

# SHADE TREE A'S

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### On the Front Cover

The Shade Tree A's celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Augusta Museum of History on June 3, 2023. Friends from the Aiken Model A Ford Club, the Low Country Model A Ford Club, the Old 96 District Model A Club and the Southside A's Model A Club joined us for this very special occasion. The cover photo shows Henry Ford (portrayed by Doug Skinner of the Low Country A's) strolling past the beautiful cars he created. Photo by Kent Carruthers.



## 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

*Craig McMullin - President*

As I mentioned in the June Newsletter, we had 48 Model A's registered for the Shade Tree A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration but actually we only had 43 Model A's on display as some folks had to cancel at the last moment for various reasons. But, we still had over 100 club members and their guests attend the event, plus many more from the general public. In fact, over 150 people voted for their favorite Model A to determine who won the many People's Choice Awards.

Now that the Shade Tree A's Model A Ford Club 50<sup>th</sup> 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 put in the extra time and resources to prepare your car for the 50<sup>th</sup> 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 AND healthy in order to celebrate the next 50 Years!!

Ahooga,  
Craig McMullin - President

## MEETING MINUTES

*June 12, 2023*

*Richard's Garage*

*Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp – Secretary*

The monthly meeting of The Shade Tree A's was held June 12, 2023 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Andrew Morse promptly at 7:00 PM welcoming all thirty members in attendance. Three members contributed to our "Name Tag Penalty Cup".

John Neumar offered our joke of the month and Andrew noted several June Birthdays. Also, Deborah Fuller informed the group that Kayla Kincaid gave birth to a baby boy on June 19<sup>th</sup>. "Slade" will be Monroe Wade's great grandson. Congratulations! Steve Teal remains hospitalized with Covid-19 [*Frank provided an update after the meeting that Steve has been released from the hospital and is recovering in Florida - Ed.*]. All members were urged to keep Steve and Shirley in their prayers.

Vice President: Andrew Morse announced our technical program for the evening will be presented by Darren Riley on rebuilding Model A speedometers. Andrew also asked members to consider presenting Technical Programs for future meetings.

Treasurer: Stuart Smith reported deposits of \$508.00 and expenditures totaling \$415.07 for the month of May creating a small gain over the previous month.

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### 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

*Continued*

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

National Director: Matt Barrett announced he is in the process of writing an article on our recent Anniversary Celebration to be published in *The Restorer*.

Newsletter Editor: In the absence of our Newsletter Editor, Robbie Jones, Andy reminded members Robbie would like personal stories from those who attended our Anniversary Celebration. Any photos and/or comments, long or short, will be accepted for publication in the July *Newsletter*.

Tour Director: Charlie Weaver is planning a Club sponsored lunch tour in the near future. Date, time, and destination will be announced at our July meeting.

Show & Tell: Henry Jones reported he has finally found the "gremlin" that had him puzzled. Turns out it was nothing more than a faulty modern fuse!

Old Business: Members were asked to comment on several recent May tours such as the Boss Hog Bar-B-Que Cook-off, Josh Dover's Low Country Boil and last, but not least, our very successful Anniversary Celebration held June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

New Business: Upcoming tours were discussed. The list included The Palmetto A's Swap Meet at Smith & Jones June 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, Dinner at Sconyer's Restaurant in August, and our upcoming Saturday Technical Session on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Technical Program:

Darren Riley presented an excellent program appropriately entitled "*Model A Speedometers Service and Careful Repair Experiment or Massacre.*" At the outset, Darren confessed he was no expert but has recently attempted this delicate task with some success and admittedly several failures! Definitely a very interesting presentation! Thanks Darren.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM after which members were treated to a variety of sandwiches, fruits, sodas and delicious cupcakes. Big thanks to Don Gordon, Bob Reis and especially "Chef" Misty Hooker for providing.



Photo by Kent Carruthers

## CLUB CALENDAR

### *Shade Tree A's Events*

#### July

- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - *The Model A Distributor*, presented by Eric Shogren)
- 22 Shade Tree A's Technical Session - *Rebuilding Model A Distributors*, presented by Eric Shogren. If you do not have a spare distributor, or the distributor in your Model A needs rebuilding, order any parts you need ahead of time and Eric will guide you in rebuilding your distributor. Lunch will be served, Richard's garage, 9:30 AM.

#### August

- 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)

#### September

- 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)

#### 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*

#### July

30 - August 4 MARC National Meet, Hamilton, OH

#### September

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

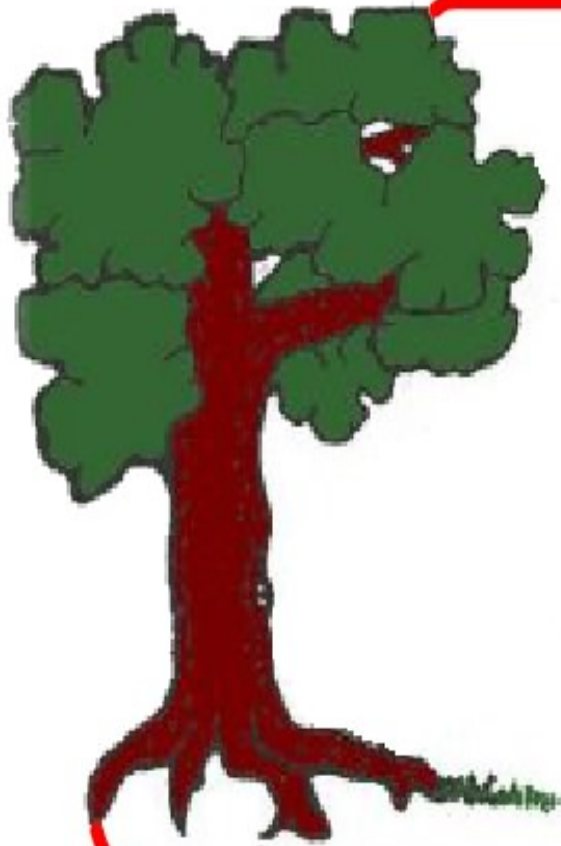
#### October

- 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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Shade Tree A's Member News

- Please continue to keep the following Shade Tree A's members in your thoughts and prayers:
  - Syble Henderson (and Darrell)
  - Steve Teal has been released from the hospital and is recovering in Florida
  - Matt Barrett recovering from recent foot injury
- Ralph Roub's wife, Madge, of the Old 96 District Model A Ford Club is feeling much better after a serious illness.
- Deborah Fuller informed the group that Joyce's daughter, Kayla Kincaid, gave birth to a baby boy on June 19<sup>th</sup>. "Slade" will be Monroe Wade's great grandson. Congratulations!

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



## Refreshment Schedule

### July

**Darren & Pat Riley, Kenny Adkins, Steve Spencer**

### August

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

### September

**Frank Knapp, Darrell Henderson, Tom and Kathy Poole**



## July Birthdays

- 21 Robert Collier
- 22 Don Turley

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.



## Project Lifting Spirits Car Show



**POLISH N PARTS  
CAR SHOW**  
Presented By: Project Lifting Spirits

**CHANCEY'S**  
FOR TOWING AT ITS FINEST

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**SEP 16<sup>TH</sup> 2023**  
**9 AM TO 2 PM**  
Rain Date September 30<sup>th</sup>



**3134 Wrightsboro Rd.  
Augusta, Georgia 30909**



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Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 2023  
9 am to 2 pm  
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**\$15.00**  
PREREGISTER

**\$20.00**  
DAY OF SHOW

**Preregister At**  
[www.projectliftingspirits.org/carshow](http://www.projectliftingspirits.org/carshow)

- Trophies
- Dash Plaques For Pre Registered Vehicles
- 50/50
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Model A Ford Foundation Inc. MAFFI Minute, July 2023



Not everything at the Hickory Corners Model A Museum is about preparing for Model A Days. During the second week of May, a crew consisting of MAFFI Trustees and volunteers worked hard for four days moving and parking Model A's around the Gilmore complex and the local area for multiple photos. During that time, Model A's were carefully removed from the museum building and the "C Barn" to be positioned around the Gilmore campus. Additionally, some of the cars were taken off-site and parked at other country setting locations that included a hops farm, an old church, and a lake. At the end of each day the cars were returned to their homes only to be taken out the following morning to repeat the process.

While the MAFFI Trustees and volunteers were doing this, a photographer, John Lacko, from *Hemmings Motor News*, was taking pictures. By all accounts there were probably more than 2500 pictures taken.

This flurry of activity was for the purpose of helping *Hemmings Motor News* create their Model A calendars for 2024 and 2025. These calendars will be on sale in October of this year and next year. They will be available through *Hemmings Motor News*. This calendar, dedicated to Model A's, is one of 8 different calendars that *Hemmings Motor News* sells each year.

Happy motoring,  
Mike DuBreuil  
MAFFI Board of Trustees  
Secretary  
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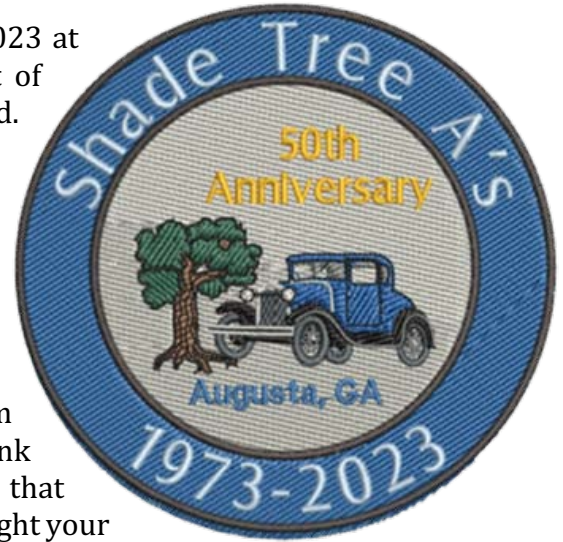


## RECENT EVENTS

### Shade Tree A's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

*Story and photos by Robbie Jones except as noted*

The Shade Tree A's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on June 3, 2023 at the Augusta Museum of History was a huge success. A lot of planning and work went into this event and it really showed. Thank you especially to Club President, Craig McMullin, for spearheading the planning and organization of volunteers. I won't begin to name the many volunteers that headed and served on special teams for many months in advance of the event. Those teams included registration and lunch coordination, Model A Ford parking, drone photography and videography, still photography, facilities and sanitation, Augusta Mayor's Office liaison, People's Choice Awards, museum rotunda exhibit and Augusta Museum of History interface. Thank you to all who served on these teams and in other capacities that made this event such a success and thank you to those that brought your Model A for all of us to enjoy.



Since I grew up working on and restoring Model A's with my daddy and longtime Shade Tree A's member, Bobby Jones, it was a real honor to have his 1931 Slant Window Deluxe Fordor selected for display inside the rotunda of the museum. Many members of my family were able to attend including my children; Keri and Daniel and Daniel's wife Lakshna. Also my sisters and their husbands and a few of their children and grandchildren attended. It was a special day for them remembering Daddy and growing up with Model A's and the Shade Tree A's. I would personally like to thank Dan Perla for offering the use of his truck and trailer to take my car to the museum on Friday before the main event. Thank you also to Matt Barrett, Darrell Henderson, Craig McMullin and Stuart Smith for assisting in rolling the car into the rotunda through a very narrow doorway.



The rotunda setup team: Robbie Jones, Matt Barrett, Craig McMullin, Dan Perla and Darrell Henderson  
Photo by Stuart Smith

On Saturday, there were about forty Model A's on display outside the museum (photos of each car displayed are shown later in the *Newsletter*). Friends from the Aiken Model A Ford Club, the Low Country Model A Ford Club, the Old 96 District Model A Club and the Southside A's Model A Club joined us for this very special occasion. The celebration drew a lot of attention from the general public as well. All participants, their guests and even the general public were given ballots for People's Choice voting.

## RECENT EVENTS

I didn't know how enthralled people were going to be when voting for the People's Choice Award. I saw many people from the general public including some very young children that were really into the voting process. It was obvious a lot of careful thought went into each person's vote. Congratulations to Award winners Rachel d'Entremont, Carl and Ellie Pease, Darrell and Syble Henderson, Robert Collier, Walter Smith and Charles and Bobbie Hilton. Other awards of appreciation were presented to me for displaying my Model A in the rotunda and to Doug Skinner of the Low Country A's along with his wife Carol for his portrayal of Henry Ford. Doug dressed the part and was available to talk to people about the marvelous Model A Ford automobile. Those that talked to Henry received a button commemorating their conversation. Henry even made an overdue presentation of a patch to Charlie Weaver Sr. for driving his car on International Model A Ford Day in 2022.



In preparation for this issue of the *Newsletter*, I solicited comments from Shade Tree A's members about their experience and thoughts about the celebration. Below are some of the comments I received. I even received a very heartfelt comment from someone outside the Shade Tree A's.

"Our Model A club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Augusta Museum in Augusta, Georgia. There was a great lineup of vehicles from 1929 to 1931 and all styles. I really enjoyed seeing and meeting a lot of these fine Model A lovers. I saw everything from a bare chassis to fine finish show cars and trucks. I haven't had my A very long but I feel like it's a good start, I know I'm happy owning it and being with such a great group of members. I also enjoyed being with my grandson. (hopefully he will like A's). We checked out the Museum and it was great." — Charles Weaver Sr. and Charles Weaver Jr.



## RECENT EVENTS

"Model A's at the museum, a great setting for the 50th anniversary of the Shade Tree A's Model A Club, a club devoted to the preservation, restoration and maintenance of this historic automobile. I attended this celebration with my 1930 Tudor and granddaughter Maggie. It was a treat to see so many of these automobiles still on the road after nearly a century. We also had a great time touring the Augusta Historical Museum and its displays. Maggie had a lengthy discussion on biology with Jim McPherson which I did not participate in. Thanks to the officers and staff of the Shade Tree A's for a well-planned event. ." — Henry Jones

"The STA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration was the first big Model A display I ever attended. I was amazed how interested in our Model A's were the general public attendees. As a newcomer to the Shade Tree A's, I would like to thank all the STA members for your generous assistance in helping me get my car roadworthy and ready for the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration! Rolling on." — Steve Spencer

"I think I speak for my entire family that the celebration was a fantastic day!! All of the cars were just beautiful and I know how much work went into preparing them for the show. For that, I want to thank everyone who brought a car for the rest of us to enjoy. It also thrilled my heart for our children to be there as well as Robbie's sisters and their husbands, two great-nephews and one other nephew. Having their "Papa's" car displayed in the museum rotunda was heart-warming and just brought back floods of memories for us all. Thank you again for those that helped make this possible!!! ." — Leta Jones



"Sandy and I had a wonderful day at the Shade Tree A's 50 Anniversary celebration. It was amazing seeing over 40 Model A's in one spot and the amazing people that are the keepers of these time pieces. I know for me my Model A's are a very special part of my life. Whenever I drive one, I always wonder over the past 90 years, where my car has ventured and who has rode in the car. Again, we could not have asked for a better day to celebrate a half century of good friends and great cars. " — Robert and Sandy Reis.

## RECENT EVENTS

"When at this time of year there is an abundance of "car shows", "swap meets", "driving tours" and general automotive gatherings to satisfy the appetites of the many automobile enthusiasts in the surrounding area and are special in their own way to the participants and specific car clubs, these events seldom offer the magic of a gathering of genuine car club members celebrating a milestone of their organization.

The Shade Tree A's car club celebrated 50 years as a local Ford Model A club dedicated to preserving the Model A while sharing knowledge and memories gained along the journey. This event offered an assortment of cars and trucks on display of various degrees of originality or restoration for all to admire and enjoy.

A special appearance by a local "Henry Ford" personality graciously answered questions as we delved into his vast knowledge of Henry Ford and the Model A.



An event of this size requires an enormous amount of preparation and work by many dedicated volunteers and I would like to thank all involved for making this celebration a success and a fun day for everyone.

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the many Model A's and meeting more people who share our passion for driving and tinkering with them. Hopefully there will be a Shade Tree A's 75-year anniversary with more Model A's and more new Club members. ." — Darrell Henderson

"I want to THANK Craig and Theresa for all their hard work planning our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. I was amazed at the turnout from the public, and their interest in our Model A's. I heard several positive comments on the lunch, and wanting to know if the drone footage by Kent Carruthers, the movie footage by Stuart Smith, and the pictures by Robbie Jones would be made available. " — Jim McPherson

"What a great way to celebrate 50 years being a MAFCA Model A Ford Club! Every aspect of this occasion was flawless. We had almost 50 Model A Fords to look at and admire from 5 different clubs. 100 guest were registered and the crowds were interesting and also inquisitive.

I believe that our president, Craig McMullin deserves the kudos he earned by pulling off this monumental event. My hat is off and I tip it for our leader.

And Robbie Jones also deserves a thank you for allowing his beautiful slant window blind back to be parked in the museum rotunda. " — Matt Barrett

## RECENT EVENTS

"Warren and I decided to drive two cars to this celebration. He was driving Sweet Sue, I decided to drive Blue Baby. Where ever Blue Baby goes, my dad rides with me. So... on this day before Father's Day, my dad and I took a road trip. Several miles down the road, Blue Baby started to run a little hot. I signaled to Warren, by flashing my lights, that I needed to stop. We decided to travel on, just slow up a little. I talked to my dad about the "Olden Days" when he first brought Blue Baby home. I was four years old! I remembered the times when we were out and about, Blue Baby would run hot, my dad would always say, "I will get her fixed when we get home"...and he did. I knew Warren would get her fixed, "When we got home." And he did!

Arriving at the Augusta Museum where this celebration was to be held, we received a very warm welcome from the Shade Tree A's! We were given our Gift Bags filled with a program for this day, name tags, a list of all that were to attend this day and the A's they were to be driving! We also met the Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ford impersonators! Like Warren and I, everyone we met had a story to tell about their Model A. Some of the A's were very well polished, some were still "Under Construction." Several were for sale! As we always say, Model A Folks Are The Best! After a short time, the judging began. Sweet Sue received a lot of attention, folks took a lot of pics, asked a lot of questions, mainly, "How Fast Will She Go"! I shared "My History" concerning Blue Baby, I heard the word "Patina" used a lot. Warren nor I did not receive a trophy on this day (Most of you know we have been known to give our trophies away when we did win them). Like we were told a while back, "You bring your trophy with you when you drive your Model A!"

We soon said our farewells and headed home. We did have to slow down a few times coming home, sweet memories were made! Thanks Shade Tree A's for inviting us to your celebration! Thanks Dad for this Road Trip! Thanks Warren for keeping Blue Baby on the road!"

— Sue and Warren Reynolds



### RECENT EVENTS

Thank you to all that submitted the comments above for the *Newsletter*. If you did not submit a comment, go ahead and send it in. I'll collect them for the next issue.

The following photos were taken of each car as they arrived at the museum (except for several that arrived before the photographer). Members of the parking team then directed each car where to park. Model A's cars were grouped by year and all commercial vehicles were in their own grouping. Coverage of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will continue in the *August Newsletter*.

### 1928 Model A Cars



Rachel and Anna d'Entremont  
Aiken A's  
1928 Roadster



Brian d'Entremont  
Aiken A's  
1928 Roadster



John Neumar  
Shade Tree A's  
1928 Tudor Sedan

# RECENT EVENTS

## 1929 Model A Cars



John Buchanan  
Shade Tree A's  
1929 Tudor



Carl and Ellie Pease  
Aiken A's  
1929 Roadster



Abbie Prince  
Shade Tree A's  
1929 Speedster



Sue Reynolds  
Old 96 District Model A Ford Club  
1929 Tudor

RECENT EVENTS

1930 Model A Cars



Roger and Tony Allen  
Southside A's  
1930 Coupe



Matt Barrett (Charlie Weaver driving)  
Current owners: Darren and Pat Riley  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Tudor



Kent Carruthers  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Standard Roadster



Mark and Marilyn Corley  
Southside A's  
1930 Roadster



RECENT EVENTS

1930 Model A Cars



Josh and Rebecca Dover  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Phaeton



Richard Dunevent  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Two Window Fordor



Deborah Fuller and Betty Wade  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Tudor Sedan



Darrell and Syble Henderson  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Tudor Sedan

RECENT EVENTS

1930 Model A Cars



Henry and Maggie Jones  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Tudor



Craig and Theresa McMullin  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Standard Fordor Sedan



Gerald and Lois Melchiors  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Cabriolet



Andrew and Mary Morse  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Coupe

RECENT EVENTS

1930 Model A Cars



Ron and Joanne Paul  
Aiken A's  
1930 Cabriolet



Josh Porte' and Linda Erhard  
Aiken A's  
1930 Town Sedan



Warren Reynolds  
Old 96 District Model A Ford Club  
1930 Speedster



Darren Riley  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Coupe

RECENT EVENTS

1930 Model A Cars



Steve and Rita Spencer  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Coupe



Don Turley and Richard Lawson  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Fordor



Charlie Weaver  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Tudor

RECENT EVENTS

1931 Model A Cars



Matt Barrett  
Shade Tree A's  
1931 Victoria



Robert Collier  
Shade Tree A's  
1931 A400



Greg Jones  
Aiken A's  
1931 Victoria



Robbie and Leta Jones  
Shade Tree A's  
1931 Slant Window Deluxe Fordor

RECENT EVENTS

1931 Model A Cars



Frank Knapp  
Shade Tree A's  
1931 Coupe



Dan Perla  
Shade Tree A's  
1931 Cabriolet 68C



Stuart Smith  
Shade Tree A's  
1931 Deluxe Roadster



Jim Wingo  
Southside A's  
1931 A400

RECENT EVENTS

Model A Commercial Vehicles (All Years)



Ron and Dale Hampton  
Aiken A's  
1929 Roadster Pickup



Charles and Bobbie Hilton  
Aiken A's  
1931 Mail Truck



Joyce and Ross Loftin  
Shade Tree A's  
1929 Roadster Pickup



Ralph Neitzke  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Roadster Pickup

RECENT EVENTS

Model A Commercial Vehicles (All Years)



Robert and Sandy Reis  
Shade Tree A's  
1929 Panel Wagon



Pat Riley  
Shade Tree A's  
1930 Closed Cab Pickup Chassis



Walter and Lisa Smith  
Shade Tree A's  
1929 Deluxe Delivery



Doug and Sheila Wilson  
Shade Tree A's  
1929 Pickup



## RECENT EVENTS

### The Palmetto A's Swap Meet

*Story by Jim McPherson*

The Palmetto A's of Columbia, SC held their 19<sup>th</sup> annual Swap Meet Friday and Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at Smith and Jones Antique Auto Parts. There were nine vendors including Andrew Morse and Jim McPherson. The Shade Tree A's were well represented by Bob and Sandy Reis who were shopping early Friday morning. Ben Deitz found some parts for his Sport Coupe and Charlie Weaver picked up a pair of rear axles for his Town Sedan. Matt Barrett has sold his 1930 Tudor Sedan, and has apparently gotten tired of driving "THE LOANER", as he was seen looking at several Model A's. Hamburgers and hot dogs were for lunch and Davin Smith made ice cream.

### Shade Tree A's June Tech Session

*Story by Jim McPherson*

The Shade Tree A's met Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> at Richard's garage. We continued the repairs on Kathy Poole's 1930 Model A Coupe. Robbie Jones and Tom Poole tackled replacing the crankshaft pulley and routing the headlamp wiring away from the pulley. [*We all discovered that two-piece pulleys are not all the same. We probably came up with half a dozen different pulley and crankshaft sleeve combinations. - Ed.*] Henry Jones showed us how to use a smart phone to measure the distance of the two-piece pulley to obtain proper fan belt alignment. Doug Wilson provided double duty. He installed a Quail radiator cap and then wired up and adjusted a well sounding horn. Kathy should be proud of the hard work Tom has put into her Model A, to get it to where she can now drive it on the road. Andrew Morse brought this 1930 Coupe in for brake adjustment. He and Charlie Weaver Sr. made seven different adjustments to the brakes, bringing it from no brakes on one wheel to much better brakes on all wheels, including the emergency brakes. Sheila prepared ham sandwiches for lunch. THANKS Sheila. The attendance at this Tech Session was somewhat light.

### Mustang Show at Gerald Jones Lincoln

*Story by Jim McPherson - Photo by Robbie Jones*

The Mustang Club recently held a show at Gerald Jones Lincoln. Josh and Becky Dover displayed not only one of their Mustangs, but their 1931 Model A Phaeton. The photo on the right of their beautiful 1930 Phaeton was taken at the Shade Tree A's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Well done Josh and Becky.



## MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

*The following article originally appeared on the MAFCA website in January 2013*

### *Quilted Taffeta Hand Bags*

By Peggy Gill

During the Model A Era, many women used their sewing skills to make purses and clutches to go with their outfits. Patterns and ideas were often found in magazines such as *Needlecraft* and *Woman's World*. According to an article on page 49 in the February 1929 issue of *Woman's World* magazine, quilted silk taffeta purses were "among the season's smartest contributions to the costume. The chic crispness of their material and their simplicity of design recommend them for general use with street clothes, while their wide range of colors makes it possible to match the daintiest of afternoon and party frocks."

For those of you who are crafty, you might want to try your hand at making a matching purse to go with your next Model A Era outfit. This is what a trio of ladies did in the Rock-Ford A's Model A Club from Rockford, Illinois.

When Nan Stewart of the Rock-Ford A's came across the directions for these bags in the aforementioned article, she excitedly shared her find with fellow club members Chris Aupperle and Alice Whitney. The following pictures are two of the bags that Alice made. When completed, they measure about 9 inches X 10 inches. Chris painted the wooden button closure on her bag to match the fabric.

Thank you, ladies, for sharing your projects with us!



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What follows below are the re-typed directions directly from the article as well as the pattern descriptions:



### How Quilted Bags Are Made

The bags sketched are of faille taffeta and measure 8 1/4 X 10 inches when completed. First a layer of sheet wadding is placed on the wrong side of taffeta, then a layer of cotton flannel on the sheet wadding. The three layers of material are worked together and the design is quilted with simple running stitches through all of them. Thread is pulled tight so the material puffs

slightly. See diagram above.

When quilting is completed, [the] ends of bag are joined and handles attached. Each handle is 1 X 18 inches when completed. They are double with a layer of flannel between the padding. Next, tops of front and back of bag are attached to two heavy wire frames already padded and covered with taffeta. [The] bag fastens with a taffeta tab which is sewed to back of [the] bag and wrapped to [the] front. A large round wooden button matching the taffeta trims [the] tab. Finally the lining of any material you may have on hand is slip stitched into purse.

*Geometric Flowers:* Gray silk taffeta quilted in gray. These square and circular blossoms appear on both sides of bag.

*Green Rose:* Green silk taffeta quilted with green floss. The large floral motif surrounded by double zigzag lines is placed in the center of the bottom of the bag.

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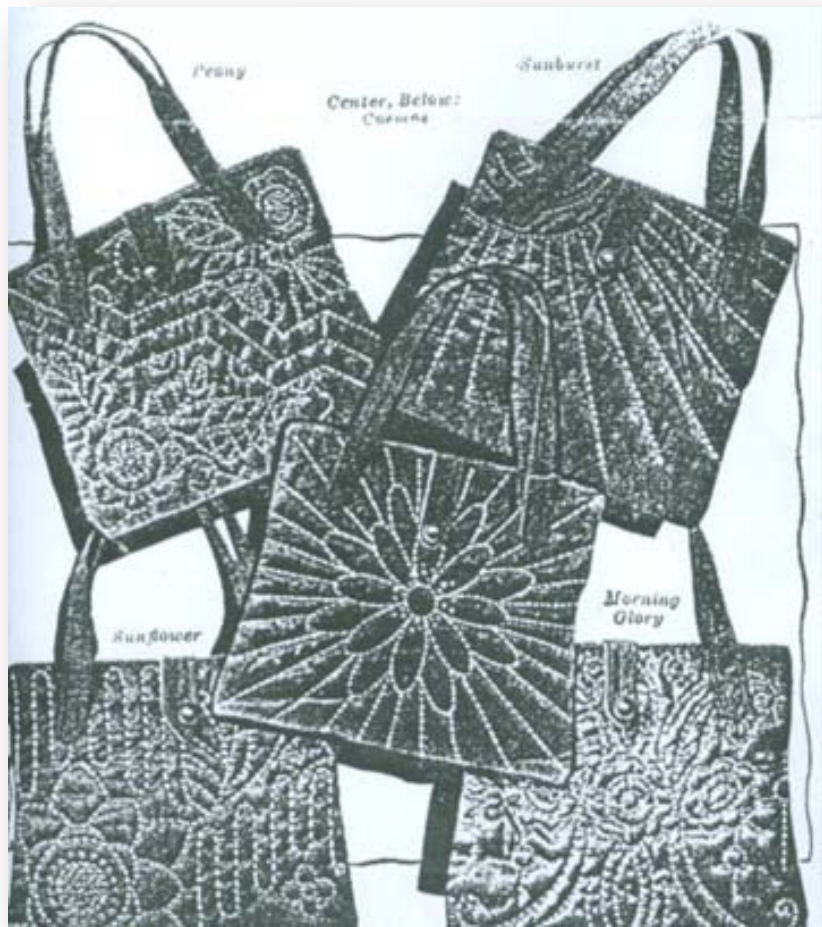
*Peony:* Red silk taffeta quilted with matching floss. Design of conventional flowers and broken parallel lines is the same on both sides.

*Sunburst Design:* Navy blue taffeta quilted with matching floss. The four concentric arcs with radiating lines are repeated on the back of bag.

*Cosmos:* Black silk taffeta quilted in green floss. A large flower with lines radiating from it in all directions appears on both front and back of bag.

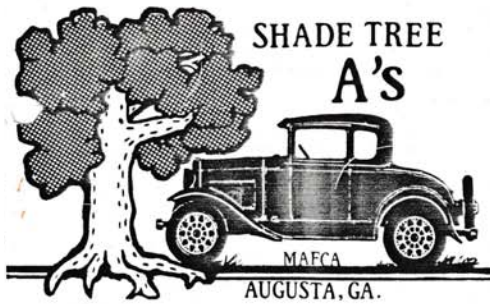
*Sunflower:* Tan taffeta quilted in tan. Design is the same on front and back with the large flowers overlapping at the bottom.

*Morning Glory:* Rose silk taffeta quilted with rose floss. Conventional flower design is the same on both sides of bag.



Source: *Woman's World*, February 1929, p. 49.

# 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 President's Column in the July 1993 issue of the Shade Tree A's *Newsletter* contained an important message that is still relevant today. The July meeting was scheduled to have a technical program on truing mating surfaces such as intake and exhaust manifolds and carburetor flanges by master machinist Tom Hitt. A Saturday breakfast tour was announced to Lick Fork Lake. The *Newsletter* contained a detailed report on the recent Ridge Peach Festival and photos from the recent tour to the Redcliff Plantation were also included. An Era Fashion article on swimwear was included as well; no two-piece bikinis back then. Jim McPherson provided an Authenticity and Troubleshooting article on front wheel shimmy and the radius rod ball assembly.

The Gossip and Good Stuff section stated that Jim and Sheila McPherson attended AACA meets in Murfreesboro, TN and Carlisle, PA. Susan Meloan was given credit for baking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake (see photo below). Several Shade Tree A's members attended the Lock and Dam Ham Jam including Richard Dunevent, Monroe Wade, Frank Knapp with his speedster and Craig McMullin.



20th Anniversary cake made by member Susan Meloan.

## TECHNICAL TOPICS

### Collapsible Lug Wrench

*By Robbie Jones*

I have often wondered how I would remove the lug nuts from my Model A on the road if ever needed. I tighten the lug nuts securely with a 1/2" drive torque wrench or breaker bar at the shop. I doubt I could loosen them with the engine starter crank that I keep in the car since it doesn't have the leverage to exert much torque. Our travel trailer came with a collapsible lug wrench that extends to provide sufficient leverage to loosen and properly tighten the lug nuts. Since it is collapsible it would fit nicely in a Model A and be a valuable tool to have in the unfortunate event you need to change a flat tire while traveling. The wrench set includes four dual-use sockets including a 13/16" size for our Model A lug nuts. The wrenches can be purchased from Summit Racing, Amazon and other online retailers for around \$30.

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