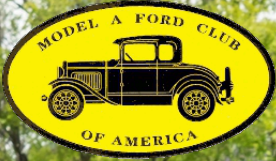


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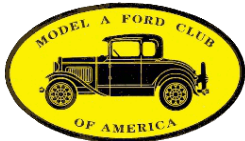
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On the Front Cover

The Shade Tree A's 50th Anniversary celebration on June 3, 2023 at the Augusta Museum of History attracted many members of the general public. Photos from the event begin on page 11 of this *Newsletter*. Cover 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.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

Now that the Shade Tree A Model A Ford Club 50th Anniversary is over, “let’s set the groundwork NOW for the next 50 Years”! I know many of you have neglected your Model A for many months or even years but recently you put in the extra time and resources to prepare your car for the 50th celebration. Hats off to you, job well done – but now “we have to keep the ball rolling”. At our next event, be it a tour, parade, a Saturday technical session, or another display, you need to participate. It’s always a “show-stopper” to see a large group of Model A Fords going down the road. The smiles, waves and horn honking from others passing by never gets old.

Your participation by driving your car is what keeps the Shade Tree A’s alive and growing in order to celebrate the another 50 Years!!

If all of what you just read sounds familiar, that is because it was in last month’s President’s Column. We have a Challenge Tour planned for Saturday, September 9th. The Challenge is to have 20 STA member Model A’s on the road driving to the Fisheye Grill in Girard, Ga. (see page 8 for all the details). Are you up for the Challenge?

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

July 10, 2023

Richard’s Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp – Secretary

The monthly meeting of The Shade Tree A’s was held July 10, 2023 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent’s garage. The meeting was called to order by President Craig McMullin at 6:58 PM welcoming all twenty-nine members present. There were no visitors, however, we do have a new member, Jeff Young, who joined at our Anniversary Celebration. Welcome Jeff! Two longtime members, who should know better, contributed to our “Name Tag Penalty Cup”.

Matt Barrett offered our “Joke of the Month” and President Craig noted two July birthdays, Robert Collier and Don Turley.

Everyone was happy to see Syble Henderson back after her recent illness. With the exception of a freshly fractured foot, she appeared to be well and on the mend. Also, Steve Teal is still awaiting clearance from his doctor to drive but should return in time for our August meeting at Sconyer’s restaurant.

Vice President: Andrew Morse announced our technical program for the evening will be presented by Eric Shogren on rebuilding the Model A distributor.

Treasurer: Stuart Smith reported the majority of expenses for our recent 50th Anniversary Celebration have been paid in full. According to President Craig, the total cost of the event was \$1,426.00. Money well spent!

A motion was made and seconded to approve The Treasurer’s Report and the June Minutes as published in *The Newsletter*. That motion passed by unanimous vote.

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MEETING MINUTES

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National Director: Matt Barrett announced Robbie Jones and President Craig have been working hard composing an article for publication in *The Restorer* concerning our 50th. Celebration. Hopefully it will be included in the September/October edition.

Newsletter Editor: Robbie Jones stated he was very happy with our July newsletter and thanked all who contributed with several photos and comments.

Tour Director: No report was given.

Show & Tell: Matt Barrett commented on problems with his first attempt at mounting new tires on his Vicky. He also passed around a new design for 30/31 hubcaps. According to Matt, the newer version snaps in securely without having to bend the tabs. Robbie Jones brought along a new lug wrench with a removable socket for additional torque. He also recommended an excellent auto cleaner known as "Clay Bar". Robbie says it is easy to apply and does an excellent job.

Old Business: Two recent activities, The Palmetto A's Swap Meet June 17th and our June 24th Saturday Technical Session were discussed. Several comments were offered by those who attended.

New Business: Andy Morse presented President Craig with a special award from the club thanking him for his leadership in planning our 50th Anniversary Celebration. Craig also took the opportunity to thank all who helped with details making it a great success.

Upcoming events were discussed including our Saturday Technical Session Saturday July 22nd and The STA Swap Meet at Andrew Morse's shop to be held on the 19th of August. Mention was also made concerning a possible tour on or around International Model A Day in September. More info will be forthcoming at a later date.

Technical Program: Eric Shogren presented another of his excellent programs on "Rebuilding Model A Distributors". Eric explained in detail the differences between the original points & condenser set-up and the newer NuRex version among many other rebuilding techniques. Well done, thanks Eric!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM after which members were treated to turkey rolls, chicken salad, donuts, cookies and soft drinks. Thanks to Darren and Pat Riley, Kenny Adkins and Steve Spencer for providing.



CLUB CALENDAR

Shade Tree A's Events

August

- 14 Shade Tree A's Board Meeting, 6:30 PM at Richard's garage
- 17 Shade Tree A's Annual Dinner, Sconyer's Bar-B-Que, 6:00 PM in the large room upstairs (Note that there is no regular meeting this month)
- 19 Shade Tree A's Swap Meet, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, 1818 Augusta Hwy., Thomson, GA 30824 (Rain date: August 26)

September

- 9 Shade Tree A's 50th Anniversary Tour, meet at KJ's Market on Peach Orchard Road, departure at 10:00 AM
- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - Upholstery in a Post LeBaron Bonney World, presented by Robbie Jones)

October

- 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

September

- 6-10 Charlotte AutoFair, Charlotte, NC
- 15-16 MAFFI Swap Meet, Hickory Corners, MI
- 16 International Model A Day
- 16 Polish N Parts Car Show, Forest Hills Storage, 3134 Wrightsboro Rd., 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

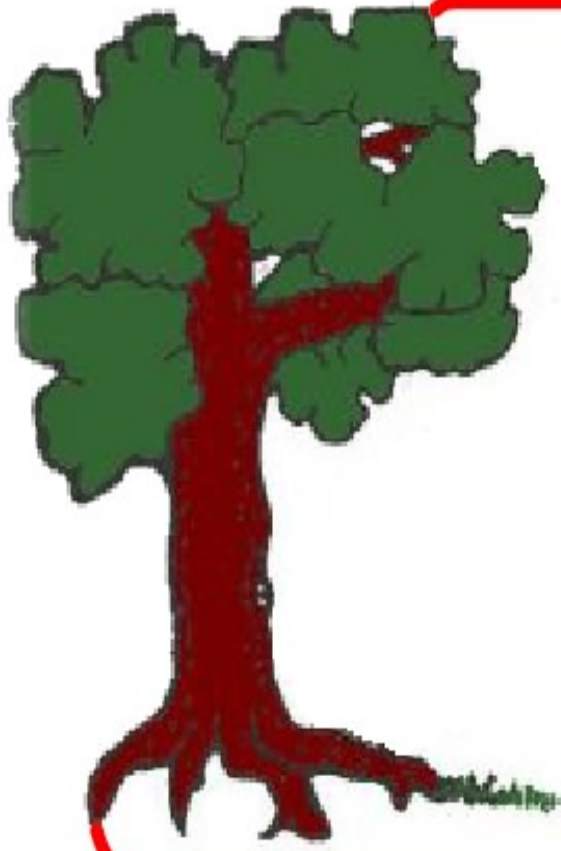
October

- 3-6 AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA
- 14 Warren Reynold's Annual Yard Sale, 8:00 AM Until, Rain or Shine, 120 Stoker Road, Greenwood SC, 864-980-7937 or 864-980-0708, swreynolds@centurylink.net
- 22-27 Revival AACA Glidden Tour, Thomasville, GA

November

- 16-19 Swap Meet, Moultrie, GA

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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 recovering from fractured foot
 - Steve Teal is doing much better
 - Matt Barrett recovering from recent foot injury
 - Janet Neumar battling lung cancer

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



Refreshment Schedule

August

No refreshments due to Annual Dinner at Sconyer's Bar-B-Que

September

Frank Knapp, Darrell Henderson, Kathy and Tom Poole

October

Stuart Smith, John Neumar, Brandon Carter

First person listed is the primary coordinator for the month



June Birthdays

- 2 Abbie Prince
- 7 Deborah Fuller
- 11 Sheila McPherson
- 16 Henry Jones
- 30 Darren Riley

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Shade Tree A's Annual Bar-B-Que Dinner at Sconyers

The annual Shade Tree A's Bar-B-Q dinner will be August 17, 2023 at Sconyer's Bar-B-Que restaurant at 6:00 PM. The dinner is in lieu of the regular August meeting.



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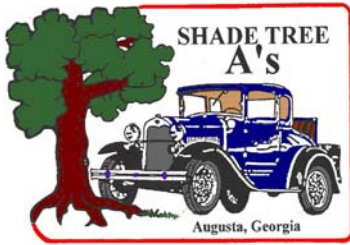
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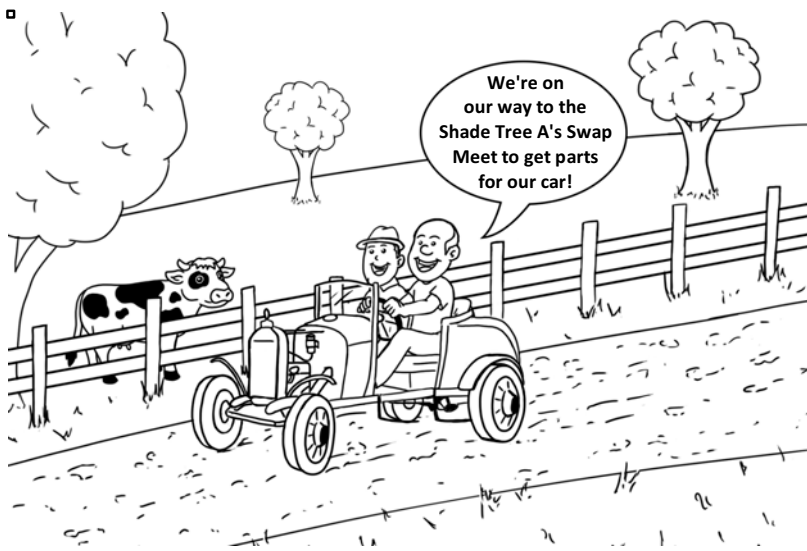


Shade Tree A's Swap Meet

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Shade Tree A's Model A Ford Club

1818 Augusta Highway, Thomson, Georgia 30824
Saturday, August 19, 2023, 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM
(August 26, 2023 Rain Date)



Smith and Jones Antique Auto Parts will be attending our Swap Meet. Contact Davin Smith with your parts order for delivery to the Swap Meet and save on shipping. Phone: 803-822-4141, 800-422-1928; e-mail: snjparts@gmail.com

There is no Parking, Admission or Vendor fee for this event. Come enjoy your day with fellow Model A enthusiasts. For more information, contact:

Jim McPherson
706-564-0120, james.c.mcpherson4.civ@health.mil
Andrew Morse
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Vendor Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____
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By signing this form and participating in this event, I/we agree to hold harmless The Shade Tree A's Model A Ford Club and any of the members or agents thereof, in the event of accident or injury to any participant, person or group.

Signature _____ Date _____

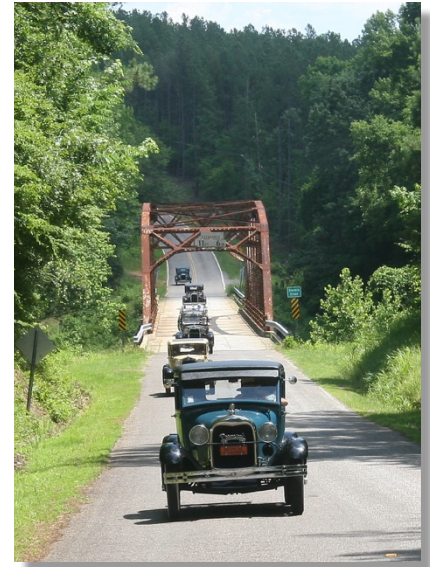
Please mail the completed registration form to Jim McPherson, 4424 Reynolds Street, Hephzibah GA 30815-7909

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ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

Craig McMullin

When was the last time you were on a tour with twenty (Yes 20) other Model A's? Our most successful 50th Anniversary Celebration represented only a portion of what the Shade Tree As embody. I challenged you to fill the Augusta Museum of History parking lot with Model As, and you did. I now challenge you to have twenty Model As participate in our 50th Anniversary Tour. The tour will take place on Saturday September 9th. We will meet at KJ's Market on Peach Orchard Road for a ten o'clock departure. We will drive to Girard Georgia for lunch at the famous Fisheye Grill (see menu at fisheyegrill.com). A reserved dining room awaits us. In recognition of this historic event, each Model A driver will receive a commemorative 50th Anniversary Tour dash plaque and an International Model A Day (IMAD) patch, recognizing your participation in IMAD on September 16th, for your vest. Are you up for the challenge? See you there.



SAVE THE DATE: Shade Tree A's Board Meeting

Craig McMullin

Please plan to attend the next Shade Tree A's Board Meeting on Monday, August 14th at 6:30 PM in Richard's garage. This meeting will be over at 7:30 PM so please plan to be on time, we will need 1 hour. I plan to discuss the last few months of 2023 including the Christmas Party and January/February of 2024. Please come prepared with your thoughts and ideas for the next 6 months.

WEBMASTER WANTED

MAFCA IS SEEKING a volunteer to take over the position of Webmaster.

This person must have general knowledge of web infrastructure as well as a background in HTML editing using applications such as Dreamweaver.

Experience with PHP, CSS, and SQL, as well as other scripting languages, along with SFTP, will be helpful as well. Training with our current platform will be provided by interim webmaster Rick Black.

If your love of the Model A extends into the digital world, we could use your help. Here is an opportunity to contribute to the hobby you enjoy.

If you have an interest in volunteering for this position, please contact me at chaptercoordinator@mafca.com or directly at 405-812-8131 — or any current Board member.

— Will Langford, 2023 Chapter Coordinator/Web Liaison



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Model A Ford Foundation Inc. MAFFI Minute, August 2023



MAFFI MUSEUM EXPANSION

After several months of planning the word is finally out. The following information was posted on the MAFCA web page on July 15, 2023.

"The Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI) museum at the Gilmore Auto Museum complex in Hickory Corners Michigan is planning an expansion of the existing Model A museum. The museum opened in 2013 and is filled to the brim with Model A vehicles, exhibits, and interactive displays. More room is needed for additional vehicles and exhibits."



Please visit the MAFCA web page to read the remainder of this article. Do not skip the link information.

This expansion will be paid in its entirety by donations. More on this will reach MAFCA and MARC membership in the coming months.

Happy motoring,
Mike DuBreuil
MAFFI Board of Trustees
Secretary
clubcontact@maffi.org

RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Photos by Robbie Jones except as noted



NOTICE

Stuart Smith recorded video of the Shade Tree A's Anniversary celebration. Let Stuart know if you would like a copy of his video.



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Photo by Kent Carruthers



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July Technical Session - Distributor Rebuilding

Story by Jim McPherson Photos by Robbie Jones

The Shade Tree A's held a Tech Session on Saturday, July 22 at Richard's garage. Following a detailed program on Model A distributors at the July meeting, Eric Shogren followed up with a hands on rebuild your distributor Tech Session. Darren Riley set the stage high, rebuilding THREE Model A distributors, followed by Matt Barrett, Andrew Morse and Jim McPherson. There was a good crowd of Shade Tree A's members looking on and adding distributor experiences of their own, including Frank Knapp, Kent Carruthers, Larry DuVall, Doug Wilson (who was AGAIN pressed into service evaluating a battery charger for Jim McPherson), Richard Dunevent, Robbie Jones, Stuart Smith, and Craig McMullin. Sheila McPherson, Theresa McMullin and Craig McMullin cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch. Our next Tech Session will be on Saturday August 19th (rain date August 26th), at Andrew Morse's shop in Dearing. It will be our annual swap meet. Last year we had 11 vendors, including 8 from the Shade Tree A's, several of which sold out of the parts they brought. Smith & Jones will be there. Don't miss it!



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The following article originally appeared on the MAFCA website in March 2013

“Wraps” for Formal Events

Janet Gundlach

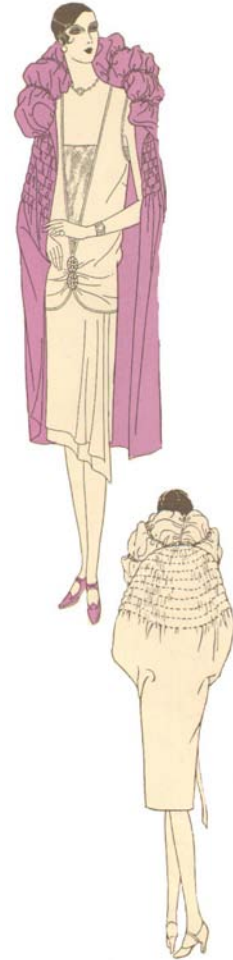
During the Model A era most furs were worn during the day time except for evening perhaps an all white or black single fox. In the 1930-1931 *Newton Annis Detroit Furs* catalog, only one coat, a slightly below knee length white Ermine coat, was displayed with a formal evening dress. So what was worn for formal afternoon or evening events?

The lady would wear “wraps” of jackets, coats or capes that varied in length and style as to year. The formality of the event determined the fabric.

← The cape to the left appears in *Butterick Quarterly Magazine*, Spring & Early Summer 1928. “One solution of what to wear with the down-in back frock is the cape – shorter in length.” Pattern #1933



→ The cape to the right and above right appeared in the *Butterick Quarterly Magazine*, Spring & Early Summer 1928. The description is for an “Evening cape of light weight velvet” or “suitable for evening or afternoon wear.” Pattern #1685. The June 1928 monthly handout showed a coat with a similar collar, Pattern #2051, “the crushed collar on this straight wrap is particularly correct for evening wear.” The recommended fabric was Moiré silk.

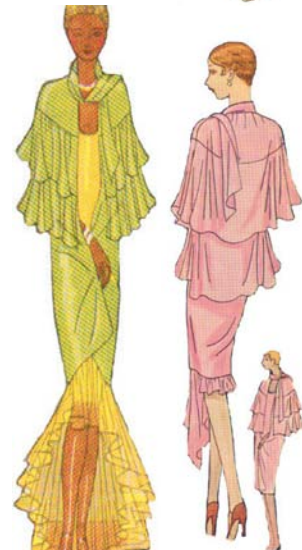


← *Butterick Monthly*, October 1928, department store handout. The coats to the left are Pattern #2210. The one to the far left is “to wear over the irregular hem, the new shortened evening wrap with a straight collar.” The fabric recommended was metal cloth with fur banding. The second view is longer with a “mushroom collared version” of velvet and fur banding. The mail order catalogs sold imitation fur banding and the higher end catalogs sold real fur collars and cuffs.



→ *Butterick Quarterly Magazine*, Summer 1929

“Pale pink taffeta makes a straight line cape with little circular flares. Darts fit the wrap very snugly to the shoulder.” The pale green wrap appeared in a “Celanese” ad inspired by French designer Molyneux. Both are Pattern #2437.



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↔ *Butterick Quarterly Magazine*, Winter 1929.

This was a very popular evening coat since it appeared on the cover and three locations in the magazine along with November monthly handout. "The smart velvet wrap follows the lines of the frock. Low flare and collar of velvet flowers" or a fur collar can be added to the wrap. In all three views, note the low dip of the back of the coat and the shirring on the sleeves. Pattern #2838



↓ *Butterick Quarterly Magazine*, Winter 1929.

"A velvet evening wrap with a cape collar. This is a smart length with long frocks." Shown is a red velvet dress and wrap with a fur collar and cuffs, Pattern #2495.



→ *Pictorial Review Quarterly Magazine*, Autumn 1930.

"This is the silhouette Paris prefers for evening wraps over long gowns developed in heavy satin or velvet," The back view shows a bow at the back of the neck that trails to the lower edge of the wrap. Pattern #5161



← *Pictorial Review Quarterly Magazine*, Autumn 1930.

Chanel style wrap #5063 has a "striking fan shaped shirring (that) accents its French origin and (is) chic."

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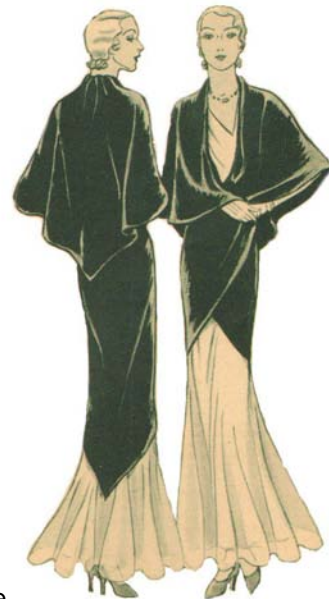


← *Pictorial Review Catalog*, Autumn 1930.

“This little evening coatee with its flared bordering ruffle is rounded and wrapped tightly at the waist.” This same pattern is listed for the “college girl and her evening wardrobe that includes a short velvet wrap for festive wear.” Pattern #5347

→ *Pictorial Review Catalog*, Autumn 1930.

“This elbow length cape dips in a point to well below the hips in back. The point of the hem, which follows same dipping line, may reach the ankles or be shortened to the knees.” Pattern #5014



← *Vogue Pattern Book*, June & July 1930.

“Evening capes are so important that every wardrobe should include one.” This model is of velvet with a scarf collar.” Pattern # 5227



← *Vogue Pattern Book*. June & July 1930.

“For summer evenings, short wraps and diaphanous frocks are loveliest.” Chiffon wrap has a scarf tie in the back. Pattern #5256

From a “Celanese” Fabric ad in *Vogue*



← *Altman Magazine*, Spring 1931.

A “youthful evening wrap of transparent velvet, waist length with flowing sleeves” offered in bright red, jade green or black. \$16.50

→ *Pictorial Review Fashion Book*, Fall 1931.

“Paris adores this jacket. Imagine it in rich velvet or vivid colored crepe worn over your formal gowns.” Pattern # 5757



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← *Pictorial Review Fashion Book*, Fall 1931.

Brief jacket, inspired by Paris designer Patou. Pattern #5745



← *Pictorial Review Fashion Book*, Fall 1931.

Another brief jacket by Patou. Pattern #5632.



← *Butterick Quarterly Magazine*, Winter 1931.

This coat is "bulky above, slender and curved in at the waist." The fabric recommended was metallic cloth and fur band-ing. Pattern # 4131

→ *Vogue Pattern Book*, Autumn 1931.

"The long, formal evening coat does not require much fur trimming, for its beauty lies in line & fabric. This wrap of dull velvet is combined with tinted Ermine. The shoulder cape is beautifully shaped."

Vogue Couturier Pattern #122, Price \$2.00.

This was a very expensive pattern for the time.

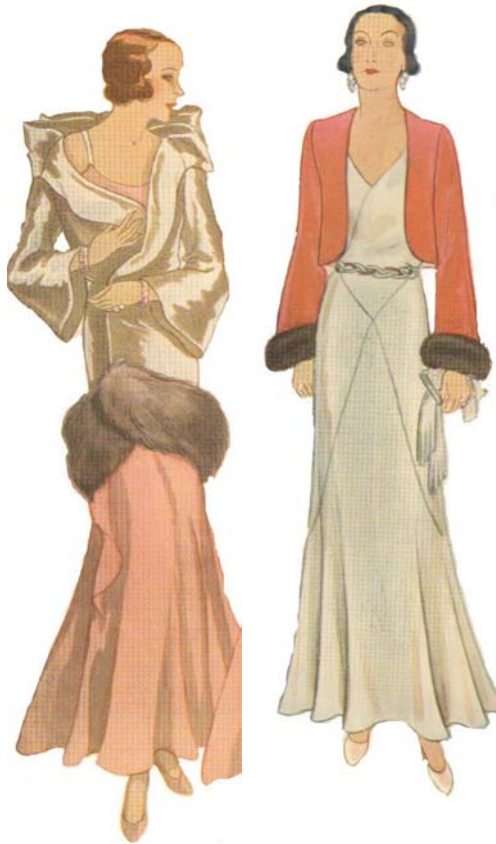


← *Butterick Monthly* department store handout, December 1931.

"This short velvet wrap is very important fashion this season. Notice the new corded collar and the new sleeve." Pattern # 4156



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← *Butterick Quarterly Magazine*, Winter 1931. Both of these patterns are based on Paris designs.

Pattern #4076 red with black fur.

Pattern #3748 for beige hip length coat with fur.



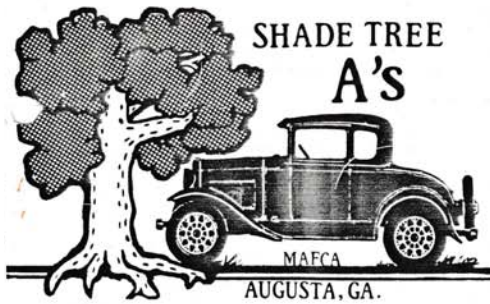
↓ Capes found for sale at Internet vintage clothing stores.

Very few of these “wraps” have survived. Consider visiting TheFrock.com. They often display these wraps for sale at exorbitant prices. Other times they can be found on eBay. If you are just looking for a wrap for your sleeveless dress for club events or banquets, consider checking Kohl's or Fred Meyer (Kroger stores). They both had short velvet and metallic little jackets this past holiday season. Since this is past, visit donation or consignment stores. For a summer dress consider making a shear cape to complement your dress. MAFCA Pattern McCall 5990 could be made as an evening coat.

Four years of Wraps have been shown in this article to give you a brief education to know what to look for to complete your “coordinated apparel” category for judging or just to enjoy wearing.



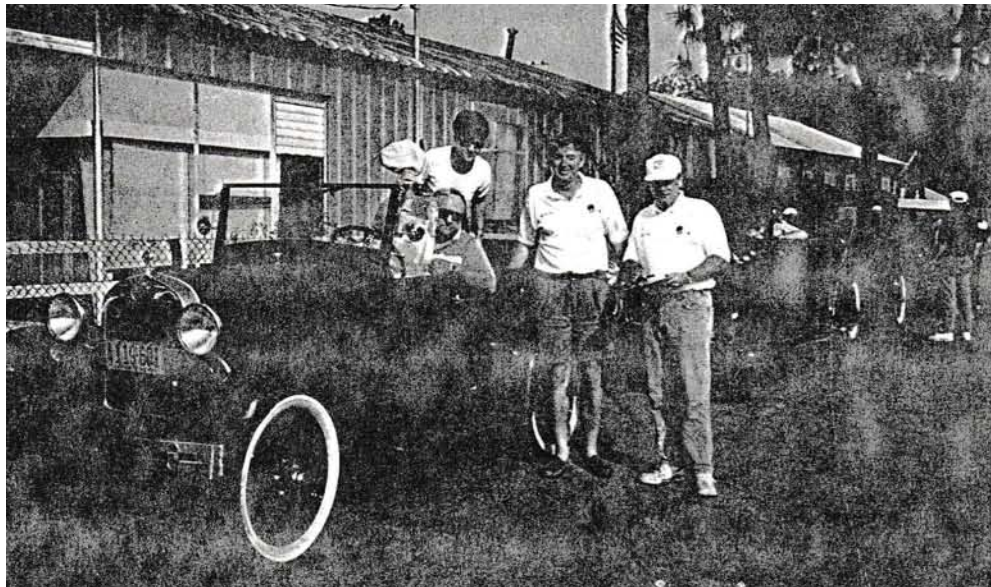
THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



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 August 1993 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter, the President commented on how hot it has been and contrasted the heat to the recent trip to Richmond Hill where Shade Tree A'ers endured hurricane winds and sub-zero wind chill temperatures. Despite the heat, the Shade Tree A's still had many events in which to participate. Upcoming events included the August dinner meeting, a search for the best breakfast in the CSRA and the August great steak cookout at Glenn and Verna Boswell's house. Past events mentioned in the meeting minutes included the Ridge Peach festival, the MARC National Meet in Winston Salem, NC [My Daddy won a blue ribbon at the MARC meet – Ed.], a meet at Maggie Valley, NC and the Lick Fork Lake tour.

Jim McPherson provided an interesting Authenticity and Troubleshooting article on engine oils. Gary Stroebel provided an article on the "Improved Ford", the 1926 and 1927 Model T's. Gary discusses the many improvements that were carried over from these Model T's to the Model A's. The Era Fashions article highlighted men's active sportswear.



Rally Chairman Frank Knapp and assistant Craig McMullin prepare to send the first car on the 48 mile (?) run.

TECHNICAL TOPICS

Replacing My Tires and Powder Coating My Wheels

Story and Photos by Matt Barrett

I have been replacing my tires with new ones, one wheel at a time. What I found out was that 30-year-old tires don't want to be replaced easily. The bead was almost welded to the wheel and took literally hours to remove since I did not have a bead breaker.

So I got creative and decided to remove the inner tube valve and drive my car back and forth. Well, guess what. The tire bead was broken and extremely easy to remove the tire from the wheel.



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