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# Shade Tree A's Newsletter



*Be Thankful  
for  
Model A Parts!*

Jim McPherson  
at  
Model T Haven,  
Iola, Kansas

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### November Meeting Notice

The Shade Tree A's will meet on **Monday, November 9** in Richard Dunevent's garage. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.



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### STA ELECTION

Your ballot is included in this issue.  
 It's due December 1.

### DUES NOTICE

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N** You've already received your MAFCA dues notice in the mail. As your MAFCA dues are included in your Shade Tree A's 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 **\$65.00** (payable to the Shade Tree A's), complete the green dues card and get them both to Richard no later than **December 1, 2009**. You may also mail your dues to:  
 Richard Dunevent, 4338 Owens Rd., Evans, GA 30809-9678

**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 (MARC). Dues are \$38 yearly and include a subscription to the *Model "A" News*.  
 MARC, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135




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



## Off The Running Board

Thoughts from our President...

I was very impressed and pleased that so many club members found the time to honor Bill Maypole at his funeral on October 7<sup>th</sup>. With so many members at Hershey participating in the AACA National Meet, I was initially concerned but as it turned out pleasantly surprised. The club was asked to be honorary pallbearers and lead the procession to the cemetery following the service. We managed to have 10 Model A's and about 20 club members serve and honor Bill during the ceremony. I know Jo, Bill's widow, was grateful for our attendance and expressed her gratitude to me and others and stated that Bill would have also appreciated our attendance and thanked us for coming.

In addition, to serving as STA Board member 2006-2007, Bill Maypole's career in the automotive industry as an Industrial Design Engineer led him to positions in Buick as Chief Designer and with Volkswagen as Director of Design. On several occasions, Bill made presentations to the club about his experiences in the automotive industry. A few years ago, one of Bill's friends brought his Stanley Steamer to one of our club meetings to explain the history and workings of the car before continuing to a Meet in Florida. Bill's love for the automobile was vast and his compassion for cars and people won't be forgotten.

Bill Maypole was light-hearted, easy-going and fun to be around. His genuine interest in people and in return people's interest in him was contagious. Bill offered his talents, ideas for improvement and experience base to the club for which we are all better off. Bill will be missed as a Shade Tree A club member and club officer but mostly Bill's personality and demeanor will leave a hole in the future of the organization. We miss you, Bill.

Have a Safe Trip,

Craig

## Veteran's Day



November 11



## Minutes of October Meeting

The monthly meeting of the STA's was called to order on October 12 by Vice President Jim McPherson in the absence of President Craig McMullin. Name tags were checked and this month's birthdays were read. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. The deaths of members Lucky Birkinshaw and Bill Maypole were announced. The Club acted as honorary pallbearers at the funeral of Bill. The treasurer's report was read by Richard Dunevent. Tom Roberts requested that any nominations for officers/board of directors be in by October 15 since the ballot will be in the November newsletter. Also, anyone with parade information should get it to the newsletter for publication.

Abbie Prince, Gerald Melchior, Don Turley, Bobby Markwalter and Michael Gordon, reported on the MARC National Tour in Charlottesville, VA, International Model A Day activities, Palmetto A's Swap Meet, Hershey AACA National Meet and the Oliver Hardy parade, respectively.

Barbara Bryant requested that anyone who hasn't signed up for the Steak Cookout do so soon. Jim McPherson reviewed plans for Richland Creek Old Farm Days (Nov 7) and the STA Christmas Party (Dec 19). He also stated the deadlines for Officer/Board of Director nominations (Oct 15) and nominations for the Monroe Wade Award (Nov 9). Don Turley passed out calendars from Hershey.\*\*

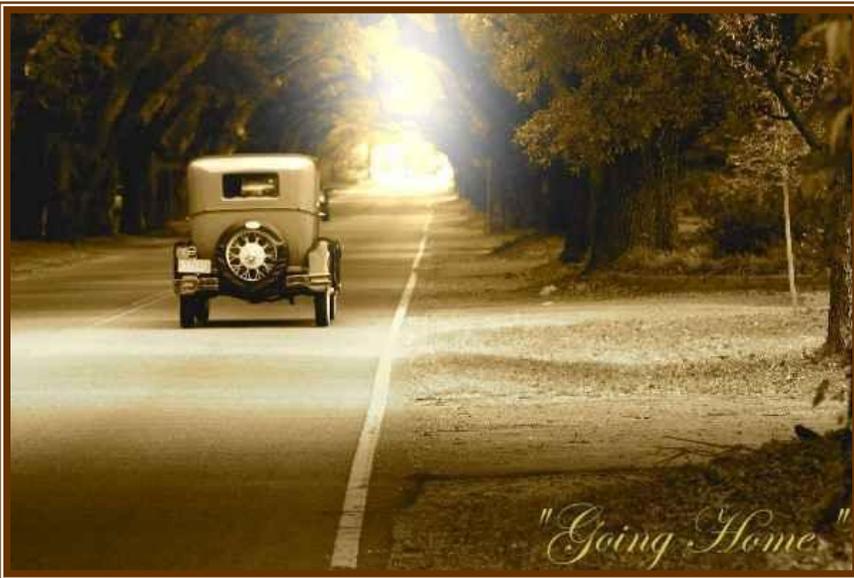
Jim McPherson presented a "Trick or Treat" program on identifying Model A parts. These were put in bags and passed around for ID—without looking! An individual was then chosen to share his/her guess as to what was in the bag—there were some very unique IDs! The meeting adjourned at 8 pm, followed by refreshments.

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

\*\*Don Turley is giving the calendars to STA members—one per household—and he will have them available at the November and December meetings for those who did not yet receive one.

## Remembering.....

This photograph, taken by Barry Ready a few years ago in memory of his father, STA member Wayne Ready, seems appropriate now, too, as we remember STA members Lucky and Meg Birkinshaw and Bill Maypole.

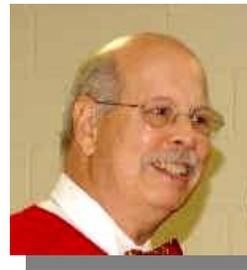


### Donald "Lucky" and Meg Birkinshaw

This happy picture of Lucky and Meg was taken at the 2003 MAFCA Southeastern Division Meet, hosted by the Shade Tree A's. Lucky (Donald) passed away in September 2009; Meg in October 2007.



### William "Bill" Haven Maypole



Bill passed away October 3 after an extended illness, STA members were honorary pallbearers at his funeral on October 7. Read Craig's column,

page 3, for more about Bill. Upon his retirement, he began a "new" career as a portrait artist—and joined the STAs!

## A GLIMPSE OF AUGUSTA'S PAST

**Walter Smith** rescued this photo from the Augusta Grocery Company before the building was demolished to make way for the Civic Center.

Thanks, Walter, for sharing it with us!





## 2009 MARC NATIONAL TOUR

..Anne Neely-Beck

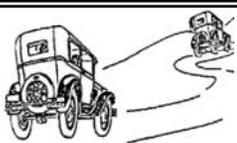
The road to Charlottesville, VA began for the **Becks** on Friday 9-18. We drove to Columbia, SC spent the night and met up with **Abbie and Brenda Prince** on Saturday morning. We drove to Scottsville, VA and left our pickups and trailers at the local Ace hardware there. We got on the road in the Model A's for our 14-mile ride to Charlottesville and Darla, our car, only makes it about 5 miles and quit. Abbie had his video camera going filming the whole event. After a 30-minute roadside technical seminar we got on our way. Next day we are ready to do a tour on our own and the car doesn't start so again we tackle the problem and after changing the points we are

good to go. Went to Graves Lodge in Syria, VA Ridge Parkway. This is beautiful country and we discovered some antique stores and back at **Kroosting** and later **Jim Mason**. James and I was very nice. Monday was an awesome day as Shenandoah Valley to Luray and had lunch at then on to Luray Caverns which was breath



went to the Drive-In along with a lot of other *Thunder Road (R)*. Tuesday was the Skyline bear, deer and other wildlife abound. Lunch mountain which was built during the Depression. The manifold cooking contest was next and that will take a whole page to tell about--so maybe next month. Wednesday was the grand tour to Montpelier and it was a real treat. This was James Madison's home place and is undergoing a renovation. So far it is beautiful and they hope to restore the furnishing in the next year or two. After the tour Abbie, Brenda and the Moores went to Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello and James and I went to Belmont Farms Distillery, the only family-owned Moonshine still in America. Vicky Moore had clued us in to bring a straw as you were allowed to dip it into the vat and taste 150 proof whiskey that was being aged in apple wood, very nice. (R) The region shirts dinner that night was great, the entertainment was awesome and I won a raffle prize. We all wanted the pedal car, engine, and set of tires but that didn't happen. Had several people come up to me and say how much they liked the STA's shirts as they thought they were the best looking, we agreed. We saw many friends Ken Miller, Buck, David and Vicky Moore, the Charleston bunch and Ralph and his wife from 96. We all agreed it was the best meet ever. *P.S. Anne's dining services picked some great restaurants!*

and traveled along the Old Blue had great food. Sunday afternoon the hotel we found **Curtis and Linda** went to the ice cream social which we traveled through the an Inn that was built in 1931 and taking. Monday night James and I Model A's and saw the classic drive tour which was beautiful, was at Big Meadow Lodge on the



### MILLION MILE PROGRAM

MAFCA will be starting a new program next year relating to mileage. This is just a "heads up" so that when the time comes, the Club can participate.

In the Nov/Dec issue of *The Restorer*, you'll learn more about the Program. Basically, this is a challenge to see if (all) MAFCA members can achieve the goal of driving 1,000,000 miles between January 1 and September 30 (I think we can). Monthly, chapters are encouraged to report the total mileage their MAFCA members drive. Should we meet the goal, all MAFCA members participating will receive a decal to put on their windshield.

Each month I will send you an E-mail requesting your current speedometer reading —then I'll do the rest.

Ken Nelson – Mileage person

### STA HOLIDAY GIFTS

A wide variety of items, all bearing the STA logo, are available just in time for Christmas. There are Club vests, all types of shirts (polo and woven), jackets (windbreakers, light and heavy), tote bags, throw blankets for your legs, and more. Susan tells us she can now get Hanes Stedman and Outer Banks polo shirts and a good selection of woven shirts.



Just contact Susan Meloan (her business card is on page 11) and she will personalize your item with the STA logo, your name, and the year and body style of your Model A. The 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 with a Club vest for \$35; jackets are \$65. (Price includes both the item and its embroidery). Susan plans to send a catalog to the November Club meeting. What great STA gifts!!



## ALONG THE WAY....

### PALMETTO A'S SWAP MEET September 25-26, 2009

The Palmetto A's held their annual swap meet September 25th and 26th in Columbia, SC.



Threatening rain both days kept attendance down, and the MARC National Tour earlier in the week affected vendor participation.

But those attending enjoyed a lot of fellowship, looking at a variety of Model A and T Fords, and fabulous banana ice cream Friday and peach on Saturday. A tour of historic Columbia was held Saturday afternoon in celebration of International Model A Day

*Top, Linda Nelson and Faye Prince of the Palmetto A's*

*Bottom: Don Turley of the Shade Tree A's*

### MEN'S HEALTH EXPO/ INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY

September 26, 2009

There were a total of 16 STA Model A's and AA's on display at this community health event. Here's a list of those attending as compiled by Dan Perla. Thanks, Dan!!



The **Melchoirs** and their '30 Cabriolet  
**Doug Wilson** and his '29 P/U  
**George Gordon** and his '29 P/U  
**Richard Dunevent** and his "'32" Tudor

**Larry Komp** and his '29 Huckster  
**Joe Christian** and his '31 P/U  
**Curtis Krosting** and his '30 Town Sedan  
**Dan Perla** and his '30 Town Sedan & '31 AA Mail Truck Chassis (left)  
**Theresa McMullin** and their '30 Fordor  
**Frank Lindley/Gold Cross EMS** and their '29 AA Ambulance (below)  
**Barb & Pat Bryant** and their '31 Tudor  
**Jerome Trapp and son** with their '28 Special Coupe & '29 DeLuxe Fordor  
**Larry DuVall** and his '31 Coupe  
**Stuart Smith** and his '29 Tudor



### OLIVER HARDY PARADE

October 3, 2009

There were a dozen Model A's in the parade, including one from the Jacksonville, FL club—**Rich and Carole Barsky** in their '28 Sport Coupe. Other drivers were **Curtis Krosting, Richard Dunevent, Frank Lindley, Larry DuVall, George Gordon, William Gordon, Eric Shogren, Gerald Melchior, Ernie Dinkins, Doug Pearson and Don Whitaker.**



*Top, Bottom L: Getting ready!  
L: George Gordon & Christine Lindner  
Bottom C: "Laurel & Hardy" rode in the Gordon truck in previous parade  
Bottom R: Linda Krosting and their Town Sedan*





# November/December Events

## 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RICHLAND CREEK FALL FESTIVAL

Highways 178 & 39S, Saluda, SC  
Saturday, November 7, 2009

On **Saturday, November 7** we'll leave from the closed Hardee's on HWY 25 at I-20 at 8 a.m. and tour to John Berry's farm between Ridge Spring and Saluda, SC. Featured at this increasingly popular 3-day event will be antique tractors,



engines, tractor pull, saw mill, syrup cooking, crafts, vendors and a children's pedal race. If you drive your Model A, the admission is free. For more information, please call John F. Berry at 864-445-2781 or e-mail him at [jfberry@wildblue.net](mailto:jfberry@wildblue.net)



## LOWCOUNTRY A'S CAR SHOW

Friday-Saturday  
November 20-21, 2009

The Lowcountry A's of Charleston, SC invite the STA's to join them **November 20 and 21** for their "Rockin-Charleston Open Car and Truck Show". The show will be held on a farm in Adams Run, SC, about 12 miles south of Charleston—follow Savannah Highway (U.S Highway 17) south to Spring Grove Road and turn right. Pre-registration is \$15. All cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. There will be food, a swap meet and horseshoes. Judging starts at noon with awards at 3 p.m. Proceeds go to the American Heart Association.

## MAFCA Membership Meeting

December 2<sup>nd</sup> -December 5<sup>th</sup>,  
2009 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Come join your fellow MAFCA members in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and experience the wonderful social and educational attractions our great city has to offer. Visit the brand new Harley Davidson Museum, the world renowned Milwaukee Art Museum, and dine at one of our great German Restaurants prior to attending the classic play, A Christmas Carol, performed at the 1927 restored Pabst Theater. Meet the new 2010 MAFCA Board of Directors, and renew and establish new friendships with MAFCA members from around the world.

See your July/August issue of the *Restorer* for complete details, or visit [www.MAFCA.com](http://www.MAFCA.com) for more information.

Gary Zehren, Chairperson



## THE STA HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Below, you'll find the lineup and parade times for the events we usually attend in the GA-SC region. Also, note the special STA activities—the Christmas Lights Tour on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the Party on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Lineup locations and further details will be in the December newsletter.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4	5 Grovetown, GA <u>LU 9, P 12:00</u> Graniteville SC LU 2:30, P 3
	6 Aiken, SC <u>LU1, P 2</u> Thomson GA LU2, P 3	7	8-8 Gracewood Campus, GA <u>LU12, P 1</u> STA Christmas Lights— Richard's, 7 pm	9 Rain date, Gracewood Campus	10	11	12 Hephzibah, GA <u>LU 10; P 11</u> Gibson, GA <u>LU 2; P 3</u> Midland Valley SC LU 2, P 3
	13 Jackson, SC LU 1, P 3	14	15	16	17	18	19 STA Christmas Party, 1 pm (see page 8)
	<b>RED DATES = PARADES</b> <b>GREEN DATES = STA ACTIVITIES</b>						LU = Lineup Time P = Parade Time

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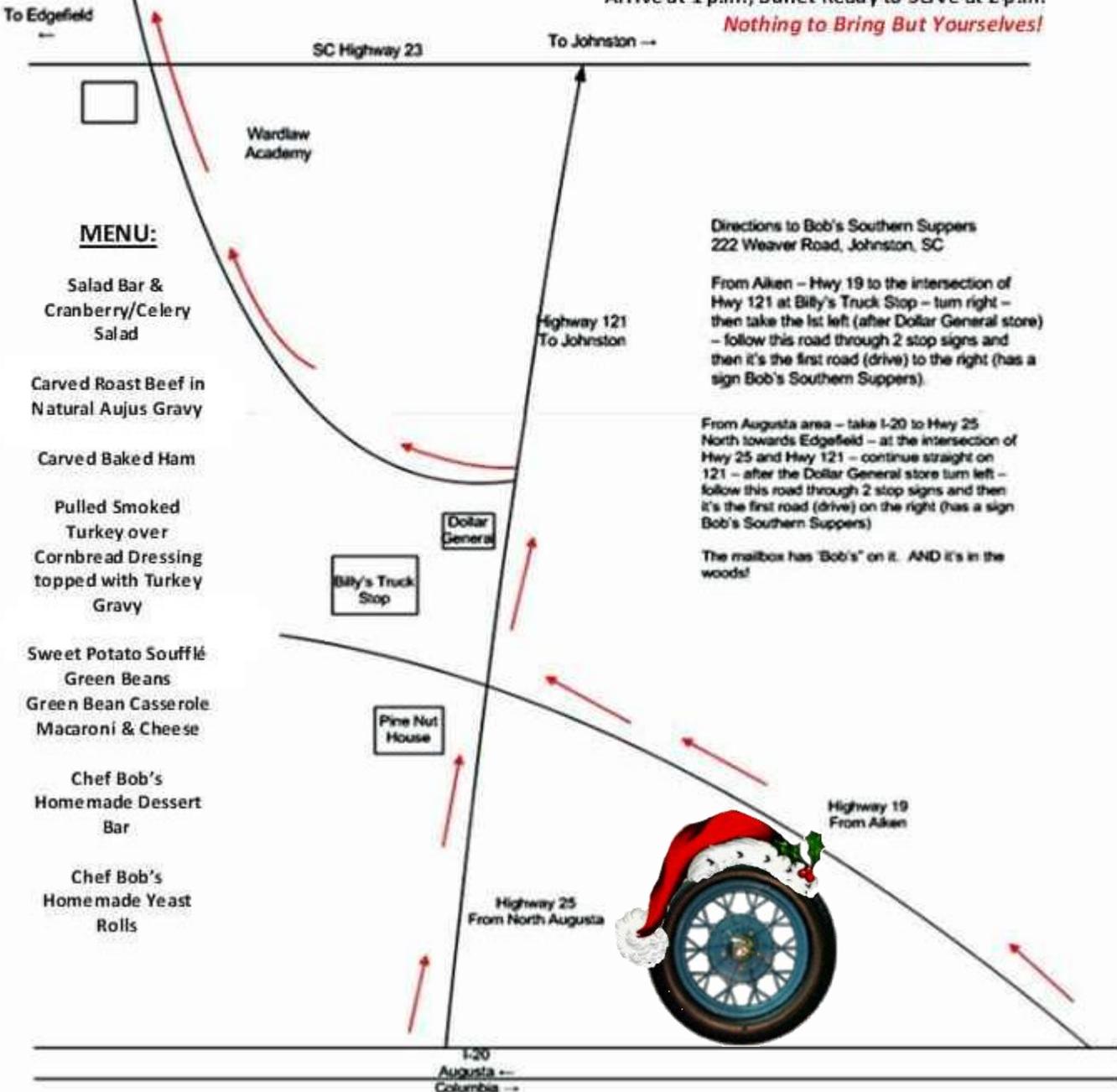
Holiday Activity Calendar



**SHADE TREE A'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
 Saturday, December 19, 2009  
 Bob's Southern Suppers, Johnston, SC

Cost per person: \$24  
 (includes meal, tax, tip and cork fee)  
 Total Cost for 12/under: \$10

Arrive at 1 p.m.; Buffet Ready to Serve at 2 p.m.  
*Nothing to Bring But Yourselves!*



**MENU:**

- Salad Bar & Cranberry/Celery Salad
- Carved Roast Beef in Natural Aujus Gravy
- Carved Baked Ham
- Pulled Smoked Turkey over Cornbread Dressing topped with Turkey Gravy
- Sweet Potato Soufflé
- Green Beans
- Green Bean Casserole
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Chef Bob's Homemade Dessert Bar
- Chef Bob's Homemade Yeast Rolls

Directions to Bob's Southern Suppers  
 222 Weaver Road, Johnston, SC

From Aiken – Hwy 19 to the intersection of Hwy 121 at Billy's Truck Stop – turn right – then take the 1st left (after Dollar General store) – follow this road through 2 stop signs and then it's the first road (drive) to the right (has a sign Bob's Southern Suppers).

From Augusta area – take I-20 to Hwy 25 North towards Edgefield – at the intersection of Hwy 25 and Hwy 121 – continue straight on 121 – after the Dollar General store turn left – follow this road through 2 stop signs and then it's the first road (drive) on the right (has a sign Bob's Southern Suppers)

The mailbox has 'Bob's' on it. AND it's in the woods!

I-20  
 Augusta ←  
 Columbia →



# VINTAGE VISIONS

..Linda Krosting

You have just received  
the November 1929 issue of *McCall's*.  
Quickly you flip through its pages to locate the new fashions.  
The annual Christmas Charity Ball is only weeks away.  
Realizing there's not much time for you to select a pattern  
and make the gown, you quickly examine each of the patterns.  
Narrowing the choices down to two dresses, you ask yourself,  
"Which one will be the knockout dress for me?"

## Lelong 5858

A circular flounce with a long graceful dip at the back is a striking feature of an evening gown by Lelong



## Patou 5854

A tab collar dipping low in the back and low placed drapery on the skirt accent the long line of a Patou gown



# "A" Cornucopia of Tidbits



—Ken Nelson

**Radiator** - Unless you have a leak in the system somewhere, the Model A radiator will seek its own water level. If you can see the water around or below the baffle it should be OK. It wouldn't hurt to put a small plastic extension on the overflow tube so it's just below the cap to compensate for these new "efficient" water pumps. You should still carry a jug of water either for you or the car. Distilled is better than plain water because of the different metals involved.

**Gasoline** - In the summer months, gas will have "transition to vapor point" at about 140 degrees and in the winter months the transfer point is about 105 degrees. If you still have "winter" gas in your Model A in the summer months, the chance of **vapor lock** is increased because of the lower "transfer to vapor point". Siphon the majority out and use it for your yard tools.

**Transmission** - When was the last time you checked the oil level? That little drip every now and then adds up. You should be able to reach the level with your little finger. Low level of 600 WT will contribute to shifting problems and the overall life of the unit.

**Differential** - When was the last time you pulled the plug and checked the level? You could be gaining oil because it's coming down the torque tube from your transmission or you could be losing oil because it's going past the seals in the axle housing on the way to your brake shoes. Oil and brakes isn't a good thing.

**Tires** - How often do you check the pressure (35lbs)? Tires will lose a pound or two a month and those "skinny" tires need all the help you can give them.

**Wheel lug nuts** - Ever have a wheel pass you by? Some times the wheel lugs will loosen up a bit. Make sure you torque them to 55 Ft. Lbs. Have you ever seen axles, drums and backing plates that have come in contact with the road at 45 MPH? It's not pretty or fun to drive.

**Head Lights** - What ever candle power bulbs you're running a good set of reflectors will make a big difference in the reflection. An easy way to adjust the headlight beams to use a four foot carpenter level to set 0 degrees left/right and a degree level to set 2 degrees down.

**Oil breather** - If you have installed a flexible oil breather tube on your oil filler tube to cut down on engine odor, you might want to check to see if the baffle inside the cap is restricting the outlet. If the baffle covers the opening in the flex tubing there could be backpressure building up that will result in the formation of rust and light brown residue in the tube. It could also cause the rear main to leak if you have just changed oil and are driving at sustained highway speeds.

**Water outlet pipe** (bottom of radiator) - The powder coated version "flakes" on the inside and will add junk to your cooling system (it happened to me). Stainless is the only safe way to go.



*We're thankful for Model A parts—and for tips that tell us how to use them!*

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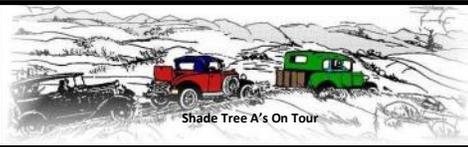


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# Down The Road.....

## CLUB EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 6-8 Richland Creek Old Farm Days/Fall Festival
- 9 **Shade Tree A's Meeting /Deadline for Monroe Wade Award nominations**

### DECEMBER

- 5 **Grovetown, GA Parade, noon**
- 5 **Graniteville, SC Parade, 3 pm**
- 6 **Aiken, SC Parade, 2 pm**
- 6 **Thomson, GA Parade, 3 pm**
- 8 **Gracewood, GA Parade, 1 pm**
- 8 **Christmas Lights Tour, Dunevent's, 7 pm**
- 12 **Hephzibah, GA Parade, 11 am**
- 12 **Gibson, GA Parade, 3 pm**
- 12 **Midland Valley, SC Parade, 3 pm**
- 13 **Jackson, SC Parade, 3 pm**
- 19 Christmas Party, Chef Bob's Southern Suppers, Johnston, SC, **1 pm**

### 2010

### JANUARY

- 1 New Years Breakfast
- 11 **Shade Tree A's Meeting**



A **RED** entry denotes a change or an addition to these calendars.

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

(Non-club events but members are encouraged to participate)

### November

- 7 **GA Southern Car Show: contact Blake Minor, blake.minor31@hotmail.com**
- 20-21 **Rockin-Charleston Open Car & Truck Show**
- 20-22 Moultrie Swap Meet

### December

- 2-5 MAFCA Membership Meeting, Brookfield, WI

### 2010

### April

- 8-11 Charlotte Autofair
- 9-11 MARC Membership Meet, Terre Haute, IN

### June

- 13-18 MARC National Meet, French Lick, IN
- 19-27 MAFCA 150th Anniversary Pony Express Model A Tour

### August

- 2-5 MAFCA International Convention, Vancouver

## REFRESHMENTS

Underlined name coordinates what the group brings

### November

- W. Gordon, Collier, M. Gordon, DuVall

### December

- Christmas Party**



## FOR SALE



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