

# SHADE TREE A'S

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### On the Cover

With all the Model A events cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the editor just had to get the Coupe out for a drive on a beautiful morning.

Rear Cover: The quail flew during the pandemic and the Shade Tree A's had to follow. More on page 9. Photos 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*

Greetings fellow club members 🤘

With all the negative news "in these trying times", some good news and fun would certainly help. Several of us were talking and decided we'd love to do some impromptu Follow the Quail Tours. It would be relatively easy to follow the CDC guidelines for social distancing and we could bring picnic lunches to eat at a predetermined destination. These little casual jaunts would enable us to enjoy our cars as well as some good 'ole Model A camaraderie! So, if anyone has a suggestion for a tour, please let me know and we'll try to put it together.

As the virus seems not to have run its course, our May meeting will have to be cancelled. We will try to meet again either in June or July and will let you know well in advance of the meeting. We would rather err on the side of caution than to have any club members get sick.

Your board decided to give one thousand dollars to the Salvation Army to help feed our local residents that have been financially impacted by this virus lockdown and have been furloughed from work. We felt that there was a desperate need for this type of assistance in our community now. We, as members of the Shade Tree A's, can feel confident that our donation will help to improve the lives of many.

Stay safe and hope to see you soon!!!

Your President  
Matt Barrett

## MEETING MINUTES

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

# LOOKING AHEAD

## Club Calendar

### 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 - **Cancelled**

### 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, 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.**
- 12-14 Charlotte AutoFair
- 19-20 Palmetto A's Swap Meet

### July

- 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**

## May Refreshments



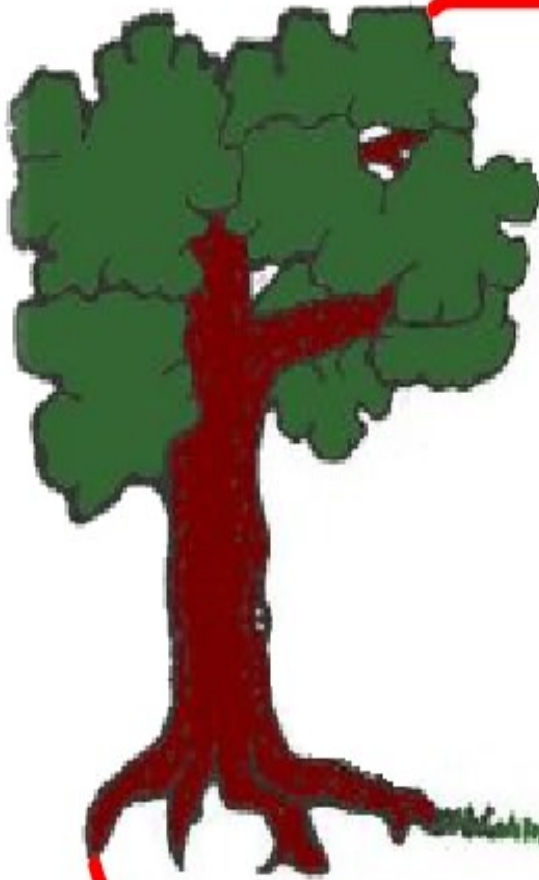
**MAY 2020 MEETING CANCELLED**



## May Birthdays

- |                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 5 Montie Knapp   | 7 Jim Dover         |
| 8 Lois Melchiors | 10 John Neumar      |
| 16 Kathy Poole   | 18 Dotti Shogren    |
| 19 Brenda Prince | 20 Gerald Melchiors |
| 21 Billy Garland | 24 Linda Krosting   |
| 27 Misty Hooker  | 28 Ben Deitz        |
| 28 Don Gordon    | 28 Betty Wade       |
| 29 Joe Christian |                     |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Shade Tree A's Member News

- 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 one who has 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](mailto: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](mailto:vp@ShadeTreeAs.org)

## 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



**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.

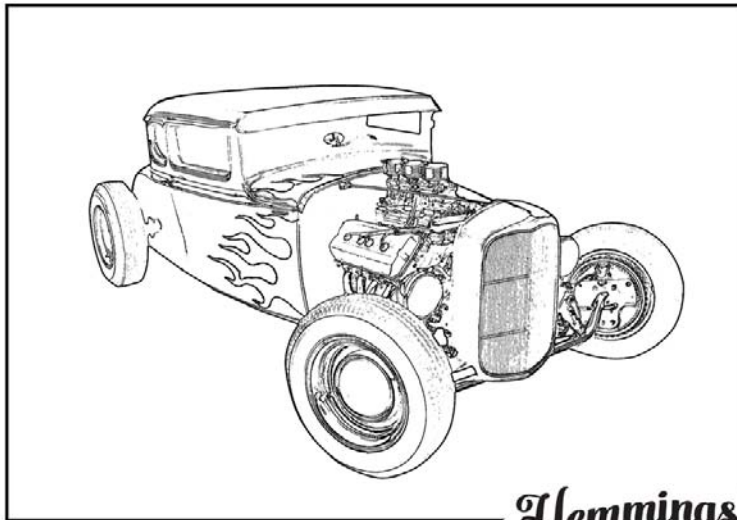
THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.  
JERRY BRAASCH, 2020/21 MEET CHAIRMAN & M.A.R.C.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Classic Car Coloring Pictures

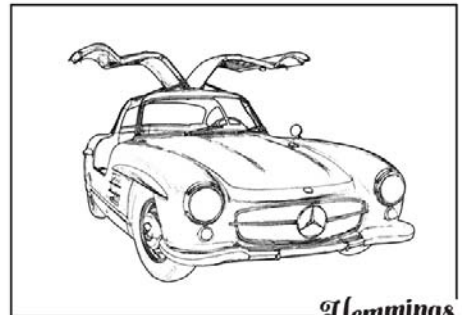
Need something to do while staying home during the pandemic? Hemmings Motor News has several classic car pictures you can download and color at the link below:

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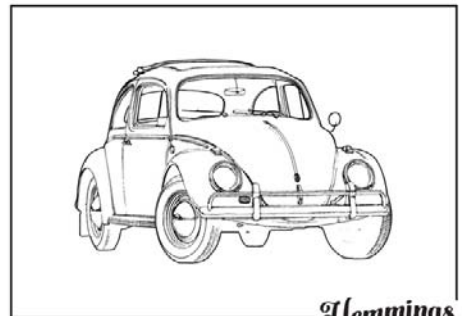
1931 FORD HOT ROD

*Hemmings.*  
EST. 1954



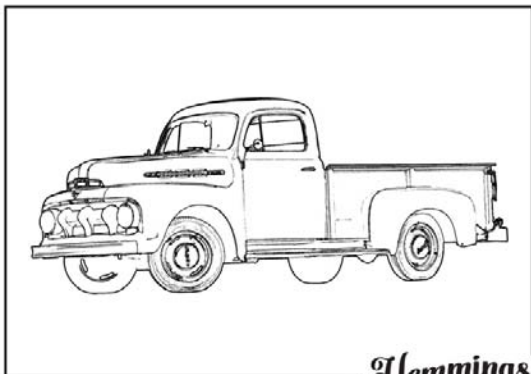
1955 MERCEDES-BENZ 300 SL COUPE

*Hemmings.*  
EST. 1954



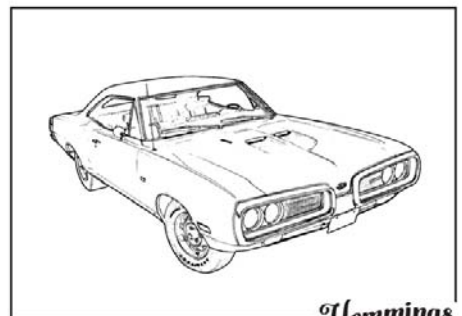
1962 VOLKSWAGEN SUNROOF SEDAN

*Hemmings.*  
EST. 1954



1951 FORD F-3

*Hemmings.*  
EST. 1954



1970 DODGE SUPER BEE

*Hemmings.*  
EST. 1954



## RECENT EVENTS

### Follow the Quail Tour and Picnic

April 28, 2020

*Photos and story by Robbie Jones*

The quail took flight April 28<sup>th</sup> and nine members of the Shade Tree A's just had to follow. The quail left Richard Dunevent's house with the Shade Tree A's members following it to Wife Saver to pick up a picnic meal. Several other Shade Tree A's members joined in the pursuit at Wife Saver. The quail next flew to the recreation area below the Clarks Hill dam on the South Carolina side of the river. That area was closed so the quail left and led everyone to a very nice roadside park in Parksville, South Carolina where the picnic lunch and good fellowship was enjoyed (following social distancing guidelines of course). The Shade Tree A's members present were Matt Barrett, Robert Collier, Richard Dunevent, Larry DuVall, Syble and Darrell Henderson, Robbie Jones, Frank Knapp and Stuart Smith.





RECENT EVENTS

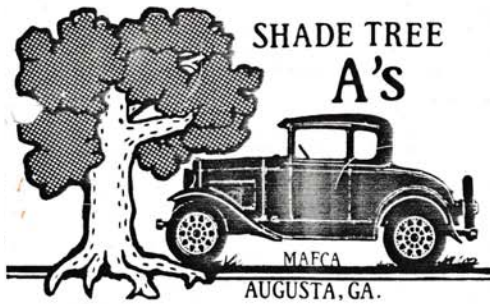
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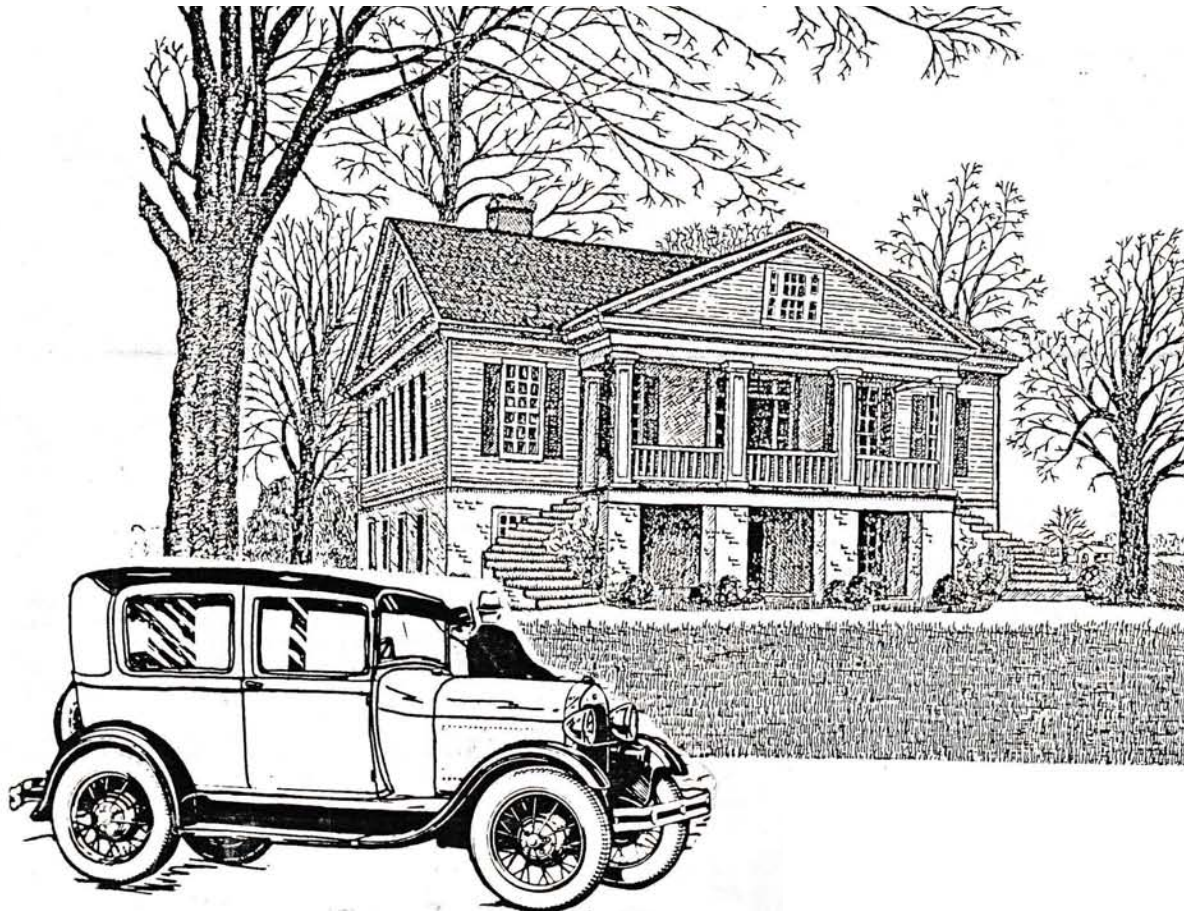


## THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



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 May 1990 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter was chock full of information. Of particular interest was a reprint of an article that appeared in the Columbia County edition of the Augusta Chronicle about then Club President Ralph Neitzke. The article talks about Ralph and the two Model A's he owned at the time, a 1929 Roadster pickup truck and a 1929 Standard car. The Newsletter also advertised an upcoming tour to the Sweetbriar Plantation in Winnsboro, South Carolina.





## TECHNICAL TOPICS

### Ratcheting Wrench

*By Matt Barrett*

If you need to get into a tight space on your Model A this ratcheting open and box end wrench does the trick. This wrench also bends to allow you to get to nuts and bolts that are difficult to reach. These wrenches come in many sizes and can be purchased at your big box store or most auto parts stores. These wrenches work especially well if your bolt is longer than your socket is deep. Hope you enjoy working on your A!



### Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon

#### ***Installing New Radiator Hoses***

Heat takes a toll on the radiator hoses, especially the upper hose. The radiator hoses on a Model A can be a pain to install, particularly the lower ones with the pipe. Here are a few tips I have picked up to make the job easier.

Use a lubricating non-hardening sealant inside the hose ends to make it easier to slide them on to the engine and radiator necks, and easier to move them around when you need to. The best one that I have found is called Hylomar AF (I get it from W.W. Grainger). A thin coating inside the hose helps it slide around when installing, and will also make it easier to remove in the future.



On the lower pipe, install one short hose on each end of the pipe and secure each with a clamp. Estimate where you want the hoses to be, but be prepared to move them later after a trial fitting. Slide the hose end first on to the radiator outlet at the bottom and slide it far forward. Then work the other end's hose over the cast iron water inlet and slide up. Feel through the hose to find the bead on the inlet and clamp on the engine side of the bead. Then tighten the clamp at the radiator.

The upper hose uses a similar technique. Slide the hose first down on the cast iron engine gooseneck. Carefully work the other end over the radiator inlet and slide it up. Then position the hose clamps near the end of the hose and tighten them. Do not over tighten the hose clamps, especially the ones on the radiator. If you do, you can buckle and crush the thin brass, and you will cut into the hoses. You should not have to make the clamps too tight if you use some sealant. Start out with them just snug and then only tighten more if coolant drips from the hose when the system is full. After driving a few times, go back and check the clamps, snug them up a bit if needed.

That's it! Have a Model A Day! Jim

### Member Advertisements

Deadline for submittal – 20<sup>th</sup> of the month – Send submittals to [newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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