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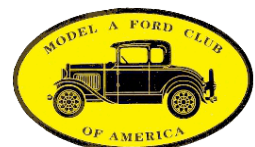
On the Cover

Shade Tree A's members enjoy breakfast on New Years Day morning (more pictures 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

Greetings to all members and friends of the Shade Tree A's. The New Year is underway with our ritual breakfast and first meeting. As an individual who fared poorly in public speaking in college, nothing has changed. Hopefully the subject matter will outweigh my delivery.

I asked for the gathering of the Board of Directors the week after January's meeting, inviting participation as well from previous Presidents and interested available members. The response was outstanding gathering sixteen attendees garnishing enthusiasm and ideas. My agenda was purposefully full to open the floor for discussions on many topics. Operations, finances, budgets, and charities were briefly discussed from a treasury perspective. A proposed budget is in works outlining the club's projected P&L statement.

Membership roster condition was reviewed and continues to pose the opportunity to streamline the accounting and timely accuracy of status.

Many ideas for Club activities were brought to the floor for discussion, including poker/scavenger runs, economy run, garage tour, joint club outings, past overnight tours, and Saturday Tech sessions. This will be brought to the membership in February for discussion, with the learned lessons that what makes our events success is the strong participation of an engaged membership. My goal is to have a visual itinerary of annual events to be able to plan open time by February's meeting. If I have overlooked your item it is certainly unintentional.

Our Tour Director, Matt Barrett, suggested a Facebook presence for the club, as other local and national clubs have. Although not volunteering at the time, he has managed to create a *Shade Tree A's Model A Ford Club* page. Thank You, Matt! For those members who poke around on

Facebook, request access for updates, pics, and that social media stuff [see sidebar].

As President, I will encourage the club to consider funding our "Shade Tree Membership Pin" program. I also will request our library be updated with the 4th edition to the *Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards*.

I again want to thank all those who contacted me with their interest, and all that were able to attend and participate at our Board meeting. Your input and help makes me feel we are on the right path. I am leaning toward a quarterly meeting.

In closing, the Club's gratitude for Jack Sheppard's hospitality was sent.

Respectfully,
Kent Carruthers
President

Find us on 

The Shade Tree A's are now
on Facebook!

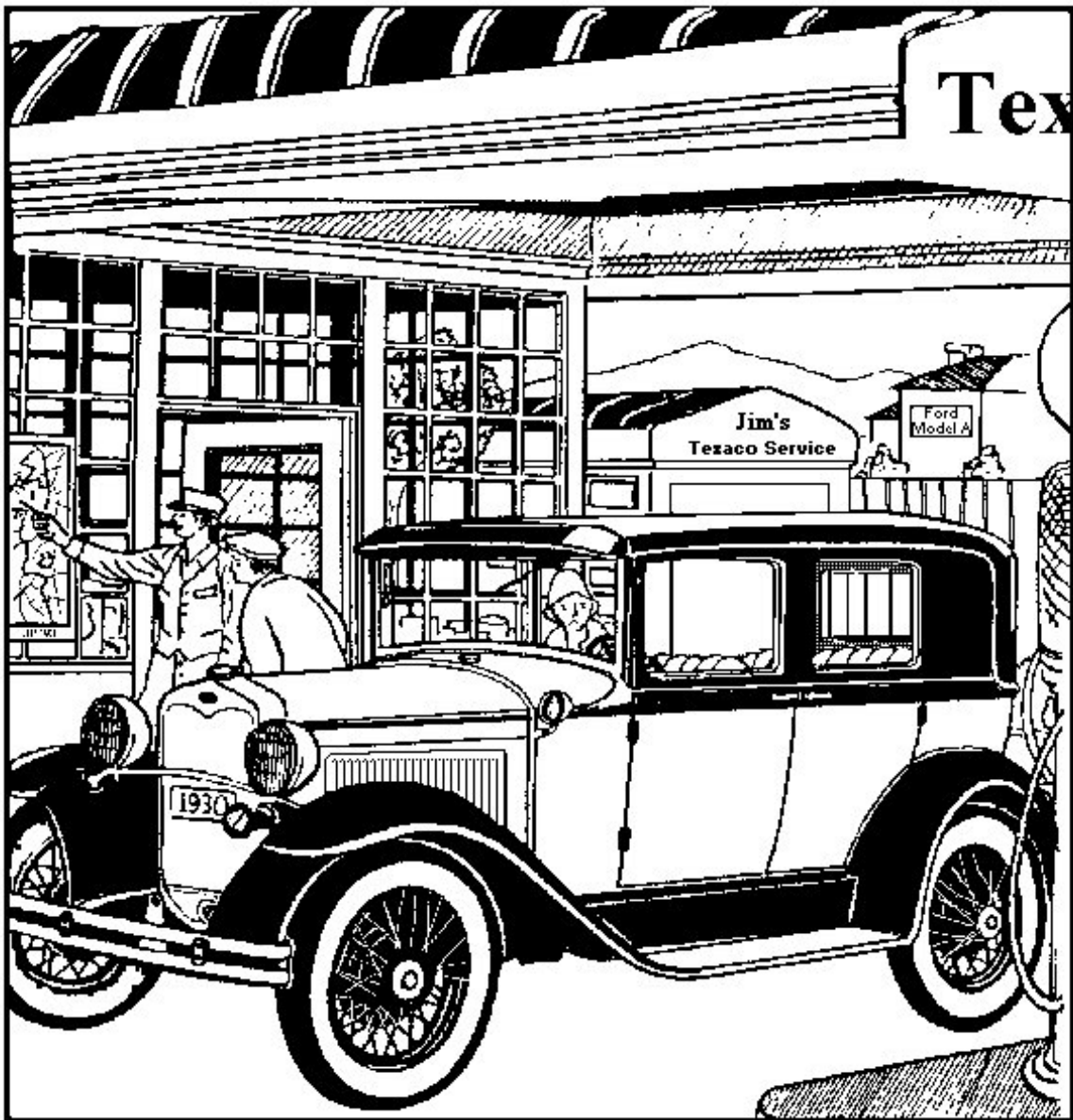
Join the conversation, share tips, photos and experiences.

Find the Shade Tree A's on Facebook under the following group name:

SHADE TREE A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB

MEETING MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes from the January 2017 meeting of the Shade Tree A's have been delayed and will be published in the March 2017 edition of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter*.



LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

February

- 3-5 Moultrie Swap Meet, Central Alabama A's
- 13 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – Model A fender body work - Andrew Morse)

March

- 13 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – Rust removal using electrolysis - Robbie Jones)
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Augusta, GA, 1:00 PM
- 17-20 Noccaluta Falls & Little River Canyon Tour, Central Alabama A's
- 25 Picnic in the Park, Columbia, SC

April

- 6-9 Charlotte Autofair, Charlotte, SC
- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – TBA)
- 21-22 Greenwood Model A Swap Meet, Hosted by the Old Ninety-Six Model A Club, Greenwood, SC

TBA - To Be Announced

February Refreshments



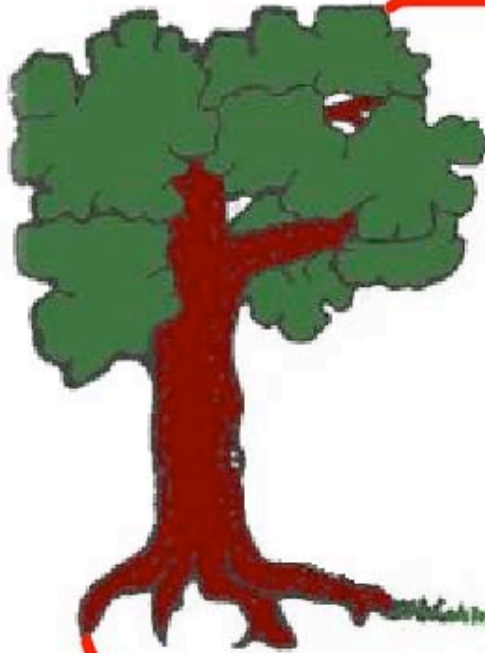
Ralph Neitzke
Kent Carruthers



February Birthdays

- 3 Mary Morse
- 11 Larry DuVall
- 11 Ralph Neitzke
- 17 George Gordon
- 22 Marsha Barrett
- 24 Craig McMullin
- 27 Stuart Smith
- 27 Art Towe
- 28 Rachel d'Entremont

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Shade Tree A's Member News

- Kathy Poole is recovering from recent surgery.

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

2017 MARC National Meet Raffle Tickets

Four prizes will be given away at the 2017 MARC National Meet: a rebuilt engine, a \$3,800 upholstery kit from LeBaron Bonney, Goodyear tires worth \$860 dollars and a \$500 gift card from Bratton's Antique Auto Parts. Tickets can be purchased from Jim McPherson for \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00.

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

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Welcome New Shade Tree A's Members

The following new members have recently joined the Shade Tree A's. Please introduce yourselves and welcome them to the Club.

Matt Barrett
Frank DeMato
Porter Fleming
Ed Griffin
Ned Pruitt



MARC Driving Awards Program

If you are a participant in the MARC Driving Awards Program, please send your mileage (i.e. odometer reading) as of December 31, 2016 to the Shade Tree A's Driving Coordinator, Robbie Jones as soon as possible. Mileage must be reported to the national office by February 28, 2017 in order to be eligible for an award in 2017.

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 per car 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

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2017 MARC Membership Program



Everyone knows it takes healthy spark plugs to make an engine run at its best. Be a MARC Spark Plug and keep our club running at its best by recruiting NEW members in 2017! Every new MARC member who joins a Region during 2017 will receive his or her MARC membership for only \$22.50!

Early memberships get a half year for FREE!

You can help add members to your national organization while increasing your Region membership at the same time.

Recruit now!

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You are Invited to

The Palmetto A's Model A Club's

22nd Annual

"Picnic in the Park"

Saluda Shoals Park Redbud Shelter

Saturday, March 25, 2017

10:00 ~ 3:30 (lunch at noon)

****Bring a picnic + some to share and drinks for your family****

RIVERFRONT TRAILS: 1.5 miles of paved trail is available (pets on a leash)

COVERED PICNIC SHELTER: with tables for a relaxed lunch

RESTROOMS: permanent indoor facilities within walking distance of the shelter

PARKING: paved with room enough for car games (with prizes)

WHY NOT COME EARLY AND STAY ALL DAY

Entry to the park is FREE; just say you're with the Model A Club

*Saluda Shoals Park is located on Old Bush River Road,
between St. Andrews Road and Highway 6 in Lexington County.

For more information email: johnwilac@yahoo.com

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Noccaluta Falls & Little River Canyon Tour

Fellow Model Aer's:

The Central Alabama Model "A" Ford club invites you to tour with us to Noccaluta Falls & Little River Canyon March 17-20, 2017.

FRIDAY March 17, 2017: Arrival and check in at the 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, a 50/50 drawing, and the famous "FIREHOUSE DINNER" in Gerald Grizzard's Model "A" Ford Museum, 1 mile from the host motel.

SATURDAY March 18, 2017: We will depart at 8:00 a.m. for a scenic drive to Gadsden Alabama and a visit to the Noccaluta Falls complex. It was originally known as the Black Creek Falls and is a 250 acre park with its main feature a 90 foot waterfall with a trail winding through the gorge at its base. After our tour we're off through the countryside to Fort Payne Alabama for lunch. After lunch we saddle up again in the "ole" A Model and continue on to Little River Canyon where you will be able to drive at your own pace, stopping at any overlook of your choose and enjoying the magnificent view. We will motor back to Oxford for the end of an adventure on the Model "A" Highway. For those who stay overnight an evening meal will be planned at a local restaurant. If you would like to tow your Model "A" Ford to the tour there will be 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.

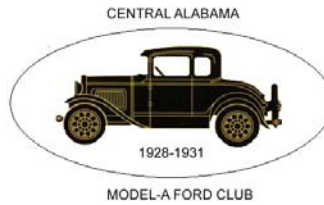
All reservations at the Sleep Inn, must be made no later than February 17, 2017 in order to receive the group discounted rate of \$79.00 plus tax, the \$5.00 charge per extra person has been waived for this tour. Be sure to mention that that you are with the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club Tour when making your reservations, Contact the Sleep Inn at (256) 831-2191. 88 Colonial Drive, Oxford, Alabama

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 or Cecil Freeman: emailcfreeman43@aol.com

Registration form on next page

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MARCH 17-18, 2017

LITTLE RIVER CANYON 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>Trailing:</u> Y / N (Circle One)	<u>Arrival:</u> FRI / SAT (Circle One)	
<u>Auto Insurance Company:</u>		<u>Auto Insurance Policy Number:</u>			
Event Registration:		Qty.:	@	Fee:	Total:
Registration Fee (Per car)			@	\$10.00 (per car)	\$
Friday – Welcome “Firehouse” Dinner			@	\$15.00 (per person)	\$
Saturday – Admission to Noccaluta Falls Park			@	\$4.00 (per person)	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (Refunds made on a case by case basis)					\$

Make your reservations directly with the Sleep Inn by calling (256) 831-2191.

If reservations are made by February 17, 2017, you will be eligible for the group rate of \$79.60 plus tax

The signers agree to indemnify and hold harmless for any and all liability due to my attendance and participation in the 2017 Little River Canyon Tour, 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 17, 2017 to**
LITTLE RIVER CANYON TOUR, 1309 Magnolia Curve, Montgomery Alabama 36106

Signed _____ Dated _____

RECENT EVENTS

New Years Day Breakfast



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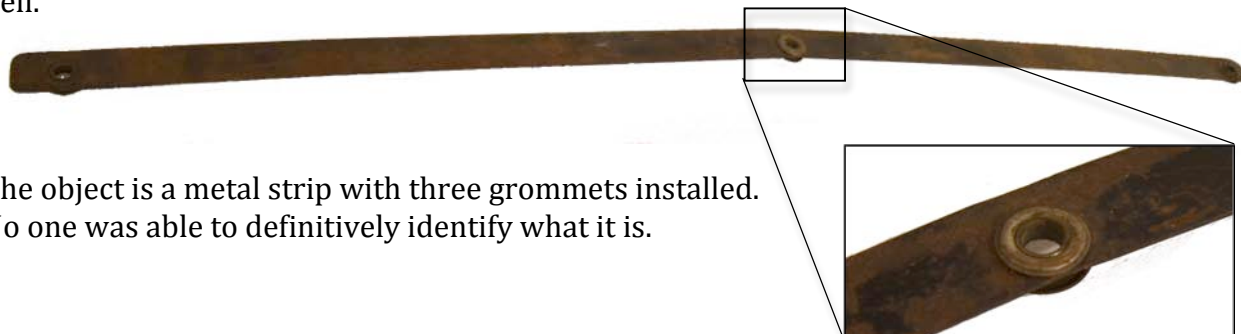
January Technical Program

Kent Carruthers presented the January technical program on roadster top replacement. Kent described problems he has had with the top on his roadster and what he has done thus far to address them.



January Show and Tell

Kent Carruthers brought the following object to the January Shade Tree A's meeting for Show and Tell.



The object is a metal strip with three grommets installed. No one was able to definitively identify what it is.

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.

Handheld laser infrared thermometers are now so reasonably priced they should be a common tool in your toolbox. They are available in a variety of stores from Harbor Freight to auto parts stores. They are a great diagnostic tool, but to get the most useful information from their use, you need to make temperature readings when your Model A is operating normally. Take your Model A out for a good drive, maybe thirty minutes or so. Then take your infrared thermometer and make temperature readings of various parts of your Model A, the rear end, transmission, radiator, engine, exhaust manifold, brake drums, etc. Pay particular interest to locations of bearings, the front and rear of the head, and several locations on the radiator core and exhaust manifold. Write these temperatures down for future reference. If you do experience an unpleasant condition, or hear an unusual noise in the future, you can refer to the normal temperatures to quickly diagnose the problem.



Some of the diagnostic conditions you can evaluate are the condition of the radiator. The radiator should show a ten degree drop in temperature from the top to the bottom of the core. If it does, the radiator is performing normally, and your overheating condition is due to something other than the radiator. You can measure the temperature of the drums. For normal braking, the temperature of all four drums should be the same. If one or more are cooler, then that brake assembly may not be adjusted as tight as the other brake assemblies, and providing less braking power. And likewise, if one or more brake drums show excessive heat, the brakes shoes may be adjusted too tight. The brake miss-adjustment might not be great enough to make the car pull to one side when you apply brakes, but you may still have uneven braking. The exhaust manifold should be cooler at the front than at the rear. A hot spot along the length of the exhaust manifold may indicate a burnt valve. A higher temperature in the area of a bearing may indicate a bearing failure may be in your future. Too bad the wheel bearings are not readily accessible for this evaluation. And you can diagnose a misfiring cylinder by the cooler temperature of the sparkplug. If you suspect a cylinder is not firing, or firing erratically, locate the cooler plug with your infrared thermometer and clean or replace it.

And one more good tip. If you suspect a leaking exhaust manifold gasket or muffler to manifold connection, but cannot tell which one it is, place your foot over the exhaust pipe while someone stands beside the engine to make the determination. The increased back pressure will force more exhaust gases out the leaking location making it easier to identify.

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