

## Shade Tree A's News

### GO AHEAD, BE A SHOW OFF

Rachel d'Entremont

One of the best parts of owning a Model A is showing it off. Not showing it off as in “look what I have” but rather in showing off a part of history and showing off that new isn't necessarily better.

Every Model A trip to the library, Home Depot, or the grocery includes a conversation with someone about the car and its age. Some of these conversations are through the car windows between lanes at a stop light but most are more leisurely—in the parking lot of a store or while parked along the street. Many involve people who either have had a Model A or whose parents had a Model A. Others are with younger people who are in awe that something “that old” could still be useful, beautiful, and functional.

I had someone in to work on my furnace this week who marveled over the 85-year-old sink and toilet in my bathroom and said he collected and sold old toilets to people restoring old homes because they look and work better than those made today. (Of course, that resulted in a trip to the garage to show off the Model A.)

Yes, some new things are better: I much prefer throwing my clothes in my modern washing machine and turning a knob once rather than manually going through all the phases of the washing process as people used to do. And on a long trip or in bad weather, nothing beats a climate-controlled modern car with functional windshield wipers. But having an antique car, home, or furniture gives people an opportunity to appreciate the quality that allowed those things to last long as long as they have and still be worthy of our appreciation.

Some of the most satisfying Model A events

are those held at assisted living or retirement homes and those held at schools. The opportunities to bring back memories for senior folks and to create a bond with history for children are very special and is what the Shade Tree A's is about.

On Tuesday, November 12, we have one of those opportunities. The Shade Tree A's have been invited to visit about 125 fifth-grade students at Aiken Elementary School as they learn about the advent of the assembly line and prepare for their study of the Great Depression. This is a chance to show off (in a good way) and to perhaps spark an interest for some of those students to become Model A owners in the future.

So if you're available on November 12th, plan to meet at Aiken Elementary's bus loading area about 9:15 to display the cars and, as always, enjoy fellowship with other Model A owners. Details are on pages 12 & 13 of this newsletter.

So get out there and show off!

### 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.

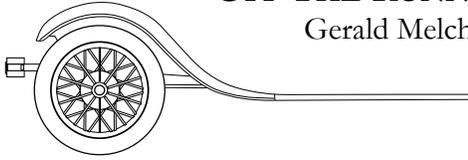
### ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

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Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan  
*Steven Brown*

## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Gerald Melchiors, President



Well, here it is, November already and we are well into the Shade Tree A's busiest season. Parades, displays, shows, it seems like everyone wants to see our cars. Now is the time to get your Model A out on the road and running.

Starting off on November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Richland Creek Old Farm Days event. Always an interesting display of antique machinery, if you drive your Model A there is free admission. This will be followed later in the month by a display/lecture at Aiken Elementary School on November 12th, and in December by many Christmas Parades in our surrounding communities. All these events along with the details will be discussed at our next Shade Tree A's meeting.

Last Saturday many Shade Tree A'ers journeyed to the Gordons for our annual club steak cook out. The weather was beautiful, just brisk enough to make riding in a Model A very pleasant. The food, as usual, was superb and the steaks were excellent. Many thanks to Misty Hooker, the Gordons, Sheila, and everyone involved for helping make such a enjoyable afternoon.

Be sure to mark Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the annual Shade Tree A's Christmas Party. Doug Wilson, Sheila McPherson and the rest of their committee have booked the building next to T-bonz on Washington Road for us and from what I have heard this is an excellent facility. We were very fortunate to get that place of that caliber this late in the season. There will be more information forthcoming at the November meeting so be sure to attend.

The Shade Tree A's, like every other volunteer organization that I've ever been a member of, find it hard to get folks to run for office. Our Model A club has been active for over 40 years and the reason is that we have always been able to get members to step-up and help. Lois and I

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have been on the road almost constantly for the last two months and it looks like things are going to even worse in 2014. We are going to be traveling a lot starting in January and I will be missing too many meetings to do a competent job as the club president. So far, no one has volunteered to run for president next year. We are going to need someone as I will not be available. Your club needs people who are willing to assume these duties. If you haven't held an office before maybe now is the time to give something back to your club. If you feel that you could support your club by serving as an officer or board member, talk with me or one of the nominating committee.

If YOU won't do it, who will?

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

*Gerald Melchiors*

### **RICHLAND CREEK OLD FARM DAYS**

The Shade Tree A's will attend the Richland Creek Old Farm Days on Saturday November 2nd. Tentatively one group will leave from the gas station adjacent to the Checkers on Hwy 25 and I-20 at 8 o'clock (near the previous starting place, the defunct Hardee's, which is no longer there); another will leave from Meybohm Realty 142 Laurens Street, NW in Aiken also at 8 am. The groups will meet in Johnston for breakfast at Gary's before going to the farm. Model A's are admitted free. We will display our cars along with other antique cars, tractors and implements, and hit-and-miss engines. Enjoy the tractor pulls, exhibits of Collie dogs herding sheep, operating farm equipment from the past, and operating trades from days long gone.

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

*October 14th, 2013*

President, Gerald Melchiors called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A few members were fined for no name badges.

There were 38 members present

New member, John Dirksen was present.

See the newsletter for October birthdays.

A motion was made followed by a second to approve the minutes.

Joker Dover presented a cherry bomb joke.

The recovering members are doing lot better.

Richard Dunevent's Treasurer's report was not given.

No show and tell.

National Director reported we had a 29 PU with members in the national report.

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

Eric Shogren left word that the Saturday Tech Session will be Nov. 9th. Check the newsletter to keep informed.

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.

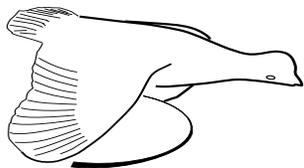
Thanks again to Dan Perla for the rest of the story on his Model AA dump truck.

Thanks to Jim McPherson for his session on the front-end parts and fixes on the Model A.

Refreshments were provided by Linda Barbee & Barbara Bryant, and Lois Melchior. Thanks.

The next meeting will be at Richard's Garage on Nov. 11th, 2013.

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Doug Wilson, Secretary*

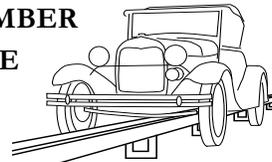


## LOOKING AHEAD

### CLUB EVENTS

- Nov. 2– Richland Creek Old Farm Days
- Nov. 9 -Technical Seminar
- Nov 11– Monthly Meeting
- Nov. 12– Display at Aiken Elementary
- Dec 7—Thompson Parade
- Dec 7– Christmas Party
- Dec. 8—Aiken Parade (2 pm)
- Dec 8-Jackson Parade (1:30)
- Dec. 8—Edgefield Parade (4 pm)
- Dec.— Other Parades TBA
- Jan. 1– New Year's Day breakfast

### FROM THE NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY LINE



- 3 - Margaret Towe
- 5- Mary Jones
- 5- Jeff Dowling
- 9- Walker Mobley
- 11-Steve Brannan
- 13-Steve Young
- 14 - Bobby Markwalter
- 16- Henry Jones
- 17 - Walter Smith
- 18 - William Gordon
- 24 - Paula Gay
- 25 - James Beck



### UPCOMING TECHNICAL PROGRAM

At the November meeting, Sheila McPherson will be sharing tips on Model A period attire. This will be especially helpful for those who would like to wear Model A Era clothing to our Christmas Party.

Plan to wear some of your Model A-era duds to the November meeting to help Sheila's presentation!

### REFRESHMENTS

- November:** Holley  
Mobley  
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- December:** Christmas Party
- January:** McPherson  
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### NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

If you have news to share, let me know at newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

*October 14, 2013*

We had a pretty good turnout for the October meeting with about 40 people present including a new member, John Dirksen.

Photos from International Model A Day were projected on the screen as were photos from the Hershey Meet.

Dan Perla gave a powerpoint presentation on the Model AA dump truck which he brought to the last meeting and was the subject of the September Technical Program.

It was announced that the Boshears Air Show to which the STA's were invited had been cancelled due to the Federal Government shutdown.

Sheila offered to be the go-between if you have clothing on which you would like the club logo embroidered; she will take it to Susan Meloan to be embroidered and will return in at the next meeting.

Jim McPherson presented a Technical Program on Model A front-end components. Dan Perla set up a camera to project what was on the table onto a monitor...a pretty high-tech operation!

As always, the meeting was followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Next month: Model A era fashions. Come to November's meeting in period attire to help your fellow members get ideas on what to wear to the Christmas party when we will have a prize for the best outfit.



## PHORDE-ITIS

Keith Lewis

I read somewhere of a little-recognized and dread disease known as Phorde-itis. It has two virulent strains Model-T-itis and Model-A-itis. Many people are afflicted with one or the other of the strains. It has not been clearly established whether the affliction is a biological disease or just plain mental illness. But from the symptoms stated, I believe I've got Phorde-itis. I have an especially bad case since I believe I have both strains! I have had it for many years. I was 74 years old last August so I'd say I contracted the disease about 60 years ago! Since it is known to be a contagious disease, it is certain that I caught it from my father.

My initial exposure to the virus was no doubt when Dad bought a T Ford for basic transportation when I was born. I have pictures of us in that Ford. Then at an early age he took me to a parade in Puyallup, Washington and we "Watched the Fords go by". Then dad began restoring them as a hobby. My final exposure to contagion came when I was 15 and I restored, with dad's help, a 1930 Ford Model A. By the time I turned 16 I had restored my first car. Ergo Model-A-itis! Later dad and I restored a 1927 T Coupe together for dad and when I drove it I had a confirmed case of Model-T-itis! That led to my restoring of a 1923 Model T Touring car for myself. I began frequent weekend country drives, raiding old barns, and scouring the fields and woods for cars and parts. And then there were the swap meets! I have frequented swap meets for decades, where I have dickered and bargained and talked about planetary gears, magnetos and coils, Ruxtell's, and hubs and Buffalo wheels. I was on a constant vigil for Model B engines and blocks. I searched for "speed equipment" for Model A's and for early 1930 eyebrow fenders. Searching constantly for rusty gems, I am hopelessly infected with Model-T and Model-A-itis.

There are many recognizable symptoms of the disease. They include, constantly doing research on T and A Fords, reading, observing, listening, experimenting, and asking questions. Then there is the hoarding of rusty parts that maybe will be used or useful someday. At my house, Model T and A

parts are found in piles and drawers, quietly breeding. I'm forever planning and dreaming of a new Model T or A project. There is a constant need to tinker and tune, and to crank 'em over and listen to 'em hum. Daily I "gotta" visit the garage and see just how lucky I am. Every night I have to go out to say good night to Kate Dekker, Nellie Walker, Freddie the Phorde, Old Blue and Henry T. I pat their fenders, toot their horns, sit in their seats, close my eyes, fold my arms, and smile.

Currently there is no known cure for the disease, however there are ways to keep it from getting too advanced. One treatment is for wives to withdraw all money from the afflicted person's bank and put it in funds that are not liquid. Another is for wives to sell all cars, items, and parts associated with the disease. However this course of action is not really recommended and can be adjudicated in divorce court as cruel and unusual punishment. And of course the afflicted party in this instance has the option to plead innocent by reason of insanity in any homicide case arising from this course of action.

It must be recognized that these are very painful cures and not very viable. They tend to make the infected person morose, downhearted and dispirited. However with proper treatment a person can lead a happy and almost normal life. There is not a cure for the disease but the prescribed treatment consists of frequent tinkering, and restoration work, daily sorting through the many piles of rusty parts, attending several key swap meets annually and driving the Model T's and A's at least 3 times weekly. This is essential, and daily driving is preferred whenever possible. With treatments like these sufferers can indeed lead productive and happy lives and almost be considered normal.

A note to the wise; wives must always be on guard and take proper precautions from infection. As was noted above this is a contagious disease!



*Keith joined the Shade Tree A's at the beginning of 2012. He has 2 Model A's and a few Model T's.*

## CHRISTMAS PARADE TUNE UP TECHNICAL SEMINAR

Just in time for the Christmas parade season, the Saturday Technical Seminar is back! The November 9th 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.

## YOUR MODEL A PROJECT PHOTOS

Dan Perla, webmaster, is asking members to provide photos for the Photo Collection. He's suggesting a new section for photos covering the restoration process of individual cars. He also has a section with photos of members' cars which is very much out of date.

Dan needs your help so get out your cameras and send your pictures to Dan .

## 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](http://www.ShadeTreeAs.org).

## COOLING SYSTEM PRESENTATION

Jim McPherson

This seminar on the Model A cooling system is the best I have ever seen.

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Cooling\\_System\\_Seminar\\_Presentation\\_Final.pdf](http://rockymountainmodelaclub.org/Cooling_System_Seminar_Presentation_Final.pdf)

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## NOMINATIONS FOR THE MONROE WADE AWARD

It's time to turn in your nominations for the Monroe Wade award. The purpose of the Award is to honor a current Shade Tree A's member who promotes and encourages the furtherance of the Model A hobby. The application and criteria are on page 9. Nominations are due by Nov. 11.

## MAFCA RENEWAL

You should have received your MAFCA renewal form in the mail by now. It's bright pink and hard to ignore!

There was no ballot in this year's renewal packet because the number of people running matches the vacancies (see the explanation on the back of the envelope).

Please turn in your MAFCA dues along with your Shade Tree A's dues to Tom Roberts, Membership Coordinator. The combined dues may be paid in one check, total \$65.00, payable to the Shade Tree A's. The club will send the information and dues to MAFCA.

The membership includes your subscription to "The Restorer".

Bring you check and renewal form to the meeting or mail it to:

Tom Roberts  
1176 Shaws Fork Road  
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## NOTICES OF PARADES AND OTHER EVENTS

If you receive notices or sign up information for parades or other events open to the Shade Tree A's, do not assume that the board or the newsletter editor also have the information; please pass it on. With the periodic changes in board membership, the notices go to many different addresses. Please share the information so that others can participate.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It's that time of year again when the nominating committee will be looking for suggestions for leadership of the club. If you are interested in being an officer, let one of your current officers know so that your name can be thrown in the hat.

### THE MOINROE WADE AWARD

The purpose of the Monroe Wade Award is to honor a current Shade Tree A's member who promotes and encourages the furtherance of the Model A hobby. The member can have accomplished this in *any* of the ways listed below:



1. A club member who goes out of his or her way to help other members repair or maintain their Model A.
2. A club member who:
  - Writes an outstanding article for the Shade Tree A's Newsletter, regarding repair and restoration, or who brings to light new information about the Model A.
  - Presents an outstanding program regarding repair and restoration or who provides new information about the Model A at a club meeting.
3. A club member who shows dedication to the Model A hobby and to the club by:
  - Driving his or her Model A on a substantial number of club tours and events.
  - Driving his or her Model A great distances, demonstrating that the Model A is not only fun but a worthy means of transportation.
  - Is an outstanding representative of the Shade Tree A's at national meets and tours or local community events, thus serving as a Shade Tree A's Club ambassador.

Club members may nominate any member in good standing by submitting the member's name and a short paragraph with their reasons for nominating the member. The winner will be announced at the annual Christmas Meeting. The award winner's name will be added to a permanent plaque located at the club's meeting place and a second plaque will be given to the winner.

Name of person you are nominating \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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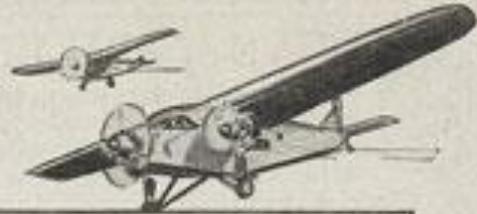
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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

The winner will be chosen by a committee made up of past winners Tom & Pat Roberts, George Gordon, Rachel d'Entremont, and Betty Wade. You may give your nomination one of the committee members. All nominations must be received **not later than the November meeting** (November 11) to be considered.

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## THE LADIES-ONLY HICKORY-SHAFTED GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Aiken Golf Club, Aiken South Carolina*

*October 24, 2013*

Four Model A's were used to chauffeur the participants of the 4th Annual Ladies-Only Hickory-Shafted Golf Tournament from their breakfast at the Willcox Inn to the Aiken Golf Club on Thursday, October 24. The cars made two trips to allow more of the ladies to have the experience of riding in the A's.

The tournament was held at the Aiken Golf Club, where in 1916, for the first time, women's tees were available and feature ladies in period costumes from around 1910 to the early 1930's when hickory-shafted clubs were popular.

Unfortunately the mid-week event did not fit into the schedule of many who would have liked to participate but those who were able to drive had a beautiful day for it.



*Photos by Greg Jones*

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Doug & Sheila Wilson have agreed to take the lead in organizing the Christmas party. The following have signed up to help. It's not too late to join in on the planning though; just contact Doug and Sheila. The team so far: Frankie Dunevent, Joe Holley, Misty Hooker, Jim & Sam Mason, Craig & Theresa McMullin, Lois Melchiors, Don & Rosalind Neal, and Alan Stewart.

We will be having the Chinese gift exchange again. Each participant in the exchange should start looking for a gift worth around \$10. Be creative!

Members are encouraged to wear Model A period attire. There will be a prize for the best outfit so start digging through your closets.

The committee has booked the banquet room next door to TBonz for December 7th for \$200.00 up front with 45 to 50 people minimum and a meal from \$20.00 to \$35.00 per person to be decided by the committee. We can bring our own liquor and mixes. We have 4 days before December 7th to decide on the meal.

### AIKEN ELEMENTARY DISPLAY & PRESENTATION

The STA's have been invited to display our cars and give a presentation on the Ford assembly line at Aiken Elementary School in Aiken SC on Tuesday, November 12. The students will be in the bus loading area from 9:30 to 10:30 so the cars to be displayed should get there by 9:15 to set up. Those who have time may wish to get together for coffee or an early lunch after the display.

The school is located at 2050 Pine Log Road but the bus loading area is accessed from Huntsman Drive via a driveway labeled "Cagle Drive". See the maps on the following page.

### 25TH ANNUAL OLIVER HARDY FESTIVAL PARADE

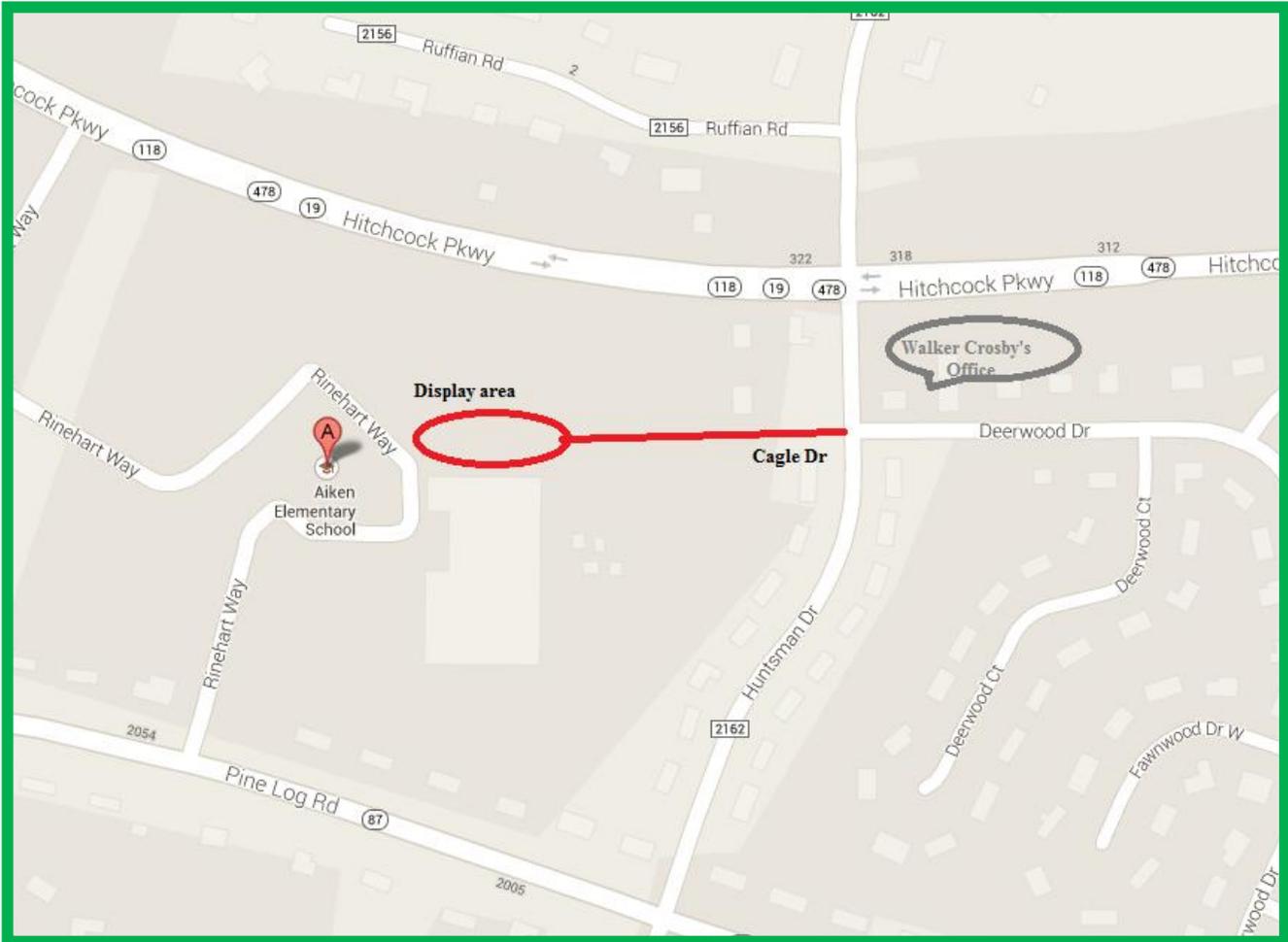
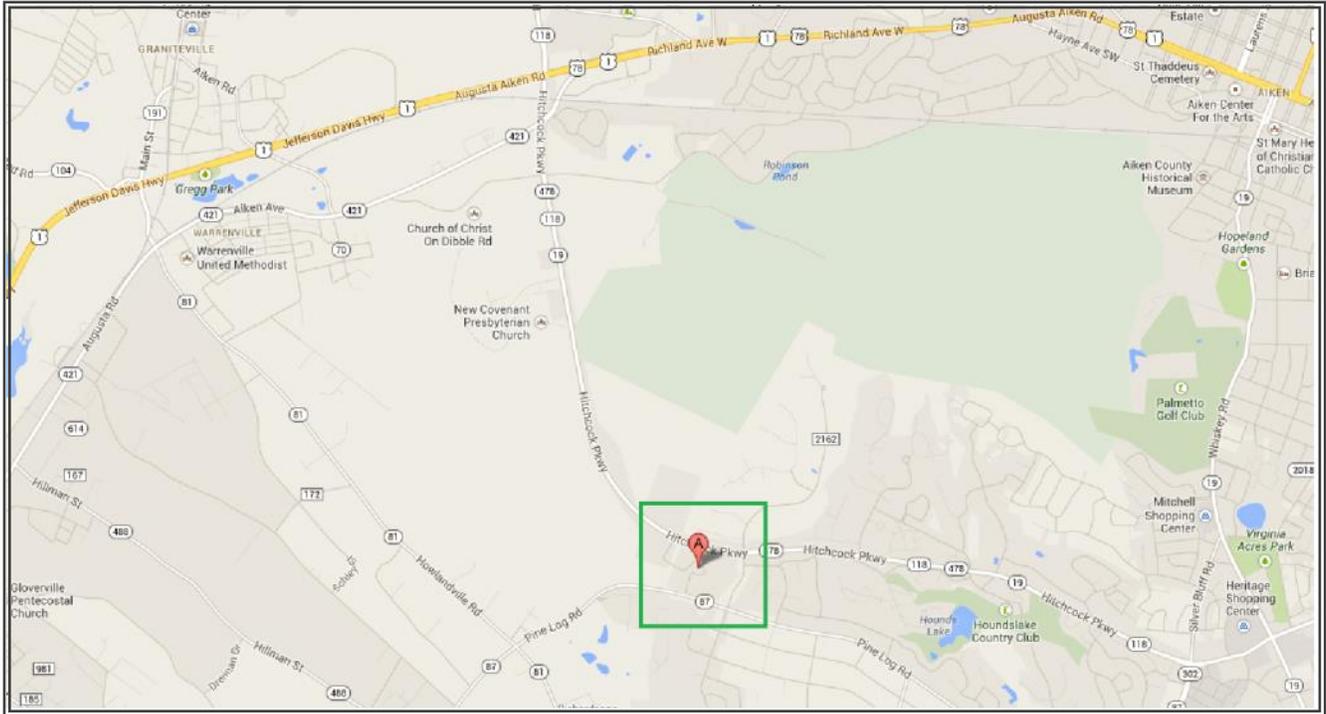
*Saturday, October 5- Harlem GA*

Eric Shogren



Once again good weather shined on the Oliver Hardy Parade. The parade saw the return of George Gordon after a long illness. George was in great form and led the Shade Tree A's contingent. We were even invited to the front of the line, right behind a unique float honoring Oliver Hardy. On the float was a pair of Laurel and Hardy impersonators in a Model T towed on a trailer behind a truck with a vintage Movie camera filming their journey. Another great year in Harlem.

### AIKEN ELEMENTARY DISPLAY—NOV 12



## VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck

*Needlecraft* November 1928 showed the new patterns for winter 1928/1929 all were designed for 16 and 18 years and 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inch bust measurements.

Pattern 2575 is a pattern that creates slenderness

Pattern 3201 has a graceful drape

Pattern 2558 has a molded hipline

Pattern 2572 is very chic and conservative

Pattern 2556 is delightfully different with the top piece forming a scallop over the bottom part of the dress.

All patterns were 15cents each.

## SWEEPSTAKES RIDES AGAIN

Eric Shogren

A neat YouTube video of Carl Edwards driving Henry Ford's Sweepstakes race car. This is the car that won the stakes that got Henry started with one of his first car companies. Interestingly, with the money he won in this race he started The Henry Ford Motor Company with a guy named Henry Leland. When Henry Ford left the company in a dispute with the board, Leland changed the name to another company you may recall . . . Cadillac.

[http://www.youtube.com/embed/Ru\\_hC9oGVbo?feature=player\\_detailpage](http://www.youtube.com/embed/Ru_hC9oGVbo?feature=player_detailpage)



## THE CLASSIFIEDS

### WANTED

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

### PARTS FOR SALE:

Two original shock absorbers for 1931 Model A Ford, one front and one rear. Two shock arms, one front and one rear. Ken @ 803-642-4623.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### STA President's Job

The person who accepts President of The Shade Tree A's Club should be a dedicated Model A owner and lover. You will need a personality to accept people with set ways and different opinions, that talk too much during the meeting. The President will have to be very stern and control the talkers to get the information to the members. I think the members want to discuss their Model A's and the problems with them during the meeting because they think everyone will leave soon as the meeting adjourns.

I still think the Saturday meeting is the way of getting through these obstacles. Everyone can attend the quick business meeting and then leave or stay. They can discuss all the problems they want. They can even get other members to help with the problem they are having. They can get a group to go lunch or go on a tour.. **THINK ABOUT IT!** We need this PERSON for 2014.

Doug Wilson



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