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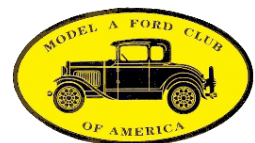
On the Cover

Kent and Heidi Carruthers celebrate International Model A Day driving across the new bridge over Clarks Hill Lake on Highway 47.

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

Last month Sharon and I flew to Denver and drove a rental car threw the Rocky Mountains. During our 4,100 mile journey, we found ourselves behind a small convoy of Model A's south of Calgary, Canada. They stopped briefly at a rest area to put more water in their radiators and let their engines cool.



I asked one of the Model A driver's if they planned to traverse the "Going-to-the-Sun-Road" in Glacier National Park. That road crests at 8,800 feet above sea level at a place called Logan's Pass. They all laughed and said the grade was too steep and today's traffic too impatient for such a trip, but told me that riding in one of the restored "Jammers" would be the nearest thing to a Model A ride in the park.

Jammers are 1930s-era buses, which required drivers to double-clutch when changing gears—hence the nickname "gear jammers." The ones driven in Glacier National Park are painted black and red. Those driven in Yellowstone are black and yellow.



Officially, they were sold as the 706 National Park Buses that could carry 14 passengers and had a top speed of 35 MPH. A total of 2,406 of these buses were built by the White Motor Company of Ohio and were driven in seven of our national parks. By 1980, the White Motor Company went bankrupt. The Federal government disapproved three merger proposals that would have saved the White Motor Company, and its assets were eventually bought by Volvo.

Both Glacier and Yellowstone sold all of their "Jammers" by 1967 but so many tourists requested a ride in them that the two Parks bought a few back in 2007. The 1930's bodies were mounted on new Ford frames with 330-cubic-inch Ford V-8 engines, automatic transmissions, power brakes and steering. All surviving vehicles still have the original license plates, classic looks and "Ahooga" sounding horns.

Most visitors no longer arrive by train and now drive their own cars through the parks, but many sign up for tours in the Jammers because they are the coolest-looking ride in the park. I found it impossible to get a seat on one of these buses in either park because they are booked months in advance mostly by young people.

It was good to meet a few Model A enthusiasts in Canada, and I was glad to learn that vintage era cars remain as popular as ever with the public.

MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2016

Richard's Garage

Recorded by: Kathy Poole - Secretary

Vice President Mike Gordon called the meeting to order on or about 7 PM by thanking everyone for coming out on a very wet night. President Howell and Sharon are in Colorado. There were 29 members in attendance and two visitors: Debbie Collier, daughter of member Rob Collier, and Ned Pruitt. Ned is considering membership in the STA's. We have two new members, Ed and Mary Griffin of Gainesville, GA. Only one member made a payment to the no-name-tag kitty.

Jim Dover, club humorist, provided us with another winner from his collection of colorful stories and witticisms.

Richard Dunevent, treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report. Mike asked if there was a motion to approve the July and August minutes. A motion was made by Larry Komp and seconded by Dan Perla to approve the minutes as published in the Newsletter. The motion carried.

Jim McPherson, National Director, reported that the MAFCA dues notice has been published in the magazine and mailed out to current members. Jim said that MAFCA would like photos of our automobiles and that photos should be sent to the MAFCA Webmaster.

Robbie Jones, Newsletter Editor, asked members to submit their STA profile for upcoming Newsletters.

George Gordon has undergone surgery for a cochlea implant. He is already hearing better and expects to have the implant "activated" mid-October. Frank Knapp is mending well from surgeries related to back pain.

For Show and Tell, Dan Perla, Webmaster, provided a spark plug, which was manufactured solely for the postal service during the Model A Era. The spark plugs are distinguished by their color: a pinkish lavender. Matt Barrett brought a floater brake, which eliminates a wedge on braking systems.

Under Old Business, Mike talked about the Annual Sconyers barbeque meeting which was attended by 46 members. The Tucker, GA, Swap Meet was attended by 2 members who reported the Meet was of interest but had only 15 vendors. The STA's had no members attend International Model A Day events.

Under New Business, Mike talked about the September and October events, which are listed in the Newsletter Club Calendar. A sign up sheet was passed around for those planning to participate in the annual Christmas in Edgefield, SC, event on 19 Dec 2016. For details concerning this event, please contact STA member, Theresa McMullin.

The technical program was presented by Jim McPherson on the topic of Model A lubrication. The where, when and what lubricant to use caused a lively discussion.

The meeting was adjourned to refreshments, fellowship 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

October

- 1 Oliver Hardy Festival, Harlem GA,
- 4-8 AACA Eastern Regional Fall Meet, Hershey, PA
- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's Garage
(Technical Program - TBA)
- 22 Pamir Place Fall Festival, Grovetown, GA
- 26-29 Sweet Home Alabama Tour, Tuscaloosa, AL

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

TBA - To Be Announced

October Refreshments



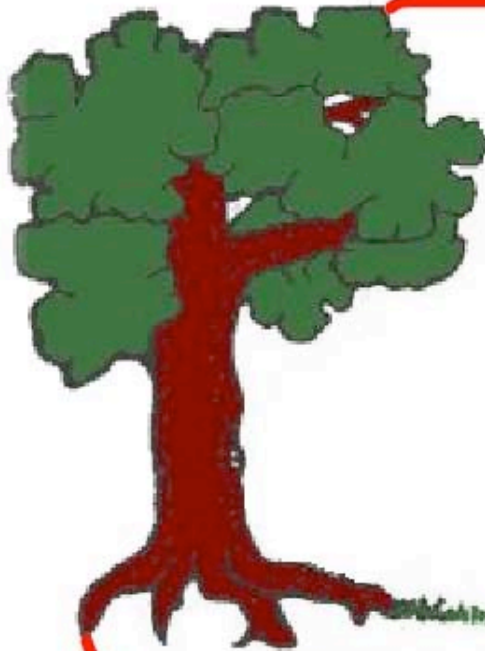
Ron Wisham
Chuck Howell



October Birthdays

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| 2 | Leslie Holley | 3 | Shelby Deitz |
| 5 | Anne Neely Beck | 5 | Tina Neitzke |
| 8 | Suzanne Gordon | 8 | Jim McPherson |
| 12 | Jack Ezelle | 14 | Andrew Morse |
| 15 | Sherry Schroen | 17 | Hilde Dover |
| 17 | Leta Jones | 18 | Sarah Richardson |
| 25 | Sheila Wilson | 26 | Pat Roberts |
| 29 | Jerry Peters | | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

- George Gordon had surgery for cochlear implants. The implants will be activated October 17. Please continue to keep George and the Gordon family in your prayers as they progress through these next steps.
- Frank Knapp is recovering well from back surgery.

Send Items for Shade Tree A's Member News to:
newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org

For those who won't be in Hershey, PA:



Kent Carruthers spoke with the Oliver Hardy Festival coordinator and was told there is no fee this year for participation; however, they require badges for vehicles for liability protection. Kent will have 4 badges for the Shade Tree A's. Additional badges are available for pick-up at City Hall if others would like to participate. Line up will be at the City Park at 9:00 AM on October 1. The parade begins at 10:00 AM. Candy is welcome.

This is a fun little parade with lots of people. Model T's have been there every year Kent has attended. If you're interested in participating, contact Kent Carruthers at 706-564-7304

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 or 706-513-7619

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sweet Home Alabama Tour

You are invited to the Tenth Annual Sweet Home Alabama Tour October 26 - 29, 2016. The Tour will be conducted as a hub tour from Tuscaloosa, Alabama and will feature spectacular scenery, County back roads, and local attractions.

Registration will be on Wednesday, October 26th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the motel registration room. From 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., we will have an ice breaker at the motel to greet old friends and meet new ones that share the Model "A" Ford hobby.

We have planned a great three day lineup of touring this year. Thursday morning we're off to tour the Mercedes-Benz Museum and Visitor's Center. After the tour we will continue to Moundville, AL for lunch and a tour of the Moundville Archaeological Park and Museum. In the evening, you will be free to explore the many fine restaurants in the area. A list of restaurants will be provided in the registration packet. Friday morning we're off to Carrollton, AL and a drive-by of the Pickens Co. Court House to see the famous face in the window. We continue on to tour the U.S. Snag Boat Montgomery, and have lunch and tour the Aliceville Museum. Supper again will be on your own. On Saturday morning we will saddle up in that "ole" A Model for a tour of downtown Tuscaloosa, AL, the Paul W. "Bear" Bryant Museum, and the Alabama Museum of Natural History. After lunch we continue on to the Warner Transportation Museum. The day will end with the "Farewell Banquet," an evening of dining, fellowship, and door prizes.

Call (205) 750-8384 and make your reservations directly with the Courtyard (Host Motel) 4115 Courtney Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405. Overflow motel is the Fairfield Inn 4101 Courtney Drive, Tuscaloosa AL 35405 (205) 366-0900. Tell them you are with the Sweet Home Alabama Tour to get the special tour rate of \$119.00 plus tax per night (this includes breakfast). The cutoff date for the tour rate is September 1, 2016. The designated tow vehicle parking area will be located in the side parking lot of the K-Mart shopping center which is located ¼ mile south of the motel. The Tour Registration Form is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Gary Wheat at (205) 799-4887 / wheatapp@charter.net, wheat1215@charter.net or

Henry Hinds at (205) 345-3246, (Cell) (205) 799-8307 / hhinds@iplett.com.

Bring "Henry's Finest" and get ready to do a lot of tire kicking, touring, and having a good old time on the "Model A Highway".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAMIR PLACE
Homeowner's Association
invites the
Shade Tree A's Classic Cars
to the 2016



Chili Cook Off

October 22, 2016
(Saturday) 2pm to 5pm



PAMIR PLACE

Located on
Harlem Grovetown Road
Grovetown, GA

HOA President: Frank J. Estrade
Email: Frank@link-lighttechnologies.com

POC: Nancy Trikey
NLTrickey@gmail.com

FUN EVENTS FOR CHILDREN!



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. More details on the trip will be provided as we get closer to November.



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

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

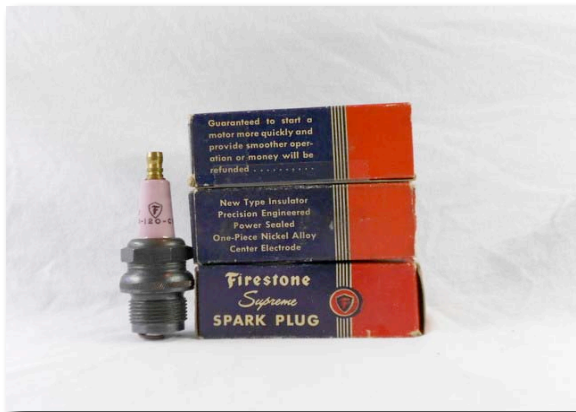
RECENT EVENTS

September Show-N-Tell

Matt Barrett brought in a set of Brake Floaters that he recently purchased. They were very popular many years ago, but are no longer made. Matt managed to get probably the last set available. They had to be assembled from leftover parts.



Dan Perla brought in a spark plug that is unique to Model A and AA U.S. Postal trucks. The spark plug has "Firestone" and "P.O.D." inscribed on the porcelain insulator which itself is pink instead of white.



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Chrysler 1946-1950.....	.030	Kaiser All.....	.032	Packard 1936-1950 All.....	.028
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RECENT EVENTS

Dan Perla recently received the following email from Allison Seebeck. Looks like the Shade Tree A's website is useful to more than just Model A enthusiasts.

Good Morning, Mr. Perla !

I just wanted to send a quick thank you for the The Shade Tree A's website! One of my tutoring students was doing research for a project he's doing on the history of automobiles, and he somehow ended up on the club's links page (this one: www.shadetreeas.org/links.html). We thought we should tell someone that we've been using the links there, hopefully that's okay! He found some great information for his project on the AACA, MARC, & MAFC websites!

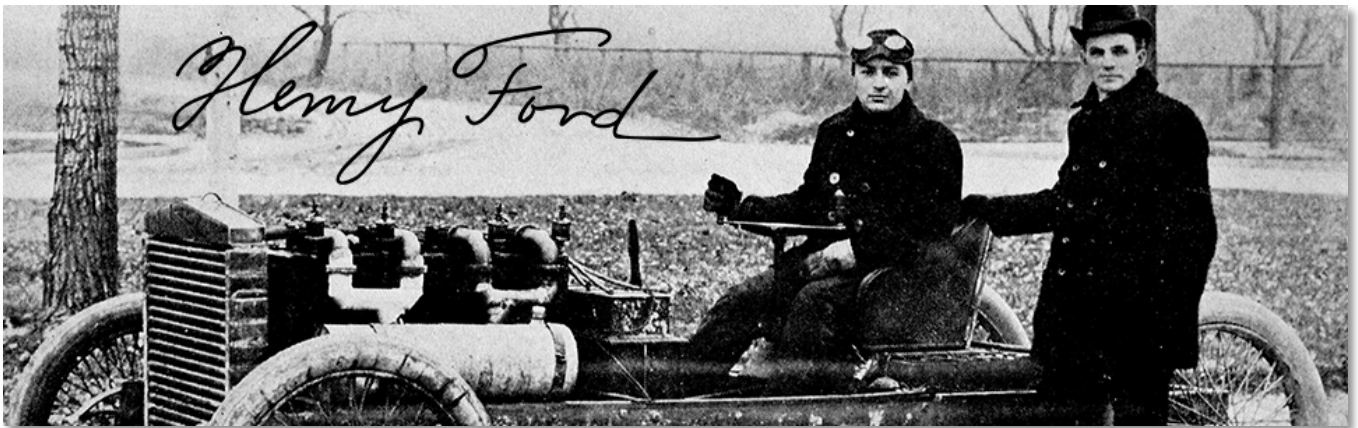
It was actually Adam who pointed out that we should say thank you, so I suggested that we also return the favor and pass on another resource! He did some more research and found this for you:

*"History of Henry Ford & the Model T" -
www.shearcomfort.com/history-henry-ford-model-t.asp*

It's a timeline of Henry Ford & the Ford Motor Company, with great links to learn more. He thought you might want it for the page, for any other students that come across the Shade Tree A's website! Hopefully you can use it, Adam would be thrilled to see it! Thanks again Dan, and enjoy the rest of the summer!

*Sincerely,
Adam & Miss Seebeck*

The following photo came from the website link referenced in Allison's email. Check it out.



RECENT EVENTS

Dan Perla and the McPherson's attended the Swap Meet in Tucker, Georgia on August 13th and picked up a few parts, mostly AA truck parts. The event included admittance to the Cofer's Stable of Thoroughbreds collection. The photos below show just some of the fine cars in the collection.



SHADE TREE A'S MEMBER PROFILE

This article continues a series of articles that feature Shade Tree A's members and their Model A's.

Ron Wisham

Ron's exposure to old cars began at an early age. When he was about six years old he started helping his master-mechanic father by cleaning parts. On one occasion he had to clean parts for a Model A.

Ron has always loved history and the study of science. Ron considers Henry Ford a scientist and not just an entrepreneur or auto builder. Ron has been building cars since 1957 and considers the early Fords to be magnificent in their initial concept. His father's preference for Fords likely had an influence on Ron's opinion.



Ron has never owned a Model A and does not have a favorite type; he loves them all! Ron has been a member of the Shade Tree A's for about two years and enjoys the camaraderie of the Club and the collective knowledge of Club members. Ron believes the Club has an absolutely great team of people that have an earnest love for mechanics and the drive. Ron enjoys sitting in the back of the room during meetings and watching all the interaction during the meetings. Ron wonders who is going to take all this knowledge and put it to good use when these knowledgeable folks pass on. Ron suggests that the Club produce a Shade Tree A's "Bible".

Ron's interest in automobiles is very diverse. He appreciates all automobiles regardless of make, but he does prefer American made cars. Ron feels that so much knowledge about our own American cars has been lost due to the passing of so many great minds, even those that we will never know about that have died from wars, accidents, etc. Although Ron does not currently own a Model A, he does own and is currently restoring a 1949 Ford F-1 pickup truck that belonged to his father. Having been taught at an early age in the 50's, 60's and 70's when his father was building round track race cars, Ron has performed all manner of work on the 33 vehicles he has owned including body work, paint, upholstery, engine overhaul, brakes, and other mechanical work.

Ron plans to go to some swap meets in the future including the larger ones like Hershey and Charlotte. If Ron could go back in time, he would restore American automobiles if he could make a living at it. The trouble would be that he wouldn't want to part with any of them once they were restored. It still gives Ron a thrill just to hear one of the Shade Tree A's Model A's crank up considering that somewhere in that automobile is something original from the 1920's or 1930's.

Ron is a retired Operations Manager, Store Manager and Zone Manager from Lowes and Sears (the old one), with 47 years of combined service.

TECHNICAL TOPICS

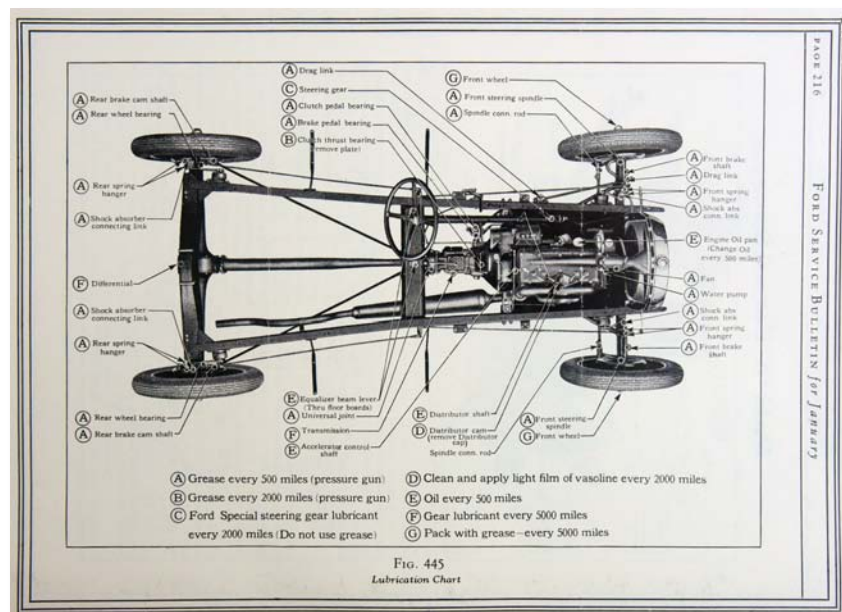
And the Model A Ford Kept Rambling Right Along

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.

Lubrication. During the September Shade Tree A's meeting, Jim McPherson presented a technical program on Model A and AA lubrication. The table below contains the schedule and recommended lubricants that Jim presented. Jim also provided lubrication charts for the Model A cars and Model AA trucks. A similar chart from the January 1928 Ford Service Bulletin is shown below. Poster size lubrication charts are available from parts suppliers and can also be found on Internet sites such as the Ford Garage (<http://www.fordgarage.com/pages/modelalubrication.htm>).

Chassis	500 miles	No. 2 high pressure lube
Clutch Thrust Bearing	2,000 miles	No. 2 high pressure lube
Clutch Pilot Bearing	When Repaired	Cup grease
Steering Sector	2,000 miles	Gear lubricant
Distributor Cam	5,000 miles	Light film of Vaseline
Distributor Shaft	500 miles	Oil
Accelerator Control Shaft	500 miles	Oil
Transmission	5,000 miles	Gear lubricant, drain, flush, fill
Differential	5,000 miles	Gear lubricant, drain, flush, fill
Wheel Bearings	5,000 miles	High melting point grease
Generator Front Bearings	1,000 miles	2 or 3 drops of oil
Generator Rear Bearings	1,000 miles	Fill oil cup
Change Engine Oil	500 miles	SAE No. 40 oil
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