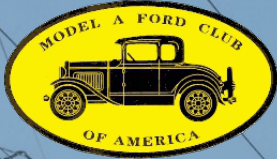


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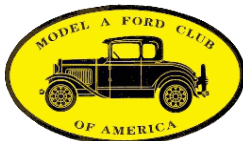
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### On the Front Cover

The Shade Tree A's Second Annual Swap Meet was a huge success with seventeen vendors attending, including nine from the Shade Tree A's. Story and more photos on page 11. 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](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*

When I introduced the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Challenge Tour last month to have at least 20 Model A's participate on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, I didn't imagine that at this point we would have 22 cars signed up. In fact, at our dinner meeting at Sconyer's BBQ two weeks ago, we had 18 members agreed to tour by the end of the evening. What a surprise!

However, we are not done yet, as there are a few more club members undecided or are rearranging their calendars and at this point their status is "Maybe". I'm looking for some more insurance even though we currently have 22 Model As. Last minute unexpected issues could arise as we have all been there so a few more cars would be welcomed and appreciated.

Daily high temperatures are cooling and as I write this column. A high temperature for September 9<sup>th</sup> is 85 degrees, not too bad.

We have also arranged for a 16 foot open trailer with an electric winch to follow the tour group should anyone need assistance to get back home.

Hope you will reconsider if you haven't signed up as this will be a memorable tour for the club.

Ahooga,

*Craig McMullin - President*

## MEETING MINUTES

There was no August meeting of the Shade Tree A's due to the annual Bar-B-Que dinner at Sconyers; therefore, there are no meeting minutes.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MEETING MINUTES

*July 10, 2023*

*Richard's Garage*

*Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp - Secretary*

The Shade Tree A's Board of Directors met August 14, 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, Jim McPherson and Darren Riley. Other STA members Robbie Jones, Kent Caruthers, Dan Perla, Richard Dunevent, Sheila McPherson, and Theresa McMullin were also in attendance.

President Craig brought the meeting to order promptly at 6:30 P.M. with several topics on the agenda. Discussions included our upcoming election of officers, nominations for this year's Monroe Wade Award, the status of our Christmas Party in December and planning tours and events through year's end. Other items on the agenda included Christmas parades and a review of monthly technical programs and Saturday Tech Session dates.

The status of our treasury, projections for 2024 member dues and prospective newsletter advertisers were also discussed.

Items mentioned above will be presented to the entire membership at our September meeting for their approval and any other ideas and/or suggestions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

### 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.

## CLUB CALENDAR

### *Shade Tree A's Events*

#### September

- 9 Shade Tree A's 50<sup>th</sup> 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 - 2023 MARC National Meet, presented by Jim McPherson)

#### October

- 9 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - *Upholstery in a Post LeBaron Bonney World*, presented by Robbie Jones)
- 21 Shade Tree A's Saturday Technical Session or Tour, details to come

#### November

- 4 Shade Tree A's Lunch Tour to Hickory Knob State Park, details to come
- 13 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program - TBA)

#### December

- 16 Shade Tree A's Christmas Party, Jack Sheppard's Country Store, 539 Chamblin Road, Grovetown, Georgia
- 28 Board of Directors Meeting (Tentative)

#### 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

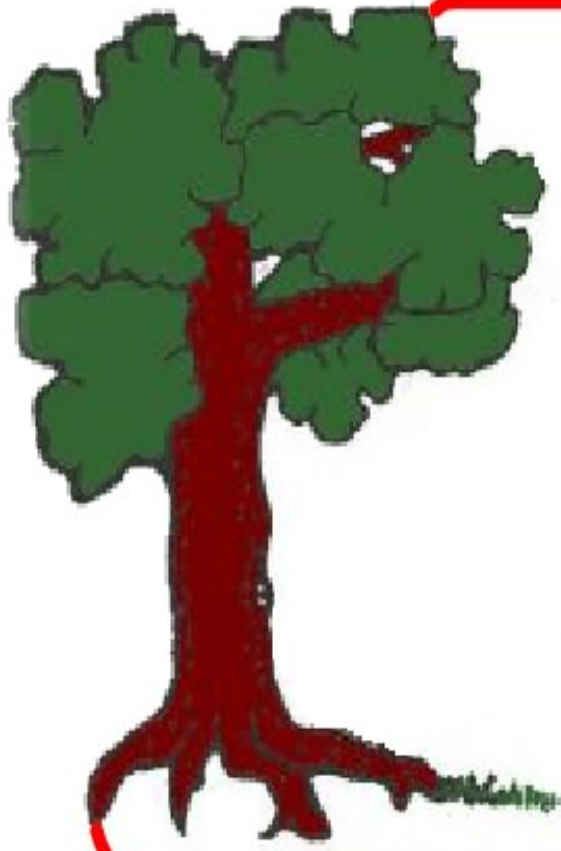
#### October

- 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

- 11 Veterans Day Parade, Aiken, SC
- 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 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](mailto:newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org)



## Refreshment Schedule

September

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

October

**Stuart Smith**, John Neumar, Brandon Carter

November

**Matt Barrett**, Steve Teal

**First person listed is the primary coordinator for the month**



## September Birthdays

- 1 Sam Mason
- 11 Gail Smith
- 15 Robert Reis
- 16 Stephanie Bray
- 28 Ernie Dinkins

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**ATTENTION**

**Shade Tree A's Election of Officers**

It will soon be time to elect club officers for 2024. If you're interested in serving on the Board or as an officer, contact the Nominating Committee Chairman, Jim McPherson.

**Shade Tree A's Membership Roster**

Please review your personal information in the club membership roster on the Shade Tree A's website for accuracy and completeness. If any corrections need to be made, please notify Dan Perla at the next club meeting or by email.

**ATTENTION**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Tour"

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

If you were among the few that missed the STA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Augusta Museum of History, no worries. You have another chance to celebrate with the rest of us!!

This Model A Tour is going to be special in that we are striving to have at least 20 Model A's on the road at the same time, not just sitting in a parking lot but touring. When was the last time you toured with 20 other Model A's, EVER?

These affordable and dependable cars were built to drive long distances in all weather conditions. But, this tour will be a short and easy tour with lots of picture taking opportunities. Who knows, your car may be on the front page of our next newsletter.

We will leave from KJ's Market on Peach Orchard Road at 10:00 AM so plan accordingly. Be sure you have a full tank of gas. There are no plans to stop for gas with such a large group. We will travel about 40 miles to Girard, GA to the Fisheye Grill Restaurant for a fabulous lunch (*order off the menu, on your own*). The route will be a scenic one, going one way there and coming back to KJ's on a different route.

You won't want to miss this special event!

Please signup or contact Craig McMullin, 803.341.8955 or email: [craigwm1974@gmail.com](mailto:craigwm1974@gmail.com)

P.S. A recovery trailer will be following the group if you need assistance.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2023 Monroe Wade Award Nominations

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

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

### Monroe Wade and the Shade Tree A's

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

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

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

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

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



Additional details and instructions for submitting a nomination will be sent out soon by the nominating committee, so be on the lookout.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



### MAFFI Model A Days, September 15-16, 2023

The planning is complete for this year's Model A Days. The theme for this year is *"Open Cars"*. There will be a special gate access to Model A parking. A two-day swap meet is planned. You will be able to *"Ride-the-A"* around the Gilmore campus in a Model A car, AA stake bed truck and/or maybe even a Model A school bus. There will be a Model A driving school for those who have registered for this activity. A catered dinner with a tour of the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary as well as a tour of the Kellogg Manor House is planned, (these require registration). Seminars will include a fashion seminar; a technical seminar-The ABC's of the Model A Engine; a touring seminar-Road-Trip 101; and a special guest speaking on the Great Race. There will again be a MAFFI sales table. (It is requested shirts be pre-ordered to be sure your shirt in your size is available.) The Henry Ford Heritage Association will be in attendance. A Jazz Band will perform. Some special rate rooms may still be available, although they are filling up. All of this is happening at Hickory Corners, Michigan. For more information and registration procedures, visit the MAFFI web page. ***Come visit, what a way for Model A folks to end the summer season for 2023!***



Happy motoring,  
Mike DuBreuil  
MAFFI Board of Trustees  
Secretary  
[clubcontact@maffi.org](mailto:clubcontact@maffi.org)



RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's Annual Dinner Meeting

Photos by Robbie Jones





## RECENT EVENTS

### The Second Annual Shade Tree A's Swap Meet

*Story by Jim McPherson, Photos by Robbie Jones*



The Shade Tree A's held their second Annual Swap Meet Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> at Andrew Morse's shop. Twenty-seven Shade Tree A's families were represented. We gained one new member, Paul and Christa Muckenfuss who own a beautifully restored 1930 Cabriolet. The Shade Tree A's attendance at the swap meet totaled thirty-five. There were seventeen vendors present. Nine were Shade Tree A's members. It is these local participants (Shade Tree A's members) which contribute the most to the success of the swap meet. In the friendly club competition of who can sell all of the parts they brought to sell, there were four likely participants. Matt Barrett barely beat out last year's winner Frank Knapp. There was an older restored 1929 Tudor Sedan and two chassis for sale in the swap meet. Many attendees were seen picking up parts from Davin Smith of Smith and Jones Antique Auto Parts. Andrew cooked seventy-five hamburgers and seventy-five hot dogs while Sheila McPherson and Mary Morse prepared and served lunch to a hungry crowd of shoppers. Darren Riley drove his 1930 Coupe and John Buchanan drove his 1929 Tudor Sedan to the swap meet. This is an area we could improve upon next year, maybe a special parking area for Model A's. Everyone enjoys seeing Model A's. Having Model A's present at the swap meet gives attendees the opportunity to see what others have accomplished in restoring their Model A, and to ask questions about how they accomplished something, solved a problem, or where they got a part. When deciding upon what color to paint their Model A, they like to see how other Model As are painted and how the color combination looks on a Model A. Save the date for next year, Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss it!



RECENT EVENTS

The Second Annual Shade Tree A's Swap Meet

*Continued*



## MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

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

### Collars, Cuffs, Sleeves and Belts

By Lois Przywitowski

The season is changing, and once again last year's wardrobe is in good condition but could be improved by an update. So, as a fashionable, but budget minded woman of the Model A era, what can you do? As always, the fashion industry has a solution for you, it's not a new idea, but it still works wonders with your wardrobe. You can purchase, or make, new collars, cuffs, sleeves, or belts for that perfect update.



The collar and cuff set on the left side of this picture is said to be "the most desirable style of the season." It is made of white linen, trimmed with lace and sells for 49 cents.

The second collar and cuff set is made of semi stiff white cotton with lace edging. This lovely collar sells for 39 cents.

*The Charles William Stores, Inc., Fall and Winter, 1928-29*



No. 7—Belt, Collar and Cuff Set

Green felt is piped with tan in this four-piece set, the narrow strip of tan simply being placed beneath the edges of the green and stitched flat, since no edges need be turned.

Felt flowers trimming set are four layers deep, tacked flat with a small wooden bead forming the center of each. The bottom layer is yellow, the next orange, the next tan, the top yellow.

Such a set gives a distinctive touch to tailored frocks.

This belt, collar, and cuff set, shown in the April 1929 issue of *Woman's World* is featured as one of "the newest ideas for accessories which are easily and quickly made." The entire set, with its subtle simplicity, is made from felt.

*Woman's World, April 1929*



## MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

In the June 1930 *McCall Style News*, it was noted that “the mode has definitely gone feminine, these softening and flattering accessories play a very important part in the chic ensemble.”



The collar pattern shown here was available in small, medium and large sizes. The recommended fabrics were chiffon, pique or lingerie lawn. They were sure to add femininity and grace to the right frock with their flowing lines.

*McCall Style News*, June 1930

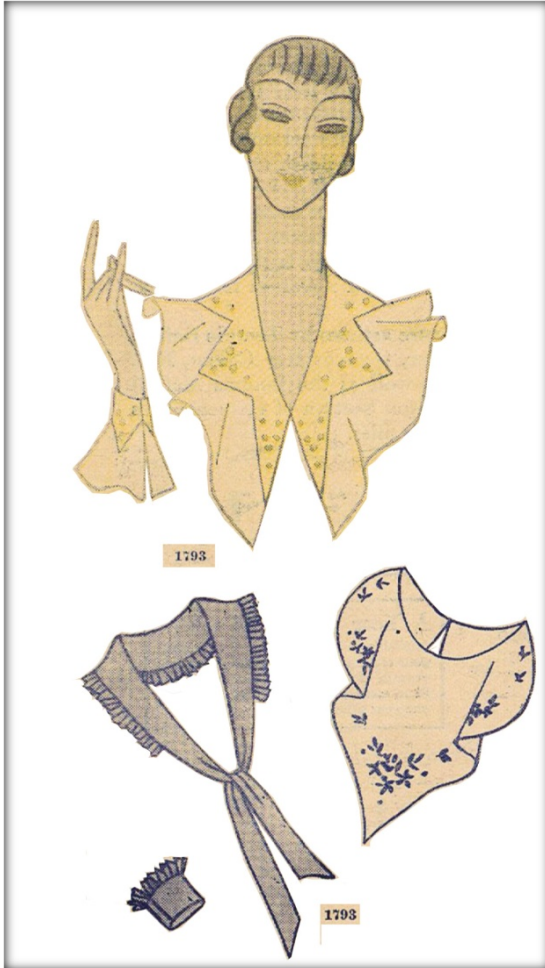


This sleeve pattern came in 6 sizes. Note the short puff sleeve in the upper left corner. The pattern description notes that “with the advent of the short sleeve many a frock may be remodeled attractively and made to serve another season.”

*McCall Style News*, June 1930



## MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

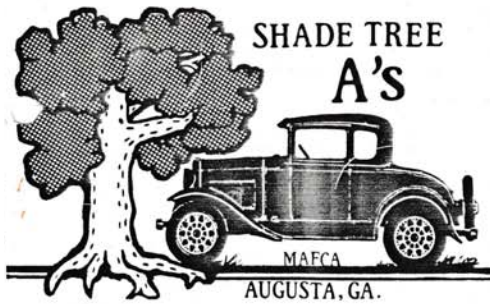


This smart collar and cuff pattern came in one size. The recommended fabrics were organdie, flat crepe or satin; some with hand embroidery, others had picoted edges or were finely pleated.

The pattern included blue transfers and sold for 35 cents.

*McCall Style News*, June 1930

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 September 1993 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* announced that the Shade Tree A's had been invited to participate in the first annual Historic Augusta Antiques Show to be held at the Bell Auditorium. I wonder if there were any other subsequent annual antique shows. The *Newsletter* also announced that club member Gary Stroebel was going to present a program on wood graining at the September meeting.

The annual Great Steak Cookout at Glenn and Verna Boswell's was reported to be a great success. Over 45 Shade Tree A's members were in attendance to enjoy the steaks obtained by Roger Dozier. The steaks were cooked on new cookers made by Steve Brannon and Monroe Wade. A variety of Model A's were there including Monroe and Betty Wade in their 1930 Coupe and Don Turley in his 1930 Tudor.

Jim McPherson's Authentically Speaking article provided a list of causes for a missing engine.

**ENGINE MISSES REGULARLY IN ONE CYLINDER WHEN IDLING**

**Due to Ignition Wiring**

1. Loose or corroded high tension terminal or cable socket.
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3. High tension cable not connected.
4. Broken wire inside of cable.
5. Stray cable strand shorting spark plug.

**Due to Spark Plug**

1. Spark plug operating too cold, causing fouling.
2. Spark plug operating too hot, causing re-ignition.
3. Fouled plug due to engine oil passing piston rings.
4. Fouled plug due to its being loose in cylinder head.
5. Fouled plug due to damaged or ineffective plug gasket.
6. Spark plug gap too wide.
7. Spark plug gap too narrow.
8. Insulator loose in shell.
9. Insulator interior coated with carbon, oil or water.
10. Insulator cracked, glaze-scratched or melted, allowing carbon deposit etc., to provide path for current.
11. Spark plug gap filled with oil, water or fuel.
12. Spark plug threads dirty.
13. Spark plug shorted by some metal part out of place.
14. Defective radio suppressor.

**Due to Valve System**

1. Valve leaks due to faulty seating.
2. Warped valve face.
3. Shoulder on valve face.
4. Valve sticking.
5. Valve burned.
6. Carbon on valve seat.
7. Valve pitted.
8. Cracked valve seat.
9. Gum on valve stem.
10. Broken valve spring.
11. Bent valve stem.
12. Valve stem too tight in guide.
13. No or incorrect tappet clearance.
14. Sticking rocker arm.
15. Broken mushroom on lifter assembly.
16. Valve insert loose in block.
17. Valve lifter screw lock loose causing valve to be held open.

**Due to other Conditions**

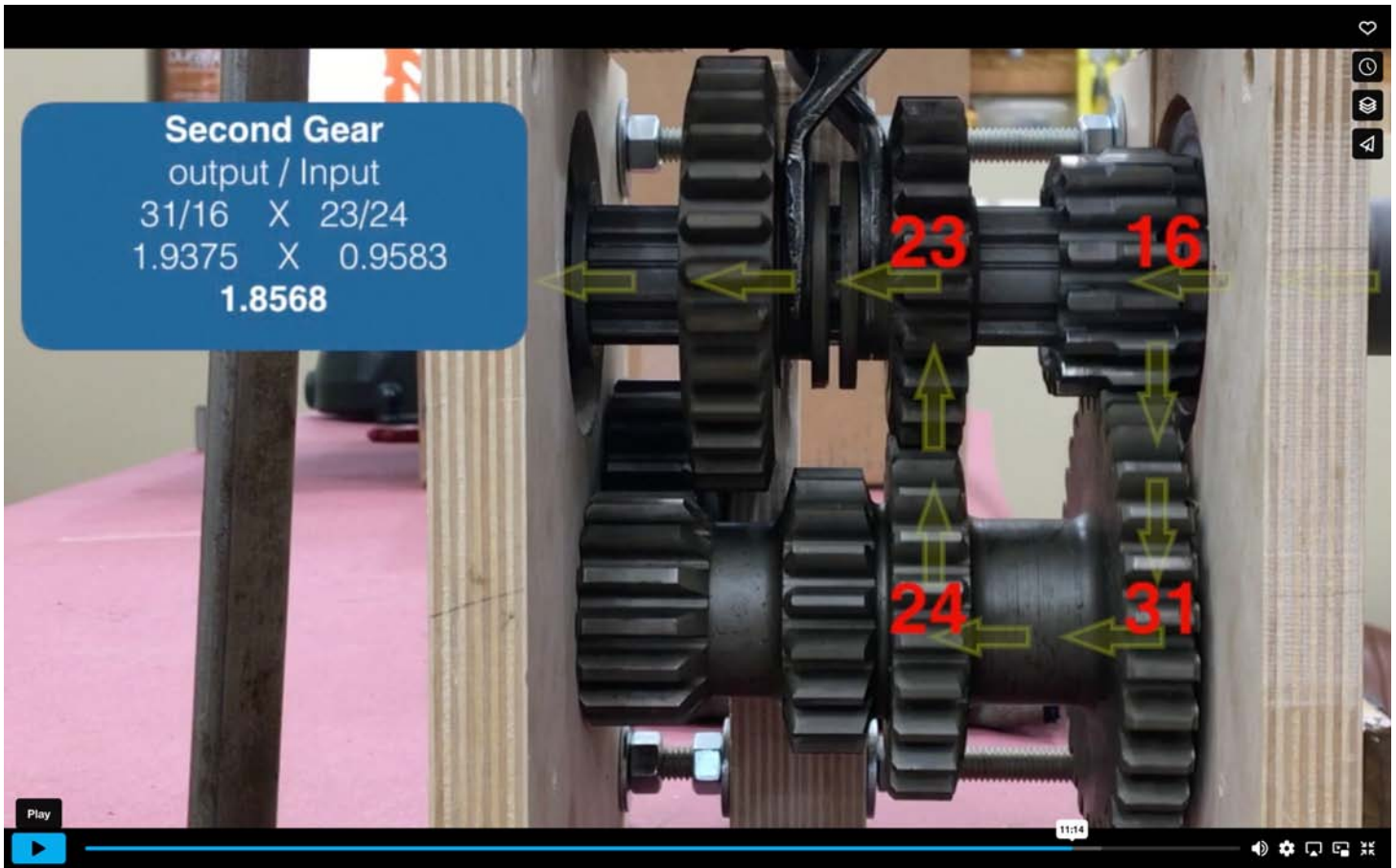
1. Cracked cylinder head.
2. Broken cylinder head gasket.
3. Distributor cap insert bent, loose or badly burned.
4. Air leak around intake valve stem due to excessive stem-to-guide clearance.
5. Loss of engine compression in cylinder.
6. Slight water leak in cylinder or combustion chamber.
7. Ignition points too close with low lobe on cam and worn distributor shaft or loose bushing.

## TECHNICAL TOPICS

### Ford Model A Transmission - How it Works

The Santa Anita A's Model A Ford club has many useful and informative technical articles on their website. Included in their many articles is a very interesting video by Eric Sandburg explaining the workings of a Model A transmission. Below is a screen shot from the video describing the power flow through the transmission. Check out the full video at the following web address:

<https://vimeo.com/492765721>





## Member Advertisements

Deadline for submittal – 20<sup>th</sup> of the month – Send submittals to [newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org](mailto:newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org)

### FOR SALE

Gerald Melchior's friend has some Model A books for sale.

*Technically Speaking* (articles published in Model A News) – 6 volumes: #1 NM, 2003; #2 VG, 2004; #3 NM, 2005; #4 NM, 2006; #5 NM, 2007; #6 Mint (still in plastic wrap)

*Model A Ford Troubleshooting & Diagnostics* by Les Andrews, spiral bound, VG, 2000

*Henry's Lady: An Illustrated History of the Model A Ford* by Ray Miller, hardback in dust jacket, NM, (1972) 13<sup>th</sup> edition 1990

Price: \$25.00 for the lot (do not want to sell separate). Contact William Harper at 803-278-0437 (Please leave a message/number).

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