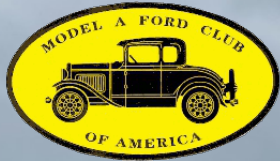


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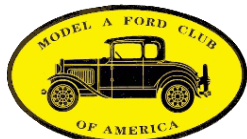


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On the Front Cover

Matt Barrett has his Vicky all decked out for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Augusta.
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 (www.mafca.com) and the Model A Restorer's Club (www.model-a-ford.org) 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

Jim McPherson - President

At our March meeting, Eric Shogren presented an excellent program on our newly revised Touring Guidelines. The take away for me is to remember you are responsible for the Model A behind you. If you cannot see them, they cannot see you. Getting lost in this way is easy, especially at lights and turns.

Tour Director Charlie Weaver had an outstanding tour planned for March. Unfortunately, a heavy thunderstorm in Graniteville forced postponement. Nevertheless, thirteen went to the SNO-CAP Drive-In for lunch, and John Neumar drove his 1928 Tudor Sedan. Watch for this tour to be rescheduled for later in the year.

At our April meeting, Robbie will give us an inside look at what is involved in the production of our Newsletter. Learn how you can help by providing pictures, tech tips and articles. Craig McMullin will be awarding the long awaited Anniversary Pins to those who qualify. And we will finish the month with a Tech Session on horns. If yours is ailing, bring your horn or Model A to the Tech Session to learn possible causes and repairs. If you are having specific issues with your Model A that you would like help with, contact any Board Member. Lunch will be served.

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.

MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2022

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp - Secretary

The monthly meeting of The Shade Tree A's was held March 14, 2022 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Jim McPherson brought the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Twenty-two members and one guest were in attendance.

Only a couple of donations were made to our "Name Tag Penalty Cup" due to our members utilizing our new club name tags.

Matt Barrett entertained the group with our "Joke of the Month" with a "short story" about a "Snow Woman". Humorous! Thanks Matt.

President:

After passing around our Refreshments Roster, Jim reminded the group of our upcoming Saturday Tech Session to be held at Richard Dunevent's shop on Saturday, April 23rd. Jim and Dan Perla will be discussing Model A horn problems at that event. Also discussed was the line-up for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Thursday, March 17th. Several members showed interest in participating.

Vice President:

John Neumar had nothing new to report at this time.

Treasurer:

Stuart Smith reported only one invoice was paid in February, that being a payment to our accountant for tax return preparation. Also, donations for advertising in our Newsletter continue to be received, mostly from Model A parts suppliers.

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MEETING MINUTES

Continued

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

National Director:

Matt Barrett reported several pictures of STA member's cars have been published in *The Restorer*, mostly from various tours we have participated in recently.

Newsletter Editor:

Robbie Jones reminded the group he will be discussing how he "puts together" our newsletter each month at our April meeting. Should be a very interesting program!

Tour Director:

Charlie Weaver announced a change in the meeting time for our Saturday tour to The Sno-Cap drive-in for lunch then on to Graniteville to visit Bruce Hager's collection of cars and automotive memorabilia. Our group will meet at Richard's garage at 11:00 AM instead of 10:00 AM as previously announced.

Show & Tell:

Eric Shogren brought along a wheel hub only used on early AR cars. Interesting to note that hub will not fit later drums since early A's had no emergency brakes.

President Jim also displayed an interesting poster entitled "The Big Sting" dated 2001 depicting the Georgia Tech Model A "Ramblin' Wreck" among other Tech artwork. No one seemed to know why it was printed, even our treasurer, Stuart Smith, who graduated from Tech a "few" years back.

Old Business: No items were brought up for discussion.

New Business:

Darrell Henderson has been busy repairing our STA Wayne Ready Memorial Library. Darrell replaced all of the shelves and also organized books, magazines and videos. Thanks Darrell for a job well done!

President Jim discussed several changes to both our Policies & Procedures and By-Laws which were emailed to the membership earlier. Since there were no objections, a motion and a second was made and passed by unanimous vote. Also a new design for our Anniversary Pins has been approved by The Board and these new pins will be available to members at our April meeting.

Technical Program:

In lieu of our usual "technical talk", Eric Shogren led an excellent discussion of our updated "Touring Safety Guidelines" brochure. The use of cell phones has been deleted due to changes in Georgia Laws concerning their use while driving. Dan Perla brought along several examples of Family Radio Services "walkie-talkie" hand held radios. Touring members were urged to consider purchasing and using this method of communication rather than cell phones. Driver meetings, both before the start and return of our tours, were also recommended, along with several safety practices and devices. Big thanks to Eric, Dan and Jim for updating, printing and distributing these very helpful brochures.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. Refreshments were provided by John Neumar and Doug Wilson. Members were treated to an array of Krispy Kreme doughnuts and various soft drinks. "Everybody loves Krispy Kreme"! Thanks guys!

CLUB CALENDAR

Shade Tree A's Events

April

- 11 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)
- 23 Saturday Tech Session, *Horns*, presented by Jim McPherson and Dan Perla

May

- 9 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - *Ford's Efforts in World War II*, presented by Steve Teal)
- 21 SAVE THE DATE, Shade Tree A's Tour, details TBA

June

- 13 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

Other Events of Interest

April

- 7-9 AACA Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC
- 7-10 Charlotte AutoFair and Swap Meet, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Charlotte, NC
- 15-16 Old 96 District Model A Club Swap Meet, Greenwood, SC

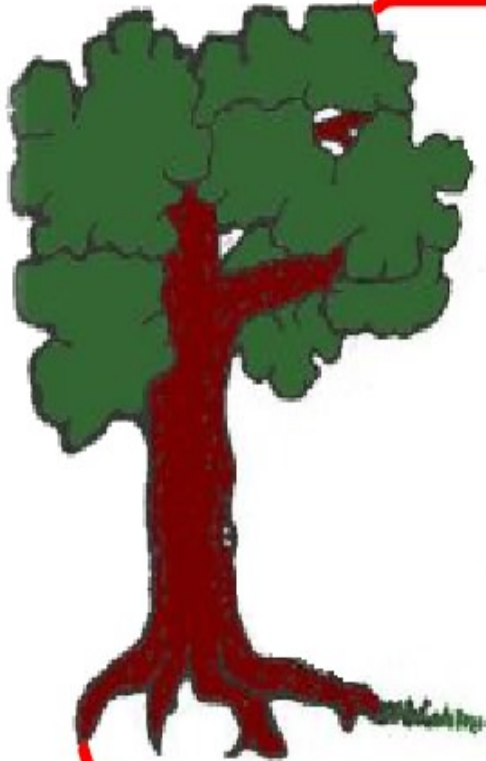
May

- 7 Peach Blossom Parade, Johnston, SC, starts at 10:00 AM
- 13-14 Model A and T Swap Meet, Luray, VA
- 19-21 AACA Grand Nationals, Virginia Beach, VA
- 21 Magnolia Ridge Antique & Arts Festival - Car Display
- 28 Aiken Memorial Day Parade, starts at 10:00 AM

June

- 5-10 MARC National Meet, Morgantown, PA
- 12-17 MAFCA National Convention, Kerrville, TX
- 24-25 Palmetto A's Swap Meet at Smith and Jones, Columbia, SC

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shade Tree A's Member News

- Matt Barrett, Richard Dunevent, Don Gordon, Misty Hooker and Shirley Teal have had some health related issues lately; please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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



Refreshment Schedule

April

Jerry Lyda, Matt Barrett

May

Don Gordon, Steve Spencer

June

Stuart Smith, Andrew Morse, Ralph Neitzke



April Birthdays

- 4 Eddy Barrett
- 10 Theresa McMullin
- 10 Tom Poole
- 14 Ann Dinkins
- 16 Shirley Teal
- 20 Richard Lawson
- 22 Annette Jones
- 26 Jerry Lyda

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16th Annual

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Message from the MAFCA President

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The Prez Sez...

April 2022

It's been a long and hard winter for many. Much of the country has sprung forward with our clocks and are now enjoying an extra hour of daylight. I love this extra time to be in the shop working on my Model A. I encourage you all to make some time to get your car ready for the upcoming touring season.

I want you all to know that MAFCA has joined forces with the MAYRA, Model A Youth Restoration Award team, to proclaim the Month of May as Model A Youth Month. These young people are essential to the future of our hobby. I would like to encourage each member of MAFCA to take the opportunity to involve your young people in the hobby. Many times, I have been invited to bring my Model A to a school event to share the joy of owning a Model A. It is always fun to have the young people sit in the car, honk the horn and pretend to drive. Remember we have the A World Magazine available for the children. You can subscribe by sending your email address to Aworld@mafca.com. This is a wonderful electronic publication written by our editor, Sherry Winkinhofer. I hope you can do your part to share your car with grandchildren and neighbors.

Most of you know that I have a great desire to grow the club membership. Recently I have visited several chapters and made a pitch for the chapter members to join MAFCA. On every visit I have signed up new people. This is a great place to start. Chapter members already have an interest in the hobby and many own a car. Remember the first year of membership is available at no charge. I have been asked, "What's the catch"? There is a catch for sure. We want these new members to continue as members of the chapters and MAFCA for many years to come.

I am anxiously awaiting the day we will attend our National Convention in Kerrville Texas. The dates are June 12 through 17th. I know that many have reserved rooms and now is the time to send in your registration forms. This will be a unique chance to see the Texas Hill Country as presented by our host Chapter the Alamo A's. There is so much wonderful history in the area from the River Walk to the Alamo. Be prepared for some of the best Model A Roads offering some great country touring. I'm looking forward to the Era Fashion show, the Fine Point Judging and of course the Restoration Class Evaluations. There will be something there for everyone. You can find registration forms on the front page of our website, www.mafca.com. I would like to thank the many fine members of the Texas Clubs who are contributing to the success of this event.

I'm looking forward to seeing you soon,
Ahooga, Jay McCord

RECENT EVENTS

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

(Photos by Matt Barrett)

Several members of the Shade Tree A's participated in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Augusta on March 17, 2022.



RECENT EVENTS

Palmetto A's Annual Picnic

(Story by Jim McPherson, Photos by Sheila McPherson)

The Palmetto A's of Columbia, SC hosted their 27th Annual Picnic. It was a little windy, but thirteen Model A's arrived, including a very rare 1930 Tudor Sedan Taxi. A large variety of good things to eat and homemade desserts filled our tummies. A silent auction, door prizes, car games and peach ice cream compliments of Smith and Jones rounded out the day.



MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE



Slide Fasteners

By Perry Jones, Piney Wood Model A Ford Club



Are you curious about the history of the “Clasp Locker”, “Judson C-curity Fastener”, or “Separable Fastener”? Many years later, we now call this device a *zipper*.

The two images to the left are from the same Talon advertisement found in the 1931 Ladies Home Journal. “Traveling Case – equipped with a Talon Slide Fastener. It can be opened or closed in an instant – but it can’t come open accidentally.”

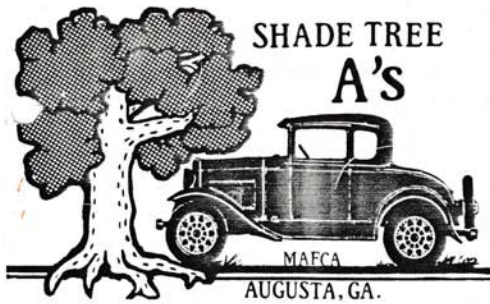


If you are heading to the beach

“The very newest knitted bathing suits have a Talon Slide Fastener at the back of the jersey. Beach pajamas are cotton mesh and Talon-fastened at the side. And the polo shirt of cotton mesh is Talon-fastened, too – at the front.”

Read the full article on the MAFCA Website at:
http://www.mafca.com/ef_articles.html

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 March 1992 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* announced an upcoming "*Beginner's A Driving Seminar*" to instruct the ladies and other interested members of the Club on how to drive a Model A. The Newsletter also included an article on the Great American Race. An article by then Club member, Gary Stroebel, described his history with Model A Fords.



Staff photo by Eric Olig

Frankie Dunevent gets a few pointers from Bob Jones on how to start a Ford Model A

TECHNICAL TOPICS

SECURING RADIATOR ORNAMENTS

If a quail or other permanent base, flip-top radiator ornament fits loosely or is chipped, it may come off too easily. This procedure will remedy the situation and make the ornament solid - removable only with an Allen wrench. My quail used to fit so loosely that I removed it whenever I left the Ford unattended. Remove the brass lugs on the bottom of your cap. These are usually held on with Allen head screws. See figure A.

Cut a piece of metal bar with the same width as the removed lugs. The bar should be about the same thickness as the lugs. The length of the bar should be as long as possible within the diameter of the radiator neck under the flange. Test the cut bar for fit. It should have about 3/16" play on the ends. Drill and tap the bar to accommodate the Allen head screws. See Figure B. Some of the material may have to be removed from the area of the lugs on the cap base. If so, file very carefully and remove only the necessary material for the bar to fit snugly. Notch the radiator neck flange with a small file (or a broken round file chucked in an electric drill) where the new bar will be when the cap is in place. File and fit until this notch is as deep as practical for your cap. See Figure C.

With the new locking bar loosely attached, put the cap on and tighten the Allen head screws. As the screws are tightened, the bar will be pulled up into the notches, holding the base firmly. The bar does cover part of the radiator opening, but it doesn't keep you from checking the coolant level nor does it interfere with the overflow tube.

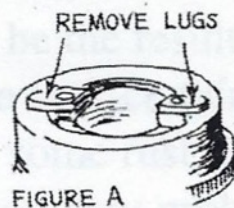


FIGURE A

CUT BAR, DRILL & TAP HOLES



FIGURE B

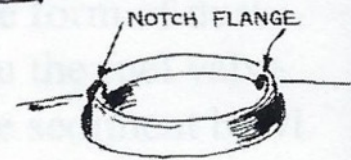


FIGURE C

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