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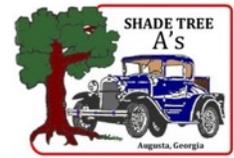
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On the Front Cover

The Shade Tree A's celebrated Valentine's Day with a sweetheart pancake breakfast. The cover shows a collage of photos from the event by Craig McMullin and Steve Spencer.

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

The flowers are blooming and the temperature is rising, (for now) so spring may be getting a little closer. It seems like this year's winter has been around way too long for me.

February was cold but that didn't stop us from having a great Valentine's sweetheart pancake breakfast. It was a huge success with plenty of pancakes in a variety of flavors to choose from. Thanks to Pat and Darren and others for all the efforts of putting it together. Great time!

Our monthly program for March is one you don't want to miss. Gerald Melchior will be showing us the basics on doing your own interior on your model A. Gerald has done a great job on the interiors of all his cars, so he has plenty to share with us. Looking forward to seeing it.

At the end of the month our tech session will be on Model A brake adjustment and repair. I'm in need of some work on mine, so you don't want to miss it. Bring your car and give it a spring once over.

There are a lot of tour's, swap meets, picnics and other events coming this spring, so let's get those Model A 's running and on the road again.

The best to you and your families,

Andrew Morse - President

MONTHLY MEETING TIME & LOCATION

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

MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2025

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Steve Spencer, Secretary

The monthly meeting of The Shade Tree A's was held, February 10, 2025 in the meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Andrew Morse brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM welcoming all 30 members in attendance. The President introduced our guest, Shay Alexander, and members of the Palmetto A's; and two new members, Nathan Jackson and John Roberts. There were no contributions to our Name Tag Penalty Cup.

John Neumar offered our "Joke of the Month". Several STA members with February birthdays were recognized. Thoughts and prayers were extended to those struggling with health concerns including Mrs. John Neumar, and Ralph Nietzsche. Ms. Misty Hooker inspired us with her testimony of how she has overcome cancer with the good Lord's help.

Vice President: Jim McPherson announced our technical program will be presented by Troy Dalsing, President of the Palmetto A's, with details about their tour from Charlotte, NC to Key West, FL.

Treasurer: Stuart Smith reported there were deposits and expenditures in the last month, and concluded with the following statement: "We're doing OK!" Our Treasury remains solvent and sufficient to cover all upcoming club endeavors. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and the January Meeting Minutes. That motion passed by unanimous vote.

National Director: Kenny Adkins states he has written his first activity report, as our new National Director, and submitted it to both MAFCA and MARC, and it will appear in the upcoming magazine publications for both organizations.

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MEETING MINUTES

Continued

Newsletter Editor: Robbie Jones mentioned that a lot of planning goes into the successful implementation of STA functions, and he would be glad to receive written reports and pictures which can be utilized in the monthly STA's newsletters.

Tour Director: Darren Riley invited members to drive their Model A's to the Sweetheart Valentine Breakfast, February 15, at The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints in Harlem. Darren's wife Pat is coordinating the breakfast and thanked all for their assistance and participation.

Show & Tell: Don Turley announced a friend of his has a Ford pickup truck for sale, and if anyone is interested he will be glad to provide additional information.

Old Business: President Andrew announced the availability of the Model A coupe which was owned by our deceased friend and club member, Larry Duvall. Andrew has information for anyone interested in buying Larry's car. Andrew shared the sad news that Mrs. Lynn Ready has passed away, and that club membership dues for 2025 are past due. Annual dues have been \$25.00 since 1974. Kenny Adkins reported on the January Tech Session held at his garage, which was well attended, and resulted in considerable progress with his Model A pickup truck. It was concluded there might be an issue with the center main bearing, and a need to reinstall a former set of spark plugs, which was done and created "that unique sweet sound of a Model A." Past President Craig McMullin presented membership pins to members including John Neumar (10 years), and Eric Shobert (25 years). Congratulations to all and thank you for your participation in the STA's!

Progress Reports for Model A's "Recovered, Renovated, Repaired": Darren Riley reported on work done on Matt Barrett's car with a back-firing problem. Work was done on the car's valves, lifters and cam to eliminate the backfiring. Steve Spencer reported that he had repaired his car's tail lights, and eliminated and oil leak by replacing seals in the rear cover of the u-joint. President Andrew requested pictures of future work on our cars that can be shared in our monthly meetings.

New Business: Upcoming Opportunities, include the following:

- Valentine Sweetheart Breakfast, February 15 in Harlem, GA
- Upcoming Tech Session on March 29 focused on Model A Brakes. A good resource: "Restorer Magazine," Jan/Feb 2025
- Saint Patrick's Day Parade, in Augusta, March 17, 2025
- Palmetto A's "Picnic in The Park," March 22, 2025
- Moultrie Swap Meet, April 3-5
- Greenwood Swap Meet, April 11-12

Technical Program: Troy Dalsing, current President of the Palmetto A's, was introduced by Matt Barrett. Troy shared highlights of a tour he and other club members made last summer, travelling from Charlotte, NC to Key West, FL, and back home again. This tour took 15 days and tallied approximately 2,200 miles. Eight Model A clubs, including the Shade Tree A's, provided support and assistance for the traveling Palmetto A's. Troy reflected that the highlight of the trip was driving their A's on "The Old Seven Mile Bridge" in Key West. Troy also hopes that their tour will inspire other Model A enthusiasts to get their cars out on the road with the trust that they can utilize other Model A clubs for friendship, support, and assistance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM after which members enjoyed refreshments provided by Craig McMullin, Robbie Jones, and John Neumar. Next Meeting is March 10, same time, same place.

CLUB CALENDAR

Shade Tree A's Events

March

- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *Upholstery*, presented by Gerald Melchiors)
- 29 Shade Tree A's Technical Session, *Brake Inspection and Service*, Richard's garage, subject to cancellation and rescheduling if raining **Please note the new date**

April

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

May

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

Every Wednesday at 11:00

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

TBA - To Be Announced

Other Events of Interest

March

- 17 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Augusta, GA
- 22 Palmetto A's Picnic in the Park, St. James Lutheran Church, 1358 South Lake Drive, Lexington, SC
- 22 Historic Willington Day, Willington, SC, contact Deborah Fuller for more information

April

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

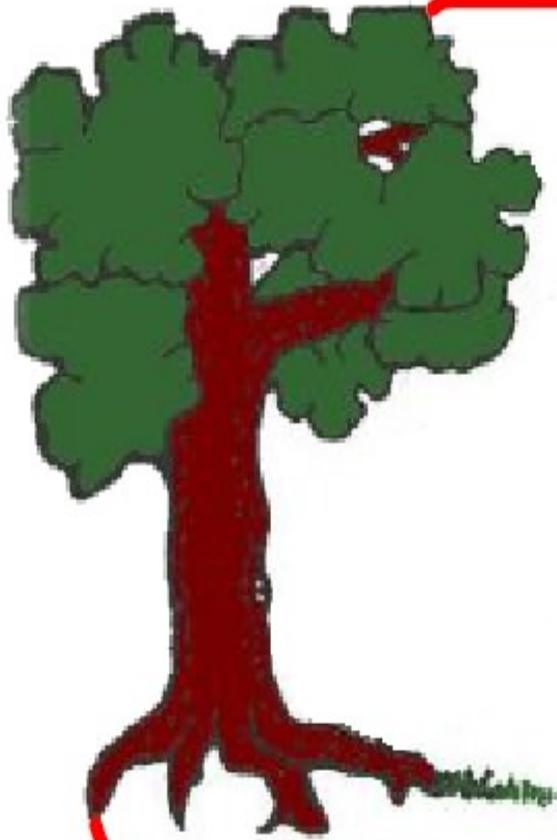
May

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

June

- 13-14 Palmetto A's Swap Meet (date is uncertain)
- 15-20 MARC National Meet, Gettysburg, PA
- 15-22 MAFCA 2025 National Tour, American Civil War, Pennsylvania and Virginia

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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:
 - 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.
 - Ralph Neitzke recovering from a recent hospital stay
 - Betty Wade is recovering from a fall and a stroke
- Welcome new members, Nathan Jackson and John and Nancy Roberts

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



Refreshment Schedule

March

Kathy Poole, Ralph Neitzke, Andrew Morse, Doug Wilson

April

Kenny Adkins, Darren Riley

May

Darrell Henderson

The first person listed is the primary coordinator for the month



March Birthdays

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

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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.

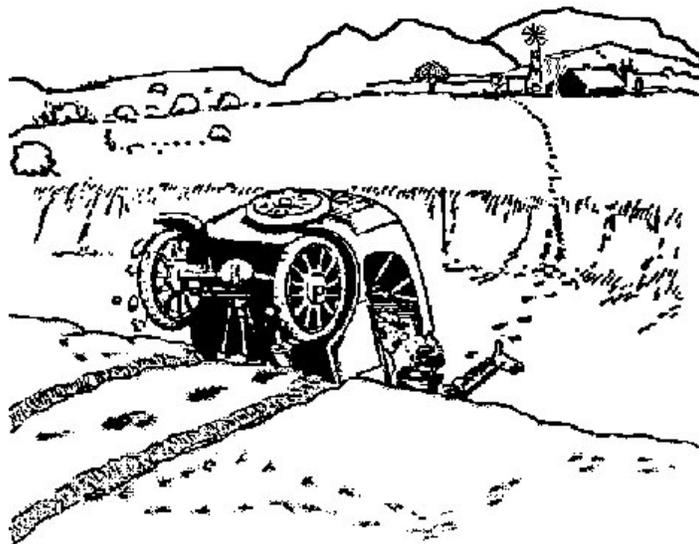
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At the last meeting, 24 were spoken for, and another 4 were requested at CiCi's lunch gathering on the October 23. They are scheduled to be delivered by the 31st of October.

Are the Brakes On Your Model A Up To Par?

Will your Model A stop on a dime? If not, then the Shade Tree A's second Saturday Tech Session for 2025 on Saturday March 29 at 9:30 AM at Richard's garage may be for you. Eric Shogren will evaluate and adjust the brakes on your Model A, discussing operation and possible repairs to improve performance. Lunch will be served. For those wanting to gather for breakfast, we will meet at the Sunrise Grill at 8:00 AM.



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The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* **BOARD REPORT**

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

February 2025

Members, don't forget to renew your dues for 2025! We are currently very close to 5,000 members with about 1,000 members yet to renew. The good news is that our renewals are running higher than 2024. Let's grow our membership in 2025. Please encourage all your fellow Region members to renew!

Also, don't forget that your Board has increased eligibility for **Youth** membership to include ages 18-21. While a MARC sponsor is required, we have dropped the requirement that youth members must live at home. Membership includes a digital copy of the *Model A News* and other benefits of membership. The best part is that membership is **FREE!**

Remember to register for the upcoming MARC Membership Meet in Nashville, Indiana April 11-13. Nashville is known for 120 privately owned shops nestled in the hills of Brown County. Tours are available from the Columbus, Indiana visitors center, 20 minutes away from Nashville. Plenty to do and see. Find your registration form in the Nov/Dec issue of the *Model A News*. Join us there!

Consider entering your Model A in the first Driver Class judging to held at Gettysburg in June. This new class will allow certain modifications to enhance performance and safety of your Model A. Standards will allow an average restorer to compete for an award. Parts utilized in the restoration need not necessarily be correct for the year or month of manufacture with no penalty for the use of reproduction parts like plastic fan blades, etc. Judging standards are complete and will be posted on the MARC website in the near future.



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

A-World Newsletter for Youth Share the Joy!

by Sherry Winkinhofer, A-World Editor

A-World helps get kids involved in Model A cars. One of the things I get great feedback on is when I am able to feature pictures of Kids and their A's. The joy in a young person's face when interacting with their favorite cars is always evident! However, it's always a challenge to find these pictures each quarter. Many come from the MAFCA Facebook page (with proper permission requested, of course!) but I would love more independent submissions.

I would like to encourage all club members to check out their favorite shots of kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, any and all kids, and submit a few for publishing in A-World! Kids love to see their pictures featured, just like we all do. And if there is a story, short or long, that goes along with a picture, all the better!

Shade Tree A's Kids

By Robbie Jones, Photos by Stuart Smith

Shade Tree A's member, Stuart Smith, really gets the younger generation in his family involved with Model A's. These photos show Stuart's daughter and granddaughter with Stuart's Roadster and his grandson in the toy car. The grandson is now nine years old and is into baseball, football and golf, but he's got Model A blood.



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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

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**Vendor Space \$30.00 pre-registration
\$30.00 at the gate**

Lunch will be available

Door Prizes & 50 / 50 drawing daily

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Historic Willington Day celebrates the history, culture and charm of Willington, SC. This annual fund-raiser is your opportunity to experience and learn about the town and people whose legacy sustains this place in history.

Bookshop and History Center Location
 1801 Morrah Bridge Road
 McCormick, SC 29835

Ticket Information

Purchase tickets on the day of the event at the Willington Bookshop

- ◆ \$20 for adults
- ◆ Free for 18 yrs. and under

Activities

On-Site

- ◆ Children's area with vintage games
- ◆ Trackless train
- ◆ Book signings
- ◆ Gazebo plant sale

Area Historical Sites

- ◆ Maps will be provided to tour nearby churches and cemeteries and Mims Community Center.

Food Vendor & Bake Sale

- ◆ Throughout the day several food vendors, including The'Ola's, will be available for purchase.
- ◆ Back by popular demand: The annual Bake Sale!

History Center Featuring Costumed Historians Sharing Stories and Historical Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fort Charlotte's Revolutionary War Story ◆ Dioramas and pictures of historic Willington ◆ Newly refurbished exhibits and memorabilia ◆ Willington Academy diorama
Bookshops Curiosity Gift Shop Courtyard Murals Local Authors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Four buildings featuring a variety of genres ◆ Unique items, collectables and antiques ◆ 12 historic murals by local artist and McCormick students ◆ Local authors book signings
African American Cultural Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1920 Green Olive one-room schoolhouse ◆ Displays of African American artifacts
Juengst Vintage Post Office and Railroad Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Original post office boxes, vintage letters and more ◆ Railroad memorabilia circa 1920's
Upstate Fly Wheelers Community Resources Stone Carver and "Spinner"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Steam engine enthusiasts operate working engines ◆ Information tables about various local organizations ◆ Demonstrations of stone carving and spinning wheel
Antique/Classic Cars on Display	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Car exhibit featuring restored antique and classic cars
Churches and Cemeteries Mims Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Self-directed tours of nearby churches and cemeteries ◆ Renovated to serve events for Willington residents
Area Historical Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Tour beautifully restored Morrah-McAllister Home in Mt. Carmel hosted by present owners, Ed McAllister and Joe Carpenter

Bookshop: 864-391-2665 History Center: 864-391-4478
 Facebook: Willington SC Bookshop Website: www.willingtonsc.com

MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

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

In The Girls Locker Room

by Perry Jones, Piney Wood Model A Ford Club

(Note mention of our own Shade Tree A's member Anne Beck)

My journey to becoming the first male member of the Era Fashion Committee (EFC) started during the pandemic, by taking the six open book Fashion Judging Tests. And why not? I already had the MAFCA Fashion Guidelines. I was also participating with the EFC's Facebook group, "Model A Era Fashions – MAFCA".

Then one evening I received a call from a number I did not recognize, but I answered anyway. It was an EFC Member calling to see if I would be interested in becoming a member. My first thought was how did you get my number (probably from the MAFCA office) and why me? After a short discussion about what was a member's duty, I said give me a couple of days to think about.

I learned that the EFC is an integral part of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). It oversees the rules for judging era fashions, assists MAFCA chapters and regions with their era fashion events, and conducts extensive research on the clothing styles of the time. This committee is composed of six dedicated members, each appointed for a two-year term. With this information, I decided to write my letter of interest. I was approved by the EFC, then by the MAFCA Board and I officially became a member on July 1, 2021.

Being a member of the EFC is not just about rules and research; it's about passion and preservation. You get to connect with like-minded individuals, spread out across the county, who share a love for vintage fashion and history. The joy of seeing a perfectly recreated outfit or helping someone discover the beauty of era fashion is immensely rewarding.

I didn't just become an EFC Member; I believe I became an EFC Family Member. We would have Zoom calls for official MAFCA meetings but they would include casual conversations and laughter and being the only male member, the conversations could be quite colorful. The same is true for in-person meetings. I have placed and received many phone calls that pertained to business but would go on for 15, 20 or 30 minutes talking about nothing and everything. From taking a ghost walk tour in Fort Worth or breaking bread with all members or just one member or while waiting for a train for an hour to take two of us to the airport gave us some one-on-one time. These are the things (and there are many more) that I cherished about my two terms of service.

But what I am most proud of is my small contribution to the monumental task of defining and documenting the guidelines for the new Fashion Display Judging.

And to all the ladies of the Committee, hats off for the countless hours, months and years of work that was done without reward except for the friendships, camaraderie, fun and the pride in a job well done. We are our own support group.

MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE



September 2024 Meeting: from left to right Peggy Gill, Diann Eason, Lois Przywitowski, Perry Jones (me), Anne Beck and Laurie Elliott.

EFC Members that I was proud to serve with and love:

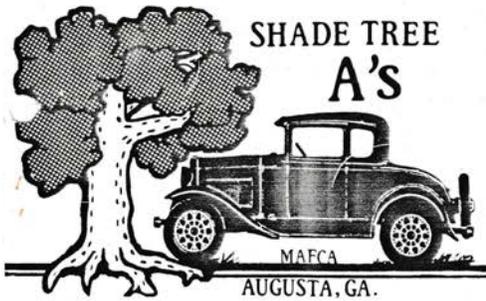
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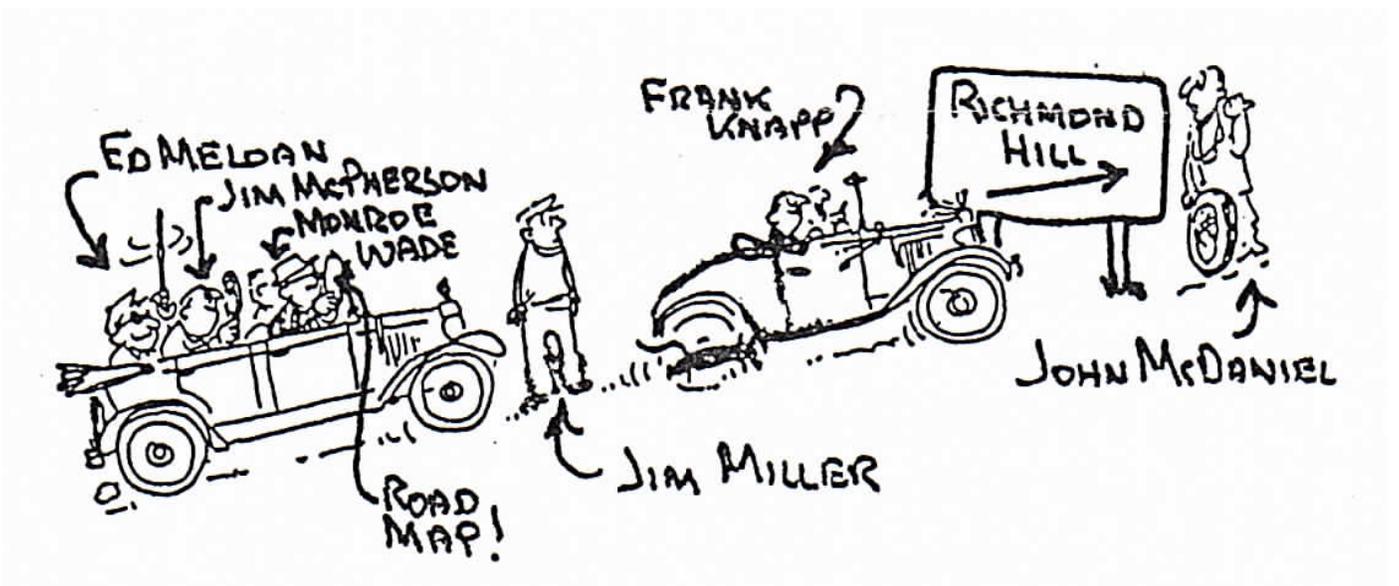
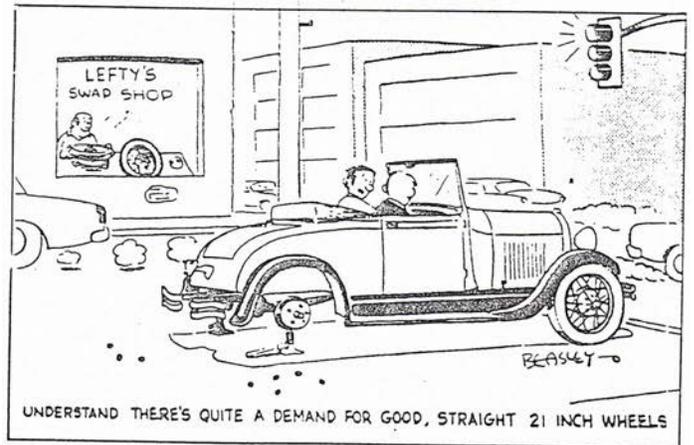
THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



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.

In the March 1995 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter*, the upcoming tour to Richmond Hill was discussed. The February meeting minutes mentioned a new club project to restore the back half of a 1930 Tudor for a Texaco filling station display at the August Richmond County Museum.

The Gossip and Good Stuff column reported that Frank Knapp was busy restoring his Roadster. The new Shade Tree A's logo that appeared in the February 2025 Newsletter was reported to have more detail in the Model A. Jim McPherson's Authenticity and Troubleshooting column discussed reliability and dependability, particularly in regards to the distributor.



TECHNICAL TOPICS

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

Improving your Model A's Authenticity?

By Howard Eckstein

Over the past 90+ years, countless changes have shaped the identity of our individual Model A's. These vehicles have endured decades of wear and tear, from poor maintenance to the improvisations of shade-tree mechanics. For many years, the Model A wasn't the classic treasure we view it as today—it was a "beater" vehicle that somehow dodged the steel drives of World War II and kept rolling.

The scarcity of parts during the Great Depression and post-war era led to some strange and creative modifications. Spare parts were often cobbled together in configurations that strayed far from the vehicle's original design, turning the Model A into a symbol of mechanical ingenuity and survival.

When I got my Model A in 1965, it was still affordable for a young enthusiast like me. Many of my friends had Model A's in rough condition, just like mine, and we used them unapologetically as daily drivers. What stands out to me today is how dramatically things have changed—these once-neglected vehicles are now pampered and cherished.

In our local chapter, several members are dedicated to restoring their Model A's with a focus on authenticity. While achieving a perfect restoration may be out of reach for many, they strive to get as close as possible within their budget and skill level.

This is where the Restorers Class plays a vital role. Local chapter members with experience can offer informal evaluations, helping others gauge their progress and identify areas for improvement. Not everyone has the resources to take their Model A to a regional or national event for an official evaluation, but informal assessments can be just as valuable. By making these evaluations a part of the chapter's yearly goals, members can ensure their Model A's are roadworthy—or even showcase-worthy.

Model A's require constant tinkering, and that's part of their charm. When repairs or improvements are needed, the feedback from Restorers Class evaluations can guide you toward areas that would benefit from a closer alignment with authenticity. Whether your goal is reliability or show quality, the journey is just as rewarding as the destination.

Member Advertisements

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

FOR SALE: HVLP paint sprayer, complete with turbine compressor, hoses and paint spray gun. Purchased from “TIP Tools” and only used once. If purchased new from TIP today, it would cost over \$500. Offering mine for \$200. Pick up in Evans, GA. Don Turley 706-589-0738

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FOR SALE: 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

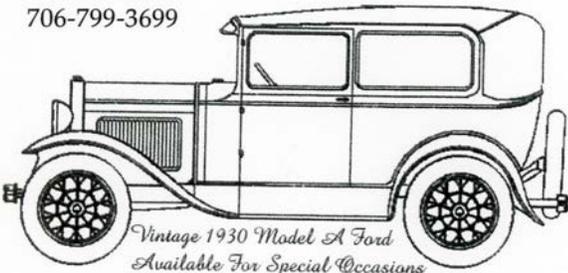
FOR SALE: 1929/1930 Georgia License Plates, over 600 unrestored 1930 license plates and one 1929 (293-932D), \$28.00 each plus \$9.00 shipping and matching pairs are \$85.00 plus \$11.00 shipping. Sequentially numbered plates are slightly higher. Contact Jim Hunter (Southside A's) at ytguy@aol.com or 770-710-2153.

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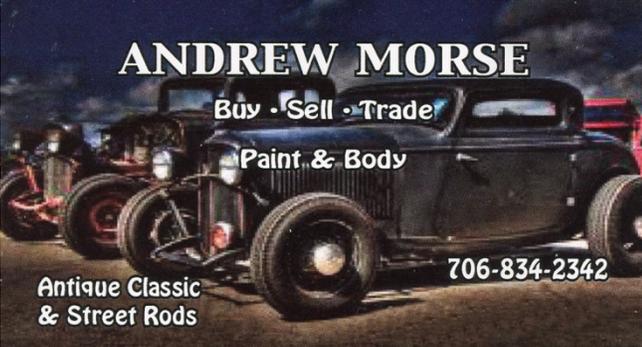


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