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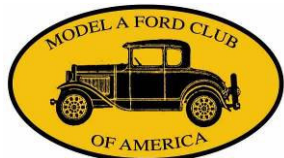


'Following in his father's footsteps, the country doc calls on his patient on a cold winter evening. Another missed dinner.'



Above, a very special holiday treat
shared by Roanoke, VA artist
George Shumate

Original Art by George Shumate
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The Shade Tree A's is a non-profit organization with chapter affiliations 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 (\$40) for the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and a subscription to **The Restorer** Magazine from MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., LaHabra, CA 90631

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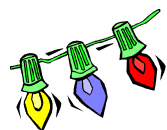
Remember December 1!

- **Ballots are due**
Be sure your vote is counted! (Ballots were in November issue)
- **Yearly dues are due**

DUES DEADLINE NOTICE

MAFCA yearly dues have increased to \$40, and as these dues are included in our Shade Tree A's dues, our dues will now be **\$65.00**. Make your check out for **\$65.00**, complete the dues card (found in the *Restorer*) and be sure Richard has both no later than December 1. You may also mail them to: Richard Dunevent, 4338 Owens Rd., Evans, GA 30809-9678.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!



Christmas Lights Tour

Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 pm
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Christmas Party

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New Years Day Breakfast

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Off To The Rolling Board

Thoughts from the President...

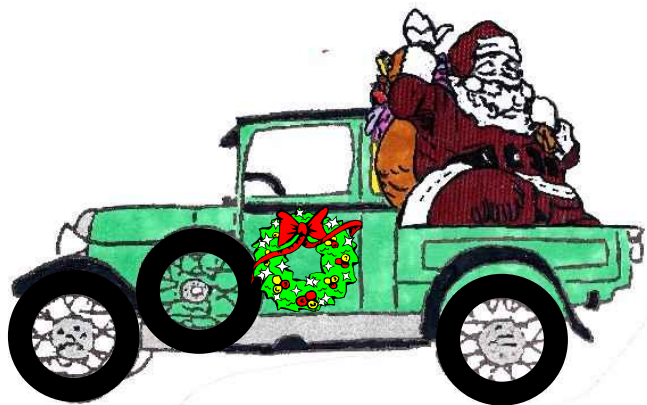
Happy Holiday's – Merry Christmas to all! I don't know about you but the older I get the faster the clock seems to turn. It just seems like yesterday that we were doing last year's Christmas Parades and getting ready for our Christmas Party Dinner Meeting. Oh well!!

With that said, I hope to see every STA member at least at one Christmas event this holiday season. Our parade calendar is booking up, we have our annual Christmas Lights Tour, and of course our Christmas Party that is always well attended. In addition, the New Year's Day breakfast and tour is in the planning stages and is a great way to "honk-in" a New "Model A" Year. Check your newsletter calendar and e-mail for any last-minute changes and additions.

The Thompson Christmas parade is again a fund raiser for the club. The Thompson Meat Packing Co. will sponsor us, but we need at least 20 cars. Mark your calendar for that event for sure. The parade is one of the largest as far as length, number of entries and on-lookers. We tour back to the meat packing facility for free sausage and a calendar and some of us will stop nearby for dinner before heading home. It's tradition and a great afternoon to spend with fellow STA'ers.

It's been a well-traveled and busy year for us, and I hope that both new and well-seasoned members have found the club enjoyable and fulfilling. As always, if you have a new activity that you think the club would enjoy, please let one of the officers know so we may work on the schedule.

Have a safe trip,
Craig



November Meeting Minutes

The November meeting of the Shade Tree A's was called to order by Vice President James Gay on November 13, 2007 at Richard Dunevent's garage. Name tags were checked and the attendance roster was passed. There were no illnesses or visitors to report. Richard read the treasurer's report. Tom Roberts reported that the Incorporation had been renewed and articles had been sent to the national magazines. The newsletter is being printed and sent out early to get parade information out.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published. Barbara Bryant reported on a successful steak cookout—we had over 60 members and guests in attendance! Tony Gazette gave a summary of events at Tech Seminar XII leading to the diagnosis of Eric Shogren's "A" problems—a bad differential and its subsequent repair. Stuart Smith and Ralph Neitzke told of a very fine day at the Richland Creek Old Farm Days Event. There were seven cars from our Club.

Theresa McMullin passed a sign-up sheet for the Christmas party, and James Gay read a note from Craig explaining the proposed subsidization of part of the Christmas meal cost by the Club. There was a motion by Jim McPherson to accept this proposal; seconded by Richard Dunevent. The motion passed unanimously. Jim McPherson gave a run down of Christmas events (parades, party, lights tour).

After a break for a meal of pizza, salad and desserts provided by the McMullins, Horners, Nelsons and Don Gordon, Larry Komp gave a program on adapting battery-powered bicycle lights as emergency/auxiliary lights for our Model A's!

The meeting adjourned at about 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Roberts

Model A Restorer and the Shade Tree A's

Don't miss these STA members represented in the November/December 2007 issue of the *Restorer*!

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Jim Miller, page 9
Dan Snider, page 22-27
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CLUB ACTIVITIES

HERSHEY SWAP MEET PHOTOS



RECENT EVENTS

Annual Steak Cookout

The Shade Tree A's held its Annual Steak Cookout on Saturday October 20th at the home of Glenn Boswell. The tall pecan trees provided shade from the afternoon sun for sixty-eight members. Barbara Bryant did a great job coordinating the baked potatoes, salads and desserts. Eric Shogren and Craig McMullin cooked the steaks to perfection, and Club members did their usual job of eating! George and Christine Gordon drove their 1929 Pickup, Eric Shogren drove his 1929 Special Coupe, Don Gordon drove his 1929 Sport Coupe, Bill Richardson drove his 1931 DeLuxe Roadster and Larry Komp drove his 1928 Tudor.





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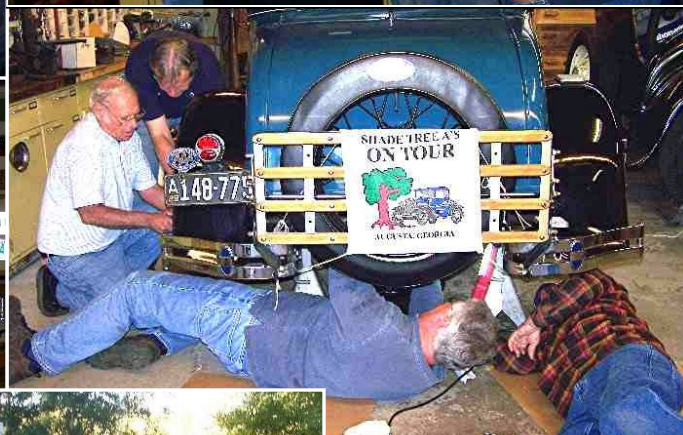
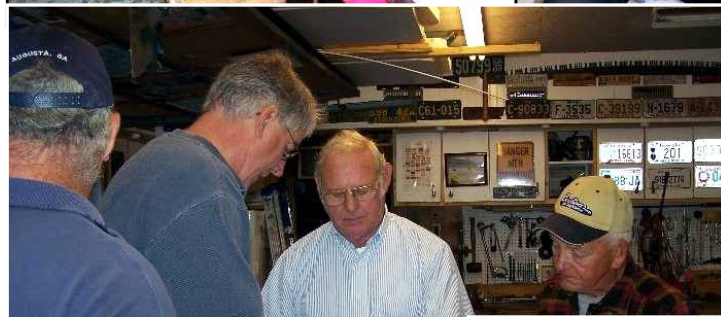
Tech Seminar XII

Seven members met for breakfast on Saturday October 27th at the Sunrise Grill before heading to Richard Dunevent's garage for the day's activities

This was certainly the most informative technical session we have had to date, and it had everyone pitching in and helping. We first diagnosed the possibilities for the "clunk, clunk, clunk" sound coming from the back half of Eric Shogren's 1929 Special Coupe. Feeling confident a repair was called for, we proceeded to disassembling the rear end, discovering one pinion gear tooth completely broken off and two partially broken off. Many speculated as to the cause of the problem, with further disassembly revealing a failure of the pinion bearings. The feeling was that one of the bearing rollers got caught between the pinion and ring gear, breaking the tooth. And Tony

Gazette went fishing in the rear end dope and caught a magnet full of fine particles! It was a very greasy day, just right for Model A'ers!

We worked long and hard repairing a stop light that would not light on our President's Fordor Sedan, then rolled Eric's coupe into the garage. George Gordon drove his 1929 Pickup, Don Gordon drove his 1929 Sport Coupe (we all wanted to see his newly purchased Model A instead), and Larry Komp drove "Woody", who had been out all morning collecting food for the needy (the "It's Spooky to be Hungry" campaign). Sheila McPherson prepared BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad and cake for lunch.





CLUB ACTIVITIES

Richland Creek Old Farm Days

On Saturday November 3rd seven Model A's and sixteen members left Augusta and toured to Saluda for breakfast with the Old 96 District Model A Club. We ate a full country breakfast at Shirley's Restaurant. After breakfast we went to the Richland Creek Farm Festival for a day of old farm day activities, which included a tractor show, tractor pulls, farm harvesting demonstrations of hay baling, wheat, peanut, pea, corn and syrup separation from their respective greenery, and industrial and manufacturing skills including a saw mill and planer, shingle production, a blacksmith shop, and syrup making. Our Model A's were displayed in a special area with the tractors and hit and miss engines. A flea market included antiques, tractor parts and crafts. Those driving their Model A were George Gordon and son Mike in their 1929 Pickup, Don Gordon with George's two grandsons in their 1929 Sport Coupe, Pascal and Barbara Bryant in their 1931 Town Sedan, Richard Dunevent in his 1930 Tudor, Stuart Smith in his 1929 Tudor, Craig and Theresa McMullin in their 1930 Fordor Sedan, and Ken and Linda Nelson in their 1931 DeLuxe Roadster.



UPCOMING EVENTS

On this page and the first column of page 7 are listed 9 area parades in which we plan to participate. See you there!!



Gibson (GA) Christmas Parade Saturday, November 24, 3 pm

The Christmas Parade season begins this year with the Gibson Christmas Parade on **Saturday November 24th**. We will leave from the Wal-Mart parking lot on Deans Bridge Road at 11 o'clock and tour to Gibson for lunch at Crossroads BBQ. As you may remember, they have the best homemade desserts, but be fair warned, **DO NOT EAT** the fried pies. They are made with lard and artificial fruit filling and are not very good, or good for you. The parade begins at 3. It's the perfect outing for the weekend after Thanksgiving!



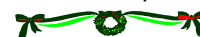
Grovetown (GA) Christmas Parade Saturday, December 1, noon

Line-up is at 10 am. with parade beginning at 12:00 noon. This is an early line-up—we could arrive later. We are to meet at Summerfield Subdivision (same as in the past)



Graniteville (SC) Christmas Parade Saturday, December 1, 3:30 pm

Line-up is at 2:30 pm with parade beginning at 3:30 pm. Line-up is in the field below the middle school (Leavelle-McCampbell)—same as in the past.



Aiken (SC) Jaycees Christmas Parade Sunday, December 2, 2 pm

Line-up is at 1 pm with parade beginning at 2 pm. The line-up will be as before, on one of the side streets—our location will be given to us later and we'll be in touch. The Jaycees will be collecting either canned goods for the Golden Harvest Food Bank or a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.



CLUB ACTIVITIES



Thomson (GA) Christmas Parade Sunday, December 2, 3 pm

The Parade will be held on **Sunday December 2nd** and begins at 3 o'clock. We should lineup no later than 2:30 at the "Brickyard" stadium area at the old high school (same place as last year). This is our only sponsored parade, where the Club receives a \$10 donation for each Model A (and each driver receives a pound of sausage and a calendar). If you can only attend one Christmas parade this year, make it this one! Support your Club—do not miss this parade!



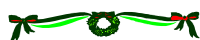
Gracewood (GA) East Central Regional Hospital Christmas Parade Wednesday, December 5, 1 pm

Line-up will be on Gracewood's Special Olympic field at 12:30 pm with the parade beginning at 1 pm. Rain date is Thursday, December 6. *(Participants in this parade are encouraged to meet at the former Augusta Towers (now DoubleTree Hotel) on Augusta's Perimeter Pkwy for lunch before the parade.)*



Hephzibah (GA) Christmas Parade Saturday, December 8, 11 am

The Hephzibah Christmas Parade will be held on **Saturday December 8th** at 11 o'clock. Parade lineup is at the High School at 10 o'clock.



Midland Valley (SC) Christmas Parade Saturday, December 8, 3 pm

The Valley parade will be at 3 pm. Lineup is at 1:00 at LBC Middle School, just off Rte 421 in Bath, SC..

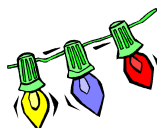


Jackson (SC) Christmas Parade Sunday, December 9, 3 pm

The parade will be held on Highway 125 in Jackson. Line-up begins at 2 pm behind the Jackson Middle School—participants should enter at Foreman Street. The parade will begin at 3 pm. Rain date is Sunday, December 16.

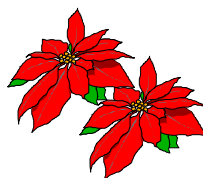


*Below are still more holiday events—
not parades, but planned especially for
our Club! See you there!*



STA Christmas Lights Tour Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 pm

The Christmas Lights Tour will begin at 6:30 on **Tuesday December 11** with dinner at the S & S Cafeteria in North Augusta. For those unable to join us for dinner, we will depart from the S & S about 7:30 for a tour of the new Christmas lights and displays in downtown Augusta. After viewing the decorations, we have been invited to the home of George and Christine Gordon for dessert. Please bring a dessert (maybe cookies?) for the get-together!



STAs Christmas Party Old McDonald Fish Camp Tuesday, December 18, Happy Hour 6 pm

We'll meet for Happy Hour at 6 pm at Old McDonald Fish Camp on Currytown Road, North Augusta, SC on **Tuesday, December 18**. We'll begin to eat about 7 pm. The quoted cost of the meal is \$18 per person, but as a special holiday treat, Club members pay just **\$10** each! (For husband and wife, that's only **\$20!**) The cost for any guest (or non-member) remains at \$18. For directions, see <http://www.oldmcdonaldfishcamp.com/>



New Years Day Breakfast Tuesday, January 1, 2008

Start the New Year off right by taking your Model A to breakfast! Our Annual New Years Day Breakfast will be held at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. They do not take reservations, so arrive around 8 o'clock and we'll sit as close together as we can. If we are as lucky this year as last, they will put us in the room on the end of the restaurant!





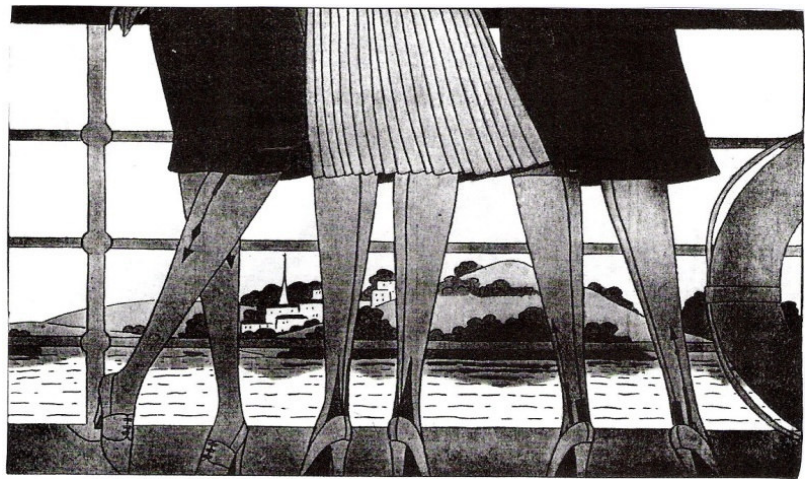
VINTAGE VISIONS

...Carole Gazette

Fashion Accessories -Shoes & Hosiery

Shoes reveal much about us individually and as a culture, whether it is the tiny delicate lotus shoes of the Chinese woman with bound feet, or the laced-up Victorian boot concealed beneath a froth of frillies. Shoes reveal our practical nature as well as our frivolous and fanciful desires, and along with the imaginative variety of shoe fashion in the 1920's and 30's, coordinating purses, gloves and shoes became important in women's attire.

Starting in the 1880's, sheer black hose were considered de rigueur and most appropriate. This vogue for black held its own until the 1920's, when hemlines began to reveal more leg. It was suggested by a fashion magazine in 1915 that stockings of a delicate stripe would be permissible with the new saddle oxford. It was further suggested that plaid or polka dot stockings with plain shoes would be in good taste.



As collectors of vintage fashions and accessories, each of us has embarked upon a challenging path. Accessories are described as "the hat is felt." Or "a flat envelope bag matches the low-cut lizard or alligator oxfords. Stockings of chiffon lisle or medium weight silk are the same neutral shade of the antelope gloves." This information helps to date items in your collection more accurately, as well as identify what accessories are appropriate to wear with various styles of garments, thus creating an authentic look for the Model A Ford era. Happy accessory hunting....

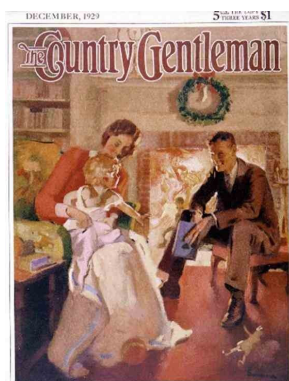


L to R. Black silk T-strap with ankle buckle, Open-toe evening sandal, 1930's, Ankle strap with buckle, 1930's, and Seven bar shoe with pearl shank buttons, 1920's.

Christmas 1928



Christmas 1929



On the Shady Side

....Anne Neely-Beck

It is hard to believe that 2007 is coming to an end. Time sure does fly, the older I get! It has been an interesting year for me on the era fashion front. I have had two articles published in *The Restorer*, one co-authored with Susan Meloan. The co-authored one with Susan also appeared in the *Model A News*. I have made a permanent display of era items for MAFCA headquarters and have been asked to put together a brochure and bookmark on getting started in era fashions.

Thanks to all who have signed up for *Vintage Visions* articles for 2008. We still have a few slots available and I would appreciate the help as I have a lot "on my plate." As most of you know James has retired, so the everyday responsibility of running the hardware stores falls on me, which doesn't leave me much time for my household duties and my volunteer work! Contact me for signing up for the available slots.

May your holidays be filled with good memories and blessings.

Anne

Christmas 1930



Christmas 1931



They say turtles 'only make progress when they stick their neck out'—that's been one of my favorite sayings for quite a while now!

A month or so ago I was on one of my 'quests' for Model A pictures, drawings, etc. when a Cabelo's catalog arrived in the mail. Its cover led me to wildwings.com where I started looking at the artwork available—and I found a Model A!

It was a feature of "Family Tradition", an original painting by George Shumate of Roanoke, VA. . Exploring further, I paid a visit to George's website (www.georgeshumate.com) to see his other works. How wonderful they are!

I figured I'd stick **my** neck out and write to him, asking if he had any sketches of "A's" that might fit into our STA newsletter budget.

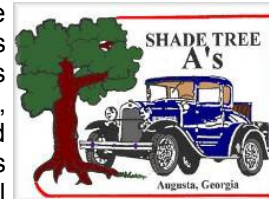
He did! He called, we talked, and he shared—the very painting I'd been admiring so! It was a wonderful surprise! Thanks, George, from all of us here.

And, folks, if you're going to our Christmas Party at Old McDonald Fish Camp on December 18, you'll see another of George's paintings, "Home For Christmas".

Happy Holidays from your newsletter crew—
Pat, Tom, Jim and Sheila

LOOKING FOR AN "A" CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THAT MODEL A PERSON?

Shade Tree A's have a wide variety of Club logo items available, such as vests, shirts (golf, sweat, dress, denim, etc), jackets (windbreakers, light and heavy), tote bags, throw blankets for your legs, and more—all available in time for Christmas.



You may purchase your favorite shirt or jacket and have the Club logo and your name added. Just give it to Jim McPherson and he will get the Club logo, your name, and the year and body style of your Model A embroidered. The cost for this service is \$10 for the logo on the front of a shirt, (embroidery only), or \$25 for a vest or jacket with the large logo also on the back, (embroidery only).

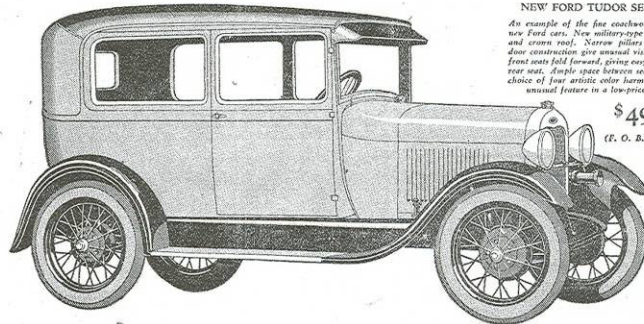
Do you want a Club vest? Susan can provide you with one with embroidery (the Club dark blue vest) for \$35 or a very nice jacket for \$65, both from Augusta Sportswear. Our Club members have a great variety of clothing and utility items adorned with the Club logo, so if you see something you like, just ask.

Ford Trivia

The date was December 1, 1927—just 80 years ago! Newspapers nationwide prepared to run the "New Ford" ads. The next day, you could buy one!

BOSTON EVENING TRANSCRIPT, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1927

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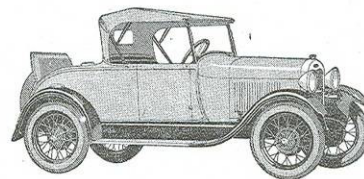
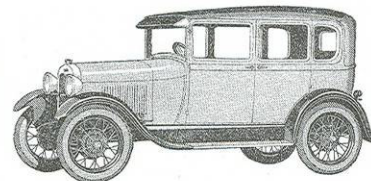
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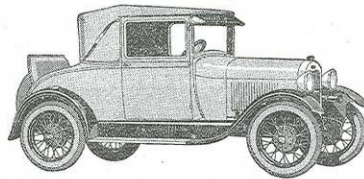
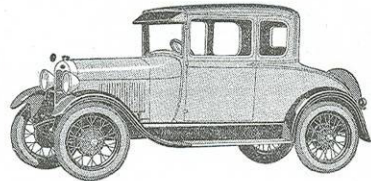
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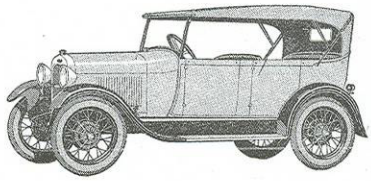
Combines the sportiness of the roadster and the advantages of a closed car. Rumble seat standard. Luggage trays on rear quarters. Finished in four artistic color harmonies.

\$550
(F. O. B. Detroit)

NEW FORD PHAETON

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SHADE TREE A'S CALENDARS



NOVEMBER

24 Gibson (GA) Parade, 3 pm

DECEMBER

1 Grovetown (GA) Christmas Parade, noon
 1 Graniteville (SC) Christmas Parade, 3:30 pm
 2 Aiken (SC) Jaycees Christmas Parade, 2 pm
 2 Thomson (GA) Parade, 3 pm.
 5 Gracewood (GA) Christmas Parade, 1 pm
 8 Hepzibah (GA) Christmas Parade, 11 am
 8 Midland Valley (SC) Parade, 3 pm
 9 Jackson (SC) Christmas Parade, 3 pm
 11 Christmas Lights Tour
 18 STA Christmas Party
 Old McDonald Fish Camp
 (Note Tuesday date!)

2008

JANUARY

1 New Years Day Breakfast
 14 STA Meeting
 24 West Augusta Rotary Club

FEBRUARY

11 STA Meeting
 16 Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast

MARCH

10 STA Meeting

APRIL

14 STA Meeting

A RED entry denotes a change or an addition to the calendar.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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

December

5-9 MAFCA Membership Meet, Southern CA

2008

January

31-Feb 2 Moultrie Swap Meet, Moultrie, GA

February

23 Ramblin' A's Swap Meet, AL

March

14-15 AACA Grand National/National Meet, Melbourne, FL

April

3-6 Charlotte Autofair
 18-19 Old 96 Swap Meet, Greenville, SC
 25-26 Hill Climb/Bluegrass Festival, Unicoi, TN

June

22-27 MAFCA/MARC World Meet, Addison, TX

September

18-20 AACA National Meet, Cleveland, TN

October

8-11 Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey, PA

REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

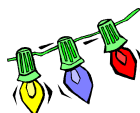
January

McPherson, Miller, Komp, Brown

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Bryant, David Cozart, Marian Purkey,
 Lee Taylor, Mike Chavis, Tana Dace,
 T.J. Barton, Margaret Collier,
 Richard Dunevent, Lisa Smith,
 Frank Knapp, Eric Shogren,
 Jim Miller, Gayle Adams,
 Linda Nelson, Jim Mason,
 Ann Claiborne Christian, Elizabeth Ford

DON'T FORGET.....



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