

Shade Tree A's Newsletter



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Summertime..



Curtis Krosting relaxes at the
Below Dam Fishing
Tournament/Cookout

The 13-year cicadas serenaded
us at the Johnston Peach
Blossom Parade, where
Rachel d'Entremont decorated
her "A" appropriately; we
captured our reflection in a
downtown store window



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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.

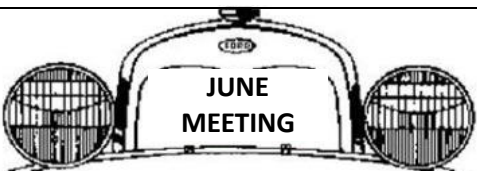
Shade Tree A's membership includes annual dues (\$40) for the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and a subscription to **The Restorer** Magazine from MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., LaHabra, CA 90631



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, June 13 in
Richard Dunevent's garage.
The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Program Topic:

**Diagnosing YOUR
Model A Problems**



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BYE! You're in very good hands with Brian, Rachel and Michael.

Don Turley will be printing for those without email; Walter Smith has offered to pay the mailing costs.

Our very best to all of you—thanks to all who helped us over the past four years!

....pat and tom

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 seems we cannot have an activity that does not involve food. Although most of us talk about losing a few pounds, the temptation of food in combination with the comradery of being around other Model A enthusiasts is too much to resist. So why fight it!

There are two upcoming events that promise to be no exceptions: 1) going to the Drive-In at the Big Mo and 2) The Sterling House Senior Center Car Display. Both will be filled with good company, fun and calories.

The Big Mo is great fun! You can step back in time and enjoy newly-released double features in the company of the best folks in the CSRA. A few years ago, I took my grown kids (and their kids) to the Big Mo – they had never been to a drive-in movie. It was great! The Shade Tree As will be tailgating – so bring a chair comfortable enough to watch the movie in, a side dish or dessert to share at our tailgating party (the club will furnish the chicken), and a radio to listen to the movie sound. There are two screens and you'll be able to choose your movies; so if you have kids or grandkids, don't worry about the appropriate movie rating. There's also a playground they can enjoy before the show. Look for additional information in this newsletter.

The Sterling House Display is scheduled for a Sunday afternoon with plenty of food (provided) and shade to kick tires. We'll be able to bring some enjoyment to a lot of local elderly and once again enjoy the fellowship with our members. It's so satisfying to "see" memories flashing in the eyes of our older generation. Please plan to join me in demonstrating how we have preserved history.

Have a safe trip,
Craig



May Membership Meeting Minutes



President Craig McMullin called the meeting to order at 7:04 P M May 10, 2011.

Thirty members were in attendance and fines were paid for members without name badges.

Birthday dates were given for May. See the Newsletter.

The minutes were approved and seconded as read.

Frankie Dunevent is home from hip surgery April 23rd. Ruth Hitt is doing great. Don Neal is improving.

Richard Dunevent gave the Treasurer's report.

Tom Roberts reported March 15th as deadline for articles. Tom and Pat Roberts need your emails to send the newsletter. Don Turley will print the newsletter and Walter Smith will pay the postage for those without computers. Rachel and Brian d'Entremont along with Michael Gordon will take over the newsletter for the July issue and it will be by Email.

There was a special Lincoln hub cap at show and tell.

The fishing trip was a success, but the fish didn't bite. All events for the coming months are in the newsletter or you can find them in the calendar of events.

Brian d'Entremont presented a **GREAT** video installing a Thrust and Rear Main Bearing with a spacer to reduce crankshaft movement.

Refreshments were provided by Richard D, Gerald M, Abbie P, Ernest D, and Doug W.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P M by President Craig McMullin

Respectfully submitted
Doug Wilson, Secretary.



Tech Tip of the Month:

Front End Shimmy & Vapor Lock

...Jim McPherson

May, 2011: When a Model A experiences front end shimmy, usually the first thought and check is the kingpins. If replacing the kingpins doesn't solve the shimmy, the next thought is the steering assembly. There is a third, often overlooked component that also contributes to front end shimmy, the bolts holding the wishbone under the clutch housing. Simply replacing this assembly does not solve the problem if the holes in the housing are wallowed out. These bolts will move around, allowing the shimmy to continue. The fix is to machine (or Drill) these holes oversize and bush them to the size of the bolts. These bolts do come in different sizes, depending upon the manufacturer, so make sure to size the bushing to your bolts.

At some point in time someone is going to convince me that a Model A will vapor lock. We are hearing more and more about vapor lock with ethanol containing gas. Doug Wilson asked if you have ever seen a liquid run up hill? You might want to check your gas line coming out of the firewall sediment bowl and going to the carburetor. The last bend and the horizontal line going to the carburetor may have a slight uphill slant. With this uphill slant, the flow of gas is affected. This curve is a prime location for a vapor lock to occur.



THE MODEL A TOURING CLUB

The Model A Touring Club (MATC), a special interest group of MAFCA, has as its slogan "Going Places in Model A Fords". Its website is www.modelatouring.com. A group of pre-1931 cars has just returned from an April 2011 New Zealand trip; read their blog on <https://sites.google.com/site/modelarestorersclubofarizona/home>

In 2012, the Model T Club of Southern California is planning a Baltic Tour (see the box below) and they'd like to invite Model A's (and their owners!) to join them in the fun. This would be a fun way to explore that part of the world. For further information, contact Lee Chase (information given below).

Early Ford Tour to the Baltic Countries August 4 to 26, 2012

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Under The Shade Tree

- **Larry Komp** won the award for the "What Is It?" column in the Augusta Chronicle by correctly identifying the Beverly Hillbillies car and giving a description of the car and TV series. Way to go, Larry!
- **Frankie Dunevent** has returned home following her hip surgery and subsequent visits to rehab and the hospital. Welcome home, Frankie.
- **Larry Lamb** recently had gall bladder surgery and is now home. Hope you're feeling better, Larry!

The three pictures below are from the Social Security Run (see page 7). There are many more at our website: www.shadetreeas.org



These pictures of folks we know were found on the Ridge Spring Peach Festival web site. Lookin' good, **George Gordon** and **Jim Leach**!



NEW KID ON THE BLOCK: Jim McPherson's Mail Truck

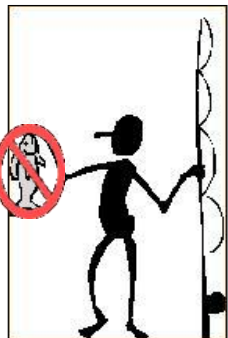


ALONG THE WAY....

GONE FISHIN'/COOKOUT

April 23, 2011

The fish weren't biting, but over two dozen folks and four A's had a great time at the Below Dam site. There were hamburgers and hot dogs, and as usual for STA members—too much great food! It was a super event, **Larry**—thanks for thinking of it!



JOHNSTON PEACH BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE

May 7, 2011

This was the first time the STAs had participated in this parade, and all we have to say is: 'What a perfect time of the year for a parade!' The weather was beautiful....six STA vehicles took part in a rousing parade, accompanied by the constant sound of the 13-year cicadas. The South Carolina contingent was

represented by **Rachel and Brian d'Entremont, Tom and Pat Roberts and Eric Shogren**. From Georgia came **Stuart Smith** and his son (and Stuart's two vehicles) and **George and William Gordon**.



Above and left: **Curtis and Linda Krosting, Barbara Bryant**; waiting for lunch; our A's and the dam.



TECH WORKSHOP 29

Saturday, April 30, 2011

For some reason, breakfast was exceptionally good on Saturday April 30th at the Sunrise Grill...especially for a Tech Workshop. Thirteen members were kept busy replacing a gas sediment bowl and inside gas line to stop a leak on **George Gordon's** 1929 Closed Cab Pickup, repair a too-long gas gauge arm on **Bill Richardson's** 1931 DeLux Roadster and evaluated a number of items on **Rachel d'Entremont's** 1928 Roadster. Gourmet Ranch Hamburgers and SuperDogs were outclassed by the homemade strawberry shortcake (THANKS **Sheila**).



The parade lineup; **Rachel d'Entremont** and her 1928 Roadster.



THE 16th ANNUAL SOCIAL SECURITY RUN May 12-15, Madison, GA

Thursday morning May 12th, Model A Fords belonging to Shade Tree A's members across the states of Georgia and South Carolina headed for Madison, Georgia and the annual Social Security Run. Some stopped for breakfast at Miss Jane's in Warrenton for their fried biscuits before continuing on to Greensboro for antiquing. After checking into the hotels and getting registered for the tour, it was time for a short tour and the annual BBQ dinner at Heritage Park in Madison. After dinner, driver introductions and banner presentations were made poolside.

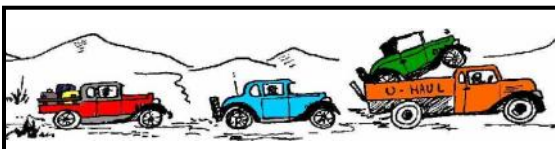
Friday morning some took the Medicare to Stone Mountain where they enjoyed the museum and lunch. Others toured to Eatonton where they enjoyed the B'r'er Rabbit museum, antique shops and a delicious lunch at a local café. We went to a Mexican restaurant for dinner. That night there was a pool party with games from our youth. Several STA members participated.

Saturday dawned bright and early. The Social Security Run started promptly at 8 o'clock. While driving to Dausett Trails we participated in the poker run and kept our driving time. Dausett Trails is a private nature center, with wildlife, farm

animals and exhibits, a reptile center and walking trails. The banquet was held at the Madison Community Center. A bountiful buffet was enjoyed by all. The theme this year was a 1950's Sock Hop. The STA's did good. Although not winning, we had several members close on the poker hand and we were all close on the driving time. Then it was time for the entertainment. Sam Mason won the Best Dressed Lady. One of our more shy members performed an Elvis impersonation, and a men's group headed by Tony Gazette sang "Little Darling" and a women's group headed by Carol Gazette sang "Going to the Chapel". They were certainly a big hit.

This tour is hosted by the Horseless Carriage Club of America, Atlanta Region. True to most recent tours, 65% of the cars were Model A's and 12% were Model T's. This is a "must attend" tour. The weekend ended with a safe trip home.





Upcoming Events



BIG MO

Saturday, June 4, 2011

There are only two remaining drive-in theaters in South Carolina, and one is just outside Aiken on Hwy 1. The STA's will return to the Big Mo in Monetta, SC on **Saturday June 4th**. The gates open at 7, and you do need to arrive early as they frequently sell out. They have multiple screens and offer a current double feature on each. The first movie on each screen starts at dusk (approx. 9:00 pm.) The admission: \$7.00 Adults (12 & over), \$3.00 Kids (4 to 11), 3 and under - Free. (The sign says: **Cash Only at Ticket Booth! One transaction per car, exact change appreciated!**) The Club will be providing ham sliders for our tailgate party, so load up the old car with a dish to share, your favorite beverages and some chairs and come on out. They

do not allow grills or glass containers, and you will need an FM radio to hear the sound broadcast. Radio Sound on 90.3 FM (Screen #1) 95.9 FM (Screen #2) & 105.1 (Screen #3) You will be contacted before the event in order to get a 'head count'.

MIKE'S 8th ANNUAL GRANDFATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW & BBQ Saturday, June 4, 2011

Mike's "A" Ford-able Parts is hosting the Grandfather's Day Car Show & BBQ again for that Grandfather of all cars – **the Model A Ford** -- at Mike's Place in Maysville, GA on **Saturday, June 4**, starting at 9:30 a.m. Last year they had over 100 Model A's and 500 people and are hoping for even more this year!

Model A owners and their families are invited to drive or trailer their restored or unrestored "A's" (no swap meet/flea market items, please) to Mike's. If you want to bring more than one "A", please do so. There will be no judging, just showing! There's a BBQ, too, though reservations have to be made by May 28. For further information, call 1-706-652-3866 or visit <http://www.mikes-afordable.com/>

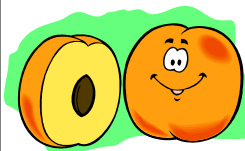


The Tech Session planned for Saturday, June 11 has been cancelled.



RIDGE PEACH FESTIVAL PARADE

Trenton, SC, Saturday, June 18



On **Saturday, June 18**, there's one of our favorite and well-attended parades, the Ridge Peach Festival Parade in Trenton, SC. The parade line-up is 9:30 — check with dignitaries to find "our" spot—and the parade begins at 10:30. After the parade, park your Model A under the tall shade trees for all to view while you are enjoying the festival—and all the delicious peach creations!

Sterling House Display North Augusta, SC, Saturday, June 12 (see Craig's Presidents' Column, page 3)

Antique Car Show & Open House

Come take a stroll down Memory Lane at our Car Show & Open House. View antique Model A cars circa 1928 through 1931. Afterwards sit in a rocking chair on our front porch and indulge in ice cold lemonade and homemade cookies. It's a great way to enjoy a relaxing afternoon and to see why so many people call Sterling House® North Augusta home.

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North Augusta, SC, Saturday, June 25

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Kids' Summer Reading Program Theme:
Transportation and Travel

Meet at Sunrise Grill, 404 E. Martintown Road,
North Augusta, SC at 8:30 for breakfast on **Saturday, June 25, 2011**.
Depart for Nancy Carson Library at 9:30. The display will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Display area is behind the library.



VINTAGE VISIONS

...Anne Neely-Beck



Clothes Favored for Summer Wear — from Needlecraft, June 1929

These three lovely dresses are just perfect for summer wear.

1226, Simple Flare is a smart printed blue and white crepe with plain blue contrast.

1239, Chic Scarf Neckline is made in yellow silk crepe with a most interesting scarf neckline.

469, One-piece Model is printed silk crepe wrap around with effective shirring and drape on the left side.



All patterns, 15 cents each. Spring-and-Summer Fashion-Book, 10 cents. Address Needlecraft Magazine, Augusta, Maine

Simple Road Diagnostics

..from Ken Nelson's Archives, January 2008

Tech
Corner

You're riding along enjoying your Model A and all of a sudden your car quits. You pull over to the side of the road and now the fun begins and you contemplate what went wrong.

The problem could be lack of spark or fuel.

Nine times out of ten it's the spark. So before you climb out of your car try the following; With the ignition switch on, crank the engine over a couple of times and watch the ammeter. The ammeter should move a couple of notches in each direction.

So, what does that tell you?

- The battery is still alive and well AND still connected to the car.
- The pop-out cable has not shorted out.
- The points are opening and closing and are connected to the circuit.
- The condenser is not shorted out.
- The primary side of the coil has continuity and was still connected to the battery at one end and to the points at the other end.
- That the wire that connects the upper distributor plate to the lower plate has not broken or shorted out.

So without getting out of the car you have checked 75% of the ignition system. While still in the car, rock it back and forth a couple of times to see if the gas in the gauge moves. If it doesn't— guess what—you could be out of gas!

It still won't start, so it's time to get out and under the hood.

The problem has to be in the secondary side of the ignition circuit or fuel.

- Check the wire running from the bottom of the coil to the top of the distributor and make sure it is connected well at each end and that is not corroded.
- The other components in the secondary circuit are the secondary windings of the coil, the distributor cap, the rotor, the copper plug wires and the spark plugs.

Fuel—Try loosening the gas cap to make sure it is vented properly, try starting it with the choke is pulled out in an attempt to flood the carburetor. Check the bottom of the carburetor for traces of excess gas, if none your gas line is plugged somewhere. It's Time to break out the wrenches or the cell phone.

PS....The early 29's were not wired so the ammeter would move as mentioned above. This can be changed (see Ford Service Bulletin page 390 for the change).



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Down The Road....

STA EVENT SCHEDULE

JUNE

- 4 Big Mo Drive-In Theater
11 Tech Work Session 31 cancelled
 12 Sterling House Display, N. Augusta
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)

June

- 4 Grandfather's Day Car Show & BBQ, Mike's
 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.

JUNE

REFRESHMENTS

Name underlined coordinates what the group brings.

June

Alan Stewart, Jim Smith

July

Bryants, Gazettes, Masons, Neals



Happy Father's Day!

Happy June Birthday!

- 1—Jim Smith
 4—Donna Markwalter
 4—Billy Hughes
 9—Don Neal
 20—Tom Roberts
 22—Eloise Young
 25—Roger Dozier
 25—Bob Collier

