

HEADS UP

Rachel d'Entremont

I used to have a hand-me-down Pontiac Bonneville that had a feature called "Heads Up Display" which displayed a reflection of the speed onto the windshield so the driver needn't look down at the dashboard (it was about the only thing on the car that actually worked properly but that's another story).

Obviously the Model A is not that sophisticated but mine had a similar "feature". Lately whenever I got to 36 MPH (the local speed limit is 35), it would make an awful sound as I imagine one would hear if a cheap fork was dropped into a running garbage disposal. This "heads up" feature kept me from exceeding the speed limit without taking my eyes from the road but I knew it wasn't a good thing.

After taking a short ride and listening to the sound, Eric suggested that it was probably the speedometer cable in need of lubrication and that I need only remove the dash panel, unscrew the cable, apply some graphite, and the problem would be solved.

I'll just mention (and no, I did NOT make this mistake, I'm merely making an observation) the tube of graphite looks and feels a lot like the tube of Loctite! Not good.

Eric had a great suggestion of applying masking tape under the edges of the dash panel to protect the dashboard paint. After masking, I unscrewed the cover and expected everything to fall into my lap. Quite the contrary, I had to tug, jiggle, and pry. Now I was wondering if I could drive the car somewhere for help with the dash panel half on and half off.

I consulted my greasy, no-longer-intact Les Andrews book and was advised to release the cable from a hook near the choke. I didn't find any hook but realized that the ridges in the cable housing

were keeping me from pulling the cover off.

I removed what Eric described as looking "like a bottle cap", squeezed the graphite into the cable (never can tell if anything's happening with those little graphite tubes), and wondered if I'd broken something since the cable just ends.

The "bottle cap" did not want to go back on. Arthritic thumbs certainly didn't help any. After about 10 minutes of fighting with it, I got a pair of channel locks and managed to get it back together.

I decided to take a test drive before admitting to failure. As I cranked up the engine I was mentally preparing my story for when I got pulled over for speeding by law enforcement in route to Eric's or Tom's seeking help with the broken cable. "Well, officer, I disconnected the speedometer and the "heads-up feature" no longer works..."

Imagine my surprise when I took it out on the road and the speedometer actually worked. Not only that, I believe the noise is gone too. Hot dog!

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



I just got back from the Trenton Peach Festival parade and what a fun parade it was. It seems the people in the smaller towns really appreciate our cars and our having them in their local parades, but then, of course, who doesn't enjoy seeing a Model A in a parade? Following the parade, everyone, except the president (me) went on to Edgefield, South Carolina for a terrific dinner at Chef Bobs'. From all the folks I've talked with the meal was terrific and the camaraderie exceptional. We need to thank Craig McMillan for his fine job of overseeing the Shade Tree A's participation in this parade and meal and seeing that everything went smoothly.

Unfortunately for me, I had a prior commitment to display my Model A at the Washington Commons Assisted Living Home early that afternoon and couldn't make both the display and the meal. I missed not eating with the group but as I saw the delight on the faces of so many residents of the assisted living home as they reminisced about past experiences with their old cars (rumble seats in particular) it made my cookie and lemonade "dinner" satisfying enough.

Next month, August, will be our annual dinner meeting at Sconyer's BBQ. Be sure to mark on your calendar that we will meet there on Thursday, August 15 @ 6:00 rather than our usual date and time. Read your Shade Tree A's newsletter for details and be sure to come hungry!

As a club, we need to thank Eric Shogren for volunteering to oversee our Saturday technical seminars. He has gained a wealth of Model A experience over the years working on both his own and other club member's Model A's. Combining that knowledge with his organizational skills will insure that our Saturday tech sessions will be both effective and helpful in keeping our Model A's on the road.

In July, Andrew Morse is going to give us an update of the challenges he has faced and progress he has made so far in restoring his 31 Slant Win-

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dow four door. Anyone who has worked on their own Model A's will appreciate this program.

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

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

June 10th, 2013

President, Gerald Melchiors called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

A few members were fined for no name badges.

There were 43 members present Prospective member William Rogers was present.

See the newsletter for June birthdays.

There was a motion to approved the minutes, it was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Kurt Krosting was back in hospital with back trouble and Don Neal is doing better.

Richard Dunevent gave the Treasure's Report.

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!

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 Greg Jones for donating a media projector to the club, which we are using and improving.

Dan Perla showed a DVD on club events and car pictures celebrating STA's 40th Anniversary.

Refreshments of cake and ice cream sundaes were provided by Lois Melchiors and Frankie Dunevent.

The next meeting will be at Dunevent's garage on July 8th, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned with everyone having a better than usual snack.

Respectfully submitted Doug Wilson, Secretary

PERMATEX BRAND PRODUCTS

Jim McPherson

Permatex brand automotive products have been around since 1909. Among their offerings were non-hardening and hardening Permatex products known as Form-A-Gasket (they are still available). The non-hardening product was especially useful on the carburetor to intake manifold gasket, as it remained pliable over time. When working on a carburetor problem, you could remove and replace the carburetor many times without replacing the gasket.

Permatex has a new product, Permashield. Permashield is also non-hardening, but its most important characteristic for us may be that it resists ethanol in addition to gasoline, oil, and many more chemicals. In these times of 10% ethanol, this product may be of use in the maintenance of our Model A's.

In the days the Eastwood Company displayed their products at the Hershey swap meet, many of us enjoyed shopping in their tent, discussing their products, and making purchases. One product we really liked was an exhaust manifold paint that gave the color of a new cast iron part. A new product may be of interest for protecting metal parts exposed to extreme heat (1200 F). Thurmalox and Alvin Spray Automotive High Temperature Paints are the same product, with one being a brush on product like the Eastwood product, and the other in a spray can. The availability in a spray can is a real improvement for this type product. Manufactured by the Dampney Company (800-537-7023), their website (www.hightempenginepaint.com) gives specifications, color chips and ordering information.



LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB EVENTS

- July 4 Gilbert ParadeJuly 8 STA meeting
- July 20 Tech Seminar
- August 15 (Thurs) STA dinner Meeting 6 pm at Sconyers BBQ—no Monday meeting

NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- Edith Ashmore, mother of member Carole (Tony) Gazette died on May 30.
- From Linda Krosting: Curt and I appreciate your prayers and the Get Well Card with everyone's name on it. Curt is progressing slowly. We were disappointed that we missed the STA's 40th Birthday ice cream social. We hope to be back in the flock soon.
- ◆ Don Neal continues his recuperation. Contact the newsletter if you have news to share.

LEXINGTON COUNTY PEACH FESTIVAL GILBERT SC

Eric Shogren

The Lexington County Peach Festival is once again this 4th of July. The jump off point will be at 7:30 am at the Waffle House at I-20 and US-1 in Aiken. Line-up is in Gilbert at 8:30 am. The Parade is at 9:30. This is an amazing parade with usually 10,000 attendees. That's at least twice the size of Gilbert! Be sure to bring water though because their is no shade at the line up and by 9:30 it's pretty hot.

OTHER EVENTS

- Aug 10—Cofer Collection & Swap Meet
- 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

REFRESHMENTS

July: Mason

Neal Jones, G McMullin

August: Dinner Meeting

September: Turley

Collier Smith, W Sutherland Richardson

FROM THE JULY ASSEMBLY LINE



- 1 Billie Jones
- 9 Mai Batton
- 10- Greg Jones
- 17 -Deana Brandon
- 22 Don Turley
- 24 Bruce Ford
- 26 -Margaret Ann Mobley
- 28 -David Sutherland

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

June 10, 2013

Torrential rain throughout the day along with tornado watches caused the postponement of the planned 40th Anniversary photo session with the cars. Richard's Garage was surrounded by mud. Inside wasn't much drier and Doug spent most of the meeting trying unsuccessfully to keep the water from reaching the feet of the seated club members. After much mopping and vacuuming, Sheila discovered that the water was coming from a broken water pipe rather than from the storm. To add insult to injury, water was dripping from the AC unit onto the heads of those in the front rows. Fortunately, Pat had a Kroger-issued rain bonnet for protection.

Several members were recognized for being in the club for over 30 years: Larry Komp, Jim McPherson, the Dunevents, Betty Wade, Don Turley, and Jim Miller (not present).

The group watched one of Stuart Smith's tour videos and looked through photo albums of club activities. Birthday cake and ice cream sundaes followed.









LIBRARY NEWS

Don't forget to about the club library located at the bottom of the stairs at Richard's Garage. We have several new books.

PHOTOS & MORE OF THE WEB

Dan Perla posts photos of club events and copies of the newsletter, current and past, and much more on the club's website: www.shadetreeas.org.

TENTH ANNUAL "A" PICNIC AT RAVEN ROCK STATE PARK

Hosted by the Fayetteville Region Model A Club

Please put this one on your club's schedule. 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.

NASCAR BOUND

Member Michael Gordon participated in the Trenton Peach Festival parade as his last club event before attending a 66-month-long program at the NASCAR Technical Institute in Mooresville NC.

Michael graduated Evans High School in May. His new mailing address is :

Willow Creek Apartments 151 Scenic Road, Apt. H Mooresville NC 28115

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.

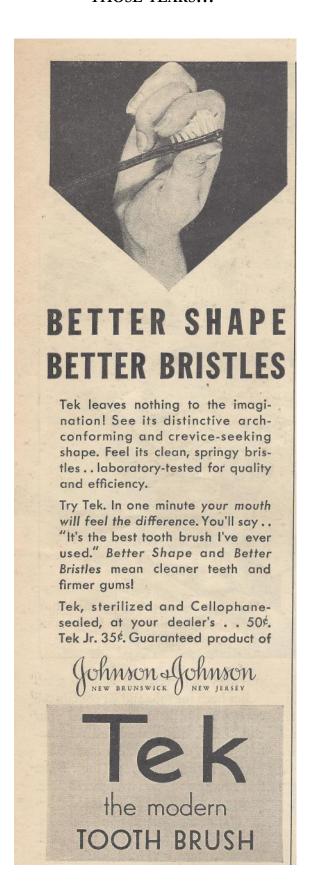
Note that there will be no meeting on the usual Monday in August.

JULY TECHNICAL SEMINAR

July 20

After a many-month hiatis, the Saturday Technical Seminar is back. The July 20 session will begin at 8 am with breakfast at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road and will reconvene at Richard's Garage around 9:30.

STILL AROUND AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS...



NUTS AND BOLTS

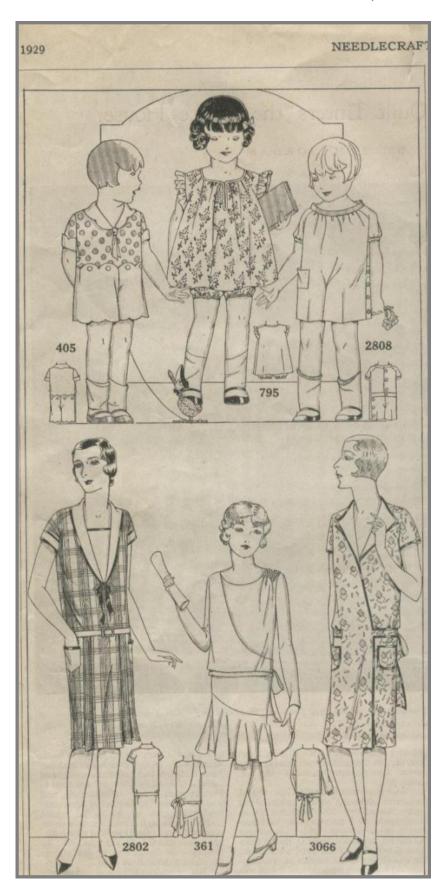
Hint from member Ken Jackson: To keep oil from blowing out the oil filler tube and messing up under the hood, stuff a piece of Scotch-Brite stainless steel scrubber into the filler. Unlike steel wool, it stays intact and will not break off and fall into the oil. It's found in the grocery with the sponges and cleaning supplies.





VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck



July 1929 *Needlecraft Magazine* offered some cute patterns for the "wee folk" as well as the older child.

#405 is comfy and smart; the suit is designed for the 1, 2, and 4 years.

#795 is a sweet dress designed for a little girl and available in 2, 4, and 6 years.

#2808 a cute suit designed for either the sister or brother and available for 2, 4, and 6 years.

#2802 is an attractive wash frock designed for the 16 and 18 years and was also available for the mother or grandmother of the house in bust sizes 36, 38,40,42,44, and 46.

#361 is designed for 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14 years and it copies the adult model.

#3066 is designed for the same girl and adult sizes as #2808.

These wash frocks would have been worn to do housework, chores and washing clothes. All patterns were 15 cents each.

POLICY FOR DISPLAYING CARS AT SCHOOLS

After several members shared their negative experiences in displaying their cars, especially at certain schools, the Board decided that a written policy should be sent to the sponsoring teacher prior to the event. Greg Jones prepared the document below which was used at the recent display at Merriwether School.



Shade Tree Model A Club Charter Member of the Model A Ford Club of America and the Model A Restorer's Club Augusta, Georgia May 2013

Conditions of Visit to Your School

Our club is devoted to the preservation and dissemination of information relating to the historical Model A Ford, manufactured from late 1927 to 1931. Five million of these cars were manufactured using assembly line manufacturing techniques resulting in a wide variety of body styles, including roadsters, coupes, sedans, and trucks. Our club members have invested a large amount of time and resources to restore and operate these 80-year-old cars. Paint jobs are extremely expensive so we tend to be nervous about anything scratching or gouging the paint, for example. We are thrilled to show our cars and share our knowledge with anyone who will listen, particularly younger folks. From past experience, we have found it prudent to state a few expectations of our host relating to behavior in and around the cars. These include:

- Only if the owner invites you may youenter or touch the cars. Otherwise, we pretty much
 have to have a "please don't touch" policy. If the car owner invites you to stand on the
 running board, sit in the driver's seat, etc. then that is acceptable.
- The host (teacher) must be responsible for the control of students. If you have a large group you should consider asking aides or parents to help keep things under control.
- Pictures are welcome but the car's owner should be asked before groups pose close to the cars.
- The host is to provide the desired "message" so that club members can prepare. For
 example, if your class is studying assembly line techniques used to manufacture old
 Fords, then the club members can prepare around that and have information available.
- · Host is to provide specific detailed directions on where cars are to arrive and park.

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The new Ford De Luxe Roadster is available in a variety of body colors, with an additional harmonizing color for the steel-spoke wheels. You may purchase it on economical terms through the Authorized Ford Finance Plans of the Universal Credit Company.



MERRIWETHER ELEMENTARY

May 31, North Augusta SC

Fifth Graders at Merriwether Elementary finished the school year with a visit from 4 Shade Tree A's cars and 5 club members. The display, which was limited to 4 cars because of space limitations, was arranged by Greg Jones. He was joined by Larry Duvall, Doug Wilson, Richard Dunevent, and Gerald Melchiors. Each student was provided a handout showing the different types of Model A's and facts about the cars and assembly-line production.

It was reported that all had a good time, no cars were damaged in the event, and that Gerald is a natural with the kids who really enjoyed the presentation.







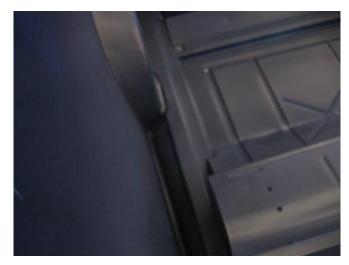




MAKING PROGRESS

Walker Croshy's Washington-Blue '31 Roadster











TRENTON PEACH FESTIVAL PARADE

June 15, Trenton SC

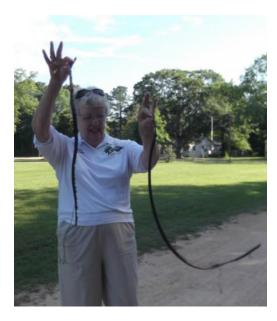
As luck would have it, the weather cooled some for the Trenton Parade and the STA's were fortunate to have a line-up location on a shady dirt road away from traffic and noise.

On the way to the parade, Tom Roberts broke a fan belt but because of the cool weather and the speed of travel, he made it to the line-up position. Eric saved the day with a spare fan belt. Eric also changed a brake—light bulb on his car and adjusted the timing on Rachel's.

Gerald missed the turn off and had a run in (actually twice) with the local law enforcement as he tried to go against the flow to reach the line-up position. Fortunately intervention from a local person of authority kept him (and Lois) out of the slammer.

After the parade, we displayed the cars in a shady spot near the festival.

The STA's were represented by 11 cars and 18 people.



No, Pat is not a snake handler, that's the fan belt, or what's left of it.







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CHEF BOB'S FOR LUNCH

June 15, Edgefield SC

After the Trenton Parade, most of the cars continued on the Chef Bob's Café located one block from the town square in Edgefield. Chef Bob requested that four cars be parked in front so that he could have a photo taken. Several of the other diners took photos of the A's parked in front and in the back.

The Roberts' car made it to the restaurant with the fan belt that was installed during the parade line up but showed up with a totally melted horn capacitor and smoke coming out from under the hood. Not a good day for the Roberts' car.

After a buffet lunch, the Georgia people departed and the SC part of the group conducted another roadside technical seminar to again adjust the timing on Rachel's car (perfectly, this time). Once the timing was adjusted, the Aiken cars headed south. Somewhere along the 32-mile trip from Edgefield to their house, the Roberts' car destroyed another fan belt. Definitely not a good day for the Roberts' car.







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