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On the Front Cover

The Shade Tree A's enjoy lunch at Maryland Fried Chicken at Pollard's Corner. Photo by Robbie Jones.

On the Rear Cover

The Shade Tree A's cross the dam while heading home from Pollard's Corner. Photo by Robbie Jones.

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

Season's greetings fellow club members 🎅

As we finish celebrating Thanksgiving, I want to say how grateful I am for all the Shade Tree A's Club members and our mutual relationships. I am also grateful for the best club board members that anyone could ask for and also grateful that a vaccine for Covid-19 will, HOPEFULLY, soon be available.

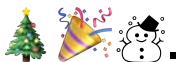
I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Club member, Charlie Weaver, Sr., WELCOME, Charlie!!!

There will be another "Cars and Coffee" at the Richmond County Courthouse at the corner of Walton Way and James Brown Boulevard this Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 AM until about 11:00 AM. I had a great time showing off my Model A last time and you will, too, if you attend.

Our tour director position has been open for several years and Charlie Weaver, Jr has volunteered to help in that position! THANK YOU, Charlie 🙏

Although we will not have a Christmas Party this year, we will still need to pick a candidate for the Monroe Wade award. Send your suggestions to Stuart Smith, Frank Knapp or Robbie Jones. They will tally up the nominations and the winner will be announced in our January newsletter.

Wishing you and your family a joyous Christmas Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year



Your President,
Matt Barrett

MEETING MINUTES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated social distancing requirements, the November 2020 meeting of the Shade Tree A's was cancelled; therefore, there are no meeting minutes.

MONTHLY MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Meetings are normally 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.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

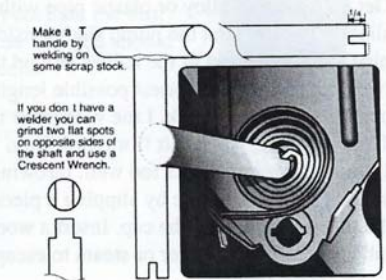
TINY TIPS



WINDOW REGULATOR SPRING TOOL

Sometimes a window regulator spring will either break or become so weak that it makes it hard to roll up the window. Installing a new spring can be difficult and also dangerous.

Take an old distributor shaft and weld on a T handle made from rod stock. Grind down the slotted end so the slot is only 1/4" deep. Put the regulator in a vise and wind it until the lift arm is all the way up. This is the position in which the spring is least compressed. Hook the outer



hook of the spring and insert the tool in the center. Turn the tool to compress the spring until it fits into the slot. Release the tool. Tap the spring into position with a hammer.

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

December

- 5 Cars and Coffee, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM at the Richmond County Courthouse at the corner of Walton Way and James Brown Boulevard
- TBA Shade Tree A's Christmas Party - **Cancelled**

January (2021)

- 1 New Year's Day breakfast at Cracker Barrel, I-20 and Belair Road - **Subject to cancellation, watch your email for confirmation and updates**
- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - TBA) - **Subject to cancellation**

February (2021)

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

TBA - To Be Announced

December Refreshments



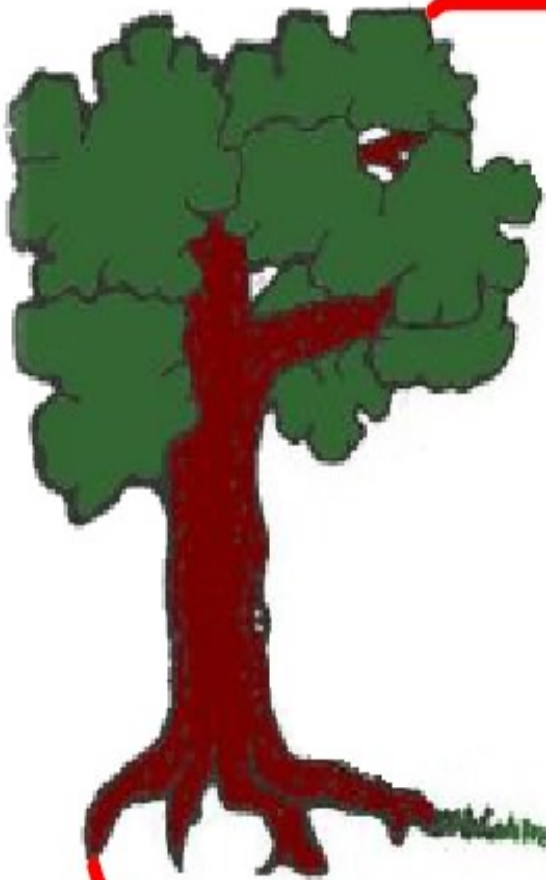
MEETING CANCELLED



December Birthdays

- 1 Robbie Jones
- 7 Joe Holley
- 13 Richard Dunevent
- 15 Chris Martin
- 16 Frank Knapp
- 17 Eric Shogren
- 21 Jim Mason
- 26 Ann Christian
- 27 Phyllis Collier

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

Send items for Shade Tree A's Member News to:
newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org

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2020 Monroe Wade Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2020 Monroe Wade Award are being collected. You should have received an email from last year's recipient, Stuart Smith, regarding the award. Nominations can be sent to Stuart, Robbie Jones or Frank Knapp.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas is just around the corner
Two New Books

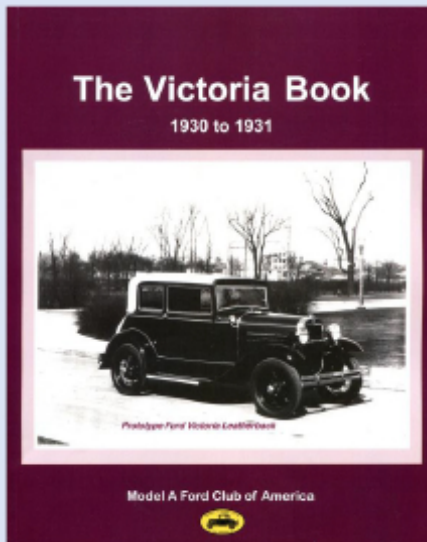
MAFCA introduces two new must have books for your reference library.



The **Model A & AA Ford Paint & Finish Guide** and **The Victoria Book** are being offered now, just in time for the holiday season.

The new **Model A & AA Paint & Finish Guide** is the 4th edition of this valuable reference. This is a must have book to guide you in the finishing of your Model A or AA. The text has been updated and some illustrations are now in color to enhance the details. The paint chip section has had an extensive upgrade with the paint chip size increased to approximately 2" x 4" with only 4 chips per page. This greatly enhances usefulness of the chips for comparison and for scanning.

Order your copy now for \$42.50 plus S&H



The Victoria Book is our latest Body Style publication and it follows the format of our other Body Style books in that it is full of specific information of the Model A Victoria.

The information for this book is adapted from articles published in the Victoria Association *The Bustle* and *The Restorer* magazine. The extensive use of color pictures throughout the book provides extraordinary detail of areas being discussed.

If you own a Victoria, in fact even if you don't own one, you will find this book loaded with helpful information

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RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's Breakfast Tour to Cracker Barrel

August 22, 2020

(Photos by Matt Barrett)



RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's Lunch Tour to Pollard's Corner

November 14, 2020

(Photos by Robbie Jones)



FUN STUFF

Can you find all ten things that are different in the pictures below? Answers are on the next page.

It's "A" Puzzling Problem

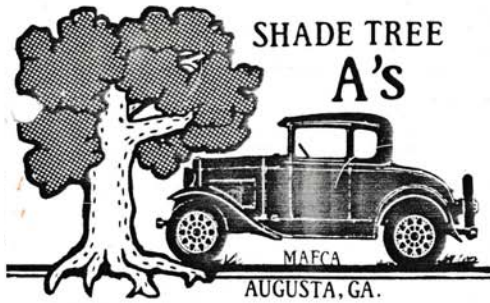


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Photo by Janet Shreading on MAFCAs 2011 National Tour along the Natchez Trace

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 December 1990 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* discussed the upcoming Harlem and Thompson Christmas parades. Also announced was the location of the upcoming January meeting which was held at the National Science Center at Fort Gordon (*Remember that? Ed.*). The meeting was billed as a private event that the entire family could attend. Displays planned for the Discovery Center would be available to view.

Answers to Puzzle on Previous Page

1. Guy in blue shirt appears twice.
2. Tool bag moved.
3. Fire Extinguisher and its reflection in door are missing.
4. More trees on right side
5. Grass greener (tough one to find).
6. Bumper clamp missing
7. Oil Spot is gone.
8. #8 missing on license plate
9. Woman appears twice
10. Hubcap and wheel missing Rt. Wheel

TECHNICAL TOPICS

Blow Dry Your Model A

(Article and pictures by Matt Barrett)

I read somewhere that you should use a handheld blower to eliminate any water from the nooks and crannies when you wash your Model A. Well I tried doing that and it seemed to work just fine. So I decided to use this technique on the entire 🚗 car. Instead of taking three or four towels to dry my car I used one. Who knew?

Another suggestion is I look for estate sales in my neighborhood and purchase their towels at a real bargain price. I use them to also wipe up any grease and since their cost is very low, no worries.



K. R. Wilson Spring Puller

(Article and pictures by Matt Barrett)

About fifty years ago I was rebuilding my first Model A and I needed to replace my rear spring shackles. I read that if you didn't have the proper tool you could get hurt by the rear spring. Fortunately, a friend had a K. R. Wilson Model A spring puller. This tool made this job easy to accomplish. Since I have always wanted this tool, I recently saw one for sale on a social media website. Because of the pandemic and also being out of town it took almost a month for me to receive from Texas. So if anyone in our club needs this tool please let me know. I want to help.



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Danger: Handle That Model A Rear Spring Carefully

Tom Endy of the Santa Anita A's has written several articles on the dangers of the Model A rear spring and how to properly and safely remove it. These articles can be found on the Santa Anita A's website at the following links:

<http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/The-Model-A-Rear-Spring.pdf>

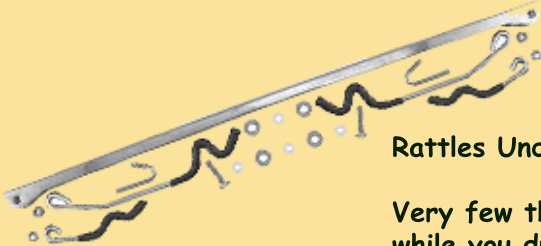
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TECHNICAL TOPICS

Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,



Rattles Under the Hood

Very few things are as annoying as a persistent rattle under the hood while you drive your Model A. Of course it stops when you pull over and look under there!

That rattle is driving me CRAZY!

Here are some things that I have found over the years can sound like a rattle under the hood:



The radiator support rods. They come loose at the radiator or at the firewall.



The engine pans. Just one loose bolt/nut can rattle like crazy (hard to find).



Hood support/prop brackets. The ones that "fold in" will rattle if closed all the way; open it back up $\frac{1}{2}$ " to separate the halves from touching.



Brake rods. Jiggle them by hand. You may need to install some of the oversize clevis pins to tighten things back up, or replace the return/anti-rattle springs.



Tools and things under the seat. (I found a large screwdriver once in my side curtain pan, way in the back, that was causing a rattle that I chased for 2 years!)

I hope this helps you track down that annoying rattle. In a future Tech Tip, I will cover potential sources of other annoying noises in your car. Until then, "Have a Model A Day!" Jim



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: free to a good home.
Luggage rack: some rust, some repair needed, paint and have a functional rack for touring, \$50
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Robbie Jones



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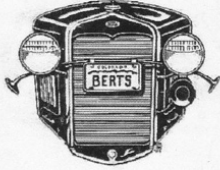
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