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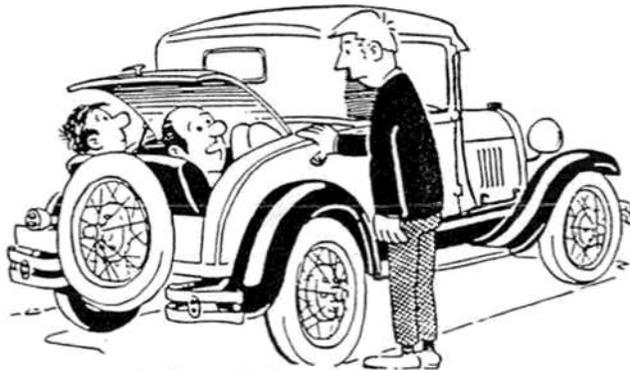
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CAN'T QUITE PUT MY FINGER ON IT, FRED — BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR RUMBLE SEAT CONVERSION

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Christmas Parades

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Left and above: Michael Gordon and Houston at a Saturday Technical Seminar.

"Model A Youth Program" Shade Tree A's of Augusta, Georgia

by Ken Nelson

Several years ago the club realized that, even though membership activity was steady, some effort was needed to continue to grow the club with a younger group for the future.

It was with this in mind that we created a "Youth Honorary Membership Policy". This policy stated that: "As with all club members, Youth Honorary Members shall show an interest in the Model A and demonstrate a desire to take an active part in the club activities. Youth Honorary Members shall: Be less than 18 years of age; Receive a hard copy of the newsletter at a reduced cost to be determined by the Board of Directors; Receive a membership ID card, club hat, and a name tag. Youth Honorary Members are not eligible to: Vote or Hold office. A Youth Honorary Member does not have to be related to another club member."

At the March 2008 club membership meeting it was recommended that Houston Barbee, age 9, and grandson of Pascal and Barbara Bryant, be made an Honorary Member of the club. It was noted that Houston had participated in seven club tours to Jacksonville, Florida, attending the First Coast Model A Roundup. He also was a member of the Era Fashion Show in 2005 & 2006 at one of the local malls where the club cars were on display.

At the August 2008 club membership meeting it was recommended that Michael Gordon, age 13, and grandson of George Gordon and Christine Lindler, be made an Honorary Member of the club.

Both Houston and Michael are active club members. This includes attending the monthly club meetings and monthly Saturday technical seminars. Both have written articles for the club newsletter based on their experiences on club outings and tours.



Above left: At the June 2009 club membership meeting, Michael was "acting" Club President and was responsible for leading in through the business meeting which included calling the meeting to order, welcoming new members and guests, discussing such things as June birthdays, member illnesses, treasures report, newsletter requests, old business activities and introducing the technical program. Above right: Houston was "acting" Club Vice President & Tour Director. Houston played an active role in discussing some old business activities he and his family attended. He reviewed upcoming events and presented the technical program on the inner workings of the Model A water pump.



At the July 2010 club meeting Michael made a presentation on "overheating" while Houston discussed "spark plugs". Above left: Michael speaking on "overheating"; above right: Houston discussing "spark plugs". It is a pleasure to see and interact with these young members and watch as they grow in the Model A world.



Christmas Party: Craig McMullin, Sheile McPherson, Betty Wade, 2010 Monroe Wade Award: Pat and Tom Roberts

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The Shade Tree A's will meet **Monday, January 10** in Richard Dunevent's garage. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.



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

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What a happy surprise when Tom and I were given the Monroe Wade award at the Christmas party!

We've enjoyed our newsletter work with the Club and appreciate your thoughtfulness. A big THANKS!

You'll see a 'new' face and name or two on our list of officers and Board of Directors (upper left). **Larry DuVall** and **Jim McPherson** have traded positions— Jim will be Vice President and Larry, Tour Director. **Doug Wilson** is our new secretary; **Tom Roberts** and **Stuart Smith** are the two new Board of Directors members.

Tom and I will continue to put the NL together through the June issue—then the position will be taken over by ??????. Stay tuned!

....pat

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



Off The Running Board

Thoughts from our President...

Hope those that attended the Christmas Party and dinner last month had an enjoyable time. The gift exchange was most entertaining. I believe we all had a few laughs as some gifts changed hands many times. Thanks to all who found the time to shop for a gift and to Theresa and Sheila for hosting the swap.

My congratulations to Tom and Pat Roberts as being selected to receive the 2010 Monroe Wade Award. This is always the highlight of the Christmas Party (at least for me) just because Monroe did so much for the club and I always enjoyed his enthusiastic company.

Over the next few months, we will be busy once again ringing in the New Year with some traditional, as well as some new events and activities. The Board of Directors will be planning our 2011 calendar and will be soliciting the membership for some new ideas very soon. Please start thinking about what you may like to do or see at least two or three months from now so we can have some time to plan and advertise. With any activity, a great deal of planning goes on mostly behind the scenes so it is most important to plan early and to participate. It is very disheartening for someone to take great pains to plan an event and only have a few members show up.

With that said, I hope everyone will consider going on the Richmond Hill Tour the first weekend in March. We have another great venue planned. It is a great time for fellowship and driving your Model A. We expect many Model A clubs from around the Southeast to participate again this year.

*Have a Safe Trip,
Craig*

THE SHADE TREE A'S JOIN MAFFI

At a recent STA Board of Director's Meeting, it was unanimously decided that our club would join MAFFI. The website for MAFFI (Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc.) may be accessed at: <http://www.maffi.org/index.htm>.

MAFFI's goal is to preserve Model A Fords and related memorabilia through research, education, and museum

December Meeting Minutes



Members of the Shade Tree A's met at 7:00 p.m. at "Be My Guest" for their annual Christmas party. There were 59 members present.

President Craig McMullin welcomed everyone and Ernie Dinkins led the invocation. Members ate a buffet dinner of ham, turkey & dressing, vegetables and dessert.

Anniversary pins for 2011 were handed out and the Monroe Wade Award was presented to Pat and Tom Roberts. (See the article in this Newsletter)

Secretary Theresa McMullin announced the 2011 Club elected officers. President – Craig McMullin, Vice-President – Jim McPherson, Secretary – Doug Wilson, Treasurer – Richard Dunevent, National Director – Ken Nelson, Tour Director – Larry DuVall, and Board of Directors members: Tom Roberts and Stuart Smith.

Members enjoyed "Yankee Swap" present exchange. A bottle of wine was "possessed" briefly by many.

*Respectfully submitted,
Theresa McMullin, Secretary*

displays. Its major current effort is the fundraising and design activities connected with the Model A Ford Museum to be built at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan (read the exciting story on page 10).

Some of MAFFI's other programs include its Photo Collection, the Ford Parts Project and the online Factory Photos, just to name a few. MAFFI volunteers have spent untold hours at the Benson Ford Research center in Dearborn, MI scanning data, photos, and automotive parts drawings in an effort to help bring this information to the general population. We have had tremendous success!

The memorials that came to the club for STA member **Mike Chavis** have been donated to the MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION MEMORIAL FUND. What better way to acknowledge a loss than to help build a memorial for the collection, preservation, and display of the Model A Era for future generations. We're certain that **Mike** would agree!



Monroe Wade Award 2010

This year's Monroe Wade Award recognizes a married couple who have worked very hard for the club month after month. This special recognition is long overdue and although there were many great and deserving nominees this year, this year's selection is very special.



Tom and Pat Roberts are serving as Editors of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter. They have done an outstanding job in producing our newsletter, bringing great credit and recognition to both the Club and the Newsletter. The quality of our newsletter is shown by the numerous

articles which are reprinted in the newsletters of other clubs around the world. Their efforts have resulted in the Newsletter of the Year Award from the Model A Ford Club of America and Newsletter Cover of the Year Award from the Model A Restorer's Club.

In addition to fulfilling these duties, Tom is the "go-to guy" for Model A repair in the Aiken area, assisting both club members and non-club members with their Model A's. Tom has presented outstanding programs on the restoration of the Model A Ford at monthly meetings, drawing on his personal experiences from the restoration of his four Model A's. Tom and Pat have both contributed articles to our Newsletter.

Tom and Pat have each driven their Model A's in numerous parades, displays, and club outings, while representing the Shade Tree A's. They have attended two Model A Ford Club of America National Membership Meetings.

It is with great pleasure and sincere gratitude for all of Tom and Pat's hard work and dedication over these many years in making the STA Model A Ford Club one that we can all be very proud of.

(Presentation picture is on the cover)



Tech Tip of the Month: "Don't Let Your Auntie Freeeze"

...Jim McPherson

January 2011: Skinned Knuckles (Box 6983, Huntington Beach, CA 92615, \$26/yr), is a restoration magazine. The November 2010 issue has a number of interesting articles, making your own thread chasers, springs and covers, and spark plugs. From time to time they have Model A specific articles, but they always have great articles of general interest to antique car enthusiasts. One in this issue is "Keeeeeep Cooool! or Don't Let Your Auntie Freeeze".

Since it seems we are constantly battling overheating problems this one is of interest to us. Many modern coolants are being developed because the manufacturers switching to aluminum and magnesium engines and engine parts. Pro Honda HP coolant, Engine Ice, and Maxima Coolanol are examples. We may be most familiar with Water Wetter, which promises a 30 degree drop in your water temperature. Racers swear by it, but conventional car owners say it only reduces the water temperature by 5 degrees. That may be because Water Wetter is designed to be used with water only. Mix it with anti-freeze and the effectiveness is significantly reduced. Maxima Cool-Aide is designed for use in race cars and can be mixed with water or anti-freeze.

Evans NPG and NPG+ Waterless Coolant contains no water, never goes bad so it doesn't need to be replaced, and is designed to run at low or no pressure, excellent for our non-pressurized Model A cooling system. It operates at the same temperature as water-based anti-freeze, 190-230 degrees F, but it boils as 370 degrees F, so it will not overheat because it operates so far from its boiling point. It is not cheap at \$35/gallon, and you have to run pure NPG+, but it offers a lot of advantages.



ALONG THE WAY...

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY



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 Togetherness,
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 Newlyweds,
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 Pictures,
 Tissue Paper

—Making Memories—

This was our Christmas Party, 2010.

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Christmas Celebrations

GIBSON PARADE

On a cold windy Saturday, December 4, 2010, eight Model A Fords left the Wal-Mart parking lot and headed south down Highway 1 for Gibson, GA. As we drove thru town, Winterfest was in full swing. We stopped at Crossroads BBQ for lunch, then returned to Gibson for the festivities and Christmas Parade.

GRANITEVILLE PARADE

While eight of our cars were participating in the Gibson, GA parade, five more were taking part in the always-festive Graniteville, SC parade. The Roberts family had two cars there; Larry Duvall, Eric Shogren and Don Cerefin also participated. A LOT of candy was thrown (by other groups) in this parade and made for some tricky navigation.

THOMSON PARADE

On Sunday December 5, 2010, nineteen Model A Fords left the Cracker Barrel restaurant for the Christmas Parade in Thomson, GA. Our new line-up location turned out to be across the street from our previous location. The cars were decorated in their Christmas finest for the longest and most viewed parade of the season. Following the parade we made our way to Thomson Packing Company, our parade sponsor, for their wonderful Cason's sausage and company calendar, an additional Thank You for those participating in the parade. Many ate supper at Ryan's before returning home on the dark back roads of rural Georgia.

GRACEWOOD PARADE

Larry DuVall was the lone STA representative at this Tuesday, December 7 parade.

HEPHZIBAH PARADE

On a warmer Saturday December 11, ten Model A fords participated in The Hephzibah Christmas Parade. Bobby and Deana Brandon were out with two of their A's, as well as Tommy and Tammie Pennington. And out for their first parade of the season were Jim Dover and John McDaniel. Following the parade, the group had lunch at Sconyer's.

AIKEN PARADE

We may have been at the very end of the Aiken Jaycees parade this year (right before Santa)—nevertheless, fourteen "A's" in all their Christmas finery joined the festivities on Sunday, December 12. The Dunevent, McMullin, DuVall, Cerefin, Lamb, Krosting, Gordon and McPherson cars joined two Shogren cars and four Roberts vehicles. The sky varied from blue to gray to black—and just before the parade began, it **rained!** This was a candy-free parade, and although the crowd numbers were down because of the weather, we had a great time.

By the time the parade was over, the wind had picked up greatly, which made driving even more interesting! After the parade, eleven STAers, headed for Georgia, went to eat Mexican food and were home by 5. Apparently there were a lot of snow flakes, especially in Thomson, but all they got was the rain.

Seven other A's headed the other direction for the Windsor parade, about 13 miles east of Aiken. They won the prize for the best autos there—and it began to sleet at the end of the parade. By the time we finally got 'to the barn', several of us were icicles!



More pictures on our website. too!!

LIGHTS TOUR

All week the temperature was in the teens, perfect for a Christmas Lights Tour, then on Thursday night, December 18, the temperature was 45. Well, at least it made for a pleasant tour of Downtown Augusta and Old Town. After dinner at the S&S we toured the area, viewing the Christmas decorations and lights before getting on the River Watch Parkway and going to Richard and Frankie Dunevent's for dessert. Richard and Frankie really out did themselves this year, decorating every nook and cranny of the garage with Christmas decorations, drawings for LARGE Poinsettias and the fried pies we missed at the Gibson Christmas parade. Sheila McPherson made apple cider to go with cakes and cookies and Linda Krosting made candy. Five Model A's made the tour and twenty-four members enjoyed the desserts.

Gibson



Graniteville



Hephzibah



Thomson



Aiken



Lights





January-March Events



NEW YEAR'S BREAKFAST and TOUR

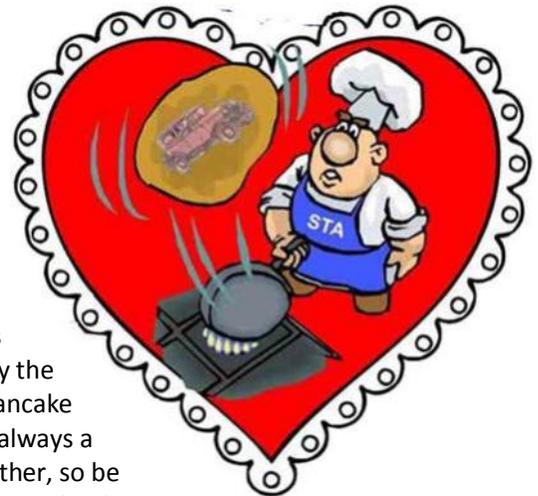
Saturday, January 1

What better way to start off the New Year than driving your Model A to breakfast at the old Cracker Barrel restaurant on I-20. Meet around 8 o'clock for a warm breakfast and fellowship, then join in on one of the shortest and most exciting tours you have ever been on. Your VP

presents the **President's Mystery Tour for 2011**. We'll only drive a few blocks to see some very interesting things!!!

SWEETHEART PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 12



We've had a long talk with the weather man, and he promises **NO SNOW** this year! Come to **Jack and Carrie Horner's** home and enjoy the very latest in pancake flavors. This is always a happy get-together, so be sure to mark your calendar now!

Mark Your Calendar for the Shade Tree A's Exciting Annual Richmond Hill Tour March 4 - 6, 2011




Richmond Hill, GA Quality Inn will again be our host hotel (The \$42 per night fee includes a hot breakfast)

March 4: Savannah, GA

Friday, March 4th starts with lunch and a trolley tour of Savannah's Historic District. Then, you can visit museums, antique shops, historical squares, cemeteries, and more at your leisure.



Friday night, eat dinner at one of the many great restaurants on Savannah's River Street—then enjoy the STA's Hospitality Room with all the fixin's at the Richmond Hill Quality Inn, our host hotel

March 5: Walthourville, GA

On Saturday, March 5th, we will return to Danny Norman's Walthourville. We'll re-visit the past, then get ready for the future with a hands-on team challenge: *Gentlemen: Can you start this engine?*



Barbeque Lunch at the farm



For the Ladies—shuttle to the outlet mall and look for your own treasures! Then enjoy a wine and champagne tea party!

Love's Seafood Saturday night

Model A Bingo, anyone?



RETURN TO RICHMOND HILL

Friday through Sunday, March 4-6

Henry Ford returned to Richmond Hill, GA over and over again, and so are we! We'll have all the details of the upcoming trip available very soon—stay tuned!



Henry Ford at Richmond Hill

Did you know—there's a model of Ford's Richmond Hill Plantation at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan? If you're visiting there, be sure to look for it!

Registration begins in early January, 2011
Contact Jim McPherson at shadetreesax@gmail.com or call 706-592-4835

VINTAGE

This month's article found at:
www.mafcc.org/overview.pdf

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Casual Fashions Of The Model A Era

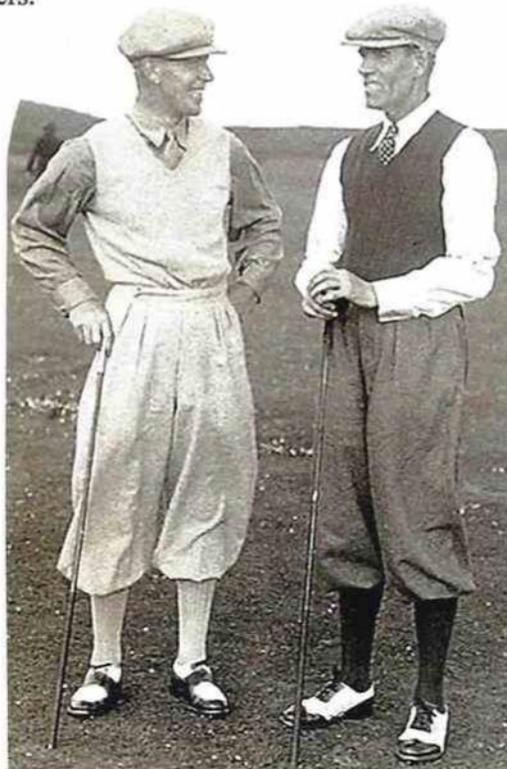
By Sharon Pelikan

During the Model A era, people dressed much more formally than today. Ladies always wore a dress, hat, gloves, hose, jewelry, and appropriate shoes when leaving the house. Men often wore a three piece suit completed with a hat. More casual clothing was slow to come about. How did these fashion changes happen then? There were a number of things that occurred during the years 1928-1931 that influenced these changes.

With the advent of all women's colleges, women began competing in active sports. Prior to this only men participated in competitive sports. With the crash of the stock market people could no longer afford expensive clothing. Clothes that could be laundered at home were needed. Another change was the automobile. Families could now get out into the country for outdoor activities such as camping. It was also more common for women to be working in factories.

More casual clothing for both men and women were now needed. Manufacturers scrambled to meet these needs. Washable fabrics and ready to wear clothing was common in catalogs of the era. Designers began to use men's fashion ideas when creating women's outdoor clothing.

The idea of ladies wearing pants, or trousers as they were then called, was not accepted very readily. Clothes had always been gender specific. Society had strict rules and trousers were defined as for men. Knickers were the first casual item of clothing that was acceptable for both sexes to wear. These were shorter pants often worn with cotton long sleeve shirts and ties. This was true for women as well as men. The catalogs from the era show women wearing cloche style hats, and men wearing the paneled newsboy style hats with knickers.



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Model A Ford Museum Coming to Gilmore Car Museum Campus

Hickory Corners, Michigan –

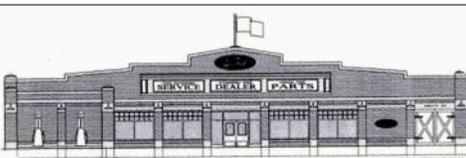
Ground breaking for the all-new *Model A Ford Museum*, proposed as a 12,000-square-foot re-creation of a vintage Ford dealership, is slated to take place the summer of 2011. When completed, it will become the largest public museum dedicated to the Model A Ford in existence.

The driving force behind the new museum has been the non-profit Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) established in 1987 to preserve Model A Fords and related memorabilia, to encourage research, and to educate present and future generations on its legacy. The organization has successfully united the tens of thousands of Model A enthusiasts who are members of various clubs in support of the new venture.

The Model A Ford was manufactured from 1928 through 1931 and marked the second commercial triumph, after the Model T, for the Ford Motor Company.

When Henry Ford introduced the new Model A Ford in December 1927, he was following the overwhelming success of the Model T, which had been produced with few changes since it debuted in 1908. Over 15 million of the sturdy, utilitarian, and low-priced Model Ts had been sold.

The all-new Model A Ford was greeted with such tremendous public enthusiasm that it became an instant success and nearly five million were sold during its four year production. In fact, an article in *The Literary Digest* published before the car was unveiled revealed that 400,000 Model A Fords had "been sold sight unseen."



This artist's rendering of the proposed Model A Ford Museum is based on plans provided to dealers by Ford Motor Company through its May 1929 publication, "Ford Dealer and Service Field."

The stylish Model A featured twice the horsepower, a simpler and less confusing

three-speed transmission, and was available in 20 body styles and a wide variety of colors, rather than just black.

The Model A Ford is a car that all can relate to, explains Michael Spezia, executive director of the Gilmore Car Museum.

"It was an affordable and very popular automobile that was owned and enjoyed by close to five million people," Spezia continued, "We are especially happy to welcome the Model A Ford Museum to our campus."

The all-new *Model A Ford Museum* will provide MAFFI a permanent home for its collection of automobiles, display engines, and artifacts including factory photos, blueprints and research materials.

"The museum will feature several very interesting Model A Fords but it will be more than just a car collection," explains Art Callan, MAFFI Executive Director, "it will take you on a journey through the Model A years—the end of the Roaring 20s, the stock market crash in '29, and the birth of Mickey Mouse."

Rather than a single large structure to house its collections, the Gilmore Car Museum has nearly one dozen historic structures situated on 90 landscaped acres—making it feel much more like a park than a museum.

The Gilmore Car Museum is truly without equal. Besides its own collection, the ever-expanding campus also serves as the home of the: Classic Car Club of America Museum; Pierce-Arrow Museum; Franklin Collection at Hickory Corners; as well as the Midwest Miniatures Museum and the Tucker Historical Collection and Library. The Cadillac – LaSalle Foundation, Lincoln Motor Car Foundation, and the Model A Ford Museum also all have displays with museum structures planned.



A pair of Model A Ford Sedans are parked in front of the 1928 service station at the Gilmore Car Museum, the future home to the Model A Ford Museum.

With nine individual museum collections, the Gilmore Car Museum is becoming the nation's premier automotive history destination.

Garth Shreading, president of the Model A Ford Club of America—the world's largest club dedicated to one make of automobile—agrees. "The fit between the Model A Museum and the Gilmore Car Museum is a good one," Shreading said, "and offers much for our membership."

More: [Gilmore, GilmoreCarMuseum.org](http://GilmoreCarMuseum.org); [Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.: maffi.org](http://ModelAFordFoundation.org)
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George Tynan, president of the Model A Ford Foundation and Michael Spezia, Director of the Gilmore Car Museum (L-R, seated) share a congratulatory handshake while Garth Shreading (left), president of MAFCA; and Hugh Smith, president of MARC look on.

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Down The Road....

SHADE TREE A'S EVENT SCHEDULE



JANUARY

- 1 New Years Breakfast, Cracker Barrel
- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 12 Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast
- 14 Shade Tree A's Meeting

MARCH

- 4-6 Return to Richmond Hill
- 14 Shade Tree A's Meeting

APRIL

- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting
- 15-16 '96 Swap Meet, Greenwood

A RED entry denotes a change or an addition.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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

2011

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

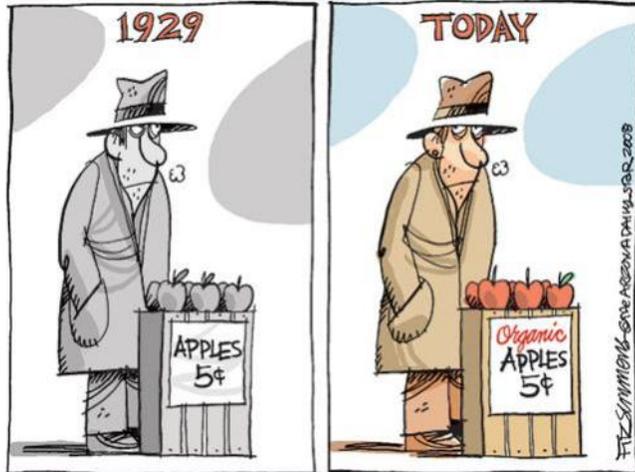


June

- 27-July 1 MARC 2011 National Meet, San Diego, CA

September

- 10 International Model A Day
- 23-24 Palmetto A's Swap Meet
- 29-Oct 1 Historic Tour, Rally, Hill Climb, Greenville, TN



Have you visited the Shade Tree A's website (www.shadetreeas.org) lately? Web Master Dan Perla has been adding seasonal animated musical videos to our website..as well as our Christmas pictures!

REFRESHMENTS

Name underlined coordinates what the group brings.

January 2011

McPherson, Komp, Miller

February 2011

Shogren, Roberts, Cerefin, D'Entremont

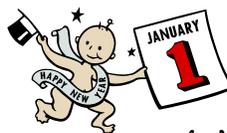


WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



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The Youngs have a '29 Tudor.



Happy January Birthday!

- 4 - Michael Gordon (he's 16!)
- 12 - Frankie Dunevent
- 14 - Carrie Horner
- 16 - Donna Wold
- 24 - Sharon Stewart
- 27 - Marvin Vanover
- 31 - Jack Horner