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On the Cover

Shade Tree A's Model A's lined up awaiting the Veterans Day Parade in Augusta. Photo by Matt Barrett. 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 🤠

Our tour to Lincolnton, Georgia did not happen because of inclement weather. We had six Model A cars and drivers signed up to go but unfortunately the weather was very fickle. We hated to miss the festivities at Pioneer Days but there will always be next year.

On a positive note, those of us who participated in the Veterans Day Parade had a wonderful time! The weather was beautiful, there was a big crowd and the Veterans really appreciated being honored. We should all be grateful to them each and every day for selflessly defending our freedom.

Our meeting in January will be a special one. Don Patterson, who has a fantastic collection of antique radios, will speak to us on radios in the Model A era. Don't miss this very interesting speaker 📻 !!

Don't forget that our Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 14th at 6:00 P.M. Jack Sheppard's country store on Chamblin Road is the venue. You are guaranteed to have a great time, so don't be late 🎄👶🎄

Also, our New Year's breakfast at the Cracker Barrel at I-20 will start at 8:00 A.M. on, yes, January 1, 2020 🥳 Bring your Model A to this breakfast and let's start the year off with a bang 🌟🌟🌟

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon. HAPPY HOLIDAYS 🎉🎉🎉

MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2019

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp – Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held November 11, 2019 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Matt brought the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Twenty-four members were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Dan Perla reported some late invoices from our IMAFD Tour as well as our annual website expense were paid. However, several member dues received offset that shortfall resulting in our Treasury basically unchanged since last month.

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

National Director:

Jim McPherson announced a write-up of our IMAFD event will be published in the next issue of both *The Restorer* and *The Model A News* magazines.

Newsletter Editor:

Robbie Jones once again asked for interesting photos and articles for publication in our club newsletter.

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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 7:00 PM and are followed by refreshments.

MEETING MINUTES

Continued

Under Show & Tell:

Gerald Melchiors passed around two Cam Lock Ratchet Wrenches. It was agreed by all they were probably used during the Model T era.

Robbie Jones also passed around an original two blade engine fan showing a very small crack that could easily be overlooked resulting in damage to the hood.

Under Old Business:

Our annual Christmas Party was discussed. Members were reminded it will be held December 14th at Jack Shepard's excellent facility starting at 6:00 PM.

It was decided our club would once more attend Pioneer Days in Lincolnton, Georgia on Saturday, November 23. Tentative plans are to depart the Belair Road Food Lion parking lot around 9:00 AM. All members were encouraged to participate.

Under New Business:

Election of Officers produced no nominations being made from the floor, however there was a motion to re-elect our current officers to serve another year. That motion received a second and passed by unanimous vote.

Technical Program:

Thanks, once again to Dan Perla, a very interesting movie about the Pietenpol Airplane was shown. According to this documentary, it was built and flown in the 1930's and designed to use a Model A engine.



LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

December

- 6 Steve Young, owner of Auto Tech, 460 Silver Bluff Rd, Aiken South Carolina, is hosting a Christmas party from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Food and adult beverages provided. Everyone welcome.
- 14 Shade Tree A's Annual Christmas Party, Jack Sheppard's Country Store, 6:00 PM (Note there is no regular meeting in December)

January 2020

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

February 2020

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

TBA - To Be Announced

December Refreshments



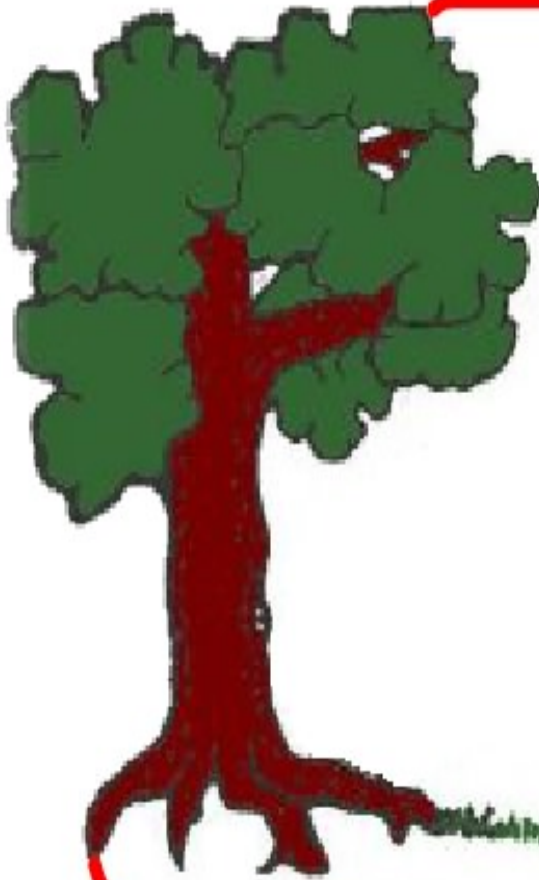
There is no monthly meeting due to the annual Christmas Party



December Birthdays

- 1 Barbara Bryant
- 1 Robbie Jones
- 4 Sharon Howell
- 5 Calvin Carruthers
- 7 Joe Holley
- 13 Richard Dunevent
- 15 Lisa Smith
- 16 Frank Knapp
- 17 Eric Shogren
- 21 Jim Mason
- 26 Ann Claiborne Christian
- 27 Phyllis Collier

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

- Continue to remember Jim Dover and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Jim's wife, Hilde, passed away October 31, 2019.

*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

Shade Tree A's Christmas Party

December 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Join us for our 2019 Christmas Party. This year's party will once again be at Jack Sheppard's Country Store.

If you've never been to Jack's, his place is a real treat and a great place for our Christmas Party.

Contact Dan Perla to make reservations. The cost is \$20.00 per person.



Shade Tree A's Annual Dues



It's that time of year again. Please pay your annual Shade Tree A's dues to Dan Perla or Richard Dunevent. Dues are \$25 and due by December (check preferred).

Also, don't forget your annual Model A Ford Club of America and Model A Restorers Club dues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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 Model A Restorer's Club Driving Awards Program, be prepared to note your mileage as of December 31, 2019 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 you are eligible to participate in the program. A one-time registration fee of \$1.00 is required. 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



RECENT EVENTS

Veterans Day Parade
Monday, November 11, 2019

Photos by Matt Barrett



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 December 1989 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter contained a full page story about a first-time Model A driving experience. The November 1989 Newsletter threw out some ideas for what to get the Model A'er - the December 1989 Newsletter contained a sequel dealing with what the Model A'er should NOT get those who put up with his or her vehicular obsession. For instance, if they say they want something personal, don't get a lap blanket with the Ford script emblazoned on it. "Something that glitters" definitely doesn't mean new hubcaps or chrome plated head nuts!



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.

The Model A Ford may have a unique, but common problem. One of the two bolts holding the starter Bendix may shear off. This may be more prevalent on Model A's converted to 12 volts, but I can assure you it is also common on Model A's still equipped with the original 6 volt electrical system. Some think that not fully retarding the spark before starting the car is also a culprit.

The Bendix is held onto the starter shaft with two similar but different bolts. They have a fine shallow thread. Each has a unique tabbed lock washer. When one of these bolts shears off, or backs out due to the use of an incorrect lock washer, a sharp sudden noise like a 22 rifle firing is heard. You have just lost your ability to start the motor with the starter, and while driving, you will unexpectedly hear this noise again and again. While there have been many ingenious attempts to retrieve the bolt, fishing with a magnet, adhesive on the flywheel, etc., many resort to removing the transmission to retrieve the bolt. In severe cases, the bolt can wedge and lock the engine down.

A modern cure for the problem is a newer type Bendix which fits the 5/8" (original) starter shaft. This Bendix uses a metal sleeve to cover the Bendix spring and bolts to prevent them from shearing off. It is fairly simple to replace, except for a strong spring which must be compressed to install the Bendix. A special spring compressor is available to accomplish this, but it adds to the expense. The Bendix can be installed by using two slotted screwdrivers to pry a washer back, to compress the spring, to expose a set screw, align and tighten. It can be done, but be fair warned, the spring is heavy duty. Just ask Tom Roberts.



Original Starter Drive



New Type Starter Drive



Installation Tool

TECHNICAL TOPICS

Model A Headlights

Story and Photos by Matt Barrett

Now that the winter days are getting shorter we find ourselves having to use our headlights on our beloved Model A's more often. We want to see as well as be seen by other drivers. Unfortunately the original 6 volt Ford headlight bulbs just don't seem to "throw out" enough light to suit the average Model A enthusiast. There are halogen bulbs but they create heat as well as light and are adequate for most. The bulb that I highly recommend is the LED bulb and comes in 6 and 12 volts for all Model A years. Fortunately, the LED bulbs draw very few amps off either your generator or the newer alternator. They fit perfectly well in the standard Model A headlight socket. Happy motoring all.



Nuts and Bolts - Update

If you use authentic Model A hardware from Roy Nacewicz Enterprises, otherwise known as Fordbolts.com, you may not know that Roy passed away this past spring. Roy's excellent hardware has been unavailable since then, but the Vintage Ford Forum reports that Michael Driskel from Third Generation Automotive has bought Roy's inventory and will continue manufacturing and selling quality hardware for our Model A's (and early Ford V-8 cars).

Orders are now being accepted again.

Ordering information is available at the following website: <http://fordscript.com>

Member Advertisements

Deadline for submittal – 20th of the month – Send submittals to newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org

- Original Model A Instruction Books (Owner's Manual). Prices based on condition, \$25 to \$195. Don Turley, Call 706-863-4867, leave a message and I will return your call. Or email don@donturley.com

- Engine stand, \$25 OBO, Robbie Jones



- Set of four tires for 1928-1929 Model A Fords (those years having 21 inch wheels.) These are bias ply Firestone whitewalls, less than 2 years old, with less than 1,000 miles on them. They are in excellent condition. Selling just the tires, not the wheels. I am asking \$575 - they sell new for just under \$900. Email: Eddie Collins, 1947collins@gmail.com. Eddie is the newsletter editor for the LowCountry Model A Ford Club in Charleston.

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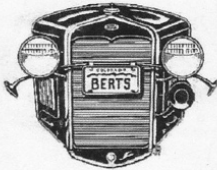
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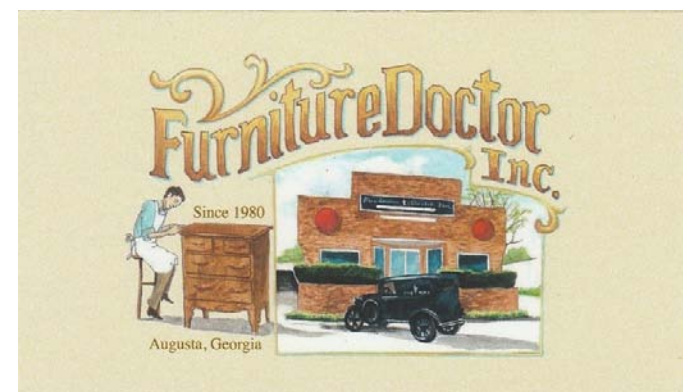
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