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#### On the Cover

The Shade Tree A's lost two members in February 2019, John Schroen and George Gordon. John's obituary is included on page 7. George's obituary and plans for celebrating George's life are provided on pages 8 through 10.



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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 Shade Tree A's have been invited to eat Barbecue at Shealy's in Batesburg,SC on March 9th by the Aiken Model A Club. We can either drive direct or meet in Aiken and tour with the folks with AMA. Please contact me if you are interested in going.

The MARC Membership Meet is in Richmond Hill, February 28th through March 3rd. There are several STA members taking their jalopies to the meet; please let me know if you would like to participate - the more, the merrier!!!

I received an email from Samantha Barksdale concerning a Roaring 20's prom for Greenbrier High School. It is going to be at the Columbia County Civic Center on April 27th. The theme for the prom is "Great Gatsby" and they would like for us to help them with the "decorations". They would like to have as many Model A Fords in the parking lot as possible to help carry out the 1922 setting. Let me know if you would like to "show" your car and help these teenagers have an authentic prom \*\*

And let us not forget the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16th!!! What a blast we have had in the past! Put on your green and bring a Model A and assemble in the James Brown Arena parking lot at 1:00 p.m. If you don't attend, you'll be missing a great time.

ERIN GO BRAGH \*\* \*\*

See you at our next meeting on March 11th at Richard's Garage.

Your president, Matt Barrett

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

February 11, 2019 Richard's Garage Recorded by: Frank Knapp – Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held February 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. Nineteen members and guests were in attendance.

One guest, Charlie Weaver, was introduced by President Matt and welcomed by the group. Charlie owns a nice 1930/31 Coupe.

Once again, due to the absence of Jim Dover, Matt offered a humorous story concerning an obvious major misunderstanding between a male patient and his Doctor. Due to the new "Hippa Laws", I cannot divulge any further Doctor/Patient info. Therefore, nothing more concerning the outcome can be added here!

There were no contributions to the Name Tag Collection Cup.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Dan Perla, once again substituting for our Treasurer, reported both MARC and MAFCA Annual dues had been paid along with a donation to the memory of Andrew Morse's mother who passed away recently. A \$100.00 gift certificate to Jack Shepherd for the use of his excellent facility was also purchased.

Due to an increase in advertisers in our Newsletter, 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 January Minutes and the Treasurer's Report. That motion received a second and passed by unanimous vote.

National Director: Jim McPherson had nothing to report.

Our Newsletter Editor, Robbie Jones, mentioned two changes to the newsletter format. Additional space has been added in the "Member News" section. He asked for input from members as to any new car purchases, progress on various projects, etc. Hopefully this will be an interesting addition to our already fantastic newsletter!

Also, a new section will be provided for "Member Ads". A free service to STA members wanting to sell, buy or trade anything from Model As to parts, etc.

Under Show & Tell, Stewart Smith passed around an unusual engine bearing bolt that apparently had been "stretched" due to over torqueing.



Under New Business: Several flyers were passed around. The Model A Foundation Newsletter, several "Thank You" notes and a flyer advertising the upcoming 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet hosted by The Old 96 Model A Club. That swap meet and car display will be held in Greenwood, S.C. April 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Warren Reynolds at 864-388-0203.Our International Model A Day plans were briefly discussed with President Matt asking the group for any ideas as to activities be presented to The Board for consideration.

A letter to The Club from Misty Hooker, daughter of George Gordon, was read by Dan Perla. Misty thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers after George's passing while also offering a history of George's love for the Model A and The Shade Tree As. Also included in her letter were details concerning George's funeral services and "Celebration of Life" gathering to be held at Savannah Rapids Pavilion on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. STA members were urged to drive their cars from the funeral home to Westover Cemetery.

#### Technical Program:

A very interesting MAFFI movie concerning Ford's advertisements was shown by Darrell Henderson, Discussion followed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM after which everyone enjoyed refreshments including hot dogs with all the condiments and a huge Happy Valentine Cake and Ice cream prepared by Sheila McPherson, Jim and Dan Perla.

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 March Aiken A's tour to Shealy's BBQ in Batesburg, SC, depart First Presbyterian Church at Laurens and Barnwell in Aiken at 10:00 AM Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program TBA) Saint Patrick's Day Parade, line up at 1:00 PM in the James Brown Arena parking lot Palmetto A's Annual Picnic

#### <u>April</u>

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)

TBA - To Be Announced

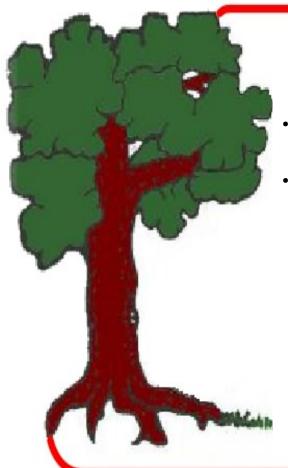
# March Refreshments





# March Birthdays

- 20 Dan Perla
- 21 Darrell Henderson
- 25 Curtis Krosting
- 29 Doug Wilson



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

- Shade Tree A's member Johnny Schroen died Friday
  February 15, 2019. Please remember the Schroen family
  in your thoughts and prayers.
- Shade Tree A's member George Gordon passed away February 22, 2019. Please remember the Gordon family in your thoughts and prayers.

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

# In Memory of John Schroen

(Obituary as appeared in the Augusta Chronicle)

John Fredrick Schroen, 77, of Madison, passed away Friday. Born in Baltimore, MD, he was a retired and decorated Vietnam veteran. He had a bachelor's degree in Physics, Mathematics, Electrical Engineering and Secondary Education. He retired after 24 years at the Georgia Radiation Therapy Center as a Radiation Physicist. He taught Radiation Therapy at the Medical College of Georgia during those 24 years. After retirement he relocated to Huntsville, where he was an active member of the Huntsville Alabama chapter of The American Legion post 237 and served as finance officer for five years. He was devoted husband to his wife, Sherry Schroen, and a loving grandfather and guardian to Michael Patrick Schroen. Survivors also include his son, Michael Edward Schroen; grandson, Jonathan Harley Schroen; daughter-in-law, Theresa Schroen; stepchildren, Jeremy Stogsdill, Cherie Stogsdill, and Chelsea Galloway; and numerous grandchildren. A memorial service will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 17, 2019 at the American Legion Post 237, 2900 Drake Ave, Huntsville. Visitation will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at Hephzibah United Methodist Church in Hephzibah, GA, with memorial service following at 12 noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The American Legion Post 237.

### In Memory of George Gordon

(Obituary as appeared in the Augusta Chronicle)

On February 2, 2019 our dad George F. Gordon, 87, went to Heaven to be with his family. We thank God for opening his door. Our dad was an extraordinary man, he a hero here at home to his family where he raised 5 sons and a daughter.

Mr. Gordon was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Gordon. Survivors include his children, Donald (Suzzane) Gordon, Evelyn Misty Hooker, Ronald Gordon, William (Faye Gloria) Gordon, Steve (Ann) Gordon, Michael (Tonya) Gordon Sr., 17-grandchildren and 13-greatgrandchildren.

Mr. Gordon served 20 years 8 months and 5 days in the Army as a mechanic, and 1 year in Vietnam. He retired from Ryder Rental as a diesel mechanic with 24 years of service. He was a runner for Rhodes-Murphy with 5 years of service. He was a member of the Model A Shade Tree of Augusta for 15 years, a member of the Aiken Model A's for 3 years.

Our dad was role to his kids. All of us watched our dad work two jobs. He drove the transport bus out at Fort Gordon and deliver newspapers for several years. He taught us the importance of work for what you need and appreciate what you have. To say this man was the greatest of all time would be a fraction of how wonderful he was in one day let alone a lifetime this world would be a better place. Thank you God for giving us our dad and pappy, we will miss him, but we know he is happy. Take care we will be there when the time comes. God Bless us all.

There will be a Graveside inurnment at 11 a.m. on March 2, 2019 in Westover Memorial Park with full Military honors being observed. There will be a celebration of life held after the service at the Savannah Rapids Pavilion, 3300 Evans to Lock Rd. Martinez, Ga. 30907 from 1 to 5 p.m. where refreshments will be served.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Hospital or to the Shriners Hospital.



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# Statement from Misty Hooker, George Gordon's Daughter

My family and I would like to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers! Believe me they were answered. Dad was ready to go, he's extremely happy now in a better place. For those who don't know how Dad got started with a model A, I worked at the mall setting up the stands to separate the cars years ago when the club came to show their cars and I noticed that they had a 1931 model. That was the year my Dad was born, so I gave him a call and told him to come down so I can take a picture of him with the model A. He did and that day he was able to meet the president of the club and the next day he bought his first model A and the rest was history.

His goal was to have one for each of us to inherit and hoping that we will all keep them on the road, stay involved with the club, and don't let them sit in a garage to rust. We plan to honor his wishes and cherish these cars. The model A club was the best thing that Dad could have gotten involved in because it's something he's loved since he was a child and he's a mechanic by trade.

You know when we get old and at retirement age if we don't keep busy with something that we love, then life starts to deteriorate. Being in this model A club has given us a family life with friendship to all of us. We are going to do our best to honor Dad's wishes that is why he is going to ride in his blue truck on the day of his memorial service on the passenger side.

I am sorry I'm not able to present this personally, but it has been very hard for us. I hardly have a voice left. All this crying has gotten me sick. I'm sure I will better by March 2<sup>nd</sup> and am looking forward to seeing everybody there and talk about the memories. I know the tears will go away cuz I'm very happy for my Dad. He was ready to go to heaven.

In conclusion, please join us on March 2<sup>nd</sup> when we have a celebration of life ceremony for him. Thank you all for the love, sympathy, care, and most importantly the prayers.

Misty

# A Celebration of George Gordon's Life



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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)

### \*\*Bring a picnic + some to share and drinks for your family\*\*

COVERED PICNIC SHELTER: with tables for a relaxed lunch
Car games with prizes, bring your chairs!

50/50

Raffle Prizes

Silent Auction

For more information email: johntwilac@yahoo.com



# 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 JUNTIL



# 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

Email: swreynolds@centurylink.net

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

# RECENT EVENTS Matt's Champion Spark Plug Story

Story and Photos by Matt Barrett

On a tour to Aiken, SC several months ago I had unexpected situation with not one but two of my Champion spark plugs on my A Model. Within two miles of the Aiken, SC bypass, I heard what I thought was either bad tappet or stuck valve. I have had a fan blade go through my hood while traveling 50 mph and a rear axle break while backing up but have never heard



this while touring. Suddenly something blew and so I pulled off the highway for a "roadside technical session." What happened was the spark plug came apart. This has happened to one other club member and he described the same thing that I experienced. This happened to me also on the way home, so I decided to replace all the plugs. While you are performing routine maintenance on your A, you might consider checking your spark plugs as well.

#### RECENT EVENTS



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Dear Club President.



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Stephanie Grundman, WI WEB SITE www.Maffi.org December 2018

Please relay our thanks to each and every member of your club for your continued support of the Model A Ford Foundation Inc and the Model A Museum on the campus of the Gilmore Car Museum. In the past, you have supported the fund raising to build this beautiful museum honoring our beloved Model A's.

We ask you to consider a donation to MAFFI of any amount you can afford to support the on-going needs of keeping this facility in top notch condition. Each donation will help provide new and interesting displays and, of course, help pay the bills. You may designate your gift to either the Museum Fund that will help pay the costs of operations and new exhibits or the Museum Endowment Fund. We are working toward a goal of one million dollars in the Museum Endowment Fund so that the interest in our investments will cover our yearly operating cost ensuring the museum's viability for generations to come. The museum was built solely through your gifts and continues to operate through your financial support. We appreciate all that you do and look forward to you visiting your museum.

Happy Holidays!

John D Marshall

John D Marshall
Executive Director

#### RECENT EVENTS

## In Memory of Dawn Morse



Shade Tree A's 4338 Owens Rd. Evans, GA 30809

January 17, 2019

To Your Entire Organization,

On behalf of our parish of St. Paul's, I want to express our appreciation and thanks that you have honored the life of Dawn Morse by your contribution to her memory. The gifts that you and others have been so moved to give will be used for the building of our new preschool; a place where children have come to know God, learn, and play for over forty years. How fitting a tribute to a woman who made family and friends a centerpiece of her long life.

Be assured that this gift enables Dawn to continue to make a positive impact on the life of this parish and children in our community for generations to come. Although we mourn her passing, we rejoice in the Lord and the promise he has made of eternal life in his loving presence; where He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away" (Rev. 21:4). May God's blessing richly be upon you!

With Much Thanks,

The Rev. Rodney Roehner

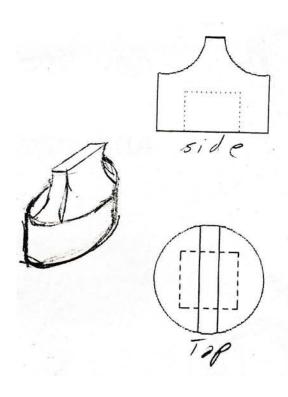
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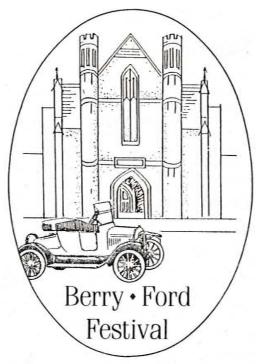


The 1985-2005 Shade Tree A's newsletters are now available on the Shade Tree A's website. They can be accessed via the same "button" as the other newsletters, but they are password protected. The same password used to access the member roster is used to access the newsletters. Thank you Dan Perla for scanning these and posting on the website.

The cover of the February 1989 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter declared 'It's Almost Spring!". The upcoming Berry Ford Festival was a much anticipated upcoming event. The festival was a "three-day celebration to preserve and perpetuate the ideals and principles established by Martha Berry, founder of Berry College, and enhanced by the contributions of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford".

A technical tip advocated the use of special sockets to remove the screws retaining the field coils in the generator.





#### BERRY • FORD FESTIVAL

(Exclusively for Ford products)

Celebrating Henry Ford's

126th Birthday

June 9–11, 1989 Berry College Campus Rome, Georgia



#### **TECHNICAL TOPICS**

# Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

Oil vs. Grease -- What's the Difference?

We pour oil into the engine, transmission, differential and steering gear box. We use grease on the chassis, in all the "grease fittings, and we pack our wheel bearings with grease. Have you ever wondered what the difference is between these two? I have.

Oil is a slippery liquid at room temperature that provides a film between parts that are sliding or pressing quite hard against each other while in use. Higher viscosity oil will allow for higher pressure between parts before the oil film gets pressed out and you lose the protection between the parts. It also helps with cooling inside an engine while it runs.

One characteristic of oil that you are all familiar with is that it does not mix with water, because it is made up of organic molecules that don't interact with polar water molecules. They will usually mix with other oils and solvents. The oil molecules may be distilled from the mix of hydrocarbons found in crude oil, or they may be formed and built up, piece by piece, in a chemical reaction with catalysts (which we call synthetic oil). Synthetic oil molecules tend to be more uniform (all the same) than conventional mineral oils, because they were each built from the same building blocks. That improves their performance in many applications.

Grease is a lubricant that consists of about 85% base oil, as above, about 15% thickener that keeps the grease in a semisolid state, and various additives for things like corrosion prevention. The base oil can be a vegetable oil (safe to use around food), conventional mineral oil from crude, or a synthetic oil. The thickeners are actually some form of soap, made with things like lithium, calcium, or aluminum. Unlike oil, grease does not "flow"; that's why it is not recommended in our steering gear box. We want the oil to run down into all the bushings, bearing and gears.

Grease is an interesting substance. It has a high initial viscosity or thickness but as stress is applied, the viscosity decreases, approaching that of the base oil. Release the stress and it thickens again. Grease can separate over time -- you've probably seen the oil part run out of a grease gun that sits. Grease can dry out and harden with age. The soap part can break down with a lot of heat, reducing how well the grease stays inside the bearing (think of front wheel bearings).

So if you can't remember when you last packed fresh grease into your front wheel bearings, you might want to go clean them and repack them this weekend. Avoid problems on the road and Have a Model A Day!

Jim

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