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### On the Front Cover

The Shade Tree A's toured to Lincolnton, Georgia for the Pioneer Day festival at the Lincoln County Historical Park. Photo by Robbie Jones. More photos on pages 9 and 10.

## 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 🙌

I hope that your Thanksgiving was full of family and fun 🦃 Our next get together will be our annual Christmas Party at Jack Sheppard's on Saturday, December 11th starting at 6:00 PM. His address is 539 Chamblin Rd in Grovetown, GA. Just look for two green lights flanking his driveway and you're there 🚗 Don't be late for a fun filled time with your fellow Club members and their guests. If you haven't signed up for this party do so as soon as possible because the caterer needs a head count no later than Saturday, December 4th.

We have two new members that we want to welcome to our Club. First is Bobby Whigham who owns a 1930 Coupe and Steven Spencer who also owns a 1930 coupe. Let's give Bobby and Steven a warm welcome.

If you haven't sent in your 2022 club dues, please do so now. You can send them to Stuart Smith at 3535 West Lake Drive, Martinez, GA 30907. Our Club needs your financial support and, especially, your presence at our Club meetings.

We customarily have breakfast on New Year's Day at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at I-20 at Belair Rd at 8:00 AM, so hope to see you there. And by the way, you get extra points if you drive your Model A and enjoy the usual cold January weather. I can remember one year Stuart Smith drove his 31 Roadster without side curtains and Gail drove her modern car with heat. I believe that I'm not as brave as Stuart.

From conversations with our President-elect, Jim McPherson, he is super focused on increasing our membership and also giving the group an interesting technical session at each new meeting. Our tour director, Charlie Weaver, is getting those cars rolling in unison to some exotic destinations. Can't wait!!

The Shade Tree A's are invited to tour to Gibson, GA on Saturday December 4th to have lunch at the Crossroads Barbeque Restaurant and also a Christmas Parade beginning at 2:00 PM. We will meet at Food Lion on Belair Rd and leave at 10:00 AM. Hope to see you there, so get your jalopies running for a great time. Like they say - everybody loves a parade 🎄

There are so many people responsible for making our Club the best. Just to name a few: Dan Perla has filled in when I was unable to attend a meeting, Frank Knapp has been there to help me with my many questions, Robbie Jones has done a tremendous job with our monthly newsletter and Stuart Smith who keeps our finances in great order!! My many, many thanks for all your hard work 👍👍👍

Merry Christmas 🎅🎄 Happy New Year 🍷🥂

Your President,  
Matt Barrett

### CORRECTION

The cover photo for the November 2021 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter was mistakenly credited to Matt Barrett. Credit should have been given to Frank Knapp instead. Thank you Frank for the photo and apologies for the mistake.

## MEETING MINUTES

*November 8, 2021*

*Richard's Garage*

*Recorded by: Frank Knapp – Secretary*

The monthly meeting of The Shade Tree A's was held November 8, 2021 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Matt Barrett brought the meeting to order at 6:58 P.M. with a warm welcome to the 32 members and one guest present. Our guest, Larry Norris, was introduced by Richard Dunevent. Welcome Larry!

It was also noted Ralph Neitzke was present after a weeklong stay in the hospital. All were thankful for Ralph's successful recovery!

Two new members were recognized. Bobby Whigham and Steven Spencer were welcomed by the group.

Our "Name Tag Penalty Cup" was not needed this month since Dan Perla was hard at work distributing personal name tags to members. Thanks Dan for your hard work in design and production!

President Matt once again entertained the group with his "Joke of the Month".

### Treasurer's Report:

Stuart Smith reported an increase in activity due to members paying 2022 dues. The only expenditure paid in October was the name tag invoice. Stuart noted a problem keeping track of cash payments. He insisted members attach a note with their name when paying with cash.

A motion was made from the floor to accept the Treasurer's Report and the October 2021 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 explained the notice included in each Newsletter email is intended to protect member's email addresses. Newsletters can be forwarded only if a separate email message is created.

### Show and Tell:

John Neumar passed around a handmade toy pickup truck he made for his two year old grandson. Nice job! Thanks John. Robbie Jones displayed an early Shade Tree A's golf shirt with our original STA logo. Definitely an "Oldie but a Goodie".

### Under Old Business:

Dan Perla polled the members as to their Christmas Party intentions. So far we have approximately 30 members and guests attending. Our Saturday November 20th tour to Lincolnton, Ga. for Pioneer Days was discussed. Several members showed interest in participating. Andrew Morse reminded members that nominations for The Monroe Wade Award must be submitted no later than Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Under New Business:

Vice President Dan Perla was asked by President Matt to conduct our annual Election of Officers for the upcoming year. After several nominations (and volunteers) the following members were elected to serve.

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# MEETING MINUTES

*Continued*

President: Jim McPherson  
 Vice President: John Neumar  
 Secretary: Frank Knapp  
 Treasurer: Stuart Smith  
 National Director: Matt Barrett  
 Tour Director: Charlie Weaver  
 Board of Directors: Dan Perla and Darrell Henderson

Outgoing President Matt Barrett expressed his appreciation for the support he received from members over the past three years. Matt considered it an honor to have served as our President and thanked the group sincerely.

### Technical Program:

Charlie Weaver presented a very informative program on rebuilding the Model A two-tooth steering sector. Equipped with a complete, disassembled, steering sector his presentation included problems resulting mostly from wear. Also a very interesting method of fitting the worm gear to the shaft was described. Charlie's method consists of heating the worm gear to exactly 248 degrees allowing expansion. Thanks Charlie, well done!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. After which refreshments provided by Kenny Adkins and Darren Riley were enjoyed by all. The menu included delicious Bar-B-Q sliders, with all the "fixins".

Thanks guys!

Respectfully Submitted: Frank Knapp, Secretary

**MONTHLY TECHNICAL PROGRAM**

Do you have an idea for a technical program for presentation at a monthly meeting?  
 Or a topic you would like discussed during a monthly technical program?  
 Do you want to volunteer to present a technical program?

If so, contact Vice President Dan Perla

**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 Events

#### December 2021

- 4 Tour to Gibson, Georgia, lunch at the Crossroads Barbeque Restaurant and Christmas Parade. Meet at Food Lion on Belair Rd and leave at 10:00 AM. Parade at 2:00 PM.
- 11 Shade Tree A's Christmas Party at Jack Shepard's, 6:00 PM. 539 Chamblin Rd, Grovetown, GA, look for two green lights flanking the driveway.

#### January 2022

- 1 New Year's Day breakfast, Cracker Barrel at I-20 and Belair Road, 8:00 AM
- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - *How's It Made: The Shade Tree A's Newsletter*, presented by Robbie Jones)

#### February 2022

- 14 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - *Touring to Alaska and the Arctic Circle in a Model A*, presented by Ray and Teri Besch)

#### Every Wednesday at 11:30

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

*TBA - To Be Announced*

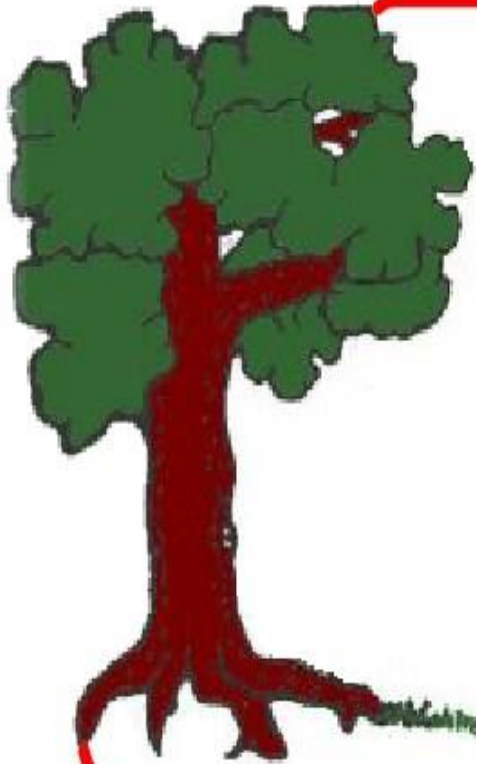
### Other Events of Interest

#### December 2021

#### January 2022

#### February 2022

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Shade Tree A's Member News

- Welcome to new Shade Tree A's members Bobby Whigham who owns a 1930 Coupe and Steven Spencer who also owns a 1930 coupe.

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



## December Refreshments

**Christmas Party!**  
**No refreshments needed this month.**



## December Birthdays

- 1 Robbie Jones
- 7 Joe Holley
- 8 Charles Weaver, Sr.
- 11 Kenny Adkins
- 13 Richard Dunevent
- 15 Chris Martin
- 16 Frank Knapp
- 17 Eric Shogren
- 21 Jim Mason
- 26 Ann Claiborne Christian
- 27 Phyllis Collier

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Shade Tree A's Christmas Party**

**December 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

Join us for the Shade Tree A's Christmas Party. This year's party will once again be at Jack Sheppard's Country Store, 539 Chamblin Road, Grovetown, Georgia  
Look for two green lights flanking the driveway

If you've never been to Jack's, his place is a real treat and a great place for our Christmas Party

Contact Stuart Smith to make reservations and make your payment of \$20.00 per person  
Reservations are needed as soon as possible to finalize the catering

### **New Year's Day Breakfast**

Join the Shade Tree A's for our annual New Year's Day breakfast at the Cracker Barrel near the I-20 and Belair Road interchange (460 Park Way Drive, Grovetown, GA). Be there by 8:00 AM for good food and fellowship.





## RECENT EVENTS

### Shade Tree A's Tour to Pioneer Day in Lincolnton, Georgia

*(Story and photos by Robbie Jones)*

The Shade Tree A's traveled to Lincolnton, Georgia for Pioneer Day at the Lincoln County Historical Park. Seven Model A's driven by Matt Barrett, John Buchanan, Robbie Jones (with Leta and daughter Keri), Frank Knapp, Jerry Lyda, Darren Riley, Charles Weaver Sr. (and Charlie). Ralph Neitzke also tagged along in his modern vehicle. The drive started out chilly but the weather warmed and made a great day for driving a Model A. President Matt Barrett was awarded the People's Choice award for his '31 Vicky. Congratulations Matt! Activities and displays included a working sawmill, a cider still, cotton gin, clothes washing, a country store, a blacksmith shop and an aerial flyover. Other than the Shade Tree A's cars, several cars from the Old 96 District Model A Club were there. A nice collection of antique tractors and engines were also on display. Food was available for purchase including apple fritters. Yum!



RECENT EVENTS

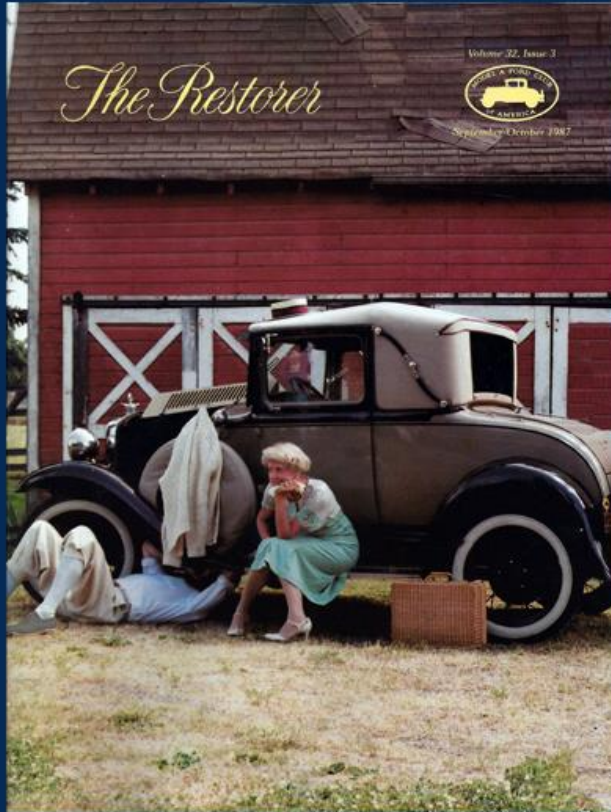
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Pioneer Day in Lincolnton, Georgia

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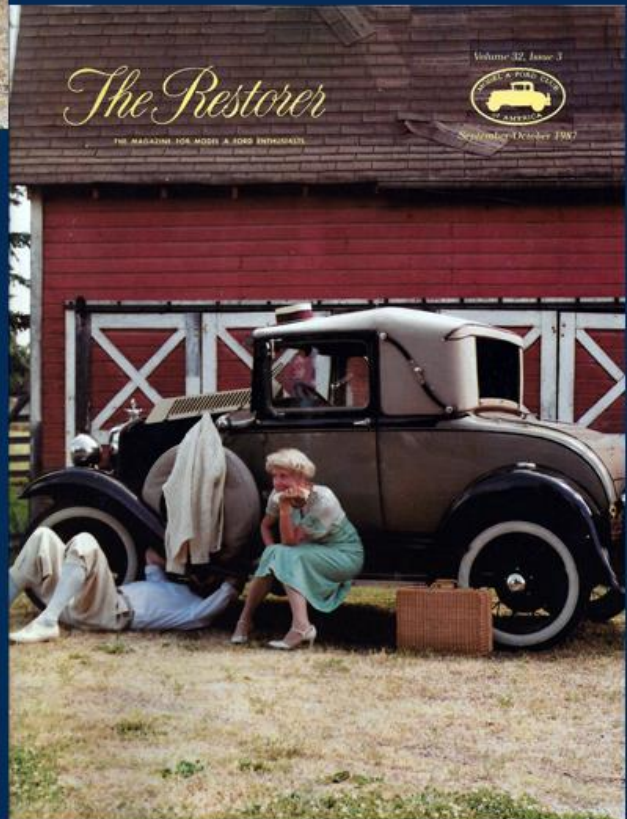


# JUST FOR FUN

## Can You Find All Ten Things That Are Different?



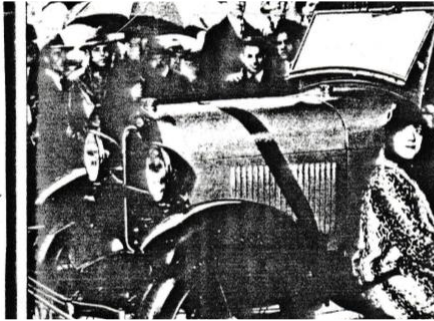
## Model A Fun for All



### Answers

1. The Magazine for Model A Enthusiast is missing.
2. White wood trim "X" is missing.
3. Door handle missing.
4. Man's shoe is gray.
5. Green weeds added to right side.
6. Rumble seat step plate is missing.
7. Fence rail on left is missing.
8. Woman's wristwatch is missing.
9. Hub cap is missing.
10. White trim on left extended.

## 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 December 1991 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* stated that the Club secretary also had responsibility for the newsletter. Sure am glad that's not the case now, right Frank? An article about a machinery junkie is also included. Several upcoming trips were also mentioned including the Berry College Ford Festival. Anybody remember that one?



## TECHNICAL TOPICS

### Jim's Technical Tip

by Jim Cannon,

#### Ignition Cam Screws

I have helped a few Model A owners with an unusual problem: For no reason at all, their distributor goes "out of time". They lose power and have to limp home. They reset the timing and the car runs great again, but after a while the same thing happens and they limp home. Gremlins? No.

The problem is that the ignition cam screw may not hold the cam down tightly to the distributor shaft. After a bit of driving, the cam rotates into a more and more "retarded" position and the engine loses power.

In spite of getting out a big screw driver and tightening the screw as much as possible, the cam still moves on them. Why is this? The SCREW that they are using is too long for the hole that is drilled and tapped in the top of the distributor shaft.

Some reproduction screws are just too long. Or the hole in the reproduction distributor shaft is too shallow. Or both! Whatever the case, the screw bottoms out in the hole and jams up tight before the cam is properly locked down on the shaft. So the cam moves.

The simple fix is to add a washer under the head of the cam screw. Now the cam will get locked down well before the screw bottoms out in the hole. You also want to inspect the underside of the cam; it should have ridges that help lock it down on the shaft. Once the screw is tight, put the rotor on the cam and gently try to turn it on the distributor shaft. It should not move.

If you or a friend encounters this problem with the engine going out of time, I hope my little Tip does the trick for you.

Jim Cannon  
*Have a Model A Day*

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