

# Shade Tree A's

## Newsletter

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### *"Going To Market"*

*We're pleased to present the third in a series of paintings by Shade Tree A's club member, Carole Gazette, a very talented and gifted artist! Carole has graciously allowed the use of some of her oil paintings as covers for the Shade Tree A's Newsletter. This month's scene is brings Thanksgiving and Pumpkin Pie to mind. We will bring you other scenes by Carole in future newsletters.*



**The Shade Tree A's is a non-profit organization with chapter affiliation with MAFCA and MARC**

The organization is dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile and supports membership in the national organizations dedicated to the same purpose



Your Shade Tree A's membership includes annual dues for the Model A Ford Club of America and a subscription to **The Restorer** Magazine from MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631

Members are also urged to join the Model "A" Restorers Club. Dues are \$35.00 per year and include a subscription to the **Model "A" News**. MARC, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135

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**NOVEMBER MEETING**

The November meeting will be held at our normal location; **Monday October 9th at 7:00 pm** at Richard Dunevent's garage.

**CLUB DUES ARE DUE!**

You should have received your dues notice from MAFCA by now.

It is also your reminder that it is time to pay your Shade Tree A's dues, WHICH INCLUDES YOUR MAFCA DUES. "One check, that's all" says Treasurer Richard Dunevent. Make that check out for \$55.00 and get the check and the yellow MAFCA renewal card to Richard.

**After December 1<sup>st</sup>, your dues will be PAST DUE!**

**REFRESHMENTS**

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

**November**

**Dozier, Wilson, S. Smith, Chavis**

**December**

**Dinner Meeting**

**January**

**McPherson, Meloan, Miller, Brown, Komp**



## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President

The month of November is now upon us. It is a month with a couple of events which are designed to prepare us for the near future. The first to come to mind is the Technical Seminar on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The topic of the day will be getting your Model A ready for the parade season. Even though we're now entering the "cooler" months, driving a Model A's at 'parade speed' can easily result in an overheating situation. The cooling system is but one of the things unique to a Model A which need to be in proper adjustment and condition to make the parade event as enjoyable as possible.

Another activity designed to shape the future is the election of officers for 2007. This issue of your *Newsletter* (November 2006) has enclosed the official ballot representing the slate of officers nominated by the Nominating Committee. I've always been troubled by the relatively low voter turnout. It's your club, play a part in determining the future leadership of it. Is you have ideas for leadership which differ from those nominated, there are provisions for writing-in anyone else who qualifies. Don't waste your vote by not using it; **VOTE!!!!!!!**

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the steak cookout held on October 14<sup>th</sup>. I was in New Orleans attending a meeting. I understand the weather was far more moderate than in previous years (Septembers), and that the attendance was quite good. A beautiful fall afternoon with no bugs! What more could one want? Thanks go to Barbara Bryant for coordination and, of course, to the cooks: Craig McMullin, Steve Brannan and Eric Shogren for just the right touch with the steaks!

I mentioned getting our cars ready for the Christmas parades. It's hard to believe but the parade season is almost here! You'll find a number of them listed in this issue of the newsletter. These parades are always enjoyable with enthusiastic crowds of viewers. Select as many as you like, get in your A and join in the fun!

The last matter to touch upon is the Monroe Wade Award. Nominations must be submitted no later than the November meeting. See the October Newsletter for details.

*Jack Horner*, President



## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of the Shade Tree A's was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Jack Horner on October 10 after a meal of a sandwich, slaw, potato salad, cupcakes and drinks provided by Lorry Schroen, the Gordons and the Krostings.

Jim Dace and Don Gordon were introduced as potential members.

Richard Dunevent read the treasurer's report and the minutes of the previous secretary's report are as published in the newsletter—with a correction of costs associated with incorporation given by Jack Horner.

Anne Neely Beck is recovering from her recent illness. Larry Komp had a unique oil pump to show and Dan Perla showed a wooden dowel taken out of an engine he is working on, along with Post Office Department spark plugs marked "POD"!

The Hepzibah parade was reported on by Lorry Schroen. Gerald Melchiors talked about Hershey; Eric Shogren reported on the Oliver Hardy Festival.

Jim McPherson gave a rundown of upcoming events including: steak cookout, Abbeville, Tech Seminar and the Christmas Lights Tour.

Jack Horner showed the "Certificate of Incorporation" and stated that the attorney had some suggested changes to the by-laws.

Susan Meloan reported that the Shady A Ladies are working on Christmas party arrangements. Lorry Schroen will coordinate the food. The nomination of officers was reported and there was discussion about the Monroe Wade Award.

It was suggested that a light be put up so the ladies could see to walk up to the Dunevent house for their part of the meeting. Richard Dunevent will handle it. Webmaster Dan Perla recommended that we secure a professional web service provider at a cost of approximately \$60 per year. Ed Meloan made a motion to this effect; it was seconded by Eric Shogren. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the business meeting, Gerald Melchiors gave a very thorough, informative program on Model A front end alignment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Tom Roberts*



# CLUB ACTIVITIES

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tech Session VIII

At the Saturday **November 11th** Tech Session, we'll be asking the question "Is your Model A parade ready?" We also have a pesky electrical problem to diagnose and cure, and a sick horn which needs attention and we'll be searching for overlooked safety items to get your Model A ready for the Christmas parade season. We'll meet for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill in the K-Mart Plaza on Washington Road at eight o'clock, then proceed to Richard's garage for the heavy repairs. The person who finds the unsafe condition on a Model A (or the most unsafe conditions if we are not so lucky) will get an EXTRA cookie at the free lunch, served around noon!

### Thomson Christmas Parade

The Thomson Christmas parade will be held on **Saturday evening December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This year the parade begins at 5:30 PM, I believe a new starting time for us. We will line up behind and on the far side of the Thomson Middle School, (the old Thomson High School), as we did last year. We are fortunate to again be sponsored in this parade by the Thomson Packing Company. If you can only participate in one parade this year, make it this parade.

### Aiken Christmas Parade

The Aiken Christmas Parade will be held on **Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The parade will begin at 2 PM and be televised live on WJBF.

### "Singing Christmas Tree"

The Shade Tree A's will enjoy a musical performance by the Millbrook Baptist Choir on **Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>** as they present a "Singing Christmas Tree". If you haven't attended this performance in the past, mark it on your calendar now. The performance begins promptly at 2 PM, but you are encouraged to arrive early, by 1 PM (or earlier) to display your Model A. They are looking forward to seeing our cars on display, and we are looking forward to their performance. Millbrook Baptist Church is located at the intersection of Whiskey Road and Highway 19, behind McDonalds, in Aiken. Dinner at Ryan's, just across Whiskey Road from the church, will follow the performance.

### Gracewood Christmas Parade

The Gracewood Christmas Parade will be held on **Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Drive your Model A to lunch at the old Sheraton hotel (now Augusta Towers) then proceed to Gracewood for the parade line-up at the baseball field at 12:30 and the parade at 1 o'clock. The rain date will be Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Hephzibah Christmas Parade

The Hephzibah Christmas Parade will be held on **Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>**. The parade will line up at the High School at 10 o'clock, with the parade to begin at 11. After the parade we will tour to Sconyers for lunch.

### Midland Valley Christmas Parade

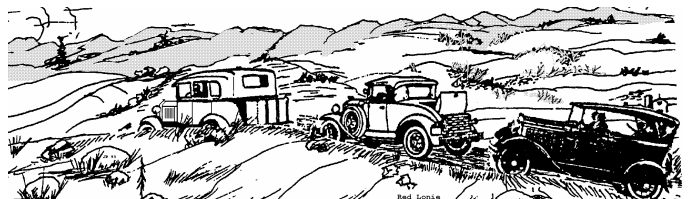
The Midland Valley Christmas Parade will be held on **Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>**. The parade will begin at 3:00 PM.

### Shade Tree A's Christmas Party

The Shade Tree A's will hold their annual Christmas Party on **Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Hephzibah Community Center. The Shady A Ladies have graciously accepted coordination of the party again this year. Arrive around 6:30 for hors d'oeuvres before the traditional turkey and ham dinner at 7:30. Sign-up at the November meeting to bring your favorite dish, or call Lorry Schroen (706-560-1642) to confirm your attendance and dish. A short business meeting and, for entertainment, a short slide show of the Shade Tree A's activities during 2006 (provided by Ed Meloan) will follow the meal.

### Christmas Lights Tour

The Shade Tree A's will hold their annual Christmas Lights Tour **Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet in the Daniel Village parking lot, and depart at 7 PM. If you wish to eat dinner before the tour, we suggest the Village Deli in Daniel Village. The tour will focus on a special Christmas display in the Hill section and another, a short distance away in West Augusta, where we will have refreshments.



# RECENT EVENTS



## September Fun Festival

Eleven Model A Fords assembled on Saturday September 23rd for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual September Fun Festival in Hephzibah, GA. The parade started promptly at 10:00 and proceeded down Highway 88. Following the parade we toured to Sconyer's BBQ for lunch. After lunch several members drove their Model A's to downtown Augusta to participate in a car display sponsored by an automotive paint dealer.

## Steak Cookout



Cooler weather prevailed on Saturday October 14th, as the Shade Tree A's gathered at the home of Glenn Boswell for their annual Steak Cookout. The tall pecan trees provided the shade and the sun provided just enough warmth for a perfect day.



Eight members drove their Model A, with Ken Nelson driving his Victoria from Lexington. Barbara Bryant did an outstanding job coordinating the food which covered five large tables. The ladies outdid themselves with salads, vegetables, casseroles and desserts.



Tony Gazette delivered the steaks from the Thomson Packing Company and Steve Brannan, Craig McMullin and Eric Shogren were chiefs for the day. A neighbor of Glenn's had two small hit and miss engines on display.



Our Candid camera catches new technology meeting old technology! The Shogren's Town Sedan transports their new "flat panel TV" home for them.

# ON THE SHADY SIDE

By Anne Neely-Beck

Off to Seattle I went to the MAFCA Era Fashion Committee Meeting ready to take the minutes. Little did I know that it was not meant to be. The morning session progressed nicely, we covered many topics including the sales of the book, *A Book Of Fashion Facts*. The book has been so well received, as there has not been a book on the Model A era fashion published for quite a long time. The book is ready for its second printing, complete with ISBN number so it can possibly be marketed in different venues. Everyone involved with era fashion needs this book!

When we broke for lunch I noticed that lunch didn't taste that great and I didn't feel that great and before I knew it I had passed out. The paramedics came in three minutes and decided I needed to go to the hospital and get checked out. Fortunately for me, Marie Robinette and her husband Jerry were so kind to take me to the hospital, stay with me, and call James. I did another passing out trick at the hospital, but after pumping me full of fluids for about five hours, they let me go back to the hotel. Let me tell you, getting sick 2,500 miles from home by yourself is no fun. The next morning

when I awoke I knew I better not go to Canada as planned but I needed to fly home and I did. This was probably one of the longest flights of my life. James came to the airport so he could drive me and my car home.

We got home after midnight and he took me to our doctor Monday morning. By this time the doctor had pretty much figured out it was a bleeding ulcer and put me in the hospital where I stayed until Wednesday afternoon. I stayed home the rest of the week and took my medicine and iron pills and went back to work the next Monday. I still am trying to build the iron back up as I lost a lot of blood and I am tired all the time, which is not like me at all. So it has been a real learning experience and a heck of a way of trying to get out of taking the minutes of the meeting!! Not really because I am reconstructing the minutes of afternoon session from a tape recording, which is proving to be quite a challenge.

P.S. I bought a "Sleepless In Seattle" night shirt in the airport before I flew home, how appropriate.

*Anne Neely-Beck*

## The November Meeting Child Enrichment

For the November meeting we will be collecting gifts or gift cards, to be given at Christmas, for both boys and girls. We need them for all ages from infants to high school. Bring them to the meeting and Frankie Dunevent will deliver them. Receipts are available for tax purposes. See Frankie.

**Who knows what evil lurks  
in the hearts of men?  
Harrison, The Bloodhound,  
with his faithful Model A  
Ford, knows!**



# VINTAGE VISIONS

By Anne Neely-Beck



*Ornaments and Accessories  
for  
Dorothy's Room*

American editor, author, and philanthropist. He probably was best known for being the editor of *Ladies Home Journal* and under his leadership the magazine was the first magazine in the world to have one million subscribers.

You can go to [www.boksanctuary.org](http://www.boksanctuary.org) to find out more about this interesting place in central Florida. I am very excited that I will be able to share “my vintage treasures” with the general public.

Something exciting is happening in December with my very own collection of vintage fashions, accessories, and memorabilia. Some of my favorite items will be on display at the Pinewood Estate in the Bok Sanctuary in Lake Wales, FL. One of my long time friends and her husband were invited to decorate a room in Pinewood for the Christmas season. This is only the second year that the public has been asked to decorate and display for Christmas. My friend Alice and her husband Tom will decorate the bedroom that belonged to the Bok's daughter, Dorothy.

They will meet with the Press the day the room opens talking about the decorations, history and all the vintage items in the room. There will be a contest, voting by the public, as to the “best” room. If the room is available online, I will let everyone know so they can vote for Dorothy's room.

Some background on the Bok Sanctuary: Edward William Bok (1863-1930) was an



**PLAN 5 FOR DOROTHY'S ROOM:**  
Vintage 1930's Dresses, furs, shoes, and accessories will be on display in Dorothy's Room. They will be in front of the Closet door on this black dress rack, spilling forth from two 1930's suitcases, and on a vintage velvet hangers.





## SHADE TREE A'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Legend: A **RED** entry denotes a change or new addition to the calendar.  
A **GREEN** entry denotes a Dinner Meeting at a different location.

### NOVEMBER

- 11 Tech Session VIII  
13 **STA Meeting**

### DECEMBER

- 2 **Thomson Christmas Parade, 5:30 PM**  
3 **Singing Christmas Tree, Aiken, 2 PM**  
3 **Aiken Christmas Parade, 2 PM**  
6 Gracewood Parade @ 1:00  
9 **Hephzibah Christmas Parade, 11 AM**  
9 **Midland Valley Christmas Parade. 3 PM**  
9 **STA Christmas Party**  
12 **Christmas Lights Tour, 7 PM**  
14-16 MAFCA Membership Meeting,  
Las Vegas, NE

2007

### JANUARY

- 1 **New Year's Day Breakfast & Tour**  
8 **STA Meeting**

### FEBRUARY

- 12 **STA Meeting**  
15-18 Model A Roundup, Jacksonville

### MARCH

- 12 **STA Meeting**  
24 Picnic-in-the-Park

### APRIL

- 9 **STA Meeting**  
13-15 MARC Membership Meeting, Joliet, IL  
20-21 Swap Meet, Greenwood  
27-28 Fiddlers & Fiddleheads Hill Climb &  
Festival, Unicoi, TN

### MAY

- 14 **STA Meeting**  
18-20 Social Security Run

### JUNE

- 11 **STA Meeting**  
14-21 MARC National Meet, Williamsburg, VA

### JULY

- 9 **STA Meeting**

### AUGUST:

- 13 **STA Meeting**

### SEPTEMBER:

- 10 **STA Meeting**

### OCTOBER:

- 8 **STA Meeting**

### NOVEMBER:

- 12 **STA Meeting**

### DECEMBER

- 5-9 MAFCA Membership Meeting  
Southern CA  
8 **STA Christmas Party**

## NEW MEMBERS

The Shade Tree A's are happy to welcome these new members!

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Aiken, SC 29803-7506  
1930 (Murray) Town Sedan

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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William Gordon, Harriette Flanagan, Paula Gay