

# SHADE TREE A'S

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### On the Cover

Shade Tree A's President, Matt Barrett, and his daughter, Elisabeth Barrett, enjoyed the Saint Patrick's Day Parade together. Matt's niece, Kacky Teston, also joined them. More photos on page 12.

## 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, \$50 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

*Matt Barrett - President*

Greetings fellow club members 🤪

First of all I would like to wish our beloved Model A Ford a happy 90th birthday. We should never forget that we are dealing with a very old lady indeed. Someone saw my car today and remarked that "they don't make them like they use to". We have seen cars that literally had trees growing inside them and are brought back to life. Henry Ford built his A Model to last one hundred years and it appears that that goal is going to be met.

We had three club functions in March and if you were unable to be with us, all I can say is you missed a great time. The tour to Aiken was a lot of fun especially the garage tour of Eric Shogren's place. The St. Patrick's Day Parade was a blast. We had 600 green and black beads for the spectators and ran out about the half way mark. My niece was wearing green hair and my daughter with red hair both tossed beads. Pictures of these events were placed on the STA Facebook pages for your viewing. The trip to Saluda Shoals was a long one but a bevy of your favorite Fords were to be found. The only negative thing was Jim McPherson's car getting a flat but as fortune would have it, our own Kent Carruthers was able to change the tire and send him and Shelia on their merry way.

The tour that was planned to Jewell, Ga. will have to be altered a bit. I received a phone call from Pug Nelms that the car museum we were to visit is not open on the weekend. So when you get lemons, you make lemonade. We will instead tour to Thomson, Ga and have lunch at a restaurant to be announced. Enjoy the Spring weather and hope to see you at our next meeting April 9th at 7pm.

## MEETING MINUTES

*March 12, 2018*

*Richard's Garage*

*Recorded by: Frank Knapp – Secretary*

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held March 12, 2018 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Matt brought the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 PM. Twenty-four members were in attendance.

Our "Name Tag Penalty Collection Cup" received no donations due to everyone being properly identified and having passed all required background checks.

One guest, Ken Bernacchi, was recognized. Ken is the current President of The Aiken A's.

President Matt also informed the group that Darrell Henderson's wife Sybil is currently hospitalized, however no details were given. Also, Mike Gordon reported his dad, George, would soon be transferred to a rehab facility, as usual, against his wishes. Sounds just like George!

Jim Dover was once again called upon for his "Joke of the Month". Our own "stand-up comedian" did not disappoint. Thanks Jim!

President Matt once again encouraged the group to purchase raffle tickets for a set of tires and other Model A items to be given away at the MARC National meet to be held in Branson, Missouri this summer. Tickets can be purchased at any of our monthly meetings. Contact Matt!

No Treasurer's Report was given due to the absence of our treasurer. Richard did arrive before meeting's end but without his usual report.

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# MEETING MINUTES

*Continued*

A motion was made from the floor to accept the February Minutes as published in *The Newsletter*. That motion received a second and passed by unanimous vote.

Our National Director, Jim McPherson, relayed several programs being sponsored by The Model A Ford Foundation. A flyer was available for all to peruse.

Our Newsletter Editor, Robbie Jones, urged all members having photographs of our recent Aiken "Shake Down Tour" to forward them along with any comments for publication in next month's Newsletter. Robbie also noted several vacancies in the monthly refreshment roster and urged members who have not signed up to do so ASAP.

### Under Old Business:

President Matt thanked all who participated in Saturday's Aiken Tour. All agreed it was not only a "beautiful day for a Model A" but our tour of Eric Shogren's new shop was most impressive. Thanks Eric for hosting!

It was also decided those planning to attend the annual Picnic In The Park gathering on Saturday, March 24th should meet at The Sunrise Grille in North Augusta on Martintown Rd. near Publix. The group will depart at 9:00 AM for Lexington, S.C.

Also mentioned was the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 17th.

### Under New Business:

President Matt read an invitation he received for our club to participate in The Blythe Fever Parade April 25th. Also, Ernie Dinkins passed along a request from Aquinas High School for several A's to be on display the evening of April 28th.

Andy Morse reminded everyone of the upcoming Charlotte Auto Fair April 5-8.

In lieu of our usual Technical Program, Dan Perla provided a "period" movie entitled "A Tour of the Rouge Plant." Even with a few technical glitches, the film was certainly enjoyed by all in attendance. Personally, I found the very early rendition of "Bye, Bye Blackbird" very entertaining!

There being no more urgent business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm after which refreshments provided by Gerald Melchoirs, Ralph Nietzsche, Abbie Prince and Ernie Dinkins were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted  
Frank Knapp, Secretary

### **MONTHLY 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

April

- 5-8 Charlotte Autofair
- 9 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage  
(Technical Program – Andrew Morse will present a program on the mechanics of painting a car - how to actually lay the paint on the car)
- 13-14 Moultrie Swap Meet, Moultrie, GA
- 14 Tour to Jewel, GA with the Washington, GA Antique Car Club
- 20-12 Greenwood Swap Meet, Greenwood, SC
- 27-28 Spindale 2018 Hillclimb, Spindale, NC
- 28 Shade Tree A's tour to Lincolnton, GA to view "The Wall That Heals"
- 28 Aquinas High School display
- 28 Blythe Fever Festival and Parade, Blythe, GA

May

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

June

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

TBA - To Be Announced

April Refreshments



Darrell Henderson

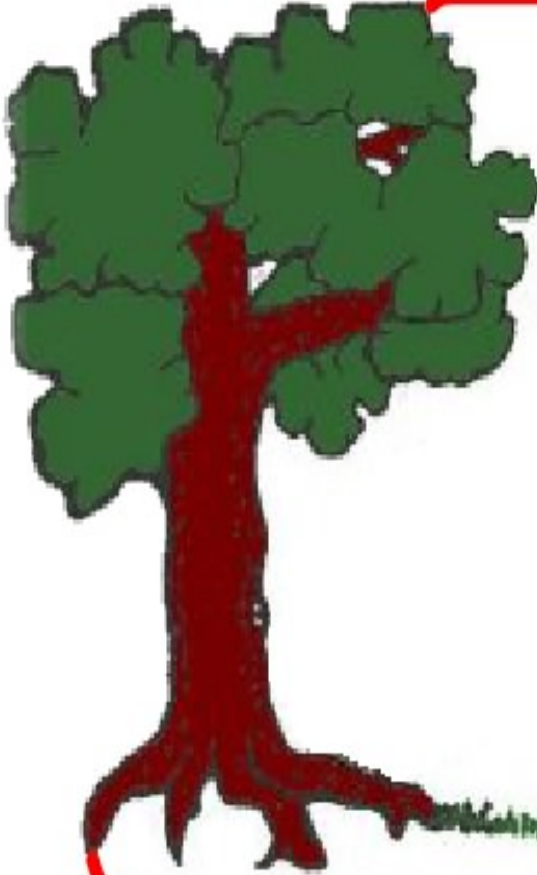
Any other volunteers?



April Birthdays

- 3 Pamela Crosby
- 10 Theresa McMullin
- 10 Tom Poole
- 14 Ann Dinkins
- 20 Richard Lawson
- 22 Annette Jones
- 27 Merry Dirksen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Shade Tree A's Member News

- Jim McPherson is recovering from recent shoulder surgery.

*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](mailto:vp@ShadeTreeAs.org) or 706-513-7619

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall “The Wall That Heals”

The Shade Tree A's are going to visit “The Wall That Heals” on Saturday the April 28, 2017. The Wall will be setup in Lincolnton, GA April 26 through April 29. The plan is to leave from the Food Lion parking lot at the corner of Hereford Farm Road and Columbia Road at 11:00 AM and tour the scenic back roads to Lincolnton. The Wall will be on display at Curry Colvin Recreation Park, 1792 Rowland-York Road, Lincolnton, GA 30817. We will have lunch at a location to be determined. Here is a link to the Wall's website: <http://www.vvmf.org/twth> Hope to see you join us on this short tour.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SPINDALE 2018 HILLCLIMB

### Spindale, NC

Friday & Saturday - April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

**Open to pre-1935 4-cylinder vehicles**

Classes for all Model A, B, and Model T Fords, bone stock, modified and speedsters

Other pre-1935 4-banger entries run for time only

F.A.S.T. Southeast Rules Apply

We start the weekend off on Friday morning with a tour of Rutherford County. On Saturday morning, the Thermal Belt Model A Club, in conjunction with F.A.S.T. Southeast, will conduct a Hill Climb on Callahan Koon Road.

#### FRIDAY

10:00 am – Tours begin at hotel

#### SATURDAY

Inspection – All competing entries must pass a technical inspection before allowed on the hill.

9:00 am – Trial / Practice Runs - Entries can run as many practice runs as time allows.

12:00 noon – Break for lunch

1:00 pm – Official Timed Runs - Each entry will have 2 runs and best time will be recorded.

6:00 pm – Awards Banquet – To be determined.

**HOST HOTEL** Baymont Inn & Suites, 164 Jameson Inn Drive, Forest City, NC 28043....828-287-8788

- \$74.00 plus tax. Mention you are with the Model A Hill Climb.
- Rooms are blocked at the Hotel until April 12th. Make reservations early.

#### For additional information contact:

Jeff Hodge, Hill Climb Chairman

828-755-1498

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Mark Hodge, Thermal Belt Model A Club

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPINDALE 2018 HILLCLIMB
Spindale, NC - April 27th - 28th

Registration Form

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SPOUSE/GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
CITY & STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_
PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Friday tours: 10 am - Tours begin at Hotel. Free (Separate check for lunch)

Hill Climb Entry Fee - (List each Driver separately)
\$40 Entry Fee, FAST members \$10 discount
Driver 1 \_\_\_\_\_
Driver 2 \_\_\_\_\_
Driver 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Banquet Reservations - Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Event Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to: F.A.S.T. Southeast

Forward with payment by no later than May 16th to: Jeff Hodge
970 Old Caroleen Road
Forest City, NC 28043

I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless from any and all liability whatsoever due to my/our attendance and participation in this event all of the following: The state of North Carolina, The North Carolina Department of Transportation, The Model A Restorers Club (MARC), The Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), F.A.S.T. Southeast, Thermal Belt Model A Club, the city of Spindale, Rutherford County NC, and the individual members of the forgoing organizations.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the form on the back of this entry if you are running the HILL:

Car Number (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

## RECENT EVENTS

### Shade Tree A's Tour to Aiken a.k.a. Eric Shogren's Garage Tour

*Story compiled from submittals from Matt Barrett and Eric Shogren*

*Photos by Matt Barrett and Eric Shogren*

Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> was a perfect Model A touring day; sunny and warm, but not too warm. Six STA members departed Carolina Pottery on Washington at 11:00 AM and after a road side technical seminar and rounding up stragglers arrived at City Billiards in downtown Aiken at about 12:30 PM. We lunched with the good folks of the Aiken Model A Club on some of the local fare including some mouthwatering cheeseburgers. Afterward Eric Shogren lead the group to his shop crossing the railroad cut on the historic Union Street wooden bridge and then down South Boundary under the canopy of Live Oak trees. Dotti Shogren and several Aiken Model A Club members welcomed the Shade Tree A's to Eric's Shop or Guben's Garage as he calls it in honor of his grandfather, Guben, who bought Eric his 1928 Special Coupe before he was a year old. Everyone had a good time talking cars, kicking tires and telling "car stories." After about an hour of kibitzing we packed up and pointed our Model A's for home.



## RECENT EVENTS

### Picnic in the Park



RECENT EVENTS

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

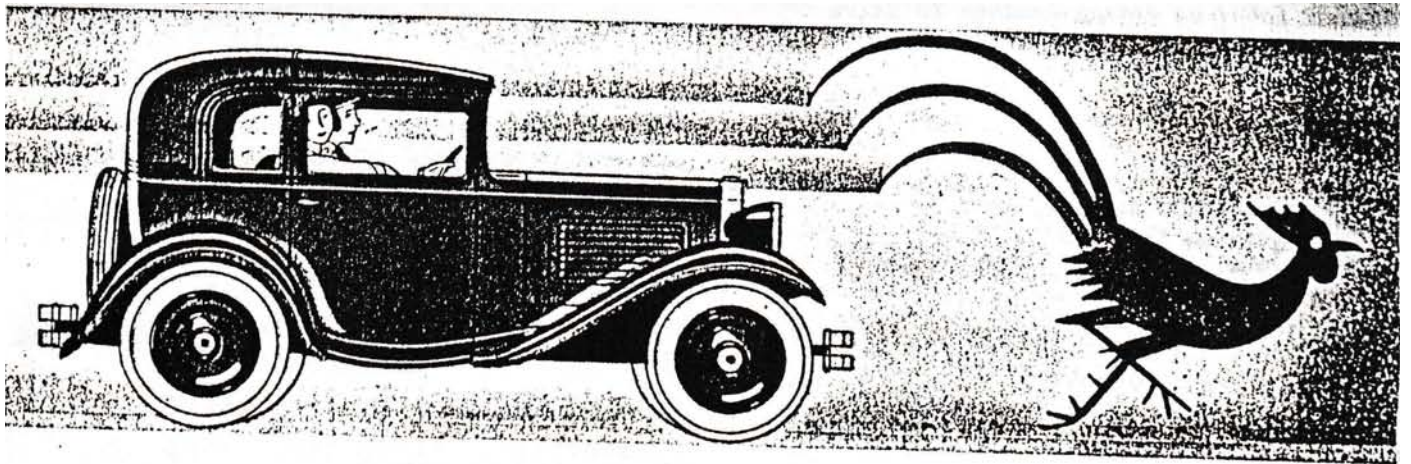


## THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



The 1985-2005 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 cover of the April 1988 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter touted the benefits of the American Austin and Bantam by proclaiming that "Good Things Did Come In Small Packages". The law of the month was "The least accessible [sic] nut or bolt will always be stripped or frozen". Safety tips for using a circular grinder or sander were also provided.



### 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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