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On the Front Cover

Eric Shogren's 1931 Slant Window Town Sedan graces Theresa and Craig McMullin's home where the Shade Tree A's celebrated Valentines with a Saturday morning brunch. Photo by Sheila McPherson.

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

Thanks to all that participated in the "Sweetheart Pancake Brunch" and especially all those that volunteered to help Theresa with food preparation and clean-up. It was a group effort which makes it even more enjoyable. We had 30 people on that Saturday but we probably had enough food for 50 or more. So, all the left overs were packaged and provided the refreshment menu for the club meeting the following Monday night. I love it when a plan comes together.

Our next Technical Session at the "Garage" is Saturday March 9th. This is an excellent opportunity to assess and/or repair any of your Model A issues. Free technical advice and labor are always a plus. If you have a particular issue, it helps to let a Board member know so we can have the right tools or parts on hand.

The MARC National Meet this year is in Asheville, NC. The dates are July 15th - 18th. The registration forms for the National Meet were just published the last week of February. The STA's already have a group that have made hotel reservations so you will see many familiar faces if you decide to attend.

Ahooga,

Craig McMullin - President

MONTHLY MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at Richard Dunevent's garage, 4338 Owens Road, Evans, Georgia. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and are followed by refreshments.

MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2024

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp - Secretary

The monthly meeting of The Shade Tree A's was held February 12, 2024 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. The meeting was called to order by President Craig McMullin at 7:05 PM welcoming all twenty-two members present. Only two members contributed to our Name Tag Penalty Cup.

John Neumar offered our "Joke of the Month" and President Craig noted several February birthdays. Misty Hooker informed the group she has completed chemotherapy treatments with no evidence of her cancer spreading. Prayers continue for her continued progress. President Craig also noted the recent passing of two STA members, Pascal Bryant and Chuck Lambert.

Vice President: Andrew Morse announced our technical program will be "The Model A Transmission-How it Works".

Treasurer: Dan Perla, substituting for our treasurer, reported expenditures exceeded deposits leaving a somewhat lower balance for the month.

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

National Director: No report given, however, mention was made that both *The Restorer* and *Model A News* carried an update of STA activities thanks to our National Director Steve Spencer.

Newsletter Editor: No report given.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Continued

Show & Tell: Darren Riley announced he has a contact wanting to sell various Model A parts and a Victoria needing restoration. Contact Darren for more information. Darren also passed around the badly worn universal joint he removed from his Tudor.

Dan Perla reported our STA website has now been on-line for twenty six years and has been visited over 96,500 times. Hats off to our very talented Webmaster!

Old Business: President Craig commented on another postponement of our tour to Wrens, GA. to visit the Stuckey's Pecan Factory but promised it will be rescheduled, probably in the spring.

The well attended "Sweetheart Pancake Brunch" was discussed. Thirty members attended and a good time was had by all.

New Business: Upcoming events such as our March 9th Technical Session, the Saint Patrick's Day parade, the Old 96 Swap Meet and the MARC National Meet to be held in July were discussed. Also, Deborah Fuller informed the group of "Historic Willington Day" to be held March 16th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. A full day of events are planned including On-Site Exhibits, various activities and food vendors, just to mention a few! Contact Deborah for more information.

Technical Program: Dan Perla brought the group a very interesting program on "The Model A Transmission-How it Works". Dan presented Part One with an excellent video on the subject produced by George Bell. Part two, "How to ID Bad Parts", and Part Three, "How to Assemble the Transmission", will be presented at our March and April meetings. Good job Dan! Thanks.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM after which members were treated to pancakes, breakfast casserole, fruit and soft drinks provided by Ralph Neitzke and The McMullins.

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CLUB CALENDAR

Shade Tree A's Events

March

- 9 Shade Tree A's Technical Session, Richards's garage, details TBA
- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *The Model A Transmission – Parts Inspection* – Dan Perla)
- 16 Saint Patrick's Day Parade, details TBA

April

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

May

- 13 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

March

- 15-16 Model A Swap Meet, Southeast Railway Museum, Duluth, GA, contact Hal Dye at 707-841-8353; haldye1957@gmail.com **POSSIBLY CANCELLED – Call before planning to attend.**

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

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, johntwilac@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.
 - Charlie Weaver Sr. and Debra are recovering from the flu and Covid.

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



Refreshment Schedule

March

Kathy & Tom Poole, Robbie Jones

April

Steve Spencer, Paula Mason

May

Volunteers needed

The first person listed is the primary coordinator for the month



March Birthdays

- 20 Dan Perla
- 21 Darrell Henderson
- 22 Steve Mason
- 25 Curtis Krosting
- 29 Doug Wilson

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February 2024 President's Flying Quail Message

I am excited to be serving as MAFCA National President for 2024. As a Board of Directors, we are dedicated to serving MAFCA and each of its members ethically and to the best of our ability. Your 2024 Board is dedicated to maintaining MAFCA's long track record of excellence and fiscal responsibility.

Newly elected to the Board this year, are Paul Shinn as Technical Director and Bill Truesdell as Advertising Director. Reelected to their second consecutive term on the Board are Chet Wojick, Jr. as Marketing and Membership Director and Ed Tolman, Vice-President. Each brings a wealth of business and personal knowledge plus life experiences with them. Along with the new and reelected members, returning for their second year on the Board are Gary Price as Secretary, Melanie Whittington as Treasurer, Will Langford as Chapter Coordinator and Dave Gill as Publications/Public Relations Director. I look forward to serving with all of these fine representatives this year and learning from their vast experience.

A special thanks to outgoing Board members Kay Lee and Jay McCord for their outstanding service in 2023. 2023 was Kay's and Jay's sixth year to serve as a Director. We all owe them a round of applause for the dedicated service to MAFCA.

Looking ahead at our calendar of events, we have a wonderful National Convention planned for June in New Mexico. The Southwest Model A SIG is working diligently on making our visit to Ruidoso one to remember. Check them out at SouthwestAdventures.com. Our National Awards Banquet will be held in Salt Lake City, UT in mid-December. Be sure and check out the 2024 NAB Video available via link on the MAFCA website. It is never too early to get these great events on your calendar so don't forget to check out the MAFCA calendar on the MAFCA website. In addition, there will be numerous regional meets that provide wonderful touring and events. Keep an eye on the MAFCA calendar and plan accordingly.

In closing I would like to thank the Santa Maria A's of Santa Maria, CA, Curt Warner, Bill and Laura Hansen, Hank and Karen Haugse, Roberta Weber, Kathy Pedrick, Dave Richards, Jay and Kay McCord and other chapter members for hosting a great 2023 National Awards Banquet. An awesome time was had by all. Thank you all for a wonderful time in Santa Maria, California.



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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.

Shade Tree A's Technical Session

The Shade Tree A's will hold a Technical Session on Saturday March 9th at Richard's garage. Arrive about 9:30 for the day's activities which include an update on our previously diagnosed valve problem in the second cylinder of Larry DuVall's 1931 Coupe; diagnose and evaluate the cooling system, including how to evaluate the radiator at home in Kenny Adkin's 1931 Pickup; evaluate Craig McMullin's 1930 Standard Fordor Sedan for possible judging at the MARC National Meet in Asheville, NC to see if it meets the minimum 13 items required for Blue Ribbon competition; and several additional interesting projects.

As always, lunch will be served. For those wishing to meet for breakfast, we will meet at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road at 8 o'clock. We hope to see you there.

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

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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



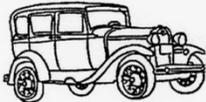
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19th Annual

ALL Model A & Model T SWAP MEET

at

**Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts
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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
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Car Corral: \$10 for two days

Palmetto A Members - Free Vendor Space

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

Vendor Sign Up Form

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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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:

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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, February 2024

The Trustees are already planning Model A Days 2024! So far it looks like a candidate for the First Start Event (barn find which hasn't been run in a few decades) has been located. And, the report from the Gilmore Auto Museum is that one of the Event Centers will be finished in time for Model A Days, which will be nice for our Model A visitors.



Other news is that Model A's donated to the museum to be sold for the Model A Museum Expansion are getting checked over and repaired so they are roadworthy to sell. Our hardworking team of volunteers devotes Thursday evening to getting the Model A's in "sale ready" shape.

1. One Model A Tudor (1929) is on the sales floor already.
2. Another 1928 Tudor has had Trustees and friends repairing brakes, gas gauge, and a gas tank, to name a few, so it should be ready shortly
3. A 1929 Fordor Blindback is also in the queue for roadworthiness work.
4. And there are two 1928 Phaetons that we anticipate will be available to sell in the coming months.

Please contact Jerry Dennany, jerrydennany@gmail.com or John Begg, jwbegg@gmail.com for information about these cars or if you have a vehicle you would like to donate to be sold for our expansion fundraising program.

Many of you have been following our Save the Bus project (school bus) and although the bus has taken longer than we anticipated, things are coming along nicely now. The sides are up and all 4 fenders have been installed as well as the bumpers. There's lots of sandblasting, and just plain sanding and priming going on now. Things are getting exciting at Save the Bus Headquarters!



As always, we appreciate your support as we move forward with fundraising. It's all of you that make the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Museum so awesome.

Happy Valentine's Day Model A Hobbyists!
Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary
Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Trustee

RECENT EVENTS

Sweetheart Valentine Day Brunch

Story by Jim McPherson, Photos this page by Deborah Fuller and pages following by Sheila McPherson

What was for many, many years a Shade Tree A's staple, the Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast, returned in 2024 THANKS to our host Theresa and Craig McMullin. We were greeted on the wrap-around front porch of their 1899 American Victorian home by Craig who had assembled tables and griddles for cooking blueberry, chocolate chip, pecan and plain pancakes. Once inside, Theresa's son Crandall greeted the guests with Mimosas and Champagne. Theresa was busy in the kitchen cooking and assembling a gourmet buffet of breakfast treats: fresh fruit, an award-winning breakfast casserole, biscuits hot out of the oven, and the finest southern grits you have ever tasted, complemented by a variety of pancakes cooked by the men in our club. We filled our PLATTERS full, then our tummies! THANKS to all who worked so hard to make this a highly successful event. Special thanks to the kitchen staff: Rita Spencer, Sheila McPherson, Pat Riley, Deborah Fuller, and Kaitlyn Ganus (daughter-in-law). We were honored to have former Shade Tree A's members, Jack and Carrie Horner and Tony and Carole Gazette, join us. For many years, Jack and Carrie hosted this event. Jack served as President and Newsletter Editor, and Tony as President. Eric Shogren was the lone Model A driver in his 1931 Canadian Slant Windshield Town Sedan. The Club provided a beautiful bouquet of roses placed on the buffet table and to honor our ladies, they were each presented a rose during brunch.



RECENT EVENTS

Sweetheart Valentine Day Brunch

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Sweetheart Valentine Day Brunch

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MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

The following article has been provided by MAFCA

Spring 1931—It's Lines, Not Styles!

Advice for Men from one of New York's Oldest Tailor Houses

By Peggy Gill, Sacramento Capitol A's

"The wary male has reached that utopian state where the less he thinks about style per se the better dressed he is likely to be."

--Dorothy Budd, Women's Home Companion, March 1931

Spring is just around the corner. Snow may be melting and sprigs of new growth are beginning to burst out all around us...everything is looking fresh! Your wardrobe may need refreshing too, so let's break out from the dreary winter and shed that cocoon into a new you! Many women get this...and are off to their favorite shops to brighten up their wardrobe as the weather warms and we begin to spend more time outdoors or gathering with friends. Each new season brings to light new styles, new fabrics, or new colors in the world of women's fashion, but for men, the changes are not so obvious. In the Spring of 1931, it was all about lines—not styles.

Unlike women's fashions that seem to change with each season, men's fashions tend to stay basically the same year in and year out. In an article found in the March 1931 issue of *Women's Home Companion*, author Dorothy Budd states that "the stark truth about men's styles for spring seems to boil down to just this—there aren't any." She based her startling declaration on an interview with a representative from Wetzel, which was one of the oldest men's tailor houses in New York at the time. The Wetzel representative went on to clarify, "Every five years or so you can note a *subtle* difference in the cut of a jacket or the roll of a lapel—a difference that will hold its own for the next five years and then give way to another" slight change. For the average man, those fashion changes are not worth the trouble to upgrade their wardrobe. In fact, it was suggested that a man would be better suited "to find out which style of suit best sets off his figure then stick to it" regardless of the "minor permutations" put out by the fashion houses.

What follows are suggestions from Wetzel's representative:



It's wise to choose a suit with the right lines for your figure.

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For the man who is short and stout, “look for vertical effects wherever possible. A single-breasted jacket is better for him than a double-breasted one. The lapels should be long and narrow, the waist straight, and the shoulders well-fitted with no hint of padding. To give an added illusion of height and slenderness, the trousers might taper a bit from the calf in toward the ankle.”

When asked for suggestions for that long and lanky man, the reply was that “he must strive for lateral lines—a double breasted jacket rather than a single-breasted, a natural shoulder with the chest well worked out (full chests are always more effective than padded shoulders), a slight fit at the waistline, and a trouser leg sufficiently wide at the bottom to break the long line of the shoe.” It should be noted that the “lateral lines” mentioned above refer to style lines,

not lines of color or pinstripes in the fabric.

It is also important to consider the fabric texture of the suit. For the thin man, “those fabrics with a surface nap—cheviots and home-spun—give a becoming suggestion of bulk.” For the stout man, “smooth clear-finished worsteds are best—fabrics that do not stretch easily and give no impression of width.”

Not to be ignored, color also plays a part in the overall effect in menswear. An overweight man should “stay away from patterned materials.” For him, according to Wetzel, “plain dark fabrics are the only practical choice.” The one exception is for the short stout man—“he may wear a conservative stripe” because this adds an illusion of height to his overall look. On the other hand, we are told the tall thin man should *always* avoid stripes, but when it



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comes to color, both lighter and darker shades are fine.

If you are not short and stout, or long and lanky, what style works for you? According to Wetzel's representative, the "well-proportioned man" has the option of virtually any style and color he chooses. His main concern is to keep away from extremes. "Patterns that are not too marked, suits unobtrusively cut, plain shirts, conservative socks and ties—these are the only style essentials for a man." As to color, it was suggested that "men keep to the combinations nature has used."

You may be asking yourself where you fall in your quest for that new suit you have been thinking about. If you don't fit the 1931 ideal of "the well-proportioned man" noted above, this basic table may help sum it up:

	Short & Stout	Long & Lanky	Overweight
Suit Jacket	Single breasted jacket Long and narrow lapels Shoulders well fitted No hint of shoulder padding Straight waist	Double breasted jacket Narrow lapels Natural shoulder Padded chest to make it look fuller Slight fit at the waistline	
Pant Leg Style	Tapered slightly from calf to ankle	Wider trouser leg to break the line of the shoe	
Fabric	Smooth finish	Fabric with texture or a surface nap	
Things to Avoid	Stretchy fabrics	Stripes	Patterns
Things to Consider	Conservative vertical stripe	Lighter shades as well as darker colors	Plain dark colors

The last bit of advice offered by Wetzel's Tailor House is as valid today as it was in 1931. Basically, men should buy smart and consider lines appropriate for their shape, not necessarily the latest style of the day.

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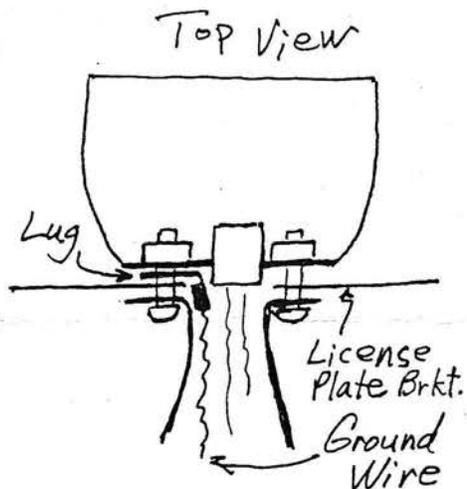
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THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



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 March 1994 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* reported on the Fuel Economy Run which was ultimately cancelled due to bad weather. The *Newsletter* also reported on the Moultrie swap meet attended by Glenn and Verna Boswell, Don Turley and Jim McPherson. An informal dinner meeting was also reported as being well attended. Guest columnist Gary Stroebel authored the month's Authenticity and Troubleshooting column in which he discussed stop and tail lights. Lots of Gossip and Other Truths were reported including Jim Dover's purchase of his third Briggs bodied Fordor sedan and Craig McMullin's efforts to update the brakes on his 1930 Fordor sedan.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

Jim's Tech Tips

"Preventing Problems with the Starter Switch Rod"

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You will find that today's reproduction rods screw quite easily into and out of the switch. This can be nice when you are assembling things.

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So you want to make the rod a bit harder to turn when installing it in the switch. Add a small drop of blue thread locker to the rod before you screw it in, or gently tap the threads a little with a hammer to deform them and make them harder to screw in and out.

Another simple solution, if you are not doing a car for Fine Point Judging (because it is not how the switch was originally done), is to add a 5/16" nut to the threaded end of the rod before screwing it into the switch. When you have the rod where you want it (desired button height inside the car, etc.) use that nut as a jam nut and lock the rod to the switch. It will not back out while driving, but you can easily undo it when you need to take it apart.

Whichever approach you choose, you will have more trouble-free miles if you get ahead of this potential problem. Until next time...

Have a Model A Day!

Jim Cannon

Ford Model A Engine Removal

Old 96 Model A Ford Club of South Carolina

The Old 96 District Model A Ford Club has produced a YouTube video showing the process of removing the engine from a Model A. Even if you have no plans to remove the engine from your car anytime soon, the video is well done and informative. The video is available at the link shown below:

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