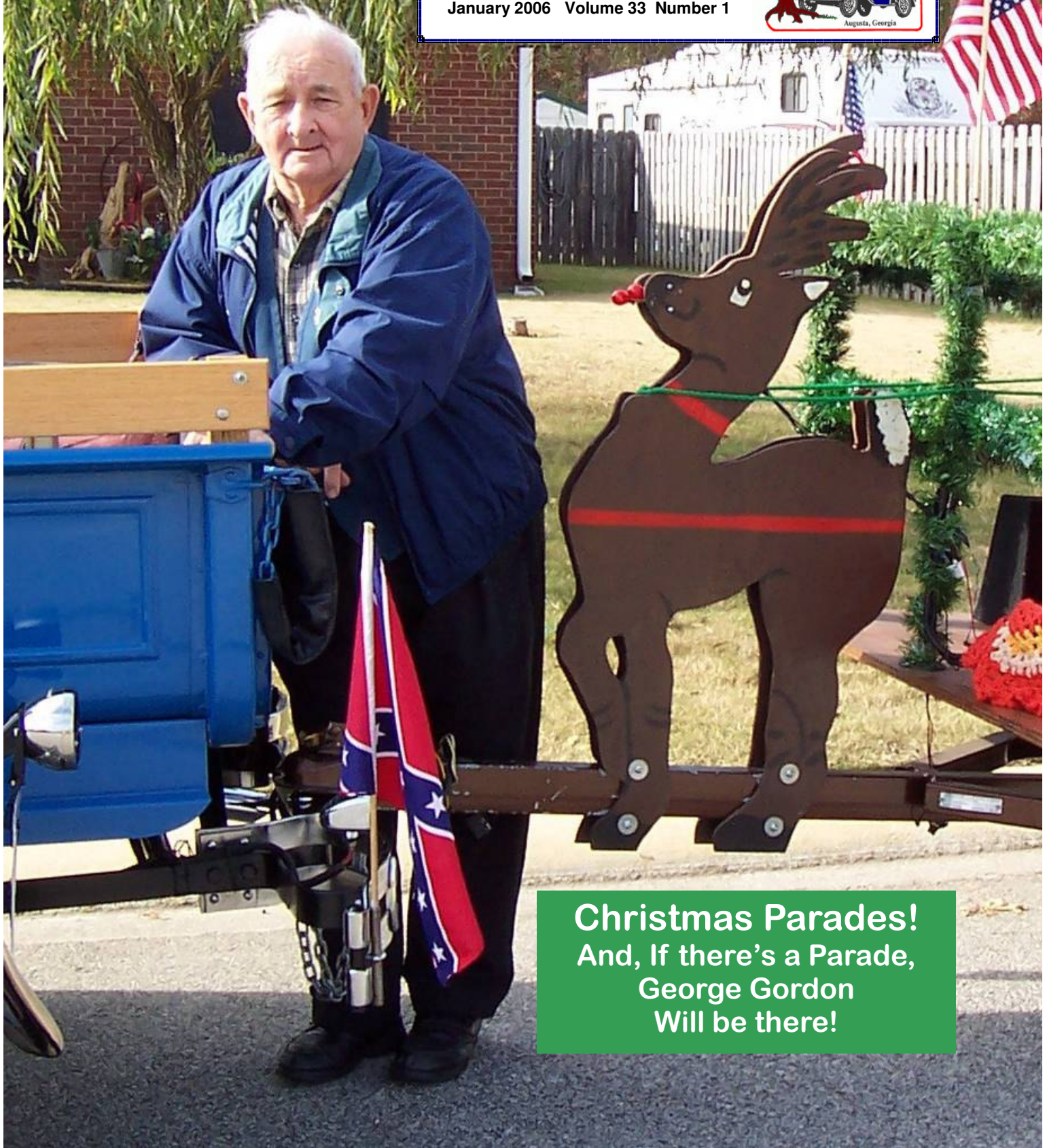
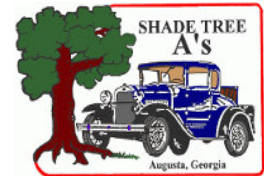


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**Christmas Parades!
And, If there's a Parade,
George Gordon
Will be there!**



**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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JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will return to our regular location in Richard Dunevent's garage on **Monday January 9th at 7:30 pm.**

Chili and homemade cornbread will be served so bring your appetite!

President Jack Horner will conduct the business meeting which will be followed by one of a new series of programs called "**Back To Basics**"

The first topic will be presented by Jim Brown and will cover Ignition and distributor timing. Timing is crucial to a smooth, cool running Model A and Jim will give us the details to make that engine purr!

REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

January

McPherson, Meloan, Miller, Brown, Komp

February

Garvin, Roberts, Shogren, Ready, Mickle



OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Notes from the President

GREETINGS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I want to begin the first of my twelve President's columns with a heartfelt **THANK YOU**. Thank you for the confidence you've shown in me by electing me to serve as your president and thank you (all of you) for making this club what it is – the very best Model A Club around!

There is an inherent risk in assuming this office at this time. We have just completed a wonderfully successful year under the leadership of outgoing President Tony Gazette. The risk is that it will be a major challenge to maintain the level of activity and success Tony provided. The comforting aspect of this challenge is that the President is just the titular leader. The Board of Directors charts the course and provides ongoing guidance to the President. Your Board of Directors is comprised of an impressive group of leaders in their own right. I am honored to work with these individuals.

Despite the success of the past year it is only appropriate that we perform an extensive self-examination. No organization is without room for further improvement. I ask each of you to reflect on the club's activities since you first became a member. What activities did you enjoy most and would like to recommend be included in the next year? What activities would you recommend we set aside for a while in favor of something new? I have already been approached by some of you with some very good suggestions. Please contact me or any member of your Board with your ideas. Nothing is "off limits"; everything will be considered.

I will close with a personal plea to each of you. Whatever the reason for your membership (love to drive your Model A, love the camaraderie, love the technical lessons, or love the food) please continue your participation; in fact I challenge each of you to increase your activities. It's your club, do your part to not only keep it the best but make it even better.

Jack Horner President



MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Tony Gazette at the Hephzibah Community Center.

Tony thanked the officers, board members and membership for the support they have given him this year.

James Gay presented the Mileage Awards with George Gordon driving over 5,000 miles.

Craig McMullin presented Tony a thank you gift on behalf of the Club.

Eric Shogren, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the election results: Jack Horner President; Craig McMullin Vice-President, Tom Roberts Secretary; Richard Dunevent Treasurer; Ed Meloan National Director; Jim McPherson Tour Director; Bill Maypole Board Member; and Tony Gazette, also a board member, as Past President.

Jack Horner presented the Monroe Wade Award to Ed Meloan.

The Shady A Ladies did a fantastic job on the Christmas party

Respectfully submitted, *Jim McPherson*

Western Caribbean Cruise

Many of you have been asking when we were going on another cruise. Well, we have a great opportunity to go on a Western Caribbean cruise to Grand Cayman, Costa Maya, Cozumel, and Belize City.

We will board the Carnival ship "Miracle" in Tampa, FL (yes, it is much closer than Ft Lauderdale) June 4th to the 11th, 2006. If you are interested, call Ed Meloan for more cruise details and how to make your reservations!

It's always more fun to go with a group of folks you know so come on! You can't find a better group than the Shade Tree A'ers!



CLUB ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

TECHNICAL SEMINAR V

The Shade Tree A's will hold their 5th Tech Session on **Saturday January 14th**.

We will begin with breakfast at the Golden Corral on Bobby Jones at 8 o'clock, and then proceed to Richard Dunevent's garage for the day's activities.

Anticipating foul weather, we will devote our attention to the braking system of one Model A. We will perform a complete assessment of the braking system, removing a front and rear drum to inspect and diagnose brake problems, discuss brake operation and repair options.

Several STA's members have asked for brake adjustments at our Saturday Tech Sessions, only to discover little if any brake improvement. In this session you will learn how to assess your brake system and determine what repairs are required for proper brake action.

At the end there will be a test, and a free BBQ lunch provided by the STA's for those lucky enough to pass it.

FEBRUARY

FORT GORDON DINNER THEATER

The Shade Tree A's will be attending the Dinner Theater at Fort Gordon **Saturday February 25th**. The buffet starts at 7 o'clock, and the play at 8.

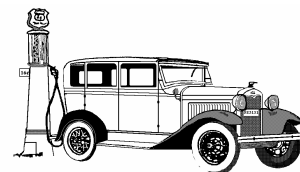
The play will be a comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum". In order for us to get seating as a group, we must purchase our tickets as a group. The cost per person is \$34.00; seniors (65) and retired military \$32.00; or the show only for \$20.00.

If you wish to attend, you may sign up at the meeting, or contact Ed Meloan (803-279-7025 or ed@meloan.net).

We need to make our initial reservations immediately after the January meeting. We can make additional reservations as required. If you make reservations, you must pay for your tickets. All tickets must be paid for in advance. Now for a description of the play:

"Tragedy tomorrow, comedy tonight!" Broadway's greatest farce is light, fast-paced, witty, irreverent and one of the funniest musicals ever written - the perfect escape from life's troubles. "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" takes comedy back to its roots, combining situations from time-tested, 2000 year old comedies of Roman playwright Plautus with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville. The result is a non-stop laugh-fest in which a crafty slave (Pseudolus) struggles to win the hand of a beautiful but slow-witted courtesan (Philia) for his young master (Hero), in exchange for freedom.

With its unforgettable zany characters, a hysterical, perfectly constructed book by Larry Gelbart (of "MASH" and "City Of Angels" fame) and Burt Shevelove, and witty Stephen Sondheim songs which are modest in their vocal demands, "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" allows a brilliant ensemble of comedic actors to shine. (The lead role of Pseudolus is one of the theatre's greatest roles - a tour de force for a clown par excellence.)

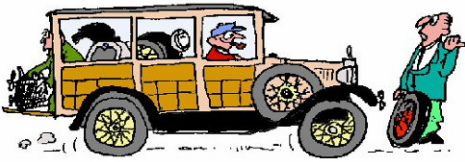


Newsletter Contributions

Do you have a contribution for the Newsletter?

Your Editors are ready to help with the article you have wanted to write, the ad you would like to submit, or your favorite Model A picture. Contact one of the Editors (phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed on page 2).

Deadline for newsletter material is the 15th of the month before the month of the newsletter.



MORE CLUB ACTIVITIES

RECENT ACTIVITIES

THE GIBSON PARADE



Our first Christmas Parade of the season was on Saturday November 26th. We left the Wal-Mart parking lot and toured to Stapleton for lunch. They were closed, so we proceeded on to Gibson and ate BBQ and hot fried apple pies at Crossroads. For the first time the town held a festival in conjunction with the parade, and we took in the activities before lining up for the parade, which started at 2.



I understand some wealthy Gibson tree farmer provided each of us with a box of chocolate for our participation. THANKS. Following the parade, we went to the home of relatives of Richard and Frankie's for refreshments before returning home.

THE SINGING CHRISTMAS TREES

Ed and Yvonne Garvin invited us to enjoy the Twin Singing Christmas Trees at Millbrook Baptist Church on Friday December 2nd. We started the

evening with dinner at Ryan's, and then proceeded to the church for the performance, "The Heart of Christmas" at 7 o'clock.

Ed had reserved parking for us in front of the church and in the center section of the church. Words cannot describe the program. It was fantastic, with a variety of music and activities, which included church members of all ages, and encompassed the entire church. The church was filled to capacity with 2,000 watching the program, and several hundred more participating in the program. It was OUTSTANDING!

THE GRACEWOOD PARADE

Model A's go to lunch, and the Gracewood Christmas Parade!



Only two Model A's showed up for lunch, but boy did they eat well before going to the Gracewood Christmas Parade. We had seven Model A's participate in this mid-week parade on Wednesday November 30th.

THE GROVETOWN PARADE



The Grovetown Christmas Parade was held on Saturday December 3rd. We lined up for the 12



RECENT ACTIVITIES

o'clock parade in the Summerfield subdivision. This was the first time we had lined up for a parade in a subdivision, and it worked very well. We had six Model A's, led by George Gordon in his 1929 Pick-up pulling Santa and his reindeer. Following the parade we proceeded to Thomson. We won second place in the parade, due mainly to the efforts of George and Rudolph (See cover photo).

THE THOMSON PARADE



Fresh from the Grovetown parade, we arrived in Thomson for the Thomson Christmas Parade and found the new line-up location with ease (THANKS for the map Tony).

Nineteen Model A's participated in this parade. George Gordon added an abundance of wildlife to the bed of his pickup, including a pig and a turkey to make the owner of the Thomson Packing Company feel at home. After a quick technical session we enjoyed an assortment of goodies provided by the Segers family.

We really appreciate their continued generosity. Following the parade Tony led us on a backroad tour to the Thomson Packing Company where each driver was given a package of sausage and a calendar for their participation in the parade.

THE HEPHZIBAH PARADE

Eleven Model A Fords, including one AA truck participated in the Hephzibah Christmas Parade on Saturday December 10th.

The 1PM parade allowed the frost to clear, but a winter nip filled the air. More Model A's were decorated for the Christmas season in this parade than any other we participated in.

THE AIKEN PARADE



The Aiken Christmas Parade was held on Sunday December 4th with ten Model A's participating.



The parade was exceptionally long this year, possibly due to the live broadcast on channel 6. As we passed the reviewing stand we shouted a "get well soon" to Tom Roberts, who was watching from his hospital room. Following the parade we went to the Huddle House for food and beverage before returning home.



RECENT ACTIVITIES

Continued...



THE 2005 SHADE TREE A'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Shade Tree A's held their annual Christmas Party on Saturday December 10th at the Hephzibah Community Center. The Shady A Ladies planned an outstanding party this year under the direction of Doris Brown.

Anne Neely-Beck and her committee decorated the tables for the festive occasion with Model A luminaries as centerpieces.



Club members arrived early to enjoy visiting with old friends during Happy Hour, and there was a large assortment of appetizers to choose from.

When it was time to eat, the serving tables overflowed with ham and turkey with all the trimmings



you could ask for, and an equally tempting tables of desserts of every description.



Lorry Schroen did an excellent job of coordinating the food this year.

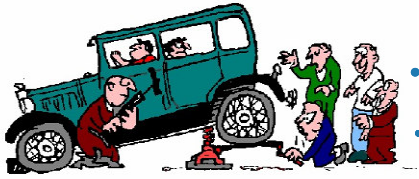
President Tony Gazette presided over a short Business Meeting during which James Gay presented Mileage Awards, Craig McMullin presented a present to our outgoing President, Eric Shogren announced the election results, and Jack Horner presented the Monroe Wade Award to Ed Meloan.



A very attractive Program provided by Carole Gazette kept the evenings activities on schedule.

The Ladies captured the Club activities for 2005 in a slide show presented as the Program for the evening. Ed Meloan composed the slides and added era music.

Drawings for Door Prizes completed the evening activities.



NOTES FROM THE MODEL A GARAGE

By Jim McPherson



This month we are pleased to present a safety article by fellow member Ken Nelson on glass for our Model A's.

Technical Corner

Ken Nelson,

Palmetto A's Newsletter

PLATE GLASS VS. LAMINATED SAFETY GLASS VS. TEMPERED SAFETY GLASS

Which one should I be using in my Model A? How can I tell the difference?

Automakers began using **laminated safety glass**, also known as auto glass, for automobile windshields in 1927. To make laminated safety glass, the manufacturer sandwiches a thin layer of flexible clear plastic film called polyvinyl butyral (PVB) between two or more pieces of glass. The plastic film holds the glass in place when the glass breaks, helping to lessen injuries from flying glass. The film also can stretch, yet the glass still sticks to it. It is also quite difficult to penetrate laminated safety glass, compared to normal window pane (plate) glass. The "sandwich with some give" that laminated safety glass is made of also **helps hold the occupants in a vehicle!** **ONLY the windshield utilized Laminated Safety Glass. The side and rear windows were plate glass** and we all know what happens to plate glass when it shatters. If your window was all the way down and your doors are hard to shut, one of these days you will shatter that door window. If someone runs into the side of your car, more than likely the door window will shatter and I pity the person close to it.

Tempered safety glass is a single piece of glass that gets tempered using a process that heats, then quickly cools, the glass to harden it. The tempering process increases the strength of the glass to five to 10 times that of untempered glass. Tempered safety glass breaks differently than regular clear glass. When tempered safety glass is struck it does not break into sharp jagged pieces of shrapnel-like glass as normal window panes or mirrors do. Instead, it breaks into little pebble-like pieces, 1/8th square bits without sharp edges. It is used in the side and rear windows of today's automobiles.

So how can I tell what I have in my Model A?

More than likely your windshield has Laminated Safety Glass that was originally installed when the car was manufactured. In the corner of the original windshield there usually is some type of etched name and/or logo. Four manufacturers at the time were, LOF, PPG, TRI-PLEX and FORD. The only problem is that if someone replaced the windshield along the way that wanted to save some money, it could be regular plate glass.

How can you tell plate glass from Safety glass?

Roll down the side door windows and check for the tell tale two piece split in the top of the window. If there is no split in the top of the window try tapping the window in question with a ring, or any light metallic tool, and you will hear a distinct dull sound from safety glass, where plate glass has a distinct glassy (high pitched tink) sound. Another way is just brighten the edge of the glass with a bit of fine emery cloth and look closely. The thin sheet of plastic material between the two halves of the safety plate glass will be visible. For a piece of glass that does not roll down, hold a lit match on the other side of the glass, and look at it through the glass, at an angle with your eye next the glass. The faint "double refraction" will mark the presence of the two plates of glass with the plastic center layer.

PLATE GLASS kills, disfigures or mutilates.

LAMINATED SAFETY GLASS keeps you in the car rather than out on the hood.

TEMPERED SAFETY GLASS is 5 to 10 times stronger than un-tempered glass, does not shatter and you can break it out and exit the car without getting all cut up.

Finally, I think that most glass shops would rather make the Laminated for you because it is Quick and Easy. They can easily "grind" Laminated, (in case they didn't measure right). You can save a lot of the "glass person's" time by making a heavy cardboard pattern to the EXACT size that you need. You can actually INSTALL it, and TRY OUT the cardboard window first, in the track! Once Tempered glass is made, you can't trim or grind the new piece - it will shatter!

THE CHOICE IS YOURS, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU ON CLUB TOURS AND AT MEETINGS UNTIL YOU'RE TOO OLD TO DRIVE!

Our thanks to Ken for this excellent article!

The second edition of ***The Legendary Model A Ford*** by Peter Winnewisser is now available and has approximately 200 new color photos in addition to historical black-and-white photos, an additional chapter and updated information. It is available from KP Books, 800-258-0929. The cost is \$39.99.



VINTAGE VISIONS

By Anne Neely-Beck

These fashion patterns are right out of McCall's January 1930 issue. I'm sure this magazine was printed before the crash of the Stock Market in October of 1929, as there is no mention of it. These dresses are the new look for evening straight from Paris. After the crash I am sure few could afford to make these dresses. As most of you know I love the clothes from 1930 and 1931 of the Model A era. I love their fitted and elegant look much better than the 1928-1929 dropped waist look. These patterns could be purchased through the mail for \$.65, postage prepaid. This issue of McCall's cost ten cents.

McCALL'S MAGAZINE JANUARY 1930

Favorite Models of Leading French Interpretations of the

No. 2971. The panels that form the skirt of a graceful evening frock are designed to fall in soft folds ending in long points. The neckline is straight. Size 36, 3 1/2 yards 20-inch material.
 No. 2966. Slightly fitted dress is produced in a simply cut evening frock by long silk rails arranged on its front, and lying in the back. Size 36, 4 1/2 yards 25-inch or 4 1/2 yards 20-inch.
 No. 2942. The fluttering effect of a circular skirt cut to deep points at the hemline is accentuated by a pointed flaring panel attached to the back of the skirt. Size 36, 4 1/2 yards 30-inch material.

McCALL'S MAGAZINE JANUARY 1930

Couturiers Present Distinctive New Mode for Evening

No. 2943. An evening wrap with shaped shoulders has straight flounces, the upper flounces being in front and crossed lines in the back of a formal evening gown. The skirt is flaring. Size 36, 4 1/2 yards 25-inch, for lining, 3 1/2 yards 20-inch.
 No. 2945. Evening gown with diagonal lines to the front and crossed lines in the back of a formal evening gown. The skirt is flaring. Size 36, 4 1/2 yards 25-inch or 4 1/2 yards 20-inch.
 No. 2946. The shirring lines of the skirt flounces are accented by rills that mount to the waist in back and in the front end in a long scarf. Size 36, 4 1/2 yards 20-inch material.

Patterns may be bought from all McCall dealers or by mail, postage prepaid, from The McCall Co., 330 Park Avenue, New York City, at prices listed on page 30.

ON THE SHADY SIDE

By Anne Neely-Beck

Wow 2006, it does not seem possible. Times flies when you are having fun and here I am again the fashion director for the Shade Tree A's. Hey, I've been there done that!

I have really enjoyed all my fashion adventures over the years for the Shade Tree A's. Who would have ever thought when I started out five years ago that I would become so involved and now hold a national position in the MAFCA.

That is why I am going to encourage all of you to write an article for Vintage Visions and maybe you will catch the "vintage fashion bug" like I did. The article does not have to be elaborate, just do some research on the internet or use a vintage magazine or book for your article base and go from there.

Many of us in the club have vintage magazines and books we would love to share, so don't be intimidated by vintage just jump in there and get involved.

I need volunteers for most of the year, so I am waiting to hear from you.



Have you been to the Shade Tree A's Web Site lately?

Dan Perla always has something new to look at there. Take a minute to drop in and see what your club is doing,

www.shadetrees.org

MONROE WADE AND THE SHADE TREE A'S

New members might wonder who Monroe Wade was. Monroe was a man who loved Model A's and who loved the Shade Tree A's Club! A man you could **ALWAYS** depend on to help a fellow member regardless of the time or weather.. Monroe worked hard for the club and you could usually find him leading a tour or carrying in refreshments or door prizes that he had talked some local business into donating.



After restoring a 1930 Tudor that had belonged to his Mother, Monroe went on to restore a number of other A's. All of them were award winning cars!

After his death in 2003, his wife Betty and his daughters, Deborah and Joyce, have continued to be active in the club and to drive Monroe's beloved cars. Many of you will have heard Betty and Deborah's comments about the annual "Monroe Wade" award given at the Christmas party.



Monroe was a great friend and we miss his enthusiasm and his ability to make a model A purr like a contented kitten!

The annual award is our way of remembering Monroe and we are delighted to have Betty and the Wade family continue to be active in the club!

THE 2005 MONROE WADE AWARD

Here is the presentation announcement made by Jack Horner at the 2005 Christmas Party:

This years winner of the Monroe Wade Award is Ed Meloan.. In the early 1970's Ed had the vision to bring together Model A Ford owners for the purpose of group tours and restoration support. Ed founded the Shade Tree A's Club in 1973 and it was he that suggested the appropriate name of the "Shade Tree A's", since much work done on the cars was outside under shade trees during the hot summer days.

Ed wrote the By-Laws and petitioned MAFCA for a Club Charter. He was not only a Founding Member, but also the first President, serving for two terms.

During these years the Meloan home was open to Club meetings and Ed's garage to member restorations.

While assisting a fellow Club member with the installation of the upholstery in his Tudor, Ed wrote one of the very first restoration articles for the Restorer, in the "How to Restore Your Model A" series, and now better known in Volume one of the book series by the same name. Not only did Ed participate in the Club's local touring, parades and picnics, but also Ed was frequently seen driving around town in his Model A while on assignments for the TV station.

Ed continues to be active in the Shade Tree A's, serving as National Director and Newsletter Editor. Ed has attended several MAFCA and MARC National Model A meets, attending one to participate

in a special seminar on club newsletters. The knowledge gained in this seminar aided greatly in the improvement of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter, winning the MAFCA Newsletter of the Year award and twice winning the MARC Best Newsletter Cover award. The Shade Tree A's Newsletter is consistently recognized in the top award winners by both national clubs thanks to his efforts and contributions. Ed and Susan have been Registration Chairmen for two MAFCA Divisional Meets and the MAFCA National Membership Meeting in 2004.

Ed established the first internet e-mail Model A Forum hosted by any Model A Club for the Shade Tree A's. Club members are able to communicate world wide with others of a similar interest to exchange information, seek advice for diagnosis and repair and locate parts for their Model A. Ed has transferred all the Club VCR tapes to the new digital DVD

format to preserve the diagnostic, troubleshooting and repair videos in the Club Library, and the era fashion videos.

Ed continues to aid his fellow Model A'ers by presenting programs at Club meetings and technical sessions. His vast knowledge of both the operation and repair of the Model A Ford is always just a phone call away from new and old members alike. Many at roadside seminars appreciate his quick and accurate troubleshooting ability. The superior performance and operation of the Model A's he has restored are well recognized by his fellow Model A club members



Last Years winner, Richard Dunevent, presents the 2005 award to Ed Meloan.



SHADE TREE A'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Legend: A **RED** entry denotes a change or new addition to the calendar.

2006

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Breakfast
- 9 **STA Meeting**
- 14 Tech Session V

FEBRUARY

- 13 **STA Meeting**
- 17-19 Model A Roundup – Jacksonville
- 25 Dinner Theater

MARCH

- 11 **Tech Session VI**
- 13 **STA Meeting**
- 18 Picnic in the Park

APRIL

- 10 **STA Meeting**
- 9-14 Natchez Trace Tour
- 21-22 **Swap Meet, Greenwood**
- 27-30 Fiddlers Hill Climb

MAY

- 8 **STA Meeting**
- 12-14 Ford Festival – Richmond Hill
- 19-21 Social Security Run

JUNE

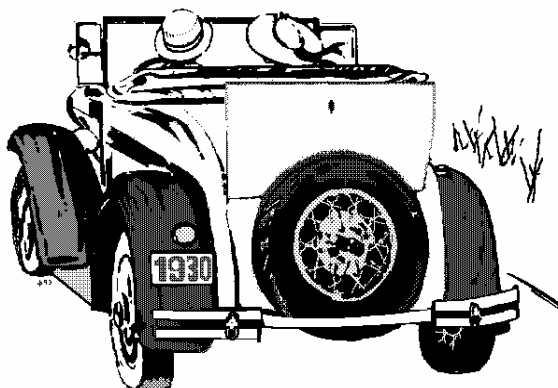
- 12 **STA Meeting**
- 22-30 Dearborn & MARC Meet, Grand Rapids, MI

JULY

- 10 **STA Meeting**
- 13 Laurel & Hardy Convention
- 16-22 MAFCA Meet – Mansfield, MA

AUGUST

- 14 **STA Meeting**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

James Purkey, Jack Horner

Frankie Dunevent, Carrie Proctor, Karen Palermo

