND enough loose cash in her purse so she did not have to ask for money on the very first day of the wedding trip.



Gifts were always sent to the bride, and if they arrived after she left for her honeymoon, they were opened by her mother and recorded in the "bride book" so the gifts could be acknowledged promptly upon her return.

The wedding dress and bridesmaids' dresses were to be simple and youthful unless the wedding was in the evening, then they would be conservative evening dresses. I thought it interesting that if you were married in your going away dress, you would only have a maid of honor who would wear a street dress and hat.

The most practical thing was consideration of expenses. The bride's family and the groom's family were responsible for certain expenses just as they are today. One note---there was no mention of a rehearsal or rehearsal dinner.

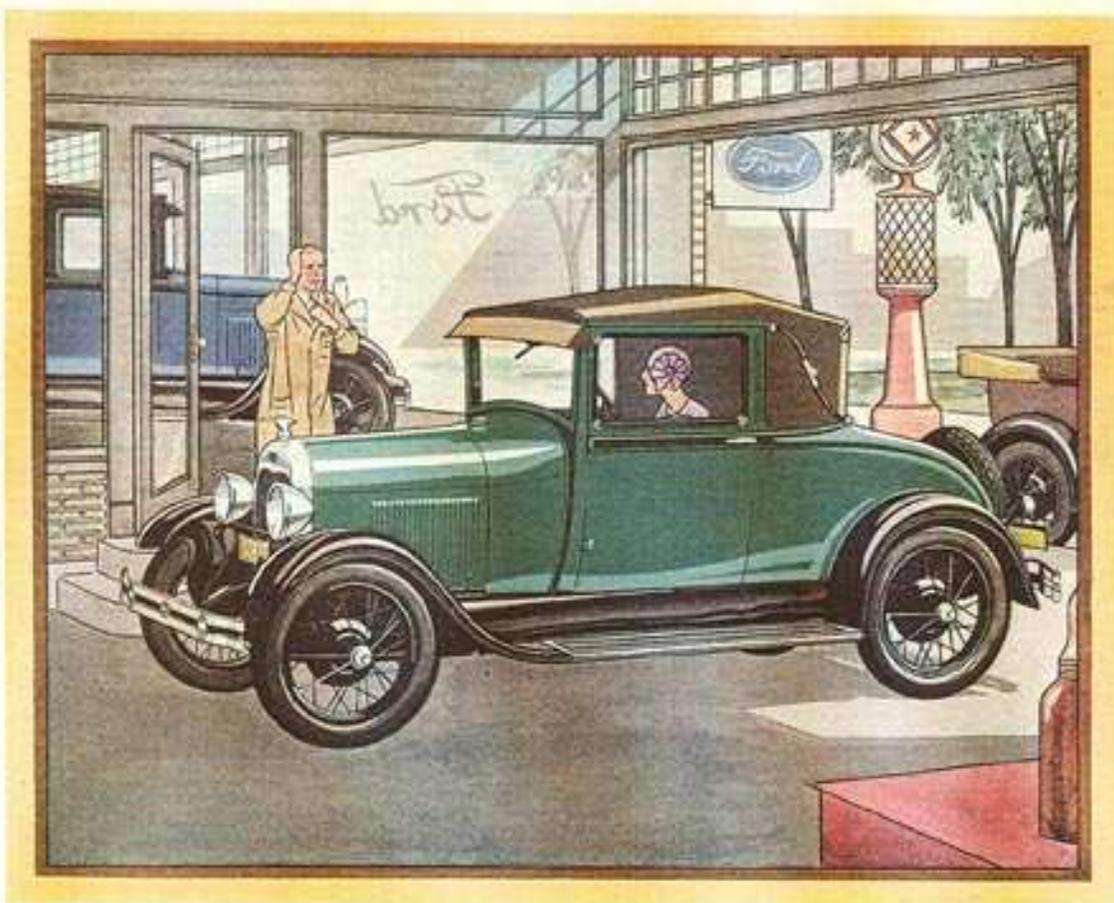
The word for the day was:

Don't start your life's greatest venture with nerves and body below par.

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



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