

# SHADE TREE A's

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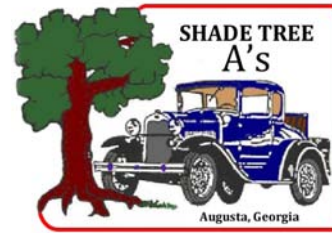
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### On the Cover

Approximately forty Shade Tree A's members attended the annual dinner at Sconyer's Bar-B-Que in August. More photos on page 4.

## 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*

By the time this text reaches publication, two thirds of 2017 will have past. School and football has started, and the official end of summer will be coming this weekend. This means **International MODEL A DAY** is right around the corner.

I am excited to say that the Shade Tree A's IMAD Fuel Economy Tour has met with very good success from our friends around the area. Currently, we have 18 paid participants for September 16<sup>th</sup>, including at least 11 cars. If you are a Shade Tree A's member, and have not presented myself or Mr. Dunevent a check, you are not included in the count of 18. Please contact me or Richard to finalize your participation as quickly as possible. We should easily be able to field 20 - 30 vehicles, which would make this the largest Shade Tree A's held event I've enjoyed. **SIGN UP!** I also need help with various details for the tour. Please contact me if you can volunteer prior to the event.

It is also that time of year to prepare for the future. I am looking for interested members who have a strong interest in working for the growth of the Shade Tree A's Model A Club. If you have the interest and desire to make us a stronger, more involved group, please nominate yourself to improve our Club. Please take a few minutes and find our By-Laws on our website to familiarize yourself with the Club. It is time to come down out of the stands, stop hollering at the referees, quit coaching on Monday's, and **GET INTO THE GAME!** I need three volunteers to act as a Nominating Committee to encourage our membership to fill our elected offices. Nominations are due Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Election of Officers is in November, announced at our Annual meeting. It is my responsibility to appoint this committee. Please make it easy on me and volunteer.

You may have, like me, received your MAFCA registration packet in the mail recently. The BOD has confirmed that the elected officers filling positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Tour Director will have their MARC and MAFCA dues paid, even if through reimbursement. Please consider serving your Club.

Other news:

At Sconyer's Barbeque, an offer to host our annual Christmas party was presented to membership for consideration. This was a time sensitive proposal that was distributed and returned. Twenty-eight positive responses were received, of the thirty-plus members in attendance. No votes to delay were vocalized. Thank you Mr. Howell for your forethought and willingness to serve our Club. For those who weren't in attendance:

*Reserve the Windmill Plantation Clubhouse for **Saturday, 16 December 2017**. The STA Christmas Party would begin at **5 pm**. Dinner cater and menu would be the same as last year (turkey, ham, potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, cranberry sauce, pecan pie, tea). The STA Club would pay for renting the building (\$150), table and room decorations (\$50) and the meals (\$10 per person). The clubhouse has plenty of paved parking space, separate restrooms for men and women, and large kitchen, etc.*

I remember as a seven-year-old, watching a "Special News Report", listening to the President say these words, "I shall **not seek**, and **I will not accept**, the nomination of my party for another term as your president." I am greatly looking forward to a strong, well-attended, enjoyable Tour this month. I do not have the time necessary to do this club justice. I am grateful for the wealth of information at my fingertips, and the access to so many willing helpful people.

We need an individual with better resources and talents to lead the Shade Tree A's to the place it wants to go. **It's time to get busy.**

Respectfully,  
Kent Carruthers  
President  
Shade Tree A's, Inc.

## MEETING MINUTES

*July 10, 2017  
Richard's Garage*

There was no August meeting and, therefore, no meeting minutes this month due to the annual Club supper at Sconyer's BBQ.





## LOOKING AHEAD

### Club Calendar

**September**

- 8-9 All Model A & Model T Swap Meet & People's Choice Car Show, Smith and Jones, Columbia, SC
- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage  
(Technical Program – TBA)
- 16 International Model A Ford Day
- 16 Shade Tree A's Fuel Economy Run

**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**

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

TBA - To Be Announced

### September Refreshments



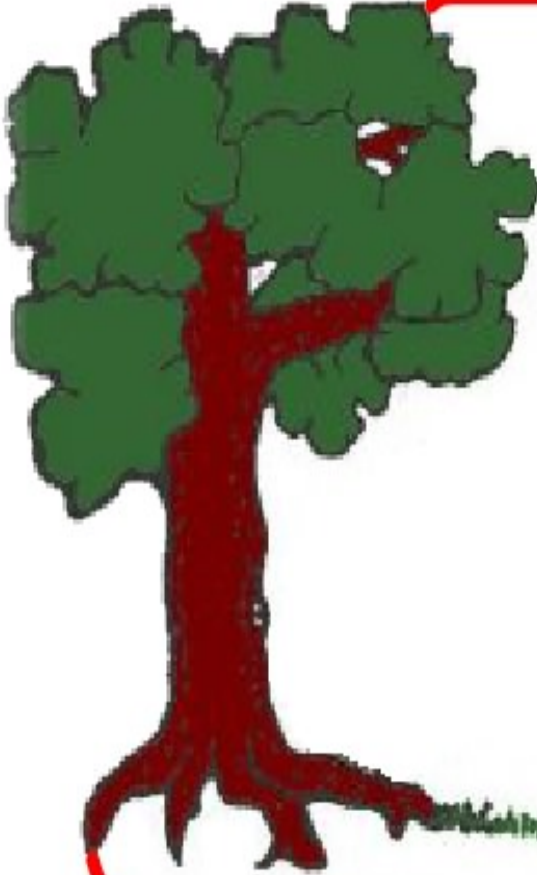
NO REFRESHMENTS  
THIS MONTH DUE TO  
THE SHADE TREE A's  
ANNUAL DINNER



### September Birthdays

- 1 Sam Mason
- 8 Houston Barbee
- 11 Gail Smith
- 28 Ernie Dinkins

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **Shade Tree A's Member News**

- Continue to remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:
  - Kathy Poole-recovery from recent surgery
  - Tina Neitzke-recovering at home
  - Jim and Sam Mason's son, Thomas, passed away Sunday August 20, 2017 in Saint Petersburg, Florida. Thomas is Sam's second child of three. Jim and Sam want to thank all the Shade Tree A's members for their prayers, thoughts and concerns and ask that everyone continue to keep them in their prayers.
  - Former Shade Tree A's member, Ruel Martin, passed away on July 29, 2017.

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

### **Shade Tree A's Newsletter Back Issues**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Shade Tree A's

Celebrate



## Invitational *Fuel Economy* Tour Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Activities:**

Saturday morning centralized start at Evans Towne Center Park – 10:00 a.m.  
Country side tour of back roads and bridges, approximately 90 miles  
Top off gas tanks at Pollard's Corner gas station for calculations  
Catered lunch at [Below Dam South Carolina Recreation Area](#), South Carolina  
Winning vehicle awards and presentations

**Tour includes:**

2017 MAFCA International Model A Day Patch  
Choice of Ham or Turkey catered lunch by Jason's Deli  
Chance to log approximately 90 miles for MAFCA's 100,000 mile day!  
Car Classifications  
\$25 Cash Prizes  
Bragging Rights

**Details:**

Shade Tree A Members – donation \$7.50  
Visiting Club Members – donation \$15.00  
Please return the attached confirmation with payment prior to August 15 to:

Kent Carruthers  
6942 Moontown Dr. E.  
Appling, GA 30802  
706-564-7304

Lodging opportunities can be provided upon request

# Nothing could be finer than touring in a Model A with other MAFCA Members

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

12th Annual

ALL Model A & Model T

SWAP MEET & PEOPLE'S CHOICE CAR SHOW

at

Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts  
60 Wisconsin St. West Columbia, SC



sponsored by

*Palmetto A's of South Carolina*



Friday, September 8, 2017 8am to 5pm Swap Meet

Saturday, September 9, 2017 8am to 3pm Swap Meet & Car Show

Vendor Space: Early registration: \$15/one day \$25/two days \$20/\$30 at the gate

Car Corral: \$10 for two days

Palmetto A Members - Free Vendor Space

\$2 Door Prize Tickets Food Concession 50/50

Contact: Dick Fraser

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### Vendor Sign Up Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be arriving and setting up on Thursday, Sept 7? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you primarily a Model A or Model T vendor? \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form along with a check or money order made payable to:

Palmetto A's of SC--- 113 Ian Dr. Leesville, SC 29070

By participation in this event and signing this form I/we agree to hold harmless  
The Palmetto A's of SC Model A Club, Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts and any of the  
members or agents thereof, in the event of accident or injury to any participant, person or group.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## RECENT EVENTS

### Model A Restorers Club National Meet

Jim McPherson and Don Turley attended the Model A Restorers Club National Meet in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Jim and Don provided the following reports.

- The Model A Restorers Club held their 2017 National Meet in Gettysburg Pennsylvania July 30th through August 4th. There were over 500 members registered for the meet, and nearly as many Model A's filled the parking lot of the Wyndham Gettysburg hotel, the meet headquarters. There were forty swap meet vendors, a variety of seminars and special body style club meetings. The Welcome Party was held at the Gettysburg Welcome Center and included a movie and cyclorama in addition to the display of Civil War artifacts. Car Judging for both the Fine Point and Touring Class cars was held on the hotel grounds Wednesday. Wednesday evening events included the Era Fashion Show followed by the Ice Cream Social. The Mandatory Tour was held on Thursday to a local county fair where bar-b-que chicken was served for lunch. The meet concluded Friday evening with the Awards Banquet.
- Richard Lawson and I attended the Model A Restorers Club National Meet at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. We sold parts in the swap meet for three days and did quite well. Prior to the meet, we visited our friend Doug Bruce in Marathon, New York. Doug professionally restores the stainless steel parts for 1930-31 Model A's as well as some other parts. Since he is no longer able to travel to swap meets, we helped him out by bringing many of his parts to sell at Gettysburg. We sold a lot of his restored original parts but still have some available. Among these are a 1931 radiator shell, a set of four scroll outside door handles, a pair of top rests (grab handles), a pair of cowl lights, original Roadster outside and inside door handles, a 1930-31 steering wheel, a restored original ammeter, original terminal box, restored original 1928-30 dash lights, and original tools. If anyone is interested in these quality parts, they can give me a call or email.

[don@donturley.com](mailto:don@donturley.com) 706-863-4867

This was also my 24<sup>th</sup> Model A National Meet for judging Blue Ribbon Model A's & AA's. I have been judging since 1992 and am a Master Judge in both MARC & MAFCA. There were some very nice cars at this meet that will be featured in future issues of the MARC magazine "Model A News". Walter Smith and Jim McPherson also attended and judged at this meet.

*Submitted by:*  
*Jim McPherson*

*Submitted by:*  
*Don Turley*

### Tucker Swap Meet

*Submitted by Jim McPherson*

The Georgia Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America held their ninth annual Model A Swap Meet at Cofer's Stable of Thoroughbreds antique automobile museum in Tucker, Georgia on Saturday, August 9th. There were eight vendors selling rusty Model A parts and two Model A Fords for sale. The grounds were wet due to the recent rains, so vendors lined the gravel driveway. When the morning sun arrived the humidity rose rapidly.



## TECHNICAL TOPICS

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

### Model A Q&A's

**Q: I didn't drive my car since last spring, and when I went to start it the other day. It is very hard to start. It sputters and tries but it will not stay running. What can I do to fix it?**

**A:** Sounds like you have a typical fuel system or carburetor problem. Anytime the car sits up fuel will dry up in the carburetor, leaving a residue which can stop up the Jets. Remove the carburetor from the car and carefully disassemble it. Clean out all the Jets with some carburetor cleaner. Reassemble the carburetor with a new gasket set and you should be in business. While the carburetor is a part check the fuel flow at the fuel line. Use a quart size cup to catch the fuel and turn on the fuel valve. It should fill up a quart container and about 30 seconds. If not, you can clean out the sediment screen and any other filter, you might have in place. Now reassemble everything, and hopefully the car will start again.

**Q: I am building a Model A from scratch. I have found a chassis at a swap meet, but have not found the perfect body, yet. I am thinking I would like to have a pickup truck, so I am keeping an eye out for a cab and bed. I am not sure of the year of my chassis, they are all the same, right?**

**A:** Model A Chassis are very similar, however, there are some subtle differences you need to look out for. The front cross member is a little different from a 28-29, to a 30-31. On the 28-29 cross member the radiator sits level with the top of the frame. On the 30-31, the radiator sits about 1/4 inch below the top of the frame. This makes a big difference when you final-assemble the car. Other than that, the frames are very similar, so have fun shopping for those parts. By the time you're done, you'll really be a Model A expert.

**Q: How come I have a locking door handle on the passenger side of my Model A, but not on the driver's side?**

**A:** Model A's did originally come with the key lock on the passenger side. The idea was that you would park the car against the curb, lock the driver's door from the inside, climb across and exit the car on the passenger side, then use the key to lock the door on the curb side of the vehicle away from traffic. I guess Henry was a "city person" wasn't he? On our Tudor Sedan, I went ahead and mounted locking door handles on both sides just for convenience. One day I went to Mike's Affordable Parts and spent a few minutes looking through the bin until I found two handles that used the same key. It's been that way about 20 years.

## Classified Advertisements

Deadline for submittal – 20<sup>th</sup> of the month – Send submittals to [newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org](mailto:newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org)

## Paid Advertisements

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