

Shade Tree A's News

NOT SO LUCKY

Rachel d'Entremont

The operating room was prepared the night before the scheduled procedure. The tools were wiped down and carefully arranged, additional tables were set up to lay out the transplant parts, and clean paper covered the table. Two teams were on alert. Fresh gloves were waiting ...

At 8am the next morning the two transplant teams were coordinated to start their procedures at the same time. The donor organ was carefully prepared for the 20-minute trip with a special container prepared to cradle the part and keep it from being damaged in transport. The transplant team carefully loaded and began the trip to Aiken.

Meanwhile, the receiving team began the process of removing the damaged parts from the patient. Different people went to work on different aspects of the job. The patient was opened up and parts moved away from the to-be-removed part. Fluids were drained, parts disconnected and bagged, and the spreader put in place.

No, not a heart transplant, but close. The plan was to remove the damaged engine from my 1928 Roadster and temporarily replace it with one that was being stored in the Robert's garage. The thinking was that while mine was in rehab, I would still be able to participate in all of the Spring tours and events.

There were a few issues such as a broken stud on the head, lots of rust, and unknown history, so before being transplanted into the car, the replacement engine underwent a thorough inspection that spanned a week. As each part was checked and given a clean bill of health, I got more optimistic.

I'll mention that the engine being removed had a lovely Ford-green paint job with a black oil pan while the donor engine was turquoise green

from top to bottom.

Between the two week-apart Friday work sessions, I scraped the muck from the oil pan, scraped off the loose paint, and used a putty knife and screwdriver to dig out the painted-over crud. I painted it black. It was a masterpiece, a thing of beauty, worthy of an award.

The second work session revealed that the rear main bearing was not in good shape. The babbitt crumbled during the inspection. The donor organ was rejected and the transplant aborted.

So, now my engine is in rehab, a little sooner than expected, and I have a hefty parts charge on my VISA card with more costs to come.

I appreciate the work of the transplant teams: it was a good try. Thank you.

And Tom has a beautifully painted oil pan that perhaps has tripled the value of the engine. The black really sets off the turquoise beautifully.

I don't know if it made any difference but the transplant was begun on March 6th and the mission aborted on Friday the 13th. Just my luck!

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. Meetings are generally held on the 2nd Monday of each month at Richard Dunevent's garage, 4338 Owens Road, Evans, GA. Meetings begin at 7p.m. and are followed by refreshments.

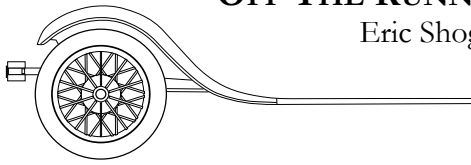
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OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Eric Shogren, President



BENEATH THE WHEEL

(With apologies to Hermann Hess)

Let my start by apologizing to Greg Jones and you the membership for inadvertently not mentioning the passing of Greg Jones' mother, Dolores, or the loss of long time Shade Tree A member Jim Leach. Greg's mother Dolores passed on Saturday, February 28th and Jim Leach passed Sunday, February 21st following a car accident the week before. My sincerest apologies.

Following, the counting the vote on meeting schedules at the March meeting, the Shade Tree A's will be meeting the 2nd Monday evening of the month, year round with the exception of the August Dinner meeting and the Christmas Party. What I was most pleased about this vote was the voter turnout. We had a 60% voter turnout and I think that is absolutely fabulous. This is your club and I really appreciate everyone who took time to participate in the vote. Once again here are the results:

Maintaining the current split schedule: 11 votes
Meeting the 2nd Monday evening of the month year round: 24 votes
Meeting the 2nd Saturday morning of the month year round: 8 votes

We have lots of events coming up on the calendar. To get ready for that I'm finally biting the bullet and putting new springs under my '31 Fordor. As light as our cars are and as hefty as those rear springs are, these car should never bottom out. But my '31 has as long as I've owned it. I've bought new front and rear springs which were already painted, but let say the painter was no Leonardo da Vinci. So I tore them down, hit them with wire brush, primed them and sprayed graphite lubricant on the under sides. Please, if you try to undertake this job, follow all the safety precautions in the Model A Ford Mechanic's Handbook by Les Andrews. There is a tremendous amount of stored energy in those springs and if they get away from you they can do serious damage. I mean broken

bones would be the least of or your worries. Fortunately, I took the time to read the precautions, buy the right size C-clamps and wrap them in a heavy chain and they came a part and went back together without a hitch.

I am also going to take the opportunity to replace the front radius rod when I have the front axle off for the spring replacement. Thanks to Dale Gosa from Jacksonville I have a NOS (New Old Stock) front radius rod that has never seen a car before. So besides having a much better ride I'm looking forward to improved steering.

So enjoy the spring weather that is finally upon us and take the time to either work on or drive your cars; or BOTH!

In closing I would like to encourage everyone to take a look at the calendar of event and just pick an event you haven't done before and just say "I'll be there!" If you got any questions, again, please give me a call or drop me a note. If I don't know the answer, I'll find out who does.

So see you all at the next meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 13th. And as I like to say "A day broke down on the side of the road in your Model A is better than the best day at work!"

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MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2015

President Eric Shogren called the meeting to order at 10 AM by saying how glad he was to be back in the area and delighted to see such a good turnout on a rainy, cold day.

Twenty-four members were in attendance with one new member, Ron Wisham. Ron has visited with the Shade Tree A's on occasion and was roundly welcomed into the A's family. There were no visitors.

Richard Dunevent gave a detailed treasurer's report. James McPherson gave us the latest news from the national scene. The February minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter.

George Gordon, who is recuperating from heart surgery, is at Stevens Park Health & Rehabilitation, 820 Stevens Creek Rd, Augusta, GA. George is asking for company which is always a good sign of recovery.

Eric provided several items for Show and Tell: a wooden paving tile; a car tag topper for a Mullins Red Cap Trailer, and a Marvel's Mystery Oil apparatus, an after-market product to boost engine performance.

Under Old Business, the Talladega Raceway event was discussed.

Under New Business, the meeting schedule ballots were tallied. Out of 69 members, 43 voted. The break down of votes: maintain the current split year schedule – 11; Saturday morning meetings – 8; and Monday evening meetings – 24. Therefore, beginning 13 Apr. 2015, the Shade Tree A's will meet at 7PM the second Monday of each month at Richard's garage. Any exceptions to this meeting schedule will be announced.

It's prom season again, and Evans High School would like some cars to add authenticity to its themed event. The point of contact is Gerald Melchior/Rochelle Crocker. The prom is scheduled for 25 April 2015 from 6 to 8:30PM.

Please note that the Boshears event date has been moved from May 16 & 17 to sometime in October. Dates to be provided when known. In addition to the upcoming tours/events present in the March Meeting Agenda, Rachel provided that their will be a music and arts event in Blackville, SC on May 16, 2015. This event includes a parade and

car show. Eric and Robbie Jones are still in the planning stage of having a fuel-economy run. The Sumter National Forest is being considered for the run. This will be an 80-mile event with a tentative date of 6 June 2015.

Also discussed was club policy concerning the throwing of candy during parades. Although it is permissible to throw candy at some parade events, it is club policy not to throw candy. Membership pins were also discussed. Eric will research this.

Greg Jones provided a technical program on the orientation of oil filler tubes/pipes which elicited much discussion and practical information.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments satisfied everyone's sweet tooth.

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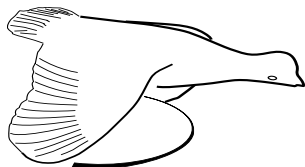
The Aiken Model A's now has a website.

Visit it at www.aikenas.org

RIVERS BRIDGE STATE PARK

May 23

The Lowcountry A's have invited the STA's, the Aiken Model A's, and Palmetto A's for a day trip to Rivers Bridge State Park in Ehrhardt, SC on Saturday, May 23. It is approximately equidistant from Columbia, Augusta, and Charleston. They really would love to have a good crowd join in from these clubs. Plans now are for the Lowcountry A's to reserve the big shelter and for everybody to bring their own picnics. More details will follow.

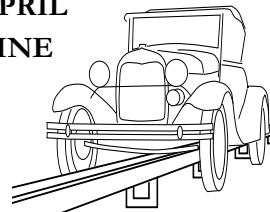


LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB EVENTS

- Apr. 9-12 –Charlotte Swap Meet
- ~~April 17-19 –Darlington –Cancelled~~
- Apr. 24 & 25 Fiddlers & Fiddleheads Festival
- May 9- Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day
- May 14-17 Social Security Run
- ~~May 16 –Boshear Fly In –Cancelled~~
- May 16—Blackville Music & Arts Festival
- May 23– River Bridge Park Tour
- May 23– Aiken Memorial Day Parade
- June 20– Trenton Peach Festival
- July 4—Gilbert Parade

FROM THE APRIL ASSEMBLY LINE



- 2 - Carole Gazette
- 3- Pamela Crosby
- 10 - Theresa McMullin
- 10- Tom Poole
- 11 - Dawn Komp
- 12- Susan Thielke
- 14 - Ann Dinkins
- 17 – Brian d'Entremont
- 20 – Richard Lawson
- 22- Annette Jones

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

March: Neitzke, Morse, G. Jones, Richardson

April: Numar, H. Jones, Dunevent's, R. Jones

May: Melchior, Dinkins, Wilson, Prince

June: Poole, Carruthers _____, _____

July: _____, _____, _____, _____

REFRESHMENT SIGN-UP SHEET

There are still openings on the sign-up sheet for refreshments. Contact Eric to be put on the list.

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be Monday, April 13 at 7:00pm at Richard's Garage, 4338 Owens Road, Evans, GA.

NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- ♦ George Gordon is making wonderful progress after open- heart surgery March 3 and his family requests our prayers for a speedy recovery.
- ♦ Dolores Jones, mother of Greg Jones, died in Washington state on February 28.

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

PENNY PINSON HOT DOG DAY

The Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day Picnic will be held on Saturday May 9th at Emerald Farm, Greenwood, SC. Bring a side and drinks. Lunch is at noon.

MODEL A Q&A'S APRIL 2015

Bentley Bohanan

Bentley's Antique Auto Service, Inc.

It's time to get those Model A ready for the road. I got to go for a nice ride in my 1928 Roadster Pickup last Saturday, and it really gave me the fever. Lots of people are getting their cars out for the first time, and calling in with questions. Here are some questions from the last few weeks.

Q: It seems like my Model A gets a little tighter every year. The distance between the steering wheel and the seat keeps getting shorter. Is there an easy way to move the seat back to gain more room?

A: I agree, people must have been much smaller back then. The Model A is a snug fit for people these days. However, depending on your body style, you may have some options. On Tudor Sedans, it's pretty easy to move the drivers seat back several inches. You can purchase a kit from Mike's A Fordable Parts, A47904 Seat Adjuster. This bolts in place of your regular seat brackets. On most Fordors and Coupes, you can gain a few inches by moving the seat frame further back in the car. We can also install a Seat Slider kit for you, which makes it super easy to adjust the seat. Some early Fordors have the seat bolted to the sides of the car, this makes it a little more tricky, but it can be done. If you have a Roadster or Phaeton, you are pretty much stuck with what you have, however, we have had some luck reupholstering your seat to make it slimmer to gain a little more room.

Q: How do I know when it's time to put new tires on my Model A? My tires and plenty of tread, but they are starting to crack on the sidewalls.

A: You have answered your own question. If the tires are starting to crack then they definitely need to be replaced. Most Model A's are never driven enough to wear the tires smooth, many still have tires from the 1960s or 1970s, holding air and still being driven. However, the rubber has long since outlived its usefulness. Once the tires crack, then moisture is allowed to get to the fabric belts inside the tire casing. It won't be long before the belts start to break down, and the tire will fail. A

good rule of thumb is to replace the tires every 10 years. This is probably beyond the manufacturer's recommendations, but that's better than running 30-year-old tires.

Q: The vacuum windshield wiper on my 1930 Tudor sedan does not work. How can I repair this?

A: First check to make sure you have vacuum going to the wiper motor when the car is running. Remove the hose from the unit and use your thumb to feel for a strong vacuum. Unfortunately rebuild kits for these motors are no longer available, but sometimes you can repair them by disassembling them carefully, lubricating the seals with petroleum jelly and reassembling them. We keep rebuilt original vacuum motors in stock, if you need one. The next option is to convert to an electric windshield wipers. This requires running a power wire in place of the vacuum line. Try to mount the electric motor, so that it does not interfere with the windshield actuation. This is not original, so try to avoid drilling extra holes in the car if you can help it.



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WEDNESDAY LUNCH

A group of STA members meet at Ci Ci's Pizza, 4020 Washington Rd. for lunch each Wednesday. The restaurant is actually between Washington Rd and Columbia Rd, in front of the Gerald Jones Autoplex. Join 10-12 of your fellow STA'era at 11:30 for lunch.

DEAR MISS CRANK

Miss Crank has very little expertise on a great many subjects. She is here to answer Model A questions relating to manners, relationships, home, pets, and more.

Dear Miss Crank:

Often when I pull up to a stoplight in my Model A, someone in the car next to me will start up a conversation about the car. I can't very well pretend that I can't hear him since I have no windows. I don't mind one or two questions such as "what year is it?" but some people want to tell me all about their grandfather's car that was just like mine (except it wasn't a convertible, had 4 doors instead of 2, was a Chevrolet, was a '34 ...you get the picture). It seems rude to drive off when the light turns green but there are usually other people behind me. How can I exit these conversations without being rude?

Green Means Go

Dear Go:

Driving a car is not a social event and the manners that would apply in someone's living room or an office setting don't necessarily apply on the road. When the light turns green, give a brief wave and a smile and get back to the business of driving.



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MEMBER PROJECTS



Eric Shogren and Bill Cox (Aiken Model A's) checking and engine to see if it was a viable substitute for Rachel's dead engine. Note the lovely shade of turquoise!

Rachel's contribution was cleaning the oil pan and painting it. Unfortunately, she forgot to take a photo of the beautiful paint job.

The rear main bearing was in poor shape.



STILL AROUND AFTER ALL
THOSE YEARS...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rUBWLu336w>

KEEPING STEADY (AND FASHIONABLE)

Rachel d'Entremont

Rather than resent that cane, turn it into a fashion statement! During the Model A Era, it was fashionable among both men and women to sport a cane. So when you are perusing the merchandize in antique stores or at estate sales, keep an eye out for that accessory that not only will add to your era look, but will also keep you steady.



VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck

Anne is still suffering the effects of a June 2013 auto accident and is taking a break from her contributions to the newsletter until she is feeling better.

June 21st thru 26th, 2015



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PICNIC IN THE PARK

Jim McPherson

On Saturday March 21st, five Shade Tree A's members and three Model A's participated in the Picnic in the Park, hosted by the Palmetto A's of Columbia, South Carolina at Saluda Shoals Park. Thirty-seven Model A's and 100 people from five Model A Clubs enjoyed a covered dish lunch followed by Model A car games for the adults and non-driving games for the kids.

Dan Perla

Lots of good food, car games with prizes, door prizes for attendees, 50-50 raffle (winner got \$67) , more good food, and good people. And beautiful weather to cap it off. From the STA's: Dan Perla, Jim & Sheila McPherson, Charles Howell , & Richard Dunevent.



WISH LIST

The Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore Museum

Door handle for Roadster

Mail Truck 1930-31

center bumper clamp

manifold side engine pan

Flat bed truck

outside rear view mirror.

1931 gas caps: need 3

1931 radiator caps: need 2 -

1928-29 gas caps: need 3-

1928-29 radiator caps: need 2-

Headlamp reflectors: these reflector need to be original silver in good shape.

1-bulb need 3 sets

2-bulb need 2 sets

A set of single bulb sockets.

License plate clips and bolts, nuts and washers

1928-29 need 3 sets

1929-31 need 3 sets

A set of five 1929 metal valve stems. The stems can be restored original or new A&I reproes.

If you can help with any of these part please contact me.

Rob Mills rmills@cass.net

SPRINGTIME IS MODEL A TIME

Get that car ready for the road

Bentley Bohanan

Before you take your Model A on his first drive of the season, there are a few things that you really need to check. Since the car has probably been sitting for several weeks, now is a good time to change the oil. Most Model A's don't have oil filters, so it's important to change the oil at least once per driving season. While you are under the car, it's a good time to grease the chassis. There are approximately 23 grease fittings, and all are important. Don't forget to check the oil in the transmission, rear end, and steering gear. These take 600W, which is available from your local Model A vendor. Air up your tires to 35 psi, and check the coolant in your radiator. Keep the radiator full to the "Ford" emblem on the front. Anymore water than this, and it will just spill out the overflow tube. Take your time and check under the hood. It's a good idea to clean the ignition points with a points file or a piece of sandpaper. After they are clean, set the points gap to .020". There are several oilers on the engine: two on the throttle linkage, behind the cylinder head, one on the distributor, two on the generator, and two places inside the horn. These should all be lubricated with 3-in-1 oil, or motor oil. It's also a good idea to oil the linkages on the carburetor and distributor. Don't forget to check your fan belt. After you do all this, start your car and let it warm for a little while. Check it over for any water or oil leaks. Now you are ready to take the car around the block. Listen carefully for any unusual sounds. A little time spent now will pay off with many months of driving enjoyment. At Bentley's we use a comprehensive "pre-flight check list" on all the cars we service. Drop me an email to receive a free copy, or give us a call and we will be happy to do your spring service for you. We have an insured carrier who will be glad to pick up your car when it's ready for service.

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Tom Poole, Tom Roberts, and Don Turley counting the ballots during the March 14th meeting. The result was to return to Monday evening meetings year round.

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