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On the Front Cover

Darrell hangs on while Syble speeds off to battle a fire. Photo taken by Matt Barrett on a recent Follow-the-Quail tour to Steven Teal's to view his car collection. More photos on page 6.

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members! I believe that we can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel now that several COVID-19 vaccines have been approved. We'll keep an eye on the progress of inoculations and COVID-19 control and, when safe, we'll resume our much-missed meetings.

I have assurances that all of your club officers will continue working in 2021 until we are able to meet again. At that time, we will open the floor to any nominations that you, the members, may have. Thank you, current officers, for your continuing service. Also, we now have a tour director - Charlie Weaver, Jr. We look forward to a renewed effort on his part to discover new places for our "follow the quail" tours.

Just a couple weeks ago the "quail" group had lunch at the Crossroads BBQ restaurant and we did practice social distancing from each other. An added bonus was while in Gibson we were treated to the Model A collection of STA member Steven Teal and what a collection it is!!! Thank you, Steven, for sharing with us.

I have been asked if the club is going to the Cracker Barrel restaurant New Year's Day. Not officially, but if you would like to go, it is certainly your prerogative to do so. In the past, we have met at 8:00 in our "A"s.

Let's pray that in 2021 COVID-19 will be controlled and our lives will be able to return to normal, even if it must be a "New" normal.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 🎉🎉🎉

Your President,
Matt Barrett

MEETING MINUTES

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

GASOLINE SEDIMENT BOWL

Have you ever installed a new glass sediment bowl assembly or removed the glass bowl to clean out the sediment and found that it leaked after you put it back together, even though you used a new cork gasket? This is not an uncommon experience. The problem lies in the fact that the cork gaskets sold today are porous and the gasoline filters right through them. I recently encountered this problem on a customer's brand new assembly.

Patent Cures



By removing the glass bowl and doing the following I was able to stop the leak.

Sit the glass bowl upright on a level surface; then fit the filter screen in the recess of the bowl. Using a little adhesive like silicone cement will help to keep it in place.

Now apply silicone adhesive either blue or clear to all surfaces of the cork gasket. Place the gasket on top of the glass bowl containing the filter screen. Wait a minute or two, then carefully install the assembly in the correct place in the filter. Adjust the bale and tighten.

See related article under Technical Topics

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day breakfast at Cracker Barrel, I-20 and Belair Road - *See the President's remarks in the "Off the Running Board" column*
- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - TBA) - *Subject to cancellation*

February

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

March

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

TBA - To Be Announced

January Refreshments



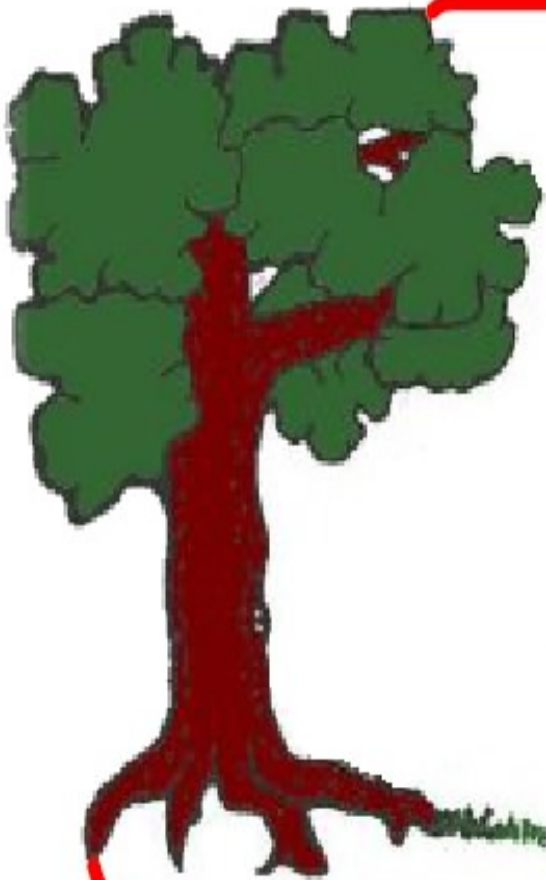
MEETING CANCELLED

January Birthdays



- 6 Steve Teal
- 7 Mary Griffin
- 24 Edward Griffin
- 31 Janet Neumar

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

RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's Lunch Tour to Gibson, Georgia

December 19, 2020

(Photos by Matt Barrett)

The Shade Tree A's traveled to the Crossroads BBQ restaurant in Gibson, Georgia on a Follow-the-Quail tour. While there, the group also visited Steven Teal and viewed his collections of cars.



RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's Lunch Tour to Gibson, Georgia

(Continued)



SHOW AND TELL

Custom Tervis Tumbler

(Story and photos by Robbie Jones)

For Christmas this year Santa brought me a custom designed Tervis tumbler. Well, I actually knew I was getting it because I designed it and ordered it Black Friday weekend which got me 30% off. When it arrived I didn't look at it; I just gave Leta the box and told her to make sure it looked OK and to wrap it up and put it under the tree. So in a way it was a surprise Christmas morning when I saw it for the first time.

Leta has a Tervis cup with vintage campers printed on it which provided my inspiration. My design includes photos of my 1963 Corvair, 1931 Model A Coupe and 1931 Model A Fordor. The 1936 Ford Tudor that I'm currently restoring is not on the cup but is represented by the Ford V8 logo. Leta's Hercules Model E hit and miss engine and saw cart and my McCormick Deering Type M engine are also on the cup. Leta's engine and saw has been in her family since it was new in 1920. Other small filler items include a crossed flag emblem from my Corvair, a Webster magneto from the Hercules engine and a Model A quail. The photos show the artwork as submitted to Tervis for printing and the finished cup. My custom cup turned out very nice and the printing is very high quality equal to that on Leta's store bought cup which has held up well.



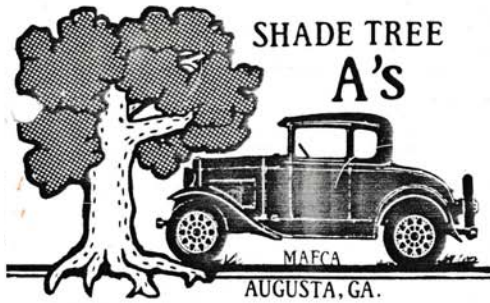
FUN STUFF

The following was published in the January 2021 issue of the Harbor Area Model A Club newsletter (Torrance, California).

Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services...

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands along.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the backdoor entrance.
- The 6th formers will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double-doors at the side entrance.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - so Up Yours.'

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 January 1991 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* included a list of oxymorons, those incongruous or contradictory words that are used together like "Cruel Kindness". The list in the Newsletter related to cars and often Model A's.

- When spoken by almost any used car salesman - "Fine Car"
- When spoken by some Hemmings advertisers - "Easy Restoration" or "Lightly Rusted"
- When spoken by a policeman to a Model A'er on the interstate - "speeding violation"
- When spoken by some restoration shops - "First Rate"
- When talking about the average Model A's brakes - "stopping power"
- When speaking to the spouse from the garage - "Just a Minute!"

Happy New Year!

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
work on CAR	hibernate	Break out CAR
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
SPRING RALEY	Fit car after Raley	Drive!
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
MAGGIE VALLEY	Find AIR conditioner	cool down Drive
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
chocolate TOWN!	winter Prep car	EAT!

TECHNICAL TOPICS

Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Ford originally used a fine mesh brass screen at the top of the glass fuel strainer bowl that's mounted to the Model A firewall. The bowl gives a place for water to settle into (water is heavier than gasoline) and a place for dirt and rust particles to collect.

The screen also keeps these particles from traveling down to the carburetor (where you have another screen!). With all these screens, I think Ford knew that gasoline supplies at the time were prone to contamination (more than today).



Many people have started to install a small pleated paper filter element in the glass bowl instead of the brass screen.

I'm not so sure it's needed; I think the brass screen is enough. The Model A has no fuel pump, it relies only on gravity feed, and I'm concerned about adding another restriction to the fuel flow.

But IF you use one of these paper filters, you need to know that the rust, dirt, etc. is trapped INSIDE the paper element, not on the outside of it like you'd think. Therefore, you can be collecting a lot of junk inside the filter, plugging up the filter element on the inside, and not even know it. One day, you lose all your power and the engine really acts like it is starving for fuel. You thought you would see the rust and dirt collect on the outside of the filter... but you don't. Surprise! (I hate surprises!)

So, if you are going to use these pleated paper filters, get into the habit of replacing them regularly, maybe once a year, since you can't see how dirty they are inside. And carry a spare filter and gasket with you in the car. It's a pretty easy thing to swap out in a parking lot. Kind of messy, but it can be done without tools. Use some disposable gloves and you won't smell like gas for the rest of the day.

That's all for now. Keep driving, help each other out, and Have a Model A Day! Jim



TECHNICAL TOPICS

TINY TIPS



PAINTING WHEELS

If you are painting your wheels and don't want to remove and reinstall the tires, here's a tip for masking the tires.

- deflate the tube
- break the tire beads from the wheels
- cut a "donut" from a sheet of heavy-duty plastic. The center of the donut is an 18" diameter circle and the outside of the donut is 32" (for 19" wheels). For 21" wheels, add 2 inches to these dimensions.
- Stretch the donut over the wheel allowing the plastic to drop down into the drop center of the wheel. The donut will cover the tire and can be taped in place with masking tape.
- Now, do the same thing with another plastic donut on the other side of the wheel.

ONE CAUTION: don't use the plastic donuts for priming and then for color coat painting (paint peels easily from the plastic and flaked paint will mess up your job). Make donuts for each paint procedure.

PREVENTING PAINT POPPING

If you have trouble with freshly painted wheels "popping the paint" when the lug nuts are tightened, "mask" the holes in the wheels with a set of lug nut spacers held in place with small strips of body caulking material. After the paint job, these spacers can be carefully removed. A light coating of lubricant on the tapered part of the lug nut will help prevent "popping the paint."

Submitted by Gene R. Bassage Palmyra, New York

Member Advertisements

Deadline for submittal – 20th of the month – Send submittals to 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
- Model A Tudor for sale. Contact Grant Cassem (Aiken A's) at: gcassem@mastercraftawards.com

- Engine stand: free to a good home.
- Luggage rack: some rust, some repair needed, paint and have a functional rack for touring, \$50
- Denman whitewall tires: 4.75/5.00 x 19, old but still in paper wrapping, quantity of two, \$25 each
- Robbie Jones



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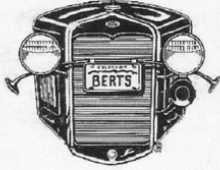
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