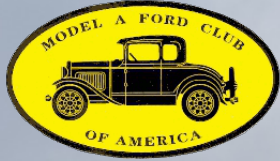


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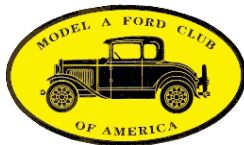
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The Shade Tree A's gathered for the traditional New Year's Day breakfast at the Cracker Barrel restaurant. Photo by Robbie Jones.

## 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.mafoa.com](http://www.mafoa.com)) and the Model A Restorer's Club ([www.model-a-ford.org](http://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*

Hello Fellow Shade Tree A'ers.

The February meeting will be very special. Yes, it is Valentine's Day. It is also the day Ray and Terri Besch from the Southside A's will present our monthly program on their trip to Alaska and the Artic Circle. Yes, IN THEIR MODEL A. Please make an extra effort to attend this meeting. You will not be disappointed.

On February 26<sup>th</sup> we will have our first Tech Session of 2022. Eric Shogren will present a seminar on brakes, followed by an evaluation of your brake system and adjustment if needed. For those who would like to eat breakfast before we start the Tech Session, we will meet at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road near Carolina Pottery at 8 AM, then proceed to Richard's around 9 AM. Our activities are just starting for 2022, so drive, push or trailer your Model A for assistance. If you have concerns about your Model A, contact any Board member to get assistance. You don't want to miss out on any of the activities we have planned for you this year.

And our first parade for 2022 will be held on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Augusta St. Patrick's Day parade will line-up in the James Brown Arena parking lot at 1 PM with the parade to start at 2 PM. Dress in your finest green outfit and decorate your Model A. You just might be on TV!

And we are planning our first tour of 2022 for later in March, so be prepared. You will not want to miss this one.

We held a Board of Directors meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> to plan Club activities and discuss Club By Laws and the Policies and Procedures under which the Club operates. See the Minutes of the meeting in this Newsletter. I have

appointed Dan Perla as Webmaster for 2022. I hope to see each of you at the February meeting.

Jim  
Jim McPherson, President

## MEETING MINUTES

The January 2022 meeting of the Shade Tree A's was cancelled; therefore, there are no Meeting Minutes.

### 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.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

The Shade Tree A's Board of Directors met January 27, 2022 at our club meeting room. Board members present included President Jim McPherson, Treasurer Stuart Smith, Secretary Frank Knapp, National Director Matt Barrett, and Board Members Darrell Henderson and Dan Perla. STA members, Gerald Melchior, Sheila McPherson, Ernie Dinkins and Richard Dunevent were also in attendance.

President Jim brought the meeting to order promptly at 5:00 PM with a rather lengthy list of topics to be discussed.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

*Continued*

Finances: Treasurer Stuart brought the group up to date on our account balances and remarked member dues payments for the year 2022 are “on target”. Other Club expenses were discussed including possibly having the Club underwrite more of the costs for certain functions. The Board considered updating our “longevity pins” program. Sheila McPherson volunteered to investigate costs and availability. Other items such as raising the maximum amount allowed for memorial flowers and/or donations from \$75.00 to \$100.00 and member dues were also discussed.

Club Activities: The following tours and Club activities were considered and will be presented to the full membership for discussion at a future monthly meeting: St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Steak Cook-out, Boss Hogg Bar-B-Q Festival, Saturday Tech Sessions, and our December Christmas Party.

Miscellaneous Items: A review of our “*Touring Safety Guide*” is being conducted by our Newsletter Editor, Robbie Jones. Several revisions are expected and will be presented for consideration by the membership at our March meeting. A variety of touring communication devices were also proposed. Possible revisions to the list of qualifications for “The Monroe Wade Award” were mentioned, but no details were forthcoming at this time.

By-Laws and Policies and Procedures: By far, a majority of the meeting was devoted to updating both our Club By-Laws and Policies and Procedures documents. President Jim and Director Dan Perla have been hard at work reviewing and making suggestions as to vital changes needed. Each of these changes and

additions will be presented in detail to the full membership for discussion and approval at a future monthly meeting.

There being no further business, the lengthy and highly productive meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Knapp, Secretary

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## CLUB CALENDAR

### *Shade Tree A's Events*

#### February

- 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 Terri Besch)
- 26 Saturday Tech Session, *Yes, Your Model A Can Stop on a Dime...Learn How*, presented by Eric Shogren

#### March

- 14 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - *Shade Tree A's Touring Guidelines* presented by Eric Shogren)
- 17 St. Patrick's Day parade, Augusta, GA, details TBA
- TBA March Tour

#### April

- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - *Ford's Efforts in World War II*, presented by Steve Teal)
- 23 Saturday Tech Session, *Horns*, presented by Jim McPherson

#### 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*

#### February

- 24-26 AACA Winter Nationals, Melbourne, FL

#### March

- 18-19 Model A Ford Meet hosted by the Central Alabama Model A Ford Club, Oxford, AL, tour the Barber Motorsports Museum, drive the Talladega Super Speedway, contact Gerald Grizzard (gfireman52@aol.com)
- 26 Palmetto A's Annual Picnic

#### 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

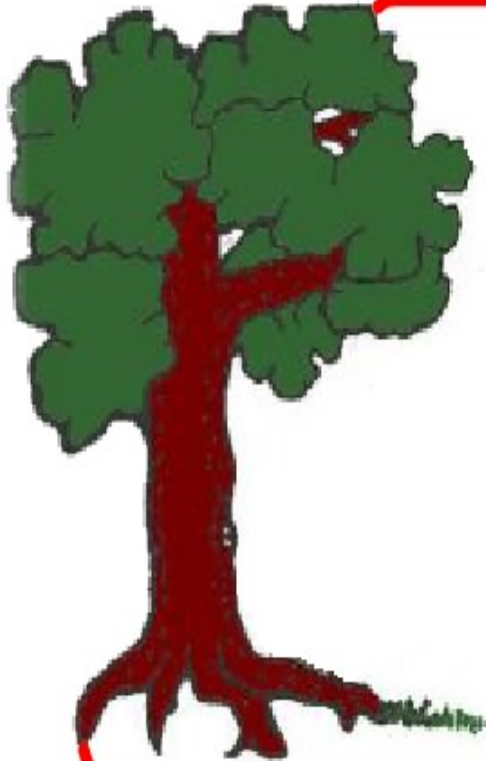
#### May

- 13-14 Model A and T Swap Meet, Luray, VA
- 19-21 AACA Grand Nationals, Virginia Beach, VA

#### June

- 5-10 MARC National Meet
- 12-17 MAFCA National Convention, Kerrville, TX

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## *Shade Tree A's Member News*

- Richard Dunevent and John Neumar have been having some health issues recently. Please continue to keep Richard and John in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

*Send items for Shade Tree A's Member News to:*  
[newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org](mailto:newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org)



## **Refreshment Schedule**

**February**  
**Jim and Sheila McPherson and Dan Perla will be providing a Valentines Dessert**  
**March**  
**John Neumar, Doug Wilson**  
**April**  
**Jerry Lyda**



## **February Birthdays**

3     Mary Morse  
 11    Larry DuVall  
 11    Ralph Neitzke  
 17    Pat Riley  
 22    Marsha Barrett  
 24    John Buchanan  
 24    Craig McMullin  
 27    Stuart Smith  
 27    Charles Weaver

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*16<sup>th</sup> Annual*

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### Message from the MAFCA President

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*The Prez Sez...*

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I'd like to tell you about the great success we are having with our social media initiatives. The latest news revolves around our Technical Director, Ed Tolman. Ed and Paul Shinn of YouTube Fame have teamed up to create a technical help email to provide a quicker source of answers to your questions. You can send your requests to [modeletechquestions@gmail.com](mailto:modeletechquestions@gmail.com). We have established a team of experts to help provide the answers to your questions. If you are enjoying Paul's YouTube Channel, I'd like to invite you to subscribe to receive notices of the next show. You can do so at [www.paulshinn.us](http://www.paulshinn.us).

Our Facebook Page, Model A Ford Club of America continues to grow. We have been running very well under the direction of Happy Begg, our MAFCA Board Liaison, with Michael Eisenbise and Jay McCord as the Administrators. We are very happy to announce the addition of Melanie Whittington as the newest member of our admin team. I would like to encourage you to check this out. We have a fun topic of the day and would like to see you post pictures of your cars and projects.

I would like to thank you all for the work you put in to make your Chapters and MAFCA the strong club it is. I urge each of us to do what we can to promote the Model A Hobby. We are attracting many new members. Here are a few things you can do to help us retain these new people. Each new member needs a mentor-friend, a job or responsibility in the club and the good fellowship of the members. I am so grateful of those who have guided me through my Model A Adventures.

Remember that The Model A Ford Club of America is a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford vehicle as manufactured from 1928 to 1931.

Happy Motoring,  
Jay McCord



## RECENT EVENTS

### New Year's Day Breakfast

*(Story and photos by Robbie Jones)*

The Shade Tree A's met for a traditional New Year's Day breakfast at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. The weather cooperated and many members drove their A's: Matt Barrett in his 1931 Victoria, John Buchanon in his 1930 Coupe, Robert Collier in his 1931 400A, Larry DuVall in his 1931 Coupe, Darrell and Syble Henderson in their 1930 Tudor Sedan, Gerald and Lois Melchiors in their 1930 Cabriolet, Andrew Morse in his 1956 Custom Liner, Darren and Pat Riley in their 1930 Coupe and Dan Perla in his 1931 Slant Window Cabriolet. The cars attracted a lot of attention and questions from other patrons. Mysteriously, Club President, Jim McPherson, had the Newsletter Editor, Robbie Jones, take photographs of the Model A's with their owners for some future, undisclosed project.



## MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

### History of MAFCA's Fashion Pattern Collection

Based on information obtained from the MAFCA Website

Edie Jones began the Pattern Project in 1975 by collecting original era patterns. Edie set up a method of loaning them out, and many MAFCA members made outfits from the Model A era (1928-1931). Edie later sold the collection to Pat Watson. Pat added more patterns and continued to loan them out to the membership. When Pat decided to sell the collection, she contacted MAFCA, who purchased the collection in 2008. Since then, a number of individuals have donated additional patterns to the Project.

The Era Fashions Committee has reviewed many of the patterns for authenticity and period correctness. The ladies of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of MAFCA have spent months preparing each pattern so that they could be digitized. They can be reproduced in full size and used to make outfits in the style of the era.



The leadership of Helen Christensen and the generous use of equipment and the expertise of Rodger Griffin have made this dream of many years come true. MAFCA wishes to thank and acknowledge all the individuals who have played a part in the project.



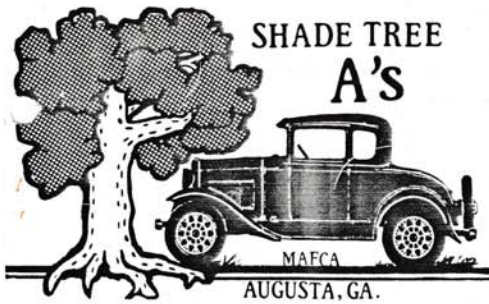
#### UPDATE

The article above, based on information from the MAFCA website, implies that patterns have been reproduced and are available from MAFCA. I contacted Helen Christensen from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of MAFCA and she stated that patterns could not be ordered from the Pattern Project at this time. Making patterns available to order is a work in progress and ultimately requires MAFCA Board approval.

If you would like to see patterns available for purchase, contact a member of the Board and make your desires known. Helen stated that an announcement would be made when patterns become available to order.

Ed.

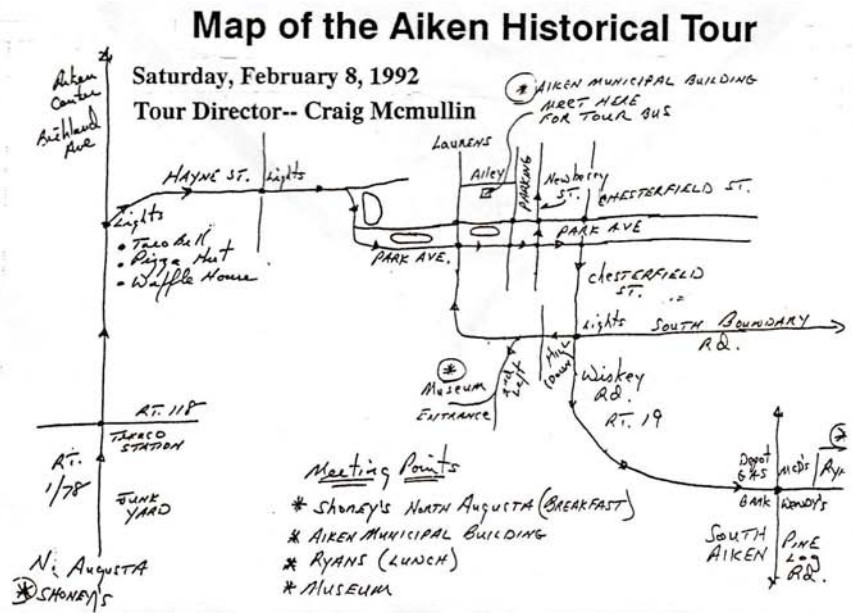
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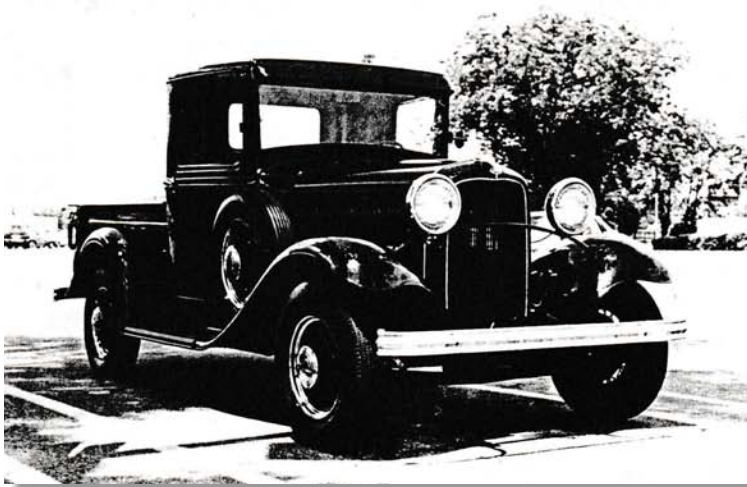
The 1985-2005 Shade Tree A's Newsletters are now available on the Shade Tree A's website. They can be accessed via the same "button" as the other Newsletters, but they are password protected. The same password used to access the member roster is used to access the Newsletters. Thank you Dan Perla for scanning these and posting on the website.

The February 1992 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* includes a very nice article on Jim Miller's 1932 pickup truck, Elvira. [Jim was a former member of the Shade Tree A's. Elvira is still in the Shade Tree A's and is owned by Stuart Smith.]

It seems the Shade Tree A's were busy touring and getting ready for even more tours back then. In the dead of winter (January) the Club toured to Greenville, South Carolina. They cheated a little bit because it was reported that most people went in "modern iron". Nevertheless, they met some fine people and saw some fabulous cars.



Another ladies driving seminar was also reported to be in the works and also a stopover in Augusta by the Great American Race. One of the upcoming tours was a historical tour of Aiken. A new Model A acquisition by Ralph Neitzke was reported, a 1929 Murray Town Sedan.



## TECHNICAL TOPICS



### Jim's Tech Tip

#### Trailer Incidents

I have a car hauler trailer that comes in handy for some events far from home. I keep it in a storage yard away from the house.

There was an "incident" in the storage yard a few months ago and no one on the scene had any contact information to call me about it. I learned about it several weeks after the fact.

After that happened, I made up a weatherproof sticker with my phone number and name on it and attached it to the trailer.

After doing this, I have been thinking that this information would also be helpful any time I park the trailer somewhere while we are off driving the Model A at an event.

This might help you avoid a big hassle with your trailer. (We can hope.)

Have a Model A Day! Jim



## Member Advertisements

Deadline for submittal - 20<sup>th</sup> of the month - Send submittals to [newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org](mailto:newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org)

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