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On the Cover

Club President Matt Barrett awards the 2018 Monroe Wade Award to Robbie Jones.

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 Aiken Model A Club tour to Blackville, SC was attended by five STA members and four AMA members driving their antique Fords. In all, thirty people enjoyed a great lunch at Miller's Bread Basket and a drive with no breakdowns. The weather cooperated and we saw no rain until after we returned home. The tour was a lot of fun and if you missed it, you should try your best to make the next one.

We had a WONDERFUL turnout at the STA January meeting. It was good to see familiar faces that we haven't seen for a while - keep coming back!!!

The Model A Restorers Club is having their Winter meeting in Richmond Hill, Ga February 28th through March 3rd. There is a group of us that are going to drive our A's to this venue. If you are interested in joining us, we will leave from Richard's garage on the morning of the 28th. Watch for a message closer to the 28th for the time of departure. Looking forward to seeing ALL of you at the next meeting. Don't forget your sweetie on St. Valentine's Day.

Your president,
Matt Barrett

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.

MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2019

Richard's Garage

Recorded by: Frank Knapp - Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held January 14, 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-six members and guests were in attendance.

Several guests were introduced. Josh and Becky Dover, Jimmy Rivers and Debra Fuller were all welcomed by the group.

It was a pleasure to see our club comedian, Jim Dover, back with more of his antidotes concerning his extended family he fondly refers to as "hillbillies". According to Jim, in their "neck of the woods", deer wear saddles and new mothers always ask for a DNA test to be sure the baby is hers! Strange family. Never miss another Jim Dover joke....Attend our meetings!

As usual, several members contributed to the Name Tag Collection Cup.

Treasurer's Report:

Dan Perla, in an unusual "jolly" mood, reported all expenses had been paid and was excited to report The Club has recently received \$1,175.00 in member dues and a whopping \$600.00 in Newsletter ad collections with more to come! Between a healthy checking account balance and not having to "dip" into our Money Market account, I'm sure he can now get a good night's sleep! Thanks for the report, Dan. Keep em' coming.

MEETING MINUTES

Continued

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

National Director, Jim McPherson, passed around the latest issue of *The "A" Preserver*, which is the official newsletter of MAFFI for all to review.

Our Newsletter Editor, Robbie Jones, had no news to report but continued urging members to send pictures for publication. He also asked everyone to add a short "write-up" containing more info about pictures. Once again, the entire group offered Robbie a huge "Thank You" and a round of applause for his excellent work on our newsletter and having won The Monroe Wade Award for 2018. Congratulations Robbie, an award well deserved!

Under Old Business:

Our recent tour to Blackville along with The Aiken As was deemed a big success and a fun day for all who attended. Also, John Neumar took the floor to remind our members how important the Gracewood Christmas Parade is each year to the patients and staff at Gracewood Hospital. All agreed with John when he said "if you only make one parade at Christmas, please make it Gracewood".

Under New Business:

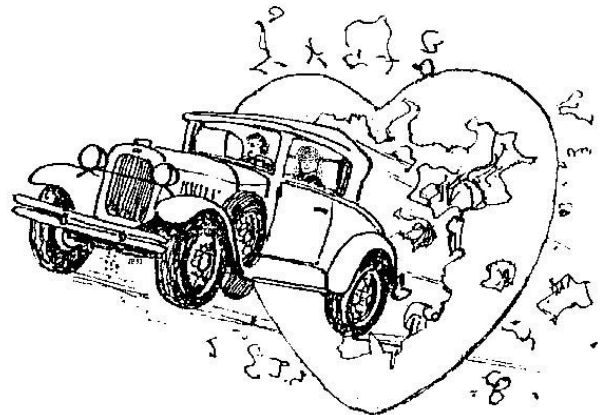
Matt reminded everyone that this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held Saturday, March 16th. More info to come on line-up times and location.

Technical Program: Powder Coating

Jimmy Rivers, owner of Jimmy Rivers Performance Works, gave a very interesting and informative talk on Powder Coating. Armed with several examples of colors, satin and gloss finishes, etc., he went through the process from start to finish while answering several questions from our members. Thanks, Jimmy, for an excellent presentation!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM after which everyone enjoyed refreshments including ham and turkey rolls prepared by Sheila McPherson, Jim and Dan Perla.

Respectfully Submitted: Frank Knapp, Secretary



LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

February

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

March

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

16 Saint Patrick's Day Parade

30 Palmetto A's Annual Picnic

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

TBA - To Be Announced

February Refreshments



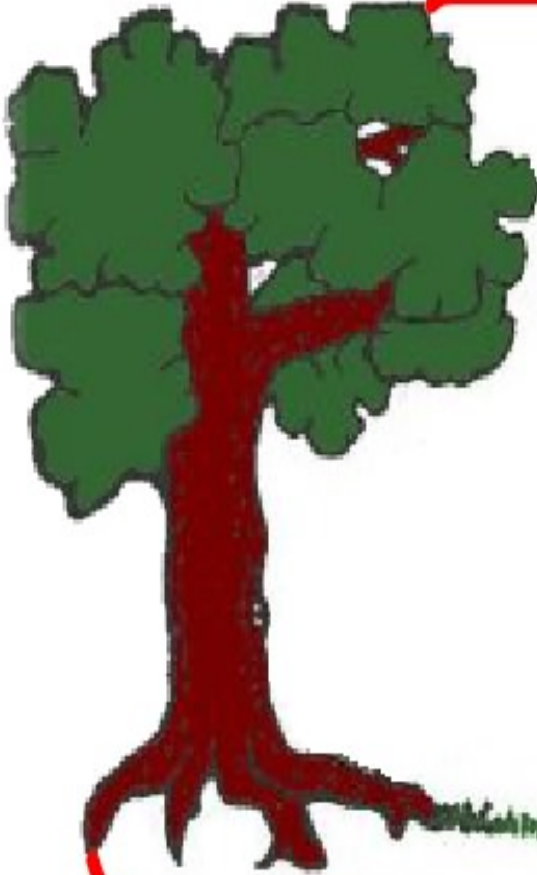
Jim and Sheila
McPherson
Dan Perla



February Birthdays

- 3 Mary Morse
- 11 Larry DuVall
- 11 Ralph Neitzke
- 17 George Gordon
- 22 Marsha Barrett
- 24 Craig McMullin
- 27 Stuart Smith
- 27 Art Towe

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Shade Tree A's Member News

- Billie Jones, former, long-time member of the Shade Tree A's, wife of former, long-time member Bobby Jones and mother of Robbie Jones passed away January 7, 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?

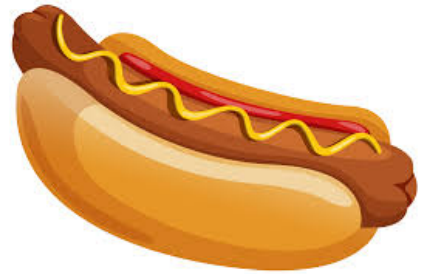
Do you want to volunteer to present a technical program?

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

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February Refreshments

Hot dogs with all the fixings will be served at the February meeting. Bring your appetite!



MARC Driving Awards Program

If you are a participant in the MARC Driving Awards Program, please send your mileage as of December 31, 2018 to the Shade Tree A's Driving Coordinator, Robbie Jones. Mileage must be submitted to MARC by the end of February.

If you are a member of MARC and have never registered for the program and would like to participate, more information on the program including how to register can be found on the MARC website at the following link:

<https://model-a-ford.org/programs-awards/marc-driving-awards/>

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.



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New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each, with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00, with a small charge for material. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhauling of the front axle, rebushing springs and spring perches, and straightening, aligning and adjusting wheels.

The labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00. Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00 to \$4.00.

A set of four new pistons and rings cost only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled. Parts are extra.

Very truly yours,
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Bottineau, N. Dak.



Dan Perla found this penny postcard while cleaning up his webmail recently. Times they have a changed!

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You are Invited to
The Palmetto A's Model A Club's
24th Annual Picnic
St. James Lutheran Church
1358 South Lake Drive in Lexington
Saturday, March 30, 2019
10:00 - 3:30 (lunch at noon)

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Raffle Prizes

Silent Auction

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14th Annual

All Model A Parts Swap Meet

Old 96 District Model A Club

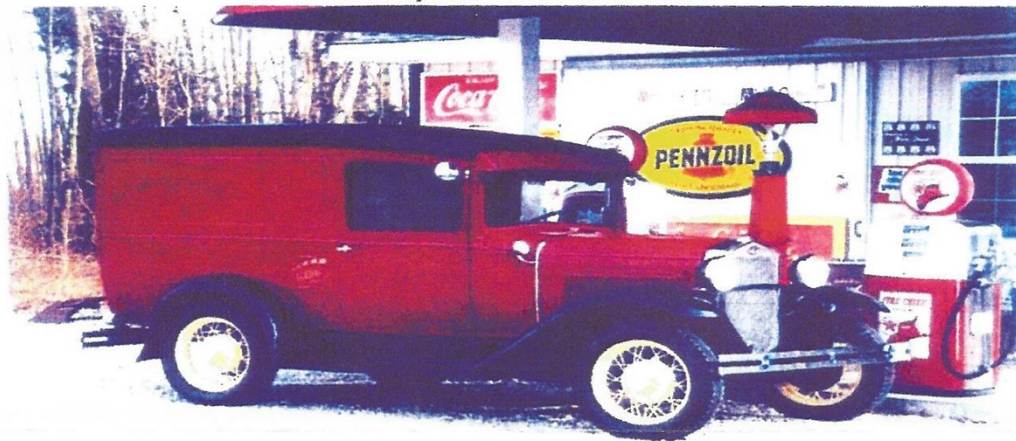
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(On Rt. 221 Between Rt. 25 and Rt. 225)

April 26- 27, 2019

FRIDAY FROM 8:00--5:00

Saturday 8:00am to UNTIL



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SAVE THE DATE:

YOU are cordially invited to join us for

The Third Annual International Model A Day Tour



Hosted by the Shade Tree A's,

In Augusta, Georgia

September 14, 2019

Details and Registration Forms to follow.

For more information contact:

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706-592-4835 (H)

Matt Barrett via email: mattb@wowway.com or 706-799-3699 (C)

RECENT EVENTS

New Year's Day Breakfast

January 1, 2019



RECENT EVENTS

Lunch Tour to Miller's Breadbasket with the Aiken A's

Blackville, South Carolina

January 12, 2019



RECENT EVENTS

January Technical Program

Jimmy Rivers, owner of Jimmy Rivers Performance Works, gave a very interesting and informative talk on powder coating. Powder coating is an electrostatically applied coating that is sprayed on as a powder. The finish is then baked on to permanently bond the part and the powder. The result is a finish much more resistant to abrasion and corrosion than conventional paints that will last for years to come. Powder coating also allows a thicker application without running or sagging.



Prior to powder coating, parts are first chemically stripped then media blasted. Parts are then acid washed, rinsed, dried and then coated. Jimmy's oven can accommodate whatever will fit in his 6' high x 6' wide x 10' long oven. Parts are placed into the oven and brought to temperature (375-400°F) then baked for ten minutes once at temperature. Generally, a maximum of three coats can be applied before surface finish begins to be affected (e.g. orange peel). Jimmy can coat in a variety of colors including chrome and fluorescent colors. Some colors like the chrome and fluorescent colors are UV sensitive. Powder coating is more chemical resistant than paint but not totally. Lacquer thinner and acetone will attack it.

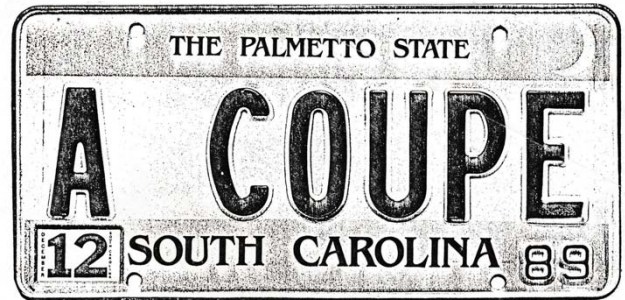


Because the powder coating must be baked, typical body fillers cannot be used. There may be some metal type fillers available that can withstand the baking temperatures. Existing powder coats can be coated over but adhesion is dependent on the original coat. Clear coats can be applied but the clear can change the color slightly. Jimmy has powder coated a variety of items including lawn furniture and Yeti cups. Coatings can be applied as a two-tone but the process is more tedious.

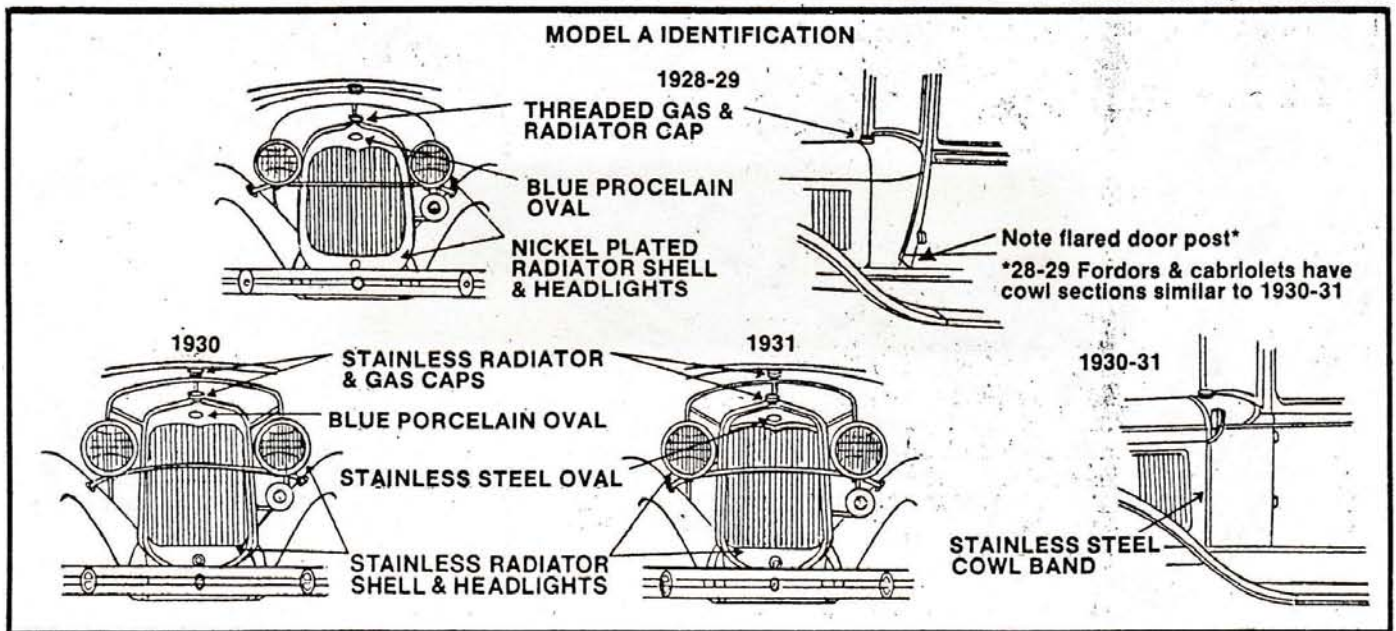
THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



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 cover of the February 1989 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter contains a picture of an actual license plate. A handy guide for identifying the year of Model A production was also included. The Newsletter also included an article on Peter Helck. In the heyday of commercial illustration in the Thirties and early Forties. Helck was one of the top men in the field, handling a wide variety of topics. Then, as illustrations were replaced by photography, he landed a job that set the stage for the second half of his career. It was an assignment from *Esquire* to illustrate several great moments in American sports, and Peter chose scenes from racing. With the series, he established a national reputation for automotive work. Read all about Peter and his work in the February 1989 issue on the Shade Tree A's website.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

Radiator Hoses - Hard to Get On, Hard to Get Off!



For many years I had a hard time getting new radiator hoses on the engine to seal well. I would tighten the hose clamps to what I thought was reasonable, and they still seeped a bit of coolant. And years later, when I needed to remove the hoses, they seemed to be glued to the metal parts and I had to pry them off or cut them off.

A Master Mechanic shared his secret with me years ago. Apply a very thin coating of a specialized gasket dressing called "Hylomar AF" to the inside of the new hoses where they will contact the metal just before installing them. Install and rotate each hose back and forth, to spread the sealant out evenly. Now tighten hose clamps and you are done. It will not seep or leak. And years later when you need to remove the hose, it will come right off!

I get the Hylomar AF (Advanced Formulation) -- originally developed by Rolls Royce for their jet engines -- from an industrial supply place near me called W.W. Grainger. It's also available on Amazon and other places on the Internet. Compare prices because some places price it like it's gold!

There are several variants of Hylomar. You don't want the original "Hylomar Universal Blue" or the "Racing Formula". The Hylomar AF works best for our application. I also put a little on my oil drain plug threads, on the transmission and differential drain plugs, etc., to stop the drips. It gives a good seal but never hardens, so it's easy to take it apart later.

Have a Model A Day!
Jim



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