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On the Cover

The Shade Tree A's joined other Model A'ers from the Aiken A's, the Old 96 District Model A Club and the Palmetto A's for a day trip to Shealey's BBQ in Leesville-Batesburg, South Carolina. Cover photo by Sheila McPherson. Story and more photos on page 9.

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 MARC membership Meeting in Richmond Hill, Georgia was a great success. Don Turley conducted a seminar on Model A tools, Richard Dunevent donated a rebuilt distributor and Kent and Heidi Carruthers both won big at the meet. Charles Hilton from the Aiken Model A Club was there, as well as Skip and Sandi Stuart from our STA Club.

Six STA model A Fords travelled to Batesburg with the Aiken Model A Club with only one Roadside Technical Session (flat tire). How many STA members did it take to change one tire? Answer: no one will admit to the true number 🤔

Arrangements have been made for a tour on Saturday, June 1st to Magnolia Springs State Park in Millen, Georgia where we will have a picnic. Please mark your calendars for a great time with the Live Oak Model A Club from Savannah, Georgia. The Aiken Club and the Palmetto Model A Club have also expressed interest in our tour. The more the merrier!

If there is any interest in helping the high school seniors with their prom on April 27th at the Columbia County Civic Center in Grovetown, please let me know ASAP. They are looking for some Model A cars as a backdrop to their roaring 20's prom theme. Let's try to give these kids a helping hand.

I would also like to welcome our newest member, Charlie Weaver, who just happens to work at a Ford dealership and owns a 1930 Ford Coupe. Shake his hand and give him a warm STA welcome.

Also, don't forget to set aside September 14th for our tour to Edgefield, S.C. This is going to be a great tour: two garage tours on the way there, a Poker Run, lunch and visiting historic sites - DON'T MISS IT!!!

Drive those As but remember to protect them from the Augusta pollen 🤧

Your president,
Matt Barrett

MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2019

Richard's Garage

Recorded by: Frank Knapp – Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held March 11, 2019 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Matt gaveled the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 P.M. Twenty-two members were in attendance.

President Matt introduced our newest member, Charlie Weaver. Charlie was warmly welcomed by the group.

Once again, due to the absence of Jim Dover, Matt offered a humorous story concerning a misunderstanding of the Hebrew language. One of his better jokes in recent months! Thanks Matt.

There was only one contribution to the Name Tag Collection Cup. That member's name will not be reviled here since I have no idea who it was!

Treasurer's Report:

Dan Perla, once again substituting for our Treasurer, reported a donation was made to the memory of Billie Jones who passed away recently. Other than that, Dan reported both our checking and money market accounts remain healthy.

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MEETING MINUTES

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

National Director:

Jim McPherson reported he has recently received the latest MAFFI Newsletter, however, it contained nothing more than financial and business reports.

Our Newsletter Editor, Robbie Jones, mentioned he has seen an increase in photos and interesting copy being submitted for publication recently. He thanked those contributing and asked everyone to "keep em' coming"!

Nothing was presented under Show & Tell

Under Old Business:

The recent MARC Membership Meet was briefly discussed. President Matt declared it a tremendous success with both Kent and Heidi Carruthers bringing home awards for Favorite Original Car and Best Dressed!

Our recent tour to Batesburg-Leesville for lunch at Shealey's Bar-B-Q was deemed a huge success. That tour was organized by The Aiken A's and included three other local clubs. The Palmetto A's from Columbia, The Old 96 A's from Greenwood and of course The Shade Tree A's! Altogether twenty-one Model As attending gathered for a very impressive group picture published elsewhere in this issue of *The Newsletter*. Big THANKS to the Aiken club for the invite! A fun time was had by all!

Also discussed was the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade. Members were reminded line-up will be at 1:00 PM Saturday, March 16th with the parade starting sharply at 2:00 O'clock. A show of hands indicated the STA's will be well represented.

Under New Business:

Upcoming events such as the annual Picnic in the Park, The Central Alabama's "Cave Tour", and others were mentioned. Dan Perla remarked a need for these tours be discussed in more detail much earlier at future meetings.

President Matt informed the group that The STA's will host a multi-club meet to be held June 1st at Magnolia Springs State Park in Millen, GA. More info to come as plans progress.

Technical Program:

Once again, Gerald Melchior gave another fantastic program. This month discussing in detail the restoration of his 1930 Cabriolet. From a pile of rusty parts to one of the nicest Model As in our club. As evidenced by the many questions, Gerald's presentation was well received and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Dan Perla for his assistance in putting together Gerald's old pictures suitable for presentation. Good job guys!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM after which everyone enjoyed refreshments including several varieties of Submarine Sandwiches, chips and the usual popular sodas provided by yours truly and President Matt Barrett.

Respectfully Submitted: Frank Knapp, Secretary

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

April

- 8 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program TBA)
- 26, 27 Swap Meet: Hosted by the Old 96 District Model A Club, Greenwood, SC

May

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

June

- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program TBA)
- 15 Trenton Ridge Peach Festival and Parade
- 21-22 Palmetto A's Swap Meet and People's Choice Car Show,

TBA - To Be Announced

April Refreshments



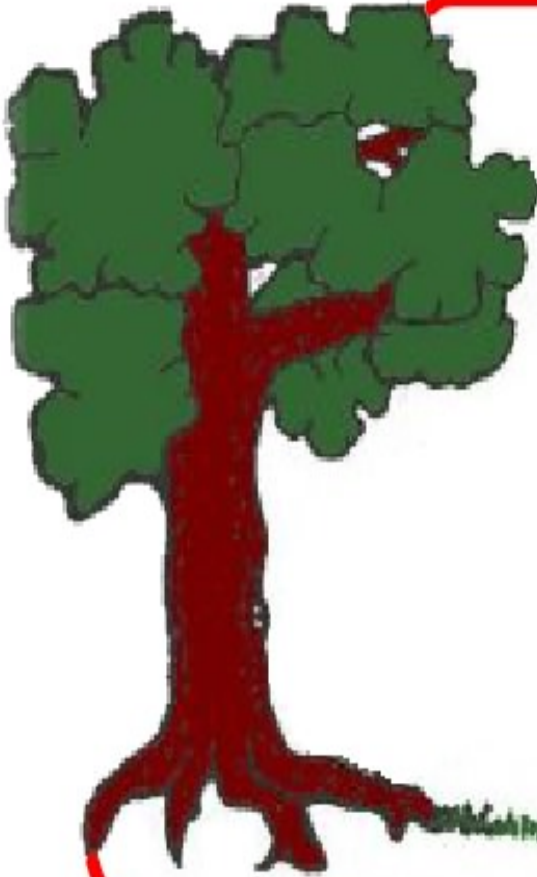
Misty Hooker
 George Gordon
 Don Gordon
 William Gordon



April Birthdays

- 3 Pamela Crosby
- 4 Eddy Barrett
- 10 Theresa McMullin
- 10 Tom Poole
- 14 Ann Dinkins
- 20 Richard Lawson
- 22 Annette Jones
- 23 Wei Russell

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?

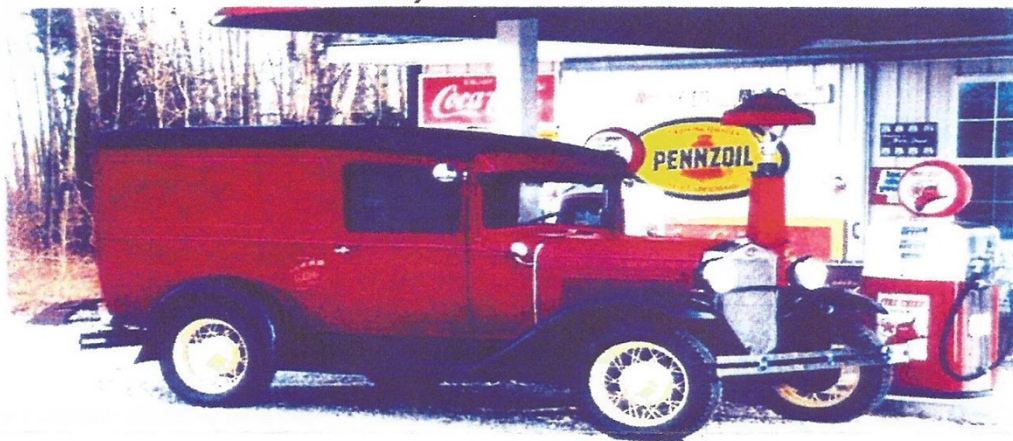
If so, contact Darrell Henderson at vp@ShadeTreeAs.org or 706-863-1673

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**14th Annual
All Model A Parts Swap Meet
Old 96 District Model A Club**

*314 Old Mount Mariah Road Greenwood, SC 29646
(On Rt. 221 Between Rt. 25 and Rt. 225)*

April 26- 27, 2019
FRIDAY FROM 8:00--5:00
Saturday 8:00am to UNTIL



Model A Display Area

Model T's and Model T Vendors Always Welcome

Admission: \$2.00 per adult

Car Corral: \$10.00 for both days

Vendor Space: \$25.00 pre-registration / \$30.00 at the gate

Lunch available 11am to 2pm

Door Prizes and 50 / 50 drawing daily

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Information: Warren Reynolds 864-388-0203 / Ralph Roub 864-992-3230

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW DATE!!
21-22 JUNE, 2019

14th Annual

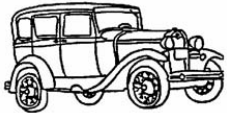
NEW DATE!!
21-22 JUNE, 2019

ALL Model A & Model T

SWAP MEET & PEOPLE'S CHOICE CAR SHOW

at

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Palmetto A's of South Carolina

Friday, June 21, 2019 8am to 5pm Swap Meet

Saturday, June 22, 2019 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, June 20? _____

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 _____

RECENT EVENTS

Joint Tour to Shealey's BBQ

Story by Jim McPherson

Photos by Matt Barrett, Frank Knapp, Sheila McPherson and Eric Shogren



On an overcast Saturday morning (March 9, 2019), six members of the Shade Tree A's left home heading to Aiken, SC to meet up with the Aiken Model A's. Their destination was Shealey's BBQ in Leesville-Batesburg, South Carolina. The reason for the tour was to expose a fellow Model A'er from Vancouver, Noel Cleveland, to Southern BBQ and fried chicken. Along the way we ran into a thunderstorm and the occupants of two Roadsters which lacked side curtains enjoyed a refreshing bath. Upon arrival at Shealey's we were met by members from the Old 96 District Model A Club and the Palmetto A's. We soon found our way to the buffet. Afterwards we took group pictures at a local church. In all, twenty-one Model A's and about forty members participated in the tour. One mishap on the way home was a flat tire in Clearwater, SC.



RECENT EVENTS

Joint Tour to Shealey's BBQ

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RECENT EVENTS

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Photos by Matt Barrett



RECENT EVENTS

MARC Membership Meet

Richmond Hill, Georgia

Photos by Matt Barrett



RECENT EVENTS

Palmetto A's Annual Picnic

*Story by Jim McPherson
Photos by Sheila McPherson*

On Saturday March 30th, Dan Perla and Jim and Sheila McPherson attended the 24th Annual Picnic hosted by the Palmetto A's of Columbia, SC. The picnic was held at the St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington, South Carolina. Area Model A Clubs were invited, resulting in twenty-two Model A's being present. In addition to the picnic spread of food and desserts, they played car games, held a 50/50 drawing and had a silent auction. It was a good to get out and drive your Model A and enjoy fellowship with fellow Model A owners.

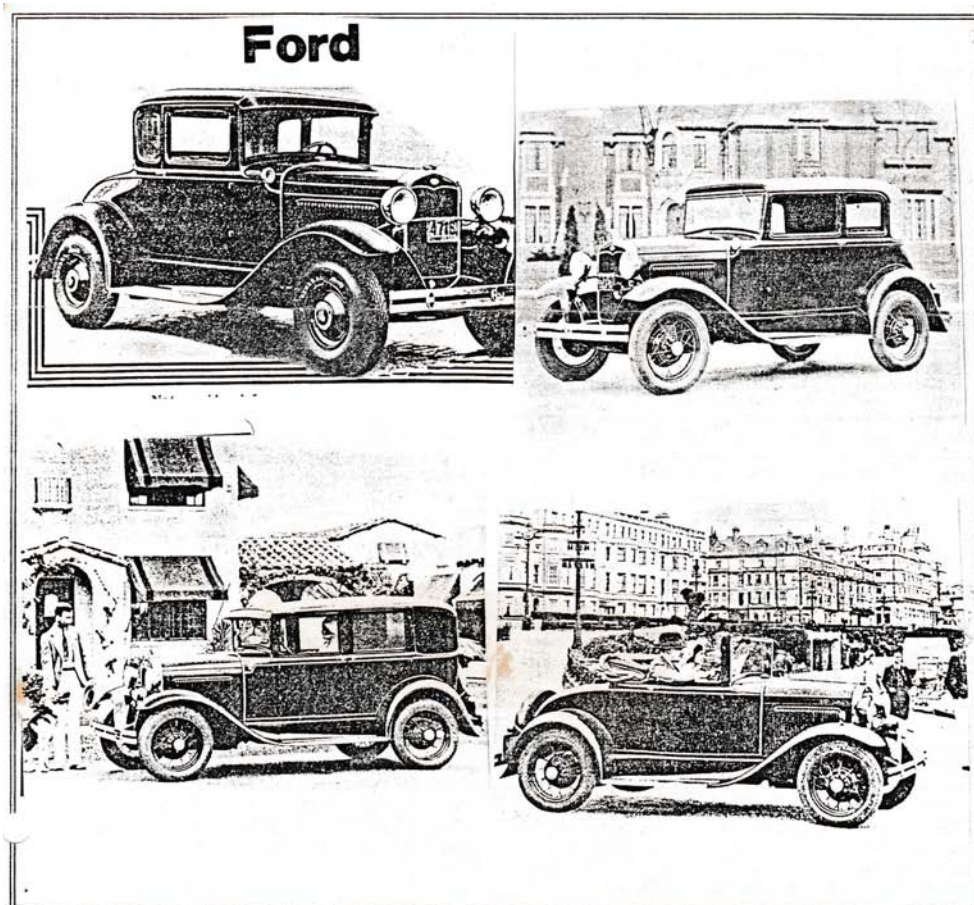


THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



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 April 1989 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter pondered the fact that Ford's lowest priced model in 1930 and 1931, the Roadster, would become one of the most sought after and expensive models today! The President's column remembered the passing of Shade Tree A's member, C. D. Cason (I remember Mr. Cason and remember when he passed. It sure doesn't seem like it was all the way back in 1989!, ed.). Upcoming technical programs were advertised as taking a "definate change of pace". The new program was referred to as "The Strippers" or "The Vaudeville ain't dead yet program". I wonder what that was all about. Wives with questions were referred to the technical program director.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

And the Model A Ford Kept Rambling Right Along

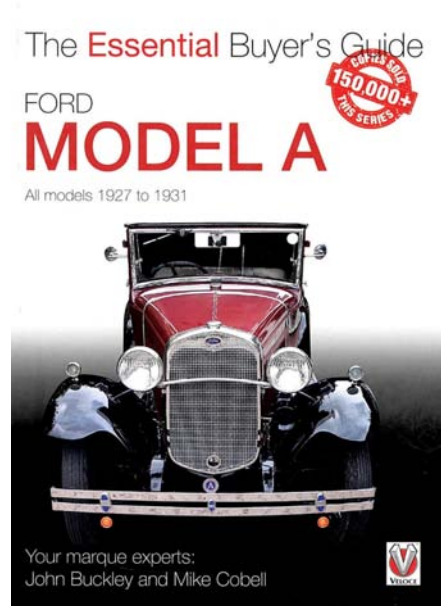
By Jim McPherson

This column contains maintenance, diagnostic, and technical tips to aid you in keeping your Model A on the road and operating at peak performance. I have stolen this information from a variety of sources, including forums, websites, books, publications, and discussions with fellow Model A owners.

Hemmings Motor News, March 2019, included an article “1928-'29 Ford Model A Buyer’s Guide”, pages 20-25. The cover features a 1928 Phaeton. Actually the Buyer’s Guide only features the prices for Roadsters and Phaetons for 1928 and 1929. The article includes nice photographs of the 1928 Phaeton and a 1929 Roadster and text. Like many articles, the photographs include details of the cars which are not original to the Model A as produced by the Ford factory, and likewise the text includes inaccuracies as well. While any vehicle you own is your own, and may be modified or restored as you like, these inaccuracies do a disservice to many in the hobby. Many a time, when talking with a proud owner about his Model A, details of its restoration are “documented” from photographs and text from such articles, and frequently such inaccuracies are incorrect. You would think respected publications would hold themselves to a higher standard of accuracy in the information they publish.



Another new Model A Ford book has been published. “The Essential Buyer’s Guide Ford Model A” by John Buckley and Mike Cobell was reviewed in the Antique Automobile, the Official Publication of the Antique Automobile Club of America (Volume 83, Number 1, January/February 2019). This book is written for the first time Model A buyer, although the pricing is limited to “Very good with no faults 75%, Tidy usable with nothing fundamentally wrong 50%, A tatty but usable example 40%, A non-runner, all pieces present 25% “, it is not much help to the first time buyer. As you might guess from the quote, the book was written and published in the United Kingdom. They attempt to use the US vocabulary, but I found the British vocabulary very interesting. The book contains 64 pages and 114 color photographs, and does suffer from some of the inaccuracies seen in other publications. It is available from MidlifeClassicCars.co m located in Charlotte, North Carolina.

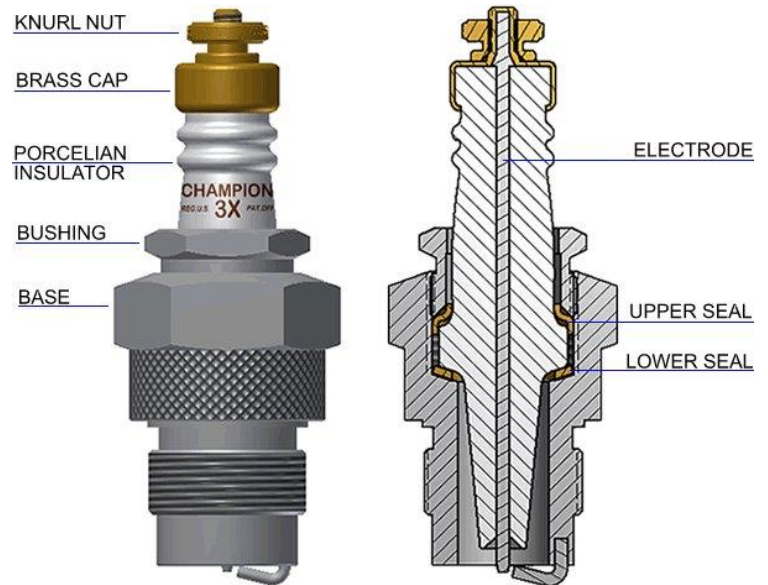


TECHNICAL TOPICS

Champion 3X Spark Plugs Revisited

Figure provided by Jim McPherson

Last month's issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter included an article by Matt Barrett regarding his recent experience with the failure of Champion 3X spark plugs. The figure below shows how these spark plugs are assembled. It might be a good idea to check the tightness of the "Bushing" when performing routine maintenance on your Model A.



Slow Moving Vehicle Sign

Story and photo by Matt Barrett

At the MARC meeting in Richmond Hill, Georgia, I was exposed to a number of ideas for my Model A Ford. The best idea was how to attach a "slow moving vehicle" sign to my car trunk. What I saw was a leather strap attached to the sign with stainless steel hardware that is readily available at your "big box" store. So if you need to get in your trunk just undo one more strap and you are there.



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