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On the Cover

The Shade Tree A's line up for another COVID-19 tour.
Photo by Matt Barrett.

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 🤠

Some club members have mentioned they would like to have a meeting at our club house; however, because of the Covid 19 pandemic, the executive committee still feels that we should refrain from meeting in close quarters until a vaccine is readily available. According to our government officials, hopefully a vaccine will be forthcoming very soon. Let's see what happens in the next few months.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest member, Woody Merry, and his wife, Angie. Woody is a life long resident of Augusta and just purchased a late 28 Model A Tudor 🚗 sedan. Let's give Woody a warm welcome to our Club.

I want to mention that on the first Saturday of November which is the 7th, let's all descend on the Judicial Center at the corner of Walton Way and James Brown Boulevard beginning at 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM. for "Cars and Coffee". This should be a lot of fun.

Also along the lines of a socially distancing event, how about another tour and picnic on Saturday the 14th of November. We can assemble at the Food Lion on Belair Road at 10:30 AM. If you have missed our tours you have missed some good times. So get your A running and join us for a great tour and picnic. Hope to see you there!

I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving 🦃 !!!

Your President,
Matt Barrett

MEETING MINUTES

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



LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

November

- 7 Cars and Coffee, Judicial Center at the corner of Walton Way and James Brown Boulevard, 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM
- 9 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program - TBA) - **Cancelled**
- 14 Shade Tree A's tour and picnic, meet at the Food Lion on Belair Road at 10:30 AM

December

- TBA Shade Tree A's Christmas Party - **Cancelled**

January (2021)

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

TBA - To Be Announced

November Refreshments



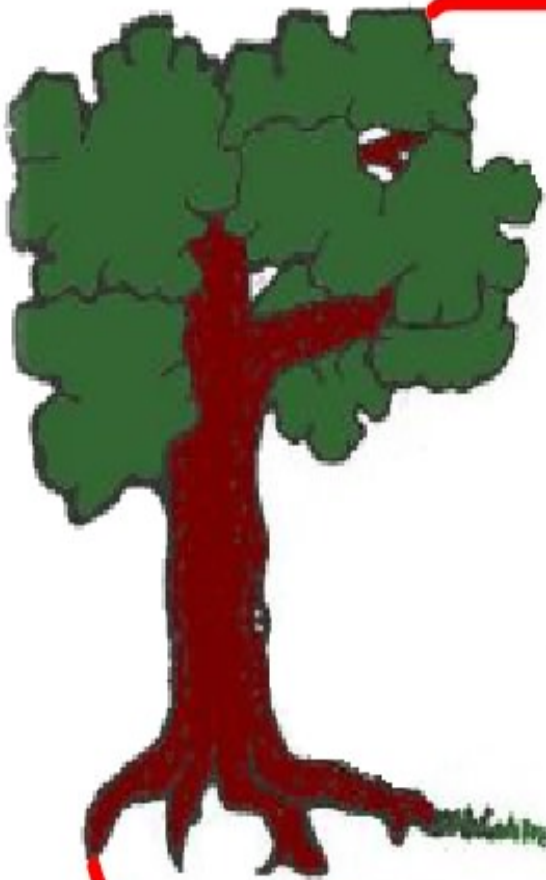
MEETING CANCELLED



November Birthdays

- 9 Walker Mobley
- 15 Skip Stewart
- 18 William Gordon
- 21 Sandy Stewart
- 25 James Beck

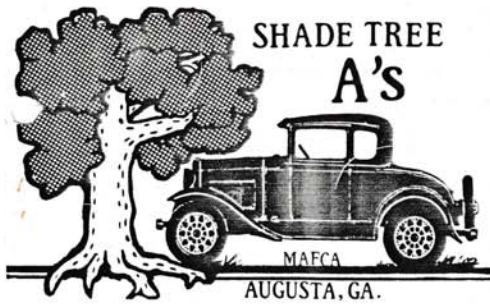
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Shade Tree A's Member News

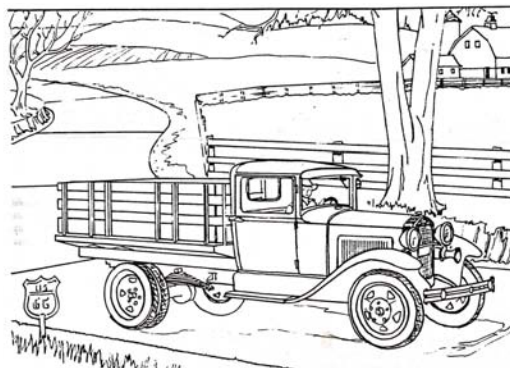
*Send items for Shade Tree A's Member News to:
newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org*

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 November 1990 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* reported that Hershey was "muddy" that year. The meeting minutes recorded two Shade Tree A's members becoming grandparents again: Bob Jones announced the birth of Daniel Jones (Robbie Jones' son) and it was reported that Ben Deitz was once again a grandparent. The upcoming technical program for November was reported to be on upholstering the Model A Tudor presented by Larry Komp. Much of the Newsletter was devoted to reporting on the recent trip to Hershey by several Shade Tree A's members. Tales of rain, eating, and Don Turley's water pumps were included. Below are just a couple of pictures from Hershey that year. Check out the November 1990 Newsletter online to see more pictures.



1930 STAKE BODY TRUCK

TECHNICAL TOPICS

Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Bending the Radiator Overflow Tube Back



The Ford Service Bulletins of April, 1930 (page 450) advise that if you have excessive coolant loss through the radiator overflow tube, you can bend the tube back toward the back edge of the radiator filler neck. They also mention soldering in a brass washer where the tube passes through the baffle plate.

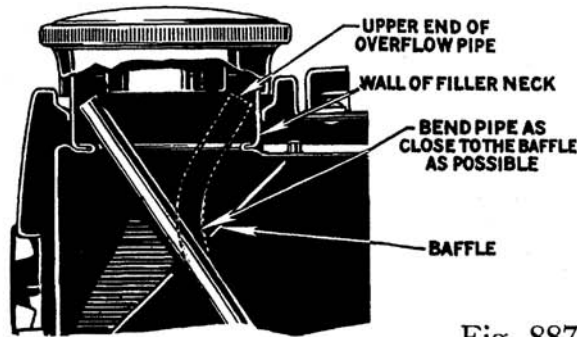


Fig. 887

To bend the tube, insert a larger Phillips screwdriver into the tube. You want the smooth shaft of the screwdriver to pretty much fill the tube, and don't have the tip of the screwdriver go below the baffle plate, about 2 to 3 inches. Then gently push the screwdriver back away from you a bit, remove the screwdriver a bit (~1/2"), then bend it some more. Repeat until the top of the tube is as far "back" as it will go.



If you need to, you can add a short piece of rubber tubing to the top of the overflow tube to raise the level in the top tank that much more before the coolant starts going out the overflow. But don't raise it too much or coolant will start leaking out of your radiator cap and make a mess on your paint and radiator shell.

I hope this helps. Have a Model A Day! Jim

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TECHNICAL TOPICS

Silver Paints

By Robbie Jones (all photos from jefflilly.com)

As many of you know, my other favorite automobile is the Chevrolet Corvair. Jeff Lilly Restorations in San Antonio, Texas has restored a beautiful 1965 Corvair convertible (see photos of the restoration process at: <https://www.jefflilly.com/gallery/classic-cars/1965-corvair-kool/>).



Jeff Lilly's website also has many tips and articles on general restoration techniques. One article intrigued me, an article on silver paints. How many times have you reached for a spray can of silver paint to try to duplicate a particular metallic finish or create a reflective surface? Several paints fall into the reflective category, with Rustoleum Chrome 7718 reported as the best for reflectivity. East Woods 1283Z Reflective Aluminum is another good candidate for a reflective coating. DAP Aluminum 873 is a close third in reflectivity and also is a good match for cyanide cadmium. Durability for most of the reflective paints is on the low side as seen in the finger nail scratch across the test panel for DAP Aluminum 873. Care must be exercised during handling and assembly to avoid marking. Reportedly the DAP 873 will harden up somewhat after it sits for a couple of days. EastWood's Ti-Coat 34127Z provides good coverage and is fuel and solvent resistant and has a 300 °F heat tolerance. It's formulated to look like titanium but doesn't have much reflectivity.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

Silver Paints

(continued)

EastWood Silver Cad 1903Z is supposed to duplicate cadmium and EastWood Clear Zinc 10280Z is supposed to be a good match for zinc but both are reported to have a bluish cast. Krylon Dull Aluminum 1403 looks good, covers great and is cheap to buy. Krylon 1403 is good for aluminum parts like aluminum intakes, alternators etc. Plasti Kote 285 is a cast iron silver used on master cylinders, suspension parts and anything else you may want to consider. It reportedly sprays very nice, is inexpensive and covers great but does not tolerate high heat, with a limit of 500 °F. Seymour Stainless Steel 16-054 looks like bare steel and is useful for parts under the hood, suspensions, drive shafts, etc. The full test results including test results for other paints can be found on the Jeff Lilly Restorations website at the following address:

<https://www.jefflilly.com/build-tips/silver-paints/>



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- 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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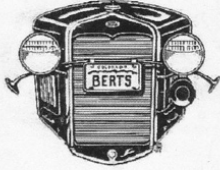
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