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The Monthly Newsletter of Queen City Model A Club, Charlotte NC

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

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The Prez Sez,

We kicked off the new year with 30's period dress and dancing at our general meeting! Yes, the QCMAC officers and board members came to the general meeting decked out in 30's period dress and then Brad & Jane Fisher performed a dance based on the Lindy Hop. You really missed out if you did not attend. What will happen at this month's general meeting?

I mentioned in last month's Prez Sez, the need for more members to make a difference this year and volunteer. While we now have volunteers for the mystery tour in October (Thanks to the Berrys, Phillips and Crosbys) we still need one or two volunteers for the Augusta Tour. Please consider volunteering for this tour. We will be right ther beside you to make it happen. For the most part, the tour is already planned as it is the beginning part of the Key West Tour.

Did you look at the calendar that was in the last newletter and /or on our website? I think you will agree we have some fun stuff planned. Get it on your home calendar or phone so you won't book something over these great opportunities to get out in your Model A..

Don't forget on Jan 27th we will have a shop day at Jim Townsend's shop. We will start up a 1930 Fordor that has been sitting for years. Come have fun! There might be some smoke and maybe acorns out the exhaust.

See you down the road, *Troy*



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QCMAC 2024 CALENDAR

<p>January</p> <p>11th Key West Tour Meeting @ Sports Page 6:00 pm 15th General Meeting @ Golden Corral Host – Brad & Jane Fisher 27th Shop Time @ Townsend Shop 10:00 am Host – Jim Townsend</p>	<p>February</p> <p>9th Club Breakfast @big View Diner 9 am. Manny Kothe - host 19th General Meeting @ John's Restaurant Host – Carrie & Glen Swann</p>	<p>March</p> <p>15th Yellow Deli Tour Host - Ron & Joanne Bryant 18th General Meeting @ Sports Page Host- Heather and Jon Fowler</p>	<p>April</p> <p>4th-7th Charlotte Auto Fair 14th QCMAC Car Show @ White Home Host – Jim T. & Rhea F. 15th General Meeting @ Showmars Host – Bertha & John Haack</p>
<p>May</p> <p>18th Landsford Canal Tour Host – Carrie and Glen 20th General Meeting @ Golden Corral Host – Sandeep & Tom Berry</p>	<p>June</p> <p>1st-2nd Augusta Ga Tour Host -? 1st-14th Key West Tour Host - Troy D. & Kalei U. 17th General Meeting @ John's Restaurant Host – Bill & Ann M</p>	<p>July</p> <p>15th-19th Marc National Meet in Asheville 15th General Meeting @ Marc National Meet.</p>	<p>August</p> <p>19th General Meeting @ Showmars Host 28th- 29th Mountain Tour Blowing Rock Host – Jim Townsend</p>
<p>September</p> <p>5th-7th Charlotte Auto Fair 16th General Meeting @ Golden Corral Host – Geoffrey & Clare Leek ?th Murray Mill Tour Host – Carrie & Glen S.</p>	<p>October</p> <p>21st General Meeting @ Showmars Host – Jim & Laura Silver ?th - ?th Mystery Tour Host – Berrys, Phillips & Crosbys</p>	<p>November</p> <p>9th Veterans Day Tour Host – Kalei U. 18th General Meeting @ Sports Page Host – Kalei U.</p>	<p>December</p> <p>7th Harvey Hood Memorial Christmas Parade Tour 7th Denver NC Parade 9th Christmas Party @ Johns Restaurant 6:00pm</p>

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Meeting Place Addresses:

- Golden Coral – 11025 E. Independence Blvd., Matthews, NC
- John's Restaurant – 2002 Westinghouse Blvd, Charlotte, NC
- Sports Page – 8400 Bellhaven Blvd, Charlotte, NC
- Showmars – 7260 Hwy 73, Unit 119, Denver, NC

January Meeting Minutes

By Carrie Swann, Secretary

The QCMAC January 15th, 2024 monthly meeting was held at Golden Corral in Matthews. The host/hostess were Brad and Jane Fisher. The Board Members came in period dress with period music being played. The blessing was offered by Troy Dalsing. There were 24 members and 1 visitor. Dispensing the reading of the minutes and treasurers report was moved, first by Jim Townsend and seconded by Brad Fisher. The reports will stand as written in the newsletter. The passing of the gavel was first order of business. Kalei Unea passed the gavel to Troy Dalsing. With reflection of his time as being president and encouraging all to support the new president. Kalei was given a clock that looks like a Motor Mount, made of wood and made by Jim Townsend as a "Thank You" from the club,

Committee Reports: Membership by John Haack – we have 4 new members. Club account looks well and was with a \$6,181, with about \$100 below what the club started with Jan. 2023. The account was audited by Jim Townsend and reported all entries were correct. We are using the money for our Hobby of Model A's.

Newsletter Report: by Jim Townsend – Karsen Titus has volunteered to help with the newsletter with interviews of new members, proof reading and other related duties.

"Thank you Karsen"!! **Web Page & Instagram:** by Sandeep Berry - Web page is looking good, Instagram is getting more followers all the time. **Phone Tree:** Ron Bryant reported our Phone tree is antiquated and needs to be up dated. Heather flower volunteered to look for a replacement for the phone tree with updated features. **Mileage for 2023:** Frank Gerosa needs your Total Mileage for the year 2023, ASAP !! Troy was sick and couldn't attend and gave a BIG "Thank You" to all that helped with the Christmas Party to make it such a success. Brad & Jane Fisher, Clare Leek, Sandeep Berry and Carrie Swann, for guiding the party with instructions, White Elephant gifts, home made desserts and center pieces. **Clouds & Rainbows;** by Berths Haack - Wayne Helderma fell broke his hip and femur, Henry Hines & Diane has had many health issues. Please keep these in your prayers.

The Depot Hack up date report- a 1919 Model T Depot Hack is being revived in Jim Townsend's shop with lots help from members that come to help and to enjoy the process. The engine is done, wood seats and wood work finished. Come by and check it out.

Golden Wrench Award has been passed from Sandeep to Troy. Sandeep got the award for her break down in the Veterans Parade then Troy broke down in the Christmas parade.

January 27 (Saturday) will be a great time (Tour). A 1930 Model A Cabriolet that has been in storage will be started and a check list of future work will begin. We will be at Jim Townsend's shop.

Lilly Tour will be May 18th, Plans are still in the works. The shelter isn't available but we still have the park and will work it out.

Big View Breakfast date to be announced.

Someone said that the meeting were boring and some things needed to change. Be Careful what you ask for !!

Brad and Jane Fisher were dressed in period attire and surprised the group with a **WONDERFUL** demonstration of the **LINDY**. Performed to every ones pleasure, delight and excitement!! There were many cameras that caught the action!!!

"Thank You" Brad and Jane for the entertainment and using your talents!!!



Editor's Page

By Jim Townsend

Since 2015 when I served as President, I have volunteered to do an audit of the treasurer's checkbook. The QCMAC Board believes in true transparency as to our finances . If you have questions about our 2023 finances, you may contact any board member, John Haack, Treasurer or me.

Club By Laws, as written, restrict spending of club funds except for the benefit of the Model A hobby and to the benefit of Club members in the hobby. So, they can be spent to supplement the cost of Club activities, Memorials to Model A related National Clubs or to other causes like encouraging youth to enter the hobby. The Board has discussed how we might reduce our balance by investing in these causes.

Karsen Palmer Titus, Claude's daughter, has volunteered to be my assistant Editor. She has a background as being a magazine editor editor and I welcome her

input. One of her first assignments is to bring back Member Highlights articles so we more quickly meet and welcome in new members as well as learn more about some who have been members for some time. I have done this job and know that there are challenges in getting members to respond when contacted. I ask that you help Karsen by cooperating if she contacts you. Thanks, Jim

Audit of 2023 Treasurer's Checkbook	
Beginning Balance: Jan 1, 2023	\$6,164.49
Intake: 2023	
Dues	\$1,326.00
50/50	\$733.00
Mystery Tour Income	\$2,125.00
BBQ Picnic income	\$250.00
Total Income	\$4,434.00
Exhaust: 2023	
MAFCA Insurance	\$75.00
MAFFI Memorial, John Kluttz	\$150.00
Name Tags	\$205.93
Mystery Tour Expense	\$2,045.95
Landford canal Tour expense	\$218.94
BBQ Picnic Expense	\$300.00
Linville Tour Expense	\$300.00
Newsletter printing and postage	\$240.00
Christmas Dinner	\$1,096.01
Total Expense	\$4,631.83
Ending Balance: December 31, 2023	\$5,966.66

“There are three things that grow more precious with age; Old wood to burn, old books to read and old friends to enjoy” *Henry Ford*

“QCMAC is more than a group of old people and old cars..... It's a place for strangers to become friends, stories to be shared AND of course, old cars. I'm really encouraged with our new leadership team. Thanks for stepping up!” *Larry Long*

Clouds and Sunshine

Keep the members below in your special prayers

Danny Foster as he recovers from shoulder repair.

Carl Adams as his Parkinson's disease limits his mobility.

Wayne and Barbara Helderman both with health problems. Wayne fell recently and broke his hip. Make a note to send him a card or give him a call to cheer him up.

Ron and JoAnn Bryant both with health problems.

Jim Townsend as he receives cancer treatments

Dawn Frintner and her family as they grieve the loss of Dave. Dave passed January 11th. He was a friend to all he met.



**We'd most certainly
like to wish You
a very Happy Birthday!**

Editor's Note:

Many have sent me best wishes and prayers. At my most recent visit to Levine Cancer Center, I had a good exchange with the Oncologist and thought I would share it here. Although the tumor in my shoulder muscle is still classed as stage IV Metastatic Melanoma, new scans reveled no other areas of concern. The size of the tumor has been diminished by the immunotherapy and infusions will re-start at the end of January with anticipation of shrinking it further to the point where it will be removed by freezing or radiating its remains. There is a positive attitude toward this being successful.

February Birthdays

Jerry Widner	2-7
Herb Vogt	2-8
Kathy Faris	2-11
Danny Foster	2-12
Jim Butler	2-12
Carrie Swann	2-14
Jennifer Bost	2-19
Matt Johnson	2-28

Fashion Page

THINGS MEN WANT

A \$1.95 All-Weather

B \$4.50

C \$2.25 All-Weather

D \$7.25 All-Weather

E \$2.45

"QUALITY FIRST" IS OUR MOTTO

The Season's Latest Styles

F \$1.69

G \$1.98

H \$3.95

J \$2.25

See Opposite Page for Descriptions

For "How to Measure" See Opposite Page

K \$2.95 All-Weather

L \$1.00

M \$1.69

N \$1.00

P \$9.95 All-Weather

MAFCA member Andy Griffith

by Fred Carlton, editor

'The actor inside the car has won five Emmys for Best Supporting Actor in a comedy series . . . the man outside the car has never won anything. However, he owns the car.'

Thus began a letter to the editor of *The Restorer*. What caught the editor's eye was not only the readily recognizable faces in the photo, but the letterhead upon which the letter was sent. It read, "Law Offices, Benjamin L. Matlock" and was signed "Ben Matlock."

The letter went on to say that the 1930 Cabriolet was a gift to "the man with his foot on the running board" by none other than Bill Harrah of Reno, Nevada.

Andy Griffith, aka Ben Matlock, aka Sherriff Andy Taylor, aka "Deacon" Andy Griffith, has been a dues paying member of MAFCA for several years and the editor had heard that if Andy's copy of *The Restorer* was a few days late, the office staff in La Habra would receive a call from Andy wanting to know where it was . . . apparently we have a mutual admiration society; we've long been a fan of Andy's work, and he of ours.

In a telephone interview Andy confirmed that the car had in fact been a gift by Bill Harrah. As Andy put it, "Bill would have his headliner over to his mansion at Tahoe for dinner and after the meal Bill asked me if I wanted to see his car collection. Of course I did and he proceeded to show me through several warehouses full of classic cars; there must have been 500 of them. Later I asked Bill's wife whether he would sell me a Model A and she said, 'why don't you ask him yourself; he's standing right behind you.' I mentioned that I liked a Cabriolet he had shown me and as it turned out about a year later I was on the set of the Andy Griffith show and someone told me I had a visitor.

"I walked outside and there stood Bill standing beside this Cabriolet with a big grin on his face and said, 'this is for you.'

"I said, I don't know what to say, and he said, 'how about thanks.'"

Andy's love affair with the Model A developed from having grown up in a small furniture factory/mill town in North Carolina where both he and his father worked for the furniture factory (Andy started there at age 16).

"Most of the cars in Mt. Airy were Fords and Chevys, but we didn't have a car. I couldn't drive until I was 23. I took a friend's '41 Chevy Coupe out on a dirt road trying to learn how to drive and was so frightened when I met an oncoming car that I took to the wrong side of the road . . . in fact I went all the way to the left and into a deep ditch. To this day I still can't parallel park.

"My personal involvement with Model A's really began when we were on the set one day and I noticed a Model A Coupe parked outside. I asked whose car it was and was told that Jim Nabors (who was then doing the Gomer Pyle show) had bought it as a gift for Carol Burnett. I remarked, why not give it to me, I gave him his job. My manager overheard that comment and bought me a Tudor for Christmas."

Andy has had the '30 Cabriolet pictured here since 1970, a '31 A-400 Convertible Sedan, and a '28 Phaeton. His non-Model A's include a '34 Pickup, a '38 Buick Convertible Special Coupe, and a '46 Ford Woodie.

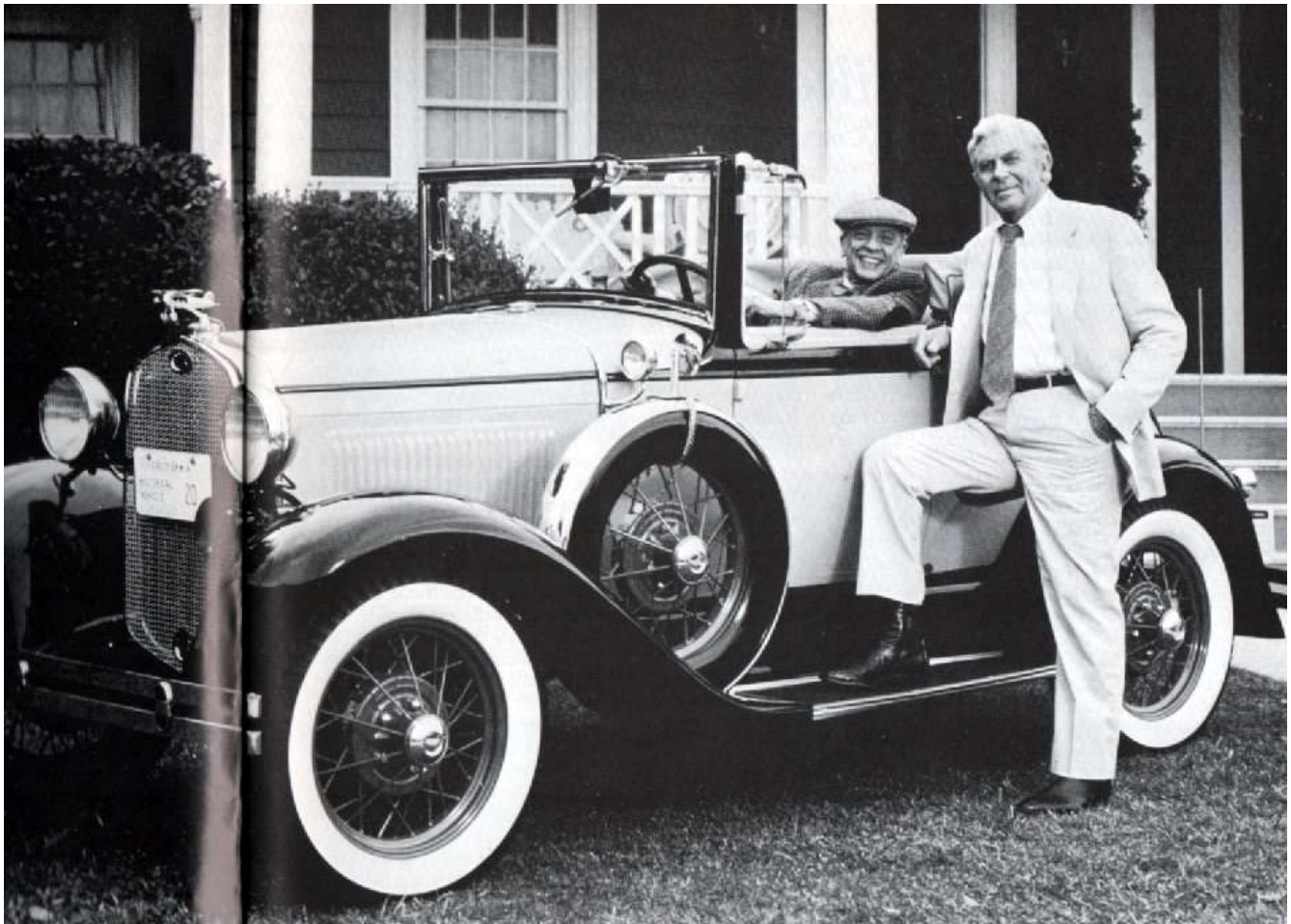
This is the Cabriolet's second restoration and Andy readily admits it is his favorite and he wouldn't take *anything* for it.

When asked about the antenna on the rear of the Cabriolet, he indicated that a friend had helped him search through many swap meets to locate an original radio dial and then built a totally self-contained transistor radio for the car and mounted it under the gastank. They had first tried mounting the antenna under the runningboard but found the reception unacceptable. With the antenna mounted on the rear of the car, the radio works "like a charm."

Andy admits entering show business because he had been a school teacher and "I didn't like it and wasn't very good at it." He started as a standup comic by addressing local civic clubs and had written a story

Editor's Note:

Last month, I initiated a series of reprints of articles found in the old issues published within our hobby. I've now named the series as shown above and will attempt to research interesting articles for reprint each month. This one, you will note was published in MAFCA's The Restorer in the July/August 1989 issue.



about "a country fella's first experience at a football game."

"Someone in the audience came up and said he had a small record label and wanted me to record the story. It was 'What It Was Was Football' and Capitol Records bought it and it sold a million copies. They put my name on the label as 'Deacon Andy Griffith' and that stuck with me for years.

"I appeared in 'No Time For Sergeants' on TV in the U.S. Steel Hour,

then did it on Broadway; then made the movie. Later came the movie 'Onionhead,' a Broadway play called 'Destry,' and finally television. I did a pilot of the Andy Griffith (Mayberry) Show and got a call from Don Knotts who saw it and wanted to be in it with me. That show ran for eight years, followed by Mayberry R.F.D., and now I'm doing Matlock."

Andy's career has had two major interruptions: he broke his back about 10 years ago and more recently

overcame a bout with Guillain-Barre' Syndrome, a form of crippling paralysis similar to polio.

While he admits the Matlock series should keep him busy for probably two more years, he has no plans to retire.

"I'm going to keep on working as long as I'm able," he says. "And I plan to keep tinkering with Model A's."

Editor's note: I hope this issue gets to North Carolina on time.

When older people say, "Enjoy them while they are young." They are talking about your knees and hips not your kids.

Do y'all remember, before the internet, that people thought the cause of stupidity was the lack of access to information? Yeah, It wasn't that.

Henry the Farmboy

Compiled by Danny Enos, Cuesta Crankers Model A Club, San Luis Obispo, CA

Henry the Farmboy part #7

Moving Up In the World



Henry Ford, now about 30 and a father, caught fire professionally. He did steam engine repair and maintenance at the main power plant of his employer, the Edison Illuminating Company, Detroit, and was excellent at it. His salary was raised to \$75 a month. Soon afterwards he was promoted again. This time to chief engineer at a salary of \$100. Also, around this same time he was hired to teach an evening classes for machinists at the Detroit YMCA.

The popular notion that Henry Ford, tired of the rigors of farming in 1891, and left Dearborn for Detroit with the express idea of developing a horseless carriage for personal travel and to never return to the farm is not entirely accurate. On the farm in Dearborn he had occasionally expressed developing some sort of self-propelled tractor to replace horses. The farmboy was evidently still thinking in rural terms. He told an interviewer in 1926, "The idea of a (horseless) carriage at first did not seem so practical to me as the idea of an engine to do the harder farm work....a tractor to attend to the excessively hard work of plowing." He said, "I felt perfectly certain that horses, considering all the bother of attending them and the expense of feeding, did not earn their keep....To lift farm drudgery off the flesh and blood and lay it on steel and motors has been my constant ambition."

His first motorized vehicle, the Quadricycle, was quick in coming even by today's standards. The Quadricycle would roar to life by mid-year 1896. We'll explore more of that next time.

“Employers only handle the money. It is the customer who pays the wages.”

Henry Ford

Technical Tip Idea

The following is a reprint from the Western Model A News. I thought it an interesting idea to equalize brakes but have no experience to allow me to endorse it. Food for thought! Jim

Horace Misko

Bush Mechanic's Brake Upgrade

The brakes on a Model A are adequate if properly adjusted and maintained correctly. I remember reading that Henry Ford wanted "metal between the pedal and the road". For him, four wheel brakes were a huge leap forward from just having rear brakes on the Model T. He wanted 60% braking on the rear and 40% on the front to, as he put it, stop the front wheels from skidding and losing steering control.

There are so many joints and pins that become worn in the braking system that trying to achieve equal braking on each wheel is difficult. The best way to achieve this is use the brake adjusting method developed by Club Legend, Steve Read.

1. Put the car up on 4 stands.
2. Adjust all 4 wheels so they are locked up.
3. Check front brake levers are 15 degrees forward, brake cross shaft is vertical, adjust the brake rods lengths until they are a "thumb push fit" in the clevis.
4. Back off all 4 brake adjusters one or two clicks.
5. Road test and adjust if necessary if pulling to one side.

This method works well because it compensates for all the wear in all the components.

The AR Model had the 3 piece brake shaft to apply even pressure to both sides. That got me thinking about how I could achieve even braking pressure on the front wheels without locking them up into a skid. The rear brakes on a Model A are self energising during braking. A modern addition of brake floaters to the front makes sure there is even pressure on the shoes. To get even pressure on the brake rods for the front, I made two compressed spring devices (see photos) that can be adjusted to allow the brake rod to "stretch" by compressing an enclosed heavy spring (3-4mm only). This ensures that even pressure is applied to both of the front brake levers. I have tested these on my "near concours 1928 Ute" over the last couple of years and am still pleased with the improvement to its braking.

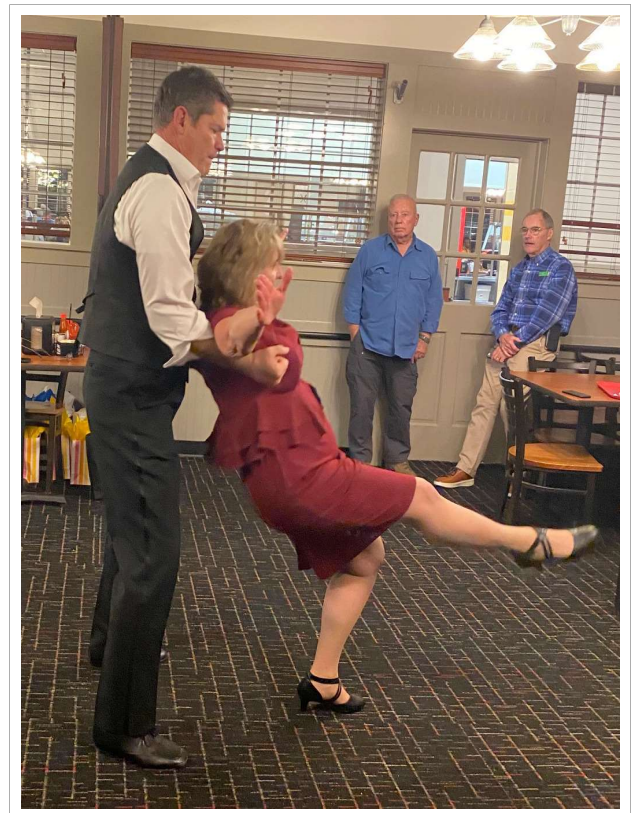
Materials: 1" pipe and 1" cap from the big green shed, scrap steel turned and threaded on the lathe and most importantly a Model A valve spring inside each. The threaded end of the short brake rod and locknut is used to adjust the travel of the spring to only 3-4mm.

The engineering is rustic, it's not pretty, but it works!



Recent Happenings

A late entry from the Christmas White elephant exchange. Couldn't resist printing it as Bill McDonough obviously liked his pick of the mystery packages.



Brad and Jane Fisher show us their dancing skills dancing the Lindy at the January Monthly meeting.



Kalei passed the Gavel to incoming President, Troy Dalsing at which time, Troy presented Kalei with the Past President's Award, a clock in the form of a motor meter and radiator cap

Sandeep Berry presented the Golden Wrench award to Troy who broke down during the Harvey Hood Christmas Parade Tour.



The construction of the Model T Depot Hack continues in Jim's Shop. Woodwork is nearing completion and almost ready for the clear varnish to be applied. Fenders have been ordered and the engine is built ready to install when the transmission is complete. Our goal is to drive it to the April Car Show at the White Home.



For Sale and Wanted



Zenith Carburetors - Cleaned, jets calibrated, and painted. New parts installed as needed. Perfect for touring or showing in touring class judging.

\$125 with exchange of rebuildable Zenith
\$200 without exchange

Contact Jim Townsend 828/964-3425
or townsendj@comporium.net

18th Annual All Model A Parts Swap Meet Old 96 district Model A Club

314 Old Mount Moriah Rd, Greenwood, SC 29646

April 19-20, 2024, Friday 8 am – 5 pm, Saturday 8 am – until
srweynolds1946@gmail.com

Flea Market at MARC National Meet

July 15 – 19, 2024, Ashville, NC

Mid Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet

May 10-12, Luray, VA

dennis@fairviewnet.com

Business Signs:

Muffler Shop: No appointment required, We hear you coming.

Radiator Shop: Best place in town to take a leak.

Car Dealership: The best way to get back on your feet –Miss a payment.

Maternity Room Door: Push, Push, Push

Restaurant Window: Don't stand there and be hungry, come in and be fed up.

National Club Information

Model A Restorer's Club (MARC)

Dues are \$50.00 per year, due on a 12 month rolling from last date last paid. This includes a subscription to *The Model A News Magazine*.



Send to: MARC, 6721 Merriman Rd, Garden City, MI 48135

MARC membership is required of all QCMAC members

Website: www.modelarestorersclub.org

Model A Ford Foundation Inc (MAFFI)

Dues are \$25 per year which includes a subscription to: *The Preserver Quarterly* newsletter



Send to: 28 Peotone, IL 60468-0028

Application is online @ [Website www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org)

Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA)

Dues are \$50 per year which includes a subscription to: *The Restorer magazine*.

Send to: MAFCA
250 South Cypress Street
La Habra, CA 90631



Website: www.mafca.com

You may join any of the above national clubs on line or download the application forms to join. When you join QCMAC, you **MUST** also join MARC and furnish your MARC membership number when renewing your membership to QCMAC.

Joys of Getting Old

- Kidnappers aren't very interested in you.
- In a hostage situation, you will probably be released first.
- No one expects you to run into a burning building or run at all.
- People call at 9 p.m. And ask "Did I wake you?"
- People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- There's nothing left to learn the hard way.
- Things you buy now won't wear out.
- You can eat dinner at 4 p.m.
- You enjoy hearing about other peoples operations.
- You get into a heated argument about pension claims.
- You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.
- You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
- You sing along with the elevator music.
- Your eyes won't get much worse.
- Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
- Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the National Weather Service.
- Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.
- And, you may not remember who sent you this list.