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### On the Front Cover

Rachel Sherman always dreamed of riding away from her wedding in Robbie Jones's 1931 Deluxe Fordor. That dream came true December 18, 2021. Congratulations Rachel and Andrew!

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## 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](http://www.mafca.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*

We owe a big THANK YOU to Matt Barrett for serving as President for four years under most difficult times. A job well done. And a THANK YOU to Dan Perla for serving as Vice-President. We welcome John Neumar as Vice-President, Dan Perla as Board Member and Matt Barrett as National Director. You have an excellent Board of Directors to serve you this year.

Your Board has an exciting year planned for you. John Neumar has some new and exciting Model A Programs planned, and Charlie Weaver has some new local tours, including Garage Tours and Model A Tech Sessions. If you are having nagging problems with your Model A, or are just not sure if you have a problem, see Charlie or any Board Member to schedule a Tech Session slot. Also contact us for possibly more serious problems. We can come to your garage to lend help. Watch your Club Calendar for these events. The Board will be reviewing the Club By-Laws and The Policies and Procedures to see if any need updating. If you have any concerns, please contact any Board Member. They are available on the Club Website.

We have an exciting year planned for the Shade Tree A's. We are bringing back some old favorite activities and planned new ones. If you have ideas for programs or tours, please contact a Board Member.

Jim McPherson, President

### 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.

## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

*Matt Barrett - Past President*

Greetings fellow Club Members 🤖

Our Christmas Party was a great event this year - we missed everyone who couldn't attend! I certainly hope you and your family had a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year. (by the time you read this, New Year's will have come & gone 😊)

It has been an honor and a pleasure to have been your President for the last three years. It has been great fun leading such a wonderful group of friends and Model A enthusiasts! I appreciate the friendship and camaraderie that we have shared.

Thank you for the great memories I will treasure always from my time as your President. God bless and I hope to see you at the next meeting!!!

## MEETING MINUTES

There was no December meeting of the Shade Tree A's due to the Christmas Party; therefore, there are no December meeting minutes.

### MONTHLY TECHNICAL PROGRAM

Do you have an idea for a technical program for presentation at a monthly meeting?

Or a topic you would like discussed during a monthly technical program?

Do you want to volunteer to present a technical program?

If so, contact Vice President John Neumar

## CLUB CALENDAR

### *Shade Tree A's Events*

#### January

- 1 New Year's Day breakfast, Cracker Barrel at I-20 and Belair Road, 8:00 AM
- 10 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)

#### 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 Teri Besch)

#### March

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

#### January

#### February

- 24-26 AACA Winter Nationals, Melbourne, FL

#### March

- 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

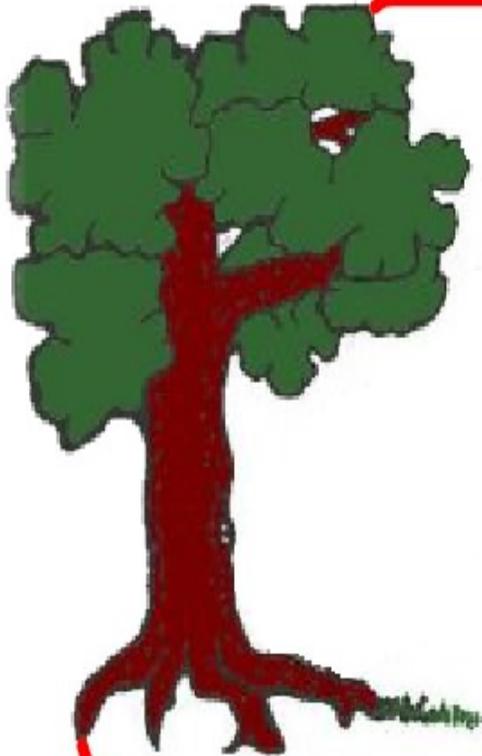
#### May

- 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 has been having some health issues recently. Please keep Richard 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*

### January

**Jim McPherson and Dan Perla will be providing hot dogs and chips**

### February

**Frank Knapp, Richard Dunevent**

### March

**John Neumar, Doug Wilson**



## *January Birthdays*

- |    |              |
|----|--------------|
| 6  | Steve Teal   |
| 7  | Mary Griffin |
| 13 | Dean Summers |
| 14 | Don Bray     |
| 24 | Ed Griffin   |
| 31 | Janet Neumar |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**All Model A Parts Swap Meet  
Old 96 District Model A Club**

**314 Old Mount Mariah Road • Greenwood, SC 29646**

**(On Rt. 221 Between 25 and Rt. 225)**

**April 15 - 16, 2022**

**Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Saturday 8:00 AM - UNTIL**



**MODEL A DISPLAY AREA**

**Admission      \$2.00 per adult**

**Car Corral      \$10 for both days**

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\$30.00 at the gate**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Some of the week's highlights:

- San Antonio's Famous River Walk
- The Alamo - Birthplace of Texas
- Great Sightseeing & Restaurants!
- Fine Point Vehicle Judging
- Era Fashions & Judging
- Restorers Class

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Model A Ford Club of San Antonio



2022 MARC National Meet  
 June 5 – 10, 2022  
 Morgantown, PA



**UPDATE - Host Hotel Reservation Status**

The 2022 National Meet Host Committee is preparing a Meet that will be like no other in recent times! Virtually every activity, including all car and fashion judging and showing, trailer parking, ice cream social, all seminars, etc. are held in one location, adjacent to the Host Hotel. Like in many years before, the host hotel will not accommodate everyone who wishes to attend, so several other hotel choices within a reasonable drive in the beautiful Amish countryside have been arranged. The MARC Board is exceedingly grateful to the North Penn Model 'A' Club for stepping up to host this Meet, and with relatively little time to prepare!

Many of you reserved rooms at the Host Hotel as instructed starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. The hotel system then mistakenly booked more rooms than available. Subsequently, some of your rooms were incorrectly cancelled by the hotel. In order to rectify this situation as fairly as possible, the following procedure is being implemented...

1. Reservations that were made prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> will be voided. The hotel will contact you, and if you wish, they will assist in moving your reservation to another approved hotel.
2. Reservations that were made through the host hotel beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> and subsequently cancelled will be reinstated if you wish with priority given to the earliest callers.
3. Reservations made after all rooms were spoken for are subject to cancellation, in which case the Host Hotel can assist you in moving your reservation to another approved hotel.
4. A 'waiting list' will be established at the Holiday Inn in the event of any late cancellations.
5. **All Holiday Inn cancellations & reservations will be handled by Laura Taylor-Sales Mgr., who will call those affected in the very near future.**
6. The MARC rate of \$119 booked directly with the Holiday Inn (host) includes breakfast. Other discounted rates may not include this amenity.

Thank you for your patience and understanding...

Bob Martino Meet Chairman	Joe Fox President – MARC	Christine Rozny Vice President – MARC
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## Support the Model A Ford Foundation



In 2011 the Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI) began selling memorial bricks to raise money for the Model A Museum. Please consider purchasing a brick for a Model A fan. This is a great way to honor your favorite Model A's or recognize your Model A Club. The cost of a brick is \$150.00. To order a brick, complete the order form available on the MAFFI website and return it to MAFFI with your check. All bricks will be installed on the drives in front of the Model A Ford Museum for everyone to see.

## RECENT EVENTS

### Gibson Christmas Parade

*(Photos by Frank Knapp)*

On December 4, the Shade Tree A's toured to Gibson, Georgia for lunch at the Crossroads Barbeque Restaurant prior to participating in the Christmas Parade. Participants included Charles Weaver Sr. along with his daughter Donna Weaver (Charles Jr.'s sister) and her friend Katrina Mitschell.



## RECENT EVENTS

### Shade Tree A's Christmas Party

*(Photos by Matt Barrett)*

Jack Sheppard once again graciously allowed the Shade Tree A's to use his Country Store for the Christmas Party. The nostalgic collection of automotive related items makes a perfect backdrop for the annual party.



## MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

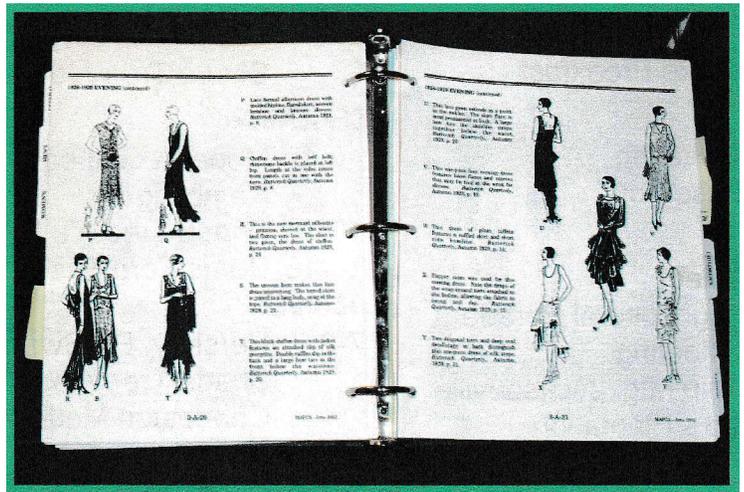
### Documenting Era Clothing and Fashion Accessories

By Anne Neely-Beck

Most of us who are interested in era fashions and accessories use the internet to surf for these items by going to our favorite vintage clothing sites or ebay We also scout thrift stores, flea markets and antique stores. When we find an item we love and want to know if it fits into the 1928- 1931 time frame, what do we do and where do we go to try to document the item? attire

Here are some of the "tools" I use to document fashion and accessories. The MAFCA Fashion Guidelines is one of the best sources to use. It has great written guidelines and wonderful pictures. I have used it to document several pins that belonged to my grandmother and a purse that belonged to my husband's aunt.

Some other good sources are two books edited by Stella Blum, *Everyday Fashions of the Twenties-As Pictured in Sears Catalogs* and *Every Day Fashions of the Thirties-As Pictured In Sears Catalogs*. *Fashion Source Books-The 1930's* by John Peacock is also good. Any *Delineator Magazine* from the Model A era is wonderful as they have great fashion pictures and great pictures of home decor from that era. I have several of these magazines and rely on them for documenting items.



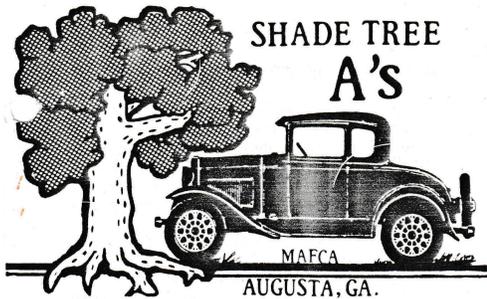
Another good source is family pictures, ones where someone actually wrote the year the picture was taken on the back. This is how I documented the dress that belonged to my mother as a child. This is the dress we used in the MAFCA Southeastern Divisional Meet vintage fashion show in June of 2003. I had found a picture of my mother in the dress and on the back was written Patty age 4, 1931.

Surfing the internet and looking for pictures and articles about the Model A era can be a good source along with using the library, which has gone by the wayside since the computer age. There are lots of books out there that were written about the Model A era and the Great Depression.

The Shade Tree A club members have a wealth of knowledge when it comes to the Model A era. They also have many books, pictures, and magazines that can be used for documentation. The Club itself also has a lending library that contains tapes, books, and patterns which are available to all Club members. So if you want or need to document an item the "tools" are available for you to use.

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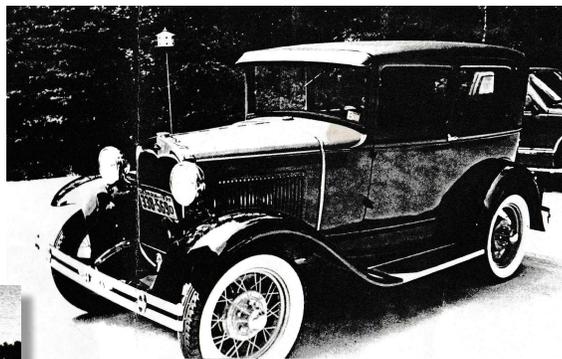
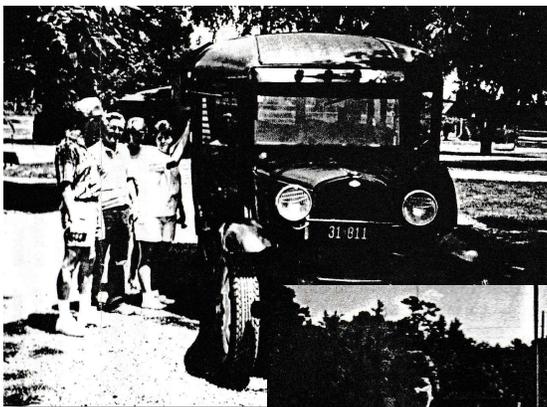
## THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



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 1992 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* was full of talk and photos of recent and past Club activities. Activities included the Charlotte AutoFair, the National Meet in Dearborn, Michigan and a tour to Savannah, Georgia. Photos of new Model A acquisitions by Club members were also highlighted. Clockwise beginning with the top left photo:

- Don Turley, Bob Jones, Mandy McPherson and Sheila McPherson climb aboard the 1931 Model A bus at the Dearborn Museum.
- Don Turley's new 1930 Standard Tudor Sedan.
- Shade Tree A's members enjoy a hot meal at the Charlotte AutoFair. [*That's your Newsletter editor enjoying a plate of spaghetti if I remember correctly, Ed.*]
- Betty Wade welcomes the Shade Tree A's to Savannah, Georgia, a tour she and her husband Monroe organized.



## TECHNICAL TOPICS

### Jim's Technical Tip

by Jim Cannon,

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