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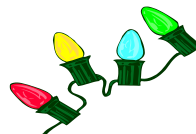
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DUES DEADLINE NOTICE

D E A D L I N E You received your MAFCA dues notice and election ballots in the September issue of the *Restorer* magazine. Your MAFCA dues are included in your STA dues of **\$65.00** and it's a 'snap' to take care of both at the same time! "One check; that's all", says Treasurer Richard Dunevent.—make out that check for **\$65**, complete the dues card (found in the *Restorer*), and get them both to Richard no later than **December 1**. You may also mail your dues to: Richard Dunevent, 4338 Owens Rd., Evans, GA 30809-9678.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Christmas Lights Tour

Tuesday, December 9, 7 pm.
Details, page 7



Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 16, 6 pm.
Details, pages 4 and 7



New Years Day Breakfast

Thursday, January 1, 8 am
Details, page 7



OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President...

Happy Holidays!! I hope everyone had a great Model A year and that you all have been good because Santa is coming to town. As always it seems that the year has just flown by—maybe because we are all so busy. But as we enter the New Year, it is a major milestone for those Model A's built in 1929: a Birthday - celebrating eighty years! Image the stories those cars could tell about their various owners, the improvement of roads and bridges, and the harsh conditions that many had to persevere at some time in their life. Any owner of an eighty-year-old vehicle has something to be proud of especially if it's running.

The Christmas season is upon us and that means parades, parades, parades. I would like to encourage everyone to participate in as many as possible—however, the Thomson Christmas parade is one that has supported the STA's for many years. It is a long parade with probably a few thousand participating and in attendance. As with all parades, everyone seems to enjoy the Model A and the famous-sounding horn. It would be interesting to know how many pictures and home videos we have stared in along the parade route.

We have another busy year ahead of us in '09 and don't forget the New Year's Day breakfast. Just what you want to hear is the sound of a Model A horn after a long night of partying. Amazing enough this breakfast is always well attended with many driving their Model A's. Please plan on joining us as we bring in the New Year with an Ahooga.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Craig



Minutes of the November Meetings

The members of the Shade Tree A's met in Richard Dunevent's garage on Monday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. for their November Monthly Meeting.

President Craig McMullin called the meeting to order and welcomed new members and visitors. Don Bray was in attendance visiting with member, Bill Maypole. Mr. Bray officially joined the club at the conclusion of the meeting. New member Frank Lindley was also in attendance. November birthdays were recognized, as well as member illnesses. Christine Gordon had back surgery and is recuperating at home. Please remember Christine in your thoughts and prayers.

The October meeting minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report was given by Richard Dunevent. Richard also reminded the club that membership dues are being collected.

For Show-n-Tell, Don Turley mentioned that at the last meeting he passed out calendars from Hershey and he still has some of those if anyone didn't receive one last month. He also shared that he heard from Dan Snyder. Dan had an article published in the Restorer this year and it has been chosen for an Editor's Literary Choice award at the Arizona meet. For Veteran's Day recognition, Jim Dover showed a 1915 9mm German Lugar pistol that was used in the Battle of the Bulge. President McMullin then recognized all veterans in attendance.

Under Old Business: Thanks was expressed again to Glen Boswell for use of his home for the Annual Steak Cookout. It was a great time for everyone. The Charleston Tour was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves despite the flooding rainfall on Friday. Richland Creek Farm Days was also enjoyed including fellowship with the 96 Club and Columbia Club, the old farm equipment, hit-n-miss engines, and tractor pull.

New Business consisted of the upcoming events listed in this newsletter.

The "technical program" was a video by Stuart Smith of the Charleston Tour, including our own technical seminars in the rain and on bridges, the tea plantation, a lot of eating, and fun at Folly Beach.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa McMullin

Board of Directors Meeting November 3, 2008

The Shade Tree A's Board of Directors met on Monday, November 3, 2008 at member Richard Dunevent's garage. All members of the board were present. President Craig McMullin called the meeting to order.

The following business was discussed.

Refreshments and guidelines for 2009 – McPherson is the lead for January refreshments. The sign-up list will go around at the January meeting along with suggestion guidelines.

Parades – All of the parades listed in the newsletter together with a few recent notifications were discussed. Because the Thomson parade is sponsored, it was agreed that the officers would encourage as much participation as possible at the November meeting. Tony and Carol Gazette have invited the club to their house prior to the Thomson parade.

December 9th Lights Tour – Jim McPherson discussed the details and would provide those to the membership at the November meeting. Rain date was agreed to December 11th.

Christmas Party – The board discussed the 2009 Christmas Party and what options are available for meeting places. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

Brief discussions were held regarding the following upcoming events:

- New Year's Day Breakfast
- Technical Seminar
- Pancake Breakfast
- Richmond Hill Tour

With no further business – the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa McMullin

Christmas Party Information



You are cordially invited to attend the
Shade Tree A's Christmas Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, December 16, 2008, at Old McDonald's Fish Camp,
North Augusta, SC

Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. - Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m.
Please make your reservation with Theresa McMullin at 803-480-0126
or Sheila McPherson at 706-399-6705

Buffet dinner (\$20.00 per person) (kids at a reduced price) will include:
Catfish Fillet, Broiled Flounder Fillet, Fried Shrimp, Boiled Shrimp, Stuffed Crab, Chicken Tenders, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Grits, and Hushpuppies.

Please Plan to bring an appetizer or dessert

There will be Bingo and prizes again this year!

The biggest event of the year .. You don't want to miss this party!

Here are the details about our Christmas party on the 16th.
Please plan to bring an appetizer or dessert—we're looking forward to a festive and fun-filled evening! See you there!



MAY
YOUR
HOLIDAYS
BE
HAPPY
ONES

Credits: Our cover picture and the December 1930 advertisement on page 12 were found on the MAFCA website.

**WELCOME TO
OUR
NEWEST
MEMBER!**

Donald Bray





CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Charleston Tea Party

On Friday October 24th, the Shade Tree A's returned to Charleston, SC for a weekend of fellowship with the Low Country A's. As we left the parking lot of Al's Restaurant a light mist began, only to become more prominent as we proceeded toward Charleston. A quick stop at Hardee's in Williston, and we were soon at Duke's in Ridgeville for lunch. We had been introduced to Duke's, known for their BBQ and fried chicken, many years earlier by the Low Country A's. We can report they still have the best fried chicken in South Carolina, and a wide selection of vegetables not normally found in restaurants.

By now the weather had progressed to a full rain storm. Undaunted, we proceeded to the Clarion Inn in North Charleston, where we were greeted by Doug and Carol Skinner. This was a luxurious hotel with the best beds you have ever slept on. By now downtown Charleston was flooded and closed to traffic, so dinner plans were changed to the Noisy Oyster.

We can confirm that Model A's do float—the running boards provide just the right amount of buoyancy! We were greeted at the Noisy Oyster by Mel and Phyllis Raulton, Raymond and Nelle Allen, Frank and Jane Morley, and the Skinners. A wonderful meal and fellowship was enjoyed by all.



We awoke Saturday morning to cloudy skies. Members of the Low Country A's poured into the hotel parking lot in their Model A's. At 9 o'clock we pulled out of the parking lot and headed to the Tea Plantation, the only tea plantation in North America. They make American Classic Tea, and have been the tea provider for the White House for over twenty years. We saw acres and acres of tea bushes as we drove in, and then toured the factory and gift shop. The sun broke thru the clouds as we were lining up for a group photo.

Then it was off to Gilligan's for lunch. We weren't disappointed. It was the BEST seafood. Then Monte and Barbara McQuillan led us on a scenic tour to Folly Beach. We walked the pier, watched surfers and fishermen and observed a wedding on the beach.

Then we were off to the Charleston marina and dinner at California Dreaming. We were joined by David and Donna Kennedy, Charlie and Clara Ratliff, the Skinners, and Lloyd Bursey. After dinner we headed to the heart of old downtown Charleston for the "Dark Side of Charleston", a guided walking tour. Eddie Collins greeted us at the parking garage. After the tour we returned to the hotel; some played Bingo while others retired for the night.

Bright sunshine greeted us Sunday morning. After a hearty breakfast we were on our way. A stop at Hardee's in Williston for lunch, and we were soon home. Nine Shade Tree A's families and six Model A's went on this tour. MANY THANKS to our friends in the Low Country A's for a GREAT weekend.

(More pictures on page 6 and website)



More
Charleston
pictures?
(see Web!)



**RICHLAND CREEK
OLD FARM DAYS**
(see Web for more!)





UPCOMING EVENTS

2008



HOLIDAY PARADES And other Celebrations

It's that time of the year again! Here's the information we have at press time about these celebrations.



Gibson (GA) Christmas Parade Saturday, November 29

The Gibson Christmas Parade will be held on **Saturday November 29th**. We will meet at Wal-Mart on Hwy 1 and Bobby Jones for a 10:45 departure. We will eat lunch at Crossroads BBQ, so famous for their fried pies, before lining up for the parade at the High School. The parade begins at 3.



Gracewood (GA) Christmas Parade Thursday, December 4

The lineup is 12:15 pm on the ball field (same location as in the past); parade begins at 1 pm.



Grovetown (GA) Christmas Parade Saturday, December 6

The line-up is at 10 am in Summerfield Subdivision; parade starts at noon.



Graniteville (SC) Christmas Parade Saturday, December 6

The line-up is at 2:30 pm in the parking lot of Leavelle McCampbell Middle School; parade at 3:30 pm



Aiken (SC) Jaycees Christmas Parade Sunday, December 7

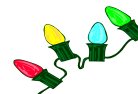
The parade begins at 2 pm; line-up time and place will be distributed later..



Thomson, GA Christmas Parade Sunday, December 7

The Thomson Christmas Parade will be held on **Sunday December 7th**. We will leave from the Cracker Barrel at noon and tour to the home of Tony and Carole Gazette for a picnic before lining up for the parade at 3 o'clock. Arrive at the Gazettes at 1:00 PM and enjoy Rotisserie Pork Links, with or without cheese, resting on a bed of chili or coleslaw and other fabulous trimmings, chips, mouthwatering desserts, Russian Tea (hot apple cider) and cold drinks. Directions to the Gazettes: From First Baptist Church, Thomson, corner of Main St. (N-S) and Hill St. (E-W) go west on Hill St. (Hwy 278) 0.6 miles. Turn left onto Mt. Pleasant Rd. (caution light). Go 1.3 miles straight through four-way-stop. Travel 0.8 miles to 1479 Mt. Pleasant Rd. on right. Once inside gate, proceed onto the pond dam to park cars for pictures. PLEASE

remember we are sponsored by the Thomson Packing Company in this parade. Not only is this our only sponsored parade, but they make a substantial contribution to our treasury for our participation. If you can attend only one parade, please make it the Thomson parade.




STA Christmas Lights Tour Tuesday, December 9

The Shade tree A's will hold their annual Christmas Lights Tour on **Tuesday December 9th**. We will meet in the parking lot of Ci Ci's Pizza in Martinez at 7 o'clock. Ci Ci's is located on Flowing Wells Road, between Washington Road and Columbia Road, across from the Gerald Jones AutoPlex. We will visit a highly decorated subdivision off Flowing Wells Road. After the tour we will go to Richard and Frankie Dunevent's for an old fashion weiner roast and toast marshmallows and make s'mores for dessert over an open fire. The rain date will be Thursday December 11th or Thursday December 18th if inclement weather still persists.



Hepzibah (GA) Christmas Parade Saturday, December 13

The Hephzibah Christmas Parade will be held on **Saturday December 13th**. Line-up is at the High School at 10 o'clock with the parade to begin at 11. Following the parade we will tour to Sconyer's BBQ for lunch. If you cannot make the parade, maybe you can join us for lunch.

Even More!! 



**Midland Valley (SC)
Christmas Parade**

Saturday, December 13
Lineup is at 1 pml the parade
begins at 2 pm



**Jackson (SC)
Christmas Parade**

Sunday, December 14
Lineup is at 1 pm behind Jackson
Middle School; parade at 3 pm.



**STA Christmas Party
Old McDonald Fish Camp**

Tuesday, December 16
Find complete information for our
party on page 3.

2009



New Years Breakfast
Thursday, January 1

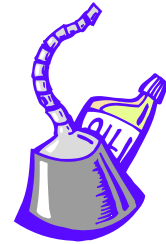
For our annual New Years Day Breakfast, we will return to the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at I-20 and Belair Road. Since they do not take reservations, we'll arrive early, around 8 o'clock and try to sit in the room at the far end of the restaurant. We have been successful in the past of taking over this room and filling it up. Hope to see you there.

INDEPENDENCE of the SEAS
8-night Caribbean Cruise

Saturday, January 10, 2009
through

Sunday, January 18, 2009

(You'll find extensive information
in August's newsletter, or see
Theresa McMullin)



Tech Seminar
Saturday, January 31

The Shade Tree A's have a busy year ahead with lots of local tours and a few overnight tours. Watch the Club Calendar in the newsletter and plan to attend those tours of interest to you. In fact, the tours begin early this year. In preparation for these tours, Tech Session XVI will be held on Saturday January 31st. Meet at 8 o'clock at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road for a warm hearty breakfast before going to Richard's garage at 9. If you have a specific problem for us to address, let us know. If not, we will work on a number of those pesky small annoyances. We'll be having sandwiches for lunch. See YOU there.

**Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year!**



VINTAGE

by Sam Mason



Christmas Wish List

Accessories have always been needed to make an outfit complete and handbags were an important finishing touch. They came in tapestry, silk, or mesh, with different shapes and sizes. Whiting and Davis was the most famous company, while handbags from France and Italy were known for their detail.



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Hints Useful to Motorists

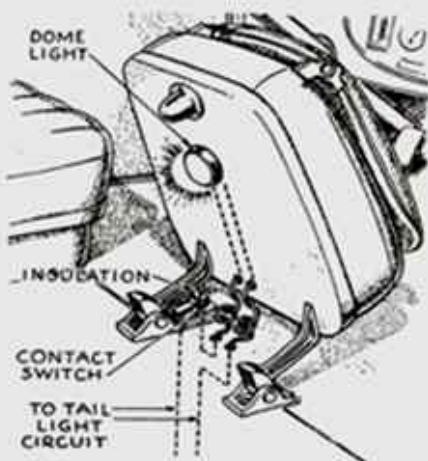


Mirror Mounted on Front Door Gives Driver Helpful Rear View in Parking

Drawing at left shows how mirror is mounted on front door hinge to show curb. Photo below gives view as seen from driver's seat



MOUNTED on the upper hinge of the right-hand front door of your car, a rear vision mirror can be so adjusted that it will show you the clearance between the running board and the curb when you are parking. Although an ordinary door-hinge mirror of the plate glass type is shown in the photograph at the right, a much wider view can be obtained if a curved, broad-vision mirror is used. A mirror adjusted this way will also aid the driver in traffic.



Floor Light for Car

TIPPING up the movable front seat on a two-door sedan wired according to the sketch shown above, automatically floods the floor and rear seat with light. The light, of the usual dome light type, is fitted into the underside of the seat and connected into the tail light circuit by means of two contacts, one on the seat and one on the floor. These are so arranged that they touch only when the seat is fully raised. Being connected into the lighting circuit, the device does not operate during the day when the other lights are not being used.

Fitting Piston Rings

AMATEUR mechanics, who have no special tools, can spring new piston rings into place by means of a loop of strong wire. The wire is anchored at one end to an exhaust pipe and then looped around the ring to be compressed. A suit-

able wooden handle, fastened to the other end of the wire, provides a convenient grip for pulling the wire. The tightened loop compresses the ring so it will slide easily into the cylinder. By pushing the piston down, the loop can be placed over the next ring and the process repeated.



Wire fastened to exhaust pipe and then looped around piston ring compresses it to fit cylinder

Making a Cotter Pin Puller from an Ice Pick

ALTERING an ice pick of the sliding-handle variety, converts it into an efficient cotter pin puller. First, cut off about one inch of the pick and grind it to a blunt point. Then anneal the tip by heating it to a cherry red, bend the hook, and harden it by reheating and dipping it in water. In use, the hook is placed in the eye of the cotter pin, the handle slid forward and then jerked back. When removing heavy cotter pins it may be necessary slightly to open the split ends so that they can be pulled out.

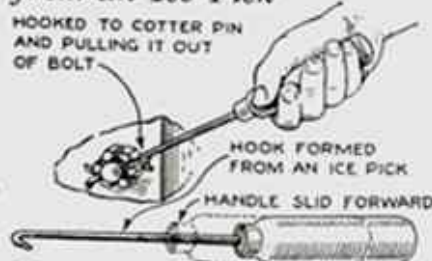
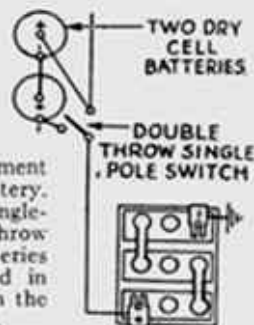


Filing Your Brakes

ETERNAL brakes that have become scored and grooved through long use often can be put back into first class shape with a coarse file. Jack up one wheel and remove the brake bands. Then, with the gear shift lever in high and the motor running a trifle faster than ordinary idling speed, apply the file (a twelve-inch fender file preferred) to the spinning drum in the manner shown in picture above. Sandpaper and steel wool can be used for the finishing touches.

For Quick Starting

QUICKER starting in cold weather can be obtained if two dry batteries connected in series are used to supplement the storage battery. By means of a single-pole, double-throw switch the batteries can be connected in and cut out when the motor turns over.



Heating and bending the point of an ice pick, converts it into handy tool to pull cotter pins

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SHADE TREE A'S CALENDARS



NOVEMBER

29 Gibson, (GA) Parade, 3 pm

DECEMBER

4 Gracewood (GA) Parade, 1 pm
 6 Grovetown (GA) Parade, noon
6 Wrens (GA) Parade, 2 pm (lineup 1 pm)
 6 Graniteville (SC) Parade, 3:30 pm
6 Barnwell (SC) Parade, 4 pm
 7 Aiken Jaycees (SC) Parade, 2 pm
 7 Thomson (GA) Parade, 3 pm
 9 STA Christmas Lights Tour
 13 Hepzibah (GA) Parade, 11 am
 13 Midland Valley Parade (SC), 2 pm
 14 Jackson (SC) Parade, 3 pm
 STA Christmas Party—Old McDonald Fish Camp

2009

JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

14 Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast

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)

December

3-6 MAFCA Membership Meeting, Mesa, AZ

2009

January

10-18 8-night Caribbean Cruise—Theresa McMullin, 803.637.3790.

April

2-5 Charlotte AutoFair, Charlotte, NC

September

20-23 Model A Restorers Club (MARC) National Tour Charlottesville, VA

October

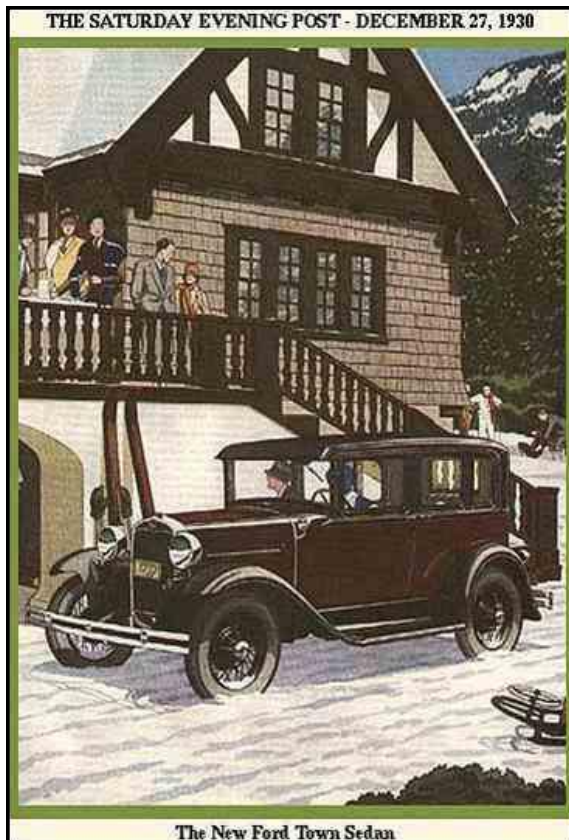
7-10 Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey, PA

REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

December
Christmas Party

January 2009
 McPherson, Komp, Miller



Happy Birthday!

1--Barbara Bryant	20--Linda Nelson
2--David Cozart	21--Jim Mason
6--Lee Taylor	26--Ann Claiborne
6--Mike Chavis	Christian
12--Margaret Collier	29--Elizabeth Ford
12--T. J. Barton	
13--Richard Dunevent	
15--Lisa Smith	
16--Frank Knapp	
17--Eric Shogren	
17--Jim Miller	
18--Gayle Adams	



Mark your calendar!

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