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Now that the holidays are over, don't have the winter blues - join us at ...



All Shade Tree A'ers are invited to a 50's Party at Craig & Theresa's home in Edgefield, SC on January 23rd. Plan to arrive in 50's attire with a side dish at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Theresa at 803-637-3790 or <u>tamcmullin@yahoo.com</u> by January 9th.



Good Food & Drínk and GREAT entertaínment!

> Directions to the McMullin home in Edgefield, SC are on page 8.

What did the **Ford** look like in the '50s? Below, three representative vehicles, all catalog covers by





1953 Ford Pickup

(1948-79 Pickup, 1968-79 Bronco, 1961-67 Econoline catalog cover)

1954 Mainline Fordor Sedan

(1949-59 Ford & Mercury, 1958-60 Edsel catalog cover)





1957 Thunderbird

(1955-56 Thunderbird catalog cover)

For Christmas Party and Monroe Wade Award, see pages 3-4

2009 MAFCA Certificate of Continuing Excellence

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JANUARY MEETING

The Shade Tree A's will meet on **Monday, January 11** in Richard Dunevent's garage. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The program: "Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!"



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Our Model A's are 79-82 years old this year!

Wonder if today's cars will last as long!

This cover marks a departure from the normal January one—you'll find the Christmas party and Monroe Wade award details on pages 3-4.

We welcome two new members to the Board. Larry DuVall is the new vice-president—and he has lots of ideas! Ken Nelson will be the new National Director, and he's already I hard at work on the MARC and MAFCA mileage programs.

Make a New Year's resolution to send in your articles, cartoons, ideas—this is YOUR newsletter!

Happy New Year!

Your edítor, pat

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**.

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 hope everyone's holidays have been filled with cherished times with family and friends. New memories were made at our house! But shortly after Christmas, the blues have a tendency to settle in. There are decorations to take down and then put away. There are gifts to be returned (for smaller sizes I'm sure). Your Shade Tree A's Board of Directors hope to help you survive until spring!

We have an exciting year planned for Model A enthusiasts. We'll begin the year with **New Year's Day breakfast** at Cracker Barrel (see Upcoming Activities for specifics). I don't know about you, but it's a challenge for Theresa and me to stay up to watch the "ball drop" on New Year's Eve. it's easier for us to get up early on New Year's Day! This breakfast has **always** been well attended and, of course, we welcome the New Year with our favorite activity – eating!

Later in the month, January 23rd, Theresa and I will be hosting a **50s Party** at our house. This is sure to be a good time. There will be plenty of food and drink and great entertainment. We encourage you to dress for the 50s and be prepared to watch and/or dance to 50s Doo Whop music. You will be able to see the original artists in action, such as the Fleetwoods, Jerry Butler, Little Richard, Little Anthony and the Imperials, Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs, the Limelights, and so many more performing their hits. It will be a great night of reminiscing where you were and what you were doing in the 50s.

More information about the 50s Party is on the cover of this newsletter. Theresa will also have a map (from Aiken and Augusta to our house) available at the January meeting. (*driving directions are also on page* 8) We hope you will join us in fighting the January blues on Saturday, January 23^{rd.}

Have a Safe Trip,

Craig



The 2009 Monroe Wade Award Winner



This year's recipient of the Monroe Wade Award is a long-time member of the Shade Tree A's. He has been a member of the club for over 3 decades. He has restored his own Model A; but more importantly in the spirit of this award, he has helped many other Club members in the restoration of their Model A and countless others in the diagnosis, repair, and maintenance

Bob Jones

of Model A problems. In fact, he is the first person thought of when it comes to timing a Model A Ford.

While often in the background, he readily offers new insight to Model A repair and maintenance techniques at Club meetings and Technical Seminars. He offers encouragement and mentoring to new members. He routinely gives 110 percent effort to any task.

He has been active with his Model A in all types of Club activities, including tours, parades, displays, picnics and meetings. He has attended MARC, MAFCA and AACA National Meets, and has shown his 1931 Model A Coupe

in MAFCA National competitions. He represents the Shade Tree A's well at these and other events. Exceptionally well known throughout the Southeast region, he is often one of the first names mentioned when discussing the Shade Tree A's. For many years he has been and continues to be an outstanding ambassador for the Club.



He was a very close friend of Monroe and the two were often seen working together on a Model A solving the problem of the day. I know Monroe, if he was still with us, would have whole-heartily approved and been honored with this year's award recipient.

I am proud to present the 2009 Monroe Wade Award to Mr. Bob Jones.

Christmas Party



On a crisp, sunshine-laden/rain-free December afternoon, Shade Tree A'ers (and their cars) gathered from far and near at Chef Bob's Southern Suppers in the Southern pines near Johnston, SC. After the invocation given by youth member **Houston Barbee** and a sumptuous buffet meal, President **Craig McMullin** started the program by

recapping the many activities in which the club had been involved in 2009. **George Gordon** had arranged a very special presentation—a STA

personalized vest for his grandson (and





Indoors and out, we're ready for a party!



youth member) Michael Gordon. (L) In early January, Michael will turn 15, and be eligible to earn his driver's license. The "Mileage Man", Ken Nelson, then presented mileage awards to George Gordon, Pascal Bryant, and Don Cerefin. Craig and Theresa McMullin distributed anniversary pins—ranging from 2 years to <u>35</u> for Richard and Frankie Dunevent and Jim Miller. Our new 2010 officers (see page 2) were installed by Tom Roberts. The Club's most prestigious award, the Monroe Wade Award, was given to Bob Jones. After super entertainment by 'renowned

vocalist' **Jeff Matthews,** door prizes were distributed. Thanks to **Frankie Dunevent** for securing all these prizes! With full tummies and happy memories, we departed





Above, Pascal Bryant and Left, George Gordon, accept their mileage awards from Ken Nelson.





From the expressions on the faces of **Bill Richardson**, below; **and R: Ed Garvin** and **Rachel d'Entremont**, the party was a happy one!







Bob Jones accepts the Monroe Wade Award from **President Craig McMullin** and the 2008 winner, **Sheila McPherson**.





Jeff Matthews entertains the crowd.

Annual MAFCA Membership Meet Milwaukee, WI, December 2-5 2009 by Anne-Neely Beck

I attended the MAFCA Membership Meet this year and had a wonderful time



I arrived Wednesday late afternoon, rented a car and drove to Brookfield where the meet was held. I didn't go to the get together that night—I had made dinner arrangements with a former chairperson of the EFC, Maxine Dust, who would be giving a fashion seminar the following day.

Thursday morning I went to the Board meeting, then to Maxine's seminar ; then had a working lunch with Helen Christensen who is getting all the MAFCA patterns ready for the web site. Then it was off to Miller Village and the brewery tour. Most of Miller Village is like it was during the early 1900's and the tour was a lot of walking and climbing steps but well worth it. It started to snow when I was ready to leave, and I was a little nervous about driving in the snow—but then thought—hey, in Milwaukee they are <u>prepared</u> for snow! The welcome party was that night with brats and all the fixings.

Friday, after I removed the snow from the rental car, Helen, Lois Przywitowski and I went to the Pabst Mansion. What a beautifully restored building, all decorated for Christmas. (No picture taking was allowed). Next on to the Domes, which were beautifully decorated in tropical, arid, and a Christmas theme. All were beautiful.

Next stop was Miss Katie's Diner for lunch, where they have a Bill Clinton special (he is one of the famous people to have eaten there). Friday night brought German food and I found my new favorite appetizer, fried rye bread with herb cream cheese, it was awesome!

Saturday I went to well-maintained Greendale Village. Built with WPA money , it is the home of Reiman Publishers that publish *Taste of Home* magazine , cookbooks and 12 other magazines. They had an outlet and a test kitchen you could visit. Next, on to a charming restaurant called Harmony which has groups come in and sing on Saturday—I was treated to a personal serenade by 20 gentlemen who gathered around me and sang. Saturday night was the banquet and I was honored to pick up the STA's Certificate of Continuing Excellence for The Shade Tree A's Newsletter. *(see page 12)* Not only do I think Pat and Tom have done a wonderful job so does MAFCA. They had a 50/50 raffle that night and I won \$138.50., so I ended the meet on a winning

note ! Yes, I think all Model A events are centered around food! (Editor's note: Anne was also awarded this certificate of appreciation for her article in the May/ June issue of MAFCA's 'Restorer'



MAFCA 2010 BOARD

At the MAFCA Annual Meeting in December, the following new MAFCA Officers were announced: President: Garth Shreading (TX) Vice-President: Jill Sullins (TX) Secretary: Jim Morris (NY) Treasurer: Jerry Wilhelm (FL) Publications: Alex Janke (CA) Chapter Coordinator: Stephanie Grundman (WI) Membership: David Jones (CA) Advertising: Dick Przywitowski (CO) Technical Director: Chuck Christensen (CA)







HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Mother Nature 'did her thing' this year and cancelled the **Gracewood Parade**, and many of the parades were held in—well, shall we say—less than sunny conditions! Nevertheless, we were present at many of them and we have write-ups from several. We understand that there were STA 'reps' at **Grovetown**, **GA** and **Gibson**, **GA**, too. Thanks especially to the **Gordon** family for their dedication!

GRANITEVILLE, SC PARADE

On Saturday, December 5, nine gaily-decorated Model A's joined the **Graniteville** parade. Sounds of a-hoogas joined those of marching bands, cloggers and others as thousands lined the streets to usher in the holiday season. The **Gordons (William, George, Michael and Mike)** brought three cars, the Roberts clan three **(Tom, Pat, Dave Rosling)** —**Mike Chavis**, Brion Frontroth (Nate Osbon, passenger) and **Eric and Dotti Shogren** with their two poodles made our group complete.

AIKEN, SC PARADE

Across the river in **Aiken**, SC on Sunday, December 6, six Model A's (**Roberts—3**; driven by Tom, Pat and their son-in-law Dave Rosling), Don Cerefin, Brion Frontroth with Kelly and Victor, and guest Nate Osbon with his grandchildren appeared in this BUSY parade—it was televised on Channel 6. This is a parade where throwing of candy is NOT permitted, and it made for a more peaceful drive!

HEPHZIBAH, GA PARADE

Six Model A's participated in the **Hephzibah**, **GA** Christmas Parade on Saturday December 12th. The Model A's provided transportation for dignitaries including the Parade Marshal, City Commission Chairman and a newly-elected Commissioner. **Bobby Brandon** had his 1929 Pick-up and also his 1928 Special Coupe, **Tommy Pennington** drove his 1929 Pick-up, **George and Michael Gordon** drove their 1929 Pick-up, **William Gordon** drove his 1929 Sport Coupe and **Jim and Sheila McPherson** drove their 1930 Town Sedan.

THOMSON, GA PARADE

Sunday December 6th dawned bright and nippy, just right for a leisurely country ride in our Model A's. Twenty-one Model A Fords, filled with kids and grandkids, made their way to **Thomson, GA** and participated in their Christmas parade. We met the Prez's goal, added some cash to our treasury, and took home some of that delicious Cason's sausage. Eggs, grits, sausage and toast—what a fine dinner!

A CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND (Christmas Lights Tour)

On a cold rainy Tuesday night twenty-nine members of the Shade Tree A's gathered at what we thought was Richard Dunevent's garage. Gone were all the Model A's, tools and parts. All we saw was snow, a surround of Christmas decorations and beautifully decorated tables. It was the Shade Tree A's Christmas Lights Tour. Members were asked to pick out an especially well-decorated home on their way to the tour, to share with the group—a virtual tour of the best decorated homes in the area for those attending. Frankie and Richard Dunevent outdid themselves with the decorations and provided the drinks and s'mores, made over flaming candles. Gerald and Lois Melchiors brought dessert, Craig and Theresa McMullin brought the salad and Sheila McPherson provided the spaghetti and garlic bread. This is one tour the inclement weather did not stop.



the McPhersons and the **Roberts Family**





NEW YEAR'S BREAKFAST Friday, January 1

Get the New Year off to a rousing good start by joining your fellow STA'ers at our annual **New Years Day Breakfast**. We will be returning to the Cracker Barrel at I-20 and Belair Road—they don't take reservations, so let's arrive early (about 8 a.m.) Hopefully we'll be able to fill up the 'back room' as we have so many years before! See you there.

From the Aiken Standard, Tuesday, December 9, 2009:



Staff photo by Suzanne Stone The Shade Tree A's brought their vintage rides to the GVW Fire Department and Ladies' Auxiliary Parade Saturday.



MILEAGE PROGRAMS

Ken Nelson – Mileage Chairman

MARC – I would like to thank those of you that participated in the MARC Mileage Program for 2009. The winner of the "local" program is <u>George Gordon</u> with a "<u>total</u>" of 3,872 miles driven in his three Model A's. Way to go, George!



MAFCA – Million Mile Program- is a "<u>club wide</u>" program for 2010. I will be contacting you the first part of January via Email to get the odometer reading(s) for <u>each</u> of the Model A's that you drive. These will be used as the starting mileage for the program. The first of each following month I will contact you for the odometer reading(s) for that month. I will then arrive at the totals for the club and send them to MAFCA each month. Each participant will receive a "Million Mile" window decal. We are a nationally known club and need to have a good showing—every mile counts. The club is counting on your support and participation.





'50s PARTY Saturday, January 23, 5:30 p.m.



DIRECTIONS TO THE McMULLIN'S HOME (SEE COVER FOR PARTY INVITATION

Starting from <u>Aiken</u> (total distance 22 miles, 31 minutes) Laurens Street is SC-19

Continue going <u>North on SC-19</u> passing I-20 (total 15.9 miles) At the Pine House Crossroads (Pine House on left, truck stop on right), which is the Intersection of US 25 and US 121, <u>continue straight</u> onto US 25 N. (SC-19 ends at this intersection) (5.5 miles) ****for continuation, see next** *column*

Starting from <u>Augusta</u> (total distance from the river 25 miles, 35 minutes)

Take I-20 towards Columbia, SC

- Take Exit 5 (the second exit in South Carolina) towards Edgefield (this is Highway 25).
- At the Pine House Crossroads (Pine House on left, truck stop on left across intersection), which is the Intersection of US 25/121 and US 19, <u>turn left</u> onto US 25 N (5.5 miles)

**(from here the directions are the same)

- As you enter Edgefield, you'll pass our McDonald's and the Edgefield Inn on the left, bear to the right and <u>continue</u> <u>on US 25 Business</u> (US 25 Truck Route goes to the left)
- You will go under an overpass with a "Welcome to Edgefield" sign
- You will pass by the Strom Thurmond Army National Guard on the right
- At the next intersection, with the flowered median, <u>turn right</u> <u>onto SC 23</u> towards Johnston and Columbia

This is Columbia Road

You will pass a small park on the right

- We live at <u>425</u>, which will be on your <u>left</u>. (0.4 miles)
- Our driveway is directly across from the next road on the right (Slade Road) Look for the <u>"Mott Parker House -</u> 1899" sign in our front yard.
- It is a white two-story with brick walkways; there is plenty of parking in the back or you may park on the street
- If you have problems, call us: 803 637.3790





About this Model A Safety Checklist...Les Andrews

This is a check list for the use of the Model A owner! Do not sign off on someone else's car that it has passed the safety check-that would make **you** liable if something failed and caused injury to someone. The Thanks, Les, for your input! owner is responsible for his own car.

Body

1. Doors close and latch securely Yes 🗆 No 🗆

2. Safety glass installed in all windows Yes 🗆 No 🗆

3. Rear view mirror installed Yes 🗆 No 🗆

Engine

4. Carburetor – no leaks Yes 🗆 No 🗆

5. All gas lines – free of leaks Yes 🗆 No 🗆

6. Gas gauge – no leaks Yes 🗆 No 🗆

7. Approved type of gas lines installed Yes 🗆 No 🗆

8. Wiring free of bare areas and properly routed Ňo ⊓ Yes 🗆

9. Fuse installed between starter connection and terminal box connection Yes 🗆 No 🗆

10. Fan hub and blades – free of defects Yes 🗆 No 🗆

11. General condition of engine compartment - neat and orderly . No □ Yes 🗆

12. Air filter/spark arrestor installed on carburetor Yes 🗆 No 🗆

13. Throttle linkage – no bends Brakes and returns freely Yes 🗆 No 🗆

14. Exhaust system – no leaks Yes 🗆 No 🗆

Wheels

15. All lug nuts properly tightened – 64 ft-lbs Yes 🗆 No 🗆

16. Tire pressure – 34 psi Yes 🗆 No 🗆

17. Tire condition –acceptable tread, no breaks Yes 🗆 No 🗆

18. All 4 shocks installed and working Yes 🗆 No 🗆

19. No front wheel shimmy Yes 🗆 No 🗆

Lights

20. High beam and low beam operational Yes 🗆 No 🗆

21. Tail-lights and stop lights operational Yes 🗆 No 🗆

22. Directional indicators operational Yes 🗆 No 🗆

Steering

23. Tie-rod correctly installed and tightened. No excessive wear and properly lubricated Yes 🗆 No 🗆

24. No excessive play in steering wheel (2" maximum) Yes 🗆 No 🗆

25. Properly adjusted on all four wheels Yes 🗆 No 🗆

26. Emergency brake properly adjusted Yes 🗆 No 🗆

27. Brake pedal travel properly adjusted Yes 🗆 No 🗆

28. Brake rods and clevis pins correct with cotter pins Yes 🗆 No 🗆

Miscellaneous

29. Seat belts installed Yes 🗆 No 🗆

30. Tool kit and flashlight in vehicle Yes 🗆 No 🗆

31. Registration and insurance papers in vehicle Yes 🗆 No 🗆

32. Horn and windshield wiper operational Yes 🗆 No 🗆



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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!







SHADE TREE A'S EVENT SCHEDULE

JANUARY

- 1 New Years Breakfast
- 4 STA BOD Meeting
- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting
- 23 50's Party at the McMullin's

FEBRUARY

- 8 Shade Tree A's Meeting
- **13** Valentine Pancake Breakfast
- 27 Model A Swap Meet, Cullman, AL

MARCH

- **5-7** Richmond Hill Tour
- 8 Shade Tree A's Meeting



APRIL

12 Shade Tree A's Meeting 23-24 Hill Climb, Unicoi, TN

MAY

10 Shade Tree A's Meeting

JUNE

14 Shade Tree A's Meeting

JULY

12 Shade Tree A's Meeting

AUGUST

9 Shade Tree A's Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- **13** Shade Tree A's Meeting
- 18 International Model A Day

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)

February

5-7 Moultrie Swap Meet, Moultrie, GA

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 British Columbia, Canada
- 7-14 Post-Convention Alaska Cruise

REFRESHMENTS

Name <u>underlined</u> coordinates what the group brings

January 2010 McPherson, Komp, Miller

February 2010

<u>Shogren</u>, Roberts, Cerefin, D'Entremont, Garvin





- 4 -- Michael Gordon
- 12 -- Frankie Dunevent
- 14 -- Carrie Horner
- 16 -- Donna Wold
- 31 -- Jack Horner

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