

***Happy Holidays
from the
Shade Tree A's!***

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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 these 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



WHERE: "Be My Guest"
4216 Washington Rd., Evans

WHEN: Saturday, December 11
6 pm Happy Hour
7 pm Dinner

COST: \$22 per person
(includes tax and gratuity)
Children 2 and under—free
Children 3-10—1/2 price

(more on page 7)

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DECEMBER 1, 2010 is a very important day.
Send in your ballot



← and
pay your
dues! →



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & DUES INFORMATION

What should you do with the MAFCA Membership Renewal form?

These MAFCA dues are included in your Shade Tree A dues of **\$65.00**, so it's easy to take care of both at the same time! "One check; that's all", says treasurer **Richard Dunevent**.

Make out your check for **\$65**, complete the MAFCA renewal card and get them both to Richard no later than **December 1**. You may also mail your payment to:
Richard Dunevent, 4338 Owens Rd., Evans, GA 30809-9678



Off The Running Board

Thoughts from our President...

Happy Holidays – Merry Christmas to all! Our parade calendar is booking up and, of course, our Christmas Party which is always well attended is fast approaching. Please call Theresa if you are planning on joining us for a very special dinner meeting with great food, activities and surprises.

In addition, the New Year's Day breakfast is in the planning stages and is a great way to bring in the "New Year". 2011 will be a major milestone for those Model A's built in 1931. A Birthday - celebrating eighty years. Imagine the stories those cars could tell about their various owners, the improvement of roads and bridges, and the harsh conditions that many of our cars had to persevere at some time in their life.



The Thomson Christmas parade is one that has supported our club for many years. It is a long parade with probably a few thousand in attendance. The Thompson Meat Packing Co. will sponsor us again this year but we need at least 20 cars to meet our goal. The parade is one of the largest as far as length, number of entries and on-lookers. As always, we tour back to the meat packing facility for free sausage and a calendar before heading home; it's tradition and a great afternoon to spend with fellow club members.

Once again, it has been a pleasure serving as your President in 2010. I want to thank the Board for their support and all our members who pitched-in as needed to make all of our events so successful. We have another busy year ahead of us in 2011 and I'm sure you will be called on again for assistance. Please give some thought about how you can help make the club a little better. Your fresh ideas are always welcomed.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Craig

November Meeting Minutes



The members of the Shade Tree As met at Richard Dunevent's garage on November 8, 2010 and President Craig McMullin called the meeting to order. He recognized new members: Marvin Vanover and Georgia Cunningham. November birthdays were recognized, as well as all the many veterans in our club. There were members representing all the armed forces and all the wars since WWII. The October meeting minutes were approved and the treasurer's report presented. Reminder was given that dues are due!

There were no member illnesses discussed; however, it was noted that Abbie Prince was grounded and "in the doghouse." No elaborations there! Please continue to remember Bob and Billie Jones in your prayers.

The National Director, Ken Nelson presented numerous "window decals" and two "driving patches" were presented to Betty Wade and Richard Dunevent. As a whole, the club has driven 26,000 miles this year.

Discussion commenced on new editors for the newsletter. Pat and Tom are "retiring" as of June 2011. Michael Gordon has volunteered to "help in any way he can." Based on volunteer status, the newsletter could change from our award-winning product to more of a notification of upcoming events via email and /or postcard. Anyone interested in helping, please inform Pat or Tom. They will begin the turnover in early 2011.

Betty Wade donated some of Monroe's books to the club's library and they were available for show-n-tell.

President McMullin informed the membership that \$290.00 had been donated to the club in honor of Mike Chavis and the Board had discussed donating that money to MAFFI towards the National Model A Museum in the Gilmore Complex. Jim Dover pledged \$10.00 to make that an even \$300.00 donation.

Past tour events were reminisced and future events discussed. Please see articles in the newsletter. Parade season is upon us. Don't forget the Christmas Party on December 11th. Details inside.

After the movie "Era Movie Palaces" presented by Jim McPherson, along with popcorn and cracker jacks prepared by Sheila, the meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa McMullin, Secretary

MAFCA MILLION MILE PROGRAM

(continued)



Ken Nelson – Mileage Chairman

We had 15 members send me their odometer readings for October and, as a club, we had 2,262 miles for the month. To date the Shade Tree A's have driven 26,409 miles in 2010.

With only two more months remaining in the year, I would like to continue through the end of the year.

Keep those wheels rolling!

I'd like to thank all of you again for participating in the program.

The MAFCA Million Mile Program is over and they achieved 1,606,508, which is well over the expected number of miles. This figure is equivalent to more than 64 trips around the equator. 115 MAFCA chapters participated in the challenge!



Tech Tip of the Month: Ethanol-Free Gas

...Jim McPherson

December 2010: Ethanol continues to be a problem for our Model A's, whether it is reacting with the older gas tank sealers or storage when we are not regularly driving our cars. There is a website, pure-gas.org, that lists the gas stations selling ethanol-free gas by state and city. From looking at the list of brands that do sell ethanol free gas, it might not hurt to stop at one of the branded stations not listed and ask if they have ethanol free gas. Also, ethanol free gas is available in all three grades of gas, and some stations may carry it only in their premium grade of gas. Here is a list for our area. I know of one station not listed by them, in New Ellenton, SC. (The editors also know of a couple more stations in the Aiken area)

CITY	BRAND	NAME	LOCATION
FOR GA:			
Appling	Marathon	Ben Dreamin	6697 Washington Road (GA 47)
	BP	Pair of Jacks BP	6600 Washington Road
Augusta	SUNOCO	First Stop	1901 Gordon Hwy
	UNBRANDED	Do Gas	2851 Washington Road
	SUNOCO	SUNOCO	2013 Walton Way
Dearing	CITCO	Axon's Mini Mart	4550 Augusta Hwy
Evans	UNBRANDED	Allen's Country Store	4277 Washington Road
Grovetown	UNBRANDED	Lewiston Express	107 Lewiston Road
Waynesboro	UNBRANDED	R U on E	West 6 th Street
FOR SC:			
Aiken	UNBRANDED	3-Way Food Mart	128 Hampton Ave, NE
	HOPPI	Dave's Grill & Grocery	3286 Wagener Road
Calhoun Falls	UNBRANDED	Hickory Pointe	Hwy 72
Jackson	UNBRANDED	Four Seasons	213 Atomic Road
Lexington	Exxon	Kwik Way Store #2	4374 Augusta Road
	Valero	Valero	426 Columbia Ave



Under The Shade Tree

- **Barbara Bryant's** getting better each and every day! Way to go, Barbara!
- Saw some names we recognized in MAFCA's *Restorer* magazine—the "Longevity" Pages. **Bob Jones** is listed under 45 years; **Don Turley**, 35 years. Congratulations!
- Is it **really** true that **Abbie Prince** has been 'moose hunting' in the Pacific Northwest?
- Where are the newsletter volunteers? Pat and Tom have only 6 issues to go before they 'retire'! Let's hear from you.
- **Eric Shogren** and **Tom Roberts** took their A's to the Aiken Co. Farmers Market's "Old Homecoming Day".



Mark Your Calendar for the Shade Tree A's Exciting Annual Richmond Hill Tour March 4 – 6, 2011



Richmond Hill, GA Quality Inn will again be our host hotel
(The \$42 per night fee includes a hot breakfast)

March 4: Savannah, GA

Friday, March 4th starts with lunch and a trolley tour of Savannah's Historic District. Then, you can visit museums, antique shops, historical squares, cemeteries, and more at your leisure.



Friday night, eat dinner at one of the many great restaurants on Savannah's River Street—then enjoy the STA's Hospitality Room with all the fixin's at the Richmond Hill Quality Inn, our host hotel

March 5: Walthourville, GA

On Saturday, March 5th, we will return to Danny Norman's

Walthourville. We'll re-visit the past, then get ready for the future with a hands-on team challenge:



Gentlemen: Can you start this engine?

Barbeque Lunch at the farm



For the Ladies—shuttle to the outlet mall and look for your own treasures! Then enjoy a wine and champagne tea party!

Love's Seafood Saturday night

Model A
Bingo,
anyone?



Registration begins in early January, 2011

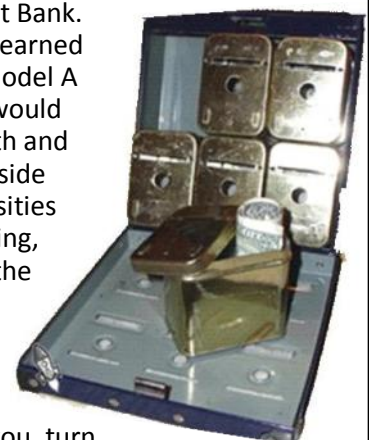
Contact Jim McPherson at shadetrees@gmail.com or call 706-592-4835

1929: Elmer Sas' Tudor Budget Bank

It's a 6 x 6 metal box—basically you're looking at six piggy banks in one— and unlocking the box reveals the separate tins fitted inside. It even has circular openings for rolled-up bills. **Picture to the right shows box upside down.*

Elmer Sas invented and patented the Budget Bank in 1929, and it was a huge success in Depression-era America. The bank originally came with suggested labels for the half-dozen slots, including setting aside some of your coinage for charities like the Red Cross. On the strength of this product, Sas founded Tudor Metal Products and in the 1940's went on to create his most famous invention - Electric Football; that rattling metallic gridiron that you can still get today.

I still have my father's Budget Bank. Imagine my surprise when I learned it was invented during our Model A era! When I was a kid, Dad would cash his paycheck each month and use five of the boxes to set aside money for the various necessities of life—rent, food, car, clothing, utilities. The sixth box bore the label 'H.O.K.'. "What's that for?", I asked. "Heaven Only Knows", he answered.



So, as a year-end 'treat' for you, turn to page 10 and see some items I've collected this year and put in the **STA** H.O.K. box! Enjoy!pat



ALONG THE WAY...



TECH SESSION 27

We had a lively group for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill and 20 at Richard's garage to work on four Model A's. We replaced the steering balls and rebuilt the drag link and tie rod ends on Jim Dover's

1930 Phaeton, adjusted the steering on Eric's 1931 SW Town Sedan, evaluated and adjusted the brakes on George's 1928 Tudor and worked on the wind wings on Bill Richardson's 1931 DeLuxe Roadster. Sheila McPherson cooked hamburgers, with potato salad, cole slaw and cake to round out a delicious lunch.



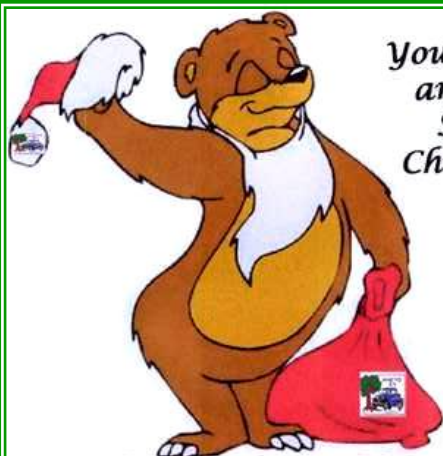
RICHLAND CREEK ANTIQUE FARM DAYS

Saturday, November 6 was the first really brisk morning this fall, but eight cars from the Shade Tree A's were out early on their annual tour to Richland Creek Farms. We stopped for breakfast at Gary's in Johnston, then made our way to the farm outside Saluda. The usual displays of antique farm equipment and machinery were operating, filling the air with a variety of smells and giving the public a taste of what it was like to live and work in the past. It looked like the number of tractors participating in the tractor pull was down from past years. In the afternoon, many of us were overcome with hunger pains, so we went to Shealey's in Batesburg for their famous BBQ and fried chicken buffet. There, we caught up with members from the Old 96 District A's from Greenwood. Members from the Palmetto A's from Columbia and the Low Country A's from Charleston were also at the farm.





Holiday Events--and more!



*You and your family
are invited to the
Shade Tree A's
Christmas Party ...*

*Saturday, December 11, 2010
6:00 p.m. Happy Hour
7:00 p.m. Dinner*

At

*"Be My Guest"
4216 Washington Road
(next to Academy Sports)
Evans, GA*



*Bring a \$5.00 gift for
exchanging*



*\$22.00 per person (includes
tax and gratuity)*

*Children:
2 years and under - free
3 - 10 years - ½ price*



STA Holiday Gift Ideas

Available just in time for Christmas is a wide variety of items, all bearing the STA logo. 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 Meloan embroiders these items for us, and she tells us that currently she has orders for two vests and needs a total of four before she can order them.

Just contact Susan (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). What great STA gifts!!



New Year's Breakfast

Who knows a better way to start off 2011 than driving our Model A's to breakfast? We'll meet at the old Cracker Barrel at I-20 at 8 o'clock on January 1! See you there!

Parade information



Parade Date and Location		Lineup Time	Lineup Place	Parade Time
 Saturday, Dec 4	Gibson, GA	2 pm	Glascok Co. Consolidated School	3 pm
	Graniteville, SC	1:30 pm	Leavelle-McCampbell Middle School	3 pm
Sunday, Dec 5	**Thomson, GA	2 pm	Springfield Street, front of football stadium	3 pm
Tuesday, Dec 7 (rain date Wed Dec 8)	Gracewood, GA	12:15 pm	Baseball field	1 pm
Thursday, Dec 9	GA Regional Hospital	12 noon	Field behind hospital	1 pm
Saturday, Dec 11	Hephzibah, GA	10 am	High School	11 am
Sunday, Dec 12	Aiken, SC	1 pm	TBA	2 pm
**Sponsored Parade				

P a r a d e s

The **Gibson (GA)** Parade will be **Saturday, December 4**. We'll leave from the Wal-Mart parking lot on Deans Bridge Road at Bobby Jones Expressway at 11 o'clock. BBQ and fried pies for lunch, as usual. Parade line-up at 2 for the parade at 3.

The **Graniteville (SC)** Parade is also on **Saturday, December 4**. Those participating will meet at the lineup location listed above at 1:30 for the parade at 3.

The **Thomson (GA)** Parade will be on **Sunday, December 5**. We'll leave the old Cracker Barrel on I-20 at 1 o'clock for the line-up at 2 and the parade at 3. This is a sponsored parade.

The **Gracewood (GA)** Christmas Parade will be held on **Tuesday, December 7**. Line-up is on the baseball field at 12:15 with the parade to begin at 1:00. The rain date is Wednesday, December 8.

The **Georgia Regional Hospital (GA)** parade will be held in conjunction with the Mayor's Christmas Motorcade on **Thursday, December 9**. Line-up is in the field behind the hospital at 12:00 with the parade at 1:00. (GA Regional is on Hwy 56, across from about where T's is.)

The **Hephzibah (GA)** Parade will be **Saturday, December 11**. Line-up is at the High School at 10 for the parade at 11. After the parade we will go to Sconyer's for lunch.

The **Aiken (SC)** Jaycees Christmas Parade will be on **Sunday, December 12**. Lineup is at 1; parade at 2. We don't know our lineup location as of now, but we'll get the information to you as soon as we know!

Christmas Lights Tour



We will meet for dinner at the S&S Cafeteria on Walton Way at 6:30. Following dinner we will tour downtown Augusta, Broad Street, Reynolds Street and Old Town before going to Richard and Frankie Dunevent's for dessert.



VINTAGE

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..Anne
Neely-Beck



Two Charming Christmas Aprons



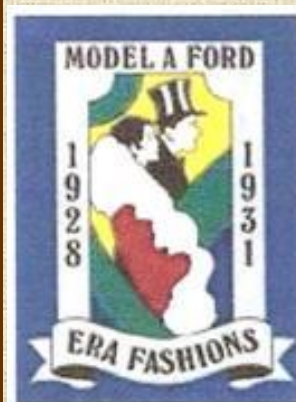
4712 With Floral Spray

According to *Needlecraft* magazine's December 1931 issue, "When in doubt give an apron for a Christmas gift." The article went on to say an apron is both sound and practical, and then too when one is uncertain of sizes or in doubt about the taste of the recipient, an apron is a safe gift.

Shown are two patterns that could have been purchased from *Needlecraft*; 4712 with a floral spray has the plainest of lines and can be hand embroidered and , 4713, a blue banded model, has more detail and no pocket, with back straps and gathering at the side. Each could have been made from unbleached cotton.



4713 Blue-banded Model



Right: I chose to make this apron for our talented Newsletter editor, Pat Roberts. I bought the pattern off ebay and it is from the Model A era.





The H.O.K. Box

(Heaven Only Knows What You'll Find Here!)

Safety First in Every Model A

..by Jim Gregory,
The Steering Column,
The Greater Baltimore
Model A Ford Club

We are all aware of the hazards and dangers that a ride in our Model A's can bring. Our vehicles are not designed for highway speeds because of the engine size and the mechanical brakes, yet we have to cope with modern cars (and distracted drivers) whizzing by us at high rates of speed all the time. This can be extremely perilous, and we should all do everything possible to make our "A's" as safe and roadworthy as possible. To the right is one safety system that I found on the internet and thought some of our members might want to install on their "A's" during the "off season."



Thereifixedit.com

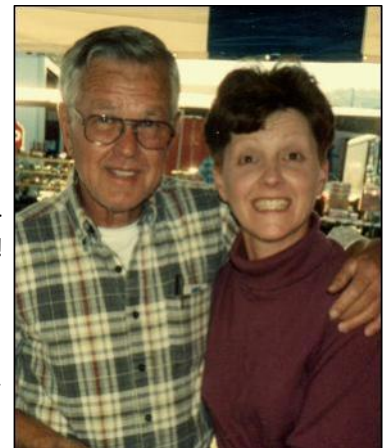
AND—SOME PICTURES

Here's proof that
Rachel d'Entremont
works on her own car!



The way they were—
in 1993!

Model A's are out on a rainy
-night drive. (or are they??—
↓ see left bottom picture)



The cars are models! See below!

A Very Old City From 1950's.pps

which is a: Microsoft Office PowerPoint 97-2003 Slide Show
from: <http://www.ussswillhoite.org>



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Down The Road.....

SHADE TREE A'S EVENT SCHEDULE



DECEMBER

- 4 Graniteville, SC Parade, 3 pm
- 4 Gibson, GA Parade, 3 pm
- 5 Thomson, GA Parade, 3 pm
- 7 **Gracewood, GA Parade, 1 pm**
- 9 **Georgia Regional Hospital Parade, 1 pm**
- 11 Hephzibah, GA Parade, 11 am
- 11 Midland Valley, SC Parade, 3 pm
- 11 Christmas Party, "Be My Guest", 6 pm
- 12 Aiken, SC Parade, 2 pm
- 16 Christmas Lights, Dunevent's, 7pm

2011

JANUARY

- 1 New Years Breakfast, Cracker Barrel
- 10 **Shade Tree A's Meeting**

MARCH

- 4-6 Return to Richmond Hill

APRIL

- 15-16 96 Swap Meet, Greenwood



A **RED** entry denotes a change or an addition.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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

2011

March

- 24-27 MARC National Membership Meet, St. Augustine, FL



April

- 9-15 MAFCA National Tour, Natchez Trace Parkway
- 29-30 **Hill Climb, Unicoi, TN**



June

- 27-July 1 MARC 2011 National Meet, San Diego, CA

September

- 10 International Model A Day
- 29-Oct 1 **Historic Tour, Rally, Hill Climb, Greenville, TN**

REFRESHMENTS

Name underlined coordinates what the group brings

December 11
Christmas Party

January 2011
McPherson, Komp, Miller



CHRISTMAS WISH LIST???



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Martin Vanover and
Georgia Cunningham
3538 Glen Eagles Drive
Augusta, GA 30907
(706) 860-5603



Martin and Georgia have
a 1930 Sedan.

Happy December Birthdays!

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 - Barbara Bryant | 17 - Jim Miller |
| 2 - David Cozart | 18 - Gayle Adams |
| 7 - Tanya Gordon | 20 - Linda Nelson |
| 12 - Margaret Collier | 21 - Jim Mason |
| 13 - Richard Dunevent | 23 - Bill Richardson |
| 15 - Lisa Smith | 26 - Ann Claiborne Christian |
| 16 - Frank Knapp | 29 - Elizabeth Ford |
| 17 - Eric Shogren | |

