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MARCH MEETING

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

Delightful, delectable, delicious "Coney Islands" (also known as Hot Dogs) will be served so bring your appetite!

Mike Roach, President of the Stanley Steamer Club of America will present our March program on the famous Stanley steam car. He will have his newly restored 1910 Stanley at the meeting for all of us to enjoy.

REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

March

Dunevent, Melchoirs, Dinkins

April

**Dinner Meeting
 Fire Mountain Grill—North Augusta**



OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Notes from the President

I would like to devote this month's column to a **Thank You** column.

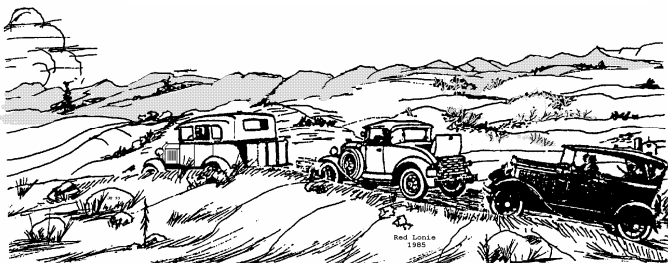
None of the activities of this Club would be possible without the hard work of the various volunteers who are always there and can always be counted on for support. I wouldn't dare attempt to name them all for fear of omitting someone who deserves as much thanks as the others.

I'm referring to the cooks at the annual steak cookout, the decorators at the annual Christmas Party, those who entertain, those who clean up, those who bring food, and the many others who work so hard to support the activities of the *Shade Tree A's*. Knowing most of the "regulars" as well as I do, I can assure you that they do what they do as a personal commitment and love for the organization. That isn't to suggest that they couldn't use a break from the hard work or some help. There is plenty of room for more of you to help. Think about it! Volunteer!

I also want to acknowledge that not everyone is interested, available, or able to assist in the manner I'm referring to. Those of you in that category deserve a vote of thanks as well, however. Without your attendance and support there would be no need for the others to work so hard. Your attendance makes the Club real and successful. Without a participating membership we would have no reason for existing.

So a great heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the entire membership of the best Model A Ford Club around!

Jack Horner, President



MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

President Jack Horner called the Shade Tree A's business meeting to order at 8:00, Monday February 13, 2006 at Richard Dunevent's garage.

New members Doug Wilson, William Gordon and Dave Welter were recognized. The treasurer's report was approved as presented and the secretary's report was approved as published in the newsletter.

Susan Meloan had vests available for purchase. Plans for our new library cabinet were discussed. Three ill members were recognized: Betty Wade will be transferred to Walton Rehab; Tom Tilley is recovering nicely from knee replacement surgery; Greenlee Flanagin continues his recovery.

Ed Meloan discussed computer SPAM and methods to reduce it, by omitting the e-mail addresses or making a graphic out of them on our web site. [Editor's Note: Dan Perla has completed converting the roster to a graphic file] Tech Seminar V was very successful and the Pancake Breakfast had the largest turnout ever.

Jim McPherson reported on upcoming events including the Mall Show which is scheduled for June 16, 17 and 18. Susan Meloan reported on child enrichment activities with which the Shady A Ladies are involved.

Ed Meloan gave a very informative program on the Model A electrical system "Back to Basics", in which he explained (among other things) AC vs DC; volts vs amps; the workings of electromagnets and transformers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50.

A meal of spaghetti, slaw, bread, cake and drinks was provided by Ed Garvin, Wayne Ready, Eric Shogren, Rex Foster and Tom Roberts.

Respectfully submitted, *Tom Roberts*



CLUB ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

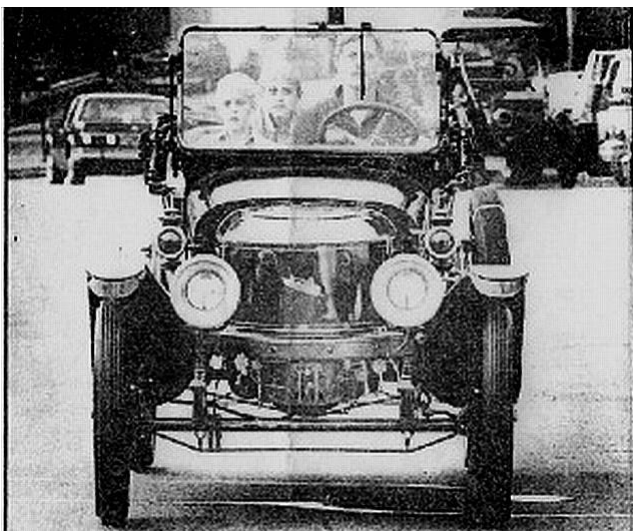
MARCH

TECH SESSION VI

SHIMMING ROD AND MAIN BEARINGS

The Shade Tree A's will have their sixth Tech Session on **Saturday March 11th**. Arrive at eight for breakfast at the Golden Corral on Bobby Jones. Then travel to Richard's around 9 for the morning activities. Schedule an evaluation, adjustment or repair on your Model A, or learn how to adjust the clearance on Babbitt bearings. Ford recommended adjustment every 5,000 miles. It's a sure way to extend engine life, just ask an engine rebuilder. Jim Brown provides a hands on seminar on adjusting bearing clearance. Tony and Carole Gazette have promised us a gourmet meal, and we all know when they do something, they do it right. So, there will be a free lunch for you, compliments of the STAs, if you are lucky enough to successfully adjust the main bearings in your Model A during the tech session. So crank up the old A, come on over and give it a try.

STANLEY STEAMER PRESENTATION



Mike Roach, President of the Stanley Steamer Club of America will have his newly restored 1910 Stanley at the regular monthly meeting **Monday March 13th** for all of us to enjoy.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

At this time details of the St Patrick's Day Parade are sketchy at best. We hope to have definite details available at the meeting and will e-mail them when confirmed. The parade will take place on **Friday March 17th**. Line-up is usually at the Civic Center parking lot around 12 noon to 1 o'clock for the parade at 2. Decorating your Model A in the Irish green tradition is highly encouraged.

PICNIC-IN-THE-PARK

The Palmetto A's host their 11th annual Picnic-in-the Park on **Saturday March 18th** from 9 to 4. We will meet for breakfast at Fire Mountain in the Wal Mart shopping center in North Augusta at 8 o'clock. Following breakfast we will tour to the Saluda Shoals Park in Lexington. We will meet the Aiken group at I-20 and Hwy 1. Pack a picnic lunch (for your family) to share with the group, throw some chairs in the back seat of the old Model A and enjoy the scenic drive thru South Carolina's blossoming peach country.

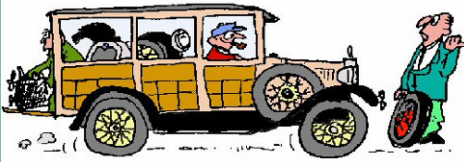
APRIL

PROGRESSIVE BREAKFAST

We will meet for a Progressive Breakfast on **Saturday, April 1st**, at Al's Restaurant in North Augusta

Do not eat at Al's or Hardee's! they are only convenient meeting places for the homes we will be visiting. There will be plenty to eat along the way. The Progressive Breakfast is one of our most fun tours. You never know who or what you may see, and you are never very far away from home.

We will leave Al's at 8:30 and tour to the Hardee's in Clearwater on the Augusta-Aiken Highway where we will meet the South Carolina STA members. From there we will start the progressive breakfast with a short tour to our first stop (now who lives close to there?). We will progress our way thru breakfast meal, eating our way from home to home. This is a drive your Model A event. The best way to avoid a surprise visit for a portion of the breakfast meal is to participate. You know how easy it is to find out who is going to participate, and who is not!



MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

SWAP MEET

The Old 96 District Model A Club is having a swap meet on **April 21 and 22** in Greenwood, SC. The swap met will be held on Highway 221, between Highways 25 and 225, one half mile south of Greenwood. Admission is \$1.00. Car Corral and Vendor Spaces are available.

A HILL CLIMB AND MUSIC TOO!

The East Tennessee Region, MARC, and FAST SE are hosting a Hill Climb in conjunction with the Fiddlers and Fiddleheads Festival, at the Farmhouse Gallery and Gardens in Unicoi, Tennessee. Try your luck on "Bluegrass Hill" on **Friday April 28th** with practice runs up the hill in the morning and the finals in the afternoon. The awards banquet will be held Friday night at the Farmhouse. On Saturday there will be a Car Show (NO registration fee) in conjunction with the Fiddlers and Fiddleheads Festival. Continuous bluegrass, country and gospel entertainment will be provided by twenty bands, as well as impromptu gatherings on the grounds and around the cars. The Farmhouse Gallery is the home of wildlife artist Johnny Lynch. A variety of hotels are available in the general area. You may want to stay at the Holiday Inn Express in Erwin (423-743-4100).

JUNE

MARC NATIONAL MEET

The MARC National Meet will be held **June 25-30**, 2006 in Grand Rapids, MI, about 150 miles NW of Dearborn MI.

We are proposing leaving earlier, to allow two days to visit the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, the Ford Rouge Factory where our beloved Model A was made, Fairlane (Henry Ford's home) and other attractions in Dearborn before proceeding to the MARC meet. For those of you who have not been to Dearborn, you will see the actual first car Henry Ford built, the original 999 racer and much more.

The museum is not limited to transportation; it also includes silver, china crystal, jewelry etc. Greenfield Village contains the actual buildings and contents of the Wright brother's Cycle Shop and

home, Henry Ford's Bagley Avenue Workshop, Edison's Menlo Park lab, and the Richart Wagon Shop, are among the many historical buildings, and much more as you ride the streets in a Model A bus or Model T's.

We will depart Augusta on **Thursday June 22nd**, in our modern cars, and travel to Dearborn, spending Friday and Saturday visiting the historical sites. Saturday evening we will drive to Grand Rapids, or you may return home on Sunday if you are unable to attend the National Meet. If you are interested in participating in this tour, contact Jim McPherson (706-592-4835 or james.mcpherson@amedd.army.mil).

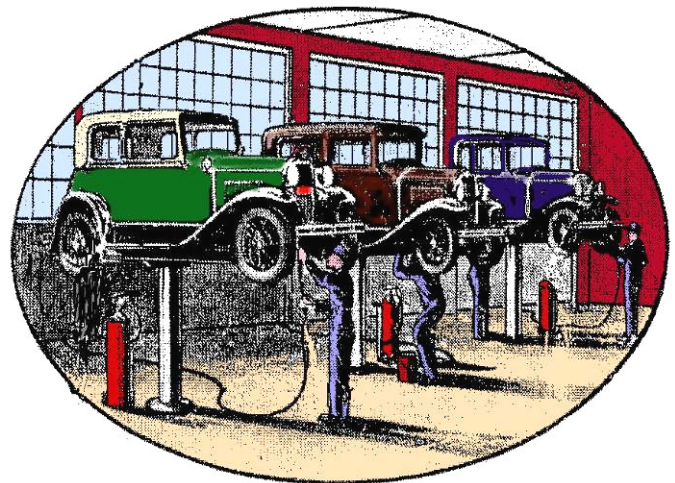
JULY

MAFCA NATIONAL MEET

The MAFCA National Meet will be held in Mansfield, MA **July 16-22**, 2006.

It has been a long time since MAFCA has held a national meet in a location which is within a reasonable distance for many of us to attend. Mansfield, located near Boston and Plymouth, offers many historic sites to visit.

If you would like to be part of a group of STA'ers traveling to and from this meet, please contact Jim McPherson (706-592-4835 or james.mcpherson@amedd.army.mil).



RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES



THE "SWEETHEART" PANCAKE BREAKFAST

President Jack and Carrie's home was filled with Shade Tree A'ers on Saturday February 11th for our annual Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast. Five members were able to get their old Model A's out of the garage on a dreary morning and load up their favorite sweetheart for the trip to the best breakfast you have ever had.



Jim Leach arrived at dawn to assemble the cookers and Jack, Tony, Craig and Jim soon arrived to help him cook the bacon and sausage.



The ladies were hard at work in the kitchen, making homemade biscuits, cutting fresh fruit and cooking eggs and grits. As the eating hour approached the men started cooking the pancakes. All of the activity was quite a sight!



As the 9 o'clock gathering time approached the members, old and new alike, started pouring in. Then over forty members spent the morning grazing on the breakfast bar and visiting with fellow club members, moving from group to group, getting the latest news or valuable repair information.



Many of the ladies were seen dragging their better half into the new home addition, and taking notes to boot, pointing out Carrie's new closet (which was much larger than most bedrooms) and the "his" and "hers" bathrooms.



MORE RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES



THE JACKSONVILLE MODEL A ROUNDUP

The First Coast Region held their 6th Annual Southeast Model A Roundup in Orange Park, FL February 16-19 with 64 families registered.



Richard Dunevent and Bill Adams met Penny Penson and Ralph Roub in Augusta for the drive down while Jim and Sheila McPherson and Pascal and Barbara Bryant trailered down.

A Model A tour was held on Friday with 26 Model A's participating Gold Head State Park. On Friday evening we toured to Clark's Fish Camp for their famous seafood and to see



their wild animal collection. An Ice Cream Social was held Friday night at the hotel. Seminars on brakes by Jim McPherson and steering by Wiley Higgins and quilts and gift

baskets were held on Saturday. Dinner was on your own Saturday, followed by a Social.



THE BUY, SWAP, SELL CORNER

SHADE TREE A'S SHIRTS & JACKETS

The following items are new and in stock for quick delivery! All prices include an embroidered Shade Tree A's logo and your name and car. We are happy to announce that we can, once again, supply denim shirts for both men and women. They became very difficult to find toward the end of 2005. Prices listed are "Per Item".

- Nice Quality Mens or Ladies Denim Shirts - \$30.00
- 2 - XL Lightweight Nylon jackets (like Alaska) \$25.00
- 1 - 2XL Lightweight Nylon jacket (snap fasten) \$25.00
- 3XL Navy Jacket with stone trim (like Jim's) \$60.00
- Golf type shirts: \$20.00 each
 - 2 2XL Navy-
 - 1 XL Navy
 - 1 L Navy
 - 1 2XL White
 - 1 XL White Wicking
- 1 Man's white dress shirt - 18 1/2 - \$20.00
- 1 Ladies White dress type shirt - XL - 20.00
- 3 White sun visors - \$5.00 (Shade Name but no logo)

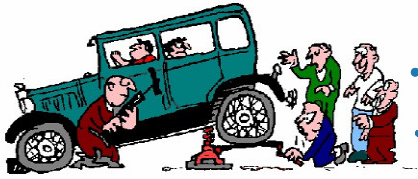
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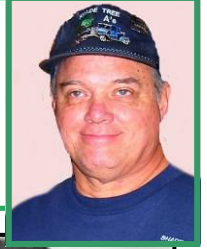
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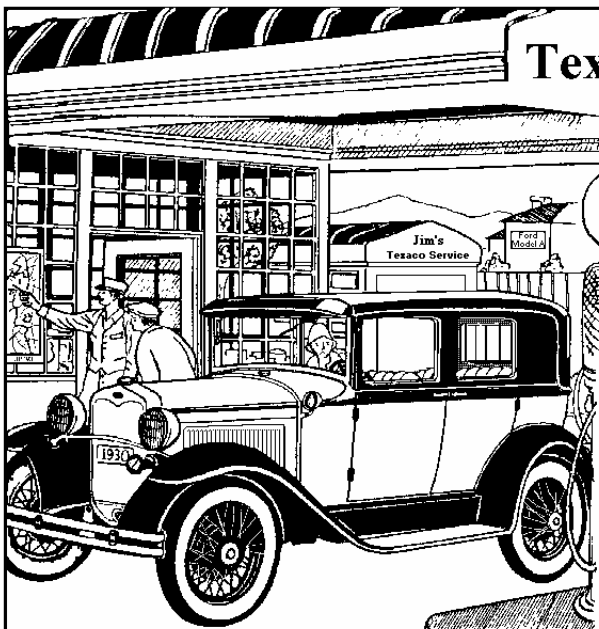
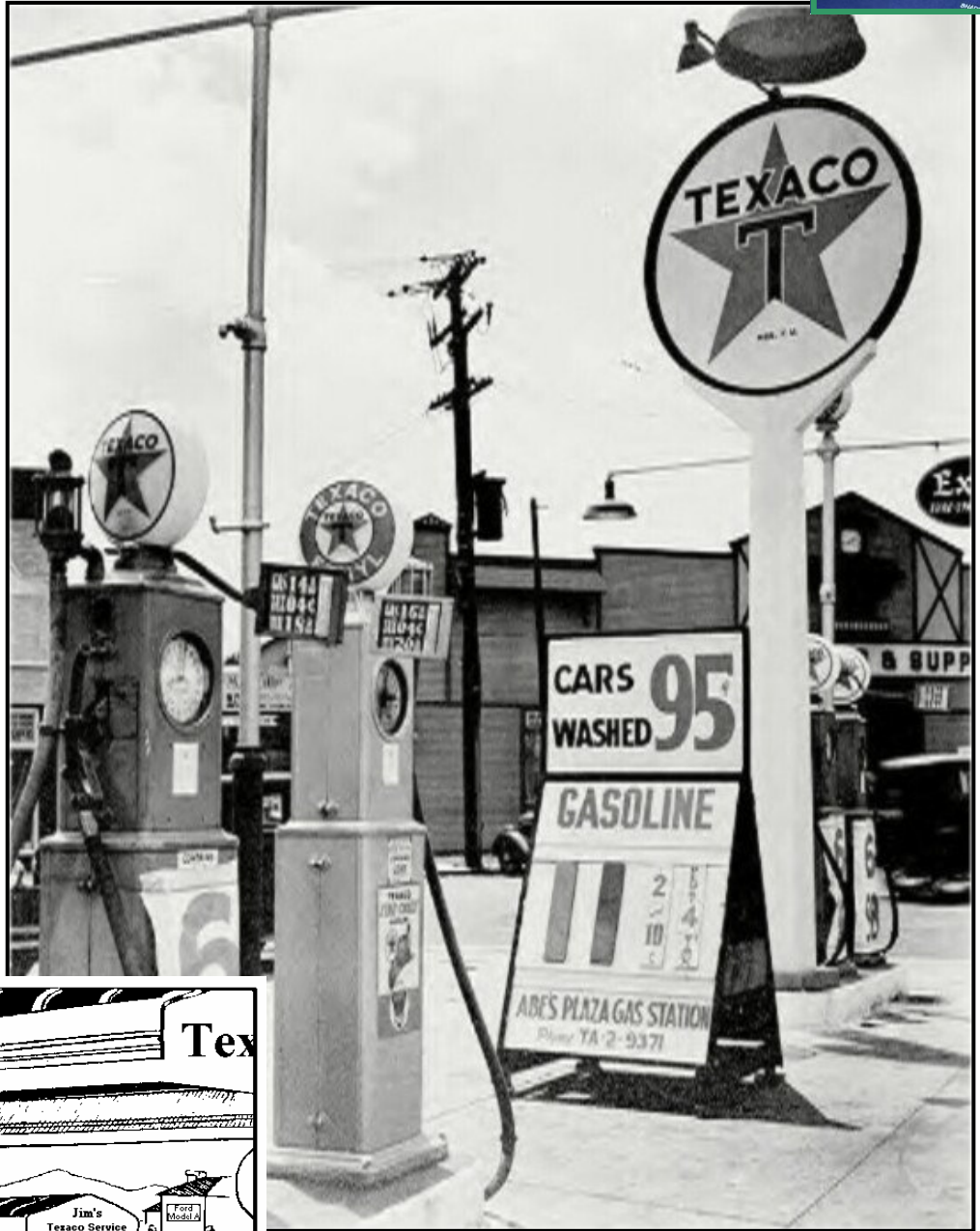


NOTES FROM THE MODEL A GARAGE

By Jim McPherson



With the introduction of the Model A Ford, several companies advertised their products to assure the motoring public their products were acceptable for use in the new car. In a 1928 Standard Oil Company Brochure, after recognizing the requirements for the Model T, acknowledged the "new" Model A Ford. "Engine speed and cylinder compression have been increased in the Model A. Horsepower has been doubled. An oil pump has been installed. Under these new conditions, Socony Motor Oil Medium is recommended for the new Ford engine, except cold weather when Socony Light Medium is recommended. Socony Cup Grease is recommended for the clutch collar, and Socony Gear Oil or transmission lubricant for the transmission."



Some Model A owners replacing the generator with an alternator are concerned by the slight misalignment of the fan belt. The misalignment is due to the design of the alternator pulley. Abbie Prince located a pulley designed to correct this condition. Another way to correct this condition is to place flat washers (usually 4) on the backside of the alternator mount, and on the front side of the motor mount, where the generator was originally located. This moves the alternator and aligns the pulleys



MODEL 'A' INSPECTOR'S TICKET

Name _____ Date _____

Type _____ Motor No. _____

License _____ Mileage _____

1. Change engine oil (no charge except for oil) - - - - - _____
2. Lubricate Car - - - - - _____
3. Check battery _____ water _____ gravity _____ connections - - _____
4. Check generator charging rate - - _____
5. Check distributor breaker points and gap - - - - - _____
6. Check idling speed and carburetor adjustment - - - - - _____
7. Check all lights - - - - - _____
8. Check Brakes; do not adjust unless necessary - - - - - _____
9. Check shock absorber adjustment, and see that clamp bolt is drawn down tight - - - - - _____
10. Check tire pressures - - - - - _____
11. Inspect steering gear ball arm and drag link - - - - - _____
12. Check for rattles or squeaks - - - - - _____
13. Check head-light alignment - - - - - _____
14. Check wheel nuts - - - - - _____
15. Check wheel alignment, body bolts and spring shackles - - - - - _____
16. Check Trans. and Rear End for Grease - - - - - _____
17. Steering Wheel, Brake and Transmission Levers Cleaned? - - - - - _____
18. Remarks _____

Checked By _____

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MODEL "A" TEST AND ADJUSTMENT RECORD

Sold to _____
 Address _____
 Date Promised _____ Hour _____ A. M.
 P. M.
 Date Delivered _____

DATE ASSEMBLED	MOTOR NO.	TYPE

Assembled by	Check	Mechanic
Ammeter—Charge and Discharge		
Battery—Clamps, Terminals and Water		
Test or Adjust	Lights (Head - Tail - Stop)	
	4-Wheel Brakes	
	Carburetor	
	Wheels and Align	
	Doors and Locks	
Shock Absorbers		
Radiator - Hose - Water Pump		
All Bolts, Studs, and Washers O. K.		
Grease and Oil	Differential	
	Axle R. B. Cups	
	Universal Joint	
	Steering System	
	Generator	
Distributor		
Fan Shaft		
Inside Test—Time		
Road Test		
Tools, Curtains and Mats		
Tires O. K. and Inflated		
Motor Oil—No. Quarts		
Gasoline—Gallons		
Water in Radiator		
Windshield O. K.		

Remarks: _____

NOTE—Mechanic check each item and sign above.

Final Inspection

Foreman

Has The Steering Wheel Been Cleaned?

Form C611 SALES EQUIPMENT CO., Detroit

ON THE SHADY SIDE

By Susan Meloan

.At the January meeting Frankie Dunevent asked us about helping with the Child Enrichment program. Her daughter is on the BOD of this organization, and Frankie felt this would be a worthwhile endeavor for us. She invited anyone interested to attend a tour and luncheon on January 31. Four of us Frankie, Carole Gazette, Barbara Bryant and myself attended. We took some school supplies and book bags with us.

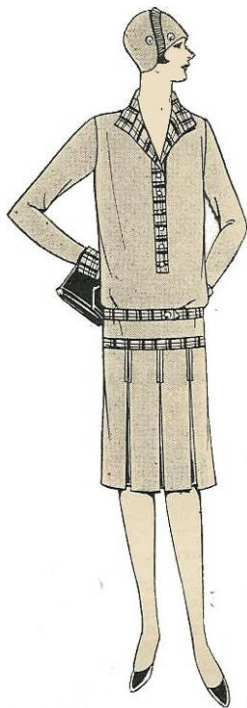
We were given an introduction of their mission of helping to save the physical and emotional lives of abused and neglected children. Child Enrichment Inc operates a shelter and serves as advocacy center for these children. The residents are aged from infancy to 17 years old. After hearing a description of the work, we visited the shelter and had lunch. All four of us were very touched by the work performed at this facility.

The Shady A Ladies have decided to add our support to this work by collecting various items on their needs list. These items are placed in their 'Mother Hubbard's' closet and given to the residents as needed. We will choose a category for each meeting. For March we will bring toiletries and such items include toothpaste (individual size), deodorant (male/female), lotions (individual size), hair accessories including some for African American children, hair care items (shampoo & conditioner) and other items suitable for children or teenagers.

While we invite all our members to attend the meetings, you do not have to attend in order to participate. You are very welcome to send some items with the men, and we will collect them. Frankie has volunteered to deliver them for us.

The following is reprinted as submitted by Sharon Pelikan in the **Model A Restorers Club of Arizona** newsletter.

Era Fashions **13 Rules for Buying Vintage** **by Daniela Turudich**



- Know thy style.
- Know thy eras.
- Know thy budget.
- Know what looks good on you.
- Only buy what you truly love.
- Love at first sight should wait ½ hour.
- If you have got to fix it forget it.
- Try everything on at least once.
- Honey, if it's too small - - don't force it.
- If it's too big - you'll look like a cow.
- Not everything vintage looks good.
- Some vintage styles were forgotten for good reason.
- Shop sober and bring a trusted friend.





VINTAGE VISIONS

By Paula Gay

I bought a vintage housedress from Anne Beck several years ago. The dress is an original design from 1928-29 era. It is cream colored with tangerine flowers with accent colors. It has a drop waist that goes down to a point in the front. It has two pleats in the front and none in the back. This style housedress has a collar and cuff in a darker shade to match the color in the fabric. The neckline is a V shape with a medium width pointed collar. At the cuff on the sleeve there is an added piece of material forming a V before the cuff. Most day dresses were sleeveless but for the fall and winter they tended to be longer sleeves.



I like to display my housedress with a vintage apron that I got from my grandmother. This peach colored apron is hand stitched and has a hand embroidered design of a lady dressed in her era dress. The necktie is an all one piece and the side ties are loose. The bottom of the apron has scalloped edges.

These go well with white hose and shoes from that era that I bought from Sheila McPherson.



SHADE TREE A'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MARCH

- 11 Tech Session VI
- 13 **STA Meeting**
- 17 **St Patrick's Parade**
- 18 Picnic in the Park

APRIL

- 1 **Progressive Breakfast**
- 10 **STA DINNER Meeting**
(Fire Mountain Grill, North Augusta)
- 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 DINNER Meeting**

SEPTEMBER

- 7-10 Chattanooga, TN Tour
- 11 **STA Meeting**
- 25-28 Smoky Mountain Meet

OCTOBER

- 9 **STA Meeting**

NOVEMBER

- 13 **STA Meeting**

DECEMBER

- 9 **STA Christmas Party**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Dan Perla, Greenlee Flanagin, Rosalie King, Curtis Krosting, Doug Wilson
Tellene Sylvester, Doris Brown, Kay Manning, Rosalind Neal, Erma Taylor

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

Greenlee Flanagin is continuing to recuperate from serious injuries he suffered in a Fall at his home. He will be in Atlanta for a few more weeks.

Betty Wade is also recuperating from a fall and has been discharged from The hospital and is undergoing physical therapy to aid in her recovery.

Our best wishes to these members and any others who are ill.

NEW MEMBERS

William Gordon; 2603 Glenn Hills Drive; Augusta, GA 30906

Dave and Carrie Welter; 505 Henderson Drive, Augusta, GA 30909
1929 Briggs 4-door; 1931 Closed Cab pickup

Doug and Sheila Wilson; 704 Rincon Abbey Ct.; Martinez, GA 30907
1931 Model A Coupe