

LOOK AROUND (AND HAVE LUCK)

Rachel d'Entremont, Editor

Probably every Model A owner has had that sinking feeling when you're test driving the car after a major, or even minor repair, and you hear a clink or a thud as you're zipping down the road. You hope that it was that non-guaranteed off-brand screw driver with the chip out of the blade that was perhaps left on the running board rather than some irreplaceable original part.

The first time it happened to me, I heard a "thunk" and vaguely noted my surroundings. I could find nothing missing so after many days I put the thought (and the vague recollection of the place) out of my mind. By the time we noticed the prop knob was missing from the roof, I had only the slightest notion of where I'd been the day of the "thunk". We walked up and down the street for days kicking leaves and looking into gutters to no avail.

After our transmission rebuild project in December, Brian was out for a late-night test drive with me in the passenger seat. We were less than half a mile from the house going 35 mph when I heard the tiniest clink of metal hitting metal. My "oh pooh, what was that" was answered by "I didn't hear anything". Remembering the last time, I immediately looked around to see who's house we were passing. Since it was dark, there was no sense in stopping, plus it was cold.

As we rounded the block Brian said it was probably the nut from the muffler clamp that he hadn't tightened because he still needed to put muffler cement under the clamp which we didn't have (and which I now remember we still need to get); unfortunately that nut was still in place so there must have been something else missing.

A few days later while we were washing the greasy hand prints off the car. A neighbor came by

and was describing something that happened to the timing pin on his car years ago. He pointed to the timing pin and, you guessed it (the photo was a give away), it was not there. I suggested a walk to find it but Brian assured me we'd never find such a small, dark item along the road. He found a bolt the right size to plug the hole, sawed it off, and we were in business.

A couple of days later on my walk to work. I passed the place where we'd been driving. I decided to walk in the road rather than on the sidewalk on the chance I might see it. I walked across the 25-foot-deep strip of grass separating the street from the sidewalk, stepped into the street, and there was the timing pin! I popped it in my pocket and made it to work with time to spare.

The moral: Look before you leave.



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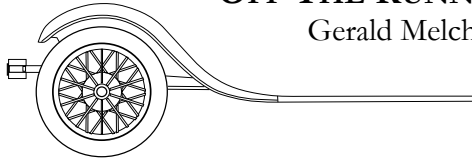
The Shade Tree A's is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile. Shade Tree A's annual dues (\$65) include membership in the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA, \$40) and a subscription to *The Restorer Magazine*. Members are also urged 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

Gerald Melchiors, President

For the Shade Tree A's, 2013 promises to be an exciting year. Our officers and board members have already been asking you, the membership, what, if any, changes you would like to see in our club and also the types of activities that would be of interest to you. We hope to take these responses and come up with possible tours and other activities of interest. If you have any ideas along those lines do not hesitate to bring it up to one of the officers or board members. The Shade Tree A's is your club and it is only with your input that it can remain responsive. One of the ideas most frequently mentioned was an overnight tour to Savannah with its many historic and interesting attractions. Another promising tour idea that was mentioned was a trip to Newberry, South Carolina. Travel would mostly be on back roads (ideal for our Model A's), and I have heard many good things about the restaurants, opera house, and other sights in the area.

Other ideas included more participation with Model A's at monthly meetings, more basic technical seminars, i.e., points, spark plugs, carburetor adjustments, tire changing, transmissions, brakes, shocks, *et al* and meetings changed to Saturday mornings because Saturdays mean

- Less traffic
- No driving at night
- Availability of a breakdown trailer
- Better technical seminars
- Meetings could start @10:00...then tech program followed by lunch and seminars

See you at the meeting,

Gerald Melchiors

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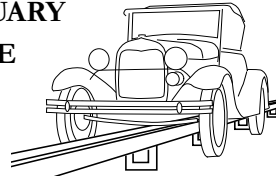
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- 27- Stuart Smith
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NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- ◆ Gerald Melchior had successful cataract surgery January 7th.
- ◆ Mary Morse continues to recuperate. She and Andrew appreciate the prayers.

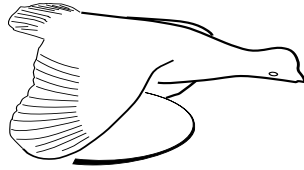
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PHOTOS ON THE WEB

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

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LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB EVENTS

February:

- 11 Club Meeting
- 16 Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast

March:

- 11 Club Meeting
- 16 St. Patrick's Day Parade

May:

- 4-5 Newberry Opera House Tour

OTHER EVENTS

- March 15-16 Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club's Talladega Speedway Tour.
- April 22-26 Outer Banks Tour
- April 19 & 20 Greenwood Old 96 Swap Meet
- October 17-19, 2013, Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour along the Gulf

THE OUTER BANKS: KITTY HAWK, KILL DEVIL HILLS& BLACKBEARD'S LODGE

April 22 through April 26

Jim McPherson

A group of Shade Tree A's members will depart from Augusta for the Outer Banks on Monday April 22, 2013. Others will join us along the way. We will spend Tuesday night in the Jacksonville/ Morehead City area of NC. Wednesday morning we will take the 10:00 AM ferry from Cedar Island to Ocracoke Island (\$15.00 one way, www.ncferry.org; 1-800-BY FERRY). We will spend Wednesday night at Blackbeard's Lodge, built in 1936 (\$65.00/night, blackbeardslodge.com; 800-892-5314). Thursday we will return to the mainland by ferry and begin our return home. At this time, the stop for Monday and Thursday night have not been determined. If you would like to join us, please contact Jim McPherson, 706-592-4835.

UPCOMING TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

February – Jim McPherson on distributors

March – Larry Komp on front end alignment

April- Walker Crosby on rear axle repair for Rachel

REFRESHMENTS

February: Roberts, d'Entremont, Lewis, Cerefin , and Jackson

March: The Gordon families

April: Melchiors, Dinkins, Wilson, Prince, and Dunevent

May: Smith, S, Neitzke, Stewart, Jones, R, and Morse

The refreshment schedule for 2013 will be circulated at the next meeting so be prepared to sign up.

VALENTINES' DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 16 at 9 am at the Garage.
Contact Lois or Frankie to sign up. Decorating and Clean-up committees are forming.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JANUARY MEETING

January 14

Rachel d'Entremont

More than 45 people attended the January STA's meeting. Abbie was back after a slow recovery from an injury and surgery last summer.

New President Gerald Melchior opened the first meeting of his term by thanking Craig McMullin for his leadership of the past 6 years.

Those who helped with the great Christmas party were thanked for all of their hard work. It was announced that the 2013 party would again be at the Garage but that more people needed to be involved with the preparation and the cleanup.

The refreshment sign-up sheet was passed around. If you weren't there, contact Gerald about adding your name.

There was discussion about the up-coming Valentine's Day Sweetheart Breakfast to be held Saturday, February 16 at the Garage. Let Lois Melchior or Frankie Dunevent know if you are coming...you need not bring a sweetheart (I'm not!). Contact Frankie or Lois to sign up to help with the decorations and clean-up, too.

A trip to the Newberry Opera House is being planned for May 4 & 5. Mark your calendars.

The 2013 Roaster will be coming out soon and this year a laminated pocket-size edition will be available.

Gerald began a discussion of the direction the club was taking. He wanted to lean the emphasis back toward technical programs to support the club's mission of preservation and restoration of Model A's. A list of proposed technical sessions was distributed and he and VP Greg Jones asked for additional suggestions.

There was a suggestion that the meetings be moved to Saturday mornings for a trial period. After much discussion and a vote with about half of those attending in favor, it was decided that the change did not have enough support at this time. It was suggested that it be considered again at the next meeting. Some reasons for the proposed day-time meetings included the opportunity to drive to meetings in the daylight, the chance to move into a technical seminar after the meetings, opportunities to plan short tours after the meetings, and the fact that some members are more energetic in the morning. Think about it and plan to continue the discussion at future meetings.



Mid-January and it was so warm that we had the garage door open!

NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAKFAST

Cracker Barrel
January 1, 2013



BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES

January 4th, 2013, 6:30 PM

The new president, Gerald Melchiors, called the meeting to order, thanking Craig for his great service. The 2013 officers were introduced and we began a good meeting.

Gerald and Lois supplied pizzas and cake for refreshments.

There a discussion about the great Christmas party and the thanks we owe the people that did the work.

The parades were discussed and will be posted in the newsletter.

We are working on new things the club might like to do and we are going bring them up to the club vote. We are looking at meeting on Saturday and working on Model A's more. Paying more attention to Technical Programs.

Please check and sign up on the refreshment list in any open month.

Rachel agreed to keep the great newsletter going, Thank you.

The activity calendar was discussed and we have changed some events, so see the newsletter.

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

The next BOD meeting will be announced.

Please read the newsletter often to remember the right dates for activities.

*Respectfully submitted
Doug Wilson, Secretary*



MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

January 14th, 2013

President, Gerald Melchiors called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

A few members were fined for no name badges. There were 42 members present. Dale from Jacksonville was our guest.

See the newsletter for January birthdays.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ernest Dinkins and seconded as written.

Abbie Prince was at the meeting. It was announced that Pascal Bryant is doing a little better.

Jim Dover was telling jokes again.

Richard Dunevent gave the Treasurer's report

Walker Crosby, the new National Director, asked that everyone turn in anything they wanted in National.

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

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.

We discussed changing the meeting to Saturday and we will go over that more next meeting.

Greg Jones donated a media projector to the club and outlined the technical programs for the year.

Refreshments were provided by Jim McPherson, Larry Komp and Curtis Krosting. Thanks for the help from Sheila and her team.

The next meeting will be at Dunevent's garage on February 11th, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned with everyone having a great snack.

*Respectfully submitted
Doug Wilson, Secretary*

From You-tube...

WILLYS JEEP DISASSEMBLE

About 8 soldiers pull up on a main street in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on holiday. They're in a standard issue WWII type Willys Jeep. In the span of about 5 minutes they completely disassemble the vehicle and reassemble it and drive off in it fully operable! The idea being to show the genius that went into the making of the jeep and its basic simplicity. Fantastic. Click below.

To see the video, copy and paste this into your google address bar.

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Wouldn't be nice if the Model A was that easy?

MORNINGSIDE ASSISTED LIVING

January 18, Evans GA

Seven Shade Tree A's members and 6 cars rolled into the Morningside Assisted Living Center in Evans on Friday, January 18 a little before 10 am and were greeted by an enthusiastic group of residence and staff eager to look at the cars and to reminisce.

The bloodmobile was there accepting donations and several STA members left a little lighter than they arrived.

Participating STA members were William and George Gordon, Rita Thornhill, Doug Wilson, Larry DuVall, Ernie Dinkins and Gerald Melchiors.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF BETTY AND MONROE WADE

Granddaughter Kayla Loflin, her mom, Joyce Loflin, and dog Winston pose with Monroe's Model A. Kayla asked that this be printed in honor of her Nana and in remembrance of Papa, long-time member Monroe Wade.



VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck

McCall's February 1930

The Versatile Spring Ensemble

McCall's described this ensemble as an outfit to take you from luncheon through evening.

At luncheon one may appear in the dress and jacket, worn with a hat and scarf or fur.

For bridge or afternoon tea, the lines of the ensemble are just elaborate enough.

For evening the sleeveless dress with out the jacket is perfect, remove one's hat and you are now perfectly gowned for however late or however festive the occasion.

Kind of like the little black dress of today; dress it up or dress it down for a whole day of wear from morning until night.



UNOFFICIAL TECH SESSION

Rachel d'Entremont

January 26, Aiken SC

What started out to be a four-person project grew into quite an event. Rachel's Garage will never take the place of Richard's Garage but for one afternoon, it was about as busy.

The standing-room-only event (because there was only one chair) to remove and dismantle the differential from my car attracted 12 STA members. The results of the day's efforts will be the basis for a power point presentation the April Technical Program. Hopefully the April Tech Program will also cover the reassembling of the car. If not, I'm in big trouble.

While part of the crowd was under the car getting dirty, others were trying to figure out how to expand the 4-year-old garage so a few more Model A's would fit. Sometimes it's a good thing to live on a small lot in the historic district: no room to expand. I don't believe I can afford any more Model A's!



HOW WE SPENT OUR CHRISTMAS VACATION

Rachel d'Entremont

My daughter, Anna, and son, Brian, came home to Aiken for Christmas: Anna from Los Angeles and Brian from Lausanne, Switzerland. The day after Christmas, Brian was out in the garage dismantling the transmission.

One of the great things about being a STA member is all of the help and support we receive from others who have "been there and done that". Eric Shogren lent tools, supplied a detailed parts list from his motel room in California and re-finished our bell housing (acquired from Jim McPherson). Tom Roberts picked up parts from Smith and Jones, furnished the transmission housing, offered advice, and supervised parts of the operation. Walker Crosby delivered an engine hoist and engine stand which never would have fit in the back of my Honda. And Greg Jones gave us valuable tips on installing the gears and contributed some very heavy oil—better than the 600-weight I had purchased.

Greg's neatest tip was to put the metal shaft in the freezer and to place the bearing on a light bulb expanding the bearing while shrinking the shaft: Brian popped it with a rubber mallet and it worked like a charm— just don't forget the heat-resistant gloves!

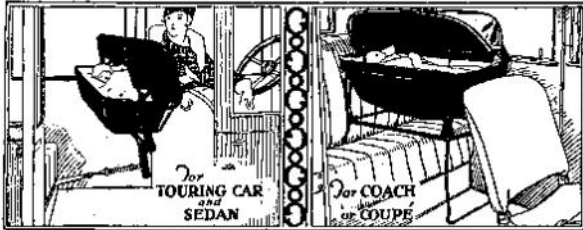
Anna stood in the cold garage to be available to call the paramedics in case we dropped the engine on our feet and took pictures to prove that I helped. To paraphrase an African proverb, it takes a village to keep up a Model A!



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- ◆ Dampen your rag with mineral spirits to get the grease off tools before putting them away.

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<p>TOUR OF THE TALLADEGA SPEEDWAY AND MUSEUM MARCH 15-16, 2013</p>	



The Central AL Model "A" Ford Club invites your club members to attend our speedway tour that will be filled with a lot of activities of fun & excitement including kicking tires with fellow club members throughout the southeast, dinner in a great Model "A" Ford Museum, visiting the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame, and the chance to put your Model "A" Ford on the fastest Speedway in the country "The Talladega Super Speedway"

FRIDAY March 15, 2013: Arrival and check in at the Quality Inn (Formerly the Jameson Inn), in Oxford Alabama. Visit local antique stores looking for those great finds you just can not do with out. The fun will continue Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. with some good "ole" Model "A" fellowship, 50/50 drawing, great door prizes, picking and grinning with the Blue Grass Buddies, and the famous "FIREHOUSE DINNER" in Gerald Grizzard's Model "A" Ford Museum, 1 mile from the host motel.

SATURDAY March 16, 2013. After breakfast and check out we're off to the Talladega Speedway for our spin on the race track and tour of the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame Museum. At 8 a.m. we will assemble in the parking lot of the Lone Star Restaurant (Next to the Motel) and depart at 8:30 p.m. for the Talladega Super Speedway. After our laps on the race track we will stop in place on the track at the finish line for a still photo's of all Model A's. After the group photo on the track we will move to the winner's circle for club and individual photos, don't forget to bring your camera and a trophy to hold up. From the race track we will proceed to the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame. After our tour of the museum we will saddle up in that "Ole A Model" and we're off to Diamond Lil's Restaurant for some good "ole" Country Cooking. After lunch we will end our weekend activities and be released to head out for home: by club or individually and the completion of another great Tour on the "MODEL-A HIGHWAY".

If you would like to tow your Model "A" Ford to the meet there is a designed parking area for tow vehicles 1 mile from the host Motel. Coordinate requirements with Gerald Grizzard at (256) 835-2998 or Cell (256) 310-6463.

All reservations at the Quality Inn (Formerly the Jameson Inn) must be made no later than February 15, 2013 in order to receive the group discounted rate of \$60.00 plus tax. Be sure to mention you are with the Model "A" Ford Group when making your reservations, Contact the Quality Inn at (256) 835-2170, Fax (256) 835-2133.

Fire up Henry's Finest and join us in Oxford, Alabama. Registration form attached, if you need additional information: contact Cecil Freeman at (256) 225-3250, Email: cfreeman43@aol.com , Gerald Grizzard: Office (256) 835-2998, or Cell: (256) 310-6463, Email: Gfireman52@aol.com. or Paul M Majerick (334) 312-3029 Email paulmajerick@aol.com