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On the Front Cover

Chris and Caitlin Martin's daughters love to have their picture taken in their 1931 Sport Coupe. Their oldest daughter is anxious to return to Richard's to see all the other cars. The Martins hope to get back to that soon and going on some rides with everyone else. Photo by Chris Martin.

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

The tour to Edgefield, SC was postponed to the rain date, March 13, and we had a great turnout. The Edgefield Market was an additional draw and everyone who attended had a tremendous time. We had 14 STA members and their families attend and 10 or 12 people from the Aiken Club. As I have stated many times before, if you missed this tour you missed a good one and you REALLY did!!!

On the other hand, our most recent tour to Waynesboro, GA was attended by only 5 STA members who braved an overcast day to picnic in downtown Waynesboro. Our group was small but dedicated. The weather actually turned out to be almost perfect - our good luck 😞 Sorry we missed you. Charlie Weaver is going to have a few tours every month, so stay tuned, watch your email and get those Model A's running 🚗

Now that over 100 million COVID 19 vaccines have been administered, we are getting closer to herd immunity. So perhaps in July we just might be able to have our meetings again. Let me know your feelings - your board definitely needs your input!

I love ❤️ Spring. But I certainly dislike all the pollen that is attached to my car. At least my car is getting a bath a lot more often during this season - how about yours??? Let's try to make it to next month when all the pollen will be gone and get in some extra tours before our next hurdle - the oppressive heat 🔥

Hope to see you and your "A" very soon 😎

Your President,
Matt Barrett

MEETING MINUTES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated social distancing requirements, the March 2021 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.

University Hospital COVID Pfizer Vaccine Clinic Phase Georgia 18+

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM
3500 Walton Way Extension - Augusta, GA 30909

Reservations can be made at the following link:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/university-hospital-covid-pfizer-vaccine-clinic-phase-georgia-16-tickets-148624809807?aff=ebemoffollowpublishemail&utm_term=University+Hospital+COVID+Pfizer+Vaccine+Clinic+Phase+Georgia+18%2B&utm_medium=email&utm_content=notification&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_campaign=following_published_event

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

April

- 8-10 Charlotte Autofair (Cancelled - The AACA National Meet, held in conjunction with the Autofair, is still planned)
- 12 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - TBA) - Subject to cancellation
- 13 University Hospital COVID Pfizer Vaccine Clinic, 9:00 AM
- 16-17 Old 96 District Model A Ford Club swap meet

May

- 1 Johnston, South Carolina Peach Blossom Festival parade, 10:00 AM
- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - TBA) - Subject to cancellation
- 29 Aiken Memorial Day parade, Aiken, South Carolina, 10:00 AM

June

- 11-12 Palmetto A's Swap Meet and Car Display, Columbia, South Carolina
- 14 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - TBA) - Subject to cancellation

TBA - To Be Announced

April Refreshments



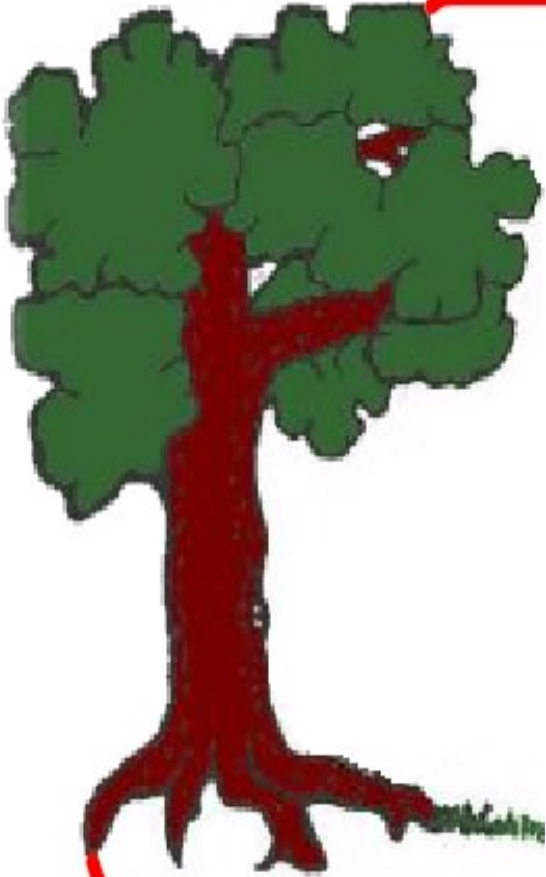
MEETING CANCELLED

April Birthdays



- 3 Pamela Crosby
- 4 Eddy Barrett
- 10 Theresa McMullin
- 10 Tom Poole
- 14 Ann Dinkins
- 16 Shirley Teal
- 20 Richard Lawson
- 22 Annette Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

It doesn't hurt to think ahead to the day when we can meet again. In the meantime, is there a technical topic that could be addressed on one of our tours?

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 16 - 17, 2021

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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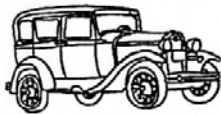
16th Annual

ALL Model A & Model T

SWAP MEET & CAR DISPLAY

at

Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts
60 Wisconsin St. West Columbia, SC



sponsored by

Palmetto A's of South Carolina

Friday, June 11, 2021 8am to 5pm Swap Meet

Saturday, June 12, 2021 8am to 3pm Swap Meet & Car Display

Vendor Space: Early registration: \$15/one day \$25/two days \$20/\$30 at the gate

Car Corral: \$10 for two days

Palmetto A Members - Free Vendor Space

\$2 Door Prize Tickets Food Concession 50/50

Contact: Dick Fraser

dickfraser@earthlink.net 803-622-7582

Vendor Sign Up Form

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Will you be arriving and setting up on Thursday, June 10? _____

Are you primarily a Model A or Model T Vendor? _____

Please mail this form along with a check or money order made payable to:

Palmetto A's of SC--- 113 Ian Dr. Leesville, SC 29070

By participation in this event and signing this form I/we agree to hold harmless

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Signature _____ Date _____

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MAFFI Newsletter Minute March 2021

Would You Like to Serve?

The Model A Ford Foundation is always looking for individuals who love the Model A hobby and are interested in the history of the Era to serve on the MAFFI Board of Trustees. Briefly, the MAFFI board has the responsibility of overseeing the Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore and encouraging Model A'ers around the country to support the museum through membership in MAFFI and through additional donations to museum operations or the museum Endowment Fund.

The Board meets once a year on the Thursday before Model A Day at the Gilmore which falls on the third Saturday of September. Attendance at the meeting and Model A Day is strongly encouraged. Meetings and business are also conducted through email and conference phone calls so a trustee must have access to a computer for email. We like to have representation on the board from *all* areas of the country. *We would like to also encourage women to serve on the board.*

A trustee serves for three years and is eligible to serve a second consecutive term if he or she desires. Trustees must be a member in good standing of MAFFI and we strongly encourage each trustee to support both national clubs, MAFCA and MARC through membership as well. We ask that while serving on the MAFFI Board, you do not run for or accept positions on another national club's board. If you think you may be interested in serving on the MAFFI Board, please contact our Executive Director, John Marshall (ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org), or John Begg (President@maffi.org).



MAFCA is looking for You.

Are you interested in the future of MAFCA? Yes you say! Then now is the time to consider being a candidate for the Board of Directors. As a member of the MAFCA board you will be able to put your organizational and operations skills to good use. MAFCA has four positions that will need to be filled and if you like to take on an assignment and get the job done, and enjoy working on a team of similarly minded people, please fill out the application found on page 20 of the March April issue of *The Restorer* and become a candidate.

Doug Linden Membership Director

RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's Tour to Edgefield, South Carolina

(Photos by Matt Barrett and Robbie Jones)

On March 13, 2021, fourteen Shade Tree A's members in nine Model A's and one modern car toured to Edgefield, South Carolina for lunch and to check out the Second Saturday Market on Main. Craig McMullin joined us with his 1955 International Harvester Farmall 300 tractor at the Market. Several members of the Aiken Model A Ford Club also joined us on the square in Downtown Edgefield. Thanks to Syble Henderson's urging, several wives joined in on the tour too. Several Shade Tree A's members drove home back through the Sumter National Forest while the remainder drove past the peach trees in bloom near Trenton, South Carolina. The trees would have made a fantastic backdrop for a group photo of the Model A's. Maybe we can plan ahead next year and arrange a photo shoot. It was a perfect day for driving a Model A.



RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's Tour to Edgefield, South Carolina

(Continued)



RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's Tour to Waynesboro, Georgia

(Photos by Matt Barrett)

Several Shade Tree A's members traveled to Waynesboro, Georgia for a picnic lunch in a scenic downtown park. It was an overcast day but the weather actually turned out to be almost perfect.



RECENT EVENTS

Springtime Photo Shoot

The Newsletter editor recently suggested that Shade Tree A's members take advantage of the beautiful springtime weather and flowering trees and shrubs in Augusta and surrounding areas. Members were requested to get their Model A's out and take some photos for the Newsletter. Several members responded with some beautiful photos including the photo on the cover. Enjoy the beautiful photos and if you didn't submit a photo, it's not too late to take a photo of your own to submit for a future Newsletter.



Chris and Caitlin Martin's Sport Coupe shines in front of beautiful pink azaleas in bloom.



Dan Perla's front yard provides a beautiful setting for his 1931 68-C Cabriolet.



Frank Knapp took advantage of the close proximity to beautiful Park Avenue in Augusta, Georgia to take this photo of his 1931 Deluxe Roadster.

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 April 1991 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* reported that " interest in A-Models in the Augusta area is at an all-time high". Shade Tree A's membership was reported to be nearing the 30 mark! Many upcoming show, tour and parade opportunities were discussed at the March meeting as reported in the April "Minute by Minute" section of the Newsletter. Among those mentioned include a car show in Waynesboro, a parade in Wrens, the Shade Tree A's garage tour, an event at the Thomson Manor Nursing Home in Thomson, and a car show in Savannah.



Quotes from some of the Brownies that rode in the back of Ralph Neitzke's pickup truck in the December Harlem parade were provided. One Brownie stated "The Model A Truck was different from other rides because there were no seatbelts and it was a nice, bumpy ride". Another Brownie stated "I liked the colors of the Model A cars and the way they were built. I liked the red one best".

A guide for rating the condition of cars and an article on the Model A modified for Admiral Richard E. Byrd's expedition to Antarctica were also included in the Newsletter. A recipe for Tater-Tot Casserole was also provided. Check it out.

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With Byrd to the South Pole

A PART of the success of the trip of Commander Byrd to the South Pole will fall to the responsibility of the new Ford.

Here is the Ford truck with "Snow Flyer" equipment that has been purchased for use on the expedition. The combination of runners and special tracks should help to solve many polar problems of transportation.

Ford Dealer & Service Field for September, 1928

TECHNICAL TOPICS

Bench Top Carburetor Float Level Tester

(Story and Photo by Eric Shogren)

Use a glass jar with a 3-inch diameter mouth. Mark a line on the outside of the jar 5/8 inch down from the lip. For a fuel fill line cut a section of old fuel line to length. The funnel is an applicator nozzle that comes with a tube of gasket maker like Pematex. Before cutting the nozzle, stick the fuel line in from the big open end and cut the nozzle about an 1/8 inch longer. Then fit the nozzle on the fuel line to serve as a tiny funnel. This should give a funnel that won't leak.

While I pour most of the gas directly into the jar, you have to do the final fill using the fuel line/funnel so the float shuts off the fill line.

I find this a lot easier than having to assemble the carburetor and put it on the car to use one of the float level gauges sold by Model A supply houses. Especially when it takes multiple tries to get the float level just right.



Logo Lites

(Story and Photo by Matt Barrett)

If you are looking for LED headlights for your Model A they are very difficult, if not almost impossible to find. All the major parts suppliers say that it will be two months before they have product. Well, the importer of all these LED lights is LOGO LITES from Duluth, GA. They have them in stock and will ship the very next day. They also advertise in both national club magazines.

They also make a under the firewall fuse plate that accommodates a spot for a USB adapter which will charge a cell phone or two. You can also add a module for brake lights and turn signals. They have a great technical person schooled in their product.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

Ductile Iron Brake Drums

(Story and Photo by Matt Barrett)

In my quest to have the best brakes, I discovered new ductile iron brake drums. They are a little pricey but you can purchase the fronts and then at another time the backs. These brake drums will not expand as much as the original steel ones and dissipate heat much better. I now have the best brakes my car has had in many, many years.

If you have a Model A and you want to keep it as original as possible, no one will fault you or for that matter even know (unless you tell) that you have ductile iron brake drums and hubs. The only telltale will be the stopping power you now have. Remember safety is our number one priority. Happy driving and stopping!



Member Advertisements

Deadline for submittal – 20th of the month – Send submittals to newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org

- Used engine with clutch and transmission, \$175
 - 2 rear axles assemblies, complete with drive shaft and torque tube, \$150 each
 - Generators and starters, \$10 each
 - Intake and exhaust manifold set, \$125
 - 1930 radiator shell with good emblem, a few dents, good for a "wall hanger", \$60
 - Original rear bumper bars for 1931 Slant Windshield Town Sedan, these are longer than those used on other body styles, they will need to be re-plated, \$125
 - Rear bumper bars for all 1930-31 body styles, except Slant Window, decent chrome for a driver, \$100
 - 1930-31 radiator, untested, \$30
 - Air-Maze air filter, \$20
 - Good used brake drum hubs, \$50 each
- For any of the above listings, call Don Turley, at 706-863-4867 or email don@donturley.com

- Engine stand: free to a good home.
 - Denman whitewall tires: 4.75/5.00 x 19, old but still in paper wrapping, quantity of two, \$25 each
- For any of the above listings contact Robbie Jones



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