

Shade Tree A's News

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS

Rachel d'Entremont

Dad died in February and although I was able in March to collect most of his papers, items from his desk, personal stuff like jewelry and watches, and his camera and photos, I didn't have room in my Honda Fit for the tools.

When Dad moved to Florida in 1994, leaving a home he shared for 35 years with a hoarder, he arrived with only the stuff he could fit in the trunk of his car. He purchased a home with a large workshop and furnished the house with inexpensive temporary, furniture; he could finally fulfil his dream of making his own furniture. He bought saws, routers, tenoning jigs (yes, plural) and other quality tools. Over the years, after we cleaned out Mom's house, the tools he had when we were young eventually migrated to Florida. He had every kind of tool imaginable.

Dad also achieved a life-long dream of owning a real boat, not the row boat with the little out-board motor of my childhood but a large Bayliner worthy of Lake County's many interconnected lakes. He had a boat, a shop, and a clean home: life was good.

Dad married a wonderful lady in 1996 and shortly after that he caught the leg his pants on the top of an extension ladder and fell from the roof, breaking his neck. After much physical therapy, he miraculously regained his health and mobility. Dad and his bride sold their respective homes and bought another together. Gone was the large workshop, replaced by a storage room in the back of the carport. In addition, it turned out that his lovely bride got "boat sick" on the open waters. Boat trips became few and far between.

Nine years later, Dad's second wife was incapacitated by Alzheimer's and life changed completely. She died in 2007.

In 2008, Dad again married a lovely lady with

whom he would spend the rest of his life. Again, they each sold their homes and bought a condo together. The storage room/carport workshop was reduced to a single wall of a 2-car garage. His third bride could not spend any time in the sun. That was the last of the boat. The tools, collected over 60-plus years sat collecting dust-no furniture was ever built.

In July, my youngest brother and I flew to Florida and rented a van. We packed up the tools, swept out the garage, and drove Dad's tools to Syracuse after a brief stop in Aiken to drop off the barely used table saw and many other tools to add to my collection. I get tears in my eyes thinking about all the dreams and plans Dad had for his retirement; few were fulfilled.

One thing I love about Model A owners is that they use their skills and enjoy their hobby. Don't let the time pass by thinking that someday you'll take the time. Enjoy your family, cars, tools, skills, and health. Don't leave them to gather dust. Follow those dreams.

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.

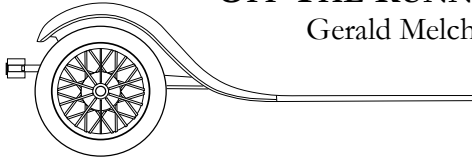
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Sketch 1930 Model A Tudor Sedan
Steven Brown

OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Gerald Melchiors, President



Well here it is, September already. Our grandchildren have all gone home and it sure seems quiet around the house again. But, like having grandchildren visit, being in the Shade Tree A's one never gets bored. Just when Lois and I thought things were calming down we heard about the Edgefield Genealogical Society's September 19th Prohibition Raid re-enactment and had to call Craig and sign-up right away. How could you possibly beat an evening with gangsters, Model A's, guns, era dress, and a free meal???

Everyone always says how much our club likes to eat and this year's annual Shade Tree A's dinner meeting was no exception. We had 70 something Shade Tree A'ers and guests at Sconyer's for some great food, socializing, and camaraderie. During the meeting I was very proud to be able to present Andrew Morse with a well-deserved "Thank You" gift certificate for the outstanding job he did providing the club a series of technical seminars on body work. I have received many compliments about the excellent job our Vice-President, Greg Jones, has done in scheduling technical programs for our regular club meetings this year and Andrew's was one of the best.

Next month (October) we will have our annual Steak Cook-Out at the Langley Pond Picnic Pavilion in Warrenton, SC. Tom & Pat Roberts along with Rachel have agreed to co-ordinate and will be asking for volunteers to help. We will go over the details at the next meeting so be sure to attend as this is one of our most enjoyable fall events. As we go back to our Saturday meeting schedule this fall, I hope that most members will take advantage of the lighter traffic and cooler days and drive their Model A's to the meetings. These Saturday meetings are an excellent time to

ask questions about any problems or other issues you may have with your car. After all, where are you going to find more knowledge about Model A Fords than at Richard's Garage on a Saturday morning Shade Tree A's meeting?

Speaking of fall, now is the prime touring season for our Model A's. From car shows to local tours such as the upcoming International Model A Day tour scheduled for later of this month, there are not many weekends that will go by without a parade, show or display. We always have a myriad of events scheduled for this time of the year so now is the time to tune-up your Model A and get the cobwebs out. Be sure to check your newsletter for upcoming events and activities.

As club members one of our member responsibilities is to serve on committees and as officers in our club. In September, a nominating committee will be appointed to recruit individuals to run for the various club offices so, if you feel that you could support your club by serving as an officer or board member, talk with one of the nominating committee.

Remember..."A busy Model A is a happy Model A". See you at the meeting.

Gerald Melchiors

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2014

President Gerald Melchiors called the Annual Dinner Meeting to order at 6 pm with a blessing led by Ralph Neitzke.

About 75 members and wives, and 2 guests enjoyed Sconyer's delicious BBQ offerings as President Melchiors worked in formal elements of the meeting. Minutes of the prior meeting were approved and R. Dunevent provided a treasurer's report.

Andrew Morse was invited to come forward to receive a Gift Certificate and a well deserved round of applause for his excellent job in presenting a 3-part program on body restoration techniques for our ol' Model A's. Thank you Morse.

Birthdays of 8 members are being celebrated in August. Also, Membership was updated on a bad fall from ladder that has hospitalized Tony Gazette. Best wishes for a speedy recovery from surgeries are definitely extended to Tony.

Old Business: President reviewed the fine weekend enjoyed by many at the Abbeville Opera House tour, show, town, Inn and by great cooperation of the weather; Jim McPherson attended the annual National meeting last month; also, Sign-up for the Steak Cook-Out on Sat. Oct. 18 has been sparse. Everyone planning to attend should sign up ASAP. See Newsletter for details. Rachel d'Entremont and Pat and Tom Roberts volunteered to get it organized.

New Business: Contact Gerald if you are interested in providing "A" transportation at a wedding; also, attend if you can, Coffee Break: 10am Saturdays at Atlanta Bread, Whiskey Rd. Aiken, where planning is proceeding for an "A" parade thru points of interest in the Aiken area to celebrate International Model A Day, Sept. 13. Drive your A.

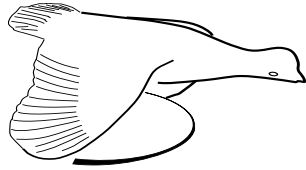
It appeared a good time was had by all again this year!

Respectfully submitted,
Don Cerefin, Secretary

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LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB EVENTS

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- Sept. 6- Coffee & Cars, Atlanta Bread, Aiken
- Sept 13- International Model A Day, Aiken
- Sept. 19—Moonshine & Prohibition, Edgefield SC
- Sept. 20- Coffee & Cars, Atl. Bread, Aiken
- Sept. 27- Coffee & Cars, Atl. Bread, Aiken
- Oct 11- Monthly meeting, 10 am
- Oct. 18 - Steak Cookout, 1:00
- Oct. 23 Ladies-Only Hickory-Shafted Golf Tournament: breakfast & transportation

OTHER MODEL A EVENTS

- Sept 5 & 6- Palmetto A's Swap Meet
- Oct.16&18 -Sweet Home Alabama Tour

REFRESHMENTS

Sept: The Gordons

Oct: Cerefin, ,(G. Jones), Jackson

Nov: Roberts, d'Entremont, Crosby

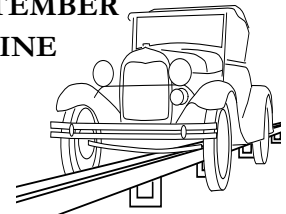
NEWS FROM UNDER THE SHADE TREE

- ◆ Tony Gazette is still recovering from a serious fall.
- ◆ Craig McMullin's mother was recently placed under hospice care in Massachusetts
- ◆ Keith Lewis suffered a severe reaction to multiple stings from wasps which had taken up residence in one of his Model A's

If you have news to share, let me know at newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org

FROM THE SEPTEMBER ASSEMBLY LINE

Kelly Frontroth
1 - Sam Mason
8 - Houston Barbee
11- Gail Smith
13 - Larry Komp
28 - Ernie Dinkins



INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY

Saturday, September 13

Plans are underway for another International Model A Day celebration in Aiken. Mark your calendars to save the day.

The tour will start at 8:45 with breakfast at Auten's Restaurant in Aiken (969 Pine Log Road in the shopping center with Staples) leaving there at 10 am for a leisurely drive through Aiken. The tour will include stops at one or two assisted living homes where we will take a break to let the residents look at the cars and share a few memories. The tour will end early afternoon with opportunities to dine or shop in downtown Aiken.

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Editor's note:

Kool-Ade was introduced in 1928 in Nebraska and moved to Chicago in 1931. In the late 1930's my mother, a child model in Chicago, was pictured on the (renamed) Kool-Aid displays!

SEEN AT THE MAFCA CONVENTION

Jim McPherson



Where might you expect to see this 1930 Model A Ford powered vehicle? The 2014 MAFCA National Convention.

It is a race car, built and raced from 1930-1934. It has a Model A engine. These and any modified Model A are not allowed by MARC, so you never see them at their meets.





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VINTAGE VISIONS

Anne Neely-Beck



September 1928 *NeedleCraft* offered patterns for the new fall styles. Notice that the waist line was starting to move up.

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3256 is decidedly chic and designed for the 16 and 18 years and also for 36, 38, 40, and 42 inch bust size.

3449 is simply smart and also is for 16 and 18 years. It also can be made in sizes 36, 38, 40, 42, and 44 inches bust.

3333 is just a smart dress appropriate for 16 and 18 years and for 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust measurements.

3339 is designed for modern youth and is available in 14, 16, 18 and 20 years.

All patterns were 15 cents each.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
THE ANNUAL STEAK COOKOUT
NEW LOCATION!

October 18

This year, in an attempt to increase participation, the planning committee has chosen a central location halfway between Aiken and Augusta: Langley Pond Park. The steak and baked potatoes will be provided (\$10 per steak). Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meetings (Sept 8 and Oct 11) or you may RSVP by e-mailing at newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org with the number of people and what you'll be bringing. Please submit your money to Tom Roberts as soon as possible.

Date: Saturday, October 18

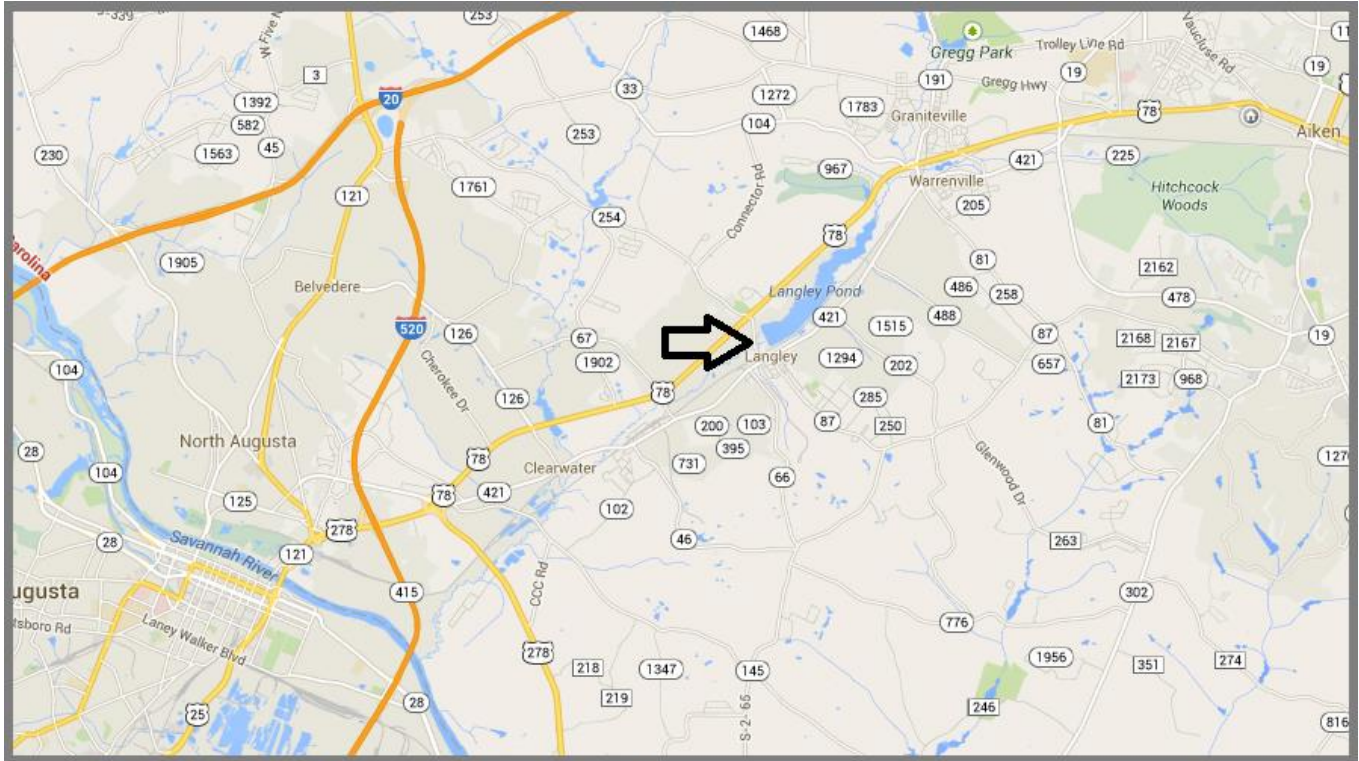
Arrival: We will open the gates and restrooms at 11am; the park is open during daylight hours.

Start cooking: 1 pm

Bring: a dish to share, silverware, dishes (many find that paper plates and plastic utensils don't work well with steak), cups, drinks, and lawn chairs

Langley Pond is advertised as being the largest pond in the world! Besides the shelter, there is a playground and a beach (probably too cold for swimming but maybe warm enough for wading). So bring your towel, sand bucket, and shovel! Boating is permitted but fishing is not.

For those using GPS the address is 113 Langley Dam Road, Warrentville SC



COFFEE & CARS



Twenty people and at least 9 Model A's have met at Atlanta Bread Company on Whiskey Road in Aiken over the past 7 Saturdays. It is an opportunity for coffee, fellowship, and to get the cars out. Lots of restaurant patrons pulled out cell phones to photograph the cars. The weather has mostly cooperated with usually sunny skies.

If you are free on Saturday mornings, come join the group.

The Coffee and Cars group will NOT meet September 13 because we will be participating in an International Model A Day tour.



SHADE TREE A'S ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
August 15 @ Sconyers BBQ, Augusta GA



MOONSHINE AND PROHIBITION

September 19
Craig McMullin

The Edgefield Genealogical Society is sponsoring their Southern Showcase during the month of September. On Friday, September 19th, a re-enactment of a 1930's prohibition raid on illegal moonshiners will take place on the Edgefield square. We have been invited to participate in era fashion dress with our Model A's. The scene will commence on the square in front of Edgefield's own moonshine distillery (Carolina Moon Distillery) at approximately 7pm with the revenuers in hot pursuit of the evil moonshine bottlers. We should be dismissed between 8-8:30pm.

The Genealogical Society would like about 10

Model A cars with the drivers and passengers dressed in their finest era (machine gun) fashions. Most of the cars will be parked around the square and the drivers and passengers "milling around." All participants who arrive in a Model A and are dressed in era period attire will be treated to a catered dinner on the square provided by the Edgefield Grill (Edgefield's finest restaurant).

This was a first-come, first-serve offer, so the first 10 car owners that responded to Craig McMullin were selected to participate. **Arrival time on the square for a brief dress rehearsal is 5pm.**

This should be a great time and lots of fun for all you frustrated starving movie star artists. Info: 803.637.3790 craigwm1974@gmail.com

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MINUTES

STA'S BOARD MEETING

August 15

President Melchior called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. at Sconyer's restaurant. Present in addition, were Cerefin, Roberts, Wilson, d'Entremont and Dunevent.

Later during the Membership meeting President will present a Gift Certificate to Andrew Morse in appreciation for his "how to" series on "A" body restoration.

In response to request for web-site advertising space, a new body shop in town was guided, instead, to use of the Newsletter "Business Card" feature.

Agenda discussion:

Steak Cookout: Sat. Oct. 18. Mike Gordon will order and pick up the steaks; the Roberts and d'Entremont have volunteered to coordinate balance of the planning.

Christmas Party: Greg Jones will reserve the party room at TBonz for this event, if still available for Dec.1, 2014, a Monday. President will seek out a volunteer to coordinate all other details.

International Model A Day: Sat., Sept. 13...Plans are afoot for an "A" parade thru points of interest in Aiken. Planning will crystallize in the next several '10a.m.Saturday for Coffee' meetings at Atlanta Bread, Whiskey Rd, Aiken. All members are invited to participate in the planning sessions at Atlanta Bread, and the event, and encouraged to Drive your "A".

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
 Don Cerefin, Secretary

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FOR SALE

Inspected by Eric Shogren

1930 Fordor (Murray Body). Well done older restoration. Interior shows a little sun fading in the rear window, but otherwise is in excellent condition. An inspection underneath revealed no rust and generally clean car. The engine is strong as are the brakes. The car has a 12 volt system, Ryan Overdrive and Air Conditioning. There is also an opening for a manifold heater, so adding heat would make this truly a year-round car. The doors close with a nice solid sound and are true. The owner has had it for 3 years and it's time to pass it on to another Model A enthusiast. The car has definitely been built for touring.

Contact Bill Miskey at (803) 648-5901. Asking \$18,500. Additional photos on the STA webpage.



HATS FOR SALE

Navy blue Shade Tree A's hats for \$12.00. See Richard or Frankie.

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FOR SALE

Stamped metal "license plate", reads "1931 MODEL A". Excellent original paint. This is an old plate. I do not remember this plate being available, but I would estimate it is from the 1960's.



FOR SALE

- ◆ Muffler from my 30 Tudor. I changed to a stainless several years ago and still have the original. It has about 4,000 miles on it. \$75.00.
 - ◆ A rebuilt clutch and pressure plate: \$60.00
 - ◆ 1929 transmission with chrome shifter. I ran this transmission 2 years before going to a 36 transmission in my blue speedster. \$150.00
- Abbie Prince - prince77@comcast.net

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