

Shade Tree A's

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The Shade Tree A's were invited to add a little authentic nostalgia to the Imperial Theater of Augusta's "first" lighting of the new Theater Marquee. A reproduction based on the original marquee from the 1930's.



**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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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting returns to our normal schedule and location; **Monday September 11th at 7:00 pm** at Richard Dunevent's garage.

Ever wonder "**WHAT PEOPLE DID TO THEIR MODEL A'S TO GET THROUGH THE GREAT DEPRESSION**"?

From the Appalachian Mountains to the Great Plains American ingenuity prevailed, and so did the Model A Ford. Artifacts of the Model A during the depression years have been a special topic for Larry Komp and he shares his findings with us this month.

REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

September

D.Turley, W.Smith, Boswell, Gazette, Jones

October

L. Schroen, Gordon, Krosting

November

Dozier, Wilson, S. Smith, Chavis



OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President

Once again I find myself reflecting on the strength and depth of our club. Those thoughts come to mind as I realize that I missed the last two monthly meetings, but things went on just fine. My absence during July was planned, due to a business trip to the United Arab Emirates for a week. Although I thoroughly enjoyed that trip, I can assure you that it would have much more comfortable here; it reached 121° C. there on one day during the visit. I kept my eyes open for old cars as I always do when I travel; didn't see anything older than late 80's. No Model A's for certain! I did ride a couple of old camels however!

I missed the August dinner meeting at Sconyer's. I was scheduled to attend Jim Leach's mother's funeral in North Carolina. Unfortunately a recurrence of a recent illness prevented that. In both July and August our able vice-president, Craig McMullin, stepped in and took charge. Thank you Craig! When I agreed to serve as president this year it was with the realization that my extensive travel could be a potential problem. I sincerely regret that and hope that the balance of the year will be better in that regard.

I want to comment on a recent activity which this club participated in. We were asked to attend the recent unveiling of the new "old" theater marquee at the Imperial Theater in Augusta (see this month's cover and article). We had a wonderful turn out and I, for one, especially enjoyed the evening. I feel that opportunity is an excellent example of how this club can support the community. The old cars made for a perfect setting for an old theater. I encourage more of you to participate in such events.

Speaking of participating in events, I hope you will consider joining the rest of us in the upcoming trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee. It promises to be an eventful weekend.

Jack Horner, President



MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING

The August dinner meeting of the Shade Tree As was called to order by VP Craig McMullin at 7:15 at Sconyer's BBQ. President Jack Horner was in North Carolina attending the funeral of STA member Jim Leach's mother.

Susan Meloan noted that Frankie Dunevent was collecting items for the Shady A Ladies' Child Enrichment Program. A person is needed to write the newsletter's Fashion Column for either the November or December issue.

The lighting of the Imperial Theatre marquee is to be held Friday, August 18. Cars will be displayed in front of the theatre beginning at 6:30.

Jim McPherson gave us a preview of upcoming events: Saturday, August 26 – car display from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Sno-Cap Drive-In's anniversary celebration in North Augusta; September 7-10 – the Chattanooga, Tennessee tour.

Ernie Dinkins told us of a Blue Grass Festival to be held Saturday, September 16 at the Columbia County Fair Grounds.

The business part of the meeting concluded at 7:25, as our BBQ plates were served.

Respectfully submitted, *Tom Roberts*

DUES NOTICE

If you haven't already, you will soon receive your yellow dues notice from MAFCA. 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 MAFCA renewal card to Richard.

After December 1st, your dues will be PAST DUE.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Chattanooga Tour

From the registrations so far, they expect over 100 Model A Fords from around the southeast. We have several groups touring to Chattanooga. Some will be driving modern cars, some trailering their Model A, and some driving their Model A. If you are not already connected with one of these groups, call Jim McPherson (706-592-4835) for details. One group will depart **Thursday September 7th at 8 o'clock** for Chattanooga, TN from the Huddle House at the corner of Washington Rd. and Belair Rd. They will tour to Franklin, NC then west to Chattanooga to take advantage of the antique shops and possibly the Dillard House for lunch.

On Friday we will participate in a Grand Tour of Chattanooga, with a catered Bar-B-Que picnic lunch, a visit to the Coker farm (the site of their main car collection), and latter 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.

Waynesboro Parade & Car Show

There will be a parade in Waynesboro on **Saturday September 16th**. Lineup is at 10 o'clock at the fairgrounds for the parade at 11. There will be a car show at the bank.

September Fun Festival

Hephzibah will hold their 3rd Annual September Fun Festival on **Saturday September 23rd**. Activities will start at 9 o'clock with a parade at 10:00. Line-up will be on Reynolds Street at Hwy 88. Fol-

lowing the parade we will tour to Sconyer's for lunch. Join us for the parade if you can, or meet us for lunch.

OCTOBER

Steak Cookout

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 are not able to sign up at the September meeting, or are unsure as what to bring, give Barbara a call (706-738-4455 or pbbryant2@bellsouth.net).

THE BUY, SELL & SWAP CORNER

For Sale

1928 Phaeton, \$20,000

1929 Roadster, \$18,000

1930 Fordor Sedan, \$14,000

1960 Chevy Biscayne, \$4,000

Mrs. Sara Hewett, 850-674-8149

For Sale

1931 DeLuxe Roadster, \$28,000

Mrs. Burke Schloss, 334-262-4674

For Sale

1928 Model A Roadster

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Martinez, Georgia

For Sale

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\$ 75.00 Each.

Bobby Jones 706-860-1374

Martinez, Georgia



RECENT EVENTS

THE AUGUSTA IMPERIAL THEATER



An "Era" Night Out on the Town

Friday August 18th found many members of the Shade Tree A's dressed in their finest era fashions in anticipation of the grand re-opening of the Imperial Theater. They met for an early dinner at one of Augusta's oldest restaurants, Luigi's, before driving their Model A's to reserve parking in front of the theater. The marquee of the Imperial Theater has been restored to duplicate the one gracing the theater in the 1930's. Following the required speeches the switch was



thrown and the marquee lights glistened on the Model A's parked below. True to the era, a silent movie accompanied by a gentleman from Atlanta playing the organ was enjoyed by all. And what evening would be complete without a trip to the local ice cream parlor to end the evening?

RECENT EVENTS



THE 2006 MAFCA NATIONAL MEET AT MANSFIELD, MA



The MAFCA National Meet Mansfield, MA July 16-22, 2006

Anne Neely-Beck and Jim and Sheila McPherson represented the STA. This national meet will be noted for the number of events which included meals (and they never ran out), the raffle prizes, and the bus tours to the many historic cities and sites in the area.

There was a pre-welcome dinner Sunday evening for the early arrivals, the Grand Tour on Thursday to the private Collings Collection, featuring airplanes, race cars and antique automobiles, and the banquet held Saturday afternoon. There were many seminars of interest to men and women.

What a celebration!





RECENT EVENTS

THE FASHION SCENE AT MANSFIELD

By Anne Neely-Beck

The fashion scene started with a Era Fashion Flea Market that was on Monday and Tuesday. Great fun fashions, reproductions, vintage clothes, shoes, jewelry and patterns were available. The fashion judging took place on Tuesday and I was lucky enough to be a judge. We had 13 entrants to judge. Each was judged in either original or reproduction, by year, division (daytime, active sports, specialty, or formal), and



class (children, junior, family, couple, men, or women). Then they were judged on their major garment, head-gear/hairdo, coordinated apparel, accessories, and foot-gear. The top three awards went to Peter Crosby of Essex Junction, VT for best of show in Reproduction and he received the award of excellence. He was dressed in a surveyor's outfit. Victoria Wildman from Gilroy, CA for best of show in original and she received an award of excellence. She was dressed in an original evening gown with a beautiful mesh bag and a wonderful era hairdo. Victoria's husband, Glenn, received a first place award for reproduction. He looked quite dapper in a doubled breasted fitted jacket with a panama hat. To "perhaps" influence our vote he gave each lady judge a beautiful rose as he entered the room.

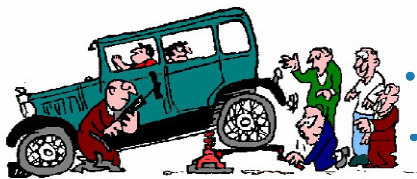


On Wednesday we had three great seminars and the Fashion Awards Tea with "Display Only". The first seminar was *Fun Fashions-Getting Started* given by Donna May Bewley and Pegge Blinco. These two ladies are on the MAFCA EFC. I helped them out by being one of their models. They had pictures of ladies and men from the Model A Era and showed how to recreate the outfits they were wearing from modern day clothes. The second seminar was *Putting On The Ritz Model A Style* given by Dave and Trudy Vestal. Dave is the MAFCA Board liaison to the EFC. This was haute couture-Model A style. The third seminar was *Era Fashion Jewelry For The Discriminating Eye* given by Sandy Patterson, past member of the EFC. Sandy has a wonderful collection of vintage jewelry that she shared with us. She is very knowledgeable about the jewelry of the era and gave us pointers on how to determine the age of the jewelry.



After the seminars the High Tea, Fashion Awards, and "Display Only" was held. After some wonderful deserts we had the fashion awards and then everyone was encouraged by Maxine Dust, "Display Only" commentator, to look at the "Display Only" presentations. Presenters were Dave Vestal: Men's Wear, Maxine Dust: Beach/Lounging Pajamas, Marie Robinette: Ladies Wear, and myself, Anne Neely-Beck: Children's and Infants Wear. Each of us had wonderful displays that everyone seem to enjoy.





NOTES FROM THE MODEL A GARAGE

By Jim McPherson



You might see this ad for Kozak auto dry wash soon in antique automobile magazines. Kozak is also now available from Mike's.

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In a previous column I presented some dynamometer data demonstrating the change in horsepower when a Model A or B engine was modified. While this information was helpful when considering changes to your engine, from a scientific standpoint it was not a valid comparison due to the differences between the engines being compared. Abbie Prince has found another internet posting, this time from Piranio's Antique Automotive which

provides much more valid data.

For starters, they used a stock Model A engine. The previous report used both Model A and B engines, and various modifications to each. The most important thing in the current tests, was use the same engine for all tests, and changed one thing at a time. This ensures that any changes you see in horsepower are the result of that change, and that change only. Let's look at what they found.

They started with a stock Model A engine running at a temperature of 180 degrees. This engine produced 41.43 HP at 2000 and 2200 RPM, very close to the 40 HP at 2200 RPM we would expect from the data Ford obtained when the Model A was new. The first thing they changed was the intake manifold. They replaced the stock Model A intake manifold with a Model A intake manifold which had been bored out to the size of a Model B intake manifold. They retained the stock Model A carburetor. The engine now produced 42.13 HP at 2000 RPM and 41.71 HP at 2200 RPM, not any real change.

Next they returned to the stock Model A intake manifold and replaced the stock Model A carburetor with a Model B carburetor. The engine now produced 42.84 HP at 2000 RPM and 41.05 HP at 2200 RPM, still no real change.

NOTES FROM THE MODEL A GARAGE CONTINUED

Well, you can probably guess what they did next. They installed the Model A intake manifold which was bored out to the Model B size and used a Model B carburetor. The engine produced 42.72 HP at 2000 RPM and 41.88 HP at 2200 RPM, still no significant change. From this we can conclude the addition of a Model B intake manifold and carburetor to a standard Model A engine results in no significant gain in horsepower.

We know the Model B engine produces about 10 HP more than the Model A engine and the diameter of the throat in the carburetor and intake manifold, the camshaft grind and the head were the major changes which could account for the increased horsepower.

Next they went back to the stock Model A engine and replaced only the head with the "C" head used on the Model B engine. The engine produced 45.91 HP at 2000 RPM and 46.77 HP at 2200 RPM. We now see a significant increase in horsepower, and with only changing the head.

Next they kept the "C" head and added the bored out Model A intake manifold and the Model B carburetor. The engine horsepower again increased to 50.15 HP at 2000 RPH and 51.03 HP at 2200 RPM. It would be reasonable to assume the change in shape of the combustion chamber, from that of the Model A head to the "C" head allowed the intake mani-

fold and carburetor change to have a significant effect, most probably due to a change in the air flow pattern. This combination also gave the 10 HP increase of the Model B engine to the Model A engine.

Since changing the head alone significantly increased the horsepower, they tried other heads. They installed the Model A "B" Police Head (with a 5.26 compression ratio) and used the bored out Model A intake manifold and Model B carburetor. The engine produced 51.08 HP at 2000 RPM and 53.01 HP at 2200 RPM. They replaced the head with the Snyder's head (5.2 compression ratio) and the engine produced 51.16 HP at 2000 RPM and 51.09 HP at 2200 RPM. All three heads allowed the engine to produce about the same increase in horsepower. Next they replaced the standard muffler with an Aries muffler. The engine produced 53.94 HP at 2000 RPM and 55.14 HP at 2200 RPM. In general, the Aries muffler results in a 3 to 4 horsepower increase over all of the Model A driving range RPMs. They did test a Brumfield head on this setup and the engine produced 53.93 HP at 2000 RPM and 55.68 HP at 2200 RPM. The addition of an Aries muffler to your Model A is still results in the single most significant increase in horsepower (an 8% increase) for your stock Model A engine.

See you down the road... 



ON THE SHADY SIDE

By Anne Neely-Beck

My first experience at a MAFCA national meet was great. The fashion part was awesome. Judging for the first time was a pleasant experience and I can't wait to do it again. I wish we had more fashion judging events here on the east coast. I have made the Era Fashion Committee aware of the need for fashion related events east of the Mississippi and I think they now realize the need.

If you would like to get more involved with the vintage fashions there is a new book available for purchase from MAFCA. It is called, A Book Of Fashion Facts, and it is full of wonderful pictures and illustrations that can help you put to-

gether the perfect vintage, reproduction, or fun fashion outfit. You can go to the MAFCA web page to find the book or call them to order one. The club purchased one for the STA library so you can also check it out.

The feedback we received from the "Display Only" was very positive and the presentation seemed to be a hit and enjoyed by all. We will discuss it at our next Era Fashion Committee September in Seattle (sleepless in Seattle, again) and I will keep you posted as I personally think "Display Only" is the future of vintage clothes.

Anne Neely-Beck

ERA FASHIONS MAKE THEIR APPEARANCE AT THE IMPERIAL THEATER

When the new replica of the Imperial Theatre Marquee was presented to the city, not only were the Shade Tree A's cars parked in front, but members dressed in the fashions of the day were prominent in the crowd in front of the theatre. Eric and Dotti Shogren were very formal – Eric in his Tuxedo and Dotti in a black evening dress. Several men wore suits accessorized with era hats. Others sported vests and ties. Ladies dresses consisted of originals, reproductions, and look-a-like fashions and appropriate hats. Ann Claiborne Christian made her fashion debut in a black dress with a drop waistline accented by appliquéd flowers. The cars and the fashions added a festivity to the occasion as we saw the "Shade Tree A's" flashed across the Marquee during the "lighting" ceremony.



The September Meeting — Child Enrichment

For the Septembert meeting we will be collecting 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.

VINTAGE VISIONS

By Lois Melchoirs



.....Madge, Madge, can you hear me???.....

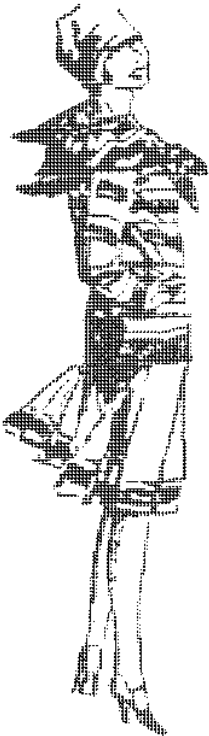


....sorry, I was doin' the jitterbug. Mom always scolds when I practice dancing while I'm talkin' on the phone. Don't you just hate these short cords....maybe someday we'll have long cords, maybe they could stretch all across the room, or even better we could have phones without a cord....!!!

.....I know Momma says I got to quit dreamin' so much.....anyway, like I was telling you, I got this really "ducky" dress and hat, now all I need is the shoes.....



...what for?? Didn't I tell ya, I gotta date Saturday night with this really "groovy" guy I met down at the Imperial, you know that really nice theater with the "keen" marquee. He has a 1930 Ford Cabriolet convertible with white walls, and don't tell Mama, but it has a rumble seat! Anyway, I stopped at Sears -- can you believe we actually have a department store in Augusta! Madge, do you think we could ever have two??.....



....I know, Mama says I got to quit dreamin' all the time...anyway, Madge, they have some black suede with two and a half block heels that are open toed with a t-strap over the instep, or some black leather pumps trimmed with a white leather band that goes all around the opening of the shoes with a boulevard heel, and I really like the off white silk T strap with a buckle that has rhinestones. And Madge, they even had a red pair....can you imagine!! Mama says nice girls don't wear red...

....you think the suede ones would be the "cat's meow". Guess you're right. Gotta go! Mama says I can't talk on the phone all the time, 'cause it's a party line. ...promise to let you know if there is a chance for a future with this guy.....

...guess I'm dreamin' again.....



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

SEPTEMBER

7-10 Chattanooga, TN Tour
11 **STA Meeting**
16 **Waynesboro Parade & Car Show**
16 **Berry College Ford Festival**
23 **Hephzibah Festival Parade 10:00**

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

13 **STA Meeting**

DECEMBER

9 **STA Christmas Party**
14-16 **MAFCA Membership Meeting, Las Vegas, NE**

2007

JANUARY

8 **STA Meeting**

FEBRUARY

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

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

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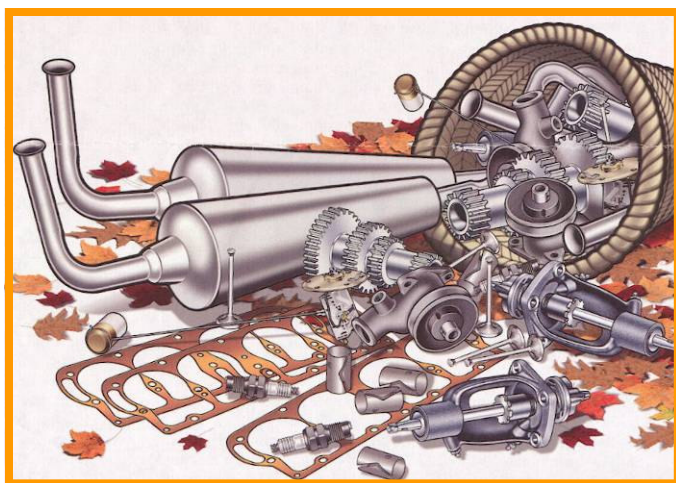
14 **STA Meeting**
18-20 Social Security Run

JUNE

11 **STA Meeting**
15-24 MARC National Meet, Williamsburg, VA

DECEMBER

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



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

October 28 Sno-Cap with GaSCar
Sept 25-28 Smoky Mountain Meet

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bob Manning, Larry Komp, John McDaniel, James Gay, Ed Garvin,
Ernie Dinkins, Jim Brown
Sam Mason, Mary Tilley, Rose Tankersley, Kym McDaniel, Maureen Mickle