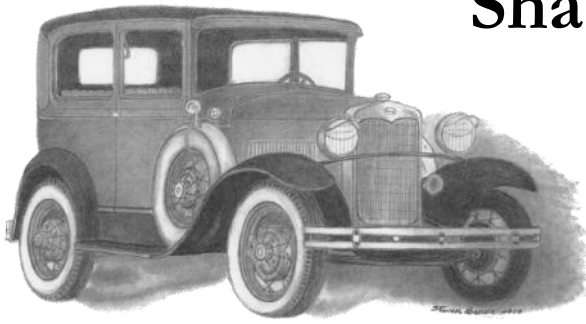


Shade Tree A's News



CAR MEMORIES

Rachel d'Entremont

On April 5th I packed my Honda Fit and headed to Tavares, Florida for a week to 10 days to visit with my Dad while his lovely bride went to visit her own daughter and welcome her new granddaughter into the world. The new grandbaby had her own timetable and the week to 10 days turned into two and a half weeks away from home.

Dad and I had a great visit and although some of his short-term memory comes and goes, Dad's memories of his and my childhoods are vivid.

We talked of the Lexington, Kentucky home and neighborhood where Dad lived from age 4 through his college years, the same home at which we vacationed when I was a child and to which I took my son when he was a toddler. We recalled details of the homes I had lived in as a child. We talked about the mischief my 3 brothers and I caused (some of which was news to him). We fondly reminisced about the pets he had and those we had when I was growing up. Dad shared stories of his experiences growing up during WWII when his Dad, just before the war, went to his annual training for the Officers Reserve Corps and didn't return until the war was over (interestingly he was stationed in Aiken, SC for a time which is where I have lived for the past 33 years). I heard about how Dad and his mother raised hundreds of chickens at a time in a small house in the back yard; when I was little, we called that little house "the chicken house" but at the time it never occurred to me to ask why.

With all the memories of the last 85 years, one topic repeatedly rose to the top of the conversation: cars. Dad recalled the cars his parents had and

all of the cars he's had through the years. He knew the make, model, year, and color of just about every one. He remembered a trip from Lexington to a family reunion in Stillwater, Minnesota in the 1930's, in, if I recall correctly, a Pontiac. After the war, my grandfather's dairy, the Lexington Dairy, had a Model A coupe painted brown and yellow as its company car. Dad's first car was a 1950 Ford which "was a piece of junk" and was traded for a 1949 Hudson. We were fortunate to find a car museum in a neighboring town which had a '36 coupe just like his Dad had owned.

I think that for my next gift to Dad, I'm going to gather photos of all of the makes and models of cars he's been telling me about and put them together in a scrapbook.

I've found that it doesn't matter who you talk to, it seems like everyone has fond memories and stories about old cars.

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.

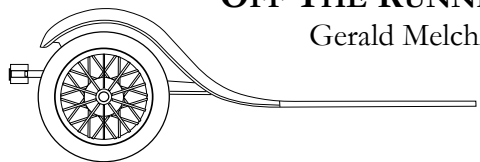
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Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan
Steven Brown

OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Gerald Melchiors, President



May has just started and along with the temperatures the Shade Tree A's schedule is already heating up. Right now we have members on an island on the Outer Banks Tour, some are getting ready to go to Newberry on the Opera House Tour, the people at Redcliff Plantation want us to display our cars there at an event later in the month, and on and on. Sometimes it's hard to fit all this in and we have to wonder what we did with all the time before the old cars came along!

I talked with some folks on the Outer Banks Tour yesterday and they said that the tour was really well planned and, except for Don Neal's accident, they were having a wonderful time. Unfortunately, Don had a fall and had to be taken to the hospital but at last report he is on the mend. Let's keep Don and the other Shade Tree A'ers who are under the weather in our thoughts and prayers. After Don's accident though, one thing about our club really stands out and that is the readiness with which other members pitch in to help. When it became apparent that Don wouldn't be able to drive his car back home, Dan Perla was asked to help. The next morning he hitched up his trailer and was off to Whiting, North Carolina to retrieve the Neal's Model A. When he got there he carefully loaded the car and got it back to their home. Members helping members, whether in a major situation like this involving many hours on the road or in something so simple as sharing knowledge of our cars, support is the vital ingredient that makes the Shade Tree A's the outstanding club that it is.

The last several days my three grandsons were visiting from Connecticut. It seems that as soon as they get here they want a ride in "the old cars" but as they were leaving to go home Michael (age ten) told me that riding in the old cars was the most fun thing he did. Not a bad reason to keep a Model A around. These boys never seem to tire of tinkering around the old cars and "helping grandpa".

We as a club are fortunate to have members

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who put as much effort into Shade Tree A's events and tours as we do. The viability of our club is dependent on us to support and participate in as many club activities as possible. Remember..."A busy Model A is a happy Model A".

See you at the meeting,

Gerald Melchiors

MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2013

Jim McPherson

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Gerald Melchiors at 7:02PM.

There were no new members or visitors.

The March 2013 Minutes were approved after a motion from Eric Shogren, second by Larry Komp.

Richard Dunevent gave the Treasurer's Report.

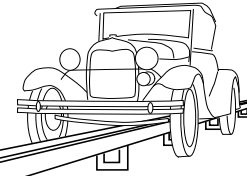
Under Old Business, Dan Perla presented a slide show of the Talladega Motor Speedway tour. Seven STA families participated. Jim McPherson discussed the Outer Banks Tour, Abbie Prince the Talladega Tour, Gerald Melchiors the Aiken Kite Festival, Ernie Dinkins the St. Patrick's Day parade with 8 or 9 Model A participating, Craig McMullin the Newsletter ads, and Ralph Neitzke the Charlotte Auto Fair.

Under New Business, Gerald Melchiors discussed Grandfather's Day at Mike's on June 1st, Craig McMullin the Key to the City of Richmond Hill, Jim McPherson the Old 96 Swap Meet in Greenwood, SC, Tom Roberts the Johnson Peach Festival Parade May 4th, Gerald Melchiors the Newberry Opera House Tour May 4th, The Fiddlers and Fiddleheads Festival April 27th, and a tour to the George Bugg car collection, Abbie Prince the Social Security Run, Gerald Melchiors a wedding request and the Grovetown Heritage Festival, and Tom Roberts the Aiken Memorial Day Parade May 25th.

Eric Shogren presented the program on rebuilding the Model A differential, showing needed tools, giving helpful tips, and demonstrating repairs using the 1928 Roadster owned by Rachel d'Entremont.

Refreshments were provided by the Dunevent, Wilson, Dinkins, Prince and Melchiors families.

FROM THE MAY ASSEMBLY LINE

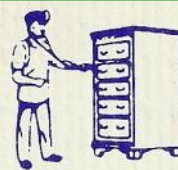


Robyn Broome
5 - Montie Knapp
7 - Jim Dover
8 - Lois Melchiors
11- Mike Gordon
15 - Russell Young
18 - Dotti Shogren
19 - Brenda Prince
20 - Gerald Melchiors
21 - Billy Garland
23 - Peggy Peters
24 - Linda Krosting
28 - Betty Wade
28 - Ben Deitz
28 - Don Gordon
29 - Joe Christian
31- Fred Thielke

NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- Linda Krosting is recuperating from surgery.
- Don Neal spent several days in the hospital and is in rehab after he broke his leg during the Outer Banks STA tour.
- Curtis Krosting doing well after back surgery.

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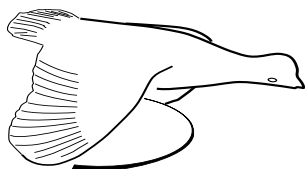
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There are additional photos of club events on the STA web site. Past newsletters are also posted on the site.

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LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB EVENTS

May:

- 4 Johnston Peach Blossom Festival Parade
- 4-5 Newberry Opera House Tour
- 13 Club meeting
- 16-19 Social Security Run, LaGrange GA
- 25 Redcliffe Plantation Spring Fling
- 25 Aiken Memorial Day Parade

18TH ANNUAL SOCIAL SECURITY RUN

Jim McPherson

The 18th Social Security Run is May 16-19 in LaGrange, 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.

JOHNSTON PEACH BLOSSOM FESTIVAL PARADE

Saturday, May 4

Line up is at 9:30 for a 10:30 parade in Johnston SC. The theme is peach blossoms so get those cars dolled up for what is always a popular parade. We have no assigned spot...just arrive in the center of town and we'll be directed to our spot.

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OTHER EVENTS

- May 4 -Mustang & Ford Show
- Sept 28 -Picnic at Raven Rock
- October 17-19, 2013 -Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour along the Gulf

REFRESHMENTS

May: Smith, S
Stewart
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Morse

June: Ice Cream Social
(Lois Melchior & Frankie Dunevent)

July: Mason
Neal
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August: Dinner Meeting



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NEWS LETTER ON THE WEB

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REDCLIFFE PLANTATION SPRING FLING

Elizabeth Laney, Park Interpreter

May 25

Redcliffe Plantation State Historic Site is holding an event on Saturday, May 25th from 5:30 - 7:30. It's a "Spring Fling", essentially a spring open house where visitors can view the historic plantation mansion and outbuildings (which this year includes a dance as well). This year's theme comes from a ball that was held at Redcliffe, 75 years ago, in 1938. We are charging people \$15 a person (\$5 for kids) for the event. All the money we collect for admission goes back into our park programming.

Although the initiation is coming a bit late we would love to have members of the Shade Tree A's display their cars at the event and talk to our visitors about historic cars of the 1920's and 1930's. We have a beautiful historic allee of 150-year-old Magnolia trees which you could park along.

If you and your families wanted to attend the dance we will be holding inside the house we would offer you a reduced rate of \$5 per person. Members of the Shade Tree A's would be welcome to help themselves to refreshments free of charge during the event. In addition I could either 1) offer your club a free tour at another date and time or 2) give each member in your group a free pass to come back to Redcliffe individually to visit and tour the historic plantation. We would also include your club's name in all of our advertising for the event.

I hope that your club will be able to take us up on our invitation and be a part of our event on May 25th.

If you know of anyone that owns a Ford Coupe with rumble seat, a Wood paneled Ford station wagon or a seven seat Packard Touring Sedan (all late 1930's) we would love to be able to contact them about attending the event and displaying their cars as well.

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AIKEN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Saturday, May 25

The Aiken Memorial Day Parade will be on Saturday, May 25 at 1pm with line-up at 12:15. The location has yet to be determined. No candy or trinkets may be thrown from cars or handed out. So decorate your cars in red, white, and blue and join the parade. The line-up location will be e-mailed to members the week of the parade.

CARBURETOR FLOAT REPAIR

Jim McPherson

If you encounter an excessive flow of gas from the carburetor of your Model A, chances are the float has developed a crack. Other indications of a float problem are rough running, hard starting, and the engine running very rich. Cut off the gas and remove the lower half of the carburetor. Now remove the float. Shaking the float will reveal if it contains gas. Cracks develop over time due to the constant movement and vibration of the float.

To repair the float, locate the soldered vent hole. Unsolder or drill out the vent hole. The vent hole allows pressure inside the float to escape during repair. Remove the gas and leave the float in the sunshine to force the fumes out. If you cannot see the leak, place a piece of tape over the vent hole and place the float in a pan of very hot water. The hot water will expand the air inside and you will see bubbles coming from the leak. Wrap the seam around the float with a wet rag to avoid disturbing the existing solder joints, and using a soldering gun on low, solder the crack closed. Once you have all leaks repaired, solder the vent hole closed. The repaired float can be tested with the pan of hot water. Remove as much excess solder as you can, since the solder is very heavy and will affect the gas level in the carburetor bowl. Replace the float, reassemble the carburetor and you are ready to go.

AIKEN KITE FESTIVAL

April 20

Pat Roberts



Don Cerefin, Ken Jackson, Tom and Pat Roberts and Eric Shogren attended the Aiken Kite Festival at Citizens Park in Aiken.

We were 'embedded' in the Aiken Horsepower group - though there weren't many of them, either.

The weather was cool but nice. Lots of people (young and old) trying--and mostly succeeding--to fly kites.

UPCOMING TECHNICAL PROGRAM

Doug Wilson is going to do the May tech program on "Changing the Model A Tire".

WEDNESDAY LUNCH GROUP

Jim McPherson

For more years than we want to remember, the Shade Tree A's have had a group of members meet for lunch every Wednesday. It started at a local pizza restaurant. Well, we have now come full circle, meeting at a new location, CiCi's Pizza on Flowing Wells Road across from the mega car dealership. Salad, soup, pasta, pizza and desert, all you can eat for \$5.34 if you drink water or \$7.25 with your favorite drink. Please join us if you are in the area. Model A talk, problem solving and stories abound.

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 Hillbillies. 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

LOCAL POWDER COATING

Frank Knapp

Thought you might want to let the STA members know that a new powder coating service is available in town.

I just picked up six wheels and they look great.

In the past, we were using a company in Anderson, S. C. but they have recently gone out of business. The Augusta service prices are comparable and you don't have to make a long trip!

Here is the powder coating manager's card. the owner's name is "Dee" (not sure about last name) and he might be interested in taking out an ad. He wasn't there when I picked up my wheels but the clerk agreed he might be a prospect!

Hope this is helpful. Sure has been to me!



MUSTANG & FORD SHOW

The CSRA Mustang Club's 4th annual show is May 4th @ the Evans Towne Center Park (Evans Town Center Blvd. & Ronald Reagan Drive in Evans). They have trophies for Mustangs and Ford cars and trucks. \$20 pre-registration. For more info call Don Blackstock @ 706-825-1674

LIBRARY NEWS

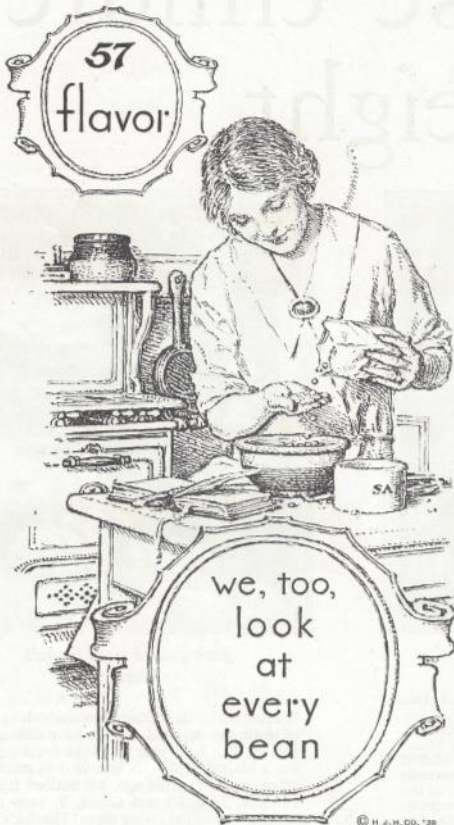
Don't forget to about the club library located at the bottom of the stairs at Richard's Garage. We have several new books.

PHOTOS & MORE OF THE WEB

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VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck

An article from the *Woman's World* Magazine May 1930 states: Feminine Chic Expressed in Voile. It goes on to say that simple home sewing achieves this fashionable frock in a few hours.

This is called the Janet frock style #3275 and the pattern was available from *Woman's World* for 15 cents and the voile material for 40 cents a yard. It goes on to say the Janet is demure and sophisticated in the same breath, with its slightly fitted bodice and a circular skirt with dips artfully at the side.

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Senior Member



Join Date: May 2010
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Posts: 4,142

Re: Thermal Belt Model A Club Hill Climb

A bit of trivia that might be worth mentioning...

The NY Yankee speedster you see above/below is a tribute car that was built to honor baseball's great 3rd baseman, New York Yankee Bill 'Bull' Johnson, who was not only an All-Star player, ...but was also a 4-time World Series Champion!! 'Bull' had a career batting average of .271, hit over 60 home-runs, and had 487 RBIs!!

That is pretty cool in itself HOWEVER, the driver/builder of that car is fellow fordbarner Abbie Prince from S Augusta, ...the man that married Bill Johnson's daughter!! Yep, that car was built and is driven as a memorial to Abbie's father-in-law, baseball's great Mr. Bill Johnson!

(And as Paul Harvey would have said, "Now you know the rest of the story!!" 😊)



MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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See Susan's card in the newsletter.

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