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On the Cover

Charles Weaver's dad, Charles Weaver, Sr., admires some of the Shade Tree A's Model A's before joining the Shade Tree A's on a Follow the Quail Tour (story and photos on page 10).

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 attend the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Augusta on November 11th. This is not only an honor but also a duty we need to perform for our Veterans. Some of these men are unable to walk the entire parade route and have asked for our assistance - they would love to be able to ride in the parade in Model A cars. I sincerely hope that you, the members of Shade Tree A's, will step up and make their request possible by turning out en masse for the parade in your cars. As Frank Knapp has said before, "everyone loves a parade"! Please call me for further details about this worthwhile event. Our Veterans are depending on you 🇺🇸🇺🇸

Before we know, it will be December and time for our Christmas 🎄 Party at Jack Sheppard's Country Store. The date is Saturday, December 14th and the cost will be the same as last year at \$20.00 per person. Bring the whole family - you're guaranteed a Merry time 🤠 There will be a signup sheet at the November 11th meeting, so please be ready to give us a head count as we must let Wife Saver know a number soon.

At the last meeting we voted to have a picnic on May 2, 2020 at Rivers Bridge State Park near Allendale, S.C. We have invited the clubs from Aiken, Charleston, Columbia and Savannah. This location is about 75 miles from each major city and based on our last picnic, should be a lot of fun. (We also will have some "car games" this time). Save the date on your new 2020 calendars 📅

Now that Fall is officially here with cooler temperatures, taking those As out for a spin is more fun than ever!!! See you on the 11th 🚗

MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2019

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp - Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held October 14, 2019 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Matt brought the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 PM. Twenty-one members were in attendance. One guest and former member, Denise Turner, was welcomed back by the group. Unfortunately, she has decided to sell her 1930 Tudor after much "soul searching". If interested, contact Denise or Eric Shogren for details.

The name tag cup received no contributions since everyone was properly identified. Possibly a first?

Once again, our resident "jokester" Jim Dover offered his "joke of the month", a cute story concerning his "Granny" during one of her physical therapy sessions. Thanks, Jim, for your humor each month!

Treasurer's Report:

Dan Perla reported our recent IMAFD Tour resulted in a small loss due to unexpected additional expenses. However, thanks to an increase in advertisers and member dues payments received, our account balances are back up to par and our Treasury remains strong. Thanks, Dan, for that report.

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

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MEETING MINUTES

Continued

National Director:

Jim McPherson brought along the latest MAFFI Newsletter and passed it around for all to read. Jim also announced several 2019 IMAFD participation patches are still available at a cost of \$3.00.

Newsletter Editor:

Robbie Jones remarked we have more advertisers than ever before. Our newsletter now boasts three pages of advertisements! He attributed the increase to President Matt's fund-raising expertise. Thanks Matt!

Under Show & Tell:

Robbie Jones passed around several items for identification. Turns out no one, including Robbie, had any idea as to their use.

Under Old Business:

Once again, the group was reminded nominations are being accepted for this year's Monroe Wade Award. Names can be submitted to Robbie Jones, Frank Knapp, Curtis Krosting or Betty Wade for consideration. All nominations must be received no later than our November meeting.

President Matt brought up a discussion about moving our Second Annual Spring Picnic from Magnolia Springs to Rivers Bridge State Park located near Ola, S.C. All agreed that location would be closer for other participating clubs and hopefully increase participation. A motion to approve the move was made, received a second and passed by unanimous vote. It was also decided to move the date from April to early June.

Under New Business:

President Matt made a special effort to thank several members for their hard work putting together our International Model A Day Tour.

Henry Jones, Craig McMullin, Kent Carruthers and Dan Perla were recognized for a job well done! A special thanks went out to Jim and Sheila McPherson for underwriting the cost of the well-attended Friday night Welcome Dinner.

Matt also announced our 2019 Christmas party will once again be held at Jack Shepherd's excellent facility Saturday Dec 14th beginning at 6:00 PM. Cost per person will be \$20.00.

Technical Program:

Robbie Jones presented a very interesting program he entitled "You Get What You Pay For!". He demonstrated a 'not so good' adaptation of a 1980's vintage Ford F-150 four speed transmission, pointing out many problems responsible for noises and loss of power in the overdrive position. According to Robbie, whoever did the machine work not only chose the worst tranny to adapt for use in the Model A but did not pay close attention to clearances, proper gear meshing, etc. In his words, it appeared to be "homemade"!

Robbie is trying to decide if he should rebuild the four speed properly or simply replace it with an original Model A transmission. (Secretary's note: I would recommend the latter!) Thanks, Robbie, for a very interesting presentation!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM after which refreshments provided by Stuart Smith, Robbie Jones and Craig McMullin were enjoyed by all.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

November

- 1, 2 & 3 Richland Creek Antique Fall Festival
- 3-4 Viewing for Hilde Dover Sunday (3rd) and funeral (4th). See "Member News" on page 6.
- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program TBA)
- 23 Lincoln County Pioneer Day

December

- 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)

TBA - To Be Announced

November Refreshments



No one signed up!

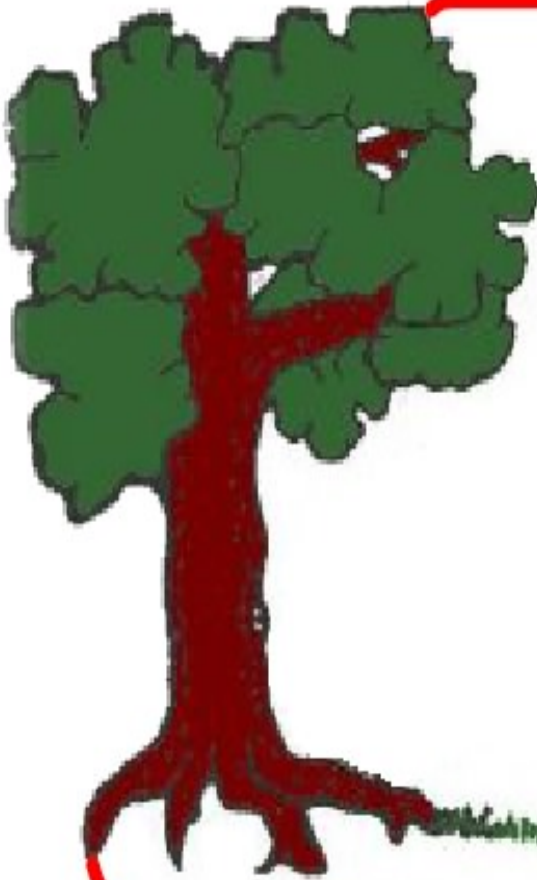
Any volunteers?



November Birthdays

- 3 Margaret Towe
- 9 Walker Mobley
- 9 Mark Russell
- 15 Skip Stewart
- 17 Walter Smith
- 18 William Gordon
- 21 Sandy Stewart
- 25 James Beck

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Shade Tree A's Member News

- Please keep Walker Crosby in your thoughts and prayers. He is being treated for cancer which has returned.
- Please remember Jim Dover and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Jim's wife, Hilde, passed away October 31, 2019. Viewing will be Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Platt's Funeral Home at 337 North Belair Road in Evans from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. A graveside service will be Monday at Belleview Cemetery.

*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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2019 Monroe Wade Award Nominations

The Monroe Wade Award honors a current Shade Tree A's member who promotes and encourages the furtherance of the Model A hobby. The member can have accomplished this in any of the ways listed below:

1. A Club member who goes out of his or her way to help other members repair or maintain their Model A's.
2. A Club member who:
 - a. Writes an outstanding article for the Shade Tree A's Newsletter regarding repair and restoration, or who brings to light new information about the Model A.
 - b. Presents an outstanding program regarding repair and restoration or who provides new information about the Model A at a Club meeting.
3. A Club member who shows dedication to the Model A hobby and to the Club by:
 - a. Driving his or her Model A on a substantial number of Club tours and events.
 - b. Driving his or her Model A great distances, demonstrating that the Model A is not only fun but a worthy means of transportation.
 - c. Is an outstanding representative of the Shade Tree A's at national meets and tours or local community events, thus serving as a Shade Tree A's club ambassador.

Club members may nominate any member in good standing by **submitting the member's name and a short paragraph with their reasons for nominating the member**. The winner will be announced at the annual Christmas meeting. The award winner's name will be added to a permanent plaque located at the Club's meeting place and a second plaque will be given to the winner.

The winner will be chosen by a committee that includes Betty Wade, Monroe's wife. You may give your nomination to one of the committee members: Robbie Jones, Frank Knapp or Curtis Krosting. All nominations must be received **not later than the November meeting** (November 11, 2019) to be considered.

Get your nominations in by the November meeting!

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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

Shade Tree A's Follow the Quail Tour

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Photos by Matt Barrett, Story by Robbie Jones

The Shade Tree A's were on the road again "following the quail", this time to Lincolnton, Georgia for lunch at the City Cafe. Shade Tree A's members Matt Barrett, Larry Duvall, Frank Knapp, Dan Perla and Charles Weaver. Charles's dad, Charles Sr., joined Charles in one of the Vickys and shared driving duties. This was also the maiden voyage for Dan's 68C Cabriolet which performed flawlessly.

On the way home, the group passed by Kiokee Baptist Church which was having a farm equipment and car gathering. The tour group stopped and joined the event for a while before heading home.



RECENT EVENTS

Fall Leaf Tour Franklin, North Carolina

Photos by Matt Barrett

Matt Barrett recently attended the Fall Leaf Tour in and around Franklin, North Carolina.



RECENT EVENTS

Aiken Model A's Annual Picnic

October 5, 2019

Photos from the Aiken Model A's website

Eric Shogren attended the annual Aiken Model A's picnic at the Odell Weeks Park in Aiken, South Carolina on Saturday, October 5, 2019. The Aiken Model A's celebrated their 5th birthday this year with lots of good food and good weather. Happy Birthday to the Aiken Model A's!

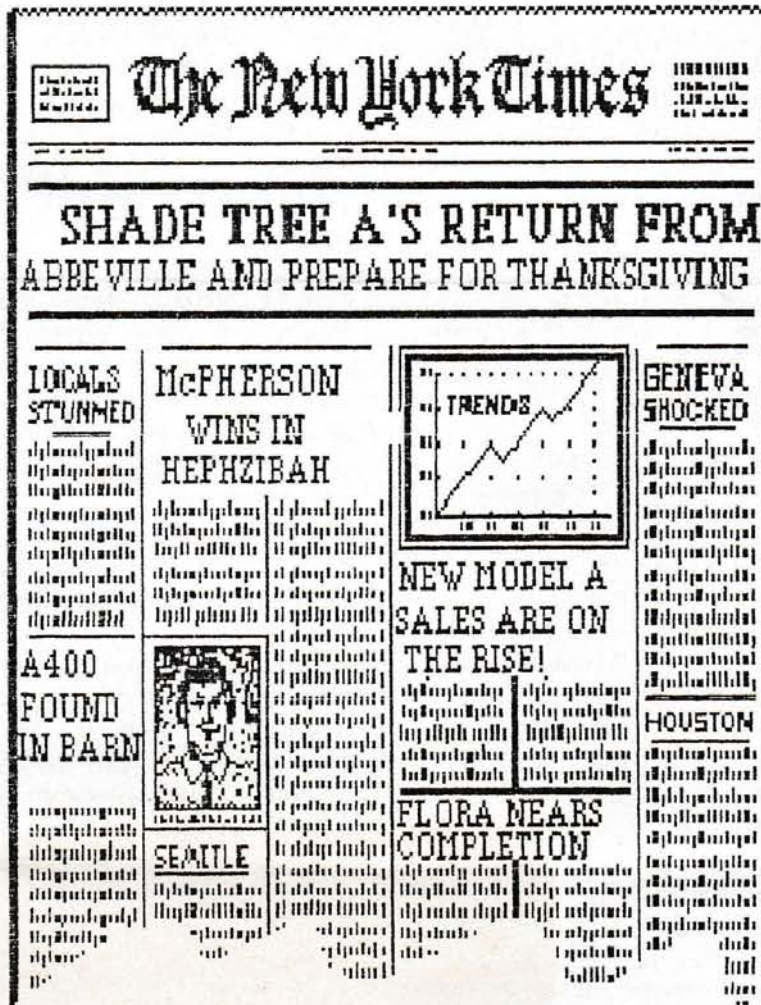


THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



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 November 1989 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter featured a copy of the "New York Times" front page heralding the successful Shade Tree A's trip to Abbeville among other news. Many Christmas parades were also on the schedule: Grovetown, Thomson, Hephzibah and Harlem. Shade Tree A's members were encouraged to go out and take photos of the Model A's with the hopes of getting published on the cover of The Restorer or The Model A News (Did anyone ever get their car on one of these covers?, Ed.). The Newsletter also included a handy guide for shopping for that Model A owner in your life.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,



Torquing Nuts and Bolts on Your Model A

Torque is actually a measure of the twisting force on something, like a nut or a bolt. When you tighten a nut, you are actually stretching the bolt or stud that the nut is turning on. It is the stretch of the bolt or stud that provides the strong "clamping force" that holds everything together tightly. Think of the bolt or stud as a very powerful spring. You stretch it out when you tighten the nut and the stud or bolt "spring" keeps pulling it together. If a stud or a bolt is weak, due to age or corrosion, it will often break under the intense stress you are applying when you torque the nut.

Although Ford did not publish torque values "back in the day", there are many values published today for nuts and bolts on a Model A. I recommend you follow them as a guide and use a torque wrench. Today's modern torque wrench "clicks" when you get to the desired torque. When it clicks, stop tightening. If you are going to insert a cotter pin into the nut after it is tight, keep turning the nut beyond the point where the wrench clicks, just until the cotter pin will slide in.

All published torque values, unless it clearly states otherwise, are for tightening a nut or bolt with clean, dry threads. This means the rust has been cleaned off of the bolt or stud threads (I use a wire brush) and they have been wiped dry. No oil or grease or anti-seize compound should be applied to the threads that the nut will be turning on. (If you'd like to, a small drop of oil can be applied to the face of the head or other surface that a nut is tightening against, such as the boss on the top of a head, where the stud goes through the head.)

If you lubricate the threads on a stud or bolt, it will be too easy to turn the nut as you torque it. So when you stop at your target torque (say 55 ft-lbs for a head nut) you will have stretched the bolt or stud more than 2 times as far as you would with the same torque with dry threads. This will be like over-torquing the nut and can result in the stud or bolt breaking, the stud pulling out of the block, or the head or block cracking, due to too much stress on it. That will ruin your day!

So clean the threads before you start, keep the threads dry, use a torque wrench, and stop pulling the instant the torque wrench clicks. You'll be glad you did.



copywrite Frisco illustrationsOf.com/89401 Have a Model A Day!

Jim

Nuts and Bolts

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).

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.
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