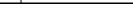


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On the Front Cover

Stuart Smith discusses the installation of insert bearings in Model A and B engines at the February 2022 meeting of the Shade Tree A's. Stuart's presentation was very interesting and informative and not one to miss. Thanks Stuart! Photo by Robbie Jones

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# SHADE TREE A'S MODEL A CLUB



The Shade Tree A's Model A Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile. Shade Tree A's annual dues are only \$25. Members are urged to join the Model A Ford Club of America (www.mafca.com) 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

I announced my desire at the January meeting to plan a very special event in celebration of a major milestone, the Shade Tree A's Model A Ford Club turns 50. Our club, a Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), was established on June 17, 1973. *Our Club's 50 Year Birthday Celebration* is coming to fruition. Event planning has been initiated and we have made some progress! Here are some of our accomplishments to date:

- o Save the date Saturday June 3rd
- Our host The Augusta Museum of History, Nancy Glaser Executive Director
- Where At the Museum parking lot on Broad Street
- Dedicated Model A display parking spaces for over 40 cars
- o Received MAFCA Liability Insurance Policy for the event at \$1M \$5M
- Free admittance to the Museum for club members (day of only)
- Museum will provide free event advertisements on radio, local TV, website and written media.
- Free event to the general public to view our display
- All STA Club members and other Model
   A Club participates will receive a handsome 50 Year Celebration Patch.
- "People's Choice Awards" for categories TBD
- Of course, there will be Birthday Cake!! We need you to bring your Model A vehicle(s) no matter the condition. Partially restored, work in progress, are always a crowd favorite. Your input is welcomed and more discussion will be at the March meeting but give me a call if you have some ideas to make the event even more grand.

Ahooga, Craig McMullin - President

### **MEETING MINUTES**

February 13, 2023 Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp – Secretary

The monthly meeting of The Shade Tree A's was held February 13, 2023 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. The meeting was called to order by President Craig McMullin at 6:55 PM welcoming all twenty-nine members and one guest in attendance. Michael Davis, a guest of Stuart Smith, was introduced and later became our newest member. Welcome Mike!

During our new "Light Moment", Matt Barrett offered our "Joke of the Month".

Several sign-up sheets were once again passed around including those for refreshments and meeting attendance. 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. No donations were made to our "name tag penalty cup".

Gerald Melchiors was recognized for winning the 2022 Monroe Wade Award and Steve Teal for his excellent program on his Model AA collection in January.

Unfortunately, Darren Riley reported his wife Pat was involved in a recent accident. Darren says she's "pretty banged up" but expected to make a full recovery. Also, according to John Neumar, Brandon Carter has been ill lately as well.

Betty Wade, Syble Henderson, Janet Neumar and Misty Hooker all appear to be healing well according to reports and continue to improve.

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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

### Vice President:

President Craig informed members that Dan Perla will be stepping down as Vice President. Dan has shown great leadership over the years and will certainly be missed as a member of our Board of Directors. Andrew Morse has been appointed to fill Dan's position as Vice President. Andrew announced the technical program for the evening will be presented by Stuart Smith discussing Insert Bearings on Model A & B engines.

### Treasurer:

Stuart Smith reported member dues and sponsor ad payments continue to arrive leaving our Treasury in solid financial shape. A motion was made and seconded to approve The Treasurer's Report and The January Minutes as published in *The Newsletter*. That motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **National Director:**

Matt Barrett reported the latest issue of *The Restorer* has been added to our club library.

### **Newsletter Editor:**

Robbie Jones asked for any reports, member articles, etc. to be submitted for publication no later than February 24<sup>th</sup>. Robbie plans to email the March Newsletter earlier than usual this month.

### **Tour Director:**

Charlie Weaver reminded the group we have an open invitation to visit Bruce Hager's collection anytime in the future.

### Show & Tell:

President Craig passed around a panoramic picture of our 2009 Valentine's Day Breakfast held at Jack Horner's home. That very impressive picture depicted twenty-one Model A's present completely encircling the cul-desac! Craig also presented a plaque from MAFCA to The Shade Tree A's for our newsletter

winning "Newsletter of the Year", mostly thanks to the hard work each month by Robbie Jones!

### Old Business:

The possibility of changing the name of our Newsletter was also discussed. There being no interest among the members, that idea was tabled.

### **New Business:**

President Craig reported our Board of Directors has been considering changing some of the Club's assets from a Money Market to investing in Certificates of Deposit in order to increase the return. A motion was made to allow our Treasurer to make the changes as described, a second was received and the motion passed.

President Craig updated everyone as to The Board's plans to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 3rd. According to Craig, The Augusta Museum of History will be the location. Plans are to invite area clubs to join in the celebration. More info as plans develop.

### From the Floor:

Members were asked to make suggestions as to future club activities. Suggestions included "Follow the Quail" and Garage Tours. Also mentioned was a possible return to Abbeville and planning another progressive breakfast.

Andrew Morse provided a list of the many swap meets upcoming in our area and urged members to attend as many as possible.

### Technical Program:

Stuart Smith offered a very informative discussion on inserted vs. babbitt bearings. Stuart brought along his disassembled B engine and illustrated how inserts were fitted both on the mains and piston rods. Well done! Thanks Stuart!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM after which members were treated to cupcakes, cookies and soft drinks provided by Theresa McMullin and Ralph Neitzke.

### **CLUB CALENDAR**

### Shade Tree A's Events March 13 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - Washing, Cleaning and Buffing Your Model A, presented by Andrew Morse) 17 Saint Patrick's Day parade, Augusta, GA, lineup in the James Brown Arena parking lot from 12:00-1:00 PM with the parade starting at 2:00 PM 25 Shade Tree A's Tour to the Palmetto A's Annual Picnic, St James Lutheran Church, 1358 South Lake Dr. They have a large covered pavilion with restrooms. April 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - TBA) 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, continuation of Getting Kathy Poole's 1930 Coupe Running Correctly So She and Tom Can Join Us on Tours. We will meet at 9:30 AM at Richard's garage. Lunch will be served. May 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 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

#### March

31-April 1 Swap Meet, Moultrie, GA

### 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

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

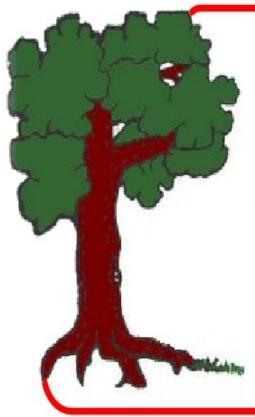
### June

30 Palmetto A's Swap Meet, Smith & Jones, Columbia, SC

#### July

30 - August 4 MARC National Meet Hamilton, OH

### **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
  - Misty Hooker recovering from surgery
  - Janet Neumar
  - Betty Wade recovering from broken wrist
  - Brandon Carter recovering from recent illness
- Don Turley was once again acknowledged for his contribution to Part 3 of the article, Evolution of the 1928-1931 Model A Ford Rear View Mirrors for Passenger Vehicles, in the November/December issue of the Model A News [How many parts will there be to this article Don? - Ed.]

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



# Refreshment Schedule

March

Kathy Poole, Darren and Pat Riley

Andrew Morse, The Weavers, Doug Wilson

May

**Kent Carruthers, Robbie Jones** 



# February Birthdays\*

3 Mary Morse 11 Larry DuVall 11 Ralph Neitzke 17 Pat Riley

16 Rose Carter22 Marsha Barrett24 Craig McMullin27 Stuart Smith

27 Charles Weaver

\* Birthdays were incorrectly reported in the February *Newsletter* 

# **March Birthdays**

20 Dan Perla 21 Darrell Henderson

25 Curtis Krosting 29 Doug Wilson

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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.



### St. Patrick's Day Parade

Story and photos by Matt Barrett

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 I would like to see as many Shade Tree A's members as possible driving their Model A. The most in attendance in recent times was 12 cars and I believe we should be able to beat that record.

So if your Model A needs some attention to get it running don't hesitate to ask for help. Most Shade Tree A's club members would be happy to assist you.



Looking forward to a successful Parade, so mark your calendar for March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We will assemble in the 7<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot of the James Brown Arena at 1:00 PM and the parade starts promptly at 2:00 PM.

Hoping to see you there. Matt Barrett



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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# 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: swrey nolds@century link.net

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### 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!



### **MAFFI** Newsletter Minute

This is the time of the year we wait for our Annual Model A Days program schedule to be announced. As of this moment the only thing known is the dates of the event, September 15 & 16. Everything else is "being planned". We know it will be exciting and a fun time for our hobby, it always is.

How many of us know the history of Model A Day Pins, and if you collect them, how complete is your stash? The pins were first cast for the 2017 Model A Days and as follows:

- A. 2017 (date on pin back) The 1931 AA Standrive Milk Truck
- B. 2018 -1928 Prototype Town Car
- C. 2019 -1931 A400
- D. 2020 -None (Model A Day cancelled due to Covid-19)
- E. 2021 -1931 Ambulance
- F. 2022 -Telephone installers pickup

In addition, there are 3 Museum pins: the 20-Millionth Ford Pin; the Museum Model A Fire Truck; and the Model A Ford Museum.

So what will be added in 2023?

### **SPECIAL FEATURE**

### **Bud Vases and the Ford Model A**

Story and photos by Matt Barrett

"Variety is the spice of life" - I have heard that many, many times in the past. As the story goes: some hobbyists believe that having bud vases in an antique car is akin to putting lipstick on a pig while others think adding flower vases are the icing on a cake. So the debate goes on. I personally like seeing a ninety something year old car with original flower vases. For me, it adds that extra class antique cars deserve.

Nearly fifty years ago, Bob Jones (Robbie's dad) restored a 1930 Ford sedan for me. I had seen flower vases on the very expensive cars but not a Model A Ford. There was no internet, no Ebay, nor Etsy at the time so trying to find an antique vase was out of the question. So trying to be inventive, I decided to make my own. I found a pair of colored crystal flower vases with a base on them at a downtown jewelry store and took them to a stained glass company to have the bases ground off. We completed the vases with holders made from a urinal bracket that my father donated to the cause. Now all I had to do was purchase some silk flowers to finish the look \$\infty\$

One hundred years ago there was no electricity or water heaters. So if you wanted a bath a big pot full of water was put on the stovetop to heat up and you would take a bath in a galvanized tub in the living room, MAYBE ONCE A

MONTH So if you got in the back seat of a Model A in the middle of July and the temperature in the shade was 100 degrees you would either smell that person or the fresh cut flowers in your vases. Remember there was no Secret, no Right Guard and no Mennen available at that time!

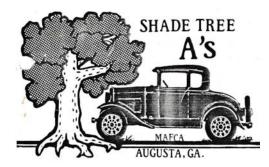
So, when you see bud vases in a Model A think about the chronology of why they were there in the first place!



# **MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE**

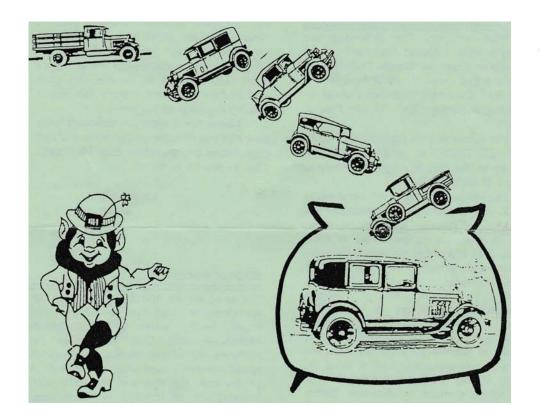


### THE SHADE TREE A'S - THIRTY YEARS AGO



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 March 1993 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter*, the President answered the question "Who are we". In 1993 it was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Shade Tree A's so he provided the answer from the Club Bylaws. The March technical program was announced, speedometer repair and restoration by Don Turley (sounds like a good technical program to repeat). A report on the Shade Tree A's visiting the local jail and having lunch with the inmates was also given. Plans for the upcoming tour to Richmond Hill were also discussed. Apparently the Richmond Hill tour prompted a large number of engine rebuilds among the members including Monroe Wade, Craig McMullin, Ralph Neitzke and Richard Dunevent. For entertainment, a questionnaire on horn history was provided (reprinted on the next page). The Berry College Ford Festival was also on the Club calendar (whatever happened to this event?).





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# Questions for History of the Horn

1. From beginning of production of the Model A thru April 1930, the horn bracket
wasinches wide, then it wasinches wide for the remainder of
production.
2. The numbers R-111928 on a Sparton horn patent plate means the horn was made
in(month/year).
3. Of the 5 manufacturers of Model A horns, only two had flat bug screens in the early
production. Name them 12
4 How many horn manufacturers were used throughout the Model A production, Oct
1927 thru Dec 1931?
5 Only one manufacturer stamped their logo on the horn bracket, Who was
it?
6. Heinz Elec. Co built the horn. Sparks-withington Co. built
thehorn. Emanuel-Aufiero built thehorn. General Industries Mfg.
built the horn.
7. Only one horn had "Made in the U.S.A." stamped on the motor base and the
projector, name
8 Name the two manufacturers that put a zinc tag on some of their horns. 1
2,
9. How many manufacturers, at sometime, made a Ford script horn? How many
did not?
10. Which manufacturer used a left hand thread on the armature shaft to hold the
wavey washer on?
11. Lloyd thinks the best made horns were: 1,2
12. All horns covers interchange except for two, name and date them.
1,date 2,date 13. There were 3 sizes of flange nuts,"," and"., Now list the size
used on each horn.
Ames, EA Lab, Stewart-Warner,
GIM, Sparton,
14. Who had the fanciest ADJUST lettering on the cover?
15. Two horn manufacturers also made Model A electric wipers. Who were they?
1. , 2
16. Only one manufacturer didn't put a name or logo on at least one of their horn
covers, name
17. Ford script horns were use in what year? (circle one)
1927 1928 1929 1930 1931
18. Only one manufacturer showed the city and state where the horn was made.
Name of manufacturer, City, State
19. Only one manufacturer put the brushes at 90ø to the field coils,
Name
20. The bell seam and small hole were on the top, Bottom, or side of the projector

### **TECHNICAL TOPICS**

# **Authenticity and Troubleshooting**

by Jim McPherson

(This article originally appeared in the March 1993 Shade Tree A's Newsletter)

With the growing list of newsletter items your Editor is pleased to be able to "steal" two more tips from the Jacksonville group.

Heating Problems?... How clean is your radiator? Take off the bottom hose and plug the radiator outlet with a rubber ball or some such. Fill the radiator with water, leave the cap off, and remove the plug. A clean radiator will drain completely in four seconds.

And a note on the new reproduction Zenith carburetors. The reproduction Zenith carbs now available look good, but they won't work if you just take them out of the box and bolt them on. Take it apart, tighten up the jets, seat the needle valve and adjust the float level. Now it will work.

### And more from the Dallas Judging Seminar:

The ammeter measured the current charging or discharging rate between 0 and 20. Some reproduction ammeters go up to 30 amperes. None had Ford script at any time. The pointer on originals had a delicate tear drop shape. The lettering was aluminum or silver in finish, not white. The background was a dull black. The bezel was bright nickel plated brass and had a sharp raised edge next to the face. The inside of the case behind the pointer was satin black.

The 1928-29 bumper clamps were forged. There are some excellent reproductions available except the side profile Is wider than the original. The reproduction is 5/16" (0.312) wide and the originals were 17/64" (0.265).

And at long last on the next page [Previous page in this issue of the Newsletter - Ed.] is the horn history test. Have fun and bring it to the March meeting.



Vintage advertisement courtesy of Dan Perla

### **Member Advertisements**

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

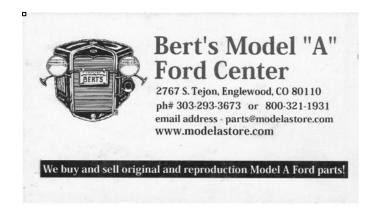
**FOR SALE** Original Model A Ford Distributor Housings, \$25.00 each. The reproductions are \$77.50 (plus tax, shipping and handling), and we all know how great reproduction parts are. Jim McPherson, 706-564-0120.

**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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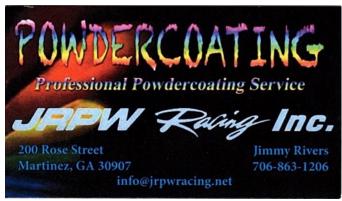


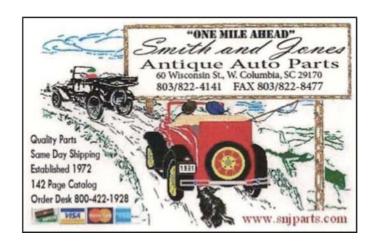












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