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On the Cover

Gail and Stuart Smith's granddaughter, Emily, is chauffeured in a drive by celebration of her graduation. Congratulations Emily! That's Gail and Stuart's 1931 Deluxe Roadster with their daughter, Rebecca in the driver's seat. Photo by Gail 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 🤠

Our flash tour to help close the 5th Street Bridge was a success!!! Nine Model A Fords and ten Shade Tree members attended this photo op. You can see all the pictures of this occasion on our Facebook pages [*and later in the Newsletter, Ed.*]. We as a Club need to do more tours together of various kinds when this pandemic is over. We're missing out on too much fun just letting our cars sit at home.

According to the State of Georgia officials and CDC guidelines we need to social distance, stay a minimum of six feet apart and have less than 10 folks at a meeting. So for those reasons, we must cancel our June meeting. The curve seems to be flattening but the COVID-19 virus is not under control yet.

Robbie Jones asked about RMI-25 as help for our Model A's overheating [*See the January 2020 Shade Tree A's Newsletter, Ed.*]. I can attest that it works very well indeed. My digital thermometer at the top of my radiator reads 160 degrees and 130 degrees at the bottom. Great stuff 👍

My wife and I have been hibernating at our cabin in Franklin, NC. On the way there I noticed a Model A coupe at the local Chevrolet dealership. They finally have a good car 🚗 to sell!!!

Stay safe and I hope we can resume our meetings soon!

Your President
Matt Barrett

MEETING MINUTES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated social distancing requirements, the May 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.



Found at Countryside Chevrolet in Franklin, North Carolina: 1931 Model A coupe with indented firewall but with 2-piece splash aprons and 1930 radiator shell.
Photo by Matt Barrett

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

June

- 1-5 MARC National Meet - *Postponed to a date to be determined in 2021. See the notice later in the Newsletter*
- 8 Shade Tree A's Meeting - *Cancelled*
- 12-14 Charlotte AutoFair - *Cancelled (The Fall Charlotte AutoFair is still planned for October 21-24, 2020)*
- 19-20 Palmetto A's Swap Meet - *Cancelled*

July

- 13 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 and the Newsletter for updates.*

August

- 13 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

June Refreshments



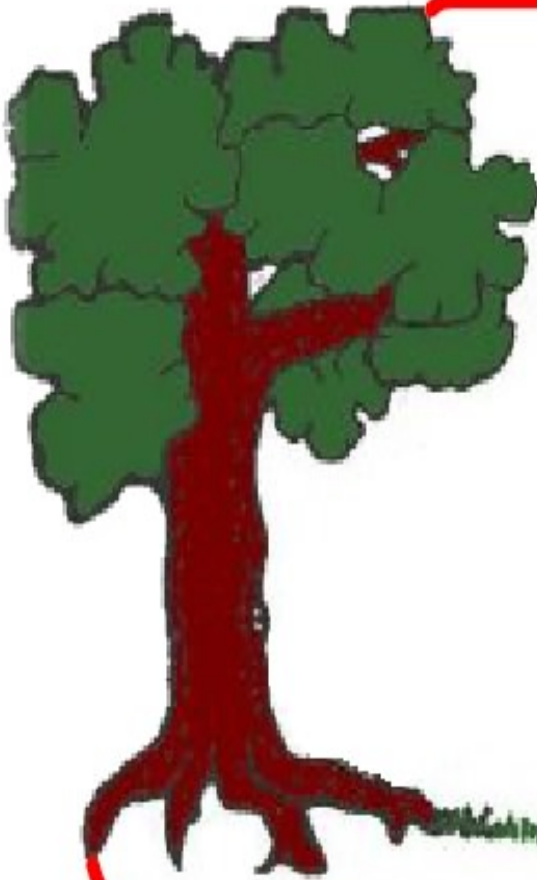
MEETING CANCELLED

June Birthdays



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

- Jean Wetherington, mother of past member Lisa Smith (Walter), passed away May 15, 2020. Jean's obituary can be viewed at the following web address:

<https://www.arlingtonfuneral.com/obituaries.cfm?id=681>

Please remember Lisa and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

- 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*.

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



**In 2021
Focus On**

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.

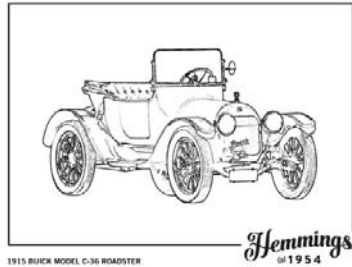
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Classic Car Coloring Pictures

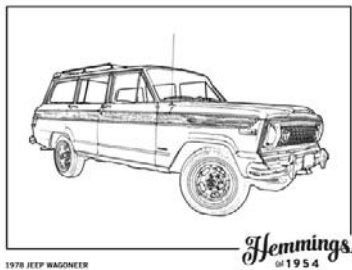
Need more car pictures to color while staying home during the pandemic? Hemmings Motor News has added five more classic car pictures to their collection for you to download and color. Unfortunately, no Model A's this time.



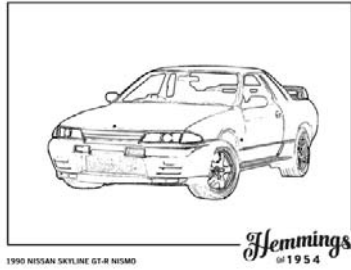
1915 BUICK MODEL C-36 ROADSTER



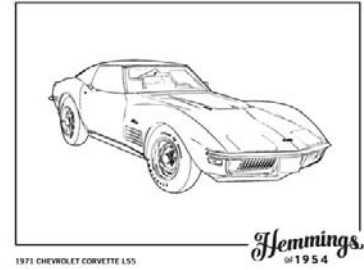
1956 STUDEBAKER FLIGHT HAWK



1978 JEEP WAGONEER



1990 NISSAN SKYLINE GT-R NISMO



1971 CHEVROLET CORVETTE L55

Pig Iron

Past Shade Tree A's member, Larry Komp, has been using some of his stay at home time to work on "Pig Iron". Larry has made significant progress on the restoration of his 1930 Model AA Stake Bed Truck with the completion of the top. Larry says "I take the truck out and drive it around the neighborhood. It drives very well, steers easier than I thought it would. Because I have the stock 6.6:1 rear end ratio, she tops out pretty quick at about 32 mph. First gear is super granny low as you might suspect".



RECENT EVENTS

Final Fifth Street Bridge Crossing

May 15, 2020

Photos by Matt Barrett



RECENT EVENTS

Final Fifth Street Bridge Crossing

Continued



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 June 1990 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter included a discussion of the shift pattern for a 1924 Dodge Touring Car. The shift pattern is backwards from a Model A as shown below:

1	3
R	2

Members were advised to never attempt to drive a Dodge while intoxicated! Other news in the meeting minutes revolved around the recent parade in Millen, Georgia. A television was donated to the Club by Bobby Jones for viewing videos at Club meetings. The upcoming fish fry dinner at Glen Boswell's was discussed. Also mentioned was the Club library. Monroe Wade described the process for checking out books. He also requested that whoever borrowed the "paint book" return it.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

Carpenter Bees Cause Damage

By Matt Barrett

Carpenter bees can be a problem. They chew the wood making holes and damage wood structures. A natural way to keep them away from your wooden buildings is to make fake Hornet nests out of garbage bags and hang them. Hornets eat carpenter bees, so they stay away from them for their safety. If you have bees try using a couple "fake" hornet nests for a solution.



Moth Damage in Closed Car Model A

by Matt Barrett

If you own a closed car Model A long enough you will probably experience moth damage to your upholstery. Moths love wool and most of our cars have wool interiors. To help prevent damage to your car I have two suggestions. You can purchase a couple pounds of dry ice and place in the floor boards with the windows rolled up. The dry ice will give off carbon dioxide gas as it melts and will kill all moths and their larvae. Once a month application will keep them away. Also placing moth balls under the rear seat will help as well. Happy motoring to all!

Hagerty Special on Henry Ford

Hagerty Insurance is publishing a special series about Henry Ford on YouTube. The link below is for Part 3 on the Model T and has some interesting facts about Henry Ford.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IROOMvYkCqE&feature=youtu.be&list=PLkhaA2iJQAQo8Me053jm5k3B43nQoMujq>

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, make offer, 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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