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New Orleans Model A Club Newsletter

June 2023

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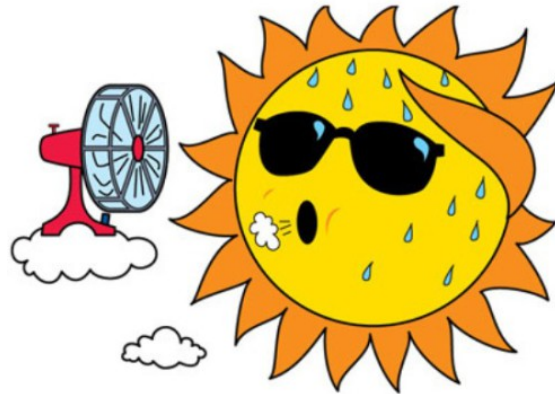


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Coming Events:

Monthly Meeting: We will meet for our May meeting on Wednesday, June 28th at Saltgrass Steakhouse on Veteran's Blvd. at six pm (1800) with the meeting beginning at 7:00 pm (1900). See you there. Prizes given!

***Tour with the Early V-8 club**

JULY 9th 2023 at **LAURA PLANTATION**

2247 LA-18 VACHERIE LA 70090

Cost is \$30 for the tour and must be paid by 7-1-23

Lunch at **FRENIER LANDING** in Laplace. Reservation for 1pm



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The Elmwood Crew getting Bills A road ready





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Tech Talk

"Change the Condenser" by Tom Endy, rev 2023

On most any Model A tour one of the participating cars will likely drift to the side of the road inoperative. Soon after everyone gathers around someone in the crowd will surely yell out "change the condenser". This knee-jerk reaction has become ingrained in Model A folklore. The truth is that good quality condensers available today seldom ever fail.

Over the years I have seen countless numbers of condensers changed out, but I have only observed one that actually failed, and that was because the ground strap soldered onto the back of the condenser came loose due to an over-heated engine. The common practice for checking a condenser is to use an ohm meter. It will tell you if it is shorted or open, but not what the actual capacitance value is.



A Honeytek A6013L Capacitor Tester (called a condenser in automotive jargon) is available through Amazon for about \$22. The tester will tell you not only if the condenser is good or bad, but the actual value in micro-farads. Set the pointer on two micro farads.

What I have discovered with my new Honeytek tester is that the good quality condensers from Bratton's test out at a nominal .228 -.235 micro farads. I have never seen any documentation that Henry ever recorded about how many farads (or portions thereof) are required of a condenser to properly operate a Model A Ford ignition system.

It is difficult to describe what a farad is, especially when only a very small portion of one is used in a Model A condenser. A micro farad is but .000001 of one farad



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The Honeytek tester is a unique thing to have along on a tour. You can easily test a condenser while it is still attached to a distributor installed in a Model A. Simply remove the car's fuse, and slip a business card between the points. The plus lead of the tester is clipped to the arm of the points; the negative lead is clipped to ground on the distributor.



There are still poor quality condensers being sold by some suppliers. They are easily identified by the ground strap being soldered to the end of the condenser. The good quality ones sold by Bratton's and a few other suppliers will show three little dots on the strap indicating they are stake welded on.

On the left is a good quality Bratton's condenser. On the right is a poor quality soldered on condenser still being sold by some suppliers.





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Looking for other things to do with your Model A:

Excessive Life Styles car club is hosting
a memorial car show benefit for



Isabella
Perez
July 8
1-5pm
30\$
registration

Twin Peaks 6990 Siegen Lane Baton Rouge
Awards at 5p Auctions through out show

- best mustang old.
- best mustang new.
- best camaro old.
- best camaro new.
- best mopar old.
- best mopar new.
- best vet old.
- best vet new.
- best jeep old.
- best jeep new.
- best hunting truck.
- best womans ride
- best bagged
- best lifted
- best hydraulic
- best import
- bestbike
- biggest club
- best paint
- best wrap
- best engine
- PEREZ CHOICE
- best of show

Also Check Out <http://www.customcruiser.net/calendarofevents.htm>

Pam Larter posts most of the cruise nights and car shows on her website above in the Metropolitan New Orleans Area.

Also check the out Nola Model A's Facebook page for events members post. Share your interesting Model A Memories on our Facebook site. Link Below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/neworleansas>



May 2023 NOLA Model A's Official Minutes

New Orleans A's - General Meeting: 5/24/23 – Brought to order: 7:00pm

Attendees: 23 **Model A's Cars Present:** 1

Location: Saltgrass Restaurant, Metairie, LA

Meeting led by: Paulo Casanova, President

Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer: Prayer by Bob Sappington.

Guests: None.

New Members: Tom and Julia Carmichael, who were former members.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were previously distributed by email and made available in hard-copy format at this meeting; John T. moved to accept and Bill Pfaff seconded, members approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bobby provided details; the balance at 5/24/23 is \$4,140.22.

Past Events recap:

Sat 4/29/23 – Crawfish boil at Carl and Diane Hunter's. 12 cars were there.

Sat 5/13/23 – Jackson Barracks Museum trip and lunch. 5 cars participated.

Sat 5/20/23 – Trip to Middendorf's restaurant in Manchac. Northshore club joined. We had 4 Model A's participating, they had 1.

Announcements:

Deceased member Charlie Persigo's trophies and awards were purchased by a local collector. She allowed us to display them at this meeting.

Upcoming Events/Discussion:

Paulo proposed a picnic in June, possibly June 11?

Some people want a phone tree reinstated to be notified of events. Ken, Lynne, Toni, Bob.

Bob Sappington said we need to go to more car shows. He was the only Model A at the show at New Life Church on Airline Hwy. Some commented that the car shows are too long, and the wait for prizes to be awarded takes too long. Some cater to hot rods.



Brad suggested involving other antique car clubs.

Ken Falanga will look into this.

Bob S will give us a heads up on car shows.

Birthdays: Toni Schaub picked a prize from the table.

Door Prizes picked:

#19 Brad Persons; #11 Lisa Troendle; #20 Roger Casanova; #5 Frank Cavallo.

50/50 Ticket Picked: #8068 Toni won \$50.00

Moved to Adjourn: at 8:05pm – Phil moved, Lynne seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brad Persons, Secretary