

Shade Tree A's Newsletter

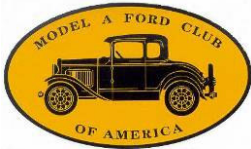
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"Old Times - New Beginnings"

We're pleased to present the second in a series of paintings by Shade Tree A's club member, Carole Gazette, a very talented and gifted artist! Carole has graciously allowed the use of some of her oil paintings as covers for the Shade Tree A's Newsletter. This month's scene is appropriate for Spring. We will bring you other scenes by Carole 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

Members are also urged to join the Model "A" Restorers Club. Dues are \$35.00 per year and include a subscription to the **Model "A" News**. MARC, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135

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MAY MEETING

The May meeting will be at our regular location in Richard Dunevent's garage on **Monday May 8th** at **7:30 pm**.

Do you feel like a milk shake after taking your Model A for a drive because of all the vibration? Are your hands numb from holding the steering wheel?

One of the main sources of vibration is the engine, and it is felt throughout the car. Many think a counterweighted crankshaft is the answer. But there might be a simple fix, and one not so expensive. **Abbie Prince** explores the myths and facts about engine vibration at our May meeting.

REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

May

McMullins, Nelsons, Bryants

June

Neals, Masons, Princes



OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Notes from the President

The Shade Tree A's has a long and proud history. One of the factors which binds a club into a cohesive, smooth functioning entity is the longevity of its membership. The STA's proudly counts among its membership a number of very active individuals who have been with the club since it began, over 30 years ago. I would like to thank Vice-President Craig McMullin for championing a project to recognize our members' longevity with the Club.

The first task Craig was faced with was determining just how long each member had been in the Club. This wasn't as simple as it might seem. Many could not remember exactly when they joined. Craig enlisted the help of several volunteers. Ed and Susan Meloan, Jim and Sheila McPherson, and Don Turley were very active in researching the records. Old Newsletters were read and dates extracted. In the end a comprehensive list was compiled. Don even assembled a database of officers since the beginning of the Club. Good job, all of you.

Craig designed the commemorative pin (see photo) and proposed that anyone who has been a member for 2 years or more receive one. Pins will be awarded in 5 year increments. The first presentation was made, with Theresa's help, at the April Dinner Meeting on April 10. I for one will wear my 5 year pin with pride, eagerly awaiting the time (in 2 years) when I can trade it in on a 10 year pin.



Thank you Craig!

Jack Horner, President



MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

The Shade Tree A's April Dinner Meeting was held Monday, April 10, 2006 at Fire Mountain Grill in North Augusta.

After the meal, President Jack Horner called the meeting to order about 8:15 pm.

The treasurer's report was given, and the minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

New Business: Eric Shogren gave a report on the upcoming Augusta Mall Show. The Mall has given its approval, but since it's under new ownership and will be undergoing some construction, there will be fewer cars (probably 10) on display this year. The Show is scheduled for the weekend of June 17-18.

Craig McMullin distributed handsome new Anniversary Pins to members. The pins recognize 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of membership.

Tech Seminar VII will be held on Saturday, May 6 at Richard Dunevent's garage. Minor repairs to and problems with Model As will be discussed. Susan Meloan announced that the Child Enrichment program needs new belts. Please bring them to the next monthly meeting!

There will be a Swap Meet in Greenwood the weekend of April 21-22.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Monday, May 1 at 6:30 at Susan and Ed Meloan's home; the next Membership meeting is Monday, May 8 at 7:30 pm at Richard and Frankie Dunevent's home.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Tom Roberts*



CLUB ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

TECH SESSION VII

MODEL A FIRES

The Shade Tree A's will hold their 7th Tech Session on **Saturday May 6th**. Meet for breakfast at **Ryan's** (Note **NEW location**) on Bobby Jones at 8 o'clock, then tour to Richard's around 9 for the Tech Session. We'll be giving all Model A's a **FREE** check for the number one cause of Model A fires. Do you know what it is? If not, you might want to plan on attending. We'll also be doing the traditional adjusting, repairing and rebuilding Model A Ford components necessary to keep our A's on the road. If you would like any assistance, please call Craig McMullin (803-637-3790) or Jim McPherson (706-592-4835) so we can make sure to have the most qualified personnel and equipment available to help you. For the owners of the Model A's which pass the fire inspection, a scrumptious free salad and pizza lunch, provided by the Shade Tree A's and prepared by Craig and Theresa McMullin, awaits you.

SOCIAL SECURITY RUN

The Atlanta Region of the Horseless Carriage Club of America is hosting the 11th Social Security Run **May 19-21**. We will leave the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at 7:30 SHARP on Friday May 19th and tour to Gainesville, GA. The warm up Medicare Tour is Friday afternoon, and the big tour on Saturday is to Amicalola Falls, the tallest falls east of the Mississippi. We will return home Sunday. It may not be too late to participate. If you would like to join us, call Jim McPherson (706-592-4835) NOW.

JUNE

OLD 96 GATHERING—HOT DOG DAY!

The Old 96 District Model A Club has invited us to join them and other area Model A Clubs for a day of hot dogs and fellowship on **Saturday June 3rd**. We will meet for breakfast at Fire Mountain in North Augusta at 8 o'clock, then tour to the Ninety-Six Park for the activities. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share with the group, some drinks and chairs, they will provide the hot dogs they have become so famous for.

"PACK THE PARK"

On **Saturday June 24th**, we have been ask to display our Model A's at the Hephzibah Community Center in conjunction with their Pack the Park promotion. There will be a baseball game between the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Deputies and food will be available. Arrive anytime after 9 o'clock and display your Model A for all to see. They anticipate the event will be over around 2, but you can come and go as your time permits

RECENT EVENTS

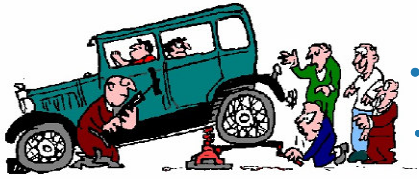
PROGRESSIVE BREAKFAST



Abbie thought it was an April Fools joke. He arrived at Al's Restaurant for the Progressive Breakfast on Saturday April First and there were no Model A's in the parking lot! It was raining, and he had gotten his Model A out in this weather, not sure if it would melt or not! Finally Jim McPherson and Ed Meloan arrived, followed by Barbara Bryant and Houston Barbee. They were off to Hardee's. No, they were headed back to Al's. No, they were headed back to Hardee's. Back and forth we went. During this time they were joined by Richard and Frankie. Finally arriving at Hardee's, we were greeted by Craig and Theresa. We were off again, back to Al's but this time, we passed Al's and headed into North Augusta. Shortly we arrived at North Augusta's Riverview Park. Again, there were no cars to be seen. As we went to turn around, we were greeted by a sign "Shade Tree A'ers, welcome to the first and only stop on the progressive breakfast. April Fool"

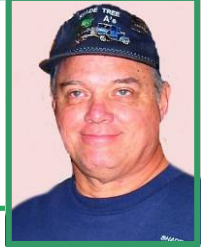
There, right under the pavilion was a breakfast spread of fresh fruit, juice, breakfast casserole, grits, ham biscuits, sweet rolls, coffee and milk, a feast for all.

The Progressive Breakfast was provided by Ed and Susan Meloan and Jim and Sheila McPherson.



NOTES FROM THE MODEL A GARAGE

By Jim McPherson



At least a few Shade Tree A's members remember holding our monthly meetings in NF Manly's shop, and watching the progress as he restored his 1929 Tudor for MAFCA National competition in 1976. New to the restoration hobby at that time was Imron paint, which was developed for the aircraft industry. I can well remember when NF painted the 21" wheels black. When we arrived at his shop we thought the wheels had been freshly painted, when in fact they were not. The black paint was so glossy they looked wet, and we thought that at any moment a run would surely develop in the paint. Although you don't see many wheels painted with Imron today, we do have a new kid on the block. Powder coating has become the "in" thing for wheels and small parts. Some are even powder coating larger parts to include fenders.

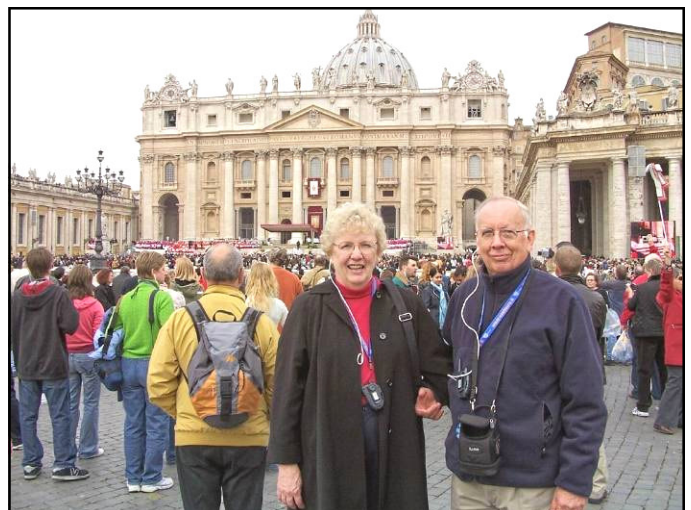
In search of the perfect materials to use in our restorations, powder coating has now taken a place of prominence, but there may be some misconceptions about powder coating. One of the most important may be that powder coating does not chip. This is not true. With enough effort, powder coating will chip (but should never flake off), so to avoid a chipped rim or parts, protect them from sharp contact. Do not hit the edges of the rims, as that is where the stress is. Wrap them with shrink-wrap or a foam rubber carpet pad. Do not use bubble wrap. Bubble wrapped powder coated parts get wet and etches the powder coated surface. It is OK to use masking tape, but if it is left on and dries out it will damage the powder coating.

Automotive soap and water are the best to keep powder coating clean. Other soaps, such as Simple Green are corrosive, and will dull the finish. Armor-All sprayed on and left overnight will buff out the next day with a clean terry cloth rag to give a gloss. Carnuba wax is the best to protect powder coated parts. Micro scratches cause dulling of the powder coated surface. They can be removed with compound or polish, using the same methods you would on an automotive finish. You can even paint over a powder coated surface. Many of our fellow hobbyists in Florida are using it as a primer. Just sand the powder coated surface to get a paintable surface and paint with automotive paint. Treat the

powder coated surface like an automotive finish, and keep it clean to avoid micro scratches. THANKS to Bob La Follette of the Henry's A's Chapter, MAFCA, for this information.

DuPont Refinish has established a free online library of virtually every color chip DuPont has produced since introducing Duco nitrocellulose lacquer in 1924. Located in the Color section of the DuPont Performance Coatings website (www.performancecoatings.dupont.com), the DuPont Refinish Historical Color Library is a searchable application that allows you to view, print or download a scanned image of every automotive and truck color chip DuPont has produced since 1924. Although scanned images of chips, or even the chips themselves, are not exact reproductions of the original colors, they will give you the text information as well as the approximate visuals of the colors.

For you go fast guys, the reproduction Stromberg 97 carburetor is now available. The 97 is one of the most sought after downdraft carburetors for Model A's, B's and early Ford V-8's.



Club members, Tom and Pat Roberts recently visited Europe and has a great time! They are shown here in Vatican Square, Rome. Tom says they saw the Pope installing new Cardinals but we suspect the Pope had heard they were coming and just wanted to see them!

ON THE SHADY SIDE

By Carol Gazette

May is a glorious month in all gardens, with the flowering trees and shrubs in full bloom and preparations being made for a vegetable garden. One can imagine how important a vegetable garden was in the 1920's-30. People planted vegetables to sustain their family and their neighbors too. Almost all ladies of the era also had a flower and herb garden as well

I don't imagine, other than the clothing we wear, that women of today are any different when it comes to the love of fresh garden vegetables and herbs to cook with, a fresh cut bouquet of flowers on the table from your flower garden, or a pleasant ride in the country in the Model A.

Women of the era, no matter how busy, always took time for visits, tea and fellowship—just like the Shady A Ladies. Your attendance at the meetings and participating in events has been great. Touring the countryside is relaxing, and for a short time, takes us away to a time of our ancestors. So continue to put down the rake and hoe or whatever keeps you busy and enjoy the fellowship with each other. We have a lot of events coming up to participate in. Check the newsletter and pick one—there are so many. Personally, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our meetings and events. If you are a new member, please join us after the business meeting. If you haven't been in a while, we have missed you.

Don't forget, Anne Neely-Beck is the Shade Tree A's and southeastern United States representative on the MAFCA Era Fashion Committee. She'll be representing us in Massachusetts in July. A national event is always fun with something for every family member to do. If you can go, let Anne know. I'm sure she will appreciate your support.

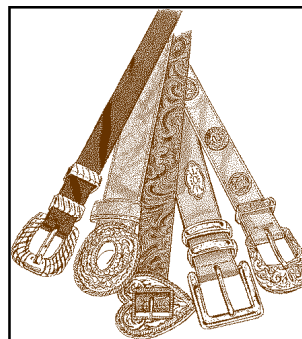
The Child Enrichment program is coming along real good. Thank you for meeting the needs of "Mother Hubbard's Closet." You are helping plant flowers in a child's life that otherwise is filled with weeds of heartbreak and despair.

Now, a little gift from my Herb garden to spice up your next meat dish. This is great to use with a marinate or sprinkle it on buttered and toasted French bread for a real treat.

½- teaspoon celery flakes
2- teaspoons garlic powder
1- teaspoon dried thyme
2- teaspoons onion powder
1- teaspoon dried basil
2- tablespoons dried parsley
1- teaspoon dried oregano
1-teaspoon salt
1-teaspoon ground black pepper

Place all ingredients in a small mixing bowl and stir well. Then store in an airtight container for up to three months.

Child Enrichment for May



For May it was suggested that the shelter needed belts.

The belts should be new and suitable for teenagers in size 32, 34, or 36. They can be from any material—leather, vinyl, elastic, or cloth. According to a board member, they require residents to wear belts, and they always need them.

Frankie Dunevent will collect all donations at the May meeting.

VINTAGE VISIONS

By Carole Gazzette



Appropriately Dressed for Gardening and Housework

Creating fashion and the making of a home were truly expressions of art, created primarily by women. Whether it was working in the garden or the home, women always adorned themselves with beautiful, hand stitched aprons and dresses. Aprons seem to carry a host of nostalgic memories of a simpler time when women's roles were clearly defined, albeit greatly restricted.

Below is a simple pattern of 1927

showing a variety of styles of aprons.



If only these aprons could tell us of the work they have seen . . .

a frilly apron to wear when preparing Sunday night supper, made of lawn or dotted muslin or organdy . . . or

a practical kitchen apron of gingham and chambray, percales and prints and some with a touch of hand embroidery.

Aprons were a very important part of a ladies dress to protect their clothing from the work being done.



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.

MAY

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

JUNE

- 3 Grandfather's Day @ Mike's
- 3 **Old 96 Hot Dog Day (change from June 10)**
- 12 **STA Meeting**
- 16-18 **Augusta Mall Display**
- 17 Trenton Peach Parade
- 22-30 Dearborn & MARC Meet, Grand Rapids, MI
- 24 **Hephzibah Model A Display**

JULY

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

AUGUST

- 14 **STA DINNER Meeting**
- 27 Sno-Cap with GaSCar

SEPTEMBER

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

25-28 Smoky Mountain Meet

OCTOBER

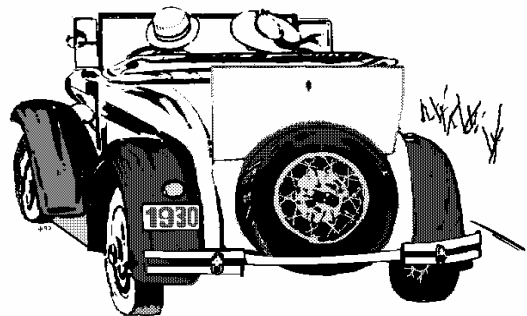
- 9 **STA Meeting**
- 14 Steak Cookout
- 21-22 Washington, GA Tour & Play
- 28 Sno-Cap with GaSCar

NOVEMBER

- 13 **STA Meeting**

DECEMBER

- 9 **STA Christmas Party**



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jim Dover, Russell Young, Gerald Melchiors, Billy Garland,
Ken Nelson, Ben Deitz, Joe Christian, Lorry Schroen, Betty Wade,
Montie Knapp, Lois Melchiors, Dottie Shogren, Brenda Prince,
Shirley Day, Wanda Hall, Linda Krosting

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