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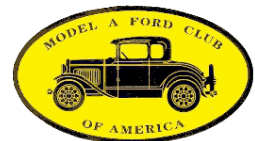
### On the Cover

Eric Shogren presents the 2015 Monroe Wade Award to Pascal Bryant (story on page 10)

## Shade Tree A's Model A Club



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, \$45), which includes a subscription to the *Model "A" News* magazine. The club also is a member of MAFFI, the Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc.



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## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

*Eric Shogren - President*

Happy New Year and welcome to 2016! Since our foresight is dimmer than our hindsight, let's begin by looking back a hundred years. In 1916, the Ford Model T was the most popular car in the world. That year Ford sold 472,000 of them and the cost for the basic model was \$360.00. Adjusted for inflation, that would be about \$7,000.00 in today's currency. By 1918, half of all cars in America were Ford Model T's.

Beginning in 1908, Ford manufactured 15,007,034 Model T's before introducing the Model A in December 1927. But competition and innovation among competing car producers was fierce. Between 1922 and 1925 the number of US car manufacturers decreased from 175 to 70 companies. The Model A was an immediate hit with the public and sales soared. Between 1927-1931, a total of 4,858,644 Model A's were produced, making it the best-selling automobile of the era. There were nine body styles and prices ranged from \$500.00 (Tudor sedan) to \$1,200.00 (Town Car). When asked why his cars were so popular, Henry Ford replied: *"Our principle is to make our work as profitable for the buyer as for the seller."*

While old cars were usually traded in for new ones with more power, driving convenience and durability, many owners saw something special in the Model A Fords and held on to them. Nearly one million Model A's survived to this day, but the same cannot be said of any other car from that era. You and I are the beneficiaries of their insight and loyalty. While today's new cars will quickly depreciate in value, our Model A's become more appreciated as they grow older. Aren't you glad you own one?

Let's make this a good year for every member of the Shade Tree A's.

### MEETING TIME & LOCATION

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.

## MEETING MINUTES

*December 12, 2015*

*Richard's Garage*

*Recorded by:*

*Kathy Poole - Secretary*

President Eric Shogren called the meeting to order at 3:55PM and welcomed everyone to the STA's Annual Christmas Party. He thanked the members who had a hand in planning the party and thanked the members who helped set up and decorate.

Special guests this year were John and Sandra Moore. John is the president of Gas Car.

Richard Dunevent, Treasurer, was admitted to University Hospital earlier on the 12th due to rapid heart rate. The latest report on Richard was favorable. Also, long time member, Jim Miller, is to be admitted to a nursing home. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

Eric reminded the membership of the Breakfast Meet at Cracker Barrel, Washington Road and I-20 on 1 Jan 2016 at 8AM.

The officers for 2016 were announced:

President: Chuck Howell

Vice President: Mike Gordon

Secretary: Kathy Poole

Treasurer: Richard Dunevent

National Director: Jim McPherson

Board Member: Kent Carruthers

Newsletter Editor: Robbie Jones

Pascal Bryant was recognized as the 2015 recipient of the Monroe Wade Award and presented with a plaque. Pascal was selected by the membership for his dedication to furthering the Model A hobby.

On behalf of the STA Membership, Eric thanked Rachel d'Entremont for her four plus years as Newsletter Editor.

The meeting was adjourned after Eric recognized members with service award pins.



## LOOKING AHEAD

### Club Calendar

#### January

- 1 New Year's Day Breakfast, 8:00 AM, Cracker Barrel at I-20 and Belair Road  
 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's Garage  
 (Technical Session – Woodgraining)

#### February

- 5-7 Swap Meet, Moultrie, GA  
 8 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's Garage  
 (Technical Session – TBA)  
 TBA Valentine's Breakfast

#### March

- 12 Picnic in the Park, Columbia, SC  
 14 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's Garage  
 (Technical Session – TBA)  
 18-19 Barber Motorsports Tour, Oxford, AL

TBA - To Be Announced

### January Refreshments



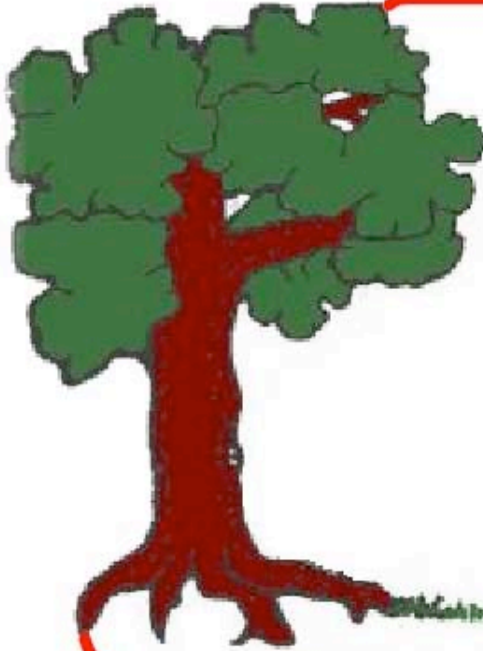
Jim McPherson  
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 Dan Perla  
 Eric Shogren



### January Birthdays

- 4 Michael Gordon  
 12 Frankie Dunevent  
 14 Carrie Horner  
 20 Leonard McCain  
 24 Sharon Stewart  
 27 Marvin Vanover  
 29 Heidi Carruthers  
 31 Jack Horner  
 31 Janet Neumar

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Shade Tree A's Member News

- Richard Dunevent is recovering at home
- Former, long-time member of the Shade Tree A's, Jim Miller, now resides at Uni-Health-Pruitt Augusta Hills, 2122 Cumming Rd., Room 210, Augusta, GA 30904.
- Rumor has it that Frank Knapp has acquired an unrestored Model A. Maybe we'll see it at the New Years Day breakfast
- Kent Carruthers has been working on his 1930 Roadster over the holidays. Maybe we'll see it at the New Years Day breakfast too.

## MARC DRIVING AWARDS PROGRAM

It's that time of year to report your mileage to the MARC Driving Awards Program. If you are a member of MARC and a participant in the program, please provide your mileage as of **December 31, 2015** to Robbie Jones, the Shade Tree A's Driving Awards Coordinator. If you are a member of MARC and have never registered for the program and would like to participate, contact Robbie for a registration form at the next meeting or at the following email address:

[DrivingAwards@shadetreeas.org](mailto:DrivingAwards@shadetreeas.org)

A one-time registration fee of \$1.00 is required per car to enroll in the program 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 accumulates 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)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Central Alabama Model A Ford Club

Fellow Model "A"ers,

You are invited to tour the Barber Motorsports Complex with the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club. The March 18 & 19, 2016 meeting will be filled with a lot of activities of fun & excitement including kicking tires with fellow club members from around the south, dinner in a great Model "A" Ford Museum, visiting the Barber Motorsports Museum and the opportunity to put your Model "A" Ford on the Barber Motorsports Track.

FRIDAY March 18, 2016: Arrival and check in at the Quality Inn in Oxford Alabama, with registration in the motel lobby 12 noon to 5 p.m. After check in you can visit local antique stores looking for those great finds you just cannot do without. p.m. The fun will continue Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. with some good "ole" Model "A" fellowship, 50/50 drawing, great door prizes, and the famous "FIREHOUSE DINNER" in Gerald Grizzard's Model "A" Ford Museum, 1 mile from the host motel.

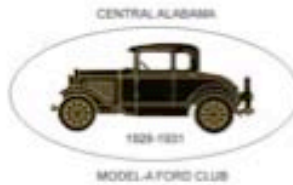
SATURDAY March 19, 2016. After breakfast and check out, you will depart on your own or in club groups for the Barber Motorsports Museum and Track (To arrive by 9:30 a.m.) for a picture in front the museum, a tour of the museum and a spin on the race track. The trip to the Barber Complex will take about an hour along a scenic route provided in your packet. Upon arrival Model "A" Fords will park in the designed area in front of the Museum where the group photo for the National Newsletter and Club Newsletters will be taken. The Museum has over 1200 vintage and modern motorcycles as a substantial collection of lotus and other race cars. These bikes range from 1902 to current-year production with approximately 600 of the 1200 motorcycles on display at any given time. Taking your Model "A" Ford on the 46' wide, 2.38 mile long track with a 80' of elevation and 17 turns most of which are flowing and will be a real treat for Henry's finest. After the tour we will proceed to Lanney's Country Kitchen (2 miles from the track) for a buffet lunch. After the meal our weekend activities will be complete and you can head out for home by club or individually with the completion of another great Tour on the "MODEL-A HIGHWAY"

If you would like to tow your Model "A" Ford to the speedway tour there will a designed parking area for tow vehicles 1 mile from the host Motel. Coordinate requirements with Gerald Grizzard at (256) 835-2998 or Cell (256) 310-6463.

All reservations at the Quality Inn must be made no later than February 19, 2016 in order to receive the group discounted rate of \$66.60 (Room rate includes tax). Be sure to mention you are with the Model "A" Ford Tour when making your reservations, Contact the Quality Inn at (256) 835-2170, Fax (256) 835-2133.

Fire up Henry's Finest and join us in Oxford, Alabama. Registration form attached, if you need additional information: contact Gerald Grizzard: Office (256) 835-2998, or Cell: (256) 310-6463, Email: [Gfireman52@aol.com](mailto:Gfireman52@aol.com)

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**MARCH 18-19, 2016**

### BARBER MOTORSPORTS TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

<u>Name:</u>		<u>Name of Guest(s):</u>		
<u>Street Address:</u>		<u>City:</u>	<u>Apt./Suite:</u>	
<u>Zip Code:</u>	<u>Phone Number:</u>	<u>Email:</u>		
<u>Cell Number:</u>		<u>Car Club:</u>		
<u>Year of Car:</u>	<u>Model of Car:</u>	<u>License No.:</u>	<u>Trailer:</u> Y / N (Circle One)	<u>Arrival:</u> FRI / SAT (Circle One)
<u>Auto Insurance Company:</u>		<u>Auto Insurance Policy Number:</u>		
<b>Event Registration:</b>		<b>Qty.:</b>	<b>@</b>	<b>Fee:</b>
Registration Fee (Per car)			@	\$10.00 (per car)
Friday – Welcome "Firehouse" Dinner			@	\$15.00 (per person)
<u>Saturday:</u> Barber Vintage Motorsports museum tour and Track Admission			@	\$20.00 (per person)
Buffet Lunch: Lanney's Country Kitchen			@	\$10.00 (per person)
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (No Refunds After March 10, 2016)</b>				<b>\$</b>

Make your reservations directly with the Quality Inn by calling (256) 835-2170.

If reservations are made by February 19, 2016, you will be eligible for the group room rate of \$66.60 (room rate includes tax).

The signers below, agree to indemnify and hold harmless for any and all liability due to my attendance and participation in the 2016 Barber Motorsports Tour, The Barber Motorsports Park Officials, the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club (CAMAFC), CAMAFC Members, their officers, directors, staff and any and all constituents acting on behalf of the aforementioned affiliations and/or Tour Volunteers. Submission of this Tour Registration Form (signed or unsigned) constitutes acceptance of the terms of this release. The vehicle being used has all required automobile insurance established by state statute.

Please Make Your Checks Payable to the "Central Alabama Model 'A' Ford Club"  
Please send completed registration form and payment **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2016 to:**  
BARBER MOTORSPORTS TOUR, 6740 Coosada Road, Coosada, Alabama 36020

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_



## RECENT EVENTS

### Shade Tree A's Christmas Party

The Shade Tree A's held their annual Christmas Party on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> at Richard's garage. Many members arrived early to help clean, set up tables and decorate while a few supervised.



The party began early to allow members to drive their Model A's. After a time of socializing, everyone dined on a meal of ham and turkey with an abundance of side dishes provided by the Club. The Club also provided many yummy desserts for all to enjoy as well.





## RECENT EVENTS

### Shade Tree A's Christmas Party (continued)



During the party, Club President, Eric Shogren, presented the annual Monroe Wade award to Pascal Bryant (see separate article). The election results for Club officers for 2016 were announced. Eric also awarded service awards for membership in the Shade Tree A's to several members. Members receiving service awards are listed on the following page.

Thanks to all who helped make the Christmas Party possible, especially Sheila McPherson and Theresa McMullin for all the hard work planning the party. Thanks to those that showed up early to set up and those that stayed late to clean up.

## RECENT EVENTS

### Shade Tree A's Service Awards



Jack Ezelle	2 years	Leonard McCain	2 years (3 years actual)
Charles Howell	2 years	Misty Hooker	2 years (4 years actual)
John Neumar	2 years	Robbie Jones	2 years (4 years actual)
John Schroen	2 years	Andrew Morse	2 years (4 years actual)
Kent Carruthers	2 years (3 years actual)	Kathy Poole	2 years (4 years actual)
John Dirksen	2 years (3 years actual)	Rita Thornhill	2 years (4 years actual)
Henry Jones	2 years (3 years actual)		



Walker Crosby	5 years
Greg Jones	5 years
Larry Lamb	5 years
Fred Thielke	5 years
Steve Young	5 years



Donald Gordon	10 years
Doug Wilson	10 years



George Gordon	15 years
Abbie Prince	15 years
Stuart Smith	15 years



James Beck	20 years
Billy Garland	20 years
Carol Taylor	20 years



Gayle Adams	25 years
Frank Knapp	25 years
Craig McMullin	25 years



Larry Komp	35 years
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Jim McPherson was recognized as having the longest membership in the Shade Tree A's with 43 years.

## RECENT EVENTS

### 2015 Monroe Wade Award

This year's recipient of the Monroe Wade Award (see sidebar) has been a member of the Shade Tree A's for seventeen years. During that time he has driven his Model A to many National Model A meets, both near (FL) and far (VA, OH, MI), Regional Meets (TN, AL, FL), local Model A events and parades. He even drove his Model A to one regional event only weeks after major surgery.

While never the object of a roadside seminar, this year's recipient is a frequent contributor to a diagnosis or repair with his farm remedies or railroad experience. Whenever assistance was needed, the recipient was there to help, whether it involved the Model A or a Club function. He was of great assistance in the success of the Shade Tree A's Swap Meets.

His Model A's have been the subject of Feature Articles in the Shade Tree A's Newsletter. In addition, he is one of only three Shade Tree A's members who had a grandchild grow up riding in a Model A, and for him, this happened at a time when the emphasis on including our youth in the Model A hobby was not well recognized. This year's Monroe Wade Award recipient is Pascal Bryant.



### Monroe Wade and the Shade Tree A's

New members might wonder who Monroe Wade was. Monroe was a man who loved Model A's and who loved the Shade Tree A's Club! A man you could **ALWAYS** depend on to help a fellow member regardless of the time or weather. Monroe worked hard for the Club and you could usually find him leading a tour or carrying in refreshments or door prizes that he had talked some local business into donating.

After restoring a 1930 Tudor that had belonged to his Mother, Monroe went on to restore a number of other A's. All of them were award-winning cars!

After his death in 2003, his wife Betty and his daughters, Deborah and Joyce, have continued to be active in the Club and to drive Monroe's beloved cars.

Monroe was a great friend and we miss his enthusiasm and his ability to make a Model A purr like a contented kitten.





## RECENT EVENTS

### Graniteville Christmas Parade

Saturday December 5, 2015



### Aiken Christmas Parade

Sunday December 13, 2015



A video of the Shade Tree A's in the Aiken Christmas Parade is available at the following link:

[http://youtu.be/SpbkZbMxo\\_U](http://youtu.be/SpbkZbMxo_U)

## RECENT EVENTS

### Edgefield Christmas Parade

Sunday December 6, 2015

Five Shade Tree A's cars (along with a 1931 Lincoln!) traveled from Aiken for the Edgefield Christmas Parade. Eric & Dotti Shogren, Tom & Pat Roberts (2 cars), Walker Crosby, and Rachel d'Entremont all made the 45-mile round trip from downtown Aiken to Edgefield. The parade route was packed and the Model A's were much admired. As usual, we didn't get to see much of the parade but did pass by many horses, some antique tractors (one driven by Shade Tree A's member Craig McMullin), bands, and many church floats as we made our way to the main parade route. We followed a float, which was immediately behind 28 seemingly identical Corvettes whose owners delighted in revving the engines ... Very Loudly! Unfortunately, there were lots of kids running out in front of the cars to grab stray pieces of candy thrown from the float ahead. It was a great day to be out in the cars and we arrived back in Aiken a little after dark.





## SHADE TREE A'S MEMBER PROFILE

*This article is the first in a series of articles that will feature Shade Tree A's members and their Model A's. The first few articles in the series will feature the officers of the Shade Tree A's starting with the Shade Tree A's President, Chuck Howell. After the remaining Club officers have been featured, other Shade Tree A's members will be featured in future newsletters.*

### Charles (Chuck) L. Howell

Charles (Chuck) L. Howell served more than 30 years in the United States Army and retired on August 1, 2012. In his last assignment, he served as the Installation Management Command Chaplain, training, managing, and supervising 251 Chaplains serving on 83 Army Installations. Prior assignments in the Army include Chaplain at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Chuck is an honor graduate of Lee University and a distinguished honor graduate of the Pentecostal Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. In retirement, Chuck has served as military consultant with Guideposts Magazine and currently serves as a mentor and volunteer Chaplain for Military Officers Association of America. Chuck and his wife, Sharon, have two adult children and six grandsons whom he enjoys playing with.



Chuck was first introduced to Model A's when he spotted one in Washington State in 1994. After retirement from the Army, Chuck thought he needed a hobby working with his hands to cope with the depression effects of winter. Chuck looked on the Internet for a classic car to restore and found a 1930 Tudor Sedan for sale. He called the owner, who was a member of the Shade Tree A's, drove the car, realized it would take a lot of time, work and money to restore it—so he bought it.

Chuck purchased the Model A on January 10, 2014, joined the Shade Tree A's and immediately began restoration of the car under the supervision of master mechanic Richard Dunevent, Chuck disassembled the Model A down to the frame. The cab, hood and fenders were carried to a body and paint shop for repair and paint. When the body was finished, Chuck reassembled the car on the frame with help from other Shade Tree A's members. Chuck and Sharon installed the upholstery purchased from LeBaron Bonney. Chuck has adjusted the brakes as needed, replaced the window regulators and water pump and changed the oil a couple of times. Chuck says there's not much about a Model A that the average owner can't repair, replace, or adjust with basic tools



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and a repair manual. Chuck has driven the car 1,200 miles since restoration was completed on January 18, 2015. A pictorial progression of the restoration project is available on the Shade Tree A's website in the Member Restoration Projects folder.

Unfortunately, Chuck's homeowners association prohibits him from owning more cars or Harley Davidson motorcycles than he can accommodate in his driveway. If he could have another Model A, it would be a 4-door, 3-window Model A, much like the one Bob Collier recently restored. Other cars Chuck is interested in are the iconic cars he saw on the streets and movies from the 50-60s like the '55 T-bird, the '57 Chevy Bel Air, the '58 Corvette, and the '67 GT 350 Mustang. Chuck appreciates the American ingenuity and original thinking of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century reflected in the products manufactured during that time as opposed to what is made today which seems to merely be fine tuning of previous concepts and designs to achieve greater efficiency.



Chuck doesn't care for large crowds, but likes just about everything to do with the Shade Tree A's. Chuck likes the variety and personalities of the Shade Tree A's members and their collection of classic cars. He enjoys the monthly magazine we all receive from MAFCA and learning new things while working on other members' cars or trucks. He enjoys working with other Model A enthusiasts in repairing and restoring vintage automobiles and appreciates the resources of experience, expertise, tools and

the availability of Richard's Model A garage. He enjoys driving his Model A in a small convoys to nearby towns for lunch and the scenery along the way. While I'm not attracted to Car Shows, I do enjoy driving former colleagues and old friends in my Model A and taking them over to Richard's shop to see the other cars there.

Owning and driving a Model A reminds Chuck of a simpler, more honest and genuine time in American history. A time when taking a drive thru the country was an appreciated experience rather than a rush to work, school or shopping.

## TECHNICAL TOPICS

### Model A Q&A's

*Courtesy of Bentley Bohanan of  
Bentley's Antique Auto Service, Inc.*

#### Radiator Additives

The first thing that comes to mind is "stop leak". My dad worked at GM for many years and every car that came down the assembly line got a dose of "Stop Leak". If you have a very slight coolant leak, then a bottle of "Stop Leak" might help. It will not help a leaky water pump. Admittedly, we had a Model A with a seriously cracked engine block. We tried a container of "Block Sealant" and it actually worked. This was an older engine, and it was worth a try. As far as I know the man is still driving the car. Another popular radiator additive is "Waterwetter", intended to help keep the engine cool. A lot of guys swear by it. I have never used it. I do recommend regular "Antifreeze", just to keep your water from becoming rusty.

#### Fuel Additives

There are lead additives for older cars. If your Model A has had the engine rebuilt the last 20 years, then it probably has hardened valve seats and lead is not needed. There are also additives to combat ethanol in modern fuel. My advice is to run ethanol free fuel in your Model A. There are also "Fuel System Cleaners" out there. Guess what the main ingredient is ... ethanol!

#### Oil additives:

The first thing that comes to mind here is "Marvel Mystery Oil". The name alone makes it worth buying. You can pour this in oil or in your gas. Just keep a can on the shelf so you can look at the cool vintage label. There are also "Zinc" additives, designed for older cars. We have inspected engines which have been run for many years without "Zinc" additives. We did not see any unusual wear. There are also additives intended to keep your engine from leaking oil or smoking. I heard someone say Model A's are old enough to smoke, and they don't leak oil anyway, they just "mark their spot" handy.

#### Tire Additives

Someone asked me the other day about using nitrogen in Model A tires to improve fuel mileage. Let me know how that works. There are also products designed to repair or prevent leaks.

So, what is your experience? My overall thought is that most additives are designed to take advantage of the "Placebo Effect". If you think they are working then they are working. Most times you are simply masking a problem by using an additive. But occasionally some "Snake oil" might come in handy.

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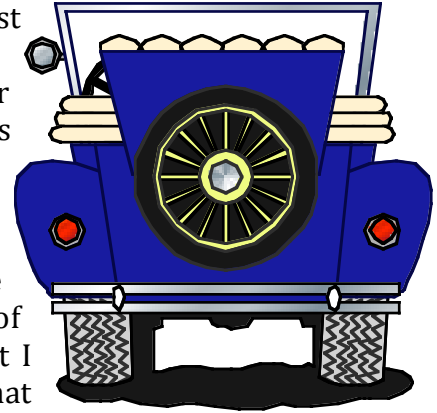
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## The Rumble Seat

*Robbie Jones*

The new year brings big changes for the Shade Tree A's. The biggest change from my perspective is that I am now your newsletter editor. Rachel has done a super job the past few years as editor and I thank her for her service and wish her well as she devotes more of her time to the Aiken A's.



You'll notice this newsletter looks quite different from recent newsletters. This is primarily due to the fact that I can't run the software that has been used in the past on my computer. Because of this, I developed an entirely new format using the software that I have. I took advantage of the opportunity and changed the format around; some things are new and some old things are gone.

Although I have enjoyed reading of Rachel's experience with her Model A on the front page of the newsletter, as I'm sure many of you have too, I don't plan to write a monthly article. I don't know what Rachel's educational background is, but I was not an English major.

The primary purpose of this particular article in this issue is to remind you that this is your newsletter. If there is something in the format you would like to see changed, let me know. If there is something I have eliminated from previous issues that you enjoyed and would like to see continued, let me know. In general, any comments are greatly appreciated, but most importantly, I need your input. If you go on a trip in your Model A, attend a parade, solve a problem with your car, whatever, send me a brief story and some pictures if possible. It doesn't have to be perfect; I can edit it and call you to discuss if needed. For Club events with multiple participants, step up and be the one to send me a short story and photos if applicable. Don't assume someone else is. Even if I get input on a single event from multiple people, I can blend it together.

You'll notice this article or column is titled "The Rumble Seat". Since a rumble seat is at the rear of a Model A and this article is at the rear of the newsletter, the title seems appropriate. The location also allows me to drop it off of future issues easily or add it back if I have something to write about.

In closing, this is your newsletter. I'm the editor, but I need your help.

Thanks and have a Happy New Year.