

# Shade Tree A's

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Carrie Proctor and Lois Melchiors at the "Sweetheart" Pancake Breakfast





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### MARCH MEETING

Our **March 12th** meeting will be at our regular meeting location in Richard Dunevent's garage at 7 pm.

Eric Shogren will present a slide show of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance. This internationally famous show features an auction, car corral and judged event. Cars ranged from Ernest Hemmingway's Rolls Royce to an original Ford Cobra.

### REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

#### March

**Dunevent**, Melchoirs, Dinkins, Knapp, Prince

#### April

#### Dinner Meeting

Lone Star Café & Steakhouse  
 2744 Washington Road

#### May

**Gay**, Krosting, Moore, Adams, Trapp

#### June

**No Volunteers!**



## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President

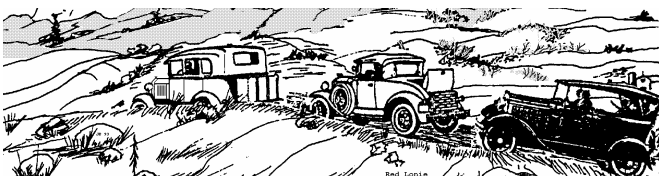
March is a very busy month. We have our 1<sup>st</sup> Technical Seminar of 2007 on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. To ensure that your Model A is tour ready – bring it to the Technical Seminar we are always looking for a challenge. We have a parade, a day tour, and several overnight trips. I hope each of you plan to attend as many of the activities as possible. Please take note of the club calendar on the last page. Now's a good time to plan for those upcoming events. Keep in mind that we continue to add and revise the calendar, so check it often.

As a reminder, make sure you have your own Model liability insurance. As many of you know, MAFCA, as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, has dropped their club insurance coverage. However, while attending club functions (with the exception of hill climbs and other timed events, such as racing), our club and those of you who are MARC members are insured by the MARC. This is no substitute for your own personal liability insurance. I will continue to follow and report to club at our monthly meetings the status of insurance coverage provided by the Model A national organizations.

I'd like to take this time to thank Jim McPherson for a great technical program last month on preparing seat springs for upholstery. I'm sure many of us did not realize the engineering involved and how to repair original seat springs to perform like new again. Thanks Jim for sharing your wealth of knowledge.

Have a safe trip,

*Craig McMullin*, President



## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The Shade Tree A's met on February 12, 2007. After a supper furnished by the Aiken group and featuring Ed Garvin's famous spaghetti, Craig McMullin called the meeting to order. He passed around the attendance and refreshment roster, noting that June was still open for refreshments.

There were no new members or visitors present. Craig presented James Beck with a 2006 mileage certificate for driving 1460 miles in 2006. Richard Dunevent gave the treasurer's report. Ed Meloan had nothing to report as National Director, and asked if anyone needed a copy of the newsletter. January minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Craig gave an update of the BOD meeting held on January 15<sup>th</sup>. He stated activities for most of the year were planned, but encourage anyone with other suggestions to contact a board member. He also announced that the newsletter would accept business card size ads for the year. The BOD also had an impromptu business meeting on February 10 at the pancake breakfast to discuss the cessation of MAFCA insurance.

During the show and tell session we were told of GA tags 1929, 1931 that were available. Jim Miller showed a badge he had as a Special Agent – Counter Intelligence 1941-45. Ralph Nietzsche passed around a box to ask if anyone could identify it.

Craig discussed Club attire, using the white and navy colors. Richard has hats available and Susan Meloan can get shirts, vests, and jackets.

**Old Business:** Doris Brown arranged for a group to go to Langford Middle School to show the cars to the students who were studying the Era. Jim Brown, George Gordon, Frank Knapp brought cars. In addition to bringing a car, Barbara and Pascal Bryant and Carole and Tony Gazette wore Era dress. 700 students had the opportunity to view the cars.

51 people attended the Sweetheart breakfast at Jack and Carrie Horner's on February 10.

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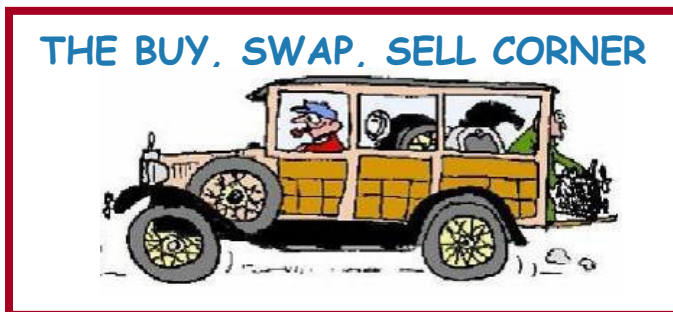
The club visited the Ruth Patrick Planetarium on January 26. Several then went to Aiken Antique Mall and to lunch at Carolina Barbeque.

**New Business:** Jim McPherson told of the following upcoming Events: Fort Gordon theatre on February 24, Technical Seminar on March 3 following breakfast at the Sunrise Grill, Savannah trip – March 9-1, St Patrick's Day parade – March 17, Trip to Darlington- March 29, Hill Climb in Bristol, TN – April 27-28, and Roam around Georgia at Forsyth in May. Jim also stated that he had membership applications for MARC for anyone interested in joining that organization.

Susan Meloan reported the SAL would be planning the August dinner meeting.

The business meeting was adjourned and after a short break Jim McPherson presented a program on seat springs.

Respectfully submitted, *Susan Meloan*



### **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.**

**Contact Jim McPherson, 706-592-4835**

### **For Sale: 1929 AA Stakebed Truck**

Good Condition! Was used in the motion picture "Green Fried Tomatoes At The Whistle Stop Café".

**Contact Bob Jones - 706-860-1374**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Tech Session IX**

#### **Is Your "A" Tour Ready?**

Our first Tech Session for 2007 will be held on **Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We'll meet for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road at 8 o'clock, then proceed to Richard's garage for Model A diagnosis, maintenance, and repair. The tour season is just beginning, with out Savannah Tour the following weekend. Take advantage of this opportunity to give your Model A a good inspection, or to have another member look at a pesky problem. If all goes well we will have BBQ sandwiches for lunch.

### **Historic Savannah Tour**

It is not too late to join our return to historic Savannah **March 9-11**, where we will be joined by the Jacksonville A's. We'll depart Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> from Wally's Chevron, at the corner of Hwy 88 and Windsor Spring Road in Hephzibah at 8:30. For those of you who would like to eat breakfast before we depart, come early. They have good biscuits and a great full breakfast. Popeye's burned, so this is it for breakfast. In Savannah, we will be staying at the Hampton Inn on Stevenson Ave. The rate is \$89.00 per night ([www.hamptoninn.com](http://www.hamptoninn.com) or 912-355-4100). On Saturday morning we take a trolley tour of historic Savannah, and Saturday afternoon we will tour Tybee Island in our Model A's with a tour designed by Nevey Clark, Savannah AACA tour guru. We have left Friday and Saturday nights free for your favorite restaurant and sight seeing in downtown Savannah, or on the riverfront. We will return to Augusta Sunday morning.

### **St. Patricks Day Parade**

Decorate Your Model A in Green and join us for Augusta's Annual St Patrick's Day Parade **March 17th**. St Patrick's Day is on Saturday this year, so we expect an especially large number of parade entrants and lots of spectators lining Broad Street. Lineup is at 11 o'clock in the Civic Center parking lot, with the parade to start at 12:30. The route will be the same as last year. After the parade we will eat lunch at Fire Mountain in North Augusta (unless some green beer serving restaurant on Broad Street catches our eye).



# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS...

## Picnic in the Park

The Palmetto A's will host their annual Picnic in the Park on Saturday **March 24<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet for breakfast at 8 o'clock at the Sunrise Grill in North Augusta (located on Martintown Road next to Kroger's, and near K-Mart). Following breakfast, we will meet the Aiken contingent at I-20 and Hwy 1, and continue to Lexington where we will have lunch with other area Model A Club members at the Saluda Shoals Park. Pack a picnic lunch for your family, which will be added to the lunch spread, and shared with the group, throw a couple of chairs in the back seat of the old Model A and join us for the day.

## Darlington Speedway Opens to Model A's

Van Threadgill of the Low Country A's of Charleston has announced a return of the Model A's to the Darlington Speedway **March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>**. We'll meet for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill in North Augusta at 8 o'clock on Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>, then tour to Florence, SC.

The Welcome Party starts at 6:30. On Friday, there are seminars starting at 8:30, local tours to include the Honda plant manufacturing four wheelers and jet skis, the Columns Plantation (a 1500 acre mid-19<sup>th</sup> century plantation with an Antebellum style Greek Revival home, still operated by the owners), and Ladies Shopping the Low Country A's Ladies are so famous for.

Saturday morning it's off to the Darlington Speedway. There will be a required "fill your gas tank" check before driving your Model A on the speedway (for the significance of this ask a previous participant), and a tour of the historic speedway. Activities conclude Saturday night with a banquet at 7:00. Lodging will be at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at the intersection of I-20 and I-95 (Exit 160 off I-95). The rate is \$79.00 per night (1-877-782-9444). Be sure to tell them you are with the Model A Club.

**IF YOU ARE GOING TO DRIVE YOUR MODEL A ON THE RACETRACK, YOU MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED FOR THE MEET NO LATER THAN MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## Old 96 Model A Swap Meet

The Old 96 District Model A Club will host their second Model A swap meet on **April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** 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.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.erwinexpresshotel.com)).

## The Shade Tree A's 2007 Grand Tour

The Shade Tree A's 2007 Grand Tour to Williamsburg, VA and the MARC National Meet offers some very special sights and scenery.

We will depart Augusta Wednesday **June 13<sup>th</sup>** and tour to North Myrtle Beach, SC where we will join the Jacksonville A's and other Model A clubs. We will stay in the Holiday Inn (843-281-9400). Thursday we will reach the Outer Banks of NC, arriving on Ocracoke Island by a 2 ½ hour ferry ride from Cedar Island. Ferry reservations have to be made within 30 days of the departure day (800-856-0343, 919-225-3551, or [www.ncferry.org](http://www.ncferry.org)).

We will spend Thursday night at Blackbeard's Lodge, built in 1936 (800-892-5314 or 252-928-3421).

## UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED...

Friday we will tour the Outer Banks, stopping at such historical sights as the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, through Nags Head and Kitty Hawk.

We will spend Friday night at the Holiday Inn Express in Elizabeth City, NC (252-338-8900), and arrive in Williamsburg Saturday. Hotel rooms in the Williamsburg area are at a premium. Williamsburg is not only a prime tourist attraction, but it is also the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Jamestown. If you have any feeling that you might like to go, I would encourage you to make your hotel reservations now.

The host hotel is the Woodlands Hotel & Suites (Deluxe Suites \$179, Superior Room Class, \$137), and the overflow hotel is the Cascades Motel (\$116). Additional lodging is available in the Governor's Inn (\$105) and the Williamsburg Lodge (\$179). Reservations for any of the above hotels may be made by calling 1-800-261-9530.

Most of the national chain motels we usually stay in are full. Some of us will be staying at the Quality Inn Colony (309 Page St, [www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com)). You may want to visit the Williamsburg Meet website (<http://clubs.hemmings.com/colvamodela/>) for a preview of what awaits you at the MARC National Meet.

**One note: to register for this meet you must be a member of MARC, so if you plan to attend this meet, you might consider becoming a member now, to take full advantage of your membership (and the Model A News magazine).**

### Newsletter Contributions

#### Do you have a contribution for the Newsletter?

Your Editors are ready to help with the article you have wanted to write, the ad you would like to submit, or your favorite Model A picture. Contact one of the Editors (phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed on page 2).

**Deadline** for newsletter material is the 15th of the month before the month of the newsletter.



## RECENT EVENTS

### Model A's go to School



On Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>, six Model A's attended the Langford Middle School. Shade Tree A's member Doris Brown noticed a school poster with fashions from the 1930's. She discovered the history classes were studying the Roaring Twenties and the Depression Thirties. Soon the Club had an invitation to display the cars and lunch for their owners. Tony and Carole Gazette in their 1931 Tudor and Pascal and Barbara Bryant in their 1931 Tudor also dressed in their era fashions. Carol Taylor in her 1930 Coupe, Jim Brown in his 1929 Tudor, Frank Knapp in his 1931 DeLuxe Roadster and George Gordon in his 1929 Pickup also participated in the display.





# RECENT EVENTS



## The DuPont Planetarium



We had a good turnout of members, children and grandchildren to see the stars on Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>!

We started with breakfast at the Sunrise Grill in Augusta, then toured to the DuPont Planetarium at the University of South Carolina, Aiken. The planetarium is part of the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center.



We saw a star studded show, "More than Meets the Eye", learning which stars, planets and constellations we can see in our night sky, and how they move throughout the year.

We learned how to locate the constellations, their names, and why they are divided into groups, hearing the story of each and their relationships. After the show we went to the Aiken Antique Mall, which had some Model A vintage fashions, and where vintage jewelry was purchased. We then toured to New Ellenton for lunch at Carolina BBQ. Eight Model A's made the trip: Gerald Melchior and grandson Michael in their 1930 Cabriolet, Don Gordon and Betty in their 1929 Sport Coupe, George Gordon in his 1929 Pickup, and Jim and Sheila McPherson in their 1930 Town Sedan. In Aiken we were joined by Abbie and Brenda Prince in their 1930 Tudor, Eric Shogren in his 1929 Special Coupe, Tom and Pat Roberts in their 1929 Special Coupe and Ted, Becky, and Bryan Roberts in their 1931 Town Sedan.





# RECENT EVENTS



## The "Sweethearts" Pancake Breakfast



Jim Leach was there extra early to assemble the cooking stations and oversee the Shade Tree A's cooks: Jack Horner, Tony Gazette, Craig McMullin and Jim McPherson. And the Shade Tree A's members came, fifty-one of them, to eat eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, biscuits and blueberry, pecan or just plain old vanilla pancakes.

There is just something special about those cool brisk mornings this time of the year, especially with the smells of coffee and bacon and sausage cooking waffling thru the air. Saturday February Tenth was one of those days. Anyone near the home of Jack and Carrie had no problem finding the location!



Among the ten Model A's in attendance were: Jack's 1930 Town Sedan; Carrie's 1932 Model B Pickup; George and Christine Gordon's 1929 Pickup; Don Gordon's 1929 Sport Coupe, Jim and Sheila McPherson's 1930 Town Sedan; Abbie and Brenda Prince's 1930 Tudor; Jim and Sam Mason's 1930 Sport Coupe; Craig and Theresa McMullin's 1930 Fordor; Gerald and Lois Melchior's 1930 Cabriolet; and Eric and Dotti Shogren's 1929 Special Coupe.

**THANKS Jack and Carrie for a wonderful time!**





# RECENT EVENTS



## Southeastern Model A Roundup Era Ends!

The First Coast Region of MARC hosted their 7<sup>th</sup> and last Southeastern Model A Roundup in Orange Park February 15-18! The Roundup began in St Augustine after they hosted the MARC National Meet, as a winter meet for Model A Clubs and Model A enthusiasts. With the demolition of the Radisson Hotel, the meet was moved to Orange Park.



Eric and Dotti Shogren, driving their 1929 Special Coupe and Richard Dunevent driving his 1930 Tudor met three cars from the Old 96 District A's in Augusta for the trip to Florida. Pascal and Barbara Bryant, daughter Linda and grandson Houston trailered their 1931 Tudor and Abbie Prince trailered his SPECIAL Boston Whaler Model A (See Photo). The Shade Tree A's were by far the best represented Club with fourteen.



The activities included a Flea Market which had nine vendors (with some very good parts), a tour to Green Cove Springs on Friday, dinner Friday night at Clark's Fish Camp followed by an Ice Cream Social and entertainment, Saturday seminars on five-speed transmissions, overdrives and rug hooking, and Social Time with entertainment and dessert Saturday night.



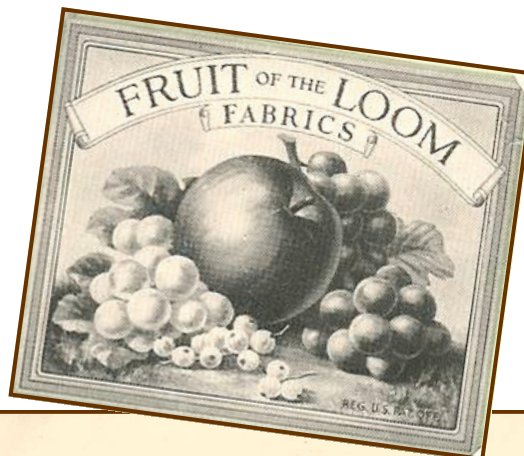
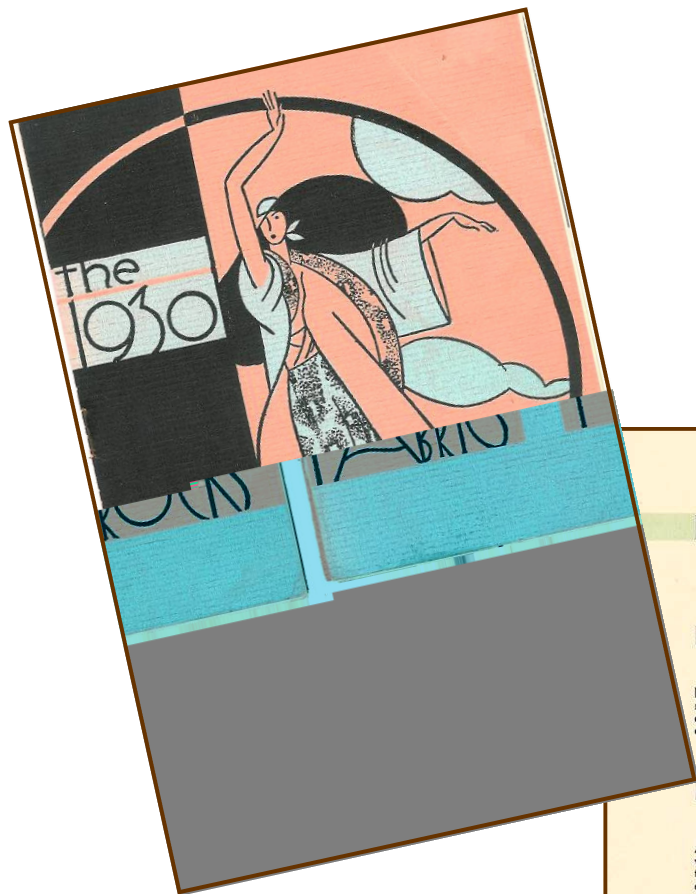
The Shade Tree A's did quite well on the drawings, silent auction and door prizes.



# VINTAGE VISIONS

By Susan Meloan

## A Review of a Fruit of the Loom Advertising Booklet



In a 1930 booklet published by Fruit of the Loom, numerous uses and types of cotton fabrics are described. In the past two years cotton had advanced from its role in children's clothing and morning wear to many other uses.

"Tubbability, freshness, hygiene, the charm of crisp cool fabrics – smart but inexpensive—these are definite qualities that contribute to cotton's popularity, and why it is seen increasingly at fashionable American and Continental resorts." Vogue, Harper Bazaar and other fashion publications praised its use in clothing.

Uses include spectator and active sportswear, beach pajamas, kitchen pajamas, afternoon and morning wear, children's wear and home decorating projects. The list from the back page lists and describes various fabrics available, and suggested uses.

### FRUIT OF THE LOOM FABRICS

#### FRUIT OF THE LOOM PRINTS

New brilliant colors and fineness of weave makes this fabric ideal for all-year use in dresses, smocks, pajamas, shirts and children's clothes. 36 inches wide.

#### FRUIT OF THE LOOM SHANDELLE

A new rough weave that carries the charm of silk shantung into cotton and adds to it new patterns and long tubbability. Patterns are bold and striking, designed for street, sports and beach wear. 36 inches wide.

#### FRUIT OF THE LOOM VOILE

A sheer combed fabric of exquisitely even weave, very soft and filmy—charming for trailing skirts and for women's and children's frocks and dainty lingerie. 39 inches wide.

#### FRUIT OF THE LOOM FOULARD

A smooth cotton foulard created for the vogue of necktie designs so smart in sports and afternoon dresses. All over colors, many with the new popular dark backgrounds. 36 inches wide.

#### FRUIT OF THE LOOM BATISTE

Sheer, semi-transparent with the texture of handkerchief linen. New patterns in pastels and in gay colors suitable for summer frocks, nightwear and underthings. 36 inches wide.

#### FRUIT OF THE LOOM MODERNESQUE

A specially finished broadcloth done in the modern manner—very smooth with a high lustre. Brilliant floral effects, geometric designs, and unusual color combinations ...splendid for sportswear. 36 inches wide.

#### FRUIT OF THE LOOM DIMITY

A crisp cord dimity that makes up beautifully for children's clothes, women's afternoon frocks and intimate apparel. Patterns extremely smart. 36 inches wide.

#### FRUIT OF THE LOOM BROADCLOTH

A more conservative fabric for dress wear, children's frocks and pajamas. Very smart conventional designs, with simplicity the dominating note. 36 inches wide.

#### FRUIT OF THE LOOM MULL

A very finely woven mull, sheer and soft. Printed in smart sophisticated patterns featuring the newest colors. For afternoon frocks. 36 inches wide.

#### FRUIT OF THE LOOM FINE BROADCLOTH

A finely woven beautiful fabric that rivals the finest imports. In white and plain colors with a silvery bloom and lustre—stunning for women's ensembles and dresses, fine shirts, blouses and children's frocks. 36 inches wide.

#### FRUIT OF THE LOOM LINTAN

A stunning new fabric after the manner of a sports linen, but less crushable. Designed with striking contrasts in color...for sports frocks and ensembles, beach coats and pajamas. 36 inches wide.

In addition to these fabrics are the well known fruit of the Loom muslins, longcloth, cambric and nainsook... famous for 75 years as material of the highest quality.



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If YOU would like to support the Shade Tree A's Club, please contact any officer of the club.  
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.

### MARCH

- 3 Technical Seminar
- 9-11 Savannah Tour
- 12 **STA Meeting**
- 17 St Patrick's Day Parade
- 24 Picnic-in-the-Park
- 29-1 Darlington Speedway, Charleston Club

### 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 (Note new dates)**

#### December

- 5-9 MAFCA Membership Meeting, Southern CA



We couldn't resist showing the beautiful cake the "Aiken Bunch" brought to the February Meeting!

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Travis Starr, Jr., Doris Brown, Kay Manning, Rosalind Neal,  
Erma Taylor, Dan Perla, Curtis Krosting, Rosalie King, Doug Wilson,  
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