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On the Front Cover

Andrew Morse takes a break from his strenuous hosting duties to browse through the parts available at the Shade Tree A's annual swap meet. Story and more photos on page 12. 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

We just returned from a wonderful but very hot 50-mile Model A tour to McCormick, SC, that was advertised as a warmup for our tour to Orangeburg, SC in September. It met all of our expectations in every sense of the word. Darren Riley did another outstanding job as our club's Tour Director planning and leading the tour group. We had 5 Model A's and nine STA members and guests. Darren Riley, Charlie Weaver Sr., Donna Weaver, Heather Weaver, Kenny Atkins, Stuart Smith, Steve Spencer, and Theresa and Craig McMullin. The group's destination was Michelle's known in the area for making the best pizza around but they also have a full and varied menu. We were not disappointed and we will have to make that stop again anytime we are in town. The Model A's looked so good driving at about 45mph with many folks waving and honking as we passed by. It never gets old.

If you've never been on a fairly long Model A tour, Saturday September 21st is just a few weeks away. You will not be disappointed as you will be in good company enjoying the camaraderie and the Model A experience. Traveling country roads through SC midlands to join other Model A Clubs from Aiken, Columbia and Charleston (to name a few) will be quite the rendezvous to remember and not to be missed. Darren will have all the tour details at the next Club meeting and via email shortly. Please come join us!

Ahooga,

Craig McMullin - President

MEETING MINUTES

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



Shade Tree A's Election of Officers

It will soon be time to elect club officers for 2024. If you're interested in serving on the Board or as an officer, contact the Nominating Committee Chairman, Jim McPherson. Nominations are due by October 15, 2024.

MONTHLY MEETING TIME & LOCATION

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

CLUB CALENDAR

Shade Tree A's Events

September

9 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *The New Burtz Model A Engine*, presented by Stuart Smith and Darren Riley)

October

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

November

Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *Motor Oil for Antique Automobiles*, presented by Robbie Jones)

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

September

21-22 MAFFI Model A Days, Model A Ford Museum on the Gilmore Car Museum campus in Hickory Corners, MI

October

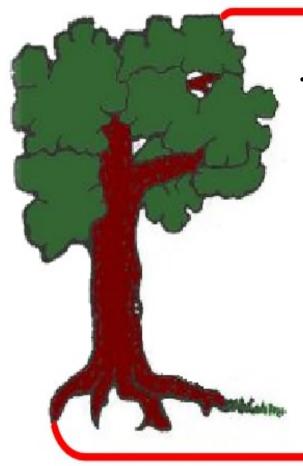
- 8-11 AACA Eastern Fall National Meet, Hershey, PA
- 23-26 AACA Southeastern Fall National Meet, Huntsville, AL
- Warren Reynold's Annual Yard Sale, 8:00 AM until (rain or shine), bargains galore, possibly two or more Model A's for sale

December

11-14 MAFCA National Awards Banquet and Mini Convention, Salt Lake City, UT

April 2025

11-12 Old 96 District Swap Meet, Greenwood, SC



Shade Tree A's Member News

- Please continue to keep the following Shade Tree A's members in your thoughts and prayers:
 - Misty Hooker and Janet Neumar being treated for cancer.

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



Refreshment Schedule

September

Matt Barrett, Steve Teal, Frank Knapp

Richard Dunevent, Andrew Morse,

Gerald Melchiors November

Volunteers needed

The first person listed is the primary coordinator for the month



August Birthdays

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

2023 Monroe Wade Award Nominations

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

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

Monroe Wade and the Shade Tree A's

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

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

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



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

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

Nominations for the Monroe Wade Award may be submitted to a member of the Award committee: Matt Barrett, Gerald Melchiors, or Don Turley. Please provide a brief explanation with your nomination explaining why you believe the person deserves the award.

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August 2024 President's Web Message

Natural disasters have been front and center in my windshield these past two months. First, my hometown, Houston, just endured hurricane Beryl and I'm happy to report that all my Model A friends and colleagues are doing well. Fortunately, Beryl was "only" a category one. Even at this low level though, flooding and wind damage was substantial. I'm writing this newsletter two days after the storm and between 1.5 and 2.0 million people in' the Houston metroplex area are still without power. Daytime temperatures are back in the 90's with relatively high humidity so now heat stress is a major concern. Hopefully the thousands of workers out there working to restore power will not suffer any injury and be able to return electrical power quickly and keep the personal suffering to a minimum.

Secondly, the Southwest Model A's convention committee, along with select MAFCA support, is continuing to work diligently on "unwinding" all the many pieces of the cancelled 2024 National Convention. Just today I received my letter from the committee outlining my refund options and I am impressed at how professional the committee is conducting this business. I know that soon they will offer an auction of the available raffle items hoping to recover some of the non- recoverable expenses from the convention. I ask that those that are able to support this effort to please do so. This auction represents an important piece of the financial puzzle they are trying manage.

Significant work has been done to modernize and update MAFCA's website. The improvements are in beta testing now and will be available to all the membership soon. The new website will be an amazing step forward and I'm excited about the new form and function. Interaction on almost any level will be enhanced along with a simpler user interface. Be prepared to embrace this new look within the next few months. I think you will be truly impressed.

Once again MAFCA will have a presence at Model A Days, September 20-21, 2024, at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan courtesy of MAFFI. This year the theme will honor the Model A bus. MAFFI will unveil a newly restored 1931 bus at a special dinner being held at the Gilmore Carriage House Event Center. This bus has undergone an authentic, three- year restoration and promises to be a real jewel. Additionally, the Gilmore Car Museum was recently named "Top Automobile Museum in the World". The 90-acre Gilmore campus is home to many other car museums, in addition to the Model A Ford Museum, and over 400 antique and collector cars. In addition to the Model A museum, museums on the campus include the Horseless Carriage Club Museum, The AACA Museum, Cadillac, Studebaker, Kaiser and others. If you have not attended Model A days in the past, you definitely want to put it on your bucket list of events to attend. You will be dutifully impressed with the event, the grounds and the quality of antique cars and memorabilia offered for viewing.

Lastly, this year's Model A Days will be even more special with the installation of 100 bricks recognizing those chapters of the Model A Ford Club of America who have achieved at least 50 years of continuous membership. A ceremony will recognize these MAFCA chapters with a specially engraved brick. If you have been to the museum before you have seen the sidewalks with the many bricks placed by individuals and chapters for recognition and memorials. Beginning with this year's Model A Days these important MAFCA chapters will be recognized as well. I would like to especially thank Will Langford, MAFCA 2024 Director and John Begg, MAFFI President for their cooperative effort to make this recognition happen.

"See you down the road!" Robert Bullard

THE running BOARD REPORT

We are very pleased to announce the MARC Board of Directors has approved the following new initiatives to help increase our membership. We hope this information is both useful and valuable to you. Please contact any Board member with questions or comments.

Joe Valentine, President

Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

aybe you're thinking about joining MARC but don't know if it's worth the price of admission? Well, how about a <u>free first-year</u> trial run to start off and receive the newly published digital copy of the world-class *Model A News* and all the other great benefits of MARC membership. You've nothing to lose and everything to gain! New members only, so take advantage of this fabulous offer!

new category called "Driving Class" is being developed just for MARC members who wish to have their cars judged but safety and mechanical modifications prevent them from competing in the existing classes. The vehicles must still appear to be a "stock" Model A, but "modern" running gear improvements, some Model B parts, and other mods will be allowed. Please contact Jim Zimmer (Director of Regions) for details as a committee is now being formed.

enewing our offer of a free* set of *Technically Speaking* books to Regions achieving 100% MARC membership (excluding Regions that previously qualified) is something the Board is happy to announce. The Board has voted to allow the exclusion of your club's "Honorary" or "Lifetime" members in the count, so encourage ALL your members to join the Model A Restorers Club! (*\$15 postage only).

ontinuing with our goal of improving your club, the Board is also working to establish several new types of membership levels and we're looking into the possibility of additional National Tours in the future. Keep an eye on the *Model A News* and the MARC Facebook page for updates.





It's Really an Annual MAFCA Mini Convention

December 11th through 14th 2024

Welcome to Salt Lake City! We invite you to attend the 2024 National Awards Banquet and Mini Convention, hosted by the Utah Valley Model A Club, Salty As and Beehive As.

The activities will originate from the Salt Lake City Marriott University Park Hotel at 480 S Wakara Way, Salt Lake City, UT, 84108. For reservations call 801-581-1000 or book online at the <u>Marriott booking portal</u>. Special Awards Banquet room rates are \$129. From its location near the University of Utah campus, you can get a view of the entire Salt Lake Valley.

Plan on arriving Wednesday December 11th in time for the Welcome Reception at 7:00 p.m. Stay through Saturday night, December 14 and attend the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square live broadcast of *Music and the Spoken Word* on Sunday morning. This broadcast runs from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.



Wednesday December 11th: Welcome Reception Reconnect with your nationwide Model A friends while snacking on hors d'oeuvres with the help of a no-host bar. (Yes, you can get a drink in Utah.) Enjoy the floor show we have planned for your entertainment.



Thursday December 12th: Seminars and Fashions Workshop
Three seminars to inform and entertain are on the docket for this
day. Take the Ultimate Model A Quiz; learn about Utah History; and a
special appearance by nationally known Ford scholar, Henry
Dominguez who will tell us about Edsel Ford's contribution to the
development of the Model A. Running concurrently will be a fashions
workshop where you can make items to add to your period attire
collection.



Friday December 13th- A day trip to Promontory Summit We'll take you to the Northrup Grumman Rocket Garden on the way to Promontory Point where the Golden Spike was driven on May 10th 1869. The locomotives are under maintenance this time of year, so we will be given a tour of the Engine House to see the work that's going on in there.



Saturday December 14th: Salt Lake City Bus Tour This half-day professional history tour will take you to see the end of the Mormon Trail, Pioneer Village, the State Capitol Building, the Cathedral of the Madelene, and Temple Square where we will enjoy a live organ recital in the Tabernacle. That evening, come enjoy the no-host bar and Awards Banquet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS





Model A Enthusiasts:

Today, August 19, 2024. the site at the Model A Museum was prepared for the expansion construction to begin! How exciting!! The expansion will allow for more cars to be displayed and stored, more vignettes to be displayed showing era scenes, a garage where cars can be worked on AND where education can take place for maintenance/overhauls of the Model A. There will be a



restroom in the building with the expansion as well, which may not be as exciting, but certainly will be appreciated!

Many Model A enthusiasts have contributed to this expansion. We have cash donors, donors who have given Model A cars to be sold, Model A enthusiasts who have purchased Sweepstakes tickets to help out, others have purchased a plaque with their car and name on it to go on the wall as a way of helping. There's also many people to thank behind the scenes too; those gave hours of time getting the donated Model A's for sale running well is just one example. It takes a whole lot of Model A'ers to make a museum this great, and we thank you and love you for it.

Although the expansion is officially underway, we can't stop now! There is a whole new piece of real estate to outfit to tell the story of the Model A and its place in history, so we will continue to fundraise until all the pieces are in place. Thank you for whatever you have done and can do to help the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Museum be the best.

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

RECENT EVENTS

Shade Tree A's Third Annual Swap Meet

Story by Jim McPherson Photos by Robbie Jones

On Friday, August 16th, and Saturday, August 17th, the Shade Tree A's hosted their 3rd Annual Swap Meet at the business of Andrew Morse in Thomson Georgia. Vendors started arriving Thursday afternoon from as far away as Alabama, North Carolina, and Savannah. Seventeen vendors attended with a variety of new and used Model A parts, including Davin Smith from Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts. There were four new vendors this year and eight Shade Tree A's members vending. Four Model A clubs attended the Swap Meet, including the Palmetto A's who made this a Club Tour. Foot traffic was light Friday morning, but buyers were out in force Saturday, coming from Florida, South Georgia, Alabama, and North Carolina looking for needed Model A parts and even a chassis. New this year, and to swap meets in general, was a workshop on Model A distributors, presented by our very own Eric Shogren, proprietor of Guben's Garage in Aiken, South Carolina. Several attendees commented that their primary purpose in attending the swap meet was the distributor workshop. Lunch was available Friday and Saturday.









RECENT EVENTS Shade Tree A's Third Annual Swap Meet

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MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

The following article has been provided by MAFCA

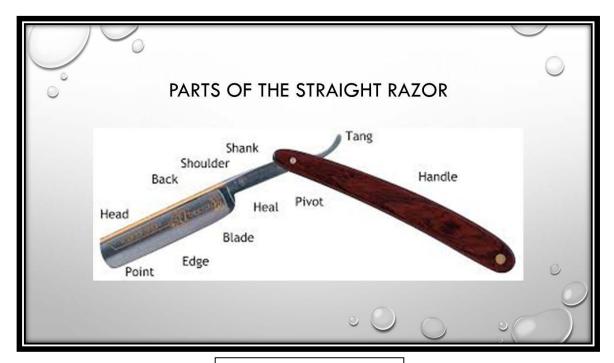
It's Razor Thin

By Perry Jones, Piney Wood Model A Ford Club

When I think about shaving during the Model A Era, I always think about straight razors (also known as cut throats), and a lathering cup and brush. This type of razor has been used for centuries for shaving and grooming, and it is still popular among many barbers and shaving enthusiasts today. But where did the straight razor come from, and who invented it?

The exact origins of the straight razor are unclear, but historians believe that the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans all used similar types of razors for shaving. However, the modern straight razor as we know it today was first developed in Sheffield, England, during the 18th century.

The first known maker of straight razors in Sheffield was Benjamin Huntsman, a cutler who developed a new method of producing high-quality steel known as crucible steel. Huntsman's crucible steel was strong, durable, and easy to sharpen with a leather strop (pronounced sträp), making it ideal for use in straight razors.



Anatomy of a Straight Razor

MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE



Huntsman's straight razors quickly became popular among barbers and gentlemen alike, and the demand for his razors grew rapidly. Other cutlers in Sheffield soon began producing their own straight razors, and by the early 19th century, Sheffield had become the center of the world's straight razor industry.

The images below and to the left are from Montgomery Ward Fall/Winter 1929-30 catalogue.



Despite the invention of the safety razor, the straight razor remained popular among barbers and shaving enthusiasts throughout the 20th century. Today, many barbers and shavers still prefer to use a straight razor for its precision and control.

MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE



In 1903, King Camp Gillette (shown left), an American Entrepreneur, introduced the world's first system razor—a two-piece safety razor with a thin, strong, sharp double-edge blade attached to a reusable handle. When the Gillette system razor hit the market, it didn't take long for

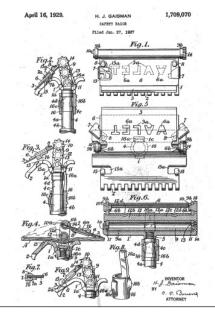
blade sales to reach into the millions.

Safety razors of the Model A era typically used a double sided blade and when they

became dull, they were replaced with a new blade. The Valet Auto-strop was different in that you could strop the blade while the razor was still in the razor head. The Auto-strop Safety Razor Company, Inc., or Auto Strop, was founded on April 27, 1906 by Henry J. Gaisman, R. E. Dwight, H. K. Stockton and Henry Audley in New York City. Its industry was shaving products and its headquarters remained in New York. In 1927, the holding company Auto-strop Corporation was merged into its Auto-strop Safety Razor subsidiary. It was acquired by the Gillette Safety Razor 1930. continued Company in Gillette



manufacturing Auto Strop razors until 1946, and Auto Strop razor blades until the 1950s.



Valet Auto Strop Patent granted April 16, 1929

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MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE



Let's not forget the ladies. This vintage hand razor was manufactured by the Curvfit Razor Company of New York City. The patent for the design was issued in 1913 and became a retail product in 1924. The razor had some popularity and was on the market until 1945. The razor design incorporated a flexible blade which allowed the

razor to follow the contour of the razor head.

Shaving tools are quite common in Antique stores as well as on Etsy or eBay, so finding a razor to add to your collection of fashion accessories would be very easy to do. Happy hunting.



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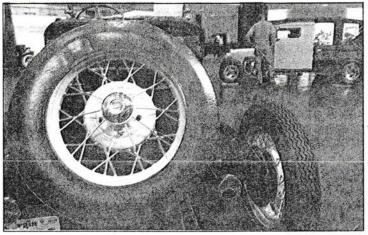
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THE SHADE TREE A'S - THIRTY YEARS AGO



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 September 1994 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter, reported that many members were busy making improvements to their Model A's such as paint jobs, body work, engine rebuilding and total restorations, just in time for upcoming parades and tours in the cooler weather. The Shade Tree A's were also asked to display their cars at the upcoming 2nd Annual Historic Augusta Antique Show at the Bell Auditorium. The report on the annual dinner meeting stated that the club viewed the movie "A's to Charleston". It was also reported that the Ladies Driving School graduated two more drivers. Jim McPherson's Authenticity and Troubleshooting column described how to adjust brakes. The Newsletter also provide a



NATALEE WALTERS STAFF

On the A-list

A 1929 Model A is shown on display at Regency Mall. The car was one of about 25 displayed by Shade Tree Model A's of Martinez on Sunday. The Ford Model A was made only in the late 1920s through the early 1930s.

report on the MAFCA-MARC national meet which Jim and Sheila McPherson and Don Turley attended in Tacoma, Washington. Finally, an article titled "*The Model A Ford: car of a thousand uses*" described how rugged and versatile the Model A is.



SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT

This lineup makes a great display, but the top picture looks like it's missing a few things compared to the bottom one. Can you find the differences?



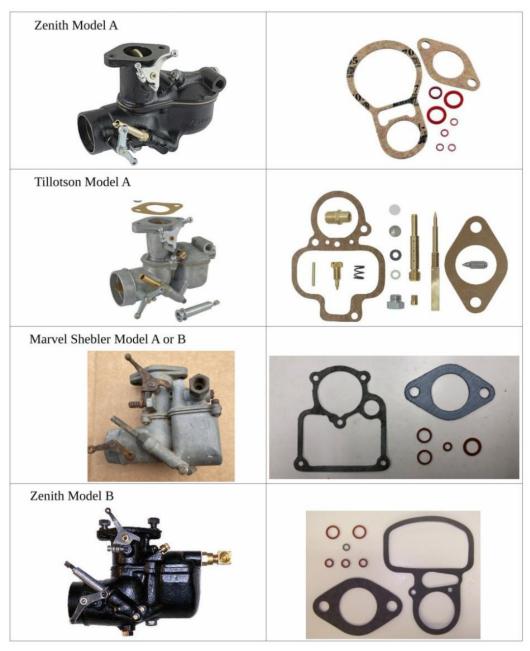
The lamp post on the right is missing, the narrow horizontal window at the roof's edge above the right Model A is missing, one of the top widows on the far left is missing, a head light is missing on the left Model A, the license plate mounted to the bumper is missing on the middle Model A and the passenger side outside mirror is missing on the left Model A.

TECHNICAL TOPICS Jim Cannon's Tech Tips

Identifying Your Carburetor

When ordering parts or looking up adjustment specs for your carburetor, it is important that you identify which one you have. Below are 4 of the most common carbs used on a Model A with the gasket sets they use, which gives you a feel for the shape of the casting and bowl.

Until next time, Have a Model A Day! Jim



Member Advertisements

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

<u>FOR SALE</u>: Original Model 'A' flywheel housing, no cracks, bead-blasted, painted and ready to install. \$135. Pick it up at my home in Evans, GA. Bring cash. Don Turley 706-589-0738

<u>FOR SALE</u>: 1931 Slant Window Fordor that is partially disassembled. Asking \$4,300 and have lots of parts needed for the restoration. Keith East, Easley, SC (Contact Jim McPherson for more information)



<u>FOR SALE</u>: Early 1930 Ford AA stake bed truck with duallies. Running stock engine and 4 speed. Cab is in primer. Some body work and upholstery required. \$11,000. Contact Larry Komp at 706-825-7395 or larrkomp@gmail.com. For picture, see the August 2024 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter*.

<u>FOR SALE</u>: Zenith carburetors rebuilt, jets calibrated, painted and road tested, \$250 with rebuildable carb, \$300

outright. Contact Matt Barrett at 706-799-3699 or Mattb@wowway.com

<u>FOR SALE</u>: 1931 Slant Window Fordor Sedan Mitchell Overdrive, high compression head, AC. Many other options. Includes 16' aluminum trailer. \$30,000 - Florence, SC Contact Van Threadgill (843) 687-0887



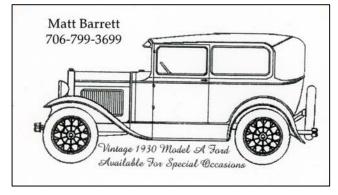
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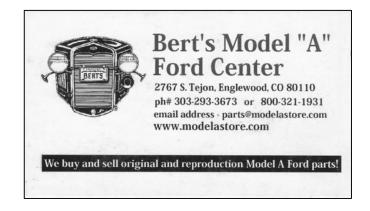


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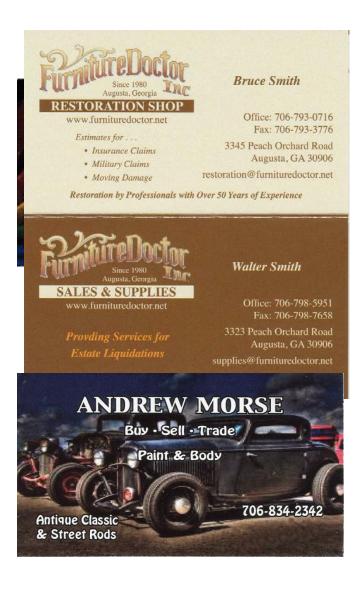


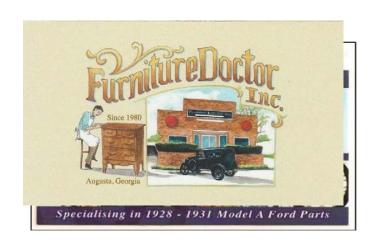














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