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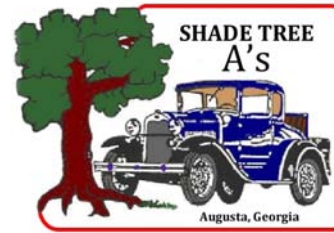
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On the Cover

What better time to get your Model A out for a drive than a beautiful fall day! The Editor couldn't resist a nice fall day to get the A out for a drive. The local pond and a little color in the leaves made a great background.



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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 Holiday seasons my fellow Model A'ers. All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day have come and gone. We are right around the corner of that miraculous time of year, when gratitude and appreciation of the greatest gift bestowed arrives.

The Shade Tree A's showed their generosity during October's meeting by approving two donations for the good of our community. The Club specified a donation of \$500.00 to The Salvation Army and the same amount to The Empty Stocking Fund.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following individuals to serve the Club in the 2018:

President - Matt Barrett

Vice President - Mike Gordon

Secretary- Frank Knapp

Treasurer - Richard Dunevent

National Director - Jim McPherson

Board of Directors

Kent Carruthers (Past President)

Chuck Howell

The remainder have agreed to serve in their respective positions for an additional year

Membership Coordinator - Frank Knapp

Newsletter Editor - Robbie Jones

Photographer - Sheila McPherson

Era Fashions - Anne Neely-Beck

Webmaster - Dan Perla

Tour Director is a Board position that was not able to be filled and is open. Since there isn't contention for any position, the necessity of a formal ballot will not be executed, and officer acceptance shall be done by voice vote at the November meeting with quorum.

Currently there are twenty-six individuals that have committed to attend that annual highlight, our Christmas party. It is imperative that an accurate count is determined for the festivity. Please review last month's signup sheet to confirm your place. The Howell's have had this year's plan in the works to please like never before. The work behind the scenes sometimes goes under appreciated. Please join me in extending our thanks for the time and effort they give.

I encourage any interested member to submit a Monroe Wade award nomination prior to December 1st. It is also time for annual dues:

"Renewal dues (\$25.00) for any member in good standing will be paid directly to the STA Treasurer in the fall of the calendar year but not later than the December meeting."

Please make this a priority to have dues paid early this year. This is another one of those behind the scene items which only happens because individuals take care of it. Don't be the one they have to chase.

MAFCA Shade Tree A members have submitted our Club entry into the MAFCA 100K mile challenge. Our best day of members totaled 1,370 miles. Deadline for entries are November 5th, so we should be notified afterward. Keep your fingers crossed.

Respectfully,
Kent Carruthers

MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2017

Richard's Garage

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held October 9, 2017 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Kent gaveled the meeting to order promptly at 7:03 PM. Twenty-nine members were in attendance.

Due to the absence of Jim Dover, the "Joke of The Month" was told by Matt Barrett. Another entertaining story 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 Matt Barrett. Otherwise, all members were properly identified with the required and appropriate name tags!

One visitor, Steve Teal, who has recently moved to Gibson, GA. was recognized. It was interesting to learn he has multiple AA Trucks and two Model A's. Steve was welcomed by all!

Our Treasurer, Richard Dunevent assured the group our treasury continues to be solvent and reported that no transactions were made in September.

Due to inclement weather, the September meeting was canceled resulting in no meeting minutes published in *The Newsletter*.

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

Jim McPherson reminded the group to be on the lookout for the MAFCA dues notices arriving soon.

Under "Show and Tell", Richard Dunevent passed around a "gadget" he purchased at Hershey that assists in finding T.D.C. for setting timing and Matt Barrett displayed an oil filter that attaches to the valve cover.

Under Old Business, our participation in The Aiken As Model A display and our Fuel Economy Run, held on International Model A Day, were discussed. Our club was well represented in both tours! Also mentioned was the huge turnout at our August Sconyer's Family Night meeting. A great time was had by all!

Our Christmas party was also discussed. It will be held December 16th at the Windmill Plantation Community Center with Chuck and Sharon Howell handling the arrangements. A sign-up sheet was passed around with more information to follow in November.

Also, instead of bringing 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, back to the floor for a vote, President Kent made an Executive decision on both. He announced The Club's Certificate of Deposit will be moved to the General Fund and The Treasurer's Report will be made available at the podium during each monthly meeting for any and all to inspect if so desired. There were no objections.

Under New Business, the upcoming "Sweet Home Alabama Tour" was discussed. Also the need for more members to volunteer as club officers. So far, there are two vacancies for our 2018 slate, Tour Director and Board Member At Large. Hopefully those positions will be filled soon.

MEETING MINUTES**(continued)**

Additionally, members were reminded to submit nominations for this year's Monroe Wade Award and also MAFCA members need to turn in their mileage traveled on International Model A Day ASAP.

A motion was made by Matt Barrett to make a \$1,000.00 donation to The American Red Cross. After discussion, a substitute motion to donate \$500.00 to The Salvation Army and the same amount to The Empty Stocking Fund was made by Mike Gordon. That motion received a second and was passed by a majority.

Before his excellent technical session on the latest paint guns and various types of base coats, primers and clear coat products, Andrew Morse urged our club to participate in the upcoming Polish N' Parts Car Show and swap meet to be held at Daniel Field on Saturday, October 28th. According to Andrew, the show will benefit "Project Lifting Spirits" which aids hospitalized Veterans. Definitely a worthy cause! A show of hands indicated our club should be well represented.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM after which refreshments provided by Jim and Sam Mason, Barbara and Pascal Bryant and Rosalind Neal. 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

November

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

December

2 Graniteville Christmas Parade
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)

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

TBA - To Be Announced

November Refreshments



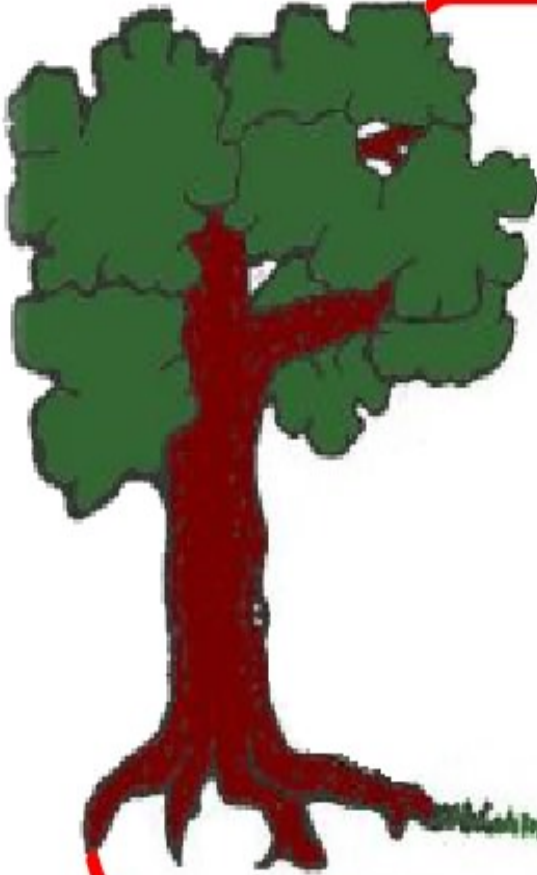
Richard Dunevant
Henry Jones
Andrew Morse



November Birthdays

3 Margaret Towe
5 Mary Jones
17 Walter Smith
18 William Gordon
25 James Beck

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).

Model A Ford Club of America
2017 Membership Renewal

You can also renew membership and shop online:
www.mafca.com

Amount \$ _____ Check # _____ Visa/Mastercard # _____ Exp: _____ CVV: _____

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Valid Email Address: _____ Chapter: _____ **TOTAL Enclosed \$** _____

I give MAFCA permission to publish my phone number in future membership rosters: Yes No Phone Number: _____

Add Spouse to Membership Record: _____

Renewals received after December 31, 2016 will require a \$5 late fee to cover the cost of mailing *The Restorer* magazine. MAFCA does not issue refunds.
Please return this form with payment payable to: MAFCA

MEMBERSHIP # _____

Member Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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Phone: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 Monroe Wade Award Nominations

The Monroe Wade Award honors a current Shade Tree A's member who promotes and encourages the furtherance of the Model A hobby. The member can have accomplished this in any of the ways listed below:

1. A Club member who goes out of his or her way to help other members repair or maintain their Model A's.
2. A Club member who:
 - a. Writes an outstanding article for the Shade Tree A's Newsletter regarding repair and restoration, or who brings to light new information about the Model A.
 - b. Presents an outstanding program regarding repair and restoration or who provides new information about the Model A at a Club meeting.
3. A Club member who shows dedication to the Model A hobby and to the Club by:
 - a. Driving his or her Model A on a substantial number of Club tours and events.
 - b. Driving his or her Model A great distances, demonstrating that the Model A is not only fun but a worthy means of transportation.
 - c. Is an outstanding representative of the Shade Tree A's at national meets and tours or local community events, thus serving as a Shade Tree A's club ambassador.

Club members may nominate any member in good standing by **submitting the member's name and a short paragraph with their reasons for nominating the member**. The winner will be announced at the annual Christmas meeting. The award winner's name will be added to a permanent plaque located at the Club's meeting place and a second plaque will be given to the winner.

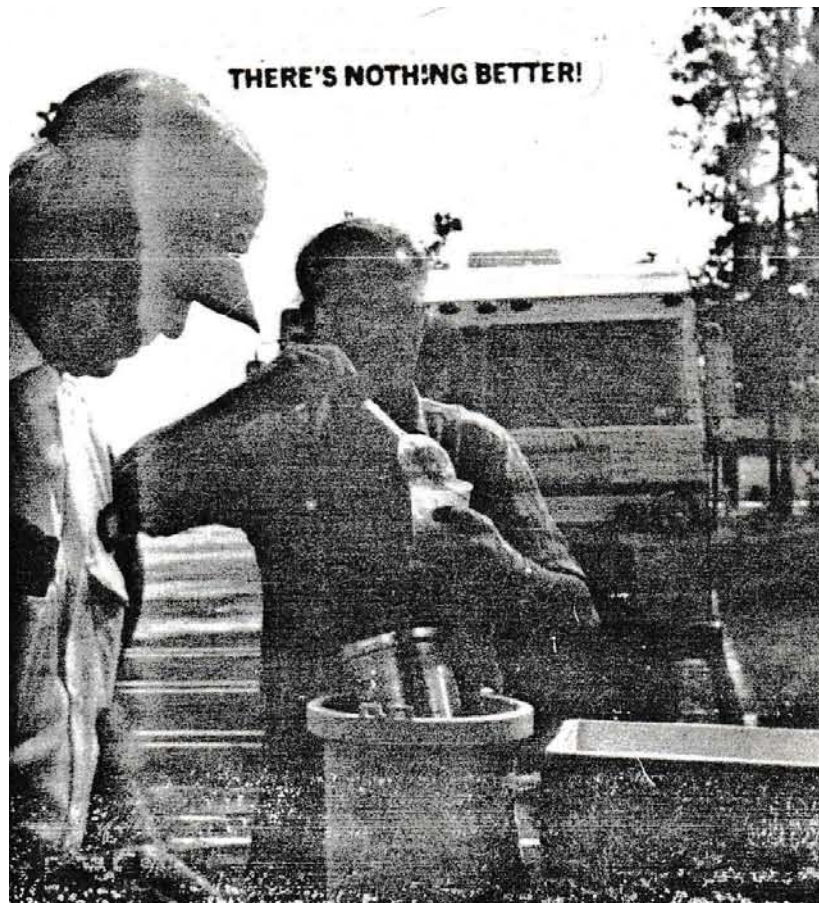
The winner will be chosen by a committee that includes Betty Wade, Monroe's wife. You may give your nomination to one of the committee members. All nominations must be received **not later than the November meeting** (November 13, 2017) to be considered.

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 November 1987 issue of the Shade Tree A's newsletter was full of Hershey memories. Larry Komp even wrote a two-page anecdote relating his experience. Members were reminded to pay their MAFCA dues, a whopping \$19! The photo below from the newsletter shows two members enjoying some homemade ice cream from one of the fall events. The two members appear to be Bobby Jones and Monroe Wade.



RECENT EVENTS

Hershey 2017

Submitted by Jim McPherson

It was another great year in Hershey, for the AACA National Meet and Swap Meet. In thirty-nine years of attendance, it may have been the best year ever. The weather was nice, highs in the low 70's and lows in the mid 50's. And the only rain was Thursday night for an hour. There were more Model A parts for sale than I have ever seen before. You saw lots of people carrying Model A parts home, including Shade Tree A's members. I am not sure who won the scooter races, Richard Dunevent, Frank Knapp or Dale Gosa, but you can expect one of them demanding a rematch next year. Don't miss it.

October 2017 Shade Tree A's Meeting

Submitted by Jim McPherson

Photos by Sheila McPherson



There were thirty members present at the October meeting, including one potential new member retiring from the Orlando area to Gibson. Andrew Morse presented the program on modern paint products and how different spray guns work. A delicious assortment of refreshments was provided by Jim and Sam Mason. Rosalind Neal and Pascal and Barbara Bryant.



RECENT EVENTS

Oliver Hardy Festival

Submitted by Kent Carruthers

Photo by Kent Carruthers

Kent Carruthers participated in the Oliver Hardy Festival in Harlem, Georgia on October 7, 2017. He didn't just participate, he had the honor of driving the 2017 Oliver Hardy Festival Queen, Miss Carter Scott, in his 1930 Model A Standard Roadster during the parade.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

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

Model A Q & A's

Now that Touring Season is in full swing, lots of guys ask me about what tools and supplies are needed for a Model A Tour. I always say the most important 2 items are a cell phone and a credit card, but here are a few things you might want to keep on hand...

Tools:

Jack and handle	Starting crank	Tire pump
Ball peen hammer	SAE socket set	Adjustable wrench
SAE wrench set	Screwdrivers	Pliers
Wire cutter/crimper	Ignition tools (feeler gauge, file)	Grease gun
Flashlight	Electrical circuit tester	Tube patch kit
Tire irons	Distributor shaft wrench	Knife, scout type
Scissors (for gasket work)	Emergency flares or flashers	Spark plug wrench
Drift, 5/8" diameter, brass	Drift, steel	

Parts (pre-tested if possible):

Spark plug connectors	High tension coil lead	Fan belt
Radiator hose set	Light bulb set	Water pump packing
Ignition switch	Ignition points	Condenser
Spark plug	Ammeter	Ignition cable
Generator cutout	Tie rod spring	Timing gear
Brake spring assortment	Stop light switch	Starter switch

Supplies:

Copper wire, #12, insulated, 10'	Bailing wire, 10'	Heavy string
Electrical tape	Assorted bolts, nuts, cotter pins	Gasket sealing compound
Gasket material	Fuel valve packing	Small springs assortment
Rags	Hand cleaner	Carburetor gaskets
Sandpaper, fine grade	Soap and talcum, for tires	
Length of wood (2x4 x6")	Wheel bearing grease	
Service manual	Gallon of water	
Fuses		

For Long Trips Include:

Tools:

Timing gear wrench	Valve guide remover
Valve spring compressor	Rear hub puller

Parts (pre-tested):

Water pump w/gasket	Fan (inspect for cracks)
Carburetor	Distributor
Distributor lower shaft	Distributor cap, lid, rotor
Valves, springs, guides (2 of each)	Complete engine gasket set

The STA Model A Toolbox

Did you know there is a similar list available on the Shade Tree A's website? From the Shade Tree A's Roadmap, click on Technical Tips or just paste the following link into your browser.

<http://www.shadetreeas.org/TechTips/STA+Toolbox.pdf>

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Deadline for submittal – 20th of the month – Send submittals to newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org

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