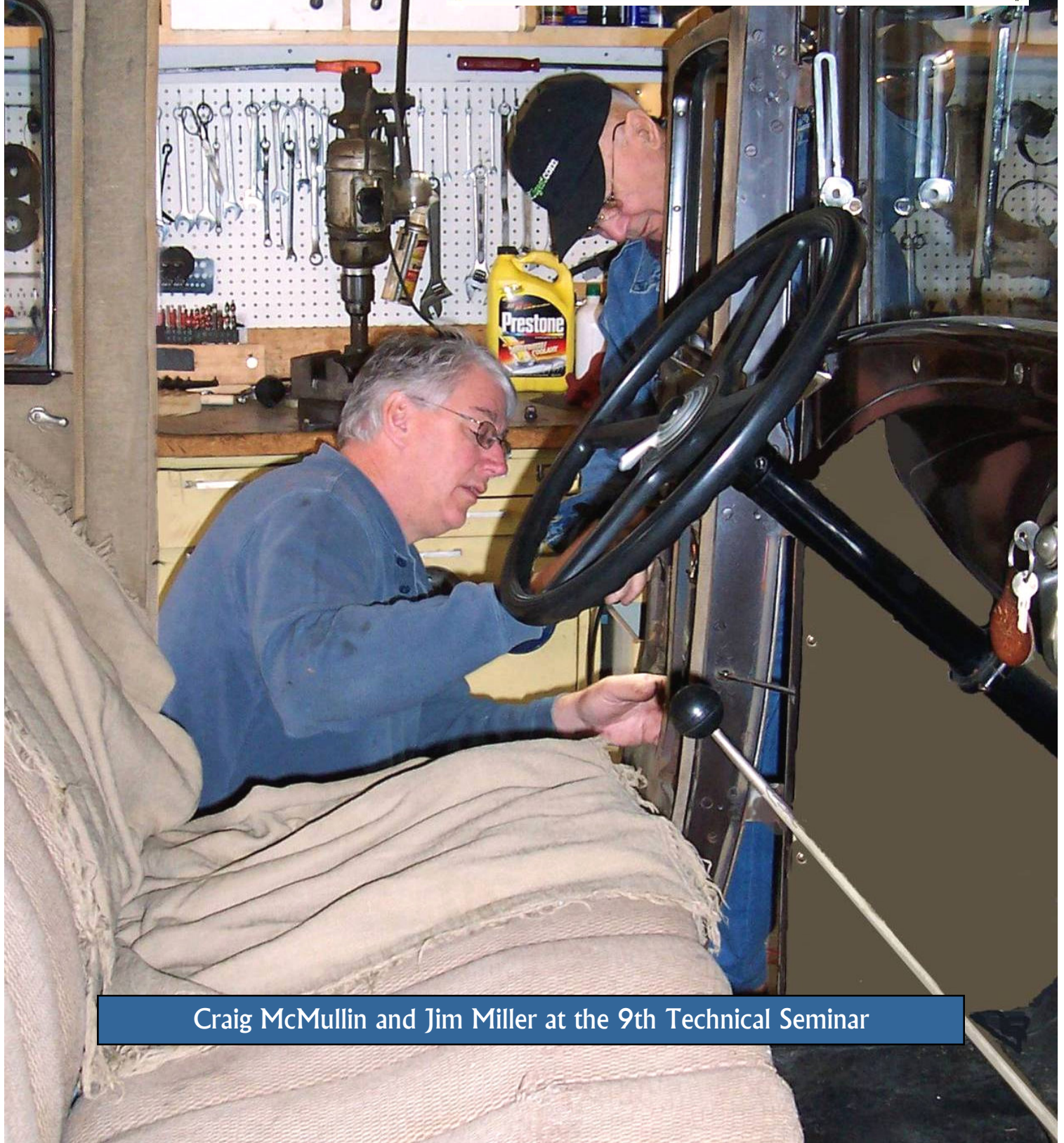


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Craig McMullin and Jim Miller at the 9th Technical Seminar



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APRIL MEETING

Our **April 9th** meeting will be a dinner meeting and will be held at the "**LONE STAR CAFÉ**" 2744 Washington Road in Augusta at 7 pm. Arrive between 6:30 and 7 for best seating! The "Lone Star" has a great selection of dishes at reasonable prices! Their steaks and pork chops and grilled Salmon can't be beat! Begin your meal with their famous Lettuce Wedge with their own special Bleu Cheese Dressing! Tell the hostess you are with the Shade Tree A's! We will be seated together on the upper level!

REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

April

Dinner Meeting

Lone Star Café & Steakhouse
2744 Washington Road

May

Gay, Krosting, Moore, Adams, Trapp

June

Dozier, Christian, L.Taylor, S.Smith, Foster

July

Mason, Neal, Wade, Dover, Neitzke



OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President

The club seems to be taking a "liking" to the Spring weather as to the above average participation and attendance at recent Model A activities. The Dinner Theater, Saturday technical session, Brent Berry's restoration workshop and the recent St. Patrick's Day parade were all very well attended and reported good times were had by all. I strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of the many upcoming scheduled events and get in on some of the fun with your prized procession. If your car is under repair, no worry - hitch a ride, there are many in the club who would enjoy your company.

We are planning to have "fair weather" tours this year that may occur with little advanced notice. We need your e-mail address to get the information out so you can join us. Please note the "Fair Weather" Tours article in this issue for further information.

Thank you Eric Shogren for a great technical program last month, which included a slide show and narrative on the Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance car show you and Dottie attended earlier this year. We were all drooling over the many finely restored luxury cars of the early 1900's.

I failed to mention at the March monthly meeting that this month we are having our first dinner meeting of the year at the Lone Star Café on Washington Road. Check for details in this issue. These meetings are usually very popular so come early and stay late. Hope to see you there.

If you haven't been on a Social Security Run you have missed an exciting weekend. All makes and model cars built before 1935 are eligible. Model A's in years past have dominated the field, however. The entire weekend is very well planned and coordinated with many interesting stops along the tour route. It is not too late to register but the tour is limited to the first 100 cars.

Have a safe trip,

Craig McMullin, President



MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING

The regular meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held on March 12, 2007. Craig McMullin called the meeting to order. After checking for name-tags and passing the attendance roster, he welcomed Travis Starr to his 1st STA meeting.

Craig thanked the Dunevent's, Melchior's, Dinkins', Prince's and Wilson's for the meal.

Richard Dunevent gave the treasurer's report and the minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. The National Director had no report. Ed Meloan announced that extra newsletters were available to anyone who wanted one.

Craig reviewed the actions taken at the BOD meeting. He then presented a 20 year pin to Ralph Neitzke. There was no show and tell.

Old business:

Reports were given on the Jacksonville Round Up, the March 3rd technical seminar, and the Fort Gordon theatre trip. The Savannah Tour was cancelled due to lack of members signed up. Bobby Markwalter reported on a trip that a group of members made to Elizabethton, TN for a restoration workshop.

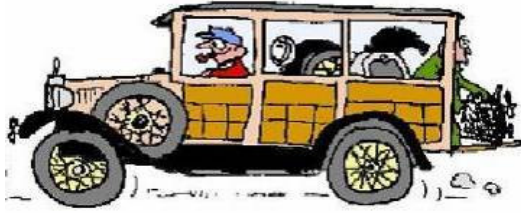
New Business:

Jim McPherson gave information on upcoming events. The St. Patrick's Day parade will line up on March 17 in the Civic Center parking lot. On March 24th members will join the Palmetto A's for Picnic in the Park. March 29-April 1 members will join the Low Country A's at the Darlington Speedway. Applications were available for anyone wishing to attend the Roam Around Georgia Tour in May.

The business meeting was adjourned and Eric Shogren showed pictures from the car show in Hilton Head.

Respectfully submitted, *Susan Meloan*

THE BUY. SWAP. SELL CORNER



Available: Charlotte Autofair Spaces

One to four spaces are available for the April Autofair. Each space is 10 by 30 feet in size, and comes with one vehicle pass and two vendor passes. The spaces are located in the center of the Orange Field. **\$85.00 each.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

"Fair Weather" Tours

This year we are going to try a different kind of tour. Generally, these tours will occur late on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon and involve driving your Model A and eating supper. They may involve attending an interesting local event where we have little advance notice. While some may be announced in the Newsletter, most will be announced by e-mail.

Since notification of these tours will be sent by e-mail, if you want to participate, it is very important that we have your correct e-mail address. If we do not have your e-mail address, or if it has changed, please send your correct e-mail address to Ed Meloan (ed@meloan.net). To prevent spam, your e-mail address will **not** be displayed in these messages. Don't miss out on the fun; the first gathering is fast approaching.

Old 96 Model A Swap Meet

The Old 96 District Model A Club will host their second Model A swap meet on **April 20th and 21st** in Greenwood, SC. The location is the same as last year. A vendor swap meet area, car corral and a Model A Display Area will be available. A Concession Stand will be operating for your convenience.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Fiddlers & Fiddleheads Hill Climb

The East Tennessee Region, MARC is hosting the Fiddlers and Fiddleheads 2007 Hill Climb and Festival **April 27-29** in Unicoi, TN. Challenge "Bluegrass Hill" on Friday with practice runs starting at 9 o'clock, and the finals at 1 o'clock. The Awards Banquet will be Friday night at the Farmhouse Gallery, and Saturday is the 12th Annual Fiddlers and Fiddleheads Festival with pick'n and grin'n and an antique car display all day at the Farmhouse Gallery and Gardens. Two additional items of interest are a tour Thursday at 3:00 PM to Bristol Motor Speedway to tour the facilities and an opportunity to run your Model A on the dragstrip at 7 PM. Also, the Rambling A's from Birmingham, AL will be touring in the mountains and on the Blue Ridge Parkway for several days. You are welcome to join them. The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express in Erwin, TN

(\$64.99; 800-304-7958;

www.erwinexpresshotel.com).

Tech Session X

Front End Alignment

Our next Tech Session will be on Saturday **May 5th**. We will meet for breakfast at 8 o'clock at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road. After breakfast we will proceed to Richard's garage for the day's activities. Have you taken a good look at your tires lately? Are they wearing evenly across the tread, or is the inside or outside edge showing more wear? Larry Komp will have his front end alignment tool available to align the Model A front end. Correct front end alignment will also improve the ease of steering of your Model A. After successful completion of the needed adjustments we will have lunch.

12th Annual Social Security Run

The Atlanta Region of the Horseless Carriage Club of America hosts their 12th Annual Social Security Run **May 18-20** in Forsyth, Georgia. If you have not previously participated in one of these events, this is a **MUST ATTEND** tour. The tour is limited to 100 cars, made in 1935 or earlier. About 65% are Model A's and about 25% are Model T's. The Friday afternoon tour is to Indian Springs State Park and the big tour Saturday is to the Jarrell Plantation with lunch in Monticello, Georgia. We will leave for Forsyth on Friday morning and return on Sunday. If you do not have a Registration Form, call or E-mail Jim McPherson (706-592-4835;

james.mcpherson@amedd.army.mil) now to get yours.

NEWS FROM MAFCA!

MAFCA has obtained general liability insurance retroactive to March 1st. As expected it excludes hill climbs and timed events. Coverage is also considered on a case by case basis. We should receive a letter shortly, or read it at www.mafca.com.



MINUTES OF THE BOARD

The Shade Tree A's Board of Directors met on March 5, 2007. Members present were Craig McMullin, James Gay, Richard Dunevent, Ed Meloan, Jim McPherson, and Susan Meloan.

Craig McMullin called the meeting to order and discussed the situation with MAFCA insurance coverage. At this time there is no MAFCA coverage, and no time frame for future coverage. (See announcement above these minutes for later news regarding the insurance situation.)

Since we are a MARC chapter the STA's are covered and all members who are MARC members. This insurance does not cover any timed events, such as races or hill climbs. Members should be covered by individual liability coverage, and it is the responsibility of each member to have this coverage. Some discussion followed concerning encouraging members to become MARC members.

The budget was discussed, and it was decided to include the membership collected in 2006 for the year 2007 in the 2007 budget.

Future Activities were discussed. A trip to Greenville in the fall was discussed, but tabled until definite plans were made concerning a trip to Washington, GA. Other activities were discussed for a possible drive and dinner during the slack summer months. Members would be notified on short notice by e-mail. Effort would be made to get current e-mail addresses, and a short call list could be prepared for interested members without

e-mail. The August dinner meeting was discussed. We will ask Betty Wade to get more specifics from the caterer she suggested.

Several members were assigned to the refreshment roster for June, and several others added to July.

James Gay discussed technical programs and will pass a sign-up sheet at the March meeting for members to volunteer to present a technical program. We need 6 more for 2007. Possible suggestions were to have someone from DMV to discuss requirements for a title and a member to discuss lubrications. Ed Meloan volunteered to do a program on photographing the Model A to give the best exposure.

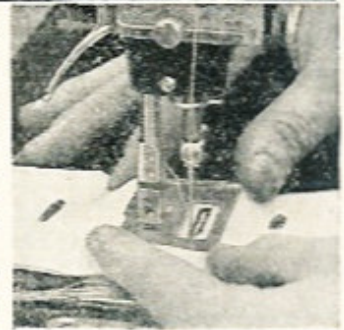
Craig asked each board member for suggestions and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Susan Meloan*

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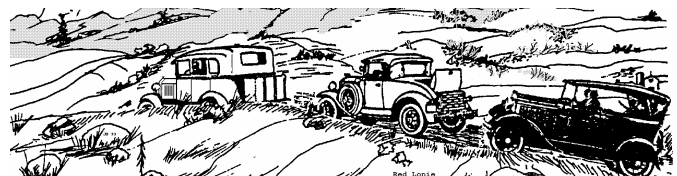
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RECENT EVENTS

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theater

Twenty-eight members of the Shade Tree A's returned to the Fort Gordon Dinner Theater on Saturday February 24th for dinner and the Broadway play *Guys and Dolls*. The play is a romantic musical comedy set in New York City. The dinner included baked chicken, seafood Nyberg and flank steak. The play was fast paced and very entertaining.

All Model "A"

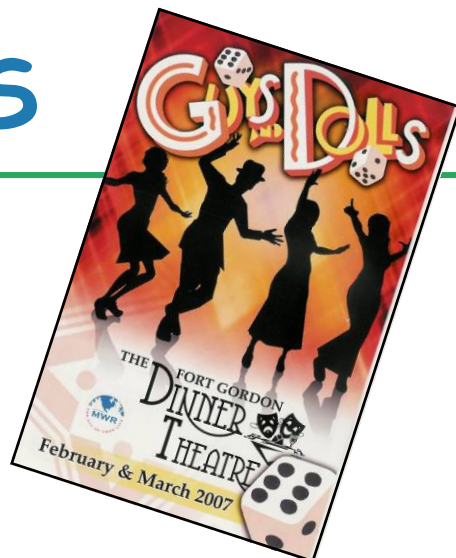
Winter Swap Meet in Alabama

The Alabama Rambling A's held their first All Model A Swap Meet on Saturday February 24th. Vendors were allowed to set up after 1 on Friday, and the Swap Meet opened Saturday morning at 7. It was held at the Boy Scout complex in Vinemont, AL, just North of Cullman. There were fifteen vendors from eight states selling Model A parts and six Model A's for sale. Parts sales were strong. There was a strong wind Saturday which made the temperature appear lower than it actually was. This helped the sale of hot coffee and breakfast foods, including homemade fried apple pies.

Brent Terry's 3 Day Restoration Workshop

By Tony Gazette

Thursday, March 8, 2007, found Richard Dunevent, Tony and Carole Gazette, Bobby Markwalter, Jim Mason, Ken Nelson, and Abbie Prince, traveling to Elizabethton, TN. Their mission was to attend a three-day workshop, hosted by Brent Terry of B. Terry Vintage Automobile, Restoration, Maintenance and Sales. To our knowledge, the first of it's kind. The goals of the workshop were to build a Model A engine, including pouring the babbit, to be raffled later in the year with the proceeds going to Model A youth foundation. Build a rear end (differential), and perform various sheet metal operations. The greatest goal of all was to have fun while learning and meeting new Model A people. Each of the goals were met or exceeded.



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Our first Tech Session for 2007 was held on Saturday March 3rd. Eight members met for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road, then headed to Richard's garage for Model A diagnosis, maintenance, and repair. Seven Model A's and nineteen members participated.



We replaced the points and performed a tune-up on one Model A and removed the door panels to lubricate and assess balky window regulators on another. (See Front Cover)



Abbie Prince tuned the CB radio to the antenna on three cars under the careful supervision of Ed Meloan.

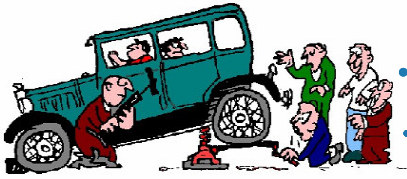
This tuning ensures enhanced communications while on tour (for those not wanting to miss any of the chatter along the way). Sheila McPherson provided the lunch, Southern fried chicken, potato salad, and baked beans with homemade cookies and cake for desert.



RECENT EVENTS

Saint Patrick's Day Parade - green Model A's Everywhere!

It was a beautiful day for Augusta's Annual St Patrick's Day Parade. We had eighteen Model A's all decorated for the occasion and loaded with kids and grandkids. The lineup of Model A's was led by the "Taxi Lady" in her 1930 Taxi, Bill and Gale Adams in their 1931 DeLuxe Coupe, Travis Starr in his 1931 Coupe, George and Christine Gordon in their 1929 Pickup, Jerome Trap with his 1928 Special Coupe and 1929 Town Sedan, Craig McMullin in his 1930 Fordor, Larry Komp in his 1928 Tudor, Bobby Markwalter driving Richard Dunevent's 1930 Tudor, Gerald Melchior in his 1930 Cabriolet, Richard Dunevent driving Bill Maypole's 1931 DeLuxe Roadster, Rex and Karen Foster in their 1930 Fordor, James Gay in his 1928 Tudor, Ernie Dinking in his 1931 Coupe, Doug Wilson in his 1929 Pickup, Carol Taylor in her 1930 Coupe, Jim and Sheila McPherson in their 1930 Town Sedan, and Walter Smith in his 1929 Fordor. After the parade fifteen members went to Fire Mountain in North Augusta for lunch.



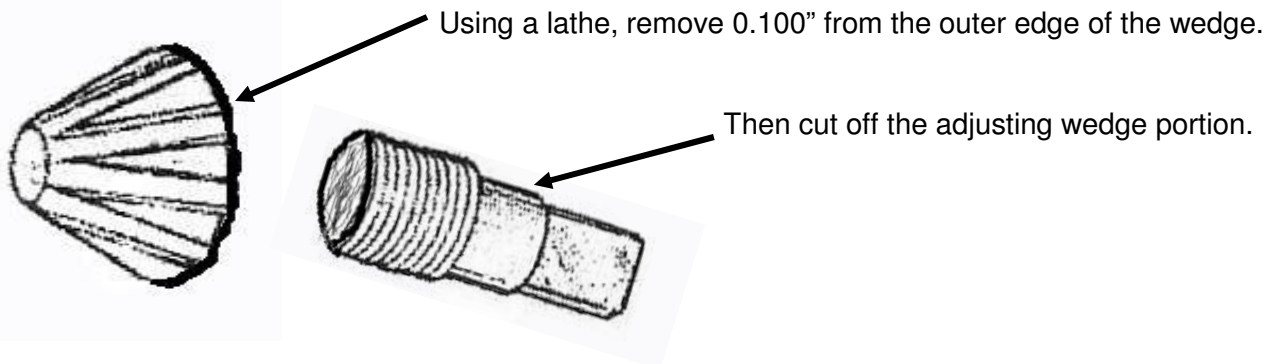
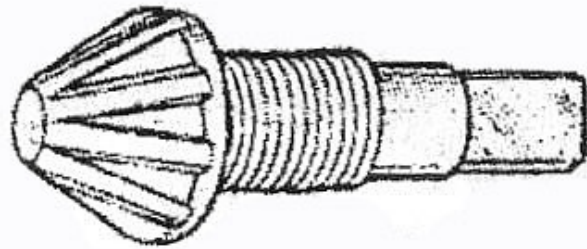
NOTES FROM THE MODEL A GARAGE

By Jim McPherson



Old tricks to improve the braking on the Model A continue to surface. Since the rear brakes are considered to "float", these improvements have focused on the front brakes and how to make them float. There have been modifications to the stud guiding the operating wedge, replacement of the wedge with a toggle linkage to allow equalization, and the most recently (and drastic) changes with the New Zealand modifications.

Recently another method has surfaced from Harry Smith, a member of the Alabama Rambling A's. It concerns modifying the front brake adjusting wedge. Remove the brake adjusting wedge from the backing plate by unscrewing it.



Note: this material is very hard and you may need to use a grinding wheel.

Then place the wedge back in its' original position. Take a bolt with the same thread as the adjusting wedge, add a thin locking nut and screw it into the housing until it contacts the adjusting wedge.

Adjust the brake shoe contact with the drum with the bolt, as you would normally do using the brake adjusting wedge. **Tighten the lock nut.**

The brake wedge now floats, allowing the brake shoes to center themselves!

The March 2007 issue of the Georgia Magazine has a nice article "Kings of the Road: Georgia's classic car collectors", and a nice Model A era car drawing on the cover.



VINTAGE VISIONS

By Deborah Fuller

Spring and Easter Bonnets in the Model A Era

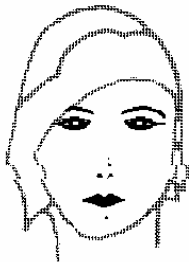
In 1948 Irving Berlin wrote.

*In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it
You'll be the grandest gal in the Easter Parade.
I'll be all in clover and when they look you over
We'll be the proudest couple in the Easter Parade.*

Irving Berlin's "Easter Parade" (1948)



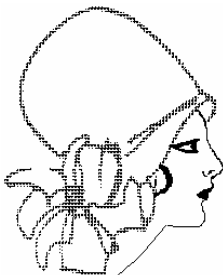
It is believed that the Easter Parade began in New York City in the 1870's. The Easter Parade in New York was and still is an extremely popular event. Originally, the church goers would carry Easter flowers in the parade from St Thomas Church to St Luke's Church. In this one block parade it became a traditional rite of spring to be seen in your new spring fashions which included hats. As the event became more popular the parade was extended from Madison Square to Central Park.



Hats of the late 1920's to the 1930's were the popular cloche. This hat was fashionable from 1908 to 1933. The shape resembled a helmet. To be worn correctly the hat had to be all but pulled over the eyes, making the wearer have to life up the head, whilst peering snootily down the nose.

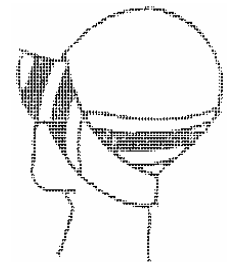


Art Deco influence can be seen in the zigzag seaming and construction lines on many cloche hats. The rich noticed these discreet clever differences but the severely rich and chic women favored the understated effect of single diamond clip.



The harsh style of the cloche was made more acceptable by the use of make-up. Make-up became the epitome of sophisticated chic and self-assurance. When a woman publicly applied make-up from a glamorous compact when in a restaurant or dance hall, she was exhibiting the new symbol of womanly grace and refinement.

Easter Bonnets, Cloche hats, whatever you want to call them, but worn on Easter Sunday is a form of expression. The lady that chooses her adornment carefully will experience the joy of saying spring has arrived and so have I.



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Names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed on page two of this newsletter.



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.

APRIL

- 9** **STA Dinner Meeting**
Lone Star Café - 2744 Washington Road

MAY

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

JUNE

- 11** **STA Meeting**
13-24 MARC National Meet, Williamsburg, VA
16 Trenton Peach Parade

JULY

- 9** **STA Meeting**
14 Technical Seminar
28 Dinner Tour

AUGUST:

- 13** **STA Dinner Meeting**
25 Garage Tour

SEPTEMBER:

- 10** **STA Meeting**
7-9 Chattanooga Hill Climb
29 Technical Seminar

OCTOBER:

- 15** **STA Meeting**
20 Steak Cookout

NOVEMBER:

- 12** **STA Meeting**

DECEMBER

- 8** **STA Christmas Party**
18 Christmas Lights Tour

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

(Non-club events but members are encouraged to participate)

April:

- 13-15 MARC Membership Meeting, Joliet, IL
12-15 Charlotte Autofair
20-21 Swap Meet, Greenwood
27-28 Fiddlers & Fiddleheads Hill Climb & Festival, Unicoi, TN

May:

- 10-12 AACA National Meet, New Bern, NC

June:

- 2 Grandfather's Day @ Mike's

September:

- 13-16 Charlotte Autofair

October:

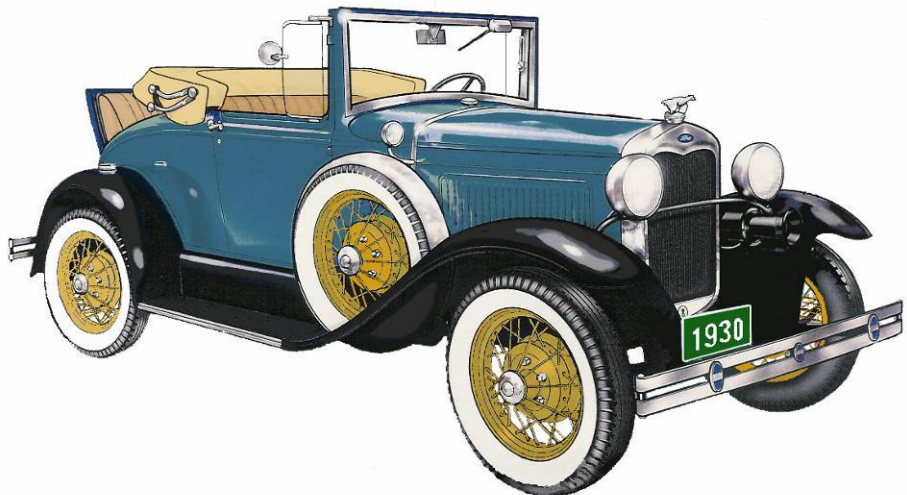
- 10-13 Hershey Swap Meet & Show

November:

- 15-17 Moultrie Swap Meet

December

- 5-9 MAFCA Membership Meeting, Southern CA



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Carole Gazette, Carl Tankersley, Theresa McMullin, Dawn Komp
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