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On the Front Cover

The Shade Tree A's President, Matt Barrett, braves the rain while he awaits the bride and groom for a quick getaway from the Marbury Center in downtown Augusta.

On the Back Cover

A dogwood tree in bloom makes a great backdrop for Robbie Jones's 1931 Slant Window Deluxe Fordor.

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

I got an email from Dick Carne, the tour director of the Southside Model A Club (Southside Atlanta) and they are planning a tour to Jewel, GA to visit a car collection and then they are coming to Augusta. They will be here September 16th to the 19th. They would like to visit the Woodrow Wilson home as well as the George Walton home. The STA club members can tour with the Southside Club before and during their stay in Augusta. More information as we find out the particulars.

Frank Knapp sent out an email concerning the "Hog Wild BBQ Cookoff" in Waynesboro, GA. If you are interested in going as a Club, let's meet up at KJ grocery store (the old Food Lion) on Peach Orchard Rd on Saturday, May 15th at 10:30AM. You may also go on your own. By now, Charlie Weaver, our STA tour director, has contacted each member concerning the tour. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie. And "thank you" Charlie for your help and dedication to our Club. Your efforts are certainly appreciated.

Things seem to be beginning to get back to normal, so let's have a meeting in July at Richard's clubhouse. We might even have a meeting outside, so stay tuned to our next month's newsletter for further details.

Some really great news in the Model A world is a new 5 main engine that Terry Burtz has been working on for over 15 years. He has at least 300 engines in the United States from the manufacturer in China and more are on their way. You get a block with 5 inserted main bearings, a crank shaft and four connecting rods. Outwardly the engine looks just like a Model A but the difference is internal.

This engine was run for 6 hours on a test stand with the equivalent speed of 70 miles per hour and then put in a 1931 coupe and driven up a hill at over sixty miles per hour. This engine could be a game changer for our Club members.

Hope to see you in a few short weeks!!!

Your President,
Matt Barrett

MEETING MINUTES

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

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) - **Cancelled**
- 15 Shade Tree A's tour to the Boss Hog BBQ Cook-Off, meet at KJ's grocery store at 3457 Peach Orchard Road at 10:30AM
- 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) - **Cancelled**

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.**

TBA - To Be Announced

May Refreshments



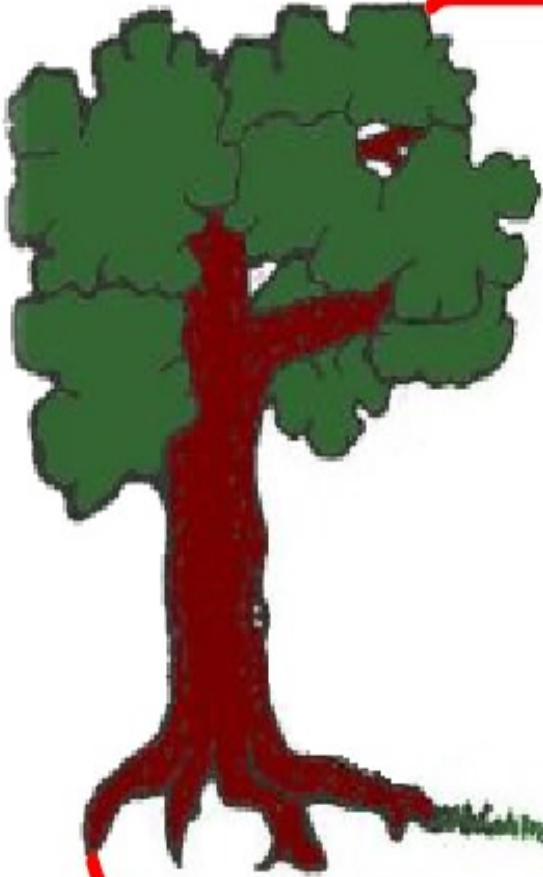
MEETING CANCELLED

May Birthdays



- | | | | |
|----|------------------|----|----------------|
| 5 | Montie Knapp | 8 | Lois Melchiors |
| 10 | John Neumar | 13 | Josh Dover |
| 16 | Kathy Poole | 18 | Dotti Shogren |
| 19 | Rebecca Dover | 19 | Brenda Prince |
| 20 | Gerald Melchiors | 21 | Billy Garland |
| 24 | Linda Krosting | 27 | Misty Hooker |
| 27 | Debra Weaver | 28 | Betty Wade |
| 28 | Ben Deitz | 28 | Donald Gordon |
| 29 | Joe Christian | | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

- Congratulations to Ernie Dinkins's brother-in-law, Paul Ianuario, for being named Chief Judge of the 2021 Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance.

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

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

Join the Shade Tree A's at the Boss Hog BBQ Cook-Off in Waynesboro, Georgia on Saturday, May 15. We will meet at KJ's grocery store at 3457 Peach Orchard Road and depart at 10:30AM. For more information, contact the Shade Tree A's Tour Director, Charlie Weaver.



10:00 AM Gates open & the FUN begins!

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ENJOY World Famous BBQ, \$4 BIG Beers, Hot & Sausage Dogs, Funnell Cakes, Fried Oreos, Chips on a Stick, Corn Dogs, Boiled Peanuts, Popcorn, Sweets, Fresh-Squeezed Lemonade, & MORE!

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Once you're in the gate, enjoy our FREE rides for the youngins' all day long... mechanical swings, 60-foot long fun slide, bunny bucket ride, air extreme, obstacle course, bounce house, & more!

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Pictures with Waynesboro's very own BOSS!

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

"Find the Boss!" Game: *Just them Good Ol' Boys* <-- When you hear this song play, the 1st person who finds THE BOSS in the white suit & brings him to the stage WINS! *prize must be redeemed during event ONLY

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Performances by On Cue Dance Studio

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

People's Choice Tasting and Voting: *Limited availability - ONLY 225 tickets available with ONLY 100 sold in advance!* Get your ticket(s) NOW from our People's Choice Sponsor, First National Bank of Waynesboro, or online (<https://www.bosshogcookoff.com/tickets/>)!

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

LIVE Guitar Pull featuring Jason White (of Augusta, GA), Josh Hilley (of Augusta, GA), & Matthew Waters (of Statesboro, GA).

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Waynesboro Wiener Hot Dog Eat Off: Sponsored by William Mizell Ford & Duggs Doggs

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

LIVE Guitar Pull featuring Jason White (of Augusta, GA), Josh Hilley (of Augusta, GA), & Matthew Waters (of Statesboro, GA).

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Honkin' Tonkin' Good Ol' Fun for Kids: Potato Sack Races, Hazzard County Style | OPEN TO KIDS & ADULTS OF ALL AGES | Prizes for all Participants | Sponsored by D.O.O.R.

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Hog Callin' Competition: OPEN TO KIDS & ADULTS OF ALL AGES | Sponsored by the Waynesboro Downtown Development Authority

3:00 PM

15th Annual Boss Hog State Championship Cook-Off Awards Ceremony

4:00 PM

Gates Close: Y'all come back now, ya hear!

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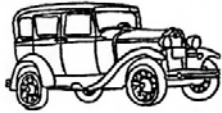
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ALL Model A & Model T

SWAP MEET & CAR DISPLAY

at

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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

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

The Palmetto A's of SC Model A Club, Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts and any of the members or agents thereof, in the event of accident or injury to any participant, person or group.

Signature _____ Date _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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
For Swap Reservations Mark Maron 847-302-7900

RECENT EVENTS

Old 96 District Model A Club Swap Meet

Story and photos by Robbie Jones

Several Shade Tree A's members participated in the Old 96 District Model A Club swap meet held on April 16-17, 2021. Lois and Gerald Melchiors, Robbie Jones, Jim McPherson, and Don Turley and Richard Lawson were on hand selling their extra Model A parts. Several other Shade Tree A's members including Ben Deitz, Andrew Morse and Charlie Weaver stopped by looking for deals. Other vendors included several Old 96 District members, Smith and Jones and other vendors from several states away. Approximately 20 vendors in total participated and made this year's event one of the biggest. I think everyone was anxious to sell some parts and mingle with fellow Model A'ers after so many events were cancelled last year.



RECENT EVENTS

Old 96 District Model A Club Swap Meet

(Continued)



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.

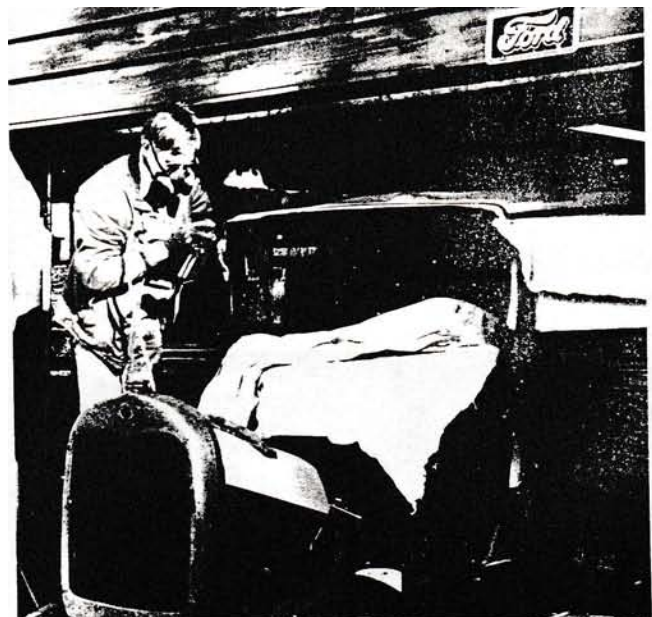
The May 1991 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* announced that the Shade Tree A's Newsletter had been honored with an Award of Merit by the Model A Restorers Club! The following bit of Model A trivia was also provided:

Most Fordophiles know that Henry insisted that his company be as independent and self-sufficient as possible in producing the T Model. He owned coal mines, forests (for wood and rubber) even ships and railroads. On the other hand, economic pressures during the Mode T years forced him to depend more on outside suppliers. According to Keith Sward (*The Legend of Henry Ford*, 1968), "The number of suppliers to whom Ford sublet his work rose steadily from 2,200 concerns in 1929 to 3,500 the following year then to 5,500 outside establishments in 1931."

So that's why the famous Ford Script is so much harder to find on the later models!

A series of photos showed "Flora", Larry Komp's Model A, being painted by another Shade Tree A's member, Gary Stroebe.

A report on the recent Shade Tree A's garage tour was also provided. The tour began with lunch and then stops at Bob Jones's garage (Robbie's dad) to see progress on the 1931 roadster he was restoring, the garage of Larry Komp's friend to learn about wooden canoe construction, Ralph Neitzke's garage to view his newly restored gas pump and hat collection and finally Larry Komp's garage to see Flora.



TECHNICAL TOPICS



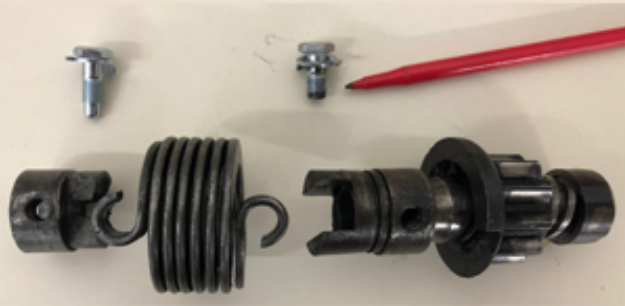
Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

Installing the Starter "Bendix Drive"

The small Bendix Drive gear that's bolted to the starter motor puts up with a lot of use (and abuse when you forget to retard the spark before starting). Eventually you will be working on yours and I have a tip for you about installing it back on the starter shaft.

The Bendix is bolted to the shaft with 2 special bolts and lock washers, as shown in the photo below. One bolt has a specially-shaped end that goes down into a hole in the starter shaft. This is critical, to lock the Bendix to the shaft; do not substitute a plain bolt for this.



The other bolt is "special" only because it is only 11/16" long. This allows the bolt to lock the spring in place, without having the bolt actually touch the starter shaft. Don't be tempted to use a 3/4" long bolt instead of the correct shorter one. See the comparison photo of a 3/4" bolt and the correct bolt.



When this longer bolt is used, it presses against the starter shaft when tight and it messes up the Bendix operation.

Don't forget to install the half-moon shaped Woodruff key in the shaft before slipping the drive on the shaft. You may also use 2 spring clips (optional). Be sure to lock the bolts down tight by bending the ear of the special lock washer up against the bolt head. If you don't, these bolts will work loose and fly out of the starter drive.

I carry a spare Bendix spring (they are known to break) and a set of these special bolts and lock washers with me in my parts kit on tours. If I don't need them, someone traveling with us might. This will help quickly get them back on the road to 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
- For any of the above listings, call Don Turley, at 706-863-4867 or email don@donturley.com

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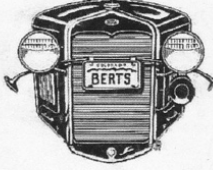
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