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### JULY MEETING

#### **NOTE NEW EARLIER MEETING TIME!**

The July meeting will be at our regular location in Richard Dunevent's garage on **Monday July 10th** at **7:00 pm.**

Ever had a broken bone? Maybe you broke your arm, it was x-rayed, placed in a cast in an awkward position, and it never seemed to line up properly again? Did it cause that side of your body to sag? Learn how to diagnose those bends and sags and get those parts correctly aligned again, at the July Shade Tree A's meeting, presented by our own MD-A (Model-A Doctor of Alignment)!

### REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

#### **July**

Gays, Trapps, Adams

#### **August (17th)**

Dinner Meeting Sconyers Bar-B-Que

#### **September**

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



## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Notes from the President

One of the family oriented activities which this Club has participated in several times is the "dining out" in lieu of a regular meeting. The next such dinner is scheduled to be held at Sconyer's BBQ on **Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that this is a Thursday since they are not open on Monday's. August is our customary month to hold these dinner meetings, although we held one 2 months ago at Fire Mountain.

I would like to hear from you, the membership, about your feelings regarding these Restaurant-meal meetings. Attendance has always been quite good, but is there something you'd rather see us do? Also, how do you feel about the meals before the monthly meetings? Should we continue them? Can we make any aspect of the meeting better?

Along the same line of thought – How do you feel about occasional 'non-Ford Model A' topics? The Stanley Steamer meeting was, in my opinion, very interesting. Would you like to see more of that degree of diversity? Perhaps you are a purist and feel that nothing other than Model A programs are appropriate. However you might feel, it will remain a secret unless you share it with us. We often solicit your input, but seldom get any feedback.

Your board's goal is not simply to sustain the Club, but to enhance the Club and make it even better. It's your club and as such should serve your needs and desires. The trouble is we don't know what those needs and desires are. The 'ball is in your court'!

*Jack Horner*, President



## MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING

The June meeting of the Shade Tree A's was called to order by President Jack Horner at 7:30 PM on Monday June 12<sup>th</sup> after a super meal of BBQ sandwiches, potato salad, beans and deserts provided by the Neal's, Mason's and Prince's.

Richard Dunevent gave the Treasurer's Report. The Minutes of the May Meeting were approved as printed.

President Jack Horner led a discussion of the Club to gather member thoughts as guidance for the Board. Meetings, the newsletter, funding and hosting national Model A club activities were discussed.

**Old Business:** Barbara Bryant reported on the Social Security Run where the Bryant's placed third and the Mason's placed second in the overall time to complete the tour, Jim Brown on the Old 96 District Model A Club annual Hot Dog Day, and Jim Mason on Grandfather's Day at Mike's.

**New Business:** Tour Director Jim McPherson reminded us of the Trenton Peach Festival, the Gilbert 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and the tour to Chattanooga. Susan Meloan reported on the Child Enrichment program, new fashion books and patterns. The Board of Directors has approved purchase of the new books and patterns on era fashions. Craig McMullin reported on the Imperial Theater event. Eric Shogren gave the latest instructions for the Augusta Mall Model A Display.

Eric Shogren also gave an interesting program on making an inexpensive turn signal installation using a few low priced parts from the local auto supply store and dual contact bulb sockets. The system was conceived by our club secretary, Tom Roberts. Tom was out of town and asked Eric to present the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted, *Jim McPherson*



# CLUB ACTIVITIES

## UPCOMING EVENTS JULY

### LEXINGTON CO. PEACH PARADE

The Shade Tree A's will participate in the Lexington County Peach Festival Parade on **Tuesday July 4th**. We will depart from Highway 1 and I-20 at 7:30 and tour to Gilbert, SC for the parade line-up at 8:30 and the parade at 9:30. McDonalds and Waffle House are located at Hwy 1 and I-20. If you would like to eat breakfast before departing, you need to arrive early, Eric is not known for waiting on us to finish breakfast!

## 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."

## 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.

Form 3027  
300M-1-10-30

## NEW CAR DIRECTIONS

**TRIPLEX SAFETY GLASS** Triplex Safety Glass is used in this car for your protection. Do not replace Triplex Safety Glass with plate glass. If replacement is necessary use TRIPLEX SAFETY GLASS.

**SPEED** Avoid high speeds while the car is new. To obtain best results, IT SHOULD NOT BE DRIVEN FASTER THAN 30 TO 35 MILES PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST 500 MILES.

**OIL** Keep the oil at "F" on the measuring rod, especially during the first few hundred miles. Never let it get below the mark "L." Remove measuring rod and wipe with a dry cloth before testing the level. OIL SHOULD BE CHANGED AFTER THE FIRST 500 MILES AND EVERY 500 MILES THEREAFTER. Summer oil should conform to S. A. E. specification 40, and Winter oil to S. A. E. specification 20.

**BRAKES** This car is equipped with 4-wheel mechanical brakes which are quick and positive in action. Keep the car under control at all times to avoid the necessity for sudden application of brakes which might result in discomfort to passengers or collision from rear.

**FAN BELT** Do not tighten fan belt. The V-type fan belt does not require tight adjustment for proper operation. Too tight an adjustment will result in excessive wear on fan belt and generator bearings, particularly at higher speeds.

**TIRES** For easy riding qualities, proper braking and long life keep the tires, both front and rear, inflated to 35 pounds. (4.75-21 tires should be inflated to 40 pounds).

**INSPECTION** To insure best results have an Authorized FORD DEALER inspect this car and make necessary minor adjustments after the first five hundred miles of running.

DRIVE SAFELY

## 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.





# RECENT EVENTS



## Old 96 Gathering: Hot Dog Day

The rain on Friday night sure cooled off Saturday, making for a very pleasant drive on South Carolina back-roads from Edgefield to the park in Ninety-Six. The Old 96 District Model A Club invited the area Model A Clubs to join them for a day of hot dogs and fellowship. We met for breakfast at Fire Mountain in North Augusta then toured to the park, making one detour to an antique mall. Sixteen Model A's representing the Old 96 District A's, the Palmetto A's, the Western Carolina A's and the Shade Tree A's made the trip. The hot dogs were as good as ever and the pleasant temperature and light breeze provided just the right atmosphere to foster Model A fellowship.





## RECENT EVENTS

Continued...



### TRENTON - THE BIG PEACH!



The third Saturday in June has become the annual trek to Trenton South Carolina and the Ridge Peach Festival. We met for breakfast at Fire Mountain then pointed our Model A's towards Trenton. There we were joined by other Shade Tree A's members. Following the parade the eight Model A's, parked under the tall pecan trees, drew as much attention from the spectators as did the festival itself. After filling out tummies with fresh peach cobbler and ice cream we headed to Edgefield for lunch at Ribeye's. After a leisurely lunch we stopped at Cook's for peaches before completing our trip home.

### THE AUGUSTA MALL DISPLAY SHADE TREE A'S PACK THEM IN

That is exactly what Eric Shogren, Chairman of the Augusta Mall Display Committee did on Friday night June 16th. He and his hard working Committee members packed eleven Model A Fords into every nook and cranny they could find. The large number of kiosk occupying floor space created new and unusual challenges. Every Shade Tree A member owes Eric, his Committee members and car owners a special vote of thanks for their work this year on behalf of the Shade Tree A's Club!



## MORE RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

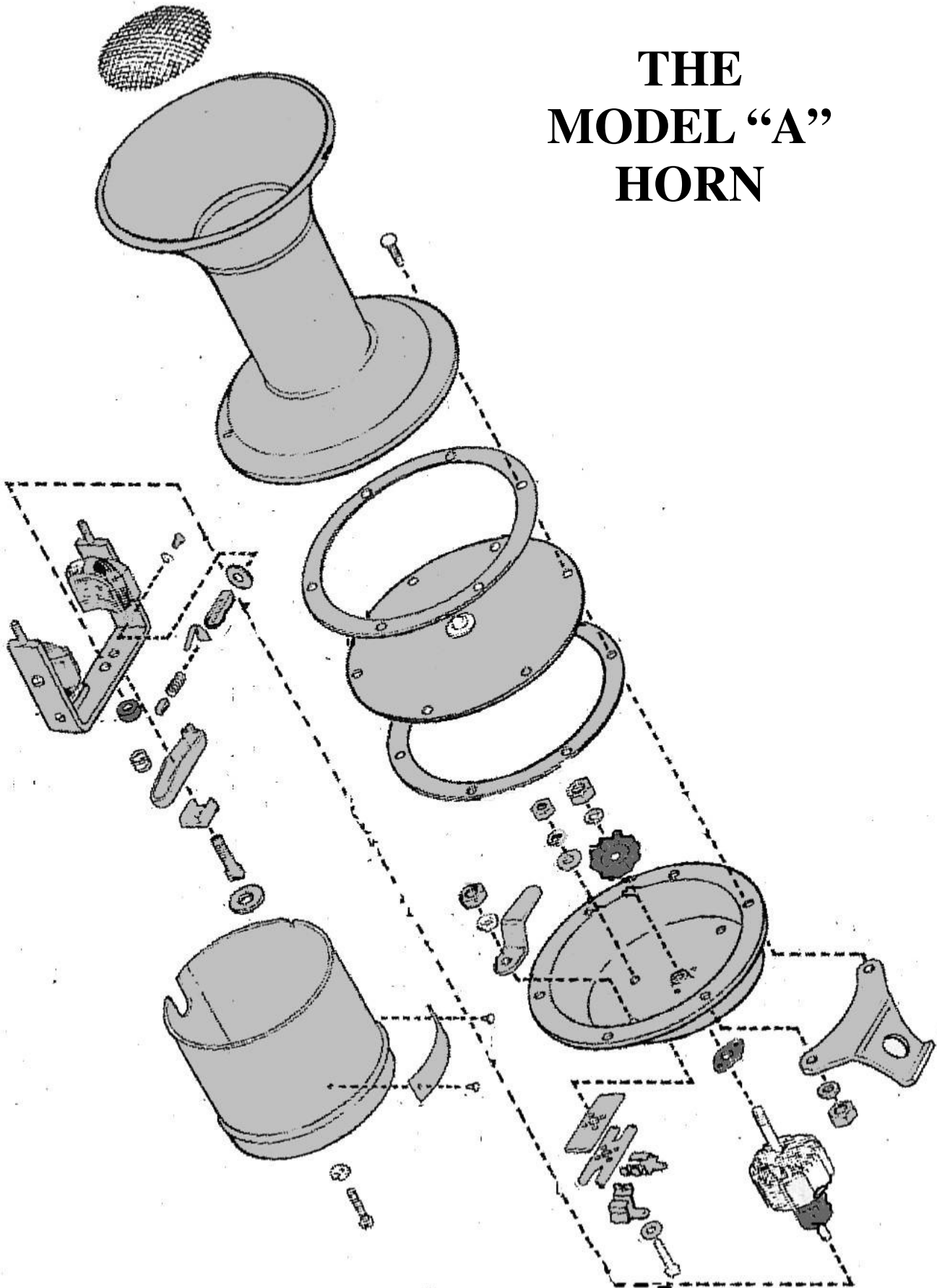


### PICTURES FROM THE AUGUSTA MALL

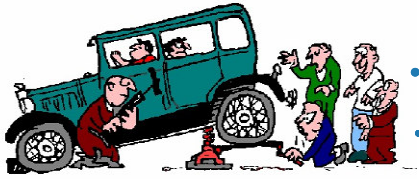




# THE MODEL "A" HORN

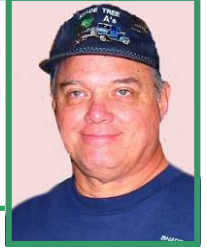






## NOTES FROM THE MODEL A GARAGE

By Jim McPherson



There was some discussion during our May program about the use of gasoline containing 10% ethanol, the gasohol we have been use to seeing for some time.

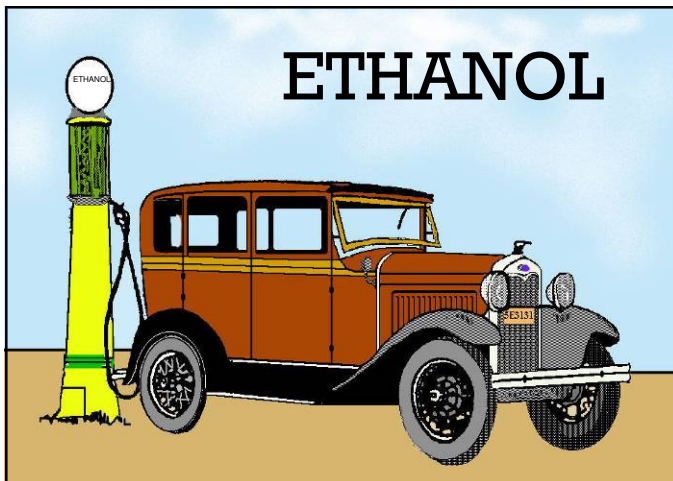
This is different than the 85% ethanol currently in the news, which requires vehicle modifications for its use. When ethanol burns, less energy is released, compared to gasoline. The good news is that this loss of energy is not large enough for you to be able to notice it while driving. As you might expect, with a decrease in energy there will be a decrease in fuel economy. Again this should not be a noticeable decrease.

The detrimental effects of ethanol will be seen if you have rubber parts on your Model A, such as fuel or PVC lines, or a fuel pump or carburetor accelerator pump diaphragm. A switch to neoprene parts will be necessary.

**Kozak auto dry wash** was developed in the early 1920's by a gentleman who observed the morning car wash ritual at dealerships on his way to work. He thought there must be a better way, and set out to develop one.

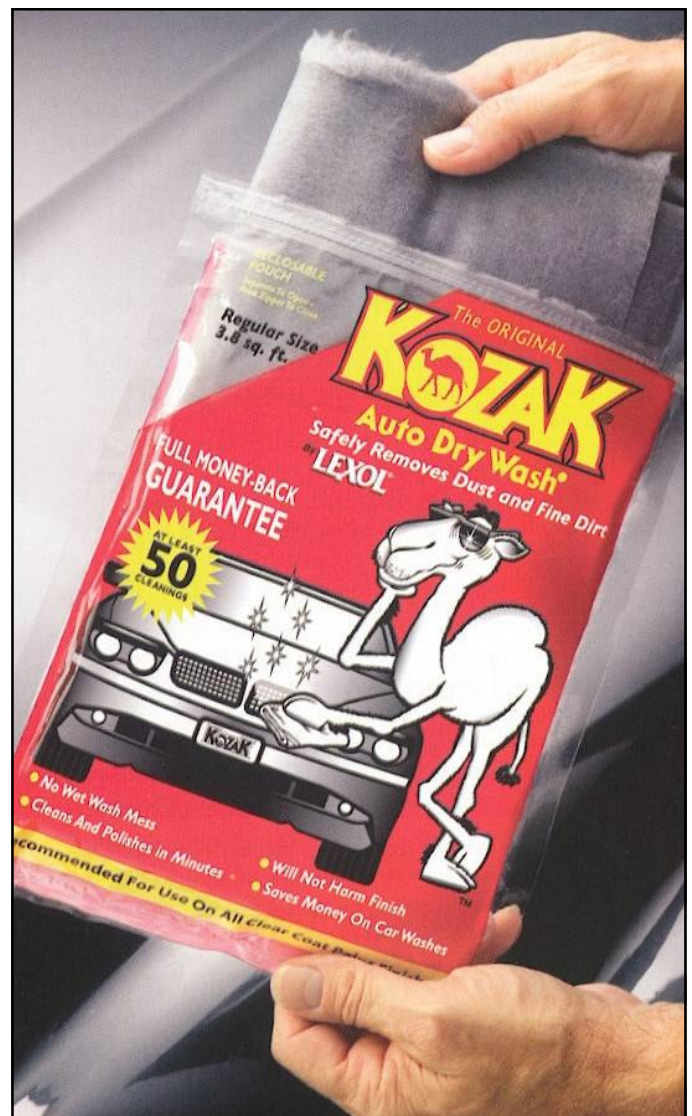
The result was Kozak, a cloth to shine and clean your car. Kozak is a thick, plush nap cloth infused with a formula to safely remove dirt and dust from your car's finish. It will not harm your paint, wax, clear-coat, or other finishes, and will not scratch the paint.

One cloth is good for about 50 "washes". Kozak has been reintroduced to the car care market by the same company that manufacturers the fine Lexol



## WANTED!

Local places to go, places where the Club can eat, and not so close places you would like to visit. We are constantly looking for local attractions to visit on a Saturday Day Tour, and not so close places of interest for a weekend tour. 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, please contact our Tour Director, Jim McPherson at 706-592-4835.





## ON THE SHADY SIDE

By Doris Brown

Here we are in what quite possibly is one of the hottest months of the year!! So hot that you want to stay inside 24/7 if possible, or if you do venture out you want it to be into a swimming pool somewhere.

This seems like it would be a perfect time to devote ourselves to creating an Era Fashion from one of the MARC patterns that the club has purchased. There is much variety so everyone can find something to her liking. If sewing is not your "cup of tea" spend some time walking through the cool air of your favorite shopping location with an eye out for look-a-like fashions. Take someone with you who maybe knows more of what details to look for and second opinions are most welcome.

If you have never attended a Model A event where era fashions were encouraged, you have missed something special!! Wearing the look of the era while attending a function devoted to the cars really shows you how it must have felt for the ladies of the Model A era.

To all of you going to the MAFCA meet in Mansfield, Massachusetts, we wish you a safe journey and a great time. Maybe it will be a little cooler there.

To any ladies who have not attended a club meeting I would like to again extend the invitation to become a more active part of this group. Since we all have a meal and the general business is covered as a group, when we ladies do leave the men to their "technical program", we enjoy a very social time. – It's a great way to get to know one another and what is going on with kids and grandkids too!!

We have been pleased with the donations to the Child Enrichment Program, which was started several months ago. Please continue to help us support this worthy cause.

Happy Summer!!!

*Doris Brown*



James and Anne Neely-Beck's granddaughter Neely Kate Leverett tries out the Model A rumble seat. The photo was taken in April when her Aunt Amy got married. Aunt Amy and Uncle Chuck rode from the church to the reception in the Beck Coupe's rumble seat.

### Your Club has The MARC Patterns

Frankie Dunevent had agreed to store the ERA patterns for the ladies of the club. You can get them from Frankie during the monthly club meetings or call Frankie at other times. These patterns come in one size only and require resizing. They cover all four of the Model A years. If you need help with resizing the patterns, Susan Meloan will be happy to assist you..

### The July Meeting — Child Enrichment

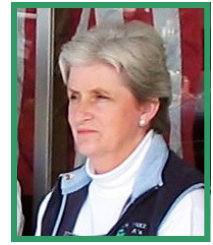
For the July meeting we will be collecting School supplies. Items suitable for returning to school in August will be needed. Notebooks, pencils, crayons, rulers, book-bags and any other school supplies will be welcomed. We need them for all ages from pre-school to high school. Bring them to the July meeting and Frankie Dunevent will deliver them.



# VINTAGE VISIONS

By Doris Brown

**Meet the Calhoun sisters from Homerville, Georgia. From left to right they are Margie, Ruth Ann, Katie, and Peggy. They want to show you the latest styles for spring 1929.**



Notice that Margie and Peggy's frocks have a side bow at the low waistline while Ruth Ann and Katie's have bows placed on the front. Katie has the only sleeveless dress, which she has accompanied with a lovely white georgette wrap.

There are a variety of neck treatments here also. Margie's looks like it is loosely draped. Ruth Ann's is an offset 'V' neck with an accent bow. Katie's looks like a square neck, but it is hard to tell because of her wrap. Peggy's soft white georgette collar really accentuates her solid colored frock.

Margie and Peggy chose loosely gathered skirts, while Ruth Ann's is tailored layers, and Katie's chose the newest style of handkerchief hemline. Whether print, solid or abstract, silk crepe is the choice for the 1929 woman.

Although different styles of dresses are seen here, they all are accented with an attractive hat that compliments each dress. Ruth Ann has forgotten her purse for the photo shoot and I noticed that Katie is without her gloves. However I am sure they will find their accessories in time for afternoon tea with friends.



**Margie**



**Ruth Ann**



**Katie**



**Peggy**





## 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

#### JULY

- 4 Gilbert, SC Parade
- 10 **STA Meeting**
- 13 Laurel & Hardy Convention

#### 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

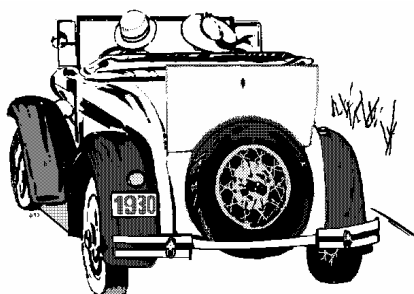
- 9 **STA Meeting**
- 14 Steak Cookout
- 21-22 Washington, GA Tour & Play

#### 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**

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#### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

- July 16-22 MAFCA Meet – Mansfield, MA
- August 27 Sno-Cap with GaSCar
- October 28 Sno-Cap with GaSCar
- Sept 25-28 Smoky Mountain Meet

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Don Turley, Bruce Ford, Luckey Birkinshaw,  
Billie Jones, Vicky Kohli, Deana Brandon, Meg Birkinshaw,