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On the Cover

The Shade Tree A's line up for a parade at the Thrive Assisted Living Facility. Photo by Matt Barrett. See Page 9 for more photos by Matt and Stuart Smith.

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 🤘

We need to give a warm welcome to our newest member Dean Summers and his wife, Darla. Dean lives in Martinez, Georgia and is the proud owner of a 1928 Model A Sports Coupe. Welcome to our Club Dean and Darla!

The parade at the Thrive Assisted Living Facility was a lot of fun. Six Model A Fords with nine family members attended and, as always, "everyone loved a parade". We got a chance to put a smile on a lot of folk's faces which made me not only happy but very proud of the members who participated. Maybe we should consider contacting other facilities that have shut-ins to see if they, too, would like a parade - bet they would!!! Your thoughts?

The quail has flown to several locations. On June 18 we travelled to Pollard's Corner and had a socially distanced picnic at Maryland Fried Chicken. On June 27, 8 cars and 14 members travelled to Gibson, Georgia to eat BBQ at the Crossroads Cafe and visit Steven Teal's AA Ford collection. I was unable to attend but from what I have heard, everyone had a great time. It is anyone's guess where the quail will go next - will keep you posted.

It was the decision of your Board to postpone any further meetings until at least September due to the continuing COVID-19 spread. We are still erring on the side of caution and hope all of our members concur.

Hope everyone has a safe and fun-filled July 4th.

Your President
Matt Barrett

MEETING MINUTES

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

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.



Sheila and Mike Thigpen are the latest proud owners of "The New Ford". See page 8.

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

July

13 Shade Tree A's Meeting - **Cancelled**

August

10 Shade Tree A's Meeting - **Cancelled**

September

14 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program - *TBA*) - **Subject to cancellation. Check your email and the *Newsletter* for updates.**

TBA - To Be Announced

July Refreshments



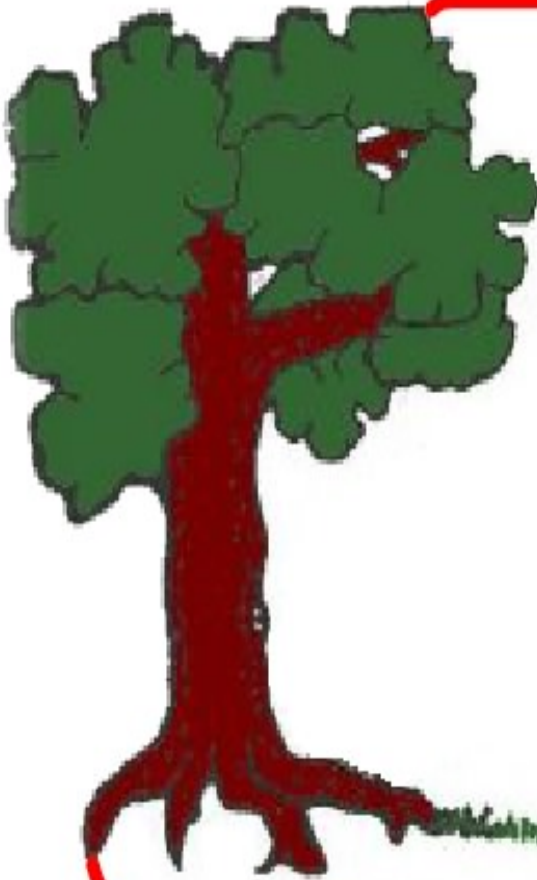
MEETING CANCELLED



July Birthdays

- 21 Robert Collier Jr.
- 22 Don Turley
- 26 Margaret Ann Mobley

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

- Welcome to our newest members, Dean and Darla Summers. Dean and Darla live in Martinez, Georgia and own a 1928 Model A Sports Coupe. Welcome to the Shade Tree A's Dean and Darla!
- To the best of my knowledge, all members of the Shade Tree A's are faring well during the COVID-19 pandemic. Let's keep it that way and continue to practice social distancing and other recommended protective guidance. Unfortunately, I am personally aware of several people who have family or friends that have or have had this virus. Even more unfortunate, I am aware of three who succumbed to this disease. So please take this seriously and be safe. - Ed.

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



Oshkosh, WI

2021 MARC National Meet

HOSTED BY THE NICKLE A'S REGION OF MARC

WE HAVE CONTINUED TO MONITOR THE ONGOING SITUATION REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THE NICKLE A REGION, ALONG WITH MARC.

FIND IT NOW NECESSARY TO CANCEL THE OSHKOSH MEET FOR 2020

THIS IS OF COURSE BEING DONE WITH CONSIDERATION FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO WOULD ATTEND.

AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE EXCITED TO TELL YOU

OSHKOSH WILL BE HELD IN 2021!!!

PLEASE! PLEASE! NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- OSHKOSH 2021 MARC MEET, DATE TBD
- ALL WHO HAVE REGISTERED **WILL RECEIVE A REFUND** IN THE COMING WEEKS.
- THE REGISTRATION PROCESS **WILL BEGIN AGAIN** NEXT JAN/FEB, 2021 IN THE MODEL A NEWS
- **HOST HOTEL (BEST WESTERN) WILL AUTOMATICALLY CANCEL ALL ROOMS THAT WERE RESERVED UNDER THE MARC MEET GROUP, BUT THEY WILL NOT SEND CANCELLATION CONFIRMATIONS.**
- OTHER HOTELS... IF YOU BOOKED A ROOM AT ANOTHER HOTEL **YOU MUST CANCEL IT.**
- WE WILL SEND MORE DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.
JERRY BRAASCH, 2020/21 MEET CHAIRMAN & M.A.R.C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 Hershey Fall Meet Cancelled

(The following announcement was obtained from the website of the Hershey Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America)

It is with great regret that the AACA Hershey Region Executive Board informs you that the 2020 Hershey Fall Meet has been cancelled. This decision was not arrived at lightly. Our Club prides itself on producing a world-class event that thousands of people anticipate every year, so we felt the heaviest of burdens when faced with this decision.



While making the difficult choice to cancel, the Board took many obstacles into account, including but not limited to: the health and welfare of our volunteers, vendors, partners, and visitors; the unknown restrictions and/or guidelines that may be in place at the time of our show; and the volunteer-only workforce we rely on to prepare for a show of our magnitude.

We appreciate you understanding how difficult this decision was for the Executive Board to make. We know that some people will be upset by the decision and others will applaud it. Either way, please know that the Hershey Region Executive Board has acted in what they believe are the best interests of the Club, and we ask for your continued support as we navigate these unprecedented times.

Refund information will be sent very soon in regards to all payments already received by the Hershey Region AACA.

Please know that we continue to explore ideas to benefit the hobby and are working toward the possibility of still hosting our usual car show on Saturday in October. While this may not be doable, AACA and the Hershey Region along with other constituencies are working hard to make this possible. Please visit our [website](#) and [social media](#) as often as possible for the latest news.

Hershey Region AACA

Georgia Chapter of MAFCA

12th Annual Model A Ford Parts Swap Meet

August 8, 2020

Swap Meet held at Cofer's Stable of Thoroughbreds Automobile Collection, 3702 Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker, Georgia. FREE spectator admission and parking. Vendor spaces only \$20, all the space you need. FREE admission into the air conditioned automobile museum. View a very rare Duesenburg Model SJ originally purchased by a Titanic survivor.

For more information, contact:

Hal Dye, 770-841-8353. 1262 Wisteria Bluff Ct, Hoschton, Georgia 30548

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bobby's Coupe Gets a New Home

Story and photos by Robbie Jones

The 1931 Model A Coupe owned by former but long-time Shade Tree A's member Bobby Jones (Robbie Jones's father) is now proudly owned by Bobby's daughter Sheila Thigpen and son-in-law Mike in Ninety-Six, South Carolina. Sheila and Mike are already enjoying the benefits of Model A ownership like smiles and waves from strangers, giving rides to children and of course just the drive. Unfortunately Sheila and Mike live too far away to practically be members of the Shade Tree A's, but fortunately the Old 96 District Model A Ford Club is there for them. Hopefully they'll join us on some mutual events in the future.



Pig Iron Update

The June 2020 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter had a brief update on the progress that past Shade Tree A's member, Larry Komp, has made on his 1930 Model AA stake bed truck. Below is an overall photo of Larry's truck as it stands today.



RECENT EVENTS

Thrive Assisted Living Facility Parade

June 26, 2020

Photos by Matt Barrett



RECENT EVENTS

Thrive Assisted Living Facility Parade

Continued

Photos by Matt Barrett



RECENT EVENTS

Thrive Assisted Living Facility Parade

Continued

Photos by Stuart Smith



TECHNICAL TOPICS



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 July 1990 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter included a recap of the Club fish fry hosted by Glenn and Verna Boswell. It was noted that anyone from the Shade Tree A's who did not attend the affair really missed a "good one!".

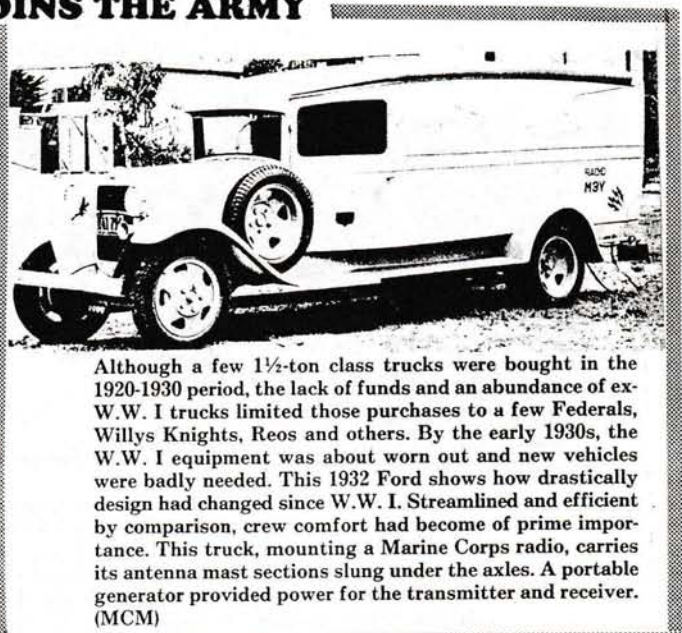
It must have been a very hot summer in 1990, because there was a special task assigned to Larry Komp to find an air conditioned restaurant for the July meeting. Apparently there was a surprise technical program at the July meeting, known ahead of time only by the Program Chairman.

There was also an article with many pictures regarding the Model A and its service in the U.S. Army. There was also an article about an unusual (Gasp!) Pontiac!

THE MODEL A JOINS THE ARMY



The original caption on this photograph reads "Ford equipped with signal lights, picture shows switch on panel." Although only five lights appear on the front of the car, there are six toggle switches on the dashboard. (PM)



Although a few 1½-ton class trucks were bought in the 1920-1930 period, the lack of funds and an abundance of ex-W.W. I trucks limited those purchases to a few Federals, Willys Knights, Reos and others. By the early 1930s, the W.W. I equipment was about worn out and new vehicles were badly needed. This 1932 Ford shows how drastically design had changed since W.W. I. Streamlined and efficient by comparison, crew comfort had become of prime importance. This truck, mounting a Marine Corps radio, carries its antenna mast sections slung under the axles. A portable generator provided power for the transmitter and receiver. (MCM)

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.
Robbie Jones



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