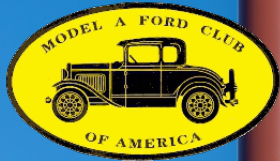


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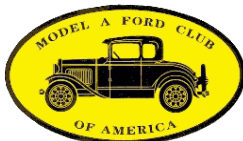
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On the Front Cover

The Shade Tree A's gathered at Cracker Barrel early on New Year's Day morning for breakfast. Thirty-one Shade Tree A's members and eight Model A's attended. Photo by Robbie Jones

SHADE TREE A'S MODEL A CLUB



The Shade Tree A's Model A Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile. Shade Tree A's annual dues are only \$25. Members are urged to join the Model A Ford Club of America (www.mafca.com) and the Model A Restorer's Club (www.model-a-ford.org) to enjoy the benefits of these national organizations including their respective magazines: *The Restorer* (MAFCA) and *Model A News* (MARC). The Shade Tree A's club is also a member of MAFFI, the Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc.



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OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Andrew Morse - President

Well, we're off and running for the 2025 New Year. Hopefully the cold winter weather won't last much longer. The snow didn't stop us from having a good turnout for the January tech session at Kenny Adkins garage. It was a good time to learn more about the things to check when trying to diagnose the problem with an overheating Model A engine. Thanks Kenny for having us.

We've got a good tech program scheduled for the February meeting. The Queen City Model A club will be putting on a slide show on their trip to Florida, so you won't want to miss that.

Our annual sweetheart pancake breakfast will also be in February, so make plans to be there. We will have more info on it at the February meeting.

More events are coming up this spring, so let's get those Model A 's running now so we'll be ready to go driving. Don't forget Cicis Pizza lunch Wednesday at 11:00 AM. Everyone is welcome.

The best to you and your families,

Andrew Morse - President

MONTHLY MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at Richard Dunevent's garage, 4338 Owens Road, Evans, Georgia. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and are followed by

MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2025

Richard's Garage

Respectfully submitted: Steve Spencer, Secretary

The monthly meeting of The Shade Tree A's was held, January 13, 2025 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. Our newly elected President, Andrew Morse called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM welcoming twenty-five members in attendance. The President welcomed our guest, Nathan Jackson, friend of Steve Spencer. There were no contributions to our Name Tag Penalty Cup.

Matt Barrett and John Neumar each offered a "Joke of the Month." Several STA members with January birthdays were recognized.

Vice President: Jim McPherson announced our guest speaker for the technical program, but unfortunately the Speaker was unable to make it to the meeting, and we will reschedule this speaker at a later meeting. Jim also stated we will have a Tech Session, January 18th at 9:00 AM at the garage of Kenny Adkins. All members were invited to bring their cars for mechanical problems to be evaluated and possibly repaired.

Treasurer: Stuart Smith presented a financial report including deposits and expenditures, and current balance. According to Stuart, our Treasury remains solvent and sufficient to cover upcoming club activities.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and The October Meeting Minutes. (There was no monthly meeting in December in light of the Christmas party, therefore there are no December minutes). That motion passed by unanimous vote.

National Director: Kenny Adkin will submit an upcoming "Activity Report" to MARC and MAFCA for their publications, and urged members to attend the next Tech Session at his garage to assist with the evaluation and possible repair of a head gasket on his Model A truck.

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MEETING MINUTES

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Newsletter Editor: Robbie Jones urged members to take and submit pictures of club activities to be used in the club's monthly newsletter. Robbie was thanked by our President and club members for the publication of awesome monthly newsletters.

Tour Director: Darren Riley reported eight cars and thirty-one members in attendance at our New Year's Day breakfast at Cracker Barrel; and stated that upcoming tours in 2025 will be in honor of Larry Duvall, who recently passed away.

Show & Tell: Andrew Morse showed how improvisations were made on a brake rod from his coupe, and how nails had been used instead of cotter pins on his car during some lean and hard times in the past.

Old Business: President Andrew reviewed the election of new club officers for the year 2025: President: Andrew Morse; Vice President: Jim McPherson; Secretary: Steve Spencer; Treasurer: Stuart Smith; Tour Director: Darren Riley; National Director: Kenny Adkins; Board Members: Donna Weaver and Craig McMullin. Officers and Board Members met on December 30th and engaged in calendar plans for club activities for the upcoming year. Andrew also encouraged members to pay their annual membership dues, if not already paid; and reflected upon the outstanding Christmas party as "a good time for all the 46 individuals present!" The President also expressed gratitude to all, and especially Matt Barrett, for their "leg work" that made the celebration possible. Andrew also reminded us that Darren Riley was the recipient of the annual Monroe Wade Award. A hearty hand of congratulations was given to Darren.

New Business: Andrew introduced a new dimension to our monthly meetings consisting of member updates on work and progress being

made on their Model A's. Several members shared highlights of recent car projects including work on car horns, a wiring harness, starter switches, and a member's plan to drive his car on a weekly basis. It was a good sharing time. All were invited to attend the upcoming Sweetheart Valentine Banquet, February 15th, in Harlem at The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints facility. There will be a Tech Session, March 1, focused on brakes. All are invited to participate in the Augusta, St. Partick's Day Parade on March 17th. Matt Barrett mentioned an upcoming visit to Brandon Wilde Senior Community with our cars in the Spring. This has been a special event for the residents in the past. The Past President, Craig Mullins, presented Anniversary Pins to club members including Billy Hughes (fifteen years), and Don Turley (forty-five years). Dan Perla announced that magnetic club signs are still available.



Technical Program: Our planned Presenter was unable to attend and will be rescheduled. The February Presenter will be Troy Dalsing, the President of the Queen City Model A Ford Club. Troy will tell us about their tour from Charlotte, to Augusta, and then on to Key West.

The next STA's monthly meeting was announced for February 10 at 7:00 PM. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM, after which members enjoyed refreshments provided by Jim and Shelia McPherson, Cameron Sexton, and Dan Perla.

CLUB CALENDAR

Shade Tree A's Events

February

- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *Queen City Model A Club Tour to Key West, FL*, presented by Troy Dalsing)
- 15 Shade Tree A's Valentines Breakfast, The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, Harlem, GA, doors open at 9:00 AM, serving begins at 10:00 AM (cooks should arrive by 8:00-8:30 AM)

March

- 1 Shade Tree A's Technical Session, *Brake Inspection and Service*, Richard's garage
- 10 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: *Upholstery*, presented by Gerald Melchiors)

April

- 14 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage (Technical Program: TBA)

Every Wednesday at 11:00

Join the Shade Tree A's for lunch at Cicis Pizza on Wheeler Road

TBA - To Be Announced

Other Events of Interest

March

- 17 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Augusta, GA
- 22 Palmetto A's Picnic in the Park, St. James Lutheran Church, 1358 South Lake Drive, Lexington, SC

April

- 11-12 Old 96 District Swap Meet, Greenwood, SC

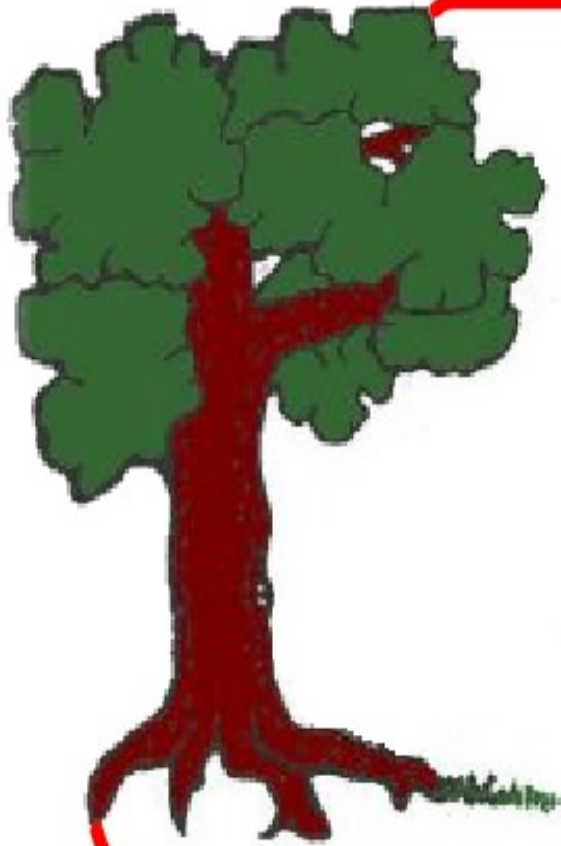
May

- 10 Kiokee Kruizers Car Show, Old Country Store, Appling, GA, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, free lunch

June

- 13-14 Palmetto A's Swap Meet (date is uncertain)
- 15-20 MARC National Meet, Gettysburg, PA
- 15-22 MAFCA 2025 National Tour, American Civil War, Pennsylvania and Virginia

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Shade Tree A's Member News

- Please continue to keep the following Shade Tree A's members in your thoughts and prayers:
 - Misty Hooker and Janet Neumar being treated for cancer. Misty has received word that she is cancer free but is continuing treatments as a precaution. Janet Neumar is seeing new doctor and doing better.

Send items for Shade Tree A's Member News to:
newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org



Refreshment Schedule

February

Craig McMullin, Robbie Jones, John Neumar

March

Kathy Poole, Ralph Neitzke, Andrew Morse, Doug Wilson

April

Kenny Adkins, Darren Riley

The first person listed is the primary coordinator for the month



February Birthdays

- 2 Charles Weaver
- 3 Mary Morse
- 11 Ralph Neitzke
- 16 Rose Carter
- 17 Pat Riley
- 22 Marsha Barrett
- 24 Craig McMullin
- 27 Stuart Smith

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FINAL NOTICE?!

Shade Tree A's Member Dues

Shade Tree A's member dues for 2025 were due by the end of the year. Please see the club Secretary, Stuart Smith to make your payment. Checks or exact cash with your name attached are appreciated. Dues for 2025 are \$25.

Shade Tree A's Magnetic Signs

By Dan Perla

The club's Board of Directors had ordered magnetic car signs with the club's logo. They are 12" x 18" and are .045" thick. I have driven on the interstate with them attached to my truck at 70 mph and they didn't come off.

I have a list of those who requested the magnetic signs, but if you were not at the last meeting and would like to obtain one or more, please contact me. They will be available for \$10 each.

Email: perlad@earthlink.net

Cell: 706-373-5730

At the last meeting, 24 were spoken for, and another 4 were requested at CiCi's lunch gathering on the October 23. They are scheduled to be delivered by the 31st of October.



Shade Tree A's Valentines Breakfast



Join the Shade Tree A's for the annual Valentines Breakfast, Saturday, February 15. The event will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints in Harlem, Georgia. The cooks need to arrive early as brunch starts at 10:00 AM. Doors will open at 9:00 AM.

If you would like to help set up and cook, please let us know and plan to be there by 8:00 AM. Hope to see everyone there!

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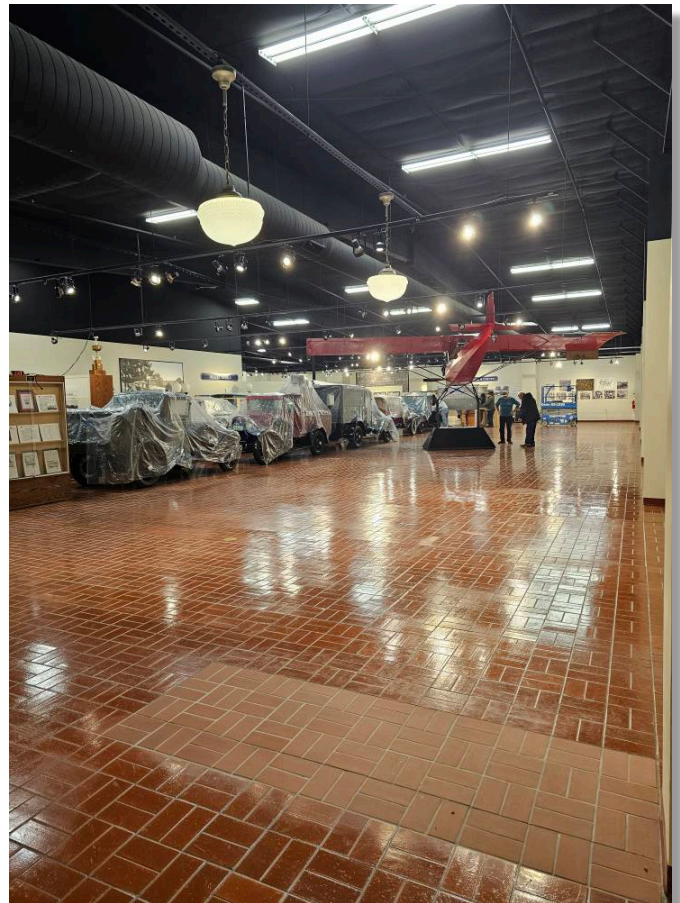


January 2, 2025 was a busy day of “moving” at the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners. MAFFI Trustees Jerry Dennany and Randy Czubko worked with a crew from the Grape A’s Model A Club in Kalamazoo, MI. Executive Director, John Marshall brought a crew up from Illinois with him to help move everything at the museum too. Vehicles, vignettes, and all memorabilia had to be carefully moved and covered (construction dust) because the back wall of the museum was opened up to connect the expansion to the current museum. Many thanks to these folks for all the volunteer effort on behalf of all of us Model A hobbyists.

The Model A museum is closed for the rest of the month of January while work is going on. In fact, the whole Gilmore Auto Museum is closed for the month of January because new floors are being installed in several buildings.

The photos show the Model A exterior and the interior with vehicles all covered in plastic. The expansion is moving along as expected. In the meantime, ZOOM meetings are being held for planning the 2025 Model A Days in September and “the christening”!

Stay tuned,
Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary



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The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* **BOARD REPORT**

From Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

January 2025

Make sure you haven't overlooked the registration form for the upcoming Nashville, Indiana Membership Meet, It's located in the centerfold of the November-December edition of the *Model A News*. Dates are April 11-13. It looks like the Columbus, Indiana Region has planned a full schedule of events. Please make plans to join us there!

As a reminder, our office staff, Erin, Lisann and Nora are available to answer your calls from 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday. At this time of the year they are very busy taking membership renewals, answering questions, taking and shipping merchandise orders in addition to performing all of the other necessary office functions. We appreciate their hard work and remember they are there to support you!

Remember that the bulk of memberships are due for renewal by the end of December. Currently we have approximately 2,500 members due for renewal. It's easier than ever to renew. Just go to the MARC website, www.modelaford.org, select JOIN and under Membership Application, select 4, Renew, and log in to your account! Renewal reminders were mailed with the November-December edition of the *Model A News*.

Committee News! The MARC Fashion Committee has announced that they have created, on a trial basis, Fashion Display Judging at the upcoming Gettysburg National Meet. Outfits can be displayed on a table/dress form for judging! This makes sense as these garments are approaching 100 years of age and are becoming more fragile as time passes. Don't forget to register when the registration form is published in the January-February edition of the *Model A News*.



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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FASHION COMMITTEE

Fashion Display Judging at Gettysburg National Meet

The Fashion Committee will be implementing “Fashion Display Judging” at the 2025 National Meet in Gettysburg. This will be a ‘trial’ for both the Committee and the Entrant. This will show us what works and what does not. Ribbons will be awarded for this “trial”.

The same basic rules of judging will be the same as if the garment was worn except, you place all articles on a table display. A dress form placed close to the table will be allowed. A clear covered box would be allowed for the safe keeping of jewelry items. At the time of this writing we do not know the size of the tables. If they are banquet size, they will be taped down the middle for 2 displays side by side. We are planning for 4 foot of space per display.



Keep in mind, that as with ‘in person’ judging all items in a display must be appropriate for the major garment. Hat and gloves for a day dress, house dress would not have a hat, evening dress would have a hair ornament rather than a hat. The same applies to men's and children's clothing; if it would be needed for in person judging, then it should be displayed. The display could be all Original items, all Reproduction items, or Blended which includes both Original and Reproduction items.

For the time being, please refer to judging guidelines in the MARC “Fashion Standards” book as the MARC Fashion Committee further develops the specific guidelines for this new judging area.

So if you have a garment that doesn't fit properly, this is the perfect opportunity to have it displayed.

This will not count as an official showing, so consider it a practice run. We will be awarding ribbons and a critique of your display. After judging, we would appreciate your feedback on the overall new judging category process.

The Fashion Committee will be presenting an interactive seminar at the Membership Meet in Nashville, Indiana to explain more about ‘Display Fashion Judging’. The Committee hopes you can attend and hope you will consider entering a display at Gettysburg.

The MARC Fashion Committee

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THE SHADE TREE A'S NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAKFAST

Photos by Robbie Jones except by Syble Henderson as noted



Photo by Syble Henderson



RECENT EVENTS

THE SHADE TREE A'S NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAKFAST

Continued



RECENT EVENTS

THE SHADE TREE A'S FIRST TECH SESSION (for 2025)

Article by Jim McPherson, Photos this page by Robbie Jones

The Shade Tree A's began their 2025 Technical Sessions on Saturday January 18th with breakfast at the Sunrise Grill. Eight members were present on this cold and rainy day. Following breakfast we went to the garage of Kenny Adkins to evaluate the engine in his Model A, and possibly install a high compression head. Kenny had previously experienced overheating and a loud knock coming from the engine while on a test run and suspected a blown head gasket.



Twelve members were in attendance at Kenny's garage. Upon initial crank-up of the engine in Kenny's 1931 wide bed pickup, Jim McPherson noticed a deep knocking sound coming from the engine. Unfortunately, no one else heard the noise until Robbie Jones put his head down next to the running engine near the back right side. Craig McMullin commented on the high idle speed, and following adjustment of the Model B carburetor and checking of the point gap, timing, and cleaning and setting of the spark plug gap by Dan Perla, we were able to evaluate the knock with the spark advance. The knock was isolated to the center main bearing. Kenny will drop the pan and evaluate the main bearings. Kenny provided donuts and drinks and Darren Riley brought chips for all to enjoy.



RECENT EVENTS

THE SHADE TREE A'S FIRST TECH SESSION (for 2025)

Photos this page by Andrew Morse



MODEL A ERA FASHION AND STYLE

The following article was obtained from the July 2024 issue of the Script "A" News

The Beach Police!

Swimwear, like many other aspects of American popular culture during the Jazz Age, was also subject to a number of short-lived, usually ill-conceived fads. Some of the more imaginative novelty bathing suits introduced during the 1920's were made of badly chosen materials that ranged from rabbit fur to seaweed to wooden barrel staves. While never appropriate for actual swimming, these suits did generate a bit of extra notoriety and attention on America's beaches.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the evolution of form-fitting swimwear also caused significant controversy during the 1920's, as directors of public beaches, resorts, and country clubs implemented strict dress codes for which violations were punishable by fines and, occasionally, even imprisonment.

One news article; "These apologies for skirts endanger the morals of the children. The police must interfere and stop the outrageous proceedings." Louise Rosine said in 1921; "The city has no right to tell me how I shall wear my clothes. It is none of their darn business. I will go to jail first."

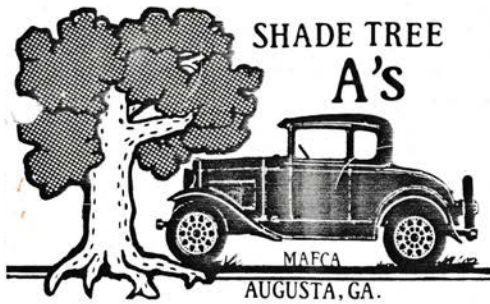
Regulations, along with the level of enforcement, varied from beach to beach. Typically, dress codes dictated that trunks (or bloomers) and skirts could rise no higher than so many inches above the knee, and sometimes female bathers were required to wear stocking, usually (but not always) rolled above the knee.

Some public beaches and resorts actually hired "beach censors" to patrol the swimming area in order to maintain order among bathers and enforce dress codes. Chicago's Clarendon Beach even employed a woman as "beach tailor" who enforced women's dress codes by stitching up loose armholes and sewing longer, more modest skirts onto too-short bathing suits. Men's swimwear was also regulated, but it seems that dress codes for men were enforced far less stringently than they were for women.



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THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



The 1985-2005 *Shade Tree A's Newsletters* are now available on the Shade Tree A's website. They can be accessed via the same "button" as the other *Newsletters*, but they are password protected. The same password used to access the member roster is used to access the *Newsletters*. Thank you Dan Perla for scanning these and posting on the website.

In the February 1995 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter*, a proposal was made in the President's Column to establish a program called Rumble Seat Riders. It was also announced that names for the club newsletter were being solicited. The upcoming Ladies Driving School was planned to get all ladies in the club driving an A. The report on the New Year's day breakfast discussed the trip made afterwards to new member Bob Gemmill's house to see his 1931 Tudor Sedan.

It was also announced that Frank Knapp was taking orders for club sweatshirts. The schedule for the upcoming tour to Richmond Hill was also included in the Newsletter. Members were strongly encouraged to sign up with tour director, Monroe Wade. Other announcements included Old South Farm Days at the Grove Plantation Farm Museum in Walthourville, Georgia. Jim McPherson's Authenticity and Troubleshooting column discussed the upcoming MAFCA Southeastern Divisional Meet hosted by the Shade Tree A's.

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TECHNICAL TOPICS

Clutch Adjustment

By Jim McPherson

Struggling to properly adjust your clutch? Well, you are not alone, and help may be on the way. Many of us struggle to replace the clevis pin in the clutch adjusting arm, often resulting in using a hydraulic jack to align the clutch release shaft arm (A-7511-B) with the clutch adjusting arm (A-7521). Often this process is repeated several times to obtain the proper clutch adjustment. A new part is now available to make the clutch adjustment much easier, the clutch adjusting rod (A-7523). Remove your old clutch adjusting arm and trunnion nut and install this new clutch adjusting rod. Half of the stud is left hand thread, the other is right hand thread. This eliminates having to pull the cotter pin and clevis pin to make adjustments. Adjust your clutch and tighten the left hand jam nut. When future clutch adjustment is needed, back off the jam nut and turn the unthreaded center section to obtain the desired clutch adjustment, and retighten the jam nut. No more fighting to replace the clevis pin. This part is available from Smith & Jones Antique Parts and is made in the USA.



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FOR SALE: 1931 Slant Window Fordor that is partially disassembled. Asking \$4,300 and have lots of parts needed for the restoration. Keith East, Easley, SC (Contact Jim McPherson for more information)

FOR SALE: Early 1930 Ford AA stake bed truck with duallies. Running stock engine and 4 speed. Cab is in primer. Some body work and upholstery required. \$11,000. Contact Larry Komp at 706-825-7395 or larrkomp@gmail.com. For picture, see the August 2024 issue of the *Shade Tree A's Newsletter*.

FOR SALE: Zenith carburetors rebuilt, jets calibrated, painted and road tested, \$250 with rebuildable carb, \$300 outright. Contact Matt Barrett at 706-799-3699 or Mattb@wowway.com

FOR SALE: Model A era shop equipment that would be found in your local Ford Dealer's shop, a machine shop, or an independent garage. First is a foot pedal operated machine to remove and set rivets, such as brake linings, clutch disc, Model T transmission bands, etc. It is pedestal mounted. Manufacturer's tag says: machine, automotive division of springfield (something). The base is "pitted" and very rough. A good cleaning and filling (Bondo or JB Weld) will greatly improve its appearance. \$50.00. Second is another rivet machine, also pedal operated. This one includes an electric motor and drive gear box to drill rivet holes and countersink the rivet head. Manufactured by RUSO. Pedestal mounted. \$150.00. Jim McPherson, 706-564-0120.

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FOR SALE: 1929/1930 Georgia License Plates, over 600 unrestored 1930 license plates and one 1929 (293-932D), \$28.00 each plus \$9.00 shipping and matching pairs are \$85.00 plus \$11.00 shipping. Sequentially numbered plates are slightly higher. Contact Jim Hunter (Southside A's) at ytguy@aol.com or 770-710-2153.

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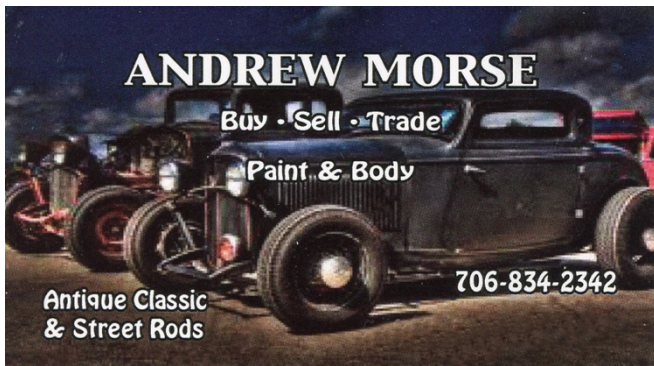


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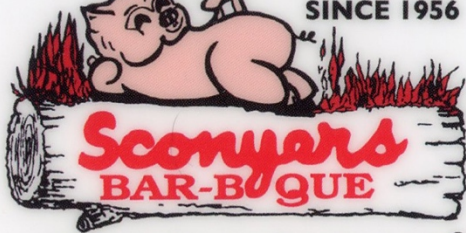
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