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On the Cover

Club President, Kent Carruthers, presents Frank Knapp with the 2017 Monroe Wade Award at the Shade Tree A's Christmas Party. Story on page 7.

Photo provided by Chuck Howell.

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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MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2017

Windmill Plantation Community Center

Historically, The Shade Tree A's Christmas Party serves as our December meeting. This year, thanks to Sharon and Chuck Howell, we were able to reserve the excellent Windmill Plantation Community Center. After Chuck made a few "house cleaning" announcements, Grace was said and lines for an excellent catered meal formed quickly. Due to some unforeseen conflicts and other minor misfortunes, attendance was somewhat low with only 36 members and guests in attendance.

As usual, the business portion of the meeting was abbreviated, therefore no Treasurer's Report, Minutes or National Director reports were given.

After "the flock" was fed and all enjoyed the excellent meal, President Kent offered a special "Thank You" to Chuck and Sharon for their hard work, basically handling all details and preparations for the entire party!

Kent also thanked the Nominating Committee and Officers for 2018 were announced. President: Matt Barrett, Vice President: Mike Gordon, Treasurer: Richard Dunevent, Secretary: Frank Knapp, National Director: Jim McPherson. Kent will also serve on The Board as Past President and Dan Perla was elected BOD Member at Large.

Next on the agenda was another very humorous story by our club humorist Jim Dover. His December "Joke of The Month" concerned a hillbilly gal, a mini skirt, panty hose and socks. If you did not attend, you missed a good one! Thanks Jim!

The group was reminded of our traditional New Year's Day Breakfast to be held on January 1st, 8:00 AM, at Cracker Barrel on Belair Rd. and I-20. All members were urged to attend.

Past winners of The Monroe Wade Award were read by President Kent after which this prestigious award was presented to...yours truly! Hopefully my acceptance "speech" reflected my appreciation in being recognized by my peers and what an honor it was to have my name listed with my mentor, Monroe Wade! Thanks to all who supported my nomination. It was very much appreciated.

Everyone was excited to have Margaret Collier, wife of the late Bob Collier, attend this year's party. All eyes and ears were on Margaret as she related Bob's long time love for the Model A and how much he enjoyed his association with the STAs over the years.

The party concluded with all guests urged to grab a "doggie bag" and Kent's best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As usual, a good time was had by all!

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Knapp
Acting Secretary

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

January

- 1 New Year's Day Breakfast, Cracker Barrel restaurant, I-20 and Belair Road, 8:00 AM
- 8 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program – Movie: *"The Yokohama Model A's"*)

February

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

March

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

TBA - To Be Announced

January Refreshments



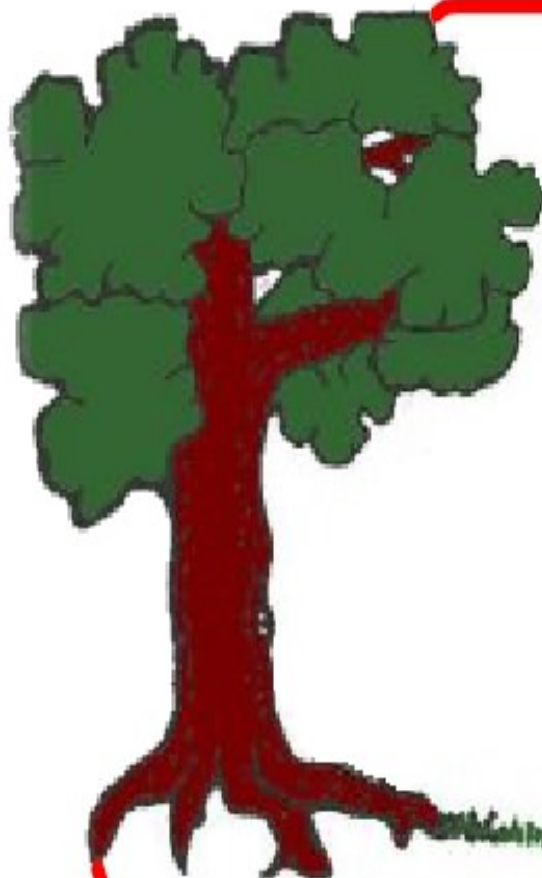
Jim & Sheila McPherson
Dan Perla
Curtis Krosting



January Birthdays

- 7 Mary Griffin
12 Frankie Dunevent
14 Carrie Horner
20 Leonard McCain
24 Ed Griffin
29 Heidi Carruthers
31 Jack Horner
31 Janet Neumar

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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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***HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!***

Join the Shade Tree A's for our annual New Year's Day breakfast at the Cracker Barrel near the I-20 and Belair Road interchange (460 Park Way Drive, Grovetown, GA). Be there by 8:00AM for good food and fellowship.

MARC Driving Awards Program

If you are a participant in the MARC Driving Awards Program, be prepared to note your mileage as of December 31, 2017 and provide it to the Shade Tree A's Driving Coordinator, Robbie Jones, when requested (after the first of the new year).

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



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2017 Monroe Wade Award

The following is the text of the presentation made by the President, Kent Carruthers, of the 2017 Monroe Wade Award at the Christmas Party on December 16, 2017.



The Monroe Wade Award began in 2003 to recognize ***"Outstanding dedication as a member of the Shade Tree A's who promotes and encourages the furtherance of the Model A hobby."*** The first winners were: 2003-Jim McPherson; 2004-Richard Dunevent; 2005-Ed Meloan; 2006-Craig McMullin; 2007-Dan Perla.

The three most recent winners and Mrs. Betty Wade serve as the MWA Committee. The last three winners were: 2014-**Larry Komp**; 2015-**Pascal Bryant**; and 2016-**Curtis Krosting**. Traditionally, last year's winner serves as the Chairman of the Committee. The

President can appoint a previous winner to serve in their stead if one of the winners is now deceased or no longer a member.

Nominations are submitted to the President anytime during the year. He collects and submits them to the Committee not later than December 1. The Committee chooses the winner based on a simple majority vote (Mrs. Wade does not vote). They inform the President of their decision by December 7 so he can get the plaque updated and the Award made at the trophy shop.

A new plaque is made to give to the recipient and a name plate is added to the Garage Plaque.

This year's recipient had two nominations, and when I begin to read the nominations there will be no doubt of identity.

The person I would like to nominate for the Monroe Wade Award has been an active member of the Shade Tree A's for twenty-six years. He restores his own Model A's, and the quality and attention to detail is reflected in the National awards his Model A's have won. Not only does he show his Model A's but he also drives them to national, regional and local events. He has presented programs at meetings and investigates new techniques and methods to improve the operation of the Model A, sharing his results with fellow Model A'ers. He has served in leadership positions and has been instrumental in putting Model A's on the road by guiding and initiating weekly driving tours to area restaurants and events.

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- First and foremost is the effort he contributed to the Club this year when he stepped up and took over the void of Secretary early on. He promptly performed the position, providing accurate, intelligent and humorous recordings of the monthly meetings.
- He was instrumental in several impromptu weekday and weekend outings throughout the year, eventually becoming common place.
- He successfully fulfilled his position of Membership Coordinator, leading the Club with a positive membership gain. He consistently worked to build the Club throughout the year.
- He was asked to participate in the Nominating Committee for Club Officers, successfully providing next year's leadership for the Shade Tree A's.
- He continually took on additional responsibility and leadership roles that were needed at a particular time. His consistent presence, leadership, efforts, caring and concern for our Club and Model A's exemplify what this award represents.

It is with great honor and respect that I present the Shade Tree A's 2018 Monroe Wade Award to Mr. Frank Knapp.

Monroe Wade and the Shade Tree A's

New members might wonder who Monroe Wade was. Monroe was a man who loved Model A's and who loved the Shade Tree A's Club! A man you could **ALWAYS** depend on to help a fellow member regardless of the time or weather. Monroe worked hard for the Club and you could usually find him leading a tour or carrying in refreshments or door prizes that he had talked some local business into donating.

After restoring a 1930 Tudor that had belonged to his Mother, Monroe went on to restore a number of other A's. All of them were award-winning cars!

After his death in 2003, his wife Betty and his daughters, Deborah and Joyce, have continued to be active in the Club and to drive Monroe's beloved cars.

Monroe was a great friend and we miss his enthusiasm and his ability to make a Model A purr like a contented kitten.



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.

AND Flora is heard to say "It's about time Larry, I've wanted a new coat for over twenty years!"



The January 1988 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter announced the beginning of Larry Komp's restoration of Flora, his 1928 Tudor. Several New Year's resolutions were proposed for Model A owners:

- I resolve to attend each and every Shade Tree A function- that is unless I am in hot pursuit of a Roadster in good original condition!
- I resolve to use only the correct bolts when assembling my car - even if 24 carat gold is less expensive!
- I resolve to use lead instead of plastic fillers - even if it will add 50 pounds to the front fenders!
- I resolve to dress in period clothes for parades - even if knickers make me look like Jimmy Stewart in IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE!

The diagram of special bolts shown in the Technical Topics section of this newsletter was also provided.

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Newsletter Trivia

What was the first STA newsletter (month and year) to feature a member's model A on the cover in COLOR and an accompanying feature story of the car? The answer is provided in the Technical Topics section.

RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's Christmas Party

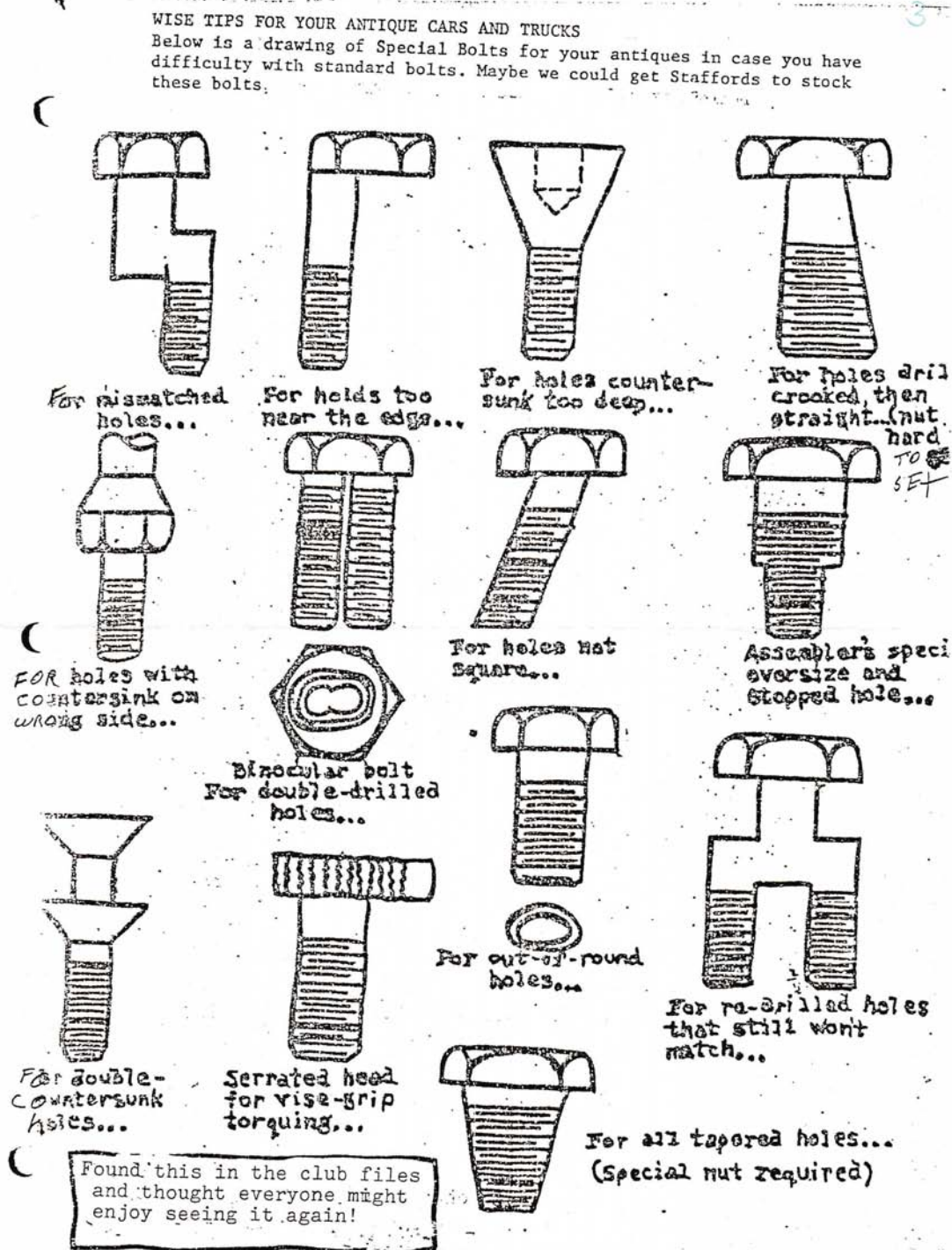
Photos and text submitted by Chuck Howell

The attendance for this year was only 36, but everyone seemed to have fun and enjoyed the fellowship and program. Christmas music was played softly throughout the evening while 212 photos of Shade Tree A's members and their Model A's were projected against the screen reminding everyone of past events and members. Several suggested that next year we sing Christmas Carols as well. There was a lot of food so a few took home some leftovers to eat later.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

The following diagram was provided in the January 1988 issue of the shade Tree A's Newsletter.



Answer to the Newsletter Trivia Question: October 1996.

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