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#### On the Front Cover

Stuart Smith, the 2019 Monroe Wade Award recipient, presents the 2020 Monroe Wade Award to Andrew Morse. See page 7.



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### **Congratulations Andrew!**

## 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

Our tour to Girard, Georgia and the Fish Eye Grill was a great day. Six Model A Fords met at Frank Knapp's house and caravanned to our rendezvous point at Food Lion on Hwy 56 where we met up with two more Model A Fords. All together we had 12 STA members. And by the way, the food was delicious  $\bigcirc$ 

Don't forget that this Thursday, August 5th is our annual meeting at Sconyers BBQ. We will meet at Sconyers at 6:00 PM - don't be late for some great food and family fun in the big room upstairs. Let's everyone be there to share in the fun and friendship.

I have spoken with Jack Sheppard and our Christmas Party will be held at his "country store" on Saturday, December 11th at 6:00 PM. His address is 539 Chamblin Road in Grovetown, GA and Wife Saver will be catering our dinner again this year. Mark your calendars now for this special Christmas event .

Next month on Friday, September 17th, the Southside Model A Club from the "south side" of Atlanta will visit Augusta. Please take a look at their itinerary located in the August Newsletter. We can join them if we wish at one of their various stops in Augusta and also in Aiken. We are invited to the closing dinner on Saturday night, September 18th at Sconyers BBQ. Detailed times for various functions are in the itinerary. We'll address this again in the September newsletter.

Because of the oppressive heat we are going to plan our next tour for the early morning. Stay tuned for dates, times and details 👍

Hope to see you at Sconyers this Thursday. Bring your family and a BIG appetite

Your President, Matt Barrett

## **MEETING MINUTES**

July 12, 2021 Richard's Garage Recorded by: Frank Knapp – Secretary

After a long fifteen months, the monthly meetings of The Shade Tree A's resumed July 12, 2021 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. In the absence of our esteemed President, Vice President Dan Perla brought the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 P.M. once again equipped with a very organized meeting agenda. Twenty-five members were in attendance.



V.P. Dan recognized seven new members who joined during 2020 and 2021:

Josh & Rebecca Dover, Chris & Catlin Martin, Woody & Ange Merry, Dean & Darla Summers, Jerry & Janice Lyda, Charles Weaver Sr., and John Buchanan.

As usual, our "Name Tag Cup" received several contributions from members failing to identify themselves. Thanks to all who made donations!

In lieu of our monthly joke, Dan relayed what's thought to be a true story about a comment made by Neil Armstrong when he landed on the moon. The origin of "Good luck, Mr. Gorsky" is very interesting! If you missed it, I suggest you "Google" his comment!

### **MEETING MINUTES**

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Treasurer's Report:

Stuart Smith opened his report by advising everyone that our Certificate of Deposit has been "knocking it out of the park". Seems that CD has been paying a whopping 4 cents a month! Other than that, not much activity since member dues were suspended for 2020 and won't be due again until October for the year 2022.

A motion was made from the floor to accept the Treasurer's Report and the March 2020 Minutes as published in *The Newsletter*. That motion received a second and passed by unanimous vote.

National Director: This position is currently open. No report was given.

#### **Newsletter Editor:**

Robbie Jones stated he was having issues with some email addresses when sending out the newsletter. He asked anyone not receiving our newsletter each month to contact him with email address additions or corrections. He was also thanked by the entire group for keeping us informed each month during the pandemic.

Stuart Smith, MWA Committee Chairman, made the long awaited presentation of The 2020 Monroe Wade Award. Usually this award is presented at our annual Christmas Party. Unfortunately, that was also cancelled due to Covid-19. It was Stuart's pleasure to announce Andrew Morse as the 2020 recipient! Everyone offered congratulations to Andrew for a job well done in service to The Shade Tree A's! That presentation was met with resounding applause!

#### **Under Old Business:**

Our recent lunch tour to The Triangle Restaurant in Johnston, S.C. was discussed. That tour was well attended with nine Model A's and twenty members and guests enjoying a delicious lunch!

**New Business:** 

Several topics of interest were discussed including:

- Our upcoming tour to Girard, GA. for lunch at The Fish Eye Grill on Saturday, July 24<sup>th.</sup>
- Possible Breakfast and Garage Tours
- Pizza lunches at CiCi's have resumed.
- August Dinner Meeting to be held at Sconyer's August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.
- Invitation from The Lowcountry A's to join them at Lone Star Bar-B-Que in Santee, S.C. on September 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate International Model A Day.
- Follow The Quail impromptu tours discussed. Everyone invited.

Don Turley asked members to consider voting for John Lavoy for MAFCA Board of Directors. Knowing John personally, Don considers him highly qualified and well deserving of our vote. Jerry Lyda invited anyone interested to join him for a Poker Run for Vets on July 31st. A worthy program

Technical Program:

No technical Program was presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM after which a variety of confections



provided by Jim and Sheila McPherson, Richard Dunevent and John Buchanan were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted: Frank Knapp, Secretary

#### **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

#### **August**

5 Shade Tree A's Dinner Meeting, 6:00 PM, Sconyers Bar-B-Q, meet upstairs in the "big room" (Note that this dinner takes the place of the regular monthly meeting)

#### **September**

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

16-18 Southside A's tour to Augusta, Georgia. Watch your email for details on the Shade Tree A's involvement.

#### October

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

#### **Every Wednesday at 11:30**

Join the Shade Tree A's for lunch at Cicis Pizza on Wheeler Road

#### TBA - To Be Announced

# August Refreshments



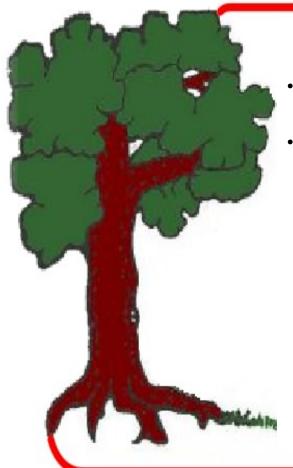
No refreshments needed due to the Annual Bar-B-Que dinner at Sconyer's restaurant



# August Birthdays

- 2 Abbie Prince
- 7 Deborah Fuller
- 10 Walker Crosby
- 11 Sheila McPherson
- 16 Henry Jones
- 20 Woody Merry
- 25 Dan Snider
- 30 Darren Riley

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## **Shade Tree A's Member News**

- CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Morse for being awarded the 2020 Monroe Wade Award.
- Ron Wisham is looking for help in getting his 1949 Ford truck started and the wiring checked out. He inherited this truck from his Dad and needs a little help getting it going. If you can help Ron out, his contact info is in the Shade Tree A's membership roster.

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 <a href="mailto:vp@ShadeTreeAs.org">vp@ShadeTreeAs.org</a>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS 2020 Monroe Wade Award

After a lengthy delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent cancellation of monthly Shade Tree A's meetings, the 2020 Monroe Wade Award was finally awarded to Andrew Morse. Stuart Smith, the 2019 recipient of the Monroe Wade Award, presented the award to Andrew. During the presentation, Stuart read the text of the nomination for Andrew which is provided below.

## Congratulation Andrew!

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Andrew Morse for the Monroe Wade Award. Andrew has been a member of the Shade Tree A's for eight years. His antique car collection includes a 1931 Slant Windshield Town Sedan and two 1931 Model A Roadsters, Andrew's can do attitude has been an inspiration and help to many Shade Tree A's members. He is always available to answer questions and assist with Model A repairs. Andrew has presented numerous programs at Shade Tree A's meetings on paint options and techniques, body work methods and options for repair, demonstrating the use of new techniques to repair or replace rusted out body panels. Andrew is a regular attendee at Shade Tree a's meetings.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Shade Tree A's Annual Bar-B-Que Dinner at Sconyers

The annual Shade Tree A's Bar-B-Q dinner will be August 5, 2021 at Sconyer's Bar-B-Que restaurant at 6:00 PM.



Note that the Club Calendar in the July issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter erroneously stated the time as 6:30 PM.

The correct time is 6:00 PM.

## Weekly Pizza Lunch at Cicis Pizza

Join the Shade Tree A's for lunch every Wednesday at Cicis Pizza on Wheeler Road at 11:30 AM for a variety of pizzas, salad bar and lively discussions.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Southside A's Dick and Jane Tour to Augusta, Georgia and Aiken, South Carolina

The Southside A's are coming to Augusta and Aiken and have asked the Shade Tree A's to join them. Their weekend itinerary is included below.

## **Weekend Itinerary**

#### Time line & Venues

#### Friday, September 17th

Line up outside of the Crown Plaza Hotel along the curb beginning at 8:15. A short Drivers' Meeting will be held at 8:30, with a targeted departure time of 8:45 a.m.

#### First Stop (9:00 a.m.)

Augusta Canal and Boat Tour

#### Second Stop (11:15 a.m.)

Fat Man's Cafe (Line up for departure at 12:45 p.m.)

#### Third Stop (1:00 p.m.)

Meadow Garden (Line up for departure at 2:00 p.m.)

#### Fourth Stop (2:15 p.m.)

Augusta Culteral Center (Line up for departure at 3:00 p.m.)

#### Fifth Stop (3:15 p.m.)

Joseph Lamar & Woodrow Wilson Boyhood Homes

Line up for dinner at 5:15 for a 5:30 departure for dinner

Dinner at BJ's Buffet (6:00p.m.)

### <u>Saturday, September 18th</u>

Line up outside of the Crown Plaza Hotel along the curb beginning at 8:15. A short Drivers' Meeting will be held at 8:30, with a targeted departure time of 8:45 a.m.

#### First Stop (9:30 a.m.)

Redcliff Plantation (Line up for departure at 11:00 a.m.)

#### Second Stop (11:30 p.m.)

(Aiken Train Depot (line up for departure at 12:00 p.m.)

#### Third Stop (12:15-1:15 lunch on

**your own** (Line up for departure at 1:15 p.m.)

#### Fourth Stop (1:30 p.m.)

Hopeland Gardens (Line up for departure at 2:00 p.m.)

#### Fifth Stop (2:15 p.m.)

Aiken County Museum (Line up for departure at 3:45p.m.)

#### Sixth Stop (4:30 p.m.)

Quick "freshen up" time at the Crown Plaza Hotel (Line up for departure at 5:15p.m.)

Farewell Dinner at Sconyers Restaurant (6:00 p.m.)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Rules of the Rubber Chicken

The "rubber chicken" has been known to be awarded to some in the Shade Tree A's. The International Order of the Rubber Chicken Society has recently enacted rules for awarding the rubber chicken. These rules are provided below for your information. Everyobne should be familiar with these rules, because you never know when you may receive the rubber chicken or need to give it away.



The International Order of the Rubber Chicken Society Rules, Regulations and Other Silly Stuff



At a meeting of the International Order of the Rubber Chicken Society (IORCS), the following rules and silly things have been agreed to and enacted upon. The infamous Rubber Chicken is to be fun and full of frivolity. The purpose of these rules is to provide consistency and fairness for those persons desiring (or not) to acquire the scandalous Rubber Chicken because of a Model A Ford mishap.

#### Rule #1

If your Model A Ford causes an unscheduled stop (breakdown, flat tire, running out of gas or any other calamity) while on tour-YOU GET THE RUBBER CHICKEN!

#### Rule #2

If, while on tour, you delay the group from leaving on time (excepting for reasonable delays because of bringing donuts & coffee) - YOU GET THE RUBBER CHICKEN!

#### Rule #3

If you have a trailer (or modern car) problem, causing others to stop alongside the road or be delayed-YOU GET THE RUBBER CHICKEN!

#### Rule #4

If during any Model A Ford tour, you call another tour member to "help, aid, assist, or suggest what 'might be <u>a problem'</u>- YOU GET THE RUBBER CHICKEN!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rule #5 Getting rid of the Rubber Chicken (procedures on how to give the Rubber Chicken away).

Rule #5-a. To pass the Rubber Chicken to another, the current holder of Rubber Chicken <u>must</u> be on the tour (if you ain't there too you loose), NO EXCETION TO THIS RULE!

Rule #5-b. While broken-down on the side of the road, it is <u>NOT ADVISABLE</u> to hand over, pass to or throw the Rubber Chicken at the car's owner or driver. It is also not advisable to put it inside the broken-down car. Nor is it advisable to stand alongside any broken-down car taunting the car's owner with the Rubber Chicken. Should one decide to have a picture taken with one standing next to the broken vehicle giving a thumbs-up jester, proudly displaying the chicken or any other sign of delight, satisfaction or joy, you do so at your own risk. Injury and mayhem for violating this rule is possible.

<u>Rule #5-c</u>. It <u>is</u> appropriate to pass the Rubber Chicken at any meal, gathering or chapter activity once faces have turned from bright red and steam is no longer venting from ears, or if the new recipient requests it while on the side of the road.

<u>Rule #5-d</u>. In order for a National Event (Tour or Convention) to be in play 25% or more of the chapter's members must be there and driving a Model A. A person should not be penalized for having the guts to drive their Model A when everyone else CHICKENS OUT!

<u>Rule #5</u>-e, multiple breakdowns. In the event more than one car breakdown on the same tour the appropriate method of passing the Rubber Chicken is to call all vehicle owners up in front of the chapter and then proceed to pass the Rubber Chicken from one to another in the chronological order in which they broke down. Each owner should be given a minute to tell of their harrowing experience or why they don't deserve the Rubber Chicken. The last person to breakdown possesses the Rubber Chicken until the next opportunity to pass it along.

#### Rule #6

All chapters should name their Rubber Chicken. It is most appropriate to name the chicken after a member so deserving because of the regularity or quantity of times he/she has had the honorable Rubber Chicken bestowed up him/her.

#### Rule #7

Out of respect, the Rubber Chicken shall be honorably retired once its head or both legs have fallen off.

#### Rule #8

Each chapter should appoint a Colonel Chicken whose job shall be to determine all disputed matters. His/her word is final and not open to debate.

#### Rule #9

Life Time Achievement Award. The Rubber Chicken shall be permanently given to he/she who run their Model A out of gas while on tour. Phrases accompanying running out of gas, such as "Don't worry, I have plenty of gas" are to be pointed out at the next chapter meeting this person attends. The person running out of gas shall at his/her own expense replace the chicken with a newer version. This is not debatable! (Note: an appropriate Rubber Chicken Mardi-Gras necklace (can be found on line) may be given in lieu of the original Rubber Chicken).

## JUST FOR FUN







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Power pole is missing: White lane lines missing in background: Coupe's license is missing: "Original" missing from sign board: Trash can is missing: Coupe's spare fire is gone: Brown area in para ad missing: Lane ine between cars missing: Coupe's spare fire is gone: Brown area in grass at curve gone.

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## **RECENT EVENTS**

# Shade Tree A's Lunch Tour to the Fish Eye Grill in Girard, Georgia

Photos by Matt Barrett











## **RECENT EVENTS**

# Shade Tree A's Lunch Tour to the Fish Eye Grill in Girard, Georgia

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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 August 1991 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* was mostly devoted to pictures from the recent trip to Savannah, Georgia. Some of these pictures are provided below; others can be seen by viewing the August 1991 issue on the Shade Tree A's website.



## **TECHNICAL TOPICS**



Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

**Working Around Your Car's Battery** 

Whenever working on the electrical parts of your car, it is a good idea to de-energize everything to prevent an accidental short circuit. For example, one of the horn wires in "hot" all the time, so any time you do anything with the horn cover, it's a good idea to disconnect the battery. The same is true of the brake light switch and the wires inside the instrument panel in the car.

If you have a fuse on the yellow wire that comes off of the starter switch, just removing the fuse will do the trick. Or if you have a battery cut-off switch on the car, that will kill the power to everything.

But in many cases you need to disconnect the ground strap from the battery in order to make sure everything is without power. Perhaps you need to remove the starter cable, or the battery itself. Whenever you remove cables from the battery posts, it is a really good idea to cover the battery post with something to prevent accidental contact between it and the other battery post.

For example, if you dropped a wrench or other tool while working around or above the battery, it could land on top of the battery touching both posts. This will short out the battery, which can be a really big problem, resulting in a fire or perhaps the battery exploding acid all over.

When you buy a new battery for most cars today, they are sold with one or two small plastic caps over the battery posts. I see them in red and black plastic. If you go to your local auto parts store, the people there may even give you a few of these caps, if you ask.



I keep several of them in my box of battery-related tools and things, to put over the posts of any battery I am working around. It is easy to do and only takes a minute.

Take a minute to be safe. Enjoy! And Have a Model A Day! Jim

## **Member Advertisements**

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

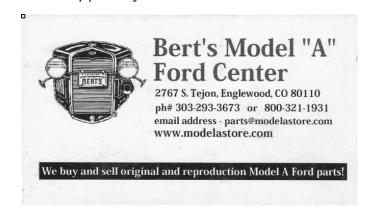
- Used engine with clutch and transmission, SOLD
- 2 rear axles assemblies, complete with drive shaft and torque tube, BOTH SOLD
- Generators and starters, \$10 each
- Intake and exhaust manifold set. \$125
- 1930 radiator shell with good emblem, a few dents, good for a "wall hanger", \$50 (Reduced Price)
- 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, SOLD
- 1930-31 radiator, untested, SOLD
- Air-Maze air filter, \$20
- Good used brake drum hubs, \$50 each
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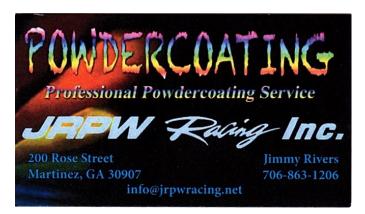
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