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On the Cover

2017 Club President, Kent Carruthers, along with Darrell Henderson and Frank Knapp, presents a donation from the Shade Tree A's to the Salvation Army. Story 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

Happy New Year or should I say "Happy St. Valentine's Day."

Many thanks to our past President Kent Carruthers for a job well done in 2017. Things look just as exciting for 2018. We have tours planned in March as well as the traditional St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Every Wednesday starting at 11:15 the members of your board have a "meeting" at CiCi's Pizza on Washington Rd opposite Gerald Jones. We'd love to have you join us for some fellowship, pizza, and exchange of ideas for making our Club even more outstanding.

Don't forget our February meeting on Monday February 12, 2018 at Richard's garage. There will be a program on the Model A shocks presented by Gerald Melchior, not to be missed - will be very informative. I look forward to seeing you there.

MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2018

Richard's Garage

Recorded by: Frank Knapp - Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held January 8, 2018 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Matt gaveled his inaugural meeting to order promptly at 6:59 PM and praised Past President Kent Carruthers for a fantastic 2017. He also thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve as STA President for 2018. In doing so, he promised to "Make the STAs Great Again". Somewhere, we all have heard that before! Twenty-four members were in attendance.

Due to the impending NCAA National Championship Game being played on the same night as our meeting, President Matt announced our meeting would be abbreviated. Apparently, he feels sure he will be able to "Make the STA's Great Again" but was not successful in closing "The Deal" with the powers that be to move the game to Tuesday night.

In lieu of our usual Joke of the Month, Ralph Neitzke was asked to offer an opening prayer. Ralph also added a famous "Tribute to Women" oration from Will Rogers. All were somewhat surprised at the final verse! Nice job Ralph!

Our "Name Tag Penalty Collection Cup" received only one donation. Vice President Mike apparently decided he didn't need a nametag since he had not forgotten his name. Unfortunately, that claim did not excuse him from the enormous penalty.

No visitors or new members were present.

Our Treasurer, Richard Dunevent, once again assured the group our treasury continues to be solvent and reported several deposits made during the last two months.

A motion was made from the floor to accept the December Minutes as published in *The Newsletter* as well as a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Both received a second and passed by unanimous vote.

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MEETING MINUTES

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Due to our shortened meeting, no National Director or Newsletter Reports were given. Also, there were no items offered under Old or New Business. Two items were mentioned however. Dan Perla noted that only twenty-five members had paid their dues before the December 31st deadline while urging all others to "pay up"!

Vice President Mike reviewed technical programs he has lined up for 2018. He also warned that if more members do not step forward we will be watching lots of movies!

In lieu of our usual Tech Session, a very interesting documentary about Henry Ford's Assembly plants in Japan back in the thirties. It also included actual pictures of his Rubber Plantation and Iron Ore mining operations.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM after which an awesome array of cookies and soft drinks provided by Jim and Sheila McPherson and Dan Perla were enjoyed by all!

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.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from "The Boardroom"

January 17, 2018

Recorded by: Frank Knapp – Secretary

On January 17, 2018, five STA Board Members braved the "snow storm" to attend a lunch Board of Directors meeting held at CiCi's Pizza on Washington Road. Those present were President Matt, Vice President Mike, National Director Jim, Board Member at Large, Dan and Yours Truly, Secretary.

Several ideas were discussed concerning future club sponsored tours. Of special interest were the following:

- Attend the annual "Picnic in The Park" tour.
- Possible joint meeting with The Southside As from Atlanta.
- A proposed Model A Public Show, possibly inviting other clubs.
- Gathering at the Snow Cap Restaurant in North Augusta.
- The Trenton Peach Festival.
- Return of our Saturday Tech Sessions including complimentary lunch.
- The December Christmas Party.

It was decided that "Picnic in The Park" will definitely be one of the club's official tours. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the February meeting and more info posted in *The Newsletter*. All other suggestions will need further discussion, preferably with input from the general membership.

Since most of our board members enjoy lunch every Wednesday at CiCi's, future Board Meetings will be held at this venue. Unfortunately for those present, The Shade Tree As did not pick up "the tab".

Your Board of Directors is working hard. Do your part, make suggestions, get involved, but most of all..... Participate!

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

February

- 1-4 Moultrie Swap Meet, Moultrie, GA
- 12 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program –Gerald Melchior will present a program on Model A shock absorbers)

March

- 10 Shade Tree A's Spring Shake-Down Cruise (see the announcement on page 8)
- 12 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – TBA)
- 15-17 Central Alabama Race Track Adventure
- 17 Saint Patrick's Day Parade
- 24 Palmetto A's Picnic in the Park, Lexington, SC

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
 - 20-12 Greenwood Swap Meet, Greenwood, SC
- TBA - To Be Announced

February Refreshments



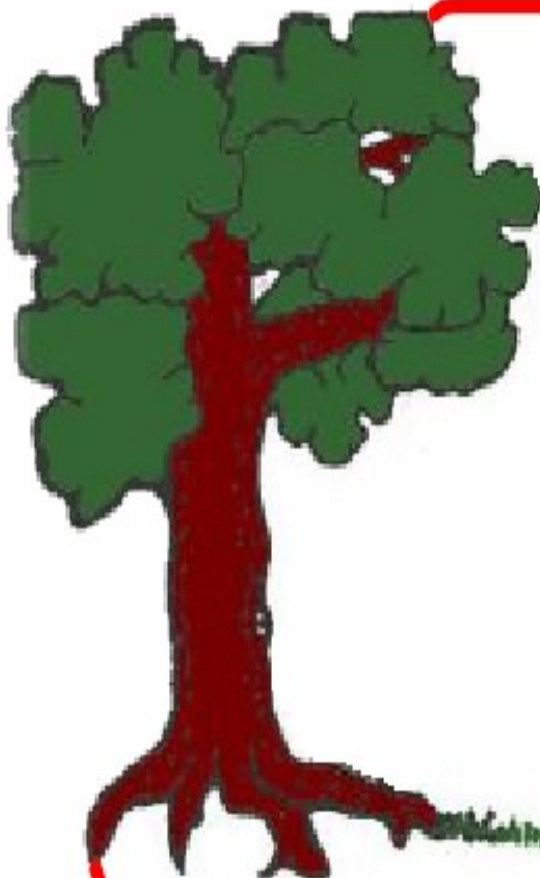
Frank Knapp
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February Birthdays

- 3 Mary Morse
- 11 Larry DuVall
- 11 Ralph Neitzke
- 17 George Gordon
- 22 Marsha Barrett
- 24 Craig McMullin
- 27 Stuart Smith
- 27 Art Towe

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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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MARC Driving Awards Program

If you are a participant in the MARC Driving Awards Program, please provide your mileage as of December 31, 2017 to the Shade Tree A's Driving Coordinator, Robbie Jones. Mileage must be submitted before February 28, 2018 so get it in as soon as possible.

If you are a member of MARC and have never registered for the program and would like to participate, contact Robbie for a registration card at the following email address:

drivingawards@shadetreeas.org

A one-time registration fee of \$1.00 is required and the program is open to all MARC members. The first award is given at 2,000 miles and every 5,000 miles thereafter. Mileage does not have to be earned all in one year and can accumulate from year to year. Additional information on the program can be found on the MARC website at:

www.modelaford.org/drivingawards.htm



Shade Tree A's Spring Shake-Down Cruise



Come join us for a chance to shake out the gremlins in your Model A before the primary touring season begins. We are going on an easy tour to Aiken, SC to visit Eric Shogren's Model A repair shop and have lunch at a popular Aiken location.

Date: March 10, 2018

Depart from: Carolina Pottery (old K-Mart) on Washington Rd, Martinez

Depart time: 11:00 AM

Purpose: Have a Model A day!

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Central Alabama Race Track Adventure

You are invited to attend the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford club's Race Track Adventure March 15- 17, 2018. The meeting will be filled with a lot of activities of fun & excitement including kicking tires with fellow club members from around the south, dinner in a great Model "A" Ford Museum, visiting the Barber Motorsports recently expanded museum and the opportunity to put your Model "A" Ford on the Motorsports track for several laps. For attendees who have never visited the Talladega Speedway an early bird option will be offered, a bus tour of the Talladega Speedway and a visit to the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame museum.

THURSDAY March 15, 2018 (EARLY BIRD OPTION) Arrival and check in at the motel Visit local antique stores looking for those great finds you just cannot do without. Prepare to visit the Talladega Super Speedway tour. The speedway track is 2.66 miles long with 33 degree bank turns, seats 175,000 peoples and cost 4 million dollars to build. The museum tour is a walking self-guided tour that takes approximately an hour to complete the three exhibit halls. A 12 seat bus leaves every 20 minutes for a tour of the track.

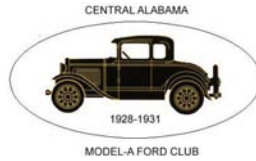
FRIDAY March 16, 2018 Early bird option members depart for the Talladega Super Speedway. Other tour attendee's arrival and check in at the motel. Visit local antique stores looking for those great finds you just cannot do without. The fun will continue Friday evening with the welcome dinner at 6:00 p.m. with some good "ole" Model "A" fellowship, 50/50 drawing, picking and grinning with the Dan Nelson Players in Gerald Grizzard's Model "A" Ford Museum, 1 mile from the host motel.

SATURDAY March 17, 2018. After breakfast 7:30 to 7:50 a.m. we will assemble in the parking lot of the Lone Star Restaurant (Across from the Motel), at 8:00 a.m. we will depart for the Barber Motorsports Museum and Track (To arrive by 9:30 a.m.) The trip to the Barber Complex will take about an hour and half along a scenic route provided in your packet. Upon arrive Model "A" Fords will park in the designed area in front of the museum where the group photo for the National Newsletter and Club Newsletters will be take in front of the building.. The Museum has over 1200 vintage and modern motorcycles as a substantial collection of lotus and other race cars. These bikes range from 1902 to current-year production with approximately 600 of the 1200 motorcycles on display at any given time. Taking your Model "A" Ford on the 46' wide, 2.38 mile long track with a 80' of elevation and 17 turns most of which are flowing and will be a real treat for Henry's finest. After the tour we will have lunch at Laney's restaurant in Leeds Alabama.

If you would like to tow your Model "A" Ford to the meet there is a designed parking area for tow vehicles 1 mile from the host Motel. Coordinate requirements with Gerald Grizzard at (256) 835-2998 or Cell (256) 310-6463. All reservations at the Sleep Inn, must be made no later than February 15, 2018 in order to receive the group discounted rate of \$79.00 plus tax. Be sure to mention that that you are with the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club when making your reservations, Contact the Sleep Inn at (256) 831-2191, the address is 88 Colonial Drive, Oxford, Alabama.

Fire up Henry's Finest and join us in Oxford, Alabama. Registration form attached (next page, Ed.). If you need additional information: contact Gerald Grizzard: Office (256) 835-2998, or Cell: (256) 310-6463, Email: Gfireman52@aol.com or Paul M Majerick (334) 312-3029 email paulmajerick@aol.com

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MARCH 15-17, 2018

BARBER MOTORSPORTS AND EARLY BIRD TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Name:		Name of Guest(s):			
Street Address:		City:		Apt./Suite:	
Zip Code:	Phone Number:	Email:			
Cell Number:		Car Club:			
Year of Car:	Model of Car:	License No.:	Trailing: Y / N (Circle One)	Arrive: TH / FR / SA (Circle One)	
Auto Insurance Company:		Auto Insurance Policy Number:			

Event Registration:	Qty.:	@	Fee:	Total:
Registration Fee:		@	\$10.00 (per car)	\$
Early Bird Option:		@		
Self-guided tour of the Talladega Speedway Museum and bus ride on the track. I WILL TAKE THE TOUR YES____ NO____		@	\$16.00 (per person) Museum tour & Bus ride around track	SELF-PAY AT MUSEUM
Friday – Welcome Dinner		@	\$15.00 (per person)	\$
Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum Tour (Museum tour and laps on the track).		@	\$20.00 (per person)	\$
Lunch at Laney's Restaurant (buffet, drink & dessert).		@	\$10.00 (per person)	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (Refunds on a case by case basis)				\$

Make your reservations directly with the Sleep Inn no later than February 15, 2018, by calling (256) 831-2191. Make sure you mention that you are with the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club to receive the group room rate of \$79.00 plus tax.

The signers below, agree to indemnify and hold harmless for any and all liability due to my attendance and participation in the 2018 Barber Motorsports Tour, The Barber Motorsports Park Officials, the Central Alabama Model "A" Ford Club (CAMAFC), CAMAFC Members, their officers, directors, staff and any and all constituents acting on behalf of the aforementioned affiliations and/or Tour Volunteers. Submission of this Tour Registration Form (signed or unsigned) constitutes acceptance of the terms of this release. The vehicle being used has all required automobile insurance established by state statute.

Please Make Your Checks Payable to the "Central Alabama Model 'A' Ford Club"
Please send your completed registration form and payment **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2018** to:
BARBER MOTORSPORTS TOUR, 1309 Magnolia Curve, Montgomery, Alabama 36106-2010

Signed _____

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Picnic in the Park

Join the Shade Tree A's in 2018 for a tour to Picnic in the Park

On Saturday, March 24th we will tour to Lexington County, SC for lunch and Model A car games with other Model A Ford clubs. For those who would like to join us, we will meet for breakfast at 8 o'clock at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road, near Carolina Pottery. We will depart at 9 o'clock for Lexington County, taking the backroads thru peach country. So pack a picnic lunch and join us. See the flyer below for additional information, or call Dan Perla (706-373-5730) or Jim McPherson (706-592-4835).



You are Invited to

The Palmetto As Model A Club's

23rd Annual

"Picnic in the Park"

Saluda Shoals Park Redbud Shelter

Saturday, March 24, 2018

10:00 - 3:30 (lunch at noon)

****Bring a picnic + some to share and drinks for your family****

RIVERFRONT TRAILS: 1.5 miles of paved trail is available (pets on a leash)

COVERED PICNIC SHELTER: with tables for a relaxed lunch

RESTROOMS: permanent indoor facilities within walking distance of the shelter

PARKING: paved with room enough for car games (with prizes)

WHY NOT COME EARLY AND STAY ALL DAY

Entry to the park is FREE; just say you're with the Model A Club

*Saluda Shoals Park is located on Old Bush River Road,
between St. Andrews Road and Highway 6 in Lexington County.

For more information email: johnwilac@yahoo.com

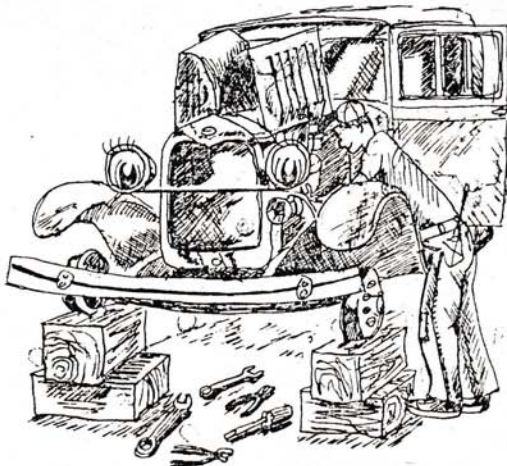
THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



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 theme for the February 1988 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter seemed to be trivia and riddles. What do "Geargrinders" and "Fender Benders" have in common? These were two of the names considered by the Shade Tree A's founding fathers for the name of the Club. Other names considered included "The CSRA's", "North Augusta A's", "Palmetto A's" and just plain "A's".

A GIVEN JOB WILL REQUIRE ONE MORE HAND THAN IS AVAILABLE IN THE SHOP, UNLESS MANY EXTRA PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CALLED IN TO HELP IN ADVANCE. THEN THE JOB CAN BE DONE SINGLE-HANDED!



Another riddle concerned finding names of automobiles from clues such as:

- The name of a planet (Mercury)
- The Spanish word for a river (Reo)
- To duck when someone tries to strike you (Dodge)
- A famous rock (Plymouth)

And of course, what early pioneers did when they came to a stream (Ford).

□

Newsletter Trivia

What year and model was the first Ford automobile produced at the River Rouge Plant?

RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's Donation To The Salvation Army

This event occurred on November 22, 2017. I had the story and photos but failed to publish them in a timely manner. My apologies to the participants for not promptly acknowledging their efforts to represent the Shade Tree A's in this worthy cause. The following is the text of the presentation by President Kent Carruthers. Ed.

"On behalf of the Shade Tree A's Model A Club of Augusta, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, our membership would like to donate this check for \$500.00 to the Salvation Army of Augusta. We hope that this small donation will assist you in your mission to be a place where hope and basic needs are offered to homeless and low income individuals. Please accept this donation with our sincere gratitude and appreciation."



RECENT EVENTS

New Year's Day Breakfast at Cracker Barrel

Article submitted by Dan Perla



On a cold winter's morning, eighteen STA members and family braved the winter weather to meet at 8:00 AM for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel restaurant near I-20 and Belair Road. When I left my home, the thermometer on the back porch read 24°F. Of these eighteen, only three traveled by Model A's. These brave souls were Stuart Smith, and Gerald & Lois Melchiors. Stuart drove his OPEN Roadster and Gerald & Lois drove their ENCLOSED Cabriolet. Lois provided some extra warmth other than the heater in their Cabriolet by also wrapping up with a lap blanket. Hats off to these brave souls. The other STA'ers who braved the cold were Kent Carruthers, Ernie Dinkins, Walter Smith, Ralph Neitzke, Jim & Sheila

McPherson, Frank Knapp, Gail Smith, Jim Dover, Dan Perla, George Gordon, Don & Suzanne Gordon, and Misty Hooker.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

Ford Model A on Snowshoes

The January 2014 issue of Farm Collector magazine had a nice article on converting the Model A for use in the snow using a Snowbird conversion kit. The full article can be found on the Farm Collector website at the following address:

<http://www.farmcollector.com/equipment/ford-model-a-zmbz14janzbea>



Photo courtesy of Farm Collector Magazine

□ Answer to the Newsletter Trivia Question: 1927 Model A Ford

Not until 1927, with the introduction of the Model A, did a Ford automobile roll off an assembly line at the Rouge complex. *(from the Hemmings Daily)*

Classified Advertisements

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