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On the Cover

The Shade Tree A's "follow the Quail" again, this time to Lincolnton, Georgia. See page 11 for more on the Lincolnton tour. 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 🤠

Our annual Sconyers BBQ family get together was a big success! You'll enjoy checking out the pictures in this newsletter. If you were unable to attend, we missed you.

We are in the final stages of planning our tour to Edgefield, S.C. on September 14th. Please make sure to attend our next meeting on September 9th at Richard's Garage - we need your input for the tour. We will also be distributing copies of detailed directions for our route to Edgefield.

I received an email from Rachel D'Entremont from the Aiken Model A Club announcing their Fall picnic. The picnic will be on October 5th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 PM. The STA group will tour to Aiken to the park on Whiskey Road. If you are interested, please let me know.

Get out and drive those A's!!! See you at Richard's on the 9th 🤠

Your president,
Matt Barrett

MEETING MINUTES

*July 15, 2019
Sconyer's BBQ*

There was no August meeting and, therefore, no meeting minutes this month due to the annual Club supper at Sconyer's BBQ.

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

September

- 9 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program TBA)
- 14 Shade Tree A's International Model A Ford Day Tour

October

- 5 Aiken A's Annual Picnic, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, H. O. Weeks/Virginia Acres Park, Aiken, SC
- 9-12 AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA
- 14 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage **NOTE THE DATE CHANGE** (Due to the Hershey Swap Meet)
(Technical Program TBA)

November

- 1, 2 & 3 Richland Creek Antique Fall Festival
- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program TBA)
- 23 Lincoln County Pioneer Day

September Refreshments



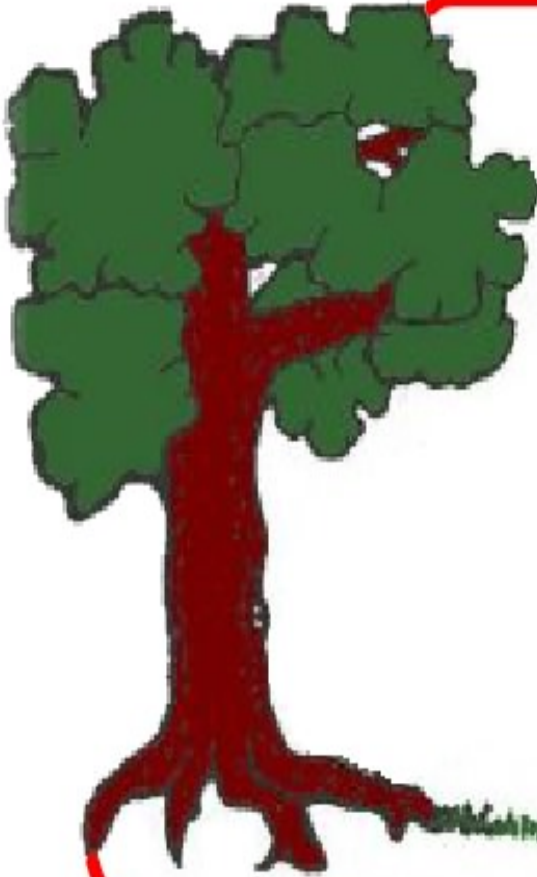
Andrew Morse
Kent Carruthers
Ralph Neitzke



September Birthdays

- 1 Sam Mason
- 11 Gail Smith
- 28 Ernie Dinkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

- Congratulations to Jim McPherson for 45 years of MARC membership!

*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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Shade Tree A's International Model A Ford Day Driving Tour

Saturday, September 14, 2019

The Shade A's present their 3rd Annual International Model A Day Driving Tour. We will leave Evans, GA and tour across Thurmond Dam to Edgefield, SC and visit a local antique car collection along the way. In Edgefield we'll visit local artisans and have lunch. A flyer with hotel information and a registration form are included on the pages that follow.



Aiken Model A's Annual Picnic

The Aiken Model A's will be having our annual picnic on Saturday, October 5th from 11 AM to 2 PM.

**HO Weeks/Virginia Acres Park
1700 Whiskey Road
Aiken, SC 29801**

We will be either grilling hotdogs & burgers or providing chicken nuggets. The rest will be covered dish. Paper products, silverware, drinks, and ice will be provided.

We hope to see folks from your club there!

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The Shade Tree A's Cordially Invite *YOU* to Join them for their
3rd Annual International Model A Day Tour

and

Poker Run

Saturday September 14, 2019

- Dinner Friday night for early arrivers
- Tour backroads of Georgia and South Carolina, crossing Thurmond Dam
- Visit car collection of STA member
- Visit historic Edgefield, SC and experience self-guided tours while there
- Visit/tour the artisan community: 2 potters, blacksmith, wood carver
- Visit/tour local museums and historic sites
- Lunch on your own
- Poker run winners determined on the town square, cash prizes
- Many eating places located near hotels
- Make your hotel reservations. All hotels are located at or near Jimmie Dyess Parkway (GA 383) and I-20 (Exit 194):

Super 8, 706-250-8463

Holiday Inn, 706-396-4600

Baymont by Wyndham, 706-855-9111

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 706-860-8223

Hampton Inn & Suites, 706-860-1610 + truck parking

Howard Johnson's, 706-250-8781 + truck parking

Hawthorne by Wyndham, 800-377-0200

Quality Inn, 706-855-2088 + truck parking

Days Inn & Suites, 706-303-0893 + truck parking

Comfort Inn & Suites, 706-496-3579

Red Roof Inn, 706-228-3031

Best Western, 706-651-9100

American Best Value Inn, 706-860-8840

This is a rain or shine event

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International Model A Day Tour Registration Form

Saturday September 14, 2019

Name: _____ Name of Guest(s): _____

Street Address: _____ City & State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email: _____ Car Club: _____

Year of Car: _____ Model of Car: _____

Will you be trailering? YES _____ NO _____

Event Registration:

Qty: @ COST: Total:

Registration Fee: _____ @ \$10.00 (per car) \$ _____

(includes 1 car/driver/passengers & 1 IMAD patch)

Additional IMAD patch _____ @ \$3.00 each \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Additional Activities:

I/we will attend the Friday night dinner: YES/NO _____ Number of persons _____

Lunch on your own during tour

Make your hotel reservations directly with your favorite hotel. See list on flyer.

Please make your check payable to the "Shade Tree A's".

Please send your completed registration form and payment NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6, 2019 to:

Dan Perla, 454 Fulcher Dr., Martinez, GA 30907-8766

The signers below agree to indemnity and hold harmless for any and all liability due to attendance and participation in the 2019 International model A Day Tour, the Shade Tree A's (STA), STA members, their officers, staff and any and all constituents acting on behalf of the aforementioned affiliations and/or tour volunteers. Submission of this Tour Registration Form (signed or unsigned) constitutes acceptance of the terms of this release. The vehicle being used has all the required automobile insurance established by state statute.

Signed _____

This is a rain or shine event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9th Annual Model A Day

Swap Meet
Fashion, Seminars,
Food and Fun!

September 21st 2019 9-5pm

The Gilmore Car Museum
6865 W. Hickory Road
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Ken Ehrenhofer 630-697-3906 or Mark Maron 847-302-7900




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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 8, 2018) to be considered.

RECENT EVENTS

Follow the Quail Tour to Lincolnton, Georgia

Story and photos by Matt Barrett

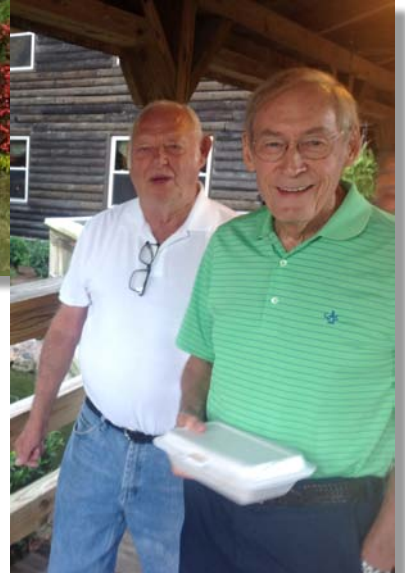
Five Shade Tree A's members met at Richard's Garage and drove our Model A's to Carolina on Furys Ferry Road to Plumb Branch, SC where we picked up Henry Jones and another Model A. We then drove the 18 miles to downtown Lincolnton and a great lunch. We decided to return via Appling and Columbia Road. We all had a great time and are anxious to have another tour.



RECENT EVENTS

Annual Club Supper at Sconyers Bar-B-Que

Photos by Matt Barrett and Robbie Jones

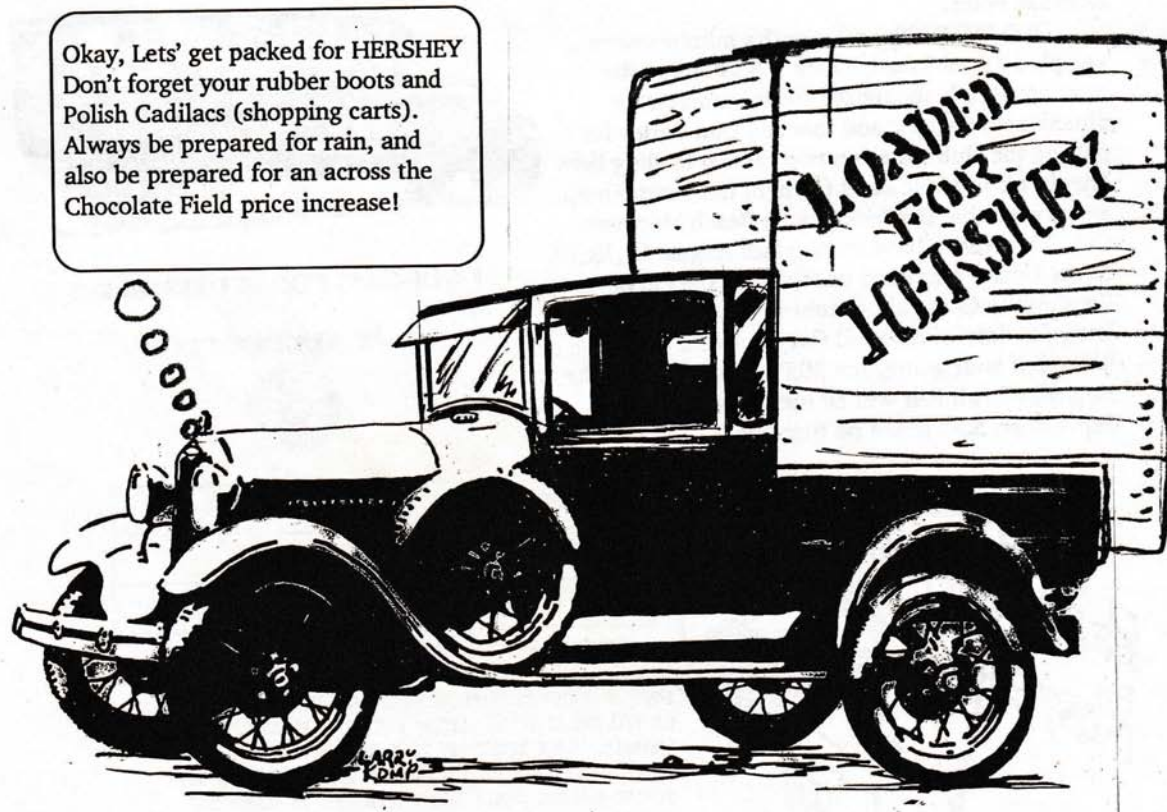


THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



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 August 1989 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter talked of planning for the upcoming tour to Abbeville, South Carolina. And of course the big plans were for Hershey! The Newsletter also contained a story of "The Rescue of "Dora", A 1920 Murry Town Sedan".



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.

Gaskets fill the space between two mating surfaces to provide a seal and prevent leakage from or into joined surfaces. The gasket is used to fill the imperfections in the mating surfaces. Gaskets are manufactured out of many different materials because they serve different purposes. Gasket adhesives can be used to improve their sealing ability. Where large amounts of heat are generated, the cylinder head, manifold and exhaust pipe gaskets are made of asbestos, copper lined with asbestos or steel lined with asbestos. The compressibility of the gasket material is an important factor.

The cylinder head gasket has received much attention lately. Blown head gaskets are being blamed on either higher compression heads, poor gasket materials/construction, or both. The copper clad gaskets are still considered best for our Model A's. However, the fill material between the copper sheets may have changed. When installing a head gasket, make sure you remove all foreign material. Check for warpage or distortion by placing a straightedge lengthwise on the head. Slide a feeler gauge between the straightedge and head to determine if there is any warpage. If there is more than 0.006", have the head surfaced. Check the new head gasket for proper fit. Should you use a gasket sealer? Theoretically you should not need one. I always use a sealant. There are several brands available, Permatex Copper, Fel-Pro Spray Tack and K & W Copper Coat. Only a thin layer should be applied, and allowed to tack before installation. They help fill the imperfections in these old mating surfaces. Aluminum spray paint makes a good sealer, and should be used with an aluminum head. In the old days, a thin coat of grease was used as a sealer. This is not a good idea. As the engine heats up to operating temperature, the grease turns to a liquid, and may be forced out from between the mating surfaces by the engine compression. The result is a blown head gasket.



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, \$35, Robbie Jones



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