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On the Cover

The Shade Tree A's toured to Miss Jane's Restaurant in Warrenton, Georgia on July 7 for lunch. Story on page 10.

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

Kent Carruthers - President

Welcome to the Dog Days of summer. I have had the pleasure of spending most of July on tour, across this great and diverse country of ours. We traveled over 7,500 miles, spent 19 days visiting such places as the Grand Canyon, San Diego, Sequoia National Park, San Francisco, Yosemite, and Yellow Stone National Park. It was a trip where each day we asked ourselves how the next day could be better, but somehow it was.

On this tour I was constantly searching for that recognizable grill or fender of an old Model A. They were spotted outside of Albuquerque NM, Vista CA, Solvang CA and Cody Wyoming. At each finding, the fun of discussing the characteristics of the cars with their owners wasn't passed over. The spotting of Model A's across this country should be added to every trip!

I am happy to say that the love of Model A Ford's is seen throughout the country. I was very proud to share my participation with the Shade Tree A's, and have the knowledge to identify a 28/29/30/31 vehicle.

This month is key to closing out a good year. I plan to address the masses at Sconyer's to present a few continuing issues that have lingered. We have had dwindling meeting attendance, so good food maybe the enticing factor needed to get us together.

I have work to do to put together the International Model A Day Tour and can use any assistance offered. We have invited Regional Club participation and are expecting strong attendance. Please plan to take advantage of an outstanding opportunity to show Shade Tree A's ability to provide a wonderful time for all.

This is our chance to submit a strong showing for the "100K mile day". Be ready to commit at Sconyer's for the IMAD tour.

I look forward to the next months and encourage everyone to enjoy every opportunity to adjust a spark lever.

Respectfully,
Kent Carruthers
President



MEETING MINUTES

*July 10, 2017
Richard's Garage*

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree As was held July 10, 2017 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. Due to the absence of our beloved, President Kent, Vice President Mike Gordon gaveled the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 PM. Twenty-four members were in attendance. It appears summer vacations continue to take a toll on attendance! Including our president who is enjoying a three week tour of our great country!

The group was once more entertained by Jim Dover's "Joke of The Month". Another entertaining story with excellent delivery. All members present were truly amused!

Our "name tag penalty collection cup" received no donations this month as all members were properly identified with the required and appropriate name tags!

One visitor, Gerald Melchoir's grandson Michael Walters, was recognized. It's always nice to have the younger set exposed to our fantastic hobby. Michael was welcomed by all!

Just before the meeting got underway, our Treasurer, Richard Dunevent along with Andrew Morse were called out to rescue a stranded A400 en route to the meeting. Yep, even the very desirable A400 will occasionally experience unexpected problems! Bob's grandson did finally arrive for all to enjoy the rare Convertible Sedan.

Meanwhile, Chuck Howell reported our treasury remained the same as last month with no deposits or withdrawals recorded. He did brag somewhat that our Money Market Account did earn at whopping 13 cents during the month of June!

A motion for approval of the June meeting minutes as published in *The Newsletter* was made, seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

With the absence of our newsletter editor, Robbie Jones, no report was rendered.

Ralph Neitzke reported that Tina is still relaxing at home and recovering well. According to Misty Gordon, George Gordon, is home and doing well with possibly only two or three more weeks of rehab ahead. Great news!

Jim Mcpherson reminded the group of MAFCA's announced dues increase. Beginning next year, National Dues will increase from \$40.00 to \$50.00 annually. He also noted this increase is their first in thirteen years!

Nothing was offered for "Show and Tell".

Under Old Business, our participation in The Blackville Model A gathering on Saturday, June 17th was well attended with some thirty Model A Fords representing five area clubs. Also, two motions made at our June meeting, one to move our Money Market funds into the general fund and another to publish the complete Treasurer's Report in our newsletter were once again tabled and a suggestion was made to have the Board of Directors make a recommendation to be presented to the general membership at a later date.

Vice President Mike passed around two "sign-up" sheets, one for those planning to attend next month's Family Dinner Meeting at Sconyer's Bar-B-Que Restaurant Thursday August, 17th at 6:00 PM and another for those planning to participate in our Fuel Economy Run & National Model A Day celebration to be held September, 16th.

Under New Business, the upcoming "Sweet Home Alabama Tour" as well as the National MARC Meet to be held July 30 - August 4 in Gettysburg, PA. were briefly discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM after which refreshments provided by "The Gordon Clan" lead by Misty Gordon was, as always, a treat enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted by Frank Knapp
Membership Coordinator and Acting Secretary

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

August

- 12 9th Annual Model A parts and Swap Meet hosted by the Georgia Chapter of MAFCA, Tucker, Georgia
- 17 Shade Tree A's Annual Summer Dinner, 6:00 PM, Sconyers BBQ Restaurant
(Note: There will not be a regular Shade Tree A's monthly meeting in August)

September

- 8-9 All Model A & Model T Swap Meet & People's Choice Car Show, Smith and Jones, Columbia, SC
- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – TBA)
- 16 International Model A Ford Day
- 16 Shade Tree A's Fuel Economy Run (date is tentative)

October

- 9 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – TBA)
- 18-21 Sweet Home Alabama Tour

TBA - To Be Announced

August Refreshments



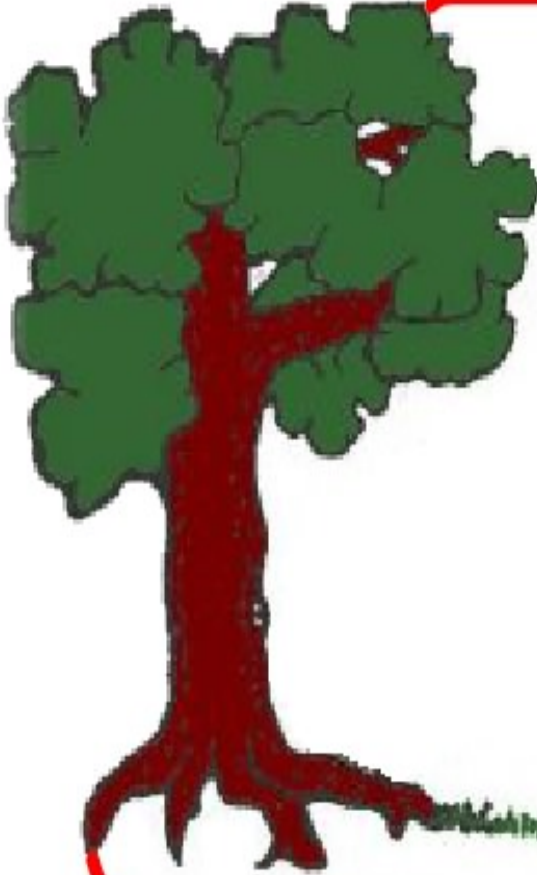
NO REFRESHMENTS
THIS MONTH DUE TO
THE SHADE TREE A's
ANNUAL DINNER



August Birthdays

- 2 Abbie Prince
- 3 Laraine McCain
- 9 Ned Pruitt
- 10 Walker Crosby
- 11 Bobby Jones
- 11 Sheila McPherson
- 13 Pascal Bryant
- 16 Henry Jones
- 23 Rita Thornhill
- 25 Dan Snider

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

- Continue to remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:
 - Kathy Poole-recovery from recent surgery
 - Tina Neitzke-recovering at home
 - George Gordon-recovering at home with a few more weeks of rehab

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

Shade Tree A's Newsletter Back Issues

The 1985-1989 Shade Tree A's newsletters are now available on the Shade Tree A's website. They can be accessed via the same 'button' as the other newsletters, but they are password protected. The same password used to access the member roster is used to access the newsletters.

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Shade Tree A's Annual Dinner Meeting

Sconyer's Bar-B-Que Restaurant
Thursday August, 17th at 6:00 PM

Plates

Plantation Platter <i>(House Specialty)</i> <i>(1/4 Chicken or Sliced Turkey, 2 Meaty Ribs, Chopped Beef and Chipped Pork)</i> NO SUBSTITUTIONS PLEASE	\$22.15
Bar-B-Que Pork Plate	\$11.95
Small Bar-B-Que Pork Plate	\$ 9.95
T-Loin ® Plate <i>(Choice Pork)</i> <i>96% Fat Free-Low Sodium-Low Cholesterol</i>	\$12.95
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Turkey Plate <i>97% Fat Free</i>	\$11.95
Small Turkey Plate <i>97% Fat Free</i>	\$ 9.95
Chopped Beef Plate <i>(Sliced on Request)</i>	\$12.45
Small Chopped Beef Plate <i>(Sliced on Request)</i>	\$10.45
½ Chicken Plate <i>(All White Meat 50¢ extra)</i>	\$ 9.95
¼ Chicken Plate	\$ 8.35
Rib Platter ½ Slab	\$15.10
Rib Platter - Full Slab	\$25.00

*(All Plates Include Hash With Rice, Pickles
and your choice of Cole Slaw or Potato Salad)*

Ala Carte

Ribs (By the Ounce)	\$13.95 /lb.
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Create your Own Platter (By the Ounce or by the Pound)

Extra Orders

Bowl of Hash with Rice	\$3.95
Bowl of Hash Only	\$5.25
Order of Potato Salad, Cole Slaw or Rice	\$1.60
Order of Pickles	\$.85
Pork Skins <i>(When Available, By the Ounce)</i>	\$7.15 /lb.
Potato Chips	\$.65
Bowl of Sweet Sauce	\$1.00

Sandwiches

Chipped Pork	\$4.75
T-Loin ® <i>(Choice Pork)</i> <i>96% Fat Free-Low Sodium-Low Cholesterol</i>	\$4.95
Chopped Beef	\$4.85
Sliced Turkey <i>97% Fat Free</i>	\$4.75

Beverages

Tea, Coffee <i>(Reg or Decaf)</i>	\$2.20
Coke Classic, Cherry Coke, Lemonade	\$2.20
Caffeine Free Diet Coke, Sprite	\$2.20
Milk <i>(Plain or Chocolate)</i>	\$2.00

Beer

Miller Lite, Coors Lite	\$3.25
Budweiser, Bud Lite, Yuengling	\$3.25
Michelob, Michelob Lite, Michelob Ultra	\$3.50
Heineken ® <i>(Imported From Holland)</i>	\$3.75
Stella Artois ® <i>(Imported From Belgium)</i>	\$3.75

Wine

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Barefoot Bubbly Brut Cuvee	\$5.95
Beringer Red Moscato	\$5.95
Gallo Family Vineyard Pinot Noir	\$5.95
Woodbridge Chardonnay	\$5.95
Woodbridge Cabernet Sauvignon	\$5.95
Sutter Home Merlot	\$4.95
Sutter Home Moscato	\$4.95
Sutter Home Pink Moscato	\$4.95
Sutter Home Sangria	\$4.95
Sutter Home White Zinfandel	\$4.95

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Celebrate



Invitational *Fuel Economy* Tour Saturday September 16th, 2017

Activities:

Saturday morning centralized start at Evans Towne Center Park – 10:00 a.m.
Country side tour of back roads and bridges, approximately 90 miles
Top off gas tanks at Pollard's Corner gas station for calculations
Catered lunch at [Below Dam South Carolina Recreation Area](#), South Carolina
Winning vehicle awards and presentations

Tour includes:

2017 MAFCA International Model A Day Patch
Choice of Ham or Turkey catered lunch by Jason's Deli
Chance to log approximately 90 miles for MAFCA's 100,000 mile day!
Car Classifications
\$25 Cash Prizes
Bragging Rights

Details:

Shade Tree A Members – donation \$7.50
Visiting Club Members – donation \$15.00
Please return the attached confirmation with payment prior to August 15 to:

Kent Carruthers
6942 Moontown Dr. E.
Appling, GA 30802
706-564-7304

Lodging opportunities can be provided upon request

Nothing could be finer than touring in a Model A with other MAFCA Members

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12th Annual

ALL Model A & Model T

SWAP MEET & PEOPLE'S CHOICE CAR SHOW

at

Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts
60 Wisconsin St. West Columbia, SC



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Friday, September 8, 2017 8am to 5pm Swap Meet

Saturday, September 9, 2017 8am to 3pm Swap Meet & Car Show

Vendor Space: Early registration: \$15/one day \$25/two days \$20/\$30 at the gate

Car Corral: \$10 for two days

Palmetto A Members - Free Vendor Space

\$2 Door Prize Tickets Food Concession 50/50

Contact: Dick Fraser

dickfraser@earthlink.net 803-622-7582

Vendor Sign Up Form

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Will you be arriving and setting up on Thursday, Sept 7? _____

Are you primarily a Model A or Model T vendor? _____

Please mail this form along with a check or money order made payable to:

Palmetto A's of SC--- 113 Ian Dr. Leesville, SC 29070

By participation in this event and signing this form I/we agree to hold harmless

The Palmetto A's of SC Model A Club, Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts and any of the members or agents thereof, in the event of accident or injury to any participant, person or group.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Sweet Home Alabama Tour

October 18-21, 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are putting the finishing touches on this year's "Sweet Home Alabama Tour" October 18-21, 2017, with departure for home on Sunday morning October 22. The following is a draft outline of the tour:

- Wednesday Oct 18, registration and welcome dinner.
- Thursday Oct 19, a tour of the Natchez trace with a stop at the Tupelo car museum, lunch, tour of local attractions, and return on the trace.
- Friday Oct 20 a road tour to Lawrence County, Tennessee, a stop at the Big Red Store, lunch at the historic David Crocket restaurant, a tour of Amish country and return on the Natchez trace.
- Saturday Oct 21 a visit to the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, the Tuscumbia Railroad Museum and the General Joe Wheeler home. In the evening we will conclude with the "Farewell Dinner".

The host motel is the Coldwater Inn, 712 Hwy 72 W, Tuscumbia, Al 35674, telephone number (256) 383-6844. The tour rate is \$79 plus tax, breakfast included. You can go ahead now and make your motel reservations, tell them you are with the Sweet Home Alabama Tour to get the special rate. We should have the tour information packet and registration form completed within the next 3 weeks (*by mid-July, Ed.*). It's going to be another great tour.

-- Paul Majerick



RECENT EVENTS

Lunch in Blackville, SC

Story and Photos by Frank Knapp

Five members braved 95-degree heat on Friday July 7 to drive to Warrenton for lunch at Miss Jane's Restaurant. Despite one out of gas, one flat tire changed roadside and one squealing water pump Richard Dunevent, Larry DuVall, Dan Perla, Walker Mobley and yours truly all returned home full but very warm!



TECHNICAL TOPICS

The following Technical Topics were provided by Bentley's Antique Auto Service.

Model A Q & A's

Things have been even busier than usual in the shop the last few weeks. We've taken in so many beautiful Model A's that I've never seen before. They just keep coming out of the woodwork I guess. People are finding them in barns, inheriting them from family members, and of course buying them off the Internet. Here are some Questions and Answers from the last few weeks.

Q: My Model A just doesn't run right. It seems to start and idle fine, but as soon as you try to drive it it backfires and pops and dies. Is this a problem with the carburetor?

A: There is an old saying, "99% of all carburetor problems are electrical". Sounds to me like you have a bad condenser in your distributor. Install a new one and let me know if this fixes the problem.

Q: I just bought a 1930 Model A Coupe which has not run in several years. I want to really enjoy driving the car, should I change everything to 12 V?

A: A lot of guys do change to 12 V, but honestly it is not necessary. Someone says there are still 60,000 Model A's on the road, I'll bet over 50,000 are still 6 V. If your electrical system is in good shape, then 6 Volts will get you anywhere. 6V alternators are available, along with bright halogen headlights and you can get a 6V battery add just about any auto parts store.

Q: I have a fabric covered trunk on the back of my Model A. Unfortunately, it is showing some wear. The belts and belt loops are leather, and they are starting to crack and break. What can I do?

A: We recently had a car in the shop with the same problems. Actually, Mike's sells the leather belts. I ended up taking the trunk to a local shoe shop who was able to remake the leather belt loops and rivet them in place just like new. I also saw where some of the vendors sell the chrome latches and hardware for your trunk. With a little elbow grease you can make your trunk look great again.

Q: We don't normally drive our Model A Sedan in the rain, but we recently got caught in a rainstorm. My wife and I both got soaking wet from rain coming in around the windshield. What's going on?

A: Just be glad you weren't in my Roadster Pickup... There should be a piece of fabric welting across the top of the windshield just above the hinge to keep the water out. It's a good idea to use black silicone on both sides of the welting when installing it. Also look around your windshield wiper motor to see if there are any extra holes to let rain in. These can be sealed with a little bit of epoxy if needed.

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