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Front Cover Picture

Sheila McPherson captured this perfect picture of Shade Tree A's members walking toward the historic 1823 Ocracoke Lighthouse in Hyde County, North Carolina. The Shade Tree A's group was traveling through the Outer Banks and up the coast toward Williamsburg, Virginia and the 2007 MARC National Meet.

JULY MEETING

Our **JULY 9th** meeting will be in Richard Dunevent's garage at the usual 7 pm time. Refreshments will be served at that time with the meeting to start at about 7:30.

REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

July

Mason, Neal, Wade, Dover, Neitzke

August

Dinner Meeting

September

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

October

Bryant, Maypole, Purkey, Trapp, Leach



OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President

Things just don't happen. My hat is off to those who know what I'm talking about before going any further. VOLUNTEERISM – "a state of giving freely of your time; one who offers his services of his own free will". Across this great country millions of people volunteer their time and energies in support of many worthy causes as many of you do, I'm sure. This generous state of giving is what makes this country great and some would say is the key to why many cultures admire us. It is also why a few cultures despise us as well. Oh well!

I would like to make the leap to this organization and first of all THANK the members that volunteer their time and many talents frequently to make this organization prosper. We do have a great organization that many other Model A clubs admire and in some cases try to emulate. We have much to be proud of and it is because of people like you who have stepped-up and volunteered.

When each of us joined the STA's, no one told us we had to join. We did it of our own free will. In essence we all volunteered. In addition, many of you wear your anniversary pin proudly, some depicting decades of service; others hoping to reach the same milestone someday. Then why not make the club the very best it can be. We need every member with their many talents to contribute, be active, and volunteer to continue our good fortune to ensure prosperity. If you would like to become more active and not sure where to start, please give me a call. I would be glad to discuss the many opportunities. I believe there is something for everyone and "at the end of the day", you will receive much more than you give.

Have a Great July 4th,

Craig McMullin, President



MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11th MEETING

After a delicious hamburger-hot dog supper supplied by Roger Dozier, Lee & Erma Taylor, Joe Christian and Stuart Smith, Craig McMullin, president called the business meeting to order.

Bill Richardson was welcomed as a new member. The membership expressed get-well wishes to Glenn Boswell who is recovering from surgery and Betty Hall who is home after a hospital stay.

Richard Dunevent gave the treasurer's report and the minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. The National Director had no report. Ed Meloan reported that this month the newsletter was folded and placed in a 6"x 9" envelope to offset the drastic increase in postage for the large envelope.

Show & tell – Stuart Smith passed around a gizmo he had gotten from an estate sale and asked for thoughts about it.

Old Business: Craig announced that we still needed business card size adds for the newsletter. One page in complete. He read thank you letters from the Charleston Area Youth Racers for the donation and from the Ready family concerning the naming of the library.

All members attending the Social Security Run held in Forsyth, GA had a good time. There were 8 or 9 cars in the Aiken Memorial Day parade, including Wayne Ready's car driven by his son Barry. The group going to Ridgespring for the 2nd Sunday tour enjoyed the lunch at Junipers and the visit to two antique stores and a farm stand on the way home.

New Business: Jim McPherson, tour director discussed the tour to the MARC National Meet in Williamsburg and the Trenton Peach Festival. July events include an Independence Day parade in Gilbert, SC on July 4, a technical seminar on July 14th, and another Sunday afternoon tour on July 29th. Jim had registration forms for anyone wanting to go to Chattanooga in September. The August meeting will be a dinner meeting.

The business meeting was adjourned and Eric Shogren and Bill Maypole presented a program on Black Hawk Museum in California.

Respectfully submitted, *Susan Meloan*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gilbert Peach Festival

The Lexington County Peach Festival Parade will be held in Gilbert, SC on **Wednesday July 4th**. Eric Shogren will lead the group from I-20 and US Hwy 1 at 7:30. If you arrive really early you can eat breakfast at McDonald's or the Waffle House.

Gilbert has no facilities at the parade lineup location, so you may want to pack some drinks to take along (and then again you may not). This is an early parade, with a 9:30 start time, and it usually HOT, so be prepared, and be on time or be left.

Tech Session XI

On **Saturday July 14th**, we'll meet for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road at 8 o'clock before going to Richard's garage for the technical session activities.

Communication is an important part of any tour. A good CB is a must. If you don't have one, consider getting one and installing it at this meeting. We'll have the experts there to help you with the installation, and then to tune the antenna to your radio for peak performance (and we'll check the tuning for those already installed). If you have a Model A problem that needs special attention, call Craig McMullin (803-637-3790) to add your name to the list. We'll have a special All American lunch in celebration of the 4th of July, hot dogs and apple pie. Don't miss it!

Fair Weather Dinner Tour

Our third Fair Weather Tour will be on Sunday July 29th. We are going to Hickory Knob State Park for dinner. We will leave from the Evans Wal-Mart parking lot on Washington Road at 3:30. The restaurant has a dinner buffet starting at 5:30. The cost is \$8.95 per person. The park is about 50 miles from Augusta. This is a Fair Weather Tour. If it's not good Model A driving weather, the tour is cancelled.

RECENT EVENTS

Aiken Memorial Day Parade

Reported by: Pat Roberts

Eight Model A's participated in Aiken's Memorial Day Parade. It seemed like "grandchild" day, too! Becky Ready was there with her granddaughter Laura; Bryan Roberts was there with his grandparents Pat and Tom; Michael was there with his granddad Ed Garvin, and George Gordon's grandson, Mike got to ride in George's antique Model T.

We welcomed Doug Wilson as he made his Aiken parade debut. New members Brion, Kelly and Victor Frontroth also joined us—and they later sent word that they had a 'wonderful time at the parade and are looking forward to future events with the club.'

Sunday Tour - Juniper Restaurant



Our second Fair Weather Tour was to Juniper Restaurant in Ridge Spring, SC. Heavy rains all day Saturday and into early Sunday morning failed to dampen the spirits of this group, as the skies cleared and the sun beamed down upon us. We left from the old Hardee's on Hwy 25 at 1 o'clock on Sunday June 3rd, and tour to Johnston where we met Craig and Theresa.



We then proceeded to Ridge Spring for the Sunday brunch buffet at Juniper Restaurant. There was a variety of six salads, seafood Newberg, and an Italian meat dish, a variety of vegetables, breakfast foods and desserts.

RECENT EVENTS



After lunch we visited an antique shop near the restaurant where Abbie was the BIG winner and another in a Victorian home before heading home. We stopped in Edgefield for peaches, fruit and vegetables at Sara's.

Those driving their Model A were Craig and Theresa McMullin in their 1930 Fordor, Richard and Frankie Dunevent in their 1930 Tudor, Abbie and Brenda, with Mrs. Johnson (Brenda's mother) in their 1930 Tudor, Ernie Dinkins and Don Waters in Ernie's 1931 Coupe, and Jim and Sheila McPherson in their 1930 Town Sedan, and those in more modern transportation were Bill and Gayle Adams and Ed and Susan Meloan.

The Trenton Peach Festival

Reported by: Pat Roberts



Nine "A's" went to the Trenton parade on Saturday, June 16.



President Craig McMullin had a different method of transport, so Theresa drove their car!



Ed Garvin had to leap out of his car to chase Sunshine, his feathered friend who'd decided to explore. Peaches were much in evidence, and the Trenton folks reported they had a record turnout!



RECENT EVENTS



The 2007 MARC Williamsburg National Meet



The **GREAT** news about this tour is that five Model A Fords completed an extended tour to Williamsburg and returned with **NO** roadside technical seminars, repairs or adjustments. What makes this even more remarkable for those Model A's participating is that we traveled about 1,600 miles.

We left from the Sunrise Grill in North Augusta on Wednesday June 13th after a late breakfast and made our way to North Myrtle Beach, SC, our first night's destination. There we met Dale and Lois



Gosa and Chris Brown from the Jacksonville A's. We had dinner at the famous Old Calabash Seafood restaurant. We were up early Thursday, traveling to Cedar Island, NC to catch the ferry to Ocracoke Island. We spent the night on the island at the famous Blackbeards Lodge. We spent Friday touring the Outer Banks, visiting the various lighthouses and Kitty Hawk, the birthplace of aviation. We spent Friday night in Elizabeth City, NC and arrived in colonial Williamsburg Saturday afternoon.

We registered for the meet Sunday, shopped in the swap meet and attended the Pre-Restoration Williamsburg seminar.



Monday was filled with committee meetings, seminars, more shopping in the swap meet, and a walking tour of Colonial Williamsburg. Tuesday's activities included a tour to Smithfield, VA, seminars and the Welcome Party. Wednesday

RECENT EVENTS



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activities included car judging and fashion judging, and a Gala Evening, which included the Fashion Show where Anne Neely-Beck received MARC Fashion Award of Achievement, the Ice Cream Social and the Hubley Derby Races.

Thursday's activities were centered around the Grand Tour, a 48 mile tour of the Colonial Parkway visiting Yorktown and Jamestown.

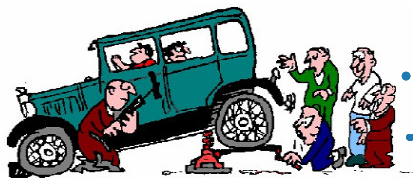


After a box lunch we visited the Jamestown Settlement, which is celebrating its 400th anniversary. Busch Gardens and a BBQ buffet completed a very long day. Friday some left for home while others attended seminars and the Awards Banquet.

Those driving their Model A were James and Anne Beck in their 1931 De-Luxe Roadster,



Jim and Sam Mason in their 1930 Sport Coupe, Roger Dozier in his 1931 Town Sedan, Abbie and Brenda Prince in their 1930 Tudor Sedan and Jim and Sheila McPherson in their 1930 Town Sedan. Those trailering their Model A were Richard and Frankie Dunevent with their 1930 Tudor Sedan and Dan Perla and his son Trevor in their 1930 Town Sedan. Others attending included Ed and Susan Meloan, Bruce and Elizabeth Ford, Don Turley, Walter Smith and Mike and Doris Chavis.



NOTES FROM THE MODEL A GARAGE

By Jim McPherson



In past articles, we have discussed ZDDP, a chemical once common in motor oils to reduce wear. You may remember this compound has been removed from most motor oils for modern cars because it shortens the catalytic converter life. It is still in oil for diesel engines, and a motor oil formulated for our antique engines. I have now found out that ZDDP is in Valvoline VR1 racing oils. These oils are designed to reduce friction and enhance power, and offer the ultimate in wear protection (presumably by ZDDP).

The next article is courtesy of Eddie Collins, a member of the Low Country A's in Charleston. Eddie has become quite a carburetor rebuilder, and this article, originally published in their Newsletter, covers some research he did on rust removal. Eddie is currently conducting some experiments on another carburetor issue, and we are looking forward to having that article for you

New Product To Remove Rust - Easily!

By Eddie Collins

In my never ending quest to find easy ways to do things (thereby avoiding work), I did some digging around the internet about different ways to remove rust. Many of the carburetors I try to restore have been sitting in barns and boxes for decades and the ferrous metals (iron, steel, etc.) sometimes are badly rusted. Sand or bead blasting is great - if you have a sandblaster and a compressor that will produce enough air to do the job properly - which I don't. Also, sometimes sandblasting might be overkill for the small parts we use in this Model "A" racket.

Enter a product called "Evapo-rust." This fairly recent brew, marketed by Orison Marketing, L.L.C. of Abilene, Texas, is water-based, environmentally friendly, and nontoxic. Quoting from their website (www.evaporust.com), *"Evapo-rust is an award winning rust remover which is utilized by the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, FBI, NATO, government contractors, engine builders, auto enthusiasts, gunsmiths, forensic labs, OEM's, farmers, antique restorers and more."*

Evapo-rust is non-corrosive to steel and does not harm brass, copper, aluminum, gold, lead, titanium, steel, cast iron, chrome solder points, vinyl, plastic, rubber, silicone, glass, cork, or wood. On average, one gallon de-rusts up to 300 pounds of light to moderately rusted steel."

Here are their simple directions. *"Fully immerse the rusted item in Evapo-rust and check progress in about 30 minutes; no scrubbing necessary. Soak times will vary from 30 minutes to 24 hours depending on severity of rust, type of steel, and temperature. Evapo-rust is water based, therefore the active molecules will slow down as temperature decreases and increase as temperature increases. We recommend utilizing Evapo-rust at a bath temperature above 60°F."*

Evapo-rust has a surfactant to aid in penetrating oils and dirt. However, surface contaminants do slow the process and can shorten the life of Evapo-rust. Oils, greases and cosmoline should be removed prior to de-rusting. Cleaning the part prior to soaking in Evapo-rust will also help in the disposal of the spent product."

Befitting my nature, I was skeptical of the claims. But, curiosity (that thing that kills cats and sometimes old fat dentists) prevailed and I bought a gallon of Evapo-Rust to try. It stayed un-



opened in my garage until last night when I tackled a really rusty carburetor. I have an ultrasonic cleaner that I put all my carburetor parts in (including the castings). The solution cuts all the oils and greases from the parts - but it doesn't remove rust. I cleaned all the parts in the ultrasonic and then submerged a very rusty carburetor casting, a choke lever arm, and some rusty bolts in the Evapo-rust. I stirred the brew with my finger and it didn't fall off.

After about ten minutes the solution started looking a bit milky so I knew something was, indeed, happening. Remember, the directions say the process can take time. So, I left everything submerged for four hours in a barely warm oven. Lo, the rust was gone....almost. So, I decided to leave the parts submerged overnight on the countertop. When I checked them the next morning -ALL- of the rust was gone - completely! I gave the parts a good brushing to remove some light residue (not rust!), dried them quickly in the oven and sprayed them lightly with WD-40 to keep them from rusting right away. You'd need to remove all of the WD-40 prior to painting.

This product works for me - and well! I like the idea that it is not toxic. You can dispose of it right down the drain. It is neutral in pH and does not etch the metal at all. It works by a process of chelation...which is much gentler than acid etching and



sand/bead blasting. I think Evapo-rust is pretty amazing. Why not give it a try? **(The author has no financial or other commercial interest in this product.)** Reprinted with the author's permission from "Quail Mail," the monthly newsletter of the Lowcountry Model A Ford Club, Charleston, South Carolina.

See you down the road... *Jim McPherson*



ROPES

By Pat Roberts

I was thinking about ropes—one real; one figurative. The 'real' one can be found in Ed Garvin's roadster—I personally have only seen this rope 'in action' once, but have heard about the role it played during Wayne's funeral procession in early May.

There's a Hardees in Batesburg-Leesville, a good stopping place for hamburgers (or, in Wayne's case, milkshakes). We were en route to the Gilbert parade..oh, was it HOT!! I remember Ed had Kiwi with him that day, and for some reason (security, I'm sure!!!), he used the rope to secure his roadster to the light pole in the parking lot. (I think a picture made it to the newsletter that month). All of us chuckled....

We wondered as we saw Ed, again in his roadster, among the 'modern' cars approaching the cemetery. How'd he get there? What happened? When we left the funeral home, he was in the line with us! The answer wasn't long in coming. Stuart Smith's "A" had mechanical problems on Dougherty Road; along came Ed and his rope, and the car was safely removed from harm's way. (Stuart 'caught a ride' and continued the journey with Eric Shogren!)

I thought again about rope—a dictionary says it's 'a length of fibers, twisted or braided together to improve strength'... This week, the STA's got together, did what needed to be done, and showed our concern for the club members we'd lost. Could the request for us 'to blow our horns' at Lorry's service be the beginning of another strand/tradition in The ROPE that is our club? Seems like a good idea to me!

Report from the

MARC

Fashion Committee

By Susan Meloan

The Hat Standards are published and were available in Williamsburg. These are to be added to the standards already published. The Major Garment Standards will be ready in 2008. These individual standards or the binder as completed to date are available through the MARC Office. Hat standards are \$8.00 each and the complete Binder is \$30.00. The committee hopes to have a reorganized, all – inclusive standards ready by 2009.

Fashion Calendars for 2008 are also available from the MARC office for \$10.00. The beautifully colored calendars includes fashion photographs and Model A's for each month.

Members going to the MARC National meet in Williamsburg enjoyed a fashion seminar discussing Major Garments and a fashion swap meet. 16 people, including Shade Tree A member Anne Neely-Beck were judged on fashions, and participated along with 5 other 'show only' in the Fashion Show on Wednesday night.

You can see pictures from the Fashion show as well as other pictures from the Williamsburg meet on the club website (www.shadetreeas.org). From the main menu select "Photos of Recent Activities", then "Williamsburg Meet", and then "Fashion Show".



VINTAGE VISIONS

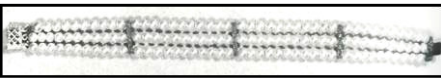
By Paula Gay

Popular Vintage Jewelry of the Model A Era

The 1920's were known as the roaring 20's, scandalous, shocking and flaming. Business was the by-word of the 20's and women combined business lunches with service projects such as the Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs. Women won the right to vote in August of 1920 and it had an emotionally liberating effect. Women went to barber shops and had their long hair bobbed. Lips were painted, women smoked and drank. Fashion reflected the fluctuating styles. Hemlines yo-yoed, waistlines disappeared and reappeared at the hip lines and jewelry blossomed.

By 1928, the masculine look was waning and the feminine look was back in with soft materials for clothing, hair was worn to the neckline and jewelry became a fashion statement that matched the outfits. Women were also wearing more affordable costume jewelry. It became fun and chic to wear bold pearls and fake diamonds or rhinestones.

Designers created special jewelry for "bathing costumes" with painted and waterproofed wooden balls for necklaces, bracelets and earrings.



Pearls were by far the most popular necklace in the 1920's. Reproductions grew in popularity due to affordability. Pearls were worn with day and evening dresses. The 60" rope was advertised to be a favorite.

The other standard lengths were 15", 18" and 24" and 30".

New rhinestone ornaments were popular as brooches, bracelets, clasps and earrings. Synthetic stones were popular which also included sapphires and rubies. Birthstones were receiving popularity and placed in white gold filigree ring settings, but were also placed in lavalieres and pins. Most all the birthstones were placed in white gold because it resembled platinum, which was popular in that era.

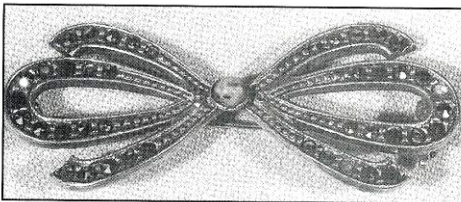
Onyx in white gold settings became a favorite for rings. They were also available in 14K Gold and usually included a diamond set around the onyx.

Styles in wedding rings were changing also. The gold wedding band was being replaced with platinum engraved with orange blossom flowers. For the first time, matching wedding and engagement rings became available.



Emeralds had been popular since before the time of Cleopatra, but their green color made them especially desirable for jewelry of the 1920's and 30's. Many wore it because they believed it would heighten intelligence and help them to save money. Today it is a favorite birthstone for people born in May, hoping it will bring them success and love.

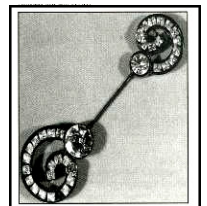
Rubies both genuine and synthetic were widely used in the 20's and 30's. Their bold red color helped create a dramatic effect that was so much in demand. Biblical reference attest to the high value placed on the ruby throughout the age. A large ruby is sometimes more valuable than a diamond of the same size. Ruby is July's birthstone and it represents wisdom, wealth and health.



In the Model A era, the average women could add glitter and glamour to her wardrobe by wearing marcasites. The reflective sparkle adorned pins, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, clasps and buckles. Marcasite is actually pyrite. (There is a mineral named marcasite and though it is similar in appearance, it is not suitable for jewelry.) Their luster is metallic therefore their brilliance comes from light reflecting off the facets. Marcasites were fashionable as early as the 1700's but the glittering mood of the 20's revived it again.

Ivory is one of the oldest materials used for ornamental purposes. In the 1920's, resurgence of interest in African carvings brought a renewed interest in ivory. Ivory is the tusk of the African elephant but the tusks of the hippopotamus and walrus are also classified as ivory. There is an "imitation" ivory made from the corozo nut from South America and the doumpalm nut from Central America. They are used to make smaller items and beads. Ivory was made into the popular Cameo jewelry.

Jewelry made from Bakelite was also popular during the 20's and 30's. This new plastic was invented in 1909 by Leo H. Baekeland (1863-1944). He came up with the resin while trying to develop a new type of varnish. Bakelite is a plastic and can be molded or cast. Jewelry items were molded and made into different shapes with which other stones could be added into the design.



Information and pictures from this article came from Answers to Questions about Old Jewelry 1840-1950, 5th Edition by C Jeanenne Bell, G.G.

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Legend: A **RED** entry denotes a change or new addition to the calendar.
A **GREEN** entry denotes a Dinner Meeting at a different location.

JULY

- 4** **Gilbert Peach Parade 9:30 am**
- 9** **STA Meeting**
- 14 Technical Seminar
- 29** **Dinner Tour (Date Change!)**

AUGUST:

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

SEPTEMBER:

- 10** **STA Meeting**
- 6-9 Chattanooga Hill Climb
- 22** **Technical Seminar (Date Change!)**

OCTOBER:

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

NOVEMBER:

- 12** **STA Meeting**

DECEMBER

- 18** **STA Christmas Party**
Old MacDonald's Fish
Camp (Note Tuesday date!)

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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

September:

13-16 Charlotte Autofair

October:

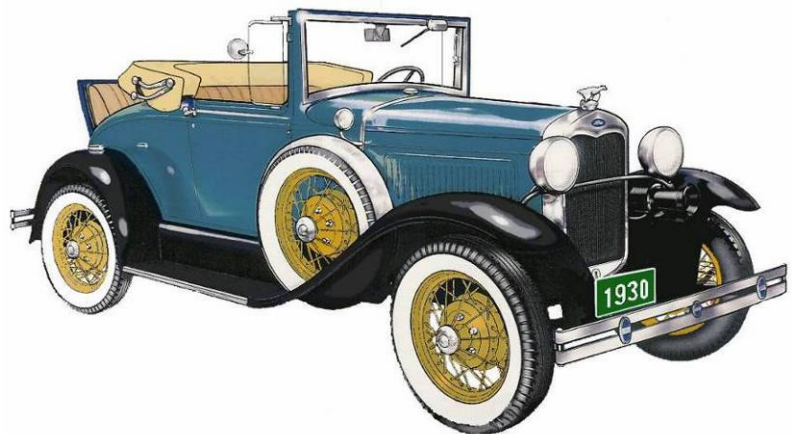
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November:

15-17 Moultrie Swap Meet

December

5-9 MAFCA Membership Meeting, Southern CA



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