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On the Front Cover

The Shade Tree A's traveled to the Boss Hog BBQ Cook-Off in Waynesboro, Georgia. More photos on page 10. Cover 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

The STA tour to the "Hog Wild" BBQ cook off was a rousing success!!! We had 7 Model A Fords and 10 members in attendance. I can safely say that everyone had a great time. There must have been five to six hundred people at the Cook Off. Our STA members were able to park as a group and our cars attracted a lot of attention. One official invited us to attend next year and park in the very middle of the field 👍 This looks like a great idea for a yearly tour!

We have a new member to tour with and share our love of the "A" - John Buchanan has a 1929 Model A Tudor that is in excellent cosmetic and mechanical condition. Welcome to our club, John; we are happy you are with us. Let's give John a warm welcome to our Club 🙌🙌🙌

Every year in August we have had a family get together at Sconyers BBQ restaurant. This year we are able to resume our tradition 🎉 Please let's all join our club members on Thursday, August 5th at 6:30 pm. We have the "big" room upstairs, so bring your family members and an appetite! We look forward to EVERYONE being there 🍷🍷

Our tour director has decided that we need to travel to the Triangle Restaurant in Johnston, SC. So, mark your calendars for the 19th of June for a great tour and lunch. We will meet in the parking lot of Food Lion on Belair Rd and leave promptly at 10:00 AM. Don't be late for some great Model A fun. You will be happy you decided to join us (and so will your Model A 😊). And if your A is not running, please join us in your "modern" car 🚗

Don't forget our next in person meeting will be on July 12th at Richard's Garage at 7:00 PM. The address is 4338 Owens Rd. Hope to see you there.

Your President,
Matt Barrett

MEETING MINUTES

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

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) - **Cancelled**
- 19 Shade Tree A's Tour, lunch at Triangle Restaurant in Johnston, South Carolina, meet at Food Lion on Belair Road at 10:00 AM

July

- 12 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage
(Technical Program - TBA) - **Tentatively planned as an in person meeting. Watch your email and upcoming Newsletters for updates.**

August

- 5 Shade Tree A's Dinner Meeting, 6:30 PM, Sconyers Bar-B-Q, meet upstairs in the "big room" (Note that this dinner takes the place of the regular monthly meeting)

TBA - To Be Announced

June Refreshments



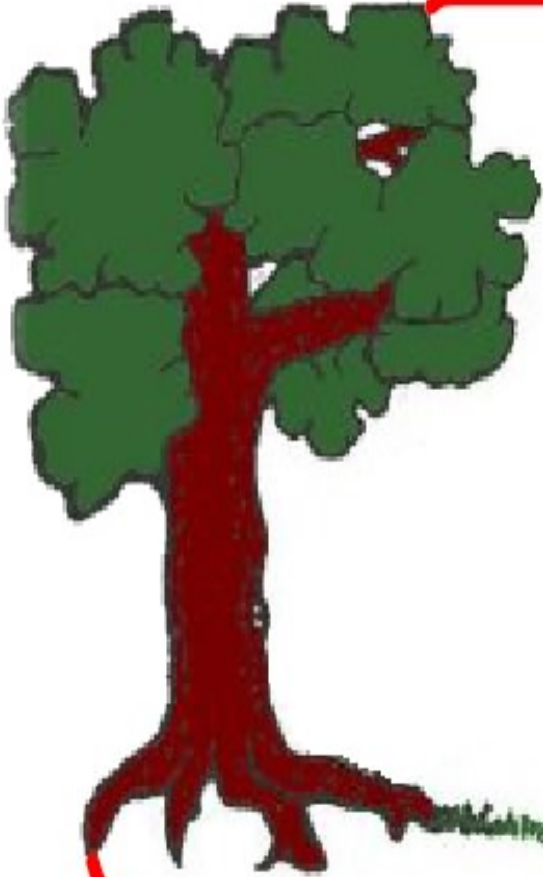
MEETING CANCELLED

June Birthdays



- 1 Darla Summers
- 6 Matt Barrett
- 24 Ange Merry

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?

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Shade Tree A's Tour To Johnston, South Carolina

Join the Shade Tree A's as they tour to Johnston, South Carolina for lunch at the Triangle Restaurant. We will depart the Food Lion grocery store on Belair Road near I-20 at 10:00 AM. If you can't make it in your Model A, join us anyway in your "modern" car.

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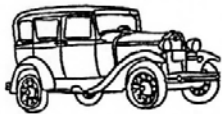
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Palmetto A's of South Carolina

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

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Contact: Dick Fraser

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Vendor Sign Up Form

Name: _____

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

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

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Signature _____ Date _____

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Mark Your Calendar

The Model A Ford Foundation is excited and anticipating Model A Day at their beautiful museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The First Responder vehicles are still on display, thanks to the generosity of their lenders. A great turnout is expected so make plans now to attend.



Annual Model A Day

Swap Meet

**Fashion, Seminars,
Food and Fun!**

September 17th & 18th 2021 9-5pm

The Gilmore Car Museum
6865 W. Hickory Road
Hickory Corners, MI 49060

SAVE THE DATE

For more Info 269-615-3719 Jerry Morrissey
For Seminar Information Ken Ehrenhofer 630-697-3906
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2021 Great Race

Finish in Greenville, South Carolina, June 27



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2021 GREAT RACE ROUTE

SATURDAY, JUNE 19
START: Alamo Plaza (Alamo front), San Antonio, TX - 8 a.m. to noon
LUNCH: Courthouse Square, downtown San Marcos, TX - noon
OVERNIGHT: Santa Fe Plaza, Temple, TX - 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20
LUNCH: Lake Granbury Conference Center, Granbury, TX - noon
OVERNIGHT: Horton Classic Car Museum, Nocona, TX - 4:15 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 21
LUNCH: Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum, Sapulpa, OK - 12:15 p.m.
OVERNIGHT: Main Street, downtown Joplin, MO - 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22
LUNCH: Benton Square on East 5th Street, Rolla, MO - 11:45 a.m.
OVERNIGHT: Main Street, downtown Cape Girardeau, MO - 5:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23
LUNCH: Broadway and Water Street, downtown Paducah, KY - noon
OVERNIGHT: Veterans Blvd., downtown Owensboro, KY - 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24
LUNCH: Elizabethtown Sports Park, Elizabethtown, KY - 11:30 a.m.
OVERNIGHT: Griffin Gate Marriott, Lexington, KY - 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25
LUNCH: Heritage Station, 11th Street, downtown Huntington, WV - 11:40 a.m.
OVERNIGHT: Word Park, Neville Street, downtown Beckley, WV - 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26
LUNCH: Main Street, downtown Galax, VA - 11:15 a.m.
OVERNIGHT: Main Street, downtown Mooresville, NC - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27
FINISH: Hyatt Regency, Main Street, downtown Greenville, SC - 1 p.m.

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Shade Tree A's Tour To The Boss Hog BBQ Cook-Off

Photos by Matt Barrett

The Shade Tree A's attended the Boss Hog BBQ Cook-Off in Waynesboro, Georgia on Saturday, May 15. Ten Shade Tree A's members in seven Model A's toured to the event. All of the Model A's were able to park together. We have been invited back next year and to park in the middle of the field.



RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's Tour To The Boss Hog BBQ Cook-Off

(Continued)



Model A's in Mainstream Media

Model A's tend to show up in the oddest of places. A recent Garfield cartoon made reference to the Model A's unique horn sound. The cartoon begins with Garfield's dog friend, Odie, barking at every sound he hears like knocks at the door, door bells ringing and car horns honking. Finally, Odie hears a Model A horn and seems a bit puzzled, but Garfield sets him straight. Thanks to Don Turley for bringing this to our attention.



Garfield by Jim Davis for May 16, 2021

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 June 1991 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* provided a warning to not use grease in the Model A steering gear. The complete warning is repeated here in case there is still anyone out there using grease. The original article by David J. Goodman originally appeared in the "Crankcase Fumes" newsletter of the Northern Ohio Model A Club. Also, since June is Vidalia onion season, a recipe for Vidalia onion casserole was included. Yum! Check it out online at the Shade Tree A's website.

GREASE IN THE STEERING GEARBOX A "NO-NO"

When the Model A was first manufactured, the fill port for the steering gearbox was a Zerk grease fitting, identical to all the others on the car. However, all owner's manuals and service bulletins issued at the time warned emphatically that only 600W oil should be used as lubrication for the steering gearbox. People being what they are, many totally disregarded this instruction, thinking, "Hey, grease is a lubricant too, right? And see, my grease gun fits!" This is the reason most Model A steering is worn out.

Grease is unable to function in the steering gearbox because the worm and sector, like other gearing (for example, the transmission and differential) must be operated in an oil bath at all times, due to the high-pressure action of the moving parts. Grease is a non-fluid lubricant and a coating of it is quickly worn off the mating surfaces. It's also a valueless lubricant in the steering box, since the worm action will "bore a hole" through grease and leave the load-bearing parts uncoated.

Ford engineers were well aware of this problem and soon realized that owners and service personnel were ignoring the warnings, resulting in premature wear in steering boxes. Their solution was to replace the grease fitting with a pipe plug, and to issue more warnings. It's been 60 years and nothing has changed -- some Model A owners still believe it doesn't matter. Consequently, it's rare today to find a steering box that's not worn out. (DJG)

TECHNICAL TOPICS

Tiny Tips

WATER PUMP FIXES

If the water pump shaft travels forward too much in service, resulting in the fan touching the radiator or excessive wear on the fan belt and pulleys, here's a quick fix without removing the radiator, pump, etc.

Get a 2" piece of alloy or plastic pipe with an inside diameter slightly smaller than the pump shaft outside diameter. Saw the pipe lengthwise and fit the halves around the shaft. Secure with two hose clamps of shortest possible length, with the fan position pushed toward the block. Line with inner tube rubber if too loose. The halves keep the shaft from travelling.

If the water pump works too well, throwing water out the overflow, a quick fix can be made by slipping a piece of rubber tubing over the tube, just clearing the cap. Insert a wood screw loosely in the tube to allow some water or steam to escape.

Submitted by Robert Scoon, Arcadia, Calif.

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
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- For any of the above listings, call Don Turley, at 706-863-4867 or email don@donturley.com

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