

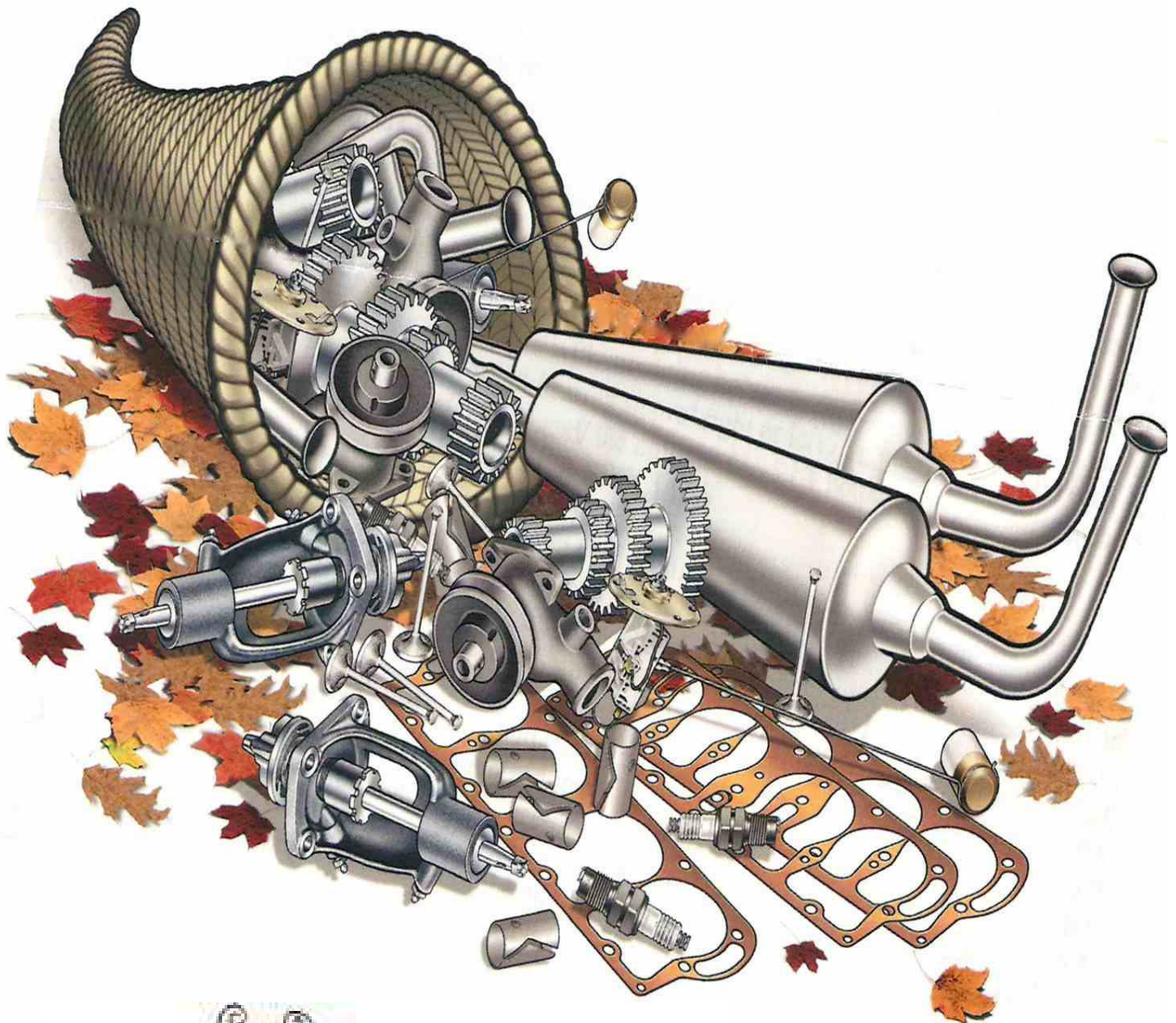
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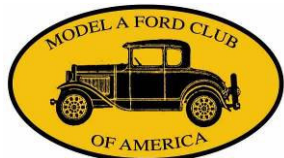
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The organization is dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile and supports membership in the national organizations dedicated to the same purpose.



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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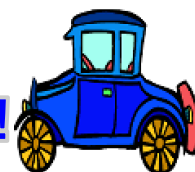
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**December 1 is a
very important day!**

(See below!)



Your ballots are
included in this
issue. They're due
December 1.

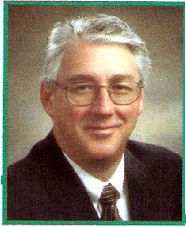
DUES DEADLINE NOTICE

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**. "One check, that's all", says Treasurer Richard Dunevent. Make that check out for **\$65.00**, complete the dues card (found in the *Restorer*) and get them both to Richard no later than December 1. You may also mail them to: Richard Dunevent, 4338 Owens Rd., Evans, GA 30809-9678.



Mark your calendar!

This year's Christmas party is on Tuesday,
December 18 at Old McDonald's Fish Camp.



OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President...

Over the next few months, the STA's will have many opportunities to travel as a club to local parades and events. The holiday season is an especially exciting time of year and your participation is always welcomed and encouraged. These short-duration trips to local communities are a good way to test and get comfortable with your Model A either after minor repairs or a major overhaul. Hope to see you all at the next function.

I would like to take this opportunity to communicate with our newer members. If you have been in the club less than 2 years, I encourage you to attend as many functions as possible and, by the way, this is a good time of year to do it. I know it can be difficult joining an organization and getting to know new people and, for some, finding a way to fit in. Then there is the anxiety of "what if my car breaks down, how embarrassing and what would I do?" Don't worry—we've all been there and you would be surprised at all the help and friends that you gain quickly through the experience. It also lets some of the old-timers get to know you as well. So jump in, be active and have fun because that's what it's all about.

Lastly, many thanks to Tom and Pat Roberts for taking on the task of publishing the STA newsletter. It looks terrific and I can only image the number of hours involved to get it in the mail every month. It is the best way we have to communicate with STA family and provides the glue to keep us running. I trust I can speak for the entire club and say THANK YOU BOTH!

Have a safe trip,
Craig

MEMBERSHIP MEETING October 15, 2007

After a delicious meal of Arby's sandwiches, cole slaw, potato salad and desserts provided by the Bryant, Maypole, Purkey, Trapp and Leach families, President Craig McMullin called the meeting to order.

The treasurer's report was read and the minutes approved as published in the newsletter. Jim Dover had several "show and tell" items.

Reports were given on the Oliver Hardy Festival, Blythe Fever Parade and the Hershey Swap Meet.

Under new business, Larry Komp gave the Nominating Committee report. Ballots for the election of the 2008 Officers and Board of Directors will be found in the



Minutes of the September BOD & October Meetings

BOARD OF DIRECTORS September 24, 2007

The meeting was held at the home of Jack Horner. President Craig McMullin called the meeting to order at 7:15, recapping events since the last meeting, including the newsletter staff, acting Secretary and acting National Director, FY 2008 officer elections and the 2007 Monroe Wade award. There was discussion on MAFCA insurance, dues and affiliation. The budget was reviewed.

Jim McPherson previewed the upcoming schedule and discussed potential future activities. It was decided that the Club would buy baking potatoes for the October 20 Steak Cookout. Several options for a Christmas Lights tour were suggested and will be checked out. The Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 18 at Old MacDonald's Fish Camp. The cost is \$18 per person. A sign-up sheet will be passed at October's meeting.

The continuation of the monthly meeting dinners was discussed. Jim McPherson motioned, seconded by Richard Dunevent, that the dinners be discontinued and that the Club revert to light refreshments. The motion passed.

The next meeting of the BOD will be November 19 at 7 pm at the home of Jack Horner. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Roberts

October newsletter. Craig asked for nominations for the Monroe Wade Award and announced the Board's decision to discontinue the meeting meal—we'll be going back to the policy of refreshments only. This will take effect with the January 2008 meeting.

Barbara Bryant reported on the Steak Cookout and Theresa McMullin passed a sign-up sheet for the Christmas party.

Bill Maypole presented a very interesting slide program of his career as an auto designer at VW and other auto manufacturers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Roberts



CLUB ACTIVITIES

RECENT EVENTS

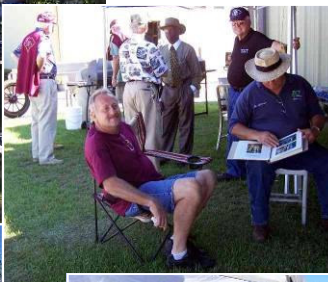
Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day

The annual Hot Dog Day, hosted by the Old Ninety Six District A's, honored long-time Model A'er and Club founder Penny Pinson who passed away in June. We met for breakfast on Saturday September 22nd at the Sunrise Grill in North Augusta, then toured to Ninety-Six, SC for the day's activities. Four Model As and one modern car completed the tour. Richard Dunevent drove his 1930 Tudor, George Gordon his 1929 Pickup, Don Gordon his 1929 Sport Coupe, and Craig and Theresa McMullin their 1930 Fordor.



Palmetto A's Swap Meet

The Palmetto A's of Columbia, SC hosted its First Annual ALL Model A and Model T Swap Meet September 28 and 29 at Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts in West Columbia, SC. Excellent weather brought out seven parts vendors and twenty Model As and three Model Ts for display. The Shade Tree A's were well represented by nine members.





CLUB ACTIVITIES

Oliver Hardy Parade

October 6, 2007



Each year Harlem, GA, the birthplace of Oliver Hardy, celebrates its famous son. This year guests came from 30 states, Britain and—we were there!



Blythe Fever Parade

Reported by Christine Gordon

It was a beautiful cool Saturday morning as we drove in the Blythe Fever Parade on October 13. It was a small parade but well organized—there were several nicely-decorated floats and cars. The marching bands added to the festive atmosphere as we drove through the city of Blythe. The Shade Tree A's had two cars present, George Gordon with Grandson Michael in the blue pick up and Donald Gordon in the Sport Coupe.



Thanks to the Gordon family
for the photos of the events
on this page.





CLUB ACTIVITIES

Hershey Swap Meet

October 10-13, 2007
Reported by Jim McPherson

The Hershey Swap Meet is in a continual state of change. This year, all swap meet spaces were on asphalt. No more mud and swimming pools to interfere with your search for parts. The meet opened early Tuesday morning and continued until Saturday afternoon. Thursday activities were slowed by a late morning shower, with cooler weather following. The Hershey Pantry and the Biker Bar were favorite hangouts. The Shade Tree A's were well represented by thirteen members.

*("Hershey: The World's Largest Automotive Swap Meet.
If You Can't Find It Here, You Probably Don't Need It")*

UPCOMING EVENTS



*Note: The following are holiday events.
The information given is the most current.*

Grovetown (GA) Christmas Parade Saturday, December 1

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

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

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.

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

Line-up will be on Gracewood's Special Olympic field at 12:30 pm. The parade begins at 1 pm. The route will be approximately 1 mile in length, following the routine Gracewood parade route. Rain day is Thursday, December 5.

Those participating are encouraged to meet at the former Augusta Towers (now Doubletree Hotel) on Augusta's Perimeter Parkway for lunch, and then leave from there for the parade.

Jackson (SC) Christmas Parade Sunday, December 9

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.

STA Christmas Lights Tour Tuesday, December 11

The tour is still in the planning stages, but be sure to mark your calendar and keep this date free!

Model A Parts for Sale

1. 30/31 frame with running board brackets & battery support (square, no cracks or extra welds) \$325.00
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Powder Coating and the Model A

...Eric Shogren

I'm sure anyone who has taken a wrench to a lug nut on a painted Model A wheel has thought "there's got to be a better way." Even a great paint job on a wheel does not hold up to impact or compression. The paint separates from the wheel and you have chips. The other problem I ran into with painted wheels is over time the paint rubs off the rim. The exposed metal then begins to corrode and the combination of paint and rust dust floating around inside the wheel can result in frequent flat tires.



I first learned about this in Blackshear, Georgia on the way to St. Augustine, Florida in 2001. I had no problem changing the tire (I must have had the advice of six seasoned Model A'ers supervising me), but wrestling off the tire to replace the tube in a hotel parking lot was definitely not as fun as going on a tour. Unfortunately, this was just the first of many dust-induced flats that I endured. So after about a half a dozen flats I started looking for solutions and that is when I learned about powder coating.

Powder coating is a process of applying a thermoplastic or thermoset polymer to metal. Thermoplastic polymers will melt once heat is reapplied after curing. Thermoset polymers, which are used in the powder-coating of Model A wheels, will not melt again when heat is applied after curing. The powder coating is made of finely-ground particles of resin and pigment (I'll come back to this later). While there are different methods of applying powder coat, the most common that we in the Shade Tree A's have run across is the process where the polymer or resin is electrostatically charged and applied with a spray gun to an electrostatically-charged metal. In other words, the resin beads are charged as they leave the sprayer and the wheel has an electric lead on it and an electrostatic charge. The beads are drawn to the metal like bugs to light. Prior to coating the metal has to be free of dust, dirt, oil and corrosion. Some powder coating processes require a multi-step preparation process. The most common form of preparation we run into is a good bead blasting. Once the powder has been applied, the resin is cured in an oven. This takes anywhere from 1 to 30 minutes at 280°F to 430°F depending on the type of resin and the type of oven used. This allows the powder to fuse into a continuous film. This continuous film hardens as it cures into a coating that is significantly tougher than paint. It's been six years and nearly 20,000 miles since I had the wheels of my Coupe powder coated and I haven't had another dust induced flat!!



When I had the Coupe wheels powder coated I went with gloss black, one of the most common colors. But while most wheels came from the factory in black, we all know there are a host of Ford-authorized colors for them—and that is where the challenge begins! Remember I said that powder coat is made up of finely-ground particles of resin and pigment? Well, because of this difference, powder coat colors cannot be obtained by mixing like we do with paint. When a powder coat color comes from the manufacturer it is what it is. So finding the right wheel color can be a challenge, indeed!



Fortunately, others in our hobby have already done a lot of the research. Ken Miller from East Tennessee started looking into this some time ago and found Tiger Drylac®, a powder coating manufacturer. Ken worked with this company, who supplied him with a color chart and metal samples powder coated in various colors. Ken supplied me with the following table that compares different Tiger Drylac® powder coat colors (identified by their RAL number) with Model A wheel colors. —>

TIGER DRYLAC® COLORS vs. MODEL A COLORS

Tiger Drylac® Color	Model A Color	Comparison to MAFCA Chip
RAL 1002	Tacoma Cream	Very Close
RAL 5009	Hessian Blue	Much Darker; Closer to Duchess Blue
RAL 2010	Orange	Very Close
RAL 6025	Apple Green	Close; Chip Has Slightly More Olive
RAL 3004	Aurora Red	Darker; Closer to Rubylite Red
RAL 3001	English Coach Vermilion	Very Close

Also it is important to remember that powder coating is not just for wheels. I've had oil pans, oil filler tube caps, transmission inspection plates and engine pans powder coated. Other club members have had whole frames powder coated

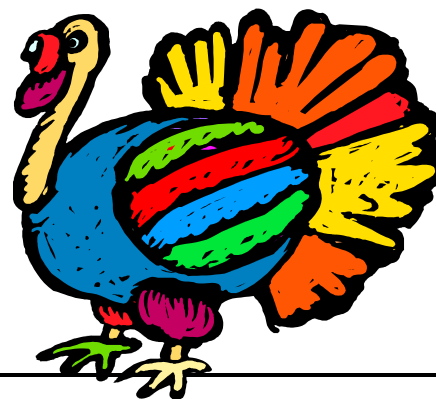
Since I've been thinking about powder coating the wheels on Dotti's '31 Fordor, I was looking for a powder coating that matched the Straw color. I obtained copies of both the *Antique Ford Repaint Manual* by PPG and MAFCA's *Model A Ford Paint & Finish Guide*. I also contacted Tiger Drylac®—they sent me a color chart of their *RAL Colors, Exterior Powder Coatings*.
























Then I employed my "secret weapon." I turned my lovely bride and resident interior decorator loose with the two Model A color charts, the Tiger Drylac® color chart and wheel Richard Dunevent had powder coated in the RAL 1002 color. Dotti believes the Tiger Drylac® RAL 1002 color is actually closer to the Straw color in the two Model A color charts than Tacoma cream. I have included all the above color chips from both Model A color charts and the corresponding chips from Tiger Drylac® for your evaluation. Unfortunately, these colors will vary depending on the printer used to print the newsletter and even the monitor you may be using to view this article online. What we found is whatever you want to call the RAL 1002 color, we like it and I guess that is what really counts!

TESTIMONIAL.....



'Powder-coating took me from drab and plain to drop-dead gorgeous! Just look at my "before" and "after" pictures!'



TIGER DRYLAC® COLOR	MODEL A COLOR	COMPARISON/MAFCA CHIP	NOTES
			Tacoma Cream #1245—1931,33-36
RAL 1002	MAFCA Tacoma Cream	PPG Tacoma Cream	
			Straw #526--1929-30
RAL 1002	MAFCA Straw	PPG Straw	
		PPG Not Available	
RAL 5009	MAFCA Hessian Blue		
			Duchess Blue #123--1928-1929
RAL 5009	MAFCA Duchess Blue	PPG Duchess Blue	
			Orange #1166—1929-30
RAL 2010	MAFCA Orange	PPG Orange	
			Apple Green #519—1929-31,35-36
RAL 6025	MAFCA Apple Green	PPG Apple Green	
		PPG Not Available	
RAL 3004	MAFCA Aurora Red		
		PPG Not Available	
RAL 3004	MAFCA Rubylite		
		PPG Not Available	
RAL 3001	MAFCA English Coach Vermillion		

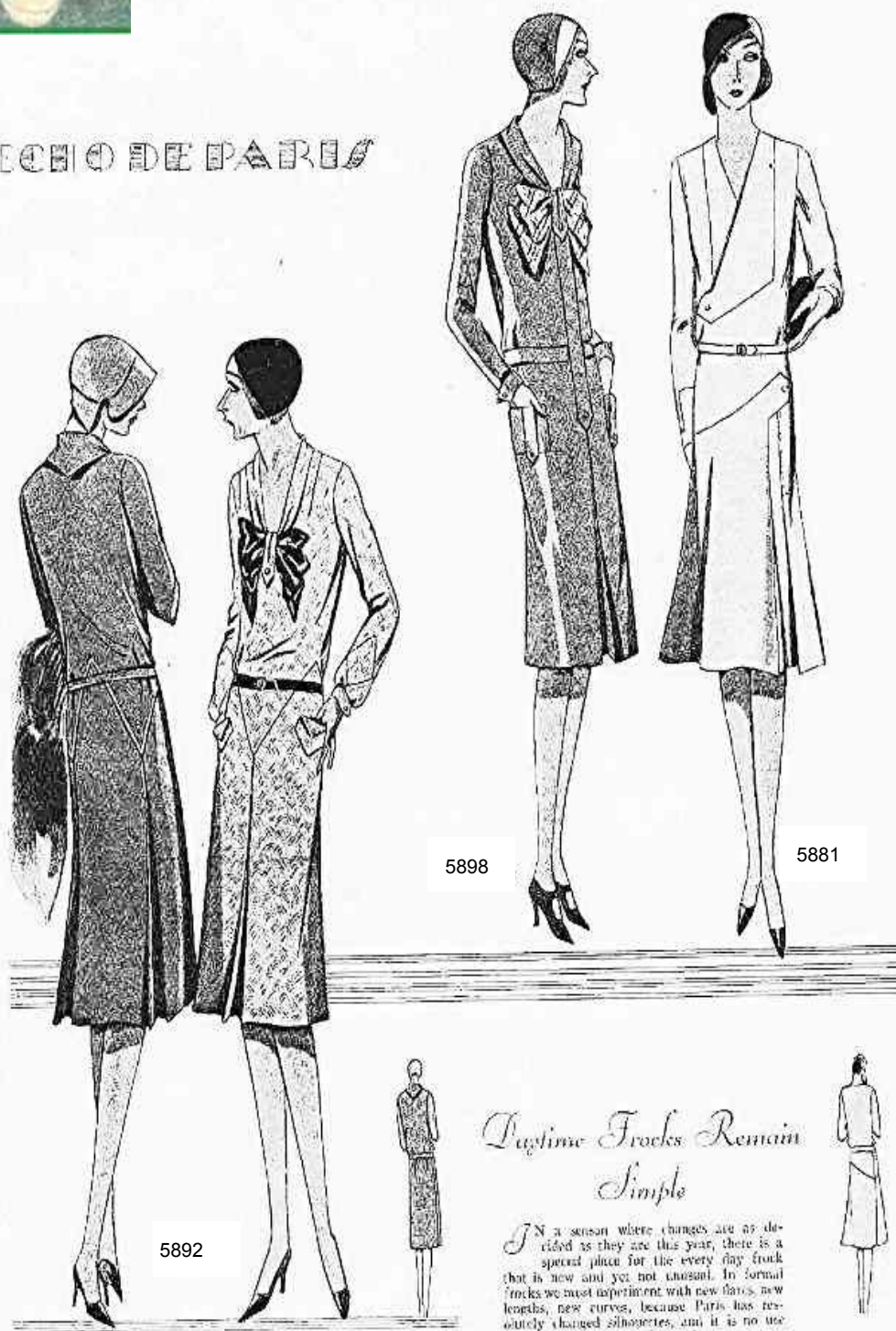


VINTAGE VISIONS

...Anne Neely-Beck

McCALL'S MAGAZINE NOVEMBER 1929

LE CHOC DE PARIS



Twilight Frocks Remain Simple

*I*N a season where changes are as decided as they are this year, there is a special place for the every day frock that is new and yet not unusual. In formal frocks we must experiment with new lines, new lengths, new curves, because Paris has resolutely changed silhouettes, and it is no use trying to insist on a figure that was smart last season. But in sports and every day clothes, French designers are still making straight simple frocks. These have an attractive familiarity, and hardly define the figure at all. The new note essential in frocks this season is added by nothing more striking than raising the separate belt one or two inches.

McCall's,
November 1929

What would well-dressed ladies be wearing this month—98 years ago?

Mc Call's always had the latest patterns from Paris in every issue. Of course, Paris was always about a year ahead of the United States when it came to fashion design.

As you can see, with these dresses the waistlines have crept up a little bit—about one or two inches. This probably wouldn't have "hit" the clothing manufacturers in the States until 1930.

From left to right:

#5892 Pointed seamings accent pleats at the front and back of this tailored frock. A bow trims the neckline.

#5898 A bow passed under a tab gives a soft neckline to a smartly-tailored frock, cut straight with an inverted pleat.

#5881 The vestee is cut in a diagonal line. It is finished with a button-trimmed tab and a similar treatment is repeated in the skirt.

On the Shady Side

....Anne Neely-Beck

My trip to La Habra, CA was good. I had a chance to visit San Juan Capistrano and Knott's Berry Farm, where I rode the roller coasters!! The MAFCA board attended the EFC meeting and we attended theirs. I think each group was impressed with the other's meetings.

At the EFC meeting we talked mostly about the new category in fashion judging, Model A Era Image. Also we want to get more clubs interested in fashions by maybe having a "Road Show Trunk" full of fashions that clubs could borrow. I am working on a brochure and bookmark that could be sent out to clubs expressing an interest in fashion. We did an impromptu fashion show for the board wearing our Image fashions.

On Saturday at the board meeting I presented each board member with a Shady A Lady cookbook—they were very well received. I also made a presentation of a memory board from 1928. When I joined the EFC in 2005 there was a pink candy box filled with memories from Frank Rosin's (founder of *A World* for kids—see October's STA Newsletter) parents' wedding that took place in March 1928. Frank had donated the box to the EFC in hopes someone would arrange the contents so they could be displayed at MAFCA headquarters. Since I was "new kid on the block" I got the box and a chance to do something



1928 memory board of Frank Rosin's parents' wedding
presented to MAFCA by Anne Neely-Beck

with it. It took me two years of looking and thinking about what to do, but I finally finished it! Everyone seemed to be pleased with the outcome. It is now on display at La Habra for all to see. Many issues were discussed by the board including insurance issues, a new brochure, and a flyer that has been printed to encourage membership to MAFCA. That evening we had an informal get together and cookout.

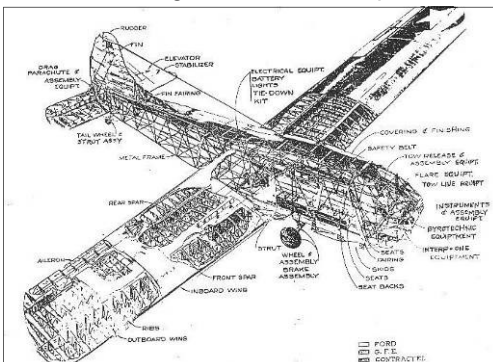
Now that I am back to the “real world” I am encouraging all of you to sign up for a Vintage Vision column for 2008. Let’s make our Newsletter and club the best of MAFCA and MARC.

Ford Trivia

It happens sometimes. You learn something one day, and sooner or later it comes full circle! This is a tale of Michigan, gliders, Model As and the First Presbyterian Church of Aiken.

A few summers ago, Tom and I took a trip through Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Henry Ford's name kept popping up everywhere—so in the Kingsford area we visited one of his facilities. We saw a film on the development of the CG-4A cargo glider during WWII. Ford was not the only manufacturer, but he was the largest.

Since the early 1920s Iron Mountain/Kingsford had been producing wooden auto parts, station wagon bodies, chemicals, and charcoal (Kingsford—what else?) It was the area's largest employer. and it had been closed early in the war after being classified as a 'producer of products non-



Early in 1942, however, the government asked Ford to build 1,000 15-seat cargo gliders, so that summer the plant was reactivated.

Renovations took place and new machinery was installed. New drying and gluing machines were invented to enable the daily production of 8 gliders a day by the 4,500 workers working three shifts.



Eventually, a total of 4,205 15-seat gliders were produced by the Kingsford plant in the next 3 years. They were crated and shipped via railroad—each filled 5 crates loaded on 3 flatcars--then they were shipped overseas. (In addition, the company produced 87 huge CVG-13A gliders, redesigned by Ford to carry 42 armed soldiers.)

Ford gliders were used in the invasions of Sicily and Normandy, as Allied planes towed the giant streamlined gliders (3,750#, 48' long, 12½' high) from which troops successfully dropped behind enemy lines.

Fast-forward 60+ years. On September 11, we took our three Model A's to church, where Tom had been asked to present a program on his hobby. (see photo, above) He mentioned Fordlandia and gliders.

In the audience was Curt Davis. It's a small world, indeed, for one of Curt's assignments while stationed in England during WWII was.....opening those crates and assembling those Ford gliders! He was so excited to hear 'the rest of the story'!

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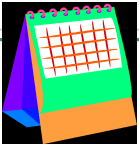
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SHADE TREE A'S CALENDARS



NOVEMBER

3 Richland Creek Old Farm Days

12 **STA Meeting**

DECEMBER

1 Grovetown (GA) Christmas Parade
 1 Graniteville (SC) Christmas Parade
 2 Aiken (SC) Jaycees Christmas Parade
 5 Gracewood (GA) Christmas Parade
 9 Jackson Christmas Parade
 11 Christmas Lights Tour
 18 **STA Christmas Party**
Old McDonald's 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)

November

15-17 Moultrie Swap Meet

December

5-9 MAFCA Membership Meet, Southern CA

2008

February

23 Ramblin' A's Swap Meet, AL

March

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

April

3-6 AACA National Meet, Charlotte

September

18-20 AACA National Meet, Cleveland, TN

October

8-11 Hershey

REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

November

McMullin, Horner, Don Gordon, Nelson

December

18—Christmas Party (Tuesday)
 Old McDonald's Fish Camp

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Adams, Harriette Flanagan,
 Bobby Markwalter, Walter Smith,
 Tom Hitt, Paula Gay, James Beck

BALLOTS INCLUDED
 IN THIS ISSUE!



We printed the ballot on blue paper this year—they'll be easy to find! Please consider your choices carefully, mark the ballot and return it to the address given. If you're mailing the sheet alone (not in an envelope), please read the taping instructions.



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