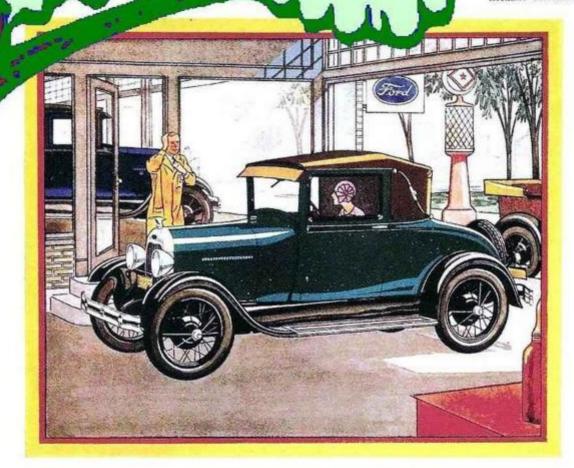


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# Shade Tree A's Newsletter

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The Shade Tree A's is a non-profit organization with chapter affiliations 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.



Shade Tree A's membership includes annual dues (\$40) for the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and a subscription to *The Restorer* Magazine from

MAFCA, 250 South Cypress St., LaHabra, CA 90631

Members are also urged to join the Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC).

Dues are \$38 yearly and include a subscription
to the *Model "A" News*.

MARC, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135

The Shade Tree A's serve the CSRA (Central Savannah River Area) in Georgia and South Carolina

#### May Membership Meeting

How many times have you been at a swap meet and someone just in front of you picked up the part **you** were looking for?

How about painful noises coming from your transmission during shifting, or maybe worse while you are driving?

Timing is everything

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- Anne Neely-Beck was one of two winners of MARC's Literary Awards of Merit. The awards were announced at MARC's Membership Meet in Marietta, GA. It was the first time the award was given for fashion articles. Way to go, Anne!
- Craig McMullin just returned from 'the frozen lands of the North' where his mom had two heart valves replaced. We're thinking about you and your mom, Craig!
- Please remember Dan Perla's son Craig in California, who has health concerns. Hope things are better each and every day!

This 'job' of mine is fun!! This month, Model A'ers have goat, bee, bunny and riverboat connections!

There are articles from a CA "A" club and contact with an Australian one! Thanks to Sherry from Missouri for the cars on page 12! Stay tuned!



# OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from our President...

As you may remember at our April Dinner Meeting, I mentioned that we have a very full calendar over the next several months. Jim McPherson discussed the details of those activities but if you're like me until you start making notes on the calendar you only then start to realize how busy we all are. With that said, please take a few moments to review all the upcoming events especially those that may require an advanced hotel reservation. The Board of Directors have worked hard to make this year especially interesting for you and your Model A. I know the other Model A clubs in the Southeast region have done so as well and together we have established one of the most active regions in the country. Enjoy!!

There is one upcoming event that I would like to highlight and that is the trip to the "Big Mo" on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a local event in Monetta, SC not far from Augusta. It is also not very expensive and lots of fun. If you're not familiar with the "Big Mo" it is a drive-in movie facility with two big screens each showing a double feature. The movies are current new releases as well. They have food, ice cream and popcorn just like the good-old-days. My favorites are the dancing ice cream cones, popcorn buckets and candy bars on the commercials.

We have a surprise planned for the June meeting so try to be there for that one. Some of our youngest members will have a very active role. We would like to have a large turnout for this very special meeting. By the way, in June the Shade Tree A's will have been incorporated for **36** years!

Have a safe trip, Craía



# Minutes of the April Membership Meeting

The April Monthly Meeting of the STA was held in conjunction with a Dinner Meeting on April 13, 2009 at the Mann Memorial Church. Over 50 members and guests were in attendance. Thanks was given to Sheila McPherson for her co-ordination of the meal.

The meeting was called to order by President Craig McMullin; Tom Hitt offered the blessing. Following a delicious spaghetti dinner, Michael Gordon distributed tickets for door prizes to be awarded later in the evening.

Illnesses mentioned included Craig Perla, son of webmaster Dan Perla. Mike Gordon reported that Christine is doing well and wants to walk; Craig McMullin reported on his mom's recent open-heart surgery; Tony Gazette's brother and sister have ongoing health issues. Please remember Craig, Christine, Craig (McMullin)'s mom and Tony's siblings in your thoughts and prayers.

There was no treasurer's report or Show-n-Tell. Don Turley gave a brief report on the recent MARC Membership meet in Marietta, GA—STA member Anne Neely-Beck received a literary award.

#### **New Business:**

- Tour Director Jim McPherson reviewed the calendar of upcoming events and urged participation...there's something for everyone! (Pages 5 & 8)
- Craig told the tale of "Ziggy", a goat given by Peggy Cronkrite of Rock Hill to Danny Norman. Ziggy's story is on page 5.

Door prizes were awarded (see page 12), and as there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

For Theresa McMullin, Pat Roberts

Inside And Outside at our April Dinner Meeting

Ruth & Tomn Hitt's "A"





Henry Ford's involved in an auto accident.....

On page 10 of "The Fords", a 1987 book by Collier and Horowitz, this story is told: Henry Ford's out driving through Detroit in his Quadricycle the first week it was operational in June 1896—(see 'Henry Ford's Accidental Garage Door', STA Newsletter October 2008) when he knocked a man down. By the time Ford turned off the engine and climbed down, the victim lay on the ground,

caught between the front and rear wheels. Ford leaned over the man and discussed the problem with him. Should he re-start the engine and finish driving over him, or should he try to move the car? Finally another man appeared, helped Ford pick up the Quadricycle and move it off the prostrate man, who stood up, dusted himself off, accepted Ford's apologies, and walked off, victim of the first recorded auto accident.



The STA Bunny's "Down Under"!

Visit <a href="http://fordsa.homestead.com/">http://fordsa.homestead.com/</a>
FordA.html to see him..and check out the Model A Ford Club of South Australia website. WebMaster Glen Williams wants to know if you're planning an Australian trip—he and his club would like to meet you!

#### The Brain of the Model A Ford

This month's topic will be on safe driving the Model A Ford. It is a remarkable machine. It moves by the power produced by the combustion within. It is self-propelled, self-moving, -no horse required - It is a mechanism which is constantly being improved by members' upgrades. But is never complete until the driver is added.

Let us consider this: Every year we add new safety devices to our Model A Fords, such as turn-signals, added volts, mirrors, safety belts etc. Then why does it not become completely foolproof on the road? Can it ever become completely foolproof? No, not once the fool is added behind the wheel! It would have to be able to learn from experience, to be able to deal with new and ever-changing situations and react to emergencies and to act with a conscience. But it can never be made to do these things because it can never be given a brain.

The driver is the brain and the controlling force of the Model A. Without a driver the Model A could do nothing. He is responsible for what his car does as he is for anything else that he does himself. In fact his car con be thought of as an extension of himself whenever he is behind the wheel. The Model A can be a useful tool to man, just like all the other inventions.

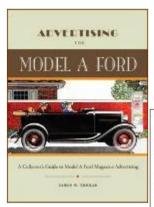
But the automobile is the most complicated tool used by the majority of people. Moreover it is potentially the most dangerous. For this reason any effort which man expends in mastering this tool, before attempting to control it in involved activity of highway traffic, is effort well-spent. The Model A is an unreasoning irresponsible instrument with awe-inspiring 40 horsepower. The capable driver applies its power and releases it whenever he desires. He alone checks and controls the Model A at will and converts it to a safe instrument of good motoring.

Happy trails! Your tech- and safety director Dick Lusk

Reprinted with permission from Dick Lusk's "Technical Talk", HarborLight Newsletter (Southern California), March 2009)

It's only 10 More Months! ...until we visit Tea Grove Plantation and Walthourville Village on March 5-7, 2010!!!

#### ...The Rest of the Cover Story...



This book, written and published by Jim Thomas (a long-time member of MARC, MAFCA and MAFFI and collector of Model A Ford advertising and memorabilia) covers all U.S. Model A Ford magazine ads published from 1928 through1932. It's

The cover picture shows only the illustration—the copy under the picture is given below.

Here are Jim Thomas' comments on the ad:

As the woman pulls her new Sport Coupe into the Ford dealership, the dealer prepares to greet her—but first takes a second to smooth his hair and adjust his tie.

(This is the only Model A magazine ad to show the quail radiator cap accessory.) It appeared in four magazines (one has a text difference) in July 1929.

This assurance of good dealer service is as much a feature of the new Ford as its beauty of line and color, safety, comfort, reliability, economy and ease of control. It is of special importance to the woman driver who wants to be sure of the mechanical performance of the car at all times, yet does not wish to bother with mechanical details.

We are particularly interested in this matter because we believe it is our duty not only to make a good automobile, but to help the purchaser get the greatest possible use from it at a minimum of trouble and expense. Because of this, the entire Ford dealer organization has been trained and equipped to service the new Ford.

When you receive your new Ford, the dealer will explain the simple little things that should be attended to at regular intervals to insure the best performance. He will also tell you about the Free Inspection Service to which every purchaser of the new Ford is entitled at 500, 1000 and 1500 miles.

This inspection includes a check-up of the battery, generator charging rate, distributor,



carburetor adjustment, lights, brakes, shock absorbers, tire inflation and steering gear. The engine oil is also changed and the chassis lubricated through the high pressure grease gun system. A check-up of wheel alignment and spring shackles is made during the final inspection.

No charge whatever is made for labor or materials incidental to this service except where repairs are necessary because of accident. neglect, or misuse. The labor of changing the engine oil and lubricating the chassis is also free, although a charge is made for new oil.

While this inspection is free only at 500, 1000, and 1500 miles, it should not be stopped then, but continued throughout the life of your car. A nominal charge is made after the first 1500 miles.

Every time, in fact, that you take your Ford to the dealer for oiling and greasing, it will be a good plan to have him check over important points that have a bearing on continuously good performance and tell you exactly what the car needs. You will find him prompt in his work, fair in his charges, and sincerely eager to do a good job at all times.

His constant effort is to relieve you of every detail in the care of your car and to help you get thousands upon thousands of miles of motoring without a care—without even lift-

ing the hood.

That is the purpose for which the new Ford was designed and built. That is the true meaning of Ford

Fore Mores Consurer

fascinating! The book's not available in stores, but you may contact Jim at autotiques@aol.com. I purchased the book and Jim gave me permission to reprint ads. This ad, geared towards the woman motorist and found under Jim's title "Dealer Primping", seemed perfect for Mother's Day!

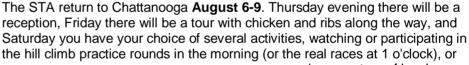


### MEET ZIGGY!

On the Saturday before Easter, Jim and Sheila McPherson drove to Rock Hill, SC to pick up Ziggy. A generous gift from Peggy Cronkrite, one of her pet goats (and one of the family), Ziggy hopped right into the McPherson mini van and immediately wanted to drive! (He is also well acquainted with Model A's.) Ziggy took in all the scenery as the trio travelled between Rock Hill and Danny Norman's Tea Grove Plantation in Georgia. At the Plantation, Ziggy was right at home, following Danny around in his newest acquisition, a Model A sold new in Hinesville in 1927, and owned by the same family since 1936. While Ziggy cannot replace Woody, he can surely provide companionship to Danny when he is driving around in his old cars.

### CRUISING ON THE RIVER Chattanooga, TN

Thursday-Sunday, August 6-9
Chattanooga August 6-9. Thursday evening the





going on a tour of local attractions such as the wrecker museum, aquarium, antique shops, etc. One real nice thing about this tour is the hotel, the restored Delta Queen riverboat on the TN river. Many of the STA's have already made their reservations, and area clubs are organizing tours of Chattanooga.

<u>I cannot impress enough</u> <u>the importance of making</u>

your reservations (only 88 rooms available) ASAP (423-468-4500; reservations@deltaqueenhotel.com; see the boat on its website: <a href="http://www.deltaqueenhotel.com">http://www.deltaqueenhotel.com</a>). Dinner Saturday night will be the dinner theater aboard the Delta Queen. You can make these reservations at the same time as your room reservations.

For more information: <a href="http://vickyman.tripod.com/chattanooga.html">http://vickyman.tripod.com/chattanooga.html</a>.



## RECENT HAPPENINGS...

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



It was a beautiful March Tuesday—just right for a parade. The STAs were well-represented with 15 vehicles. The variety of body styles showed the 'many faces' of the Model A: a Leatherback Fordor, a DeLuxe Delivery, an AA stake truck, Coupes, SW

Town Sedans, a closed cab pickup, a Tudor, and a Cabriolet. Visitors included Janice Shogren from Minnesota (all ready to go in 'shades of green'). Many onlookers lined the streets—and the fountains were green! Also seen were many dogs of all breeds—most wearing a green hat or necktie.

Before the Parade:
L: Pat Roberts and George Gordon
R: Larry DuVall, Eric and Janice
Shogren, Tom Roberts, George Gordon





Pascal Bryant & Richard Dunevent

#### PicNic in the Park March 21, Columbia, SC

The Sunrise Grill in North Augusta saw us 'filling up' (ourselves!) before travelling to Saluda Shoals Park in Columbia to join other Model A'ers at the PicNic in the Park, an annual event hosted by the Palmetto A's. It was a nice sunny day, although cool. If you stayed in the sun, all was good! There were about 40 Model A's and some other later model cars (super bee) and a hot rod or two. Activities included car games, door prizes and 50/50 raffle. The BIG winner of the raffle was none other than our club's secretary, Theresa

McMullin! Congratulations! There was lots of good food and homemade ice cream!

There were no problems on the road. But, Craig (McMullin) did encounter/ notice that he was missing some water in the radiator and had no evidence of boil over, This created speculation of several possibilities. Then came a check of the oil and evidence of water in the oil was discovered. Perhaps a blown head gasket or a cracked block? He drove it home, at least to Johnston and had no problems to that point. Note: See Tech Session 17 on page 7 for a further update on the McMullin car problem.



All ages were trying to get close to their goals—on the left, it was the plunger—on the right, the traffic cone!





#### Tech Session 17, March 28

Maybe it was the overcast skies and hot coffee, the banter among the breakfast group at the Sunrise Grill was especially lively. Dick Frazier from the Palmetto A's joined us. Eventually we had to leave our warm comfortable environment to attend to the waiting tasks at Richard Dunevent's garage.

Buckets full of rain greeted us, and persisted throughout the day. Good thing it wasn't cold. The first item of business was an evaluation of the new engine in Bobby Markwalter's almost completed 1929 Briggs Blindback. This car is really taking shape. Ken Nelson donned the stethoscope as Bobby adjusted the engine speed to emit the noise of



Sheila McPherson, cooking in the rain!

concern. Ken pinpointed a difference in the sound between the first and second main bearings. All took turns hearing the different sounds—most informative for all. Then in rolled Craig McMullin's 1930 Fordor. Craig had noticed a gradual increase in the loss of water from the radiator over the last year, and more recently, white smoke being emitted from the tailpipe. The head was quickly removed and the block, head and gasket examined for evidence of a blown head gasket. No definitive diagnosis was made. While the head and block surfaces were being cleaned, Larry DuVall took the lead with George Gordon and grandson

Michael in cleaning the studs and chasing the threads. Soon it was time for lunch. Have you ever cooked hamburgers under an umbrella? It can be done, at least until Ernie Dinkins came to the rescue with a tent. Sheila McPherson made homemade baked beans and cole slaw and Theresa McMullin made homemade blueberry cobbler and lemon squares.

"Dr." Ken Nelson makes his diagnosis

Theresa :McMullin seems to enjoy the rain!

Another excellent meal. Curtis Krosting got left out after

Above: Craig, Jim McPherson, Bobby Markwalter. <u>Left:</u> Michael and George Gordon, Craig McMullin.

driving his Model A to the Tech Session in the rain. Curtis, we'll put your front end alignment and steering adjustment at the top of the list for the next Tech Session (19) on May 30<sup>th</sup>!





#### MODEL A POKER RUN Augusta, GA Saturday, May 2

We played Model A Bingo at Richmond Hill; now let's play Model A Poker in Augusta. On Saturday May 2nd, we'll meet at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road at 9 o'clock (come earlier if you would like to eat breakfast). There will be five stops. At each stop you will receive a poker chip. After the last stop you will exchange your poker chips for playing cards (one card for each chip) and the best hand will be determined. A grand Shade Tree A's prize will be awarded the winner. While you may participate with any mode of transportation you choose, you must drive your Model A to be eligible for a prize.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY RUN Madison, GA

Madison, GA Thursday-Sunday, May 14-17

The Social Security Run, hosted by the Atlanta Region of the Horseless Carriage Club of America, will be **Thursday** through **Saturday**, **May 14-17** in Madison, Georgia. We will leave from the Cracker Barrel at I-20 at 9 o'clock on **Thursday May 14**<sup>th</sup>, and tour to Social Circle for lunch at the Blue Willow Inn (lunch is \$12.95). After lunch we will tour to Madison for botal

After lunch we will tour to Madison for hotel check-in. Driver introductions and tour

banner presentation will be Thursday evening on the square in Madison. There will be two full days of touring this year, and we'll be returning home Sunday morning.



Arrive at the picnic site with its 60-acre fishing pond between 10 and 11 a.m. Bring your chair, and also drinks, desserts and chips for the group. If you're planning on going, contact Jim McPherson and he'll get you a map.

Saturday, May 23





# THE 18<sup>TH</sup> and 19<sup>TH</sup> STA DOUBLE-HITTER TECH SESSIONS Monday, May 25

Monday, May 25 Saturday, May 30

We have some new projects many of you have not seen or done before. We are doing some work on a Model A 28-9 pickup cab for Danny Norman. For those of you who can, we'll meet on **Monday May 25th** (yes, Memorial Day, and maybe an opportunity for those of you who have trouble attending the Saturday sessions). If you like, come to breakfast at the Sunrise Grill on Washington Road at 8, then to Richard's around 9. We are going to install a new wood kit, top and a door patch panel. On Monday we will prep the cab for the work on Saturday, remove the old wood, apply a rust encapsulator behind the wood, apply a wood preservative to the new wood and prep the door for bottom patch panels. Lunch will be on our own. Then on Saturday May 30th, we'll meet at the Sunrise Grill for breakfast at 8, then to Richard's at 9 to install new wood, top, and patch panels. We also have the bed, with problems of its own for us to decide how to proceed. Bring your tools, screwdrivers, small wrenches, etc. to work. Several teams can work at the same time. We'll have salad and pizza for lunch, \$5 per person as last time. Do we have a volunteer to demonstrate installation (fitting and welding) of the door bottom panels?

#### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Aiken, SC Saturday, May 23



On Saturday, May 23 the Aiken Marine Corps League Detachment will host its annual Memorial Day Parade. The theme for this year's parade is the national

motto of the Military Order of the Purple Heart: "Some gave all. . .all gave some."

The parade will begin promptly at 1 p.m. with lineup no later than 12:30 p.m. About two weeks prior to the parade we will get our lineup location and will be emailing it to you.



BIG MO Saturday, June 6

There are only two remaining drive-in theaters in South Carolina, and one is just outside Aiken on Hwy 1. We surely well remember the days in our youth attending the drive-in movies. The STA's will return to the Big Mo in Monetta, SC on Saturday June 6th. The gates open at 7, and you do need to arrive early as they frequently sell out. They have two screens and offer a current double feature on each. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and over. We will be having a tailgate party, so load up the old car with your favorite goodies to share with the group, and maybe some chairs, and come on out. They do not allow grills or glass containers, and you will need an FM radio to hear the sound broadcast.



## VINTAGE VISIONS

...Dotti Shogren

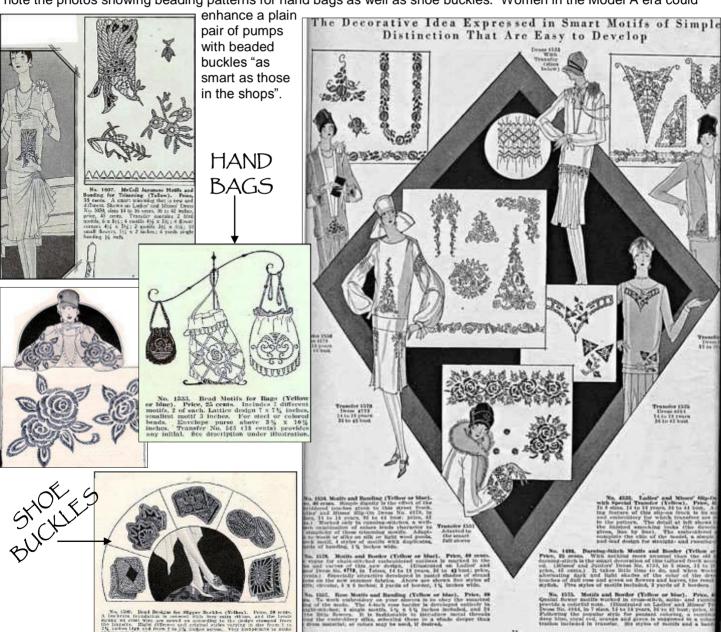
#### TRANSFERS FOR EMBROIDERY

One of the most unique books I have collected for studying the fashions of the Model A era is Complete Catalogue of McCall Transfers TO BE STAMPED WITH A HOT IRON. January 1928. It is interesting to get a glimpse into the past of how a lady in the Model A era could decorate and individualize clothing and household items with embroidery, painting or beading following a hottransfer pattern. The catalogue is a large soft covered book measuring 12" by 13 ½". Inside are



tabbed divisions for transfer patterns available for women's, children's and infant's clothing, household linens, bedspreads, lamp shades, scarves, and towels as well as transfer patterns for smocking, beading, painted designs, and others. The instructions printed inside the front cover explain to the user how to place the transfer pattern upside down on the fabric to be embroidered and "with a quick motion using a hot iron" transfer the design onto fabric.

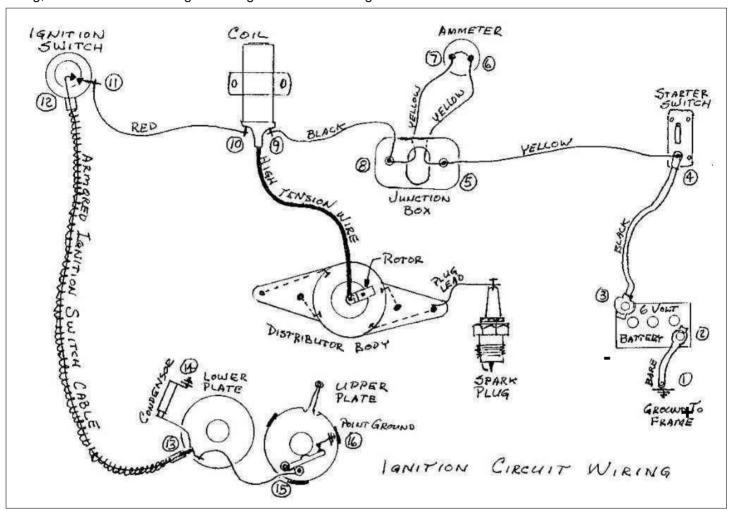
Photos scanned from the catalog sample a few of the transfer patterns and how they might be used on clothing. Also note the photos showing beading patterns for hand bags as well as shoe buckles. Women in the Model A era could



### IDEAS...from both coasts of the U.S.!



STA Member **Abbie Prince** shares: 'It seems that most times we have problems on tour it comes down to points, firing, etc. and we are looking for a diagram. The following would be a welcome addition to our tool boxes!



4# Pressure Radiator Cap Discovery by Dick Wyckoff

Some of us run pressurized radiators in in our Model As for whatever reason. One of the problems we have had is finding a 4 lb radiator cap designed for a fluid recovery system. This would be similar to a modern car with a 17 lb system. While at the swap meet in Turlock (CA) this last month, I had a chance to walk through a store called Tractor Supply Co. In there was a section with radiator caps for Ford 4-cyl tractor engines. On a hunch, I



bought a 4 lb cap and guess what, it is exactly what we have been looking for. It is designed for low-pressure, overflow recovery cooling systems.

So, for those of you looking for such a cap, go on-line to **TractorSupply.com** and in the top corner is a place to search for parts by number. Type in 0237958 and it will come up with the 4 lb cap that fits our needs. The cost is about \$8.

While you're at it, you might check item # 4020963. It is a collapsible, bright orange safety cone that could be carried under your seat in case of emergency. I got one of them, also. It is \$7.

(Dick lives in Southern California and is the editor of the **HarborLight** Newsletter. This article was on page 9 of their March 2009 publication. Thanks, Dick!)

#### MEET THE SHADE TREE A'S NEWSLETTER SPONSORS!

Our thanks to the folks below whose generosity supports our newsletter. Please remember them when you need a service they offer, and don't forget to tell them you appreciate their support of our club!

















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### DOWN THE ROAD.

#### **CLUB EVENTS**

MAY

Poker Run

11 Shade Tree A's Meeting

14-17 Social Security Run, Madison, GA Aiken Memorial Day Parade 23 23 GaSCar Spring Picnic, Trenton, SC

25 **Tech Session 18** 30 Tech Session 19

JUNE

Big Mo

**Shade Tree A's Meeting** 8 20 Trenton Peach Festival Parade

JULY

Gilbert Peach Festival Parade, SC

13 Shade Tree A's Meeting

**AUGUST** 

STA Dinner Meeting, Sconyer's

Chattanooga Tour, Picnic, Hill Climb, 7-9 Accommodations aboard the Delta Queen

**SEPTEMBER** 

10-13 Festival & Hill Climb, Morganton, NC

12 Penny Pinson Hotdog Day Shade Tree A's Meeting 14

20-23 Model A Restorers Club (MARC) National

Tour, Charlottesville, VA

25-26 Palmetto A's Swap Meet, Smith & Jones

International Model A Day Activity 26

**OCTOBER** 

Oliver Hardy Parade, Harlem 3

Shade Tree A's Meeting 12

17 Steak Cookout

31 Halloween Party, Abbeville, SC

**NOVEMBER** 

Ridgeland Creek Old Farm Days

9 Shade Tree A's Meeting

**DECEMBER** 

Christmas Lights Tour 8

15 **Christmas Party, Old McDonald Fish Camp** 

2010 MARCH

5-7 Richmond Hill Tour

A RED entry denotes a change or an addition to this calendar.



#### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

(Non-club events but members are encouraged to participate)

June

Grandfather's Day at Mike's

21-26 MARC National Meet, Merrillville, IN

October

7-10 Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey, PA

#### REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

Mav

Dover, Nelson, Adams, Chavis

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McMullin, d'Entremont. Don Gordon, George Gordon

lulv

Bryant, Gazette, Krostings, Mason/Neal



These clever door prizes were awarded at our April dinner meeting. They were thoughtfully crafted by members of the Gordon family. Thanks!







Donald G. Gordon Robyn Broome 5 – Montie Knapp

7 - Jim Dover

8 - Lois Melchiors 15 - Russell Young

18 – Dotti Shogren 19 - Brenda Prince 20 - Gerald Melchiors

21 - Billy Garland 23 - Ken Nelson

24 - Linda Krosting

28 - Betty Wade 28 - Ben Deitz

29 - Joe Christian



#### **MYSTERY MEMBERS**

This couple, long-term Shade Tree A members, are raising bees! They've shared their excitement as their bees were delivered, and are looking forward to the honey they'll get from their hives.

April's MYSTERY MEMBER was Frank Knapp