

Shade Tree A's News

BANJOS AND STUFF

*I come from Alabama With my banjo on my knee
I'm going to Louisiana, Susanna for to see
It rained all night The day I left The weather it was dry
The sun so hot, I froze to death
Susanna, don't you cry*

I don't know how many of you have ever thought about the words to "Oh! Susanna" but they don't make any sense, just nonsense.

As I was cleaning the grease off my differential's "banjo", I got to thinking about it's resemblance to the musical instrument banjo, hence, Oh Suzanna.

Anyhow, our long-lost member, Eric Shogren, has returned to us from his job assignment in California and came over to remove and replace the races in my banjo. (Now do you see why that nonsense song is running through my head: banjos, races?)

The first step was to remove the race by attaching a pinion puller which very much resembles a device of torture, and turning each bolt a little at a time until the race popped out...or not. It took a lot longer than I expected.

With much work on Eric's part the two parts eventually separated. Next step was to install the new race (the shiny silver looking ring in photo #2.)

The original plan was to heat the banjo in my almost-new oven while the races waited in the freezer. (*The sun so*



hot, I froze to death, Susanna, don't you cry.) Instead, Eric decided to try heating the banjo with a propane torch sparing my home from possibly smelling like a junk yard on fire.

Next the banjo was again heated and the race was brought out of the freezer and popped in place...or maybe not. As you maybe can see in the photo below, it has another 1/16 inch to go. As Eric and the immortal Maxwell Smart said "Missed it by that much"!



ABOUT THE SHADE TREE A'S

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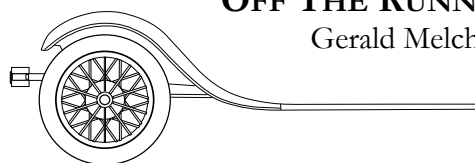
The Shade Tree A's is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile. Shade Tree A's annual dues (\$65) include membership in the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA, \$40) and a subscription to *The Restorer Magazine*. Members are also urged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

Gerald Melchiors, President

March is usually the start of the Shade Tree A's busy spring season, a perfect time to dust off that Model A and enjoy driving and touring before the weather gets so hot that even an open windshield won't help.

The Talladega tour, the Outer Banks tour, the Picnic in the Park, and the Saint Patrick's Day tour are but a few of the upcoming club activities scheduled for this month. While the driving part of parades and such is OK, personally I enjoy the camaraderie of being with fellow Model A owners that goes on both before and after these events. It's amazing how many world problems we solve in these sessions! If you have ideas about different activities that center around our Model A's be sure to bring them up with me or one of the club officers. This is your club and your ideas and input in these decisions are important.

I can't say enough about our annual Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast. What a fun event this was, continuing the long-time Shade Tree A's tradition for excellent food and socialization. In spite of the rain and cold we had several Shade Tree A'ers that drove their Model A's. This included Larry and Cheryl Lamb who carried all their cooking paraphernalia in their 1930 pickup and were busy cooking by 6:30. Speaking of Larry and Cheryl, we need to give them a hardy "Thank You", along with Lois and the rest of the team that worked so hard cooking, decorating, and setting-up to make the 2013 Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast one of the best ever. It makes me proud to be associated with a club whose members unselfishly do so much to make things work.

The February technical program on distributors by Jim McPherson was outstanding. I have had many comments by members about how interesting it was and how they could put this knowledge it into practice. It will be a hard act to follow but I am confident that our March session, Front End

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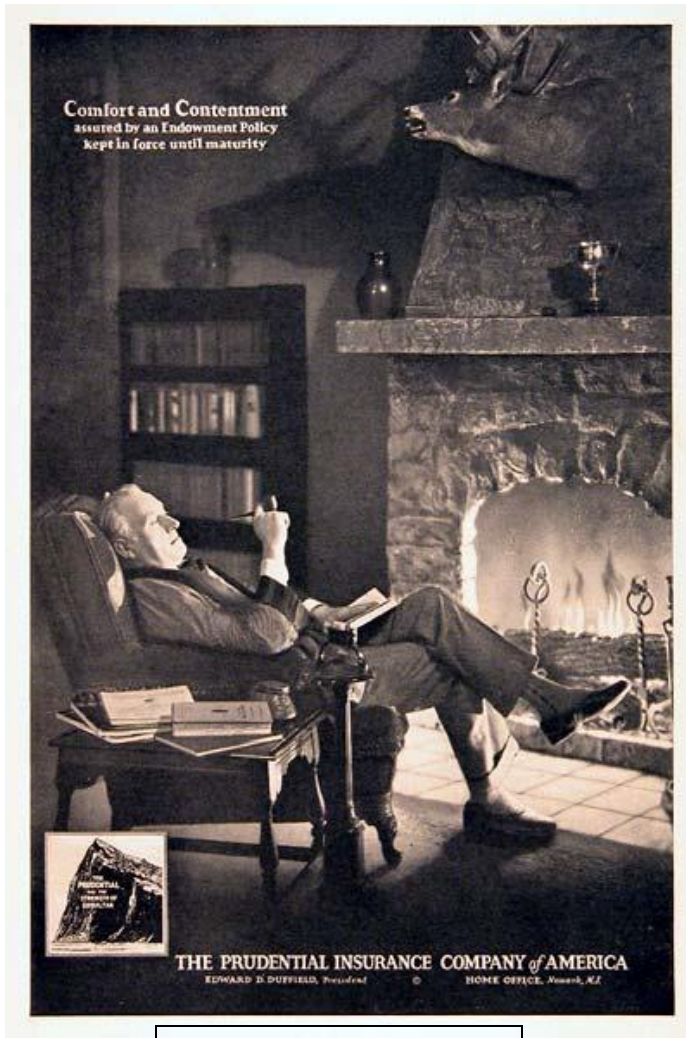
Alignment, by Larry Komp will be both interesting and informative in keeping our cars on the road.

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

See you at the meeting,

Gerald Melchiors

STILL AROUND AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS...



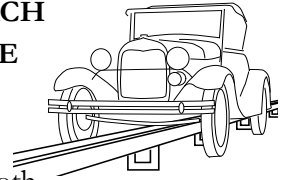
1930 Ad

18TH ANNUAL SOCIAL SECURITY RUN

Jim McPherson

The 18th Social Security Run is May 16-19 in La-Grange, GA. We will drive over on Thursday, stopping for lunch at a great place we found last year in Blackshears. The Friday Medicare Tour is to Warm Springs to the Little White House with special guest FDR and his wife Eleanor, and Winston Churchill. The Saturday Social Security Run will take us to Williamson with lunch at the Barn Stormer's Grill. If you would like to join us, and did not receive a registration form, call Jim McPherson.

FROM THE MARCH ASSEMBLY LINE



Brion Frontroth

- 2 - Cheryl Jordan
- 10 - Georgia Cunningham
- 12 - Don Cerefin
- 14 - Charles Wold
- 14 - Robert Currey
- 15 - Rosalind Neal
- 20 - Dan Perla
- 23 - Charles Jordan
- 25 - Curtis Krosting
- 28 - Pat Hughes
- 29 - Doug Wilson
- 30 - Greenlee Flanagan
- 30 - Steve Ethun

NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- Curtis Krosting has been having treatment for back pain
- Jim Dover has been recently hospitalized
- 63rd anniversary congratulations to the Dovers on March 7th
- The Bryants celebrate their 61st anniversary also on the 7th

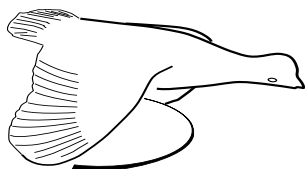
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PHOTOS ON THE WEB

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

March:

- 11 Club Meeting
- 14 1920's Day—Lakeside HS
- 16 St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 23 Palmetto A's Picnic in the Park

April:

- 19-20 Greenwood Swap Meet
- 20 Aiken Kite Festival

May:

- 4-5 Newberry Opera House Tour
- 16-19 Social Security Run, LaGrange GA

OTHER EVENTS

- March 15-16 Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club's Talladega Speedway Tour.
- April 22-26 Outer Banks Tour
- 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.

REFRESHMENTS

- March:** The Gordon families
- April:** Melchiors, Dinkins, Wilson, Prince, and Dunevent
- May:** Smith, S, Neitzke, Stewart, Jones, R, and Morse

UPCOMING TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

March – Larry Komp on front end alignment
April- Walker Crosby on rear axle repair for Rachel

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 FEBRUARY MEETING

February 11

Rachel d'Entremont

Thirty-five Shade Tree A members braved the rain and mud to attend the February meeting.

Walker, our National Director, said he has been submitting articles for publication in national magazines and is hoping to get more attention to our club's activities.

Jim gave some details of a trip some members are taking to the Outer Banks on April 22 and said that others are welcome.

A new updated roster was produced and distributed by Pat and Tom Roberts; pocket-sized



laminated mini-rosters designed to keep in wallets or cars were also passed out.

The Club V.P., Greg, acquired a projector, Richard designed and built a cabinet to house it, and Dan got it hooked up to a computer. A 1928 promotional film showing early Model A's zipping around the countryside was shown to show off the projector's usefulness.

It was noted that Curtis is being treated for back trouble and is hopeful that he will get relief

soon. Jim, the joker, was not present to share his usual story time because he was not feeling well.

Several upcoming opportunities to get the cars out in front of the public were described. They are noted elsewhere in the newsletter.

Pres., Gerald, reopened the discussion about moving the regular meetings to Saturday morning. He said that he was hesitant to discuss it because

there were a lot of people absent, possibly due to the cold, rainy weather. Some members expressed support and others wanted to continue with the Monday-night format with tech sessions on Saturday. There did seem to be a general agree-

ment that there were not enough Saturday tech sessions. It was suggested that some meetings be moved to Saturday, perhaps on the days of tech sessions. Another suggestion was that one meeting per quarter be held on Saturday. Eventually it was decided that there was not enough support from the membership to warrant a change.

The tech program presented by Jim was on distributors. Jim said it was especially important not to crack or break the base assembly. He recommended against using the one-piece cam shaft. There was discussion about drilling a hole in the nut and cross drilling to allow for lubrication which he said should be done every 500 miles along with the rest of the regular greasing and oiling. He reminded the audience that paint can prevent a good ground and recommended a product called "Kopr Shield" to give a good connection and prevent corrosion.



CLUB CARS

Greg Jones

Photo by Greg Jones



NEWBERRY OPERA TOUR

May 4 & 5

Gerald Melchior

Eighteen people from GaSCar and the STA's have signed up to tour to the Newberry Opera House on May 4th to see the "Legends of DooWop" performance. Show time is 8:00 pm.

We will leave late Saturday morning and tour to Newberry, SC, arriving early afternoon. After motel check-in we will visit local shops, have a leisurely dinner, and go to the performance. We plan on coming back about mid-morning on Sunday.

I have some rooms blocked at the Hampton Inn (803)276 6666 in downtown Newberry (walking distance to the opera house) under "GaSCar".

Tickets for the show are available by calling the Opera House box office (803) 276 6264.

Anyone interested in going with us or for more info can call me @ (706) 294 5065.

Thanks,
Gerald

1920's DAY AT LAKESIDE HS

March 14

Norm Cox, an AP US History teacher at Lakeside HS in Evans, is having a 1920's Day where students dress up as 1920's characters and present biographies. He would like some of the club members to bring their Model A's (or T's if you have them) so that students could have their pictures taken with authentic vehicles of this era. Meet at Lakeside at 2:15 on Thursday, March 14. The students will join us from 2:30 to 3:00. The address is 533 Blue Ridge Dr, Evans, GA.

LIBRARY NEWS

Alan Stewart has gone through the club library dusting, sorting, cataloging, and noting deficiencies. The club purchased some new books last year to fill in some gaps.

Now all of Alan's hard work has resulted in an on-line record of the library contents. Go to the Shade Tree A's website, click on "Road Map" and find the library section. He's broken it down into three categories: 1) Books, 2) Magazines, and 3) DVD's.

Make use of the library and give Alan a big 'thank you' when you do.

ANNUAL SWEETHEART PANCAKE BREAKFAST

February 16 at the Garage

About forty-five people and only a hand full of Model A's braved the cold rainy weather to attend the annual Sweetheart Pancake breakfast.

Richard's Garage was all decked out in pink, red, and white decorations and bouquets of fresh flowers. The decorating/set up committee did an outstanding job. Many thanks to all.

After over a year in the new club meeting space, it's amazing that we were able to all fit in the old garage. It looks amazingly tiny compared to the new place. A special thanks



to Frankie and Richard for providing such a wonderful meeting place.

Larry and Cheryl Lamb towed their giant grill behind their Model A and did much of the cooking. There were, of course, pancakes but also eggs, grits, bacon, and sausage. Thanks to Larry and to all the cooks and food prep people. It was a most-excellent meal.

And for those of you unable to attend, there were NO power outages!!! Maybe because a grill was used rather than multiple electric griddles and a kitchen range. Less ex-

citing than last year but probably better.

And last but not least, thanks to those who stayed to clean up the mess and put away chairs and tables (supplied by Ernie Dinkins).



VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck

Delineator March, 1928

"The Forecast Wardrobe Lays"

One Piece Sport Frock
The Formal Street Frock
The Straight Sport Coat
The Three Piece Ensemble



11A

This three piece costume has a blouse worn under a sleeveless jacket and is made with a new scarf collar which forms a pointed yoke in the back. The one-piece skirt is wrap-around and is mounted on an underbody.

11 B

The new four piece ensemble begins with a blouse, skirt, and sleeveless jacket and ends with a well cut coat. The one piece coat is finished with bands around the collar, cuffs, front and lower edge.

11 C

Black and white tweed with white satin for the collar would be a smart combination for this formal sport frock with its long tunic. A two-piece skirt has an inverted plait at one side.

11 D

The bolero front of this formal street frock duplicates the line of its circular tunic which flares below the skirt. It is chic in heavy crepe satin and the collarless neck is nice with a fur scarf.



THE CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

There are 2 1930 Tudor sedans at Richard's Garage available for sale. For information, contact Richard Dunevent at 706-863-6758

AD RENEWAL

It's time to renew ads.
Call Gerald Melchior
(706) 294 5065.

WANTED

Stories and photos of your Model A projects so you won't have to read about your editor's car every month!

NUTS & BOLTS

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

- ◆ Once you ruin a shirt or other clothing working on your car, put an "X" in the collar or elsewhere with a sharpie and make sure you only wear your "X" clothes in the garage.

WANTED

Your items to sell or items you need. Your ad is free. Model A and Model A era items only, please.

FOR SALE

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Saturday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm**



**Model A Display Area
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\$30.00 at the gate
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Door Prizes & 50/50 drawing daily**

Location: 308 Old Mount Mariah Rd. Greenwood, SC on Rt. 221 between Rt. 25 and Rt. 225

INFORMATION: Warren Revnolds 864-388-0203 or Ralph Roub 864-992-3230

INVITATION FROM THE PALMETTO A'S

We are anticipating a great turnout this year and want as many of your club members to come as possible. Saluda Shoals is a beautiful park on the banks of the Saluda River, just outside of Columbia. There is plenty of parking for all the A's. We will have fun car games for your enjoyment with prizes! Bring your family and spend the day with us! We would love to see all of you!



18th Annual
"Picnic in the Park"
Saluda Shoals Park* Redbud Shelter
Saturday, March 23, 2013
10:00 - 3:30 (lunch at noon)

****Bring a picnic + some to share and drinks for your family****

- * RIVERFRONT TRAILS: 1.5 miles of paved trail is available (pets on leash)
- * COVERED PICNIC SHELTER: with tables for a relaxed lunch
- * RESTROOMS: permanent indoor facilities within walking distance of shelter
- * PARKING: paved with room enough for car games (with prizes)

WHY NOT COME EARLY AND STAY ALL DAY

Entry to the park is FREE; just say you're with the Model A Club

- * Saluda Shoals Park is located on Old Bush River Rd., between St. Andrews Rd. and Highway 6 in Lexington County.

For more information email happybegg@sc.rr.com or daustin002@sc.rr.com

	
<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

THE STA'S HVE BEEN INVITED TO DISPLAY AT
THE AIKEN KITE FESTIVAL

April 20th

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