

## THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

Rachel d'Entremont

As happens every year about this time, my '28 Roadster has been misbehaving. Since October last year, my car has been driving on a borrowed carburetor and, for almost that long, a borrowed distributor.

My reconditioned distributor was reinstalled in late August but with the heat and daily rain, the car pretty much just stayed in the garage. My first sign of trouble occurred on Model A Day (9/13). After visiting the first of two senior retirement homes, I had trouble starting it. And on the way home it began acting as if starved for gas. I got some crud out of the sediment bowl and it seemed better. The next time I really drove it was to Edgefield (9/19) and it gave me a bit of trouble at the beginning of the trip, behaved perfectly on the 45-mile trip from Aiken to Edgefield and back (in the rain), and began to misbehave less than a half mile from home. The day after Edgefield it really started acting up.

For the next month, one thing after another was tried with seemingly good results...never lasting more than a day (if that long). After draining the gas tank; cleaning filters; checking plugs, coil, & condenser; setting the timing; and about 100 other things; the borrowed distributor was put back on the car and it has been behaving beautifully.

Saturday a friend suggested that I make the 33-mile round trip to N. Augusta to an old-car cruise-in. (And by the way, there were plenty of STA members there but not another Model A in sight (I don't count the hot rods)).

The car had been out several times during the week and seemed up for the trip. Because I would be coming back to Aiken after dark, I asked my friend to follow me back to Aiken. Normally I go where I need to go and don't expect others to go out of their way for my peace of mind but this

time I did.

About 3 miles into the return trip, I heard a loud clunk and then a flapping sound. After driving about another mile to a lighted parking area, I pulled over expecting to see the remains of a broken belt. The belt was intact.

As most of you know, I am not a mechanic. My normal job is to stand around looking good (something I have not yet mastered) and to fetch tools. But I did recognize that a spark plug appeared to be gone! I have heard that if a plug is not tightened sufficiently, it can blow out through the hood but my hood was, thankfully, intact.

Soon after my distress call, Eric and Dotti arrived to install a plug borrowed from one of their cars and Eric pointed out that the metal parts of the plug were still in the engine but the ceramic part and the wire were nowhere to be found. Six days later I found the brass nut from the top of the spark plug sitting on the passengers-side running board. I figure it had been there for about 25 miles while at times I exceed 45 mph.

It was a relief not to be alone on the side of the road in a strange place at night and more of a relief to have a couple of STA members come to the rescue when things went bump in the night.

## 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.

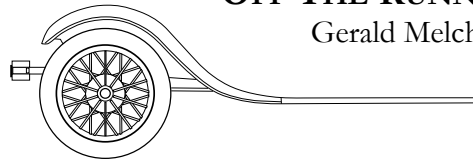
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## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Gerald Melchior, President



On a beautiful fall morning, Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, many Shade Tree A'ers journeyed to the Langley Pond for our annual club steak cookout. The weather was superb, just brisk enough to make riding in a Model A very pleasant. The food, as usual, was great and the steaks were excellent. Many thanks to Tom and Pat Roberts and Rachel for organizing the event, Mike Gordon for getting the steaks, Larry and Cheryl Lamb for doing their usual fantastic job cooking, and especially the ladies for preparing such a delicious variety of dishes for our enjoyment. The weather, car talk, and good food made for a very relaxing and pleasant afternoon.

Well, here it is, November already and we are well into the Shade Tree A's busiest season. Now is the time to get your Model A out on the road and running. November already started off with the Richland Creek Old Farm Days event. Always an interesting display of antique machinery and if you drove your Model A, free admission besides. Later this month, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Shade Tree A's are asked to display their Model A's for the Lincoln County Historical Society Pioneer Days event. Their representative, Gary Edwards, says that the society is very excited about having our Model A's there and have set up a special area for our cars to be displayed; *and* they are also going to provide us with a free lunch! Parades, displays, shows, it seems like everyone wants to see our cars. These events along with the details will be discussed at our next Shade Tree A's meeting.

Be sure to mark Monday, December 1st on your calendar for the annual Shade Tree A's Christmas Party. Greg Jones has booked the building next to T-bonz on Washington Road (the old *Michael's*) for us and as we remember from last year this is an excellent facility. Many members have asked about wearing "Model A period attire" and Lois's and my response is a

resounding **YES!** Personally, I think the ladies look great and it's always fun to get the creative juices flowing in figuring out what to wear. The Shade Tree A's Christmas party is always very well attended so try to sign up as soon as possible.

The Shade Tree A's have been fortunate this year to have members volunteer as board members and club officers. You will soon be receiving a ballot by mail listing proposed candidates for office as well as a space for write-ins. Please fill out your ballot and return it to the club secretary, Don Cerefin, as soon as possible at the address provided.

This month November, we will continue our Saturday morning meetings at Richard's Garage. These morning meetings give us a much better 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.

*Gerald Melchior*

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Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan  
*Steven Brown*

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

*October 11*

President Gerald Melchiors called the meeting to order shortly after 10 am in 'the garage', which is the meeting area thru spring 2015. Present were 22 members (5 of whom drove their A's), and one guest. Fines were collected for two name tag violations. Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

In the health area, Tony Gazette continues to recover from his accident, Keith Lewis is recovering from multiple wasp stings, Craig McMullin's mother is receiving Hospice care and sadly, Ruth Hitt, Tom Hitt's widow, died recently.

R. Dunevent provided the treasurer's report and added that only 24% of members have paid 2015 dues to date. President asked for all who are delinquent to get their checks in to Membership Chair, Tom Roberts ASAP.

Birthdays of Mason, Barbee, Komp and Dinkins plus Gail Smith and Dolores Cerefin are being celebrated in November.

Old business: International Model A Day was celebrated Sept.13 with B'fast and a 12 car Model A tour of Aiken and visit to an assisted residence unit; on Sept. 19th, six A's outfitted with siren, and with shotguns and pistols blazing away (blanks), played cops and broke up an illegal whiskey operation right in beautiful downtown Edgefield, SC to help commemorate the end of prohibition; Ernie reported Model Aer's and over 30,000 people attended the Oliver Hardy Festival on Oct.4 in Harlem; George Gordon representing the STA's at Evans Middle School Homecoming Oct.6.

New Business: The October Newsletter has details for the Oct. 18 steak cookout; other items: Car-avanning to the Richland Creek Farm Days on Nov.1; Lincoln Co. Historical Society Pioneer Days Nov. 22; STA Annual Christmas Party Dec.1; Annual Graniteville Parade Dec.6 and, looking into 2015, Blackville Arts Festival in May.

Elections: Committee for election of 2015 officers is formed up and individuals interested in serving in an elective office are encouraged to step forward.

Last was a Tech Session by Eric Shogren.... equipment and technique used to flow test Zenith carburetor jets. The test device was made by Eric

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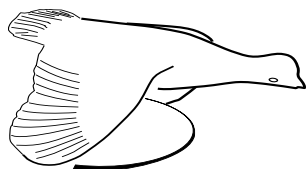
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from common hardware store parts. After Q&A, the meeting adjourned to refreshments and more "A" talk.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Cerefin, Secretary



## LOOKING AHEAD

### CLUB EVENTS

- Nov.1 –Richland Creek Old Farm Days
- Nov 8-monthly meeting- 10 am
- Nov. 15– Coffee & Cars – Atlanta Bread, Aiken– 10 am
- Nov 22– Coffee & Cars, Aiken– 10am
- Nov 22—Lincoln Co. Pioneer Days
- Nov. 29– Coffee & Cars, Aiken, 10 am
- Dec 1—Christmas Party– 6pm
- Dec 3—Gracewood Parade 1:00 lineup
- Dec 6—Graniteville Parade– 2pm lineup
- Dec 7– Edgefield Parade-3pm lineup
- Dec 14– Aiken Parade– 1pm lineup

### OTHER MODEL A EVENTS

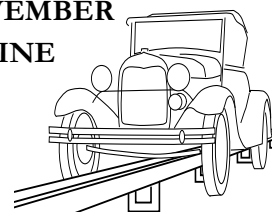
- Nov 15 -Aiken Model A's trip to Ridge Spring

### REFRESHMENTS

**Nov:** Roberts, d'Entremont, Crosby  
**Dec:** Christmas Party

### FROM THE NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY LINE

3 - Margaret Towe  
 5- Mary Jones  
 13-Steve Young  
 14 - Bobby Markwalter  
 16- Henry Jones  
 17 - Walter Smith  
 18 - William Gordon  
 25 - James Beck



### NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- ♦ Former STA member Bruce Ford passed away on 9/11/14 in Savannah . Obituary at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/savannah/obituary.aspx?pid=172448071>
- ♦ Former member Ruth Hitt died on October 8. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/augustachronicle/obituary.aspx?pid=172757711>

If you have news to share, let me know at [newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org](mailto:newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org)

### MONROE WADE AWARD

There's still time to submit a nomination for the Monroe Wade Award, The deadline is Nov. 8. See page 12 of the newsletter for the application form and details.

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Dear Craig and Theresa,

The Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society greatly appreciates your participation in the Southern Studies Showcase. The Model A Cars and re-enactment were wonderful and really made the "Block Party" spectacular! We have been asked by numerous people to have you all back next year and would like to extend that invitation to you. The date for next year's event is September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. I hope that you'll be able to attend.

Sincerely,

*Tom A. Jorg*



## MINUTES - STA'S BOARD MEETING

*October 11, 2014*

President Melchior called the meeting to order at 9:35a.m. in the Garage. Present in addition, were G. Jones, Cerefin, Roberts, Wilson and d'Entremont.

Agenda items discussed were:

Oct. 18 Steak cookout: Roberts reported 18 family units were signed up, 28 steaks were on order. Payment @ \$10 per person has only partially been received. Last minute call to attend will be announced at the membership meeting and in a reminder note to all. Newsletter has previously announced particulars for the cookout, including map and directions for getting to the Langley Pond site.

Christmas Party: Firmed for Dec. 1, 2014 at T-bones. A Greg Jones committee will get particulars firmed up i.e. time, name tags specifying steak or chicken choice, gift exchange details, BYOB particulars and publicizing a period attire recommendation. Details to be provided in next Newsletter.

2015 Chapter Officer Slate: Nominating committee consists of Melchoirs, D. Wilson, H. Jones and J. Neumar. Thus far, Shogren (Pres), Dunevent (Treas.) and Wilson (BOD Member) are candidates. In addition to firming-up candidates for all positions, ballots need to be prepared and mailed to membership (one vote per family membership).

Remaining scheduled items for 2014 not discussed earlier are: Next Membership Meeting Nov. 8, Lincoln Co. Historical Society Pioneer Days Nov 22, and Richland Creek Farm Days 1st weekend of Nov. (STA's will organize a caravan to the site). In a heads up for 2015, more info. is to come on the Blackville Music and Arts Festival/Car show and parade May 15 & 16.

Tom Roberts reported STA membership level at 79..... 24 have paid 2015 dues to date.

Meeting adjourned at 10am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Cerefin, Secretary

## POLARIZED SUNGLASSES FOR BETTER VISIBILITY IN RAIN AND FOG

After receiving a tip from Theresa McMullin, I did a little research and found these tips.

**Wear polarized sunglasses when driving in rain or fog during the day.** First and foremost, forget about driving in an absolute downpour or heavy fog. However, during light to moderate rainfalls or fog, polarized sunglasses will help the driver see more clearly.

**Lenses must be polarized.** Despite the assertion of many e-mails going around that "any model will do," non-polarized sunglasses will not improve clarity of vision in the rain or fog. Indeed, they will make matters worse.

**Don't wear sunglasses while driving at night.** Although polarized sunglasses will help improve clarity of vision during the day in rain or fog, at night they will serve to reduce contrast and thus make a mess of the driver's depth perception. This practice is foolhardy and dangerous.

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## TOUR WITH THE AIKEN MODEL A'S

*Ridge Spring SC, November 15*

The newly formed Aiken Model A's club will have its first tour on Saturday, November 15. After meeting at 10 am at Atlanta Bread Company for our regular Saturday morning event, Coffee & Cars, the Aiken Model A's will leave about 11 am for the drive to Ridge Spring for lunch and antique-shop prowling. It's about 25 miles from Aiken to Ridge Spring.

The Aiken Model A's would like to invite STA members to join them for this tour.

When: Saturday, Nov. 15 @ 11 am

Leave: Atlanta Bread  
1944 Whiskey Rd. Aiken

RSVP: by Nov. 10 to Dotti Shogren  
803-649-6023

## RICHLAND CREEK OLD FARM DAYS

*November 1*

The Shade Tree A's and the Aiken Model A's will attend the Richland Creek Old Farm Days on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>. One group will leave from the intersection of Hwy 25 and I-20 (North Augusta) at 8 am another will leave Aiken from Meybohm Realty 142 Laurens Street, NW, also at 8 am. The groups will meet in Johnston for breakfast at Gary's Hamburgers (about 8:30) before going to the farm. We will display our cars along with other antique cars and tractors.

The Model A's are admitted free. Besides the farm displays, there is a flea market and food concessions. The Website is at <http://www.richlandcreekantiques.com/index.html>

There is a 14-minute video about some of the 1920's era farm equipment to be displayed at:

<http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid50790482001?bclid=50678293001&bctid=40276121001>

## MAFCA & STA DUES

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

Please turn in your MAFCA dues (\$40) along with your Shade Tree A's dues (\$25) 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 then send the information and dues on to MAFCA. Don't forget--MAFCA membership includes your subscription to "The Restorer".

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

Tom Roberts  
1176 Shaws Fork Road  
Aiken SC 29805-8519

## 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 of \$10 or less. "Regifting" and used auto parts and accessories are encouraged. Be creative!

The menu will be discussed at the November 8



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Seems one of my tire irons was not up to tackling one of the tires that was on the coupe when I got it.

Eric Shogren



## CLUB-MEMBER PROJECTS



October 29 we put the cab on Pig Iron's chassis. Thanks to the usual suspects, after dining at C Cs pizza, the crew came over and now it's beginning to look like a truck again.

Thanks  
Larry Komp

## THE ANNUAL STEAK COOKOUT

*October 18*

Over 40 people attended the STA's annual steak cookout on Langley Pond in Aiken County. The weather was warm and breezy—a perfect day for a cookout.

Ten Model A's were on display and at least one broke down on the way!





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## THE MONROE 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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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

The winner will be chosen by a committee made up of past 3 winners (George Gordon, Rachel d'Entremont, Eric Shogren) and Betty Wade. You may give your nomination any one of the committee members. All nominations must be received **not later than the November meeting (November 8)** to be considered.

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