

Shade Tree A's Newsletter



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Above, 5¼-year old **Emily** meets Ziggy at Walthourville Village. Emily and her brother Jackson are the grandchildren of STA members Sharon and Alan Stewart.

Right, **Dave and Karen Simmering** of the East Tennessee Region MARC club, enjoy their lunch in Savannah's Mariott Parking Garage.



Left, all are enjoying Danny Norman's stories at Walthourville Village's pavilion.

Here comes **Doug Skinner**, of the Low Country 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 Club also is a member of MAFFI, the Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc.
Its website may be found at www.maffi.org/index.htm





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



PROGRAM:
Diagnosing
Your Model
A Problems

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We are delighted that a trio of fine STA members—Rachel and Brian d'Entremont and Michael Gordon are going to be combining their talents to take over the newsletter when Tom and I retire—after only 2 more issues!

At that time, the newsletter will be distributed electronically, so make sure we have your email address—or a way to contact you.

We enjoyed our trip to Richmond Hill. The food was good; the company even better.

....pat

The Shade Tree A's monthly meetings are the 2nd Monday at 7:00—4338 Owens Road, Evans, GA



Off The Running Board

Thoughts from our President.....

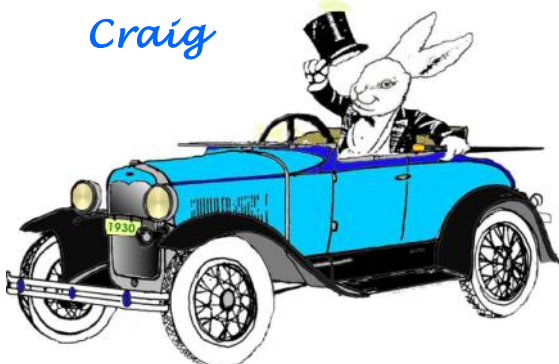
Our Tour Director, Larry Duvall has scheduled an active and varied touring calendar for us this spring and early summer. Some of the activities are new to this issue of the newsletter so be sure to review the calendar of upcoming events. Of particular interest, may be the hot dog and hamburger picnic at Clark's Hill Dam and fishing event on Saturday, April 23rd. This is a new event for us but it does involve food so it promises to be a good time regardless if anyone catches any fish. Mark your calendars and I hope that you are able to participate and drive your Model A to many of the upcoming events.

Our Vice President, Jim McPherson has also been busy filling in the calendar behind Larry with technical seminars at the Garage. Jim wants to concentrate on helping us with our pesky car problems, seat belt installation and finishing the pickup body we started some time ago. If you have a particular issue with your car, let Jim know and we will get a team of experts to weigh-in on the diagnosis during one of the upcoming technical seminars.

Many thanks to Michael Gordon, Rachel and Brian D'Entremont for taking on the newsletter editor function from Tom and Pat Roberts who are retiring from this position in June. Hopefully, the transition will be smooth as they now have a few months to become familiar with all the details. Everyone enjoys each new issue and it is the most effective way we have to communicate all that is going on past and present. Thanks again to you all for taking on this position for the club.

Have a safe trip,

Craig



March Meeting Minutes



President Craig McMullin called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM Feb. 14th 2011.

Lisa and Heather were visitors, introduced as grand-daughters of George Gordon.

40 Members were in attendance.

Members without name badges paid their fines.

Birthday dates were given for March—see newsletter.

The minutes were approved by Eric Shogren and seconded by Ralph Neitzke.

Bobby Jones was back in the hospital.

Richard Dunevent gave the Treasurer's Report and noted that dues were past due.

Eric Shogren reported there was a new updated Judging standards available if you desire one.

Tony Gazette announced that Anne Neely-Beck was running for MAFCA national board of directors, please vote in August.

Tom Roberts reported March 16th deadline to get articles in.

Tom and Pat will be replaced by Rachel d'Entremont, Brian d'Entremont and Michael Gordon.

The trip to Richmond Hill was great success. There was a wreck involving a couple from Queen City Model A Club.

All the events for the coming months were discussed and you can find them in the newsletter.

Eric Shogren presented a video on the Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg Museum.

Refreshments were provided by Jim McPherson, Larry Komp, Jim Miller and Ralph Neitzke.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Wilson, Secretary

Shade Tree A's Board of Directors Minutes

March 15, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

The president, Craig Mc Mullin called the meeting to order.

Doug and Stewart will be the new membership committee and will have a membership kit to give the new members. They will be greeting and talking to new members and visitors.

The Newsletter will be taken over by Rachel and Brian d'Entremont, and Michael Gordon in June. There may be a change in the format. We came up with a minimum of information we thought should be covered, so we will see how it works out. Comments one way or the other to BOD please.

The upcoming activities were planned and will be listed in the Newsletter, so check them out.

The August 8th Dinner Meeting was planned to be at Hibachi Grille and Supreme Buffet behind Fox Appliance at 1343 Aug. W. Pkwy.

The Christmas Party location has not been selected. It will be in the Newsletter.

The next BOD meeting will be June 6th 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Wilson, Secretary



- We're thinking about you both, **Bobby** and **Billie Jones**.
- We've heard that **Ruth Hitt** has had some health concerns. She and **Tom** are in our prayers.
- I see that **Tech Work Sessions** are getting 'cranked up' again! It's time to tackle those pesky automotive problems!
- Don't fail to send your latest email address to us at **shadetreeas@gmail.com**. We'll be sending this issue out electronically to our members who usually get it by snail mail—this month you'll receive 2 copies (electronic/snail mail) With the change-over (July issue) to new editors, all newsletters will be sent electronically—and we want to be sure you get your issue.
- Saw lots of STA members at George Gordon's 80th birthday party! Thanks to the Gordon family for a fine celebration—and for the 'who's who' list for ID purposes!
- Many thanks for **Joe Holley** for the St. Patrick's Day pictures on page 8.
- Congratulations also to our own **Sheila Wilson**, Irish Lady of the Year!



Tech Tip of the Month:

Improved Engine Performance with E10 Gas

...Jim McPherson

April 2011: Among the serious negative effects of using E10 gas in your Model A is engine performance and drivability. You may have heard the ideal air/fuel ratio is 14.7 to 1 for gasoline engines at sea level. This ratio gives you the most complete and efficient combustion of gasoline, and the ratio all gasoline engines fuel systems are designed to deliver. At higher ratios, toward 16 to 1, the mixture is considered "rich", and below 14.7 the mixture is considered "lean". We are all familiar with the practice of opening the choke on our Model A's to start a cold engine, a "rich" condition. The opposite "lean" condition results in decreased performance, excess heat and detonation resulting in severe stress on engine components. This is where E10 gas affects our Model A's. The ideal ratio drops to 14.0 or 14.1 to 1. Constantly running a little too "lean" like this is not good for our engines.

With E10 gas here to stay, what can we do to correct this problem? Increasing the available amount of gas would relieve the lean condition and move back toward the normal or rich condition. To accomplish this, drilling and enlarging, or replacing the carburetor jets is the ideal way to solve the problem. It could also be corrected by running the warmed up engine with a partial choke on, to create a richer condition. You may recall carburetor rebuilding programs at monthly meetings, Tech Work Sessions and in the Newsletter. We are fortunate that the bottom of the carburetor can be easily removed for access to the jets without removal of the entire carburetor. Re-sizing the jets and/or flow testing them for accuracy is easily way to correct or improve the performance of your Model A.



ALONG THE WAY...

Richmond Hill, 2011

Eighty people from eight clubs gathered in the Marriott Parking Garage on Friday, March 4 for registration and lunch. The 30 Model A's parked there looked great! After lunch, we took a trolley tour of Savannah, with excellent guides. Then it was free time there, and off to Richmond Hill for the night—the Hospitality Room was open, too! On Saturday, most of our group made its way to Danny Norman's Walthourville Village. This year, there was a ladies-only shopping trip to the outlet mall. (We didn't hear how much money they spent!) Both groups enjoyed a BBQ lunch, and, at the Walthourville pavilion, Danny shared stories with us. A "Gentlemen, Start Your Engines" demonstration was conducted on one of Danny's "A's" Later that afternoon, on the way to dinner at Love's there was an accident involving Harvey and Jean Hood's Model A and a Ford Club Wagon. (page 7) Following dinner at Love's, we adjourned to the motel's pool area for a prayer for the Hoods and distribution of door prizes. What a memorable trip!



More pictures on our website: www.shadetreeas.org



Richmond Hill Tour
March 4-6, 2011





Upcoming Events

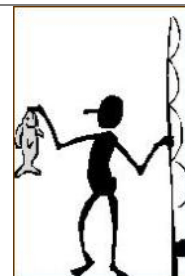
TECH WORK SESSION 28

We will hold our next Tech Work Session on **Saturday April 2nd**. Join us for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road at 8 o'clock, then proceed to Richard's garage for the day's activities. If you are having a problem with your Model A, bring it along for us to evaluate or repair. Some may be interested in seat belt installation. We will be working on the chassis in preparation of assembling the pickup. As usual, lunch will be served, homemade sandwiches, chips and desserts.



GONE FISHIN' COOKOUT

Saturday, April 23, 2011
Below Dam SC Recreation Area
Anytime after 11 a.m.



It's time for a little relaxation with grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. There will be a STA fishing tournament! The Club will provide hot dogs, hamburger meat and buns. Those attending should bring a dish to share and drinks, condiments, chips and dips, etc.

Fishermen: bring extra fishing gear for those that do not have equipment. A fishing license is available at Wal-Mart; license should be free for senior citizens.

Directions: Below Dam (South Carolina side) is located off US Hwy 221 in McCormick County. The entrance (Power Plant Rd.) is directly across from the entrance to the J.S. from Thurmond Visitor Center and approximately 1/2 mile from the Thurmond dam and the Ga./S.C. state line.



Spring Meet
April 7-10, 2011

More: <http://www.charlotte-autofair.com/>

6th ANNUAL ALL MODEL A PARTS SWAP MEET OLD 96 DISTRICT MODEL A CLUB GREENWOOD, SC

APRIL 15-16, 2011
Friday: 8:00 am-all day
Saturday: 8:00-3:00 pm

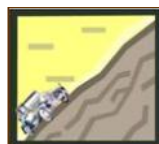


MODEL A DISPLAY AREA

Admission	\$2 per adult
Car Corral	\$10 for both days
Vendor Space	\$25 pre
registration	\$30 at the gate

Lunch will be available

Located half mile south of Greenwood on
 Rt. 221 between Rt. 25 and Route 225



HILL CLIMB & FESTIVAL April 29-30, Unicoi, TN

On Friday, April 29 F.A.S.T. Southeast will conduct the 6th Annual Hill Climb up "Bluegrass Hill". There will be classes for all Model A and T Fords, bone stock, modified and speedsters. For additional information, contact:

Ken Miller, Hill Climb Chairman
 423-638-4383
vickyman@comcast.net



JOHNSTON (SC) PEACH BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE Saturday, May 7, 2011—10:30 am

Meet for breakfast at 8 am, Sunrise Grill, 404 E. Martintown Road, North Augusta, SC. We'll be ready to roll at 9 am for Johnston and their 26th annual parade.

PENNY PINSON HOT DOG DAY

Saturday, May 14
Old '96 Club, Greenwood



SOCIAL SECURITY RUN May 12-15, Madison, GA

The 16th annual Social Security run, hosted by the Atlanta Region of the Horseless Carriage Club of America will be held in Madison, GA **May 12-15**.



Events kick off with a BBQ dinner and driver introductions Thursday night. Friday is the Medicare Tour to Stone Mountain and the Social Security Run is Saturday with the banquet being a Sock Hop in a high school gym, with entertainment featuring among others, the Shade Tree A's.

This is one of the most fun tours you can go on. Participation is limited to 100 cars, so get your registration in early. If you do not have a registration form, contact Jim McPherson.

HARVEY and JEAN HOOD

Harvey and Jean Hood are long-time friends of the Shade Tree A's. They drove their Washington Blue and Black 1930 Coupe from Fort Mill, SC to attend every swap meet, and to the annual gathering at Richmond Hill. Harvey has a host of Queen City Model A Club members with him as they travel. On Saturday afternoon, March 5, as the group was turning into Love's restaurant, an unfortunate accident happened.

The beautiful blue Coupe belonging to Harvey and Jean was struck by a Ford Club Wagon, sending the Coupe spinning around and injuring both Harvey and Jean. Harvey has been released from the hospital with a plate in his jaw and a cast on his wrist. Jean sustained more serious injuries, and although she is recovering, remains in the hospital. Son-in-law Butch has picked up the Coupe for repairs. The Hood family is staying in a Savannah condominium owned by STA Club members Alan and Sharon Stewart. We cannot thank them enough for their generosity. Our prayers are with the Hood family.

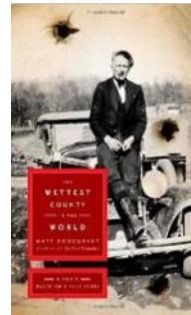
STA MEMBER RUNNING FOR MAFCA BOARD

Anne Neely-Beck, long time STA member, is a candidate for the MAFCA Board of Directors. Her statement:

'I have been asked to run for the MAFCA Board of Directors and I have accepted. I would appreciate everyone's support and vote as I think I can represent the South. I think my past experience on the MAFCA Era Fashion Committee and my business skills will be an asset. Dealing with the public every day and my organizational skills will be most helpful to make me a good Board member.'

MOVIE PREVIEW

The Wettest County in the World....The script is based on the novel by **Matt Bondurant**, who looks at his grandfather and two great uncles and their experiences as bootleggers in Prohibition-era Virginia. *The Wettest County in the World* is currently in production and filming began on February 28 in Georgia. It will come to theaters in 2012.



Sounds interesting, you say—but why should I care? Currently, STA'ers **Anne and James Beck** (and their A's) are involved in the film—and sent us the photo below.



Those of us who took the trolley tour of Savannah saw a film being made on one of the streets in the historic district. This picture was taken through the trolley window) Note the antique car!



LATE-BREAKING REPORT: PALMETTO A'S PICNIC IN THE PARK

After a hearty breakfast on March 19, three Model A's from the Shade Tree A's toured to Saluda Shoals Park in Lexington, SC for a picnic lunch. Thirty-nine Model A's from five clubs attended. It was perfect driving weather for the Model A's. After lunch car games and strawberry ice cream were the order of the day. Members **Alan and Sharon Stewart** drove their Model A from south of Sylvania and arrived in time for breakfast; then arrived home before dark.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE in AUGUSTAmany thanks to Joe Holley!

..more on our website! www.shadetreeas.org



VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck



Needlecraft, April 1929, introduces "New Animation in Distinctive Skirt Treatments"

Dress 228 (right) is simply cut on tailored lines with a fitted bodice, a dip in the front, and a circular skirt shaped to give a tight hemline. The decorative buttons, from the neckline to the hem, create slenderness. Perfect fabrics would be silk crepe, crepe satin, wool crepe, and featherweight tweed.

Dress 230 (left) could be made from a printed silk crepe. It has a smart uneven hemline in handkerchief drape with a shaped hip yoke to secure slender appearance for the larger woman.

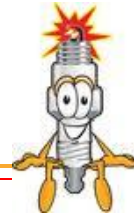
Dress 238 (below) is a charming slip-on style dress flattering the woman inclined to plumpness, as it has a slenderizing effect on the figure. Sheer woolens, silk crepe, wool crepe, and printed silk de Chine would be perfect for this dress.



Dress 239 (bottom left) is a striking frock for all around sports occasions. The front skirt is pressed into inverted plaits, forming a wide center panel to lengthen its line. Choose silk crepe in Marine blue or Lanvin green for the street. For mornings and active sports it needs to be made of necktie silk or sheer tweed in a tiny check.

Dress, 225 (bottom right) has a diagonal closing bodice with an attractively shaped shawl collar, snug waistline, with fluttering circular skirt. A printed silk crepe, georgette, or sheer wool would be perfect for this dress.

Spark Plugs



...Ken Nelson,
December 2004

Tech
Corner

What is the correct spark plug for your car and driving habits?

A heat range test is the best way to determine the correct plug for your particular engine set-up and your personal driving habits. When in doubt always choose a colder plug first until you determine what works best. The worst thing that can happen with a colder plug is that the plug can foul out, whereas too hot a plug can cause engine damage.

Conduct a heat range test as follows:

- ✿ Drive out someplace where you can run the car at a sustained speed for a few miles without having to slow down or stop.
- ✿ Run the car in high gear at the speed that you would typically drive.
- ✿ Hold the car at that sustained speed for a few miles, and without letting up on the throttle, reach over and turn off the engine. Push in the clutch quickly and coast over to the side of the road. Open the hood and let the engine cool off a bit. Remove the spark plugs and examine the color and conditions of the electrodes and insulators. The color will be a true indication of how hot or cold the plugs are running.

Of course, this is not set in stone. A person that putts around at 40 MPH and never goes faster may not need a hotter plug. The lower the combustion chamber temperatures, the hotter the plug should be. On the other hand, as speed conditions cause the combustion chamber temperature to rise, a colder plug may be necessary. That's why some people change to a colder plug if they are going on tour where they will be driving at a higher sustained speed.

You don't have to be perfect about it. You just don't want the plugs to be "sooty black" and foul out or "chalky white" and cause pre-ignition and possibly engine damage. You want the plugs to be some place between light brown and grayish tan.

Plug possibilities are:

- ✿ Champion 3X (\$\$\$ original) and the Champion W18 (\$) are in same heat range
- ✿ Champion W16Y (projected tip) a little cooler
- ✿ Champion W14 = Autolite 3076 = Motorcraft TT10, which are colder

Also, each time you remove your plugs you might want to consider changing the **COPPER** gasket as well to assure that you have a good seal. Set gap at 35-40 and torque to 25-30 Ft. Lbs.



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Down The Road....

STA EVENT SCHEDULE

APRIL

- 2** Tech Work Session 28
11 Shade Tree A's Meeting
 15-16 '96 Swap Meet, Greenwood
23 Gone Fishin' Cookout, Below Dam
30 Tech Work Session 29



MAY

- 7** Johnston Peach Blossom Festival Parade
14 Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day, Old 96
10 Shade Tree A's Meeting
 12-15 Social Security Run
21 Tech Work Session 30
28 Aiken Memorial Day Parade

JUNE

- 4** Big Mo Drive-In Theater
11 Tech Work Session 31
13 Shade Tree A's Meeting
 18 Trenton Peach Festival Parade
25 Nancy Carson Library Display, N. Augusta

JULY

- 4** Gilbert Independence Day Parade
11 Shade Tree A's Meeting
23 Phinizy Swamp Nature Park Tour

AUGUST

- 8** STA Dinner Meeting, Hibachi Grill
20 Sno-Cap meeting, North Augusta

SEPTEMBER

- 10** International Model A Day ("Gentlemen, Start Your Engines")
12 Shade Tree A's Meeting
 23-24 Palmetto A's Swap Meet

OCTOBER

- 10** Shade Tree A's Meeting
 15 Steak Cookout (Below Dam)
22 Lunch, Miller's Breadbasket, Blackville, SC with Low Country and Palmetto A's

NOVEMBER

- 14** Shade Tree A's Meeting

DECEMBER

- 10** STA Christmas Party
15 Christmas Lights Tour

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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

April

- 7-10 Charlotte AutoFair
 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



August

- 25-28** Charlotte AutoFair Fall Meet

September

- 29-Oct 1 Historic Tour, Rally, Hill Climb, Greenville, TN

October

- 3-8 Hershey Swap Meet

November

- 5 Richland Creek
 18-20 Moultrie, GA Swap Meet

A RED calendar entry denotes a change or an addition.

REFRESHMENTS

Name underlined coordinates what the group brings.

April

Turley, Walter Smith, Bob Collier

May

Dunevent, Melchior, Prince, Dinkins, Wilson



Happy April Birthday!

- 2 - Carole Gazette
 10 - Theresa McMullin
 11 - Dawn Komp
 14 - Ann Dinkins
 17 - Brian d'Entremont