

# SHADE TREE A's

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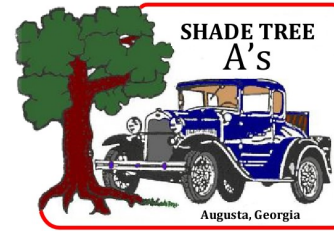
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### On the Cover

A good time was had by all at the Aiken A's annual picnic. Larry Duvall, Frank Knapp and Stewart Smith attended from the Shade Tree A's. More photos on page 8.

## 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 🤠

I would like to thank Stuart Smith for filling in for me at the October meeting. I understand he performed very well. Also our meeting had a technical session on Model A tools presented by Eric Shogren. Great job Stuart and Eric.

Twenty Model A Fords showed up at the Odell Weeks Aiken Model A Club Picnic a couple weeks ago. A great time was had by all until the rains came and according to Frank Knapp everyone got a free car wash.

The Polish and Parts Car Show at Daniel Field was disappointing with yours truly having the only STA car 🚗 to represent our club. Maybe next year the turnout will improve. The fact that there was a competing car show did not help.

Please plan to attend our November meeting we need to discuss our Christmas Party. The meeting will be at Richard's Garage on November 12th. Hope to see you there.

Your president  
Matt Barrett

## Nominations for Shade Tree A's Officers

Submit nominations for  
Shade Tree A's officers for  
2019 to Frank Knapp.

## MEETING MINUTES

*October 15, 2018*

*Richard's Garage*

*Recorded by: Frank Knapp – Secretary*

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held October 15, 2018 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. Due to the absence of President Matt and Vice President Mike, Stewart Smith stepped to the podium and gaveled the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 P.M. Twenty-one members were in attendance.

One guest, Ken Bernacchi, was introduced by Eric Shogren and welcomed by our members. Ken is Past President of the Aiken A's.

Several members contributed to the Name Tag Collection Cup.

### Treasurer's Report:

Dan Perla reported several members had paid their annual dues thus increasing our "bottom line". Also, with interest rates on the rise, our Money Market account showed a gain of 0.11 cents, Almost 10% more than last month! WOW!

A motion was made from the floor to accept the September Minutes and October Treasurer's Report. That motion received a second and passed by unanimous vote.

National Director, Jim McPherson made the latest MAFFI Newsletter available and encouraged all members to support this worthy cause.

Our Newsletter Editor, Robbie Jones, was unable to attend therefore no News Letter update was given.

Nothing was offered under Show & Tell

## MEETING MINUTES

*continued*

### Under Old Business:

The group was reminded of The Aiken A's annual picnic to be held Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. A show of hands indicated our club should be well represented.

Always a fun tour!

Plans for our upcoming Christmas Party were also mentioned. It is definite we will return to Jack Shepherd's excellent facility. It is now definite the date will be Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>. More info to come next month. A sign-up sheet passed around showing 25 members planning to attend so far.

### Under New Business:

Dan Perla reported on this year's Hershey Swap Meet. Heat, rain, lots of parts.

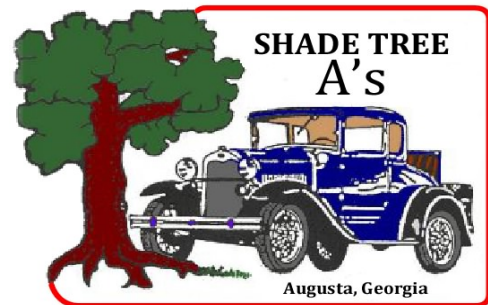
He also passed around our latest member roster for anyone to update info.

A motion was made by Jim McPherson to reimburse Dan Perla \$200.00 for software he purchased to restore member files recently lost due to a computer crash. That motion received a second and passed unanimously.

### Technical Program:

Eric Shogren presented an excellent program concerning his "working collection" of K.R. Wilson tools. According to Eric, he still uses originals as well as modern tools available from suppliers. On display were vintage tools for use on many Model A projects ranging from the engine to the rear end and almost everything in-between! Definitely a very interesting program. Thanks Eric!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM after which everyone enjoyed refreshments including ice cream, cookies and soft drinks provided by Richard Dunevent and Darrell Henderson. Thanks guys!



## It's Dues Time!

Please pay your Shade Tree A's dues by December 1. Dues are \$25. Checks should be made payable to Shade Tree A's and can be mailed to Richard Dunevent.

Dues to the national organizations should be sent directly to their offices.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Club Calendar

**November**

- 12      Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage  
(Technical Program TBA)
- 17      Pioneer Days, Lincolnton, GA

**December**

- 1      Graniteville Christmas Parade
- 9      Aiken Christmas Parade, Theme: Fairy Tale Christmas, line-up at 1:00 PM,  
parade at 2:00 PM
- 14      Shade Tree A's Christmas Party at Jack Shepard's
- 14      Christmas Open House, Bentley's, Maysville, GA

**January (2019)**

- 1      New Year's Day Breakfast at Cracker Barrel, I-20 and Belair Road, 8:00 AM
- 14      Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage  
(Technical Program TBA)

TBA - To Be Announced

### November Refreshments



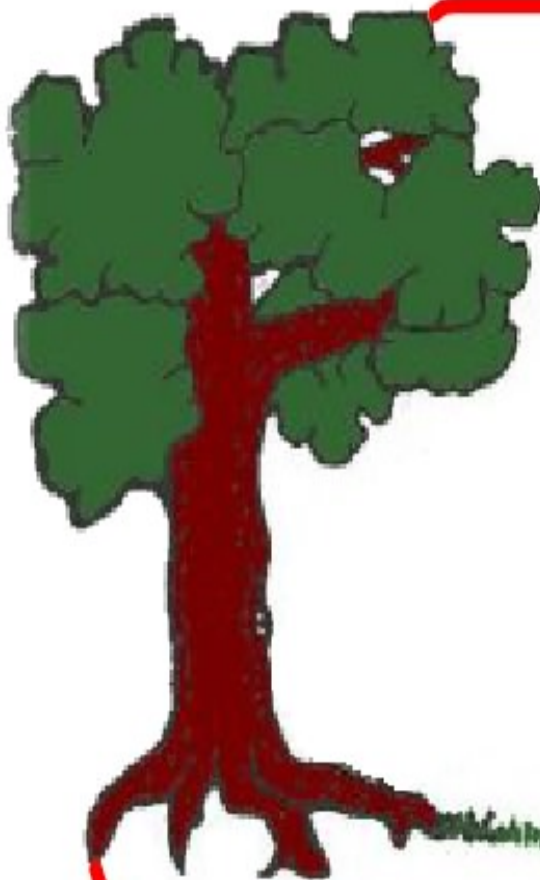
Henry Jones  
Richard Dunevent  
Andrew Morse



### November Birthdays

- 3      Margaret Towe
- 11      Walker Mobley
- 15      Skip Stewart
- 17      Walter Smith
- 18      William Gordon
- 21      Sandy Stewart
- 25      James Beck

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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

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

### 2018 Monroe Wade Award Nominations

The Monroe Wade Award honors a current Shade Tree A's member who promotes and encourages the furtherance of the Model A hobby. The member can have accomplished this in any of the ways listed below:

1. A Club member who goes out of his or her way to help other members repair or maintain their Model A's.
2. A Club member who:
  - a. Writes an outstanding article for the Shade Tree A's Newsletter regarding repair and restoration, or who brings to light new information about the Model A.
  - b. Presents an outstanding program regarding repair and restoration or who provides new information about the Model A at a Club meeting.
3. A Club member who shows dedication to the Model A hobby and to the Club by:
  - a. Driving his or her Model A on a substantial number of Club tours and events.
  - b. Driving his or her Model A great distances, demonstrating that the Model A is not only fun but a worthy means of transportation.
  - c. Is an outstanding representative of the Shade Tree A's at national meets and tours or local community events, thus serving as a Shade Tree A's club ambassador.

Club members may nominate any member in good standing by **submitting the member's name and a short paragraph with their reasons for nominating the member**. The winner will be announced at the annual Christmas meeting. The award winner's name will be added to a permanent plaque located at the Club's meeting place and a second plaque will be given to the winner.

The winner will be chosen by a committee that includes Betty Wade, Monroe's wife. You may give your nomination to one of the committee members: Frank Knapp, Curtis Krosting or Pascal Bryant. All nominations must be received **not later than the November meeting** (November 8, 2018) to be considered.

## RECENT EVENTS

### Annual Aiken A's Picnic

*Photos by Frank Knapp*



## 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 November 1988 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter is packed with a lot of information. There's a crossword puzzle, another photo from the trip to Abbeville, an answer to the mystery photograph from the previous Newsletter, an announcement for the upcoming "Wishing It Were Spring Rally", fashion news, and more. Of particular note is the story of Ralph Neitzke's first Model A, repeated here in its entirety.

Ralph Neitzke and I were talking last meeting when the subject of his first Model A came up.

It was 1965 and Ralph, then just out of high school, had talked his Dad into letting him get an old car (wonder if Ralph's Dad had the same idea mine did and same justification for his mother - don't worry he'll never get that old piece of junk running). Well, that old piece of junk just happened to be a '30 Model A pickup.

The car being about seventy miles away, Ralph had to tow it home (how many of us had trailers in 1965?). All went well till just a couple of miles from the house when some old rubber finally gave out! Not having a spare and being just a stone's throw from home, Ralph very carefully finished the job on metal instead of rubber.

Getting it home was the easy part - Ralph with youthful enthusiasm jumped into the project head first so to speak by getting everything ahead of the firewall in working order. From that day in April till the month of November things went well, then - a personalized invitation from the President of the U.S. came bringing work on the truck to a screaming halt.

Unfortunately, Ralph's Dad had nowhere to keep it so the truck went up for sale - Ralph's \$75.00 dream went one way and Ralph went where Uncle Sam sent him. Obviously the car made a lasting impression and while Ralph's Roadster Pickup does compensate somewhat there still seems to be an empty spot waiting to be filled by a Cheese truck from Wisconsin!

## TECHNICAL TOPICS

### Oil Filter Installation

*Story and Photos by Matt Barrett*

About a year ago I decided to purchase an oil filter kit for my Model A Tudor. I heard many pros and a lot of cons concerning the efficiency of an oil kit. So I shelved my kit for over a year until I finally decided to pull the trigger on an installation.

First of all, the oil kit cost about \$185.00 delivered. You will also need a new manifold gasket for about \$5.00 (removed a two piece and replaced with a one piece). Everything else in the kit is included with a new modern spin on filter. You will need a socket set, adjustable pliers, and a putty knife to remove the old gaskets that sometimes don't come off real easy.

Remove your carb and then your manifold and just let it fall down gently. No need to remove the clamp that holds the manifold to the muffler. Then remove the valve cover and install the copper tube in the small gallery where the oil enters the valve chamber. The only adjustments made were to cut a small copper pipe to fit in the recess. The new valve chamber cover comes with a new gasket. Be careful not to "pinch" the paper gasket and also add a little oil on the rubber filter seal. Replacing the manifold gasket to me was a no brainer and 45 foot pounds of torque was used. All told this job took about 2 hours to complete and in my estimation a valuable asset to my engine life.



## Classified Advertisements

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

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