



# Shade Tree A's Newsletter

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Our 36th Year!



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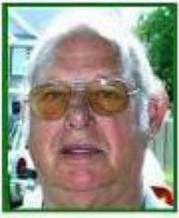


Betty Wade, President Craig McMullin, Sheila McPherson



## Sheila McPherson Congratulations!

—story on page 4

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## January Meeting Notice

The Shade Tree A's will meet Monday, **January 5** (note date change—this month only) in Richard Dunevent's garage. The meeting will begin at 7 pm.

We start the New Year off with a new dynamic interactive type program presentation on a Model A topic all can relate to. Designed to challenge the members with long-term Model A experience and give the newer Model A owners an insight to Model A diagnostics and repair, the first of these programs involve a problem many of you have experienced.

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# Happy 2009!!

### The Shade Tree A's is a non-profit organization with chapter affiliations with MAFCA and MARC

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.

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



Members are also urged to join the Model "A" Restorers Club



Meet Your Editor (she's on the right!)

The Shade Tree A's serve the CSRA (Central Savannah River Area) in Georgia and South Carolina



## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President...

I hope that those who attended the Christmas party had a wonderful time. I know I did. It certainly appeared that many enjoyed themselves from the festive atmosphere that ensued. In the spirit of continuous improvement, any comments or suggestions are always welcomed for next year's Christmas party.

Congratulations to those reaching an anniversary milestone as members of the club. Eighteen families were recognized and those present received their new STA logo anniversary pin engraved with the number of years as a member. It's always exciting for me to see the proud faces as recipients come forward to receive their pins. Special congratulations go to Bobby and Billie Jones for their 35 years of active STA membership.

The following is a list of those recognized:

Name	Anniversary Pin Milestone (years)
TJ and Christine Barton	2
Don and Delores Cerefin	2
Brion and Kelly Fronthro	2
Bill and Sarah Richardson	2
Charles and Donna Wold	2
Ken and Linda Nelson	5
David and Sabrina Cozart	10
James and Paula Gay	10
Joe Holley	10
Doug and Laurie Pearson	10
James and Marian Purkey	10
Tom and Pat Roberts	10
Mike and Doris Chavis	15
Greenlee and Harriette Flanagan	15
Dan Perla	15
Walter and Lisa Smith	15
Roger Dozier	20
Bobby and Billie Jones	35

As a reminder, if you hold an anniversary pin for a previous milestone, please return it to me.

Looking forward to a new year with the Shade Tree A's,  
Craig



## Minutes of the December Meeting

The Shade Tree A's met at Old McDonald's Fish Camp on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, for their annual Christmas Party/Dinner Meeting. There were approximately 87 members (and extended family members) present.

A social-hour with appetizers and drinks was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Prior to a delicious seafood buffet, President McMullin welcomed everyone and Tony Gazette gave the invocation. Desserts were provided by the membership.

President McMullin conducted a brief business meeting with the following notable comments:

- December birthdays were recognized.
- November Meeting Minutes were approved.
- As for illnesses, Christine Gordon recently had back surgery and is now recovering from a staph infection. Please keep Christine and the Gordons in your thoughts and prayers. Hilde Dover fell cutting her forehead and received 7 stitches. Please remember Hilde as well.
- Reminder that club dues are due – actually past due. Please get your membership dues of \$65.00 to Treasurer Richard Dunevent.
- Recognition was given to Tom and Pat Roberts for MAFCA 1<sup>st</sup> place newsletter of the year. Out of 160 club newsletters, our newsletter is the top in the nation. Thanks were expressed to Tom and Pat with a standing ovation.
- Christmas greetings from Ed Meloan were read by President McMullin and a reminder given that Don Turley still has some 2009 calendars available if anyone is interested in one.
- Under Old Business, Tony and Carole Gazette were recognized for their hospitality prior to the Thomson Christmas Parade. The outing was a success from start to finish with 17 cars making the parade. Recognition was also given to Richard and Frankie Dunevent for hosting the Lights Tour this year. Richard's garage never looked so good. It was another great night for STA fellowship especially those s'mores!
- Under New Business, President McMullin reminded everyone that on New Year's Day we'll be meeting at the Cracker Barrel at Belair and I-20 for breakfast. Please see the newsletter for details. Also, the first Technical Seminar for 2009 will be January 31<sup>st</sup>. Let Craig or Jim McPherson know if you want your car to undergo examination/repair.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa

# The 2008 MONROE WADE AWARD



*(The following are remarks read by President Craig McMullin at the presentation of the Monroe Wade Award at our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 16, 2008.)*

It is with great pleasure to present this year's Monroe Wade Award for 2008. This year's finalists were many and all were very deserving. However, after much discussion and evaluation, the committee consisting of Betty Wade and the last 3 Award recipients which included Dan Perla, Richard Dunevent, and me, all agreed on one very deserving person.

First, this person was nominated by a long-time club member; someone who knew Monroe Wade as well as any club member, which makes this year's recipient very special.

This year's recipient has exceeded all the expectations of the award for years and is long overdue for this special recognition. This person is extremely dedicated to the Model A, having attended and even volunteering to work at MAFCA/MARC National Meets. These included the two Southeastern Divisional Meets in 1995 and 2003 and the 2004 MAFCA National Membership Meeting that were all hosted by the STA's. In addition, this person has been active at AACA National Meets across the country. There are not many states that this person has not traveled through to attend Model A events.

This person is very active in era fashions, owning many authentic outfits, has attended most if not all (15) Saturday technical seminars and written articles for the newsletter. Most notably, the recipient has organized many of the STA functions for years, including our annual Christmas parties, club dinner meetings, picnics, local and regional tours, has hosted hospitality rooms and many other miscellaneous activities for the club. In fact, this person is involved in most STA activities, if not from a leadership position then often working behind the scenes ensuring that everything goes as planned.

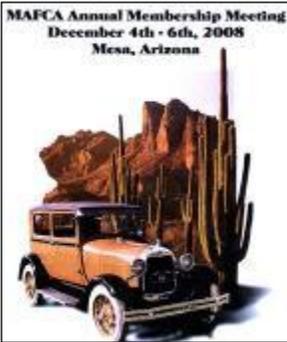
In addition to the above, it's not long after any new member joins the club before this year's recipient will welcome them and offer to help in some way. If there's a need, a job to do, an errand to run, this member is always quick to volunteer. This person is no stranger to Model A restoration tasks either, having rebuilt motors, replaced head gaskets, installed upholstery kits, and has the tenacity to tackle any restoration project.

And lastly, if that's not enough, she is the STA's official club photographer. She is known by everyone in the STA's and known by many Model A'ers across the country for her positive 'get-it-done' attitude and is truly an unselfish contributor to the STAs.

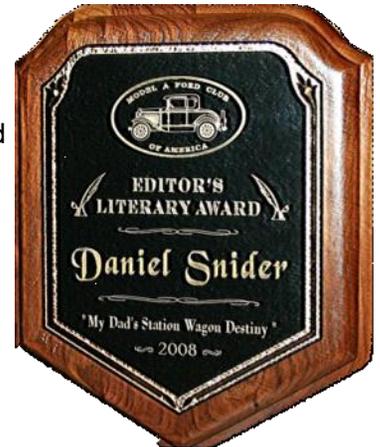
As club President, I personally rely on her thoughts and experience when organizing club functions and our annual activity calendar. The 2008 Monroe Wade Award recipient is Ms. **Sheila McPherson**.



# Shade Tree A's "Shine" in Arizona!



Tom and I traveled to the recent 2008 MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting in Mesa, AZ. Another STA member was there—**Anne Neely-Beck**, MAFCA's Era Fashion Chairperson. We attended an Era Fashion Seminar; Tom went to a Technical Seminar. That night there was a Welcome Party; the next day we toured Old Town Scottsdale and the Frank Lloyd Wright home and School of Architecture at Taliesin. Tom remarked that 'he didn't want a house with a canvas roof!'



Saturday night at the Awards Banquet, STA member **Dan Snider** was awarded the Editor's Literary Award for his November/December 2007 *Restorer* article "My Dad's Station Wagon Destiny". Dan, a physician now living in Tennessee, wasn't able to come to the meeting, so Anne accepted the award for him. The **Shade Tree A's Newsletter** was named the "MAFCA 2008 Newsletter of the Year", and we were presented with a plaque. This is indeed an honor, as there were about 160 newsletters in competition. Thanks to all of you who made it possible through your contributions, encouragement, etc!

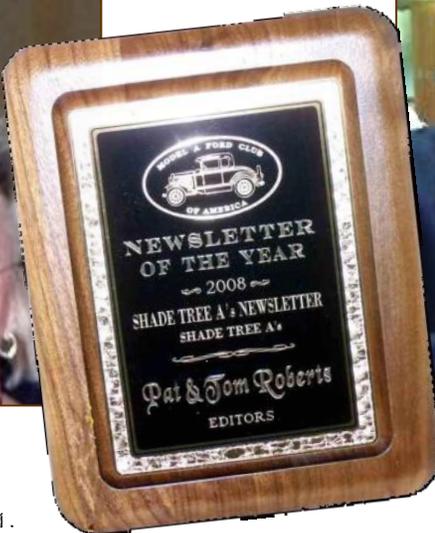
..... Pat Roberts



Above: Era Fashions: Dr. George Edworthy had a program on "Spectacles in the 1920s and 1930s." Anne models a pair of frames from 1931.

Below: The Tech Seminar

Right: Chocolate "A" & Re-bar Cactus!



Top Right: Dan Snider's Editor's Literary Award.

Right: Tom and me with the MAFCA 2008 Newsletter of the

Year award (enlarged above) You may see the award in its place of honor in Richard's Garage!!!



R: Beautiful Arizona!





# CLUB ACTIVITIES

PARADES—There were many! It's been reported that the Shade Tree A's were represented in these: Gibson, Gracewood, Grovetown, Graniteville, Aiken, Jackson, Midland Valley and Thomson.

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Don't forget to visit our website [shadetrees.org](http://shadetrees.org) for more parade and Christmas activity pictures.

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## Thomson

On Sunday, December 7, several Model A's toured from Augusta to Thomson to participate in its annual Christmas parade. Joined by others along the way and in Thomson, a total of 17 cars were in attendance. Before we lined up for the parade we were treated to a lakeside lunch at the home of Tony and Carol Gazette. This parade is always very large with many participants as well as spectators. Once again we were sponsored by the Thomson Packing Company and are grateful for their support..... *Bill Adams*



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For many of us, it was the first time we'd toasted marshmallows in years! The s'mores were wonderful!



Right: Honorary Youth Member Houston Barbee  
Below, Theresa McMullin and Sheila McPherson lead us in playing Model A Bingo.



Our crowd was about 87 strong at Old McDonald Fish Camp; Craig 're-presents' the MAFCA 2008 Newsletter of the Year award to Tom and Pat Roberts.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS (and other things)...

## BREAKFAST



### 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  
*(It's not too late! Contact Theresa McMullin)*

### Tech Seminar XVI 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 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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!

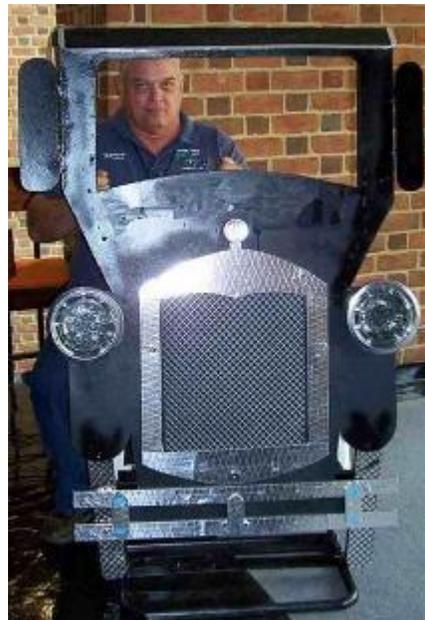


## Wanted..

To borrow a 1929 radiator for a Model A Ford. This radiator must have the screw on cap common on 1928-1929 radiators, with the radiator fins on the front having the dimple common on the 1930-1931 radiators and the fins on the back straight, common to all Model A radiators. Condition unimportant.

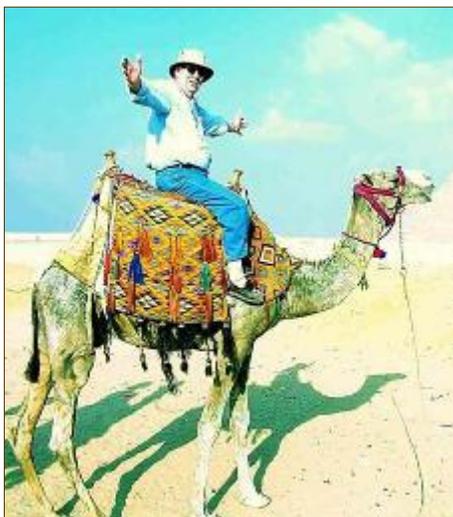
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*Right: The McPherson Mobile?*



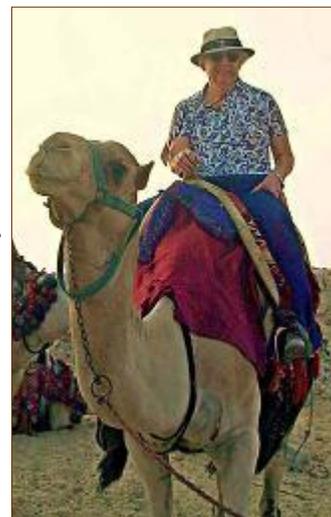
Graniteville

Frank and Linda Lindley's '29 Model AA Ambulance at the Graniteville Parade.



## EGYPT

'If you're going to Egypt', folks said, 'you must ride a camel'. So we did—  
...Your editors!





# VINTAGE VISIONS

...Frankie Dunevent

## THOSE MOVING WAISTLINES.....!

### 1920s



The biggest difference in dresses from 1928-1931 was the moving waistline.

In 1928 and 1929 the waist was at the widest part of the hipline. When the 1929 Fall/Winter catalogs came out, the waistline had moved to the top of the hips or a little bit above. Paris fashions of 1929 showed a natural waistline, but we were more conservative here in America, and we were about to enter the Depression.

A spring 1930 catalog showed the new waistline half way between the hipline and the natural waist. By the end of 1930 the natural waistline was shown.

In 1931 the skirt of the dress was attached to the bodice at the natural waistline and belted. In 1928-1929 most hems were uneven but in 1930-1931 the hemline was straight except for some evening wear.

A good way to remember is, before the Depression the waistlines were low and hems short and after the Depression the waistlines were higher and hems longer.

### 1930s



## WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT MODEL A ERA FASHIONS?

Anne Neely-Beck, MAFCA's Era Fashion Chairperson and a member of the Shade Tree A's, suggests that you 'check out' the MAFCA [Sparking Guide](#). You'll find it on their website—[www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com). In the left column, click on "Chapters", then choose "Chapter Aids". You'll find the "Sparking Guide" listed there. Click on it to view. Among the many topics that Anne discusses are:

- ⇒ How to "Spark" an Interest in Model A Fashion
  - Ten suggestions for getting started with era fashions
- ⇒ General Guidelines for Major Garments of the Model A Era
  - What makes an outfit appropriate for the occasion?
- ⇒ Wearing, Caring, and Storing Vintage Clothes
  - How to care for the delicate vintage clothes
- ⇒ Putting Together An Era-Looking Outfit
  - What do you need to know to replicate those old fashions?
- ⇒ Shoes and Accessories of the Model A Era
  - Shoes, handbags, hats, jewelry, scarves



# The STA/Model A Toolbox

Tech  
Corner

**As we start a New Year, here's a suggested STA Toolkit and Touring Items Check List:**

## **GENERAL:**

- Flashlight and maps and/or GPS
- Sunglasses, driving gloves, and hat of choice
- Cell phone and/or CB Radio
- Insurance Card or documentation
- TAG registration
- Club roster, spare change, credit card, copy of owner manual
- Pen, pencil, note pad
- First Aid Kit with band-aids, alcohol wipes, cue tip swabs, other typical first aid (and Distributor point cleaning items) such as personal medication and health card.
- Umbrella, car blanket, and folding stool or folding chair
- Extra quart of oil and bottled water, for both driver & car
- Add oil, water, and air in all the right places and amounts
- Fire extinguisher

## **TOOLS & SPARE PARTS:**

- Model A crank with lung wrench in handle
- Jack & handle, tire irons, patch kit, tire pump, and wheel block.
- Tool bag to leave in your car
- Extra lug nuts
- Cotter pins (assorted sizes), safety pins, and paper clips
- Electrical and/or duct tape
- Small hammer
- Feeler gauge, small file (nail type ok) and sandpaper
- Lubrication jelly packets, small WD-40, and 3-in-1 oil can
- Tire pressure gauge
- Test light with wire; also extra wires with alligator clips
- Extra fuses (should be using a fuse block on starter)
- Extra gas cap
- Light bulbs, tail & head light
- Extra spark plugs
- Knife, razor knife, hack saw blade
- Tie-down rope or bungee cord
- Straight and Philips screw drivers, 2 sizes
- Channel lock pliers
- Adjustable crescent wrench
- Open end or combination wrenches 3/8, 7/ 16, 1/2, 9/ 16, 5/8 and some smaller wrenches for those distributor and coil nuts
- Needle nose pliers
- Wire cutter or side cutter
- Spare coil and condenser
- Distributor cap, rotor, points or just a spare assembled distributor
- Rags, window cleaner, and detailer spray bottle of some sort



**NOTE:** You know your car and where you are going, so this is just a suggested list of items—not every car, driver, or tour would require every item on this list, but most cars should have most of this stuff!

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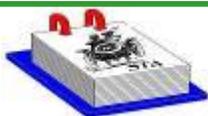


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# SHADE TREE A'S CALENDARS



## 2009

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Breakfast
- 5 **Shade Tree A's Meeting (note date change!)**
- 31 Tech Seminar

### FEBRUARY

- 9 Shade Tree A's Meeting
- 14 Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast

### MARCH

- 6-8 **Richmond Hill, GA**
- 9 Shade Tree A's Meeting

### APRIL

- 13 Shade Tree A's Meeting

### MAY

- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting

### JUNE

- 8 Shade Tree A's 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)

### 2009

#### January

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

#### March

- 26-28 **MARC Membership Meet, Marietta, GA**

#### 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

### January 2009

**McPherson, Komp, Miller**

### February 2009

**Garvin, Shogren, Cerefin, Roberts**

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

Frank and Linda Lindley

Don Whitaker



As the 2009 Roster is prepared, we'll be welcoming more new folks. Stay tuned!

## MYSTERY MEMBERS



- 1) Two of our members were born in Zanesville, Ohio (but not in the same year). Who are they?

Please send me little-known facts about you or some of your STA fellow members. I'd like to include them in this new section of our monthly newsletter.

My email address is: [patroberts@wildblue.net](mailto:patroberts@wildblue.net)  
Please put: Mystery Member as the subject

## Happy January Birthdays!

- 4 – Michael Gordon
- 7 – Paul West
- 12 – Frankie Dunevent
- 14 – Carrie Horner
- 15 – Karen Foster
- 16 – Donna Wold
- 31 – Jack Horner



## Under The Shade Tree

- We learned that Sheila McPherson's mom was hospitalized the night of our Christmas Party.
- See December minutes, page 3, for those with other health concerns..