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Shade Tree A's Newsletter

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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**.



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

MARCH MEETING

The Shade Tree A's will meet on
Monday, March 8 in
Richard Dunevent's garage at 7 p.m.

Have you ever been out in your Model A for a leisurely Sunday drive when you round a curve and there, not more than 100 feet ahead, is a line of stopped cars or a stop light? Sheer panic sets in. Well, that's the breaks, kid.

This month's Technical Program guest speaker, all the way from Martinez, GA, USA, is going to provide you with the knowledge that will completely eliminate those panic attacks.

Your next
Sunday drive in
your trusty Model

A will be blue
skies, sunshine,
rainbows and
winds soft as a baby's breath.

Be prepared to be awestruck by this
dynamic speaker. 'Nuff said.



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We're very pleased with the response to our request for membership email delivery of the newsletter. As of now, 40+% of you have said OK!!! Your Club thanks you!!!

It's March, and I always seem to want green "A's" on the cover! I didn't have to look far this time—just out in our own garage! Enjoy the story....

Congratulations to Hilde and Jim Dover on their 60th anniversary this month (p. 12) Send me your anniversary, too—let's start a list! —pat



Off The Running Board

Thoughts from our President...

Hopefully you have registered for the tour to Richmond Hill; if not you need to hurry, time is running out. You don't want to hear about this trip second-hand, it's just not the same as being there.

Here are some things you might see or learn while on this tour:

- Get better acquainted with fellow STA members and other old car enthusiasts
- Develop more confidence in driving your Model A long distances
- Visit the place that officially marks the end to Sherman's "March to the Sea"
- Hear Mayor Richard Davis perform and entertain the group
- Enjoy great breakfasts, Hospitality Room with refreshments and fellowship at no additional cost
- Be an official Walthourville Village visitor and say hello to "Ziggy"
- Enjoy real seafood at Love's
- Door Prizes galore and "Model A" BINGO cash prizes included with registration
- Learn the impact that Henry Ford had on Richmond Hill and why
- Drive your Model A with over 150 other old car buffs and be part of the excitement we bring every year to the Richmond Hill community

This tour, in basically our backyard, is one of the best values you will come across because we all chip-in to help, it is well planned and organized, and with such a large group we are able to negotiate fair rates that benefit everyone.

This tour begins early Friday morning on March 5th and ends Sunday afternoon with a surprise stop on the way home hosted by our STA Tour Director. Make your hotel reservation and get your registration in to Theresa to reserve one great weekend with the Shade Tree A's.

Have a safe trip,

Craig

ADDITION TO CALENDAR, PAGE 12:

May 13-16, Social Security Run

Registration forms are out. We'll depart on **Thursday, May 13**. We suggest that you stay at the Hampton Inn in Madison, GA. Let Jim McPherson know if you need a registration form.

February Minutes



The February Monthly Meeting of the STAs was held February 8, 2010, at member Richard Dunevent's garage at 7:00 p.m. President Craig McMullin called the meeting to order. Forty (40) members were present. One member (Don Gordon) paid the "no-name tag kitty" – that money is growing steadily – thanks Don! February birthdays were recognized. The January Meeting Minutes were approved and Treasurer, Richard Dunevent gave the club's financial report.

There were no club member illnesses mentioned, however, Theresa McMullin's mother is in the hospital and beginning to improve.

Ken Nelson reminded everyone to email or call him with your monthly mileage. It all adds up cumulatively towards the million mile award. Ken also reported on the national websites. On the MARC website there is a good article on carburetors. On the MAFA website the first ten years on DVD are available. Years 1956 through 1966 are available for \$10.00. You can also send MAFA a picture of your car and a brief description and it will be considered for the "Model A of the Day" spot on the website. There is also a section on guidelines for tour directors. Ken also congratulated Eric Shogren – his fire extinguisher article was picked up by both national clubs, as well as, other clubs. Eric has put the STAs in the limelight again.

Show and Tell was provided by Ken Nelson. He brought in a piston and Babbitt.

Old business consisted of the most recent activities of the STAs:

- The 50s Party at the McMullins was a good time and attended by 45 members.
- The Moultrie Swap Meet was attended by Gerald Melchior, Richard Dunevent, and Jim and Sheila McPherson. The only purchase discussed was a rare 1944 license tag.

Under new business, the upcoming events were discussed. Please see details covered in this newsletter for the Valentine's Pancake breakfast, the Saturday Technical Seminar on February 20th, and the Richmond Hill Tour.

Vice President Larry Duvall presented the technical program on "No Club Member Left Behind – Tour Safety Guidelines." He easily covered at least 25 rules of touring etiquette.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa McMullin

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.

I had 40 members send me their odometer readings in the "early" part of January. Only 8 responded with a second reading, by February 7th, so I could arrive at the monthly total. That's why we only had 859 miles driven by the "club". I will continue this process each month until the end of September.

To the right is the national total for January, which represents 110 cars.



The program is just starting so now is the time to "join the 'Program'" and start ENJOYING your Model A.

It's never too late to start.



"Going Home"

GLENN BOSWELL

October 9, 1922
January 29, 2010



Glenn was a Shade Tree A's Member for over 30 years. He hosted our annual Steak Cookout since 1991—a long time! Several members have said "because of Glenn, I'm a member of the Shade Tree A's!" We'll miss his cheerfulness and willingness to help everybody with anything! We're glad we knew him.



—We welcome a new feature:

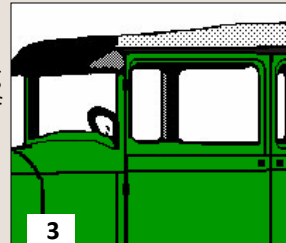
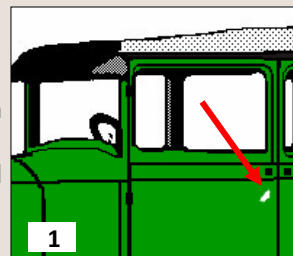
Tech Tip of the Month

Jim McPherson

March, 2009: Trying to match the paint on your Model A? I have been using paint from Tower Paint. They have all the Model A colors and I have found them to match the Model A color chips really well. They offer really large touch up bottles (about 2 oz), and spray cans—(yes, spray cans!)— for about \$18.00. They are the only company I have found that offers paint in pint cans for those larger paint touch up jobs such as a hood or rumble lid. As other paint companies they also offer quart and gallon cans. They feature DuPont and PPG paints.

Do you have a small ding or chip (Figure 1) in your "A" paint job and are looking for an easy fix? Use a touch up brush. They come in a variety of sizes. If your touch up paint is in a spray can, spray the tip of the brush with your custom matched color (Figure 2), then simply touch up the small dinged or chipped area with the brush. A quick fix with great results. (Figure 3)

Storage of paint for future use is a problem. Spray cans should be stored upside down, as there is a straw connected to the nozzle which draws paint from the bottom of the can. Most spray cans go bad due to being stored up-right with the straw in the paint. Touch up paints in plastic bottles usually dry up in about four months. To extend the life of these paints, pour them into a glass jar. Tightly wrapping the joint between the lid and jar with electrical tape will add an additional seal and extend the life of the paints. Tower Paint, 922 Oregon St, PO Box 2345, Oshkosh, WI 54903, PH: 800-779-6520 or 920-235-6520.



THE CREATION OF MY "CUSTOM" PANEL DELIVERY

...Tom Roberts



It all began at a swap meet in Moultrie, GA. I had been thinking about building a wooden-bodied "A" for some time—here I found a man who had a chassis that might work! My son Ted, grandson Bryan and I made a trip to Waycross and brought it back to Aiken in February 2007 (1). I ordered plans for the wooden body from Wagon Works—I had seen their advertisement in Hemmings magazine. The plans arrived quickly, and I began studying. These plans made the basis for my design. One major change I made was to give the van roll-up windows. I was fortunate that Jim McPherson had a Woodie station wagon from which he let me borrow a door panel. From this I could get the profile and spacing of the moldings. I bought my red oak rough from Wall Lumber Company in Mayodan, NC and promised myself that I'd 'measure twice, and cut once' to make the best use of the wood. By April 2007 I had the frame completed. During the summer of 2007, we worked on measuring, planing and cutting. All moldings had to be cut, routed and sanded—not hard to do but very time-consuming. By September, you could really see the body starting to take shape. As usual, Ted and I did all the work ourselves—this is fun, but you have no one to blame if you 'screw up'. We painted the body in Balsam Green and Valley Green. (Ted has painted all four of our cars.) The wood is finished in a satin spar varnish. Now—one more question—where do I put the spare tire?



Why did we put "Myers Mills" on the side? From 1835 up until the time the mill burned in 1931, Pat's maternal ancestors were owners/operators of a grist mill in Van, Venango Co., Pennsylvania and, for us, it was a logical choice! Lucy Fabrick, an art teacher here in Aiken depicted the mill for us, complete with phone number. Above is a picture of the mill in 1908.



Editor's Note: The cancellation of the Pancake Breakfast freed this page—allowing us to publish the STA's brochure, "Touring Safety Guidelines", developed by club members and referenced by **VP Larry DuVall** at February's meeting.

Purpose: The purpose of this brochure is to promote the safe enjoyment of Model A touring. These guidelines have been developed based on the collective experience of the Shade Tree A's and are intended as a tool to get each Model A enthusiast thinking about safety.

General Guidelines: The key is **teamwork!** Remember we are out on the road together to enjoy our cars and the fellowship of other Model A enthusiasts. Besides, what are the chances of any one else on the road knowing how to care for a Model A.

Communicate! Communicate!
Communicate! Whether by CB or flashing headlights every driver should keep in touch with the rest of the group. The group should consider more frequent stops if there are cars in your group without CBs.

- ◆ If the tour will involve 8 or more cars, consider breaking into two groups.
- ◆ Assign a group leader to each group.
- ◆ Put an experienced club member in the back of each group.
- ◆ Try to have someone with a functional speedometer in the lead.
- ◆ Stop at least every two hours to minimize fatigue.
- ◆ Do not follow a contemporary car as closely as you might follow a Model A. *The contemporary car can stop faster than you can.*
- ◆ When separated from the group, return to last known point on the route and wait there. *Murphy's Law*

ensures that if you're driving around looking for the group, the group will find your location...5 minutes after you left.

Open Road Touring:

- ◆ The group should travel only as fast as the slowest car. Put them near the front to help keep the entire group at this pace.
- ◆ Try to maintain a 50 to 100 yard gap between you and the car in front of you. *This improves driver alertness and provides sufficient room for large vehicles to get in between when passing.*
- ◆ the 4 second rule can be used to maintain a 50 to 100 yard gap. *When the vehicle in front of you passes an identifiable object (i.e., telephone pole, driveway etc.) count off the number of seconds that elapse before you pass the same point. When you are traveling at 40 mph, a 4 second elapsed time means there is a 78 yard gap between your cars. At 50 mph, a 4 second elapsed time means there is a 97 yard gap between your cars.*
- ◆ When a contemporary vehicle passes you, let off the gas a bit. *This allows the passing car to pass more quickly and gives you more stopping room in case the passing car has trouble.*
- ◆ Always keep the car behind you in sight. *Remember what the 'Prez sez: "If you can't see the guy behind you, he's gone."*
- ◆ Always try to have CBs in the lead car, the car bringing up the rear and a car in the middle of the pack.
- ◆ Conduct periodic radio checks between the leader and the last driver. If the leader & the last driver cannot hear one another, someone in the middle can relay messages back and forth.

If Everyone Must Pull off the Road Together:

- ◆ The Leader communicates plan via CB.
- ◆ The Leader then picks a location where the whole group can pull off.
- ◆ The Leader slows to approximately 20 mph prior to pulling on to the shoulder. *Slowing down on the roadway ensures everyone knows the group is pulling off and can exit the roadway in a controlled manner.*
- ◆ Once on the shoulder continue rolling forward until everyone is off the road before stopping.

Road Side Repairs:

- ◆ Flash those lights if you are experiencing trouble or let the group know by CB.
- ◆ When a car drops out coordinate via CB who will stop with the driver. The rest of the group continues to the nearest parking lot or safe area to wait.
- ◆ If possible, do not pull off on a curve or just over the top of a rise. *This limits the visibility of vehicles approaching from the rear.*
- ◆ If available, deploy road flares or hazard markers. *A club owned road side hazard kit of reflective triangles and road flares should be placed in the last car of each group.*
- ◆ When on the shoulder, if you're not working on the car with trouble, stay in your vehicle or gather on the shoulder away from the cars.
- ◆ **Do not stand in the highway or between a car and the highway.**
- ◆ **Do not stand between two cars.** *Often times the hazard of a road side stop is not getting hit by a passing vehicle, but having a passing vehicle hit a parked car and knocking that car into bystanders who are too close to the road.*
- ◆ If, after 20 to 30 minutes, the main body of the group has not seen the break down group, send someone back to see if they need assistance, parts etc.

In Town Touring:

- ◆ If you get caught at a stop light, notify the group ahead of you. If you notice someone behind you gets caught at a light, notify the leader. The leader should slow the advance of the lead group until those caught at the light are back in sight.
- ◆ If the group gets separated and a turn is to be made, have one member stay at the corner until the stragglers catch up.

Disclaimer:

A disclaimer is also included in the brochure.

To see the brochure in its entirety, visit our website, shadetreeas.org —you'll find it under "Technical Articles & Tips".

Note: Since the publication of this Safety Brochure, cell phones have become more popular. However, we still believe CB may be a better form of communication, since all can listen in to all conversations.



ALONG THE WAY...

RETURN TO THE 50's

The Shade Tree A's returned to the 50's at the home of Craig and Theresa McMullin on Saturday, January 23. A lively crowd filled their Victorian home, and Elvis was everywhere. Theresa had decorated with strings of 45 rpm records, 50's cars, a juke box, her pink Schwinn bicycle and Hula Hoops. The women were dressed to perfection in their poodle skirts and white tennis shoes, while the men were their sloppy selves in blue jeans and white T-shirts. (A few even got greasy in the garage!) Hot dogs, hamburgers and root beer floats ruled for the dinner buffet, which was overflowing with 50's treats provided by those great Shade Tree A cooks. Music videos from the 50's played throughout the evening and the living room and hall were crowded with dancers. That house hadn't shook so much since Sherman came through! Talk about memories being re-lived— you needed to be there! THANKS, Craig and Theresa, for a GREAT time!



Top to bottom, L:
 Jerry and Peggy Peters (and that '57 Chevy!); Betty Wade, Deborah Fuller, Steve Brannon, Joyce Loflin; Christine Lindner and George Gordon;
R: FOOD!;
 Gerald and Lois Melchiors, Theresa McMullin; Ann Dinkins, Gerald Melchiors (and those hula hoops!)





March Events--and more!



Ziggy

See you
soon
at
Wallhourville!

RETURN TO THE FARM, AGAIN!!

Friday, March 5—Sunday, March 7

See flyer in February Newsletter or on line: www.sta.org

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Saturday, March 20



The Palmetto A's have invited us to their annual PicNic in the Park on **Saturday, March 20**. We'll meet for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill in North Augusta at 8 o'clock, then tour to Saluda Shoals Park in Columbia about 8:30. Bring a **LARGE** dish to share with those in attendance, drinks for your family and chairs. They plan to eat about noon.



ORCHIDS AND OPERA

Saturday, March 27

On **Saturday March 27th** the Shade Tree A's will meet for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill in

North Augusta for breakfast at 8 o'clock. After breakfast we will tour to Carter and Holmes Orchids in Newberry, South Carolina. They will give us a special presentation on orchids and answer any questions before we tour their green-houses—they have **18!** Their gift shop will be open. We will then tour to Newberry for lunch at the Palms. Following lunch we will tour the Newberry Opera House, built in 1881 (admission, \$2.00 each) before returning to Augusta.



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THE NATIONAL MODEL A FORD MUSEUM



MAFFI (The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc) is planning to build the National Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum complex in Hickory Corners, MI.

Much work lies ahead to make the museum a reality; a three person committee has been appointed to select its design. (*The drawing above was suggested by the Ford Motor Company in 1929 as an ideal Ford Dealership building, and is among the candidates for the design of the Museum exterior.*)

Visit the MAFFI website: <http://www.maffi.org> for more information—and other "A"-related data.

If you'd like to explore the Gilmore museum, go to www.gilmorecarmuseum.org.

VINTAGE

Below, an excerpt from the MAFCA website:

Wardrobing - Model A Style

By Elaine DuPen — Updated December, 2004

IS IONS

A sample of the style of dresses made and worn during 1930 is shown on this page. The two models pictured together give an example of what was chosen by the more mature woman. The model with the jabot is a design directly from Paris and the model with the surplice closing for the larger woman is made of a tiny pin-dot fabric with a flat crepe collar. The third model pictured depicts a flattering design, which was easy to make.

Ladies were reminded not to buy and store new clothes away for some event in the future because styles would change and fads would come and go and no one wanted to look like last year's fashion scene.

In the overall review of planning and purchasing a wardrobe during the Model A years, times have changed but the wisdom of purchasing fewer pieces of good quality remains. The main objective was and is to look one's best when going to church, a friend's home or social event.



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Magazine covers and a perfume advertisement from March, 1930

WANT A SPARE TIRE WHEEL WELL?

--add one! Here's how....

Tech
Corner

Tom recently had the opportunity to visit Don Turley at his shop while he was in the process of installing spare tire wheel wells. His pictures tell the story—Don said that if anyone wants additional information, please contact him. (See information at right)



1

1 Pattern (made from an original welled fender) laid out on the fender, marking the hole to be cut.



2

2 Cut-out being made for the well.

3 Fender after the hole has been cut. Holes for welds have been drilled.



4

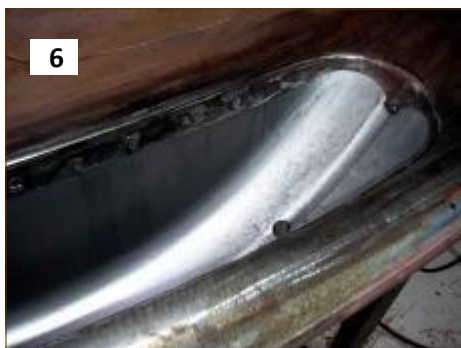
4 Fender on the fixture, edges bent down, ready to place the well prior to welding. (see picture 7 for the fixture)

5 Well in place after welding



5

6 Close-up showing that welding is done on the inside of the well rather than outside under the fender.



6

7 Fixture that Don has made to accommodate a '30-'31 fender when he's working on it or installing a well. He has a similar fixture that he's built for the '28-'29 fender.



7



Don Turley

Don is a **Master Judge** in MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America) Blue Ribbon Fine Point Judging and a **Senior Judge** in MARC (Model A Restorers Club). Don has judged in national shows every year since 1992.

In January 2005, Don was selected to serve as a member of the **MARC Judging Standards Committee**. He is a long-term member of the **Shade Tree A's** and a past president.

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**Thanks,
Don!**

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Down The Road....

SHADE TREE A'S EVENT SCHEDULE

MARCH

- 5-7 Richmond Hill Tour, GA
 8 **STA Meeting**
 15 Board Meeting
 20 Palmetto A's Picnic at Saluda Shoals Park, Columbia, SC
 27 Orchid Tour

APRIL

- 12 **STA Meeting**
 16-17 Old 96 District Model A Swap Meet
 23-24 Hill Climb, Unicoi, TN

MAY

- 1 Parrot Picnic
 10 **STA Meeting**
 13-16 **Social Security Run**



JUNE

- 5 **Doctors Hospital Event**
 7 **STA Meeting (Note date change)**

JULY

- 12 **STA Meeting**

AUGUST

- 19 **STA Dinner Meeting (Note date change)**

SEPTEMBER

- 13 **STA Meeting**
 18 International Model A Day
 24-25 Palmetto A's Swap Meet

OCTOBER

- 11 **STA Meeting**
 16 Steak Cookout

NOVEMBER

- 6 Richland Creek Farm Days
 8 **STA Meeting**

DECEMBER

- 13 **STA 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)

April

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



June

- 14-18 MARC National Meet, French Lick, IN
 19-27 MAFCA 150th Anniversary Pony Express Model A Tour



August

- 1-6 MAFCA International Convention, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 7-14 Post-Convention Alaska Cruise



REFRESHMENTS

Name underlined coordinates what the group brings

March

Dunevent, Wilson, Dinkins, Melchior

April

McMullin, Peters, Markwalter, Horner



Happy Birthday!

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| Brion Frontroth | 25 – Curtis Krosting |
| 12 – Don Cerefin | 29 – Doug Wilson |
| 14 – Charles Wold | 30 – Greenlee |
| 15 – Rosalind Neal | Flanagin |
| 20 – Dan Perla | |



Happy 60th Anniversary!



March 7
Jim and Hilde Dover