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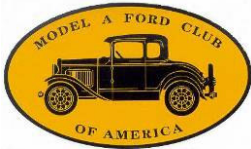


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## "Heading For Home"

*Shade Tree A's club member, Carole Gazette, has a rapidly growing reputation as a very talented and gifted artist! She has graciously allowed the use of some of her oil paintings as covers for the Shade Tree A's Newsletter.*

*Our first scene is appropriate for February. We will bring you other scenes by Carole, as the seasons change in future newsletters.*



**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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### FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting will be at our regular location in Richard Dunevent's garage on **Monday February 13th at 7:30 pm.**

The Aiken Gang's famous Spaghetti will be served so bring your appetite!

Ever wonder why when you "open" a light switch, the light bulb goes off, but when you "open" the points on your Model A the spark plug fires? Doesn't an open circuit stop the flow of electricity? And how do points "burn"? Where does the fire come from to burn them? Ed Meloan covers the "Back to Basics" of the electrical system surrounding the operation of the Model A engine

### REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

#### February

**Garvin, Roberts, Shogren, Ready, Mickle**

#### March

**Dunevent, Melchoirs, Dinkins**





## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Notes from the President

In this monthly column the President usually addresses matters of interest to the general membership (everyone). This month I would like to narrow my thoughts to a specific target. I don't know how many of you are in this category, but certainly you would know if you are included. The category I'm referring to is those members who own a Model A and do not drive it in any of the club activities. I'm certain that there are many possible logical reasons why this might be the case, but for those of you who don't drive because of concerns about mechanical reliability --- let's talk. This club is blessed by having a core membership of individuals who not only know how to fix just about anything on a Model A, but who thoroughly enjoy doing so, especially if it helps someone else. The reason we implemented the occasional *Saturday Technical Seminars* was to address this matter. However, if you don't attend, you and your car don't benefit. Please seriously consider bringing your car to an upcoming Saturday session and let your fellow club members offer their assistance. In addition, discuss your car and its' needs with others in the club. You will find a willing workforce eager to tackle your car and its' peculiarities. Doing so benefits you as well as giving the others something to do.

Still another recommendation to consider is to participate in any of several upcoming occasions for driving your Model A. Only then will you know what the operational aspects of your car are. Oftentimes your car may be more roadworthy than you realized. All it needs is an occasional drive. Model A's make great show cars, but they weren't built to show – they were built to be driven. A Model A works best if driven at least occasionally. Several of our club members have earned the prestigious 5000 mile award, signifying that they drove their Model A more than 5000 miles in a 12 month period. Whatever your reason for acquiring a Model A it usually wasn't for show purposes only (there are a few exceptions). Get the most out of owning it – drive it. Let your club help you put it on the road.

*Jack Horner* President



## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

The Shade Tree A's met Monday January 9, 2006 at Richard Dunevent's garage. After a meal of chili, cornbread and salad provided by Jim McPherson, Ed Meloan, Jim Brown, Jim Miller and Larry Komp, President Jack Horner called the meeting to order about 7:55 pm.

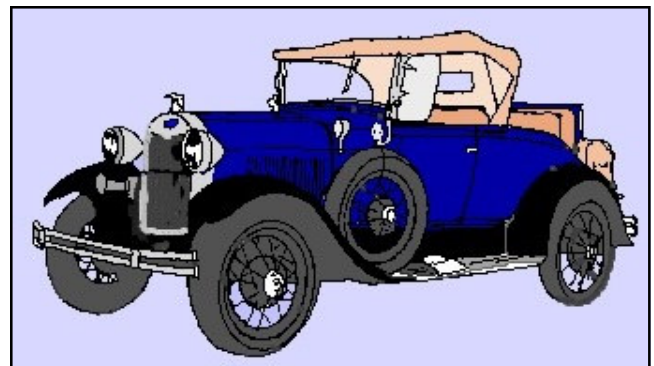
Richard Dunevent gave the treasurer's report and the minutes of the December meeting were accepted as published. National Director Ed Meloan reported that the Newsletter received the MAFCA Award of Distinction for 2005. James Gay gave George Gordon his 5,000 mile patch.

**Old Business:** The Christmas party was a great success. We had a good turnout to greet the New Year at Golden Corral.

**New Business:** Jim McPherson listed upcoming events and asked for potential participants. Tech Seminar V is Saturday, January 14—the subject will be "Brakes". A barbeque lunch will be provided. A list for the Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast (February 11) and the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre (February 25) was passed. Speaking for the Shady Ladies, Susan Meloan thanked everyone for their help in making the Christmas party the success that it was. Craig McMullin reported that the anniversary pins have been ordered.

**Program:** Jim McPherson gave a very informative program on "How to Time Your Model A", along with pointers about potential problems and fixes. The next Board of Directors meeting is January 16 at 6:30 at the Meloan Home. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Tom Roberts*





# CLUB ACTIVITIES

## UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY

### "SWEETHEART" PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Shade Tree A's will have a pancake breakfast at the home of President Jack and Carrie (4167 Quail Springs Circle) on **Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>**. Get out the old Model A, load her up with your Sweetheart and arrive around 9 for a fabulous pancake breakfast, with very special pancakes, cooked by some of the best men from the Shade Tree A's that you could have cook for you and your special Sweetheart.

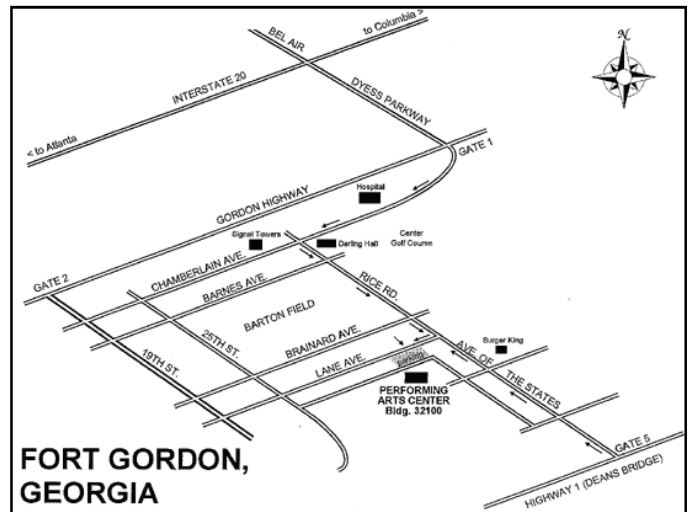
### JACKSONVILLE MODEL A ROUNDUP

The First Coast Region will host their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Model A Roundup in Jacksonville (Orange Park), FL **February 16-19**. A local Model A tour on Friday takes you to Green Cove Springs, Penney Farms and Gold Head State Park; on Friday evening, that great local seafood at Clark's Fish Camp is followed by an Ice Cream Social back at the hotel; an expanded flea market; and seminars for both men and women on Saturday, are just some of the activities planned. The host hotel is the Quality Inn (904-264-1211) and the rate is \$56.00/night. Meet registration forms will be available at the meeting. Make your plans to attend now.

### FORT GORDON DINNER THEATER

The Shade Tree A's will be attending the Dinner Theater at Fort Gordon on **Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>**. The buffet starts at 7 o'clock, and the play at 8. The play will be the comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum". And check out the dinner menu: mesquite baked chicken, bourbon marinated flank steak, baked Alaskan cod, squash casserole, roasted red potatoes, rice Pilaf, sautéed vegetable medley, mini salad bar, and gourmet dessert table. Doris Brown has arranged prime seating for us in the center section, mid-level. We must purchase our tickets as a group in order to sit together. The cost per person is \$34.00; seniors (65) and retired military \$32.00. It is not too late to attend. Contact Ed Meloan (803-279-7025 or [ed@meloan.net](mailto:ed@meloan.net)). We will make additional reservations as required. If you make reservations, you must pay for your tickets, and all tick-

ets must be paid for in advance. Please dress like you were going to a nice restaurant like the Red Lobster. No jeans or tank tops. You will see signs with, "Dinner Theater", and arrows on Post, and here is a map to help you:



## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### NEW YEARS DAY BREAKFAST

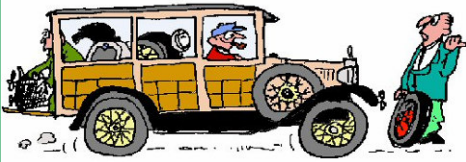
Nine Model A Fords and twenty-seven members started the New Year off right by driving their Model A to the first Shade Tree A's event for 2006.



Continuing our tradition, we met on Sunday January first for a late morning breakfast at the Golden Corral on Bobby Jones Expressway.







## MORE CLUB ACTIVITIES



It was a great opportunity to visit with fellow Model A owners and catch up on the latest news while enjoying a full buffet of breakfast treats. When we read of other Model A owners preparing their Model A for a long winter nap, we realize how fortunate we are that our Model A's don't have to hibernate, and we are able to drive and enjoy them year round.



Following breakfast, some did just that, by driving their Model A to church or shopping.

### TECHNICAL SESSION V

**"They Came From Afar:"**

The Shade Tree A's held their 5<sup>th</sup> Tech Session on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>.

The day was noteworthy by the number of members who *drove* their Model A from afar, Don Neal from McCormick, Jim Mason from Calhoun Falls, Tony Gazette from Thomson, Ken Nelson from Lexington and Craig McMullin from Edgefield. Eight Model A's in all.



Following breakfast at the Golden Corral, we proceed to Richard Dunevent's garage for the day's activities. Using Mike Chavis's 1931 Cabriolet as the guinea pig, how to assess the condition of your brakes was the focus of the day's activity.



Jim McPherson led a seminar on evaluation brake problems, starting with the brake pedal and ending with the drums, and the cures available to correct each condition.



Sheila McPherson provided the lunch, pulled BBQ sandwiches, cold slaw, potato salad, cookies and cake.