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On the Cover

Several Shade Tree A's members took advantage of a rare Friday in 2020 that wasn't a rainy day and headed to Sweet T's in Thomson, Georgia for lunch. Photo by Frank Knapp.

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 🧐

February was a great month for the STA - we got three new members!!! They are: Cale Collier with his 1930 Ford Tudor Sedan, Stephen (and wife Shirley) Teel with 10 AA vehicles and Darren (and wife Pat) Riley with their 1930 Ford Truck. Let's give our new members a warm welcome and let them know we are excited to have them join our "family" of Model A enthusiasts 🚗

The Aiken Model A Club tour to Ridge Springs, SC on February 15th was great fun. There was only one "roadside technical session" with Charlie Weaver driving the Vicky while strange sounds came from the transmission 😬 Hopefully it will be fixed by the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Over 20 Model A's and 40 people ate at Junipers restaurant after we descended on Ridge Springs.

Last year the St. Patrick's Day Parade was attended by at least 10 Model A Fords and we hope to have even more this year. The parade is on Tuesday, March 17th at 2:00 PM. Be sure to assemble at 1:00 PM. in the James Brown Arena parking lot as the parade will start promptly at 2:00. There will be parade officials at the entrance to tell you where to line up.

The annual Aunt Sue's Spring Show and Parts Swap will be held on April 11th in Pickens, SC. For further information and details please call 864-878-4366.

And don't forget our tour on Saturday May 2nd to Rivers Bridge State Park near Allendale, SC. The Old 96 Club, Palmetto Club, Aiken Club, Low Country and Live Oak Club have all been invited. We are expecting a large turnout and will be having car games as well as a picnic lunch. Please get your car running so you can be a part of an exciting day.

Our next meeting is on Monday, March 9th.

MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2020

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp - Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held February 10, 2020 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Matt brought the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Thirty-two members and guests were in attendance.

President Matt welcomed our guests, Steve and Shirley Teel, Daren and Pat Riley and Cale Collier.

Also, two STA members were recognized. Doug Wilson has been selected as Grand Marshall for this year's Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Ralph Neitzke recently received a Humanitarian Award for the loving care he gave his wife, Tina, throughout her extended illness.

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MEETING MINUTES

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Treasurer's Report:

Dan Perla reported only one expenditure in the amount of \$75.00 to cover flowers for Hilde Dover's Memorial Service. Deposits of \$275.00 were made from dues collections. Also, according to Dan, 44 members have paid their 2020 membership dues. A copy of our current Member Roster was passed around for anyone to update their information. The group was also reminded we will soon be needing someone to take over as Webmaster. Dan is planning to step down in March.

A motion was made from the floor to accept the Treasurer's Report and the January Minutes as published in *The Newsletter*. That motion received a second and passed by unanimous vote.

Newsletter Editor:

Robbie Jones announced all email addresses for those members who have not paid dues for 2020 will be deleted as of February 29th. Unfortunately, they will no longer receive our excellent newsletter or important announcements in the future.

Under Show & Tell:

Robbie also informed the group that Third Gen Automotive bought Roy Nacewicz Enterprises and is now selling Roy's products. Roy passed away in April 2019. The new phone number for Third Gen Automotive is 844-327-5988. He also brought along several packages of excellent bolts and screws suitable for judging.

Under Old Business:

President Matt once again reminded the group of our planned tour to River's Bridge State Park on May 2nd. He is expecting members from several other clubs to participate. More detailed information to be discussed at our April meeting.

Eric Shogren reminded everyone we have been invited to join The Aiken A's for a lunch tour on Saturday, February 15th to Ridge Spring, S.C. Plans are to meet in Aiken no later than 10:30 AM. A show of hands indicated our club should have six to eight members attend.

Under New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Technical Program:

Even though no technical program was planned for the February meeting, President Matt brought everyone's attention to his plans to install a method for checking transmission fluid using a dipstick. Fortunately, that led to a very lengthy open discussion of low and high-speed shimmy problems, Teflon tie rod repair pros and cons and front-end alignment techniques. Big thanks to all members who joined the discussion. Very interesting! Thanks guys.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM after which dessert refreshments provided by Jim and Sheila McPherson and Yours Truly, were enjoyed by all.

MONTHLY MEETING TIME & LOCATION
Meetings are held on the second 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

March

- 9 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program TBA)
- 17 Saint Patrick's Day parade. Gather at 1:00 PM in the 7th Street parking lot at the James Brown Arena. Parade at 2:00 PM.
- 28 Palmetto A's Annual Picnic

April

- 2-5 Charlotte Autofair
- 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
- 13 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program TBA)
- 17-18 Old 96 District Model A Club Annual Swap Meet

May

- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program TBA)

TBA - To Be Announced

March Refreshments



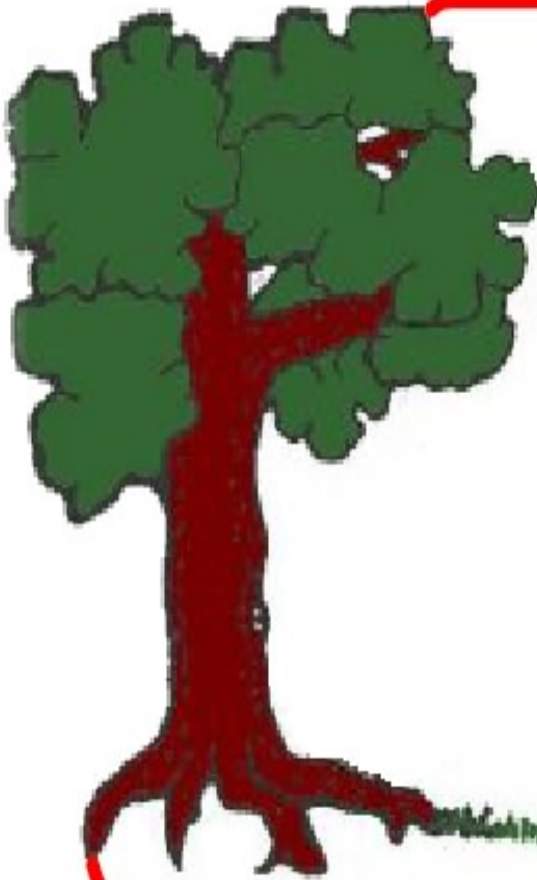
Volunteers needed

March Birthdays



- 20 Dan Perla
- 21 Darrell Henderson
- 25 Curtis Krosting
- 29 Doug Wilson

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Shade Tree A's Member News

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

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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 - 3:30 (lunch at noon)

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

COVERED PICNIC SHELTER: with tables for a relaxed lunch

Car games with prizes, bring your chairs!

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Raffle Prizes

Silent Auction

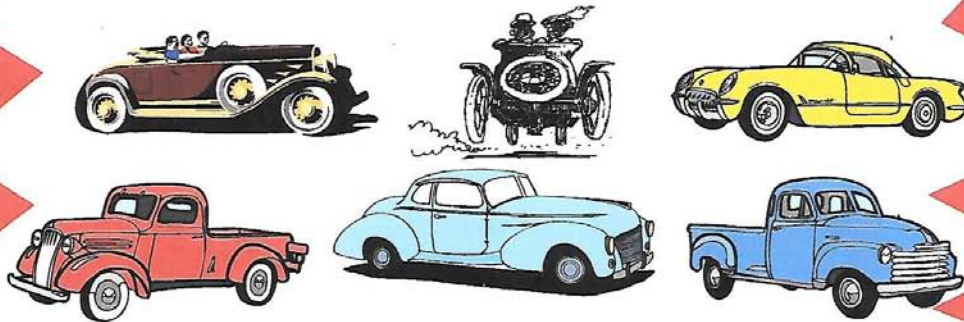
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all makes & models
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**Saturday 11 April 10AM - 3PM
at Aunt Sue's on Hwy 11
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Aunt Sue's eating delights

Scenic Views

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**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

Lunch will be available

Door Prizes & 50 / 50 drawing daily

Email: swreynolds@centurylink.net

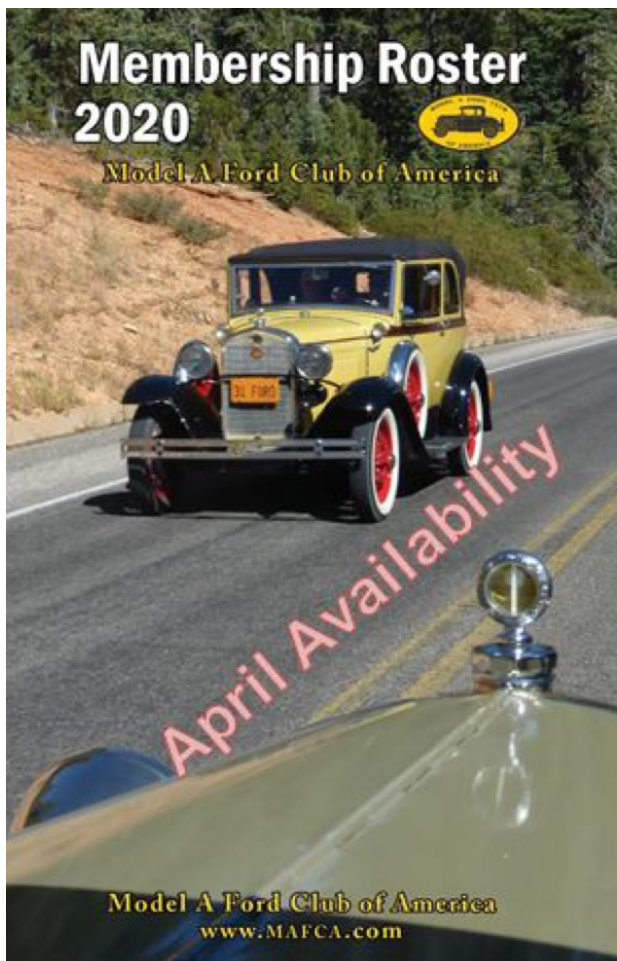
Information: Warren Reynolds (864) 980-7937 or Ralph Roub (864) 992-3230

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Time for a New Shade Tree A's Webmaster

I created the Shade Tree A's website in 1996 inspired by the 1995 MAFCA South East Divisional Meet that our club sponsored. It was also the first SE Divisional MAFCA meet. Now, after over 23 years of maintaining the website, I feel it is time to let someone else contribute to the club by taking over the reins of the website. I will continue to manage the website till the end of March 2020, during which time I will assist whoever takes over. The website hosting is currently paid for until October 2020. If no one volunteers, and the club does not continue to pay for the website, the URL (shadetreas.org) will be lost after October 2020.

*Regards,
Dan Perla*



Important Reminder

Don't forget to order your 2020 Membership Roster now. You don't want to be traveling without this helpful resource. Order yours now so you will be sure to get a copy. They will go fast. Price: \$16 plus postage

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or visit
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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.



RECENT EVENTS

Follow the Quail Tour to Sweet T's in Thomson, Georgia

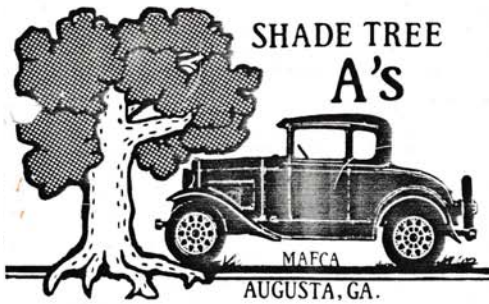
Friday, February 28, 2020

Photos by Frank Knapp

Richard Dunevent, Larry DuVall, Frank Knapp and Stuart Smith enjoyed a bright sunny day following the Quail to good eats in Thomson, Georgia at Sweet T's.

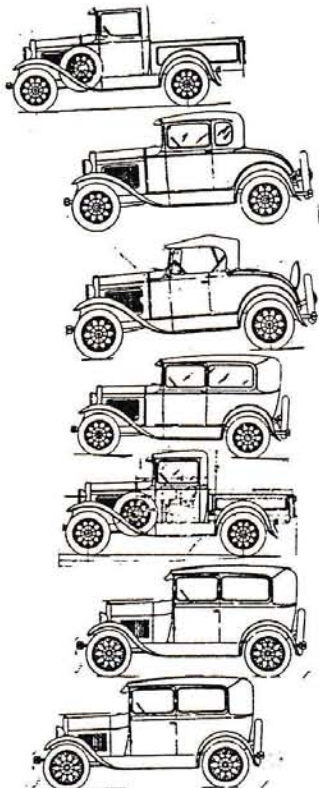


THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



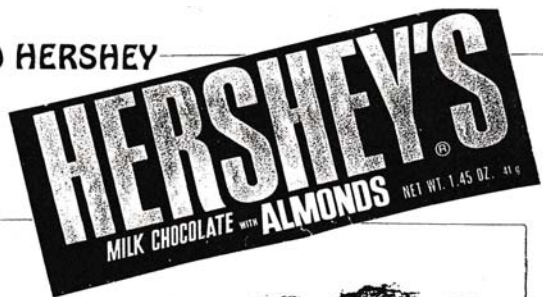
The 1985-2005 Shade Tree A's newsletters are now available on the Shade Tree A's website. They can be accessed via the same "button" as the other newsletters, but they are password protected. The same password used to access the member roster is used to access the newsletters. Thank you Dan Perla for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

In the President's column of the March 1990 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter, Club President Ralph Neitzke reported that while looking for old parts and chasing down a lot of leads, he found an old ten gallon "FRYE" gas pump to restore. The Meeting Minutes reported that Don Turley provided all Club members with laminated membership rosters. Even as now, preparations were being made for the upcoming Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Augusta. Several Model A's and Don Turley's famous leakless water pumps were offered for sale in the Classifieds.



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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.

"MODEL 'A' FORD BRAKES - Details of a COMPLETE Brake Job" is the cover title for *Skinned Knuckles*, February 2020 (Volume 44 - NO. 2). The article, "Model 'A' Ford Brakes SERVICE, MAINTENANCE, REBUILDING (Six Shoe System)" by Paul Moller, is on pages 29-34. I had the pleasure of meeting Paul too many years ago, and a long friendship began. This article is reprinted from *Skinned Knuckles* (November 1979) and is still accurate today. My memory must be failing me. It is surprising how replacement parts, such as the front brake roller tracks, were available back then, over forty years ago. This issue focused on the front brakes. Servicing and rebuilding the rear brakes and emergency brakes, and brake adjustment will be in the March 2020 issue of *Skinned Knuckles*.



Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Check Your Oil Filler Pipe and Cap

Many Model A owners experience excessive oil leaks when driving their car, often out the rear main seal. One simple thing that can cause this is a restriction in the oil filler pipe. Take the cap off and look down the pipe with a good light. You should only see a series of little metal baffles, half-moon in shape, inside the filler pipe. If you find where someone has covered the pipe with a sock, or stuffed a piece of cloth down in the filler pipe to stop oil from coming out the filler when driving, this will put pressure inside the crankcase and force oil out the rear main seal while you drive. Easy to fix: get that stuff out of there!



While you have it off, also inspect the inside of the oil filler cap. It, too, needs to be clear inside. No pieces of steel wool, pot scrubber, or old sock in the cap! Look for evidence of someone accidentally pushing the oil filler cap on too far. When you do, you bend the little tabs inside the cap and mash it all the way down on the pipe. This blocks the engine's ability to vent the crankcase, builds up pressure, and causes a bad leak out the rear main seal.

I hope this little tip helps you stop that oil leak while driving. 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.
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