

OOGAH BLAST

MAY 2014

A vintage teal-colored car is parked on a rocky, grassy hillside. The car's windshield is covered with a black sign that has white and blue text. The car features chrome bumpers, round headlights, and a prominent hood ornament. The background shows a clear blue sky and a sandy beach area.

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The Oogah Blast is a monthly publication of the Gold Coast Chapter of the Model A Restorers Club. Founded in 1952, M.A.R.C. encourages its members to acquire, restore, preserve and exhibit the Model "A" Ford. And most importantly, to enjoy the fellowship of other Model "A" Ford owners around the world.

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 (No general meeting in July, August & December)

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SUMMER 2014 CALENDAR

- May 6 - **Board Meeting, 7:00** Lester's Diner
- May 10 - **Breakfast at Lester's Diner, Saturday 9 AM**, 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy, Margate
- May 21 - **General Meeting, Lester's Diner, Wed. 7:30**, 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy, Margate
- May 24 - **Tune Ups & Tube Steaks**, Elks Lodge, Saturday 9-2, 700 N.E. 10th St., Pompano
- Jun 3 - **Board Meeting, 7:00** Lester's Diner
- Jun 11 - **Breakfast at Lester's Diner, Saturday 9 AM**, 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy, Margate
- Jun 15 - **Father's Day Car Show, 9-4 Sunday**, Mizner Park, Boca Raton, Russ G Events
- Jun 18 - **General Meeting, Lester's Diner, Wed. 7:30**, 4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy, Margate
- July 4 - **Margate 4th of July Parade, 8:30 -11 Friday**, Margate Blvd.
- Aug ? - **Jaxsons.....Date to com later.**

We Need Something more to do for July and August.

Just because we DON'T have meetings in JULY and AUGUST...

that doesn't mean we can't have something to do.

How about a tour up to Waterway Cafe for Lunch,

or a good Old Fashion Progressive Dinner,

or even a Good Old Fashion Picnic where every one brings a Dish

Updated Calendar & Flyers Only For July and August!

***The dates below in italics are for non-club events. Details and entry fees at:
flacarshows.com, cruisinsouthflorida.com, southfloridahotrides.com.***

SOUTH OF BROWARD BOULEVARD

May 2-4 - Exotic & Custom Car Show, Ft. Lauderdale Convention Center

May 4 - Dream Car Classics, 10-2, Downtown Hollywood

NORTH OF BROWARD BOULEVARD

May 17 - Beacon Light Annual Open Car & Truck Show, Shoppes of Beacon Light, Pompano

SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY



From the Presidents dash

Long day! As most of you know I work the overnight shift and my days off are during the week. This leads me to going to club events right after work or I need to take a vacation day. Today I went with the you to the Flagler Museum but due to time it would have taken to drive by A (2.5 hours each way) I drove modern.

I mention this only to let you all know that while we encourage every member with an A to drive it, we would rather you drive modern then not come at all. Today we were short only a few that prevented us from getting our own private tour.

On the front of my A I have a topper with the village name Mamaroneck NY on it. Anyone at the Flagler Sunday remember the tie in between Henry and the village?

So, come on out to events, drive your A when you can but do get out and come along.

You will see in the Blast today we still have a bunch of events before the summer and even then we have the 4th of July parade and soon a date for Jaxsons ice cream in August.

Let me leave you with a little history as I usually do.

The 1930s saw natural disasters as well as manmade ones: For most of the decade, people in the Plains states suffered through the worst drought in American history, as well as hundreds of severe dust storms, or "black blizzards," that carried away the soil and made it all but impossible to plant crops. Deep plowing of the topsoil of the Great Plains during the previous decade had displaced the native, grasses that normally trapped soil. Rapid mechanization especially small gasoline tractors significantly impacted decisions to convert arid grassland to cultivated cropland.

The unanchored soil turned to dust that the winds blew away in clouds. These choking billows of dust reached such East Coast cities as New York City and Washington, D.C. and often reduced visibility to a yard or less.

Mike

From the Editor's Apprentice's Desk

I talk to John Ford today and he told me that he is going back into the hospital on Monday for his second round of chemo. He will be coming back home for a little over a week, and then he is going back in for the operation on his leg. Through all of this he has a terrific attitude and I don't know how he does it. I will be glad when he is up to doing the Oogah Blast again.

Now to catch up on someone else we haven't seen in a while. I talked to Russ to see how Mimi Gagliano is doing. He tells me that she has some good days but many that are not very good. We really miss her and wish we could see her soon.

Also to catch up on Jim Hammar. Audre talked to Gwen and she said that Jim is doing OK, bruises and all. Also Gwen said that they will be at our next breakfast. So this will be great to have them around again. We have missed so many members because of one thing or another.

I was able to get in touch with Allen Davis a few days ago. He is back home and starting to do better. He didn't like being in the hospital and doing therapy. He feels like it's taking a long time to recover, but at our age everything slows up a lot.

And another one not up to par. Audre was talking to Harold yesterday and he told her that Marilyn Fienberg has not been feeling good for some time, but she is feeling a little better now. It's a shame we have so many feeling under the weather.

I'm helping out John with the Oogah Blast till he is able to take over again. So if any one has any suggestions that will help me, please let me know. Also I'm not responsible for misspelled words, names, or backward, upside down or missing pictures. Sorry.

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News from the *Model A Museum*

Exciting progress continues to be made at the museum, with the pending arrival of a **Pietenpol** airplane and the latter stages of construction of our new neighbors, the **Lincoln** and **Cadillac-LaSalle Museums**.

As many of you know, in the 1920s, **Bernard Pietenpol**, a self-taught aircraft designer from Minnesota, developed a single seat airplane called the Sky Scout and a larger two-seater called the Air Camper. Recently a Sky Scout was donated to the Model A Ford Museum. The plane is powered by a Model A Ford engine. The plane is now in a fabrication shop where the support structures are being fabricated. The plane will be elevated so that floor space is preserved, but it will be positioned so that the Model A engine is prominently displayed. The plane will be on display in the museum during Model A Day at Gilmore in Hickory Corners, MI on September 20, 2014.

At the recent MARC Membership Meet in St Louis, the Central Kentucky Region presented MAFFI with a check for \$10,000 for the Endowment Fund, giving that fund a large boost. With the summer national meets taking place in French Lick and **Puyallup** there will be other exciting events. One of the first cars donated to MAFFI was a fordor sedan donated by Ron Jennings of Boise, Idaho. The Evergreen Club of Seattle has performed a complete body-off restoration and the car will be presented to MAFFI at the **Puyallup** meet. What an exciting day that will be!

From Stephanie Grundman,
MAFFI Editor



Harbors



Harbors Edge 2014



Edge

Mary Voigt's Period Fashions

"A" Fashions for Men

1928—29

Reprinted from *Model A News*

January-February 1970

In order to help some of our members to locate men's clothes appropriate for the 1928-29 model cars, here are more samples of men's styles of that period.



At left: Two-button single breasted model with long peaked shaped lapels. The front of coat is slightly rounded at the bottom, and the sleeves are of the proper width and are finished with two buttons at cuff. A young men's model of exceptional design. Highcut shoulders with full chest effect.

At right: Young men's model with just the right cut. It has three buttons with medium width long rolling lapels. The front is slightly cut away at the bottom. It has that high broad shoulder and full chest effect, tapering to the waist, which is so popular with young men.

TROUSER STYLES

At left: the narrow straight style trousers with regular belt loops, hip pockets to button and permanent $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch cuff bottoms. Average width, 17 to 20 inches at knee and $14\frac{1}{2}$ to $16\frac{1}{2}$ inches at bottom.

Center: Knickerbocker style trousers. They are medium full cut with regular belt loops and a hip pockets to button. Bottoms finished with strap and buckle which permit adjusting.

At right: Full cut lounge trousers, made with regular belt loops, hip pockets to button and cuff bottoms. Average width $18\frac{1}{2}$ to 20 inches at knee and $16\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches at bottom.



TOO JAYS BRUNCH



MUSEUM TOUR GROUP

Flagler Museum



THE TOUR IS ABOUT THE CARS



ICE CREAM



Carol Lawatsch's "Getting To Know You" Helen Spaich

In the last Oogah Blast, Tony Spaich was featured as the person with the longest CONTINUOUS membership in the Gold Coast Chapter of MARC. Well, he had a partner in that great adventure-his wife of 66 years, Helen Spaich. When Tony joined the club in 1974, Helen came right along with him. She has occupied the co-pilot's seat next to Tony all these years. During that time, Helen has handled many of the duties that keep the organization running behind the scenes including keeping records of the points system, registration and money collection for shows, sale of tickets at meetings and assisting in planning of events over the years.

When Helen was asked to sit for a 15 minute interview to provide background material for this "Getting To Know You", neither of us knew that the meeting would stretch to 2 hours, or that it would turn into a virtual history lesson of the Gold Coast Chapter of MARC from beginning to present! There was not much need for me to refer to my question list-Helen told me the story of our club, starting with the days when the group met in "The Club House", a room above Denton McClory's business in Ft. Lauderdale-the club's home for 40 years. In those days, the ladies brought home-baked goodies to the meetings (I'm sorry I missed that).

Helen was asked if she belonged to other clubs with activities, like knitting , etc-"No" she said, and I could soon see why as she described all the Model A club activities she was involved in over the years. Here's a partial list: Mall and church car shows, parties in club member's homes, mystery tours, scavenger hunts, square dances, hay rides, hobo parties, a weekend at Pirate's Cove, a trip to Ormond Beach near Daytona for The Turkey Run- Poker Runs, Funcanna games and parties for every holiday, to name a few! What wonderful memories she recounted-even some tales of Model A mechanical problems, but all pitched in to help when those happened. Tony sat in on the interview, and soon produced a group of binders containing every Oogah Blast from the very first issue, in 1968! The amazing story of the "Blast" will be a subject for another article for a future printing.

Helen tells of meeting Tony at her niece's confirmation party on an island near Detroit, Michigan where she was raised. I am sure that at the time, she had no clue that her life with Tony would circulate around his love of Model A's. The Spaich's have 3 daughters, Pamela, Barbara and Kim. Helen and Tony and their 1931 Deluxe Coup, "Theola", live in Pompano Beach and look forward to many more years of club activities which have brought them so much fun and joy. My final question: "Helen, what do you enjoy most about your participation in The Gold Coast Chapter"? With no hesitation, she said "All the beautiful people we have met". And that's for sure!





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THERE ARE THINGS TO DO EVEN IN JULY & AUGUST

Just a couple of thoughts about what we can do as a club for the months of July and August. I remember when this club used to get off the couch during the summer time and go out and have fun.



I thought that maybe if I dropped in a couple of photos of times gone by, maybe we could remember how much fun we used to have during the hot, rainy months.

There was a time when we would have a picnic where everyone would just bring a dish, and everyone had a good time just because we were out

together. Remember, we would have a Lunch tour up to the Waterway Cafe, and not only would we have a good lunch but it allowed us to get our cars out and exercise them. The best part was we never left anyone behind. To those people that don't come along they don't know what they are missing out on.

Also many of you remember the Progressive Dinners we used to have. There was a lot of fun going from house to house. Every one getting stuffed with all the great offerings we got from each stop. Remember the Overnighters we used to have ??? We would gather around the pool



to just chit-chat and have a good time, then we would get ready for dinner. Those times can come back again with some help from the membership. Lets Go Have Fun Again.



Tony Spaich's Blast From the Past

THE OOGAH BLAST

APRIL, 1991 SILVER JUBILEE-25TH YEAR



If you think it's impossible for someone to be wrong all the time, you've never been married.
-Rex Laubaugh

LOOKING BACK

By BARBARA VERCOUTEREN



NOVEMBER 5,
1967 - SUNDAY
TOUR UP TO
ELLIOT MUSEUM

Present:

- Coscia-31 Roadster
- Vic Nelson-35 Coupe
- Roy Sines-41 Coupe
- Bob Schmutzler-36 Phaeton
- Don Graham-41 Tudor
- Van Scolina-48 Jeepster
- Oliver-32 Hup
- Brandt-29 Pickup
- McNeal-41 Zephyr
- Witte-T Bird
- Gordon-28 Sport Coupe

At 7:30 in the morning, all except Gordon and Van Scolina assembled at Oakland Park Boulevard and 441 and set out to caravan up to the International Pancake house in West Palm Beach. A few miles up 441, we picked up Van Scolina, who had come from the farthest north and thought he

could catch us on the way. About 9:30, we arrived at the rendezvous, where we picked up Steve Gordon, as well as some other local cars.

Enjoying a pancake breakfast, we then set out for another rendezvous point north of Palm Beach, where we picked up the Palm Beach cars. Surprisingly, of the 30-35 cars involved, our fledgling club had contributed about 10 which was a pretty good showing. Leaving there, we headed on up to the Elliot Museum, a total distance of about 100 miles from our starting point. The only mishaps along the way were when Gordon's muffler let go at the front flange. A passing motorist contributed a coat hanger which Nelson used to wire it up, and then Brandt's motor began leaking badly from the rear main causing him some oil replenishment problems and further, Tom had a flat tire and a flat spare to go with it, so that he arrived about 45 minutes late to the Museum.

At the Museum, we all registered, received our participation plaques, and enjoyed a leisurely picnic lunch inside the Museum. Following the lunch, we went through the Museum at our leisure, and then spent time outside going over the cars to our liking, before drifting away in twos and ones and threes to head back home. We arrived back home at varying times from about 3:30 to 6 P.M., writing the end to a very pleasant day.

(ED. NOTE: This report of an outing was found unsigned, but I think Vic Nelson wrote it. Am I right, Vic?)



Simple Tech Talk

by Keith Collins

Checking your Horn

Ahaooooogh or just Ahg

Has your horn gotten the flu? Here are a couple of easy things to do to make things better without getting a flu shot.

Remove the motor cover and take a piece of fine sand paper (not emery cloth as this could cause a short) and clean the commutator. See fig #1. Hold the piece of sand paper on the commutator and rotate by hand until clean and bright. Also clean the spaces between the commutator bars using a tooth pick. Check the brushes for good contact. Put a couple of drops of oil on the bushing and make sure the wires and connect-

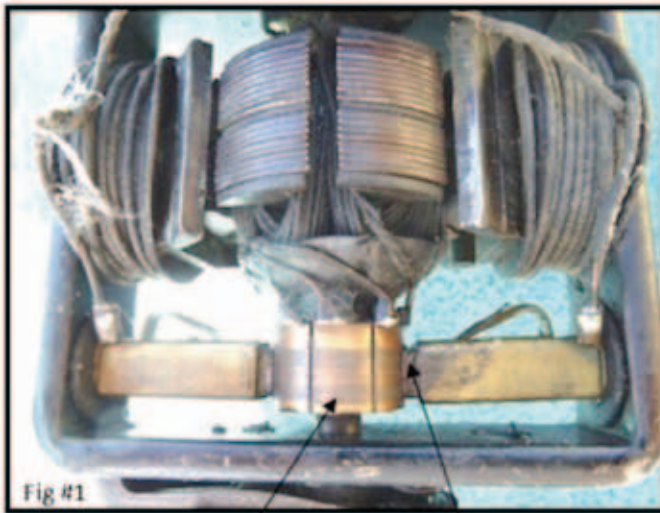


Fig #1

(Commutator) (Brushes)

ions are clean. See Fig #2. Try the horn and readjust the tension screw. Fig #3.

This is usually all that is needed as a periodic tune up. If this does not solve your problem try making jumper leads from the battery directly to the horn. This will eliminate all wiring and connections. If horn works correctly, you then need to check wires and connections from the battery to the horn.

If it still does not work or works poorly you will have to go deeper into the horn.



Fig 2



Fig #3

Wine time, see you next time.

FATHER'S DAY CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Russ G Events

Car Show Registration

(PLEASE PRINT)

Date: June 15, 2014 Registration: \$ Vehicle Entry #

Location: Mizner Park, Boca Raton

Year: Make: Model:

Name: Phone #:

Address: Fax #:

City: State: Zip: Miles driven to show:

Club Affiliation:

Car Insured: Yes No Insurance Co.

E-mail Address:

(PLEASE PRINT)

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Year	Make	Body Style
_____	_____	_____
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