

International Model "A" Ford Day - Story Inside

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Well here it is the last of my Presidents dash. It has been an honor to be president all these times. I hope I have done a good job of keeping to the reasons this club was formed all those years ago. I standby willing to assist the new officers anyway I can from the sidelines.

Soon after being in this hobby for a while I started to explore more about the era of the Model A. I soon gathered clothing that approximated the look of the times. I collected coins, stamps, a driver's license, and even a prescription for whiskey that I framed and often show at car shows. I collected Model A car ads for the year of my car, 1930, and now I have expanded to all the years of production. I have found that the price has gone way up on these ads over the years as well so continuation of the rarer ones might be a while in coming.

I have submitted some musings from the era that have been published in newsletters as well as some tech tips. The shear number of car manufacturers back in the day, the costs of goods and services were mentioned as well. A fascinating time to look back on and a time that is not readily taught today.

This time when poking around I was amazed at the number of comics that got their start in the '30's. Some are still around and some are a clear memory of when I was a kid. Blondie, Lil Abner, Grin and Bear it in 1932, Nancy, Prince Valiant. How about the comics Popeye in 1929, and Dick Tracy in 1931?

Get out drive your car, ask for help when needed, and I'll see you on the road.

Mike

Editor's Apprentice's Desk

Well I guess I'm still doing the Editors Letter, not that this doesn't keep me thinking. I called to see if John Ford our Editor wanted to do the Editors Letter, but unfortunately he is not up to doing anything at this time. John now has a added problem, and it has him not feeling very well. John is also looking at going back in for another operation on his leg. So if you get a chance give him a call or send him a card.

This month we are electing our officers for the coming 2015 year. Our last president Mike Vitetta has stepped down, and I personally thank him for all the great work he has done for our club. But you can only do it so many times, and he has been our president a number of times, and after a while you just burn out and need a rest. The good thing is the that Mike will still be around to give the club a hand as needed. Mike has always been one to do more than his share so its great to have him willing to help out.

The last two months have brought about a few nice outings where we could get the cars out of the garage and out on the road. we have been very fortunate in the fact that the rain was not a factor in any of our outings. Considering this is Florida, and we just went through hurricane season without a blemish, there must be a Model "A" god. Model "A" Day was a big success for us, then we were invited to the Elks Club for a Car and Military show. Talk about some nasty firearms an knives. It makes you think what it might be like if you came up against someone with one of these weapons. The Creative Workshop we went to was more than interesting. We also just had a great outing up to the Waterway Cafe. This is one of those things, no matter what, it was all about FOOD. So what could go wrong? All these outings that I just mentioned are within the pages of this newsletter, so please enjoy looking them over.

We have a few things coming up in the next two months, so remember to check the Calendar in this issue. As more things come up we will look into sending out a flyer with new information. December is our Annual Club Dinner and Installation of Officers at Tropical Acres. There is a form to fill out and return to Mike Vitetta before November 30th. There is also a \$15:00 Gift exchange at the party, so remember to mark your gift for Man or Woman. The Dinner cost is \$33.00 per person so make sure you mark your entries correct and submit the proper amount.

I know we have some of our members somewhat down and out, but I hope we will be seeing them before to long. I bet, to some of them, the healing process must feel like an eternity. By the time we get to middle age, some things just seam to change. So until next time we meet, maybe I'll see you motoring your "A" down the road. BY THE WAY, Gold Coast Region Dues for 2015 are due in January, and No Later than January 31

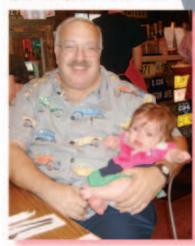
Carol Lawatsch's "Getting To Know You" Our Out-Going President, Mike Vitetta

As I was interviewing Mike Vitetta for this article, I was asking myself "what are the most important qualities one must bring to the office of president of the Gold Coast Chapter of MARC?" The right answer soon became clear: "Willingness and Enthusiasm". That is exactly what Mike has brought to his many terms in that office. Mike joined the club in 2003 and soon took responsibility as board member, vice president and then president in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, & 2014. This he has done despite working nights for the USPS. In addition, he has continued to provide his Tech Tips articles for the Oogah Blast and participates in many club events & shows. How does he fit it all in? As previously noted, "Willingness and Enthusiasm", or as Mike says "If I can do it, anybody can do it"!

Mike was raised in Rye, New York. His father's best friend was a mechanic, so it was not necessary for him to work on his own cars until he got his 1930 Model A 4-Door Town Sedan in 2004. Mike had always wanted "a car with running boards". He bought this one from a club member, and it came originally from Louisiana. "It leaks", he says! (don't they all?). Sounds like a garage event in Gold Coast MARC's future to stop Mike's Model A leak. Mike has gained much of his mechanical knowledge through books & tireless research on the internet and in Les Andrews Red, Green and Blue books on diagnosis, repairs and modification. This knowledge he has shared generously with others. As a youngster, Mike did not build Go Karts, but built and flew radio controlled air planes.

Mike came to Florida in 1997 from Putnam County, NY for a job and was soon joined by his wife, Sue and their 2 sons and 1 daughter, Jennifer, who has served previously as our club secretary. Jennifer made Mike a Grandpa 6 1/2 months ago when Sadie came along. We have all seen the cute pictures! Son Frank owns a 1931 Victoria—restoration is going along slowly, sandwiched in between work and school. The longest trips Mike has made in his Model A were to Jupiter and twice to Clewiston to the Sugar Festival. Mike's hope is that club members will get over their fear of driving the antique cars, and plan some trips and "overnighters" as in the past. After all, he points out "they sure got driven when they were new"! He has a dream to drive his Town Sedan "up north" to visit family in New York and Connecticut. Mike's theory about driving the A's —"save enough money to have it towed if necessary, then jump in and put her on the road!"

No doubt as Mike "retires" as Gold Coast president, he will be spending more time peering through the Les Andrews Red Book as he works on his or his son's Model A. His wife says he can't bring that book in the house any more. It's too covered with oil and grease! Thanks so much, Mike for all you have done and continue to do for our club.



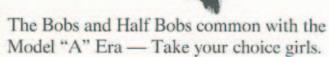




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THE OOGAH BLAST

Tony Spaich's Blast From the Past



By Lynn Bailey

It was a cool, crisp, sunny Valentine morning as we entered Tree Tops Park, and went down the winding road to our pavilion. We found it all decorated by another group of picnickers who had mistaken our pavilion for theirs. Our fun loving group consisted of Jim Bechtel, Franz Kahler, Clark Ballard, Jack and Lynn Bailey, Janie Sigmon, Jennifer, Keith and Ryleigh Pursell, Tony and Helen Spaich, Jim and Gwen Hammar, Royanne and Steve Gornto, Joel and Frances Aronson their daughter and husband and twin grand daughters, Mary Louise and Ron LaVergne, Celeste and John LaVergne, Bob and Joann Dobbins, Dorothy Page and daughter, Howard and Corrine Teamkin, and Ray and Mary Voigt and their family.

On to the games! Clark Ballard brought a professional video camera and filmed everyone playing. I am sure it will be quite an academy award winner! The first game was driving through a narrow winding path of orange traffic cones with a paper bag over your head while your passenger guided you along, trying not to hit any of the cones. Sounds easy until you try it.. "GO LEFT...GO RIGHT..STRAIGHTEN IT UP??? What's STRAIGHT?...I have a bag over my head!" Joanne and Bob Dobbins and Jack and Lynn Bailey made it through with zero cones down, and tied for first place. Both couples received a gift certificate for Macaroni's Grill as their reward.

It wouldn't be our M.A.R.C. Club if we didn't break for something to eat. The feast consisted of crackers and cheese to start, char broiled steaks, assorted salads, scalloped potatoes, bread and butter and cookies, cupcakes, and brownies for dessert. Yummy!

With renewed energy, we continued the clowning around. The next challenge was, with help of your partner, to get into a huge pair of men's pants with suspenders, a large shirt, goggles and a hat, as well as large rubber gloves that went up to your arm pits, jump in your Model A, drive across a field, get out and switch the outfit with your partner, jump back in your car and head to the finish line in record time. (Some people will do anything!) And the winners were...Jennifer and Keith Pursell! They also were awarded a gift certificate. Jack Bailey and Janie Sigmon came in only 4 seconds behind for a close second. Then there was "Coast To The Finish Line". The idea was to start your car, get it moving and turn it off just in time to coast to a line taped to the road. Whomever came the closest was the winner! Tony Spaich was named "Club Coaster" in Jack's Model A stopping almost touching the line.

This was a great gathering and a lot of fun. Thanks to Royanne and Steve, Clark Ballard and Jim Bechtel for doing a great job organizing this fabulous event.

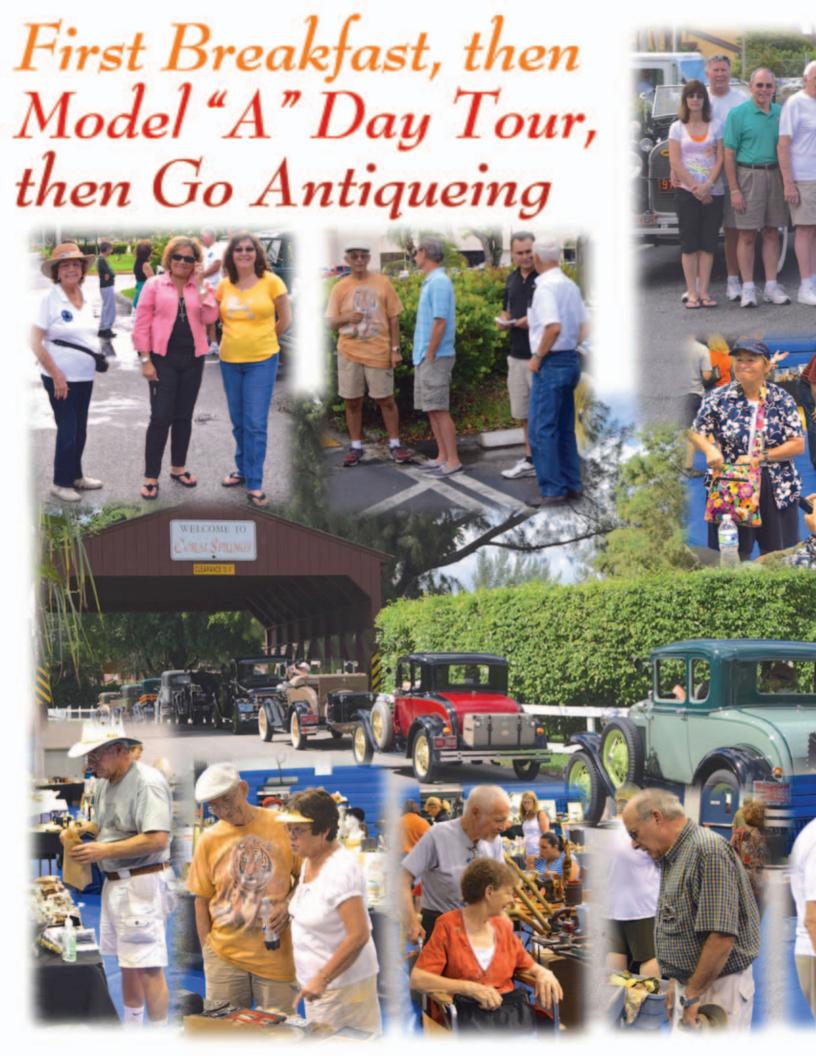


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International Model "A" Day looked like it was going to start out as another one of South Florida's rainy day's, but all it was is just a heavy overcast. Model "A" Day was also on the second Saturday of the month, which is also our Club's day to gather for Breakfast at Lester's Dinner.

There were 33 Members that showed up for this event along with there 11 Model A's and 3 Modern Cars. After breakfast everyone got in there respective car and we started off on our Tour to our next destination. On

our drive we went to the City of Coral Springs where we went through a Covered Bridge. The Bridge was built in1964 by the developers of Coral Springs, and they had it painted the way it would look in 1876. This is the only Covered Bridge in Florida in the Public Right-Of-Way. In August 1964 the Eye of Hurricane Cleo passed over the Bridge



and there was no damage to the Bridge. Going through the Bridge was kind of nostalgic because we did it in our Model A's.



From here we continued on to the Coral Springs Gym, where they were having a Antique Show. This just fit in with the way the day is going. I saw some members just looking but I also saw some buying. All who were there just seamed to enjoy the day. Then in mid-afternoon the sky

got dark, so many of us called it a day and headed home. Unfortunately we ran into rain on the way. Those of us in closed cars were OK, but not so fortunate for those in open cars without side curtains. The good thing is we all made it home safe. I would like to thank our Hosts for this event Jo & Rick Chaves.

Elks Club Car & MILITARY SHOW



The Lady's kicked back on a hot day, until the good old boy's decided to join them.



There was a nice turn-out considering we all had a big day the day before, with the All Model A Day



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coffee, pastries and water. The entire floor space of the rand even had cars on lifts. We were treated to seeing vel states of restoration. From a 1914 REO Speedwagon that for the Hamptions, to muscle cars like a GTO undergoin like a 40's Chevy Truck. We saw a nice red 1931 Caddy the had a few issues to be sorted out so that it would be better

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Our Date With Lunch at the Waterway Cafe





For the last few years we have

toured to the Waterway Cafe for lunch. I beleve it was Gwen and Jim Hammer who came up with the idea to go there for lunch, but I am not positive about that. Gwen, Harold and I mentioned it might be a good idea to have two lunch dates a year. The

fact that the food is very very good is not the only thing that is important. What also is great is the fact that its a very pleasent drive to help keep the cars in good running order. The photo below shows that we had a nice turnout of members. I am sorry others could not make it.



Of course, it is standard procedure, that any time we are in the vicinity of the Manalapan Ice Cream shop on A1A and Ocen Blvd., many of us must



stop, and of course it just happened to be on our tour route this time. This place is a MAGNET, and many of

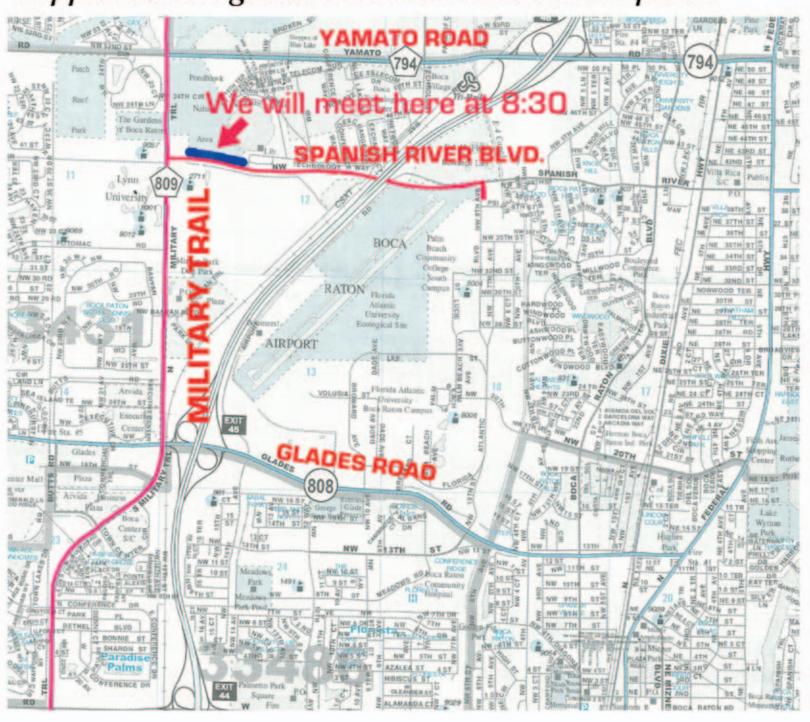
us, but not all, just seam to be pulled in when ever we get near the place. Of course this just adds the fun we have when our

members get together. I'm sure all had a good time.



National Parkinson Foundation Car Show-Sunday November 16th at FAU Stadium

Allen & Trish Davis have been asked to work with Geiger MD and get as many cars as possible. To be sure, this is a fund raiser for the Parkinson Foundation. This is what we should be doing. Let us get out and support this organization. Let us show our pride.



Mike Vitetta's Tech-Tips



TECH TIP

How to check the rotor and distributor body

It's amazing how much time we put into setting breaker point gap to tune our Model A's to perfection, yet almost always ignore the gap between the rotor tip and the contact points in the distributor body.

Many times the alignment of the rotor tip and contact points are skewed and also too far apart. This results in taking more voltage for firing the spark plugs.

First, check the alignment of tip to contact point with the distributor off. Remove the spark plug wires from the distributor body so that they will not put any tension on the body, thus cocking it. The flat angled rotor tip should be horizontally straight across, not higher or lower. If the center of the rotor tip is below the contact point in the distributor body, do not try to bend the tip, as this will either cause it to break or will cause rotor tip to not be parallel to the contact point.

The solution is to cut some shims placing them inside of the rotor body between it and the cam screw until rotor tip alignment with the contact points in the distributor is correct. Remember to cut a notch in your shims to match the inside of the rotor body. After years of polishing rotor tips and contact points, many Model A's have as much as a 0.060 gap. Try a new rotor and/or distributor body and bring the gap down to 0.035 + or - 0.005. This is where the Model A runs best at top speed. You can also build up the contact points with solder and then carefully file them back to the correct gap. If you originally had any missing or sputtering,, this may solve your problem.



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