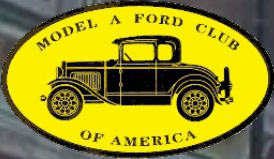


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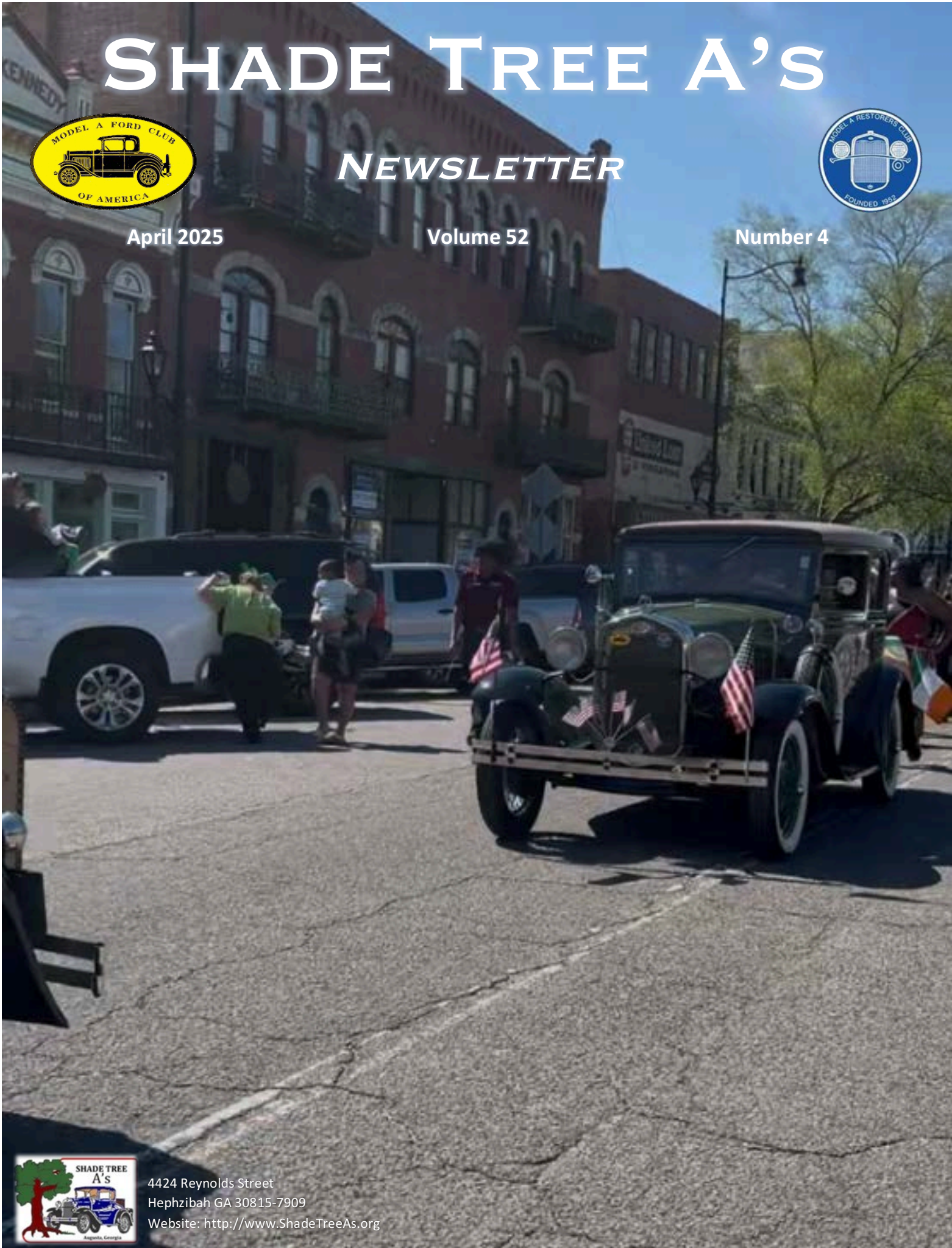
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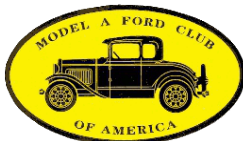
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On the Front Cover

Shade Tree A's member Matt Barrett drove his Vicky in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Augusta, Georgia. Shade Tree A's member Paul Muckenfuss also participated and drove his Cabriolet. Photo by Helen McGrady.

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

Andrew Morse - President

Greetings all,

With April here and Masters around the corner it's finally spring!

I would have to say that after seeing Gerald Melchior's program on Model A interiors, that we have definitely got a great group of talented members in our club. Whether you need a brake adjustment, front end shimmy tightened up, wiring problem chased down, major to minor engine noises diagnosed, transmissions not shifting, overheating radiators to even a little paint and body repair, our membership is a very diverse group of talents when it comes to the Model A. If there's a problem, someone in the club has experienced it and has the solution. The Shade Tree A's are heads above other clubs with the years of experience that we have.

Looking at the months ahead you don't want to miss the technical programs we have planned. With spring here and warmer weather, the tours, swap meets, parades, car shows, and other events, the calendar will be filling up with things to do.

If you don't have a Model A or want to add another to your stable, there are a few on the market in the club. Don't wait for a special event to drive your Model A, there's always Wednesdays lunch at Cici's Pizza at 11:00. See you there.

The best to you and your families,

Andrew Morse - President

MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2025

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Steve Spencer, Secretary

The monthly meeting of The Shade Tree A's was held, March 10, 2025 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Andrew Morse brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, welcomed all twenty-three members in attendance, and Jerry Williams our guest. There was one contribution to our Name Tag Penalty Cup.

There was no "Joke of The Month," even so, President Andrew Morse shared a story from his personal experience, and all present responded with a hearty laugh.

Vice President: Jim McPherson announced our technical program will be presented by Gerald Melchoirs, on the topic of "Doing Your Own Interior Upholstery on Your Model A."

Treasurer's Report: Stuart Smith reviewed income and expenses and concluded stating, "We're good!" Our Treasury remains solvent and sufficient to cover all upcoming club functions.

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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

MEETING MINUTES

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Secretary's Report: Steve Spencer made a correction to the February minutes stating that the guest speaker was Troy Dalsing, President of the Queen City Model A Club; not the Palmetto A's. Steve also shared the unfortunate news that his Brother-in-Law, and STA club member, Steven Mason recently passed away. Prayers are requested for Steven Mason's wife, Paula, and her family.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and the February meeting Minutes (with the correction stated above). That motion passed by unanimous vote.

National Director: Kenny Adkins reviewed his Activity Report written for "The Restorer," and "The Model A News," highlighting the February Sweetheart Breakfast, and other STA activities.

Newsletter Editor: Gratitude was expressed for the good job always done by Robbie Jones for his monthly publication of the STA's Newsletter.

Tour Director: Darren Riley thanked everyone for their support and attendance at the February Sweetheart Breakfast. Those present gave a big thank you to Darren and Pat Riley for spearheading this event and for allowing our group to utilize their awesome church facilities at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Harlem, GA.

Show & Tell: No information shared.

Old Business: A review of the following was stated by President Morse:

- Feb 15th: The Valentine Sweetheart Breakfast
- If your membership dues have not been paid, please pay immediately.

- Refreshment volunteers are needed for the May monthly meeting. If you can help, please contact Darrell Henderson at your earliest convenience.
- The Model A that belonged to deceased STA member Larry Duvall is for sale. Contact Andrew Morse for more information.
- Don Turley has provided a list of STA officers for the last fifty years. Appreciation was expressed to Don.
- All members are invited to the Wednesday luncheon, at CiCi's on Wheeler Road, 11:00 AM.
- Dan Perla still has STA magnetic signs available at a cost of \$20.00 each. Signs can be attached to your cars and this is a great way to promote the STA's. Contact Dan if interested.

New Business: President Morse highlighted the upcoming opportunities:

- March 17: Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Augusta
- March 22: Palmetto A's Picnic in the Park - Darren Riley will coordinate a club tour and email details to club members (approximately 114 miles round trip).
- March 22: Historic Willington Day. Contact Debra Fuller for details.
- March 29: Tech Session, "Model A Brakes: How to Inspect, Adjust, Repair." Lead by Eric Shogren, at Richard's garage, 9:00 AM. Bring your Model A.
- April 3,4,5: Moultrie Swap Meet, also Charlotte Auto Fair.
- April 11 & 12: Greenwood Swap Meet - There will be a STA Tour to this event. Details will be emailed to all members by Darren Riley.

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MEETING MINUTES

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Model A Progress Reports: Recovered, Restored, Repaired, Relished! STA members shared the following information about work done to improve their Model A's...

- Darren Riley: Matt Barrett's car is on the road again, in light of a new cam installed, and work completed on valves and lifters.
- Kenny Adkins: the oil pump for his truck is being rebuilt.
- Steve Spencer: Andrew Morse painted a pin stripe on Steve's coupe, and this will be the subject for an upcoming Tech Session presentation.
- Neil Brown: shared a beautiful photo album illustrating the restoration process of his 1929 closed cab, Model A pick-up truck. Neil will return to his home in Michigan very soon, and thanked the STA members for their warm reception while he was a "snow bird" in the Augusta area for the last few months. A sincere invitation was presented to Neil to return again and join us for all club activities. Neil, you will be missed! Have a safe trip home. Please come again!

Technical Program: Gerald Melchiors, member of STA's, presented an excellent program entitled, "Why Do Your Own Upholstery?" This presentation included information on how to do interior upholstery work on your Model A. You will save money, experience personal satisfaction, and establish bragging rights. Gerald covered all the bases including: fabric and materials needed; tools to use; kits as an option; and his technique for making welting and windlace. Gerald started doing his own upholstery work on his classic, vintage cars when he was in his late twenties, and assisted his Mother with some of her home furniture upholstery projects. It was very obvious that

Gerald is an accomplished upholsterer! He gave encouragement to all of us as Model A enthusiasts to give it a try. Gerald, was thanked for sharing a wealth of "how to" upholstery information with the Shade Tree A's.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM after which members enjoyed refreshments provided by Tom and Kathy Poole, Andrew and Mary Morse, and Doug and Shelia Wilson. Thanks to these refreshment providers! Next monthly meeting: April 14th, at 7:00 PM, Richard's garage.



Photo by Andrew Morse

Correction To February Meeting Minutes

The February meeting minutes published in the March 2025 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter* mistakenly identified the guest speaker, Troy Dalsing, as President of the Palmetto A's. Troy is President of the Queen City Model A Club, not the Palmetto A's.

CLUB CALENDAR

Shade Tree A's Events

April

- 12 Shade Tree A's Tour to the Old 96 District Swap Meet, Greenwood, SC
- 14 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *Rebuilding the Model A Oil Pump*, presented by Kenny Adkins)

May

- 12 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *Rebuilding the Seven-Tooth Steering Sector*, presented by Eric Shogren)

June

- 9 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *Pin Striping*, presented by Andrew Morse)

Every Wednesday at 11:00

Join the Shade Tree A's for lunch at Cicis Pizza on Wheeler Road

TBA - To Be Announced

Other Events of Interest

April

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

May

- 10 Kiokee Kruizers Car Show, Old Country Store, Appling, GA, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, free lunch

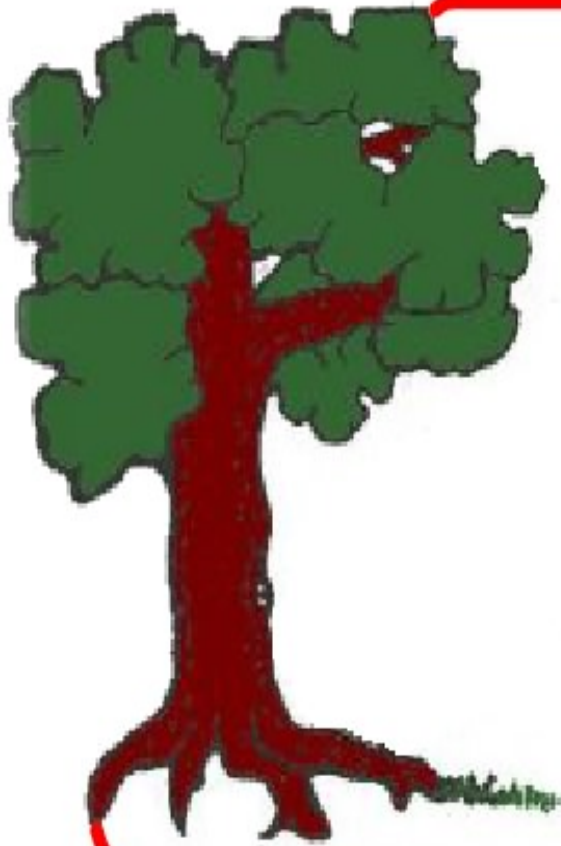
June

- 6-7 Smith & Jones swap meet, food truck and Model A & T cruise-in on Saturday
- 15-20 MARC National Meet, Gettysburg, PA
- 15-22 MAFCA 2025 National Tour, American Civil War, Pennsylvania and Virginia
- 28 Gulf Coast Model A Swap Meet, Pensacola, FL

August

- 15-16 Shade Tree A's swap meet, 1818 Augusta Highway, Thomson, GA

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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:
 - Shade Tree A's member Betty Wade recently passed away. Prayers are requested for Deborah and Joyce and their families.
 - Steve Spencer's brother-in-Law, and Shade Tree A's member, Steven Mason recently passed away. Prayers are requested for Steven Mason's wife, Paula, and her family.
 - Misty Hooker and Janet Neumar being treated for cancer. Misty has received word that she is cancer free but is continuing treatments as a precaution. Janet Neumar is seeing new doctor and doing better.
- Jim McPherson recently purchased a 1930 Model A Station Wagon. See the article and photos under recent events.

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



Refreshment Schedule

April

Kenny Adkins, Darren Riley

May

Darrell Henderson

June

Eddy Barrett, Frank Knapp, Stuart Smith

The first person listed is the primary coordinator for the month



April Birthdays

- 4 Eddy Barrett
- 5 Mike Davis
- 5 Glory Davis
- 10 Theresa McMullin
- 10 Tom Poole
- 10 Jerry Williams
- 14 Ann Dinkins
- 16 Shirley Teal
- 19 Christa Muckenfuss
- 20 Richard Lawson
- 22 Annette Jones
- ?? Richard Walker

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Steven A. Mason

March 22, 1960 - February 19, 2025 (age 64)

Shade Tree A's member Steve Mason, Steve Spencer's brother-in-law, passed away February 19, 2025. The following is Steve's obituary taken from the website of Gibson and Son Funeral Home in Hawesville, Kentucky.

Steven A. Mason, 64, of Hawesville, passed away on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital with his family by his side. He was born in Owensboro, KY on March 22, 1960 to Thomas and Kay Mason. Steve was a member of Hawesville Baptist Church, where he was on the Building and Grounds Committee and was retired from Domtar after 38 years of service. Steve had many interests and hobbies throughout his life; riding dirt bikes, '71 Chevelle's, '78 Dodge pick-up trucks, building cars and participating in demolition derbies. He enjoyed raising a vegetable garden, golfing, fishing, hunting, bowling, cooking, going on cruises, boating, water skiing, raising chickens and collecting eggs. He celebrated life. Steve was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Mason and stepfather, Pascal Powers.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Paula Spencer Mason; daughters, Jaclyn (Reat) Haynes and Leslie (Andrew) Clark; grandchildren, Shealyn Mason, Lainey Myers, Bailey Myers, Trace Haynes, Oliver Haynes, Mason Clark, Preston Clark, Spencer Clark and Charlotte Clark; Mother, Kay Powers; stepmother, Martha Mason; step siblings, Martina (Chuck) Billings, Brian (Lisa) Greer, Ruth (Rick) Grant and Glen Powers; brother in law, Steve (Rita) Spencer; aunts, Mary Jane (Johnny) Owens and Carolyn Cassady; uncle, Wendell (Beverly) Richardson along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2025 at Hawesville Baptist Church with burial following in Mt. Eden Baptist Church Cemetery. Steve's family will be greeting friends on Monday at the church from 10 a.m. until service time at the church. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Hawesville Baptist Church Building Fund.

Shade Tree A's Magnetic Signs

By Dan Perla

The club's Board of Directors had ordered magnetic car signs with the club's logo. They are 12" x 18" and are .045" thick. I have driven on the interstate with them attached to my truck at 70 mph and they didn't come off.

I have a list of those who requested the magnetic signs, but if you were not at the last meeting and would like to obtain one or more, please contact me. They will be available for \$10 each.

Email: perlad@earthlink.net

Cell: 706-373-5730

At the last meeting, 24 were spoken for, and another 4 were requested at CiCi's lunch gathering on the October 23. They are scheduled to be delivered by the 31st of October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

19th 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 11-12, 2025

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 \$30.00 pre-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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Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts

20th Annual

ALL Model A & Model T SWAP MEET

Car Display and Cruise-In (Saturday only)

60 Wisconsin St. West Columbia, SC

Friday, June 6, 2024 8am to 5pm

Saturday, June 7, 2024 8am to 3pm

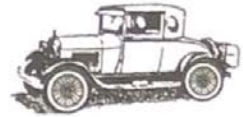
Vendor Space registration \$30/two days

Car Corral: \$10 for two days

Palmetto A Members - Free Vendor Space

Food Concession

Contact: Davin Smith at 803-822-4141



Vendor Sign Up Form

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Will you be arriving and setting up on Thursday, June 5? _____

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

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

Smith and Jones Antique Auto Parts

By participation in this event and signing this form I/we agree to hold harmless Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts and any of the agents thereof, in the event of accident or injury to any participant, person or group.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Model A & Model T Fords!



Gulf Coast Model A Club SWAP MEET

Saturday June 28 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Join fellow enthusiasts to buy sell & trade at the home of
Model A Ford Vintage Parts
2206 La Vista Ave Pensacola FL 32504

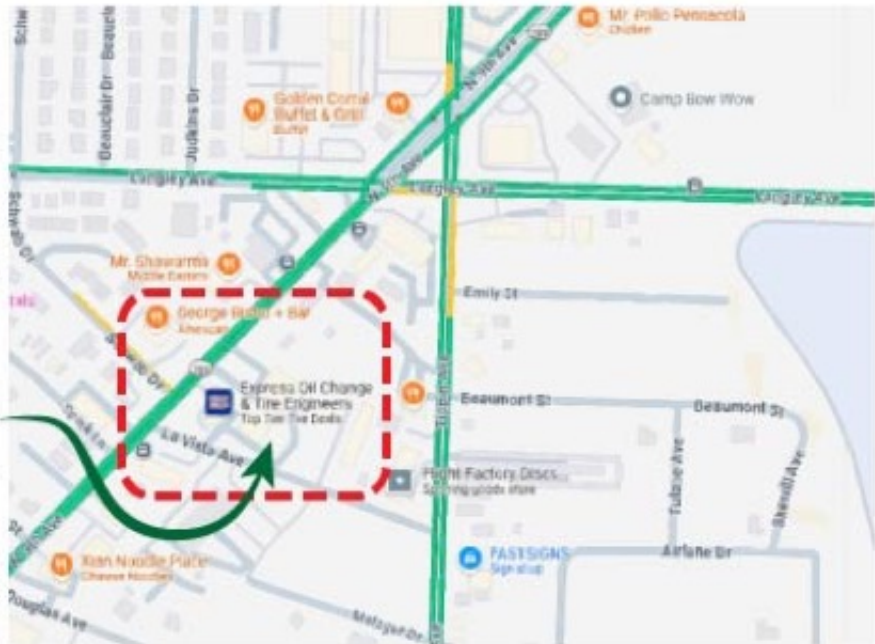
For more information contact:

Ricky Stokes
850-712-4486
crstokes21@gmail.com

Allen Braddy
678-499-3370
alnbraddy@yahoo.com

Event Site
Model A Ford Vintage Parts
2206 La Vista Ave
Pensacola FL 32504

Concessions Available:
Hot dogs
Hamburger
Chips & Cold drinks



Vendor Registration \$25

Due by 04/30/2025 * Make checks payable to Gulf Coast Model A Club
Email to alnbraddy@yahoo.com or mail to 2206 La Vista Ave Pensacola FL 32504

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

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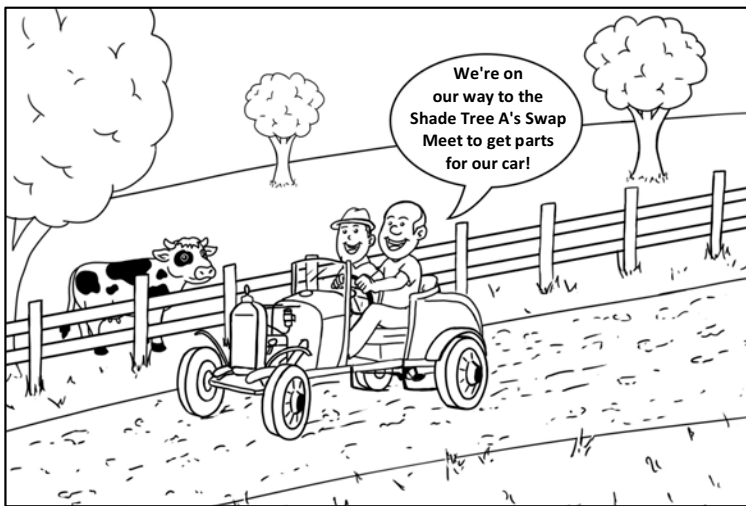
Shade Tree A's Swap Meet

sponsored by the

Shade Tree A's Model A Ford Club

1818 Augusta Highway, Thomson, Georgia 30824

Friday, August 15 and Saturday, August 16, 2025, 8:00 AM until



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

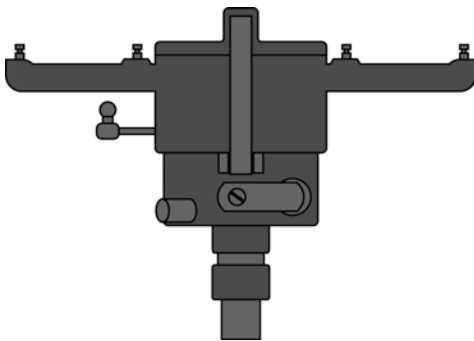
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Jim McPherson

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. Workshop located in the air conditioned shop.

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

Advertisement for Smith and Jones Antique Auto Parts including contact information and a small car illustration.

For vendor registration, please contact Andrew Morse or Jim McPherson

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Through the generous donation of Gary and Laurie Mills, their 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton will be used in this year's sweepstakes. Their request was that the proceeds be used to fund the expansion of the Ford Model A Museum on the grounds of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. The 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton highlights:

- Like a traditional phaeton this open car has no side windows, providing an open-air driving experience.
- Unlike a Ford Model A roadster, the Phaeton has four doors, allowing passengers access to the back seat.
- With an open design, the Phaeton was not as commonly purchased as other Model A body styles.



Entering in the sweepstakes not only benefits the Model A Ford Museum, you are entered to in this amazing car! To enter, cut and paste this address : <https://www.tapkat.org/model-a-ford-foundation-inc/eE6e35?promo=MAFFIWS20> (or go to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. website, click on Expansion and then click on Sweepstakes).

The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) seeks to preserve Model A Fords and related artifacts and memorabilia, encourage research, and educate present and future generations about the Model A Ford and its era.

Every year a special Model A Day celebration is held on the third weekend of September. You are encouraged to attend the two-day Model A only event, because all funds collected at the Gilmore Museum's gate that day are given to MAFFI to support the foundation and the Model A Ford Museum.

By entering this Sweepstakes, you are becoming a part of a broader plan to help the Model A Museum expand.

You may also support the Model A Museum through Membership in MAFFI, and all donations and bequests are welcome and much appreciated.

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

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The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* **BOARD REPORT**

From Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

March 2025

Membership continues to hold relatively stable with January renewals. We are in the process of invoicing 2023 and 2024 members who have not renewed hoping to reach people who have missed renewal notices. We would again ask all of our Regions to encourage new and existing members to join MARC. Don't forget about our expanded youth membership eligibility and our special membership rate for surviving spouses!

As a reminder, your MARC Board has extended our free one year membership offer to Region members who have never become MARC members. This membership includes the digital version of the *Model A News*, but you can experience all the other benefits of MARC membership. Give it a try!

Regarding MARC's Technical Chairman, you are probably aware that after serving more than 10 years, Ron Ehrenhofer has retired and Larry Shepard has volunteered to step up to fill his shoes. Larry is more than qualified for this role. A big thank you to both for your dedication to our organization.

Committee announcement! The Driver Class Judging Standards Committee is pleased to announce that the judging standards are available on the MARC website. Just select Menu, Programs and Awards, then click on MARC Driver Class to view and download the standards! Participants having vehicles judged will be required to provide the scoring sheets at Gettysburg this summer.



RECENT EVENTS

Jim McPherson's New Station Wagon

Jim McPherson recently purchased a 1930 Model A Station Wagon. Well actually it's a Hubley model built by Rick Black. At first glance the photo of the car looks real, but take a closer look. That's Rick's model in the photo. Rick graciously provided a few other photos of some of his models in realistic settings. All photos are by Rick Black.



RECENT EVENTS

Tour To Lexington, South Carolina

Story by Darren Riley, photos as noted

The weather was near perfect on March 22nd for our first trip of the season. A small but dedicated group met at the gas station in Beach Island right off of 520, at 9:00 AM to top off our tanks and head to Lexington, SC. The clerk at the gas station was excited to see us, as she remembered when we came by last fall for the IMAD tour. We headed off and enjoyed about 60 miles of trouble-free driving running south of I-20, and beautiful scenery to arrive at St. James Lutheran Church. Due to a slight wind, they opted to have lunch set-up inside the rec center at the church, and there was a wide variety of good food and dessert. Overall there was about 18 model A's, and 45-50 attendees. After lunch there was a silent auction for those looking for a unique trophy for the day. From the STA's we had two Model A's, two modern Cars, and 8 members in attendance, along with a contingent from the Aiken A's. The trip home was equally nice, except for the several mile stretch where the SC Dept. of roads opted to just add extensions along the side of the road rather than resurface the whole road. It definitely pointed out the need for me to double check the play in all my steering components, as I felt like I was putting extra miles on going sideways every now and then.



Photo by Darren Riley

It was a very enjoyable trip, weather was great and got to talk and get re-acquainted with members of the other clubs, maybe one day I'll even start remembering names. Hopefully, following the brake tune-up tech session, we'll have more members join us for our next tour scheduled for April 12th, to the Old 96 Swap meet in Greenwood (details will be coming soon via email). Until then, Happy Motoring!



Photo by Charlie Weaver Sr.

RECENT EVENTS

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Photos provided by friends of Matt Barrett as noted



Photo by Helen McGrady



Photo by Jerry Woods



Photo by Jerry Woods

RECENT EVENTS

News Flash: Shade Tree A's Host Tech Session in Evans

Story by Jim McPherson, photos this page by Charlie Weaver Sr., photos next page by Robbie Jones

On Saturday March 29, 2025 the Shade Tree A's Model A Ford Club hosted a Tech Session on brakes at Richard's Garage in Evans, Georgia. The morning started off at the Sunrise Grill with seven STA members and one Model A in attendance. When this group arrived at Richard's Garage, well before the Tech Session start time of 9:30, many members had already arrived and were discussing the brakes on their Model A. Eric Shogren of Guben's Garage, a local Model A repair facility, presented the program on common brake problems and their solution. It was then time for the eighteen members and seven Model A's present to begin the hands on brake adjustment. It wasn't long before dust was flying from the driveway as members tested their adjustment skill. Lunch was prepared by Sheila McPherson. THANKS Sheila.



RECENT EVENTS



MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

The following article is provided by the Model A Ford Club of America

The Tunic Dress and Skirt – A 1930-1931 Design Feature

Diann Eason

Model A Ford Club of Colorado

Trying to describe your era fashion can be a real struggle. You want to be unique in your wording while describing accurately the design characteristic. Perhaps “tunic” best describes your dress.

While peplums, tiers, flounces, and panels are seen in the dresses, evening wear, and occasional suits in 1928 through 1931, the tunic dress and skirt were also seen in 1930-1931.

The tunic with its elongated lines gave a slenderizing effect to the feminine silhouette. In the dress the tunic starts at the shoulder seams and falls past waistline to below the knee. A belt often gathered the fabric slightly below the natural waistline resulting in a relaxed bodice. The tunic provides flowing shape emphasizing a relaxed and feminine look

The tunic skirt was also seen as a simple second layer of fabric falling from the waist to a length approximately two thirds to three fourths of the hem of the under skirt. A more elegant or interesting tunic skirt might include gathers, box pleats, flares, angles, tucks, and bias-cut draping layer.

The underskirt may be made of a different fabric like velvet, or a different color like black with a gray tunic.



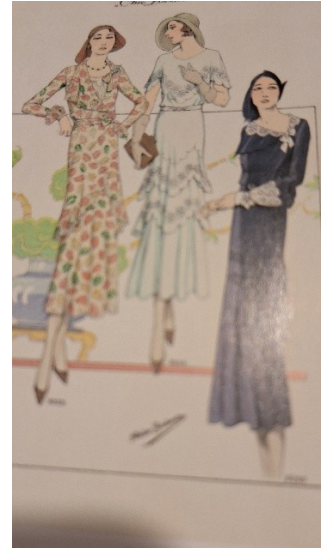
MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE



Elaborate decorations such as beads, embroidery, and lace are often seen on the tunic layer.

Fabric weight and occasion are important considerations when designing a tunic. The tunic design for women would be seen most often in afternoon, evening, and formal settings made of summer or lighter weight chiffons and silks.

A printed canton afternoon dress with a pleated and flounced mid-length tunic- right

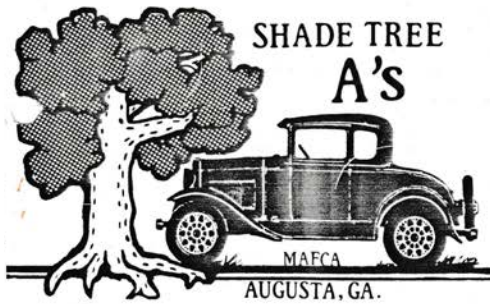


Whether your era looking tunic has box pleats, gathers, or other draping, fashion enthusiasts will be excited to read your description and see your beautiful find.

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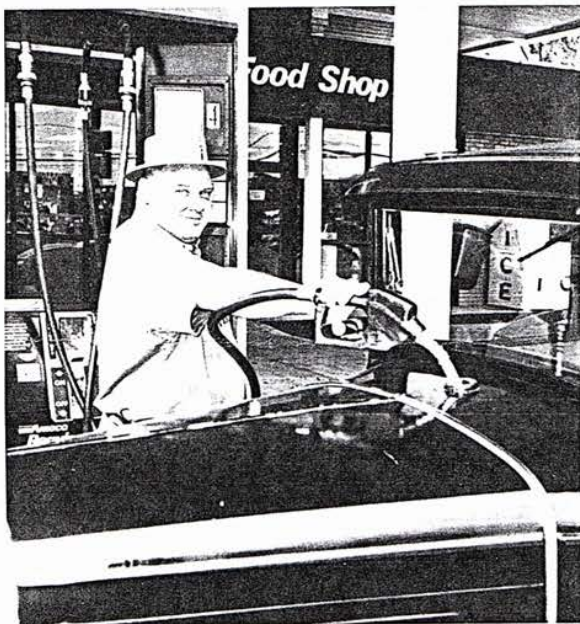
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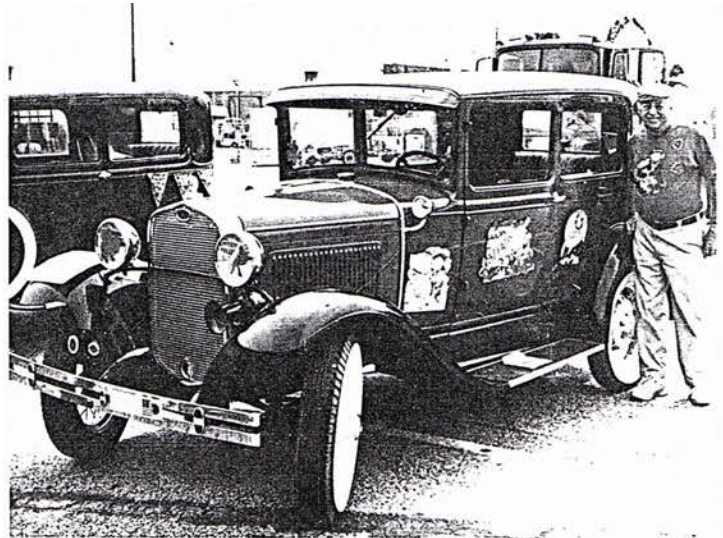
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In the April 1995 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter*, the President's Column reported on several recent events. Twelve Model A's made the trip to Richmond Hill on a tour planned by Monroe Wade. Doris Brown provided a great article about the Richmond Hill tour. Fourteen cars participated in the St. Patricks Day Parade. The President's Column also announced the need for volunteers to help with a display for the new Augusta Richmond County Museum. The Southeastern Divisional meet being hosted by the Shade Tree A's was only six months away at the time and volunteers were needed to get prepared.

Other upcoming calendar events included a tour to Magnolia Springs and the Blythe Festival and Wagner Parade. The Panhandle A's from Panama City, Florida were also expected to come to Augusta on their Fall Tour to participate in the Southeastern Divisional Meet. The Gossip and Good Stuff column reported that Jim Dover was buying and selling Model A's too fast to keep up and that Frank Knapp's engine is back from the rebuilder. Jim McPherson's Authenticity and Troubleshooting article discussed the state of reproduction parts and a problem he had with a speedometer cable.



Jim McPherson, dressed up for the parade fills up with gas for the parade.



This parade even gives prizes. First place for Best Decorated Car and Driver goes to Monroe Wade.

TECHNICAL TOPICS

The following article was provided by the Model A Ford Club of America

Jim's Tech Tip

Clutch Pedal Free Play

It is easy to forget to check the Clutch Pedal Clearance (or Free Play) now and then, but you really do need to check it. I press down gently on the pedal with just a couple of fingers, to judge how far down the pedal goes before you are pressing the throwout bearing against the clutch "fingers". If you do not have an inch of movement, follow the instructions below. A little extra free play will not hurt anything.

Clutch Pedal Clearance

The correct clearance or play for the clutch pedal is approximately 1". That is when the clutch pedal is depressed there should be about 1" movement in the pedal before it starts to disengage the clutch.

As the clutch facings wear this clearance or movement gradually grows less. Consequently it should occasionally be checked. Under no circumstances should the car be driven without clearance or play in the clutch pedal.

Adjusting Clutch Pedal Clearance

The adjustment is easily made by removing the clevis pin (see Fig. 4) and turning the release arm rod. Screwing the rod in decreases the clutch pedal play. Screwing the rod out increases the play. After making adjustment, be sure to replace clevis pin and cotter key.

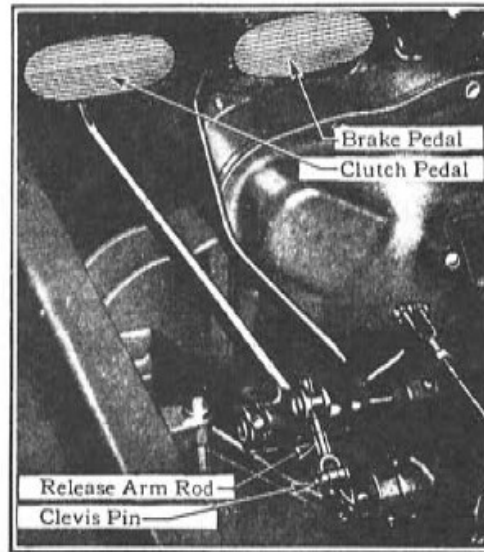


Figure 4
Clutch Pedal Adjustment

Forgetting to keep an inch or so of clutch pedal free play can lead to premature throwout bearing failure, because the bearing is spinning all the time where the pedal is pressing it into the clutch. We don't want that. So maybe check it every time you change the oil and adjust as required.

Have a Model A Day! Jim

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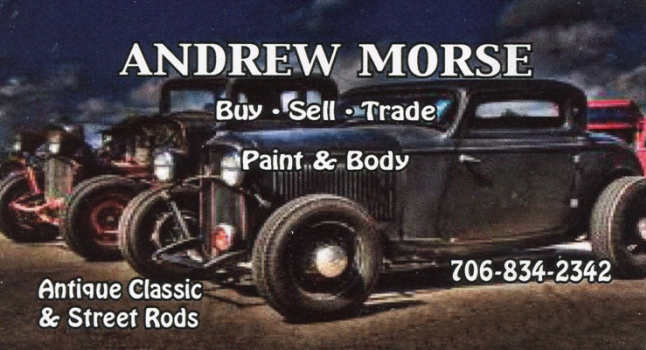


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