

Shade Tree A's News

TALES TO TELL

Rachel d'Entremont

For the past couple of weeks, some STA members have been meeting for "Coffee & Cars" at the Atlanta Bread Company in Aiken. It's a chance to get the Aiken cars and their people out without taking too much of our busy weekends. It's geared toward Aiken but any and all are welcome.

The first week, we had 6 members show up and since we were able to park together, many patrons of the restaurant traveled down the line of cars like it was a mini car show. The second week we had picked up two additional folks.

We've discussed everything from rebuilding the gas gauge, blown head gaskets, deer on the highway, identical twins, and feral pigs (tales about tails)! You would have had to have been there to follow the thought progression.

On July 26 we had the pleasure of being joined by Jim McPherson and his dad, Jimmy. Someone jokingly asked to hear about the "real" Jim McPherson and his dad's face lit up with pride. He said that he gave Jim his first Model A when Jim was 15 years old and told him he could not drive until he had the car restored and running. There was some disagreement between the two parties as to whether the condition had ever been met. Apparently when they moved to Augusta, the Model A came on a trailer rather than under its own power.

He described a bit of the work involved and said that he insisted that Jim do everything right and use original parts. He told us that by the time Jim was 17 or 18, he had been named a national Model A judge. The youngest ever!

We wondered if he still held the record (most likely, yes) but when I tried to verify this through a

quick google search of MAFCA, I kept getting "hits" for the Mafia! Didn't want to dig too deeply there.

When Jim left the table, Jimmy told us that of all of Jim's accomplishments, Jim's appointment as the youngest-ever national judge of Model A's was the one of which he was most proud. He also claimed to be responsible for his son's success—don't tell Jim!

If you have tales to tell about cars (or other club members), we're hoping to make the "Coffee & Cars" a regular part of our weekly activities. So join us when you can.

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

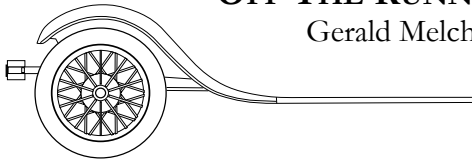
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Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan
Steven Brown

OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Gerald Melchiors, President



I would like to thank Greg Jones for taking over for me at the July meeting. Rumors on the street are that he did a lot better job than me and even went so far as to excuse the fines for violators who didn't have name badges, a Shade Tree A's first!

This summer has been rather unusual for me in that I have been committed to doing a lot of traveling and am away from the CSRA far more than I'd like to be. On one of these jaunts, Richard and I traveled through North Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and all points in between collecting (just what we need) more car parts. Some of the treasures he acquired are on display in his shop including an original store display board of Model A gaskets and some rare five gallon oil cans. Be sure to look these over the next time you're at his shop.

Speaking of Richard's shop, also take a look at Chuck's Model A Tudor sedan. It's back from the paint shop now and under Chuck and Richard's careful workmanship is well on its way to becoming one of the nicest cars in the Shade Tree A's club. It's worth checking out.

This month, August, will be our annual dinner meeting at Sconyer's BBQ. Doug Wilson has made arrangements with Sconyer's for us to use the large upper room at their restaurant so we will enjoy the combination of some of the South's finest barbeque along with our exceptional Shade Tree A's camaraderie. After the meal we will have an abbreviated business meeting to go over important club business and upcoming events. Don't forget to mark on your calendar that we will meet there on Friday, August 15th @ 6:00 rather than our usual date and time. Be sure to come hungry!

Tomorrow my three oldest grandsons will be heading back to Connecticut after spending over two weeks with Lois and me. We had a great time doing all kinds of things like shooting BB guns, riding motor scooters, driving the old cars (the Model A is their favorite) and doing "stuff" with them helping. After helping with making some repairs on one of my antique cars they were so proud and just beamed when we took the car out for a test run and it ran well again. Sometimes we forget what a great educational tool our Model A's are and how fascinated youngsters can be with learning how things work!

In October we will be going back to our regular Saturday meetings at Richard's Garage. This will give us more opportunities for additional "hands on" programs as well as a great opportunity to get out and drive our Model A's. To me, this is what our club is all about: Working together, sharing our time, skills, and knowledge to help keep our Model A's on the road.

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

COFFEE & CARS

Ken Jackson

Let's get the Model A's out, and meet at Atlanta Bread at 1944 Whiskey Rd, Aiken. We can meet on Saturdays about 10 am. They have good food and coffee. It's a good way to get the cars out and get together.

MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2014

Vice President Greg Jones called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

A good turnout of about 40 members were present, several taking advantage of the good weather to drive their A's. VP Jones declared an armistice on ID violations since he himself was in violation. No illnesses were reported. Jim Dover provided us with his laugh of the day and July birthdays were announced in the Newsletter.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Richard Dunevent provided the Treasurer's report. Craig McMullin concluded his successful drive for Newsletter advertising and was applauded for submitting \$900 in checks received for future Newsletter advertising. Reference was made to Keith Lewis' articles and review of these will be deferred until Keith's return.

Dan Perla provided a Show-and-Tell slide session on great old truck-bodied A's including Ice Cream truck (dry-ice refrigerated), mail truck, semi-trailer, ambulance and moving van.

Under Old Business, Greg Jones reviewed: the July 12 Abbeville Opera House overnigher attended by 12 A's and several "cheaters", Trenton and Gilbert parades, and the "Great Race", an event for 1972 and older cars which started in Ogunquit, Maine with a stopping point at Patriots Point (Charleston) and videoed for our future view, we hope, by Stewart Smith. (107 cars started, 97 made it as far as Patriots Pt.)

Re: New Business, sign-up sheets were circulated for the August 15 meeting (a Friday) at Sconyer's and the steak cook-out at Below the Dam State Park on Saturday, Oct. 18. If you will be attending either and were not at this meeting see future Newsletters for details.

Once again, we are invited to provide transportation in Aiken for the Ladies Hickory Shaft Golf Tournament on Oct. 23. The Newsletter will have more details. Also, attend if you can, meet for a coffee break at 10am on Saturdays Atlanta Bread, Whiskey Rd. Aiken. Drive your A.

Technical Program: How to convert standard tube valve stems to metal. Comments, discussion and video led by Greg Jones.

Refreshments (banana splits!) by the July team concluded the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Cerefin, Secretary

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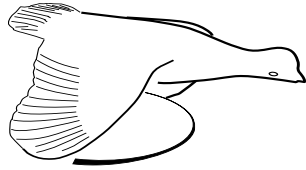
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LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB EVENTS

- Aug. 2- Coffee & Cars-10:00-Atlanta Bread, Aiken
- Aug. 9 Coffee & Cars-10:00-Atl. Bread, Aiken
- Aug. 11- NO REGULAR MEETING
- **Aug. 15-** (Friday) annual dinner meeting, 6:00
NOTE: date has changed to the 15th
- Aug 16 -Coffee & Cars, Atl. Bread, Aiken
- Aug. 23 -Coffee & Cars, Atl. Bread, Aiken
- Aug. 30-Coffee & Cars, Atl. Bread, Aiken
- Sept 13- International Model A Day, Aiken
- Oct. 18 – Steak Cookout, 1:00
- Oct. 23 Ladies-Only Hickory-Shafted Golf Tournament –transportation

OTHER MODEL A EVENTS

- August 9 –Swap meet at the Cofer Collection
- Oct.16&18 -Sweet Home Alabama Tour

REFRESHMENTS

Aug: Dinner Meeting

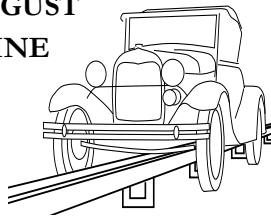
Sept: The Gordons

Oct: Cerefin, ,(G. Jones), Jackson

Nov: Roberts, d'Entremont, Crosby

FROM THE AUGUST ASSEMBLY LINE

2 - Abbie Prince
3 - Laraine McCain
8 - Alan Stewart
10- Walker Crosby
11 - Sheila McPherson
13 - Pascal Bryant
17 - Sabrina Cozart
18-Jerry Lankford
19- Keith Lewis



20 - Bobby Brandon
25 - Dan Snider
27 - Tony Gazette

NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- ♦ Tony Gazette is recovering from a serious fall from a ladder. He's home after an extended hospital stay with rehabilitation and if facing possible additional surgery.
- ♦ Greg Jones had an encounter with a deer while returning home from the July meeting- fortunately he was in a modern car with no human injuries.

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

AUGUST DINNER MEETING CHANGE OF DATE

Note that the date for the August dinner meeting has been changed to Friday, August 15 at Sconyers BBQ, 2250 Sconyers Way, Augusta. There will be no regular meeting in August. Tell them that you're with the Model A club so that you get seated with the rest of us.

ANNUAL STEAK COOKOUT WE NEED YOU!

We need a coordinator for the steak cook-out on October 18. It's to be held Below the Dam. Contact one of the Board members if you are willing to take this on. It could be a shared job so find a buddy and volunteer.


STILL AROUND AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS...

"Wouldn't you think she'd use Morton's Salt, especially in wet weather like this?"

"Yes! Somebody ought to tell her the even 'when it rains it pours'."



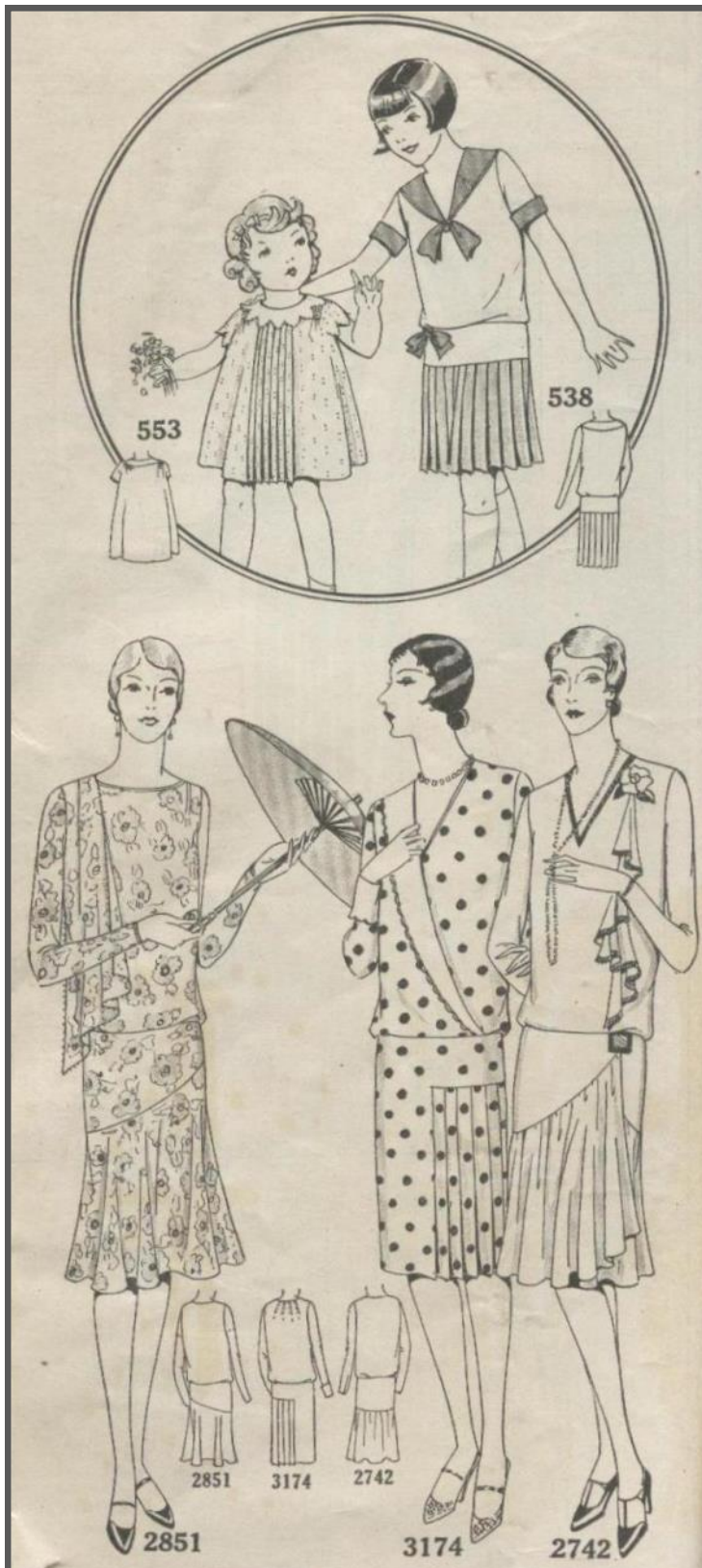
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When it rains  it pours

VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck



Woman's World for August 1929 had patterns titled "Frocks with Graceful Lines."

This is the first time I have seen mentioned in an article for patterns where it gives a note at the bottom saying;

Note: *Size 16 years is the same as size 34, 18 years is the same size as 36.*

Years and bust sizes were how patterns were sold which suggested that these guidelines were for the customer so they would pick the appropriate frock for their age or size.

Number 553 is a cute one-piece dress with tucks designed for sizes 2, 4, and 6 years. It would be cute in a cotton fabric, with a white contrasting collar.

Number 538 is a cute junior sports dress designed for sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14 years.

Number 2851 a pretty dress designed for 16, 18 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust.

I think it would be pretty made in a voile fabric.

Number 3174 with its dignified lines could be worn for spectator sports, such as wearing to watch a tennis match. It was designed for sizes 16, 18 years, 36, 38, 40, and 42 inch bust measurements.

Number 2742, a feminine mode, designed for sizes 16, 18 years, 36, 38, 40, and 42 inch bust measurements. I think it would look good made in a crepe de chine.

COFFEE & CARS

July 19

Coffee and Cars, instigated by Ken Jackson, had it's first meeting on July 19 at the Atlanta Bread Company in Aiken. We had 6 STA members and 4 cars for the initial get together. Don brought a gas-gauge dilemma to be solved and there was general discussion and fellowship. Participants were Ken Jackson, Don Cerefin, Rachel d'Entremont, Eric Shogren, and Tom and Pat Roberts.

We hope to make this a weekly event so join us if you are able.



YOU SCREAM, I SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

Where would you go to see an unusual Model A such as this? The Model A Restorers Club National Meet.

Submitted by Jim McPherson



Notice the carpeting? This must be a VERY well behaved Model A to be allowed on the carpet!

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY

Saturday, September 13

Plans are underway for another International Model A Day celebration in Aiken. Mark your calendars to save the day. More details at the August 15 dinner meeting. And the September newsletter.

HENRY JONES COLLECTION

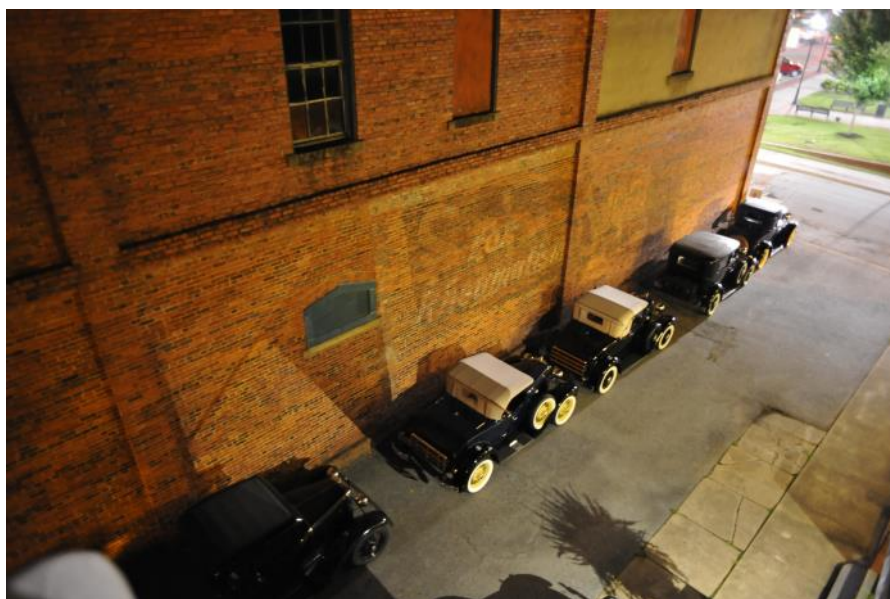
July 12

Greg Jones

The group that participated in the Abbeville tour would like to thank Henry Jones for hosting us on a “stop-over” on our way to Abbeville. Henry’s place in Plum Branch was right on the way and we thank him for his gracious hospitality and for letting us take a look at his extensive car collection. We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit at Henry’s place. Thanks!



Photos by Greg Jones



ABBEVILLE OPERA HOUSE TOUR

July 12 & 13, Abbeville SC

Greg Jones

On July 12, ten Model A's and two modern cars (and about 17 people) from the Shade Tree A's set out from two separate locations for a journey to historic Abbeville, South Carolina. The Aiken group met at the traditional meeting spot on Laurens Street in Aiken, while the Augusta group mustered at Richard's garage.

Both parties set out with the first stop scheduled for a visit at Henry Jones' place in Plum Branch, South Carolina. Henry and his wife, Annette, graciously offered to host us for a quick showing of his fabulous car collection (boy he must keep busy in the shop). The Joneses joined the entourage up to Abbeville, a scant twenty or so miles up the road. The trip went off without a hitch with no roadside technical seminars. Greg did have to stop on the way home and give his arthritic hands a break-the power steering in his 1930 coupe was not operating.

The drive was nice and easy along beautiful rural roads and we could not have asked for better weather. It was a glorious day!

Upon arrival in the historic district of Abbeville, we started checking in to the Belmont Hotel and getting gussied up for our night at the Abbeville Opera House. We also explored the many small shops in the historic district or otherwise just sat under the shade trees in the park (see photo of Tom Roberts). Due to his esteemed stature within



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the club, Greg was assigned to the "Jimmy Carter Suite."

That evening, we had an excellent dinner at the Belmont Hotel then went to the Opera House. The play, "Wait Until Dark", was very well done and suspenseful. Everyone seemed to enjoy their "night at the opera house." It was a great road trip and a great time with good company.

Eric, Dottie, and Greg soon discovered the proper protocol for ordering a hot dog at the Roadhouse Café: when they ask what you want on your hot dog (mustard, ketchup), just say mustard. They only have mustard, no catsup. Let's do it again soon!

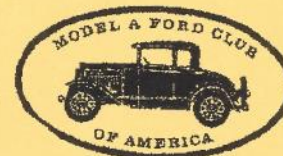
For many more of Greg Jones' beautiful photos, look for the Abbeville Tour under Club Activity Photos 2014 at <http://www.shadetreeas.org/>



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FOR SALE

- ◆ Muffler from my 30 Tudor. I changed to a stainless several years ago and still have the original. It has about 4,000 miles on it. \$75.00.
- ◆ A rebuilt clutch and pressure plate: \$60.00
- ◆ 1929 transmission with chrome shifter. I ran this transmission 2 years before going to a 36 transmission in my blue speedster. \$150.00

Abbie Prince - prince77@comcast.net

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.



FOR SALE:

Working Model A generator. \$25.00
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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

Stamped metal "license plate", reads "1931 MODEL A". Excellent original paint. This is an old plate. I do not remember this plate being available, but I would estimate it is from the 1960's. \$45.00 Jim McPherson, 706-592-4835.



HATS FOR SALE

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

More for sale on the next page....

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ANTIQUE CAR PART ESTATE SALE

Eric Shogren

The estate of a former STA member is selling his entire collection of Model A, Model B, and other antique car parts. Below is a partial listing. The photos represent only a portion of the collection. Contact Eric Shogren for more information: ericshogren@gforcecable.com, 803-215-3276.

1934 Ford Fordor Flathead V-8

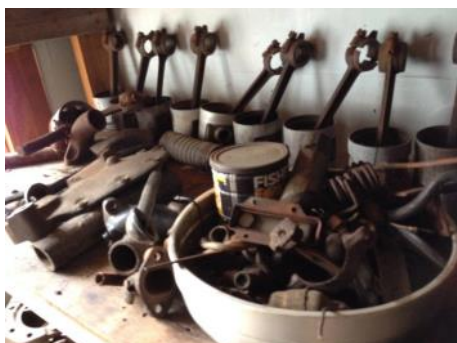
The car was left mid-restoration. It appears to be a complete car, with the exception of the interior, that has had the chassis restored and most of the sheet metal work complete. There are two hoods, louvered and unlouvered; new running boards, not installed; wheels, grill, and a new pressurized radiator.

Assorted Model A and B Parts

There is a Model A rear end and torque tube, a Model AA rear end and torque tube, starters, brake backing plates, drums tail lights, aftermarket carburetors, a few wheels, a rear fender, heads, a Model A engine block. And much more. If you want to buy it all, the seller is asking \$1000.

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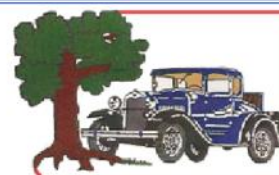


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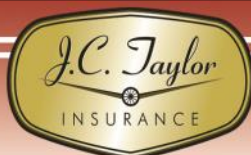
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