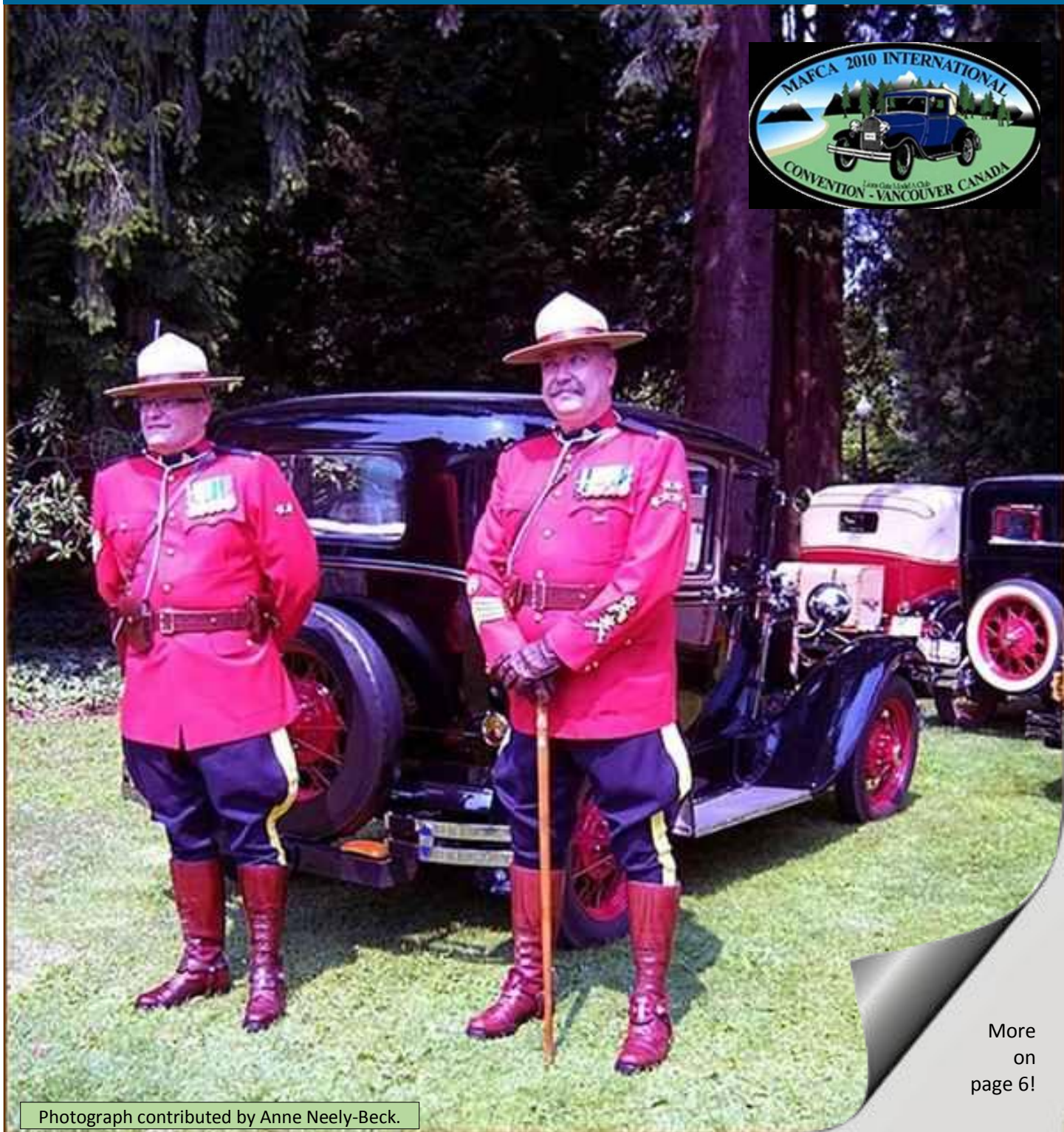


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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting will be held in **Richard Dunevent's** garage on Monday, September 13 at 7 pm.

The program topic is "Restoration of the Model A". Come prepared to 'jump' right into the discussion!

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & DUES INFORMATION

What should you do with the MAFCA Membership Renewal form you received in the mail last week?

These MAFCA dues are included in your Shade Tree A dues of **\$65.00**, so it's easy to take care of both at the same time! "One check; that's all", says treasurer **Richard Dunevent**.

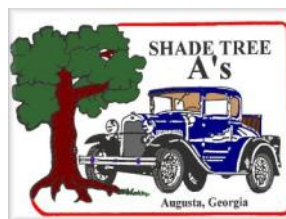
Make out your check for **\$65**, complete the MAFCA renewal card and get them both to Richard no later than **December 1**. You may also mail your payment to:

Richard Dunevent, 4338 Owens Rd., Evans, GA 30809-9678

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 these 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



Off The Running Board

Thoughts from our President...

We are approaching that time of year where we have two very important tasks before us as a club. The first is the nomination of potential club officers for 2011. Curtis Krosting has agreed to head the Nomination Committee at my request and I appreciate his enthusiasm. Thanks Curtis! This task should not be taken lightly, as your elected officers shape the club for the future and hopefully make it enjoyable for all its members and continue the club's growth and prosperity in good times and bad. Give this opportunity some serious thought as some key officer positions will be vacated by the end of the year. If interested, please contact Curtis for additional information. He is already working very hard to fill this year's STA officer nomination ballot form.

The second task involves selecting a recipient from a list of candidates for the Monroe Wade Award. This year, Dan Perla, Sheila McPherson, Bob Jones and Betty Wade have the daunting task of reviewing nominations and making the final selection on this year's recipient. It is quite an honor to be selected and in many cases it has been known to bring tears of joy to those recipients who knew Monroe and who also take deep pride in being a member of the Shade Tree A's.

Don't miss an opportunity to make a significant difference in this organization; these opportunities don't present themselves very often. We are all individuals with unique personalities and attributes and everyone has something to offer. Let's take advantage of **ALL** the resources available to us and make the most of it.

Have a Safe Trip,

Craig



August Meeting Minutes



Shade Tree A's Board of Directors Meeting August 16, 2010

The Shade Tree A's Board of Directors' Meetings was held August 16th at 7:00 p.m. at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Craig McMullin called the meeting to order and remembered those club members that are dealing with illnesses.

Curtis Krosting accepted the opportunity to chair the 2011 officer nominations committee. Larry Duvall volunteered to help Curtis.

Theresa McMullin will be in charge of food for the steak cookout. After looking at several options for cookout location, it was decided that the cookout would be held at the Lake Thurmond dam (below the dam on the South Carolina side).

Larry Duvall is looking further into the Greenbrier High School car display in October; he'll get back with the club with the details.

A brief discussion was held regarding the March tour to Richmond Hill and the officers decided to meet again this month to establish the details and publish a flyer. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa McMullin

Secretary

Shade Tree A's August Dinner Meeting Minutes August 19, 2010

The Shade Tree A's held their August Dinner Meeting at the Hibachi Grill in Augusta on Thursday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. There were 35 members present and everyone enjoyed more food choices than could possibly be taste-tested.

After enjoying the meal and fellowship, the members moved to the sidewalk for a short monthly meeting. President Craig McMullin thanked everyone for coming, reminded everyone of those you are dealing with illness

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and/or upcoming surgery, and announced August birthdays.

Reminders of upcoming club activities were announced and everyone was encouraged to look at those dates and times in the newsletter.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa McMullin

Secretary

We had 14 STA members send me their odometer readings for May and, as a club, we had 2,366 miles for the month of June. To date the club has driven 21,089 miles. Keep those wheels rolling! See page 8 for the individual statistics.

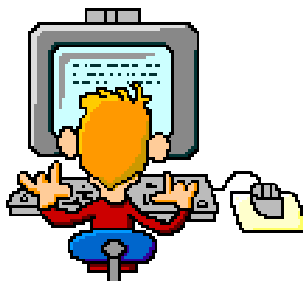
UPDATE—August 13- The July totals are still coming in! Over 325 vehicles reported mileages of 88,991 for a revised total of **807,696**. The target mileage for Jan/July was 700,000.



MAFCA MILLION MILE PROGRAM

Ken Nelson – Mileage Chairman

I'd like to thank all of you that have taken the time to send me your odometer reading via e-mail.



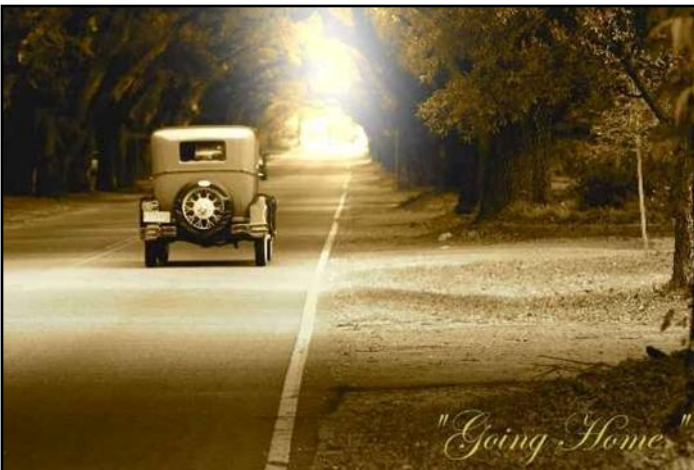
I'll be contacting you again later this month for your **August** reading. I need to submit the numbers prior to September 1 so your promptness will be appreciated.



Tech Tip of the Month

...Jim McPherson

September, 2010: Still having trouble with rust in your gas tank? Or maybe you have an even greater problem: the older yellow gas tank sealer is coming loose with the use of ethanol gas. One possibility to cleaning out a gas tank, other than removal which usually ruins that beautiful paint job, might be to use a manual suction pump. You want one with a relatively stiff hose on the end that goes into the gas tank, a collapsible billows type bulb on top, and a discharge hose. Move the hose around inside the tank as you draw up the gas, and discharge it into a container that has a filter. A coffee filter will catch the large rust particles and the old sealer particles and gauze will filter out the fine rust particles. After filtering, you can reuse the gas to continue the removal process until you feel you've removed all the rust you can. Agitating the gas with an air hose will aid in keeping the rust particles in suspension while siphoning the gas and help suspend those particles behind the baffles where you cannot reach. If you have a 1931 Model A with an indented firewall, don't forget to remove the shut off valve and clean out the sediment and rust that has accumulated around the valve inside the tank. It is a common misconception, but the filter screen commonly used inside the gas tank on 28-E31 Model A's will fit into the L31 tank.



Remembering.....

MIKE CHAVIS
 December 6, 1935
 August 3, 2010



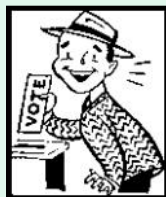
Mike, a long-time member, passed away on Tuesday, August 3. STA members were honorary pallbearers. Here are two of our favorite pictures of Mike—and one of his treasured Model A.



2011 SHADE TREE A ELECTIONS

We are now accepting nominations for the following officers and Board of Directors:

- √President
- √Vice President
- √Secretary
- √Treasurer
- √National Director
- √Tour Director
- √Board of Directors



Do you have someone you'd like to nominate for one of these positions—or want to take the plunge yourself? All nominations must be turned in to chairman **Curtis Krosting (Email: chief@jodalefarm.com, 706/556-9507)** by **October 15**. The ballot will be in November's newsletter, with results announced at the Christmas party.

Under The Shade Tree

- **Don Turley** is recovering well from his early July surgery. Thanks to fellow STA member **Bob Collier**, Don didn't miss the July meeting, though!
- Our thoughts and prayers are with **Bill and Gayle Adams** during these 'tough times'.
- We're so thankful that **Jack Horner** was at work at his desk in the Emergency Medicine Department at MCG. when he had his recent heart problem. Though he faces still more surgery in the future, **Jack** and **Carrie** are most optimistic.
- **Dan Perla's** father (Peter G. Perla) passed away on July 30. He was 96—what a long, long life! Mr. Perla's funeral was in his home town of Traverse City, MI, where he was buried next to his wife in Oakwood Cemetery. **Dan** would like to thank the Club for its generous donation to the American Red Cross in Traverse City. Mr. Perla had served as president of its local chapter for many years.
- **Mike Chavis** was driving on Highway 1 in Aiken, taking a car to a sale—just an ordinary morning for him—when a massive heart attack claimed his life on August 3. The funeral was two days later in Orangeburg, SC.
- **Ed Garvin** has moved from Cumberland Village in Aiken to the Memory Wing at Shadow Oaks, also in Aiken.
- **Barbara Bryant's** left shoulder has been dislocated and she's currently in a brace. She has no broken bones, but reports it is not a painless experience. Hope things get better for you soon, Barbara.
- **Theresa McMullin's** mom has been having serious health issues. Please remember her in your prayers.
- Be on the lookout for "Get Low", the movie filmed last summer in which several STA members (and their cars, of course) played a role. It's been released in some areas of the country already! We've heard that **Tony and Carole Gazette** and **Anne Neely- and James Beck** have again been on location in Atlanta to film another movie!! Anne says 'We actually might get out of the car and be seen this time.!!!!'



ALONG THE WAY...

MAFCA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, VANCOUVER, CANADA

The Lions Gate Model A Club was the host for the 2010 MAFCA International Convention, held in Vancouver Canada. **Jim** and **Sheila McPherson** and **Anne Neely-Back** attended. The



meet started on Sunday August 1st with registration and specialty body club meetings. There were 462 registrants, about 300 Model A's and about 900 members attending. A variety of seminars was held throughout the week including a number covering maintenance of Model A components, including the horn, speedometer and spark plugs for the men and shoes, sewing patterns, Model A era jewelry, and a presentation by Ivan Sayers, a prominent fashion historian. Monday and Tuesday there was a tailgate swap meet and fashion boutique. Caps are usually given to car judges at these meets, but this meet presented a special meet badge to the judges.



The host club arranged an Alaska cruise to follow the meet. There were 177 Model A'ers on the ms Zuiderdam. Between the travel agency and the cruise line, a number of special events were held just for the Model A'ers. On Sunday there was a cocktail party in the Crow's Nest, and later the Captain's Welcome Champagne party. On Monday we were in Juneau, and Skagway on

Tuesday where 129 Model A'ers were on a special excursion on the White Pass and Yukon Railway. We spent all day Wednesday at Glacier Bay National Park and the Model A'ers had lunch in the Pinnacle Grill (usually open only for dinner). Thursday was spent in Ketchikan, totem pole capital of Alaska. There were also two special seminars covering what was going on during the Model A era.



August Dinner Meeting



There are more photos of both the Vancouver meet/Alaska Cruise and the Dinner meeting on shadetreeas.org. Check them out!



September Events--and more!

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY/ TRANSPORTATION PARADE

Aiken, SC
Saturday, September 18



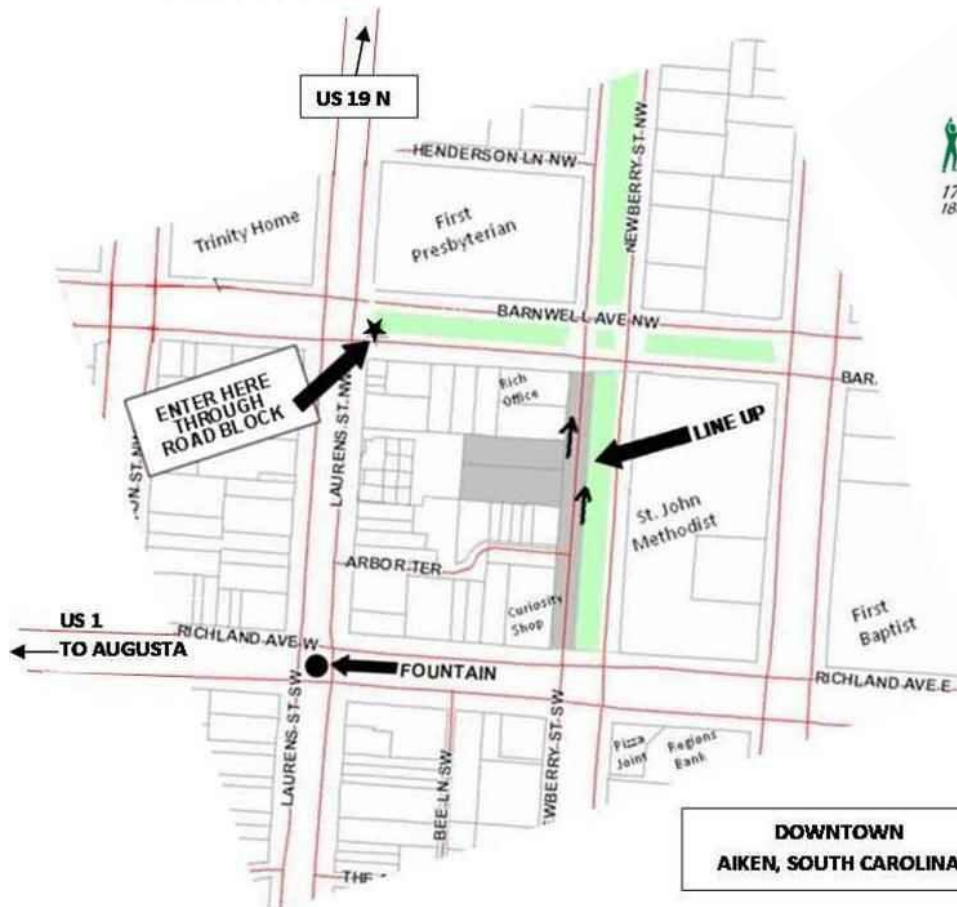
We'll meet at Sunrise Grill in North Augusta at 8 o'clock for breakfast on **Saturday, September 18**, then tour to Aiken for the parade line up at 9:30.

This will be an unique parade, celebrating 175 years of various modes of transportation since the founding of Aiken in 1833. It will begin at 10:30 and will feature almost every type of transportation known to Aiken over the past 175 years: horses and carriages, bicycles and motorcycles, cars (including our "A's") and trucks; even two hydrogen-powered vehicles. It will end at the New Aiken Depot where our cars will be on display.

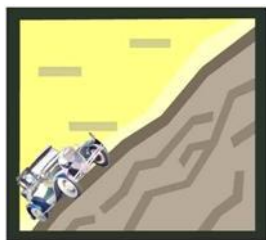
LINE UP INSTRUCTIONS:

Entry point for all participants will be through the road block at Laurens Street and Barnwell Avenue, at which time Public Safety will direct participants to their assigned line up positions. The **Shade Tree A's** will be on Newberry Street, facing **North** towards Barnwell Street.

Line up time: 9:30 a.m.



More events
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TOUR AND HILL CLIMB

Friday/Saturday
September 24-25, 2010

The Thermal Belt Model A Club invites you to join them for a tour of Rutherford County, NC in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, **Friday September 24** and for a hill climb in Spindale, NC on **Saturday, September 25**. Information will be available at the meeting.

4th Annual
ALL Model A & Model T
SWAP MEET

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**Old 96 District
Model A Club
Ladies Only
Driving Tour
November 5-7, 2010**

Leave for Savannah, Ga. Friday morning
Return Sunday afternoon

Friday evening open.
Could attend a play at the Savannah Community
Theater

Saturday we will join a tour of historic Savannah
This will include an informative narrative.
We will get on and off for shopping and lunch.

We will be staying at Quality Inn Midtown
They will have special parking for our A's
with security patrols at night.
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Cost for Theater \$15.00 to \$30.00
Quality Inn \$62.99/night plus tax
Historic Tour \$25.00

Contact Madge Roub, 864-993-7408



SHADE TREE A'S MAFCA Million Mile Program, 2010

January-July totals

Compiled by Ken Nelson

Last Name—Vehicle

Beck - Coupe	1969
Beck - Roadster	456
Beck - Pick Up	576
Bryant-T	1033
Bryant-SW	10
Cerefin	837
d'Entremont	36
Dinkins	355
Dunevent	1518
DuVall	1728
Gazette	484
Gordon, G - Pick Up	1447
Gordon, G - Tudor	1172
Gordon, G - Sport Coupe	237
Komp - Tudor	24
Krostring	1056
Mason - LB Sedan	387
Mason - Sport Coupe	580
Mason - Phaeton	238
McMullin	819
McPherson	1614
Melchiors	86
Neal	444
Prince - Two door	785
Prince - Speedster	402
Roberts - Pickup	89
Roberts - Coupe	129
Roberts - Panel	26
Roberts - Town Sedan	648
Shogren - Sport Coupe	415
Shogren - SW Sedan	82
Smith, S	1077
Stewart - Pickup	71
Stewart - Tudor	259

Club Totals

21089

VINTAGE

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Dotti Shogren.....

ANTIQUÉ LADIES' COMPACTS— A COLLECTIBLE MODEL 'A' ERA ACCESSORY

Modern formulations of make-up provide all-day control of the shine caused by oil in the skin. But, there was a time when it was necessary for a lady to apply face powder repeatedly throughout the day. In the Model 'A' era the quaint old phrase, "excuse me while I go powder my nose," wasn't just a polite euphemism for a trip to the ladies' room. Small-scaled containers that held face powder, an applicator puff and a mirror, called "compacts" due to their diminutive size were an indispensable accessory for women. I purchased one of these minute gems in 2002 at a vintage clothing expo in California.

Compacts known as "Duos" included rouge as well as powder and a separate puff for applying it. "Vanity case" was the term for either small compacts or somewhat larger cases that held more than



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just powder and rouge. These might include lipstick, a comb, a compartment for cigarettes or money, or other personal items.

My art deco style vanity case is chrome with green enamel. To illustrate its dainty size I



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photo-graphed it next to a standard AA battery. (Figures 1 (L) and 2 (R))



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Inside are the two original puffs, a mirror and a lipstick case. (Fig.3) The mirror in this case is not glass, but a highly polished chrome plate, hinged to the case, serving as a divider between the rouge and powder compartments. Figure 4 shows a style of compact with a finger ring to make it easier to hold while dancing.

Ladies' compacts are highly collectible, come in all sizes, shapes, designs and materials. There are



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"everyday" types like mine as well as ones that are highly decorative. Compacts were used into the 1960's so those from the Model 'A' era are not as plentiful as compacts in other categories. Look for these little wonders at antique stores, flea markets, garage sales, grandma's attic and on-line.

These are a few of the websites I enjoyed as I researched my vanity case.

- www.antiques.about.com (search on 'compacts' for a couple of good articles)
- www.antiquepeek.com/Compacts.htm
- www.antiquecompact.com (has a section for pre-1930's compacts)
- www.decolish.com/ArtDecoCompacts.html
- www.bitzofglitz.com (has a glossary of terms relating to compacts)
- www.squidoo.com/Vintage_Ladies_Compacts
- www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/ae/more/s_662414.html
- www.ebay.com





Seat Belts

Tech
Corner

....Ken Nelson



Seat belts are becoming a must in a Model A Ford if you drive your car a lot. At today's highway speeds and congestion, passengers traveling in a Model A Ford are vulnerable to serious injury if they are not properly restrained by seat belts. Passengers in the front seat can be thrown from the car due to the door latches coming open during an accident.

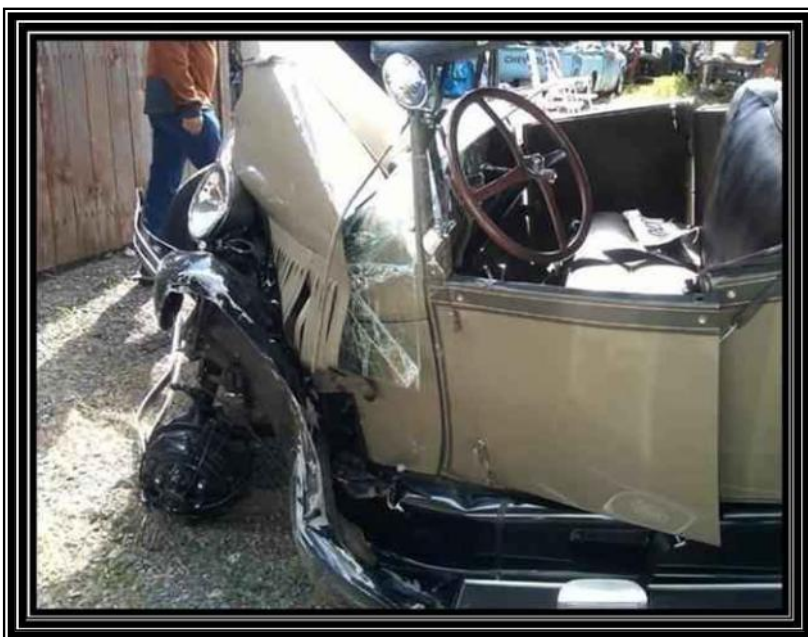
Most any seat belt sold on the market today has the required strength to properly restrain a person. Seat belts can be acquired from any number of suppliers.

For a seat belt to provide adequate restraint it should be attached to the frame of the car. In many cases a convenient body bolt that attaches the body to the frame may be utilized. It is a good idea to replace the original bolt with a high strength hardened bolt. It may also be necessary to obtain a slightly longer bolt to better accommodate the seat belt anchor.

It is not be a good idea to anchor seat belts to the seat frame alone. The weight of two people may be sufficient during a high impact crash to cause the seat frame to be torn loose from the car.

If it is not possible to anchor a seat belt directly to the frame of the car, an alternative is to anchor them to the car body. Since the body is made only of sheet metal, it is possible the anchors could be torn loose in a high impact crash. It is advisable to position some angle iron support brackets under the car body so that the anchor bolts pass through the body and through the angle iron. Even if the angle iron support cannot be directly attached to the frame of the car it will provide additional strength by spreading the attachment characteristics across a wider area of the car body.

Keep in mind that the objective of seat belts is to restrain several hundred pounds of people in their seats without tearing loose should a crash occur.



This picture is from the MAFCA web site, www.mafca.com. This happened in Medford Oregon to Dick Mace, who was on a club tour out on the rural roads. A pickup swerved into his lane and plowed head-on into his 1928 Phaeton. All four people in the car were wearing seat belts, and while they were injured, they SURVIVED the crash.

Installation information can be found at http://www.mafca.com/seat_belts.html



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Down The Road.....

SHADE TREE A'S EVENT SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

- 13 **STA Meeting**
- 18 **International Model A Day/Celebrate Aiken! Transportation Parade**
- 24-25 **Palmetto A's Swap Meet**

OCTOBER

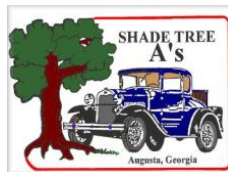
- 2 **Oliver Hardy Parade, Harlem, GA**
- 11 **STA Meeting**
- 15 **Deadline for Officer/BOD Nominations**
- 16 **Steak Cookout at "Below the Dam"**
- 23 **Tech Session 27**

NOVEMBER

- 6 **Richland Creek Farm Days**
- 8 **STA Meeting**

DECEMBER

- 11 **Christmas Party**
- 16 **Christmas Lights Tour**



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MARCH

- 4-6 **Return to Richmond Hill**

A **RED** entry denotes a change or an addition to these calendars.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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

September

- 17-18 Palmetto A's 50th celebration
- 18 Penny Pinson Hot Dog Day
- 24-25 Hill Climb & Tour of Rutherford Co., NC

October

- 7-10 Hershey Swap Meet

November

- 5-7 Old 96 District's Ladies Only Driving Tour
- 19-20 Moultrie Swap Meet

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March

- 24-27 MARC National Membership Meet, St. Augustine, FL



April

- 9-15 MAFCA National Tour, Natchez Trace Parkway



REFRESHMENTS

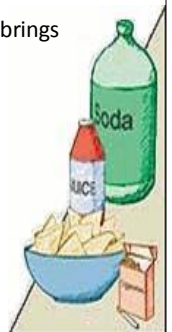
Name underlined coordinates what the group brings

September

- Turley, Walter Smith, Jones, Collier

October

- DuVall, Don Gordon, William Gordon, Stuart Smith



Happy Birthdays!



- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Kelly Frontroth | 13 - Larry Komp |
| 1 - Sam Mason | 15 - John McDaniel |
| 4 - Rose Tankersley | 22 - James Gay |
| 5 - Kym McDaniel | 26 - Ed Garvin |
| 8 - Houston Barbee | 28 - Ernie Dinkins |

