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and Advance to
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Technical Seminars

Model A Electrical Wiring and Troubleshooting

Presenter: Alex Janke

A complete description of the Model A wiring, how to install it and how to troubleshoot and test each harness. How to physically identify the wiring harness to the schematic. Learn how to trace voltage through the harness. Learn how to isolate and troubleshoot the electrical problems (lights), isolate and troubleshoot ignition wiring, and isolate and troubleshoot the charging system wiring. Also learn about wire sizes, connection types and routing.

We have all seen a schematic of Model A wiring, but where do those wires really go? How are they supported? What does the switch look like for real? Where are all those connections?

This seminar will examine Model A wiring from the diagram to the car. We will look at the inside of the light switch, the various wiring harnesses (yes, there are more than one), and other components. This seminar is for car owners and restorers who want to better understand Model A wiring and how to correctly wire their own cars.

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Nugget Parking Garage for Our Model A's

Parking for Model A's, Tow Vehicles and Trailers

The 2018 MAFCA National Convention in Sparks, Nevada is just a few months away!

One of the accommodations we have been working on is parking. Not just parking for your "A"...but for those who will be towing their "A," we are set for you to park your tow vehicle and trailers.

Directions to the convention site are pretty simple. Driving East from Reno on I-80 you quickly come to Sparks. Take the Rock Blvd / Nugget Ave exit. Go straight at the bottom of the exit and immediately you will see the Nugget parking lot for trailers. This is the West parking lot and is one level only. Our personnel will be in the lot helping direct Convention traffic. Pull your rig in here and unload your car. The lot is adjacent to the casino for easy transfer of your baggage. The lot you will park your "A" in is on the far side of the casino and is the five story parking lot. (See photo above.)

Please park your tow rig and trailer within the lines of the parking spaces. There are 150 pull-thru spaces in this West parking lot and we will be able to accommodate all rigs if each person takes up only one space. We are approaching 100 reservations at this writing. While we are on the subject, if you intend to bring a trailer and tow vehicle, please let Registrar Steve Lewis know right away. He is keeping a list of reservations for the parking lot.

We are planning on staffing Convention volunteers at the West lot to help direct traffic when trailers and tow vehicles arrive. At some times, there may be quite a few people arriving all at once. We ask you to be patient. If you are planning to participate in the Lake Tahoe dinner-dance cruise on Saturday, you might want to arrive a couple hours early so you will have enough time to park, register in the hotel, and get to your bus by 4:00 pm.

Please note...This is a public parking lot. There are no fences around the lot. There is no full time security on duty at the lot. Please use good judgment with your equipment and things left in the tow vehicle. We suggest locking the tow vehicle and locking the trailer to the tow vehicle for extra security. The casino has roving security patrols that include the parking areas.

Some spaces will require you to separate your trailer from your tow vehicle. If that happens, please be sure to have a trailer hitch lock with you so you can secure your trailer when you leave it in the parking lot. You can then park your tow vehicle in the parking garage.

Finally, we encourage you all to check our Convention web site frequently for last minute updates for schedules and tips.

<http://www.ncrgmafca.com/2018MAFCAConvention/2018index.html>

We look forward to a great time together in Sparks in June!

**Gill & Judy Sissons
Lake County A's**



Nugget Indoor Pool

Queen of Hearts Fashion Show: Cancellation Notice

We were elated when so many people signed up for the "Queen of Hearts" Fashion Show. We anticipated it would be an outstanding and enjoyable event showcasing some fantastic and unusual fashions. Unfortunately, and we hope you will understand, we have had to cancel this event.

Life's circumstances sometimes interrupt our greatest intentions and ambitions. We thank Ann and Paul Curtis for their many years contributing and supporting the fashion activities of our hobby.

The registration form has been revised to eliminate this event. If you signed up for this event with your Convention registration, your fee has already been refunded to you.

Lynette Marcione
Host Fashion Coordinator



Model A's on Tour

Technical Seminars

Model A Brakes and Pedal Adjustment

Presenter: Les Andrews

Hear a complete description that explains how the braking system is designed to work most effectively. Which aftermarket parts will provide the best performance? There will be an explanation of the step-by-step procedure for adjusting the front wheel brakes so they engage first, providing you greater positive braking power. Which brake shoes work best with cast iron drums? Which components should always be replaced? How to correct (adjust) for right or left pull when brakes are applied. What causes, and how to fix, brake squeal. Be safe on the road. Attend this seminar and learn how you can have excellent braking as modern cars do today.

Hubley Speed Shop

Presenter: Bob Johnson

An award winning Hubley racer will divulge some of his secrets for how to make your Hubley model car travel down the track faster. Subjects will include which Hubley model to use, wheels, tires, axles, axle screws, steering, weight, aerodynamics, and how to build a modified Hubley car. You can be one of the next Top Winners after this seminar.

Ehrman Mansion Tour Full

Interest in the Ehrman Mansion tour has reached capacity. If you are one of the lucky ones to have gotten your reservation in, you will be delighted with the tour experience. The mansion itself can only handle a certain number of people so adding busses is not an option. Thank you for your interest.



Model A's Gathered at 2014 Puyallap, Washington Convention

Technical Seminars

Do It Right

Presenter: Tom Rut

Using the Model A Ford Restoration Guidelines to restore and buy parts. Using original parts, the latest techniques and the newest information in the Restoration Guidelines learn how to restore, repair, maintain and buy parts for your Model A. Emphasis will be on the correct assembly and parts details you need to ensure your Model A is operating safely and as Henry Ford intended. This seminar will be of value to all owners whether they are restorers, tourers or drivers of the Model A.

All seminars are between an hour and 1.5 hours long and will be held on Monday, June 25th.

Youth Activities

Plans are well under way for a pizza party on Sunday in the pool area. This activity is for the youth. And, their parents are also invited to attend. It will be an informational gathering so kids can plan their own activities for the week.

Watch for more information about youth activities in the May 2018 edition of the Early Bird Newsletter.

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