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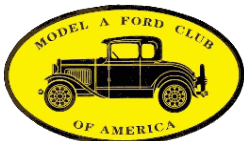
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On the Front Cover

Mike Davis's daughter and friend are anxious to ride in Stuart Smith's 1931 Deluxe Roadster in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Augusta, Georgia. Photo by Stuart Smith.

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

We had a great Technical Session at the Garage on March 16th.

Kenny Atkins has a 1931 Closed Cab Pickup that likes to overheat. So, after much examination, discussion and the use of thermography technology it was determined that only about half of the radiator was cooling the engine. By examining the water pump and the amount of grease that was around the Zerk fitting, that some of the radiator tubes were coated with grease. Flushing the radiator was the next task and spots of grease and other stuff flowed out the petcock. Tide soap powders were added to the radiator for added measure but in the end the radiator may have to be professionally flushed or rodded to complete the job.

Next, Larry Duvall discussed his 1931 Coupe that several months ago was diagnosed with a pitted exhaust valve and defective valve seat that had to be replaced. Many thanks to a host of Club members but especially Eric Shogren who took the "bull by the horns" and oversaw the entire replacement. Larry now has one of the best running cars in the club and is more than ever ready for our next scheduled tour.

Other Technical Sessions will be scheduled soon. If you have a Model A technical question or issue, talk to one of the Board members and we will do whatever we can to assist you.

Ahooga,

Craig McMullin - President

MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2024

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp - Secretary

The monthly meeting of The Shade Tree A's was held March 11, 2024 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. In the absence of our President, V.P. Andrew Morse called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 PM welcoming all twenty-eight members present. Andy recognized his wife, Mary, who has now retired and hopefully will be attending our meetings regularly in the future. Three members contributed to our Name Tag Penalty Cup.

Matt Barrett offered our "Joke of the Month". Misty Hooker informed the group she is "not out of the woods" with her recovery but "doing great".

Vice President: Andrew Morse announced our technical program will be Part Two of "The Model A Transmission-Parts Inspection."

Treasurer: Stuart Smith reported there were no expenditures or deposits for the month of February; therefore the checking account balance remains unchanged.

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

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

National Director: Steve Spencer reported he will be submitting STA updates to both *The Restorer* and *Model A News*. Look for these articles in upcoming issues.

Newsletter Editor: No report was given other than Robbie's usual request for input from members either by submitting photos or articles.

Show & Tell: Robbie Jones passed around a blown fuse he located while troubleshooting a problem which occurred after his daughter's wedding. Steve Spencer brought along a rear shock he had disassembled for members to inspect.

Old Business: Andrew once again thanked all who participated in our recent "Sweetheart Valentine Day Brunch" for their help in making the event a huge success. Andrew also informed the group volunteers are needed for refreshments at our May meeting.

New Business: Due to the cancellation of our March 9th Saturday Technical Session, that event has been rescheduled for the following Saturday, March 16th. Same time, same place. Other upcoming events including The Saint Patrick's Day parade, Palmetto A's Annual Picnic in Lexington, S.C April 6th., The Old 96 Swap Meet and The MARC National Meet to be held in July were mentioned and opened for discussion. A new event, The Magnolia Ridge Antique Flee Market, to be held Saturday, May 18th was announced and members were urged to attend.

Technical Program: Dan Perla brought the group another very interesting program on "The Model A Transmission-Parts Inspection". This excellent video on the subject also produced by George Bell is Part Two of the series and Part Three, Assembling the Transmission, will be presented at our April meeting. Well done, Thanks again Dan!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM after which members enjoyed refreshments provided by Kathy and Tom Poole and Robbie Jones.



CLUB CALENDAR

Shade Tree A's Events

April

- 8 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *The Model A Transmission – Assembly* – presented by Dan Perla)
- 20 Shade Tree A's Tour to the Old 96 Swap Meet, contact the Tour Leader, Darren Riley

May

- 4 Johnson Peach Festival Parade, breakfast at NAPA
- 13 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *The Model A Front Spring* - presented by Darren Riley)

June

- 1 Queen City Model A Club (Charlotte) visit to Augusta
- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *TBA*)

Every Wednesday at 11:00

Join the Shade Tree A's for lunch at Cicis Pizza on Wheeler Road
TBA - To Be Announced

Other Events of Interest

April

- 4-6 AACA Spring National Meet AACA, Grand National Meet, Charlotte, NC
- 6 Palmetto A's 29th Annual Picnic, 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM, Lexington, SC
- 19-20 Old 96 District Model A Ford Club Swap Meet, Greenwood, SC, contact Warren Reynolds at 864-980-7937, swreynolds1946@gmail.com
- 20 Mitchell Springfest Parade, Mitchell. GA
- 27 Kiokee Cruiser's Spring Cruise In, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Old Store in Appling, GA

May

- 10-11 Model A & T Swap Meet hosted by the Shenandoah Valley Racket "T"ers, Luray, VA, contact Dennis Fleming at 540-860-1384, dennis@fairviewnet.com

June

- 14-15 Palmetto A's Swap Meet, Columbia, SC, contact John Cockerill at 803-446-3837, johnwilac@yahoo.com

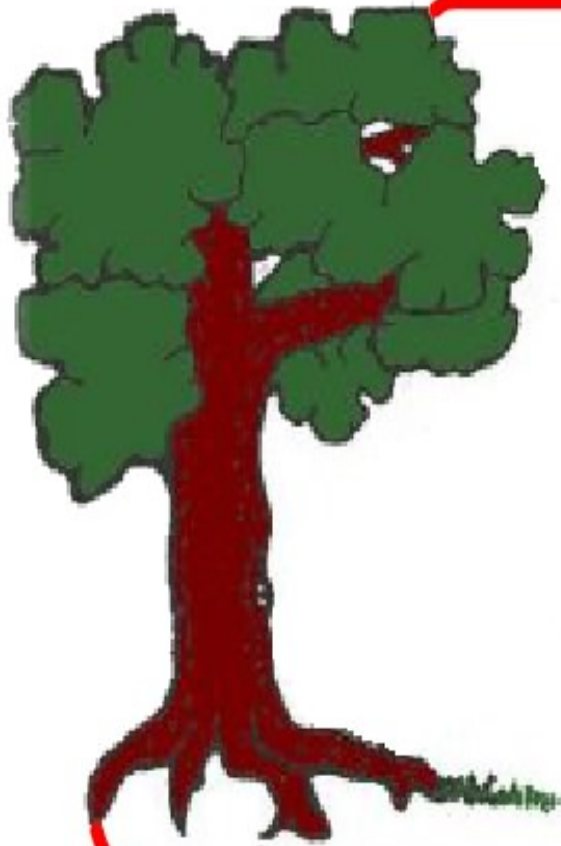
July

- 15-18 MARC National Meet, Asheville, NC, additional details provided later in the *Newsletter*

October

- 8-11 AACA Eastern Fall National Meet, Hershey, PA
- 23-26 AACA Southeastern Fall National Meet, Huntsville, AL

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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:
 - Janet Neumar being treated for lung cancer.
 - Misty Hooker has completed chemotherapy treatments with no evidence of her cancer spreading. Prayers for her continued progress are appreciated.
 - Abbie Prince and Eric Shogren recovering from recent surgeries.
- Longtime friend of the Shade Tree A's Ralph Raub of the Old 96 District Model A Club is battling a serious illness.

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



Refreshment Schedule

April

Steve Spencer, Paula Mason, Richard Walker

May

Volunteers needed

June

Darren & Pat Riley, Kenny Adkins, Darrell & Syble Henderson

The first person listed is the primary coordinator for the month



April Birthdays

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

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Don Bray 1937 - 2024

Long time Shade Tree A's member Don Bray passed away March 2, 2024; Don had been a member of the Shade Tree A's since 2008 and will be missed. The following is Don's obituary as published on Legacy.com:



Entered into rest on Saturday, March 2, 2024, Donald Claude Bray, 87, loving husband of Stephanie Blumer Bray.

Mr. Bray was born to the late John and Inez Bray in Statesboro, GA. He graduated from Wadley High School and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Georgia State University. He was a member of Trinity on the Hill Methodist Church for 48 years. Mr. Bray was a founding member of the Trinity on the Hill Foundation Board and the Nehemiah Committee for the sanctuary renovation. Most recently he was actively involved in the Adult Couples and Singles Class and the Caring Shepherds Bible Study.

Mr. Bray was the CEO of University Healthcare System, Inc. for 9 years. His career began in public accounting. In 1963, he joined the administration of Henrietta Egleston Hospital for Children in Atlanta as Business Manager and Associate Administrator. In 1976, he became Associate Administrator of University Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. In 1991, he took over as President and CEO of University Healthcare System until his retirement in 2000. Upon his retirement, University Healthcare Foundation created the Bray Endowment to serve the needs of the medically under-served.

During his career, he received a life membership in the American Hospital Association, was a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, Trustee of the Georgia Hospital Association, a member of the Hospital Financial Management Association, a board member of the Georgia Hospital Association and a board member of the Voluntary Hospital Association of America.

Mr. Bray's extensive community service included President of the Augusta Kiwanis Club, a founding board member of the Ronald McDonald House of Augusta, President of the Augusta chapter of the American Cancer Society, Chairman of the Board of the Georgia Division of the American Cancer Society and a board member of the Augusta Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mr. Bray was on the founding board of Brandon Wilde Retirement Community, board member of Walton Rehabilitation Hospital, Chairman of the Augusta Chapter of Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Advisory board of Wachovia Bank.

Following the death of his son Larry in 2007, Mr. Bray and his family started the Larry Bray Memorial Foundation in his memory and successfully raised funds for JDRF and University Hospital Diabetes Services with the annual Larry Bray Memorial Golf tournament.

Mr. Bray was devoted to family and affectionately known by his grandchildren as Ddah (Deeds). He enjoyed many activities including the lake, beach, golf at Westlake Country Club and cheering on his beloved Bulldogs.

He is preceded in death by his parents, first wife of 50 years Tommie Scott Bray and son Larry Douglas Bray. Survivors include sons: Christopher D. Bray (Kelli), Joel S. Bray (Terri), and Marshall T. Bray (Shannon); Stephanie's children: Becky Jones (Walter), Beth Hardy (Kerry), Joe Blumer (Suzanne) and John Blumer (Valerie); brother: J. Roy Bray, Jr.; nephew: John C. Bray (Stephanie) and daughter Emily; brother-in-law: Aubrey E. Scott, Jr.; grandchildren: C.J. Bray (Haley), Maggie Reindollar (Dalton), Scott Bray, Jack Bray (Alaina), Andrew Bray, and Tori Bray; great grandson: Bennett Bray; Stephanie's grandchildren: Katy Ride (Taylor), Sam Jones (Shelby), Zach Thompson, Tyler Thompson, Knox Hardy, Amelia Blumer, Jack Blumer, Caroline Blumer, and Annalise Blumer.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity on the Hill, 1330 Monte Sano Ave, Augusta, GA 30904.

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Shade Tree A's Tour to Stuckey's in Wrens, GA

The tour to Stuckey's is on AGAIN!! Friday, May 10th, we will leave Augusta in the morning and tour to Wrens, GA, home to the Stuckey's Pecan and Candy factory and operation center. More details about the tour will follow later.



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Model A Youth Restoration Award Attention Model A's

Time Is Getting Short. Restoring a Model A or thinking about it?

May 31, 2024, is the final date to apply for financial assistance from the Model A Youth Restoration Award program (MAYRA). If you are between 12 and 22 and restoring your Model A or about to begin and would like financial assistance in acquiring parts, MAYRA can help. MAYRA has made over 100 awards to youth over the past 30 years. Awards, in the form of gift certificates from various Model A parts vendors, are made every two years, and in 2022, each recipient received \$3,000 in certificates. Recipients will be announced at the MARC and MAFCA National Conventions this summer. The application and eligibility information are on the website <http://MAYRA.biz>.



If you are no longer eligible to apply for an award but feel strongly that bringing youth into the hobby is essential for its future, please tell any you think should consider restoring a Model A or are currently restoring one about our program and direct them to our website. MAYRA's mission is to promote and expose the Model A to our youth, securing the longevity of our hobby and the associated businesses that support it for decades to come. Youth are the lifeblood of our hobby's future. MAYRA's program helps to develop our hobby's future members and leaders. Your help in directing youth to the program is really appreciated.

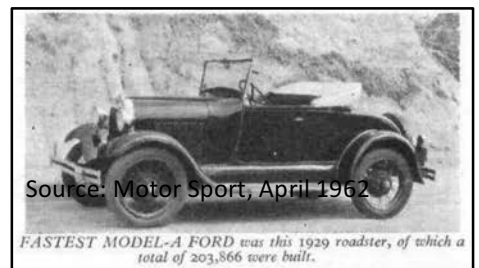
The Model A Ford

Motor Sport, April 1962

Motor Sport magazine in their April 1962 issue stated that many now believe the Model A was the finest Ford ever produced. That's probably still a true statement today! The article describes the improvements over the Model T and the interest in restoring Model A's to original condition. The article states that the Model A [Ford] Club of America (then only six years old) had approximately 3,000 members.

The full article can be viewed at the following web address:

<https://www.motorsportmagazine.com/archive/article/april-1962/35/the-model-a-ford-2/>



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Join Us on a Tour to Asheville, NC and the Model A Restorer's Club 2024 National Meet

The Shade Tree A's are planning a tour to Asheville, NC to attend the MARC National Meet July 15-18. Will you join us? This is your opportunity to attend and participate in a national Model A event. I would expect 300 or more Model A's to be there, plus a variety of seminars, a swap meet, and era fashion events (meet schedule not yet available). There will be a Welcome Party, an Era Fashion Show/Ice Cream Social, a Grand Tour on Thursday, and an Awards Banquet. You can choose which events you want to participate in. If you cannot attend the entire event, I would encourage you to look at the meet schedule and attend one or more days having events that interest you. Asheville is about 170 miles, and we can drive Highway 25 all the way. We have toured to Asheville and the surrounding area many times in the past. Some will drive their Model A, some will trailer their Model A (special trailer parking will be available), and some will drive their modern car. Robbie has posted the hotel information in the *Newsletter*. The host hotel was full in three days. A number of Shade Tree A's members have already indicated they will attend. Will you join us?

Lodging at the National Meet:

Many Shade Tree A's members are staying at the Holiday Inn Express, Asheville SW, Outlet Center, 12 Rocky Ridge Road. The local phone number is 828-665-6519. Use the code "The Nashville A's" to get the meet rate. The phone number listed in the Meet Announcement is for the National Reservation Line.

Additional information is provided on the following pages. Registration forms are included in the January/February 2024 issue of the *Model A News* magazine.



Source: National Park Service (nps.gov)

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ASHEVILLE, N.C. MARC NATIONAL MEET
JULY 15TH-18TH. 2024

BOOKING IS NOW OPEN AT THE HOST HOTEL!



CROWNE PLAZA RESORT ASHEVILLE
1 RESORT DRIVE, ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA 28806
ROOMS ARE \$169.00* PER NIGHT CALL: 1-844-330-0296
GROUP CODE: NASHVILLE A'S 2024 OR ON LINE AT:
WWW.ASHEVILLECP.COM CHECK AVAILABILITY (ENTER DATES OF STAY)
ENTER GROUP CODE: MDA



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***PLUS TAXES, ALL ROOMS AT HOST HOTEL WILL REQUIRE A 1 NIGHT DEPOSIT PER ROOM & NAMES FOR EACH ROOM BOOKED. MAXIMUM OF 2 ROOMS.**

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ASHEVILLE 2024 MARC NATIONAL MEET

JULY 15TH-18TH 2024

BOOKING IS NOW OPEN

AT THESE ADDITIONAL HOTELS!

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COUNTRY INN & SUITES ASHEVILLE RIVER ARTS DISTRICT
22 WESTGATE PARKWAY, ASHEVILLE, NC
TEL:1-828-772-3188
\$109.00 PER NIGHT* INCLUDING BREAKFAST
CODE:NASHVILLE A'S
.03 MILES FROM HOST



HOLIDAY INN ASHEVILLE-BILTMORE WEST
435 SMOKEY PARK HIGHWAY, ASHEVILLE, NC 28806
TEL:(828)665-2161
\$105.00 PER NIGHT*
CODE:THE NASHVILLE A'S
6.1 MILES TO HOST



HOLIDAY INN & EXPRESS, ASHEVILLE SW - OUTLET CTR
12 ROCKY RIDGE ROAD, ASHEVILLE, NC 28806
TEL:1-888-465-4329
\$108.00 PER NIGHT* INCLUDING BREAKFAST
CODE: THE NASHVILLE A'S
5 MILES TO HOST



COMFORT SUITES OUTLET CENTER
890 BREVARD RD., ASHEVILLE, NC, 28806
TEL: (828) 665-4000
\$85.00 PER NIGHT* INCLUDING BREAKFAST
CODE: THE NASHVILLE A'S OA55F3
6.5 MILES TO HOST



CAMPING: THE PARKWAY HAS FOUR CAMPING AREAS IN THE ASHEVILLE AREA, OPEN APRIL OR MAY THROUGH OCTOBER. CAMPING IS \$20/NIGHT FOR ALL CAMPGROUNDS, FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVE. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AT ALL CAMPGROUNDS EXCEPT CRABTREE FALLS. CAMPING ALONG THE PARKWAY IS PERMITTED ONLY IN DESIGNATED CAMPGROUNDS. CALL 828-765-6082 FOR MORE INFORMATION

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ASHEVILLE, N.C. MARC NATIONAL MEET JULY 15TH-18TH. 2024

THE GRAND TOUR THURSDAY JULY 18, 2024. TO THE "BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY"

THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY NEAR ASHEVILLE IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DRIVES IN AMERICA

COUNTLESS PEOPLE FLOCK TO THE MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS OF NORTH CAROLINA THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO ESCAPE TO ITS PEACEFUL TRANQUILITY AND BREATHTAKING BEAUTY. ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC ATTRACTIONS OF THIS AREA IS THE STUNNING BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY, A WINDING ROUTE THAT FEATURES JAW-DROPPING VIEWS AND OUTSTANDING OUTDOOR RECREATION. FILLED WITH THRIVING PLANTS AND WILDLIFE, THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST PLACES IN THE STATE TO VISIT FOR A RELAXING TRIP IN THE CRISP, MOUNTAIN AIR. "AMERICA'S FAVORITE DRIVE,"

WHERE DOES THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY START?

THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY STARTS IN SKYLINE DRIVE OF SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK IN VIRGINIA AND STRETCHES ALL THE WAY TO THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK IN CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA. THERE ARE NUMEROUS BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY ACCESS POINTS SCATTERED ALONG THIS RANGE. EACH ACCESS POINT HAS A SYMBOL THAT INDICATES IF IT IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND IF IT CONTAINS A PICNIC AREA. SOME INCLUDE VISITOR CENTERS, RESTROOMS, EXHIBITS, AND MORE.

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS TO DO ALONG THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY?

ALONG THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY HIKING IS AN OPTION IN MANY SPOTS, PROVIDING AMAZING VIEWS OF MOUNTAINS AND WATERFALLS ALONG EACH ROUTE. YOU CAN ALSO CHOOSE TO SIMPLY DRIVE ALONG THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY NEAR ASHEVILLE, ADMIRING THE ABUNDANCE OF SCENIC SIGHTS ALONG THE WAY. THERE ARE MANY OVERLOOK AREAS WHERE YOU CAN STOP TO TAKE PICTURES TO COMMEMORATE YOUR TRIP TO THIS GORGEOUS REGION. PICNICKING, BIKING, AND FISHING ARE PERMITTED IN CERTAIN AREAS HERE AS WELL. BE SURE TO CHECK THE ROAD CONDITIONS BEFORE YOU EMBARK ON YOUR DRIVE AND STAY VIGILANT OF SPEED LIMIT SIGNS.



PLEASE NOTE: THE PARKWAY IS A NATIONAL PARK AND THERE ARE NO FEES OR STICKERS NEEDED TO TRAVEL IT.

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18th Annual

**All Model A Parts Swap Meet
Old 96 District Model A Club**

**314 Old Mount Moriah Road • Greenwood, SC 29646
(On Rt. 221 Between 25 and Rt. 225)**

April 19-20, 2024

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: swreynolds1946@gmail.com

Info: Warren Reynolds (864) 980-7937 or Jim Cothran (864) 981-2296



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You are Invited to



The Palmetto A's Model A Club

29th Annual Picnic

St James Lutheran Church

1358 South Lake Drive in Lexington

Saturday, April 6, 2024

10:00 - 3:30 (lunch at noon)

****Bring a picnic + some to share and drinks for your family****

Covered picnic shelter with tables for a relaxed lunch

Car games with prizes, bring your chairs!

50/50

Raffle Prizes

Silent Auction

For more information email John Cockerill at johntwilac@yahoo.com or

Cheryl Austin at daustin002@sc.rr.com



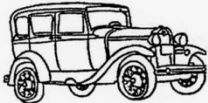
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19th Annual

ALL Model A & Model T SWAP MEET

at

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



sponsored by

Palmetto A's of South Carolina

Friday, June 14, 2024 8am to 5pm

Saturday, June 15, 2024 8am to 3pm

Vendor Space: Early registration: \$15/one day \$25/two days
or \$20/\$30 at the gate

Car Corral: \$10 for two days

Palmetto A Members - Free Vendor Space

\$2 Door Prize Tickets Food Concession 50/50

Contact: Dick Fraser at 803-622-7582 or
dickfraser@earthlink.net

Vendor Sign Up Form

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Will you be arriving and setting up on Thursday, June 13? _____

Are you primarily a Model A or Model T Vendor? _____

Please mail this form along with a check or money order made payable to:

Palmetto A's of SC--- 113 Ian Dr. Leesville, SC 29070

By participation in this event and signing this form I/we agree to hold harmless
The Palmetto A's of SC Model A Club, Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts and any of the
members or agents thereof, in the event of accident or injury to any participant, person or group.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Model A Ford Foundation Inc. MAFFI Minute, March 2024



Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy", a 1930 Ford Model A has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the beloved Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the same condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950's. Enjoy driving "Betsy", your newest Model A, to your next cruise-in or car show. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee.

"Betsy", became famous as the best Model A in the world. The Ford Model A has gathered 32 top place trophies in the 34 shows which the car was entered. That includes two national shows in 1957 and 1962. Overall, the car won 39 trophies. It is said that Red Grow's car, "Betsy", was an inspiration at the time. It drove many people to do their best in restoring their own car. This urge to do the best restoration possible, developed the need for more information about how to a better job. As a result, the Judging Standards evolved. We can thank Red Grow and the MAFCA founders for their vision.

In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubbs for \$5,000, an unheard-of price in those days. As a result, Dave Grubb placed the car in a glass cage centered in his dealer showroom. Now, you have a chance to own "Betsy" by entering a Sweepstakes through our website,

<https://www.maffi.org/index.htm> ,

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Shade Tree A's March Technical Session

Photos by Robbie Jones



MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

The following article originally appeared on the MAFCA website in January 2014

From Rags to a Winner

By Sharon Johnson, MAFCA Era Fashions Committee

When I started into the Fashion area of the Model A Club I had no idea what I was doing. This was back in 1972.

There was a lady that came to all the swap meets and we became friends. She asked me if I would like to come to her house in Long Beach and see some of the items she had for sale. Of course, I said yes right away. A few weeks later, I pulled up to her little house and rang the doorbell. She opened the door and I could see behind her that there were boxes upon boxes of "stuff" as she called it. I looked and looked and just couldn't find the right thing.

I was walking by a laundry basket and asked her if I could look it in. She said, "Sure but you won't find anything in there." I pulled out the most exquisite dress I had ever seen. It was cream lace with accents of pale green. I asked her how much and she said, "Oh I don't know, how about \$5.00?" As luck would have it, I found silver and pale green shoes, pale green crocheted gloves, cream silk stockings, a pale green cloche hat, a silver fox fur and green glass necklace. I think the whole outfit cost around \$75.



I won First Place and Best of Show with the outfit. It just goes to prove that you should look through everything if you ever get the chance, because you'll never know what you may find.

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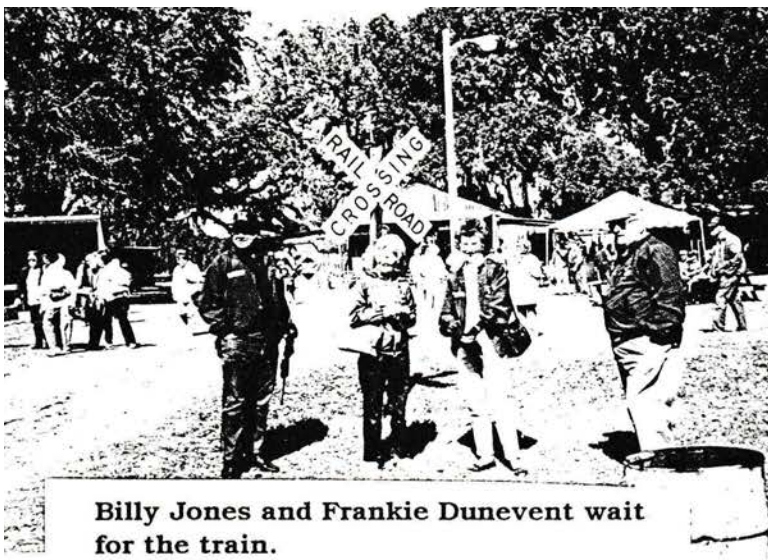


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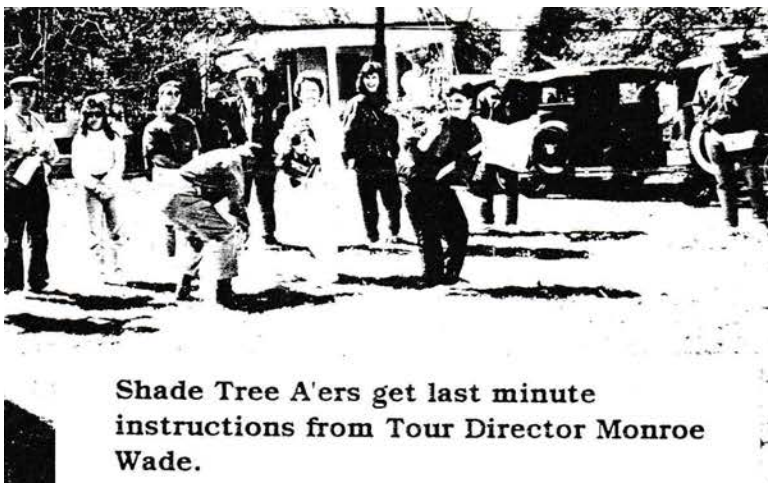


The 1985-2005 *Shade Tree A's Newsletters* are now available on the Shade Tree A's website. They can be accessed via the same "button" as the other *Newsletters*, but they are password protected. The same password used to access the member roster is used to access the *Newsletters*. Thank you Dan Perla for scanning these and posting on the website.

In the April 1994 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter*, the President's Column reported the tour to Richmond Hill was a terrific trip. Elsewhere the tour was described as "perfect". Details about the upcoming tour to Magnolia Springs State Park were also provided in the President's Column. An article later in the *Newsletter* provided additional details and photos of the Richmond Hill tour.



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TECHNICAL TOPICS

Radiator Flushing and Leaks

By Robbie Jones

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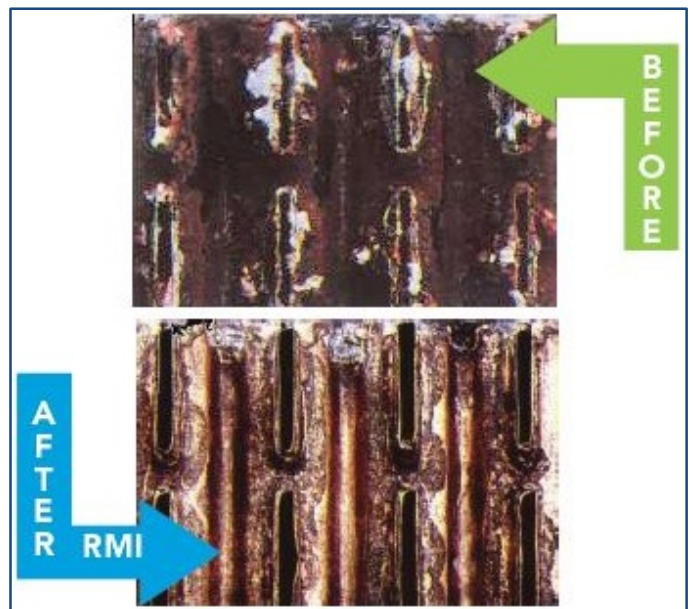
At the March Shade Tree A's technical session, Kenny Atkins' 1931 Closed Cab Pickup truck was determined to have a partially clogged radiator. After numerous failed attempts to flush the radiator, the remedy was determined to be removal of the radiator for a professional cleaning. This is ultimately what Kenny will probably have to do since his radiator is likely stopped up by grease from overzealous greasing of the water pump by the previous owner.



In the meantime, I talked with Paul Ianario, Ernie Dinkins' brother-in-law, and asked him if there were any old-school radiator shops in the Greenville/Spartanburg area. He said there are none that do the caustic cleaning and repair anymore. He said they all use ultrasonic cleaning now which can cause problems with the old brass and solder joints.

Paul recommended a product called RMI-25 to flush the radiator and engine block. He said the water temperature in his Hudson Mile-A-Minute was drastically reduced after using it.

Paul did say the RMI-25 may cause some leaks since it cleans so good. In that case he has had good success with a product called Blue Devil Coolant Stop Leak. He said the engine in his Anderson is made from cast iron which is apparently very porous; so much so that it would weep water to the outside of the engine block. After using the Blue Devil product, the engine remains dry on the outside.



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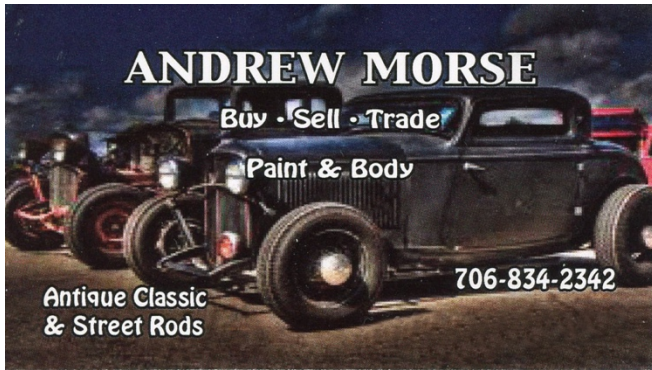
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