

Shade Tree A's News

CHANGING DRIVERS

Rachel d'Entremont

It seems like just last year that Pat turned over the job of newsletter editor to me but in reality it's been a lot longer. I have used the front page of this newsletter for the past 4-1/2 years to describe my adventures and my many, many problems with owning a Model A. I've often said that even though my '28 Roadster has been nothing but a money pit and a constant source of irritation, it has been well worth the money spent and the aggravation experienced because I've gotten to know some of the most wonderful people in the world because of that car. Model A owners and members of Model A clubs are the best folks around.

No matter what problem I described, someone always approached me at a meeting/event or called or e-mailed to make suggestions and to offer advice. Even better, people would offer to try to fix it. And in many cases someone would share that he had done the same (stupid) thing and that I shouldn't feel bad.

Some folks (I won't mention Abbie by name) even found my distress over constant car problems to be entertaining. I certainly hope to be less entertaining in the future because my bank account cannot afford to be so amusing anymore. And thank you, Abbie, for always being a source of encouragement.

The truly sad thing is that I could have written a *weekly* accounting of my car troubles and would probably not have run out of topics. Model A's may be simple cars but I am one of the unlucky few (from what I've gathered) who has happened to have everything that could possibly go wrong do so.

In January, Brian, my number-one son and number-one Model A mechanic, will be returning to Aiken after several years in Switzerland so perhaps my Roadster will get the regular attention it needs and will start behaving itself.

Even if the car does eventually work through all of its issues, hopefully the adventures will continue.

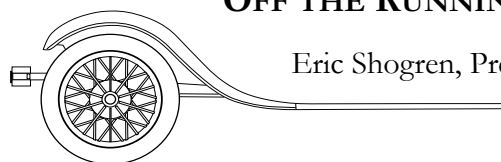
As most of you know, we have started a Model A club in Aiken. For most of us in or east of Aiken, the round trip to Richard's garage is between 60 and 80 miles. Driving to the meetings and events in a modern car takes a good chunk out of a day; in the Model A's it sometimes ends up being a major expedition (especially when road-side technical seminars are included). Therefore I will not be participating in as many Shade Tree A's events as I have in the past. It has always been my hope, since we first started thinking about an Aiken club, that our two clubs would interact whenever possible so that there would be more opportunities for Model A tours and events and more opportunities to meet other Model A enthusiasts. That is still my hope: that STA events could be included in the Aiken Model A's (AMA's) newsletter and that the AMA's events would be in the STA newsletter. Annual or semi-annual joint tours or picnics would also be a wonderful way to nurture the many friendships that have developed between the members of our two clubs.

So as Robbie Jones moves to the driver's seat and takes over as the newsletter editor, I hope no one minds if I occasionally send him something about my car for the newsletter. Unfortunately, I'm sure my car troubles are far from over!

MEETING TIME & PLACE

Meetings are 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.

OFF THE RUNNING BOARD



Eric Shogren, President

BENEATH THE WHEEL

(With apologies to Hermann Hess)

I hope everyone what had a great and safe Thanksgiving! It is truly a time to give thanks. One of the things I'm thankful for started when last month the Shade Tree A's received a request for a donation from the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. or MAFFI to support the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. I was pleased with the discussion we had at the last club meeting and thankful for the vote to donate \$500 as memorial to Bobby Brandon, Jim Leach and Don Neal, the Shade Tree A members we lost this year. I cannot think of a better way to honor the members we have lost this year and give back to our hobby.

With Thanksgiving behind us, we are heading into the busy holiday season. We have the Graniteville Parade on the 5th, our Christmas Party on the 12th, the Aiken Christmas Parade on the 13th and Christmas in Edgefield on the 19th! Before you know, we will be into the New Year!

Speaking of the New Year, please get your ballots for officers back in the mail to me. Any ballot's not received by me by Friday, December 11th will not be counted. That is only because of the logistics as I will probably be on my way over to Richard's before my mail comes on the 12th.

I also want take the opportunity to thank the membership for your support during my term as President of the Shade Tree A's. I wish the demands of that four-letter word "work" had allowed me more time to participate. But it pays for Model A parts.

Also, I want thank Shelia McPherson and Teresa McMullin for volunteering to coordinate this

year's Christmas Party. It will be at 3:00 pm Saturday December 12th at Richard's Garage! Early enough that I hope many of you can drive your Model A's!

So let us get those cars out on the road and just remember a day broke down on the side of the road in your Model A is better than the best day at work!

MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2015 @ Richard's Garage

President Eric Shogren called the meeting to order at 7pm by welcoming everyone. There were 32 members present and 1 visitor. Jim Dover, entertained us with two short stories concerning old prospectors.

Richard Dunevent gave the Treasurer's report which included a deposit for STA annual dues collected to date. The minutes for the October 2015 meeting were approved as printed in the STA Newsletter.

Jim McPherson gave the National Director's report stating that the blurbs he had submitted were still being printed in the national magazines.

Rachel d'Entremont has received a thank-you note from Rosalind Neal which will be printed in the Dec. 2015 STA Newsletter.

Misty Hooker was at the meeting and is recovering well from knee-replacement surgery. Anne Neely-Beck's health issues continue to be a source of concern. No other member health concerns were reported.

In Show & Tell attendees were presented with a hub cap thought to have once graced an Auburn. A promotional slide show for a gas tank extension device was also presented.

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Under Old Business, Eric reported three members participated in the Morningside Senior Living Display and six or seven members participated in the Boshears event. No club members participated in the Richland Creek Antique Fall Festival.

Under New Business, Eric reported club membership renewals were still coming in and encouraged anyone who had not already renewed his/her membership to do so. Please send your dues to Eric (\$65.00) along with the MAFCA renewal notice. This notice was sent directly from MAFCA to MAFCA members. He also gave us an update on Don Snyder who owns one of the 5 prototypes of the 1928 Model A Station Wagon. Don now resides in TN but has maintained his membership in the STA's club.

A request for a donation to the Model "A" Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) museum has been extended to the STA's. The membership voted to make a \$500.00 donation to the museum in memory of the three STA members who died in 2015: Jim Leach in Feb., Don Neal and Bobby Brandon in Oct. A plaque with our donation will be placed in the museum. Eric volunteered to work out the wording for the memoriam.

Nominations for the Monroe Wade Award are still being received. The deadline for submitting your nomination is 14 Nov. 2015. The 2016 STA officer ballot was reported to be almost completed. Officers will be announced at the Dec. meeting.

A review of the following upcoming events/tours was given: Moultrie Swap Meet on 19, 20 and 21 Nov.; Graniteville Parade on 5 Dec. with line up at 3pm and parade at 4pm; Edgefield Christmas Parade on 6 Dec. with line up at 2pm with parade at 3pm; Jackson Christmas Parade on 6 Dec. with line up at 1pm and parade at 2pm; Gracewood Parade on 9 Dec. with line up at 12pm and parade 1pm (rain date 10 Dec.); Harlem Christmas Parade on 12 Dec. with line up at 9am and parade at 10am; Aiken Parade on 13 Dec. with line up at 1pm and parade at 2 pm; Christmas in Edgefield on 19 Dec. from 10am to 4pm (cars to be parked around the town square); 12 Dec. STA Christmas Party at Richard's Garage with

meeting at 3pm and party at 4pm; and New Year's Breakfast 8am 1 Jan. at Cracker Barrel on Washington Rd and I-20.

Much discussion ensued concerning the STA Christmas Party as related to venue and cost. It was thought that plans for the 2016 party begin earlier in the year to provide more options. Ernie volunteered to pursue more upscale venues for this event. This year's party will be a catered dinner of turkey and ham with fixings. The cost per person is \$15.00 payable on the 12th. Desserts will be purchased from membership funds. Libations will be furnished by STA members. There will be no gift exchange this year. Attire is whatever is appropriate for the weather. Anyone who has a propane patio heater should contact Jim McPherson.

Robbie Jones asked anyone who is participating in the MARC Driving Award Program to report mileage to him. The cut-off date for counting mileage is 31 Dec. Dan Perla explained how the membership roster was maintained and how a copy of the roster could be printed.

The technical program was an overview of the history of the Hershey Swap Meet including current event additions and pictures of this year's event featuring STA club members who participated and/or attended.

Raffle tickets are on sale for a rebuilt engine at \$2.00 a ticket.

There being no additional New Business, Eric adjourned the meeting to refreshments.

Kathy Poole, Secretary

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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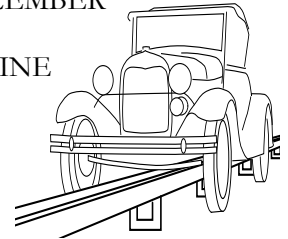
CLUB EVENTS

- Dec 5 Graniteville Parade
- Dec. 6 -Edgefield Parade
- Dec. 6 -Jackson Parade
- Dec. 9-Gracewood Parade
- Dec. 12-Harlem Parade
- Dec 12 - Christmas Party
- Dec. 13 - Aiken Christmas Parade
- Dec 14- No Monthly Meeting (Party- Dec. 12)
- Dec 19 - Christmas in Edgefield
- Jan. 1- New Years breakfast

FROM THE DECEMBER

ASSEMBLY LINE

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



NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

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

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

December: Christmas Party-Catered

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Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan
Steven Brown

CHRISTMAS PARADES

Graniteville:	Dec 5 th	line up at 2	parade at 3	
Edgefield:	Dec 6 th	line up at 3	parade at 4	(Note that this is different from 11/11 e-mail)
Jackson	Dec 6 th	line up at 1	parade at 2	
Gracewood	Dec 9 th (Wed)	line up at 12	parade at 1	Rain date is Dec 10 th
Harlem	Dec 12 th	line up at 9 am	parade at 10	
Aiken	Dec 13 th	line up at 1	parade at 2	theme: "Christmas Melodies."

ADJUSTING THE MODEL A FORD BABBITT BEARINGS

Bentley Bohanan
Bentley's Antique Auto Service, Inc.

Keeping the crankshaft main and rod bearings adjusted within tight tolerance will assure that you get the maximum amount of mileage from your engine. Here is a procedure that will hopefully be of help.

First thing to is to jack the car up and place it on some good jack stands for safety. Remember the car will probably be disassembled for a few days, so find a place in the garage where it will be out of the way yet convenient to get at from both sides. You will need to remove your engine pans, intake and exhaust manifold, carburetor, distributor, spark plugs, oil drain-back tube, valve cover, and, of course, the oil pan. When you drain your oil, take time to inspect the oil for any signs of metal particles. This could indicate problems inside your engine. After you remove the oil pan, drop the oil pump down out of your way. You will find that with the oil pan off, that oil will continue to drip down out of your engine for several days so it might be a good idea to leave the engine off for a few days before disassembling it.

The idea behind this whole procedure is that the main bearings and rods bearings are of a "poured bearing design". That is, the crankshaft is machined to a certain size, then the main bearings and rod bearings are poured with Babbitt



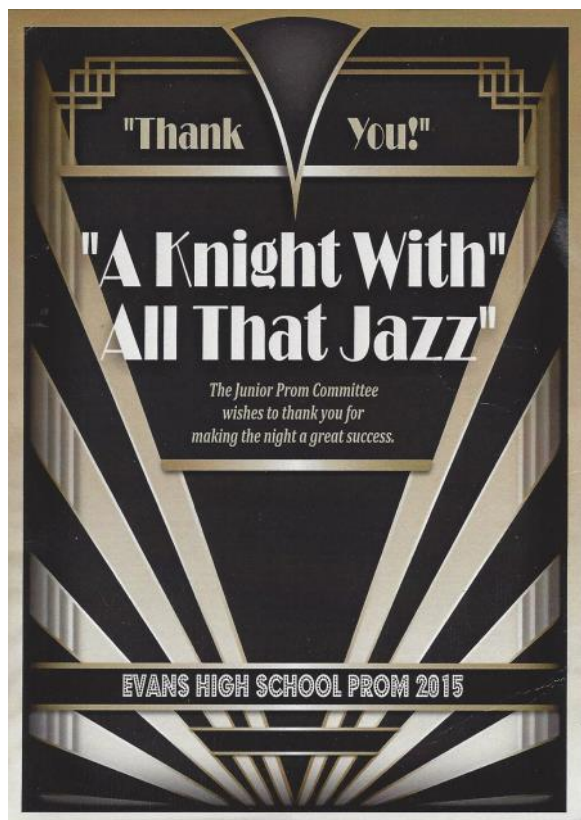
bearings, Then the bearings are bored to fit the diameter of the crankshaft. Since the Babbitt will naturally wear over the years, they are equipped with thin metal shims, which may be removed to take up the clearance.

The first bearings we like to check are the rear and the center main bearings. These are the ones that are typically damaged. Remove the cotter pins, then use a three-quarter-inch socket on a pull handle to remove the rear bearing nuts. Drop down the rear main bearing and inspect for cracks or damage in the bearing surface. Typically a single hairline crack will be okay. But if the babbitt is crumbling or there are large pieces missing, then it is time to consider having the engine rebuilt. Now you will notice the shim packs on either side of the bearing. The shims are usually about .030" thick, and are made of thin laminations that can be peeled away to adjust the thickness of the shim. Remove a single layer of the shim, then bolt the bearing assembly back into place. Now, turn the engine with a hand crank. The engine should be easy to turn. Now remove another shim from the opposite side, reassemble and try turning the engine again with the hand crank. Keep repeating this process until the engine is difficult to turn with the hand crank. Then add a single shim and try again. The engine should turn freely, with the least amount of shims in place. When you are satisfied, torque the bearing nuts and reinstall the cotter keys. Check the engine with the hand crank one last time. It should still turn freely. Now repeat the process for the other two bearings and the four connecting rods.

If everything is done properly, then you will add tens of thousands of miles of longevity to your Model A engine.

Of course we will be glad to do this for you. Give me a call anytime at 678-407-1947.





CHRISTMAS IN EDGEFIELD

December 19th

Theresa McMullin

Home for the Holidays – Celebrating Christmases Past

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Start a family tradition of spending the day in Edgefield on this weekend before Christmas. Going back to earlier eras, shop and dine in Historic Edgefield and enjoy antique cars, trucks, and tractors dressed in holiday flare along with their owners in period dress. Local crafters will display their treasures. There will be plenty of holiday entertainment on the square for all to enjoy and snow falling at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

DONALD RAY NEAL

1930-2015



To: Shade Tree A's.

We would like to express our appreciation for all the cards and prayers and condolences that we have received. I know Don would have been very proud to have seen all the cars lined up for the service. Thanks again!

The Don Neal Family



Don & Roz in December 2012



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2016 MARC Membership Meet

You are invited to Grand Blanc, Michigan, located near Flint (also known as "Vehicle City"). Flint was the location of the largest manufacturers of Road Carts and Carriages in the nation. It was the ideal location of auto pioneers to change the world. Automotive giants like David D. Buick, Walter P. Chrysler, Charles W. Nash, Albert Champion and many more called this area home. Their combined efforts helped form General Motors Corporation.

Seminars have been well-planned and will be very informative. Internationally known artist Joe Rundell (a Script "A" member) will share his expert skills in "Sculpting of the Automotive Pioneers" (a quick side tour of his sculptures is worth the drive) and "Gun Engraving" (his gun works are very highly collectable.)

The Judging Standards Committee will present two seminars. "Lamps" (area 18) by Rob Mills and "Wheels, Tires & Valve Stems (area 22) by Jim Brand, Keith Ernst, and Don Bivens. The Fashion Committee will feature "Fashions of 1929".

Plan to attend "Tie One On"... a hands on demonstration to enhance your wardrobe with scarves. Tips will be presented on how to change your wardrobe bringing new life to your favorite old tee shirt, skirt, dress or hat with a few simple scarves. A free gift and hours of fun are planned for everyone.

Interesting tours will include the Sloan Museum (displaying a chronicle history of Flint and Genesee County) and the Buick Gallery (many classic and concept automobiles), also a tour of Glenwood Cemetery, the final resting place of many automotive pioneers.

The host hotel is *The Holiday Inn Gateway*, 5353 Gateway Center, Flint, MI 48507. (810) 232-5300. Use Code: MRC. \$109.00 + Tax.

The Script "A" Region has worked hard to plan an enjoyable meet. Inside is the registration form for the 2016 MARC Membership Meet.

Please Register Early.

For more Info contact : modelarestorers@sbcglobal.net

You are cordially invited to the:

Annual Christmas Open House

Bentley's Antique Auto Service

Friday December 18

10 AM to 2 PM



This is a time to show our appreciation to all of our Model A Friends and customers. The shop will be open with all the cars on display. We invite folks to bring snacks to share, and lunch will be served for everyone at 12 PM. Bentley's is located at 95W Ridgeway Rd Maysville, GA 30558.

For directions or more information, go to www.mymodela.com or call me at 678-407-1947.

Hope to see you there.

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:

We have a Model A with a rumble seat and whenever there are more than the two of us, especially if another man is with us, I end up in the rumble seat. As I usually like to wear dresses, I find this annoying because there is no way to gracefully get into the seat (much less out again) in a dress. What should I do?

Not Cheesecake

Dear Not:

You could 1) ask your wife to sit in the rumble seat (assuming she's wearing slacks) so you could sit up front; 2) wear pants on those occasions; or 3) perhaps you could just ask to sit in the front. If none of those options are suitable, wear a full skirt and as you place your left foot on the bumper step plate, use your left hand to hold the back of the seat while holding your skirt down with the right. Once you're on that bottom step, shift your right hand to the deck handle, move up to the fender step and then step onto the seat with your left, then right foot. It helps to do the maneuvers quickly and to wear something pretty underneath.

Send your questions to Miss Crank at:

Newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org or to
Miss Crank
PO Box 992
Aiken SC 29802

ENGINE SERVICE

Bentley Bohanan
Bentley's Antique Auto Service

The Model A Engine is known for its simplicity and durability. Face it, they've been on the road for over 80 years. With a little simple maintenance, you can be sure your engine continues to run for decades.

Oil Change: Remember, the Model A did not come with an oil filter, so the oil must be changed at least once per driving season. Use a high-quality oil such as Shell Rotella. Dispose of your old oil properly.

Babbitt Bearing Service: The Secret to keeping a Model A engine running smoothly for years is to keep those bearings adjusted properly. This should be done every five years or 7500 miles. Remember to adjust the bearings before you hear a knock. Once you hear it knocking it's usually too late. If you can't remember when the bearing service was done, then it's probably time.

Valve Adjustment: Valves need to be adjusted from time to time as well. If you have an engine which does not idle properly, then the valves may be too tight. If the valves are too loose, then your engine will have that familiar "clickety-click" sound.

Oil and Water Leaks: The secret here is to repair those leaks as they occur. Many times a simple gasket or new hoses can keep your garage floor much cleaner.



SHADE TREE A'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

*Dec 12 at 3pm
Richard's Garage*

This year's Christmas dinner party has been scheduled for mid-afternoon in the hopes that people will drive their Model A's.

Teresa and Sheila have graciously agreed to coordinate the party this year and have done a great job of putting together a great menu at a great price. The cost is \$15 per person for a catered meal with the club paying for the desserts; mixers will be provided. Please plan to pay Sheila at the party. Alcohol is "bring your own". The appetizers for happy hour will be from 3 o'clock to 4 o'clock with dinner to follow. If you would like to bring an appetizer, let Sheila know (706-399-6705).

It's always amazing to see the garage transferred into a party place and lots of work goes into it so help with set up and clean up will be appreciated. Misty (706-855-0371) is in charge of the set up and they will be starting at 9am that morning. There will be a heated tent at the entrance to the garage to provide extra room.

There will **not** be a gift exchange this year so leave those wild hats at home (or wear them)!

2016 OFFICER BALLOTS

Your ballots for next year's officers must be turned in to Eric by Friday, December 11 in order to be counted. The new Board will be announced at the December 12 Christmas party.

NEW YEAR'S BREAKFAST

The annual STA breakfast to ring in the new year will be at 8am on Jan. 1st at Cracker Barrel on Washington Rd and I-20.

MARC DRIVING AWARDS

PROGRAM

Robbie Jones

Robbie Jones is the MARC Driving Awards Coordinator for the Shade Tree A's. As a reminder, if you are a participant in the program, be prepared to note your mileage as of December 31, 2015 and provide it to Robbie when requested (after the first of the new year). If you are a member of MARC and have never registered for the program and would like to participate, contact Robbie for a registration card at the following email address: drivingawards@shadetreeas.org

A one-time registration fee of \$1.00 is required and the program is open to all MARC members. The first award is given at 2,000 miles and every 5,000 miles thereafter. Mileage does not have to be earned all in one year and can accumulate from year to year. Additional information on the program can be found on the MARC website at: www.modelaford.org/drivingawards.htm



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Thanks, Abbie!

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At the October meeting, Denise Turner received a "This Lady Drives a Model A" patch.

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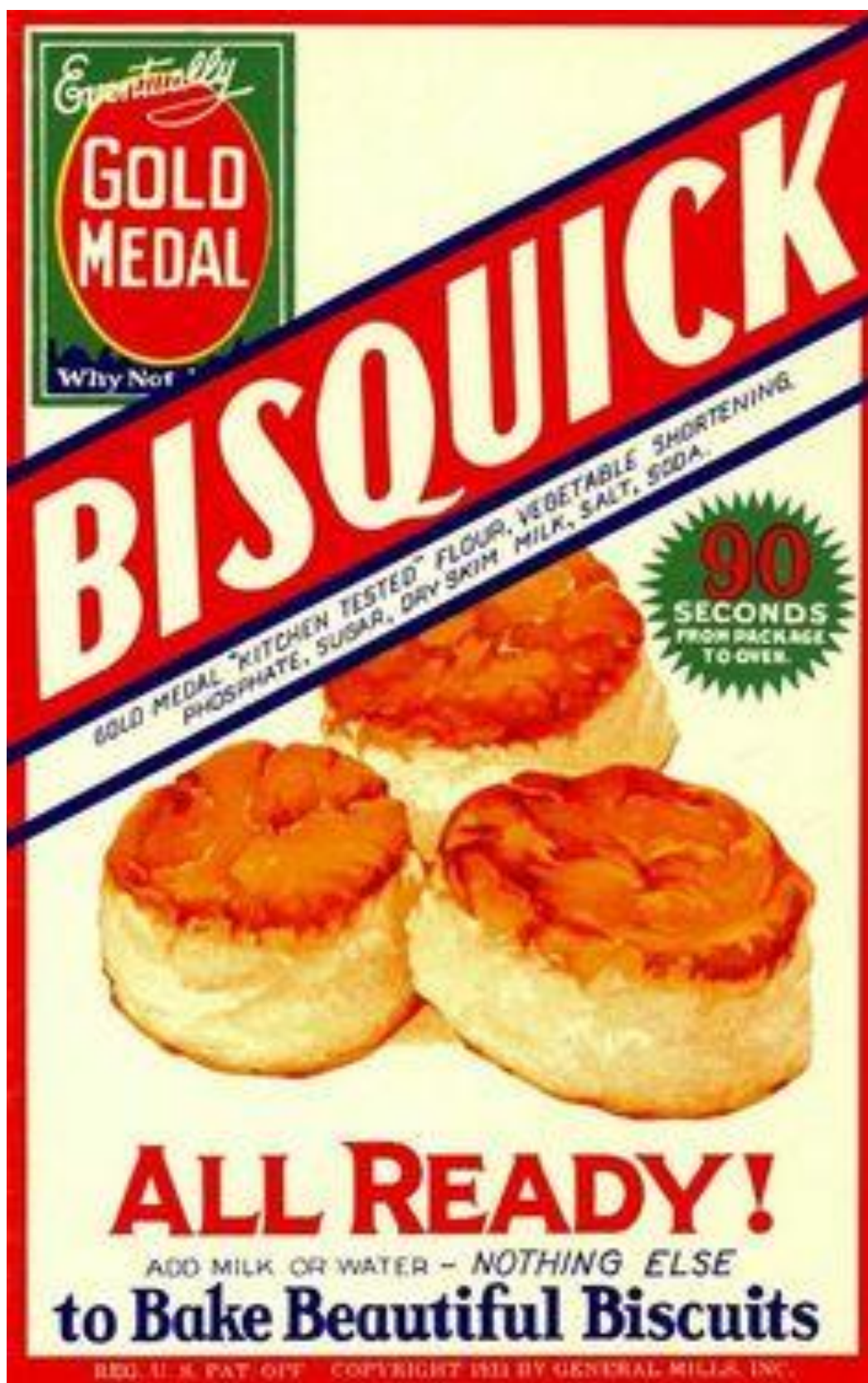
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The Model A Ford Museum has had a great year and we thank all of you and your local Model A clubs for supporting the museum through your gifts and visits. Are you looking for a unique Christmas gift for your special Model A'er? A MAFFI membership would make a thoughtful holiday gift for anyone with interest in the Model A Ford. This gift provides a real "win-win" situation – an appreciated gift for the recipient and a welcomed MAFFI donation on behalf of the giver. Check out www.maffi.org for application and the benefits of membership.

WANTED

Used Parts. Here at Bentley's, we go through a lot of parts and we often find ourselves needing re-buildable Zenith carburetors and parts, along with re-buildable Sparton Horns and parts. If you have Carburetors, Horns, or other parts you think I may need, please drop me an email at benny-pam@windstream.net I am always willing to pay fair prices for good usable parts. Thanks, Bentley



THE MONROE WADE AWARD

The number of recipients of the Monroe Wade award has outgrown the plaque! The 2015 winner will be announced at the December 12 Christmas party and will be added to a new, larger display.

ROSTER ACCESS

As many of you have noticed, the STA's have gone almost paperless. If you need an updated membership roster it can be found on the website but because we do not want to expose your e-mail and mailing addresss to people who will send you spam, you must have a user name and password. The information was sent out in an e-mail on 11/11/2015. If you need the user name and password check that e-mail or ask Dan or one of the officers.

To find the roster:

Go to www.shadetreeas.org and click on the "Road Map" button

In the 3rd column, click on "Membership Roster-Private"

User name: _____(lower case)

Password: _____(lower case)