

MODEL A GROUPIES

We've got fans!

If anyone had any doubt about how much people enjoy seeing the Model A's out and about, recent club events should remove all doubt.

On September 15th a group of us met a Morningside of Evans Assisted Living Center. Those residents that were able walked or were rolled out to the parking lot to see the cars and to reminisce; those who couldn't be in the sun sat on the shady porch and chatted about the cars. We heard stories about first cars, dating, trips with parents, and riding in the rumble seats. We were thanked profusely for remembering them and for bringing back fond memories.

There are retirement homes and assisted living homes all over the place; it wouldn't take much time or effort for a few people to take a few cars to a nearby home; it brings the residents such pleasure.

I couldn't believe all the folks who came out in Aiken to see the cars on International Model A Day on September 22nd. While we were touring the reconstructed Aiken Train Depot, there were folks with serious camera equipment out photographing the cars. It was clear that they'd made the trip for that purpose. When we arrived on Newberry Street to park there were lots of people waiting for us. When there's no festival in progress, this is a street that's normally deserted except for people parking or retrieving their cars. A few people told me that they came to Aiken that day just to see the Model A's.

At a church meeting Sunday night, the pastor of First Presbyterian Church (where the club had lunch) commented to the Session how much he enjoyed seeing a row of Model A's lining the street in front of the church.

Shade Tree A's News

When arrangements were being made for the Aiken visit, we had requests from three store owners to be included in the scavenger hunt and even received a thank you note from one thanking us for including her store! Several shop owners asked that we drive past their stores as they wouldn't be able to leave the shops to come to Newberry Street.

One spectator asked if we could have some of the cars at the New Ellenton Atomic City Festival on October 13. (See details later in the newsletter).

Craig spoke to one man who told him that he checks our web site to see where we'll be so he can be there, too. So, enjoy the celebrity, we've got groupies!

ABOUT THE SHADE TREE A'S

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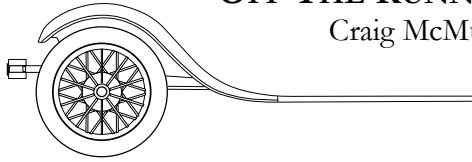
The Shade Tree A's is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile. Shade Tree A's annual dues (\$65) include membership in the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA, \$40) and a subscription to *The Restorer* Magazine. Members are also urged to join the Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC, \$38) which includes a subscription to *Model "A" News*. The club also is a member of MAFFI, the Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc.

Meetings are generally held on the 2nd Monday of each month at Richard Dunevent's garage, 4338 Owens Road, Evans, GA. Meetings begin at 7p.m. and are followed by refreshments.

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

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Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan
Steven Brown



OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Craig McMullin, President

If you were not there, guess what; you missed IT! If you were there, what a great time we all had; taking in some early South Carolina and Augusta, GA train history; touring historic horse and buggy palaces; participating on a scavenger hunt that turned into a shopping tour that turned into a poker run; being interviewed by the general public and local newspapers and magazines; having a group picture taken from the top of a fire rescue ambulance; telling many local residents that came to witness the event all about our club and our cars, 22 of them; eating fried chicken and lots of home-made specialty dishes from some very good cooks; and playing 9-card draw poker, joker's wild in a church hall. Want to hear and see more about this event, read the rest of this issue of the Shade Tree A's News and see photos soon to be posted on the website.

If you did miss IT and you feel sad after reading the commentary above, I have an idea, to wipe those tears away. Our annual steak cookout is planned for Saturday, October 20th at William Gordon's place in Hephzibah. Much of the same food will be on hand except the fried chicken will be replaced with some great thick steaks cut by our longtime friend Warren Newsome, owner of the Thomson Packing Co. Detailed information about this event is included and will be discussed in detail at the October membership meeting. This is always a fun event and a great time to get caught up with everyone and get to know some of our newer members a little better. In closing, if you missed IT, you don't want to miss THIS because the tears may flow uncontrollably.

Have a safe trip,
Craig

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RICHLAND CREEK OLD FARM DAYS

The Shade Tree A's will attend the Richland Creek Old Farm Days on Saturday November 3rd. One group will leave from the closed Hardee's on Hwy 25 and I-20 at 8 o'clock another will leave from Meybohm Realty 142 Laurens Street, NW in Aiken also at 8 am. The groups will meet in Johnston for breakfast at Gary's before going to the farm. Model A's are admitted free. We will display our cars along with other antique cars, tractors and implements, and hit and miss engines. Enjoy the tractor pulls, exhibits of Collie dogs herding sheep, operating farm equipment from the past, and operating trades from days long gone.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

Oct 15: Ralph Neitzke will give us a talk about NASCAR and his experiences as a NASCAR crew member. **Note this is Oct. 15 NOT Oct. 8th.**

Nov 12: Jim McPherson will present a program focused on identification of Model A parts.

MAFCA MEMBERSHIP DUES

By now you should have received via US mail your MAFCA membership renewal form and ballot for the MAFCA officers. Make your check for \$65 payable to the Shade Tree A's and turn it in to Tom Roberts (\$40 goes to MAFCA and \$25 to the Shade Tree A's). Tom will update his records and then all of the dues will be sent together to MAFCA.

Don't dawdle, do it now while it's fresh in your mind...

Tom Roberts, Membership Chairman
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INSURING YOUR ANTIQUE AUTO

The September meeting program was an informative program on the importance of insurance for Model A's and other collectible cars.

Walker Crosby has over 26 years experience with insurance. His recommendation is that you have at minimum \$100,000 per person/\$300,000 per occurrence; better yet, \$500,000. If you really want to be protected, get an umbrella policy.

Walker says that antique car coverage is very reasonable as long as all drivers in the family have a "daily driver" and are adequately covered. Just make sure the coverage you get is compatible with the type of driving you do.

Thanks, Walker for the informative program.



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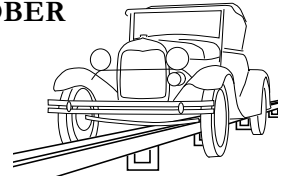
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Woman's Home Companion March 1928

FROM THE OCTOBER



- 3 - Shelby Deitz
- 5 - Tina Neitzke
- 5 - Anne Neely Beck
- 6 - Harold Moore
- 8 - Jim McPherson
- 11 - Dolores Cerefin
- 14- Andrew Morse
- 17 - Hilde Dover
- 17- Leta Jones
- 18 - Sarah Richardson
- 25 - Sheila Wilson
- 26 - Pat Roberts
- 27- James Batton
- 29 - Jerry Peters

NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- ♦ Abbie continues rehab after shoulder surgery.
- ♦ Pascal continues to make progress with his therapy.
- ♦ Jim Dover is recuperating from pneumonia.
- ♦ Tom Hitt passed away September 5th.
- ♦ Donna & Bobby Markwalter celebrated their 40th anniversary in September.
- ♦ The Pooles welcomed a son home from Afghanistan in September. I hope I speak for all when I say we're thankful for his service to the Country.
- ♦ Alan Stewart is recovering from back surgery.

TRIVIA

Cutex produced the first nail tints in 1914. In 1917, using a "paint" derived from automobile paint finish, Cutex introduced a liquid nail polish. By 1925, following the leadership of Cutex, liquid was virtually the only form of nail polish.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

September 10th, 2012

President Craig McMullin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Several members were fined for no name badges. There were 37 members present.

Dates were given for September birthdays; see the newsletter.

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Michael Gordon and seconded by Ralph Neitzke. The motion was approved.

Abbie Prince is doing a little better with his torn shoulder. Jim Dover is not doing too well.

Richard Dunevent gave the treasurer's report. No news from national director, still out of town.

Old business and past events can be found in the newsletter.

New business and future events will be in the newsletter, please read and PARTICIPATE.

Walker Crosby gave a great session on old-car insurance.

Excellent refreshments were provided by The Gordon's. Thanks for the help from Sheila and the women.

The next meeting will be at Dunevent's garage on Monday October 15th @ 7:00 pm. SEE NEWSLETTER

The meeting was adjourned with everyone having a good time.

*Respectfully submitted
Doug Wilson, Secretary*

PHOTOS ON THE WEB

There are additional photos of club events on the STA web site. Past newsletters are also posted on the site.

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SHADE TREE A'S BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES

September 4th, 2012, 7:00 pm

The president, Craig McMullin, called the meeting to order.

We discussed what to do about the position of Tour Director and how to help someone accept the job without it being a great task. We think the best way is to let each event be headed by different members. So please volunteer to help us out by taking one event. We will have roster to sign up for events.

We discussed what members of the board needed to be nominated. They are President, Vice President and National Director. Still working on this one. HELP!

The Monroe Wade award committee is Sheila McPherson, Tom & Pat Roberts, George Gordon and Betty Wade. If you have nominations you would like to be considered, give them to the committee.

Most of the activities for the year were scheduled, check them out in the newsletter.

The next membership meeting is 10/15/2012 because of Hershey meeting.

Rachel has the newsletter in great shape, thank you.

The Club Officer's Nominating Committee is Craig McMullin, Tom Roberts and Eric Shogren. Send in your nominations.

There were a lot of discussions on attendance at club events and parades. Please increase your participation.

The next BOD meeting will be in the newsletter.

*Respectfully submitted
Doug Wilson, Secretary*

OUR NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

Please take a look at our Shade Tree A's newsletter sponsors. Your business card could be here, too; contact Craig to arrange it.

VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck

Dresses for Busy School Days

Woman's World

October 1930

I have been helping with the school display for the MAFFI Museum which will include the Huff and Puff school bus and a school room setting. Most people these days seem to think that school dresses back then were long and so was hair, but not so. Toddlers and school age girls wore short dresses and their hair in a bob or medium length. I found these school dress patterns in the October 1930 edition of *Woman's World*.

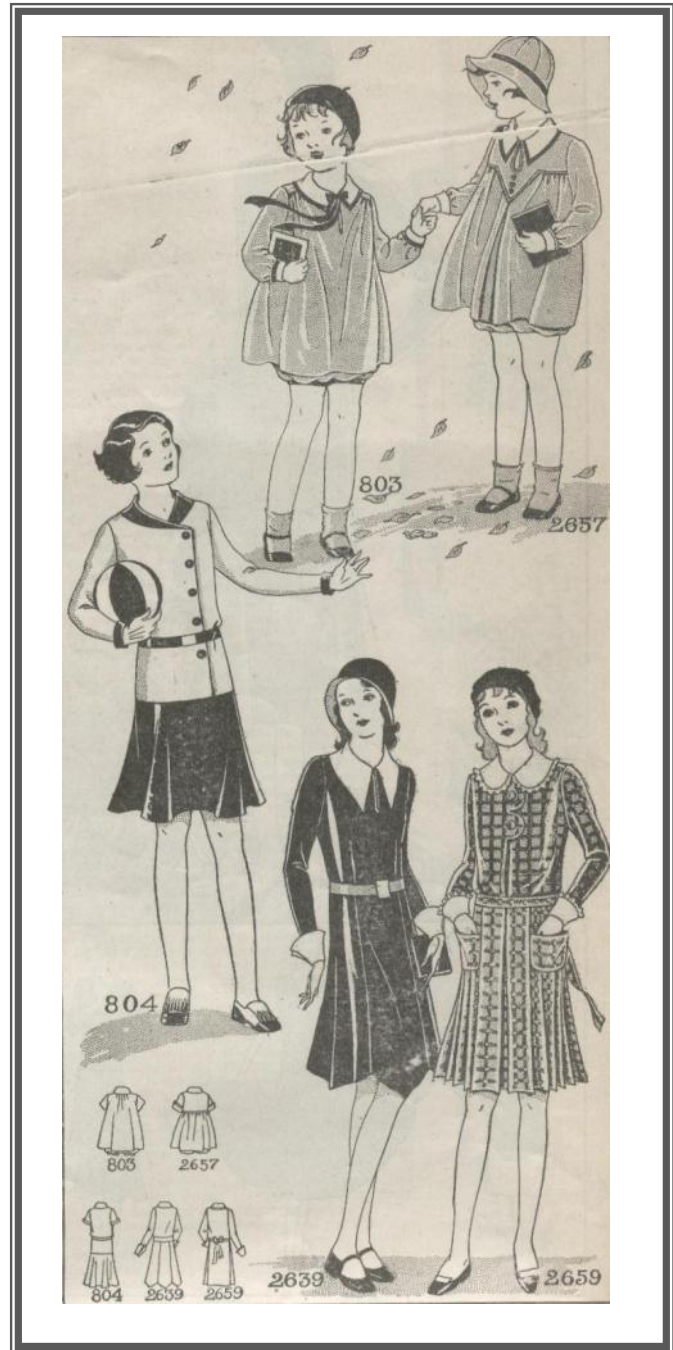
-803 was designed for 2, 4, and 6 years. Notice that the bloomers show.

-804 was designed for 8, 10, 12, and 14 years. There is a nice contrast of light and dark material.

-2657 was designed for 2, 4, and 6 years. Also the bloomers show for that age group.

-2629 was designed for 8, 10, 12, and 14 years. It had the natural waist line that started in the 30's.

-2659 was designed for 6, 8, 10, and 12 years. The pockets add charm to this dress.



EVANS MIDDLE SPIRIT WEEK

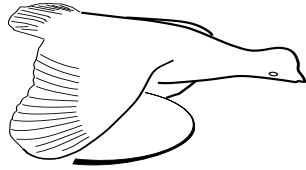
Sorry for the short notice; we were only contacted last week. If you're free on Tuesday, October 2 and want to make the day special for a lot of young people, we've been invited to drive our cars in the Evans Middle School "Spirit Week" Parade (4784 Hereford Farm Road, Evans, Georgia) at 2pm. Get there a little early for line-up instructions. Our contact is Kay Knight 706.231.3304; call her if you have questions

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LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB EVENTS

October:

- 6 Oliver Hardy Parade, Harlem GA
- 15 STA's meeting (**note change of date**)
- 20 Steak Cookout

November:

- 3 Richland Creek Old Farm Days
- 9 & 10 BMW Factory Tour (tentative)
- 12 STA's meeting

December:

- TBA- Christmas Parades
- 9 Aiken Christmas Parade
- 15 Christmas Party at the Garage

January:

- 1 New Year's Day Breakfast

OTHER EVENTS

October:

- 2 Evans Middle Sch. Spirit Week Parade
- 8-12 Hershey Meet
- 13 Atomic City Festival
- 20 Boshears Skyfest
- 19-21 Sweet Home Alabama Tour

November:

- 3-4 All Model A Swap Meet, Lebanon TN
- 16-18 Moultrie Swap Meet
- 30 Biltmore Trip

December:

- 9-12 MAFCA Awards Banquet in Charleston

HELP WANTED

The Christmas party will be at the Garage this year. A committee is needed to transform our meeting place into an elegant party place. We also need people to help coordinate the event. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting. Making it happen is half the fun so please sign up to help.

REFRESHMENT

October:

- Stewart
- Towe
- Young

December:

- Covered-dish dinner

November:

- Holley
- Duvall
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THE ANNUAL STEAK COOKOUT

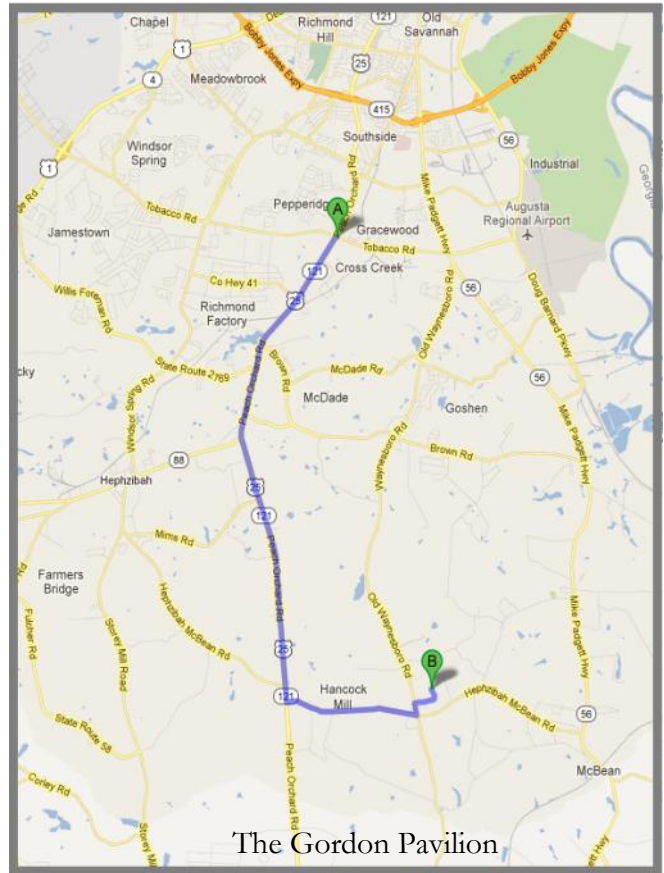
This year we have a new venue for the Annual Steak Cookout: the Gordon Pavilion. The steak will be provided (cost \$10). Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting so we don't end up with 50 gallons of cole slaw!

- Date: October 20
- Time: arrive at around 2pm; eat at 3pm
- Place: 1555 Keron Way, Hephzibah, GA
- Bring: dish to share, silverware, dishes, cups, drinks, and lawn chairs

Directions from Augusta:

- Head south on Hwy 25/ Peach Orchard Road.
- Continue straight through the traffic light at Hwy 88 (go 4.5 miles).
- Turn left on Hephzibah McBean Road (go 1.5 mi.).
- Turn left on Old Waynesboro Road (go 0.5 mi)
- Turn right on Keron Way.
- Turn into the driveway just past mailbox 1557. The house is set back off the road.

Thank you, Jim McPherson, for the directions.



The Gordon Pavilion

24TH ANNUAL OLIVER HARDY PARADE

Harlem GA
Saturday, October 6

If you want to go with the Aiken group, plan to leave at 7:20 am from the Meybohm Realty Office at 142 Laurens Street., NW. They will plan to meet any from the Augusta area at 8:30 at the Cracker Barrel off the Belair Rd exit of I-20. That should get us to the line up spot by 9:00 am.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR???????

Do you have an idea of where we should go on the Christmas light tour? If so, contact Craig or one of the other officers.

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THOMAS WAYMON HITT

AUGUSTA, Ga. - Entered into rest Wednesday, September 5, 2012, Mr. Thomas Waymon "Tom" Hitt, 90, husband of Mrs. Ruth J. Hitt. Tom was born in Augusta, but raised in Edgefield County. He was a graduate of The Academy of Richmond County. He served as a navigator in the 8th Army Air Corp, 351st Bomber Group in WWII. Tom was a retired real estate broker, a member of the Shade Tree Model A's and a founding member of Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 172. Tom was an avid car enthusiast who spent many hours restoring antique cars. He was of the Baptist faith. Family members in addition to his wife include sons: Thomas W. Wayne Hitt, Jr. and wife Linda of Grovetown, the late David William Hitt and his surviving wife Susan of Dearing, Bruce Alan Hitt and wife Cathie of Hephzibah; daughter: Beverly A. Freeman of Martinez; grandchildren: Tommy Hitt, Kristin Ryan and husband Matthew, Amy Hitt, Alan Hitt, Patrick Hitt, D.J. Hitt; and 4 great grandchildren. A graveside service will be held Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at Sweetwater Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Jerry Pittman officiating. Honorary Pallbearers will be his grandsons and grandson-in-law. Memorial contributions may be made to the [Alzheimer's Association](http://www.alzheimers.org), 1899 Central Avenue, Augusta, GA 30904 or Silver Run Baptist Church, 5348 Hwy 221 SE, Harlem, GA 30814. The family will receive friends Friday evening, from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. at Thomas Poteet & Son Funeral Directors, 214 Davis Rd., Augusta, GA 30907 (706) 364-8484. Please sign the guestbook at www.thomaspoteet.com

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You'll find a few more photos from Morningside on the STA website.

MORNINGSIDE ASSISTED LIVING

Saturday, September 15

Four STA cars were on display at Morningside Assisted Living on North Belair Road to the delight of the residents. Several people said it was a wonderful treat for them and they thanked us repeatedly (see the letter below from the Activity Director). Although it was hot in the sun, the staff had trouble getting a few of the residents back in the shade away from the cars. Many who were not able to walk out to the parking lot sat in rockers on the porch waiting for a closer look as we drove through the *porte-cochere* on our way out.

Thanks George, Stuart, Doug, Rachel, and Misty for bringing lots of smiles to lots of faces that day.

THANK YOU FROM MORNINGSIDE

September 17, 2012

I just wanted to tell you all thank you so much for coming on Saturday! It is all the residents have been talking about. They loved it! It was a HUGE hit with them and everybody was so nice. I hope we can get you all to come back. I think it just brings back memories for a lot of the residents and of course some are not able to go out and see car shows so it was so nice to bring it to them. Thank you for giving us this opportunity. Please, let's do it again soon!

Thanks,
Kelley Wills
Activity Director



VINTAGE CAR HILL CLIMB

Bière, Switzerland

Brian d'Entremont, STA Foreign Correspondent

On Sept 15th I was riding my bicycle on a secondary road and saw a Bugatti radiator shell coming at me from the other direction! As the car passed, I noticed a racing number temporarily stuck on the side the of the car. I made a U-turn on the bike and headed to the next village, which happens to be called *Bière* (beer). In any case, they were running a vintage car hill climb and were lining up cars by make. There were 14 Bugattis, I also got to see the more modern NSU, Auto Union, Alfa, Renault, and Porsche runs as well as a healthy performance from the Ford products (four GT40s and 427 AC Cobra).

I took a video of the Bugattis which can be found on YouTube. Make sure the sound is on!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9mXXNjfe_A&feature=youtu.be



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THE MOINROE WADE AWARD

The purpose of the Monroe Wade Award is to honor a current Shade Tree A's member who promotes and encourages the furtherance of the Model A hobby. The member can have accomplished this in *any* of the ways listed below:



1. A club member who goes out of his or her way to help other members repair or maintain their Model A.
2. A club member who:
 - Writes an outstanding article for the Shade Tree A's Newsletter, regarding repair and restoration, or who brings to light new information about the Model A.
 - Presents an outstanding program regarding repair and restoration or who provides new information about the Model A at a club meeting.
3. A club member who shows dedication to the Model A hobby and to the club by:
 - Driving his or her Model A on a substantial number of club tours and events.
 - Driving his or her Model A great distances, demonstrating that the Model A is not only fun but a worthy means of transportation.
 - Is an outstanding representative of the Shade Tree A's at national meets and tours or local community events, thus serving as a Shade Tree A's Club ambassador.

Club members may nominate any member in good standing by submitting the member's name and a short paragraph with their reasons for nominating the member. The winner will be announced at the annual Christmas Meeting. The award winner's name will be added to a permanent plaque located at the club's meeting place and a second plaque will be given to the winner.

Name of person you are nominating _____

Reasons for nomination: _____

Your Name _____

The winner will be chosen by a committee made up of past winners Sheila McPherson, Tom & Pat Roberts, George Gordon, and Betty Wade. You may give your nomination one of the committee members. All nominations must be received **not later than the November meeting** (November 12) to be considered.

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY - SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

Aiken, South Carolina

We had 22 cars, over 40 people from the STA's, and lots of spectators celebrating International Model A Day in Aiken. We started the day with a guided tour of the reconstructed 1899 train depot and drove by the Gaston Livery Stable slated to become a Living History Museum. Coleen Reed, the motivating force behind the preservation of the stable, showed up in Model A era attire and spoke to the group about the stable's significance to Aiken.

After member Greg Jones took several photos of the group of A's (and a few moderns that were parked in the area) many stayed with the displayed cars on Newberry Street while



others participated in a scavenger hunt/poker run and explored the downtown.

Larry, Cheryl, & Trey Lamb won the scavenger hunt/poker run and were awarded an engraved STA wheel chock by President Craig McMullin.

The celebration ended with a covered dish lunch at First Presbyterian Church.

There soon will be well over 100 photos in two folders on the web site. Thanks to Greg Jones for taking photos, Tom Roberts for setting up the train museum tour, and the Roberts family for making sure the lunch was set up, A special "thank you" to Lt. Karl Odenthal of Aiken Department of Public Safety for getting us safely through a tricky intersection, reserving a place to display the cars, and getting Greg up above the crowd to take the photos.



CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVENING AT THE BILTMORE ESTATE

Jim McPherson

A group of Shade Tree A's members is going to Asheville, North Carolina to visit the Biltmore Estate. We plan to leave on Friday November 30th for a leisure drive up Highway 25, stopping at local attractions as they present themselves. If time permits we will stop at a large antique mall south of Asheville. On Saturday morning we will visit one or two antique malls in Asheville before making our way to the Biltmore Estate. Once on the Biltmore Estate we will visit the Gardens, the Conservatory, and Antler Hill Village which includes the Winery, the exhibit "The Biltmore Legacy", the 1900's farm, and the Outdoor Adventure Center. We may eat at one of the Estate restaurants. Deerpark Restaurant features Southern family-style dishes and Appalachian specialties on their buffet. In the evening we will take a guided tour of the Biltmore house, decorated for Christmas as no other house can be decorated, filled with the warm glow of firelight and candlelight. For more information on all the Biltmore Estate has to offer, visit www.biltmore.com. We will return home on Sunday. Jim and Sam Mason, Curtis and Linda Krosting, Don and Rosalind Neal, Alan and Sharon Stewart, and Jim and Sheila McPherson have made a commitment to participate in this activity. If you would like to join us, please contact Jim McPherson.



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THE 2012 MODEL A RESTORER'S CLUB NATIONAL TOUR

Jim McPherson

Richard and Frankie Dunevent, James and Anne Beck, and Jim and Sheila McPherson joined 245 close friends on the MARC National Tour September 16-20 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Rain greeted us most of Monday and Tuesday as we toured the Sequatchie Valley with lunch at the Buttonwillow Church Civil War Dinner Theater, the Jack Daniels Distillery, Russell Cave, Lookout Mountain, Ocoee River Gorge, and many more. The Grand Tour on Wednesday was to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. We toured about 200 miles each day, with a Welcome Party Monday night at the Tennessee Aquarium and a banquet Wednesday night at the Chattanooga Choo Choo. Pictures are available on the Shade Tree A's website.

ATOMIC CITY FESTIVAL

New Ellenton SC

Our display in Aiken on Saturday netted the Shade Tree A's an invitation to the New Ellenton Atomic City Festival on Saturday October 13. New Ellenton is 10 miles south of Aiken. It's 9am to 9pm; come for all or part of the day. The festival will be held on Highway 19 in downtown New Ellenton behind City Hall and the library. The festival will end with fireworks around 9 pm. Larry McClain is requesting a head count for those who will be there for lunch which is provided to participants. His phone number 803-652-1190

If you'll be there for lunch, please contact him by phone or at mcclain225@wmconnect.com.

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FOR SALE

We have navy blue Shade Tree A's hats for \$12.00. See Richard or Frankie.

FOUND

A stainless steel serving spoon was left after lunch on International Model A Day in Aiken. Is this yours? Contact Rachel



NUTS & BOLTS

If you have tips to share, send them to your STA Newsletter editor.

- ◆ Instead of taking your good flatware on a picnic, go to the Goodwill Store and pick up some good-quality (not necessarily matching) flatware that won't be missed if left behind.
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PALMETTO A'S SWAP MEET

September 29 @ Smith and Jones

Shade Tree A members were both buying and selling at the Palmetto A's Swap Meet. Folks also took the opportunity to visit with members from Old 96, The Low Country A's, and Palmetto A's.

6th Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour October 19-20, 2012



The Central Alabama Model "A" Club will conduct its Sixth Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour on October 19-20, 2012 that will highlight the beauty and southern hospitality of the States of Alabama & Tennessee and will feature the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. This will be a "Hub Tour" conducted from Huntsville, Alabama with the headquarters at the Holiday Inn.

The tour will kick off with a welcome "home style" dinner Thursday evening, 6:00 p.m. at the He-lion Masonic Lodge for some tire kicking, renewing of old friendships, and great southern dining. The scenic tour will start Friday morning in Huntsville, AL with a tour of the Burton Collection with its antique automobiles, tractors, engine collection and many other historical items. Then we're off on a road tour through the countryside to historic Pulaski, Tennessee. Our visit will include a stop at the Trail of Tears Memorial, a tour of the local Ford Dealer's museum, and lunch on the town square at the historic STAAR Theater. After lunch we will visit the local antique & flea mall, "Ole Time" hardware store, drug store for some ice cream at the soda fountain, and then on to shop at a small local Amish Store. On our return trip to Huntsville we will pass under a one-lane Civil War Era Railroad Bridge, stopping at the Greenbrier Restaurant in Huntsville for dinner. After dinner we will return to the Holiday Inn.

Saturday's activities will feature a visit to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center (Rocketcenter. Com), which has the largest collection of rockets in the world, an IMAX theater, thrilling rides, and actual vehicles & artifacts from U.S. and Russian Space Programs. Afterwards, we will tour the Veteran's Memorial Museum, which displays over 30 historical military vehicles from WWI to the present, as well as artifacts and other memorabilia dating back to the Revolutionary War.

The festivities continue Saturday evening with a farewell dinner, at the Holiday Inn and the "Famous Huntsville Buffet." Sunday morning we're off for home and the end of another adventure on the Model "A" Highway.

The Huntsville Holiday Day Inn is our host hotel. It is located at 401 Williams Ave SW, Huntsville, AL 35801 / Main Desk: (256) 533-1400, Reservations: 1-800-holiday or (256) 465-4329 / Via Website: www.holidayinn.com/huntsville. A block of rooms has been reserved for the tour and will be released on September 18, 2012. Make your reservations early, as we have only reserved 45 rooms and they will go fast. When you make your reservations, ask for the "Antique Car Club Group" to receive the Tour discounted special rate of \$89.00 per room which includes 2 full buffet breakfasts each day. If you are towing your Model "A" Ford, you will be able to park your tow vehicle and trailer in the designated area in the back Hotel parking lot.

If you have any questions, please contact David Miller at (256) 313-6924 / E-mail miller5531@aol.com, or our Club Activities Coordinator Paul Majerick at (334) 269-1309 / E-mail paulmajerick@aol.com. Bring "Henry's Finest" and get ready to do a lot of tire kicking, touring through the countryside and just having a good old time.

PLEASE NOTE: No Street Rods.

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2012 MAFCA National Awards Banquet

Dec 9 - 12, 2012 Charleston, South Carolina
Hosted by the Palmetto A's

As you arrive in the old city of Charleston, you will see what makes Charleston different from most other American cities - she is a living history museum! After the Civil War, Charlestonians had no money to repair their broken and ravaged city. They had no choice but to keep everything the same as it had been since it's founding! As you stroll the cobblestone streets and alleyways, you will come across homes and public buildings preserved exactly as they were when built 300 years ago. This is quite amazing when you consider that Charleston has withstood hurricanes, tornados, fire, earthquakes, and a civil war! We hope you will enjoy your present day adventure into the past!



Francis Marion Hotel

Times will present a Technical Seminar on Touring in the Model A; in other words, exactly how to prepare for long trips in your Model A. Max Herman, Jr. from H & H Antique Ford, also, will be presenting a seminar on rebuilding the Model A Engine. A fabulous opportunity to listen to Ruth Miller, Charleston historian and licensed tour guide, tell the story of Charleston, from the Colonial days to present. Charleston has been preserved by the first preservation ordinance (1931) in our country.

Monday afternoon, we have arranged Charleston City tours either by horse drawn open carriage or enclosed mini bus. Your tour will depart from the front of the hotel. Either method is a fabulous way to see the old city. The Charleston City licensed and certified guides are

all extremely knowledgeable of the buildings and history of Charleston. We are sure you will come away from your tour with a bit of history and a taste of our special sense of humor! Monday evening, a special and unique dinner cruise awaits you! We will be cruising Charleston Harbor and up the Ashley River. The sights of Fort Sumter, White Point Gardens, The Battery,



The Spirit of the Low Country

and the Ravenel Bridge are spectacular at twilight! If you watch the waters closely, you may even see the nearly extinct Right Whales as they migrate off our coastline.

We would like to welcome you to the 2012 MAFCA National Awards Banquet with a reception held in your honor. You will need your invitation to find the secret code to give the bouncer at the door for admittance to "A's Speak Easy." We will have an open beer and wine bar hosted by The Francis Marion and delicious



Charleston Blind Tiger, 1930

appetizers featuring the tastes of Charleston and South Carolina. We encourage you to put on your Era evening fashions for a "Charleston Blind Tiger" experience!



Middleton Place Plantation & Gardens

Tuesday morning, we are off to Middleton Place Plantation and Gardens. Middleton Place is a National Historic Landmark and home to America's Oldest Landscaped Gardens. Your tour includes a light lunch. Tuesday evening, the main event we've all been waiting for,

In the Hospitality Suite/Raffle Room you will find fresh coffee, freshly baked cookies, bottled water, crackers and fresh fruit. We have lots of raffle items for you to win! While up there, enjoy the spectacular views from this Penthouse Suite!

Monday morning starts off with an informal Breakfast with the MAFCA Board. There, you will have the ability to get to know your MAFCA Board Members. It is a great opportunity to find out what each of their positions does for the greater membership of MAFCA. The MAFCA Board of Directors will have an open meeting following breakfast for all between 10 am and 3 pm. A closed session will ensue between 3 & 5 pm.

MAFCA Era Fashion past Chairperson, Anne Neely-Beck will present an Era Fashion Seminar on construction methods, fabrics, and stitches to make Era appropriate garments. This should be a fun and informative session! John LaVoy, Editor of Model A



Charleston's Old City Market

MAFCA's 2012 National Awards Banquet. The evening will begin with a No Host Social Hour in the Lobby of the Colonial Ballroom and culminate with the drawing of the winning ticket for our premium raffle prize and an auction! You will meet your 2013 MAFCA Board of Directors and discover who are this year's MAFCA Award Recipients. We hope you will join us in your Era Fashion finest!

Wednesday morning, an excursion to the Old City Market is planned. We will stroll the vendors' booths and watch the Gullah ladies weave Sweetgrass baskets, giving you plenty of time to shop.

We certainly hope you will enjoy your visit to Charleston and will want to come back! We've only scratched the surface of all there is to see and do in this magnificent gem on the South Carolina coast!



Mary Carlson & Judy Lewis in their Era Fashion finest!

Come to Charleston!

BOSHEARS Skyfest

Boshears Skyfest Car Show
Saturday, October 20th

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For further car show information contact Mark Petry @ 706-736-3392.

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