

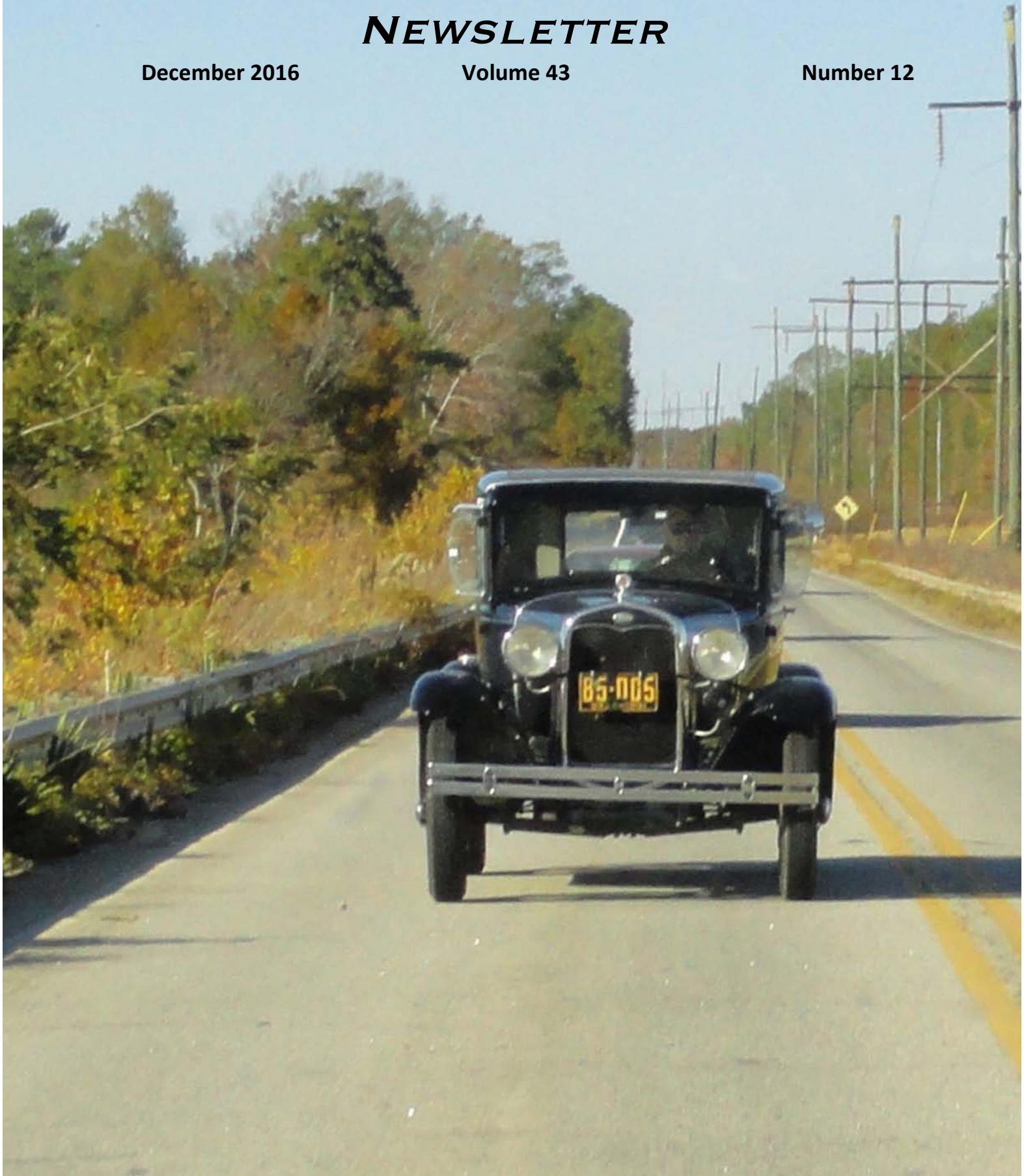
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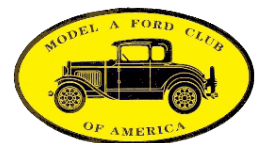
### On the Cover

Larry Duvall is back on the road and headed to the Lincoln County Pioneer Days (photo by Chuck Howell).

## Shade Tree A's Model A Club



The Shade Tree A's Model A Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile. Shade Tree A's annual dues are only \$25. Members are urged to join the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA, \$40 annual dues) and the Model A Restorer's Club (MARC, \$45 annual dues) to enjoy the benefits of these national organizations including their respective magazines: *The Restorer* (MAFCA) and *Model A News* (MARC). The Shade Tree A's club is also a member of MAFFI, the Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc.



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## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

*Chuck Howell - President*

I hope to see all of our Shade Tree Members at our upcoming Christmas Party. This year we will gather at 7:00PM on Thursday, 15 December, at Jack Sheppard's Country Store at 526 Chamblin Road in Grovetown. I always enjoy watching our members talk to each other, share mechanical knowledge about the Model A, and fellowship while eating together.

According to our By-Laws, we are required to have a meeting each December to conduct business—to receive the Treasurer's Report, to announce and install our new officers for the coming year, and to present the Monroe Ward Award to one of our most outstanding members. We will do all that at the Christmas Party. Of course, we'll have good music, good food and a chance to wish each other Merry Christmas. It's not a bad way to end another great year.

I've enjoyed serving as the President of the Shade Tree A's this year. We made progress by amending our By-Laws and revising our Policies and Procedures to better meet our needs as a local Chapter of both MAFCA and MARC. From the New Year's Breakfast, Gibson BBQ Trip, Valentine's Day Breakfast, the STA Garage Tour, the Saluda State Park Meeting, the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Barber Motorsports Tour, the Trenton Peach Festival, the Lincoln County Pioneer Days, to the present—I've had fun.

Next year looks to be a lot of fun too. We will have an STA Tour Director so we should have a lot more opportunities to take day trips with our Model A's. I encourage everyone to take photos to share in our monthly Newsletter and with the editors of both national magazines. And, if you enjoy our Club as much as I do, recruit new members whenever you find another vintage car enthusiast in our area. See you at the Christmas Party.





## MEETING MINUTES

*November 14, 2016*

*Richard's Garage*

*Recorded by: Kathy Poole - Secretary*

President Chuck Howell called the meeting to order at 6:55PM by welcoming everyone. He reminded us that this night was special because it was a Blood Moon night. There were 32 members in attendance. He announced that we have two new members. There were no visitors and only one member paid a quarter to the "no name tag kitty." Jim Dover, club humorist, told us a story about a New England wife who fell overboard while checking lobster traps.

Richard Dunevent gave the Treasurer's report, which included a deposit for membership dues and expenditure for Internet service.

Chuck asked if there was a motion to approve the October minutes. A motion was made by Doug Wilson and seconded by John Neumar to approve the minutes as published in the Newsletter. The motion carried.

Jim McPherson, National Director, reminded us that MARC raffle tickets are for sale. There are three substantial prizes this year. Tickets are \$2.00 each or three tickets for \$5.00.

It was reported that two members of the Gordon Family, Ron and Don, have experienced health concerns as well as Ralph Neitzke's wife, Tina. It was also reported that Jerry Wilhelm former president of both MARC and MAFCA has died.

We had no Show and Tell at this meeting.

Chuck passed out the 2017 Refreshment Calendar. He also passed out the officer ballot slate for 2017. The announcement of officers will be made at the December meeting.

Chuck brought to our attention that since Frank Knapp's motion passed at October's meeting for the Shade Tree A's to pay the four elected officers dues to MARC and MAFCA, he has learned that the National Organizations require we have a fifth officer, one of our choosing. Since Frank was not at the November's meeting, it was decided to table amending his motion to add a fifth officer until December's meeting.

It was voted on by the membership to have our Christmas meeting at Jack Shepherd's place on December 15 at 7:00PM. The meal will be catered at the cost of \$15.00 per attendee. Please contact Chuck by December 1 to make your reservation. At this meeting, the Monroe Wade Award will be conferred.

Chuck gave us some additional information concerning MAFCA's Model A Youth Scholarship program. If the Shade Tree A's wish to participate in this program, each member is asked to donate \$1.00 at the January 2017 meeting.

The Technical Program was presented by Dan Perla and narrated by Chuck Howell. We were entertained with highlights of the Tifton Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village.

The meeting was adjourned about 7:50PM to refreshments and fellowship.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Club Calendar

#### December

- 3 Graniteville Christmas Parade, line-up at 2:00 PM, parade at 3:00 PM
- 4 Edgefield Christmas parade, line-up at 3:00 PM, parade at 4:00 PM
- 11 Aiken Christmas Parade, line-up at 1:00 PM, parade at 2:00 PM
- 15 Shade Tree A's Christmas Party, 7:00 PM, Jack Shepard's Country Store  
(see the Announcements for more information)

#### January

- 1 Shade Tree A's New Years Day Breakfast, 8:00 AM, Cracker Barrel at I-20 and Belair Road (460 Park Way Drive, Grovetown, GA)
- 9 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage  
(Technical Program – TBA)

#### February

- 13 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage  
(Technical Program – TBA)

### December Refreshments



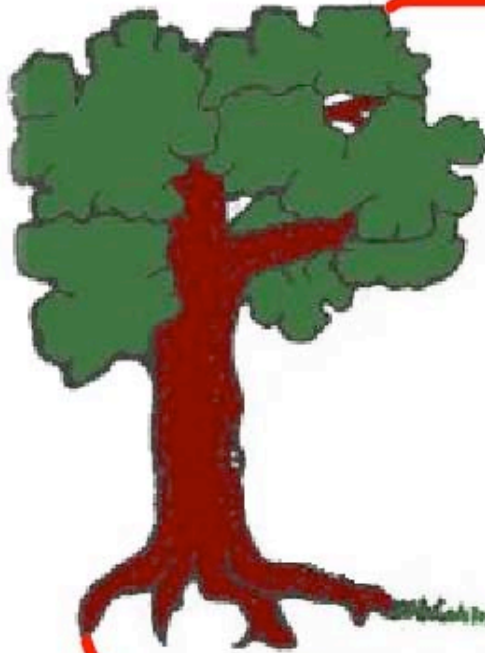
No monthly meeting; come to the Christmas Party instead.



### December Birthdays

- |                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Barbara Bryant           | 1 Robbie Jones      |
| 4 Sharon Howell            | 5 Calvin Carruthers |
| 7 Tonya Gordon             | 7 Joe Holley        |
| 7 Greg Miller              | 12 Margaret Collier |
| 13 Richard Dunevent        | 15 Lisa Smith       |
| 16 Frank Knapp             | 17 Eric Shogren     |
| 21 Jim Mason               | 23 Bill Richardson  |
| 26 Ann Claiborne Christian |                     |
| 27 Phyllis Collier         |                     |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **Shade Tree A's Member News**

- Congratulations to William and Faye Gordon who were recently married!
- Rod Gordon recovering from injury.
- Don Gordon was hospitalized for an infection but home now.
- George Gordon having his cochlear implants fine tuned.
- Tina Neitzke fell, bruised hip, but fortunately no broken bones. One to two weeks of healing expected and in wheelchair for now.
- Condolences to Doug Wilson whose business partner passed away.

### **Monthly Technical Program**

Got an idea for a technical program for presentation at a monthly meeting?

Got a topic you would like discussed during a monthly technical program?

Do you want to volunteer to present a technical program?

If so, contact Mike Gordon at [vp@ShadeTreeAs.org](mailto:vp@ShadeTreeAs.org) or 706-513-7619

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Shade Tree A's Christmas Party

Jack Sheppard has graciously invited us to conduct our annual **Christmas Party** at his Country Store on **Thursday, December 15, 2016**. A Google Map of the address is available at the website below:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/526+Chamblin+Rd,+Grovetown,+GA+30813/@33.4815842,-82.2175635,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x88f9d5f678f092cb:0xa95d0cf47c5fb35!8m2!3d33.479016!4d-82.2126229>

The meal is being catered by WifeSaver Restaurant. It will include turkey and dressing, ham and mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, pecan pie, iced tea and other soft drinks. Sorry, but no alcoholic beverages on the premises--just like our other meetings.

A few photos from our last visit to Jack Sheppard's residence are attached to refresh your memory of the great luncheon we had there in March 2014. The dining area comfortably seats 70 people. Sharon Howell and some of the ladies will meet there at 5:00 PM to decorate the tables and prepare the room for occupancy.

If you have NOT made a reservation, please reply by December 1 to Chuck Howell so an accurate headcount can be provided. If you have further questions, please contact Chuck.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Shade Tree A's Christmas Party

Join us for our 2016  
**Christmas Party**



**15 December**  
Thursday, 7 PM  
Cost \$15.00 a  
meal

The Monroe Wade Award  
will be presented to this year's STA recipient at



Jack Sheppard's Country Store  
526 Chamblin Road  
Grovetown, GA 30813-3902



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Years Day Breakfast



***HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!***

Join the Shade Tree A's for our annual New Years Day breakfast at the Cracker Barrel near the I-20 and Belair Road interchange (460 Park Way Drive, Grovetown, GA). Be there by 8:00AM for good food and fellowship.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Former MAFCA President Jerry Wilhelm**

At the November Shade Tree A's meeting, Don Turley mentioned the death of Jerry Wilhelm that many Shade Tree A's members knew. The following memorial is provided by MAFCA.

It is with a heavy heart that MAFCA announces the death of Jerry Wilhelm, MAFCA President 1989 & 1991. Jerry Edward Wilhelm, 78, of Lithia, FL, passed away peacefully with his wife beside him, on Friday, November 11, 2016, at Sun City Center Hospice House, in Sun City Center, FL. Born in Cleveland, OH, on July 12, 1938. Jerry was the son of Joseph E. and Rita Marie Wilhelm. He attended St Joseph High School in Cleveland, and John Carroll University in University Heights, OH. Jerry grew up in Cleveland and also served in the United States Army Reserves for six years. Jerry was owner and President of Avery Engineering Co., a commercial heating and air conditioning design-build contractor in Cleveland until he retired to Vero Beach, FL in 1999, where he met and married his beloved wife, Gay. Jerry's first love was Model A Fords, the friends and everything surrounding them. Jerry was the consummate "car guy" for over 50 years and had 35 Model A's at one time. Jerry was deeply involved with MAFCA (Model A Ford Club of America), happily



serving as President for eight years and also as a National Director for many years. Jerry had friends all over the country and was respected and admired for his knowledge and willingness to share with anyone interested in Model As. Jerry loved traveling around the country to car meets, tours, and events. He was a well-respected master judge with AACA (Antique Auto Club of America) and judged at various car shows. After he met his wife Gay, who then became his first love, they made many trips together to Model A events, and wherever they were, they were always hand in hand. Jerry's favorite trip was the annual Hershey car show and swap meet in Hershey, PA, and he made that at least 45 times. Jerry was unwavering in his loyalty to his wife, family, and his love of cars. He was gentle, constant, and true to all who knew him. He found the goodness in everything and everyone. Jerry was an extraordinary man and will be forever missed. In addition to his loving wife Gay (Jackson) Wilhelm, Jerry is survived by sisters Donette Wanen of Chagrin Falls, OH, and Lynette Padula of Cleveland. Jerry is also survived by his very-loved stepfamily, stepsons, Randy Ubillos and husband Rick Fath of San Francisco, CA, Dr. Scott and wife Dena Ubillos of Lithia, FL, stepdaughter Pam and husband Matt Rivet of N. Andover, MA, and stepson David Barker and partner Kevin Summers of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He is also survived by grandchildren, Emily, Hayes, and Nicholas Ubillos, Lexi, Christine, and Katie Rivet, and Megan Dove and Kristen Barker, nieces and nephews Craig and Todd Padula, Audrey Bessigner, Lisa Wagner, Kim and Shelby Wanen. A memorial Mass will be held on Friday, December 9, 2016, at St Stephen Catholic Church, 5049 Bell Shoals, Valrico, FL at 3 PM.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MARC Driving Awards Program

If you are a participant in the MARC Driving Awards Program, be prepared to note your mileage as of December 31, 2016 and provide it to the Shade Tree A's Driving Coordinator, Robbie Jones, 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](mailto: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](http://www.modelaford.org/drivingawards.htm)



### TIME'S RUNNING OUT !

**WHAT: Shade Tree A's Dues**

**WHEN: December 1**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2017 MARC National Meet

Four prizes will be given away at the 2017 MARC National Meet: a rebuilt engine, a \$3,800 upholstery kit from LeBaron Bonney, Goodyear tires worth \$860 dollars and a \$500 gift card from Bratton's Antique Auto Parts. Tickets can be purchased from Jim McPherson for \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00.

It's coming! The 2017 MARC National Meet! Mark your calendars now for  
July 30 – August 4. Program your GPS for Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Bring  
the family to this historic and scenic small town in south central



Pennsylvania filled with history, charm and beautiful countryside.

Come enjoy cars, history and make your own memories!

## RECENT EVENTS

### Agrirama – Tifton, Georgia

*By Chuck Howell*

I attended the Tour to Tifton, GA, sponsored by the Jacksonville Model A Club during the weekend of November 4-6. I really appreciate Dan Perla informing the Shade Tree A's members about this trip. Five Model A owners drove their cars to the event, but it was too far from Augusta for me without a truck and trailer.

Delayed until Saturday, I joined up with most of the Model A folks around 10:30 AM at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village. I toured the Railroad Museum later that afternoon, but it wasn't much to see because it's under construction. I blew off the Museum of Arts and Heritage, but did visit the site where Jefferson Davis was captured.

According to Dale Gosa, we had two others STA members to attend but I didn't meet them.





## RECENT EVENTS

### Lincoln County Pioneer Days

*By Chuck Howell*

We had four Shade Tree A's members drive their Model A's to the Lincoln County Historical Society's Pioneer Days: Henry Jones, Richard Dunevent, Larry Duvall and John Neumar. Three locals also drove their Model A's to the festival. We were all treated to a free lunch for participating.

We started the morning by cleaning the fuel line to Larry's Model A; it then ran like a new one. I rode with John Neumar and Richard Dunevent led the way. We had perfect weather and light traffic for the ride there and back. There was a lot to see and experience. Many tractors were on display; some were quite unique. The historic buildings, cotton gin, grist mill, turpentine still, musicians, vendors, quilt exhibits, etc. were all fascinating to me.

We had a lot of people visit our Model A's and ask a host of questions. I was really pleased to see so many young people examine the Model A's. Without any exceptions, we all had a great time. Looking forward to it again next year.





## RECENT EVENTS

### Grand Opening of Gerald Jones Ford Lincoln Dealership

*Submitted By Chuck Howell*

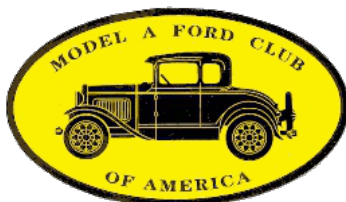
Richard Dunevent and Bob Collier attended the grand opening of the Gerald Jones Ford Lincoln dealership along with retired NASCAR driver, William (Bill) C. Elliott, on Thursday, November 17. The photo below shows Richard and Bob standing with Bill in front of Bob's 1930 A400. Bob's car is fully restored and is one of the Shade Tree A's best looking Model A's.

Bill is a native of Dawsonville, Georgia. He won the 1988 Winston Cup Championship and the Daytona 500 in 1985 and 1987. He won four consecutive races at the Michigan International Speedway between 1985 and 1986. He still holds the track record for the fastest qualifying speed (212.809 MPH) at Talladega and Daytona International Speedway (210.364 MPH). Both records were set in 1987. He has won NASCAR's Most Popular Driver Award 16 times. It was great to learn that Bill is a Model A enthusiast as well.



### Congratulations to MAFCA Members!

The following Shade Tree A's members were recognized in the November/December 2016 issue of *The Restorer* for long term membership in the Model A Ford Club of America.



Richard Dunevent	40 years
Frank Knapp	25 years
Craig and Theresa McMullin	25 years

## TECHNICAL TOPICS

### And the Model A Ford Kept Rambling Right Along

*By Jim McPherson*

*This column contains maintenance, diagnostic, and technical tips to aid you in keeping your Model A on the road and operating at peak performance. I have stolen this information from a variety of sources, including forums, websites, books, publications, and discussions with fellow Model A owners.*

**The ammeter as a diagnostic tool.** In 1929 Ford moved the black primary wire that runs to the ignition coil from the passenger side of the terminal box on the firewall to the driver's side of the terminal box (Service Bulletin, page 390, November 1929). The purpose of this change is to have the ignition current pass through the ammeter to provide a diagnostic tool when starting the engine.

If your Model A is wired in this manner, the ammeter provides a diagnostic tool for your use. When starting the Model A the ammeter will bounce back and forth on either side of the zero mark before it starts. This is caused by the points opening and closing. If the car fails to start, the bouncing ammeter needle is telling you that there is nothing wrong with the ignition primary electrical circuit and the problem is somewhere else. If the needle is not bouncing, the problem is likely elsewhere in the ignition primary electrical circuit. When you park your Model A, the ammeter needle should be pointing to zero. If instead the needle is pointing slightly to the left, it is telling you that somewhere within the electrical system there is current flowing, which is going to drain the battery. The cause of this drain may be as simple as the headlights or dome light being left on, or the brake light switch being on. If you have a generator, the contact points in the cut-out may stick closed causing a discharge to be displayed on the ammeter. When you start your Model A and the engine speed increases, these points should close and the ammeter should show a positive charge to the right, telling you the generator is functioning normally. If you have replaced the generator with an alternator, the positive charge returning to zero tells you the alternator is functioning normally; however, if the needle remains to the right for an extended period of time, it may be telling you that you may have a dead cell in your battery. To check that your alternator is working, drive your Model A until the ammeter needle has returned to zero and then turn on your headlamps. You should see a sudden movement of the needle and a return to zero, indicating your alternator is working correctly.

One way to tell if you have an original ammeter is they have a "bounce" to them. This is because they are un-damped, and they quickly respond to any variations in current flow. Many reproduction ammeters are not made very well and are damped and move very sluggishly.

While driving your Model A, occasionally touch the ammeter. If it is warm to the touch, remove the instrument panel and tighten the two nuts on the back of the ammeter. These nuts tend to loosen over time creating an increased resistance in the connection, and the heat generated by this condition could result in melting of the insulation on the wires and a fire.

## Classified Advertisements

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