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On the Cover

Model A's seem to be everywhere in the mountains! This "Model A" was found near Otto, North Carolina, just across the Georgia/North Carolina border above Dillard, Georgia. More 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 let me extend a warm welcome to our newest members - Chan Drake from Washington, GA and Skip Stuart from Hephzibah, GA. We know that they will be wonderful additions to our Club and we are excited to have them with us. The Shade Tree A's are lucky to have the "best of the best" as members - those who eat, breathe and live around their Ford cars. If you have an issue with your 4 banger, there are so many members that can lend a hand - just reach out to them.

Two very important dates to remember are:

- Dinner August 16th, 6:00 p.m. at Sconyers BBQ and
- The mileage tour September 22nd, 10:00AM at the Columbia County Park on Ronald Reagan Drive.

Hope to see EVERYONE at these events!

Our Club "lives or dies" with our members, so let's get out there and bring in more new ones who share our Model A passion. The more, the merrier 😊. See you on the 16th!

Your President
Matt Barrett

MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2018

Richard's Garage

Recorded by: Frank Knapp - Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held July 9, 2018 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Matt brought the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Twenty-four members and guests were in attendance.

The group was reminded our August Meeting will be held on Thursday August 16th at Sconyer's Bar-B-Que Restaurant instead of our usual location.

Our "Name Tag Penalty Collection Cup" was overlooked allowing several offenders to "keep their change"!

Two guests, Chan Drake and Pug Nelms, were introduced and welcomed by members. I am happy to announce here that Chan has become our newest member. Welcome to The Club, Chan!

Unfortunately, Jim Dover, was unable to attend. In his absence, President Matt related a bit of humor. Good one Matt!

Treasurer's Report:

Our Treasurer, Richard Dunevent, reported no activity in our account since last month and we remain financially strong!

Two motions were made from the floor. One to accept the June Minutes as published in *The Newsletter* and the other to accept the Treasurer's Report. Both motions received a second and passed by unanimous vote.

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MEETING MINUTES

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National Director, Jim McPherson informed all present that the 2019 MARC National Meet will be held in early August in Dearborn, Michigan. He suggested any member who has never visited Dearborn make every effort to do so.

Jim mentioned several very interesting proposed tours and sites such as Greenfield Village, The Ford Museum and a tour of the Rouge Plant.

No Newsletter Report was available due to our Newsletter Editor, Robbie Jones, not in attendance.

Under Show & Tell, Ralph Neitzke reported on his recent trip to Appleton, Wisconsin. While there, he was treated to a reunion with The Nickel A's Model A Club. According to Ralph, this was the first local Model A Club he joined back in 1964. He also passed around their latest newsletter along with several logo choices to be used when they host the MARC National Meet in 2020.

Kent Carruthers brought along his extensive collection of antique auto tags, mostly from Ohio, with dates ranging from 1918 to 1974. Kent had quite an impressive display for all to peruse.

Last, but not least, our new member, Chan Drake, introduced himself as a "self-proclaimed" Model A expert but admitted he was experiencing a problem he hoped could be solved by some of our own "in house" experts. Armed with a box full of various engine parts he had inspected but found in good shape. Unfortunately, he has had no luck curing the "skip" in his engine. Hopefully that mystery will be resolved with the help of the STAs!

Under Old Business:

Kent Carruthers gave a report on his progress planning this year's Fuel Economy Run to celebrate National Model A Ford Day on September 22nd. According to Kent, all participants will notice several improvements over past events. This year all mileage calculations and routes will be determined by GPS thus eliminating the problem of inaccurate or missing odometers. The tour will hopefully include a police escort through traffic to the start and all "fill-ups" at the end will be monitored to insure consistency among contestants. Registration Forms were made available and a request was made that all be turned in no later than August 15th. As usual, many other clubs have been invited and much interest has been received. Kent is expecting 30 plus Model As to participate and hopefully this tour will become an annual event.

Technical Program:

In lieu of our usual technical program, "Part 2" of the movie "Famous Americans of the 20th Century" featuring the life of Henry Ford and narrated by Will Rogers, Jr. was shown as announced at the June meeting.

There being no further business, President Matt adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM after which refreshments including Pizza, cookies and soft drinks were enjoyed by all. Special thanks to the Hendersons, (Darrell & Sybil), and Richard Dunevent for providing an excellent choice.

Respectfully Submitted
Frank Knapp, Secretary

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

August

- 11 Model A Swap Meet, sponsored by the Georgia Chapter of MAFCA, at Cofer Stable of Thoroughbreds, 3702 Lawrenceville Hwy, Tucker, GA
- 16 Annual dinner at Sconyer's Bar-B-Que, arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM in the "Big Room" upstairs

September

- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Autobody repair continued - presented by Andrew Morse)
- 14-15 Swap Meet and People's Choice Car Show, Smith and Jones Antique Auto Parts, West Columbia, SC
- 22 Shade Tree A's Fuel Economy Tour, meet at Evans Towne Center Park at 10:00 AM
- 22 International Model A Ford Day

October

- 8 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Model A repair tools from K. R. Wilson - presented by Eric Shogren)
- 18-20 Sweet Home Alabama Tour, Oxford, AL

TBA - To Be Announced

August Refreshments



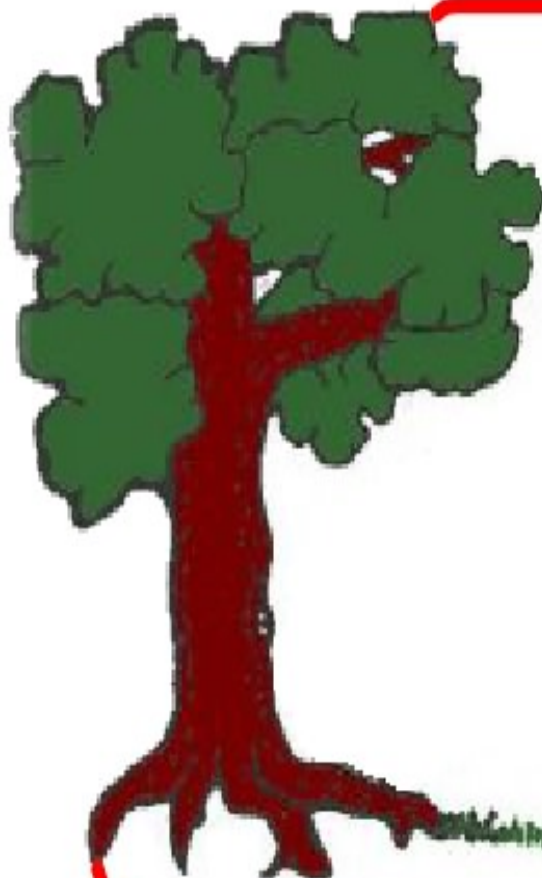
None due to dinner at Sconyer's BBQ



August Birthdays

- 2 Abbie Prince
- 10 Walker Crosby
- 11 Sheila McPherson
- 13 Pascal Bryant
- 16 Henry Jones
- 23 Rita Thornhill
- 25 Dan Snider

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Shade Tree A's Member News

*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

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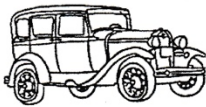
13th Annual

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 14, 2018 8am to 5pm Swap Meet

Saturday, September 15, 2018 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

dickfraser@earthlink.net 803-622-7582

Vendor Sign Up Form

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Will you be arriving and setting up on Thursday, Sept 13? _____

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 _____

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Shade Tree A's

Celebrate



With an

Invitational *Fuel Economy* Tour Saturday September 22th, 2018

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

Catered lunch at [Below Dam South Carolina Recreation Area](#), South Carolina
Winning vehicle awards and presentations

Tour includes:

2018 MAFCA International Model A Day Patches
Catered lunch to be provided at the end of the tour.
Cash Prizes and Trophies for 1st through 3rd place
Bragging Rights

Details:

Please return the attached confirmation with payment prior to August 15 to:
Kent Carruthers
6942 Moontown Dr. E.
Appling, GA 30802
706-564-7304

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

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Participants and Attendees:

Assembly will be at Evans Towne Center Park at 10:00 a.m. Please have your vehicle fueled and ready to travel.

Rest facilities are available at the park.

Vehicle mileage for calculations will be taken from "Google Maps" supplied route. Odometer recording will not be required. A "Maps" GPS file will be included.

Shade Tree A Touring Guidelines will be required to be followed, and reviewed prior to commencement.

This is a Tour to view the outstanding scenery, topography of the Savannah River area, and share Model A comradery. Safety is paramount.

End point for the Fuel Economy Tour will be Pollard's Corner. Non-ethanol fuel is available. Participating vehicles will have fuel topped off by official designee for all cars.

Tour will conclude at the Below the Dam Park for lunch and presentations. Results will be recorded and tabulated. All decisions are final. In case of ties, driving skill of "closest to the plunger" will determine winners.

It is the pleasure of the Shade Tree A's Model A Club to invite everyone to share this opportunity with other lovers of Henry's creation.

Rain day will be Sept. 23rd.

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2018 Fuel Economy Tour Registration				
Names:	Number of Guests:			
Address				
Phone number	Cell phone number			
Email address				
Insurance Company	Policy Number			
Event Registration		Qty	@ \$30.00	
Vehicle Registration/Full Participation				
Participant fee		Qty	@15.00	
includes lunch and patch				
		Total		
<p>Make Checks payable to: Kent Carruthers receipts will be provided 706-564-7304</p> <p>Rain Day will be September 23, 3018 No refunds will be given 4 weeks prior to International Model A Day. No liability is assumed by organizer or the sponsoring organization. Participation is Voluntary and is in good faith.</p> <p>Signature:</p>				

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Sweet Home Alabama Tour

Fellow Model A'ers

You are invited to attend the 2018 Sweet Home Alabama Tour October 18-20, 2018 as a hub tour from Oxford Alabama. The following is an outline of the tour: Wednesday October 17, registration, visit local antique stores and the welcome dinner. Thursday Oct 18, tour of covered bridges, lunch at & tour of Cheaha State Park and an ice cream social in the afternoon. Friday October 19, the tour of covered bridges continues in the Oneonta Alabama area with a stop at Dry Creek Farm in Susan Moore Alabama. The farm has an extensive collection of vintage gasoline & oil collectibles, country store items, pedal cars, old toys, automobilia and much more. The day will feature touring the back roads of Alabama with its great scenery. On Saturday Oct 20 a visit to Janney Furnace Memorial Park, the Looney house, the world famous Berman Museum of World History, and the Anniston Museum of Natural History. In the evening we will conclude with the "Farewell Dinner. Sunday October 21, check out and departure for home.

The host motel is the Sleep Inn, 88 Colonial Drive, Oxford Alabama Telephone number (256) 831-2191, tour rate \$79 plus tax, breakfast included. You can go ahead now and make your motel reservations, tell them you are with the Central Model "A" Ford club to get the special rate. We should have the tour information packet and the registration form completed soon. If you have any questions, please contact: Gerald Grizzard (256) 310-6463 or email gfireman52@aol.com

Bring "Henry's Finest" and get ready to do a lot of tire kicking, touring, and having a good old time on the "Model A Highway".



Shade Tree A's Annual Dinner Meeting

Sconyer's Bar-B-Que Restaurant
Thursday August, 16th at 6:30 PM

RECENT EVENTS

Model A's in the Mountains

Story and photos by Robbie Jones

On a recent trip to the northeast Georgia and western North Carolina mountains, Model A's seemed to be everywhere. At the Early Farm Days Antique Engine and Tractor Show in Franklin, North Carolina, there was one "real" Model A and several "modified" Model A's. Another Model A, a pickup truck, was spotted in Lakemont, Georgia. There was even one Model A on the side of a building (as shown in the cover photo).



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 August 1988 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter offered this bit of wisdom:

Giving a bolt or nut one last turn to insure tightness will always snap it off. However, failure to do so will cause it to loosen and fall off.

The August 1988 is also very special to the editor since it contains a story called *Matters of the Heart* about my Daddy and former Shade Tree A's member, Bob Jones. I have included the story here in its entirety.

Even though we all belong to a club which is oriented towards one make and one model of automobile (Henry's Lady) I am sure each and every one of us has a soft spot in our heart for a car other than a Model A.

This second love may be a car that we now own, have owned or have always dreamed of owning. In my case it is the 34 Ford - Just like the one grandpa broke an axle on in '48 then parked out by the barn and never got around to fixing.

In Bob Jones's case it's an Essex that he once owned. Bob related the story of that car and his fond memories to me last meeting. I'd like to share it with everybody for surely memories such as these are priceless gems, Bob I hope you don't mind.

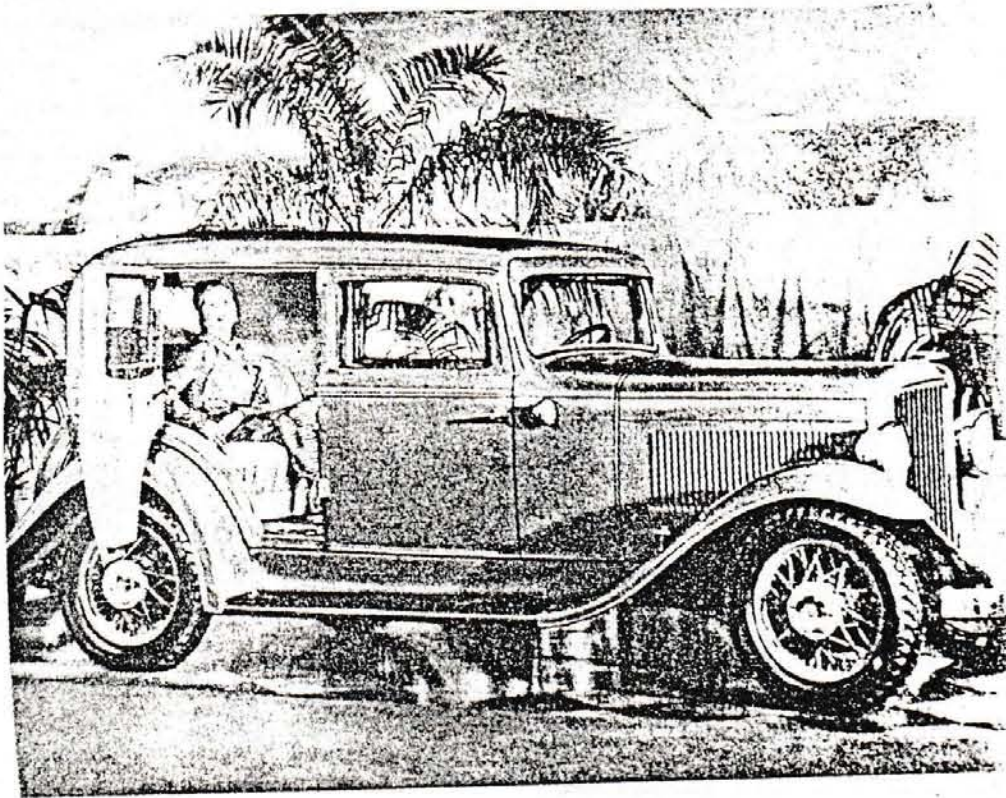
The story starts in '48 (popular year) at a car lot next to Jennings automotive on Reynolds Street. They had just received a 30's Essex which had belonged to the proverbial little old Lady. Bob saw the car just after they got it and noticed that the headliner had a sheet pinned to it for protection, the mats had paper over them (especially well wrapped and taped around the accelerator and other pedals) the seats had had covers on them since new and even the running boards had had paper taped over them for protection.

Tire right rear tire had just been put on the ground after having resided in the spare tire position since new. (This was easy to tell since it still had a paper wrapping on it!) Naturally Bob fell in love with it and bought the car.

THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO

Now, that is really just the beginning of the story as Bob tells it. The car had the Essex Eight and gobs of power especially off of the line. Bob, just a tad bit younger then, really had fun sporting about and occasionally indulging in a little street racing. The real fun says Bob were matches against his friend in his shiny new 47 GM product. One such race carried the two across the bridge to Beech Island. The bridge was just two lanes then and at the rate they were going it probably needed to be more. It seems the Chevy didn't corner quite as well as the Essex so it left quite an impression on the guard rail as it rounded the corner going onto the bridge Bob says you can still see it in fact. The Essex however just kind of hunkered down and glided around the curve. Bob does admit his friend would take him on the top end however if the stretch they were on was long enough!

To this day Bob has never seen another Essex like that one, anywhere, but he keeps looking so let's hope that one day he sees one and maybe just by a long shot it will be that very one!



Essex

The August 1988 was especially long compared to other Newsletters around that time. Other topics included plans for an upcoming tour to Abbeville, South Carolina and tips on how to read antique car ads. Check it out on the Shade Tree A's website.

Classified Advertisements

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

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