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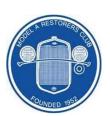
Is this a photo from the 1930's? No, but it looks like it could be. It's the participants in the 2018 Shade Tree A's Invitational Fuel Economy Tour crossing Stevens Creek in the Sumter National Forest. More about the Tour on page 16.



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# 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



The STA mileage Tour was a rousing success. Kudos for a fantastic tour go to Kent Carruthers. Everyone had a great time and this time no one got lost thanks to Dan Perla following the last Model A. Stuart Smith won in his 1929 Tudor Sedan with over 28 miles per gallon. His mileage was definitely helped with his Mitchell overdrive.

The October meeting has been rescheduled to the third Monday to accommodate the members whom trek to the Hershey Swap Meet. Mark your calendar for October 15th for our STA meeting at Richard's Garage.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our latest member Mark Russell from Grovetown, Ga. who has a very historic model A Coupe. As stated before, new members are the life blood of our Club.

On October 20th the Aiken Model A Club will sponsor a picnic from 11 to 2 at the O'dell Weeks Center on Whiskey Road in Aiken. A Tour will most likely be formed from our club. Contact Frank Knapp for more information. Over 40 Fords attended last year.

Don't forget to drive your A at every opportunity. Happy driving folks!

Your president Matt Barrett

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

September 10, 2018 Richard's Garage Recorded by: Frank Knapp – Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held September 10, 2018 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Matt brought the meeting to order prematurely at 6:58 PM. Twenty members were in attendance.

Several members contributed to the Name Tag Collection Cup. Thanks to the severe financial penalties imposed on members not identifying themselves, the STA's net worth continues to increase

Unfortunately, Jim Dover, was unable to attend. In his absence, Dan Perla related a bit of humor. All were amused, thanks Dan!

#### Treasurer's Report:

Our Treasurer, Richard Dunevent, reported only one transaction in our account since last month. A \$25.00 deposit was made thanks to our latest new member. Also discussed was the possibility of having to "dip" into our money Market Account due to Region's Bank requiring a \$2,000.00 minimum balance to avoid fees.

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

National Director, Jim McPherson reminded the group MAFCA dues statements and ballots for National Officers should be in the mail soon.

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

continued

Our Newsletter Editor, Robbie Jones, reported his plans to publish upcoming STA renewal reminders in the next few issues of the newsletter. Additional comments included recommendations annual dues be paid by check in lieu of cash.

Under Show & Tell, Dan Perla displayed his oil drain pan complete with a "blob" of thick grease resulting from an attempt to lubricate the universal joint on his Fordor. Appears the grease migrated into the transmission and made a huge mess complicating attempts to drain the transmission fluid. Everyone was delighted when he decided not to pass that "show item" around. A lively discussion followed recommending replacing tranny bearings as a solution.

Under Old Business:

President Matt reminded the group of the upcoming Fuel Economy Run to be held Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. A show of hands indicated good participation.

#### Under New Business:

President Matt asked for volunteers to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. Appears yours truly and Jim McPherson will once again search for members willing to serve.

Matt also reminded the group to be considering prospective Monroe Wade Award candidates for 2018. According to our by-laws, the last three winners along with Betty Wade will be accepting nominations. An email will be sent to the membership with the names, phone numbers and email addresses of those receiving names for consideration.



Plans for our upcoming Christmas Party were also discussed. It was decided we will return to Jack Shepherd's excellent facility. Andrew Morse volunteered to coordinate a time and date with Jack. Possible dates being December 13th, 14th or 15<sup>th</sup> depending on availability. More info to come next month.

#### Technical Program:

Once again, our paint and body restoration expert Andrew Morse, presented another excellent program concerning metal prep. This month he concentrated on new as well as old products. Everything from various grits of sand paper to, paint guns were passed around for all to inspect.

Andy also handed out flyers and reminded the group of the second annual Polish N Parts Car Show to be held at Daniel Field Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 9AM to 3PM.

There being no further business, President Matt adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM after which refreshments including ice cream, cookies and soft drinks were provided by Doug Wilson, Stewart Smith and John Neumar. Thanks guys!

# Nominations for Shade Tree A's Officers

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

# **LOOKING AHEAD**

Club Calendar		
October		
15	Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage	
	(Technical Program - Model A repair tools from K. R. Wilson - presented by Eric	
	Shogren)	
	NOTE THE DATE CHANGE (Due to the Hershey Swap Meet)	
18-20	Sweet Home Alabama Tour, Oxford, AL	
20	Aiken Model A's annual picnic, mid-day, O-Dell Weeks Picnic Shelter, 1700	
	Whiskey Road, bring a dish to share	
<u>November</u>		
8	Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage	
	(Technical Program TBA)	
17	Pioneer Days, Lincolnton, GA	
<u>December</u>		
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	

#### TBA - To Be Announced

# October Refreshments Any volunteers? No one has signed up!



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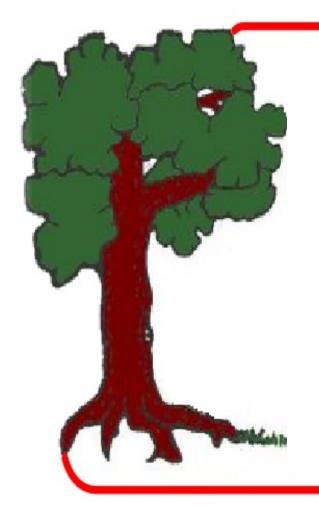
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## **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 <a href="mailto:vp@ShadeTreeAs.org">vp@ShadeTreeAs.org</a> 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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **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".





## 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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Polish N Parts Car Show & Swap Meet**

Polish N Parts is having its 2nd Annual Car Show and Swap Meet this year on October 27, 2018, from 9 AM to 3 PM at Daniel Field. We are still looking for vendors, sponsors, and of course CARS! Last year, we had approximately 3,000 spectators come through in addition to our vendors and cars. We would like to see you again!

If you have any questions, please contact: Stacey Blevins at 619-227-6986 or Rob Coddington at 706-951-4421 or at polishnparts@gmail.com.



Additional information is available at: https://www.projectliftingspirits.org/carshow





# Model A Day at the Gilmore Museum and Points in Between

Photos and story by Don Turley

On the way to the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan for Model A Day September 13-15, Richard Lawson and I visited the Auburn – Cord – Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, IN. There are many large, expensive cars displayed in the original Auburn "artdeco" showroom. The building was as impressive as the cars. The large red car in the photo is a Duesenberg. I had Richard stand beside it to get a perspective about the size of the car. One small unusual auto caught my attention. It is a 1948 TASCO prototype.



At the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, Tim Kelley displayed three of his Model A Town Cars and two of his Town Car Deliveries for this event. He had them transported from Connecticut to Michigan in an auto transport truck. After this photo was taken, the cars were then moved into the Model A Museum. Tim asked me to drive the only known surviving 1930 Town Car, the one with the (non-original) landau arms, into the building. My first time driving a Town Car. There will be coverage of this event in a future issue of the "Model A News" and the "Restorer" magazines. Also at this event, I donated a display of original Model A tools and the cabinet for the display. I've been accumulating the tools for the past five years. I had the custom made cabinet made in Michigan and we delivered and installed the display in the cabinet on Thursday before the event started on Friday. There will also be an article about this in a future issue of the "Model A News" magazine.



#### RECENT EVENTS



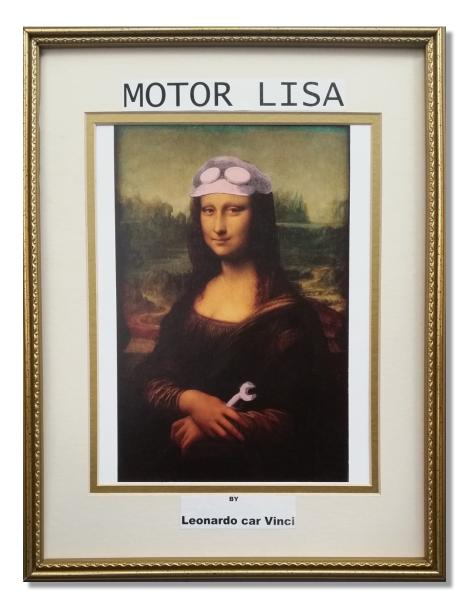
After the "Model A Day" event, we traveled to Minnesota to visit friends. This is the young fellow that we helped finish his early 1928 AA truck a few years ago. There was an article about John Duden and his AA truck in the March – April 2016 issue of the Model A News a couple of years ago. John lives on a farm and is more into tractors than Model A's. We spent the week visiting John and his family. I had never even ridden on a tractor before, but got to drive two antique tractors while visiting them.

We were honored when John arranged for us to see a private automobile collection. There were over 300 antique and classic cars in a 179,000 square foot warehouse. That is 4.1 acres of warehouse. When we were invited to see this collection, we had no idea what we were getting into. They would not let us take photos of wide open areas. I asked to take a few photos which they approved. "Motor Lisa" was one. This



collection surpasses any antique car museum that I've ever been in. The cars were wide ranging. Stanley Steamer, Tucker, Ford, Chevrolet, Buick, Dodge, Mercury, Cadillac, Lincoln, Duesenberg, Auburn, Ferrari, Aston Martin, motorcycles, hot rods by George Barris, and on and on. Some of the cars were parked on oriental rugs. There were antique and reproduction neon signs, antique gas pumps, a 50-foot long billboard sign from the 1950's, a replica of a 1950's diner, a one third scale replica of a Ferrari, and more cars than I can remember. We walked for two and a half hours, pausing only briefly.

Then we traveled to Saint Louis, Missouri where we spent the night after meeting up for dinner with another Model A friend and his fiancé who are getting married next month. They treated us to ice cream at the famous "Ted Drewes Frozen Custard", located on Route 66. Then, on to Birmingham, Alabama to see my nephew and his family, finally getting home this past Monday. We were gone for two weeks and Richard and I are going to Hershey week after next. Richard has been to Hershey, Pennsylvania before, but not during Antique Auto Week. So, we will be staying for the show on Saturday. It's been about 20 years since I last saw the Saturday show. Next, I've got to get back to work restoring my 1930 Town Sedan.



# **September Technical Program**

Story by Robbie Jones and Andrew Morse Photos by Robbie jones

Andrew Morse continued his excellent series on auto body repair and painting. September's technical program focused on final metal preparation prior to priming and top coating. Andrew first described the many varieties of abrasives available for metal preparation. In general, there are three categories of sandpaper available:

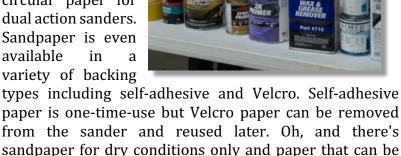
- 24-80 grit is used for grinding and cleaning of the metal
- 80-150 grit is used for shaping body filler
- 180-320 for sanding primer

Finer grits are used for sanding finish coats of paint. Sandpaper is also available in a variety of sizes, for instance long paper for



smoothing flat surfaces and circular paper for dual action sanders. Sandpaper is even available in

used wet or dry.



If the variety of sandpapers was not confusing enough, a variety of sanding blocks is also available. Hard blocks for flat surfaces and flexible blocks for contoured surfaces: round blocks, square blocks, blocks with multiple curved surfaces, etc.



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Body fillers are also available in a variety of types, fiberglass based, regular and metal-to-metal. Andrew suggests mixing body fillers on glass instead of cardboard. The glass prevents the resins in the filler from being absorbed out of the filler. Epoxy primers have become the norm but an acid etch primer is required on aluminum or galvanized metal. Andrew showed a few samples of the paint system used on modern cars (pieces of metal sanded down to reveal the layers of primer and paint). New parts usually come with an "E-coat" that is ready to paint after sanding with 400 grit sandpaper. Primers (and paints)



require proper mixing. Mixing cups, mixing sticks or simply a wooden mixing sticks with appropriate marks can be used. Andrew will discuss painting systems in greater detail in a future technical program.



Samples showing layers of primer and paint for modern paint systems

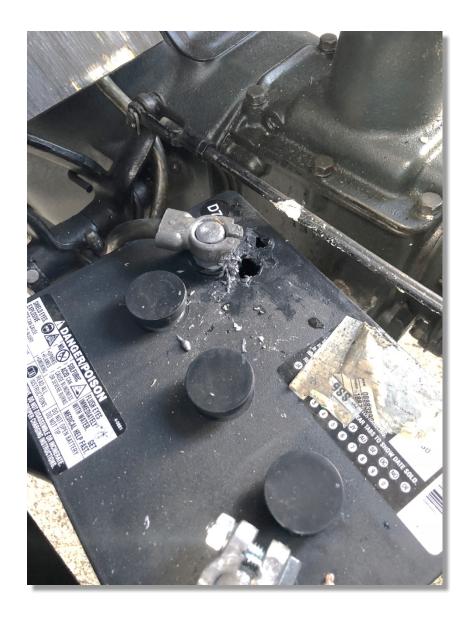


Some of the variety of tools available for sanding.

# **Close Call!**

Story and photos by Eric Shogren

I did a brake skid test this weekend and the battery came loose from the hold downs. The bolt on the negative terminal bolt came in contact with the brake rod from the pedal to the cross shaft. The bolt is gone and it blew a hole in the battery case.



#### RECENT EVENTS

# 2018 Shade Tree A's Fuel Economy Tour

Story compiled by Robbie Jones with <u>significant</u> input from Jim McPherson and Kent Carruthers
Photos by Robbie Jones (except as noted)

On Saturday September 22, 2018, the Shade Tree A's hosted their Second Annual Fuel Economy Run in celebration of International Model A Day. International Model A Day was established to celebrate the day Henry Ford went overseas to dedicate Ford assembly plants. Past President Kent Carruthers created this event for fellow Model A enthusiasts to be able to gather for fellowship and fun centered around the Model A Ford. Ten Model A's gathered along with twenty-five Model A enthusiasts including members from the Aiken Model A's and the Low Country Model A's of Charleston, South Carolina. The Fuel Economy Run began at the Evans Town Center, with a police escort by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. With fuel tanks topped off, they



Photo by Kent Carruthers

toured the South Carolina countryside for approximately 70 miles without breakdown, and then crossed the Thurmond Dam to Pollard's Corner in Georgia where they again topped off their gas tanks. Lunch, catered by Jason's Deli, was held in the pavilion below the dam. Eric and Dotti Shogren in their



Photo by Matt Barrett

1928 Special Coupe placed third with 18.3 mpg, Ken Bernacci and passenger Bill Cox placed second in a 1931 Deluxe Roadster with 24.4 mpg and Stuart Smith in his 1929 Tudor Sedan came in first with 28.2 mpg. Kent presented trophies and cash awards to the winners. If you were unable to attend, go to the Shade Tree A's website and view the pictures of the event. Several participants commented on the stealth like speed Robbie Jones exhibited to get ahead of the tour and amazing pictures. THANKS Robbie and Kent for an enjoyable day.

## **RECENT EVENTS**

All photos can be viewed on the Shade Tree A's website. Additionally, the Augusta Chronicle was on hand and their photos can be seen at the following link:

http://www.augustachronicle.com/news/20180925/model-as-showcased-in-columbia-county



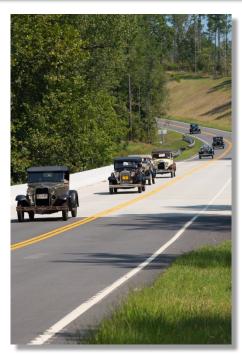
# **RECENT EVENTS**













#### 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 October 1988 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter reported on a recent trip to Abbeville, South Carolina. The thirteen Shade Tree A's cars reportedly "looked sharp" parked in front of the Belmont Inn. This was one of many great tours planned by Monroe and Betty Wade.

The picture here from the cover of the October 1988 issue shows a Shade Tree A's member at a very early age. Members were asked to guess his identity. A clue can be found in the radiator of one of the cars. Long time Shade Tree A's members should be able to guess who this is from this clue alone.

The month's trivia topic concerned two confectioner's delights that came into existence the same time as Henry's Lady, the Heath English Toffee Bar created in 1928 and Raisnettes, the chocolate covered raisin delight.



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