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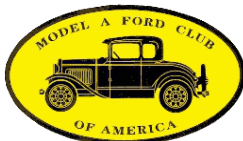
On the Front Cover

May through October is typically considered Wedding Season, but Robbie Jones's daughter, Keri, wanted a December wedding. She also insisted on riding away in Robbie and Leta's 1931 Slant Window Deluxe Fordor. Photo by Michael David Productions, used with permission.

On the Back Cover

Robbie and Leta's Model A is all decorated and ready to drive the bride and groom away. The car is considered the family wedding car; Robbie and Leta rode away from their wedding many years ago in the same car. The car has also been used for weddings of other family members and close friends of the family. 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) 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

If you like to tour, our new Tour Director, Darren Riley, is the guy to see. Already he has a full slate of tours lined-up for the month of May. To start with, The Johnston Peach Blossom Festival Parade on Saturday, May 4th, the Stuckey's Pecan Candy Factory tour to Wrens, GA on Friday, May 10th, the tour to Magnolia Ridge Antique Flee Market and Tractor Show in Ridge Spring, SC on Saturday, May 18th, and the Aiken Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 25th. Darren is trying to make up for lost time with a bang and will do an excellent job as the STA Tour Director. I look forward to working with Darren on his tour schedule in 2024 and beyond. Thank You, Darren.

Don't forget the "Pizza Lunch Bunch" every Wednesday morning at 11AM or a little later. Our group has grown from 5-6 members to now 8-10 depending on individual commitments. Discussions revolve around solving world problems, senior citizen medical procedures, STA upcoming events, and yes even Model A Ford technical repair issues including tried and proven corrective actions. We meet at Cicis Pizza at 4025 Wheeler Road. For about \$12.46, you can get all you can eat salad bar, pasta bar, pizza bar and even a few deserts and a drink, all included. Cicis is one of our many newsletter sponsors and they take good care of us every Wednesday. Come join us!!

Ahooga,

Craig McMullin - President

MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2024

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp - Secretary

The monthly meeting of The Shade Tree A's was held April 8, 2024 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. Once again, in the absence of our President, V.P. Andrew Morse called the meeting to order at 6:53 PM welcoming all twenty-two members present. Members were asked to sign-up for May refreshments, however no one volunteered. We did however gain a new member. Donna Weaver, Charlie Weaver Jr.'s sister, became our newest member. Welcome Donna! Only one member contributed to our Name Tag Penalty Cup.

Due to the absence of both Matt Barrett and John Neumar, no "Joke of the Month" was offered. The only member present with an April Birthday was Kathy Poole. Happy Birthday Kathy!

Don Gordon, Misty Hooker's brother, informed the group she continues to improve and is confident there will be a good outcome. After the meeting adjourned, it was learned Debra Weaver is currently hospitalized suffering from a serious lung condition. Prayers for her quick recovery!

Vice President: Andrew Morse announced our technical program will be Part Three of "The Model A Transmission". Also, members were urged to consider presenting a Technical Program in the future.

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

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Treasurer: Stuart Smith reported \$973.51 for various expenditures were paid-out with only \$126.00 in deposits made. In order to keep our treasury solvent, the Certificate of Deposit which recently matured will not be reinvested. Instead, the proceeds will be added to our working account to cover future expenses.

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

National Director: Steve Spencer reported he continues to submit STA Activities to *The Restorer* and *Model A News*, unfortunately they have occasionally been misrouted when delivered to these publications. That problem has been resolved and should not be an issue in the future.

Newsletter Editor: Robbie Jones stated any photographs of minor children submitted for inclusion in *The Newsletter* will now require permission from parents. He asks anyone offering these pictures send along the appropriate permission info.

Tour Director: Darren Riley invited anyone wanting to caravan to The Old 96 Swap Meet Saturday morning April 20th meet him either at Pollard's Corner at 9:00 AM or, if it's more convenient, across the dam at the intersection of GA. Hwy. 221 and SC Hwy. 28 no later than 9:15 AM.

Show & Tell: Kenny Adkins announced he has found a shop that can remedy the problem with his '31 Pickup's radiator. Problem is, Kenny's repair project is tenth on the list to be done. Darren Riley brought along the damaged transmission housing found on Kathy Poole's coupe. According to Darren, repairs are moving along well.

Steve Spencer advised the group he is planning a trip to Kentucky to visit his sister who also inherited one of their dad's A's. Hopefully he can get it back on the road during his stay.

Old Business: Members were asked for comments on several recent events. Included were our Saturday Tech Session, The St. Patrick's Day Parade and The Palmetto A's Annual Picnic in Lexington, S.C. Several STA members attended and all made positive remarks.

New Business: The following tours and events were brought to the attention of members. The Johnston Peach Parade May 4th, The Old 96 Swap Meet April 20th, our upcoming tour to Stuckey's Pecan and Candy Factory in Wrens, Ga. May 10th, The Magnolia Ridge Antique Flee Market May 18th, and the MARC National Meet July 15th-18th. Also, mention was made of a visit to Augusta by the Queen City Model A Club while touring to The Florida Keys. STA members are invited to meet for dinner with that group on Saturday June 1st.

Technical Program: Dan Perla concluded his series on The Model A Transmission with the third and last episode, "The Model A Transmission-Assembly". Everyone agreed these excellent videos produced by George Bell were very interesting and informative! Thanks again Dan for THREE excellent programs.

MEETING MINUTES

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM after which members enjoyed refreshments including a generous serving of McDonald's Chicken McNuggets, delicious cake, ice cream and soft drinks provided by Steve Spencer, Paula Mason and Richard Walker.

Month by month dates for activities such as technical seminars and official club tours were planned for the remainder of 2024.

All items mentioned above will be presented to the entire membership at our May meeting for approval and any other ideas and/or suggestions will be welcomed from our members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Your Board of Directors has planned a fun-filled variety of tours and activities and we urge all of our members to participate!

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2024

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp – Secretary

The Shade Tree A's Board of Directors met April 22, 2024 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 Steve Spencer, Jim McPherson and Darren Riley. Other STA members Larry DuVall and Sheila McPherson were also in attendance.

President Craig brought the meeting to order promptly at 6:30 PM with three main topics on the agenda. Those included The Budget, our Certificate of Deposit and Scheduling Club Activities through December 2024.

The current status of our treasury, including both projected income and expenses for 2024, was discussed at length. After analyzing income and expenditures from 2023 and 2024, a complete and detailed budget for the year 2025 was also created. The Board voted to renew the Certificate of Deposit that recently matured.

Johnston Peach Festival Parade

Saturday, May 4th

Parade starts at 10:30 AM

Parade lineup at 9:30 AM

Arrive at NAPA in Johnston, SC at 8:45 AM for breakfast biscuits and coffee and juice. Restrooms are available and a tour of the facility as time permits.

Rachel Williams will be our host who manages the NAPA Operation and is the daughter and niece of this family owned business enterprise.

If you are planning on attending, please let Darren Riley know, so we can provide an estimated headcount for the kind folks at NAPA.

CLUB CALENDAR

Shade Tree A's Events

May

- 4 Johnston Peach Festival Parade, see announcement on previous page
- 13 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *The Model A Front Spring* - presented by Darren Riley)
- 18 Grandpa's (Jim Dover) Low Country Boil, 11:00AM - 5:00 PM, 596 Springhaven Drive, North Augusta, SC

June

- 1 Queen City Model A Club (Charlotte) visit to Augusta (see announcement on page 9)
- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *TBA*)
- 22 Shade Tree A's Technical Session, Richard's garage, 9:00 AM – noon, rain date June 29

July

- 8 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *TBA*)

August

- 16-17 Shade Tree A's Swap Meet, Thomson, GA

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

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
- 18 Magnolia Ridge Antique Flea Market, Ridge Spring, SC
- 27 17th Annual Benson Classic Car Show, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Benson Fiat-Alfa Romeo Studio, 500A West Wade Hampton Boulevard, Greer, SC (contact Jean Gilstrap at gilstrapacanews@gmail.com)

June

- 14-15 Palmetto A's Swap Meet, Columbia, SC, contact John Cockerill at 803-446-3837, johntwilac@yahoo.com
- 15 Journey Community Church Cruise-In, 10:00 AM – noon, 4798 Hardy McManus Road, Evans, GA

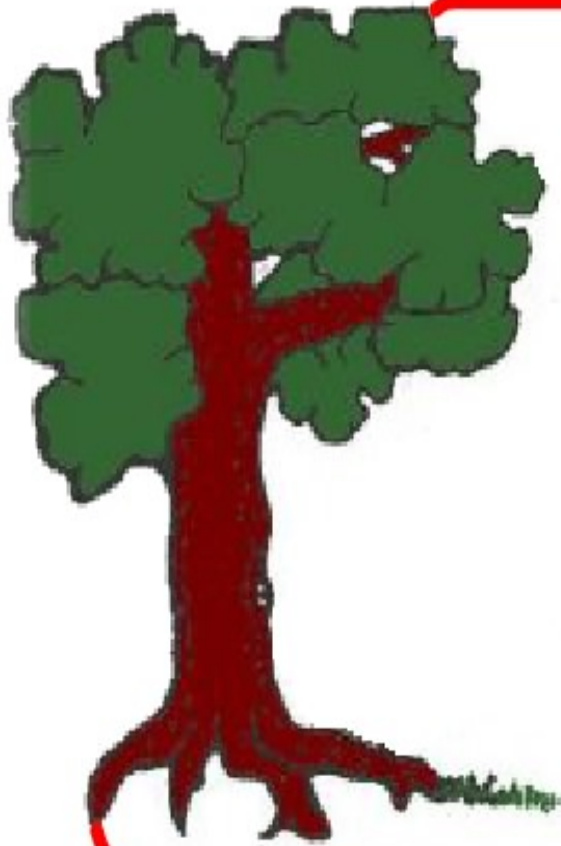
July

- 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.
 - Debra Weaver is recovering from a serious lung condition
- Longtime friend of the Shade Tree A's Ralph Raub of the Old 96 District Model A Club is battling a serious illness. He and Madge will be moving back to Ohio soon.

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



Refreshment Schedule

May

Jim & Sheila McPherson, any volunteers to help, call Jim or Sheila

June

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

July

Robert & Sandra Reis, Don Gordon, Misty Hooker

The first person listed is the primary coordinator for the month



May Birthdays

2	Donna Young	5	Montie Knapp
8	Lois Melchiors	10	Kent Carruthers
10	John Neumar	11	Mike Gordon
13	Josh Dover	16	Kathy Poole
18	Dotti Shogren	19	Rebecca Dover
19	Brenda Prince	20	Gerald Melchiors
21	Billy Garland	24	Linda Krosting
27	Misty Hooker	27	Debra Weaver
28	Ben Deitz	28	Don Gordon
28	Betty Wade		

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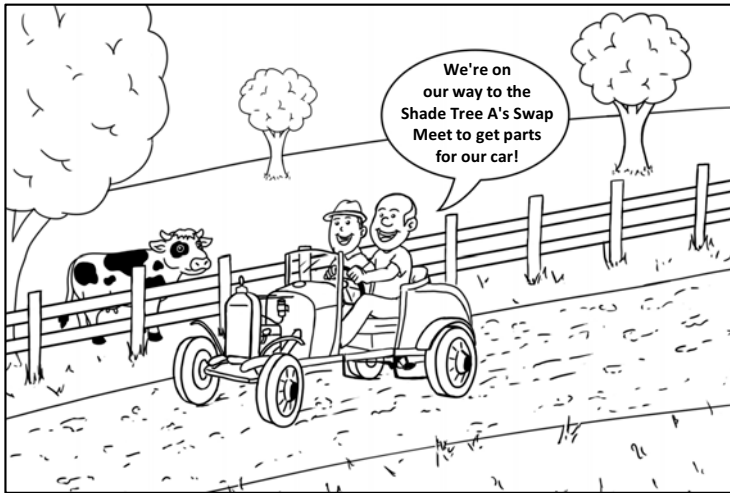
Shade Tree A's Swap Meet

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Shade Tree A's Model A Ford Club

1818 Augusta Highway, Thomson, Georgia 30824

Friday, August 16 and Saturday, August 17, 2024, 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM



There is no Parking, Admission or Vendor fee for this event. Come enjoy your day with fellow Model A enthusiasts. This year we are sponsoring a special workshop on Model A distributors. See details below. Lunch available.

For more information, contact:

Andrew Morse

706-834-2342

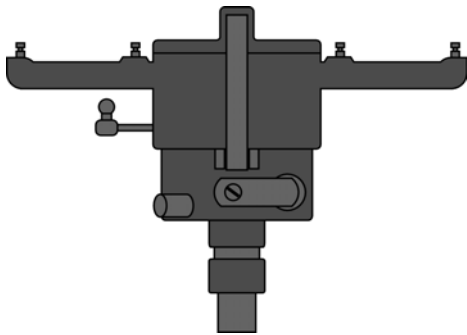
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Jim McPherson

706-564-0120

Distributor Diagnostics and Rebuilding Workshop

SATURDAY, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon



The Shade Tree A's are proud to present a hands on workshop on the Model A distributor. Have your distributor issues professionally evaluated, or get help rebuilding your distributor. Eric Shogren, owner of Guben's Garage, a Model A repair facility, will be available to evaluate your distributor or assist in rebuilding your distributor. Bring your distributor, and the new parts to rebuild it, and Eric will have the tools available to rebuild your distributor.

Smith and Jones Antique Auto Parts will be attending our Swap Meet. Contact Davin Smith with your parts order for delivery to the Swap Meet and save on shipping.

Phone: 803-822-4141, 800-422-1928; e-mail: snjparts@gmail.com



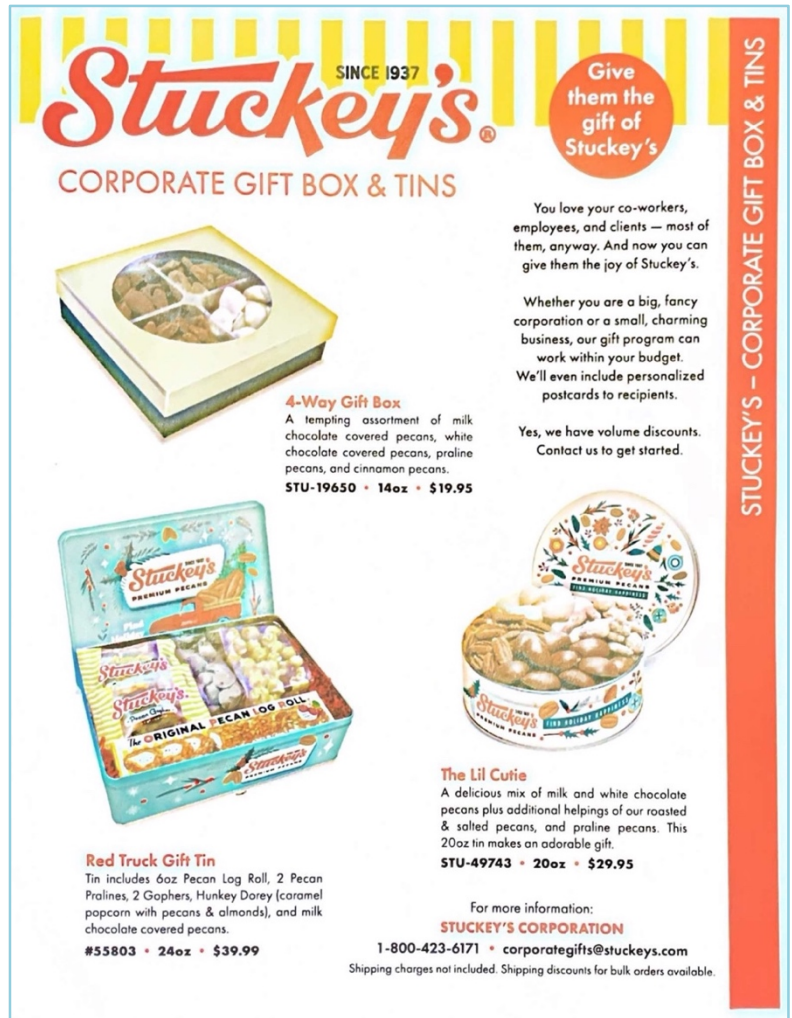
For vendor registration, please contact Andrew Morse or Jim McPherson

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

The tour to Stuckey's is on AGAIN!! Come join us on Friday, May 10, 2024, to see first-hand how one of your favorite candies are made. We will travel by Model A Ford of course to Wrens, GA to the home of the Stuckey Candy Factory and Retail Store. We will leave from the Burger King parking lot on the corner of Barton Chapel and Dean's Bridge Road (2688 Deans Bridge Road) at 10:00 AM and follow Highway 1 to Wrens GA (26 miles). We will get a factory tour and discount on their goods for sale. Stephanie Stuckey (Chairperson of the Company), whose grandfather founded Stuckey's Candies in 1937 while driving a Model A Ford, will be our host. After the Stuckey's factory tour and before heading back home we will have lunch (on your own) at the famous Peggy's Restaurant in Wrens.

Please contact Darren Riley (803-230-9510) if you are going so we can plan for seating at Peggy's.



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Queen City Model A Club Tour to Augusta, GA

On Saturday June 1st we will meet with the Queen City Model A Club from Charlotte, North Carolina in the big room upstairs at Sconyers Bar-B-Que at 6:00 PM. The Queen City club is touring to Augusta and some are even continuing on to Key West! This should be a lot of fun meeting new friends, hearing about their trip and enjoying some great BBQ. Hope to see you all there.



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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.



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

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ENTER GROUP CODE: MDA



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JULY 15TH-18TH 2024

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TEL:1-888-465-4329
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5 MILES TO HOST



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\$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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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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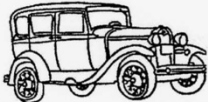
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19th Annual

ALL Model A & Model T SWAP MEET

at

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



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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
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
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Signature _____ Date _____

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JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH'S ANNUAL



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We know not everyone can get to Hickory Corners, MI to buy Model A merchandise; now you can shop Model A items 24/7 year around! And with Mother's and Father's Day around the corner, we've just made shopping a bit easier for the Model A enthusiasts in your life.

The accompanying pictures are some of my purchases; I guess you know what I drive for a Model A!

Happy Motoring,
Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary
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March 2024 President's Flying Quail Message

For those that subscribe to the *Flying Quail* newsletter, I'm sure you've noticed the revised look and enhanced content. The new *Flying Quail* appearance is vibrant and refreshing. I would like to thank Will Langford, Chapter Coordinator Director and Gary Price, Secretary especially for their efforts to renew and revitalize the publication. I would also like to thank all those that contribute articles and material to be include in the newsletter. Keep those articles coming. If you do not subscribe, you should check it out. I think you will find it very informative and interesting.

A couple of months into the new year and I hope you haven't broken all your new year resolutions. I hope you are still getting that "little bit of exercise" each day, eating wiser and healthier and haven't slipped back into that bad habit you swore to yourself to stop. Staying true to the course on our new years' resolutions, as my father once said after trying to hit a golf ball for the first time in his fifties: "It's harder than it looks". After a slow year in 2023, for Elaine and I at least, and driving our Model A only a little more the 5,000 miles my resolution is to drive my Model A weekly, weather permitting. Not to necessarily make it my daily driver but to get it out on a regular basis. So far, so good. Good 'ol south Texas weather makes that possible. Maybe not in your area, but good look getting you Model A out and about on a more regular basis in 2024.

Now is the time for you to decide if you are interested in participating in MAFCA's leadership as a National Director. Information is available on the MAFCA website at: <https://www.mafca.com/elections.html>. Additionally, each Director is available to answer your questions and help steer you in the right direction to run for office.

Our 2024 MAFCA national convention, Southwest "A"ventures", is scheduled for June 23 – 29 and is being hosted by the Southeast Model A's. They have planned a great list of activities and are working diligently to put together a great outing. Check their webpage: <https://www.southwestaventures.com/> for information on registration, including the registration forms, convention clothing items, raffle items and access to purchasing raffle tickets. Sounds too good to miss so start your planning now!

In prior years MAFCA has clearly supported the concept that youth are essential to the Model A hobby's future and chapters are the means to introduce youth to the hobby. Establishing club activities that invite youth participation is a fundamental key to turning our youth into lifelong hobbyists. May of each year has been designated as Model A Youth Month. Now is the time for chapters to complete their planning and beginning to publicize their event. I look forward to reading about the many different ways our chapters are involving our youth in the hobby.

"See you down the road!" Robert Bullard

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Model A's in the News

Rational Model A

Story by Robbie Jones

Photos from Old Cars Magazine

The April 15, 2024 issue of *Old Cars* magazine (oldcarsweekly.com) included an interesting article on a unique Model A pickup truck based on a 1930 Coupe owned by Fred Wicker. Fred is quoted in the article stating "It was turned into a ration truck in 1943 or '44". He further states "The fellow had a young family and he didn't go into the service. You could get four gallons of gas a week with a car, you could get eight gallons of gas a week if you had a truck." Wicker believes the conversion used a kit based on the hardware evident on the Coupe. The article states that Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, Pep Boys, Western Auto made conversion kits for Model A Coupes. The article covers three pages and includes several pictures. Be sure to check out the article if you have or can find a copy.

Setting aside for a moment the fact that the box is made of wood, the coupe's rear side-window gives the ration truck a look not unlike that of an Australian ute.



RECENT EVENTS

A Model A Picnic

Story by Jim McPherson, Photos by Sheila McPherson



The Palmetto A's of Columbia, SC held their 29th annual picnic Saturday April 4th at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC. Bob and Sandy Reis drove their 1929 Model A Woody Panel Truck and Jim and Sheila McPherson went modern. About 15 Model A's and about 40 Model A'ers braved the windy but warm weather to attend. At noon, a buffet lunch greeted the crowd. A 50/50 drawing and a silent auction rounded out the day's activity.



MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

The following article is provided by MAFCA

Whoopee Trousers: Young Men's Style or Mere Catchphrase?

By Laurie Elliott, Santa Clara Valley Chapter

The ad in a M.W. Savage Co., Spring/Summer, 1931 catalog really caught my eye as both the header at the top of the page and the drawing of the center model who was wearing rather wild pants held a banner that used the word "Whoopee." A song began playing inside my head:

"Another bride, Another groom, Another sunny honeymoon, Another season, Another reason, For making whoopee."

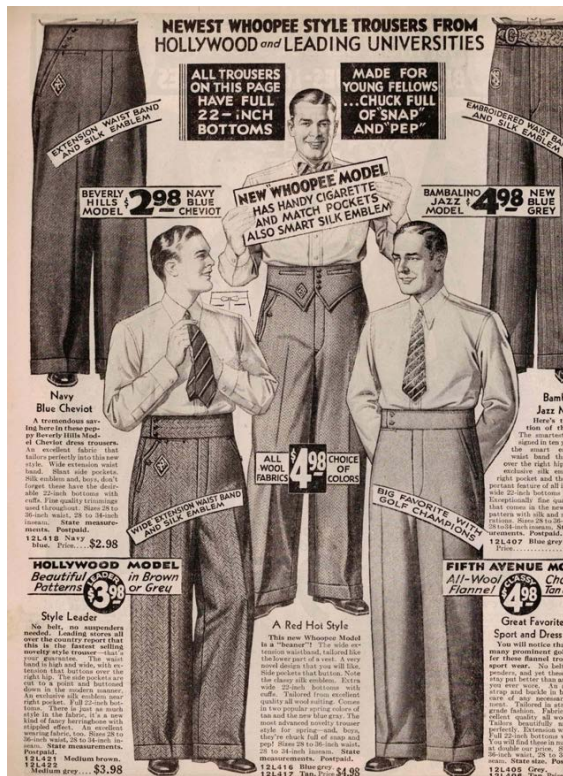
The song, usually referred to as "Makin' Whoopee!" is a jazz/blues song popularized by Eddie Cantor, published and released in November 1928 and appeared in the musical play "Whoopee!" that same year. A movie version of the play was made in 1930. The song has been recorded by numerous artists from Rudy Vallee to Cyndi Lauper, and appears in many movies and TV shows, including Sesame Street where Cookie Monster croons his version, "Eating Cookie." Clearly this song was popular, but I doubt the suggestive "whoopee" in the song means the same thing as the "whoopee" in the ad, which is defined by Webster's as a cry of joy or excitement. Perhaps the ambiguous meaning was part of the appeal by savvy copywriters.

The "Whoopee Style" Ad

By today's standards, these trousers look pretty tame, but in the Model A years of 1928-1931, they were downright imaginative. The ads were mostly aimed at young collegiate men or high schoolers with waist sizes 28" through 36".

The variety of trouser features are shown in the page at left. Some slacks had extended waistbands which may or may not have been shaped, and many had the "new" taller waistbands of 2-3". The text reads, "No belt, no suspenders needed." An adjustable strap and buckle in the back allowed for easy fitting. The 22" wide pant legs were almost always cuffed. Exclusive silk embroidered emblems might be offered near the right pocket.

The pants were made of all wool, wool and cotton blends, or unspecified fabric content, in

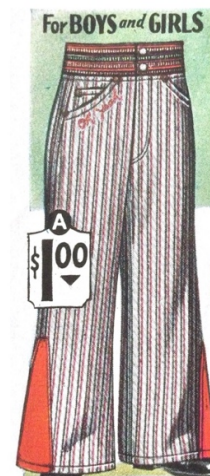


plain weaves, stripes, tweed or herringbone designs. Colors were grey, tan, medium brown, navy blue, and blue grey.

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Sometimes very unusual or colorful pants weren't even identified with the words Whoopee Style. Take a look at the two pair in the ad pictured at right in M.W. Savage Co. Spring & Summer 1931. Very similar trousers (but with 19" wide cuffs) also appeared in 1928's National Bella Hess Co.'s Summer Sale catalog. "Collegiate cut," "Fancy," "Snappy," and "Swagger" are words used to enhance the product descriptions.

Similar pants offered in sizes 6-16 years, and 27"-32" waists, may have had elastic waistbands or elastic waistbands in the back with a plain front. Many listings for young men's or boy's styles such as these models state, "Just like big brother's!" but not, "Just like Dad's!" Hmmm, I wonder why?



"Whoopee" pants for boys or girls in blue denim with red stitching, or in combinations of red and blue fabric were numerous. There were also examples that were a bit more subdued, but colorful compared to solid fabric with matching color stitching. Overalls and playsuits, stressed durability and were offered in children's sizes. The overalls and denim pants in the ad at far left, came in sizes for boys and girls up to age sixteen years.

All three of the examples above are from M.W. Savage Co. Spring & Summer 1931. Why are so many of my examples from this particular catalog? This catalog just happened to have illustrations in color or with arrangements that copied easily.

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Other Whoopee Clothing

We've looked at "Whoopee" pants for young men and playsuits for children but were there any other types of clothing or age groups targeted for Whoopee advertising? Yes, actually, there are a couple more examples.



This unexpected listing from the Montgomery Ward & Co. Fall & Winter 1929-30 catalog reads, "First seen at the smart resorts – and now gaining popularity everywhere. Wear them **over** [emphasis mine] your regular stockings for an extra touch of smartness." These colorful anklets are offered in women's sizes 7 – 10, and are more colorful than the other women's hose and socks in this catalog.



The shoes at left earned their moniker of Whoopee Booties. Offered in patent leather, in red with black trim or black with red trim, these would have been very colorful additions to a women's outfit, and at \$4.98 a pair, were priced \$1 – \$2 higher than most women's leather shoes.

The men's shoe ad to the right uses Whoopee! with great affect. From March, 1929, it describes the shoe as having a "Whoopee heal plate, toe tappers..." and appears to have the word Whoopee printed or etched into the sole, just in case anyone needed clarification. Special thanks to MAFCA Fashion Editor, Sherry Winkinhofer, for these two ads.

Winners and Duds

All of the examples seen above seem to have earned their descriptions as "Whoopee Style" to varying degrees. Below are a couple of duds in my opinion, where the word whoopee is clearly added to get the reader's attention, but the products are plain and without any stylistic flair.

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While this pair of men’s shoes is typical for the time period and seem nice enough, the only new aspect is that they are now offered in navy blue in addition to the usual black or brown. Is this flamboyant enough to earn a Whoopee appellation?

The men’s wool hat to the right first appears to be shapeless and without spark, but imagine it in Royal blue, light green, red or purple! Maybe it has earned its Whoopee title after all, but I wonder just how many were sold or worn in public. Both of these listings are from National Bella Hess Co. Spring & Summer 1930.



Conclusion

I hope you got a kick out of my casual sampling of Model A clothing ads. Interestingly, I didn’t find any ads for women’s dresses, pants or pajamas using the term Whoopee. And definitely not a single ad for any women’s step-ins, bloomers, or any kind of underwear or union suit for women or men. Was “Whoopee Style” a distinctive style in the Model A years? I highly doubt it, but the catch phrase absolutely got my attention!

Sources:

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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 May 1994 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* stated that May would be one of the busiest ever for the Shade Tree A's. Several upcoming events were discussed including the monthly breakfast at Old Hickory House followed by a fuel economy tour to Clark Hill Lake (course determined by Frank Knapp), a three day tour to Charleston, South Carolina and a tour to Redcliffe Plantation. The Authenticity and Troubleshooting column discussed the Winfield vibration dampener to reduce engine vibrations. The "Rest of the Story" for the Richmond Hill tour was also included in pictures.

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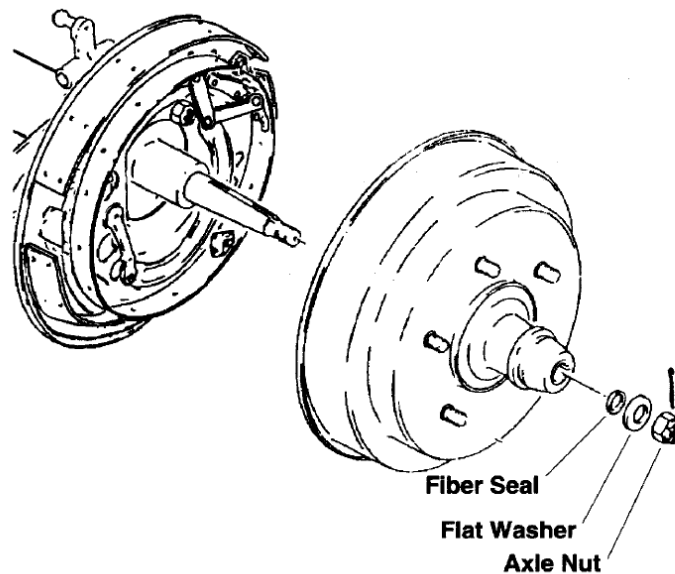
The LAST group picture.

TECHNICAL TOPICS

Jim's Tech Tips

"Check Your Rear Axle Nuts"

Every time I have a rear wheel off of a Model A, I use the opportunity to check the tightness of the rear axle nut for that wheel. They are supposed to be quite tight, and yet I find many with at least one axle nut that is loose. This is not good. If the hub is able to move on the axle, it will cause excess wear to the end of the axle and can damage it to the point where the axle will need to be replaced.



To check it, first remove the cotter key. With the transmission in 1st or Reverse gear, and the opposite rear tire on the ground, you can apply a wrench to the axle nut and confirm it is tight.

Ford did not publish torque values for nuts and bolts; he counted on the experience and "feel" of expert mechanics to know how tight to make things. Les Andrews has a value of 125 ft-lbs. in his book for this nut, and I feel that is a good target to shoot for. Watch the position of the cotter pin hole relative to the slots in the axle nut. If the pin will not line up on the nut, keep tightening the nut until the cotter pin goes in. Bend the ears over. I use a new cotter pin every time.

This simple maintenance step will help you avoid bigger problems down the road.

Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim

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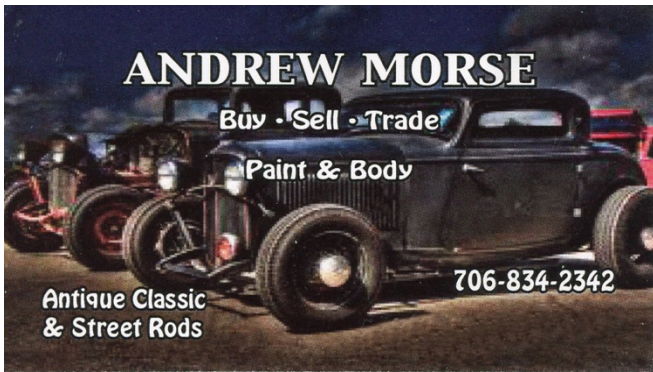
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