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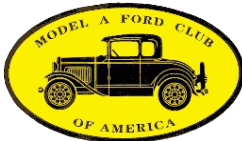
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On the Front Cover

Matt Barrett's Kewanee and Elkpoint green Vicky looks right at home in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Augusta. Photo taken by Matt's friend Anders Norlander from Stockholm, Sweden. See page 13 for more photos from the parade.

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

Craig McMullin - President

Hopefully by now you have given some thought about our 50th Anniversary as a Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America AND have made every effort to save the date on Saturday, June 3, 2023 to display your Model A. You only turn 50 once and you do want to be part of history in the making. This will be a fun event that the club will remember for years to come. We will need some last-minute items once we get closer to June 3rd like tables, tents, coolers, ice and chairs for registration check-in and to serve lunch and cake. Hopefully you will all volunteer to help out. I do have one special request; does anyone has a portable PA System that we could use at the display? Obviously, a PA System would be helpful with any announcements.

Oh, I almost forgot, this special 50th Anniversary Celebration is free to members of the Shade Tree A's. Despite what the registration form says, the \$20.00 registration fee has been waived if you are a member of the Shade Tree A's, however you MUST complete the registration form to register by May 6th, hopefully much sooner.

Please check your Newsletter Club Calendar for Shade Tree A's Events. Our Tour Director, Charlie Weaver, has been working overtime with the entire Board on a very active spring touring calendar. If you love driving your Model A, this spring is the time. Most of the planned touring events are within an easy drive from the greater Augusta area and Charlie has provided a great variety of things to do and see.

Ahooga,
Craig McMullin - 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.

MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2023

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp - Secretary

The monthly meeting of The Shade Tree A's was held March 13, 2023 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. The meeting was called to order by President Craig McMullin at 7:01 PM welcoming all twenty-eight members and one guest in attendance. Alex Sierra, a guest of Robert Collier, was introduced and welcomed by the group.

During our new "Light Moment", Matt Barrett entertained members with not one but TWO "Jokes of the Month". Thanks Matt!

Our usual sign-up sheets were once again passed around with emphasis on refreshments. There are several months that need to be covered for this year. Members were also asked to indicate if they planned to attend two upcoming events, The St. Patrick's Day Parade and Picnic-in-The Park in Lexington, S.C. Three donations were made to our "name tag penalty cup".

President Craig noted member birthdays for both January and February.

Everyone was happy to see Syble Henderson back in attendance since her recent illness. According to John Neumar, his wife Janet continues to improve with her treatments.

President Craig announced we have a new member! Steve Spencer's sister, Paula Mason. Paula lives in Hawesville, Kentucky and is the owner of a 1930 Tudor. Welcome Paula!

Vice President: Our March technical program for the evening will be presented by Andy Morse on Polishing and Buffing old paint. Andy also mentioned several upcoming programs including fender and bead repair and a presentation on rebuilding the distributor.

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MEETING MINUTES

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Treasurer: Stuart Smith reported our Treasury remains in solid financial condition. Also, our Money Market funds have been replaced with two Certificates of Deposit paying 4.5% annually. A motion was made and seconded to approve The Treasurer's Report and The February Minutes as published in *The Newsletter*. That motion passed by unanimous vote.

National Director: Matt Barrett announced STA events will be published in the "Chapter News" section of both *The Restorer* and *Model A News* in their next issue.

Newsletter Editor: No report was given.

Tour Director: Charlie Weaver reviewed the line-up times and location for The Saint Patrick's Day parade. Several members from our club plan to participate. Charlie also discussed our "short tour" to Deep South Cheese & Grill in Dearing, GA. coming up in April.

Show & Tell: Nothing offered..

New Business: President Craig updated members with more detail concerning our 50th Anniversary Celebration plans previously discussed at our recent Board of Director's meeting. A few of the many ideas included an anniversary patch designed by Susan Meloan, drone photography provided by Kent Carruthers and a People's Choice contest. Box lunches will also be included for all participants. Robbie Jones's 31' Deluxe Slant Window Fordor will be displayed inside the museum rotunda. Craig also emphasized the need for as many volunteers as possible to handle the many duties from registration, parking and clean-up, just to mention a few.

Technical Program: Andy Morse offered a very informative discussion and demonstration on Buffing and Polishing oxidized paint on a weathered Model A. Using a perfect specimen (Joe Holley's Fordor) Andy had a fender buffed and polished looking like new! Nice job Andy!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM after which members were treated to several dozen Krispy-Kreme Donuts with various toppings. Big thanks to Kathy Poole and Darren and Pat Riley for providing!

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2023

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp – Secretary

The Shade Tree A's Board of Directors met March 9, 2023 at our club meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. Board members present included President Craig McMullin, Vice President Andrew Morse, Treasurer Stuart Smith, Secretary Frank Knapp, National Director Matt Barrett, Tour Director Charlie Weaver, Jim McPherson and Darren Riley. Other STA members Robbie Jones, Steve Spencer, Larry Duvall, Tom Poole, Sheila McPherson, and Mike Davis were also in attendance.

President Craig McMullin brought the meeting to order promptly at 6:30 PM with two major topics to be discussed. The first item on the agenda was an update on plans underway for our upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration on June 3rd. Just a few of the items discussed included registration forms, entry fees, show cars and trailer parking, people's choice awards, box lunch providers and advertising.

The second item on the agenda was to plan Tours and Events for the year 2023. President Craig brought along a fairly large calendar and each month through December will have at least one or two proposed club sponsored tours and/or events.

All items discussed above will be presented to the entire membership at our March meeting for their approval and any other ideas and/or suggestions.

Your Board of Director's are hard at work!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

CLUB CALENDAR

Shade Tree A's Events

April

- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - *Model A Fender Repair*, presented by Andrew Morse)
- 15 Shade Tree A's tour to the Old 96 District Model A Ford Club Swap Meet, Greenwood, SC
- 22 Shade Tree A's Saturday Technical Session, *Kathy Poole's 1930 Coupe: electrical and carburetor; Steve Spencer's 1930 Coupe: brakes and muffler*. We will meet at 9:30 AM at Richard's garage. Salad and pizza lunch will be served.

May

- 6 Johnston Peach Blossom Parade, biscuits, coffee and juice at the NAPA store prior to the parade, the parade starts at 10:30 AM, meet at the NAPA store at 9:00 AM
- 8 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - *TBA*)
- 13 Boss Hog BBQ Cook Off, Waynesboro, GA
- 20 Grandpa's (Jim Dover) Low Country Boil, 11:00AM - 5:00 PM, 596 Springhaven Drive, North Augusta, SC

June

- 12 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

- 13-16 Charlotte Autofair, Charlotte, NC
- 13-15 AACA Southeastern Spring National Meet, Charlotte, NC
- 14-15 Old 96 District Model A Club Swap Meet, Greenwood, SC
- 29 Kiokee Baptist Church Cruise-In, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, The Old Store, 2560 Ray Owens Road, Appling, GA

May

- 1-3 AACA Southeastern Divisional Tour, Oak Ridge, TN
- 12-13 Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet (Model A & T) Luray, VA
- 18-20 AACA Eastern Spring National Meet, Gettysburg, PA

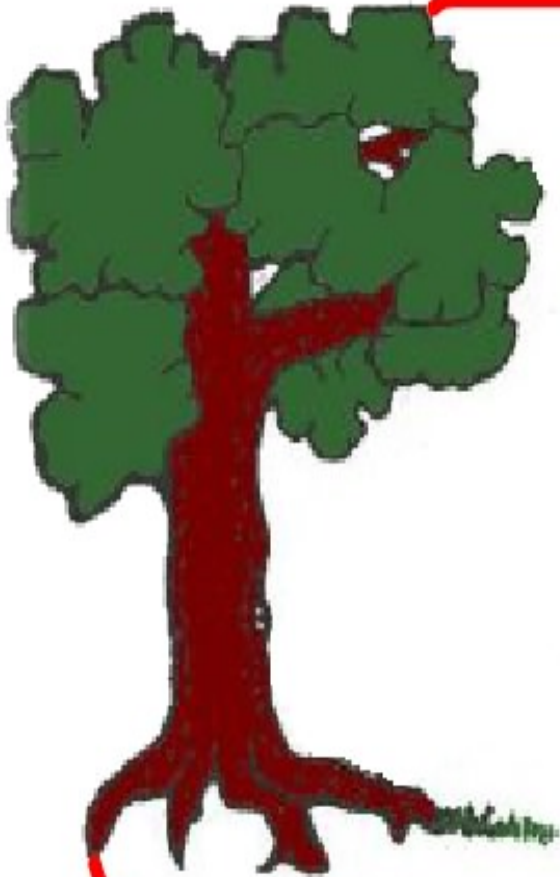
June

- 16-17 Palmetto A's Swap Meet, Smith & Jones, Columbia, SC [*Note date change from last Newsletter*]

July

- 30 - August 4 MARC National Meet Hamilton, OH

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Shade Tree A's Member News

- Please continue to keep the following Shade Tree A's members in your thoughts and prayers:
 - Syble Henderson
 - Misty Hooker, Leta Jones and Matt Barrett recovering from surgery
 - Janet Neumar
 - Betty Wade recovering from broken wrist
 - Brandon Carter recovering from recent illness
 - Craig and Theresa McMullin recovering from recent illness
- Don Turley and Jim Mason were once again acknowledged for their contribution to **Part 3** of the article, *Evolution of the 1928-1931 Model A Ford Rear View Mirrors for Passenger Vehicles*, in the January/February issue of the *Model A News* [Jim Mason has been contributing to these articles as well. I have failed to mention him in previous issues of *The Shade Tree A's Newsletter*. My sincerest apologies to Jim Mason for overlooking his contributions to these articles. - Ed.]

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

Refreshment Schedule



April
Andrew Morse, The Weavers, Doug Wilson

May
Kent Carruthers, Robbie Jones

June
Don Gordon, Misty Hooker

April Birthdays



4 Cathy Barrett
5 Glory Davis
5 Mike Davis
10 Theresa McMullin
10 Tom Poole
14 Ann Dinkins
16 Shirley Teal
20 Richard Lawson
22 Annette Jones

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Shade Tree A's Embroidered Apparel

Do you need Shade Tree A's apparel? The point of contact to get shirts, etc. embroidered with the Shade Tree A's logo is Susan Meloan, 5030 Fieldcrest Dr. N Augusta, SC. Susan can be reached at 803-634-2570. The cost for embroidery is very reasonable.



Johnston Peach Blossom Parade



Planning is underway for the Johnston Peach Blossom Festival. The Shade Tree A's have been invited back to the Ridge Parts and Supply NAPA store in Johnston prior to the parade. They would like to host our group and the Aiken A's prior to the parade at their facility with biscuits, coffee and juice and the use of their restrooms. We had an excellent turnout last year with many pictures taken. This is a parade we always participate in and is a great time. The parade starts at 10:30 AM on Saturday May 6, 2023.

The plan is to meet at the NAPA store no later than 9:00 AM to mingle and to take photographs. The parade line-up location is about 1/4 mile away, not far at all. If you plan to participate, a headcount is needed for the gathering at the NAPA store. Please email Craig McMullin if you plan to participate **NO LATER THAN** April 4 (no penalties if you reply earlier). The Shade Tree A's headcount will be combined with that from the Aiken A's as a single entry. This could be a large turnout event you do not want to miss!



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17th 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 14 - 15, 2023

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
Vendor Space	\$25.00 per-registration \$30.00 at the gate

Lunch will be available

Door Prizes & 50 / 50 drawing daily

Email: swreynolds@centurylink.net

Information: Warren Reynolds (864) 980-7937 or Ralph Roub (864) 992-3230

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18th Annual

ALL Model A & Model T

SWAP MEET & CAR DISPLAY

at

Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts
60 Wisconsin St. West Columbia, SC



sponsored by

Palmetto A's of South Carolina

Friday, June 16, 2023 8am to 5pm Swap Meet

Saturday, June 17, 2023 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 at 803-622-7582

dickfraser@earthlink.net

Vendor Sign Up Form

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Will you be arriving and setting up on Thursday, June 23? _____

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 _____

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Shade Tree A's 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Shade Tree A's 50th Anniversary Celebration is quickly approaching. The Celebration is free to members of the Shade Tree A's. Despite what the registration form says, the \$20.00 registration fee has been waived if you are a member of the Shade Tree A's, however you **MUST** complete the registration form (see next page) by May 6, 2023, hopefully much sooner.

Many thanks to the Gerald Jones Auto Group (www.geraldjonesford.com) for sponsoring our 50th anniversary celebration. Thank you also to Charlie Weaver for obtaining this sponsorship. The registration form is included on the next page for your convenience.



SHADE TREE A'S CELEBRATION
 "50 Years as a Chapter of the
 Model A FORD CLUB of AMERICA"
 1973 - 2023



At the Augusta Museum of History
 560 Reynolds Street, Augusta, GA



June 3, 2023
 10am – 3pm
 Rain or Shine



For more information contact
 Craig McMullin at 803.341.8955 or
 Jim McPherson at 706.564.0120

- Come Celebrate with us!
- Model A Ford Car Registration includes Lunch, Cake, and a Commemorative Patch along with free Admission to the Museum
 - People's Choice Awards
 - Car display is a free event for the public
 - Register early space is limited
 - Model A Ford Car Registration Due Date May 6, 2023



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Shade Tree A's Model A Ford Club Invitation
"Celebrating 50 Years as a Chapter of The Model A Ford Club of America"

Date: Saturday June 3, 2023

Location: Augusta Museum of History

Address: 560 Reynolds Street, Augusta, Ga. 30901

Time: 10AM to 3PM

[Model A Ford Car Registration Form](#)

Driver's Name	<u>Total Charges</u>
Passengers Names: (please list for (1) additional lunch ticket and for free admittance to the museum))	
Email Address	
Cell Phone Number	
Name of Local Model A Club	
Year / Model of Vehicle \$20.00 _____ 1_____ x \$20.00 = \$20.00 1. Year _____ Model _____ 2. Additional Vehicle: Year _____ Model _____ (no charge) Trailer parking is not available at the museum.	\$20.00
Total Number of People Attending: _____	
Lunch Ticket provided to driver and <u>one</u> additional passenger.	No charge
Additional Lunch Tickets \$12.00 each _____ x \$12.00 =	\$
Bottled Water, Anniversary Cake, 50 th Anniversary Commemorative Patch	No charge
Additional 50 th Anniversary Commemorative Patches _____ x \$5.00 each =	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED Please make checks payable to the, "Shade Tree A's"	\$

The undersigned hereby releases and indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Shade Tree A's Model A Ford Club and the Augusta Museum of History and their workers for any damage, injury or theft to undersigned's property and/or personal injury which may be sustained while engaged at the car display on June 3, 2023. _____ (Your Signature)

Shade Tree A's 50th Anniversary Celebration Saturday June 3, 2023

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For starters, a little history of the Model A Foundation, Inc. In 1984, trustees of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) began to discuss formation of a foundation with tax-exempt, charitable status. By 1987, a separate organization, MAFFI was officially recognized, with the goal of building a museum dedicated to the preservation of the Model A Ford car and related items of the era. The foundation grew and developed plans to build, and finally settled on the Gilmore location. The current building was completed in the fall of 2012, and the Grand opening was held in May, 2013.

Membership has steadily grown, and MAFFI has not had an increase in dues since well before the Museum existed. However, the cost of operating the Museum has continued to rise. The MAFFI Board of Trustees, in careful consideration of all the facts, has voted to implement the following dues structure, **effective May 1, 2023**. Note that each membership includes the named member and spouse/domestic partner.

Annual Dues - \$35

3 year membership - \$100

Lifetime Membership - \$500

Please note that MAFFI is the only partner museum at the Gilmore that offers a Lifetime membership, and... we maintain the lowest annual dues on the campus. Consider the many benefits that MAFFI membership brings, in particular... Paid members enjoy free admission to the Gilmore Car Museum all year. This alone is worth the cost of dues. You can find all the benefits of membership on the MAFFI website, www.maffi.org, where you can also join or renew and pay your dues using PayPal or your credit card. MAFFI membership is a great way to support this fascinating hobby!

Please watch here [*Presumably these monthly updates. - Ed.*], on the website, and at the MAFFI Facebook page for information on the Model A Days, to be held September 15 & 16. It promises to be a great experience for the whole family again this year! Here's hoping that you will have a great year of enjoying the Model A hobby!

Joe Fox,
President - MAFFI

RECENT EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Photos by Matt Barrett and Anders Norlander

According to Shade Tree A's member Frank Knapp, everyone loves a parade. And the very best one is the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Augusta. After a two year hiatus because of the COVID 19 pandemic, the parade resumed last year with only 3 Shade Tree A's cars participating. This year, five Model A's and their drivers participated in the parade.



MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE



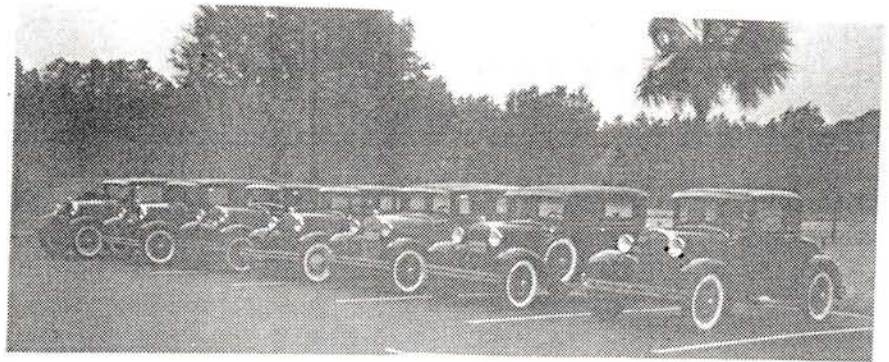
THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



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.

In the April 1993 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter*, the President's Column discussed the Shade Tree A's potential involvement in the formation of a Southern Region of the Model A Ford Club of America. The *Newsletter* also included an article written by Marianne Blancarte of LeBaron Bonney (Remember them?) on *Keeping It Clean - Preserving Your Upholstery's Like-New Look*.

The report on the Richmond Hill tour described a tour in which eight all-weather drivers in eight all-weather Model A's encountered white caps in the pool, flying shingles, snow coming down sideways, and an overturned semi truck. A Category II hurricane and 74 mph winds forced outdoor events into enclosed buildings. Garages were even arranged to house the cars if needed. Unfortunately, one car sustained body damage from flying debris. Elsewhere in the *Newsletter* it was reported that the most popular accessory on the Richmond Hill tour was the manifold heater.



Eight Model A Fords Braved the sunshine to tour to Richmond Hill but then had high winds and downed electrical lines cancel the Saturday tour to Walthourville.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

Heat Source for Loosening Stuck Fasteners

by Robbie Jones

Hagerty Media recently published an article on loosening stuck fasteners. The full article can be viewed at the following link:

https://www.hagerty.com/media/maintenance-and-tech/torch-er-test-5-ways-to-free-stuck-bolts/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=MED_UN_NA_EML_UN_DailyDriver_Thursday&hashed_email=0766af19ccff88eae0fa45775ff00685125c9d8cf4e2030b893a6808c5330a03

The test used a bolt and threaded plate setup with a fixed weight and lever to apply a consistent, repeatable torque to the test fastener. The heat sources evaluated were:

- MAP-Pro torch
- Propane torch
- Butane kitchen torch
- Heat gun
- Oxyacetylene torch

The winner was the method that loosened the test setup in the shortest time. As might be expected the winner was the oxyacetylene torch. The complete results are shown in the table below. Comments on the article suggested another heat source, induction heating, that would minimize heat transfer to other surrounding components. One commenter suggested the Mini-Ductor II Handheld Induction Heater by Induction Innovations, available on Amazon for \$450. Another method I have heard of is a TIG torch but none of the commenters mentioned that.

What brings the heat? //			
	Time to break loose	Steel plate temperature near bolt (°F)	Bolt temperature (°F)
MAP Pro	28 seconds	100	142
Propane	45 seconds	145	130
Butane	46 seconds	89	104
Oxy	22 seconds	130	200
Heat gun	4 minutes, 10 seconds	186	140

Source: Kyle Smith **HAGERTY.**

Member Advertisements

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

NEW

FOR SALE 1930 GEORGIA license plates, Very good condition. \$100.00. Jim McPherson 706-564-0120
FOR SALE Original Model A Ford Distributor Housings, \$25.00 each. The reproductions are \$77.50 (plus tax, shipping and handling), and we all know how great reproduction parts are. Jim McPherson, 706-564-0120.

WANTED I had someone in the Augusta area call me today, looking to purchase a Model A Coupe with a rumble seat. If any of you have one available for sale or know of one that is available for sale, please get in touch with me and I will give you their phone number. This will need to be a good running/drivable car, not something that will need to be restored or extensive repairs. This person is not currently a member of a Model A Club. Thanks, Don Turley

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