

## ROCK AND ROLL

Rachel d'Entremont

Last week a friend and I went out to the garage to take my 1928 Model A Roadster to our weekly Coffee & Cars meeting. I flipped the battery disconnect to the "on" position, secured the hood, turned on the gas valve, pulled down the throttle, turned on the ignition, put the car in neutral, put in the clutch, stepped on the starter, and...nothing.

Ok, so maybe I forgot the battery disconnect. I raised the hood expecting to see it in the "off" position but, no, it was on. We put the car in gear and rocked it back and forth, still nothing. I checked the fuse (only to look as if I knew what I was doing) but the fuse was fine. There were no apparently loose wires.

This, by the way, is why I always leave early when planning to take the Model A. It gives me time to mutter some unkind things to my car, check for obvious problems, then, transfer my stuff to the other car and still get where I'm going on time. Unfortunately, the plan of the day was all geared around the Model A. The 2011 Honda just isn't the same.

I did not think that the problem was the battery but, just to be sure, I hooked the battery up to the battery charger and let it do its thing. After several hours on the charger, it did not register that it was charging, nor did it say that it was fully charged. A few things we noticed was that the coil was hot, the lights and horn worked, and the battery cut-off switch seemed to be working.

I sent an e-mail to several people asking for ideas on what to check. After some back and forth with ideas, it was suggested that I turn the headlights on and try to start the car. If the headlights dimmed a bit, that was an indication that the starter was jammed. I did as instructed and, yes, the lights dimmed, a lot. A second suggestion, to con-

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firm that the starter was indeed the problem, was to try to turn the engine over (but not attempt to start the car) using the hand crank. An aside: I have read several places that starting a car with the hand crank is dangerous and can cause broken bones, so don't.

The second method of confirmation didn't happen because the hand crank that is normally on the floor of the rumble seat was nowhere to be found and is likely in the toolbox of another member.

Anyway, Tom arrived and with the aid of extensions to the ratchet was able to loosen the bolts of the starter enough so that the starter was pulled away from the flywheel. We rocked the car back and forth to shake the starter loose. Tom tightened the bolts. I climbed back in the car, turned on the gas valve, pulled down the throttle, turned on the ignition, put the car in neutral, put in the clutch, stepped on the starter, and...nothing.

Ok, I did forget the battery disconnect. I flipped the battery disconnect to the "on" position, secured the hood, turned on the gas valve, pulled down the throttle, turned on the ignition, put the car in neutral, put in the clutch, stepped on the starter, and...success! Now, we're rolling again.

## 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.

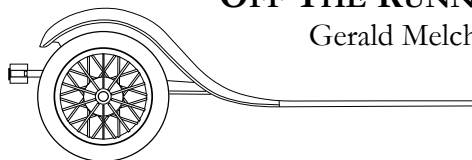
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## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Gerald Melchiors, President



Here it is, December already and we are well into our busiest season. It makes one wonder what happened to the other eleven months of the year! Starting with our annual Christmas Party on the 1<sup>st</sup>, the Gracewood Parade on December 3<sup>rd</sup> Graniteville on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Edgefield and Jackson on the 7<sup>th</sup>, and a host of other parades during the following weeks, every Shade Tree A'er should have plenty of activities with their Model A's.

For several club members the annual Gracewood parade is highest on their list. Anyone who has done that parade before cannot help but be touched by the plight of the Gracewood residents. For many of them, this Christmas parade is the biggest, if not the only, event of their Holiday season. It seems that a Model A, adorned with a few decorations and embellished with an occasional blast from its distinctive "A-OO-GA" horn, never fails to bring a smile to many faces. For me, it is the one parade that, if possible, I never miss.

Be sure to mark Monday, December 1st on your calendar for our annual Shade Tree A's Christmas Party at the T-Bonz Annex. I have heard quite a few Shade Tree A'ers talking about wearing period clothing to the event and would encourage all of our members to do so. Club members in Model A era attire seem to lend much more of a festive air to our event. Lois says that she will be wearing a dress from the 30's and I will follow suite. However, with the cold weather we've been experiencing lately, era attire might not be such a bad thing! Those clothes are generally pretty warm which should work out good for this time of the year. Be sure to thank Greg Jones for his efforts in making arrangements for this event.

This year the Shade Tree A's had a very strong slate of candidates to run for club officers and board members for 2015. By now, all club members have had a chance to mark and return their ballots to Don Cerefin, our club secretary to be tabulated. The final results will be announced

at our Christmas party.

I would like to personally thank all the officers and board members for their help and cooperation in making 2014 such a good year for our club. Because of family and other commitments, I was unable to attend very many events this year but it seems like we were never without someone willing to step up and do what had to be done to keep our meetings and events going. This has to be the reason for the Shade Tree A's longevity and continued enthusiasm.

Remember..."A busy Model A is a happy Model A". See you at our Christmas Party at the T-Bonz Annex, Monday, December 6th, at 6:00.

*Gerald Melchiors*

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Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan

*Steven Brown*

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

*November 8*

President Melchior called the meeting to order at 10AM in the "garage" meeting room where STA meets the 2nd Saturday of the month thru Spring of 2015. Present were 24 members, including 5 who drove their A's, and one guest. Fines were collected for 4 name tag violations. Minutes of the October meeting were approved. November birthdays will appear in the current Newsletter. President Melchior announced that, sadly, two former STA members recently passed away, Bruce Porter and Jim Purkey.

R. Dunevent provided the treasurer's report and detailed accelerated activity in the treasury due to receipts for annual dues payments.

Next, a Show and Tell item was presented by Larry Komp who circulated an original 2-piece Model A wheel lug-nut wrench he picked up for \$7 at the Hershey Meet, a sturdy Part Numbered unit with enough leverage in its 18" handle to loosen a worst case frozen lug nut.

Old business: The October Steak Cookout was a success as many enjoyed good food and company on a nice fall Saturday at the excellent Langley Pond location; one (1) Monroe Wade nomination has been received. Any additional nominations need to be submitted today; the STA December Meeting/Christmas Party is on for Dec.1 at T-bones...if you signed up and have not paid, or just decided to go, get you money (\$30 per person) to Richard or Gerald ASAP.

New Business: STA Election: Secretary reported ballots have been mailed to all members for election of 2015 STA Officers... 20 of 79 ballots sent out have been returned as of this date. Due date for return of all ballots is Nov 15; don't forget Lincoln Co. Historical Society Pioneer Days Nov. 22; also, parade time is upon us: Dec.3 Gracewood, Dec.6 Graniteville, Dec.7 Jackson, Dec.7 Edgefield, Dec.14 Aiken. Check Newsletter for additional parades.

A tech. session presented by Eric Shogren was next. Eric amazed us with his demonstration of how to disassemble and repair an alternator i.e. replace bearings & voltage regulator, and reassemble...and he accomplished this in less than a half hour. Most of us would be happy to do so in a cou-

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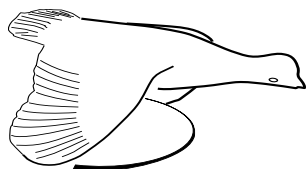
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ple hours! Thanks for the demo, tips and good handout, Eric.

After Q&A with Eric the meeting adjourned for refreshments and more "A" talk.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Cerefin, Secretary



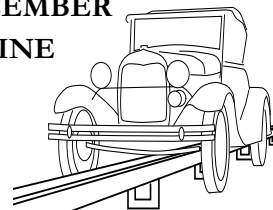
## LOOKING AHEAD

### CLUB EVENTS

- Dec 1—Christmas Party— 6pm
- Dec 3—Gracewood Parade 1:00 lineup (rain date Dec 4)
- Dec 6—Graniteville Parade— 2pm lineup
- Dec 7—Jackson Parade 2:30 lineup
- Dec 7— Edgefield Parade-3pm lineup
- Dec 13- Gibson Parade-1 pm lineup
- Dec 14— Aiken Parade— 1pm lineup

### FROM THE DECEMBER ASSEMBLY LINE

- 1 - Barbara Bryant
- 1 - Robbie Jones
- 4- Sharon Howell
- 7- Tanya Gordon
- 7- Joe Holley
- 10 -Joyce Lewis
- 12 - Margaret Collier
- 13 - Richard Dunevent
- 15 - Lisa Smith
- 16 - Frank Knapp
- 17 - Eric Shogren
- 17 - Jim Miller
- 18 - Gayle Adams
- 21 - Jim Mason
- 23- Bill Richardson
- 26 -Ann Claiborne Christian



### NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- ♦ Former member James Robert (Jimmy) Purkey, 77, died November 5, 2014 at University Hospital.
- ♦ John Neumar's sister died recently.
- ♦ Anne Neely-Beck is recovering from a recent illness and injury.
- ♦ The mother of Eric Shogren suffered serious injuries in a recent fall.

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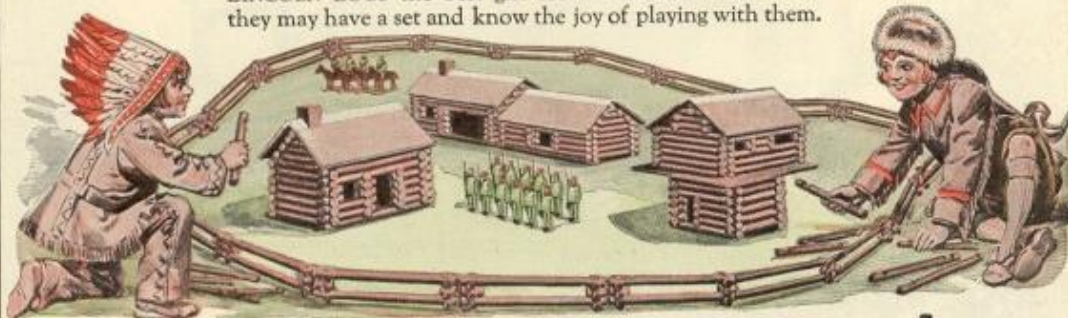
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Robbie Jones

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[www.modelaford.org/drivingawards.htm](http://www.modelaford.org/drivingawards.htm)

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

*December 1*

The Christmas party is scheduled for Monday December 1 at 6 pm at the annex to TBonz at 2856 Washington Road, Augusta.

Model-A-period attire is encouraged and as was done last year, there will be a Chinese Gift exchange and a BYOB bar with mixers provided.

Those who would like to participate in the gift exchange are asked to bring a wrapped gift with a value or \$10 or less. "Regifting" and used auto parts and accessories are encouraged. Be creative!

Reservations are required.


## MAFCA & STA DUES

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

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## CHRISTMAS PARADE PARTICULARS

Several Christmas Parades specifically prohibit the throwing of candy or other treats. While some allow it, it's a dangerous practice to encourage children to run out in the street in front of cars, trucks, and horses. The parents are often distracted and don't pay attention. As a club, let's think safety first.

- The **Gracewood State School Parade** is on Wednesday Dec. 3; 1:00 lineup (rain date Dec 4). This is one of the highlights of the Christmas season for the residents. The school is located on Pine Drive off of Tobacco Road in Augusta. The school asks that no candy or other treats be distributed.
- The **Graniteville Parade** will be on Dec. 6. The line-up location is north of the Leavelle McCampbell Middle School, 82 Canal Street, Graniteville SC. 2pm lineup
- The **Jackson (SC) Parade** is Sunday, Dec 7 with a 2:30 lineup
- The **Edgefield (SC) Parade** is Sunday, Dec. 7 with a 3pm lineup on Columbia Road near Sheppard Drive.
- The **Gibson (GA) Parade** is Saturday, Dec. 13 at 2 pm. A group will leave the Walmart parking lot 3209 Deans Bridge Road, Evans GA at 11:00 and will stop for lunch at Crossroads BBQ. Line up is at 1 pm.
- The **Aiken (SC) Parade** is Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2:00 with a 1pm lineup. The Model A's will line up on one of the north/south streets between Richland and Park Avenues. The exact location will be e-mailed to members when we receive the information. Participants often go for a late lunch after the parade. The theme is "A Star-Spangled Christmas" and no throwing of candy is permitted.

## RICHLAND CREEK OLD FARM DAYS

*November 1*

# SNOW

The annual trek to Saluda SC for the Richland Creek Old Farm Days was cancelled at the last minute when snow began falling in Aiken at the scheduled departure time. No one wanted to venture out in the cold rain and especially snow. It was a good call as there was a reported 4" accumulation of snow in that part of the state. A record-breaking first snow. It might have made for some pretty photo opportunities had we gone.

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