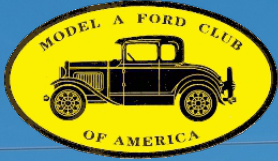


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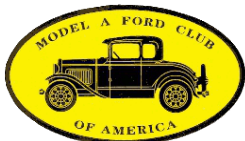
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On the Front Cover

The Shade Tree A's swap meet held at Andrew Morse's restoration shop was well attended by Shade Tree A's members and by members from other nearby clubs.

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

For those who have never attended the world famous Hershey Swap Meet, Andrew Morse and Dan Perla presented you with a pictorial review of the 2022 event, with the customary rain, but lacking sloshing around in the mud. This is one Swap Meet (and car show) every antique auto enthusiast should attend at least once. Then we held a Club Swap Meet of our own at the shop of Andrew Morse. It was well attended by Club members, selling and buying parts for their Model A. THANKS to Mary Morse and Sheila McPherson for cooking lunch for a hungry bunch of guys following an exhaustive day of shopping.

For the November meeting, Club member Steve Teal will present the program of his Model AA Ford collection. Steve has collected several very rare Model AA trucks. Our last Tech Session for 2022 will be held on Saturday November 12th at Richard's garage at 9:30 AM. We will evaluate Model A problems, discuss possible solutions, and make adjustments as necessary. For those who want to eat breakfast, we will meet at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road at 8 o'clock. Lunch will be served.

This is the time of the year when we renew our Shade Tree membership. Dues are due on or before the December meeting. Bring your dues (\$25) to the meeting, or mail them to Treasurer Stuart Smith, 3535 West Lake Dr., Martinez, GA 30907-8931.

Our Christmas Party is early this year, Saturday December 3rd. It will be held at Jack Sheppard's beginning at 6:00 PM. It will be catered by Wife Savers. The Club will pay the cost for a portion of the meal, with the members paying \$20 each.

Dan Perla will be accepting your reservations and payment (\$20 per person) at the meeting,

or you may pay by mail (454 Fulcher Dr., Martinez, GA 30907-8766). Please make your commitment early as we have to give the caterer a head count well before the dinner.

MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2022

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp - Secretary

The monthly meeting of The Shade Tree A's was held October 10, 2022 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Jim McPherson brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed the twenty-two members and one guest in attendance. John Neumar introduced his eleven year old friend "Blaine" who, according to John, shows quite an interest in antique cars. John also offered our "Joke of the Month".

Vice President:

John Neumar announced this month's program will be "Visiting Hershey".

Treasurer:

Stuart Smith reported only one check was written for \$60.00 as payment for IMAFD patches. A motion was made from the floor to accept the September Minutes and the Treasurer's Report. That motion received a second and was passed by unanimous vote.

National Director:

No report was given.

Newsletter Editor:

No report was given.

Show & Tell:

Andy Morse passed around a Model A vacuum wiper he purchased for \$1.00 on his recent trip to Hershey. Definitely a good find at a great price!

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MEETING MINUTES

Continued

Tour Director:

Charlie Weaver had nothing new to report.

Old Business:

President Jim reminded the group of our upcoming swap meet to be held October 22nd at Andy Morse's shop located on Augusta Hwy. (78) between Dearing and Thomson. Several vendors are expected to attend. Area Model A clubs have been invited and a good crowd is expected.

New Business:

President Jim reminded the group it's time for nominations to be submitted for this year's Monroe Wade Award. Jim urged anyone wanting to recommend a member for consideration to contact the Monroe Wade Award Committee. Contact info for committee members will be available in *The Newsletter*.

Darrel Henderson, our 2023 Nominating Committee Chairman, announced a slate of officers proposed by his committee. Since no other nominations were offered from the floor, the committee's slate was elected by acclamation.

Our officers for 2023 will be as follows:

- President: Craig McMullin
- Vice President: Dan Perla
- Secretary: Frank Knapp
- Treasurer: Stuart Smith
- Tour Director: Charlie Weaver
- National Director: Matt Barrett
- Board members: Darren Riley and Andrew Morse

Stuart Smith will soon be collecting club dues for the year 2023. Be on the look-out for a message from Stuart. Payment must be made by check (preferred) or exact cash amounts.

The Christmas Party has been set for Saturday, December 3rd, starting at 6:00 PM. Once again it will be held at Jack Shepherd's excellent facility and catered by Wife Saver. Cost will be \$20.00 per person with our treasury covering any financial shortfalls. Dan Perla will be in charge of reservations and collections. He is asking all members to RSVP in a timely manner. Dan also requests payments be made via check or exact cash amounts.

Technical Program: "Visiting Hershey"

Andy Morse and Dan Perla teamed up to report on their recent trip to The Hershey Swap Meet held annually in Hershey, Pennsylvania. While Dan managed the visual effects, Andy described the many pictures he captured during the week long affair. Their slide show of pictures and diagrams included various Model A's offered for sale and a glimpse of the ten thousand vendors that participate each year. Both Dan and Andy urged the group to make an effort to attend sometime in the future. Both promised, "You won't be disappointed". Well done, thanks guys!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M. The group enjoyed a variety of Jersey Mike's sub sandwiches, chips and soft drinks provided by the father/son team of Charlie Weaver Sr. and Charlie Jr. Very tasty! Thanks guys.

<p>MONTHLY MEETING TIME & LOCATION</p> <p>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.</p>
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CLUB CALENDAR

Shade Tree A's Events

November

- 12 Shade Tree A's Technical Session, meet at Richard's garage about 9:30 AM or meet at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road for breakfast at 8:00 AM, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, potato salad and dessert will be provided for lunch
- 14 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - *The Model AA Truck Collection of Steve Teal*, presented by Steve Teal))

December

- 3 Shade Tree A's Christmas Party at Jack Shepard's, 6:00 PM, catered by Wife Saver, Dan Perla is accepting reservations and \$20 payment per person at the Club meeting or by mail (454 Fulcher Dr., Martinez, GA 30907-8766).

January 2023

- 1 Shade Tree A's New Year's Day breakfast, Cracker Barrel at I-20 and Belair Road
- 9 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

October

- 3-7 AACA Eastern Fall National, Hershey, PA (note the schedule change for this year - Monday through Friday)

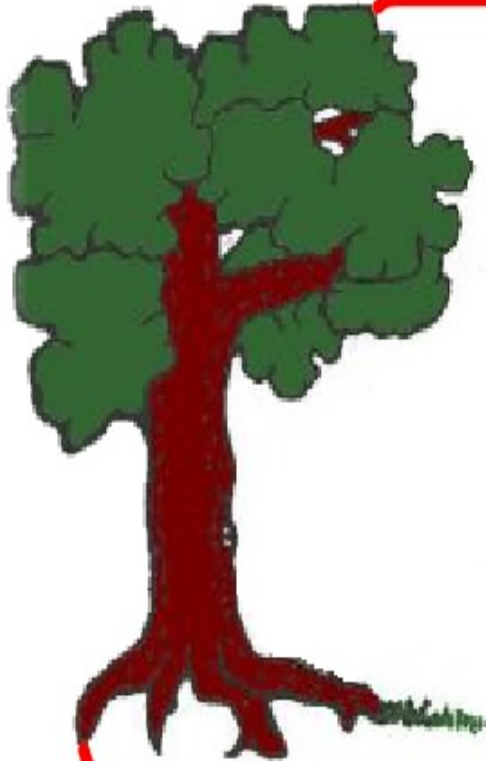
December

- 5-8 2022 Model A Ford Club of America National Awards Banquet, Golden, CO

April 2023

- 14-15 Old 96 District Model A Club Swap Meet, Greenwood, SC

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Shade Tree A's Member News

- Betty Wade is recovering from recent surgery

Send items for Shade Tree A's Member News to:
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Refreshment Schedule

November
Kenny Adkins, Darren Riley
December
No Refreshments - Christmas Party
January 2023
Jim and Sheila McPherson, Dan Perla



November Birthdays

18 William Gordon
 25 James Beck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 Monroe Wade Award Nominations

It's that time of year for the members of the Shade Tree A's to make their nominations for the Monroe Wade Award. The Monroe Wade Award honors a current Shade Tree A's member who promotes and encourages the furtherance of the Model A hobby. The member can have accomplished this in any of the ways listed below:

- A Club member who goes out of his or her way to help other members repair or maintain their Model A's.
- A Club member who:
 - a. Writes an outstanding article for the Shade Tree A's Newsletter regarding repair and restoration, or who brings to light new information about the Model A.
 - b. Presents an outstanding program regarding repair and restoration or who provides new information about the Model A at a Club meeting.
- A Club member who shows dedication to the Model A hobby and to the Club by:
 - a. Driving his or her Model A on a substantial number of Club tours and events.
 - b. Driving his or her Model A great distances, demonstrating that the Model A is not only fun but a worthy means of transportation.
 - c. Is an outstanding representative of the Shade Tree A's at national meets and tours or local community events, thus serving as a Shade Tree A's club ambassador.

Monroe Wade and the Shade Tree A's

New members might wonder who Monroe Wade was. Monroe was a man who loved Model A's and who loved the Shade Tree A's Club! A man you could **ALWAYS** depend on to help a fellow member regardless of the time or weather. Monroe worked hard for the Club and you could usually find him leading a tour or carrying in refreshments or door prizes that he had talked some local business into donating.

After restoring a 1930 Tudor that had belonged to his Mother, Monroe went on to restore a number of other A's. All of them were award-winning cars!

After his death in 2003, his wife Betty and his daughters, Deborah and Joyce, have continued to be active in the Club and to drive Monroe's beloved cars.

Monroe was a great friend and we miss his enthusiasm and his ability to make a Model A purr like a contented kitten.

The annual award is our way of remembering Monroe and we are delighted to have Betty and the Wade family to be active in the Club.



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2022 Monroe Wade Award Nominations

Club members may nominate any member in good standing by **submitting the member's name and a short paragraph with their reasons for nominating the member.** The winner will be announced at the annual Christmas party. The award winner's name will be added to a permanent plaque located at the Club's meeting place and a second plaque will be given to the winner.

The winner will be chosen by a committee that includes Betty Wade, Monroe's wife. You may give your nomination to one of the committee members listed below. All nominations must be received **not later than the November meeting** (November 14, 2022) to be considered.

Don Turley (Chairman)

Andrew Morse

Stuart Smith

Betty Wade

Please take time to seriously consider nominating one of our outstanding members for this year's Award.



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Shade Tree A's Christmas Party

December 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Join us for the Shade Tree A's Christmas Party. This year's party will once again be at Jack Sheppard's Country Store, 539 Chamblin Road, Grovetown, Georgia

If you've never been to Jack's, his place is a real treat and a great place for our Christmas Party.

The Christmas party is early this year, December 3rd. Submit your payment to Dan Perla. PLEASE pay with either correct bills or preferably by check. The cost is still \$20 per person. If you wait till the night of the party, you must pay with correct bills or check. Make checks out to the SHADE TREE A's.



ATTENTION

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Shade Tree A's Member Dues

Shade Tree A's member dues for 2023 are due by the end of the year. Please see the Club Secretary, Stuart Smith to make your payment. Checks or exact cash with your name attached are appreciated.

MAFFI Newsletter Minute September - October, 2022

As you will have read in the MARC *Model A News* and the MAFCA *Restorer* magazines by now the Model A Museum celebrated its 10th anniversary at Model A Days on September 16-17 on the Gilmore campus near Hickory Corners, MI. Those same magazines will have published the MAFFI Hall of Fame (HOF) inductees for the 2022 year. You, however, will probably not read any of the inductee's acceptance speeches.

Howard Minner's became the first person to make his HOF acceptance speech live at the MAFFI Annual Membership Meeting, using "ZOOM" and seen on a big screen television. Below are excerpts from his remarks that history buffs of the Model A hobby will find interesting:

"Two milestone events stand out and I'll make them very brief. Once MAFFI decided to establish a museum, two issues became an immediate focus.

"The first was the obvious question of where the museum would be located. I ended up spending time with other Board members, personally visiting a number of possible sites. Among them the AACA Museum in Hershey, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, the Petersen in California, the Gilmore, of course here in Michigan and the Early V-8 Museum outside of Auburn, Indiana. The latter had been a prime consideration. But MAFFI Board members subsequently visited the Gilmore and agreed this is where we wanted to be.

"Thereafter, the question arose, what should our museum look like. I, along with Loukie Smith and Stan Johnson, came together and brought along pictures of various Ford dealerships from the Model A Ford era. By chance, I brought along a May 1929 article from a magazine called *Ford Dealer and Service Seal*. This was a private magazine for dealers and edited by Mary Bronstein. Page 40 showed a front face view of a suggested medium size Ford dealership building. That drawing eventually won the day, and that is what you now see as the facade of our MAFFI Museum here at the Gilmore."

You now know, "the rest of the story".

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2022 National
Awards Banquet
December 5-8
Golden, Colorado



Join us in beautiful Golden, Colorado at the Table Mountain Inn.

Visit Clear Creek History Park, the Buffalo Bill Museum, the Colorado Railroad Museum, the Coors Brewery, the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, and The Clive Cussler Museum.

Something for everyone!



RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's Swap Meet

Story by Jim McPherson

Photos by Robbie Jones

The Shade Tree A's held a Club Swap Meet Saturday, October 22 at the shop of Andrew Morse. Eleven vendors attended, including seven Shade Tree A's members, Davin Smith from Smith & Jones, and Warren Reynolds and Ralph Roub from the Old 96 District A's in Greenwood, South Carolina. Several of our members were selling for the first time, helping fellow members maintain or improve their Model A. Business was brisk with Frank Knapp selling out. Many needed parts were found to aid in the restoration or maintenance of the Model A. In addition to a large turn-out of Shade Tree A's members, we had attendees from as far away as North Carolina and Savannah, Georgia. Sheila McPherson and Mary Morse, with the aid of Chef Andrew Morse prepared hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, baked beans and cake for lunch. THANKS to all who participated and help make this a most successful event.



MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

The following article originally appeared in the July 2022 issue of the Script A News published by the Script A Region of MARC and based on information obtained from the website referenced in the article.

SUN GOGGLES TO SUNGLASSES

<https://vintagedancer.com/1920s/history-1920s-glasses-sunglasses/>



The earliest reference we have of colored spectacles being used to block the sun's rays is good old Emperor Nero in ancient Rome. No — he didn't sport his shades when he burned the town down. But he did use polished gems to watch gladiatorial competitions. The history of sunglasses continues in 12th century China, where pieces of smoky quartz were used by judges while listening to court cases. They weren't for the sun, though. These signature pieces kept people from reading the judges' expressions, much like that cool, aloof kid you went to school with who seemed to wear sunglasses even on rainy days. You could never tell what he was thinking.

During the Renaissance, that great era of enlightenment and innovation, one could argue that the greatest accomplishment to come from this time was the invention of sunglasses. It's believed the first pair was created somewhere between 1268 and 1289. All we know is by 1352 sunglasses appeared in a painting by Tommaso da Modena. After that, the rich and powerful used sunglasses as a symbol of distinction and honor.

Since their earliest uses, sunglasses have gone through a lot of necessary, practical and fashionable changes. By the 1600s, an English spectacle company invented the first pair of prescription sunglasses. But it wasn't until the early part of the 20th century that they became in vogue.

On the beaches of Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1929, Sam Foster introduced the sunglasses craze to America by selling inexpensive shades to beachgoers. People went crazy for these spectacles, which protected their eyes from the sun's always glorious but often annoying light. From there, sunglasses took on both utilitarian and stylish changes:

- 1930s: Bausch & Lomb develops eyeglasses for the Army Air Corp that reduce high-altitude glare.
- 1936: The Polaroid filter is used for the first time to make polarized sunglasses.
- 1937: Ray-Ban produces aviator-style polarized sunglasses, which become popularized by American movie stars.

As the public saw their favorite celebrities donning spectacular shades, the sunglasses craze took off and has never looked back. Styles have changed through the years — from the Cat Eyes of the '50s to the square frames of the '80s. And what was old becomes new again. One thing we can be sure of, though, is that sunglasses are here to stay.

Crookes Sunglasses were developed by Sir William Crookes and sold by Bausch and Lomb, with special lenses available in light green, medium grey and amber brown tints. He accidentally made a light blue tint that became very popular, although later was known to be toxic.

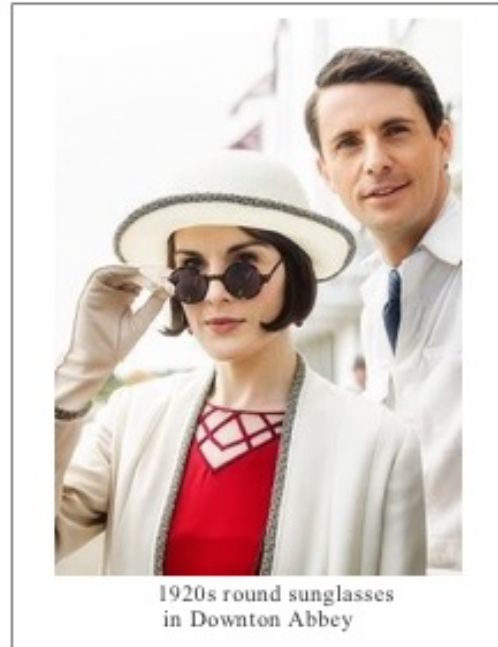
Sun goggles as they were called, caught on quickly as a sporty set of shades for

MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

summer days, but were also promoted as winter wearable "to relieve the eyes from the glare of indoor lighting during the dull afternoons and long evenings of the winter season."



1923 Wilson Sunglasses, sold for \$1- 1.50 dollars



Their initial marketing was promoted for outdoor sports and activities such as driving cars, skiing, and farm work (dust protection.) Some had leather side piece or full leather cases for extra protection. The casual sun goggle used the same thick frames as eyeglasses.

In 1927, Bausch and Lomb enthusiastically concluded "there is hope that in the not too far distant future it may be possible to make glasses stylish and to sell them as jewelry. That is what we have got to come to." 1920s and 1930s glasses for both men and women comprised of small round frames made of tortoiseshell or metal. In terms of lenses, the 1920s were the beginning of tinted sunglasses as an accessory of fashion over function. Movie stars sunbathing were the first to promote the new trend, and slowly the public caught on to the convenience of shades with access to color tints ranging from dark grey to amber to even deep green in the 1930s. Today, wearing a 1920s or 30s costume in the sun requires for a pair of vintage round sunglasses.

- thanks Nancy Gonyea for the article

<h3>Goggles</h3>		
	<p>Wind, Dust and Sun Glasses High Grade Imitation All Shell Goggles with 1 1/4-inch lenses in amber, smoke or clear glass. Shipping weight, 1 pound.</p> <p>5D9781—Smoked glass 46c 5D9783—Amber glass 46c 5D9784—Clear glass 46c</p>	
<p>Men's and Women's Goggles High Grade Imitation All Shell Goggles with straight temples, 1 1/4-inch lenses in amber, smoke or clear. Shpg. wt., 1 lb.</p> <p>5D9785—Amber glass 55c 5D9786—Smoked glass 55c 5D9791—Clear glass 55c</p>		
	<p>Wind, Dust and Sun Glasses Imitation Shell Frame with head fitting temples, 1 1/4-inch lenses of greenish tint, which make rays of light appear white.</p> <p>5D9793—Shpg. wt., 1 lb. 85c</p>	
<p>Dust Goggles. Rustproof White Metal Goggles, with ventilated leather side shields, flexible cable ear bows and the adjustable bridge, 1 1/2-inch lenses in amber or clear glass. With metal case. Shpg. wt., 1 lb.</p> <p>5D9787—Amber glass.... 35c 5D9788—Clear glass.... 35c</p>		
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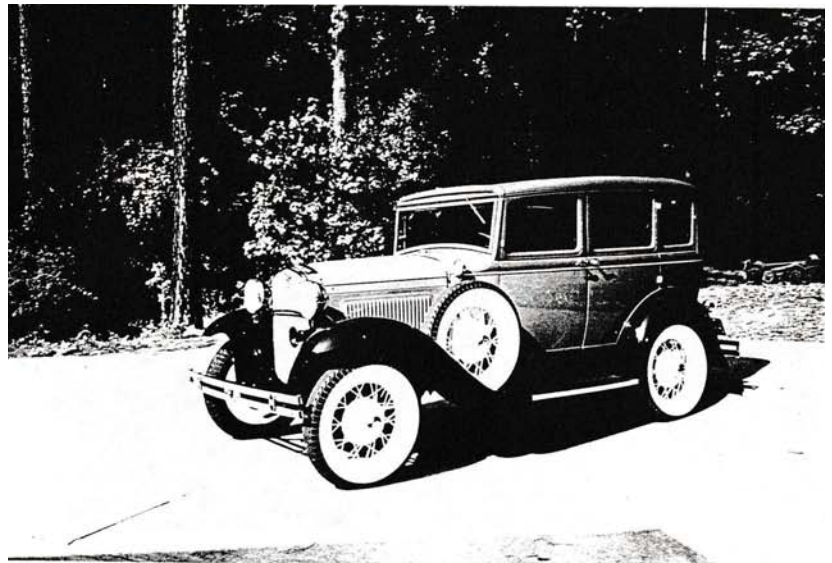
THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



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.

If you look at the November 1992 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* on the Club website, you might notice that the *Newsletter* is titled "*The Oily Rag*". I didn't notice but the October 1992 issue has this title also as well as the December 1992 issue. Maybe some of the older members can shed some light on this anomaly at the next Club meeting.

The November 1992 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* included an article on horn wiring and a fix for weak horns. Also in the November 1992 issue is a book review on *Antique Car Wrecks*. The photos in this book and the article stress the need for seatbelts in our antique cars. Photos of then Club member Rob Hefner's slant windshield Town Sedan were also included.



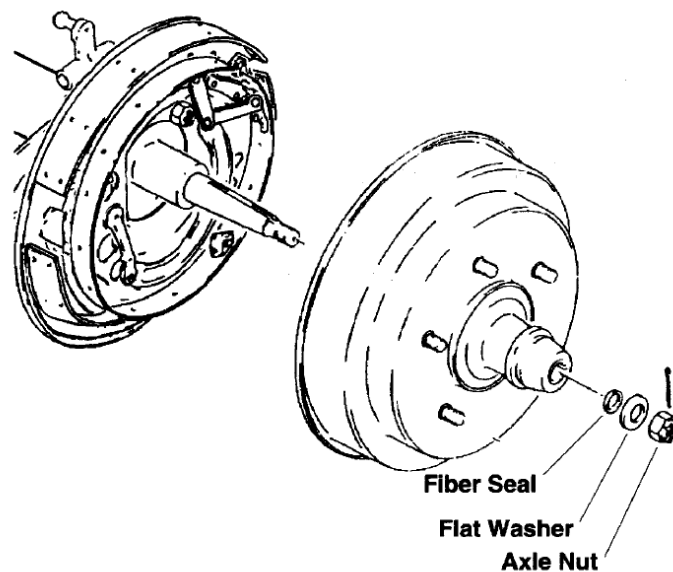
Late 1931 Model A Ford slant windshield Town Sedan belonging to member Rob Hefner.

TECHNICAL TOPICS

Jim's Tech Tips

"Check Your Rear Axle Nuts"

Every time I have a rear wheel off of a Model A, I use the opportunity to check the tightness of the rear axle nut for that wheel. They are supposed to be quite tight, and yet I find many with at least one axle nut that is loose. This is not good. If the hub is able to move on the axle, it will cause excess wear to the end of the axle and can damage it to the point where the axle will need to be replaced.



To check it, first remove the cotter key. With the transmission in 1st or Reverse gear, and the opposite rear tire on the ground, you can apply a wrench to the axle nut and confirm it is tight.

Ford did not publish torque values for nuts and bolts; he counted on the experience and "feel" of expert mechanics to know how tight to make things. Les Andrews has a value of 125 ft-lbs. in his book for this nut, and I feel that is a good target to shoot for. Watch the position of the cotter pin hole relative to the slots in the axle nut. If the pin will not line up on the nut, keep tightening the nut until the cotter pin goes in. Bend the ears over. I use a new cotter pin every time.

This simple maintenance step will help you avoid bigger problems down the road.

Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim

Member Advertisements

Deadline for submittal – 20th of the month – Send submittals to newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org

FOR SALE

Model A tapered muffler for sale. Has been used but in excellent shape. Painted with black heat paint similar to Aries mufflers. Would be great for a driver. \$145. Contact Dan Perla (706-373-5730) or Jim McPherson (706-564-0120).

Six-volt alternator, used. Works great. \$85 **[Price Reduced!]** (I replaced mine with one of the new alternators that looks like an original generator.)

Restored original Stewart Warner horn. Sounds great! \$225

Ford script Model 'T' tire pump, steel, painted black. \$80.

Pair of very rough condition 1930-31 plain front fenders (no spare tire wells). One left, one right. Will require a lot of work, or cut them up to use as patch panels to repair other fenders. \$20 each fender. Contact Don Turley 706-589-0738

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