

Shade Tree A's News

ANOTHER MYSTERY SOLVED

Rachel d'Entremont

Several of us brought our Models A's to the April club meeting from Aiken. It was a beautiful day for a drive and because it was Masters week-end and we didn't want to fight the Masters traffic, we took a round-about more-scenic route than usual and crossed the Savannah River about 8 miles up river from the interstate. It was a beautiful drive on winding hilly roads.

All was good on the way over but on the return trip, about half way back (with 20 or so miles to go), I started to fall behind. I was OK on the winding parts because we were all taking it slow but when we had to go up hill, I was creeping along at 5 mph with my gas pedal to the floor. The poor folks in the red pickup truck behind me probably thought they'd never get to their destination. Unfortunately there was no safe place to let them pass.

The final straw came at a stop sign on a hill on Chalk Bed Road. I stopped, started through the intersection and heard a clunk. I pulled over, (as did the red pick up) and could find no obvious problem. The truck went ahead to see if they could catch up with the others and I started again on my 5-10-mph way eventually to see Eric coming in the other direction looking for me.

We regrouped and finding no obvious problem, we took a very, very leisurely trip back into Aiken.

Once in the garage, there was much speculating about the possible causes (none of which included an explanation for my apparently imagined "clunk") of the car's lack of power. Spark plugs were checked, wiring inspected, and theories offered. AND Eric was given the inspiration for his safety tip on page 10!

Eventually plans were made to do a compression test later in the week. The first cylinder

flunked the test with a zero and # 2 had a passing grade of C (75%). I'm not sure that the others even took the test. The valve cover was removed exposing an unusual "patent pending" spring (see photo on page 10) and some oil. Nothing obvious there.

It wasn't until the head was removed that the mystery was solved and my hallucinatory "clunk" was believed.

About a third of top of the first valve was missing. Who knows where it is?

Fortunately Greg had a spare valve with him (doesn't everyone?) and Eric had a spare head gasket and manifold gaskets in his trunk (Eric has almost an entire car in spare parts...almost like a miniature Smith and Jones on wheels).

A big THANK YOU to Eric, Greg, Walker, Tom, and Ken.

My Roadster is back on the road just in time for the Spring parades and festivals...at least until something else goes "clunk".

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.

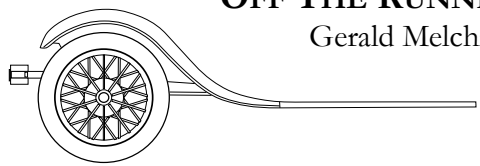
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Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan
Steven Brown

OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Gerald Melchior, President



May is just starting and along with the temperatures the Shade Tree A's schedule is already heating up. Right now we have several parades and displays on the agenda as well as a tour to the Abbeville Opera House and historic hotel. Be sure to read your newsletter to stay on top of what is going on with the club. Our newsletter editor, Rachel d'Entremont, does a super job of keeping things current.

Be sure to mark on your calendar that we are going into the "Summer Schedule" for our regular club meetings. Starting Monday, May 12th and continuing through July, the Shade Tree A's will meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 at Richard's garage. Andrew Morse will present part II of his very interesting program on "Old Time and Current Body Repair and Painting". Our August meeting will be our annual dinner meeting. It is tentatively scheduled for 6:00, Thursday, August 14th at Sconyer's BBQ. More details will follow.

It seems that a very popular theme for High School Proms this year is "The Great Gatsby" and our cars seem to fill the bill nicely to help set the ambiance. Larry DuVall, Richard, Ernie Dinkins, Carol Taylor and I participated in two separate "Prom-Night" displays for local area high schools and answered a lot of "interesting" questions about the cars (mostly "How fast will it go?"). Events like this are fun but sometimes it's hard to fit everything in and we have to wonder what we did with all our time before the old cars came along!

The last several weeks, at various times, our eight grandchildren have been visiting with Lois and me. Ranging in age from 14 to 4, it seems that one of the most important parts of their visits are rides in "the old cars". As the 3 older boys from Connecticut 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. The children never seem to tire of tinkering around the old cars and "helping grandpa".

Be sure to congratulate one of our longtime club members, Jim Dover. He is celebrating his 90th birthday and the Gordons are hosting birthday get-together for him. Jim has led a very interesting life and still participates in most of our activities. We as a club are fortunate to have members who put as much effort into Shade Tree A's events as they 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 Melchior



JOHNSTON PEACH BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

May 3, Johnston, SC.

The Shade Tree A's have been assigned location #18 on Calhoun Street with line up no later than 10:15. Parade begins at 10:30 sharp. A group from Aiken will be leaving the corner of Laurens Street and Barnwell Avenue at 9am.

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, has started a new section on the club's website featuring photos of the restoration process of individual cars. There are 3 car projects on there so far. Yours could be there, too. He also has a section with photos of members' cars; check to see if your's is there.

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

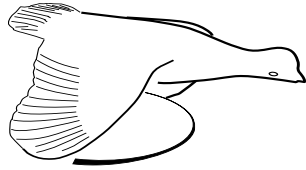


See more of this and other member's projects on the Shade Tree A's website.

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LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB EVENTS

- May 3 – Johnston Peach Blossom Festival Parade - 9:30 lineup
- May 3- Jim Dover 90th birthday celebration – 2:00 (RSVP Misty @706-855-0371)
- May 12- Monthly Meeting (Monday) 7 pm
- May 24- Aiken Memorial Day Parade, 12:15 line up
- June 21-Trenton Peach Festival Parade, 9:30 line up
- July 4- Gilbert Parade, leave Aiken 7:30 am
- July 12 & 13-Abbeville Opera tour
- August 14 (Thursday) annual dinner meeting, 6:00
- October 18 – Steak Cookout, 1:00

OTHER MODEL A EVENTS

- May 15-18 Social Security Run
- August 9 –Swap meet at the Cofer Collection
- Oct.16&18 -Sweet Home Alabama Tour

REFRESHMENTS

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

June: Prince, H. Jones, Dinkins, Wilson

July: Dunevent, Richardson, McCain , Neumar

Aug: Dinner Meeting

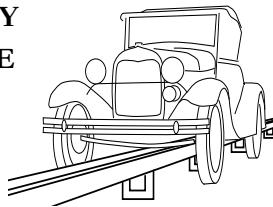
Sept: The Gordons

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

Nov: Roberts, d'Entremont, Crosby

FROM THE MAY ASSEMBLY LINE

Robyn Broome
 5 - Montie Knapp
 7 - Jim Dover
 8 - Lois Melchiors
 9-John Schroen
 10-Kent Carruthers
 11- Mike Gordon
 16- Kathy Poole
 18 - Dotti Shogren
 18- Ragnild Ezelle
 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

- ♦ 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

MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2014

President Gerald Melchior called the meeting to order at 10:10 am and noted the next meeting, and monthly thereafter thru August, will be at 7pm the second Monday of the month.

No name tag violations. There were 31 members present, including visitor Dick Hadlock. Minutes to the last meeting were approved.

A bumper crop (12) of birthdays was recognized, including an upcoming BIG ONE for Jim Dover....his 90th! Congrats Jim!!....and to reveal his interest in early American history, Jim took a moment to educate us in origin of the Indian celebrity name, Walking Eagle.

Richard Dunevent gave the treasurers report...no major changes this month. Rachel is always eager for Newsletter copy material.

The Show and Tell session reiterated a good tip/reminder on steering box care...heavy oil (YES), grease (NO); Eric Shogren demonstrated cracks he encountered in 2 wheel hubs and how he received cooperation and restitution from the vendor; Larry Komp showed a nice looking work-in-progress restore of a very beat-up hood.

Under old business, President recapped the successful Jack Shepherd tour...16 cars attended

and 35 BBQ lunches were enjoyed in addition to the great display of period architecture and cars; 2 A's participated in the St. Patrick Day parade: several members enjoyed the Charlotte Auto Fair; Jim McPherson attended the St. Louis Model A Membership Meeting; Ralph Neitzke (and 7 others from Augusta) attended and some did 3 laps in the famous Talladega Race Track; Robbie Jones awarded 2013 MARC Mileage awards to Krosting, Dunevent, Shogren, Gordon and Cerefin; Membership Meeting refreshment teams for the balance of the year are in place (teams should watch the Newsletter for refreshment menu guidelines).

New Business-President announced the BOD approved an added assessment of \$75 by MAFCA for liability insurance. Walker Crosby will explain how this insurance coverage works at a later meeting. In a unanimous vote, the membership approved Board recommendation that \$200 be donated in support of the National Model A Youth Restoration Program.

Numerous excellent programs/tours are in store, including High School Prom Photo Shoot, Boshears Car/Aero display (see Ernie or go online for info.), Johnston Peach Blossom Festival, and several other parades/events. More details appear in the Newsletter. The Abbeville Opera House event plans are shaping up and the sign-up sheet indicates strong interest. More info. coming

soon for this midsummer overnigher.

The meeting concluded with a great presentation by Andrew Morse on stretching, shrinking and patching steel as Part 1 of a 3 Part Tech Series by Morse and Greg Jones on "A" body restoration, then adjourned to the refreshment table.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Cerefin, secretary

You're Invited!

Mark your calendars!

Celebrating the 90th birthday of Jim Dover!

When: Saturday, May 3, 2014

Time: 2:00pm

Location: William Gordon's Home
1555 Keron Way
Hephzibah Ga

We hope you join us for lots of food and fun!!

We will have plenty of food such as,
Hot dogs, Sausage Dogs, Macaroni and Cheese, etc..

Please RSVP by calling:
Misty at: 706-855-0371




APRIL TECHNICAL PRESENTATION ON MODEL A BODY WORK

April 12



Those who attended the April 12 meeting were treated to an excellent presentation by Andrew Morse on repairing Model A sheet metal including installing patch panels, preparing and installing patches, epoxy vs. welding, and restoring dented metal.

They were introduced to a large collection of specialized tools: picks, spoons, hammers (both flat and rounded), and dollies (both flat and curved). There were flange tools, cutout tools, and grinders. In addition to the tools, Andrew brought samples to show what the different tools do and how they are used.

The series will continue for the next two months so be sure to put the Monday, May 12th and Monday, June 9th meetings on your calendar. The meetings will be at 7 pm.



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VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck



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The solid red dress is a smart tailored frock with a shaped neckband and shows clever cutting with circular sections inserted on the right side. It also added that sleeves, of course are not used for active sports.

The print dress has a yoke which extends into revers (turned back to show its reversed side) and stitched pleats in the front of the skirt, this is a sports frock of simplicity.



MARC DRIVING AWARDS PROGRAM



At the April meeting, Robbie Jones presented MARC (Model A Restorers Club) Mileage Awards to five members. Congratulations to the following

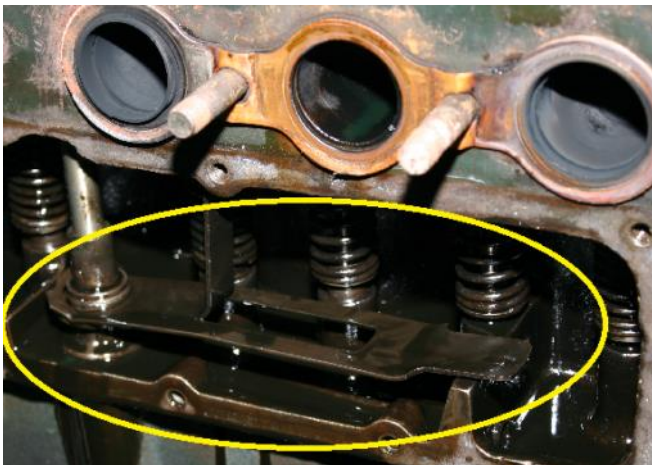
Shade Tree A members for receiving MARC (Model A Restorers Club) driving awards for miles driven in 2013.

- ◆ Don Cerefin: 5,000 mile award -1929 Standard Coupe
- ◆ Richard Dunevent: 5,000 mile award -1930 Tudor Sedan
- ◆ George and Don Gordon: 2,000 mile award-1929 Sport Coupe and 5,000 mile award -1929 Closed Cab Pickup
- ◆ Curtis Krosting: 5,000 mile award -1930 Town Sedan
- ◆ Eric Shogren: 5,000 mile award - 1928 Special Coupe and 5,000 mile award -1931 Town Sedan

If you are a member of MARC and are not registered in the MARC Driving Awards Program, contact Robbie Jones at

DrivingAwards@ShadeTreeAs.org for a registration card. Mileage is cumulative from year to year, so you don't have to drive 2,000 or 5,000 miles in one year to receive an award. Additional information on the program can be found on the MARC website at:

www.modelaford.org/drivingawards.htm



This after market spring is marked "Patent applied for". It looks like it's been there a while, I suppose the patent's expired by now!

SAFETY TIP

Eric Shogren

When shorting out a spark plug with a screw driver, do not rest your other hand on the car. You may have a screw driver with a poorly insulated handle or you could have your finger touching the screw driver shaft. Either way by resting your other hand on the car you are providing a path to ground across your chest and, trust me, that 10,000 volts across the chest doesn't feel too great! Because, yes, I did, and you can be assured I won't do it again!

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 roadside 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:

Best Western-LaFayette Garden Inn
1513 LaFayette Parkway, LaGrange GA 30241
706-884-6175

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.

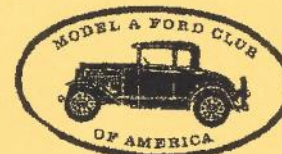
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A REFRESHER ON REFRESHMENTS

STA Monthly Meeting Refreshment Guidelines

Refreshments are typically served after the technical program (usually about 7:45-8:00 pm) and the assigned group should help assist with filling cups with ice and pouring soft drinks and any needed preparation for the refreshment, i.e., cutting a cake, opening containers and other general preparations.

The club will provide:

- a. Paper/plastic products such as napkins, plates, cups, bowls, knives, spoons and forks.
- b. These are located in the cabinets in the kitchen area.

Responsibility of assigned refreshment group:

- a. The lead for the group is printed in bold in the newsletter. This person is responsible for contacting the other group members and getting agreement on what each should bring. Contact should be made with the group at least a week in advance of the meeting. It is the individual's responsibility to get a substitute if they are unable to attend the meeting.
- b. Usually there are about 35 people in attendance but plan on 40 people and you will have enough. The group lead needs to ensure that collectively there is enough food for 40 people.
- c. Eight 2-liter bottles of soft drink (or tea) and 20# of ice are usually enough.
- d. It is the group's decision on what to serve but light desserts are just fine, i.e., cake and cookies. Anything homemade is always appreciated but not required.
- e. If you have any questions, they should be directed to the responsible group lead.

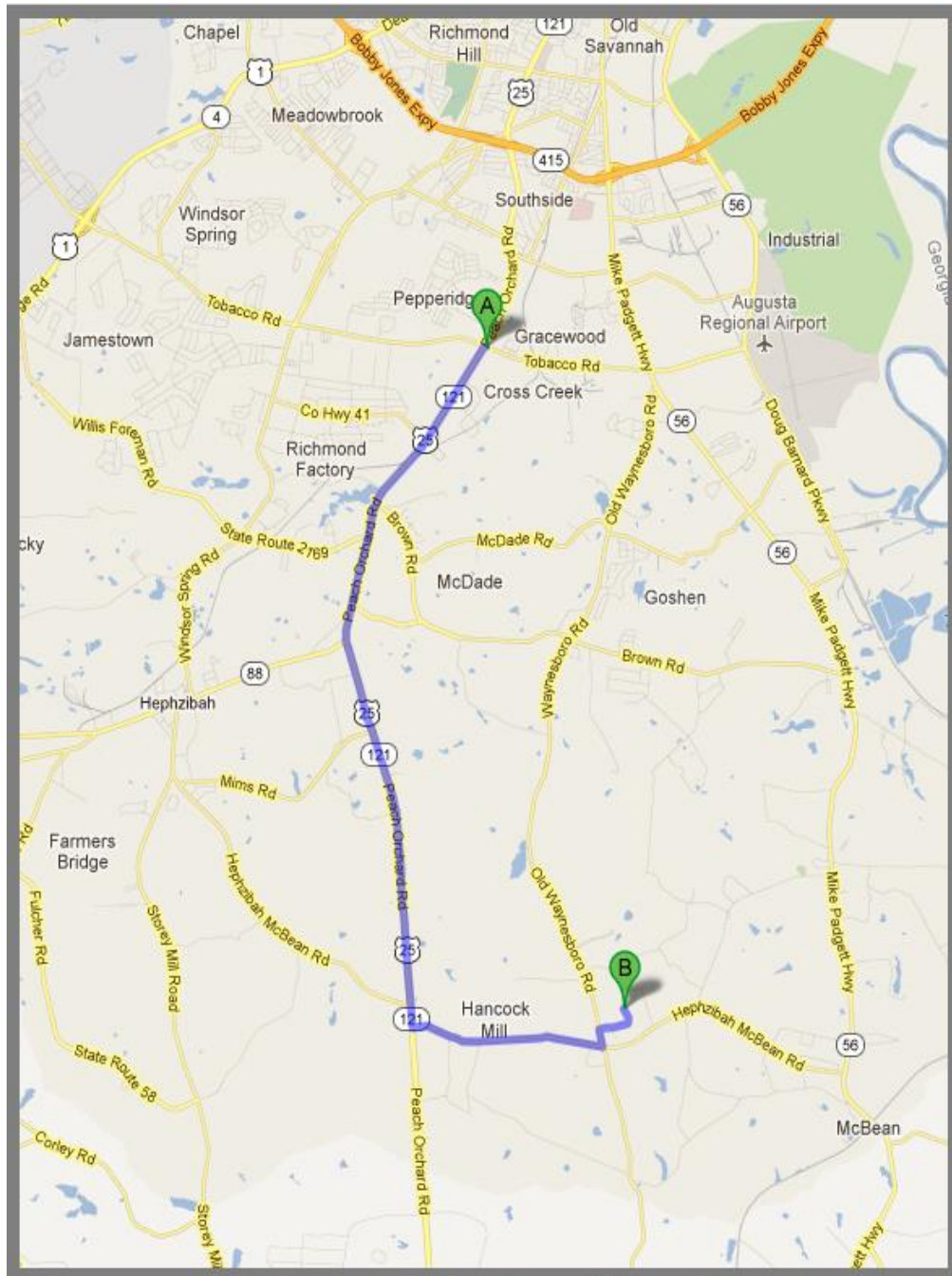
JIM DOVER'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DIRECTIONS

May 3 @ 2pm

Jim asked that there be no birthday gifts—just bring yourself. RSVP Misty 706-855-0371

Directions from Augusta:

- Head south on Hwy 25/ Peach Orchard Road.
- Continue straight through the traffic light at Hwy 88 (go 4.5 miles).
- Turn left on Hebhzibah McBean Road (go 1.5 mi.).
- Turn left on Old Waynesboro Road (go 0.5 mi)
- Turn right on Keron Way.
- Turn into the driveway just past mailbox 1557. The house is set back off the road.



BOSHEARS SKYFEST

April 26, Augusta GA

Dan Perla

The weather was perfect for the event and there were close to 100 vehicles on display which included 8 Model A's from the Shade Tree A's. There was everything from antiques to classics, hot rods to pick-ups. Even some military vehicles from the past were present. Just about something for everyone's taste. The air show included the usual acrobatic and stunt flying and a jet powered dragster. Aircraft of all types and descriptions were on display including WWII-era military planes. Retired military helicopters were also on display. A People's Choice trophy and plaques were awarded to those vehicles that were the favorites of the crowd at the end of the day.

Drivers and cars: Richard Dunevent - Tudor, Stuart Smith - Roadster, Kent Carruthers - Roadster, John Neumar - Tudor, Ralph Neitzke - Pickup, Larry Duvall - Coupe, Charles Howell - Bob Collier's A-400, Dan Perla - AA Platform, Frank Knapp - Model T Doctor's Coupe

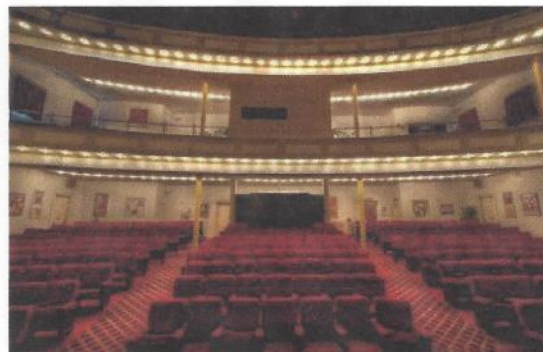


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- Attend a “whodunit” play *Wait Until Dark* at the Abbeville Opera House
- Eat breakfast Sunday morning at the Belmont Inn
- Attractive package pricing per below
- Visit <http://www.abbevillecitysc.com> for more information on Abbeville



Abbeville Opera House

Details:

Members of the Shadetree A's will tour to Abbeville, SC the morning of July 12th and, upon arrival, go to the main square in town. You will be “on your own” until dinner time. Visit the Abbeville Welcome Center for brochures and information on shopping and other attractions. The Belmont Inn, a historic old hotel in the heart of Abbeville, will be the central place to stay-but it only has 25 rooms. So reservations are on a first come, first served basis. (There are other accommodations in Abbeville so if you can't get a room at the Belmont, the hotel can help you find a different room.)

We will eat dinner at the Belmont Inn no later than 6:30 pm. The dinner is buffet style and has an excellent reputation. We then will go to the Abbeville Opera House to see the play *Wait Until Dark*, which is a who-dunnit sort of play. After the play we can retire to the Belmont Inn (or wherever we are staying for late-night refreshments.)

We have worked with the hotel to get the best price on packages. These include:

- Queen Size Bed, Double Occupancy \$200
- King Size Bed, Double Occupancy \$220
- Single Occupancy is \$20 less

The prices above include one night at the hotel, two tickets to the play, a very nice dinner on Saturday night, and light breakfast on Sunday morning. If you prefer, for only \$8.95 you can partake of the brunch that starts at 11:00 am Sunday morning. After breakfast, we head home.

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FOR SALE



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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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