

Shade Tree A's News

IN STYLE

Rachel d'Entremont, Editor

Those of you who know me know that I'm not the most up-to-date gal when it comes to fashion. I especially don't get the point in some of the trendier fashions. For example, the black nail polish and lipstick. What are people thinking?

Number-one son, Brian, came home from Switzerland for almost 3 weeks and our main project for this visit was rebuilding the transmission on my '28 Roadster. This was the 7th time we've taken the engine out since bringing the car home in January 2008. I donned my old black jeans, a turtleneck, a sweatshirt, clodhopper sneakers, and a cotton jacket which had been stained on a previous car job. (It was cold the week after Christmas.) I must say, I could have started a new fashion trend!

I have found that my *forte* in this line of work includes bagging and labeling parts, washing the grease off of parts using mineral spirits, keeping up with tools and parts, and removing (or reattaching) a part here or there. I also work as the clean-up crew, disposing of greasy paper towels, wiping up spills, and scrubbing out buckets.

After Brian drained the oil in preparation for removing the engine, I decided to bottle up the used oil for pickup by the City. The City of Aiken burns used motor oil to heat the City garages.

I laid down a few large sheets of paper on which to work, put the empty oil bottles in a narrow bucket so they wouldn't tip over, positioned a funnel over the first bottle, and started to pour. The first 4 bottles were filled with a minimum of mess, just a drip here or there. My mistake was that I thought the car only held 5 quarts so with great confidence, I poured, without thought, the remain-

der of the oil into bottle #5 only to realize too late that the engine holds MORE than 5 quarts!

I had oil down the side of the 5th bottle, all over the other 4 bottles, in the narrow bucket, all over the paper, and all over my hands. Uck.

After cleaning up my mess and cleaning up the greasy nuts and bolts and other stuff that Brian removed from the car, we hoisted the engine out and got it set up on the engine stand.

Brian was going out for the evening and I had errands to run so we went inside to get cleaned up.

I tried 1) Jergen's hand soap, 2) Joy dish soap, 3) a bar of Lava, 4) Vaseline (applied under my nails), followed by dish soap, again, and 5) a pair of leather gloves.

Now I understand the appeal of the trendy black nail polish (but not the lipstick)!

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.

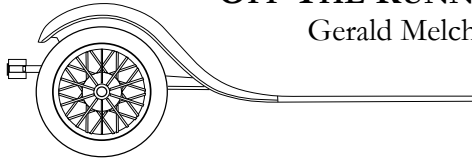
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Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan
Steven Brown

OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Gerald Melchiors, President



Wow, January 2013 already! After all the excitement of Christmas and the Holidays, to return to our normal routines may be a welcome change.

Before we go on to anything else though, we need to extend a special note of appreciation to Craig McMullin and the other officers and board members who did such a fine job for our club in 2012. The Shade Tree A's were never lacking for activities, camaraderie, information, or help all of last year and this is due in no small part to the efforts of these folks.

Our Christmas party this year was exceptional. The food, desserts, and Christmas decorations (even a Christmas tree!), were really something and lent an incredibly festive air to the whole evening. Everyone had a great time. Again, we owe a "thank you" to the folks who put it all together.

This year, like every year, the Shade Tree A's participated in a host of Christmas parades. This is an excellent format to showcase both our cars and our club and is greatly enjoyed by the public. Those of you who took the time to bring out a piece of history by driving your Model A's in these parades are doing a fine service to both our community and our hobby.

For the Shade Tree A's, 2013 promises to be an exciting year. Our officers and board members have already been asking what, if any, changes you would like to see in our club and also the types of activities that would better support the Model A Ford hobby. We hope to discuss these responses at the January meeting so be sure to attend. If you have any ideas along the lines of club improvement do not hesitate to bring them up. The Shade Tree A's is your club and it is only with your input that our club can remain responsive to your interest as a Model A enthusiast.

Remember... "A busy Model A is a happy Model A".

See you at the meeting,

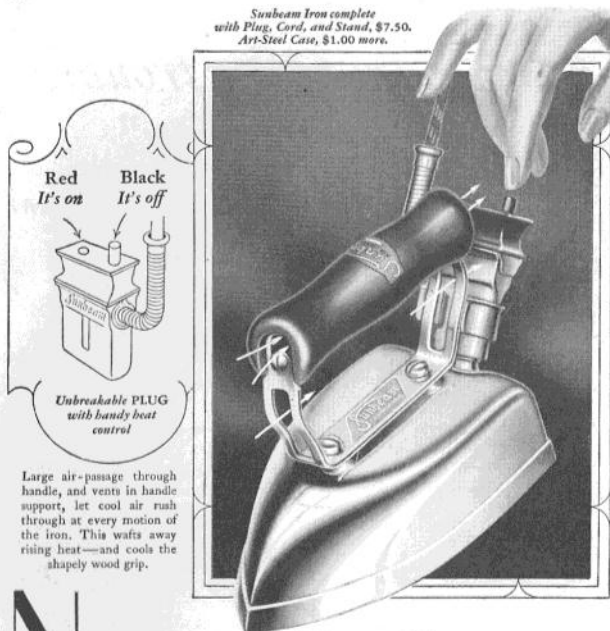
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STILL AROUND AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS...



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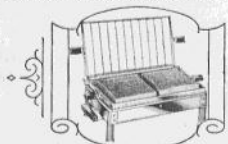
With it now comes also the new Sunbeam

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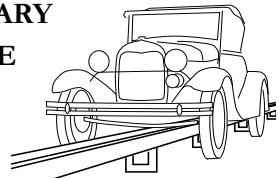
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NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- ♦ Don Turley has written an article entitled "Restoring Model A Water Pumps" which appears in the Nov/Dec 2012 issue of Model "A" News, official publication of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC).
- ♦ In the Nov/Dec 2012 issue of "The Restorer" (MAFCA), under "Membership Longevity":
 - 50 years: Dr. James McPherson
 - 35 years: James Miller
 - 35 years: Betty Wade
- ♦ Kelly Frontroth was named the SC Outstanding Insurance Customer Service Representative of the Year. Congratulations, Kelly!
- ♦ Pascal is making progress after additional surgery on December 12. He and Barbara appreciate all the prayers and good wishes.
- ♦ Walker and Pam Crosby are proud new grandparents.

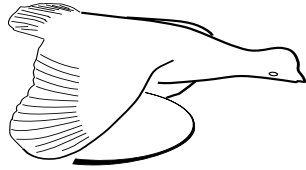
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PHOTOS ON THE WEB

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

January:

- 1 New Year's Day Breakfast (8:00 am)
- 3 Board of Director's Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 14 Club meeting

February:

- TBA Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast
- 14 Meeting

OTHER EVENTS

- March 15-16 Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club's Talladega Speedway Tour.
- October 17-19, 2013, Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour along the Gulf

REFRESHMENTS

January: McPherson, Komp, and Krosting

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

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2012

President, Craig McMullin started the Christmas party. Everyone had name badges. There were 69 members present.

Dates were given for December birthdays, see the newsletter.

The minutes were approved as written.

Abbie Prince is doing better with his torn shoulder. Pascal Bryant is still struggling

Richard Dunevent's Treasure's report was silent.

Rachel received the Monroe Wade Award.

The new Board of Directors was announced.

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.

A great meal was enjoyed.

The meeting was adjourned and the party went on with a lot of fun.

Respectfully submitted

Doug Wilson, Secretary

NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAKFAST

Our annual New Year's Day breakfast will be held on Sunday January 1st at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at I-20 and Dyess Parkway. Plan to meet at 8:00 in your Model A if you can.

VALENTINES' DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

As soon as the date is determined (either the Saturday before or after Valentine's Day) an e-mail will be sent out.

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 CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 15 at Richard's Garage

About 75 people gathered at the Garage which was transformed into a festive party venue. Cocktails with *hors d'oeuvres* and a covered-dish dinner were followed by a brief meeting. Out-going President Craig McMullin was thanked for his terms as head of the organization (1993-94, 1997-98, and 2008-12). He was presented with a book of Model A advertisements as a thank-you gift.

Membership pins were distributed to those reaching 2 years and at 5-year intervals. It was noted that Jim McPherson had been in the club for 40 years!

Craig read the names from a laminated 1993 club roster that he found in his car. Many of those listed are no longer with us and many long-term members sat quietly remembering those who had been so important to the club through the years.

Rachel d'Entremont received the Monroe Wade Award.

The new Board of Directors was announced (listed elsewhere in the newsletter) and Gerald Melchior, the in-coming President, spoke a few words.

The party really got hopping once the "Chinese gift exchange" got off the ground. Members honed their speed-reading skills as a book on the history of Ford cars made the rounds. Also popular were lottery tickets affixed to bottles of wine, and an elf hat that flashed lights and danced around. If you weren't able to attend (or even if you were), you might enjoy additional photos on the club's web page.



GRANITEVILLE PARADE

December 1, 2012



Six Model A's (mostly from the Roberts' garages) met at Kalmia Plaza in Aiken and made the 15-minute drive to Graniteville for the Christmas Parade. The streets were packed and the Model A's in all of their Christmas finery received many "ooohs" and "aaahhs" from the crowd.

The return trip was more eventful than the parade when one of Tom's cars not only had water-pump issues, but also managed to melt the resistor in the horn!





AIKEN PARADE

December 9, 2012

Thirteen STA cars lined up on Marlboro Street in Aiken waiting to be added to the parade. The theme of this year's parade was a cartoon Christmas. In addition to the usual Christmas decorations, several cartoon characters joined the Model A's. Two Minnie Mice with a Minnie Mouse doll (all supplied courtesy of Theresa's boss) rode in the rumble seat of one of the Roberts' cars driven by their grandson, Brian. Mickey and Minnie were "born" in 1928 so it was fitting that they were in a Model A.

Snoopy in his Flying Ace outfit rode just behind the propeller on the hood of Pat Roberts' pickup and the Pink Panther hid in the rumble seat from driver Chief Detective Jacques Closeau in Rachel d'Entremont's Roadster.



THOMPSON PARADE
December 2, Thompson GA
Photos by Sheila McPherson





**HEPHZIBAH CHRISTMAS
PARADE 2012**
December 15, 2012



2012 MONROE WADE AWARD WINNER

Presented at the December Meeting/Christmas Party

Committee: Sheila McPherson, Tom and Pat Roberts, George Gordon, Betty Wade

This person would be an asset to any Model A club--the Shade Tree A's are fortunate to be able to have this person actively involved in our organization during these tough economic times.

Since becoming a Shade Tree A member, this year's Monroe Wade Award winner has done an outstanding job of promoting the Model A hobby and encouraging others to get involved or join the STA's. This person's beaming personality, unfailing good humor, outgoing personality, and excitement about driving and restoring their own Model A is very transparent and contagious to others ... so much so that if you didn't already own a Model A, after talking with this individual you'd want to go out and buy one! The recipient of this year's award is "hands on", not afraid to get dirty, and knows more about the inner workings of the "A" than do many of our other members.

We see this individual participating in our tech sessions, driving their Model A in most club tours, parades, events, meetings and displays, and uses the vehicle on an almost-daily basis. This person attends the Board of Directors meetings to learn more about our Club and also writes articles for the newsletter.

The individual has been willing to accept almost any STA challenge, first assuming the editorship of our STA Newsletter. Since then, (in addition to things above) she led the planning and development of Aiken's International Model A Day, and arranged the transportation of participants in Aiken's Third Annual Women's Hickory-Shafted Golf Driving Event and distributed club-wide messages to update the membership on recent happenings (such as funerals, etc.) and club plans.

She's a top-notch representative of our Shade Tree A's, and we'd like to present this 2012 Monroe Wade award to Rachel d'Entremont.

Thank you to the award committee, I was surprised and appreciate the honor.

Rachel

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The STA election results were announced at the Christmas party on December 15.

Gerald Melchiors was elected President

Greg Jones Vice President.

Craig McMullin, Past President

Walker Crosby, National Director

Richard Dunevent, Treasurer

Doug Wilson, Secretary

Stewart Smith, At-large.

The new board will get together for it's first meeting on January 3rd to begin planning the club events for 2013.

GIBSON PARADE

Gibson GA, December 1, 2012

Frankie Dunevent

On a Saturday morning, five Model A's departed Wal-Mart parking lot for a pleasant trip to Gibson. Those going were Ernie Dinkins, Shelia and Doug Wilson, Larry Duval, Rita Thornhill and George Gordon, and Frankie and Richard Dunevent. In Gibson, we were joined by Billy Garland in his Coupe. After feasting on a delicious lunch (yes, we had those apple pies) at our favorite BBQ place, we proceeded to the parade lineup. We stopped by the home of Mayor Gregg Kelley and Renae for refreshments following the parade and then headed for home. Thankfully there were no roadside seminars, and all arrived home safely.



ABBIE'S PAGE

*Everything on this page was submitted by Abbie Prince who's unable to tinker with his Model A while he's on the mend.
Obviously he's able to tinker on the internet!
Thanks, Abbie.*

WIFE'S DIARY/HUSBAND'S DIARY

(Author Unknown)

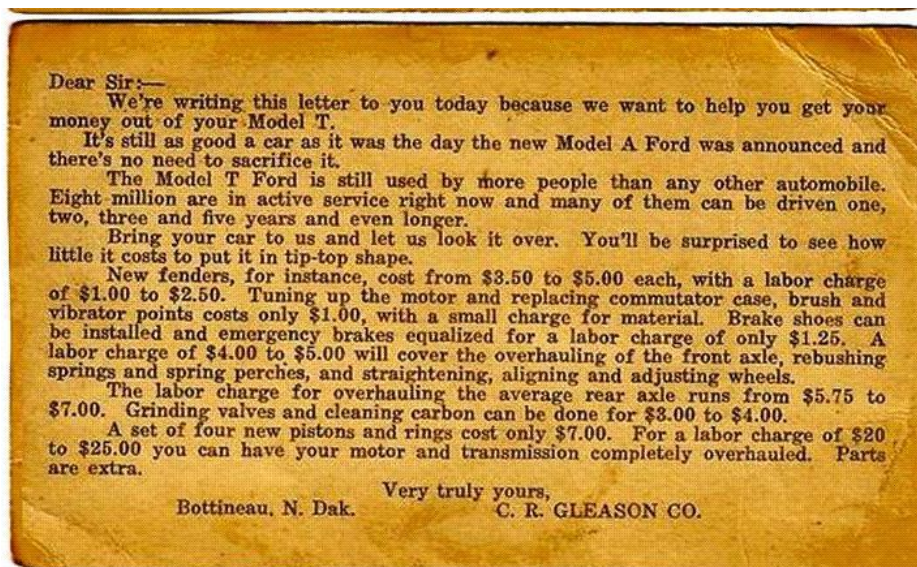
Wife's Diary:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't forthcoming or flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he still didn't say much.

I asked him what was wrong; He said, "Nothing." I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me and not to worry about it. On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly, and kept driving.

I can't explain his behavior I don't know why he didn't say, "I love you, too." When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep -- I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

Husband's Diary: Model A wouldn't start, can't figure it out.



From a 1929 penny postcard.

Also sent in by Abbie: A collection of photos of vintage celebrities and their then-new now-vintage cars can be seen at this site.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-S93WH1uZw>

EVALUATION OF THE MODEL A HORN

By Jim McPherson

Most people enjoying seeing old cars such as our Model A's. The next enjoyable event for them is to hear the horn, a classic *Ah-oo-gah* sound for our Model A's. This is evident by the constant request to blow your horn during parades. What follows is a short list of maintenance items to keep your horn working at peak performance.

- Poor electrical connections in any part of the horn motor circuit will cause a poor sound or an inoperative motor. The motor may be connected to a battery or a trickle charger to check its performance.
- Electrical connections must be clean and tight. These connections include the generator cut-out terminal, the light switch plate, the contacts at either end of the light switch tube, and the horn button contacts. Electrical contact cleaners are available in spray cans.
- The final electrical connection to operate your horn is to complete the ground by pushing the horn button. Rust may form under the horn button. This contact may be improved without removing the horn/light rod from the car by pushing and wiggling the horn button.
- Clean the commutator bars of the armature using a pencil eraser, and the undercut mica separators with a toothpick to remove oil and grease. Brush holders must be clean inside and out for good electrical contact.
- The armature should spin smoothly and rapidly with the tension removed. Lubricate the armature bushings with one or two drops of SAE 30 motor oil. Apply a thin film of grease to the agitator.

For horns needing more attention:

- A good ground is essential. Check the ground by using a length of wire from the second horn terminal to a good ground on the engine.
- If the motor spins but there is a loss of sound, the wedge attached to the diaphragm may be in the wrong position. The wedge should be in a vertical plane with the drain hole in the horn bell. The wedge is hardened, and this part on reproduction diaphragms does not hold up well.
- If the armature doesn't spin freely, you may need to replace the bushings at each end of the armature, or you may need to loosen the motor frame from the horn base and move it for better alignment.
- If the commutator is not smooth, it may need to be turned and the mica undercut. Any electric motor shop can do this for you. It is important to have good contact between the commutator and the brush. I have seen many excellent sounding horns with an uneven commutator, but the brush matched the commutator. If you remove the brush(s), be sure to mark their orientation so you can replace them in the exact same position.
- The best electrical connection is between the brush and the spring. A lug connector soldered to the field coil connections makes the best contact.

THE BILTMORE ESTATE

Jim McPherson

On the weekend of November 30th, four Shade Tree A's families made their way to Asheville, NC to visit the Biltmore Estate. This visit was special because the tour of the world's largest home was the Biltmore's Christmas Candle Light Tour. The tour was held at night with all the fireplaces lit and Christmas trees and garland glowing. Guides were stationed in each room to describe the décor and life of the Vanderbilts.

The trip started with a leisurely drive up Highway 25 on Friday morning. We stopped for lunch at a famous cafeteria in Fletcher, NC, and then it was on to Asheville. We spent the afternoon in various antique malls, including the Tobacco Barn Antiques. The ladies shopped the mall and surrounding shops, purchasing gifts for the gift exchange at STA Christmas party. We had dinner at Appleby's.

Saturday morning we visited an assortment of antique shops in downtown Asheville where Rosalind Neal and Sam Mason each purchased exquisite Model A-era mesh purses. On this trip, everyone found something they could not live without. Jim Mason found a Phillips 66 sign, and Don Neal, a railroad lantern. The Krosting's found the perfect curio cabinet they had been searching for.

The afternoon was spent touring the grounds of the Biltmore Estate. Antler Village, originally the dairy, had been transformed into the winery (yes, we took the tour and tasted the wines), the Legacy Theater, the Creamery (yes, we had ice cream and malts), and specialty shops. We made our way back to the hotel for "THE" ballgame and ordered in pizza and wings.

Then it was back to the Estate, where we visited specialty shops housed in the original stables adjacent to the home. These shops included toys, candy, books, Christmas decorations, and items of the Victorian era. Before long it was time to begin our tour of the home. In addition to the guides, musicians and choral groups entertained us throughout the home. The decorations are amazing with everything just as it was in the 1890's. The

decorations use only fresh trees, garland, fruit and flowers, all of which are kept fresh by the floral staff. No artificial trimmings found here.

On Sunday morning, the Krosting's and the McPherson's rose early to make it back in time to participate in the Thomson parade, while the Mason's and Neal's slept in and continued their stay in the mountains. Our next excursion is to the Outer Banks in the spring. Would you like to join us?



VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck



Weldon's Ladies, Journal was a magazine published during the Model A era in England; there was an exported edition that mainly sent to Canada. I happen to obtain a January 1931 edition that is in perfect condition and has wonderful fashion photos and ads.

Bright little Frocks for New Year Parties was the headline of these neat patterns for these neat formal dresses.

The first gown is made of lovely white faille and has very clever touches of green, which raise the pinnacle of chic for evening.

Geranium red satin would be a good choice for this second frock with its pretty yoke of red lace.

Soft satin in lovely glowing shade of dark turquoise would be ideal for this third frock with its high Empire waist and beaded neckline.

Lastly, quite a different style is this pale gold swishless taffeta dress with a bolero, the lines of which are echoed by the lines of the long basque.

THE CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED:

A very nice 1930-31 straight firewall. I have an indented firewall to trade, or will buy outright.
Jim McPherson 706-592-4835.

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FROM JIM MCPHERSON

The Outer Banks:
Where wild horses run the dunes;
The birthplace of flight.

NUTS & BOLTS

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

- ♦ Soak greasy unpainted car parts in mineral spirits to remove the grease.
- ♦ Keep a few cable ties in your emergency tool kit. They can hold a headlight together, keep parts from getting separated, attach parade decorations, and much more.

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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