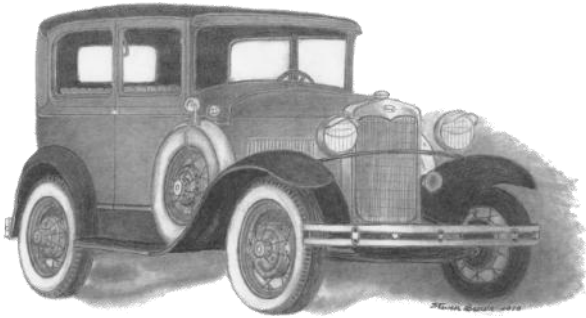


# Shade Tree A's News



## ABOUT THE SHADE TREE A'S

<http://www.shadetreeas.org>

The Shade Tree A's is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile. Shade Tree A's annual dues (\$65) include membership in the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA, \$40) and a subscription to *The Restorer* Magazine. Members are also urged to join the Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC, \$38) which includes a subscription to *Model "A" News*. The club also is a member of MAFFI, the Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at Richard Dunevent's garage, 4338 Owens Road, Evans, GA. Meetings begin at 7p.m. and are followed by refreshments.

## ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Submissions for the January issue are due by December 28.

Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan  
*Steven Brown*

## TIME TO TAKE CHARGE

Rachel d'Entremont

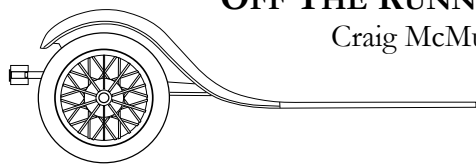
A few weeks ago I did my first unsupervised oil change.

When I bought my 1928 Roadster in the summer of 2008, I had been convinced by #1 son, Brian, that I could maintain it myself. That sounded good until we got it home and it hardly ran. For the first two and a half years I had it, it was one thing after another. Every time I thought it was roadworthy, something else would come up. Since mid-August it's been a pretty reliable car. I've been able to take it on quite a few day trips with the club and I regularly take it to run errands around town.

I recently found out that Brian will be moving to Switzerland in February so I decided I'd better start dealing with the maintenance myself instead of waiting until he visits Aiken. So earlier this month I changed the starter switch (with some guidance from Tom Roberts) and recently I drained the radiator and added antifreeze, changed the oil, and inadvertently changed the transmission fluid.

I scooted under the car (if I gain another ounce, I'll have to jack the car up to do this – it's a very tight fit sliding under the running board while lying on the creeper!). And I was so proud of myself as I removed the plug and the oil started pouring out...but wait, it wasn't exactly pouring out, it was more like oozing and coming out in globs. That's when I realized I was too far back for that to be the oil pan (maybe I did need supervision after all). Well, I got Brian on the phone and he said the transmission fluid needed changing anyway. Fortunately, I had exactly enough 600-weight oil left in the jug to fill the transmission; I bet there's not a tablespoon to spare!

All's well that ends well. The worst part of the job was getting the black grease out from under my nails...



## OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Craig McMullin, President

With the holiday season upon us and the New Year just around the corner, I would like to encourage everyone to get out and drive their Model A's. Our planned activities for 2012 will include some new and interesting places to visit. As with every Model A trip, driving your Model A is what the trip is all about. This year the club will focus on getting on the road, whether it is just an afternoon jaunt or a weekend event.

The first event of the year, and always well attended, is the New Year's Day breakfast at the Cracker Barrel (I-20 at Belair Road). I encourage all the STA'ers to drive their cars to the first event of the year. Who knows, you may win the much-sought-after President's Driver's Award for driving your Model A. More to follow on future 2012 events, so read your newsletter, watch your e-mail, and attend monthly meetings for the latest news and updates.

As always, if you have a suggestion for future Model A trips that you think would be interesting for the club, please let Jim McPherson (Tour Director) or any other club officer know. The Board will be meeting early in January to plan 2012 events, so now is the perfect time to bring your ideas forward.

Have a Merry Christmas and hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party on December 10th.

Craig

### NEXT MEETING

Saturday, December 10 at 6 pm at the McMullen's home in Edgefield SC *Note the change in date & place.*

### REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

**December 10:** Dinner meeting (Saturday)

**January 9:** McPherson's, Komp, and Krosting

**February 13:** Roberts, d'Entremont, Cerefin

## SHADE TREE A'S MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2011

President, Craig McMullin called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

There were 42 members present. Several members were fined for not having name badges.

Joe Holley's wife & nephew were welcomed as visitors.

Dates were given for November birthdays. See newsletter.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written in the October newsletter.

No major illnesses were reported in the club.

Richard Dunevent gave the Treasure's Report.

National director, Eric, asked everyone to turn in mileage on your Model A.

For a printed copy of the newsletter call Don Turley at 706-863-4867.

Future events can be found in the newsletter, please participate.

The technical program by Jim McPherson with help from Doug covered "Hot Running Model A".

Great refreshments were provided by the following families: Vanover, Krosting, S. Smith, Holley, and Richardson.

The meeting was adjourned with everyone having a good time.

The next meeting is December 10<sup>th</sup>, 6PM at Craig and Theresa McMullin's home in Edgefield.

Respectfully submitted  
Doug Wilson, Secretary

### CLUB MEETINGS

The Shade Tree A's regular meetings are the second Monday at 7:00 pm @ Richard's Garage located at 4338 Owens Road, Evans GA

The graphics on pages 2, 4, & 13 were created by Brian d'Entremont of the STA Newsletter Tech Support Department.

## **TECH TIP**

### **WATER TEMPERATURE**

Jim McPherson

Peyton Quina, a member of the Jacksonville A's had some interesting contributions on water temperature in their newsletter. His engine builder feels that the Model A runs best in the 180/190 degree range. Contributors from the Ford Barn Model A forum believe the engine temperature should be kept under 200 degrees. Further discussion indicates a 160 degree thermostat starts to open at 160, and isn't fully open until 180. Yet many Model A owners claim their temperature gauge remains on 160 during the entire driving range. Era original Rex-A-Co temperature gauges indicate 190 degrees as the beginning of the danger zone (190-240). If your Model A is running between 180 and 190 degrees, a temperature gauge might be a distraction. Payton flushed his cooling system with three vinegar treatments, each with two gallons of vinegar and one gallon distilled water, followed with one final treatment using one gallon Simple Green and two gallons distilled water. Payton's Model A runs a steady 180 degrees on long drives with slightly higher readings at lengthy idle on a 90 degree day.

## **NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAKFAST**

Jim McPherson

Our annual New Year's Day breakfast will be held on Sunday January 1st at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at I-20 and Dyess Parkway. Arrive around eight for a hearty breakfast with friends. While other Model A'ers have their Model A snugly packed away for the winter, we have the opportunity to drive ours year round. Start the New Year off right by driving your Model A to breakfast. Since New Year's Day is on Sunday this year, there will be no tour following breakfast.

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR TO HOPELANDS GARDENS IN AIKEN**

Thursday, **December 15th** the STA's will dine on pizza in downtown Aiken and then head to Hopelands Gardens for a walking tour through 1.5 miles of lighted pathways and holiday displays with over 100,000 lights. We will be allowed to park the A's on the grounds of Rye Patch at 100 Berrie Road. We will meet at the Pizza Joint at 125 Richland Ave, West (corner of Richland Ave & Newberry St.). You should park you're A's on Newberry Street between Richland and Park Avenues. We will send out an e-mail asking who will be coming so the restaurant can be ready for us. We will gather at the Pizza Joint between 5:45 and 6:00 and head over to Hopelands after dinner.

## **PHOTOS & MORE**

Visit the club's website to find all sorts of stuff. You can access STA newsletters from January 2006 to the current issue. There are links to other club's newsletters, links to parts catalogs, lists of available sewing patterns, lists and photos of member's cars, a place to sell your Model A stuff, and photos from most of the club events from 2006 to the present. <http://www.ShadeTreeAs.org>

## OFFICER ELECTIONS

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

After the Board of Directors discussed the options for a Christmas Party and the increased cost of previous venues, the McMullins generously offered their home for the December 10 party. The club will provide the ham and turkey and the members will bring the sides and desserts. For those unable to prepare something, you may make a donation toward the extras. The festivities will begin at 6 o'clock with dinner at 7. There will be a gift swap and entertainment.

### STA "BUSINESS" CARDS

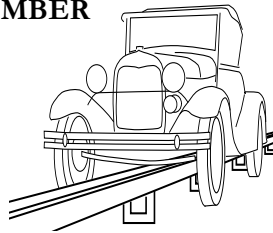
STA's has cards which include our meeting time/place, our web address, and a space for you to fill in your own name. These are available for you to give to prospective members. You may pick up a few at the next meeting to keep in your wallet or your car.

### FROM THE DECEMBER

### ASSEMBLY LINE

*Happy Birthday to*

- 1 - Barbara Bryant
- 2 - David Cozart
- 7 - Tanya Gordon
- 12 - Margaret Collier
- 13 - Richard Dunevent
- 15 - Lisa Smith
- 16 - Frank Knapp
- 17 - Eric Shogren
- 17 - Jim Miller
- 18 - Gayle Adams
- 20 - Linda Nelson
- 21 - Jim Mason
- 23 - Bill Richardson
- 26 - Ann Claiborne Christian
- 29 - Elizabeth Ford



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### RICHLAND CREEK OLD FARM DAYS

*November 5*

Four cars from Aiken and two from Augusta met in Johnston SC for breakfast and then headed to Richland Creek Farms near Saluda SC. It was a beautiful day but a little on the chilly side. There were Model A's from other clubs, antique and newer tractors, and a few other antique cars.

The cars and tractors were displayed in the middle of the festival area and were surrounded

by all sorts of things including a flea market, a tractor pull contest, a Border Collie demonstration, food vendors, tractor accessories and paraphernalia, and demonstrations of lumber milling, grits and corn-meal grinding, and other activities. Other photos are available for viewing on the STA website.



It was chilly and windy.; notice every one has hands in the pockets!



Herding ducks is not an easy job as this Border Collie demonstrated.



1913 Case steam-powered tractor



### EARLY GAS PUMP

*Richland Creek Farm*

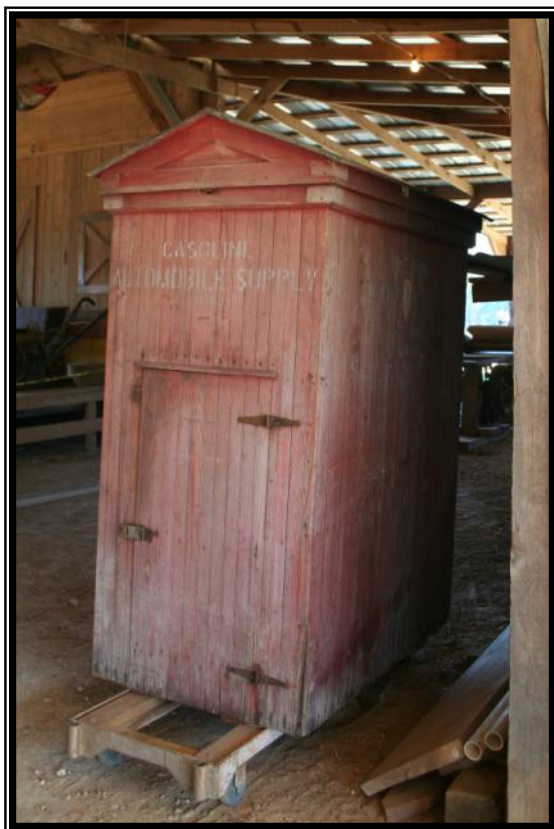
Rachel d'Entremont

Just before the Richland Creek Farm tour on November 5, I had been reading about early gas stations in an article from the National Park Service Historic Preservation Brief. Not 24 hours later, I came face-to-face with a Beman Automatic Curb Cabinet in one of the barns at the Richland Creek Farm. From what I can gather, the gas was stored in a tank underground and pumped up with a hand pump similar to a bicycle tire pump. The cabinets were located near car dealerships, hardware stores, and grocery stores. The preservation brief is available on line at:

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief46.pdf>

A section on gas pumps is part of an article on the history of the oil industry available at:

<http://www.petroleumhistory.org/OilHistory/pages/gasoline/beman.html>



### HERSHEY PA SWAP MEET

Photos courtesy of Larry Komp.





## MAFFI MUSEUM UP DATE

MAFFI Trustees

The early events for constructing the Model A Ford Museum building are underway. A topographic survey has been done and a site plan is being started. The final design contract will be signed by the end of the month. Meanwhile a MAFFI team is conducting a visual inspection and inventory of existing museum display items.



The fund drive to pay for the museum is continuing. MAFFI now has a broker (Edward Jones) and can accept gifts of stock and if you have an IRA that requires a mandatory distribution that you don't need, you can donate the distribution to the museum and not have to pay taxes on it.

Each club can help and many are. For example, clubs are holding special events to raise money for the museum. Illinois Region of MARC had a swap meet, Grape Country A's had an auction, both resulting in substantial donations. How about your club holding a road rally or a poker run, a car wash, or a brakes inspection day, each with a fee to go to the museum. Other fun events might include a Biggest Loser contest among portly club members with the monthly collections based on promised versus actual weight loss, all going to the museum fund. Another idea is to charge "tuition" for an all-day technical seminar (valve grinding, transmission rebuild, etc) with proceeds going to the museum. Perhaps a simple Museum 50/50 at each meeting - no donation is too small and no donation is too big. You'll have fun and also get a museum.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE DETAILS

**The Gibson Christmas Parade** will be held on Saturday **December 3rd**. We will meet at the Walmart on Deans Bridge Road and Bobby Jones Expressway and leave at 1:00 pm for Gibson. We will stop for lunch along the way. The parade line-up is at 2 o'clock at the High School, and the parade begins at 3 o'clock.

**The GVW (Graniteville-Vaucluse-Warrenville) Parade** is Saturday, **December 3** at 3:00. The parade will begin in the parking lot of Leavelle McCampbell Middle School and proceed through Graniteville on Highway 191 to end at the traffic light at Highway 421 in Warrenville. Lineup is at 2:00.

**The Thompson Parade** will be on **Sunday, Dec. 4th** at 3 pm with a 2pm line up at the Thompson Brickyard football field (same place as last year). The STA participation is sponsored by the Thompson Meat Packing Co. at \$10 per car.

**The Gracewood Christmas Parade** will be held on Tuesday **December 6th**. The parade line-up will be on the baseball field at 12:15. Going South on Peach Orchard Road, turn left on Tobacco Road and take the first right (beside the Gracewood campus) to the ball field. The parade begins at One o'clock. The rain date is Wednesday December 7th.

The **Aiken Christmas Parade** will be held Sunday, **December 11th** at 2:00. Line-up begins at 1:00, and the Jaycees will notify each entrant of lineup location and entry positions prior to the parade. The parade will be televised live on WJBF News Channel 6 AND Aiken Standard's ASTV (12.2). Candy/literature cannot be thrown or passed out during the parade—strictly enforced by Aiken Public Safety.

The **Hephzibah Christmas Parade** will be held Saturday **December 17th** at 11 o'clock. Line-up at the High School beginning at 10 o'clock. At the end of the parade route, turn left and we will remove the decorations from our Model A's at the old Elementary School before heading down Windsor Spring Road to Sconyer's for lunch. If you are unable to make the parade, maybe you can join us for lunch about one o'clock.



### NON-ETHANOL GAS

To find gas stations that carry non-ethanol gas, visit <http://pure-gas.org>, click on the state at the bottom of the page, and scroll down to find a particular city (listed by mailing address). You may add stations that are missing or remove stations that no longer carry non-ethanol.

### MILEAGE

Eric Shogren needs your mileage as of December 1st so he can prepare the mileage awards to be presented at the Christmas dinner meeting. Even if you know your mileage is not worthy of an award, our club's cumulative mileage gets reported for the MAFCA Million Mile program.

## MONDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

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### NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- ◆ Anne Neely-Beck has been appointed to The Model A Youth Scholarship Fund as vice president.
- ◆ Brian d'Entremont will be moving to Switzerland in February to take a post-doctorate position at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne) where he will continue his research in Heat Transfer.
- ◆ Barbara Bryant is continuing to mend from recent shoulder surgery,
- ◆ The football team of Honorary Youth Member Houston Barbee won the championship title for his league. Congratulations Houston!

If you have items of interest to the club, such as illnesses or celebrations, please send them to me at [Newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org](mailto:Newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org) for inclusion in "News from Under the Shade Tree".

### MIKE'S AFFORDABLE RAFFLE FOR A 1930 TUDOR SEDAN

Enter the annual raffle to win a Model "A". A very solid running car up for grabs, a great restoration project. All-original interior still in car. Winner must collect the car from Maysville, GA. All proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project. Pictures and information can be found on the Mike's Affordable website at [www.mikes-afordable.com](http://www.mikes-afordable.com)

The drawing will be December 31 2011.

## STAS CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 P.M.



This year's club Christmas party will be at the home of Craig and Theresa McMullin at 425 Columbia Road in Edgefield, SC. Happy hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. and plans are to eat around 7:00 p.m. The club will be supplying the turkeys and hams and everyone else will need to bring a dish. Please sign up Theresa at 803-637-3790 or 803-480-0126. We will also be exchanging gifts, so EVERYONE needs to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 or less.

### From Augusta

- Take I-20 towards Columbia, SC
- Take Exit 5 (the second exit in South Carolina) towards Edgefield (this is Highway 25).
- At the Pine House Crossroads (Pine House on left, truck stop on left across intersection), which is the Intersection of US 25/121 and US 19, turn left onto US 25 N. (5.5 miles)
- As you enter Edgefield, you'll pass our McDonald's and the Edgefield Inn on the left, bear to the right and continue on US 25 Business (US 25 Truck Route goes to the left)
- You will go under an overpass with the Welcome to Edgefield sign
- You will pass by the Strom Thurmond Army National Guard on the right
- At the next intersection, with the flowered median, turn right onto SC 23 towards Johnston and Columbia. This is Columbia Road.
- You will pass a small park on the right. We live at 425, which will be on your left. (0.4 miles)
- Our driveway is directly across from the next road on the right (Slade Road)
- Look for the "Mott Parker House - 1899" sign in our front yard. It is a white two-story with brick walkways. There is plenty of parking in the back or you may park on the street
- If you have problems, Call us 803 637.3790 (Total distance from the river = 25 miles = 35 minutes)

### From Downtown Aiken

Take SC-19 (Laurens St) north

- Continue going North on SC-19 passing I-20 (total 15.9 miles)
- At the Pine House Crossroads (Pine House on left, truck stop on right), which is the Intersection of US 25 and US 121, continue straight onto US 25 N. (SC-19 ends at this intersection) (5.5 miles)
- As you enter Edgefield, you'll pass our McDonald's and the Edgefield Inn on the left, bear to the right and continue on US 25 Business (US 25 Truck Route goes to the left)
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## VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck

### BAGFULS OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

*Needlecraft*

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 Tuck you bit of Christmas cheer  
 In a bag that's pictured here.



Bags to make for Christmas gifts adorned the December 1929 edition of Needlecraft magazine. I recreated # 4025 N, the sports clutch, by following the directions given and looking in my MAFCA Fashion Guidelines for the size of a clutch bag. A very nice Christmas gift for 1929 and a fun item to make in 2011. Merry Christmas.



## THE CLASSIFIEDS

### FOR SALE:

1928-29 water outlet with hole drilled and tapped for a temperature gauge or a hot water heater, \$10.00. Jim McPherson, 706-592-4835.



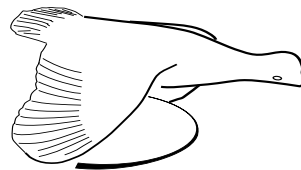
### FOR SALE:

1928-29 Front floor mat. For Model A's with the emergency brake lever in front of the gear shift lever. This new mat is made from neoprene, and should not crack like the rubber mats. \$30.00. Jim McPherson, 706-592-4835.



## NUTS AND BOLTS

- ◆ Suggested at the Nov. STA meeting: a great video of Margaret Dunning of Plymouth, Mich. at the age of 101 driving her 81-year old Packard 740 roadster.  
Google: **“Two Classics, One Car”**
- ◆ After changing the oil, a simple way to get the used oil into the quart-size bottles is to set a cinder block on its side on top of newspaper or some other throw-away absorbent material. Prop the bottle up in the hole of the cinder block leaving a hand free to steady the funnel. Just make sure to pour slowly when it gets close to full.
- ◆ If you have a tip to share, let us know at [newsletter@shadetreeas.org](mailto:newsletter@shadetreeas.org).



## LOOKING AHEAD

### CLUB EVENTS

—December—

- 3 Graniteville Christmas Parade
- 3 Gibson Parade- 3pm
- 4 Thompson Parade -3pm (2pm lineup)
- 6 Gracewood Parade -1pm; rain date: 7th
- 10 STA Christmas Party
- 11 Aiken Christmas Parade- 2pm (1pm line up)
- 15 Christmas Light Tour—Aiken

—January—

- 1 New Year's Day Breakfast

### NON-CLUB EVENTS

—April—

- 19-22 Charlotte Autofair
- 27-28 Greenwood Swap Meet

# A's Back On The Track!

March 8-10, 2012  
Darlington, South Carolina

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Join us in South Carolina for a weekend of fun, excitement, and good old Model "A" fellowship!

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The Lowcountry Model "A" Ford Club of Charleston, South Carolina is excited to extend a warm invitation to everyone in your club to join us for a weekend of fun in South Carolina. March 8-10, 2012 will mark our third time hosting this exciting event. The Hilton Garden Inn, located in Florence, South Carolina will be home base for this three day gathering which will include you taking laps in your Model "A" on the historic Darlington Speedway, and a complete tour of the raceway museum nearby. Other events are as listed. Florence, SC is adjacent to Darlington and is easily reached, being situated at the junction of Interstates 95 and 20 in northeast South Carolina.

## What to Expect

(exact times to be determined)

### Thursday, March 8

- registration - main ballroom
- welcome hamburger/hotdog cookout, 6 p.m.

### Friday, March 9

- registration - main ballroom
- swap meet/vendors
- dinner on your own
- bingo (optional), 8-10 p.m.

### Saturday, March 10

- swap meet/vendors
- laps on the raceway in your Model A, midday
- NASCAR/Darlington Raceway Museum
- "Civil War Reinactment at the Columns"
- dinner banquet with live entertainment
- 50-50 tickets

### Throughout the weekend

- manned repair tent on site
- swap meet/vendors
- shopping at local mall (free transportation)

### \* Civil War Reinactment At "The Columns"

This will be an optional trip of interest, not sponsored by the Lowcountry A's. The Columns is a popular name for The Harwell House at Rankin Plantation, a beautiful antebellum home that dates back over 100 years. The house was placed on the National Register of historic places in 1974 and is a drive of approximately 20 minutes from the host hotel.



The Skirmish At Gamble's Hotel is a Civil War reenactment presented on the Columns property by the The 23rd SC Infantry - a group of Civil War reenactors and will take place @ 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Find more information at <http://www.23rdsc.com>

**This is the first announcement for our much anticipated return to Darlington. Very detailed registration fliers will be sent out at the first of the year. But, please put the dates on your calendar now!**

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