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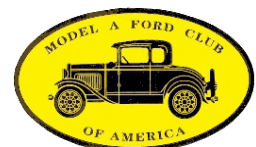
On the Cover

Shade Tree A's members line up for the annual Aiken Memorial Day Parade.

SHADE TREE A'S MODEL A CLUB



The Shade Tree A's Model A Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile. Shade Tree A's annual dues are only \$25. Members are urged to join the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA, \$40 annual dues) and the Model A Restorer's Club (MARC, \$45 annual dues) to enjoy the benefits of these national organizations including their respective magazines: *The Restorer* (MAFCA) and *Model A News* (MARC). The Shade Tree A's club is also a member of MAFFI, the Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc.



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MEETING MINUTES

*May 8, 2017
Richard's Garage*

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held May 8, 2017 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Kent called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 PM. Twenty-nine members were in attendance. The group was once more entertained by Jim Dover's "Joke of The Month". Something about a skinny girl eating an olive along with several other humorous anecdotes.

One guest, Darrell Henderson, was recognized and welcomed by the group. Hopefully Darrell will be joining soon as he is in the market for a nice Model A. Only one member, our president, failed to wear his nametag. He mentioned changing his name to "Club Car" to avoid the 25 cent fine!

Richard Dunevent's Treasurer's Report once again assured the group that The Shade Tree A's are financially sound. An addition to his report, yours truly, reminded the club we still have a substantial "stash" equal and additional to the checkbook balance! A motion to approve his report was made, seconded and passed with only one "no" vote from "Mr. No", Ralph Neitzke!

Minutes from the April meeting were read by President Kent. A motion for approval was made and passed by unanimous vote. For some reason, "Mr. No" had no objection!

We were pleased to have Kathy Poole return even though she has not fully recovered from her recent surgery. Ralph reported his wife Tina is making progress in rehab although somewhat slowly due to some minor setbacks. Matt Barrett is also recovering from recent knee surgery but should return next month. All eyes were on Richard Dunevent as he "hobbled" in sporting a swollen knee resulting from a recent fall in his shop. He is

expecting a full and quick recovery. Prayers for all were encouraged by President Kent.

Jim McPherson referred everyone to the STA report submitted to the Chapter News portion in the latest "Restorer". He also mentioned a special edition highlighting the Model A Coupe coming soon.

Everyone wished a Happy Birthday to Jim Dover who recently celebrated 93 years! When Doug Wilson asked, "How did you celebrate your 93rd birthday?" Jim refused to comment!

Under Show and Tell, Henry Jones displayed an "Atlas" Sealed Beam headlamp blub he rescued from a 56' Ford he is restoring. Wanting to add this obsolete item to his collection, he refused to "pass it around". Can't blame ya' Henry! President Kent did pass around an interesting Model A hubcap he discovered on his Roadster. Apparently sold by J C Whitney with an altered Ford logo, possibly to avoid paying the repro fee?

President Kent acknowledge a very nice Thank You note he received from Robbie and Leta Jones for flowers sent by The Club for Leta's mother's funeral. He also passed along a big "Thank You" to those who have contributed pictures and articles to *The Newsletter*.

Under Old Business, the Greenwood Swap Meet was discussed. Six of our Model A's made the trip on Saturday. Several pictures were published in our last newsletter.

It was also noted that the new issue of the Judging Standards has not yet been ordered. Hopefully that will be done soon.

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New Business included mention of several upcoming events. Kent urged everyone to participate in the upcoming Aiken Memorial Day Parade. He also noted a misprint in *The Newsletter*. The parade will be held on May 27th, not May 11th as reported.

Andrew Morse and Abbie Prince both recommended anyone interested in antique vehicle drag racing attend the annual "Steel in Motion Antique Auto Drag Race" held May 19th in Union, S.C.

The annual "Grandfather's Day" event sponsored by Mike's Affordable in Maysville, GA. June 3rd was suggested as a possible club tour. After discussion, all agreed the distance would be prohibitive for a day trip, however, members were urged to attend on their own.

Chuck Howell offered an interesting report on his recent visit to Ft. Meyers, Florida. Many of our members, including yours truly, had no idea how much influence both Thomas Edison and Henry Ford had on that town's early development. Thanks Chuck for that informative report! (*See Page 9, Ed.*)

Our Technical program, presented by Dan Perla, included two videos, one on "How to Shift a Model A" and another on "Downshifting and Double Clutching" Dan also passed out a flyer he prepared recapping the instructions shown in the videos.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM after which refreshments provided by Abbie Prince, Ernie Dinkins and Gerald Melchior were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted by Frank Knapp
Membership Coordinator and Acting Secretary

MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at Richard Dunevent's garage, 4338 Owens Road, Evans, GA. Meetings begin at 7PM and are followed by refreshments.

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

June

- 2-3 Summer Moultrie Swap Meet
- 12 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – TBA)
- 17 Ridge Peach Festival and Parade, Trenton, SC

July

- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – TBA)

August

- TBA Shade Tree A's Annual Summer Dinner, Time and Location TBA
(Note: There will not be a regular Shade Tree A's monthly meeting in August)
- 12 9th Annual Model A parts and Swap Meet hosted by the Georgia Chapter of
MAFCA, Tucker, Georgia

TBA - To Be Announced

June Refreshments



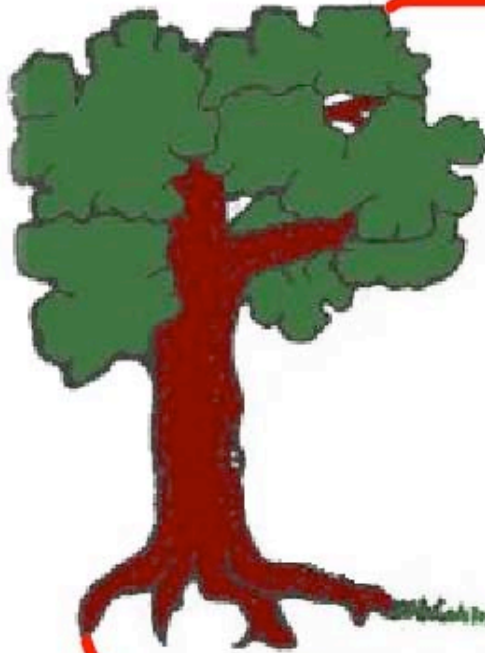
Ron Wisham
Stuart Smith
Denise Turner



June Birthdays

6 Matt Barrett
7 Chuck Howell
30 John Dirksen

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

- Continue to remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:
 - Kathy Poole-recovery from recent surgery
 - Tina Neitzke-continuing rehab
 - Matt Barrett-recovery from recent knee surgery
 - Richard Dunevent-banged up knee from fall
 - Former Shade Tree A's member Marvin Vanover passed away May 19, 2017 (an old newspaper report with photos and facts about his life are posted at the following web address: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/other-sports/2007-06-24/vanovers-legacy-enduring>)

Send items for Shade Tree A's Member News to:
newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org

Thank You!



For the gift to the
Shriners Hospitals for Children
in memory of my father,
Ivan L. Howell.

--*Chuck Howell and family*

Monthly Technical Program

Got an idea for a technical program for presentation at a monthly meeting?

Got a topic you would like discussed during a monthly technical program?

Do you want to volunteer to present a technical program?

If so, contact Mike Gordon at vp@ShadeTreeAs.org or 706-513-7619

RECENT EVENTS

Edison and Ford Winter Estates

Story by Chuck Howell



On our drive to Key West, Sharon and I stopped by the Edison and Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers, Florida. We visited the museum across the street from the homes and learned a lot about both men and their families. I was surprised to see the 1916 Model T that Henry Ford gave to Thomas Edison was there and still operational. There is a 1928 Model A in a shed behind the Edison house but there were just too many people standing around it to get a photo. I would recommend a similar visit to any member of the Shade Tree A's in the near future.



Edison's house



Ford's house

RECENT EVENTS

Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day

May 13, 2017

Story by Jim McPherson

The Old 96 District A's hosted their annual Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day on Saturday May 13 at Emerald Farms in Greenwood, SC. Penny Pinson was a long time Model A enthusiast who frequently joined us on tours, especially our annual tour to Florida. Penny started Hot Dog Day to give fellow Model A'ers a place to gather for fellowship. It was initially held at his shop. Following his death, the Old 96 District A's continued Hot Dog Day in his honor. This year there were seven Model A's in attendance, and about thirty Model A'ers. The Shade Tree A's were represented by Jim and Sheila McPherson. There were also members from the Palmetto A's in attendance.



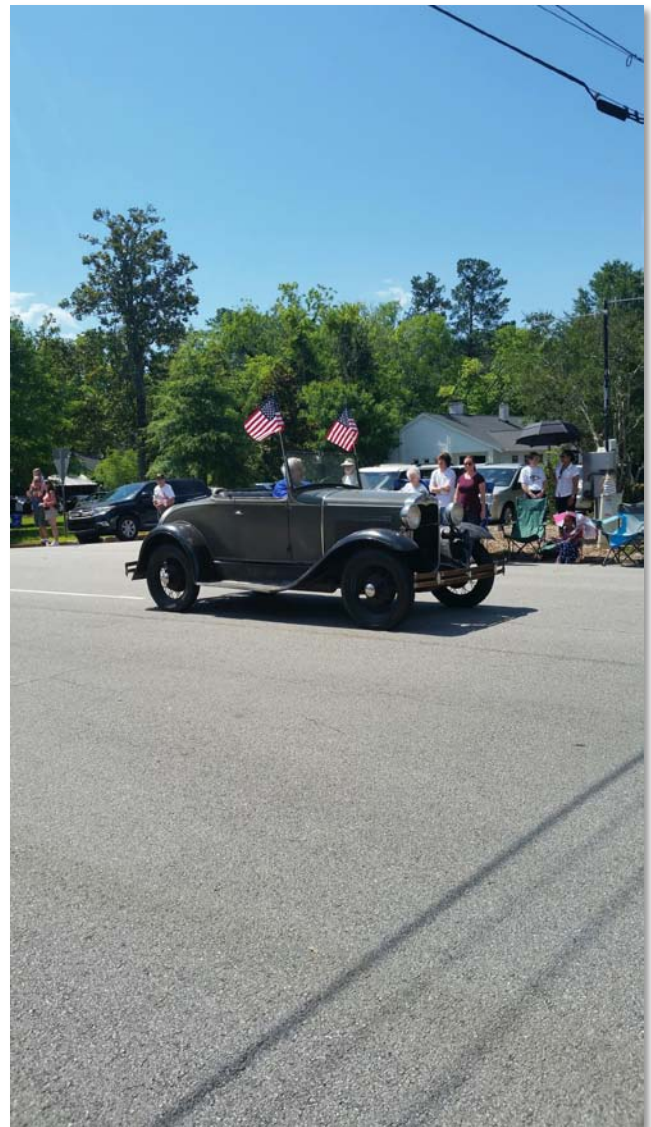
RECENT EVENTS

Aiken Memorial Day Parade

May 27, 2017

Story by Jim McPherson

Eleven Model A's participated in the Aiken Memorial Day Parade on Saturday May 27th. The Shade Tree A's joined the Aiken Model A's. Veterans from Cumberland Village were given rides in several Model A's by Shade Tree A's president Kent Carruthers in his 1930 Roadster, Aiken Model A's president Dotti and Eric Shogren in her 1931 SW Town sedan and Greg Jones in his 1930 Cabriolet in the parade.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

And the Model A Ford Kept Rambling Right Along

By Jim McPherson

This column contains maintenance, diagnostic, and technical tips to aid you in keeping your Model A on the road and operating at peak performance. I have stolen this information from a variety of sources, including forums, websites, books, publications, and discussions with fellow Model A owners.

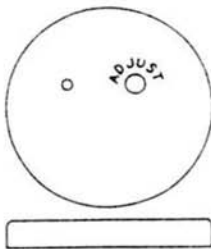
Horn Identification and Maintenance. By the 1920's the Aah-oo-gah horn was on forty-two makes of automobiles. Horns were supplied to Ford by several manufacturers for the Model A. The most recognized manufacturer may be the Sparton horn, manufactured by the Sparks-Withington Company, but Ames, G.I.M., E.A., and Stewart-Warner also supplied horns. The chart on the next page shows how to identify the horns used on the Model A by looking at the horn motor cover. Note the diamond trademark used by Ames (upper right) and the G.I.M. trademark initials (lower right). These trademarks may be hard to see on an unrestored horn. Sparton and Stewart-Warner horns were also marked on the horn projector beneath the drain hole.

Model A horns were well made and required little maintenance. A drop of 3 in 1 type oil on the felt pad (# 16 on the horn diagram) next to the motor assembly (front of horn motor) and the oiler felt (# 26) at the rear of the horn motor, and a freshening up of the commutator on the armature with a pencil eraser is about all that is required. Do not polish the commutator with emery cloth or emery paper. The grit tends to get imbedded in the commutator segments causing excessive brush wear. Clean the air gaps between the commutator segments with a toothpick, never use a metal tool. Do that twice a year, keep the electrical connections tight and corrosion free and your horn will sound great. One of the most overlooked items on a horn is the felt washer (# 31) surrounding the adjusting screw under the horn cover. This felt washer provides a seal to prevent dust and dirt from entering the horn motor area. If the horn tone falls off, is weak or irregular, first check the voltage. It may be nothing more than a loose connection. A poor ground is often a common suspect. When you push the horn button, you are actually completing the electrical circuit (grounding the horn), allowing the horn to blow. Pushing down on the horn button while wiggling it around may remove corrosion from underneath the horn button and improve the horn sound. Another potential electrical connection in the horn circuit, which causes problems, is the center contact located in the light switch assembly. It can become coated with 600W oil from the steering column, causing an electrical conductivity problem. Removing the switch assembly from the end of the steering column and cleaning the contacts may also improve the horn sound.

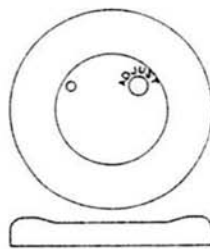
The diagrams used in this article (see the following pages) are from the "Model A Shop Drawings", available from MAFCA, and are laminated for handy shop use.

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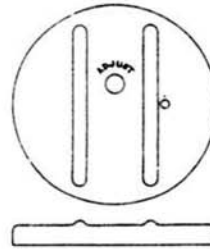
Model A Ford HORN COVER Identification Chart 1928-1931



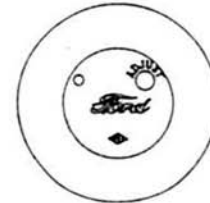
SPARTON - 1927



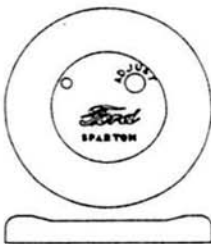
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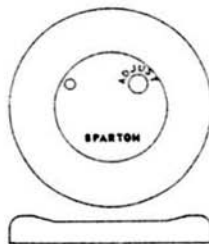
AMES - 1927 to early 1928



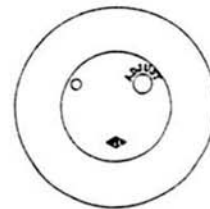
AMES - Early 1928
to late 1928



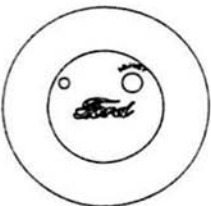
SPARTON - Early to
June 1928



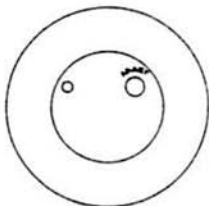
SPARTON - June 1928
thru 1931



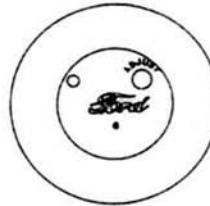
AMES - Late 1928
to early 1930



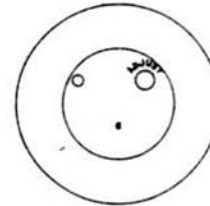
STEWART-WARNER
Mid 1928



STEWART-WARNER
Mid 1928 thru 1931



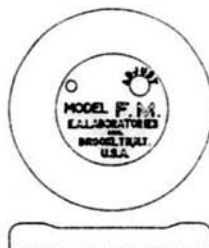
G.I.M. - Mid 1928



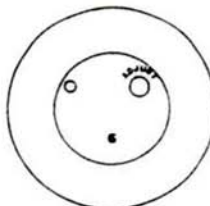
G.I.M. - Late 1928



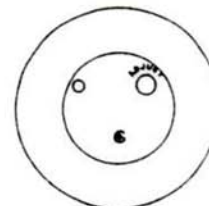
E.A. - 1927 to mid 1928



E.A. - Mid 1928
thru 1929

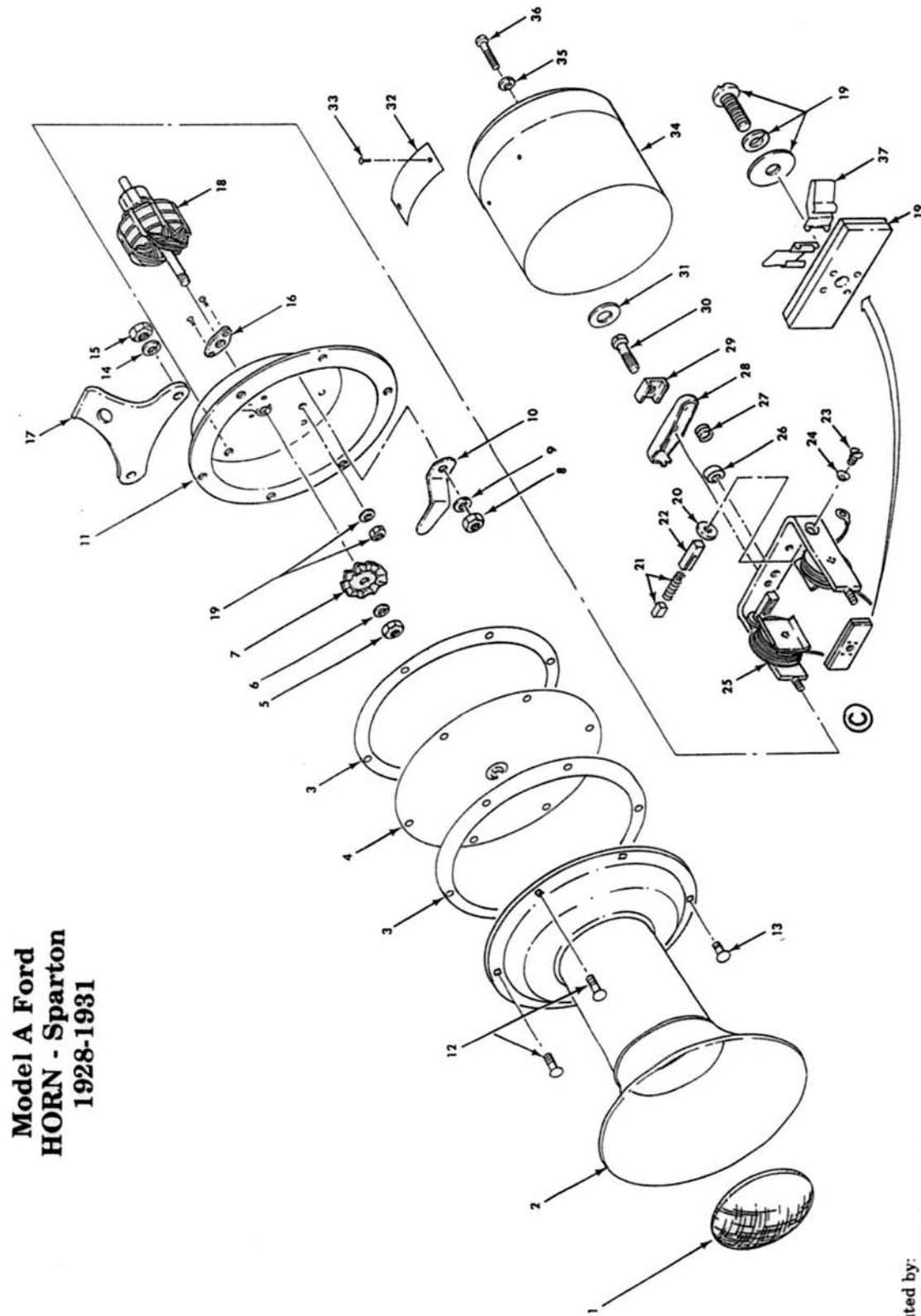


G.I.M. - 1928 thru 1929



G.I.M. - Late 1929 thru 1931

TECHNICAL TOPICS



**Model A Ford
HORN - Sparton
1928-1931**

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TECHNICAL TOPICS

Model A Ford HORN - Sparton 1928-1931 [P/N A-13802]

Index Number	Part Number	Nomenclature	Number Required
1	-	Horn Projector Screen	1
2	A-13807	Horn Projector Assembly	1
3	A-13812	Diaphragm Gasket	2
4	A-13811	Diaphragm Assembly	1
5	A-13827-A	Serrated Washer Retainer Nut	1
6	-	Lockwasher	1
7	A-13826	Serrated Diaphragm Washer	1
8	-	Motor Assembly Nut	2
9	-	Motor Assembly Lockwasher	2
10	-	Spring Retainer	1
11	A-13815	Motor Assembly	1
12	A-20412-S2	Special Oval Head Bolt #12-24 (x 19/32) - Long	2
13	A-20411-S2	Special Oval Head Bolt #12-24 (x 13/32) - Short	4
14	A-21636-S3	Nut 7/16" ???	
15	A-22139-S3	Lockwasher 7/32" (1/16 x 27/64) Tangleproof	2
16	-	Felt Pad (attached by 2 split rivets)	1
17	A-13805	Horn Bracket	1
18	A-13816	Horn Motor Armature	1
19	A-13836	Terminal Insulating Block Assembly	1
20	-	Fiber Washer (Brush Insulator)	2
21	A-13817	Brush & Spring Assembly	2
22	-	Brush & Spring Holder	2
23	-	Screw	2
24	-	Conical Fiber Washer	2
25	-	Horn Field Assembly	1
26	-	Oiler Felt	1
27	-	Adjusting Screw Spring	1
28	A-13825	Adjusting Screw Bridge	1
29	A-13824	Adjusting Screw Serrated Spacer	1
30	A-13825	Special Adjusting Screw	1
31	-	Felt Washer (around adjusting screw inside cover)	1
32	A-13803	Sparton Horn Nameplate	1
33	-	Split Rivet - Nameplate	2
34	A-13809-C	Horn Cover - Sparton	1
35	A-22056	Lockwasher #8 (3/64 x 3/16)	1
36	A-20111-S7	Round Head Screw (#8-32 x 15/32) (beveled end)	1
37	A-13819	Horn Connector Terminal	1

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