

# THE AOOGAH NEWS



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).

## Membership

Membership in the Southeastern Touring Group (STG) is open to all members of MAFCA and has no regularly scheduled 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 and renewals are due December 31, 2016.



## Greetings!

What a great tour we had in the mountains around Asheville, North Carolina! We had 25 cars and 48 people with us. If you were unable to join us, you aren't going to want to miss the next tour!

Everyone arrived at the Log Cabin Motor Court around 5 pm and enjoyed time to get to know each other while a sumptuous North Carolina style barbecue supper was set up. There was pulled pork, chopped brisket, baked beans, cole slaw, corn pudding, pound cake and ice-cream for all to enjoy. Delicious!

The Log Cabin Motor Court, and its next door neighbor The Pines Cottages, were the perfect place to base our group. The log cabins were



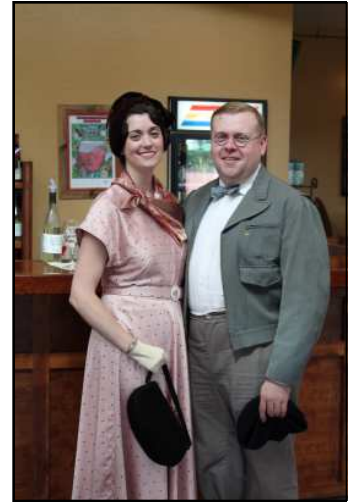


originally constructed in the late 1800's and moved to the present location in about 1929. Several folks in the community kept saying they felt as if they had stepped back through a time warp seeing the cabins and our cars together.

Our first day was touring from Asheville to Linville Falls along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Some of us made stops along the way to take a closer look at the scenery offered, while others just wanted to drive the quiet

beautiful mountain road. If you've never been on the Parkway, you must make it a point to go. There are over 400 miles of unspoiled beauty to behold, with no traffic lights, tractor trailer rigs, or other commercial vehicles. The speed limit is a comfortable Model A speed of 45 mph. That evening, we enjoyed a wonderful meal at The Glass Onion back in Weaverville, just a few blocks from our cabins. Unfortunately, four cars did not make it to the restaurant. They

had some minor mechanical issues and those folks wanted to get the cars back in touring condition for Saturday's touring.



Our second day had us traveling to the south and east of Asheville to the towns of Hendersonville, Brevard, Bat Cave, Chimney Rock, and Lake Lure over twisty, turning mountain roads. Our arranged

lunch stop was in Lake Lure at Larkins on the Lake. Everyone arrived with no problems, although, some were a bit later than others. That evening, we sat around our front porches and did some "tire kicking" about the weekend. We all agreed that we had a great time and were looking forward to the next tour.



There will be more information to come about the upcoming tour to the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, just outside of Lexington. This tour will be limited to a specific number of cars, although that number has yet to be determined. Also, hotel information will not be released until your registration is received. This tour will be held during the Kentucky Derby week. However, we will be going in the opposite direction of the Derby and will not be affected by any Derby traffic or activities.

Our membership has grown to 61 family memberships. Tell your Model A friends about our group. Please share this newsletter with them. The Southeastern Touring Group is all about friendship, touring in our Model A's, and of course - great eats! I hope to see you soon on the Model A road.

Happy motoring.....

Happy Begg





## Tour #1 - NC Mountains near Asheville



**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!







# MAFCA News

Please remember that all MAFCA Election Ballots need to be post marked by October 15th and our member Jim Cannon is running for the Board.

Please support Jim and mail in your ballot!

Also, please remember that to maintain membership with the Southeastern Touring Group, you must maintain your MAFCA membership. Dues are \$40 per year and can be renewed at this web address: [MAFCA Membership](#).

If your dues are not paid prior to December 31, 2016, you will have to pay an additional \$5 late fee to maintain your longevity.

## How to Look Like a Model A Era Man with Very Little Effort

By Sharon Johnson

Your wife is all decked out in her era fashion outfit and she's looking at you like, "get with the program". What does she want? You've got on black pants and a white shirt and even put on a tie and she still isn't satisfied. Well here's where I can help....

All you need to do to make this outfit look like the Model A era is to add a few accessories. Here are a few examples that will make her think you are a fashionista of Model A era fashions.

If you are wearing trousers and a long sleeved shirt, roll up the sleeves on your shirt; add a bowtie and a straw boater.

They are usually easy to find at a costume shop. You are now dressed for a summer outing.



If you are wearing black pants and a shirt, put a vest on and wear a cap.



## IGNITION TIMING - by Les Andrews, 1998

Here's the procedure I use to set timing. It works every time for me and a way to insure you have set the timing correctly every time.

1. Set the points to .020.
2. Check the clearance between the distributor rotor and each of the four contacts inside the distributor body. You can carefully bend the rotor tab or file each of the body contacts to get .025 to .030 clearance between the rotor and each contact.
3. Set the timing pin in the timing gear cover to the detent. Remove #1 spark plug and look down the hole to make sure #1 piston at the very top of the stroke. (make sure you are observing the piston and not the valve).
4. Set the steering column spark lever full up position (full retard). With the distributor body in place, make sure the distributor plate arm is fully against the far end of the body opening. Then pull the spark lever full down and check to see that the distributor arm is fully against the other side of the body opening. This checks to see that you are getting a full 20 degrees of advance. Now reset the spark lever full up.
5. From the right side of the engine, the rotor should be pointing to about 5 o'clock position. Loosen the distributor cam screw and rotate the distributor cam clockwise to the point just before the points open on the lobe. Tighten the cam screw down.
6. With the cam screw tight, try to move the cam clockwise again, i.e., remove all backlash movement. The points should be at a position just before the points open.
7. Here is the final check. Attach a light or volt meter leads to the tip of the points arm. I made up a test light from a tail light socket with alligator clips on both pigtail wires. Clip one alligator clip to a good ground point and the other clip to the end of the point arm. When the points are closed the light is off, when the points open the light comes on.
8. Turn the ignition key on. The test light should be off. Now slowly pull the spark lever down and count the number of detents the spark lever arm passes before the test light comes on. The idea is to adjust the points so they open (light on) as the spark lever on the steering column passes the first or second detent on the column. You may have to adjust the distributor cam several times to get this adjustment. The car should start easily with the spark lever in full up position.

With this setting, drive the car with the spark lever set about two notches from the bottom position. At 50 mph on the highway, move the spark lever to full down position for full 20 degrees advance.

If the starter is turning over slowly, it will help to improve the ground connection from the battery to the starter. This is done by adding another battery cable from where the braided battery strap connects to the frame cross member, and connect the other end to one of the bell housing bolts just behind the starter motor. You will need a GM battery cable about 30" long. This will provide a better ground connection for the starter and sometimes allow it to turn faster.

-- Les Andrews, Technical Director, 1998

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## 2017 Membership Application/Renewal

Please Print

**Renewals are due by  
December 31, 2016**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Touring Model A info: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate State &amp; Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Dues: \$5.00 – Please include with application/renewal

- \$5.00 Special Interest Group (Southeastern Touring Group) dues.
- Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) membership is mandatory. Mail application directly to MAFCA. MAFCA dues include their bimonthly publication “The Restorer”.
- Make check payable to **Southeastern Touring Group** and mail to:

Happy Begg 1811 Salem Church Road Irmo, SC 29063



# Easy Chicken and Dumplings

This recipe is from the Model A era.

Comfort food at it's finest with this easy and delicious family friendly meal!

Serves: 6

## Ingredients

- 1 small yellow onion, minced
- 1 stalk celery, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled and diced medium
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups cooked chicken, diced
- ⅓ pound green beans, trimmed and cut into 1 inch pieces
- salt and pepper to taste
- For the dumplings:
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon coarse salt
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into cubes
- ½ cup whole milk



## Instructions

- 1 In a large saucepan over medium heat, melt butter and add onion, celery, and carrots. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is translucent, about 4 minutes. Add flour and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Slowly add broth, stirring constantly, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Stir in chicken, green beans, and salt and pepper to taste.
- 2 In a large bowl, make the dumplings by mixing together the flour, baking powder, coarse salt, and fresh parsley. Cut in butter until evenly distributed throughout the flour and stir in milk. Drop heaping spoonfuls of dumpling batter on top of chicken mixture. Cover and simmer until dumplings are cooked through, about 12-14 minutes. Garnish with additional chopped parsley before serving.



## Spring 2017 Tour

The first tour of 2017 is in the planning stages and will be in the Central Kentucky area. There are many scenic, well paved but lightly traveled roads in Central Kentucky. There will be opportunities to visit bourbon distilleries, horse farms, and other attractions. Martha and Jerry Baker will be our tour hosts. Most plans are not firm, at this time. But, start thinking about joining the fun touring in Central Kentucky in May!



## 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 will be forthcoming in 2017. No dates or other plans are firm. Won't you join us for this southern coastal adventure?



## Spring 2018 Tour

Where would you like to tour in your Model A? Would you like to help plan and/or host a tour in your area? Perhaps the Gulf Coast of Alabama and Northwest Florida? Maybe the North Georgia, West Virginia or Tennessee Mountains? Would you like to visit the battlefields of Virginia? Think about it and send in your ideas. Contact [Happy Begg](#) or [Katie Herrick](#) if you know about a great area to tour.

**Where would you like to tour?**

**Email [Happy Begg](#) or [Katie Herrick](#)**

**with your suggestions!**