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On the Cover

Betty Wade's grandson, Zeb, drives Betty's granddaughter, Kayla Loflin, and Jared Kinkaid to the reception after Kayla and Jared's wedding. More on Page 12. Photo by Anna McBrayner.

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

Just about every human being on this planet has already heard about the coronavirus pandemic that has mankind in its grip. Because of this, the best laid plans must now be cancelled or postponed. Our April Shade Tree A's meeting is being cancelled for our continued health and because of government regulations. Our participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade was also cancelled because of the pandemic, so no pictures for our website.

Our picnic to Rivers Bridge State Park will also have to be postponed because we just don't know when the "all safe" message will be sent. I will let you know when we have rescheduling details.

At least there is one bright spot in all of this - we all now have plenty of time to do minor repairs and upgrades to our model A Fords. We may also be able to have a follow the quail tour if we give each member a little more room to "social distance" from each other. Think on it.

Please remember that our April meeting **HAS** been cancelled. We will make a decision about our May meeting as soon as we can. Please take all the necessary precautions to ensure that you and your families remain safe and healthy!!!

I hope we will all be back together soon!

Your President
Matt Barrett

MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2020

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp - Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held March 9, 2020 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. In the absence of our esteemed President, Vice President Dan Perla brought the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 P.M. equipped with a very organized meeting agenda. Twenty-two members were in attendance including John Neumar who has been AWOL for several months! V.P. Dan welcomed two new member families, Steve and Shirley Teal, Daren and Pat Riley. Both were recognized and welcomed by all.

In the absence of Jim Dover and President Matt, we were lucky to have John Neumar fill in with our monthly joke. If you know John, you know he is never without a good story. Good one, Thanks John!

Treasurer's Report:

Stuart Smith reported our Treasury shows what he called an "average month" with an increase of \$329.00 due to late member dues and ad payments being received. A motion was made from the floor to accept the Treasurer's Report and the February Minutes as published in *The Newsletter*. That motion received a second and passed by unanimous vote.

National Director: This position is currently open. No report was given.

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MONTHLY MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at Richard Dunevent's garage, 4338 Owens Road, Evans, Georgia. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and are followed by refreshments.

MEETING MINUTES

Continued

Newsletter Editor:

Robbie Jones invited all members to have their picture placed on the front cover of *The Newsletter*. However, it must be shot in vertical format. He also encouraged others to submit suggestions for future articles.

Under Show & Tell:

Frank Knapp, (yours truly), displayed an essay on The History of American Mass Production, written for a school project by his grandson Jack Helton. Of course, Jack chose Henry Ford and his assembly line. That essay has been bound and donated to the STA Memorial Library.



Richard Dunevent brought along a left rear wheel drum he removed from a member's Victoria. Somehow the hub had been completely removed from the drum, possibly due to a misaligned brake shoe over a lengthy period of time. Very interesting! Thanks Richard.

Under Old Business:

A brief discussion of our recent lunch tour to Ridge Springs, S.C. along with several other clubs was mentioned. All who attended commented it was very well attended.

Under New Business:

By his own admission, V.P. Dan took a rare opportunity to jump on his "Soap Box" for a long overdue lecture to our members. He pointed out only a few members are involved in club activities both in the planning and participation. *(Dan's speech was not recorded, but coincidentally, a similar sentiment was expressed by Aiken A's President, Greg Jones, in the April 2020 Newsletter of the Aiken Model A's. The text of Greg's column is reprinted later in The Newsletter. Ed.)*

He also touched on a need for more members to serve in several open positions. At present, National Director, Tour Director, Membership Chairman and Webmaster remain vacant. In his opinion, all members should be willing to serve in any capacity, including providing refreshments, if our club is to survive!

The upcoming Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Picnic-in-the park, Charlotte AutoFair, Ole' 96 Swap Meet in Greenwood and our River's Bridge Tour were discussed.

Andrew Morse announced he has several vendor spaces available for The Spring Charlotte Meet available. Anyone interested should contact Andrew.

Technical Program:

No technical Program was presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM after which Pizza, Soft Drinks and Dessert provided by Darrell and Sybil Henderson, Richard Dunevent and Yours Truly, were enjoyed by all.

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

April

- 2-5 Charlotte Autofair - **RESCHEDULED to June 12-14, 2020**
- 11 Classic Car Display at Aunt Sue's Country Corner in (107 Country Creek Drive, Pickens, South Carolina), sponsored by Western Carolinas Model A Ford Club - **CANCELLED**
- 13 Shade Tree A's Meeting - **CANCELLED**
- 17-18 Old 96 District Model A Club Annual Swap Meet - **CANCELLED**

May

- 2 Shade Tree A's Day Trip to Rivers Bridge State Historic Site, Ehrhardt, South Carolina - **Postponed, Date to be determined**
- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program - *Seatbelts in the Slant Window Fordor Sedan* presented by Robbie Jones) - **Subject to cancellation. Check your email for updates.**

June

- 12-14 Charlotte AutoFair
- 19-20 Palmetto A's Swap Meet

TBA - To Be Announced

April Refreshments



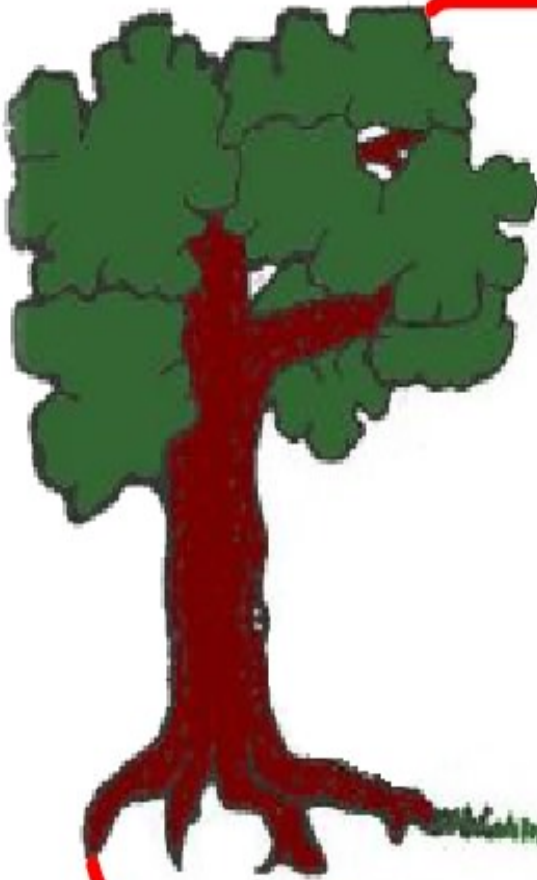
APRIL 2020 MEETING CANCELLED

April Birthdays



- 3 Pamela Crosby
- 4 Eddy Barrett
- 10 Theresa McMullin
- 10 Tom Poole
- 14 Ann Dinkins
- 16 Shirley Teal
- 20 Richard Lawson
- 22 Annette Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

- Congratulations to Kayla Loflin (Betty Wade's granddaughter) and Jared Kinkaid on their recent marriage.

*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 Dan Perla at vp@ShadeTreeAs.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS



You are Invited to

The Palmetto A's Model A Club's
25th Annual Picnic

St. James Lutheran Church

1358 South Lake Drive in Lexington

Saturday, March 28, 2020

10:00 - 5:00 (lunch at noon)

****Bring a picnic, some to share and drinks for your family****

COVERED PICNIC SHELTER with tables for a relaxed lunch

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50/50

Raffle Prizes

Silent Auction

POSTPONED
Date To Be Determined

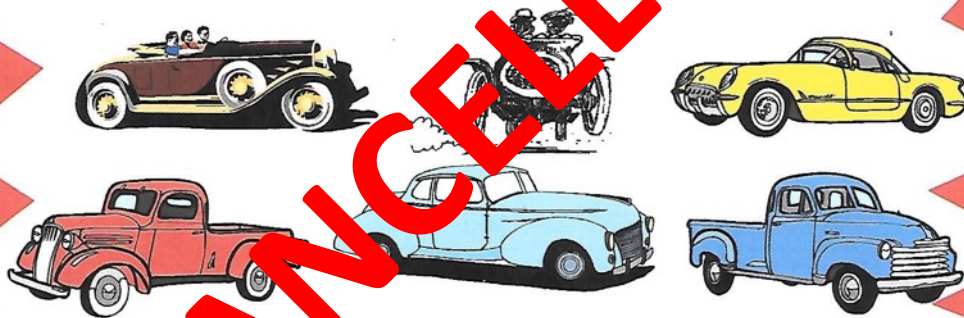
For more information email: johnwilac@yahoo.com



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**Classic
Car Display
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welcome**

**Saturday 11 April 10AM - 3PM
at Aunt Sue's on Hwy 11
Pickens, SC**



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**Sponsored by
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Blue Grass Music

Aunt Sue's eating delights

Scenic Views

Craft Shops to browse

**Polish up your favorite ride and come on down and join us
for fun times, kicking tires and good camaraderie
Bring a lawn chair, hammock, blanket or whatever**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

15th 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 25 and Rt. 225)

April 17 - 18, 2020

Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM - UNTIL



MODEL A DISPLAY AREA	
Admission	\$2.00 per adult
Car Corral	\$10 for both days
Vendor Space	\$25.00 per-registration \$30.00 at the gate
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Information: Warren Reynolds (864) 980-7937 or Ralph Roub (864) 992-3230

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Day Trip to Rivers Bridge State Historic Site Ehrhardt, South Carolina Saturday, May 2, 2020

The Shade Tree A's are meeting up with the Live Oak A's from Savannah, the Aiken A's, the Old Ninety-Six District Model A Club, the Palmetto A's of South Carolina and the Low Country Model A Club for a picnic at Rivers Bridge State Park on May 2, 2020. Last year's picnic at Magnolia Springs State Park near Millen was great family entertainment. This year we want to add some Model A games to the "menu", so stay tuned for more info.

Rivers Bridge State Historic Site marks the site of one of the Confederacy's last stands against General William T. Sherman's sweep across the South. Of all the Civil War Sites in South Carolina, the Battle of Rivers Bridge is the only one in the State Parks system that is home to a preserved battlefield.

A ¾-mile guided trail details the Battle of Rivers Bridge by way of interpretive panels along the trail. Ranger-guided tours of one of the most well-preserved Civil War sites in South Carolina, which includes still-intact earthen fortifications, are also given throughout the year.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Off The Running Board

Greg Jones, President, Aiken Model A's

(Reprinted with permission)

THIS ONE'S FOR YOU.....ALL OF US!

The Aiken Model A's is an all-volunteer club chartered under the Model A Ford Club of America. As with most any club, officers are unpaid volunteers as are the people who do things to support our club "behind the scenes." The lifeblood of any club consists of those who will step up and volunteer for various officer positions or in other areas, such as creating and issuing newsletters, running the website, coordinating parade scheduling, planning picnics, coordinating tours, developing programs for our meetings, etc.

Folks, we need more volunteers. We all lead busy lives and you might feel that you just don't have spare time to devote to volunteering. Remember, though, that you get out of the club what you put into it. Our club is what YOU make it. I think there is a fear a lot of people have in volunteering. The thing to remember is you won't be taking on a task and have to figure it out from scratch: we will help you be successful! Others have already blazed a trail and can guide you.

We need volunteers to step forward and serve as officers, particularly with upcoming end of terms of the current officers. And, we still need someone to take over the newsletter in July of this year from Pat Roberts, who has been doing an outstanding job but wants to "pass the baton." If we don't find a volunteer to take over the newsletter, it may have to cease production.

We need to pass around most of these various duties on a frequent basis so that the same people volunteering don't get "stuck" with the job forever.

A club like the AMA's is dependent on people volunteering to remain viable. Please take some time to think about not what the club can do for you, but what you can do for the club. (Apologies to JFK) Some of the benefits of volunteering include:

- Keeps the club functioning and alive!
- Help organize outings/events
- Lets you implement your own ideas to make things better
- Promotes the care and preservation of Model A Fords
- Helps others
- Makes a difference
- Allows you to connect with your community
- Feeling involved
- Contribute to a cause that you care about
- Lets you use your skills in a productive way
- Develop new skills
- Meet new people
- Meet good people
- Impress yourself
- Expand your horizons
- Get out of the house
- Make new friends
- Feel better about yourself
- ..AND IT'S FUN!!!

RECENT EVENTS

Wedding of Kayla Loflin and Jared Kinkaid

Historic Augusta, Georgia

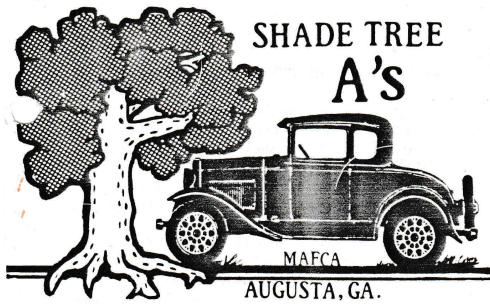
March 14, 2020

Photos by Anna McBrayer (Monroe and Betty Wade's granddaughter)

Kayla Loflin, Betty and Monroe Wade's granddaughter and Betty's daughter Joyce's daughter, was married to Jared Kinkaid on March 14, 2020. The couple was driven from First Christian Church in Betty's 1931 Deluxe Coupe to the Sacred Heart Cultural Center for the reception. Grandson Zeb drove the couple in the Coupe while Deborah, Betty's other daughter, drove the mothers of the bride and groom to the reception in her 1930 Tudor Sedan. Since the cars had not been driven in more than a year, Richard Dunevent and Dan Perla helped get the cars running for the big day.

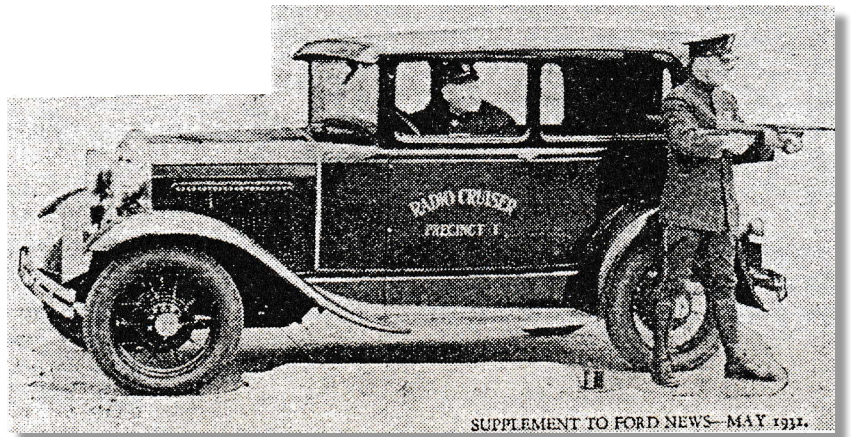


THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO

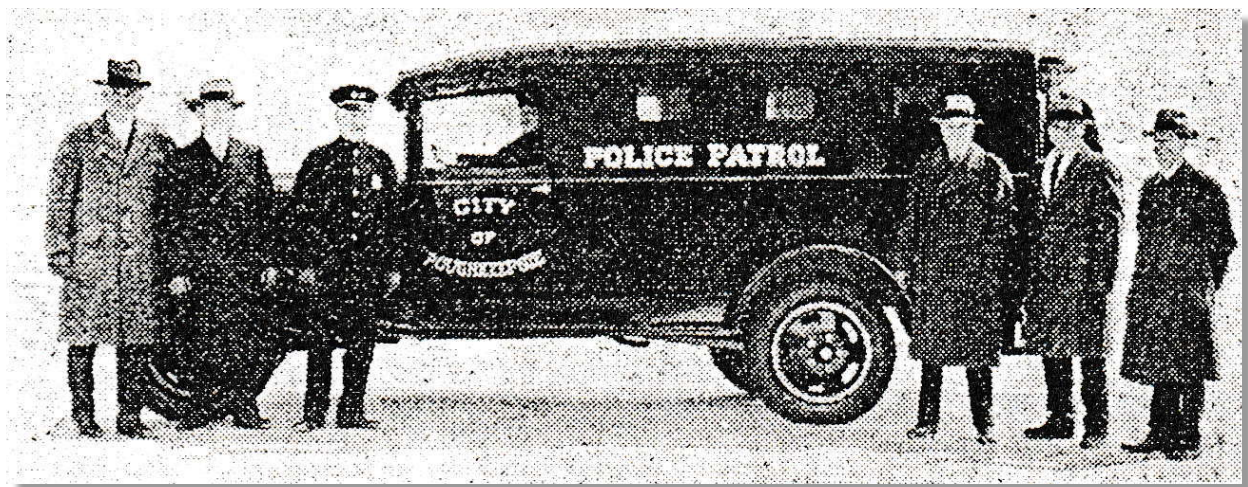


The 1985-2005 Shade Tree A's newsletters are now available on the Shade Tree A's website. They can be accessed via the same "button" as the other newsletters, but they are password protected. The same password used to access the member roster is used to access the newsletters. Thank you Dan Perla for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

The April 1990 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter contained an article about cops loving Model A Fords. In the article, the mayor of Village Park described how the police force was able to overtake a train and capture a fugitive. Speeds of 60 mph were attained during the chase. The Louisville, Kentucky police department reported driving 2,620,800 miles with 42 Fords. The Auto Landmark Tour, sponsored by Augusta Auto Classics and Chi Chi's Mexican Restaurant was advertised for May 6.



SUPPLEMENT TO FORD NEWS—MAY 1931.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

And the Model A Ford Kept Rambling Right Along

By Jim McPherson

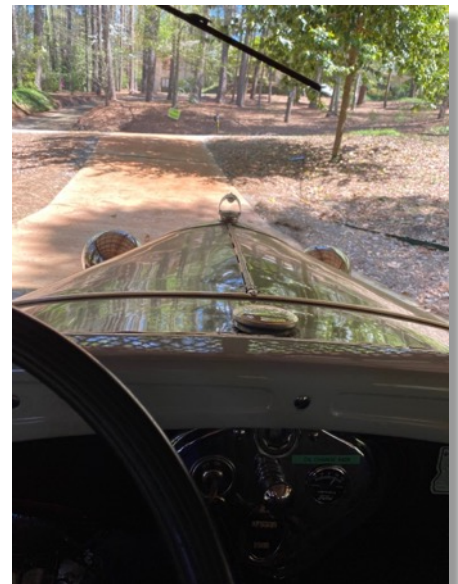
This column contains maintenance, diagnostic, and technical tips to aid you in keeping your Model A on the road and operating at peak performance. I have stolen this information from a variety of sources, including forums, websites, books, publications, and discussions with fellow Model A owners.

Development of the Model A Engine - In the January 2020 issue of Secrets (Volume 29, Number 3), the magazine of the Secrets of Speed Society, there is a very interesting article on Harold Hicks, the Father of the Model A engine. This article is taken from the Oral History Project, in 1953. I did not know Ford Motor Company had such a project. Harold was taken off the aircraft work at Ford in April of 1927 by Sorenson, Martin and Edsel Ford. They showed him a running engine developing 22 HP. Harold was ask how many horsepower he could get out of the engine. He took out his slide rule, made some calculations and said 40 HP., In three weeks he had developed the Model A engine, producing 40 HP. Henry Ford came to Harold and said "Now, come down here to the dynamometer. I want you to show me that 40 horsepower that you have been bragging about." Then Harold went back to the aircraft division. The article details how Harold got 40 HP out of the engine.

SLOW MOTION WOBBLE

Story and Photos by Matt Barrett

At the February Shade Tree A's meeting I asked our members about a slow motion, occasional wobble I had with my Tudor. All the usual culprits were eliminated and the only thing left was the front end wishbone ball. A round concave shim was made to stop a worn ball from excessive movement. So the next question was where to place the shim, top or bottom? Some members said top, others said bottom and still others said it didn't matter at all. So I decided to add the shim to the bottom and while disassembling the two bolts that hold the ball to the clutch housing, a shim from the top fell to the ground. I replaced this shim and added one to the bottom and tightened the bolts. This whole process took about one hour. No more wobble!



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, \$25 OBO, Robbie Jones
- Set of four tires for 1928-1929 Model A Fords (those years having 21 inch wheels.) These are bias ply Firestone whitewalls, less than 2 years old, with less than 1,000 miles on them. They are in excellent condition. Selling just the tires, not the wheels. I am asking **\$400 (Price Reduced - Set Only)** - they sell new for just under \$900. Email: Eddie Collins, 1947collins@gmail.com. Eddie is the newsletter editor for the LowCountry Model A Ford Club in Charleston.



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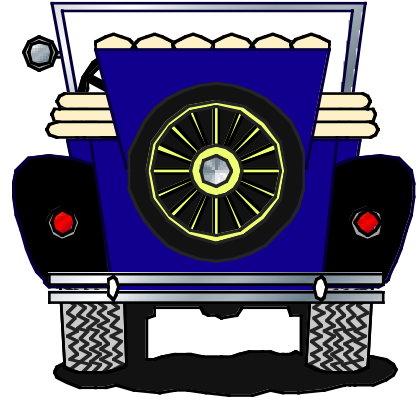
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The Rumble Seat

By Robbie Jones

I received this from Ernie Dinkins and couldn't decide where to put it in *The Newsletter*, so I brought back *The Rumble Seat*. Thanks Ernie. Enjoy!



A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you spend this on old car parts" the man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. I haven't played with old cars in 20 years!"

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a hot shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that?"

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking and old cars."