

PAY BACK FROM THE MONEY PIT

Rachel d'Entremont

Unlike a lot of the do-it-yourselfers in the club, I paid way too much for my Roadster, spent way too much on the body repairs, and spent way too much on the paint job. And then it didn't run!

Anyone considering buying his or her first Model A, (or any other antique car, for that matter) should join a club first, not only to see what's involved, but also to have someone to go along on the buying expedition for moral support and to say "What! are you crazy? That's way too much to pay for that jalopy" and "What! Are you crazy? That's way too much for a paint job!". (Though you have to admit, mine is a pretty paint job, isn't it?)

Needless to say, I did not join the club until after I'd written the check and had the pieces hauled to a paint and body shop. The person I took along to keep me from being stupid said "I've had several cars painted; it'll will only cost a couple of thousand." That was assuming that there was something solid there to be painted—an incorrect assumption. The car looked solid but the primer covered nicely sanded Bondo applied over rust. As we all know, it only takes a tiny bit of unnoticed rust to get things going. Once the Bondo was removed, I could have used parts of the body to strain spaghetti!

So after months at the paint and body shops (yes, that's plural: shops-but that's another long story), Eric and Tom hooked up a trailer and brought my beautiful car home to my new garage. You guessed it: I paid way too much to have a garage built– another long story.

I won't even begin to add up the cost of the parts for repairs and upgrades to the brakes, radiator, wiring, tires (which looked new but were totally dried to near petrification), alternator, water pump...the list goes on and on. And thanks to my

favorite son, Brian, and members of the clubespecially Tom and Eric, the car actually runs, and runs pretty well at that. And as long as you don't look at the interior, it looks good, too.

Now it's pay-back time. I've just started a new business called "For the Record Inventories" doing photographic inventories of homes and small businesses. I had my business card reproduced on magnets about the size of a license plate and attached them to the sides of the car. I have to remove them if I plan to go over 45 mph as they don't stick well to the beautiful, THICK paint. I've been pleased at how many people meet me, ask for my card and say "that must be your car outside". So the car's helping with my advertising and the "branding" of my new company.

It might have been less expensive to take out a five-year lease on a billboard on the busiest section of Whiskey Road but then I wouldn't have gotten to know all the great people in the Shade Tree A's. And, you can't drive a billboard!

ABOUT THE SHADE TREE A'S

http://www.shadetreeas.org

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.

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> Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan Steven Brown



While returning home from the Trenton Peach Festival last month, I noticed that my Cabriolet didn't seem to be running quite right. Not anything you could put your finger on but you just knew that something was amiss. After I got home I parked it with the thought of diagnosing and fixing it when I had a chance. Well, the next week when five of my grandchildren came for an extended visit and couldn't have a ride in the Model A "cause it was broken", it sort of moved that project right to the top of the list. The two older boys, ages 13 and 10, were incredibly eager to help and asked what they could do. I explained that when a Model A doesn't run right, you should start with a tune-up so we did. After some instruction, they removed, cleaned and gapped the spark plugs. Then, with some more instruction, we checked the points and found the problem. Somehow, the point gap had increased considerably and with clean plugs and correctly adjusted points, the car ran so well we left the fuel system alone. The thing that surprised me though was the enthusiasm shown by the boys. Although it took much longer to do the work with them helping, (explaining the how's and whys), in the end it was worth it. They were so proud and just beamed when we took the car out for a test run and it ran well again. Sometimes we forget what a great educational tool our Model A's can be and how fascinated youngsters can be with learning how things work!

This month, August, will be our annual dinner meeting at Sconyer's BBQ. Doug Wilson has made arrangements with Sconyer's for us to use the large upper room at their restaurant so we will enjoy the combination of some of the South's finest barbeque along with our exceptional Shade Tree A's camaraderie. After the meal we will have an abbreviated business meeting to go over important club business and upcoming events. Don't forget to mark on your calendar that we will meet there on Thursday, August 15 @ 6:00 rather than our usual date and time. Be sure to come hungry! (continued next page)

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Thanks to Eric Shogren for overseeing our July 20th technical seminar. We also need to give a special thank-you to Sheila McPherson for doing the food. Everyone that I've talked to said that they had a fun time and got things accomplished. To me, this is what our club is all about: Working together, sharing our time, skills, and knowledge to help keep our Model A's on the road.

Remember... "A busy Model A is a happy Model A". See you at the meeting.

Gerald Melchiors

TECH TIP Jim McPherson

Does your Model A suffer from low power, hesitation, misfiring, or pinging under acceleration? Had a tune-up lately? New points, condenser and spark plugs? Still no relief? When was the last time you inspected the coil wire? If your Model A has a modern carbon core coil wire, it should be replaced about every 15,000 miles. The original solid type coil wire last much longer. As the electrical current travels from the coil along the carbon core of the coil wire, the spark has a tendency to jump within the wire and will burn out carbon spots. With time, these burned-out carbon spots become larger and more difficult for the electrical current to jump resulting in a reduced voltage as the current travels down the coil wire. The reduced voltage results in a weaker spark at the spark plug, where it has to jump a gap, creating the spark which ignites the gas/air mixture in the cylinder.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

July 8th, 2013

President, Gerald Melchiors called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. A few members were fined for no name badges. There were 33 members present. New members Jeffery Dowling & Henry Jones were present.

See the newsletter for July birthdays. The minutes were approved and seconded. Joker Dover presented a joke.

Recovering members, Kurt Krosting and Don Neal were at the meeting.

Richard Dunevent was on vacation and the Treasurer's report was not given.

Several items were displayed for show and tell.

National Director gave no report.

Rachel needs the articles for the newsletter for which she is doing a great job. Thanks Rachel!

Eric Shogren announced a Saturday Tech Session for July 20th starting at the Sunrise Grille in Martinez at 8:00 then 9:30 at Richard's Garage.

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

New business and future events will be in the newsletter, please read and <u>PARTICIPATE</u>.

Thanks again to Dan Perla for installation and Greg Jones for donating a media projector to the club, which we are using and improving.

Andrew Morris gave a great presentation on rebuilding his 31 Model A Slant Window.

Refreshments (more like dinner) were provided by Greg Jones, Sam & Jim Mason, Rosalind & Don Neal, Craig & Theresa McMullin, and Walker Crosby.

The next meeting will be at Sconyers BBQ August 15th at 6:00 PM in the big meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned with everyone having a great dinner snack.

Respectfully submitted Doug Wilson, Secretary



LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB EVENTS

- August 15 (Thurs) STA dinner meeting 6 pm at Sconyers BBQ—no Monday meeting
- Oct 24—Aiken Hickory -Shafted Ladies-Only Golf Tournament
- Oct. 26– Annual Steak Cookout

REFRESHMENTS

August: Dinner Meeting

September: Turley

Collier Smith, W Sutherland Richardson

October:

Bryants

November:

Holley Mobley Vanover

OCTOBER REFRESHMENTS

If you have been coming to meetings but have not signed up to help with refreshments, we have spots to fill on in October. And once those are filled, we could use one more in November. Please either contact Gerald Melchior to volunteer or sign up at the August 8 meeting.

OTHER EVENTS

- Aug 10—Cofer Collection & Swap Meet
- Sept 20 & 21 Model A Day—Gilmore Museum
- Sept 27 & 28 Palmetto A's Swap meet
- Sept 28 -Picnic at Raven Rock
- October 17-19, 2013 -Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour along the Gulf

NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- Don Neal & Curtis Krosting were back at the July club meeting after recovering from injuries.
- Abbie Prince is recuperating from a medical procedure.
- Anne Neely-Beck is recovering from injuries sustained in an accident in mid-June.

FROM THE AUGUST ASSEMBLY LINE

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- 11 Sheila McPherson
- 13 Pascal Bryant
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- 21 Carrie Welter
- 25 Dan Snider

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

July 8, 2013





We had a light turnout for the July meeting: 29 adults and 2 of Gerald's grandkids, Joseph and Michael.

Photos from the MARC National Meeting held June 24-28 in Lexington KY were projected on the wall. There are several hundred photos of the event posted on the STA website. A big thank you to Dan Perla for preparing the presentation and for posting all the photos on the website.

The Technical Program was presented by Andrew Morse. Again the lights were dimmed as photos of Andrew's restoration of a Model A from Jim Dover's yard was explained: from pulling it out of the weeds to its present (but not yet complete) somewhat functional state.

A lot of metal had to be cut away and replaced; only a small section of the original wood remains. He showed how he adapted more modern junkyard replacements for parts that are unavailable. Andrew took excellent photos showing the stages of repair with before & after pictures of each step along the way.





AUGUST DINNER MEETING

Thursday, August 15 at 6 pm the Shade Tree A's will meet for dinner at Sconyers Bar-B-Que at 2250 Sconyers Way, Augusta, GA (off of Peach Orchard Rd near I-520) at 6 pm. It is suggested that you get there a little early so we can start on time and tell the hostess that you're with the Shade Tree A's.

We will be ordering off the menu.

Note that there will be no meeting on the usual Monday in August.

TENTH ANNUAL "A" PICNIC AT RAVEN ROCK STATE PARK

Hosted by the Fayetteville Region Model A Club

September 28th (the last Saturday in September). This is going to be a great picnic for all you Model A people. As in the past, we ask that you bring a picnic lunch and some to share (family reunion style). Bring drinks, no alcoholic beverages allowed. Our club will provide paper plates, forks, spoons, cups, napkins, etc. We will have door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

For a little extra fun, this year the theme for the picnic will be HILLBILLY. So dress your Model A's up in their best hillbilly attire. Also dress yourself up as Hillbillys. Be creative with your food and drink. Sorry, no moonshine. The HILLBILLY thing is completely optional. We want you there regardless.

We look forward to having the best picnic ever. So plan to attend and have a great time.

Any questions, call Nick Lean 910-624-1188

NEWS LETTER ON THE WEB

If you can't find your newsletter or it doesn't show up in your e-mail, it is available, along with past newsletters, at www.ShadeTreeAs.org.

YOUR MODEL A PROJECT PHOTOS

Dan Perla, webmaster, is asking members to provide photos for the Photo Collection. He's suggesting a new section for photos covering the restoration process of individual cars. He also has a section with photos of members' cars which is very much out of date.

Dan needs your help so get out your cameras and send your pictures to Dan .

GILMORE MUSEUM NEWS

John LaVoy, VP Model A Ford Foundation Inc.

The next big event at the Model A Museum is September 20-21 2013. Please include this information in your local clubs newsletter. We are moving to the next phase of the museum where we will be holding an annual meet at The Gilmore complex. This year we will have some seminars and a banquet on Saturday night. The registration form for the meet is available at the MAFFI.org website to download for your member's convenience.

The MAFFI board is looking forward to seeing many of you in September. This is such a great location and time of year to come out with your Model A.

Many of you had visited the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. website during the construction phase. We had a live feed camera displaying a picture from the building across from the museum. This was great to stop by and see what was happening at the museum. Well, we have moved the camera inside now that the museum is finished and invite you to come back to www.maffi.org and see some of the inside of the museum and watch people enjoying the displays.

Hope to see many of your Model A's at The Museum, September 20-22, 2013. Registration forms are available on the MAFFI website too. If you can't make it this year it will be happening each and every September so look at planning a trip there in the near future!

STILL AROUND AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS...

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

November 14, 1931

LET THE THERMOMETER DECIDE THE OIL BUT GET THAT EXTRA QUART!

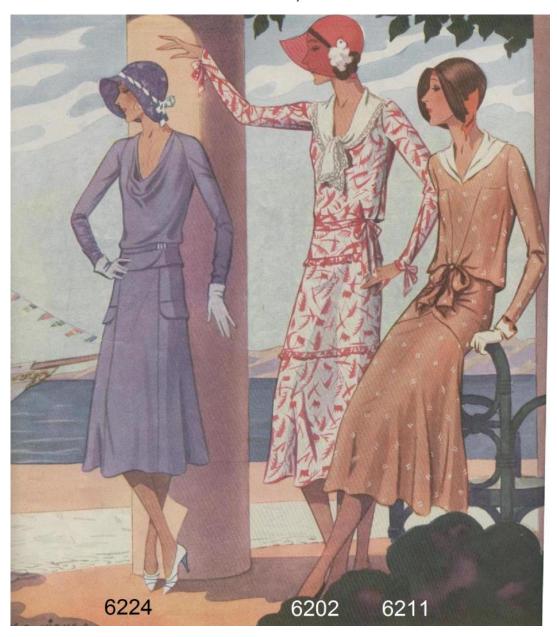


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VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck



The headlines in the August 1931 McCall's magazine for these pretty dresses was "In Lines That Flatter The Figure."

I find these dresses very appealing as I love the look of 1930-1931 better than 1928-1929.

My favorite would be number 6224 which has the new hood neckline, raglan sleeves, and a very short peplum. (Peplum-a short gathered, flared, or pleated strip of fabric attached to the waistline of a woman's dress, jacket or blouse) This is a beautiful daytime dress and you could use tabs on the pockets or not use them, either way a classic frock of 1930.

Number 6202 is a simple frock that has smart lines which are cleverly broken by a bolero (Bolero- a loose waist length jacket) in back and narrow frills below the waistline and heading the skirt flounce.

Number 6211 is a very simple two piece frock that consists of a skirt attached to a bodice top and a separate bolero that ties in the front with a soft bow at waist.

LEXINGTON COUNTY PEACH FESTIVAL PARADE

Gilbert SC, July 4



Many thousands of people, most wearing red, white, and blue, lined the street in tiny Gilbert, South Carolina for the 55th Peach Festival Parade.

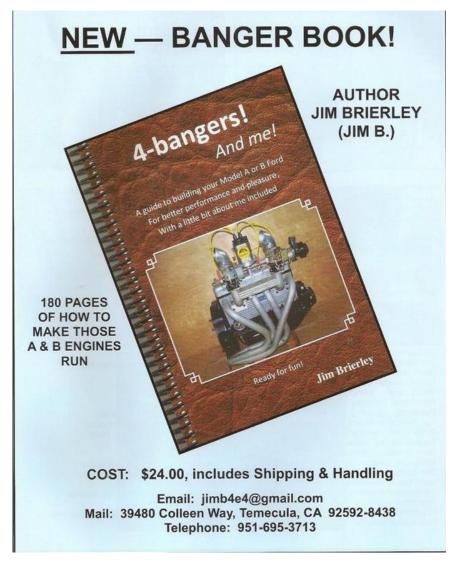
Surprisingly for South Carolina in July, it was overcast, in the low 80's, and breezy. With the exception of a few raindrops, it was very pleasant parade weather.

The 3 Shade Tree A's cars were toward the end of the line-up so we saw very little of the rest of the parade.







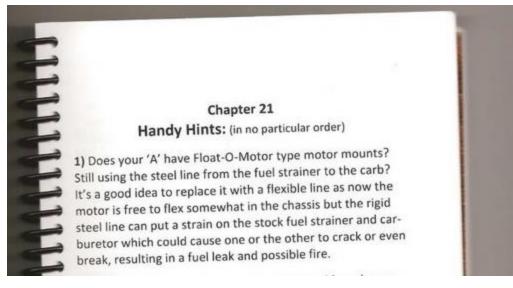


BOOK REVIEW

Abbie Prince

Jim Brierley has been a name in Model A's for a long time. He recently came out with this book. I read it and recommend it to anyone interested in reading something written from experience.

On page 143, look at item 1. "Does your car have Float-O-Motors?" I asked him if we could put this in the Newsletter and I have his permission to quote item 1.



MARC NATIONAL MEET IN LEXINGTON KY

June 24-28, 2013













THE SATURDAY TECH SESSION IS BACK

Saturday, July 20







At least 17 people arrived at Richard's Garage ready to work after a leisurely breakfast at the Sunrise Grill. Unseasonably pleasant and breezy weather made working conditions more comfortable than would normally be expected mid-July.

Several projects were simultaneously carried out both in and out of the garage including but not limited to brake work, electrical trouble shooting, refurbishing of a gas gauge, and lubrication of a speedometer cable.

Andrew trailered the car which was the subject of the July technical program so members could see first hand the remarkable transformation.

Sheila put together a satisfying lunch and dessert for those working and supervising.



The Aiken group was treated to a roadside technical seminar on overheating of both an engine and brakes. The seminar was held at a convenience store with running water which was fortunate since the combined water bottles of all the participants was insufficient to satisfy Eric's radiator. We left in a cloud of steam and blue smoke—but the car made it back to Aiken under the its own power and Don's roadside brake adjustment improved the handling some.

After everyone went their separate way back in Aiken, not to be left out of the fun, Rachel's car decided to misbehave after the gas tank was filled. After 20 minutes sitting at the pump and "resting" the car was happy again.

Hope the non-Aiken people had better luck!

MODEL A DAY AT THE GILMORE ON SEPT 20-21.

Accommodations

Four Points by Sheraton at 3600 East Cork Street Court, Kalamazoo MI is the host hotel. It is convenient to the Model A Museum and banquet locations. The rate is \$89 per night plus tax if reserved by August 23rd (269-385-3922). Event code: Model A #1665.

Event Schedule

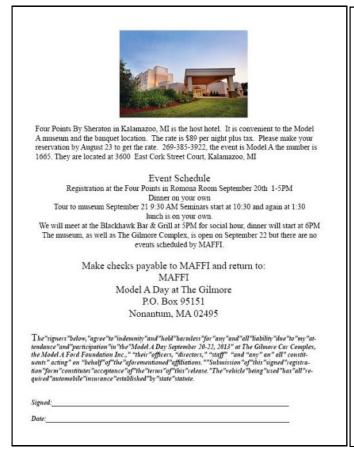
Sept 20: Registration at the Four Points "Romona Room" 1-5 pm

Dinner on your own

Sept 21: Tour to Museum at 9:30 am, Seminars @ 10:30am & 1:30 pm (lunch on your own)

Social Hour 5 pm at Blackhawk Bar & Grill followed by dinner at 6pm

Sept. 22: The museum and Gilmore complex will be open but no events scheduled by MAFFI





Model A's at The Model A Museum The Gilmore Car Complex in Hickory Corners, MI September 20-22, 2013

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