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**No matter
how you
look at
her....**



**Lola 6
has it all!**

Cover story, page 4



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Ford

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Shade Tree A's will meet Monday September 10th in Richard Dunevent's garage. The meeting will begin at 7 o'clock with a light dinner. The program will be a film about **Fordlandia**, presented by Tom Roberts. **Fordlandia** was a failed attempt by Henry Ford to establish a rubber plantation in Brazil, not once, but twice. The movie lasts about 20 minutes.

DUES NOTICE



You will be receiving your MAFCA dues notice and election ballots in the September issue of the *Restorer* magazine. Your MAFCA dues are included in your Shade Tree A's dues of \$55.00. Please give Richard this card along with your dues no later than December 1st, or mail them to: Richard Dunevent, 4338 Owens Rd., Evans, GA 30809-9678.



OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President

Hopefully by the time this newsletter reaches you temperatures will have cooled from the record breaking days during the month of August. When temperatures exceed 100 degrees it doesn't matter how many windows are down or how fast you're going, it's still hot. Some in the club have installed AC units in their cars that seem to work fairly well. If interested in looking into this modification, Abbie Prince and James Beck might be able to answer your questions.

With fall just around the corner and hopefully cooler temperatures, get ready for a busy tour schedule. Shortly, many will leave for a great time in Chattanooga, TN. The Scenic City A's are a great host and have many activities planned for what will be a great weekend. Hopefully, you can join the group and experience Southern charm first hand.

Jim McPherson has a full calendar for us in the next few months including another all important technical seminar at Richard's and our annual Great Steak Cookout at the home of Glenn Boswell. Barbara Bryant has graciously volunteered to coordinate the food for the cookout again this year, so please if you're planning on attending give Barbara your full cooperation.

Lastly, a nominating committee will soon be formed to assemble next year's slate of officers. Voting ballots will be included in the November newsletter. If interested in serving the organization as a club officer, please give the opportunity thought and consideration, it is a great way to become even more active in the club.



Minutes of the AUGUST Meetings

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors for the Shade Tree A's met Monday August 6th at the home of Jack and Carrie Horner. President Craig McMullin presided. Items discussed included the Newsletter, appointment of a Nominating Committee by the President, the Monroe Wade Award, a review of the budget, the monthly Technical Programs, Club activities, and plans for the Christmas party. A motion was made by Bill Maypole, seconded by Jack Horner, for the President to appoint an acting National Director and Secretary. The motion passed. A motion was made by Richard Dunevent, seconded by Jack Horner to purchase a wireless microphone. The motion passed. In a subsequent action taken by email, the BOD voted to reimburse the newsletter editor and the webmaster each \$25 monthly (or half the cost of high-speed internet). This motion passed unanimously. The next Board Meeting was scheduled for October 22 at the home of Jack Horner.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim

McPherson

Dinner Meeting

The August dinner meeting of the STA's was held at the Mann Memorial Methodist Church on August 15, 2007. Vice-President James Gay made announcements and presented the new Wayne Ready Memorial Library plaque to Becky Ready. Thanks go to the Shady A Ladies for a delicious meal. Barbara Bryant passed a sign-up sheet for the October 20 steak cookout. After the meal, Jim McPherson reviewed the list of upcoming events.

Respectfully
submitted,



Cover Story

LOLA 6

Frank Knapp

When it comes to the Model A Ford, I have always been a purist! Over the past seventeen years I have bought, sold, restored over a dozen Model A's and every A, with the exception of my Speedster (Lola 3), had to be "just as Henry built it". I have judged Model A's from Greenville, SC to Hershey, PA at various AACA events, not to mention several National MARC and MAFCA meets along the way. Somehow, I always wanted the full experience from my antique cars including all of the shakes, rattles and vibrations the original drivers had to deal with on a regular basis. My opinion had always been, if I want a more com-fortable ride, I'd take my modern car!

On the other hand, after listening for many years to other owners bragging about the many modifications they had made to improve power and comfort, I decided it was time for me to give a few of them a try. So, in order to preserve my "purist" reputation, I set out to build ONE car with ALL the improvements and hopefully end up with the ultimate touring Model A. "Lola 6" is the result of that decision and it is quite interesting how different this A is when compared to all of my other originals!

"Lola 6" is a 1931 Model A Ford Victoria Steelback that was literally built from "scratch"! The body and doors are the only parts that were from a single car! All other parts from the frame up were acquired during many trips to Hershey and other swap meets. Due to several other Model A

projects I had going on at the time, this restoration took several years to complete but to me it was well worth the wait.

Now, here are the modifications. "Lola 6" is powered by a rebuilt "B" Engine with a V-8 clutch and pressure plate. It has been converted to a 12-volt system with an alternator to support the halogen headlights, turn signals and the in-line fuel shut-off valve installed due to the indented firewall.



Vibrations were reduced by a set of Float-A-Motor mounts and it runs quietly thanks to a new Aires muffler. A very stable and comfortable ride is accomplished by a set of modern shocks and 17" tires and wheels. Finally, I now have a Model A with a heater. That's a first for me!

I'm looking forward to enjoying all of the "creature comforts" my new Vicky has to offer, but I will always prefer "Henry's Ladies" being restored as close to original as possible.

By the way, the name "Lola" was given to my Model As by my wife when I built my first Town Sedan for show. When I asked her why she chose that name she replied, 'have you ever heard the song "Whatever Lola Wants, Lola Gets"?' Somehow I just couldn't argue with that!

Now I'm wondering if "Lola 6" wants Air Conditioning! We'll see!



CLUB ACTIVITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chattanooga Tour

We'll depart for Chattanooga on **Thursday September 6th** at 8 o'clock from the Huddle House at the corner of Washington and Belair Roads. If you plan to eat breakfast before we leave, arrive early. The Scenic City A's will be our host for the weekend. There will be a welcome reception Thursday evening, a tour of the Chattanooga area Friday with a BBQ lunch cooked by one of their members, a hill climb sponsored by F.A.S.T. Southeast in downtown Chattanooga Saturday and a banquet Saturday night on the Southern Belle. Eat your fill from a buffet featuring prime rib and shrimp Creole while cruising on the Tennessee River. The host hotel is the Chattanooga Clarion (423-756-5150), currently being remodeled as a Double Tree. The group rate is \$79.00. Registration forms are available at the Club meeting.



Waynesboro Farm Festival Parade

Waynesboro will host their annual Farm Festival on **Saturday September 15th**. Parade lineup will be at the fairgrounds at 10 o'clock for the parade at 11. You are welcome to display your Model A after the parade while you enjoy the activities.

Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day

The annual Hot Dog Day, hosted by the Old Ninety Six District A's, will honor long time Model A'er Penny Pinson who passed away in June. Penny started the annual Hot Dog Day as a way to gather area Model A enthusiasts for a day of fellowship. We will meet for breakfast on **Saturday September 22nd** at the Sunrise Grill in North Augusta at 8 o'clock. At 9 o'clock we'll depart for Ninety Six, SC. Hot dogs will be served at noon. Bring a chair and a dish to share with the group.

Palmetto A's Swap Meet

The Palmetto A's of Columbia, SC will host their First Annual ALL Model A and Model T Swap Meet **September 28 and 29** at Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts, 1 Biloxi Square, West Columbia, SC. Parts vendors, a Car Corral, a Model A and T display area and food concessions will be available. Admission is \$2.00.

Laurel & Hardy Festival



The Shade Tree A's will participate in the 19th annual Laurel & Hardy Festival parade on **Saturday October 6th**. We will leave from the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at 8:30 and tour to Harlem for the parade at 10. Enjoy the many activities after the parade.

Annual Steak Cookout

The Shade Tree A's will have their Annual Steak Cookout **Saturday October 20th** at the home of Glenn Boswell, 3634 Devaney Lane, Martinez. Arrive anytime after 1 o'clock for an afternoon of fellowship under the shade of tall pecan trees. Drive your Model A for all to see. Barbara Bryant

(706-738-4455) is coordinating the food again this year. If you did not sign-up at the meeting, give Barbara a call to reserve your steak and add your salad, casserole or dessert to the list. The steaks will be \$8.00 each this year. Be sure to bring your chair, a platter and eating utensils..





RECENT EVENTS

Hickory Knob Restaurant a Winner!

Despite overcast skies, ten Model A's and a couple of modern cars made their way to Hickory Knob State Park on Sunday July 29th. We pulled out of the Evans Wal-Mart parking lot at 3:30 and headed towards Pollard's Corner, across Clarks Hill Dam, noticing a lake full of sailboats, and into McCormick where we met the Neal's and Mason's. They led us to the park conference center where we enjoyed a buffet dinner of soups, salads, fried chicken, turkey and ham, a variety of vegetables (many fresh), and desserts. After socializing, Don Neal returned to McCormick by a different route, and back home we went. We have left on many other tours with threatening skies and ended with bright sunshine. While we cannot say the same for this tour, we can say we never saw a raindrop—it was a very nice tour with an overcast sky and cooler temperatures. Those attending were Jim and Sam Mason in their 1930 Sport Coupe, Don and Rosalind Neal in their 1930 Coupe, Pascal and Barbara Bryant with daughter Linda and grandson Houston in their 1931 Tudor, Richard and Frankie Dunevent in their 1930 Tudor, Don Gordon in his 1929 Sport Coupe, George and Christine Gordon in their 1929 Pickup, Craig and Theresa McMullin in their 1930 Fordor Sedan, Jim and Sheila McPherson in their 1930 Town Sedan, Gerald and Lois Melchiors in their 1930 Cabriolet, Dan Perla in his 1930 Town Sedan, and Lee and Erma Taylor and Bobby Markwalter in more modern transportation.





RECENT EVENTS

Edgehill Frolic (Our IV Fair Weather Tour)

We frequently get last minute calls to participate in a parade or car show. This was one of those events. Richard Dunevent got a call requesting our participation in a parade for the Edgehill Frolic. Edgehill bills itself as the smallest incorporated city in Georgia and is located near Gibson. On Saturday August 4th, we left the Wal-Mart parking lot on Deans Bridge Road at 8 o'clock and headed to Edgehill, stopping in Gibson for doughnuts. (THANKS, Frankie!!). We arrived in time to stroll through the arts, craft and food booths before the parade. After the parade we toured to our favorite Gibson lunch spot, Crossroads BBQ, before heading home. Six Model A's participated including one brave member, Abbie Prince, who drove his 1929 Speedster. Also participating were: Richard and Frankie Dunevent in their 1930 Tudor; George Gordon and grandson Mike Gordon in their 1929 Pickup; Don Gordon in his 1929 Sport Coupe; Billy Garland in his 1931 Victoria; and Jim and Sheila McPherson in their 1930 Town Sedan.



August Dinner Meeting





VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck

It's September 1930. The Depression is on, but I am not sure we have yet realized the full impact of it. I am sure most people want to forget the crash of the stock market in 1929 and recapture the better days. So, as my diversion, I'm going to sit back and read the current issue of *McCall's* magazine, studying the new styles and patterns of clothes as featured in *The New Liking For Classic Lines*.

The black dress's flattering slenderness is produced by a skirt wrapped around and draped at one side by a sash tied in a bow. The large collar forms a cape effect. Drapery is cleverly combined with low-placed fullness in this red frock which has a skirt and a pleated flounce, and a straight over-skirt draped to one side. A blue frock opens in the front to reveal a contrasting slip and a becoming draped waistline, formed by a sash cut in one with the yoke tying in a bow in front.



THE NEW LIKING FOR CLASSIC LINES

ON THE SHADY SIDE

Anne Neely-Beck

What an exciting time in fashion judging at the Northwest Regional Meet in Pendleton, Oregon in July! There were eighteen entrants and eight of them were in the new category of Model A Era Image. These eight entrants had never entered fashion judging before and all won awards. This new category is the most exciting category to come along and a great way for us all to combine original, reproduction, and fun fashions together, to have that Model A Era Image look. My suggestion for all who want to enter fashion judging in the new category or any category is to find a picture from the era using a magazine, MAFCA Fashion Guidelines, or *A Book of Fashion Facts* and try to reproduce that picture. What fun, combining Aunt Martha's purse from 1928 along with a reproduction dress, seamed panty hose, original gloves, pearls, and pearl earrings for the perfect Model A Era Image look. This is something the Shade Tree A's have been doing for years and now MAFCA is finally letting us have "our day" by showing off our "put-together creations." My challenge to all of us is to get together the beginning of next year at our regular meetings, combine our clothes and put together some winning outfits for the World Meet in Dallas. The best part of the new category is that undergarments and the construction of the garment won't be judged! So ladies and gentlemen let's show the world what The Shade Tree A's can do!

SHADY A LADIES NEWS



THE STA MARKETPLACE

—and more!



Saddle Up Your Model A

By Anne Neely-Beck

Saddle Up Your Model A was the theme of the Northwest Regional Meet in Pendleton, OR hosted by the Blue Mountain A's. I went to judge the fashion entrants which included the new category of Model A Era Image. I was also asked to be the guest speaker at the tea and fashion show that was held on Thursday, after the judging took place, and to present a "Display Only" of my era baby and toddler items.

What fun we had seeing that part of the country—from Boise, ID to Baker City, OR, (part of the Oregon trail), it was very brown, dry and mountainous. From Baker City to Pendleton there was a "so called forest" but it was brown mountains with sage brush and a few trees.



We arrived in Pendleton Wednesday afternoon and set off to the famous Pendleton Woolen Mills before the welcome dinner. At the welcome dinner we feasted on beef ribs and then were treated to a live cowboy and rodeo show. Pendleton is know for hosting the fourth largest rodeo in the world on the second week of September. Next day was the fashion judging and tea. On Friday the Grand Tour took place, 143 miles through the Blue Mountains, some forest, wide meadows and wildlife. James and I had an up close and personal encounter with a black bear in the middle of the road. After the tour we visited Pendleton's underground which was quite interesting, then back to Boise to spend the night. What a trip—Pendleton, Oregon, the real West, Cowboys, Indians, and Rodeos, and their famous saying, "Let-er-Buck!"

Vest, Shirts, Jackets

Shade Tree A's vest, shirts and jackets are now available. Purchase your favorite shirt, jacket, or vest and give it to Jim McPherson and he will get the Club logo, your name, and the year and body style of your Model A embroidered. The cost for this service is \$10 for the logo on the front of a shirt, (embroidery only), or \$25 for a vest or jacket with the large logo also on the back, (embroidery only). Susan can provide you a vest with embroidery (the Club dark blue vest) for \$35 or a jacket for \$65, both from Augusta Sportswear. And don't forget those windbreakers and sweat shirts for cooler weather. Our Club members have a great variety of clothing items adorned with the Club logo, so if you see something you like, just ask.



1929 Model A Roadster. Good engine. Needs paint. Call Glenn Boswell 706-863-8703





NOTES FROM THE MODEL A GARAGE

By Jim McPherson



The May 2007 (Vol. 31, No. 10) issue of *Skinned Knuckles* continues the Motor Service Repair Manual booklet on raising the engine compression ratio. It amazes me that they use the Model A engine and head to illustrate many of the topics.

The most popular, and least expensive, method to increase the compression ratio is by planing the cylinder head. The booklet proceeds to define and illustrate how to find the compression ratio, piston displacement and clearance volume (the volume of the combustion chamber with the piston at top dead center) of an engine.

Next, the booklet describes how to find the amount the compression ratio should be raised to obtain maximum power and economy. For most engines, this is at least one full compression ratio, noting that low compression engines, such as our Model A engine, show additional gains with even greater increases in the compression ratio. Next, they illustrate how to calculate the amount to reduce the compression chamber volume in order to increase the compression ratio to the desired ratio. Then, you determine the amount to be planed from the cylinder head to obtain the desired compression ratio. Other methods which raise the compression ratio are also discussed, such as by using higher pistons or replacing the head with one designed with a combustion chamber for a higher compression ratio.

Examination of the planed head prior to installation is discussed, as well as an assessment of the condition of the engine itself. Pistons, piston rings, cylinder wall wear and bearing wear are some of the things which may affect the performance of an

engine which has had its compression ratio raised. The information for this portion of this article was condensed from nine pages in the *Skinned Knuckles* article listed above.



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The deadline for submitting information for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month. Please send your information to Pat and Tom Roberts—our email address is patroberts@wildblue.net; our phone number is 803/649-0054. We'll even accept **early** submissions!!!

Thanks for your support as we start our new adventure!

Pat and Tom

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SHADE TREE A'S CALENDARS



SEPTEMBER

- 6-9 Chattanooga Hill Climb
10 STA Meeting
 15 Waynesboro Farm Festival Parade
 22 Technical Seminar—cancelled
 22 Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day

OCTOBER

- 6** Laurel & Hardy parade
15 STA Meeting
 20 Steak Cookout

NOVEMBER

- 12** STA Meeting

DECEMBER

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

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JANUARY

- 1** New Years Day Breakfast
14 STA Meeting

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)

September

- 13-16 Charlotte Autofair
 28-29 Palmetto A's Swap Meet

October

- 10-13 Hershey Swap Meet & Show

November

- 15-17 Moultrie Swap Meet

December

- 5-9 MAFCA Membership Meet, Southern CA

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February

- 23 Ramblin' A's Swap Meet, AL



REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates
 what the group brings

September

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

October

Bryant, Maypole, Purkey, Trapp, Leach

November

McMullin, Horner

December

18—Christmas Party (Tuesday)

Old MacDonald's Fish Camp



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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