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### On the Cover

The Shade Tree A's head out on a recent trip for Aiken, South Carolina in April to meet up with the Aiken Model A's to dine at Shealey's BBQ in Leesville-Batesburg, South Carolina. Join us on our upcoming tour to Magnolia Springs State Park on June 1, 2019. Photo by Matt Barrett.

## 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 🧐😊

Now that the weather is warming up it is the perfect time to get behind the wheel of your Model A Ford and put some miles on your odometer! The joint tour with the Live Oak Club from Savannah to Magnolia Springs State Park will take place on June 1st. We will leave from my house at 611 Scotts Way at 8:45 - don't be late for a great tour. Our club will provide fried chicken for all attendees so a head count is a MUST! We ask that everyone bring their own paper products and drinks and a dish to share with the group. I have spoken with Lee Froehle and probably 8 cars and 16 folks will travel up from Savannah to Millen. They are a small club of only 13 members but they have great participation with their tours. If you have any questions, please contact me at (706) 799-3699.

Our August meeting will again be at Sconyers BBQ on Thursday the 15th starting at 6:00 p.m. We have reserved the large banquet room as we did last year and look forward to seeing you and your family there - don't miss out on this fun gathering!

CiCi's Pizza is closed for a couple of months while their new store is being built. Therefore, our Wednesday "meetings" temporarily will be held at Mot's BBQ on Columbia Road. Please join us for some excellent BBQ.

In the most recent issue of the MARC magazine there is an article about our own Don Turley. He has donated a complete set of Model A tools to the Model A Museum. Congratulations Don on this honor and thanks for your donation.

Our September 14th tour to Edgefield, S.C. Is going to be great, so please mark your calendars for an unforgettable time in your Model A. If you would like to have input in the tour decisions, please join us at Mot's BBQ on Wednesdays - we welcome all suggestions!

You will notice that we now have a large number of paid advertisers, so we need to show them that we appreciate their financial support by sending them our business. Just saying 🙏😊 I hope to see each of you at our next meeting on May 13th at Richard's Garage.

😊 HAPPY DRIVING 😊

Your president,  
Matt Barrett

## MEETING MINUTES

*April 8, 2019*

*Richard's Garage*

*Recorded by: Frank Knapp - Secretary*

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held April 8, 2019 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. Vice President Darrell gaveled the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 P.M. Twenty members and one guest were in attendance. Due to the absence of our Secretary, yours truly, this month's minutes were taken from notes provided by Jim McPherson. Accuracy is not guaranteed!

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## MEETING MINUTES

*(continued)*

Our guest, Gordon Neitzke, was introduced by his brother Ralph. Gordon is no stranger to the STAs having visited on many occasions and is always welcome!

Once again, due to the absence of Jim Dover, John Neumar offered several of his vast library of short jokes and "one-liners". Anyone who knows John can verify he is never caught without a funny story! Thanks John!

### Treasurer's Report:

Dan Perla reported newsletter ad payments continue to be received. After several expenses were paid our checking and money market accounts showed a small increase for the month.

A motion by Gerald Melchiors was made from the floor and seconded by Andrew Morse to accept the March Minutes and the April Treasurer's Report. That motion passed by unanimous vote.

No reports were offered from either our National Director or Newsletter Editor.

Under Show & Tell Richard Dunevent revealed his latest garage gimmick known as "The Magic Creeper". Looking more like a sleeping bag it appears to work well as Darrell Henderson demonstrated. Contact Richard for more info.

### Under Old Business:

Two of our upcoming tours, the STA's multi-club meet to be held June 1st at Magnolia Springs State Park in Millen, GA and our International Model A Day Tour this fall were briefly discussed.

No New Business was brought to the floor.

### Technical Program:

In lieu of our regular technical program, I'm told Mother Nature provided her own with an elaborate display of springtime showers. Below is a synopsis of the activity outside as observed by Jim McPherson:

*"It is amazing what you can accomplish with a small group like we had Monday night. And Darrell's lack of a program turned into a real plus. We had two almost identical Model A's just outside the garage door. WE got to observe firsthand how these tops handle rain water. Heavy rain bounces off the tops pretty good if the top is stretched tight. And I guess the chicken wire helps too. We documented how the tops leak, from the front and rear corners and later to the side panels. And you should see the large hail bounce off the tops! What was more amazing was the difference the hail made when hitting the hood and gas tank. It didn't bounce as much when hitting the gas tank. I don't know if it is made of a thicker gauge metal or not. That gave Andrew a chance to talk about removing small dents using suction, which doesn't damage the paint. I told them about the use of dry ice to do the same thing. All in all, it turned out to be a good program".*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM, obviously a new record for the shortest STA meeting ever in our history! Fortunately, the always delicious and bountiful refreshments were provided by Misty Hooker (for the Gordons). Thanks Misty!

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

May

- 4 Jim Dover's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party (see announcement later in Newsletter)
- 11 Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day. Bring a side dish to share. Eat at 12:00. Emerald Farms, Greenwood, SC.
- 13 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program TBA)

June

- 1 Shade Tree A's tour to Magnolia Springs State Park
- 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

July

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

TBA - To Be Announced

May Refreshments



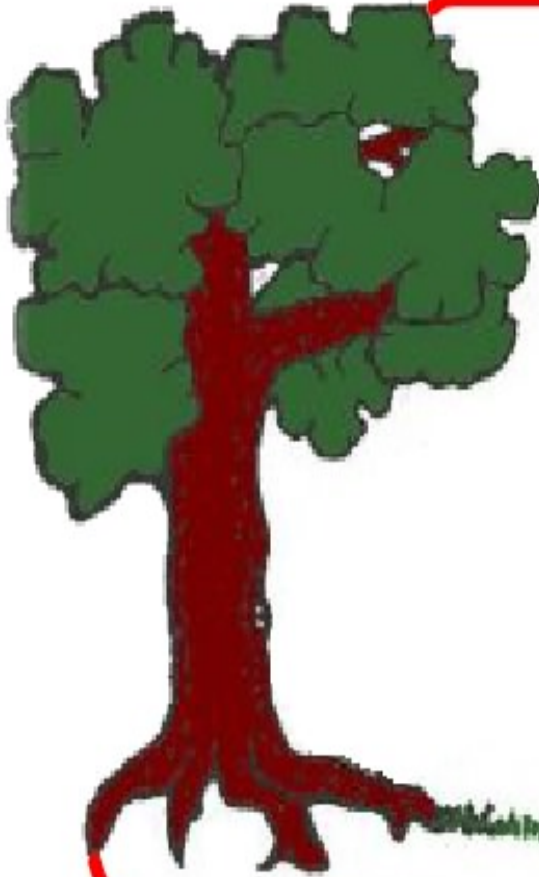
Stuart Smith  
Craig McMullin  
Curtis Krosting



May Birthdays

- |    |                  |    |                 |
|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 5  | Montie Knapp     | 7  | Jim Dover       |
| 8  | Lois Melchiors   | 10 | Kent Carruthers |
| 10 | John Neumar      | 16 | Kathy Pool      |
| 18 | Dotti Shogren    | 19 | Brenda Prince   |
| 20 | Gerald Melchiors | 24 | Linda Krosting  |
| 25 | Joe Christian    | 27 | Misty Hooker    |
| 28 | Ben Deitz        | 28 | Don Gordon      |
| 28 | Betty Wade       |    |                 |

## 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](mailto:vp@ShadeTreeAs.org) or 706-863-1673

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Jim Dover's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

May 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

596 Springhaven Drive, North Augusta S.C. 29860



Jim "Grandpa" Dover is turning 95, Josh and Becky Dover want to invite over friends and family to their home to help him celebrate this special occasion! We will have grilled oysters, low country boil and a selection of drinks (diet and regular). There will be covered seating outside under canopies and dining inside. The event will be kid friendly and you are encouraged to bring your own folding chairs. BYOB and any finger food you want to contribute. If you want to bring a gift please keep it under \$25, but certainly not necessary. Call or text me at 706-664-7915 to let me know that you are coming and how many may be in your group. Parking will be at the elementary school across the street and shuttle

service is provided to the house. You can't see our house from the road, the driveway is gravel and about 700' long. We will have balloons and a sign on our mailbox and gate so you will know that you have the right place.

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU RSVP SO I CAN PLAN HOW MANY OYSTERS TO BUY**

Joshua Dover 706-664-7915

### Shade Tree A's Tour to Magnolia Springs State Park



Join the Shade Tree A's as we tour to beautiful Magnolia Springs State Park in Millen, Georgia on June 1, 2019. Magnolia Springs State Park is known for its crystal clear springs flowing 7 million gallons per day. A boardwalk spans the cool water, allowing visitors to look for alligators, turtles and other wildlife near the springs.

This is a joint tour with the Live Oak Club from Savannah, Georgia. We will leave from Matt Barrett's house at 611 Scotts Way at 8:45 - don't be late. The Shade Tree A's will provide fried chicken for all attendees so a head count is a MUST! We ask that everyone bring their own paper products and drinks and a dish to share with the group. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Barrett at 706-799-3699.



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21-22 JUNE, 2019

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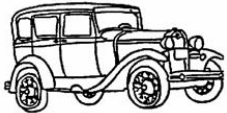
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Car Corral: \$10 for two days

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Vendor Sign Up Form

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Are you primarily a Model A or Model T vendor? \_\_\_\_\_

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Words truly cannot express how grateful we are to have you all as part of our life. All of us Gordon's family would like to thank each one of y'all for your prayers and your thoughts and donation. We greatly appreciate all of it! One of Dad's wishes were that my brother's and I stay involved with the Model A and keep the cars on the road. ~~My~~ We are going to do our best.

Thank you all very much and enjoy the meal.

Love,  
Don, Ron, William, Mik  
Steve. + Misty

## RECENT EVENTS

### The Death Wobble

*Story and Photo by Matt Barrett*

For Christmas 2017 I asked my better half for a shortened Pittman arm. Almost a year went by and I finally installed said arm. I drive my Tudor as much as I can with just the usual problems found on an almost 90-year-old car. About a month ago my vehicle hit a large pothole and I experienced the "death wobble." I asked one of our seasoned Shade Tree A's members and he said it might be the king pin bushings. So I jacked up the front end and that was not the problem. I did discover that the drag link bolt that captures the Pittman arm ball was seriously loose.

So again when you are checking for safety issues with your "driver", check your tie rod and drag link ends to ensure they are tight and won't come off. This could definitely ruin your day.





## RECENT EVENTS

### Old 96 District Swap Meet

*Story and Photos by Jim McPherson*

The Old 96 District A's held their annual Model A swap meet Friday and Saturday April 26 and 27 in Greenwood, South Carolina. The Shade Tree A's had a good turn-out; Richard Dunevent, Henry Jones, Gerald Melchiors, Billy Garland, Eric Shogren, Rosalind Neal, Jim & Sam Mason and Jim McPherson were there. Jim Mason and Jim McPherson sold parts and Rosalind sold her 1931 Tudor Sedan. In addition, one other Model A found a new home. There were three more for sale. Nine vendors participated. Sam's brownies were again the best food.







## 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.*

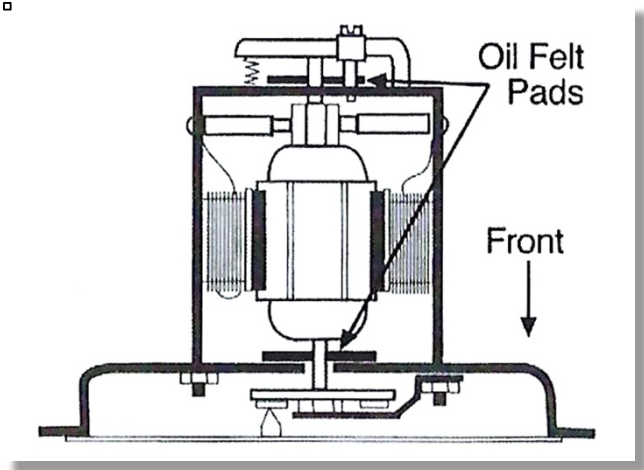
Like many things, a catastrophic failure is usually easily spotted. But try locating a slow drain on your Model A battery. When this happens, many of us grab our ohm meter to locate the problem. But an ohm meter may be too sensitive to locate the problem. The answer to locating the problem may be the simple light bulb. If your Model A has a six volt electrical system, then use a six volt light bulb. And if it has been converted to twelve volts, use a twelve volt light bulb. Disconnect the active battery cable (in the case of a positive ground system, the negative side is the active side) from the battery terminal and connect the appropriate light bulb between the active cable and the battery terminal. If the bulb glows, or burns brightly, there is an electrical drain or open circuit (short to ground). A dim glow indicates a smaller short, while a bright glow indicates a larger short. Now, disconnect each circuit one at a time. When the light goes out, you have located the problem circuit. Make the necessary repair(s), reconnect the wire(s) and test again. No glow from the light bulb means you have repaired the electrical short. I like to totally disconnect all wires from the battery, then add them back into the circuit one at a time to locate the short. The most common places for shorts to occur are the headlamp connections, the stop light switch, especially the 1928-29 style, and the horn.

### Tiny Tips - Horn Lubrication

Lubricating their horn is one item that some people overlook. There are two felt pads at the armature area of your horn. Put two (2) drops of 3-1 type oil on each felt oiler pad about two times a year and this will help keep your horn working.

DO NOT OVER OIL.

*Submitted by Tony Topicz, Ohio Valley Region  
Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana*



### Member Advertisements

Deadline for submittal – 20<sup>th</sup> of the month – Send submittals to [newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org](mailto:newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org)

- Float-A-Motor rear mounts. Used, but in good usable condition. \$40
- Valve cover that is set up for the full flow oil filter. Includes the internal connecting tube. All you will need is a new gasket and the filter. \$75
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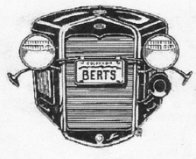
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