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On the Cover

Several members of the Shade Tree A's traveled to Lincolnton, Georgia for their annual Pioneer Days celebration. Story on page 12.

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 last month of 2017, Shade Tree A'ers. The days are short and the time to check anti-freeze is here. I hope everyone has gotten to most everything they had hoped to attend to this year. Time is growing short.

I am happy to have had my time as President of the Club. I underestimated the time it has taken me to do simple things like this diatribe or monthly meetings. I hope I haven't alienated too many and have left the Club in at least as good a condition as I entered. Someday I hope to have more time to contribute more.

I want to express sincere gratitude to those who have helped the Club exist another year. Those who continually do the behind, and not so behind, the scenes work to sustain our organization deserve more appreciation than I can offer.

MAFCA and MARC are once again offering new membership discounts in the National Organizations. The periodicals alone from each are worth the dues. I encourage all to join MARC for the mileage programs. Each year, miles are tabulated by vehicle and recorded.

We have submitted the Club's MAFCA 100K day numbers and should have a total shortly. There are still openings for Tour Director and Membership Coordinator. This would be an ideal opportunity to step back into Club participation.

I want to thank Mr. Frank Knapp and Mr. Darrell Henderson for accompanying me to present the Salvation Army with the Club's charitable donation. The Salvation Army was most appreciative and went out of their way to show it.

We have another outstanding Christmas Party on our horizon, so please reserve your chair at the table. I hope to see everyone there.

I love the quote, "Life's what passes you by, while you're making other plans". To all the Shade Tree A'ers I want to say: Enjoy.

Kent Carruthers
President

MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2017

Richard's Garage

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree As was held November 13, 2017 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Kent gaveled the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 PM. Twenty-eight members were in attendance.

Everyone was delighted to see the return of our club "Jokester", Jim Dover, who related two short but amusing stories. One concerning a "salt shaker" and another about a "pickle slicer". Both entertaining stories with excellent delivery. All members present were truly amused!

Our "name tag penalty collection cup" received two donations. One from President Kent and the other by Curtis Krosting. Otherwise, all members were properly identified with the required and appropriate name tags.

Two visitors, Mark Schaefer and Eric Stamper, were introduced by Matt Barrett and John Neumar respectively. Both were welcomed by all!

Our Treasurer, Richard Dunevent, assured the group our treasury continues to be solvent and reported several member dues payments had been received and deposited with no expenditures made during the month.

A motion was made from the floor to accept the October Minutes as published in *The Newsletter* as well as a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Both received a second and passed by unanimous vote.

Our Newsletter Editor, Robbie Jones, thanked the group for the many pictures and articles he has been receiving for publication in *The Newsletter*. He urged any members planning to attend upcoming tours, parades and our Christmas Party to email any pictures they might have.

Jim McPherson announced MARC dues were also payable and the renewal form will be found in the latest *Model A News* magazine. Jim was also recognized for having been a MAFCA member for 55 years! Jim joined in 1962.

Under "Show and Tell", there was no "show" but several members took the opportunity to "tell" about various current projects. Everything from installing a new Roadster top, cranking a 50's Studebaker truck to bringing an old Lincoln back to life!

Under Old Business, our decision to make two charitable donations was discussed. President Kent explored the possibility of having several of our members drive Model As to The Salvation Army to present our check in person. All agreed with his idea, however, that proposal will need further research.

Our check to the Empty Stocking Fund will be mailed after Thanksgiving.

Under new Business, President Kent presented the Slate of Officers compiled by the Nominating Committee. Since no further nominations were made from the floor, a motion was made and seconded to accept all by acclamation. That motion passed by a unanimous "show of hands". Officers for 2018 will be published in the December Newsletter.

MEETING MINUTES

(continued)

The upcoming "Lincolnton Pioneer Days Festival" was also discussed and info on departure time and location announced.

No plans were made for official club Christmas parade entries, however everyone was urged to participate individually if interested.

Additionally, members were reminded to submit nominations for this year's Monroe Wade Award.

Also, Andrew Morse thanked all STA members who attended the "Parts & Polish" car show recently held at Daniel Field. He reported the event was a huge success and plans for a bigger and better show for next year were already underway.

In lieu of our usual Tech Session, Chuck Howell took the opportunity to discuss our upcoming Christmas Party in detail. This year it will be held 5 PM, December 16th, at the Windmill Plantation Community Center with Chuck and Sharon Howell handling the arrangements. Chuck displayed several pictures of the facility, noting very adequate parking and two restrooms! He also advised everyone to use the William Few Parkway entrance to avoid the current roadwork being done on Washington Road. A sign-up sheet was also passed around with more than sixty members and guests expected to attend.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM after which "handmade" Ham and Turkey Sliders were provided by Henry & Annette Jones, Richard & Frankie Dunevent and Andrew & Mary Morse. Quite a treat enjoyed by all!

*Respectfully Submitted by Frank Knapp
Membership Coordinator and Acting Secretary*



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

December

- | | |
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| 2 | Graniteville Christmas Parade |
| 2 | Grovetown Christmas Parade (see application form in this newsletter) |
| 3 | Aiken Christmas Parade, line up at 1:00 PM, parade at 2:00 PM |
| 3 | Edgefield Christmas Parade, line up at 2:00 PM, parade at 3:00 PM |
| 16 | Shade Tree A's Christmas Party, Windmill Plantation Community Center |

January (2018)

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| 1 | New Year's Day Breakfast, Cracker Barrel restaurant, I-20 and Belair Road |
| 8 | Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – Movie: <i>"The Yokohama Model A's"</i>) |

February (2018)

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| 8 | Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – TBA) |
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TBA - To Be Announced

December Refreshments



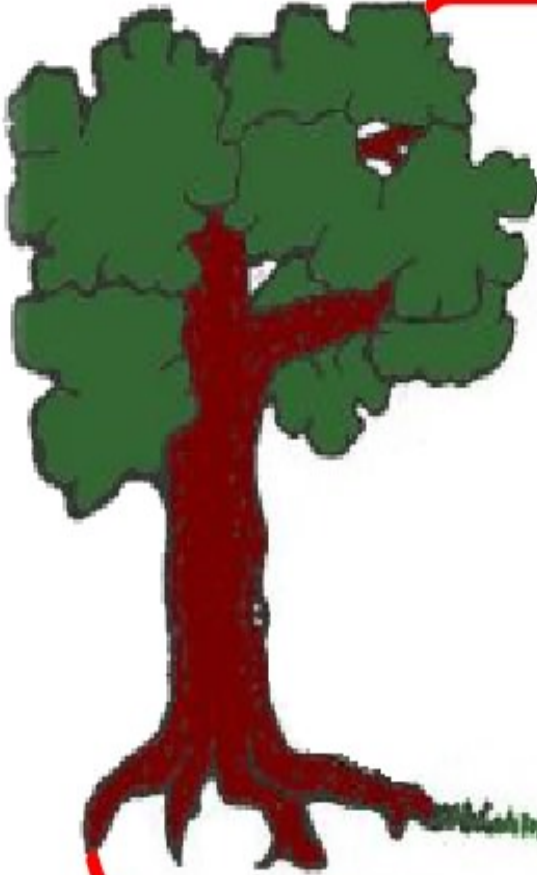
No Refreshments
This Month Due To
The Christmas Party



December Birthdays

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

- Continue to remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:
 - Barbara Bryant – in the middle of an 8 week recovery from recent surgery
 - Craig McMullin – doing better and back at work!
 - Kathy Poole-recovery from recent surgery
 - Tina Neitzke-recovering at home

*Send items for Shade Tree A's Member News to:
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 or 706-513-7619

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WHAT: Shade Tree A's Dues

WHEN: Before December 1

HOW MUCH: \$25

TO WHO: Richard Dunevent

MAFCA Membership Renewal

By now most of us have received the 2017 MAFCA membership renewal notices in the mail. As per our current By-Laws, all members are responsible for paying their membership renewal fees to MAFCA (\$50.00) and/or MARC (\$45) directly to those organizations and no longer combine the MAFCA fee when renewing STA membership (\$25) in November.

Beginning with the January/February issue of ***The Restorer*** magazine, your membership will include an **electronic version of the magazine** in addition to the hard copy full color magazine. You will be able to view this copy with any Wi-Fi capable device – phone, tablet, or computer. The electronic copy will remain on the web for 3 years.

If you have any questions, contact MAFCA headquarters by email at:

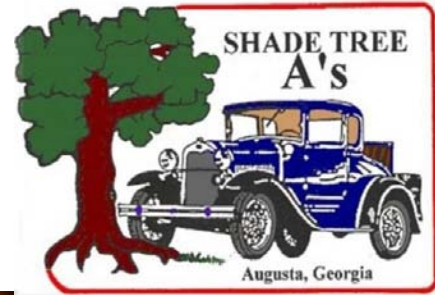
info@mafca.com

or by phone (562) 697-2712 Monday - Friday from 10:00AM to 4:00PM Pacific time.

Please renew your membership before December 31 to avoid late fees. MAFCA membership runs from January 1 to December 31 (calendar year).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for our 2017 Christmas Party



16 December
Saturday, 5 PM.
Make a reservation
by 7 December
(706) 312-6794
Hywell7@rocketmail.com

The 2017 Monroe Wade Award
will be presented to this year's STA recipient at



Windmill Plantation Clubhouse
857 Windmill Lane
Evans, GA 30809

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!***

Join the Shade Tree A's for our annual New Year's 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.

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, 2017 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

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



THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



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. Thank you Dan Perla for scanning these and posting on the website.

The December 1987 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter touted the versatility of our Model A's as the key to their continued popularity. Safely and dependably it continues to haul kids, bicycles, camping gear, rusty old car parts, food for picnics, or dinner guests dressed in their holiday attire. And all with style and grace that can't be found in machines costing ten times more the newsletter proclaimed. It was also reported that Don Turley had begun work on the rarest of all A Models - the elusive 1930 11-door (that's right - eleven) sedan. Don managed to find the last 4 doors that he needed at the Hershey swap meet the month before.

The following picture adorned the cover of the December 1987 issue of the Newsletter.



 **Merry Christmas**



RECENT EVENTS

Lincoln County Pioneer Days

Shade Tree A's members drove six Model A's to the Lincoln County Historical Society's Pioneer Days. Members driving, with some riding, were: Richard Dunevent, Darrell and Syble Henderson, Chuck Howell, Henry and Annette Jones, Robbie and Leta Jones, Frank Knapp, Jim and Sam Mason, and Dan Perla. We were all treated to a free lunch for participating (chicken and dumplings, fried okra, turnips, hoe cakes, red beans and rice). We had perfect weather and the drive on the back roads was very enjoyable. Many tractors, some quite unique, were on display; along with our Model A's and a few from Ninety-Six. Many people were interested in our A's. Over 300 people voted for the People's Choice Award which is pretty impressive and reflects a lot of interest. Congratulations to Jim and Sam who tied for the People's Choice Award. Warren and Sue Reynolds from the Old Ninety-Six Club were the other winners.



RECENT EVENTS

RICHLAND CREEK ANTIQUE FALL FESTIVAL

Submitted by Dan Perla

What ever happened to the Richland Creek Old Farm Days? Well, it's alive and well as seven Shade Tree A's members found out on November 4th. The Shade Tree A's members who drove/rode in Model A's were Darrell and Syble Henderson, John Neumar, Richard Dunevent, Dan Perla, Frank Knapp, and Henry Jones who we met in Saluda. A total of six Shade Tree A's Model A's made the tour.

A roadside seminar was held to correct the problem that was created by a newly installed device between my carburetor and intake manifold that was supposed to prevent vapor locking. Well, it did that until the core material melted and left an air gap of about an eighth of an inch between the carb and intake manifold. Needless to say, the Model A doesn't run too well with the carb dangling loose sucking in all that air! The solution was simple. Tighten the carb bolts and squeeze out all the melted filler till no more gap. Back on the road.

The name has changed as the title implies. However, it is essentially the same with swap meet vendors, plenty of food vendors, and lots of tractors. Blacksmith demonstrations, sawmill demonstrations, hit and miss engines, and a tractor pull. Also, there were many classic and antique cars on display. If you drove an antique or classic car to the show, you got in free. That was an unexpected bonus for me as it was my first time attending. We parked our Model A's and found several members there from the Old Ninety-Six Club already there. Craig McMullen was also seen at the festival. We then disbursed to see the displays and perhaps find something at the swap meet spaces.

After several hours of checking things out and, of course feeding our faces, we headed back home. No roadside seminars were held on the way back and all made it home safety.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

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

Model A Q & A's

The Model A Wheel.

I recently had a customer who wished to swap his Model A wheels to be 1935 style 16 inch spoke wheels so he could run radial tires on his Touring Car. This got me thinking about the several choices for Model A wheels, and also some basic maintenance chores.

There were basically 3 original Model A Ford wheels.



The first one a lot of people don't know about is the early 1928 "AR" wheel. These look like a regular 1928-9 21" wheel, but the hub area is thinner. If you use this on your 1928 or 1929 Model A you will end up with a 1/4" gap between your wheel and brake drum. Just be aware.



The next is the 1928-29 21" wheel. These are very easy to find and are even available brand-new if you want a really nice, true wheel. These are easily recognized by the tubular tire rim and smaller hubcap.



Wheels ship primed.
Powder-coated 19 inch wheels
Cap not included

Finally we have the classic 1930-31 19" wheel. These have a larger hubcap and a flat tire flange like a modern wheel. These are also available new.



This is the 1935 16" wheels I mentioned earlier. Although this is not original to the Model A Ford, it will fit and a lot of guys like to use them along with the radial whitewall tires. They say the cars drive better on the open road with the larger tires, although I have never spent much time behind the wheel of a car equipped with these. There is a wheel spacer available to make these wheels fit perfectly on original drums.

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Model A Wheel Maintenance: As a routine, anytime we get a car in the shop that needs restoration or just new tires, we generally have the wheels refinished. First thing to do is remove the old tires, tubes, and rim liners. This sounds easy, but many times after a tire has been on a wheel for 50-60 years, the tires can become hard as a rock and be very difficult to remove. We have had to cut them with a sawzall just to get them off. But usually a little muscle with a tire iron will do the trick. Next we look over the wheels for cracks or broken spokes. These can usually be welded, but be very careful to do a good job. Next we use a slide hammer and straight edge to get all the spokes as straight as possible. Then we send the wheels out to be sandblasted and powder coated. When I first went into business, I tried painting a couple of wheels, but powder coating is a far superior method of final finish. Powder coated wheels will last for decades and will not scratch and chip like painted wheels. I ran across this article on line about "Straightening the Model A Wheel"

www.durableperformance.net/Do_it_Yourself_Wheel_Straightening.revised.12.4.09.web.pdf

I have not tried it yet but it looks like a very interesting method. If you decide to try it, let me know how it works out. Thanks,
Bentley Bohanan

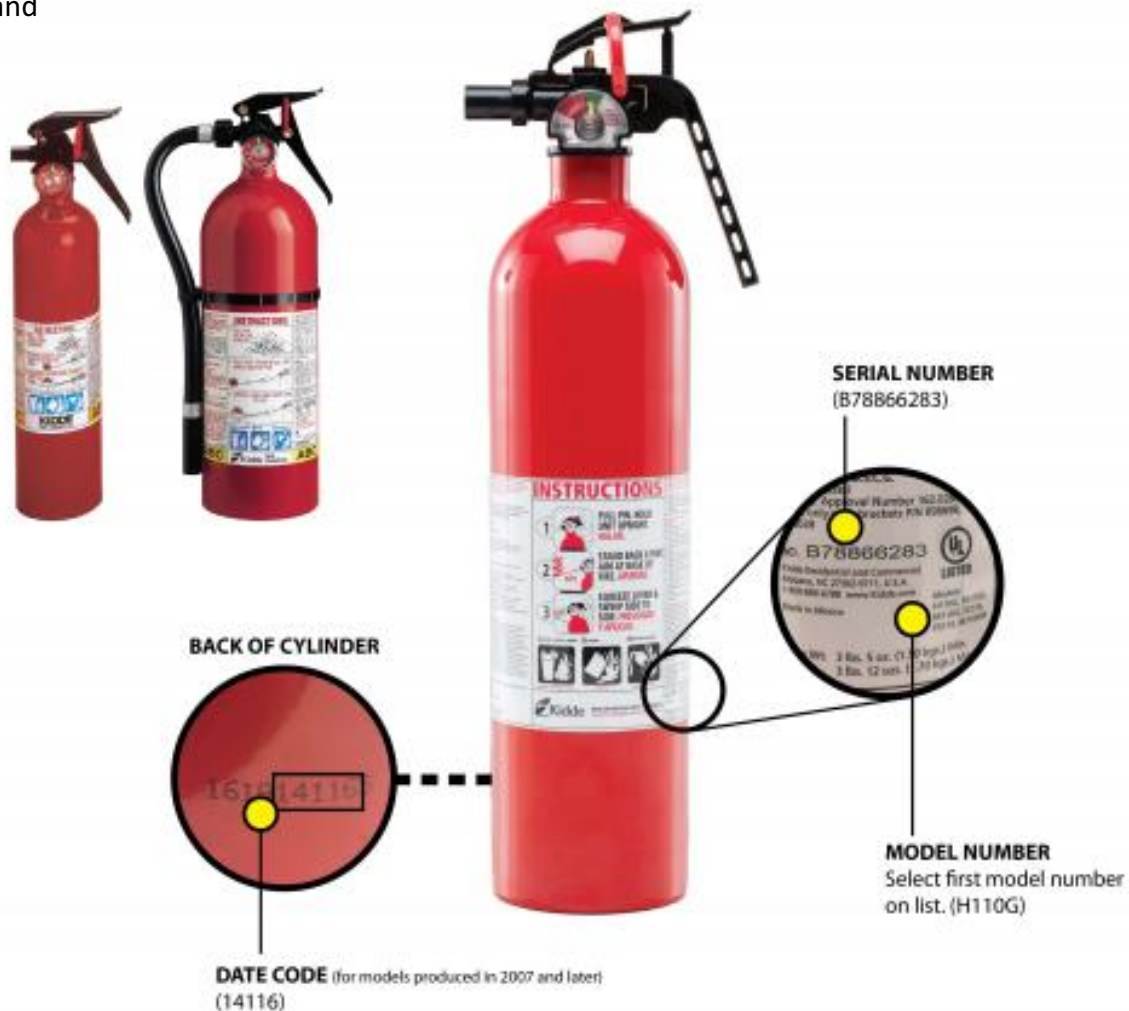
TECHNICAL TOPICS

Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall

Do you have a fire extinguisher in your Model A, your home or garage? Kidde has recalled many models of fire extinguishers that you might very well own. The recall involves 134 models of Kidde fire extinguishers manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017, including models that were previously recalled in March 2009 and February 2015. The extinguishers were sold in red, white and silver, and are either ABC- or BC-rated. The model number is printed on the fire extinguisher label. For units produced in 2007 and beyond, the date of manufacture is a 10-digit date code printed on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture in DDDYY format. Date codes for recalled models manufactured from January 2, 2012 through August 15, 2017 are 00212 through 22717. For units produced before 2007, a date code is not printed on the fire extinguisher.

For more information, see the notice at the following link:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and>



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