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Southeastern Touring Group



Charter Members

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MAFCA Charter

On Saturday, April 23, 2016, the Southeastern Touring Group officially became a 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 regular meetings. 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. Only those who have joined the STG and paid their dues for the year will be able to register for club tours. Click here to update your membership information. Click here to pay your dues.



Highway 12

Outer Banks of North Carolina

Have you registered for the 2017 Fall Tour to the Outer Banks of North Carolina? There are still hotel rooms available, but not for long! Click <u>here</u> to register for the tour. Once your registration and tour fee(s) are paid, hotel and ferry information will be sent to you. You definitely are not going to want to miss this tour!

We now have 74 family memberships in the Southeastern Touring Group! 'Certainly says something about Model A owners - we want to travel! If you have friends who enjoy traveling in their Model A's, tell them about the club. They do not have to live in the Southeast. We have members from as far away as New Hampshire, Texas, and Indiana. In all, we have members from 12 states!

I have made name tags with your names and home town/state on them. These should help us get to know each other better. I will hand them out at the beginning of each tour and collect them at the end. So, when you arrive at the beginning of each tour, please look for me.

By turning them in to me, this will help with keeping club membership costs down. I think \$5 a year is a pretty good bargain for club membership!

One way we are keeping your dues to a minimum, is to do all club business online. Therefore, all tour "booklets" are sent out to registered members via email, all tour registrations and fee payments are done through the club website, and all yearly membership applications and dues are submitted through the club website. If you ever have trouble with any of this, please contact me by email. (happybegg@gmail.com)

Have you thought about bringing the club to your area, or an area you are familiar with in 2019? How about a tour to the battlefields of southern Virginia? How about a tour to the Gulf shores? Yes, we have club members who live in these areas! Are you one of them? Katie and I will be more than happy to assist you in planning a tour to any area. We need all of our members to step up and make this touring club the very best!

Happy Motoring...



Old Sheldon Church Ruins Yemassee. South Carolina

Spring 2018 Tour

The 2018 Spring Tour will be to the Low Country of South Carolina and Georgia. At this time, no definite dates are in place, but we are aiming for early May, before it gets too hot along the coast. We will visit Colonial Period sites and enjoy some of the best seafood this side of the Mississippi River! Danny and Cheryl Austin will be our hosts. They are residents of South Carolina. Danny owns Austin Logging and to say he knows every back road in South Carolina, is an understatement! He also knows all the fabulous places to

enjoy great eats! This will be a fabulous tour! Watch the club website for more information in the next couple of months.



Fall 2018 Tour

The 2019 Fall Tour will be over sections of the Southern Highroads Trail. Katie and Ed Herrick will be your hosts for this fabulous tour. The Southern Highroads is a scenic route across 13 counties in 4 states with something to offer for the entire family. Stretching across North Georgia, Western North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, Southern

Highroads offers a wide variety of antique shops, arts, entertainment, dining, lodging, outdoor activities and fun for all! This will be a circle tour, beginning and ending in the same town. More details will be on the website when available.

Spring 2019 Tour

The 2019 Spring Tour will be a section of the beautiful Natchez Trace Parkway. Katie and Ed Herrick are our hosts for this tour. Come drive one of the perfect Model A roads in the nation. Not only are commercial



vehicles prohibited on the Natchez Trace Parkway; the maximum speed limit along the Natchez Trace Parkway is 50 mph most of the way. And for one long stretch of roadway,

it's only 40 mph. This will be a line tour. When details are available, they will be posted to the club website. Stay tuned!

Fall 2019 Tour

The 2019 Fall Tour will be along the Gulf coast. This tour will be in early November when the temperatures are ideal for traveling in the northwestern panhandle of Florida, beginning in the city of Pensacola and on up through Mobile. A stop at Bellingrath Gardens and home is in the itinerary and will be a place to remember. This will be a circle tour beginning and ending in Pensacola, Home of the Blue Angels and the Naval Air Museum.







The Road Not Taken

byRobert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and II took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Written over one hundred years ago, this poem has been read by millions of people around the world. I like to think that the traveler in the poem chooses the road less traveled to enjoy the pleasure and adventure of going where others have not. It is one of my favorites and speaks to my wanderlust and driving my Model A.

~ Happy Begg





A Better Brake Adjustment Tool

by Rick Black, Medford, Oregon

Here's a tip to help you adjust the brakes on your Model A. Instead of using a 7/16" open end wrench, or worse an adjustable wrench, find a 7/16" 8-point 1/2" drive socket. This "square drive" socket will fit right on the square brake adjustment stud coming off the backing plates, and you can use a BIG 1/2" drive ratchet wrench or, better yet, a breaker bar, to move that stubborn wedge.

So rummage through your tool box and find those hardly used 8-point sockets and see if you have a 7/16" in there. If not, you can get one at your favorite tool store. The Sears Craftsman part number is 44221.

Do you have your club license plate?



Thee plates are only available during tours.

Each are \$5 and can be purchased from Happy.

Send Happy an email if you wish to purchase one at the next tour.

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"To travel is to live."

— Hans Christian Andersen, The Fairy Tale of My Life: An Autobiography