

# **Shade Tree A's**

## ***Newsletter***

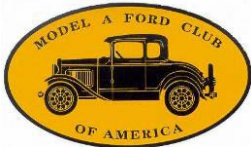
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**Henry Ford's working steam locomotive "Edison", in Greenfield Village, provides our August cover picture. Your editors visited the museum and village on The way to the 2006 MARC Meet in Grand Rapids, Michigan**





**The Shade Tree A's is a non-profit organization  
with chapter affiliation with MAFCA and MARC**

The organization is dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile and supports membership in the national organizations dedicated to the same purpose



Your Shade Tree A's membership includes annual dues for the Model A Ford Club of America and a subscription to **The Restorer** Magazine from MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631

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### AUGUST MEETING

#### NOTE THURSDAY MEETING DATE!

The August meeting will be at on **THURSDAY**  
**AUGUST 17th** at **7:00 pm** at Sconyers  
 Bar-B-Que.

**Good Company!**  
**Great Food!**  
**Air Conditioning!**

**See you there!**

### REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

**August (17th)**

**Dinner Meeting Sconyers Bar-B-Que**

**September**

**D.Turley, W.Smiths, G.Boswell, Gazettes,  
 Jones**

**October**

**L. Schroen, Gordons, Krostings**



## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President

It's hard for me to believe that August is here already. It seems only yesterday that we were saying goodbye to winter and planning the activities for the spring and summer. This summer has been quite **HOT** in Georgia, but we can now look forward to autumn. The planned tour in September to Franklin, NC and Chattanooga, TN should be quite pleasant. Not only will it be a cooler time of the year, but the mountains are especially pleasant at any time of the year. I am really looking forward to that trip.

Many of you have expressed some concern and apprehension about the rumored prospect for significant changes in the MAFCA insurance policy and what implications these changes might hold for individual clubs such as the *Shade Tree A's*. Jim McPherson has reported that MAFCA has decided against any changes in the coverage at this time. This is viewed as good news, requiring no action on our part.

Please be reminded that the August meeting will be held as the traditional annual *dining out*. The dinner will be held at Sconyer's BBQ. Since they are only open Thursday thru Saturday, we will be meeting and eating on Thursday, August 17 beginning at 7:00. There will be a short business meeting prior to the meal. There will be **NO** meeting on Monday, August 14.

You will recall that several months ago this club decided to incorporate. Actually it is a matter of re-incorporating, since we were incorporated many years ago. That incorporation was in South Carolina but lapsed some time ago. We are grateful for the "*per bono*" legal services of Gerald "Jerry" Woods. Jerry has drawn up the articles of incorporation for the State of Georgia. They will be filed with the Secretary of States' office shortly. This action was felt appropriate in order to benefit from the advantages of legal incorporation. Thank you Jerry!

*Jack Horner*, President



## MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING

The July meeting of the Shade Tree As was called to order by VP Craig McMullin at 7:30, following a delicious meal of fried chicken, baked beans, slaw, potato salad and dessert served by the Gays, Trapps and Adams.

The treasurer's report was read by Richard Dunevent. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Abbie Price informed us of Bill Maypole's illness.

An original tire gauge was passed around by Roger Dozier. Craig McMullin reminded us that the August meeting will be at Sconyers BBQ on Thursday, August 17 at 7:00. Craig also distributed anniversary pins to those who had not yet received them.

In Old Business, Craig reported that we had 8 cars in the Trenton Peach Festival Parade. Ken Nelson gave details of the Gilbert Fourth of July Parade—we again had 8 cars, all different. It was a long parade and had a large crowd.

Eric Shogren brought us up to date on another successful Augusta Mall Display of 11 cars. (This with Trenton made 19 cars active on the same day!)

Susan Meloan reported on the fashion functions at the MARC 2006 Meet, and Don Turley placed special emphasis on the Gilmore Museum in his Meet report.

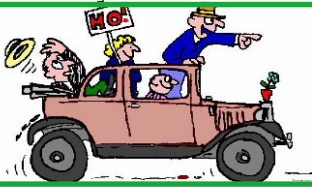
Under New Business, VP Craig gave information on the Imperial Theater function to be held on Saturday, August 19. Jim McPherson gave a rundown of upcoming events: Thursday, July 13 – display for Oliver/Hardy convention; Saturday, August 26 – display at Sno Cap in North Augusta; September 7-10 – the Chattanooga, Tennessee tour.

Susan Meloan gave the group a big 'thank you' for supporting the Shady A Ladies' Child Advocacy Program through donations of school supplies; next month they are asking for underwear (all sizes, etc.)

Following the business meeting Jim Brown, (the Model A Doctor of Alignment and Other Things), gave a very informative program on frame straightening and body alignment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Tom Roberts*



# CLUB ACTIVITIES

## UPCOMING EVENTS AUGUST

### AN EVENING AT THE IMPERIAL

Plans are being made to participate in the unveiling of the Imperial Theater's new marquee. The Imperial is planning a 1920s/30s production, to include a silent film, and has asked the Shade Tree A's to participate in the displaying of our cars and wearing of era fashions.

The date of the event is the evening of **Saturday, August 19th**. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend this unique occasion. As more information is available it will be discussed at monthly meetings and in the newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Craig McMullin at 803.637.3790."

### SNO-CAP ANNIVERSARY

GaSCar has invited the Shade Tree A's to join them in the celebration of the 42nd Anniversary of the Sno-Cap Drive-In in North Augusta on **Saturday, August 26th**. Area car clubs will take turns participating in the all day celebration featuring two car clubs per two hours for a cruise-in during the day. Our time will be from 3:30-5:30 pm. We had our very on cruise-in at the Sno-Cap last year. Let's return for this one. If the Sno-Cap is full, additional parking is available across the street.

## SEPTEMBER CHATTANOOGA TOUR

We will depart **Thursday, September 7th** for Chattanooga, TN. We will tour to Franklin, NC then west to Chattanooga.

On Friday we will participate in a Grand Tour of Chattanooga, with a catered Bar BQ picnic lunch, a visit to the Coker farm (the site of their main car collection), and later visit the

Coker Tire warehouse (and see more of their famous car collection). Friday activities will conclude with Welcome Party at Coker Tire hosted by Honest Charley's.

On Saturday there will be a hill climb, up 6th Street, in downtown Chattanooga, and a banquet on the Southern Bell Riverboat with a prime rib/shrimp creole buffet dinner, and a sightseeing cruise on the Tennessee River. We will be staying in the upscale Clarion Hotel (423-756-5150, \$82 per night plus \$7 parking, ask for Model A Hill Climb for this rate), in downtown Chattanooga, just two blocks from the river front, the hill climb, and the dinner cruise. Registration forms will be available at the meeting.

## WANTED!

Local places to go, places where the Club can eat, and not so close places you would like to visit. And you know how well Model A's and eating go hand in hand, so we are also looking for your favorite eating establishment than and accommodate our group. If you have any suggestions, Jim McPherson at 706-592-4835.

### THE BUY, SELL & SWAP CORNER

#### For Sale:

#### 1928 Model A Roadster

Rumble seat and rebuilt engine.  
Needs paint. Call for more information.

**\$11,500.00.**

Glenn Boswell 706-863-8703  
Martinez, Georgia

#### For Sale:

#### Two Complete Welding Outfits

225 Amp Lincoln Arc Welder.  
Complete Oxy-Acetylene System.

**\$ 75.00 Each.**

Bobby Jones 706-860-1374  
Martinez, Georgia



# RECENT EVENTS



## THE LEXINGTON COUNTY PEACH FESTIVAL



The celebration of our nation's 230th birthday involved huge crowds of spectators and parade participants alike.

The Shade Tree As were represented by 8 cars and we heard many comments from the onlookers—"we want that car"—"how old is it"—let's hear the Oogah, etc. Our parade position was 109 in a field of probably 150 or so entries—a lengthy and well-received lineup.

Participating were Ken and Linda Nelson, Jim McPherson, Craig and Teresa McMullin, Ted, Becky and Bryan Roberts, Wayne Ready, Ed Garvin and Kiwi, Tom and Pat Roberts, Eric and Dotti Shogren and George Gordon.

Afterwards most of us stopped for a bite to eat at McDonald's in Leesville-Batesburg.

What a celebration!

By Pat Roberts





# RECENT EVENTS

## THE 2006 MARC NATIONAL MEET "FORD FEVER"

Anyone with the "Ford Illness" should have been cured on our last tour. We departed on Wednesday June 21 and spent the night in Paducah, Kentucky, visiting the National Quilt Museum. We arrived in Dearborn, Michigan the next evening and rested up for our first treatment. Early Friday morning we were at The Henry Ford, visiting Greenfield Village, the home of many historical buildings preserved by Henry Ford. Among the buildings we saw were the Henry Ford's Bagley Avenue workshop where he built his first car, his childhood farmhouse, the Wright brother's Cycle Shop and home, Edison's Menlo Park lab complex, and the Heinz house where ketchup and horseradish were first made.



A train ride around the complex allows you to see all the buildings.



We ate lunch in the Village, and then proceeded to the Ford Rouge Factory tour where our beloved Model A was built. The 20 millionth Ford was on display, a 1931 Model A Town Sedan. Saturday was spent at the Henry Ford Museum where we saw the actual first car Henry Ford built, extensive collections of wagons, buggies, cars, farm machinery, trains, and steam engines, as well as extensive collections of interest to the women, silver, furniture, heating stoves, era room displays, etc.



Saturday night we toured to Grand Rapids, Michigan for the MARC National Meet. The parts swap meet opened early Sunday morning and registration in the afternoon. A variety of seminars were held throughout the week for both the men and women. A welcome picnic was held Tuesday evening. Wednesday evening there was an era fashion show surrounded by the show cars, culminating with an ice cream social. Susan Meloan advanced to Junior Judge for era fashions. The mandatory tour on Thursday was to the Gilmore Car Museum, and the banquet Friday evening provided the final cure for Ford Fever.

Lots more photos of the Henry Ford Museum and MARC Meet can be found at: [www.meloan.net](http://www.meloan.net)



# RECENT EVENTS

## THE FASHION SCENE AT GRAND RAPIDS

The fashion committee had a very active time at the MARC National Meet in Grand Rapids. On Tuesday, they sponsored a hat and hair ornament seminar with a display of more than 150 hats and hair ornaments. These were from Esther Meyer's and Mary Markes' collection. Julie Klutz moderated the seminar and described the hats giving the variations in types, including cloches, skulls, turbans, and brimmed hats. She pointed out the differences in the styles and changes from the early part of the 'Era' in 1928 to later years in 1931. The earlier hats came very low on the face and neck and covered most of the hair, which was very short at time. As the 'Era' came to end ladies started letting their hair grow a little, and hats became somewhat smaller letting some of the hair show. Members of the fashion committee modeled the hats and circulated through the audience.

The display and seminar included men's hats. It featured top hats, boaters, panamas, fedoras, and golf or driving caps. Modern hats suitable for a reproduction outfit were shown. There were samples of handmade crocheted hats. Instructions for crocheted hats were included in the handout. Someone skilled in this art could use one to complete a reproduction ensemble. Esther also had some real interesting dust caps that ladies used to cover their hair when doing housework. She made these from instructions in "Fashion Service", a magazine published in those years by the Women's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences.



On Wednesday morning, those having assembled outfits were judged on overall appearance, major garment, headgear/hairdo, makeup, coordinated apparel, accessories, and footgear. Attention was paid the suitable coordination of all parts of the outfit, authenticity, and condition of garments or items. Black seemed to be the predominant color. Most outfits were suitable for dressy afternoon affairs and included hats. The majority of the shoes had some type of strap. There were several evening outfits that featured hair ornaments as well.



All fashion judging entrants participated in the Fashion show, and received their award. Two participants, Phyllis Pease and Madeline Joy Shafer, received a "Clara" award. In order to win this prestigious award, a participant must receive all 150 of the available points.



Phyllis wore an original 1931 daytime dress made from black rayon and satin. The shirt had alternating bands of the two fabrics. The glossy satin contrasted with the rayon. She wore a black felt cloche with trapunto flowers around the crown. She carried a black and beige tapestry purse, and wore black kid buckle shoes. Her accessories included black and crystal beads and earrings.

Madeline Joy wore a reproduction toddler dress made of yellow and blue cotton calico. It was short sleeved and accented with a light blue grosgrain ribbon tied on the side front. She wore cotton turned down socks and black patent Mary Jane shoes, a cotton slip and bloomers. She looked adorable with her short curly hair.





## AND EVEN MORE RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES ...

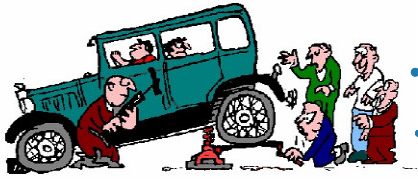
### SHADE TREE A'S PROVIDE MODEL A'S FOR LAUREL AND HARDY CELEBRATION



The Shade Tree A's participated in the International "Sons of The Desert" Annual meeting. Members who furnished cars were Abbie Prince, George and William Gordon, Pascal Bryant and Doug Wilson. The cars were lined up along the beautiful brick drive at the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame and Botanical Gardens. Members discussed the cars with the festival attendees.

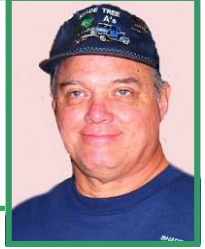






## NOTES FROM THE MODEL A GARAGE

By Jim McPherson



When Henry Ford told a New York Times reporter that ethyl alcohol was “the fuel of the future” in 1925, he was expressing an opinion that was widely shared in the automotive industry. “The fuel of the future is going to come from fruit, from apples, weeds, sawdust – almost anything,” he said. “There is fuel in every bit of vegetable matter that can be fermented. There’s enough alcohol in one year’s yield of an acre of potatoes to drive the machinery necessary to cultivate the fields for a hundred years.” From Alcohol – 1925’s Fuel of the Future by Neil Maken.

A fellow Model A'er has reported an unusual case of his Model A overheating. An otherwise well performing tour car rather suddenly developed an overheating problem isolated to the cooling system. In evaluating the overheating problem, the upper radiator hose and thermostat were removed. The thermostat was stopped up with material which was previously powder coating. Some of the cooling system components had been powder coated, both on the outside and the inside. The powder coating had come off the inside, and at least part of it stopped up the thermostat. It is reported that antifreeze, water pump lubricant and anticorrosion agents in the cooling system, and Water Wetter may be responsible for the powder coating coming loose. This Model A owner is wondering what the inside of his radiator may look like!

One of the most common Model A complaints is the lack of good brakes. While it is my belief that the original equipment me-

chanical brakes can provide great brakes for the Model A Ford, I realize the comfort level hydraulic brakes provide some owners. The most common hydraulic brake conversion has been to the 1939 to 1948 Ford hydraulic brakes, although there has been the more radical four wheel disc brakes, using the Model A wire wheels, available for some time. Most recently the Model A brake backing plates have been reproduced and hydraulic brakes adapted to them, preserving some of the original appearance.

An article has recently been reprinted from an old “American Rodder” magazine in Ford “A” Speed Technology on installing Ford F-100 hydraulic brakes on our Model A's. This article is also available at [www.flatheadv8.org](http://www.flatheadv8.org). These brakes were used on the 1/2 ton Ford F-100 pickup from 1948 to 1956, and the drums are the same through 1963. The drum diameter is 11 inches, the same as our Model A (the 1939-1948 drums are 12 inches), and they also fit the Model A wire wheel. The advantage to these hydraulic brakes is they are self-energizing, just like the modern hydraulic brakes we are accustomed to. The difference in braking efficiency is dramatic. With these brakes, the shoes are hooked together at the bottom with a spring and adjuster. As you apply the brakes, the front brake shoe makes contact with the drum, and tries to rotate with it. That movement is transferred through the adjuster to the rear brake shoe, pushing it into the drum with increased force, giving better brakes.

See you down the road...

*Jim*



## ON THE SHADY SIDE

By Anne Neely-Beck

I am writing this as I get ready to go to the MAFCA National Meet in Mansfield, MA. I am so excited about the "Display Only" which is going to be done by the Era Fashion Committee for the first time. "Display Only" is going to be a test and I hope it catches on. As we all know fashions from the Model A Era are becoming too fragile to wear. Some of us might have some beautiful fashions that do not fit us but could be put together with other items for display only. Like Great Aunt Martha size 2 dress from 1929. I am going to display my mother's infant and toddler dresses. At this moment I am trying to put the display together so it will be visually appealing to all. Some of you will remember the year at the Augusta Mall when I put together the memory boards from the Model A Era and the

fashions that I displayed in the cabinets provided to us by the Mall. Next month I will report back to you how the "Display Only" went.

Since it is summer and wedding season what a perfect gift for the bride and groom; a ride in the Model A to or from the church or reception. We did this in April and we are doing it again in July. James and I dress in our Era fashions and give the bride and groom the ride they will never forget. What a unique wedding gift that we all can give.

Summer also brings story hour at the library. Volunteer to drive the Model A in your era fashions and read a story to the children at story hour. Read a story that coincided with the era. What fun and a history lesson all rolled into one!!

Let us continue to preserve the past for the future.

*Anne Neely-Beck*

## A REVIEW OF SOME GREAT SOURCES FOR ERA FASHIONS!

By Susan Meloan

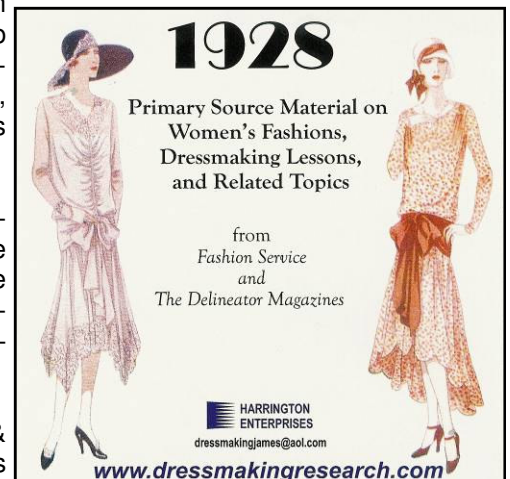
Sometimes some unusual finds can be located on the Internet. A search for some "Fashion Service" magazines for the Model A Era turned up two CD's – one with the fashion material from "Fashion Service" and "The Delineator" for 1928, and the other one with articles from "The Delineator", "Fashion Service" and "Vogue Dressmaking" from 1930. These two CD's are available from Harrington Enterprises. (Address listed below)

Harrington has scanned the primary source material from these publications and made them available in Adobe Acrobat\* format. The pages are duplicated exactly as they appeared in the original publication, and are intended for use with dressmaking research. Only factual information pertaining to dressmaking and fashion is included. All fictional work is excluded. The 1928 disk has 201 pages, and the 1930 –379.

"Fashion Service" was published by Woman's Institute of Domestic Arts & Sciences, and is a very informative source on the construction of items that can be used with Model Reproduction ensembles. One issue on the 1928 disk gives detail instructions for making a taffeta cloche, including trimming details. There are exact measurements and explicit diagrams. Another gives instructions for making a slip. These can be made by following the instructions and without a pattern. There are also a number of pictures of patterns that were available at that time.

"The Delineator" features a large selection of Butterick patterns. Vogue Pattern Service published "Vogue Dressmaking" It features many Vogue patterns along with a number of hints about fabrics, and styling to flatter various figure types.

These CD's are a valuable source of original material. Harrington Enterprises should be commended for scanning this material and making it available for purchase. Take a look at: [www.dressmakingresearch.com](http://www.dressmakingresearch.com).



## The August Meeting — Child Enrichment

For the August meeting we will be collecting Underwear for both boys and girls. We need them for all ages from infants to high school. Bring them to the meeting and Frankie Dunevent will deliver them.





# VINTAGE VISIONS

By Dotti Shogren

## Beach Pajamas

Fashion had answered the needs of sun seekers in the Model A era by making chic outfits for the beach and its surrounds. Though pajamas were first introduced in the 1920's as informal dinner dress or night-wear for sleeping, they died quickly as fashions. However, the third use of them as a practical beach outfit caught on and pajamas evolved into an essential garment to pack for vacation. By 1929 it was an established fact that the thing to wear at the beach was pajamas.



Samantha O'Bryant  
Models Silk Pajamas  
Belonging to  
Sheila McPherson



Currently listed on e-bay by  
Cats Pajamas Vintage  
[www.catspajamas.com](http://www.catspajamas.com)  
Buy It Now price \$175.00

A three-piece beach pajama set typically had widely flared trousers with a yoke at the waist, a top which might be worn tucked-in, and a long over-jacket. Tops were often scooped in back to permit tanning, and were usually sleeveless or had shoulder straps. Women could then show off a tanned back in low-backed evening dresses.

Sources:  
Reference Book of Vintage Clothing: 1920-1929  
by Kathleen M. LaBarre and Kay D. LaBarre  
[www.fashion-era.com](http://www.fashion-era.com)



From Sandra Ros  
Altman's: Past Patterns  
[www.pastpatterns.com](http://www.pastpatterns.com)



## SHADE TREE A'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Legend: A **RED** entry denotes a change or new addition to the calendar.  
A **GREEN** entry denotes a Dinner Meeting at a different location.

### 2006

#### AUGUST

- 17 **STA DINNER Meeting (NOTE DATE!)**  
**Sconyer's Bar-B-Que**  
19 Evening at the Imperial

#### SEPTEMBER

- 7-10 Chattanooga, TN Tour  
11 **STA Meeting**

#### OCTOBER

- 9 **STA Meeting**  
14 Steak Cookout  
21-22 Washington, GA Tour & Play

#### NOVEMBER

- 13 **STA Meeting**

#### DECEMBER

- 9 **STA Christmas Party**

### 2007

#### JANUARY

- 8 **STA Meeting**

#### FEBRUARY

- 12 **STA Meeting**  
15-18 Model A Roundup, Jacksonville

#### MARCH

- 12 **STA Meeting**

#### APRIL

- 9 **STA Meeting**  
20-21 Swap Meet, Greenwood

#### MAY

- 14 **STA Meeting**  
18-20 Social Security Run

#### JUNE

- 11 **STA Meeting**  
15-24 MARC National Meet, Williamsburg, VA



Elvis meets Brenda Prince and Sam & Jim Mason!

### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

- August 27 Sno-Cap with GaSCar  
October 28 Sno-Cap with GaSCar  
Sept 25-28 Smoky Mountain Meet

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Bill Hall, Bob Jones, Pascal Bryant, Chris Sylvester, Ruel Martin, Abbie Prince, Dave Welter  
Bobby Brandon, Dan Snider, Tony Gazette, Tommy Day, Ted Roberts, Rex Foster  
Sheila McPherson, Carrie Welter, Sabrina Cozart