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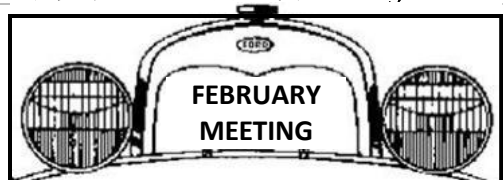
The organization is dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile and supports membership in these national organizations dedicated to the same purpose.

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, FEBRUARY 14** in Richard Dunevent's garage. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Postponed from January:



Ever have a problem with a bent starter armature shaft? Come and see how **Tom Roberts** solved it!

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February's the month of groundhogs, presidents and Valentines. Don't miss the Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast on February 12—

there will be NO SNOW that day—guaranteed!! (??)

A note about the newsletter: Tom and I will complete the June issue, which will be distributed the latter part of May. Then it's up to y'all! We'll be glad to help anyone that's thinking about assuming this task.....just tell Craig if you're interested.

We'll indeed miss one of our most reliable contributors—Ken Nelson. You'll find a note from me (and one of his tech articles) in its usual spot on page 10.

Our next tour will be the Turkey Tour on January 29. Thaw out that Model A (and yourselves)—we'll see you there. It's a fascinating place.

....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.....

It is with shock and great sorrow that just a few hours ago the Shade Tree A's were notified that **Ken Nelson** had passed away.

Ken was an outstanding STA club member, who joined the club in 2004 and made a point to make himself available to everyone by attending and actively participating in almost all club events. This was no easy task, since his home in Lexington, SC is not within a short commute of most of our activities. In addition he drove his Model A, not a modern car. The fact that he was so active and had to travel great lengths demonstrated a true commitment to the STA organization.

Ken Nelson was once again voted the club's National Director in 2011. He did a great job keeping the STA's in a positive light with the MAFCA and MARC with articles and pictures of our activities and special events. Every month you could count on Ken to write a technical article for the newsletter or present a technical program at a monthly club meeting. In addition, Ken led our mileage award program for the club and kept all the statistics of those who wished to participate. All this information had to be forwarded to our national organizations on a monthly basis. As National Director, Ken was an active voting member of the Board of Directors and again had to travel from the Columbia area to attend regularly-scheduled Board meetings.

Ken's technical knowledge of the Model A, positive attitude and out-going personality made him easy to get to know and he was always there to lend a helping hand to new and long-time members alike. Ken was a team player and could be counted on to do what was in the best interest of the club. In an organization as large as the STA's, these attributes can not be overstated.

Ken was also an active member of two other Model A clubs in the area and as such always represented the STA's well, promoting our club and communicating special events to others. For many years, Ken had exhibited great leadership and had not only stepped up to volunteer, but took an active role and made a positive impact to make the Shade Tree A's a better, more informed organization.

Please keep Linda and the Nelson family in your thoughts and prayers,

Craig McMullin, President



Meeting Minutes



Shade Tree A's Board of Director's Minutes January 3, 2011, 7:00 PM

The president, Craig McMullin called the meeting to order.

Policy and procedures were discussed and updated for 2011.

Doug Wilson and Stuart Smith were appointed to the membership / welcome committee.

The main concern of the meeting was to replace Tom and Pat as the Newsletter Editors. Please discuss this among yourselves and let's come up with an interested party. We looked at and reviewed many ways to make the position as easy as possible for the next Editor.

The calendar of events was reviewed and updated for 2011.

The next BOD meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, 2011

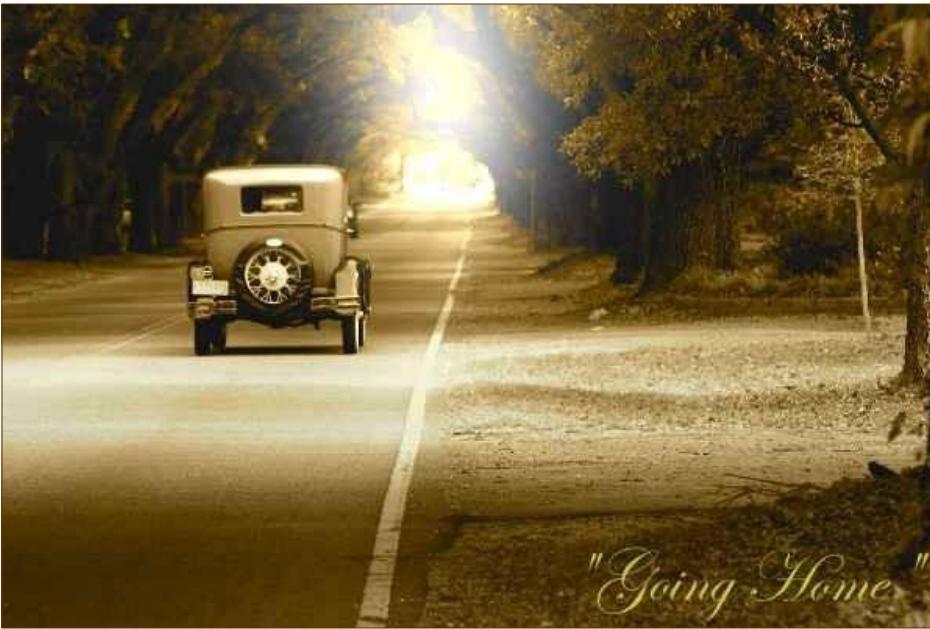
Respectfully submitted,
Doug Wilson, Secretary



Under The Shade Tree

This month has been a particularly sad one for our Club.

- **Walter Smith's** mother, Alice Thompson, died on Sunday, December 26.
- **Pascal Bryant's** brother in law, Bob Witherington, passed away Sunday, December 26. Bob, at 96, had been the oldest living policeman in Jacksonville and was given a full 'policeman's' funeral, which Pascal and Barbara attended.
- **Brenda Prince's** mom, Louise R. Johnson, died on Monday, December 27.
- **Ken Nelson** passed away on Friday, January 7. Linda plans to move to Michigan after all sale arrangements are made.
- We have word that **Bob Jones** is recuperating at home.
Please remember all these folks and their families in your prayers.
- Rumor has it that the **Gazettes** and the **Becks** are going to be in another movie soon.



Ken Austin Nelson

May 23, 1939

January 7, 2011



Sadly, we again use Barry Ready's photograph, "Going Home" in tribute to one of our fellow members.

How better to remember Ken than through a few photographs, below? He was a happy contributor to our STA newsletter and will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Linda and her family.



Tech Tip of the Month:

TIE ROD AND DRAG LINK INSTALLATION AND ADJUSTMENT

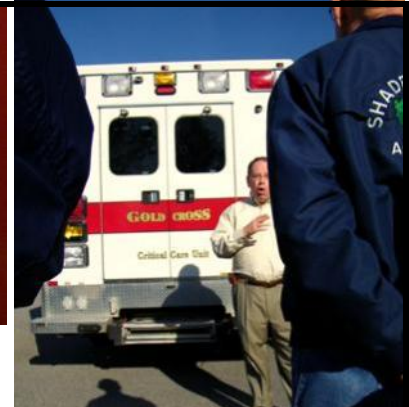
February, 2011: Many of you remember the difficulty we had at a recent Technical Workshop installing the steering arm balls into the rebuilt tie rod or drag link ends. Here is a simple solution to the problem.

Take a piece of 3/4" conduit 7/8" in length and cut it in half lengthwise. Drill a 1/8" hole near one end. Install the spring and cup into the tie rod or drag link end, place the conduit piece in with the hole pointing up, and install the threaded end piece until it just appears on the inside.

Place the steering ball in place and remove the threaded piece. With a small screwdriver remove the conduit and replace the threaded end. You may also remember adjusting the tension on the steering ball by feel. We knew the specification was to compress the spring to 1/4 its' original length of 1". Well, the threads on the end piece are 20 threads per inch, so the correct tension is obtained at 5 turns, after the end piece touches the ball.



ALONG THE WAY...



NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAKFAST/ GOLD CROSS TOUR



About three dozen happy STA members and 14 Model A's gathered at the Cracker Barrel for a New Year's Day breakfast.

After breakfast, we took our shortest tour ever—to Gold Cross EMS Services, Inc., where STA

member (and Gold Cross CFO) **Frank Lindley** showed us through the facility. Among the antique ambulances we saw a horse-drawn one (below), a 1921 "Model T" (lower right), the 'Hollywood star' of the group, a 1929 "AA" ambulance (cover), a Jeep, Cadillac, and 1957 Ford Ambleragon. Fascinating, too, were the helicopters, the modern ambulance and call center. Thanks, Frank!



2011 Richmond Hill Tour Information



2011 Richmond Hill Tour *Making Memories on the Farm, AGAIN!!*

Tour Hosts

Friday, March 4th	11:00 a.m.	Registration and Welcome Lunch – Savannah, GA Directions will be provided	Sheila McPherson Theresa McMullin
	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	90-minute Uninterrupted Historic Trolley Tour of Savannah, GA	Oglethorpe Trolley Tours
	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Shop, Tour, and Eat Dinner downtown Savannah	On Your Own
	7:00 p.m.	Leave parking area for hotel - Richmond Hill	Jim McPherson Craig McMullin
	8:30 p.m. – Until	Hospitality Room in the banquet/conference room at the Quality Inn (drinks, coffee, and games)	Theresa McMullin Sheila McPherson
Saturday, March 5th	9:00 a.m.	Depart the Quality Inn for Danny Norman's*	Jim McPherson Craig McMullin
		Self-guided tour (with map and building descriptions) of Walthourville Village	
	11:00	BBQ Lunch at the Farm	
	12:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	Gentlemen: Start Your Engines Challenge	Shade Tree A's
	4:00 p.m.	Depart Quality Inn for Love's Seafood Restaurant	Jim McPherson Craig McMullin
	4:30 p.m. until	Dinner at Love's Seafood Restaurant	
Sunday, March 6th	7:30 p.m. until	Model A Bingo in the Quality Inn banquet/conference room	Jackpot Theresa Jackpot Sheila
	9:30 a.m.	Depart Quality Inn for return trip home	On Your Own

Hotel Information: The Quality Inn (formerly Holiday Inn), Richmond Hill, GA. A block of rooms has been reserved under the Shade Tree A's name. The rate is \$42.00/night plus tax and includes a hot breakfast in the banquet/conference room (our group only). Call the hotel directly to make your reservations at 912-756-3351. There is plenty of trailer parking behind the hotel.

***Ladies:** In lieu of going to the Farm: You can participate in a Ladies Only Shopping Tour. We will leave the hotel Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. on the Outlet Mall Shuttle Bus for a morning of shopping, return to the hotel for our BBQ lunch, listen to an era fashion discussion, and then enjoy a little wine/champagne before the men return. If you are interested in participating in this "side tour," please indicate on the registration form, as this will be by reservation only.

Mail this form to Theresa McMullin at the address below. Registration Deadline is Friday, February 25th.

Registration Form

Name _____ Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Club Name _____

Name(s) of additional guests in your party _____

Antique Vehicle Year/Style: _____

Names of Ladies in your party attending the Outlet Mall shopping trip, lunch, and wine/champagne party, in lieu of going to the farm on Saturday: _____

Registration Fee includes: Welcome and Lunch in Savannah, Trolley Tour Admission and Parking in Savannah, the Hospitality Friday and Saturday nights (including your favorite beverages), BBQ Lunch at the Farm, Ladies Lunch and Wine/Champagne Party (in lieu of going to the farm), and Model A Bingo.**

The registration deadline is Friday, February 25th.

\$55.00 per person Registration Fee x _____ (number in your party) = \$_____ (total amount enclosed)

Make checks payable to: Theresa McMullin

Mail to: Theresa McMullin, Registration Chairperson

425 Columbia Road, Edgefield, SC 29824-1230

Phone: home at 803-637-3790; cell at 803-480-0126; email: tamcmullin@yahoo.com

**** Friday dinner in Savannah and Love's Seafood are not included in the registration fee.**

Registration confirmation, as well as additional tour information and directions, will be sent via email.



This information may also be found on our website, shadetreeas.org. Dan has posted a link from the STA home page—you can download it and print it out from there.



Upcoming Events

WILD TURKEY TOUR

Saturday, January 29, 2011

We'll meet for breakfast at **8 am**
Sunrise Grill 8am. 404 E. Martintown Rd., North
Augusta, S.C.

Depart for Wild Turkey Museum at **9 am**. The Winchester Museum is dedicated to the restoration, management and hunting of the wild turkey and is full of interesting exhibits—even a full-sized helicopter! Come hear their story. We have made arrangements for a **10 am guided tour** at a very special reduced admission of \$2.00 each.



Winchester Museum
National Wild Turkey Federation
770 Augusta Rd.
Edgefield, SC

Lunch

Chef Bob's Cafe, Edgefield, SC
Buffet style \$7.95

Special request from Theresa. Please let her know how many for lunch in your party, and if would you like to visit Stephen Farrell, a potter in Edgefield.



From
Jim
McPherson's
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Valentine
collection.

SWEETHEART PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 12, 2011

The tradition continues! Once again **Jack and Carrie Horner** have graciously opened their home and their hearts for the Shade Tree A's annual Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast.



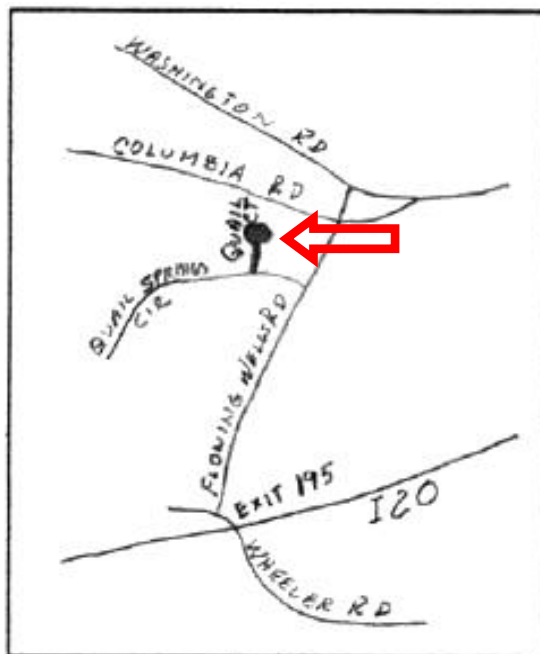
Breakfast will be prepared by the men of the Shade Tree A's, and rumor has it that a new, up-to-date "with it" flavor has been added to their 'menu'! Plan to arrive in your Model A at 9 am.

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Craig McMullin, our President, has issued another Challenge: let's see if we can have 22 Model A's on hand!

Jack and Carrie Horner
4167 Quail Springs Circle
Martinez, GA

(Map below!)



VINTAGE VISIONS

...Anne Neely-Beck



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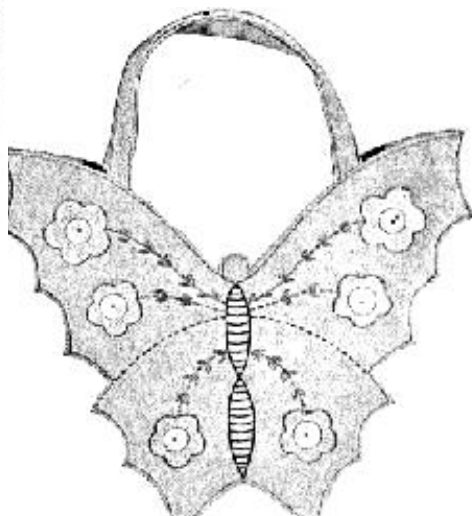
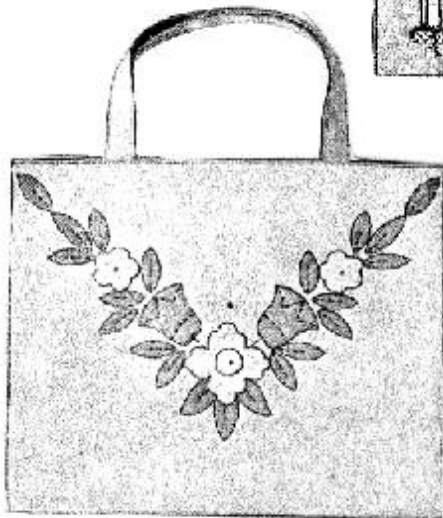


No. 4428N. Fruit and Flowers
for Your Shopping "Basket"

(Below)
No. 4431 N.
Study and Cap-
acious Is This
Utility Bag of
Tan Felt



No. 4429N. Lovely
Cottage with Flower-
ful Window-Boxes



No. 4430N. Unique and Colorful
Is the Butterfly Bag

Needlecraft, February 1931 had some great ideas for a versatile utility bag made from felt. Patterns were available but general directions were also given. The woman of the era would be able to put her knitting needles and yarn in this bag, a book she was reading, her bible, a cribbage game, or cards for a bridge game. What a perfect idea for an accessory in judging for Reproduction or Model A Era Image and easy to make too. I made the basket shaped bag (below) by just following the direction given.





From Ken's Archives: Batteries

...Ken Nelson, September 2006

Tech
Corner

The automotive battery requires special handling. The electrolyte (water) inside the battery is a mixture of sulfuric acid and water. Sulfuric acid is very corrosive; if it gets on your skin it should be flushed with water immediately; if it gets in your eyes, you should immediately flush them thoroughly with water and see a doctor right away. In this situation, time is critical.

Sulfuric acid will eat through clothing, so it is advisable to wear old clothing when handling batteries. It is also advisable to wear goggles and gloves while servicing the battery. When charging, the battery will emit hydrogen gas; it is therefore extremely important to keep flames and sparks away from the battery.

Batteries are rated in cold cranking amps. This represents the current that the battery can produce for 30 seconds at 0 degrees before the battery voltage drops below 7.2 volts. An average battery today will have a CCA (Cold Cranking Amps) of 500. With the many different makes and models of cars available today, batteries will come in many different sizes, but all sizes come in many CCAs. Make sure you get a battery strong enough to operate properly in your car. The length of the warranty is not indicative of the strength of the battery.



Six-volt battery cables are a large diameter, multi-stranded wire which carry the high current necessary to operate the starter motor. Make sure you don't replace it with a smaller 12 volt version, unless you have converted to 12 volts.

Inspect the battery to see that it is clean and that it is held securely in its carrier. Some corrosion naturally collects around the battery. Electrolyte condensation contains corrosive sulfuric acid, which eats away the metal of battery terminals, cable ends and battery hold down parts. To clean away the corrosion, use a mixture of baking soda and water, and wash all the metal parts around the battery, being careful not to allow any of the mixture to get into the battery (batteries with top cell caps and vents). Some folks have been known to use Diet Coca or Diet Pepsi to dissolve corrosion. You are probably thinking why "diet"? Diet is used because it does not contain sugar which will leave a sticky residue

Rinse with water. Remove the battery cables from the battery (negative cable first), wire brush the inside of the cable end and the battery post. Reinstall the cables (negative end last). Once you have the cables and posts clean and dry, you will want to apply a thin film of either wheel bearing grease or a multi-purpose chassis grease, preferably the non-lithium variety, to the battery cables and posts. Make sure everything gets a good coating of the grease. Why chassis grease? First of all grease is impervious to acid, it forms a good airtight seal and is easily applied preventing new corrosion from forming again and grease is an excellent conductor of electricity. Corrosion forms when acid and air are present. If you can eliminate air, future corrosion will be prevented.



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Down The Road....

STA EVENT SCHEDULE

JANUARY

29 Wild Turkey Museum, Edgefield

FEBRUARY

12 Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast

14 Shade Tree A's Meeting

MARCH

4-6 Return to Richmond Hill

14 Shade Tree A's Meeting

15 STA Board of Directors Meeting

19 Picnic in the Park, Columbia

APRIL

11 Shade Tree A's Meeting

15-16 '96 Swap Meet,
Greenwood



MAY

9 Shade Tree A's Meeting

12-15 Social Security Run

30 Aiken Memorial Day Parade

JUNE

4 Big Mo Drive-In Theater

13 Shade Tree A's Meeting

18 Trenton Peach Festival Parade

JULY

4 Gilbert Independence Day Parade

11 Shade Tree A's Meeting

AUGUST

8 STA Dinner Meeting, Sno-Cap

SEPTEMBER

10 International Model A Day

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)

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)

February

4-6 Moultrie, GA Swap Meet

March

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



April

7-10 Charlotte Swap Meet

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

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.

February

Shogren, Roberts, Cerefin, D'Entremont

March

McPherson, Komp, Miller



Happy February Birthday!

11 - Larry DuVall
11 - Ralph Neitzke
12 - Virginia Trapp
17 - George Gordon
22 - Ruth Hitt

24 - Craig McMullin
26 - Cindy Smith
27 - Art Towe
28 - Rachel d'Entremont