



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

September Meeting Notice



The Shade Tree A's will meet on **Monday,** September 14 in

Richard Dunevent's garage. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Come prepared for a most interesting and informative Model A program!

Also, be thinking about someone you'd like to nominate as a 2010 officer or a member of the Board of Directors..maybe you'd like to run yourself! Give their name (or yours) to the Nominating Committee: Eric Shogren, Tony Gazette, or Tom Roberts.

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⇔ Anne Neely-Beck is recovering from extensive hand surgery. Hope you're feeling better, Anne!

⇒ Jim McPherson has a new granddaughter. Congratulations!

➡ It was good to see Christine Gordon and Tina Neitzke at the dinner meeting!

∈ Ed Garvin has moved to Cumberland Village in Aiken.

Editor's I probably don't have everyone's birthday on file —if you haven't seen your BIG DAY acknowledged, please let me know so that I may add it. Thanks—Pat





Thoughts from our President...

Many of you have attended the recent Saturday Technical Seminars over the summer where much of the focus has been on the complete overhaul of a 1929 pickup cab and bed. The condition of some of the body parts were quite rusted or even non-existent. Many comments early on were to the affect, "You want to do <u>what</u> with this truck?" or "Are you sure you want to restore <u>this</u> thing?" However, after several technical sessions of getting dirty, grinding, welding, leading, and discovering that each club member has something to offer, be it technical knowledge, desire, sweat, and/or craftsmanship, the pickup body slowly came back to life.

Although trying at times, this restoration project has been very beneficial to the club. It has brought many club members closer together. The older guys had an opportunity to pass on some of their knowledge and experiences to some of the younger folks. Many had a first time restoration experience and stated, "Wow! I didn't realize it would turn out so good based on what we had to work with just a few months earlier."

I would like to thank some of our more senior club members for their time and energies in participating in this project. In particular, Jim Dover, Jim Miller, and George Gordon were very instrumental in seeing this project through. In addition, I especially want to thank Richard Dunevent for the use of his garage, tools, miscellaneous nuts and bolts, and various other consumables. Richard is always generous when it comes to ensuring that another club member's car problems are addressed. Although the pickup is not complete, I want to thank those who have worked on this project over the hot summer months and hope to see you all at the next technical session.

Have a safe trip, Craig



Minutes of the August **Dinner Meeting**

The August Monthly Meeting of the Shade Tree As was held on August 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at Famous Dave's on Washington Road. There were 49 members and 5 visitors present and as usual everyone enjoyed the meal and fellowship.

President Craig McMullin warned of a short business meeting and began by announcing August birthdays. As a special treat, the restaurant helped celebrate Sheila McPherson's 50th Birthday by presenting her with a balloon crown and chocolate dessert and then everyone sang Happy Birthday.

President McMullin reminded everyone of the next club activity - the Penny Pinson Hot Dog Picnic with the 96 Club on September 12th. We are looking forward to a good turnout and tour - look for more information in the September newsletter. Also upcoming is the Model A International Day, which is September 26th. We will be celebrating that day promoting men's health with a car display for Doctor's Hospital at the Evans Town Center.

With no further business, the dinner meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Theresa



29 Model A Ford Roadster, 1928 Model A Ford Tudor and a 1928 Model A Ford Pickup

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"TROOPER'S RIDE"



Original Art by George Shumate; Prints Available www.geoshumate.com

On the cover, you saw a <u>detail</u> of this painting. George writes: 'I think this particular crossing is near Troutville, Virginia, close to Shep's house.' (Shep is the collie on July's newsletter cover) Trooper is a white German shepherd who



loves to ride—you'll see him in the bed of the truck. Tom, Laurie and I met Trooper this summer, too!

Again, what detail in the painting! You'll notice the brake light of the coupe is on—he doesn't want to get hit by the train! The windshield of the truck is partially clean—only where the wiper would reach. An American flag flies from the front of the train. See what else you can find.

I wonder what the fellow in the red pickup and his visitors will do—are they going hunting? fishing? Or—will they be having a tech session? On a sparkling fall day, the sky's the limit!

Again, a big thank-you to George—we're really pleased that you'll share your work with us! Visit his webpage and see what other treasures you'll find!!

THE MODEL A TOURING CLUB

Through our Model A club newsletter exchanges, we've learned a lot about club activities

throughout the country. One of these is the Model A Touring Club (MATC), a Special Interest Group of MAFCA. Its slogan is "Going Places in Model A Fords".

Ever thought of driving your "A" in Europe? Australia? Then you may be interested in what this group has done. Among the countries the Club (and their Model A) have visited are The Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Monaco, Mexico, Canada, Australia, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Once you arrive at your tour location, your Model A is your main mode of transportation as you meet new friends, enjoy the sights and drive the roads and byways of your host country.

The Club's membership (90 families ±) come from the USA and Canada. For a tour, members fly from common embarkation airports in their geographic areas and three ports of embarkation (situated on the Atlantic, Pacific, and e Gulf coasts) are arranged for the cars. A standard marine container is just large enough to hold three standard-length Model A Fords, so Club tours are planned to take cars in multiples of three. Most tours comprise approximately 30 cars, though some tours are less. The Webpage (www.modelatouring.com) shares information about tour costs, etc.

The summer 2009 issue of *The Milepost*, the Club's newsletter, features three families who reached one of their goals—driving a Model A in all of the **50** states. A write-up of their June trip to Hawaii and lots of photos were included. In 2010, a Lincoln Highway tour is being planned.

Interested in learning more about this Club)? You can visit their webpage; then subscribe to the email *Milepost* by clicking on the Newsletter link in the left pane and following the directions from there.

EXCERPTS FROM MAFCA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING Saturday, April 25, 2009—Dallas, Texas



- The MAFCA/MARC Judging Standards Publications Committee is anticipating completion 1st supplement of the Judging Standards Revision 3 this year.
 - MAFCA has 268 Chapters registered.
 - MAFCA has a new SIG (Special Interest Group) AFORD—A Fellowship of Retired Directors. They have volunteered to be a resource for current MAFCA Boards.
 - The Chapter Coordinator newsletter is now on the MAFCA website.
 - MAFCA currently has 13,154 members; 420 international and 12,734 US members.
 - "How to Restore Your Model A, Vol. 8" is being edited by Les Andrews and will be ready for sale prior to Hershey this year.





TECH SESSION 22 July 25, 2009

Twenty-two Tech Sessions and we are still going strong! The cab actually looks like a cab. Watching the cab come together, it was

amazing how individual flimsy parts became a solid structure. Work on the cab and bed are completed thanks to the hard work and persistence of many of

you. It was nice to have Jerome Trapp and his friend Bruce with us. Now it is off to the sandblasters, then prime and paint. Our next task is sanding, in preparation for the paint. Then the fun part begins, final assembly and alignment. The old saying measure



twice, cut once went to the extreme to ensure the 28 1/2" door opening was correct for the door fit. Thanks to Sheila McPherson and Theresa McMullin for lunch

Left: Ken Nelson, George Gordon, Larry DuVall, Doug Wilson, Pascal Bryant, Ernie Dinkins, Dan Perla, Curtis Krosting. Top: Larry DuVall, Jerome Trapp, Bruce, Jim McPherson; Top Right: Bill Adams, Doug Wilson, Curtis Krosting, Craig McMullin; Bottom Right: Jim McPherson Bakhar Madurultada "A"



and Richard Dunevent admire Bobby Markwalter's "A".

GA CHAPTER OF MAFCA MODEL A SWAP MEET Tucker, GA

August 8, 2009



Several members of the STAs were able to attend this swap meet and to view the cars in the private museum at

the Cofer Family's Stable of Thoroughbreds in Tucker, GA. I heard the comments "what HUGE headlights on those Duesenbergs—I never saw a Tucker

l ucker before!"

Thanks to Rachel d'Entremont for these photos.











Food—Fun—Birthdays! (Sheila McPherson's 50!!)

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gold in the afternoon. Our own Abbie Prince placed third in his class. Good job Abbie! There were more participants in the hill climb and tour than ever before, coming from as far away as Miami, New York and Texas. The awards banquet was held Saturday night aboard the Delta Queen with a 1920-30's string band providing the entertainment. There was a full breakfast each morning, at 9 o'clock. That is life on the Delta Queen.



LIFE ON THE DELTA QUEEN

The Scenic City A's hosted a Model A tour and F.A.S.T. Southeast Hill Climb August 7-9 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The historic Delta Queen riverboat was the host hotel. For those of you who have attended previous tours, the Delta Queen is docked on the far

side of the river, next to the walking bridge and Coolidge Park. And for those

bridge and Coolidge Park. And for those of you who have been on one of our cruises, those rooms are spacious. Here, you had to get out of the shower to

turn around! The Friday tour was to the Tennessee Valley Authority's Raccoon Mountain. This was a great drive for the Model A's. We toured the Overlook, then headed to Laurel Point where Mark and Jesse had lunch waiting. Pulled BBQ chicken and country style ribs melted in

your mouth, not to mention the brownies and ice cream for dessert. Back on the tour there was the East Overlook, then back into Chattanooga. On this tour we also saw the Tennessee Grand Canyon, and learned why they took the top off a mountain and built a lake, and why the Tennessee River

sometimes flows backwards. From previous visits we had established our favorite places to eat, and we are beginning to know our way around the city. The hill climb was held Saturday, with practice runs in the morning and the run for the













A DAY AT HARD LABOR Aiken, SC Monday, September 7, 2009

The City of Aiken is supporting a Law Enforcement and Friends BBQ Cook-off to benefit the United Way, on **Labor Day**, **Monday**, **September 7** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Shade Tree A's have been invited to display our cars at the event, which will be held in the Newberry Street Festival Center. The cars will be set up starting in the Festival Center area between Richland and Park Avenues and extending into the adjacent bank parking lot.

- You may set your car up earlier than the event and stay as long as you want. (The contestants for the cook-off will be there all night prior to the event)
- One admission wristband (ticket for all-you-care-to-eat) will be free for each car displayed—as long as we have a name of the exhibitor in advance. For exhibitors who show up the day of (without advance warning), they will be given the pre-sale price of \$10 rather than \$15
- If you wish to display your car only (and don't wish to eat), you do not need an entrance wrist band



If you wish to display your car, contact Rachel d'Entremont. She may be reached at: (w) 803-642-7608, (h) 803-649-3618.; her email is Rachel@dEntremont.us







HISTORIC MORGANTON FESTIVAL & HILL CLIMB Friday-Saturday, September 11-12, 2009

The city of Morganton, NC welcomes you to the Historic

Morganton Festival (antiques, art and music festival featuring two stages—one featuring national acts), **AND** the Morganton Hill Climb in downtown Morganton, on **September 11-12**. The host hotel is the Holiday Inn (828 -437-0171), \$59/night). Participate or watch the hill climb Friday and display your Model A in our own area Saturday. Registration (FREE) forms will be available at the meeting, or call Jim McPherson (706-592-4835).

PENNY PINSON HOT DOG DAY Ninety-Six, SC Saturday, September 12, 2009

On **Saturday September 12th**, we will meet for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill in <u>North Augusta</u> (Martintown Road) at 8 o'clock. At 9, we'll depart for the Star Fort, on Route 248 south of Ninety-Six, SC. Hot dogs and paper products will be provided by the Old 96 District A's. Please bring drinks, a dish to share with the group, and chairs.



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



The Palmetto A's will hold their 3rd Annual ALL Model A and Model T Swap Meet **Friday** and **Saturday**, **September 25** and **26** from 8. to 5 at Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts, 60 Wisconsin Street, West Columbia, SC. There will be parts vendors (\$25 preregistration, \$30 at Gate), a Car Corral (\$10/2 days), a Model A and T Display area, door prizes and food concessions. There's a \$2 admission fee.



PIONEER DAYS Twiggs County, GA September 26, 2009

Twiggs County, the geographical center of Georgia, and the home to James and Anne Beck, is celebrating their bicentennial this year. On **September 26, 2009** they are having their Pioneer Days and would like to invite all Model A owners to display their cars for the day. This would be a great one-day tour in your Model A. For more info go to <u>twiggspioneerdays.com</u> Saturday, September 26 is INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY!

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY Saturday, September 26, 2009

Mark **Saturday**, **September 26**, International Model A Day, on your calendar. Plan to add <u>your</u> "A" (or A's) to the STA car display at the community event listed to the right—come join us! For more information, read the President's Column, page 3 in our August issue.





Help Out, - Dadgum It!

by EDDIE COLLINS

I would like personally to encourage you folks who have been in the club for awhile, yet not run for an office, to become more involved by taking the plunge. Each year it's like pulling hen's teeth to find people who are willing to contribute to the running of this fine group. We all need to "tote the water pail" occasionally and help out.

There is a core of very wonderful willing members who seem always to take positions at the last minute because the nominating committee runs up against a brick wall trying to convince "new blood" to contribute by taking an office. Some who have held office, often repeatedly and for extended periods, get a little "frustrated" by those who want to take advantage of all the club has to offer, yet are unwilling to become a part of the effort to make this club even better than it is. "Let the 'regulars' take care of it" just doesn't cut it. Please Help!

2010 SHADE TREE A ELECTIONS

In the August edition of the *Quail Mail*, newsletter of the Lowcountry Model "A" Ford Club, Eddie Collins wrote the column to the left. Couldn't have said it better ourselves, Eddie! We are now accepting nominations for the following officers and Board of Directors:

- $\sqrt{1}$ President
- √ Vice President
- √ Secretary
- √ Treasurer
- $\sqrt{}$ National Director
- $\sqrt{}$ Board of Directors (2 positions)

Do you have someone you'd like to nominate for one of these positions—or want to take the plunge yourself? All nominations must be turned in to a member of the nominating committee by **October 15**. The ballot will be in the November newsletter, with results announced at the Christmas party.

Nominating Committee

Eric Shogren Tony Gazette Tom Roberts





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Fifth Avenue style fashions didn't have to be expensive in the Model A era. This page from McCall's January 1928 issue of <u>Complete Catalogue of McCall Transfers</u> states "You Can Easily Make These Smart Felt Hats at Home".

Pech

...Ken Nelson





The automotive ignition coil is a polarity sensitive device, which will function even though its electrical connections are crossed. However, its efficiency is substantially reduced when it is incorrectly connected to your car's electrical system. Typical symptoms of an incorrectly installed coil are <u>a general lack of power and sluggish or erratic engine performance at moderate to high speeds</u>.

To determine the correct coil polarity, disconnect the spark plug end of any spark plug connector and support it such that it makes a 1/4" to 3/8" gap with the spark plug terminal. With the engine running, hold the pencil with insolated pliers so that the tip of the graphite pencil is in the path of the spark. If the coil polarity is correct, there will be a noticeable flare (arrow point) formed by the spark as it arcs from the connector to the pencil tip. The coil connections should be reversed if the spark flare originates at the spark plug and points to the pencil. (see below)



A simple check of the coil high voltage output can also be made. With the engine stopped and the ignition switched "on", hold the distributor end of the high voltage coil wire 1/2" away from a cylinder head stud. Manually open and close, or short the ignition points. This should produce an intense blue spark across the 1/2" gap to the cylinder head stud. If the spark is yellow, the coil voltage is inadequate. Do <u>NOT</u> leave the ignition "ON" while the points are closed!



MEET THE SHADE TREE A'S NEWSLETTER SPONSORS!

Our thanks to the folks below whose generosity supports our newsletter. Please remember them when you need a service they offer, and don't forget to tell them you appreciate their support of our club!





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| Shade Tree A's On Tour | | |
| CLOB EVENTS | OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST (Non-club events but members are encouraged to participate) | |
| SEPTEMBER | (Non-club events but members are encouraged to participate) | |
| 7 Car Display, Aiken Law Enforcement BBQ | September | |
| Cookoff | 10-13 Charlotte Autofair | |
| 10-13 Festival & Hill Climb, Morganton, NC | 26 Twiggs Co., GA Pioneer Days | |
| 12 Penny Pinson Hotdog Day | October | |
| 14 Shade Tree A's Meeting | 7-10 Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey, PA | |
| 20-23 Model A Restorers Club (MARC) National | | |
| Tour, Charlottesville, VA | November | |
| 25-26 Palmetto A's Swap Meet, Smith & Jones | 20-22 Moultrie Swap Meet | |
| 26 International Model A Day Display for Doctors Hospital | | |
| Doctors nospital | December | |
| OCTOBER | 2-5 MAFCA Membership Meeting, Brookfield, WI | |
| 3 Oliver Hardy Parade, Harlem | 2010 | |
| 12 Shade Tree A's Meeting | 2010 | |
| 15 Deadline for STA Nominations | April | |
| 24 Steak Cookout | 8-11 Charlotte Autofair | |
| 31 Halloween Event | 9-11 MARC Membership Meet, Terre Haute, IN | |
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| NOVEMBER7Ridgeland Creek Old Farm Days | June 14-18 MARC National Meet, French Lick, IN | |
| 9 Shade Tree A's Meeting | 19-27 MAFCA 150th Anniversary Pony Express | |
| | Model A Tour | |
| DECEMBER | | |
| 8 Christmas Lights Tour | REFRESHMENTS | |
| 15 Christmas Party, Old McDonald Fish Camp | Highlighted name coordinates | |
| 2010 | what the group brings | |
| 2010 What the group brings | | |
| JANUARY | September | |
| 1 New Years Breakfast | Turley, Smith, Jones, Boswell | |
| 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting | Ostobor | |
| | October | |
| FEBRUARY | Neitzke, Markwalter, Horner, Lindley | |
| 8 Shade Tree A's Meeting | November | |
| 13 Valentine Pancake Breakfast | W. Gordon, Collier, M. Gordon, DuVall | |
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| MARCH | | |
| 5-7 Richmond Hill Tour | Happy September Birthdays! | |
| 8 Shade Tree A's Meeting | | |
| APRIL | | |
| 12 Shade Tree A's Meeting | Kelly Frontroth | |
| | 1 - Sam Mason | |
| A RED entry denotes a change or an addition to this calendar. | 4 - Rose Tankersley | |
| 3 - Ryll McDallel | | |
| 8 - Houston Barbee | | |
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| 22 - James Gay | | |
| 26 - Ed Garvin | | |
| July a | 28 - Ernie Dinkins | |
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