

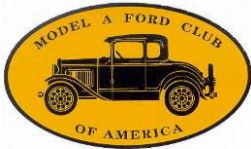
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**The Shade Tree A's is a non-profit organization
with chapter affiliation with MAFCA and MARC**

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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OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting will be held at our normal location; **Monday October 9th at 7:00 pm** at Richard Dunevent's garage.

Does your car pull to the right or left? Do you feel like your lifting weights when you try to turn the steering wheel? Does your car start to dance all over the road when you cross a railroad track or hit a small bump? If so, you'll be especially interested in our October program!

Master mechanic, Gerald Melchoir, will discuss front-end alignment and how you can make that Model A drive like it did when Henry made it !

REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

October

L. Schroen, Gordon, Krosting

November

Dozier, Wilson, S. Smith, Chavis

December

Dinner Meeting



OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President

As hard as it is to believe, it is now October. Summer is indeed behind us and the year is winding down. Despite that, there remains a very active quarter ahead of us. In the remaining 3 months of 2006 we have a weekend outing to Abbeville, a steak cookout, numerous Christmas parades, a technical seminar, and the much-anticipated Christmas Party. The Shade Tree A's Ladies have agreed to coordinate the arrangements for the Christmas Party, thank you ladies. Don't be surprised if still additional activities are added. What does all of that mean to you? That, of course, depends on what you want it to mean. If you want to get involved there is ample opportunity. Is your Model A parade ready? Probably, but if you have any doubts plan on attending the next Saturday Technical Seminar which will focus on "Getting Parade Ready". If you don't have a Model A or can't realistically get one ready in time perhaps you could join a fellow Shade Tree A'er at least for a parade. Get involved! It can be fun and very rewarding.

There is one additional aspect of the fall season, which has a significant impact on your club ----- ANNUAL ELECTIONS! I want to thank Tom Roberts for chairing the nominations committee, comprised of Tom, Wayne Ready, and Larry Komp; thank you all. The results of their efforts will be presented at the October meeting, at which time additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. The official ballot will be in the November Newsletter. This process represents the future of our club. There is an additional committee-based effort underway, the selection of this year's recipient of the Monroe Wade Award. That committee is comprised of the past recipients of the award (Jim McPherson, Richard Dunevent, and Ed Meloan) together with Betty Wade; Ed is chairing the committee. If you have recommendations for that award please talk to any of the four committee members.

It's your club, support it, get involved! I hope to see you soon.

Jack Horner, President



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting of the Shade Tree A's was called to order by President Jack Horner at 7:20 on September 11 at Richard Dunevent's garage after a meal of Arby's roast beef sandwiches, chips, cookies and drinks provided by the Turley, Smith, Boswell, Gazette and Jones families.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Eric Shogren reported that the Club had received thanks from Charleston for our contribution to their Youth X Cup Car. Also the Mustang Club thanked us for the use of our stanchions at their Mall Show and invited us to the Boshears Car Show in October. The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Walter Smith brought us up to date on Greenlee Flanagin's continued recovery. Glen Boswell passed around pictures of Hit and Miss Engines that a friend of his would like to sell. Craig McMullin, Jim Brown and Curtis Krosting gave reports on the Imperial Theatre marquee, Sno-Cap Drive-in and Chattanooga/Smoky Mts. events.

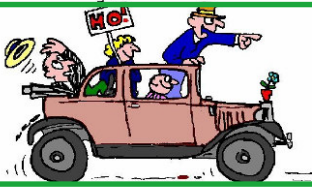
Under new business, Jim McPherson reported on upcoming events. Susan Meloan requested donations of socks for the Child Advocacy Project. Jack Horner stated that the incorporation papers have now been filed.

Larry Komp gave a program on the Role of the Model A in the History of the 30s, 40s and 50s. He passed around a uniquely-repaired water pump and brake rod and a homemade trailer hitch. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Tom Roberts*

DUES NOTICE

You should have received your dues notice from MAFCA by now. It is also your reminder that it is time to pay your Shade Tree A's dues, **WHICH INCLUDES YOUR MAFCA DUES**. "One check, that's all" says Treasurer Richard Dunevent. Make that check out for \$55.00 and get the check and the yellow MAFCA renewal card to Richard. **After December 1st, your dues will be PAST DUE!**



CLUB ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Steak Cookout

PLEASE READ THIS UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENT

With hopes that cooler weather will prevail in October, the Shade Tree A's have moved their most famous eating gathering to **Saturday October 14th**.

Arrive at the home of Glenn Boswell (3634 Devaney Lane, Martinez) anytime after one o'clock and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship under the shade trees. Barbara Bryant has graciously accepted the job of coordinating the best salads, covered dishes and deserts our ladies are so famous for making. The steaks will cost \$8.00 each.

If you did not sign up at the September meeting give Barbara a call (706-738-4455 or pbbryant2@bellsouth.net).

Please remember to bring your dinner plate, eating utensils and chairs. The owner of the property directly behind Glenn's has erected a wooden fence, but it is still OK for us to park there.

Blythe Fever Parade

Blythe, GA will host Blythe Fever **Saturday October 14th**. Lineup for the parade will begin at 10 o'clock for parade and festival activities at 11 o'clock.

Halloween in Abbeville!

The Shade Tree A's will return to Abbeville, SC **Saturday October 28th**. And what a grand return it will be. We will begin with breakfast at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road in the K-Mart plaza at 9 o'clock, then tour to Abbeville. We will be staying at the historic Belmont Inn, with it's haunting past.

Visit your favorite shops on the town square and tour the historic Burt-Stark House, where visitors still see the ghost of Jefferson Davis as he signs the papers ending the Civil War. The house is open from 1-5 on Saturday, and 2 admission tickets are included. Return to the hotel in the afternoon and find your way to the lounge, where you may see ghosts of horses in this former stable area. Here you will enjoy a Wine and Cheese Welcome party, with the wine freely flowing all afternoon.

If you haven't already, it is time to dress in your Halloween finest. Your participation in costume will add to the festivities of the weekend, and are most appropriate for the occasion. Next, we will find our way to the dining

room, via the secret hidden staircase, for a gourmet dinner. Following dinner we will go across the street to the Abbeville Opera House for the live play "**Dracula**". You may choose to dress in accordance with the play, or your favorite character. You will enjoy the suspense and seduction of Bram Stoker's classic novel on stage. As Count Dracula begins to exert his will upon the residents of London, they try to piece together the clues of his appearances, in a valiant attempt to save themselves from a hideous fate.

Following the play we will return to the hotel dining room for desert and entertain ourselves with Halloween games. Meet a real live Count, or his ghost. Prizes will be awarded for Best Costumes, most unique costume, your favorite Halloween games and anything else we can think of. Sunday morning we will enjoy a full hot breakfast in the hotel dining room before returning home. For this weekend get-a-way, there are three room choices. A room with 2 twin beds is \$170.00, with a queen bed is \$190.00, and a deluxe queen room is \$200.00. For those of you who prefer to sleep in your own bed, all the above, less the room stay is available for \$60.00 per person. All available rooms in the hotel have been reserved. They are available to you on a first come, first served basis. Reply to me by e-mail or phone (706-592-4835) to reserve yours, and tell me which room type you would like. Jim McPherson.

Sno-Cap Cruise-In

GaSCar has invited us to attend the last cruise-in of the season at the Sno-Cap Drive-In on **Saturday October 28th, from 4-7pm**. The City of North Augusta will be hosting their downtown Jack-o-Lantern Jubilee the same day from 10am to 4pm with crafts, food and entertainment, for those who would like to participate. If you are not able to participate in the Abbeville Tour, please try to go to the Sno-Cap.

Tech Session VIII

At this Tech Session, we'll be asking the question "Is your Model A parade ready?" We'll be providing assistance with tune-ups, minor repairs (let us know if you need help with a specific project), and searching for overlooked safety items, all designed to get your Model A ready for the Christmas parade season. We'll meet for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill in the K-Mart Plaza on Washington Road at eight o'clock, then proceed to Richard's garage for the heavy repairs. The person who finds the unsafe condition on a Model A (or the most unsafe conditions if we are not so lucky) will get an EXTRA cookie at the free lunch, served around noon!



RECENT EVENTS

NORTH AUGUSTA SNO-CAP'S 42ND ANNIVERSARY



GaS Car Antique Automobile Club invited the Shade Tree A's to join them as the Sno Cap Drive-In celebrated their 42nd Anniversary. On Saturday afternoon, eight Model A Fords joined a host of antique Pontiacs, Chryslers, Fords and Chevy's for the celebration. We enjoyed root beer, coke floats and corn dogs and fries as a DJ played songs from the 60's. Following the car display, some members enjoyed dinner at Fire Mountain before returning home.



RECENT EVENTS



PICTURES FROM THE "SCENIC CHATTANOOGA" TOUR





RECENT EVENTS

SCENIC CHATTANOOGA

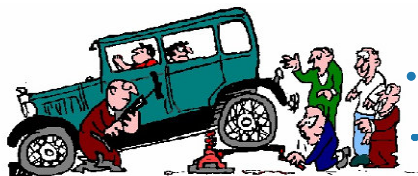
Eight Shade Tree A's families traveled to Chattanooga, TN for a weekend of Model A activities September 7-10, hosted by the Scenic City A's of Chattanooga and F.A.S.T. Southeast. One group took the scenic mountain route, stopping at antique malls along the way and eating lunch at the Dillard House. A second group took a more direct interstate highway route. James and Anne Beck drove their Model A DeLux Roadster from Jeffersonville (that is real confidence in your Model A, to be on the road by yourself).

Thursday afternoon the group toured the Coker Tire Company warehouse, viewed part of the Coker antique car and motorcycle collection, visited Honest Charley's (next door), and took in the machine shop where they make tire rims and replacement parts for their cars. Honest Charley's hosted a Welcome Party in the Coker lobby. Then it was downtown where a variety of restaurants tempted all.

Friday morning found us touring the mountains of Tennessee and north Georgia, visiting the Chickamauga National Battlefield Museum and touring the battlefield. They have one of the largest collections of Civil War rifles and artillery I have ever seen. We had a delicious BBQ lunch at the Lee and Gordon Mill, catered by one of the Scenic City A's members. The mill contained a variety of milling equipment and a museum, and a separate tractor museum, which included several Fordson tractors. After lunch we visited the antique shops in Chickamauga and then a mountain drive through Mountain Cove Farm before returning to the hotel.

We arrived at the hotel just in time to turn around and head for the Coker farm, where Harold and Lil Coker welcomed us to their barn. The original part of the barn was a large entertainment area with tables and chairs, complete with drinks and snacks for all. The main Coker car collection is housed in an adjoining addition to the barn. Then it was supper time. You guessed it, we found a local favorite, Bea's, where supper is served family style on a lazy Susan in the middle of the table. We would have never found the restaurant by ourselves. Luckily, a former STA member took us to the restaurant. The waitress didn't think we would ever stop eating their special fried chicken, fresh vegetables and banana pudding.

Saturday morning 26 Model A's challenged the 6th Street hill in downtown Chattanooga, led by our own Abbie Prince in the Number 24 New York Yankee's Special. Practice runs in the morning were followed by timing, carburetor and spark plug adjustments (just ask Abbie), followed by the finals in the afternoon. Abbie did really well when you consider the intense competition and the number of Speedsters entered in his Class. Well done Abbie! Saturday evening we boarded the Southern Bell Riverboat for a dinner cruise. Awards were presented for the Hill Climb, we had an excellent dinner, and a great group entertaining us, all while cruising on the Tennessee River.



NOTES FROM THE MODEL A GARAGE

By Jim McPherson



The May 2005 Newsletter introduced the anti-wear oil additive ZDDP. ZDDP has been around for more than 60 years in motor oils in a concentration of about 1%. The concentration of ZDDP in oil additives ranges from 2-15%. The same phosphate in ZDDP that damages catalytic converters also forms the ware protecting phosphate glass on engine surfaces. The government has mandated longer catalytic converter life, so in addition to looking for new anti-ware additives, the car manufacturers and oil companies have been reducing the amount of ZDDP in oil. Development of new anti-ware additives is a major problem, so until that happens, ZDDP has been reduced to 0.01% by weight in oil. This happened in January, 2004.

In modern engines, an increase in tapped-camshaft failures was consistent with this ZDDP reduction. I was not aware of all the changes being made in motor oils today. When looking at the top of an oil can, I thought the category listed meant it met the requirements covered by all earlier categories. API (American Petroleum Institute) Service Categories SM (for current engines), SL (for 2004 and older engines) and SJ (for 2001 and older engines) are the currently available. The typical motor oils available today at the local auto parts store might be less than suitable for use in our Model A's. A review of the Service Categories is interesting.

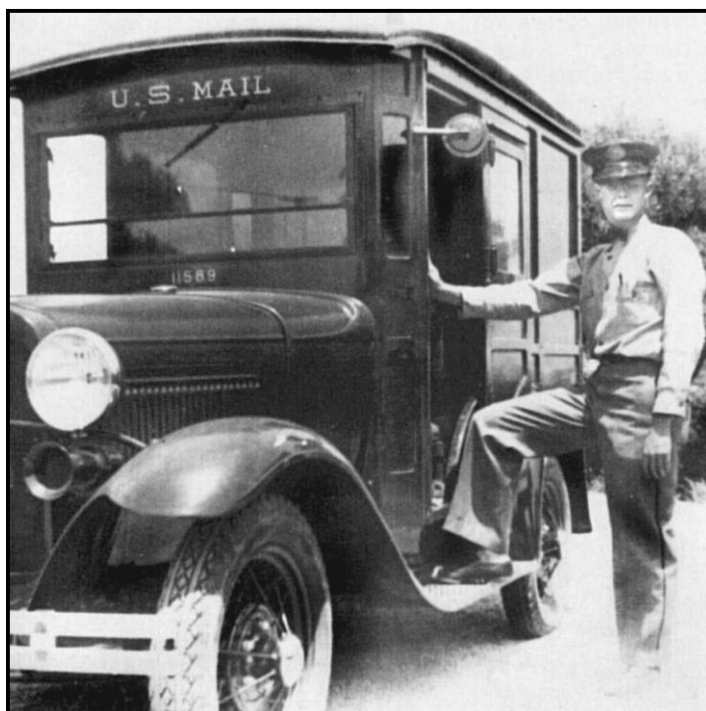
Service Category SA, contains no additives, and is listed as not suitable for engines built after 1930. The next Service Category, SB, is not suitable for engines built after 1963. Then there is a more rapid change in the "not suitable for engines built after" with the SC being 1967, the SD being 1971, the SE being 1979, the SF being 1988, the SF being 1993, and the SH being 1996. All of these Service Categories are listed as "Obsolete". We may want to pay more attention to the oil we buy for our Model A.

DCM Industries has introduced a new motor oil, Motor Head Hi-Z Motor Oil, designed specifically for use in our old engines. This motor oil contains 0.05% ZZDP in a 20W-40 multigrade oil with a Heavy Duty Detergent (HDD) formulation. The oil exceeds the API SL Service Category, but actually contains too much ZDDP to display the SL rating. A

ZDDP oil additive or DCM's Motor Head Hi-Z 20W-40 H.D. Detergent oil (QT, \$3.95; GAL, \$14.50; 800-343-8649, crosmobile-sk@yahoo.com) may provide added or needed protection for our Model A engines. (From Skinned Knuckles, August 2006).

On another topic, the light bulbs used in our Model A's are rated by candlepower. This creates a problem for those wishing to switch to the newer halogen bulbs, which are rated by watts. Anthony Pearson of Classis and Vintage Bulb Company offers these near-comparisons between candlepower and wattage for halogen bulbs: 2 watt = 3 cp; 6 watt = 6 cp; 10 watt = 15 cp; 15 watt = 21 cp; 25 watt = 32 cp; and 35 watt = 50 cp. Halogen bulbs appear to be about twice as bright as conventional bulbs.

See you down the road... *Jim*



All of you know Dan Perla's interest in Model A Mail Trucks. We believe we have discovered the reason! Here is a very rare old photo of Dan's Grandfather and his mail truck as he made his rounds back in 1932! The resemblance between Dan and his grandfather is certainly uncanny! But, of course, pictures never lie!

THE MONROE WADE AWARD

The purpose of the Monroe Wade Award is to honor a current Shade Tree A's member who promotes and encourages the furtherance of the Model A hobby. The member can have accomplished this in **any** of the ways listed below:



1. A club member who goes out of their way to help other members repair or maintain their Model A
2. A club member that:
 - a. Writes an outstanding article for the Shade Tree A's Newsletter, regarding repair and restoration, or who brings to light new information about the Model A.
 - b. Presents an outstanding program regarding repair and restoration or who provides new information about the Model A at a club meeting.
3. A club member that shows dedication to the Model A hobby and to the club by:
 - a. Driving his or her Model A on a substantial number of club tours and events.
 - b. Driving his or her Model A great distances, demonstrating that the Model A is not only fun but a worthy means of transportation.
 - c. Is an outstanding representative of the Shade Tree A's at national meets and tours or local community events. Thus serving as a Shade Tree A's Club ambassador.

Club members may nominate any member in good standing by submitting the member's name and a short paragraph with their reasons for nominating the member. The winner will be announced at the annual Christmas Meeting. The award winner's name will be added to a permanent plaque located at the club's meeting place and a second plaque will be given to the winner.

Name of person you are nominating _____

Reasons for nomination _____

Your name _____

The winner will be chosen by a committee made up of past winners of the award and Betty Wade. You may give your nomination to Award chairman, Ed Meloan or e-mail it to Ed@Meloan.net or mail it to: Monroe Wade Award; 5030 Fieldcrest Drive; North Augusta, SC 29841-0106. All nominations must be received **not later than the November Meeting** to be considered.

ON THE SHADY SIDE

By Christine Gordon



It all started a few years back in the Augusta Mall...

We were thrilled to see all those beautiful old cars on display. We looked at all of them and the more we looked the more we wished to own one.

At this point we did not know anything about the Shade Tree A's. A friend of ours told us we should look up that man in Hephzibah – it was Jim McPherson. At that time Jim did not have any Model A's for sale. So we kept on looking. Someone told us that Jim Dover had a car he wanted to sell. We had no idea how much a Model A cost.

We bought it and George drove it home. The brakes did not work – how we got home with it was

a small miracle. After a few repairs and paint jobs, we joined the Shade Tree A's.

Driving in that car makes me feel like I entered the twilight zone and it is 1929 again. I put a few outfits together – I call it “look-alikes” – I am still looking for some originals. The last few years have been a lot of fun – going on trips or driving in parades. There are so many things to learn from the good old days. We have made a lot of new friends, by telling people about the old cars. Looking forward to more good days ahead, living in the present, but always remembering the way it was

Christine Gordon

The October Meeting — Child Enrichment

For the October meeting we will be collecting school supplies and socks for both boys and girls. We need them for all ages from infants to high school. Bring them to the meeting and Frankie Dunevent will deliver them.



MINUTES OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors meeting of the Shade Tree A's was called to order by President Jack Horner at the Meloan's home September 19 at 6:20 p.m.

The status of incorporation was updated by Jack Horner. The filing fee of \$140 has been paid. The attorney will give us some recommendations. After discussion, a motion was made by Ed Meloan, seconded by Bill Maypole, to buy a club seal. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Adams has accepted the position of club librarian. Club policies were discussed. Tom Roberts will prepare a list of current policies and procedures.

Monthly meeting meals were discussed. There will be an anonymous informational poll at the October meeting. The Shady A Ladies will handle the Christmas party, except for the entertainment. Ed will do a slide presentation of the past year's events. Eric Shogren will do next year's Mall Show. He will need help selecting cars.

Tom Roberts presented the Nominating Committee's list of candidates for 2007 Officers: President, Craig McMullin; Vice-President, Jim Gay; Secretary, Susan Meloan; Treasurer, Richard Dunevent; Tour Director, Jim McPherson; National Director, Ed Meloan; Director, Bill Maypole. Requests for nominations for the Monroe Wade Award will be in the October newsletter. Nominations will be due by the November meeting.

Jim McPherson is looking for ideas for tours. Short Sunday afternoon tours were suggested.

New Adobe Photoshop software for the newsletter has been purchased by Ed Meloan. A motion to reimburse Ed \$300 (½ the purchase price) was made by Jim McPherson' seconded by Richard Dunevent. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion on meeting programs.

The next Board meeting will be November 6 at 6:30 pm at Ed and Susan Meloan's home. We adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Tom Roberts*

VINTAGE VISIONS

By Susan Meloan



ZIPITY-DO-DAH



"Talon" Hookless Fastener
Hookless Fasteners are steadily gaining in popularity. Used on bags, dresses, infants' wear and countless other articles. Fasteners are nickel plated and attached to the following colored tape: Black, white or tan. State color and length. Postpaid.

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Length,	EACH
5 or 7 in.....	40c
8, 9 or 10 in.....	45c
12 in.....	55c

During the Model A Era, clothes were usually fastened with buttons, snaps and hooks and eyes. However in scanning a 1931 Sears, Roebuck & Co Spring catalogue, I noticed a "Talon Hookless Fastener" listed in the sewing notions. The ad suggested it was gaining in popularity and was used in infant wear, dresses, and other articles. In this same catalog there was a man's blue chambray or khaki twill shirt featuring this same "hookless fastener".

After seeing these ads, I did a search of zippers on the internet and found several sources that stating that in 1893 Whitcomb Judson patented a "clasp locker" as a complicated hook and eye shoe fastener for a friend who could not lean over to undo his shoes.

Judson along with Colonel Lewis Walker launched the Universal Fastener Company to market this invention.

In 1917 Gideon Sundback, a designer for the Universal Fastener Company increased the number of fastening elements from four per inch to ten or eleven and introduced a gliding slider. The patent for this 'Separable Fastener' was issued in 1917. BF Goodrich used this fastener in rubber boots and galoshes and called them Zipper Boots. The name 'Zipper' was a registered as a trade make by BF Goodrich in 1925.

According to "A Book of Fashion Facts" recently compiled by MAFCA, H. D. Lee Merchantile Co. of Kansas became the first big clothing manufacturer to purchase the zipper in 1927. It was used primarily for specialty clothing worn by firefighters. The use of this fastener was still about a decade away for general use.

In 1928 the "Hookless Fastener Company" used an eagle in flight with talons extended as a trademark. This company was later changed to Talon, Inc. Even though the movement to sell the zipper increased, the general public resisted. Manufacturers did not want to retool their equipment – buttons were cheaper. Some consumers felt the zipper would stick, and they would have to be cut out of their clothes.

During the Model A Era, the zipper was limited to sportswear and outer clothing. Buttons, snaps and hooks-and-eyes were still the fastener of choice. It was 1937 before the use of the zipper in clothes became commonplace.



"Silver Streak"

\$1.19 33E695—Blue Chambray.
33E696—Khaki Twill.
Sizes, 14½ to 17. Half sizes. State size.

Postpaid Genuine Sturdy Oak Work Shirt with the genuine Talon Hookless Slide Fastener, unbeatable for comfort, convenience and economy. Priced unbelievably low. The Talon is the original and the only troubleproof fastener. It's light, supple, and rustproof! One zip and it's opened—another, and it's closed. Choice of extra fine quality, blue Chambray or Khaki twill.



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

OCTOBER

- 9 **STA Meeting**
- 14 **Steak Cookout**
- 14 **Blythe Fever Parade**
- 21-22 **Washington, GA Tour & Play CANCELLED!**
- 28-29 **Abbeville "Dracula" Tour & Play**

NOVEMBER

- 11 **Tech Session VIII**
- 13 **STA Meeting**

DECEMBER

- 6 **Gracewood Parade @ 1:00**
- 9 **STA Christmas Party**
- 14-16 **MAFCA Membership Meeting, Las Vegas, NE**

MARCH

- 12 **STA Meeting**
- 24 **Picnic-in-the-Park**

APRIL

- 9 **STA Meeting**
- 13-15 **MARC Membership Meeting, Joliet, IL**
- 27-28 **Fiddlers & Fiddleheads Hill Climb & Festival, Unicoi, TN**
- 20-21 **Swap Meet, Greenwood**

MAY

- 14 **STA Meeting**
- 18-20 **Social Security Run**

JUNE

- 11 **STA Meeting**
- 14-21 **MARC National Meet, Williamsburg, VA (Note change of Date!)**

DECEMBER

- 5-9 **MAFCA Membership Meeting Southern CA**

2007

JANUARY

- 8 **STA Meeting**

FEBRUARY

- 12 **STA Meeting**
- 15-18 **Model A Roundup, Jacksonville**



The Gordon's Pickup
at "Tires Plus" in North Augusta

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

October 28 **Sno-Cap with GaSCar**

WANTED!

Local places to go, places where the Club can eat, and not so close places you would like to visit. 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, Jim McPherson at 706-592-4835.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ed Meloan, Glenn Boswell, Wayne Ready, Jerome Trapp, Joshua Person, Harold Moore
Jim McPherson, Doris Chavis, Shelby Deitz, Anne Neely-Beck, Tina Neitzke
Hilde Dover, Pat Roberts, Christine Gordon