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# Shade Tree A's Newsletter

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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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### STA ELECTION

Your ballot is included  
in this issue. It's due

December 1.



The November meeting  
will be held on  
**Monday, November 10**  
in Richard Dunevent's  
garage beginning at 7  
o'clock.

### DUES NOTICE

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N** You received your MAFCA dues notice and election ballots in the September issue of the *Restorer* magazine. As your MAFCA dues are included in your STA dues of **\$65.00**, 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.



## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President...

In last month's newsletter, you received a form to nominate someone for this year's Monroe Wade Award. This award was established by the STA's in 2003 in honor of Monroe for his dedication as a member of the STA's, the Model A restoration hobby that he supported so well and Monroe the person. As a member of the STA's for decades, Monroe was always there with a helping hand or advice. As a Model A restorer, I'll let his coupe, tudor and pickup speak for themselves not to mention the countless other Model A's he helped put a wrench on.



Monroe Wade

But what I want to focus on is Monroe the person. Monroe was approachable, easy to talk to and to get to know. He was open with nothing to hide and his technical knowledge of the Model A was yours for the asking. His positive attitude, smile and hard work ethic were contagious. You could count on Monroe to come to your rescue when in need, whether working on your Model A or personal dilemma. Yes, Monroe was even a father figure to some and someone that I will always remember with upmost respect. I can honestly say that as a Monroe Wade Award recipient in 2006 it is one honor that is most cherished.

For those of you fortunate enough to get to know Monroe, please take a moment to remember the man and his Model A. I look forward to witnessing the presentation of this year's Monroe Wade Award recipient at our annual Christmas dinner.

Have a safe trip,  
Craig



## Minutes of the October Meeting

The October meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held October 13 at Richard Dunevent's Garage. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim McPherson. The attendance roster was passed. Illnesses included Glenn Boswell and Bob Jones. Tina Neitzke is doing well.

The treasurer's report was given by Richard Dunevent and the minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the October newsletter.

Don Turley passed out calendars which he had purchased for club members while at the Hershey Swap Meet.

### Old Business:

- Ken Nelson reported on the Palmetto A's successful swap meet.
- Eric Shogren reported on the Oliver Hardy Parade.
- According to Larry Komp, the AACA national meet in Hershey was a 'great meet' with good weather, good attendance and lots of "A" parts.

### New Business:

- Nominations for the Monroe Wade award should be turned in to Craig McMullin.
- 54 have signed up to attend the steak cookout on October 18.
- The October 24-26 Charleston tour sign-up sheet and information was passed.
- We will leave for the Richland Creek Farm Days event from the old (closed) Hardees at I20/US25 at 8:00 on Saturday, November 1.
- Gibson's Christmas parade is scheduled for November 29.

A short technical program (6- to 12-Volt Conversion) was given by Tom Roberts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Roberts  
(acting for  
Theresa McMullin, Secretary)



## On the Shady Side

—Anne Neely-Beck

It is really hard to believe that the year is almost gone. Where did it go? I have been so busy with work and the MAFCA Era Fashion Committee that time just seems to fly. I want to encourage y'all to write a fashion article for the wonderful STA Newsletter in 2009. If you pledge to do that then it takes some pressure off of me as I will be busy heading up the re-writing of the MAFCA Fashion Guidelines. What I would like to see the end of this year and all next year if possible, is for our Club to dress in our Model A Era Image fashions a lot more. Let's finish this year with dressing in era fashion for a parade or the Christmas party. Next year we need to "dress up" as much as we can, as we all know people love our cars and love to see us dress the part. As the holiday season approaches take time for your family, friends, and community. Try to give back to each what you would like to be given to you. As the old adage says "it is better to give than receive"—something I try to live by each day.



## Under The Shade Tree

- ☞ We've learned that **Bob Jones** hasn't been feeling well lately. Hope things are looking "up" for you, Bob (and Billie, too!)
- ☞ Your **editors** are off to Egypt for 13 days early next month—think we'll see an "A" over there? One never knows...
- ☞ Our thoughts and prayers will be with **Christine Gordon** as she undergoes back surgery.
- ☞ Several members of the STAs travelled to Hershey recently for the AACA national meet. They reported that it was a 'great meet' with good weather, good attendance and lots of "A" parts. What more could we want?
- ☞ We extend our sincere sympathies to **Frank Knapp**, whose mother died recently.
- ☞ We want the information in our newsletter to be accurate! Check out the parade information on page 7—if you have additions/corrections, please email us at: [patroberts@wildblue.net](mailto:patroberts@wildblue.net)
- ☞ **George Gordon** and **Michael** share the news of a new vehicle in the Gordon 'stable'. It's a Ford Model T-A: The body is a 1916 "T", its frame is an "A".
- ☞ Be sure to vote for your STA 2009 officers. The ballot is blue and it should be returned to secretary Theresa McMullin by Monday, December 1. If you don't see 'your' candidate on the ballot, write him/her in! If you're mailing it, read the taping instructions carefully.

## STA Holiday Gifts!



A wide variety of STA items, all bearing the STA logo, are available just in time for Christmas. There are Club vests, shirts (golf, sweat, dress, denim, etc), jackets (wind-breakers, light and heavy), tote bags, throw blankets for your legs, and more.

You may purchase your favorite shirt or jacket and have the Club logo and your name added. Just contact Susan Meloan (her business card with information is on page 11). She will personalize your item with the Club logo, your name, and the year and body style of your Model A. 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).

Would you like a Club vest? Susan can provide you with the Club dark blue vest for \$35 or a very nice jacket for \$65, both from Augusta Sportswear. She mentions that she can also get denim shirts and some totes. Our Club members have a great variety of clothing and utility items adorned with the STA logo, so if you see something you like, just ask.

## Model A Sale Corner



This fully-restored 1929 Model A pickup is advertised for sale by Rhonda Lee. She's asking \$16,000 o.b.o. The vehicle is located in Las Vegas, NV and the purchaser is responsible for delivery. For further information, contact Alice at (702) 202-4523 or Rhonda at (702) 806-3009



Don't forget to thank our veterans for their service. Remember—This is the land of the free because of the brave.



# CLUB ACTIVITIES



## PALMETTO A's Swap Meet September 2008

We travelled to Columbia, SC to see what "A" treasures we could find!



Ken Nelson (L) is a member of both the STA's and the Palmetto A's! Here, he's joined by STA members Sheila and Jim McPherson.



Larry DuVall and Eric Shogren



## OLIVER HARDY PARADE October 4, 2008

We had four cars in the parade. After breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, we proceeded to Harlem for the line up. The weather was great—many, many people turned out for the Festival, and there were plenty of vendors present. Hardy and Laurel were leading the Parade, so we did not see them because we were more towards the end. We enjoyed being there.



Christine Gordon is in the second car—and there's Michael, too!!!



**STEAK COOKOUT  
October 18**



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(1) Our host, Glenn Boswell, has



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had STA steak cookouts in his yard since 1992—before then, they were fish fries! (2) Cooking those BIG steaks—with Kingsford charcoal and lighter, of course (3) A spiffy “A”;



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(4) Tom Roberts chats with Betty Wade and her sister; (5) Jim McPherson, Bruce Ford and Craig McMullin; (6) Anticipation!; (7) The ‘necessary room’; (8) An overview;



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(9) Sam Mason, Rosalind Neal and Carole Gazette; (10) Our “A’s” are waiting; (11) Dan Perla, webmaster, and Walter Smith ‘surf the ‘Net’; (12) Barbara Bryant, Carole, Sam and Rosalind start to set the table; (13) The younger crowd is getting hungry!



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2008

**RIDGELAND CREEK FARM DAYS SALUDA, SC**  
**November 1, 2008**



On **Saturday, November 1** we'll leave from the old Hardee's on Hwy 25 at I-20 at 8 am and tour to Saluda for breakfast with the Old 96 District A's before proceeding to the Festival. It will be a day 'chock-full' of old farm activities, a tractor show and tractor pulls. Our Model A's will be displayed in a special area.

### 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.



**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 given in the December newsletter.



**Thomson, GA**  
**Christmas Parade**  
**Sunday, December 7**

The parade begins at 3 pm. Arrive at the Gazette's, 1479 Mt. Pleasant Road at 1 pm for snacks prior to the lineup. More info later.



**STA Christmas Lights Tour**  
**Tuesday, December 9**

The tour is still in the planning stages. Be sure to mark your calendar and keep this date free!



**Hepzibah (GA)**  
**Christmas Parade**  
**Saturday, December 13**

The line-up is at 10 am; parade starts at 11 am.



**Midland Valley (SC)**  
**Christmas Parade**  
**Saturday, December 13**

We don't have the lineup time as yet; 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**

Be sure to write this **important date** on your calendar! 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)*



**Gibson (GA)**  
**Christmas Parade**  
**Saturday, November 29**

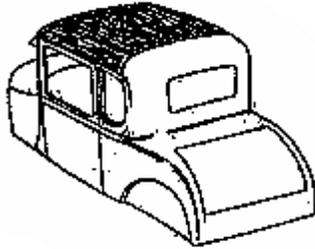
Gibson kicks off the holiday season with its Christmas Parade on **Saturday, November 29**. The lineup time/place is not known yet; the parade begins at 3 pm.



**Gracewood (GA)**  
**Christmas Parade**  
**Thursday, December 4**

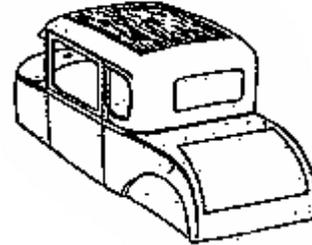
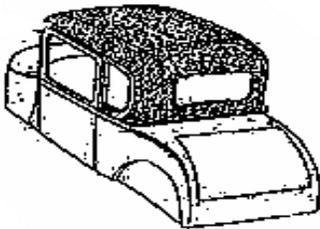
The lineup is 12:00-12:15 pm; parade begins at 1 pm.

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR COUPES?

**45-A**

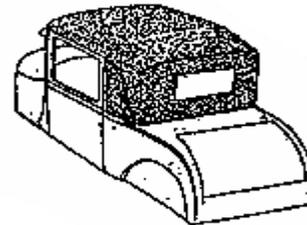
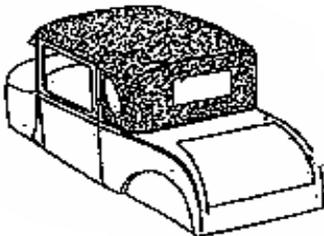
The 1928-29 Standard Coupe "45-A" has windows on both side quarter panels. The top material goes back to the rear of the roof opening.

The 1930-31 Standard Coupe "45-B" has windows on both side quarter panels. The top material covers only the center roof opening. The top and back are painted steel.

**45-B****49-A**

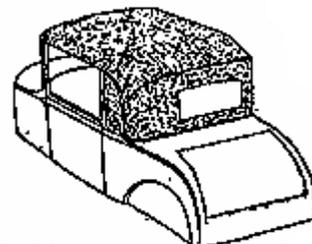
The 1928-29 Special Coupe "49-A" has windows on both side quarter panels. The top material covers the complete top and back down to the belt rail molding.

The 1928-29 "50-A" and 1930-31 "50-B" Sport Coupes do not have quarter windows. The top material covers the complete top and back down to the belt rail moulding. The top is supported by bows, but does not fold down, though it gives the appearance that it could.

**50-A & B****54-A**

The 1928-29 "54-A" Business Coupe is a sport coupe with oval quarter windows. The only difference is a shorter main bow to accommodate the oval windows.

The 1929 "68-A" and 1930 "68-B" Cabriolets have a top that folds down. The door window glass and frame slide down into the door. The upper latch post folds down with the top.

**68-A & B**



# VINTAGE VISIONS

...Barbara Bryant

Being a member of such an active Model A Club such as the Shade Tree A's gives us ladies a chance to wear and show our Era clothing (or look-alikes.) Dressing up really brings a different type of fun to the activities of the Club.

I have really missed our dressing up this past year and hope that we can get back into functions that will allow us to do so. The Christmas Party is a good place to start--maybe in 2009 we can renew the interest in dressing in Era Fashions.

Below, you will find three of my dresses, purchased locally, that have design details influenced by Model A era fashions.



**1.** This light blue, long-sleeved dress in a sheer silky fabric has a matching under slip. It features an attached flounce hem and a draped band at the dropped waist. I purchased the dress on eBay and wore it at the banquet at the National Meet in Dearborn. I really had a lot of compliments!

**2.** I bought this purple six-tier dress at Macy's. It has an asymmetrical, one-shouldered capelet attached at the neckline. The layered, bias cut flounces and the uneven hemlines are influences from the Model A era while the unfitted, straight-line shape is an influence from the earlier 20s.

**3.** This tea-length black dress was purchased at Dillard's and has the capelet style collar and sleeves. Layered flounces flow to the bottom of the dress, which can be worn to a late afternoon

The two dresses to the right (**4 & 5**) are my originals that I have been able to find while on outings with the Club.

**4.** This navy blue silk chiffon dress with tiered cap sleeves has a cream-colored front yoke with lace trim detail and four oblique tucks at each shoulder. The front of the dress has multiple chevron-shaped pin tucks, and there's an attached navy under slip. The belt was missing so I put a silk navy ribbon in its place. It's truly hard to describe the beauty of this dress. (For closer look, see Figure 4A)

**5.** This dress is made from a mauve, purple and green silk chiffon print with an overlay of sheer black chiffon. It has a V-neckline and an attached bertha collar with short sleeves. Its straight cut, unfitted bodice ends in points where it attaches to a dropped waistline, bias-cut skirt. The sheer black silk fabric extends below the floral print with a shaped hemline. The tea-length dress has a belt that closes with a rhinestone clasp, which really adds to its appearance. I purchased this dress at an antique shop while at the Club outing in Franklin, NC and I have worn it to Abbeville, SC for the Dinner Theater.



*Left and below, Barbara's mauve, purple and green dress. (Front and back views)*

Being part of a Club that stays on the move with a variety of activities gives us the opportunity to wear and show some of our 'found treasures'. What lady could resist the chance to dress up in our Era Fashions? To me, this is the most fun of being part of the Shade Tree A's!



# Throttle Linkage

Tech  
Corner

...Eric Shogren

## The Great Thing about the Shade Tree A's

On Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, I attended the monthly meeting. I had been having some problems with the carburetor on my '28 Coupe sticking open. A year ago I had to install a throttle shaft bushing to correct an air in-leakage problem. And now, especially in hot weather, it was binding just enough that the normal spring on the throttle linkage would not pull the butterfly valve all the way closed. This made it virtually impossible to shift. I was grinding gears all over town because the car would not idle down sufficiently.

I had replaced the throttle linkage spring with no improvement and had lubricated the throttle shaft with a similar lack of results. So I came to the meeting hoping to find a cure. After the meeting I spoke briefly with Jim McPherson. Jim recommended rigging up a second throttle return spring, not unlike the one found on modern carburetors. The next night I spend about 20 minutes scrounging around my garage for parts. I came up with about 10 feet of 12 lb watch chain and a box of miscellaneous springs. Twenty minutes after that I had a working throttle return spring. In Figure 1 (top) you can see the whole set up. I just opened one of the links to loop over the throttle shaft connection. I keep it from sliding down the throttle shaft connection with an E-clip. On the other end I just looped (see Figure 2, right) over the end of the spring on the throttle linkage.

I also found out something interesting. I had installed a 10.5" linkage between the carburetor and the throttle linkage assembly when I re-installed the engine last summer. While working out this throttle return spring I realized that with the 10.5"



FIGURE 1

linkage I could not get the throttle full open. I checked the Bratton's catalog and the one they sell is 10.75" long. I rummaged around in my parts drawer and found an old linkage that, though bent, was exactly 10.75" long. Since last summer my car had just not climbed hills like before. Now with a 10.75" linkage between the throttle linkage and the carburetor I can climb hills like I used to!

The bottom line is—we have a great wealth of knowledge in the Shade Tree A membership. I'm convinced that many of our members have forgotten more things about a Model A than I'll ever know. But their wealth of knowledge and willingness to share makes the Shade Tree A's the best place around for a Model A enthusiast.

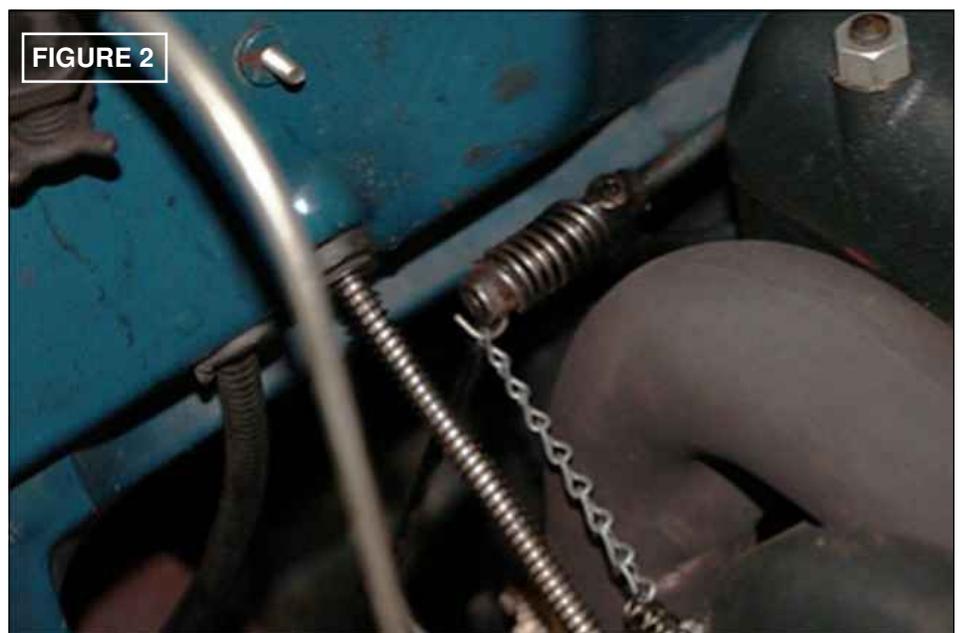


FIGURE 2

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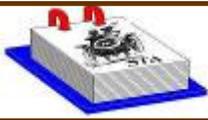


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# SHADE TREE A'S CALENDARS



## NOVEMBER

- 1 Ridgeland Creek Farm Days, Saluda, SC  
 3 Board of Directors Meeting  
**10 STA Meeting**  
 29 Gibson, (GA) Parade, 3 pm

## DECEMBER

- 4 Gracewood (GA) Parade, 1 pm**  
**6 Grovetown (GA) Parade, noon**  
**6 Graniteville (SC) Parade, 3:30 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**  
**16 STA Christmas Party—Old McDonald Fish Camp**

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

- 14-15 City of Hoschton, GA—Antique Tractor Event  
 21-22 Swap Meet, Moultrie, GA

### December

- 3-6 MAFCA Membership Meeting, Mesa, AZ

### 2009

#### January

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

#### September

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



## REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

### November

**Turley**, Jones, W. Smith, Boswell

### December

**Christmas Party**

## Happy November Birthdays!

- 7—Bill Adams  
 12—Harriette Flanagin  
 14—Bobby Markwalter  
 17—Walter Smith  
 22—Tom Hitt  
 24—Paula Gay  
 25—James Beck



The finest  
 folks still  
 read our  
 newsletter!



### Mark your calendar!

This year's Christmas party is on Tuesday,  
 December 16 at Old McDonald Fish Camp.