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Bill and Gayle Adams - Ready to drive the Darlington Speedway!

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### MAY MEETING

Our **May 14th** meeting returns to Richard Dunevent's garage at the usual 7 pm time.

The Program for May will be on lubrication.

Are you a good detective? Have you located ALL the grease fittings on your Model A? Lubrication of the Model A chassis is the topic for our May meeting. Jim McPherson will show us where ALL those grease fittings are and how often to use them.

### REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

#### May

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

#### June

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

#### July

**Mason**, Neal, Wade, Dover, Neitzke

#### August

**Dinner Meeting**



## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President

Two topics come to mind that are worthy of further discussion as I prepare this month's President's Column.

The first is an event that a few members of the club took part in without much advanced notice or fanfare. There was no anticipation of reward, newspaper recognition, or other form of notoriety. It was strictly an innocent request to display a few Model A's during the middle of the day for a few hours at a local elementary school. The students of a 6<sup>th</sup> grade class were studying the life and times during the late 1920's and early 1930's.

How appropriate for members of the STA's to show up at the school donning era fashions and driving vintage Model A Fords. What better "show and tell" demonstration and learning experience could you ask for. Because of a few members generosity to take a few hours from their busy schedule and present a learning experience that these students may never forget, the STA Organization received a very nice and thoughtful "Thank You" card from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at Langford Middle School. In addition, nine 6<sup>th</sup> graders from the class took it upon themselves to write notes of appreciation.

I must congratulate Ms. Doris Brown for taking the initiative to make the event a reality and those other STA members who I believe took away much more from the experience than we all realize.

The second topic also has to do with the generosity and caring of the STA's. As a result of one club member having a difficult time recovering from a long-term illness and after spending months in the hospital, the STA's have once again answered the call.

It's been awhile since the club has been asked or needed to "pass the hat" but when we did at our dinner meeting last month the response was overwhelming. Hundreds of dollars were collected for needed hospital and therapy-related equipment to assist with home care for Wayne Ready. Many thanks to Tom Roberts for the frequent status re-

ports and the initial request. I would also like to thank Jim Miller for his continued thoughtfulness and challenging us to take our effort "over the top".

I can't say we accomplished much from my planned agenda last month but I will admit it was the most productive meeting this club has had in a very long time.

Have a safe trip,

*Craig McMullin*, President



## MINUTES OF THE APRIL DINNER

Members of the Shade Tree A's met at the Lone Star Steakhouse to enjoy a delicious meal and for the meeting on April 9th. After dinner President Craig McMullin opened the business meeting and reported on recent activities. He told of the good turn out at the Fort Gordon Theatre, the Picnic in the Park at Lexington, the weekend at Darlington and the St. Patrick's Day parade in Augusta.

Abbie Prince and Tom Roberts reported on Wayne Ready. Wayne was to go home in a few days. The Ready's would have to equip their home to accommodate Wayne's needs. Ed Meloan made a motion that the club contribute \$75 to help with these needs. The motion was seconded by Larry Komp and was passed. Jim Miller suggested that members would individually like to help with the endeavor. A basket was passed and members contributed.

Jim McPherson reported on future events—the swap meet in Greenwood, April 21, a visit to Wayne with cars, April 22, the Hill climb, a Technical Seminar on May 5, and the Social Security Run in May.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Susan Meloan*

## 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](mailto: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.

### Tech Session X Front End Alignment

Our next Tech Session will be on Saturday **May 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Social Security Run

The Atlanta Region of the Horseless Carriage Club of America hosts their 12<sup>th</sup> 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 from the Cracker Barrel restaurant at 8 o'clock. Come early if you plan to eat breakfast. We will 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](mailto:james.mcpherson@amedd.army.mil)) now to get yours.

### Peach Festival Parade

For those of you who are unable to attend the MARC National Meet in Williamsburg, we have a local activity for you, the Ridge Peach Festival in Trenton, SC. On Saturday **June 16<sup>th</sup>** we will meet for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill in North Augusta at 8 o'clock. We'll depart at 9 o'clock for Trenton. Parade line-up is 9:30, with the parade at 10:30. After the parade, park your Model A under the tall shade trees for all to view while you are enjoying the festival.

## RECENT EVENTS

### The 2007 MARC Membership Meet

The McPherson's and Meloan's met with 189 other MARC members at the "Crossroads" for the membership meet in Joliet, IL, April 13-15. A selection of seminars were available as well as committee meetings, a welcome dinner, and banquet. The lingering winter weather did not spoil the fun of meeting with other Model Aer's





# RECENT EVENTS



## Picnic In The Park



The Palmetto A's held their annual Picnic in the Park on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>. Seven members of the Shade Tree A's met for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill in North Augusta, before heading North to Johnson. Five Model A's, led by Craig and Theresa McMullin in their 1930 Fordor, George Gordon in his 1929 Pickup, Don Gordon and Betty Hall in their 1929 Sport Coupe, Betty Wade and Debra Fuller in their 1929 Roadster Pickup, Jim and Sheila McPherson in their 1930 Town Sedan and Curtis and Linda Krosting in some more modern iron enjoyed the sea of pink blanketing the peach fields along the way to Lexington and the Saluda Shoals Park.



We enjoyed a picnic lunch with all the trimmings along with members from several other area Model A Club's, including the Queen City Chapter from Charlotte, the Old 96 District Model A Club, and The Low Country A's from Charleston. There were thirty-nine Model A's present at the picnic. Smith and Jones brought their large ice cream churn powered by a single cylinder engine and made strawberry ice cream.





# RECENT EVENTS



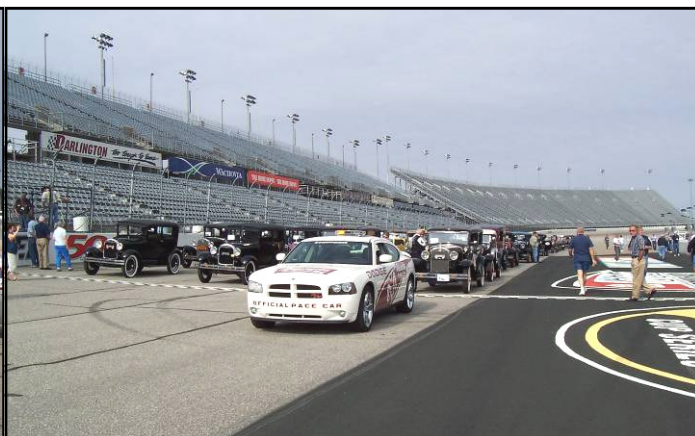
## Darlington Speedway Opens to Model A's!



The Low Country A's of Charleston provided a weekend of Model A activities including a return of the Model A's to the Darlington Speedway March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Nine members met for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill in North Augusta before touring to Aiken to meet Tour Master Eric Shogren. We were joined by four members from the Old 96 District A's in Columbia at Smith & Jones and proceeded on to Florence, SC. Thursday night we attended the Welcome Party.

Friday started off with a seminar by John Lingo, then a tour to The Columns Plantation, a 1500 acre mid-19<sup>th</sup> century plantation featuring an Antebellum style Greek Revival home. The plantation is still operated by the owners.

Saturday morning after a bountiful buffet breakfast the hotel prepared especially for our group, we were off to the Darlington Speedway to run the track, and visit the museum and gift shop. Of the more than one hundred registered vehicles, there were only three Model A speedsters to run the track. Activities ended Saturday night with a banquet and entertainment. Those driving their Model A were Bill and Gayle Adams in their 1931 De-Luxe Coupe (Bill and Gayle are shown on the front cover), Pascal and Barbara Bryant in their 1931 Tudor (joined Friday night by their grandson Houston), Richard Dunevent in his 1930 Tudor, Eric and Dotti Shogren in their 1929 Special Coupe, Don Gordon and Betty Hall in their 1929 Sport Coupe, Jim and Sheila McPherson in their 1930 Town Sedan, and George and Christine Gordon driving some more modern transportation.





# RECENT EVENTS



## The "Old 96 District" 2007 Swap Meet



The Old 96 District Model A Club held their second Model A Swap Meet on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in Greenwood, SC. Eleven vendors had a variety of Model A parts spread out under a sunny sky and about a dozen Model A's were on display as participants came and went. A concession stand provided hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks. The Shade Tree A's were well represented Friday and Saturday with Ben and Shelby Deitz being spotted carrying away variety of Model A parts.





# RECENT EVENTS



## Shade Tree A'ers Visit Wayne Ready!



On Sunday April 22nd, thirteen Model A's and two modern iron met at Ed Garvin's and caravanned to visit fellow Club member Wayne Ready. Wayne was in good spirits, all dressed up in this Club shirt, vest and hat when we arrived. Wayne enjoyed seeing and talking with fellow Club members.



After our visit, six Model A's found their way to Ferrando's for dinner.

Those attending were: James and Anne Beck in their 1930 Coupe; Pascal And Barbara Bryant in their 1931 Tudor; Richard and Frankie Dunevent in their 1930 Tudor; Ed Garvin in his 1931 DeLuxe Roadster; George Gordon in his 1929 Pick-up; Don Gordon and Betty Hall in their 1929 Sport Coupe; Craig and Theresa McMullin in their 1930 Fordor; Jim and Sheila McPherson in their 1930 Town Sedan; Dan Perla in his 1930 Town Sedan; Abbie and Brenda Prince in their 1929 Speedster; Tom and Pat Roberts in their 1928 Roadster Pick-up; Ted, Becky and Brian Roberts in their 1931 Town Sedan; Eric Shogren in his 1929 Special Coupe; and Frank Knapp and Bobby Markwaller in more modern iron



# ON THE SHADY SIDE

By Anne Neely-Beck



Wow, it is May already, time sure does fly! Exciting news on the Era Fashion front, the MAFCA Era Fashion Committee recommended to the MAFCA board that the fashion guidelines be changed to include a new category called Model A Era Fashion Image. Now you can wear a combination of original, reproduction and fun fashions, to be judged, as long as you portray the Model A Era look. So now there is no longer a need to be "scared" about entering a judged event. You can wear your reproduction dress along with your fun fashion shoes and carry your Aunt Martha's 1928 purse and not loose points. Sounds like what the Shade Tree A's have been doing for years, portraying the Model A Era Image look.

The category will be tested in July at the Northwest Regional Meet in Pendleton, OR. James and I are going to the meet, using all our Delta sky miles, so I will get to see first hand how it works as I will be a judge. Also I have been asked to do "Display Only" like I did at the National Meet in Mansfield, MA last summer. I will display my mother's baby and toddler dresses.

The next exciting news I have to share is that I have an article that will be published in the *Restorer* in the May/June issue. It is about Business Women in the Model A Era.

Last but not least, I have been asked by the MAFCA Era Fashion Committee to do an article on the difference between MAFCA and MARC's fashion judging guidelines. I have asked Susan Meloan to co-author this article with me. The MAFCA guidelines will be used for the combined MAFCA/MARC World Meet to be held in Dallas in 2008. The article will be in the *Restorer*, *Model A News*, and an early bird publication for the Meet. Both Susan and I represent MARC and MAFCA fashion committee respectfully.

If it is May, then it must be time for the Social Security Run! What a great time for the STA's to show off their Model A Era Image look.

## MARC Fashions in Joliet

By Susan Meloan

The MARC Fashion committee met during the Joliet meeting. They discussed updates to the Standards. A picture was approved for a new cover, and the committee decided to maintain the loose-leaf format. The Hat and Hairdo standards are almost ready for publication. Most of the work has been done on the Major Garments. Jack and Esther Meyer discussed the new format for the standards and judging sheets. It is the goal of the committee to have these ready for the 2009 national meet. Assignments were made to coordinate the various sections.

The Williamsburg Meet was discussed and judges were assigned. Julie Kluttz will be chief judge. The committee discussed an article which be done by Anne Neely Beck and Susan Meloan to be printed in both the Model A news and the *Restorer* prior to the World Meet in 2008. The fashion judging will be conducted and the awards given by MAFCA at this meet. Other topics discussed included articles for the Model A News, material for the website, a seminar at Williamsburg etc.

Gail Crane and Marilyn Krenger coordinated the Purse seminar presented by the committee on Saturday morning. An enthusiastic audience attended both the seminar and the swap meet following the seminar.







# VINTAGE VISIONS

By Christine Gordon

## Fashions at the beginning of the Model A Era



The salient features of women's clothing in the 20's are short skirts falling and dropped waistlines. The silhouettes of the earlier part of the decade are long and cylindrical, with the skirts falling 7" to 10" below the knee.

Despite the relatively simple silhouette, the wide variety of detail was astonishing. Even inexpensive, ready made clothing from catalog and chain stores such as Sears portrayed an imaginative range of cuts and trims.

In the later part of the decade (1928/29), the long straight style had a great many variations, one extremely popular fashion was the Basque dress or Robe de Style.



This dress style is best known from the beautiful creations of Jeanne Lanvin. It is a sort of compromise between the straight twenties silhouette and the old fashioned belled skirt.



It featured a tubular bodice draped straight down to a dropped waist, then a full skirt (not bias cut, but gathers at the waist) ending at mid calf or ankle. These were very popular for the afternoon and evening wear.



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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.

### MAY

- 5** Technical Seminar
- 14** STA Meeting
- 18-20 Social Security Run
- 26** Memorial Day Parade—Aiken

### 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

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

### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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

#### May:

10-12 AACA National Meet, New Bern, NC

#### June:

2 Grandfather's Day @ Mike's

#### September:

13-16 Charlotte Autofair

#### October:

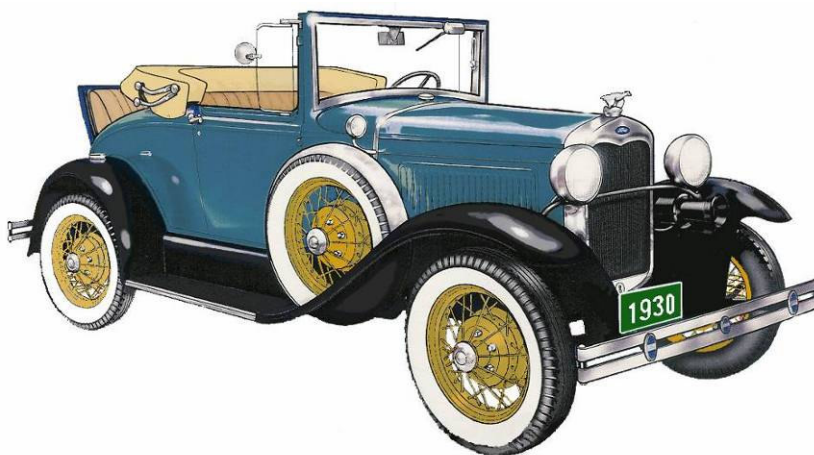
10-13 Hershey Swap Meet & Show

#### November:

15-17 Moultrie Swap Meet

#### December

5-9 MAFCA Membership Meeting, Southern CA



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