

HAPPY **37th** BIRTHDAY, SHADE TREE A'S!!

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JUNE MEETING

The Shade Tree A's will meet on Monday, June 7 In Richard Dunevent's garage at 7 pm

The program: Fuels of the past for the Model A's.

This program will be short in order to open the meeting for some input from members. How can we make the Shade Tree A's even better? Let's hear suggestions on future



tech sessions, events and tours you would like to see the club participate in.

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It's summer! The STA's are 37— HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO VS!!.

It's that season of the year when we

give our "A's" more exercise than they get other times of the year! Be careful out there! (see page 8)

In this issue you'll find tech tips, parrot pictures, a pool party invitation, mileage reminders, dates to mark on your calendars, and much more.

We've again been awarded the 'continuing excellence' newsletter award from MARC...

Have 'nifty' tidbits for the "Under the Shade Tree Section"? Share!....

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

Congratulations, to our newsletter editors (Tom and Pat Roberts) once again for being recognized on a nationallevel by the Model A Restorers Club for "Continuing Excellence" in all aspects of publishing our monthly STA Newsletter. Many of you have heard me rant about how important our newsletter is to our club. On occasion, we have had discussions concerning costcutting measures and the newsletter being one of our high cost endeavors (printers, ink, mailings, paper, etc.) is usually a topic of discussion. I have stood fast as your President insisting that the newsletter is far too important, "the glue that holds us together", to cut corners. We have recently however, managed to cut newsletter costs considerably by use of e-mail, saving on expenses as those mentioned above.

With finances aside, Pat and Tom volunteered to take over the newsletter and keep up with the monthly publication a few years ago. As you can imagine, there is no break from month to month in keeping up with all of our activities, writing articles, pictures, cover page ideas, and the creativity to keep it fresh. If that is not enough, Tom and Pat have not only kept up with the monthly deadlines, they have set the standard for all other clubs near and far for continuing newsletter publishing excellence. Again, this is not a paid position. They volunteered to work very hard for the Shade Tree A's on a monthly basis without a break in the action.

I am very proud of our club and all we have accomplished but I'm most proud of how we represent ourselves to other Model A clubs in the Southeast Region and across the country through our newsletter. Many thanks to Tom and Pat Roberts, Well Done!

Have a safe trip, Craig

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER:

Billy Hughes 550 Big Branch Lane N. Augusta, SC 29860 279-5135





The May Monthly Meeting of the STAs was held May 10, 2010, at members Richard Dunevent's garage at 7:00 p.m. President Craig McMullin called the meeting to order and thanked Vice President, Larry Duvall for conducting the meeting last month. There was one visitor present – Brian D'Entremont (son of Rachel) and one new member, Billy Hughes of North Augusta. There were 39 members present. May birthdays were recognized. The April Meeting Minutes were approved and Treasurer, Richard Dunevent gave the club's financial report.

Illnesses reported were Ruth Hitt and Bill Adams. Ruth was hit by a car in a parking lot. She is recovering at home. Continue to keep Bill and Gayle Adams in your thoughts and prayers as they work through Bill's treatment, which will continue through the end of June.

National Director, Ken Nelson thanked those who turned in mileage for April. Keep those miles coming in to him before the end of the month.

The Newsletter staff had nothing to report. However, President McMullin announced the Certificate of Continuing Excellence received from MARC. Our newsletter is still the best. Thanks Pat and Tom for a great job!!

There were 3 Show and Tell items. Jim Dover showed a "strange" carburetor. It had several metal connection lines that no one knew their use. Ken Nelson shared the "wonders of ZDDP" for use after every oil change. Jim McPherson showed a Model A tool for guessing. It was a Model A steering wheel gear screwdriver. It had K.R. Wilson on the backside.

Old business consisting of the most recent activities of the STAs was discussed:

• Old 96 Swap Meet – Good showing of vendors. Jim McPherson purchased some tools (as in the show-n-tell) and Jim Mason sold his Model T.

• No club member attended the Unicoi Hill Climb this year.

• The Technical Seminar held April 24th was once again a success. A lot of work was performed on one of George Gordon's vehicles fixing the overheating problems he has been experiencing.

• The Parrot Picnic held on May 1st was a huge success! 34 club members attended (in 13 Model As). According to participants, everyone wants to do this tour a second time. There were 800 birds. FYI: In order to adopt a bird – you must send 2 days "bonding" with the bird before you are approved for adoption.

Under new business, upcoming events were discussed by Jim McPherson. Please see details covered in this

newsletter.

Vice President Larry Duvall introduced the technical program: Vapor Lock. Some club members have complained of vapor locking, so Larry introduced some of the symptoms of vapor lock and several things you can do to prevent vapor locking.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned and the members enjoyed refreshments & fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted, Theresa McMullín

MAFCA MILLION MILE PROGRAM



Ken Nelson – Mileage Chairman

I'd like to thank all of you that have taken the time to send me your odometer reading via e-mail. I'll be contacting you again later this month for your May reading. I need to submit the numbers <u>prior to June 1</u> so you promptness will be appreciated.

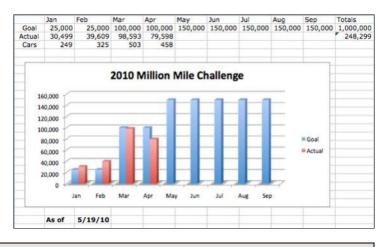
We had 16 members send me their odometer readings for April and, as a club, we had 2,313 miles for the month. The national "YTD target" as of April was 250,000 miles and we drove 248,299 miles, so we need to do better in May.

PLEASE consider joining the program and send me you odometer readings when I send the next e-mail request.



Now is the time to "join the 'Program" and start ENJOYING your Model A.

It's never too late to start.





Tech Tip of the Month

.... Jim McPherson

June 2009: I'll bet you have a tool to work on your Model A laying around your shop that you are unaware of. The item at the

top of Figure 1 is an upper distributor shaft, and the item below it is a one piece distributor shaft. Both can be used to place new drive in grease fittings on your Model A.

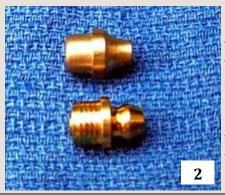


Figure 2 shows an original drive in grease fitting on the top and a modern replacement drive in grease fitting below. Simply place the grease fitting upside down in the threaded end of the distributor shaft, Figure 3, and drive the grease fitting in. The one piece shaft is especially useful for placing the grease fitting in the rear service brake camshaft sleeve when the rear end has already been assembled.





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When we said HAPPY BIRTHDAY in May, we missed several: **Mike Gordon**'s was May 11, **Peggy Peters'** was May 23 and **Don Gordon'a** was May 28. Happy belated birthdays to you all.

Our thoughts are with **Tom** and **Ruth Hitt** as **Ruth** recovers from injuries sustained in an accident. We hope you feel better and better each and every day.

Remember that made-in-Crawfordville, GA-movie "Get Low" with Robert Duvall, Sissy Spacek and Bill Murray? Some of our members (the **Gazettes**, **Becks** and **Abbie Prince**)—and their cars were involved in the filming. The film will be released July 30, and **Carole Gazette** shares a link to a clip of the preview to be shown in theatres coming soon. She says: *'If you will look out the window when Robert Duvall is in the clothing store, you can see our car*... *the one with white walls. We don't know how many other places we will show up in the movie*...looking forward to seeing it.' http://movies.yahoo.com/movie/1810067271/trailer

What well-respected STA cardiologist kept it 'in the STA family' when he recently acquired the 1932 Model B pickup that **Carrie Horner** had for sale? As you may remember, this truck was purchased new by **Jim Miller's** father, stored inside for many years, then meticulously restored by **Jim** with more NOS parts than you can imagine.



A'S GO TO SCHOOL!

The Roberts' '31 Town Sedan and '29 Special Coupe paid a visit to Aiken Middle School, where the eighth



graders had been studying about the 1920s.



Their questions included: How fast can you go? What's THAT? (rumble seat) Comments: NEAT! COOL!



OLD 96 SWAP MEET

We saw many familiar faces at Old 96's Swap Meet on April 16 in Greenwood. **Michael Gordon** drove the pickup 'the whole



TECH SESSION 24

A dozen and a half dedicated STA members made their way to Richard's garage for Tech Session 24 on April 24. Delicious sloppy joes and all the fixin's were served for lunch.











PARROT PICNIC

May 1 dawned bright and sunny, encouraging about 34 STA-ers (with 2 grandchildren) and 15 "A's" to tour to Harlem, GA to visit the Feathered Friends Forever Rescue and Sanctuary (www.featheredfriendsforever.org/) With over 800 companion birds—all species of parrots—the facility was fascinating. We learned the 'back' stories of how many birds came to be there, and of volunteer opportunities and upcoming events the facility is planning. A profusion of foods (including <u>baked</u> fowl—watching our waistlines, you know!)—completed our visit and all who attended shouldn't forget to give Ken Nelson their "A" mileages to/from the event.



TOP L: **Will** had the right idea when he pinned on his button! R: So did **Eric**, when he chose his shirt (and vest, of course)! BOTTOM L to R: One of the residents; **Sam** studies a macaw; all of us learn about the sanctuary birds; **Margaret Ann** feeds the goats; your editor and our tour guide(s) before our tour began.









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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Aiken, SC May 29, 2010



On **Saturday, May 29th**, we'll gather at Al's Restaurant on Atomic Road in North Augusta, leaving there promptly at 8:30 am. We'll travel to Auten's in Aiken for breakfast at 9. (*Directions to Auten's are in the May newsletter*)

After breakfast, we'll have time to browse downtown Aiken antique and specialty shops until the parade lineup at 12:30 p.m. This parade, sponsored by the Marine Corps League, will begin promptly at 1 pm. Look for an email right before the parade giving our lineup location.

After the parade we'll tour to Carolina BBQ, New Ellenton, for a late lunch. Feel free to join us <u>anytime</u> throughout the day.



We'll begin **Saturday**, **June 19** by participating in the 40th Annual Ridge Peach Festival in Trenton, SC. The parade line -up is 9:30—check with dignitaries to find "our" spot—and the parade begins at 10:30.

After the parade, come join the splashing at the McMullin's Pool Party. We will have great food and fellowship under the arbor, the big oak tree, and canopy. We'll have bar-bque pork and fried chicken provided by the club and delicious side dishes and desserts brought by attendees. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June Meeting (and Theresa will be checking with those planning to attend for side dishes/desserts assignments). There will also be very competitive horseshoe games. The President is very good – so I'm not sure anyone will want to challenge him. AND don't forget to bring your swim suits, sun screen, and chairs.



Can't find that picture you want from an event we've attended? You'll find many more photos on our website—shadetreeas.org. Check them out!

June Events---and more!



DOCTORS HOSPITAL EVENT "Gentlemen, Start Your Engines" Augusta, GA June 5, 2010

The "Living Well" partners--

Doctor's Hospital, The Augusta Chronicle, WAFJ and WJBG-TV—are sponsoring the second annual men's health expo and car show, "Gentlemen, Start Your Engines". The 2010 event will be **Saturday, June 5** from 10 am to 2 pm at Warren Baptist Church (3203 Washington Road near Fury's Ferry) and will include a variety of free health screenings for men, valued at \$300! (*fasting is required for some tests*)

Let's show our strong community involvement by supporting this event. We'll meet for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road at 8:30 am and leave at 9:30 for the car show. (*if you're fasting for a test, meet us for breakfast anyhow—you can always live vicariously!*)

TECH SESSION 26 June 26, 2010

We will meet for breakfast on **Saturday June 26**, at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Rd. at 8:00 am, and proceed to Richard's garage at 9:00.



Our past tech sessions have proven to be very successful in correcting problems with our beloved Model A's. I encourage all members plan to attend these tech sessions and share your knowledge with us—who knows you just may learn something as well!

The Club will provide lunch for the hard-working members who attend the Tech Session. Have a pesky problem that needs solved? Bring it to the garage!

LEXINGTON COUNTY PEACH FESTIVAL Gilbert, SC July 3, 2010



The 52nd Lexington County Peach Festival Parade will be

held in Gilbert, SC on **Saturday, July 3**. Mark the date on your calendar— look for more details next month!



MARC 2011 MEMBERSHIP MEETING March, St. Augustine, FL

You may have noticed in the 2011 calendar on page 12 that MARC is holding its National Membership Meeting March 24-27 in St. Augustine, FL. This isn't far from us! Plan ahead..here's the hotel reservations link: <u>https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?</u> <u>mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=2545952</u>



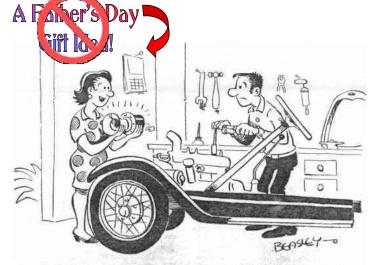
Will the person that borrowed a Zenith 3 Carburetor from Richard please return it or contact him? Thanks!



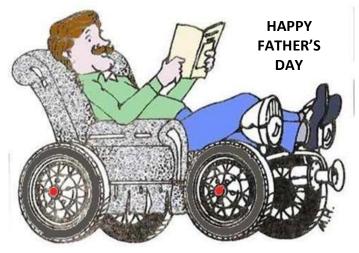
From Eric Shogren: The owner of this wrecked roadster is Gregg Jones, out of our Denver office. This happened several years ago. He was pretty badly banged up and still has some aches and pains

(sitting too long etc.). BUT—today, he's still driving a '27 Model T and a '30 Coupe. The '30 Coupe has the engine out of this roadster. Can't keep a good man down!





SURPRISE ! - I GAVE YOUR OLD HORN TO THE JUNK MAN AND BOUGHT YOU THIS BRAND NEW CHROME-PLATED ONE



Dear Dad (and G-dad),

I notice how much you both like to read about Model A's! There's a MAFCA newsletter just for kids about Model A's —it's called "A World". Please send in my name so I can learn about A's, too! I want a roadster when I grow up!

Love, Billy-Bob



A World is the creation of two MAFCA members and

former school teachers, Archie Cress and Frank Rosin from Washington State. This newsletter is published 4 times a year and is written for school age children from KG through 12th grade.

Any MAFCA member may request subscriptions for grandchildren, children, neighbor's children or other school youth interested in Model A's. At the present time the subscription is free.

Application forms may be found on the MAFCA website. Mail completed applications to:

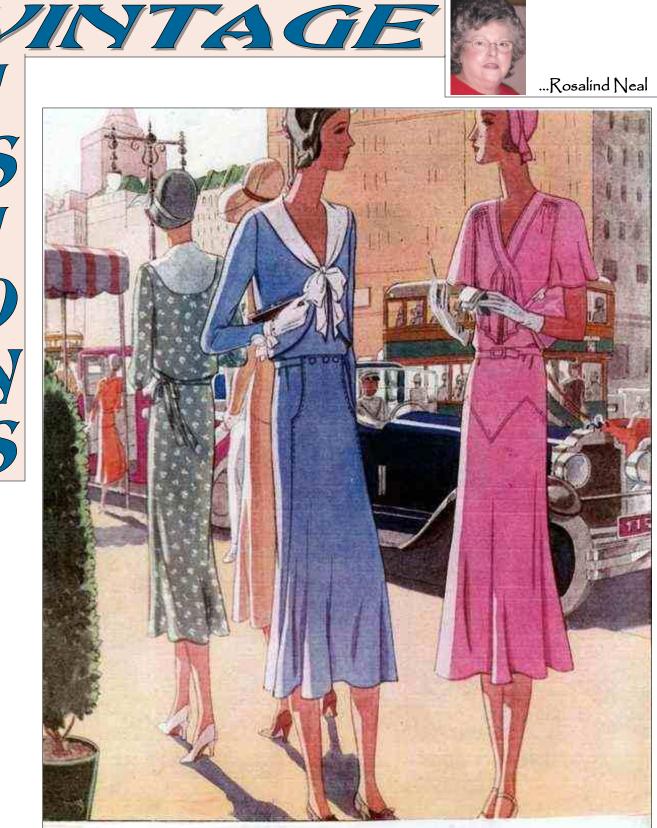
A-World c/o MAFCA 250 South Cypress St La Habra CA 90631-5515

Questions? Email Archie Cress at joanarchie@comcast.net



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FOR A SUMMER SHOPPING TRIP TO TOWN

A short bolero curved in front, gives a smart daytime frock the effect of a suit. A narrow sash ties in a bow in the back. A double jabot, short cape sleeves, and a slightly flaring skirt, joined in a pointed line, lend flattering softness to a daytime frock. June 1930, McCall's

Late-Breaking News the social security run

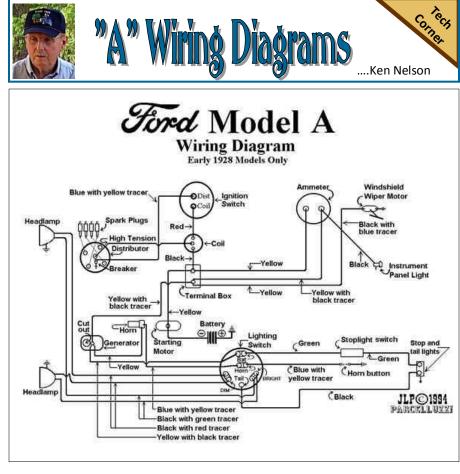
The Shade Tree A's participated in the 15th Annual SSR May 13-16, touring from various hometowns across Georgia and South Carolina. Some stopped for lunch at Miss Jane's in Warrenton and an afternoon antique brake/break in Greensboro before arriving in Madison. Registration, dinner at the Chop House and the Driver Introduction Ceremony rounded out the day's activities.

Friday morning's arrival found us up and off early on the Medicare Tour. Our first stop was the Micro Car Museum with about 150 cars and numerous displays. Then we were off to Watkins Mill State Park and the state's longest covered wooden bridge for a BBQ lunch. Then back to the hotel. We traveled over 160 miles this day, but those surviving cars were ready for the big Saturday tour. We ate dinner at a great Mexican restaurant, with plenty of cool beverages.

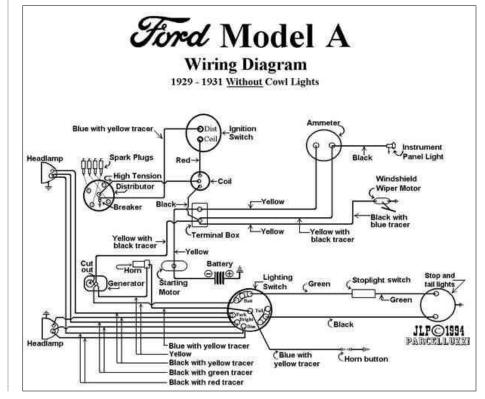
Everyone was up especially early for the Social Security Run on Saturday. The mornings were cool and enjoyable. We were off to Athens to visit the antique car collection of George Bugg. He has 85 cars and trucks on display. Then we were off to Statham, GA for one of the best lunches we have ever had on one of these tours, and back to the hotel. We covered over 140 miles today, in addition to playing poker and keeping track of our running time.

At the banquet we played poker (none of the STA'ers won), but our own Ken Nelson came in second in the Social Security Run (and won \$200). Ken's running time to complete the tour was just seconds off the winning time. For those of you who have not participated in this tour, the time to match is the average of all cars participating. The entertainment was outstanding for this year's cowboy theme. Carole Gazette won the best dressed lady (and a cash prize), a square dance club performed and the Shade Tree A's presented a skit written and directed by our own Tony and Carole Gazette. It was a night to remember.

There were 89 cars participating this year. 60% were Model A's and 18% were Model T's. The SSR will return to Madison for one more year, and the theme will be a 1950's Sock Hop, yes—in the gym. Plan now to



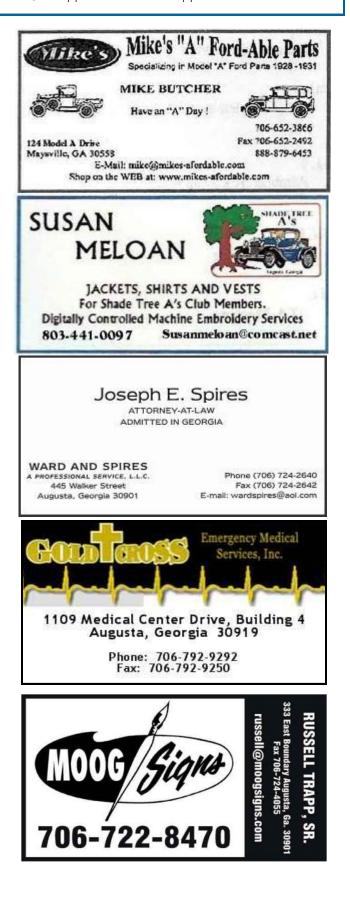
I found these wiring diagrams when I was on the Internet and thought they might be of help to some of our members. Also, **not shown—but available**—is a Wiring Diagram for 1929-31 Model A's <u>WITH</u> Cowl Lights. If you'd like a copy of it, simply contact me (austin.nelson@att.net) or the editor (patroberts@wildblue.net) and let either of us know.



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!





Down The Road			
SHADE TREE A'S EVENT SCHEDULE	OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST (Non-club events but members are encouraged to participate)		
JUNE 5 Doctors Hospital Event, Warren Baptist Ch. 7 STA Meeting (Note date change) 19 Trenton Peach Parade/Pool Party 26 Tech Session 26 JULY	June 5 Grandfather's Day Car Show, BBQ Mike's "A" <u>Ford</u> -able Parts, Maysville, GA 14-18 MARC National Meet, French Lick, IN 19-27 MAFCA 150th Anniversary Pony Express Model A Tour		
3 Gilbert Peach Festival (Note date change) 12 STA Meeting	July 2-4 Old Maggie Valley Swap Meet, Fletcher, NC		
AUGUST 19 STA Dinner Meeting (Note date change) SEPTEMBER 13 STA Meeting 18 International Model A Day/Celebrate Aiken! Transportation Parade 24-25 Palmetto A's Swap Meet	August 1-6 MAFCA International Convention, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada 7-14 Post-Convention Alaska Cruise 26-29 Charlotte AutoFair September 18 Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day 24-25 Hill Climb & Tour of Rutherford Co., NC		
OCTOBER 2 Oliver Hardy Parade, Harlem, GA 11 STA Meeting 16 Steak Cookout 23 Tech Session 27 NOVEMBER 6 Richland Creek Farm Days 8 STA Meeting	October 7-10 Hershey Swap Meet November 19-20 Moultrie Swap Meet 2011 March 24-27 M.A.R.C. National Membership Meet, St.		
DECEMBER 13 STA Meeting A RED entry denotes a change or an addition to these calendars.	Augustine, FL REFRESHMENTS Name <u>underlined</u> coordinates what the group brings		
Dear G-dad, Please read my letter to you and Dad on page 8.	June Mike Gordon, Alan Stewart, Adams, Chavis July Bryant, George Gordon, Gazette, Mason, Neal		
When I grow up, I want to have a Model A, too—and you can help!	Jay Broome 20 - Tom Roberts 4 - Donna 22 - Eloise Young Markwalter 25 - Roger Dozier 9 - Don Neal 25 - Bob Collier		

14 - Debra West

Billy-Bob