

#### IT'S A DIRTY JOB

Rachel d'Entremont

It's been a very cold winter for South Carolina and for those of us in the sunny South used to having periods of warm weather throughout the winter, it was hard to find a day warm enough to venture out into the garage to do needed maintenance. It was much easier to find something needing attention inside the heated house. Old Punxsutawney Phil really underestimated this year; it's already been 8 weeks, but who's counting?

It finally warmed up enough for me to venture into the garage to change the oil. It's my understanding that the Model A was supposed to have the oil changed every 500 miles or so. I suppose with the dusty roads and lack of oil filters, that would have been necessary back when they were built but since I live in a place where most of the roads are paved, I don't change it that often. Also, I don't drive it as much as people did when they had no other means of transportation.

What I don't understand is how anyone could change the oil every 500 miles. I suppose most people took it to the dealer and had him do it. But during the Depression, I would think that many people who might otherwise have taken it to a mechanic became do-it-yourselfers out of necessity. Every 500 miles? Even every 1500 miles is unbelievable.

In the past just about every time I've needed to change the oil, the engine had to come out anyway for some reason or another. The engine has been out of this car many, many time since I brought it home in 2008. Once it came out one day and was put back in another only to have to take it right back out because of a backwards part: in and out and in again in one day! So, I suppose it's not that big a deal. But every 500 miles? OK, it had to be done and I don't suspect the current Ford dealership is in the position to deal with a Model A.

I assembled my tools, a package of ziplock bags, and a magic marker pen (to keep all of the nuts and bolts from getting mixed up). Probably the most difficult part of the job, besides the obvious, is making sure to get all the parts back in the right place.

Thankfully I've been storing Eric's engine hoist and engine stand in my garage (since my last oil change) so that was not an issue but I still wonder what the average Joe did in 1928. I know he didn't have an engine hoist from Harbor Freight.

I had everything on hand that I needed except the oil. While the oil drained into the collection pan I made quick trip to the NAPA store, only a half mile away, and got some fresh oil. Since it requires such frequent changes, I got a whole case. The guy behind the counter wanted to know just how many cars I had or whether I was running

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#### 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.

#### ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

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> Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan Steven Brown



We need to give a big "attaboy" to Ernie Dinkins for arranging our tour to Jack Sheppard's shop last month. What a great tour it was. I'm not sure exactly just how many Model A's were lined up around the carousel in Jack's driveway but there sure were a lot! What a great sight! Jack told me afterward how impressed he was; not only with the quantity but also with the quality of the cars in our club.

For Jack to not only open up his collection to us but also to provide our club with a terrific lunch was really awesome. Everyone that I talked to had a great time, especially Ann Dinkins when she sat on the antique electric rocking horse and Jack turned it on! She had quite a ride; of course being used to riding in old cars has to be good training for that sort of bouncy ride.

Following our Saturday club meeting April 12th, Andrew Morris is going to start a series of 3 technical sessions on general body and paint work for Model A's This should be interesting because while Andrew is a professional body and paint man, he also has extensive experience with Model A sheet metal. This should be informative to both the person interested in doing his own work as well as the person who prefers to have someone else do the work for him. It never hurts

to know the steps that need to be taken to insure satisfactory results.

Our April meeting will be the last Saturday meeting for this season. Be sure to drive your Model A because starting with the warm months in May, we will resume meeting in the evenings. Remember to mark on your calendar that from May thru August, our regular meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month @ 7:00 PM in Richard's garage.

As far as ongoing events and things of interest to Model A enthusiasts, be sure to read your monthly Shade Tree A's Newsletter. Our editor, Rachel d'Entremont does a wonderful job keeping us informed of happenings in the Model A world. Also keep in mind our club website. Dan Perla, our Shade Tree A's Webmaster, always has the site up-to-date and it is a great, easily navigated, information source.

The first weekend in April is also the Charlotte Auto Fair. Richard and I plan to be camping-out at our usual space in the blue field (AB 100, near Dennis Carpenter's) so if you go to the show, feel free to stop by to relax or for a cool drink.

Remember that the Shade Tree A's is your club. If you have any ideas, or would like to help with planning, talk with me or any of your officers or board members. It is only with <u>your</u> input and support that our club can remain responsive to your interest as a Model A enthusiast.

See you at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bring your Model A!!!

Gerald Melchiors

#### MARC DRIVING AWARDS PROGRAM

Robbie Jones is the Shade Tree A's MARC Driving Awards Program coordinator.

#### drivingawards@shadetreeas.org

If you are a member of MARC and have never registered for the program and would like to participate, contact Robbie at the email address above for a registration card.

A one-time registration fee of \$1.00 is required and the program is open to all MARC members. The first award is given at 2,000 miles and every 5,000 miles thereafter. Mileage does not have to be earned all in one year and can accumulate from year to year. Additional information on the program can be found on the MARC website at:

www.modelaford.org/drivingawards.htm

#### 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.

#### YOUR MODEL A PROJECT PHOTOS

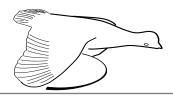
Dan Perla, webmaster, is asking members to provide photos for the Photo Collection. He's suggesting a new section for photos covering the restoration process of individual cars. He also has a section with photos of members' cars which is very much out of date.

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

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#### LOOKING AHEAD

#### **CLUB EVENTS**

- April 12–10 am Meeting
- April 26– Boshears Airshow Display
- May 12-7 pm (Monday) Meeting

### FROM THE APRIL ASSEMBLY LINE

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#### NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- Anne Neely-Beck continues to recover from surgery.
- Dotti Shogren is on the mend after surgery.

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

#### OTHER MODEL A EVENTS

- April 5– Central Alabama Swap Meet
- April 25 & 26– Greenwood Swap Meet
- May 15-18 Social Security Run
- August 9 Swap meet at the Cofer Collection
- Oct.16&18 -Sweet Home Alabama Tour

#### REFRESHMENTS

**April:** Young, Towe, G. Jones

May: R. Jones, Neitzke, Morse, Carruthers,

McMullin

June: Prince, H. Jones, Dinkins, Wilson

July: McCain, Richardson, Dunevent, Neumar

**Aug:** Dinner Meeting

**Sept:** The Gordons

Oct: (G. Jones), Cerefin, Jackson

**Nov:** Roberts, d'Entremont, Crosby

#### THANK YOU

Thank you for the donation from the Shade Tree A's to the Cornerstone Hospice in Clermont, Florida, in memory of my Dad, David Wilson. I appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers and expressions of condolence.

Rachel

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Rachel's Oil Change: Happy April Fool's Day!

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

March 8, 2014

President Gerald Melchiors called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. There were no name tag violations. There were 33 members and wives present, including new members Don Neilan and Jack Ezelle. Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Two visitors were welcomed to the meeting, among them young Jerry Lankford who entertained us at "show and tell" time with his Model A -styled Lego truck. One of our illustrious members dropped it shattering the truck into many pieces. Jerry, a budding "A" mechanic, "restored" it to original condition in minutes. Birthdays (see newsletter) were recognized, though on a sadder note, sorrows were extended to Rachel on the recent loss of her father.

Jim Dover entertained us with his joke of the month, and in addition noted that he and Mrs. D. are celebrating their 64th anniversary this month. Congrats to you both!

Richard Dunevent gave the Treasurer's Report...no major changes this month;. Rachel asked for copy material for the next newsletter. Under old business, thanks were extended to unnamed heroes who have made excellent progress repairing recent water damage to the garage and the meeting rooms; the Central Alabama Model A Club tour was discussed and encouraged; mileage reports for the Driving Awards Program are due to Robbie Jones; and a sign-up for meeting refreshments was completed. Also, official STA Club caps with emblems are still available...the price is right.

Numerous excellent programs/tours are planned including St. Patrick's Day parade, Alabama Tour, HS Prom Photo Display, Boshears Car/Aero Display, Abbeville Opera House Tour, and the Johnston Peach Festival. See more details in the newsletter. Additionally Greg Jones and Andrew Morse announced and described an upcoming 3-part tech series on "A" body restoration.

A brief discussion was conducted on Club activity liability insurance provided by MAFCA.

The meeting concluded with orientation by Ernie Dinkins for our program of the day...a tour of and a BBQ lunch at Jack Shepard's Garage, a replica 1930's service facility just south of Augusta.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Cerefin, Secretary

### JERRY SHEPARD'S GARAGE TOUR

March 8, Grovetown GA











#### GILMORE UPDATE

John LaVoy

A swap meet is planned for Model A Day IV at Gilmore on Sept 20. This will be the first Model A swap meet held in conjunction with Model A Day, and it is hoped that this will grow into one of the largest events of this kind. There will also be museum viewing, seminars and other events during that third weekend in September.

License plate topper and bumper sticker sales continue to excite Model A'ers from coast to coast. If you have not seen one or ordered yours, go to our website <a href="www.Maffi.org/Promotions">www.Maffi.org/Promotions</a>.

Several clubs have taken advantage of Maffi's free brick promotion. We welcome 36 new members and ordered walkway bricks for: Henry's As, Sullivan Trail, Wisconsin Chapter, East Side, Grape Country, Smokey Mts, Dusty Wheels, River Cities, Calumet Region, Naper A's, Gold Coast and the Grand A's.

The Museum and Endowment Funds continue to welcome donations, large and small. In addition to monetary gifts, people continue to give rare and valuable items to increase the quality and completeness of our displays. In the Fall, Bill Edstrom donated the two vehicles that he had loaned to the Museum, a 31 Pickup and a 30 Fordor Sedan. In January, Jon Bowers donated the 1930 Roadster he previously loaned to the Museum. All these items serve to make the Museum a more complete collection for the enjoyment of the Model A community.

Hope to see many of you at the museum soon!

Yours truly, John LaVoy Vice President Model A Ford Foundation Inc. vicepresident@maffi.org

### STILL AROUND AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS...





## TRANSPORTATION DAY MEAD HALL / AIKEN PREP

March 21, Aiken SC

Four STA cars were on display for the Mead Hall/Aiken Prep Transportation Day. Our cars were outshined by the arrival of a helicopter and our horns overpowered by the horns on the fire and garbage trucks. Every grade from pre-K through high school participated.





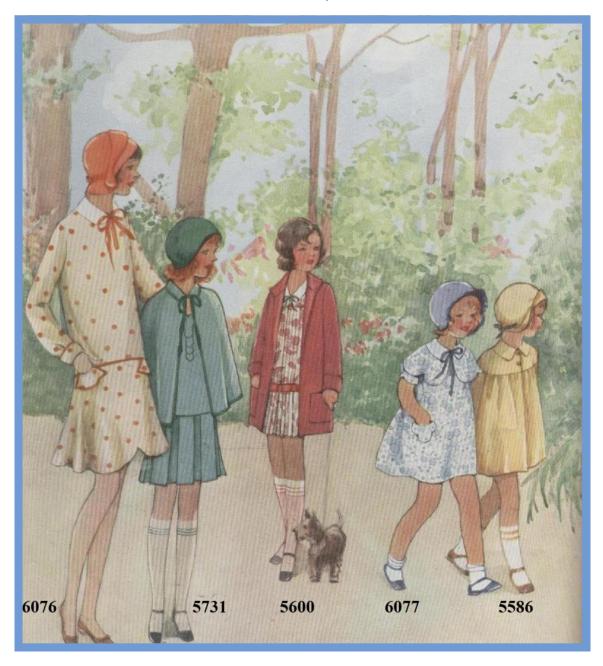






#### VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck



McCall's Magazine April 1930 had the cutest dresses for Easter and the picture was in full color. The heading said "First Lesson in French Chic." McCall's was always ahead of the times with their clothes and patterns.

The tallest girl is wearing a simple frock (6076) with two pockets that accent the lines of the circular skirt. The girl in the green is wearing a one-piece frock (5731) with an adorable cape. The girl with the dog is wearing a frock (5600) ensemble with a panel of pleats in the front with a contrasting coat. The little girl in the blue is wearing the perfect frock (6077) for a little girl with a scalloped shoulder cape. And the girl in the yellow is wearing a spring coat (5586) that is gathered to a round yoke and fastened with buttons.

Most of the patterns for these outfits were 35 or 45 cents.

## DRIVER OF MODEL A DIES IN ACCIDENT IN MARIETTA, GEORGIA

On Saturday, March 22 a Marietta man driving a 1929 Ford Model A died from injuries he suffered in a three vehicle accident in East Cobb. A Volkswagen Jetta struck the Model A from behind, forcing it to overturn in on-coming traffic where it collided with another vehicle.

According to Cobb investigators, the green 1929 Ford Model A was driving slowly up a steep grade when a 2008 Volkswagen Jetta hit the Model A.

The Model A driver, Marietta resident Eddie B. Strickland, 67, was pronounced dead at the scene; 67-year-old Lynn Strickland of Marietta was transported to Wellstar Kennestone Hospital to be treated for serious injuries.. Also injured was their 3-year-old grandson.

The driver of the Volkswagen, Sandy Springs resident Shaina Carter Fernandez, 28, was not injured nor was the driver of the 3rd car.

On March 25, investigators charged Fernandez with following too closely, second-degree vehicular homicide, possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, and failing to exercise due care, all misdemeanors.



Photo: Channel 2 Action News

## 19TH ANNUAL SOCIAL SECURITY RUN LAGRANGE, GEORGIA - MAY 15-18

#### What is the Social Security Run?

The Social Security Run began in 1996 as a means to get the "old cars' out on the road. The weekend begins on Thursday afternoon with a short tour and a BBQ dinner. The Medicare Tour on Friday provides an opportunity for the participants to get the ailments out of their cars and get them ready for the Run on Saturday.

The Run consists of two parts: a morning tour and an afternoon tour with breaks and lunch included. Participants are encouraged to stop at road-side stands, shops, or other tourist traps along the route.

Each participant records their beginning and ending running time deducting for any breaks, lunch, sightseeing, or mechanical ailments. The vehicle with a total running time nearest the average of all participants is the Grand Prize Winner.

Poker chips will be distributed at designated locations along the route. At the closing banquet on Saturday night, participants exchange their chips for playing cards; the best hand wins a \$150 cash prize.

#### Eligible Vehicles

All vehicles participating in the SS Run must be original vehicles manufactured in 1942 or earlier. Any modified vehicles, with the exception of safety equipment or items that would have been available at the time of production, are therefore not allowed to register for this tour. If a vehicle is found to have modifications (kit car, hot rod, etc.) it will not be allowed to participate in the Run.

#### Limit: 100 cars/ Deadline: April 15

Confirmation of registration will be sent after the April 15 deadline. If you need to know earlier, watch for your check to clear—then you'll know it's been accepted.

#### **Accommodations:**

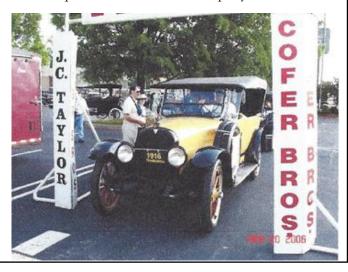
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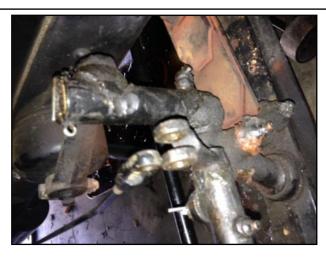
The rooms are \$60 per night (plus 15% tax) if you register as being with the Horseless Carriage SS Run. This includes two \$5.00 coupons to the IHop Restaurant. Check-in is 3pm.

**Info:** Contact the newsletter editor at

Newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org for more details and an application packet.

**Sponsored by** The Cofer Collection and J.C. Taylor Antique Auto Insurance Company.





## WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

Eric Shogren

I couldn't figure out why I couldn't get one brake to adjust . . . Duh huh!

# 6th ANNUAL MODEL A FORD PARTS SWAP MEET

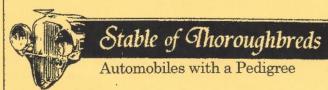


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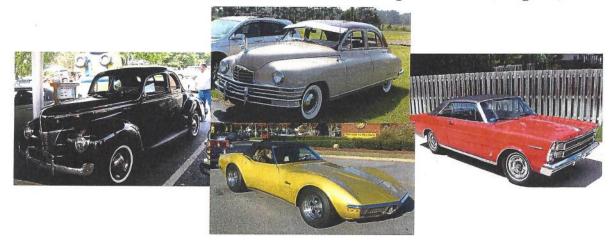
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### Boshears Skyfest Car Show Saturday, April 26, 2014

## 21st Annual Boshears Skyfest at Daniel Field

Located at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA



Car Show: Saturday, April 26, 2014:
Open to all cars and trucks 25 years and older.
No registration fee. Pre-registration is encouraged.
Show vehicle admission is from 9 to 11 AM.
Voting 11am to 3pm. Trophies awarded 3:45pm
People's Choice Awards plus a Best of Show trophy.
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For further car show information contact Mark Petry @ 706-736-3392.

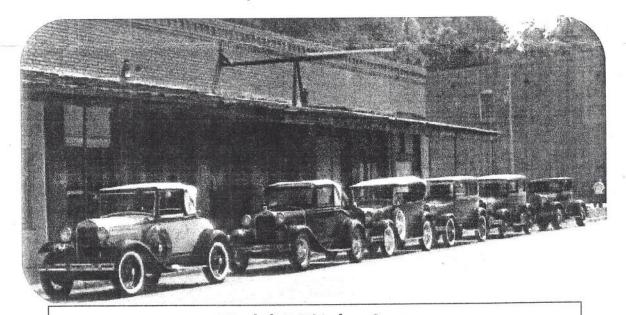
Hosted by GaSCar Antique Car Club



### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual All Model A Parts Swap Meet

Old 96 District Model A Club Greenwood, SC

April 25 & 26,2014
Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm



Model A Display Area
Admission \$2.00 per adult
Car Corral \$10.00 for both days
Vendor space \$25.00 pre-registration
\$30.00 at the gate
Lunch available 11-2
Door Prizes & 50/50 drawing daily

Location: 314Old Mount Mariah Rd. Greenwood, SC on Rt. 221 between Rt. 25 and Rt. 225

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

THE CENTRAL ALABAMA MODEL "A" FORD CLUB MODEL A FORD SWAP MEET April 5, 2014 Paul Majerick

The Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club will sponsor a swap meet Saturday April 5, 2014 hosted by Lester and Joann Hall at their home in Pike Road (Near Montgomery AL). Model Aer's will be able to set up and sell Model "A" parts and automotive related items, and for the ladies those items that might be fun or interesting that they have to sell or trade. If your members reserve a flea market space they should bring tables, chairs and a tent if you have one. The Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club will provide grilled Hamburgers & Hot dogs with all the fixings during the meeting. Make sure to send your information form to Paul Majerick letting him know you are coming so we will have enough food and flea market space available. This will be a great time to kick some tires, buy some parts, or sell some of your "Stuff" that you have been storing in your garage, work shop or basement for years. Come on out for this laid-back, people friendly, "ole" time Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club get together. You may just find that part you have been looking for, or an item you just can't do without. BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS.

#### RAIN SCHEDULE

In the event of rain the swap meet will be moved to the next weekend and rescheduled for April 12, 2014. The decision to reschedule will be made Thursday April 10, 2014 based on weather reports and attendees will be notified via email. Call or email Paul Majerick if you have weather questions at (334) 312-3029 or email paulmajerick@aol.com

#### **MOTEL**

Comfort Inn & Suites, 10015 Chantilly Parkway, Montgomery, Alabama 36117, the motel is 4.5 miles from Lester's home. Rates: King \$89, Senior rate \$76, Twin \$89, Senior rate \$80. The motel offers a free deluxe continental breakfast.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO LESTER'S HOUSE:**

<u>From I-85</u>: Take Exit 11 (Mytelene exit), take Chantilly parkway to the last road on your right before your get to Vaughn. Turn right and enter the back entrance to Lester's.

From Troy Highway: Take Taylor Road towards I-85/North 271. Follow Taylor Road to Vaughn Road (Cecil & Union Springs – South 110 turn). Turn right onto Vaughn Road (look for Flips) and Lester's house is located approx 4.2 miles down Vaughn road. As you travel on Vaughn Road you will pass the Wynlakes subdivision on the left as the 4 lane turns into a two lane road, continue 2 1/2 miles, look for Lester & Jo Ann's drive way on the left.

For information and registration: Paul Majerick - paulmajerick@aol.com

#### THE CLASSIFIEDS

#### FOR SALE:

Working Model A generator. \$25.00 Jim McPherson, 706-592-4835.

#### **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.

#### FOR SALE

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Santa Maria CA 93455

Questions: Jay McCord 805-598-8133

#### FOR SALE

Inspected by Eric Shogren

1930 Fordor (Murray Body). Well done older restoration. Interior shows a little sun fading in the rear window, but otherwise is in excellent condition. An inspection underneath revealed no rust and generally clean car. The engine is strong as are the brakes. The car has a 12 volt system, Ryan Overdrive and Air Conditioning. There is also an opening for a manifold heater, so adding heat would make this truly a year-round car. The doors close with a nice solid sound and are true. The owner has had it for 3 years and it's time to pass it on to another Model A enthusiast. The car has definitely been built for touring. Contact Bill Miskey at (803) 648-5901. Asking \$18,500. Additional photos on the STA webpage.



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Navy blue Shade Tree A's hats for \$12.00. See Richard or Frankie.



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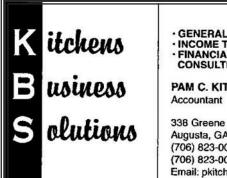






















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