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### On the Cover

AA U. S. Mail truck at the AACA Eastern Regional Fall Meet in Hershey, PA (photo by Larry Komp).

## 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*

Even in an election year, the major event in November is always the Thanksgiving holiday. It's a tradition that began in 1621 by the Plymouth Colony and Wampanoag Indians, and is arguably the first uniquely American holiday.

During the Revolutionary War, Congress annually recommended days of Thanksgiving to the Army and the general public. General Washington appointed the first national day of Thanksgiving on 27 November 1779. As President, Washington again appointed a national day of Thanksgiving after the adoption of the US Constitution as the basis for the federal government in 1789. In 1795 he appointed another day of Thanksgiving in recognition of the many benefits and welfare of the union. Following this precedent, President Madison issued another in 1815 after signing a peace treaty with Great Britain.

During the bloodiest period of the Civil War, Sara J. Hale, a 75-year old school teacher and the author of the poem, "*Mary had a Little Lamb*," convinced President Abraham Lincoln to declare the last Thursday of November (26 November 1863) as the national day of Thanksgiving. Every President (except Franklin D. Roosevelt, who once changed the date of the observance) issued a proclamation appointing the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day, until it was made a recurring national holiday by Congress in 1973.

Historically, the defining virtue of the American people has been public gratitude during times of greatest difficulty. It is no wonder that Norman Rockwell's portrait of the Family Thanksgiving Meal was painted in 1943 when food was rationed to support our Troops in WWII. To the best of my knowledge, no



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painting has done a better job capturing what Thanksgiving looks and feels like than his.

Spend this Thanksgiving Day with your loved ones. Ignore the complaints, protests and whining on TV, and the recount your many blessing with them. Afterwards, take them all for a ride on a country road in your Model A. Of all the Great Depression memories, the thing that brought the biggest smile to Grandma Walton was a rumble seat ride in John-Boy's 1929 Ford Model A Coupe after supper. Indeed, we are the most blessed.

## MEETING MINUTES

*October 10, 2016*

*Richard's Garage*

*Recorded by: Kathy Poole - Secretary*

President Chuck Howell called the meeting to order on or about 7 PM by welcoming every one to the meeting. There were 27 members in attendance and no visitors. We had one member's donation to the "no name" kitty.

Chuck reminded us that to be a member of the STA's it was not necessary to own a Model A, just have a love of the car! He added that we now have a number of applications at the club for any visitor who is interested in becoming a member.

Jim Dover, club humorist and storyteller, provided another gem relating to farm life and procreation.

With Richard Dunevent having a health concern, there was no treasurer's report.

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

Jim McPherson, National Director, had no new information regarding the Model A Restorer's Club (MARC) or the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). There was discussion concerning the Hershey event. We had 9 members in attendance this year. It was noted that there were fewer good Model A parts for sale than in previous years.

Robbie Jones, Newsletter Editor, would like photos from Hershey for the Newsletter as well as membership/automobile profiles.

Matt Barrett brought a green Vaseline Glass bud vase for show and tell. He explained that it was popular for Model A owners to install the vase in their cars to dress up the interior with fresh blossoms.

Under Old Business, Chuck asked if any members had attended the Palmetto Swap Meet or the MARC National Tour. We had no members attending these events. One member attended the Gilmore Model A community event and several members participated in the Laurel and Hardy Festival/Parade.

Under New Business, Chuck reminded members of the Sweet Home, AL, tour. Dan Perla gave us some of the highlights to be enjoyed at the upcoming Tifton, GA, road trip which includes a museum and an AgroRama featuring re-enactments of early farm life. Dan would like anyone who is interested in attending this event to contact him to formulate travel plans. He has information on motels and added motel reservations are to be made by each attendee.

Chuck reminded us that there is a requirement for an annual meeting in December. He and Sharon have been researching venues. To date, four options have been proposed: (1) Citizens Park Conference Center, Aiken, SC. There is a \$500.00 fee to secure the room with a \$13.00 per person charge for the buffet; (2) Windmill Plantation Club House which can be secured for \$100.00. This would be a catered at a per person cost of \$13.00 or \$14.00. Members would decorate and clean up or elect to pay a \$200.00 clean up fee (3) Richard's Garage that would be catered much as last year's event with members decorating and providing clean up. (4) Andrew

Morse suggested Shep's Country Store. Further details concerning these sites will be provided at November's meeting. A date and venue site for this meeting/party will be decided at that time.

Also, four officers have to be elected for 2017: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The nominating committee: Jim McPherson, Kent Carruthers and Frank Knapp are to have a slate of nominees by the November meeting.

Frank Knapp brought up for discussion a proposal to help recruit members to serve as office holders. Since office holders must be members of both national organizations, Frank suggested that their dues could be paid from club funds. The club has the funds to do so, and this would be a perk for holding office. Office holders, like all other STA members, would continue to pay STA dues.

After much discussion, Frank Knapp, made a motion to amend the STA's Policies and Procedures thusly: The national organization dues, MARC and MAFCA, will be paid by the club for those holding the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The motion was recognized by Chuck and seconded by Misty Hooker. The motion carried: 26 to 1. (This was initially discussed during the April 2016 STA Meeting; however, a motion was not made at that time to consider this policy and procedure change.)

There was no technical program. The meeting was adjourned to refreshments and clean up.

**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 7PM and are followed by refreshments.



LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

November

- 4-8 Shade Tree A's Road Trip to Tifton, GA
- 14 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's Garage  
(Technical Program - TBA)
- 18-20 Swap Meet, Moultrie, GA

December

- TBA Shade Tree A's Christmas Dinner
- 3 Graniteville Christmas Parade, line-up at 2:00 PM, parade at 3:00 PM
- 4 Edgefiled 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

January

- 1 Shade Tree A's New Years Day Breakfast

TBA - To Be Announced

November Refreshments



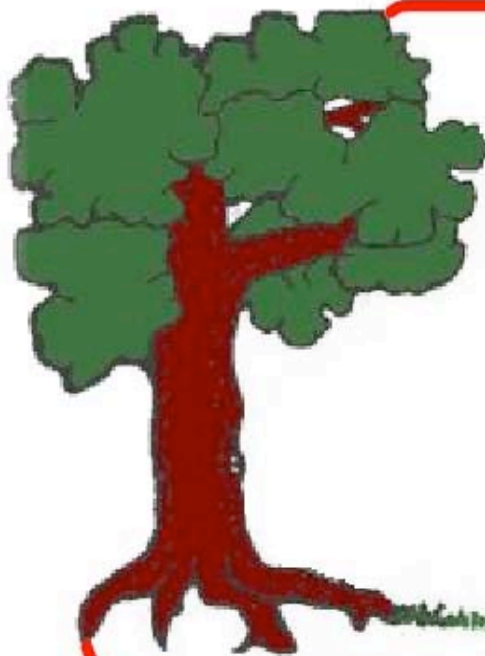
Craig McMullin  
Robbie Jones  
Matt Barrett



November Birthdays

- |    |               |    |                |
|----|---------------|----|----------------|
| 3  | Margaret Towe | 5  | Mary Jones     |
| 17 | Walter Smith  | 18 | William Gordon |
| 25 | James Beck    |    |                |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Shade Tree A's Member News

- George Gordon had his cochlear implants activated in October. George will have a follow-up appointment in November for fine-tuning. Please continue to keep George and the Gordon family in your prayers as they progress through these next steps.

*Send Items for Shade Tree A's Member News to:*  
[newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org](mailto:newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org)

### 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

### Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund

MAFCA is pleased to offer its financial support and encourages both members and chapters to also support this great program for our Model A youth through fund raisers, memorials or individual donations: [http://www.mafca.com/y\\_MAF\\_scholarship.html](http://www.mafca.com/y_MAF_scholarship.html)



The Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc. was established as a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization to assist children and/or grandchildren of any MAFCA/MARC member in pursuing their undergraduate education, whether it be a state university, college or technical school.

The Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund (MAYSF) is sponsored by the **Victoria Association**.

The current Board members are:

<b>Jo Johnson</b>	President	<b>Barbara Tallone</b>	Treasurer
<b>Anne Neely-Beck</b>	Vice-President	<b>Martie Wiedle</b>	Secretary
	Student Records	<b>Charlie Viosca</b>	Founding Pres.

ALL of the funds that are contributed become part of the Scholarship Fund. The Fund administrators donate their time and receive no compensation for their time and efforts. Remember, it is a non-profit organization and is, therefore, a tax deductible contribution.

All scholarship winners receive \$1,000 every year for up to four years upon submission of satisfactory grade requirements. Since its inception in 2002, the scholarship has raised over \$150,000 for MAFCA/MARC youth members. Unfortunately, we are unable to award a scholarship to each applicant, as we are limited to the funds we raise each year.

January 2017 has been designated as "Scholarship Month." The Scholarship Fund is asking each Model A Club to collect "*Dollars for Scholars*" in January 2017. That means at your monthly meeting everyone in the club gives a dollar to the MAYSF, then your Treasurer writes a check for that amount and mails it to the MAYSF at: Anne Neely-Beck, P.O. Box 365, Jeffersonville, GA 31044

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): [http://www.mafca.com/y\\_MAF\\_scholarship\\_faq.html](http://www.mafca.com/y_MAF_scholarship_faq.html)

For an application package: <http://www.mafca.com/downloads/Youth/Youth-Schol-App-Package.pdf>

For more information, please contact: Ann Neely-Beck, Vice-President: [anbjeb@gmail.com](mailto:anbjeb@gmail.com)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2016 Monroe Wade Award Nominations

The Monroe Wade Award honors a current Shade Tree A's member who promotes and encourages the furtherance of the Model A hobby. The member can have accomplished this in any of the ways listed below:

1. A Club member who goes out of his or her way to help other members repair or maintain their Model A's.
2. A Club member who:
  - a. Writes an outstanding article for the Shade Tree A's Newsletter regarding repair and restoration, or who brings to light new information about the Model A.
  - b. Presents an outstanding program regarding repair and restoration or who provides new information about the Model A at a Club meeting.
3. A Club member who shows dedication to the Model A hobby and to the Club by:
  - a. Driving his or her Model A on a substantial number of Club tours and events.
  - b. Driving his or her Model A great distances, demonstrating that the Model A is not only fun but a worthy means of transportation.
  - c. Is an outstanding representative of the Shade Tree A's at national meets and tours or local community events, thus serving as a Shade Tree A's club ambassador.

Club members may nominate any member in good standing by **submitting the member's name and a short paragraph with their reasons for nominating the member**. The winner will be announced at the annual Christmas meeting. The award winner's name will be added to a permanent plaque located at the Club's meeting place and a second plaque will be given to the winner.

The winner will be chosen by a committee made up of the past three winners (Eric Shogren – 2013, Larry Komp – 2014, Pascal Bryant – 2015) and Betty Wade. You may give your nomination to one of the committee members. All nominations must be received **not later than the November meeting** (November 14, 2016) to be considered.



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

**WHEN: December 1**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Model A Road Trip

The Shade Tree A's are planning a trip to the Agrirama (Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village) in Tifton, Georgia November 4-6, 2016. We would leave early Friday morning the 4th and return on Sunday the 6th. It is about 200 miles to Tifton from Evans. A tentative route that is all 2-lane roads and no interstate has been planned. The Jacksonville club is also going and there are 8 rooms blocked at the Holiday Inn Express at this time on a 1st come, 1st reserved basis. The actual event is on Saturday the 5th. A link to the Agrirama website is provided below.



For more information and photos of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village, see:

<http://www.abac.edu/museum/attractions>

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## RECENT EVENTS

### November Show-N-Tell

Matt Barrett brought in a pair of these bud vases that he has collected.



### Check Those Lug Nuts!

On a recent trip to the store for auto cleaning supplies, Larry Duvall decided to drive his Model A. After shopping for about 20 minutes he returned to his A and left. Within 100 feet of the parking lot, Larry felt a bump and saw his tire rolling past. All lug nuts had come off; two were found near the car. Larry hasn't determined the extent of damage yet or made any repairs. Frank Knapp just couldn't resist taking this photo.



## RECENT EVENTS

### Oliver Hardy Festival



Kent Carruthers sent in this photo from the 2013 Oliver Hardy Festival. Kent brought the car here just in time for the parade.





## RECENT EVENTS

### AACA Eastern Regional Fall Meet, a.k.a. Hershey

*By Larry Komp*

Several Shade Tree A'ers made the annual trek to Hershey, Pennsylvania for the AACA Eastern Regional Fall Meet. Richard Dunevent, Henry Jones, Don Turley, Gerald Melchior, Frank Knapp, Larry Duvall, Jim McPherson, Sheila McPherson, Dan Perla, Walter Smith, and myself all survived a week of perfect weather to hike the many rows of vendors. Lots of Model A parts from several flea market vendors were available. While searching for these, many interesting antique car and truck items are displayed making this event the most interesting collection of "stuff" ever assembled. The car show on Saturday had four restored AA trucks; two of them mail trucks. This AACA sponsored car show is one of the largest car shows in existence.





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## The Rumble Seat

*By Robbie Jones*

On a recent trip to the mountains in late October to see some colorful leaves and to get some apples, we saw several interesting vehicles along the way. The first vehicle we saw was a rusty AA truck, but I didn't think to get a photo. After seeing another interesting vehicle, I decided to start taking some photos. Unfortunately, we didn't see any more Model A's.

