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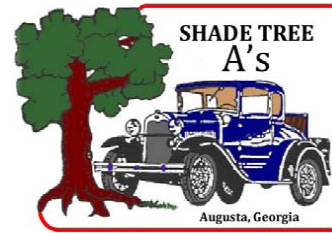
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Henry Jones and Chad Jones lead the way on the 2017 Shade Tree A's Fuel Economy Tour in celebration of International Model A Ford Day. Story and photos on page 10.



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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

Last month I asked for individuals to step forward and volunteer to lead the Shade Tree A's. Last month I asked for volunteers to act as a nominating committee for this month's election. Last month I pleaded for participation for our 1st major tour the Shade Tree A's have hosted in 3 years.

Please attend this month's meeting.

Kent Carruthers
President
Shade Tree A's

MEETING MINUTES

Due to Hurricane Irma, there was no September meeting and, therefore, no meeting minutes.



Ken Bernacchi of the Aiken A's is on his way to winning the 2017 Shade Tree A's Fuel Economy Tour

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

October

- | | |
|-------|--|
| 9 | Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – TBA) |
| 18-21 | Sweet Home Alabama Tour |
| 28 | Polish N Parts, Car Show and Swap Meet |

November

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

- | | |
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| TBD | Shade Tree A's Christmas Party |
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TBA - To Be Announced

October Refreshments



Nobody Signed Up.

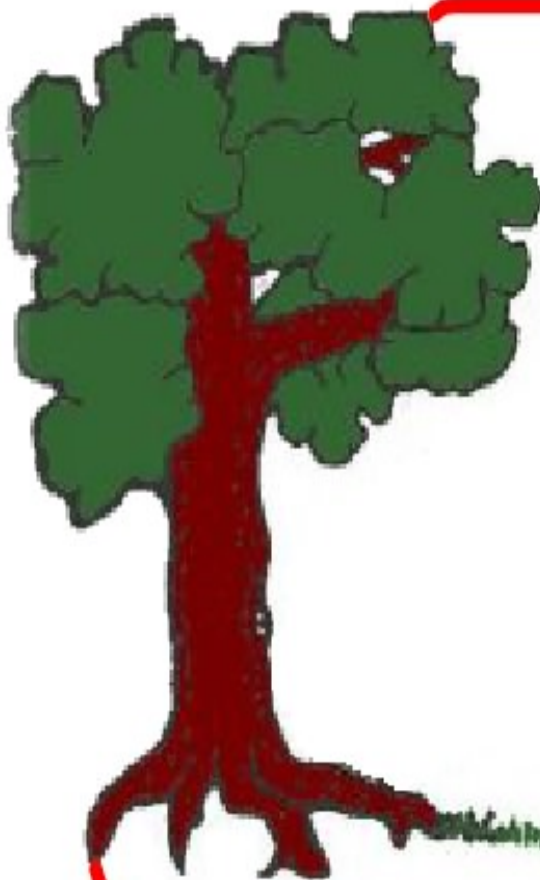
Any Volunteers?



October Birthdays

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|----|------------------|----|----------------|
| 2 | Leslie Holley | 3 | Shelby Deitz |
| 5 | Anne Neely Beck | 5 | Tina Neitzke |
| 7 | Syble Henderson | 8 | Suzanne Gordon |
| 8 | Jim McPherson | 12 | Jack Ezelle |
| 14 | Andrew Morse | 15 | Sherry Schroen |
| 17 | Hilde Dover | 17 | Leta Jones |
| 18 | Sarah Richardson | 24 | Porter Fleming |
| 25 | Sheila Wilson | 29 | Jerry Peters |

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 – at home recovering from recent heart related illness
 - Kathy Poole-recovery from recent surgery
 - Tina Neitzke-recovering at home

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sweet Home Alabama Tour

October 18-21, 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are putting the finishing touches on this year's "Sweet Home Alabama Tour" October 18-21, 2017, with departure for home on Sunday morning October 22. The following is a draft outline of the tour:

- Wednesday Oct 18, registration and welcome dinner.
- Thursday Oct 19, a tour of the Natchez trace with a stop at the Tupelo car museum, lunch, tour of local attractions, and return on the trace.
- Friday Oct 20 a road tour to Lawrence County, Tennessee, a stop at the Big Red Store, lunch at the historic David Crocket restaurant, a tour of Amish country and return on the Natchez trace.
- Saturday Oct 21 a visit to the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, the Tuscumbia Railroad Museum and the General Joe Wheeler home. In the evening we will conclude with the "Farewell Dinner".

The host motel is the Coldwater Inn, 712 Hwy 72 W, Tuscumbia, Al 35674, telephone number (256) 383-6844. The tour rate is \$79 plus tax, breakfast included. You can go ahead now and make your motel reservations, tell them you are with the Sweet Home Alabama Tour to get the special rate. We should have the tour information packet and registration form completed within the next 3 weeks (*by mid-July, Ed.*). It's going to be another great tour.

-- Paul Majerick



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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 photo below is from the October 1987 Shade Tree A's Newsletter. The caption for the photo reads: "Frankie Dunevent gets a few pointers from Bob Jones on how to start a Ford Model A". Also in this issue is a map to Richard's garage since the Club was only just beginning to meet there. Thank you Richard and Frankie!



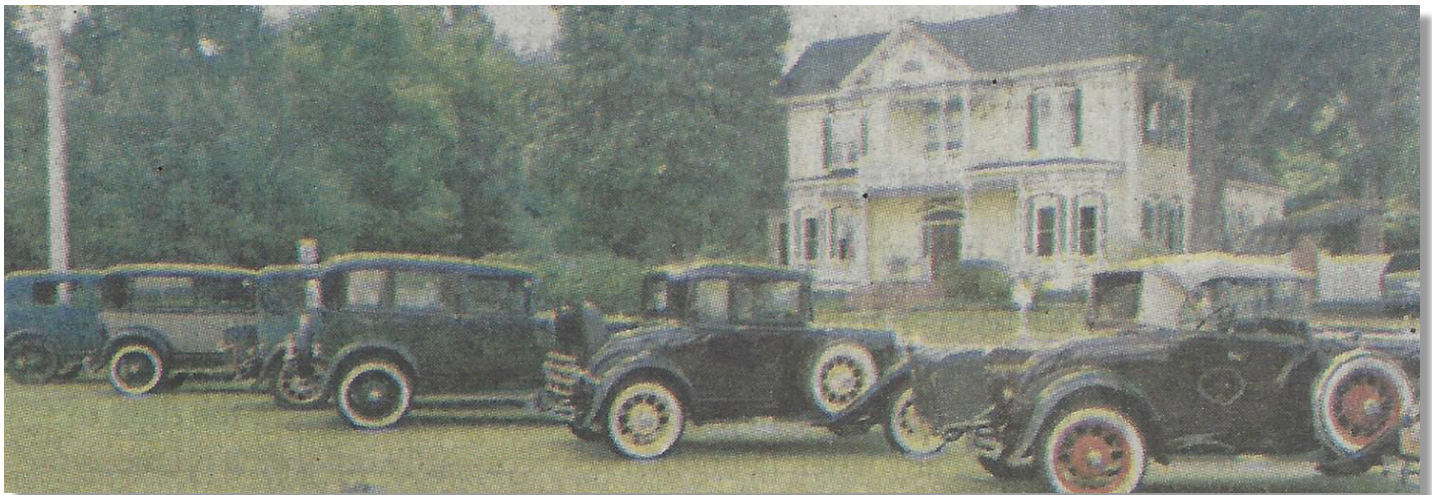
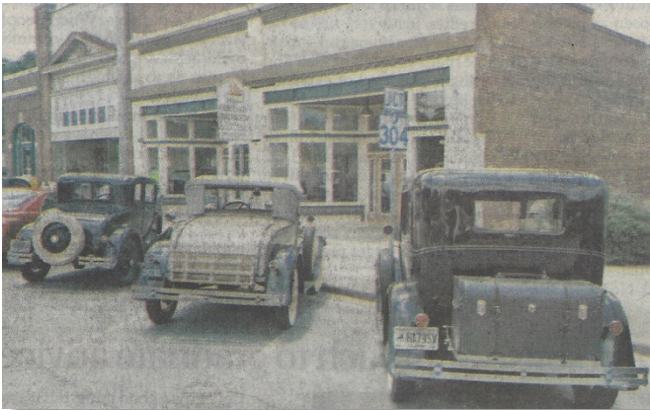
RECENT EVENTS

Blackville, South Carolina Luncheon Tour

The Shade Tree A's met up with other members from the Palmetto A's, Low Country Model A's, Aiken A's and the Old 96 District Model A Ford Club for lunch in Blackville, South Carolina. The following article was published in the Blackville newspaper.

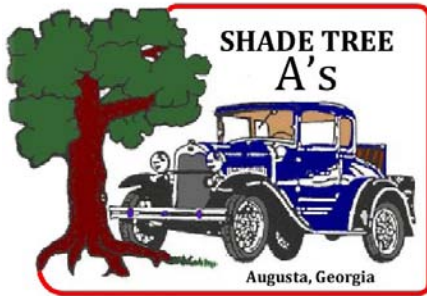
Model A's fill downtown Blackville

On Saturday, June 17, Miller's Bread Basket in Blackville was chosen as a central meeting place for five Model A Clubs from around the state, including Palmetto A's from Columbia, Low Country Model A's from Charleston, Aiken's A's from Aiken, a group all the way from Ninety Six, and the Shade Tree A's from Augusta, Ga. The approximately 50 people, all driving their Model A's, had an enjoyable meal and fellowship in Miller's conference room. It looked like days of old in Blackville with their cars lined up on our streets, 30 of them or so," said Lil Stoltzfus, who works at the restaurant.



RECENT EVENTS

2017 Shade Tree A's Fuel Economy Tour International Model A Ford Day



The Shade Tree A's hosted an invitational fuel economy tour in celebration of International Model A Ford Day on September 16, 2017. Eleven Model A's started the tour from the Evans Towne Center. An early roadside technical session failed to revive one Model A so there was one "did not finish". Hopefully we'll get an accurate diagnosis at the October meeting but the roadside opinion was a blown head gasket. The tour group quickly crossed the Savannah River into South Carolina and traveled back roads through and around the Sumter National Forest. An impromptu course correction was required along the way to avoid a local bridge out. After an intermediate stop for a restroom break, everyone headed to the gas station to fill up and record their mileage and fuel usage. After lunch at the picnic shelter below the dam at Clarks Hill Lake, Shade Tree A's President Kent Carruthers announced the following winners:



First Place
Ken Bernacchi
Aiken A's



Second Place
Eric Shogren
Aiken A's/Shade Tree A's



Third Place
Barry Gunnells
Old 96 District Model A Ford Club

RECENT EVENTS

2017 Shade Tree A's Fuel Economy Tour International Model A Ford Day



More photos are available on the Shade Tree A's website

TECHNICAL TOPICS

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

Model A Q&A- Girl Power

We have had several cars owned by ladies in our shop the last few weeks. Thought it would be fun to share their stories. We are always looking for the next generation to take up the Model A hobby, maybe it's the Girls who will take it over!

Marlene from Savannah, Georgia owns a beautiful 1931 Model A Coupe. It was a gift from her husband some 20 years ago when they were living in Los Angeles. Marlene was born in 1931 and always liked the Model A's. They went on some Model A tours when they first got the car, but then it went off to a restoration shop in Oregon where it has spent the last few years. Unfortunately, Marlene's husband passed away and Marlene moved to Savannah to be close to her family, and the car found its way here for us to finish the restoration. Hopefully she can enjoy some more touring in her Coupe soon.

Ashley has a 1929 Briggs Blindback Fordor. Here's the story she tells: "In 2015, my husband and I were at the Pimlico Horse Track for the Preakness....there we were at the height of losing horse bets and I get a call from my dear uncle in Huntsville, AL. "Wally", mascot for a local art gallery, was on auction. Since we weren't doing so well at the track, we decided to bring Wally to Atlanta. Made losing at the race alright!"

The car had not been driven for several years, and is now in our shop to get it back on the road. Cleaning the fuel system, rebuilding the carburetor and a new set of Firestone tires will put the car back in service again.

Susan tells about her 1928 Tudor: "My father purchased the car back in the late 1970s. He bought it from a neighbor. It had just been sitting under his carport for years. Daddy had it restored in Birmingham, AL. I remember my Mama driving it in the Christmas parades in Prattville, AL when I was in grade school. My sister and I enjoyed waving from the backseat while hanging out the window. As we got older, life got busier and the car got parked in the barn and not used. I inherited the car when my Dad passed away in July of 2016." After a brief visit to our shop, Susan's car is on the road again. She enjoys weekend drives with her family.



Susan's Tudor



Lauren's Model T



Lois in her 1930

Lauren, now 25, fell in love with her grandfather's 1925 Model T Sedan when she was a little girl. She would see the car in the family barn where it had been sitting since 1964. Her grandfather got it from a family friend "Mr. Frank" who had used it as his daily driver since new. It had been through several engines and repair jobs over the years. Lauren inherited the car and now her father is helping us do a full mechanical restoration so the car will once again be on the road. Lauren can't wait.

Lois bought her 1930 Tudor for her dad in 2003. He enjoyed several years of cruising in the blue sedan. The car allowed them both to participate in lots of car shows and parades. After her father passed away in 2014, Lois took over the car, learning how to do maintenance on the Internet and through the help of Les Andrews Model A Mechanics Handbook. She drives it often in memory of her Dad.

Hope this will inspire you ladies to get in that Antique Car and enjoy the drive...

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