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Shade Tree A's members honor long time member Bob Collier (see page 8).

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

In spite of Punxsutawney Phil and Beauregard Lee's prediction on Ground Hog's Day, spring seems to be here. With the arrival of the annual blanket of southern pine pollen and change to Daylight Savings time, we have the perfect opportunities to clean up and enjoy our mutual passion for rumbling around in that technological breakthrough known as the Ford Model A.

This month offers two outstanding annual trips sponsored by neighboring MAFCA clubs, as well as the St. Patrick's Day local parade.

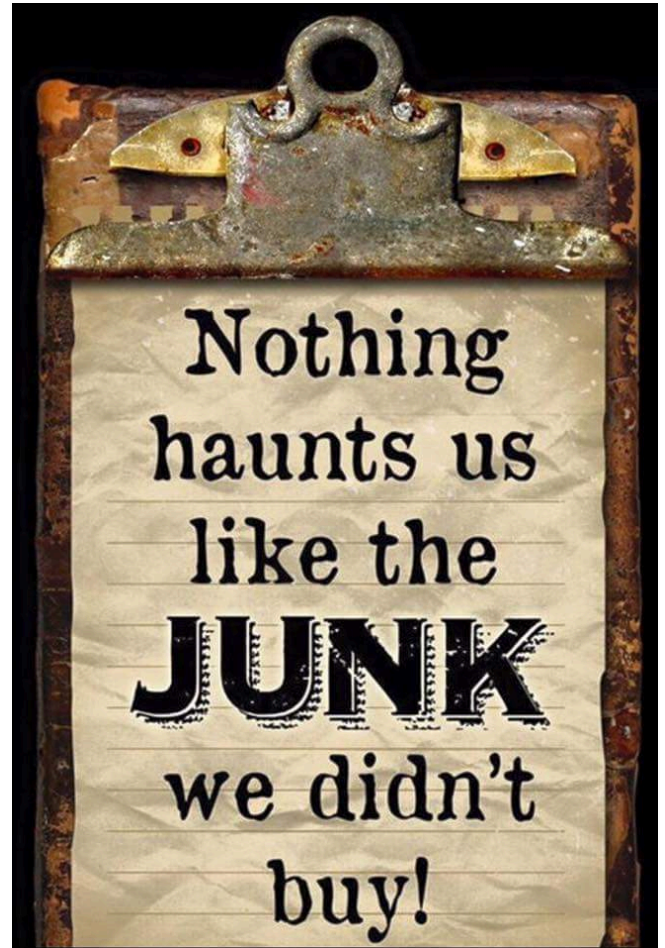
Central Alabama A's sponsor an event packed weekend every spring. This year's activities are listed in newsletters, accessible on our website. It is still not too late to register.

For those of us with Irish roots, a local opportunity of Augusta's parade always has our support. The following weekend "Picnic in the Park", sponsored by the Palmetto A's Model A Club of Columbia S.C. offers the chance to share an afternoon with other Model A enthusiasts.

Whether it be a local parade, out of state day or weekend, a trip to the lake for sunset, or even an excursion to Walmart, get in your Model A and remember how to double clutch without power steering. It is virtually impossible not to smile driving these vehicles.

We are entering some of the best driving time of the year, so with the words made famous by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, "Ladies and Gentlemen, START your ENGINES".

Respectfully,
Kent Carruthers
President



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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

January 9, 2017

Richard's Garage

Recorded by: Kathy Poole – Secretary

Composed by: Robbie Jones – Editor

Shade Tree A's President Kent Carruthers called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Two visitors were present and all the members present had their name tags on.

After the welcome and introductions, Jim Dover entertained everyone with a joke about a couple going to marriage counseling. The Club Treasurer, Richard Dunevent, then gave the Treasurer's report.

The Shade Tree A's roster was passed around for members to update their information. Jim McPherson, the National Director, reported that raffle tickets are still available for prizes to be given away at the MARC National Meet in August.

The Club President announced that he will be calling a meeting of the Board of Directors soon to discuss Club business. The Club Newsletter Editor, Robbie Jones, reminded everyone to submit photos and write-ups pertaining to Club events for the newsletter. Members were also encouraged to submit information for the featured member articles. Robbie is also the MARC Driving Awards Coordinator, and needs the end-of-year mileage reported by the end of February. Webmaster Dan Perla requested copies of old newsletters, especially those from the 70's and 80's, to be scanned for posterity's sake.

Other announcements included the death of former Shade Tree A's member, Jim Miller. Many members recounted the memories of Jim and his 1932 Model B pickup truck. No upcoming Club projects or trips were announced.

Kent Carruthers brought in a strip of metal for show-and-tell that appeared to be a part from a car. No one was able to identify the part.

Everyone agreed that the Christmas party was a huge success and that Jack Shepard's country store was an ideal location. Ernie Dinkins made a motion for the Club to send a gift to Jack in appreciation for his hospitality. Jim McPherson seconded the motion. Matt Barrett agreed to purchase a Sconyers Bar-B-Que gift certificate for the Club to send to Jack. It was also reported that all in attendance enjoyed the New Years breakfast. Mike Gordon made a motion to change the start time in the future to 9:00 Am instead of 8:00 AM. The motion was tabled till later in the year.

Dan Perla proposed and John Neumar seconded a motion for the Club to donate \$100 to the Youth Scholarship Fund.

Upcoming events include the tour of north Alabama sponsored by the Central Alabama A's was highly recommended and the Moultrie Swap Meet (February 3, 4 and 5).

Kent Carruthers presented the technical program on roadster top replacement.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

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.

MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2017

Richard's Garage

*Recorded by: Frank Knapp – Membership
Coordinator*

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

The group was once more entertained by Jim Dover's "Joke of The Month".

A motion to approve The January Minutes was postponed as our secretary, Kathy Poole, continues to recuperate from a recent surgery. Her report will be published in next month's newsletter.

Under the Treasurer's Report, Richard Dunevent assured the membership we still enjoy a very healthy treasury, citing several deposits and withdrawals.

National Director, Jim McPherson, reminded everyone their 2017 MAFCA Membership Cards will be included in the next issue of *The Restorer*.

One visitor, Eddy Barrett, was welcomed and eventually joined. Eddy is the son of our Tour Director, Matt Barrett. Welcome Eddy!

President Kent made a special effort to remember the passing of one of our members, Bob Collier, asking that anyone with a special memory concerning Bob send it to Robbie for a special tribute to his service in an upcoming newsletter.

Robert Collier, Bob's son, also thanked those members who attended the visitation and especially those who drove Model A's.

Under "Show & Tell", President Kent passed around two Ohio license plates. One from 1918 and the other a 1952 Custom Plate once owned by Cy Young.

Under Old Business our \$200.00 donation to the MAFCA Youth Scholarship Fund was acknowledged and all members participating in The Mileage Awards program should turn in their mileage to Robbie before month's end.

Past President Chuck mentioned our selection of the fifth club officer eligible for MAFCA dues paid by the Club was never made. It was decided to postpone making that decision.

Under new Business, an invitation to attend "The Speakeasy Gala" in Jewell, Ga. was discussed as well as The St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Trenton Peach festival. A complete list of all upcoming calendar events made available.

A motion to purchase the latest version of the Judging Standards for the club library was made, seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

The purchase of additional "Service Pins" was also discussed. Due to the expense involved that decision was tabled for further study as to the value of the program itself.

Another excellent technical program was presented by Andrew Morse on installing Model A patch panels after which the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Refreshments provided by Ralph Neitzke, Heidi and Kent Caruthers were enjoyed by all.

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

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
- 28 Hill climb, hosted by the East Tennessee Model A restorers Club, Unicoi, TN
- 29 20th Annual Fiddlers and Fiddleheads Festival and car show, Farmhouse Gallery
and Gardens, Unicoi, TN.

May

- 13 Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day, hosted by the Old 96 District Model A Club
at Emerald Farms, Greenwood, SC

TBA - To Be Announced

March Refreshments



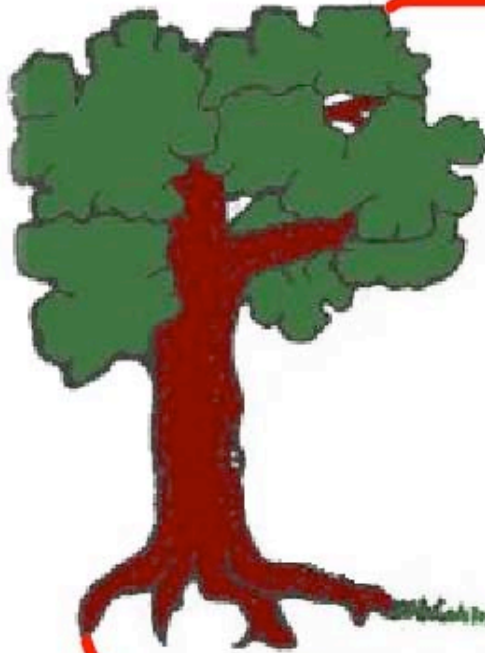
Matt Barrett
Doug Wilson
John Neumar



March Birthdays

- 15 Rosalind Neal
- 20 Dan Perla
- 25 Curtis Krosting
- 29 Doug Wilson

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Shade Tree A's Member News

- Kathy Poole is recovering from recent surgery.
- Jim and Hilde Dover celebrate 67 years of marriage on March 7th.

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

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Bob Collier

June 25, 1936 – February 4, 2017

Long time Shade Tree A's member, Bob Collier, passed away February 4, 2017; he will be genuinely missed. Below are photos of Shade Tree A's members, their Model A's and Bob's family at the visitation held at Platt's Funeral Home on February 8, 2017. In addition to those Shade Tree A's members who drove their Model A's (Kent Carruthers, Ernie Dinkins, Jim Dover, Richard Dunevent, Chuck Howell, Gerald Melchoir, John Neumar, and Dan Perla), another dozen STA members attended the visitation. Bob's obituary as published in the Augusta Chronicle is on the following page. Both the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) have been informed of Bob's death. We may see something honoring Bob in the two national magazines in the near future.



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Bob Collier's Obituary

(as published in the Augusta Chronicle)

Robert R. "Bob" Collier, Sr., of Evans, GA, born June 25, 1936, in Wade, North Carolina, entered into rest Saturday, February 4th, 2017, at the age of 80, at home, surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his dearly beloved wife of 62 years, Margaret Mustin Collier; one brother, Gary Bernard Collier (Doris) of Norfolk, VA; one sister in law, Doris "Dot" Collier of Norfolk, VA; three children, Margaret Anne Lawrence (Bud) of Evans, GA; Dr. Robert R. "Rob" Collier, Jr. (Phyllis) of Martinez, GA; Deborah Ruth Collier of Martinez, GA; six grandchildren Charles E. Merritt III (Bre), Robert "Riah" Collier, III (Tamara); Philip Blake Collier (Camila); Jordan Gibson Collier (Meagan); Samantha Gail Wall; and Maggie Marie Brown; nine great grandchildren Chaz Merritt, Collier Merritt, Levi Collier, Eva Collier, Caiden Merritt, Emerson Collier, Elliot Collier, Harper Collier, and Cecilia Collier.

He left an indelible mark on all who knew him. His great loves in life were his Lord, his family, and his church. The course of his life was forever changed when he was invited to Christ's Sanctified Holy Church in Norfolk, Va by his close friend's mother, Celia Belle Stewart, where he fell under conviction from the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He sought the Lord and obtained the blessing of salvation.

Through the church, he met his best friend and loving wife, Margaret Eloise Mustin. He grew a successful masonry business in Norfolk, VA, with his life-long friend and partner, Leon Stewart.

Being moved by a conviction to further the Gospel of Christ, he and others moved to Augusta, GA in 1963. His masonry work soon developed into a successful homebuilding business, Brush and Collier Builders. Through the years many in the local construction trades worked for him. All were touched by his loyalty, his love for his work and his employees, and his gracious and generous spirit. His business ventures included construction, contracting, property development, real estate, and property management.

His passions as stated were God, family, and church. He also enjoyed airplanes, boats, and classic cars. He held a private pilot's license for many years, and was a member of the Shade Tree A's, a local Model A club.

He was immensely devoted to the welfare of others. He cherished his dear family, for whom he joyously gave of himself, for all of his days. He was a fixture in the lives and events of his children and grandchildren. He was always present for birthdays and other special events and outings. He cherished the time spent on yearly family vacations together. His loving family will miss him always.

A visitation service will be held Wednesday February 8 at Platt's Funeral Home, 337 N. Belair Rd., Evans, GA, from 6:00-8:00 PM. A visitation service will subsequently be held Thursday Feb. 9 at Christ's Sanctified Holy Church Campground, 2500 Hwy. 41 N., Ft. Valley, GA, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Funeral will also be held at Christ's Sanctified Holy Church Campground Fri. Feb. 10 at 2:00 PM.

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WANTED

Old Shade Tree A's Newsletters

Dan Perla is scanning old newsletters to preserve them for the future. He is missing some of the really old newsletters. Do you have a stash of old Shade Tree A's newsletters? If so, Dan may need to borrow them to scan, especially ones prior to 1990.

**Report any missing newsletters to
Dan Perla at:**

706-855-5730

or

webmaster@ShadeTreeAs.org

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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.

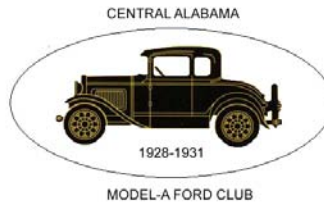
All reservations at the Sleep Inn, must be made no later than February 17, 2017 in order to receive the group discounted rate of \$79.00 plus tax, the \$5.00 charge per extra person has been waived for this tour. Be sure to mention that that you are with the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club Tour when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

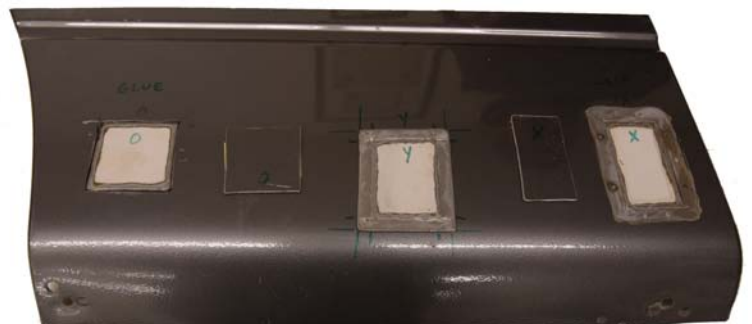
February Show and Tell

Kent Carruthers brought in some old license plates for Show and Tell. One of the license plates was once installed on Cy Young's car!



February Technical Program

Andrew Morse presented the February technical program on the installation of Model A patch panels. He discussed how to determine where to cut the old metal from the body, how to prepare the new panel for welding, how to align the new panel for welding and how to spot-weld the new panel using a MIG welder. Andrew also discussed alternate methods for attaching new panels such as epoxy panel adhesives. Andrew brought many tools that he uses to install new patch panels.



Classified Advertisements

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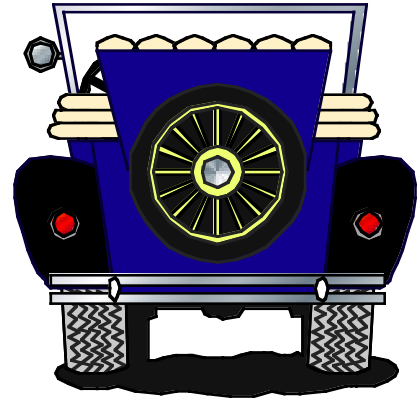
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The Rumble Seat

By Robbie Jones

I get little tidbits of information from Shade Tree A's members occasionally; I really appreciate the input. Recently Abbie Prince and a friend of mine sent a few items in for use in the newsletter. I thought you might enjoy a couple of these. Another little tidbit is on page 3.



SISTER MARY ANN'S GASOLINE

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a Texaco Gasoline station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car. As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, 'If it starts, I'm turning Catholic!!



Spotted in Burke County. Doesn't look like a Model A though.