

Shade Tree A's News

IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT...

Rachel d'Entremont

I've driven my 1928 Roadster in the dark. I've driven it in the rain. I've driven it on rural roads. No big deal. But the combination of darkness, rain, and rural roads lacking adequate pavement marking is a harrowing experience that I hope not to repeat any time soon.

The Prohibition and Moonshine reenactment in Edgefield was a hoot and would have been a perfect event had the weather followed the forecast of no rain. Unfortunately, just as the event was winding down, the dark clouds moved in and so did the rain.

We waited around for a bit but the rain did not show signs of stopping and since the rain was not heavy we all headed home. I was in the lead of our little convoy back to Aiken and although I was accused of "pushing" the others at 50 mph on the way to Edgefield, I was barely driving 20 mph on the way back and that felt as if I was flying..

It was not a fun trip home. My hand-operated windshield wiper just smeared the water in my line of sight and every time a vehicle came toward me, I was totally blinded. The white lines that are supposed to mark the edge of the pavement were either nonexistent or did not reflect the light from my headlights. Every time a car came toward me, I pulled a little to the right and prayed that I would stay on the road. To make matters worse, because I don't have snaps on the windshield frame, the rain was coming through the gap and dripping off my eyeglasses!

In hindsight, we should have left the cars at Craig and Theresa's house and gotten a ride home.

After writing the first paragraph of this, I went out to the garage and treated the windshield and

windwings with Rain-X, something I should have done before. I don't know if that will help with the on-coming headlights but hopefully if I'm stuck in the rain again, it will lessen the need for the lousy windshield wiper.

Others had an even longer trip home and I imagine they were even more frazzled than I was when they finally made it home.

I will think twice before I participate in an out-of-town night-time trip in the future, especially if it's predicted to be a dark and stormy 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.

About This Newsletter

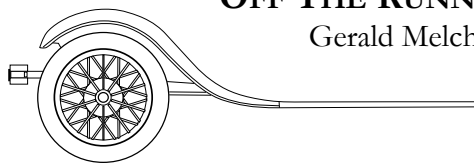
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Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan
Steven Brown

OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Gerald Melchiors, President



While driving back from the Edgefield Prohibition/Shootout re-enactment Friday evening in the rain, listening to my little Model A's vacuum windshield wiper swish back and forth, Lois and I talked about how the Model A club has broadened our circle of friends, acquaintances, and experiences. What a great time we had! Most folks were dressed in period clothing, there were guns-a-plenty (shooting blanks of course) a skit that we were part of, and of course *food*, catered by Chef Bob. The whole event was well planned (except for the rain which fortunately held off till everything was pretty much over) and very enjoyable. We need to thank Craig and Theresa McMullin along with the rest of the Edgefield Historical Society for the opportunity to participate in such a fun event.

This month we will have our annual Steak Cook-Out. The committee has chosen Langley Pond in South Carolina for the site of the event this year and with its pavilion and other attractions it looks like a good choice. Larry Lamb has agreed to cook the steaks again for us so we can be sure that they will be good. We'll go over the details at the regular Shade Tree A's meeting on October 11th so be sure to be there.

Speaking of October 11th, that is the start of Saturday meetings again. As we go back to our Saturday meeting schedule, I hope that most members will take advantage of the lighter traffic and cooler days and drive their Model A's to the meetings. After all, where are you going to find more knowledge about Model A Fords than at Richard's Garage on a Saturday morning Shade Tree A's meeting? Fall is the prime touring season for our Model A's. I think that our Model A's, as opposed to street rods and many non-descript new cars, bring back a piece of America

that many people enjoy. That's why it's pretty nice when we can have our cars out on the road instead of in the garage, under a cover. The more you drive it, the better your Model A will run. From car shows to local tours there are not many weekends that will go by without a parade, show or display. We always have a myriad of events scheduled for this time of the year so now is the time to tune-up your Model A and get the cobwebs out. Be sure to check your newsletter for upcoming events and activities.

As club members one of our member responsibilities is to serve on committees and as officers in our club. This month, a nominating committee will be appointed to recruit individuals to run for the various club offices. While not really difficult or time consuming, our club needs people who are willing to assume these duties for the upcoming year. If you feel that you could support your club by serving as an officer or board member, talk with one of the nominating committee. If YOU won't do it, who will?

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

Gerald Melchiors

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2014

Vice-President Greg Jones called the meeting to order shortly after 7 pm. There were 34 members and two visitors in attendance.

It was announced that Tony Gazette is still recuperating from surgery to treat severe injuries suffered as a result of a fall.

Larry Komp made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15 meeting. The motion was seconded by Richard Dunevent and the motion carried.

Richard Dunevent gave the treasurer's report; there was an increase in revenues because of payment for newsletter ads and the receipt of yearly dues.

It was noted that the annual dinner meeting at Sconyer's went well.

Upcoming events were reviewed and sign-up sheets circulated for International Model A Day (Sept 13) and the Annual Steak Cookout (Oct 18). There was discussion about the change in location to the Langley Pond Picnic Pavilion and a reminder that the steaks are \$10 each payable, as soon as possible, to Tom Roberts.

The technical program was presented by Jim McPherson and Dan Perla and consisted of a slide show and discussion of the Hershey Swap Meet and Car Show.

The business meeting was followed by refreshments.

Rachel d'Entremont, Acting Secretary

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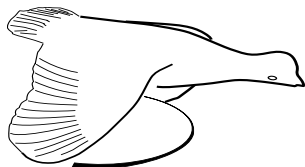
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LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB EVENTS

- Oct 4-10am Coffee & Cars, Atlanta Bread, Aiken
- Oct 11– Monthly meeting, 10 am
- Oct. 18 – Steak Cookout, 1:00
- Oct. 25-10 am Coffee & Cars, Atlanta Bread,
- Nov 8-10 am monthly meeting

OTHER MODEL A EVENTS

- Oct. 8-11: Hershey Swap Meet
- Oct.16&18: Sweet Home Alabama Tour

REFRESHMENTS

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

Nov: Roberts, d'Entremont, Crosby

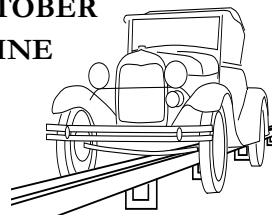
Dec: Christmas Party

NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- ♦ Tony Gazette is still recovering from a serious fall.
- ♦ Carole Gazette is recovering well from an emergency appendectomy.
- ♦ Steve Young's brother, Kevin, died Sept 3.
- ♦ Anne Neely-Beck is still dealing with injuries from a 2013 auto accident.

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

FROM THE OCTOBER ASSEMBLY LINE



2- Leslie Holley
3 - Shelby Deitz
5 - Tina Neitzke
5 - Anne Neely-Beck
8 - Jim McPherson
11 - Dolores Cerefin
12- Jack Ezelle
14- Andrew Morse
15-Sherry Schroen
17 - Hilde Dover
17- Leta Jones

18 - Sarah Richardson
25 - Sheila Wilson
26 - Pat Roberts
27- James Batton
29 – Jerry Peters

POSTPONED

HICKORY-SHAFTED LADIES-ONLY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The services of Shade Tree A's had been requested to chauffer participants to the golf course for a golf tournament in Aiken. We have just received word that the tournament will be held in the spring rather than Oct. 23. So, UN-mark your calendars!

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MOONSHINE & PROHIBITION

Rachel d'Entremont

Craig and Theresa McMullin arranged for eight Model A's and 14 members of the Shade Three A's and the Aiken Model A's to participated in a reenactment of a moonshine raid in Edgefield, SC on September 19th. We thought we were going to be parked on the town square as background decoration but as soon as we rolled into town, we were commandeered by the moonshiners and the Sheriff to provide transportation and backup for a shootout!

There was some confusion about the time period (I believe one of the organizers thought we were coming in Model T's) so in addition to supporters of Prohibition, there were ladies picketing for the right to vote!

Real firearms, with blanks, were distributed; I declined the offer of a pistol. It would have been difficult to hold, much less shoot, a gun with my fingers in my ears! Boy, it was loud! It was also impossible for me to take photos of the action since I was crouched behind my car (still with my fingers in my ears) throughout the entire gun fight.

When all the smoke cleared, the square was littered with smashed jugs of "moonshine" and at least one "deceased" maker of the evil drink.

The evening included dinner and moonshine samples for the audience and participants which was unfortunately disrupted by rain. Many of the Model A participants had a quick supper in their cars before heading home. More photos will be posted on the Shade Tree A's website. There are also some excellent photos on the Edgefield Advertiser website at :



www.edgefieldadvertiser.com/2014/09/southern-studies-showcase-photo-gallery/#jp-carousel-13846

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY

Aiken SC

September 13, 2014

Dozens of residents of Aiken's Cumberland Village Senior Community and their friends and families helped members of the Shade Tree A's and the Aiken Model A's celebrate International Model A Day on Sept. 13.

The tour started at Auten's Restaurant on the south side of Aiken where 22 members and guests gathered for breakfast. From there, the group of 12 cars took a leisurely drive through parts of Aiken's historic districts, drove along the edge of Hitchcock Woods, and made a stop at Cumberland Village's independent-living residence.

The cars and their occupants were enthusiastically greeted and many residents and staff thanked us for sharing the cars and memories. Several residents were reunited with folks in the club with whom they had lost touch.

From there, the cars paraded up the hill to the assisted-living home. Again, familiar faces greeted us as we parked in front of the building.

We were invited to return anytime.



COFFEE & CARS

We've continued to have a good turnout for our 10am Saturday morning coffee breaks at Atlanta Bread Company in Aiken. On September 20th, coffee was followed by two parking-lot technical seminars. Greg's car got a timing adjustment and Rachel's had the carburetor jets blown out.

Eric's mom was in town for a visit and was able to see Eric, the mechanic, in action!



VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck



Needlecraft October 1928 had some so typical 1928 patterns. The waistline had come up slightly and the dresses had a straight up and down look. I personally do not like the look of 1928. I think 1930 and 1931 are just prettier.

Pattern 3366 is the one I like best of these patterns. It was designed for 16 and 18 years and for 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 bust measurements.

Pattern 898 is shirred along the dropped waistline giving it distinction. It was designed for 16, 18 and 20 years. Also 36, 38, 40, and 42 bust measurements.

Pattern 3136 was described as decidedly chic and was available in 16 and 18 years, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46 bust measurements.

Pattern 2538 was described as a semi-sports frock. It was available in 16 and 18 years, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46 bust sizes.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR THE ANNUAL STEAK COOKOUT NEW LOCATION!

October 18

This year, in an attempt to increase participation, the planning committee has chosen a central location halfway between Aiken and Augusta: Langley Pond Park. The steak and baked potatoes will be provided (\$10 per steak). Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October 11 meetings or you may RSVP by e-mailing at newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org with the number of people and what you'll be bringing. Please submit your money to Tom Roberts as soon as possible.

Date: Saturday, October 18

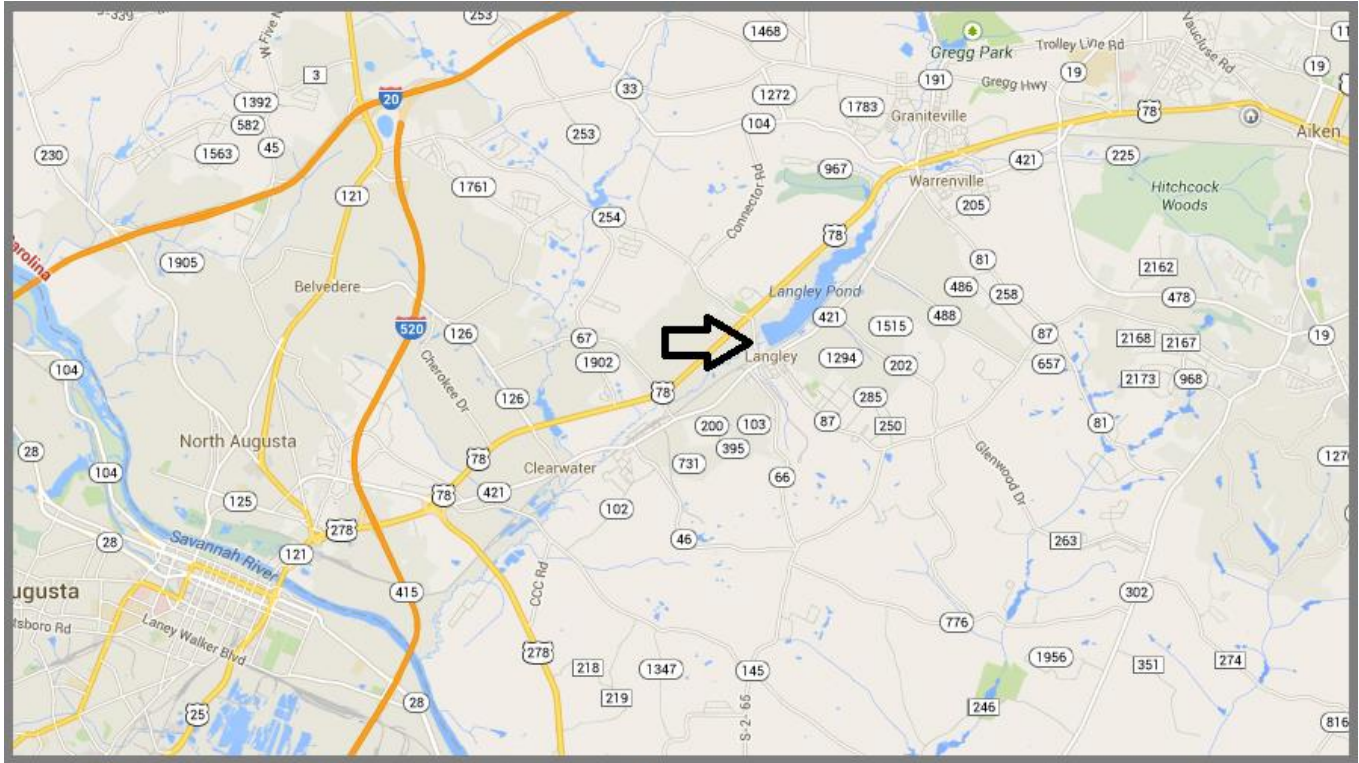
Arrival: We will open the gates and restrooms at 11am; the park is open during daylight hours.

Start cooking: 1 pm

Bring: a dish to share, silverware, dishes (many find that paper plates and plastic utensils don't work well with steak), cups, drinks, and lawn chairs

Langley Pond is advertised as being the largest pond in the world! Besides the shelter, there is a playground and a beach (probably too cold for swimming but maybe warm enough for wading). So bring your towel, sand bucket, and shovel! Boating is permitted but fishing is not.

For those using GPS the address is 113 Langley Dam Road, Warrentonville SC



A MESSAGE FROM MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION, INC. (MAFFI)

Dear Club Liaison Friends,

Model A Day IV is in the history books. It was a fun and successful event, as was the **Annual Trustee Meeting** which took place on Thursday, September 18th.

At the meeting we had a full agenda, welcoming in new Trustees and saying a temporary goodbye to departing trustees. New trustees Stan Braden, Gene Tallone, and Jim Thomas were sworn in using a newly adopted oath of office, which all trustees present, chose to take as well. Departing trustees at the meeting were Howard Truchot, Phil Ierardi and Randy Sierk. Gene Tallone was elected as the new treasurer to replace Howard Truchot. Stan Braden's wife Carol took notes for use in preparation of the minutes.

Each trustee was given an opportunity to make a report on their areas of responsibility. An investment committee was appointed with their first report due on Feb 1. Many other topics such as storage, expansion, insurance, finances and future strategies were discussed and motions passed. When ready, the minutes will publish the plans and decisions made.

Friday was a work day, doing museum upkeep projects and preparing for the big day on Saturday. On Friday Night a live band played era music for the **Cruise-In** which was attended by people in Model A's as well as a variety of interesting cars. It was a beautiful evening - the Diner was open, the Model A Museum was open, pretty much Heaven on Earth.

On Saturday more than 100 Model A's rolled onto the grounds and a crowd of several hundred people enjoyed a day that threatened rain, but the rain stayed away until late afternoon. **Special display cars** in front of the museum included the newly donated (Bill Edstrom) Taxi, the recently donated Deluxe Phaeton and Roadster Pickup (Paul Fagan). Also a Model N, and two Model K Fords and a Town Car were brought for the day by Tim Kelly. Inside was the recently donated (Beckwith) '29 Roadster. The Secrets of Speed Society held their annual gathering at the same time and added a lot of interest to the overall event.

Seminars by Anne Neely-Beck; Ron Ehrenhofer, Dick Dorato and Rich Falluca were very well attended.

The ceremony to induct the first two members of the **Model A Ford Hall of Fame**, Henry and Edsel, went off well. A new display has been created so that every year new members can be inducted and honored with a photograph on the museum walls.

Ken and Helen Ehrenhofer were presented with the annual **Volunteer of the Year** plaque for their many contributions to the success of the foundation over the past years.

The **Swap Meet** was very successful with lots of good Model A items and other vendors mixed in. A rebuilt engine was offered in a silent auction. It was a great start for what we hope will be a reason to attend Model A Day at Gilmore every year.

We haven't tallied up the income from the gate, sales and swap meet, but that will be done soon. It usually takes Gilmore a little while to determine the bottom line gate receipts. But one thing is for sure; all these things do not happen without a lot of hard work by a lot of people. Thank you all for your individual and collective efforts to make it a good event. We keep improving and I know it will be even better next year.

Thanks,
Stan Johnson, President

THE MOINROE 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: _____

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.

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
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MERLE SMITH AWARD

Jim McPherson



Cameron Sexton (far right), Jim McPherson's grandson, received a Merle Smith Award at the banquet for the 2014 Model A Ford Club of America National Meet in Puyallup, Washington. Cameron participated in several youth activities during the meet. The Merle Smith Award is given to "recognize those young individuals who have put forth an extra effort to better the Model A hobby."

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