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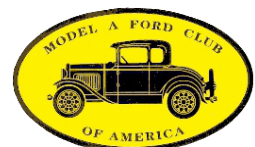
On the Cover

Shade Tree A's members attended the 12th annual Model A Swap Meet on Friday and Saturday April 21 and 22 in Greenwood, South Carolina hosted by the Old Ninety-Six Model A Club (see 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

Greetings and salutations as we start, what I consider to be the best month of the year. May is month of gardening, graduations, the Derby, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day. How many of our younger generation would know what a "May Pole" is? Personally, I wait all year for "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing", the Indianapolis 500.

I began to wonder if the Model A engine had been entered in the Indy, and have spent the morning with my friend Google learning what I could.

Here is Henry's synopsis:

Ford Racing Timeline (1901 to 1913)

- 1901. Henry Ford drives in his first and only race; defeats Alexander Winton in a 10-lap race on a one-mile oval track at the Detroit Driving Club, Grosse Pointe, Mich.
- 1902. Barney Oldfield drives 999 to victory in a five-mile race at Grosse Pointe for the "Manufacturers' Challenge Cup." Alexander Winton is primary challenger. Time is 5:28.0, a record for a five-mile race on a closed course.
- 1903. Ford 999, driven by Barney Oldfield, laps the Indiana Fairgrounds one-mile dirt track at 60 mph, fastest speed ever recorded on a closed circuit.
- 1904. In January, Henry Ford sets a one-mile land speed record – 91.37 mph – (AAA sanctioned and timed) in the rebuilt 999/Arrow on the ice on Lake St. Clair. Frank Kulick starts winning races, driving a car powered by two 2-cylinder Ford Model A engines bolted together (making a flat four).
- 1907. Frank Kulick and Bert Lorimer win a 24-hour race for "stock" cars on a 1-mile oval at Detroit Fairgrounds, driving a production Model K with six-cylinder, 40 hp engine. The rules allowed the substitution of cars as well as drivers, and the team used two different Model Ks to cover 1,135 miles.
- 1908. Ford Model T is introduced on October 1. In the next 20 years, it puts the world on wheels, and also becomes the car of choice in entry-level auto racing. Many performance aftermarket parts become available for racing modifications.
- 1909. Ford Model T wins New York to Seattle cross-country race.
- 1911. Driving a stripped and reworked Model T, Frank Kulick beats Bob Burman's Blitzen Benz in a one-mile oval speed record run (50 sec. flat) at Detroit Fairgrounds.
- 1913. Henry Ford tries to enter Kulick and the Model T record car in the Indianapolis 500. His entry is refused unless 1000 pounds is added to the car. Ford tells them, "We're building race cars, not trucks" and pulls out.

Finding out Ford had exited racing, I learned another neat fact: The Fronty Ford.

The year 1923 marked the introduction of the most famous Fronty-Ford of them all; the legendary Sixteen valve Dual Overhead Cam. Fronty's were at Indy in 1922, 1923 and 1924 and other years. Arthur Chevrolet designed the last of the Fronty Fords in 1930 with the famous Model A "Stagger valve". Fronty's were a common sight on the dirt tracks in the Thirties and Forties and today are highly prized collector items.



Fronty-Ford (1924), Henry Ford (am Steuer) & Louis Chevrolet (dahinter stehend)

Not being much of a motor head, I found this collaboration shocking for all the bumper stickers in windows of little boys doing little boy things on the other's car logo.



I invite everyone not to let this glorious month slip by, and get out and participate in the many opportunities this month brings. Hopefully the weather will be good and we can drive to our monthly meeting. It would be fabulous to see vehicles we haven't seen in a while. I will send a reminder during the weekend as reminder. "Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines!"

Respectfully,
Kent Carruthers
President

MEETING MINUTES

*April 10, 2017
Richard's garage*

Meeting minutes will be provided at the May 2017 meeting of the Shade Tree A's and will be published in the June 2017 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter.

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

May

- 6 Johnson, SC Peach Blossom Parade, Start time 10:00
- 8 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – TBA)
- 11 Memorial Day Parade, Aiken, SC, Start time 11:00
- 13 Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day, Hosted by the Old 96 District Model A Club
at Emerald Farms, Greenwood, SC

June

- 2-3 Summer Moultrie Swap Meet
- 12 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – TBA)

July

- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – TBA)

TBA - To Be Announced

May Refreshments



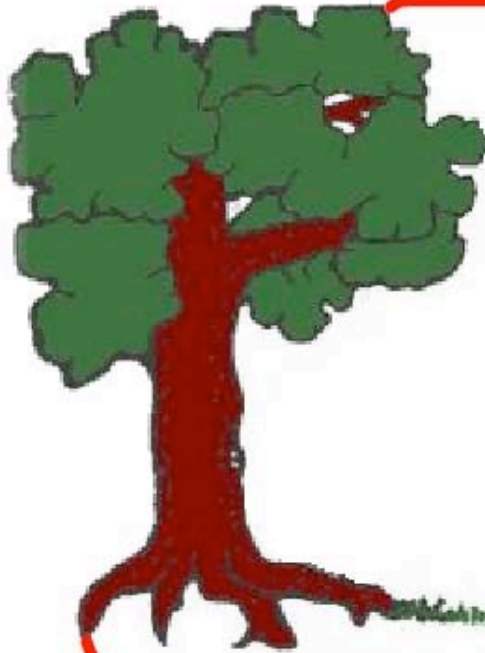
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May Birthdays

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| 5 | Montie Knapp | 7 | Jim Dover |
| 8 | Lois Melchiors | 9 | John Schroen |
| 10 | Kent Carruthers | 10 | John Neumar |
| 11 | Mike Gordon | 16 | Kathleen DeMato |
| 16 | Kathy Poole | 18 | Ragnild Ezelle |
| 18 | Dotti Shogren | 19 | Brenda Prince |
| 20 | Gerald Melchiors | 21 | Billy Garland |
| 23 | Frank DeMato | 23 | Peggy Peters |
| 24 | Linda Krosting | 27 | Misty Hooker |
| 28 | Ben Deitz | 28 | Don Gordon |
| 28 | Betty Wade | 29 | Joe Christian |
| 31 | Fred Thielke | | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

- Continue to remember Kathy Poole in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to recover from surgery.

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

107 YEARS AGO TODAY

By Chuck Howell

This will boggle your mind; I know it did mine!

The year is 1910, One hundred seven years ago. What a difference a century makes!



Here are some statistics for the Year 1910:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour. The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended a one-year medical school, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as 'substandard.'

107 YEARS AGO TODAY

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee was fifteen cents a pound. Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The Five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30! Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

Mother's Day or Father's Day were not recognized as US holidays yet.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, 'Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health'.

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE USA for the year 1907.

RECENT EVENTS

2017 MARC Driving Awards Congratulations to Kent Carruthers

Jim McPherson presented Kent with his first MARC Driving Award for driving his Model A over 2,000 miles. Way to go Kent!



RECENT EVENTS

Old Ninety-Six Swap Meet

April 21-22, 2017

Story by Jim McPherson

The Old 96 District Model A Club in Greenwood, SC hosted their 12th annual Model A Swap Meet on Friday and Saturday April 21 and 22. There were eleven vendors selling Model A parts and four Model A's for sale. Two Model A's sold. Gerald Melchior, Richard Dunevent, and Henry Jones came up Friday. On Saturday Kent Carruthers, Larry DuVall, Frank Knapp, Richard Dunevent and Henry Jones drove their Model A's to the event. Kent Carruthers bought an original headlamp lens (don't ask him why) and Gerald bought some LED lights. The Palm Coast Model A Club (from the Daytona area) were on tour with ten Model A's and two modern cars and spent Friday at the swap meet. The weather was perfect for this event.



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.

Greasing the Model A. When was the last time you greased your Model A? Ford recommended every 500 miles. Did you grease all the grease fittings, or were there some that would not take any grease? These grease fittings, and the moving parts they provide lubrication for often contain hardened grease. Have you ever tried cleaning out the hardened grease to allow you to add grease? One way is to use a piece of wire or small drill bit to open the grease fitting. This may work for some fittings, but for the really hardened grease you may need to take another approach. You may need to use a heavy-duty engine degreaser and a rust buster product such as PB Blaster. First, remove the grease fitting and spray the engine degreaser into the grease cavity (the grease fitting itself and the part being lubricated). Give the degreaser a few minutes to begin to dissolve the solidified grease, then apply the degreaser again. Repeat the process until the degreaser flows back out clean. Now inject PB Blaster into the grease fitting and cavity, repeating the cycle several times until you begin to see penetrating oil begin to come from the grease fitting or cavity. Some of the newer grease fittings have a ball and spring seal to keep grease inside the cavity, and the PB Blaster may renew them. Reinstall the grease fitting, being sure to fill the grease cavity with high-quality chassis grease. This not only works for grease fittings, but also on tie rod and drag link ends and shock absorber links, anywhere grease has become hardened over time.

The typical Model A grease fitting is a cone shaped, drive-in or screw-in fitting. I have used a needle adaptor for grease guns (available at your favorite auto parts dealer) to grease original grease fittings on my Model A, and to grease between the leaves of the front and rear springs. The needle adaptor is useful in tight spaces where you do not have the space get close to the grease fitting with your grease gun.



Radiator/Block Rust Removal. A new product, Thermocure, has become available to remove rust from the cooling system. Harris International Laboratories, Inc., the manufacturer of Evapo-Rust and Rust-Block make the product. Many have already been using Evapo-Rust to clean their cooling systems. To use Thermocure, you drain the cooling system and add Thermocare and water. Adding a rust inhibitor will help maintain your cleaned cooling system. You run your vehicle for 3-4 hours for three days, then drained and flushed twice with water. Depending on the amount of rust, Thermocare may be good to treat two cooling systems. Thermocare is available at Walmart Supercenters.



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