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October 19 Meeting - Chili Cookoff!

Winnsboro Autumn Trails October 24-26

Christmas Party December 7

2025 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Geoff Stamp	817 773 4270
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ANNUAL MTG./HOLIDAY CELEBRATION	TBD
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PARLIAMENTARIAN	TBD
REFRESHMENTS	TBD
SUNSHINE	TBD
PARADE OF LIGHTS	Randy Minton 817 297 1262
NATIONAL REPORTER/MEMBERSHIP	Chuck Nixon 817 233 1470



Program

CHILI COOKOFF FOR OCTOBER MEETING.

Please cook your favorite chili for our social meeting instead of a program. We will have a couple of judges to vote for the best chili. We have electric plugs and a kitchen stove to reheat if needed. The club will furnish and spoons. Below is a list of

napkins, bowls
what we will also



Chili for contest
Chopped onions
Shredded cheese
Ice and Tea
Maybe something sweet to eat

President's Message

Hello All,

As we move into another exciting month filled with events, drives, and camaraderie, I want to take a moment to talk about something essential to the continued success and vibrancy of our club—volunteering for board member positions.

Our club thrives because of the dedication and passion of its members. Each year, we rely on volunteers to step forward and help guide the club by serving on our Board. These leadership roles are vital for planning activities, managing club resources, and ensuring that our group remains active and welcoming to all enthusiasts. Whether you're a longtime member or new to the club, your unique perspective and skills are needed!

I encourage you to consider volunteering for a board position. Serving on the Board is a rewarding experience that allows you to shape the direction of our club, connect with fellow members, and give back to the Model A Ford community. Don't worry if you haven't held a leadership role before—there's plenty of support, and



Upcoming Meetings

October 19, 2025

Firefighters Hall
3855 Tulsa Way
Board Meeting 1:30 PM

November 16, 2025

Firefighters Hall
3855 Tulsa Way
Board Meeting 1:30 PM
Club Meeting 2:30 PM

December 7, 2025

Annual Christmas Party
Annual Business Meeting
Firefighters Hall
Christmas Dinner 1:00 PM

Fort Worth Model 'A' Club General Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2025

The September 2025 membership meeting was called to order by Geoff Stamp, President, at 2:35 P.M. The meeting was held at the current location, Fort Worth Firefighters Local 440 building at 3855 Tulsa Way, Fort Worth, TX.

PRESIDENT

Geoff Stamp noted that this meeting day was also 'Wife Appreciation Day' and he expressed his appreciation for Vickie Stamp. Volunteers are needed for a nominating committee. Nominations will be announced at the October meeting with voting to be done in November. Board members for 2026 will be sworn in at the December 2025 meeting.

The Board is considering having a formal program on alternating meeting months with fun and food the other months. Geoff then called for Officer Reports.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Jerry Tucker stated the 2026 club dues are \$20. An additional annual amount of \$25 is due for roster and newsletter mailing.

Jerry then announced that the club received \$19,955 from the Pate Swap Meet board which equates to approximately \$87.91 per member. Next year's estimated amount to run the swap meet is \$622,000.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT / PROGRAMS

Logan Douglass announced that this month's program would be for members to tell funny stories from the past about their Model A's. Russ Grunewald started by talking about his experiences at the 1970s Pate Swap Meet held at the old location on Hwy. 377. He was followed by stories from George Maddox, Jordan Douglass, David Keefer, Ken Davis and his mom.

Next month's tentative activity will be a chili cookoff. More details will follow.

TREASURER

Vickie said the checkbook is balanced.

SECRETARY

Pat Sinclair asked if there were any changes to be made to the August meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. There were none.

ACTIVITIES/TOURS

Clint and Tina Johnson were not in attendance, but the following events were discussed:

- September 27, 2025- 57th Bug Tussle Trek hosted by the AACA Texas DFW Region. Randy Minton brought flyers with details
- October 24-26, 2025 Autumn Trails in Winnsboro.
- November 8, 2025 Tour to Top of the Terrace in Arlington with lunch after.
- November 11 – 16, 2025 Dallas Club Lake Murray Tour. Reservations at the lodge must be received by October 14, 2025
- December 7, 2025 Club Christmas Party at our current meeting location.

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If you are interested in learning more about the available positions or have questions about what's involved, please reach out to me or any current board member. Nominations and volunteers are always welcome, and we'd love to see new faces join our leadership team.

Also, don't forget: Autumn Trails in Winnsboro is just around the corner! It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy scenic drives, fellowship, and the vibrant fall colors alongside other car enthusiasts. Mark your calendars and make plans to join in this memorable event!

Let's continue to make the Fort Worth Model A Ford Club the best it can be. Thank you for your enthusiasm, participation, and willingness to help. Together, we can ensure our shared passion for Model A Fords keeps rolling for years to come!

See you at our next meeting and on the road!

Sincerely,

FWMAC September General Meeting Minutescontinued from page 3

OTHER REPORTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Jordan Douglass spoke about the previous weekend's tour of the Crazy Water Hotel was attended by many members. The members also did the Grand Tour that will be part of the Texas Tour activities hosted by the Fort Worth Model A Club in June 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

Logan Douglass and Randy Minton talked about the Pate Swap Meet setup each year. Randy explained that approximately 4500 9 ft. X 18 ft. parking spaces must be restriped every year a week before the swap meet dates. Our club does most of the work. The swap meet benefits thirteen Model A clubs with three clubs being located in the DFW area. The Fort Worth club needs to solicit help from these other benefitting clubs.

Attendance: Forty two members

Guests: One

Model A's Driven: Ten

Four Door Prizes of \$10 were awarded.

Driver's Award: \$75 was won by Andy Tillery making next meeting's driver award amount \$25.

Geoff adjourned the meeting at 4:15 P.M. with an invitation to the members to join others after the meeting for a get together meal.

Patricia Sinclair, Secretary



Editor's Comments

I wanted to say thank you to all the members who brought their Model A to the Wheels for Wellness downtown Fort Worth car show and PSA testing event on September 20. We had 15 Model As parked together on the east side of Houston Street between 4th and 5th Streets. Overall, the event had 350+ cars and trucks registered, and 232 men had the finger prick blood test to check their PSA score. They should have received their score from the lab by now. Those of us who are members of the Wheels for Wellness Board of Directors (ie: Geoff and I plus 12 others) feel the show was a great success with many car clubs participating, the Fort Worth Police SWAT team, plus the hook and ladder fire truck from Station #1. We have heard many positive comments about the show and what a good time folks had!

This month's meeting should be tasty as we are having a chili cookoff (see the announcement on page 3 of this newsletter, so whip up your favorite recipe and bring it to the meeting.

And once again, it is time for members to volunteer for board positions as outlined in Geoff's President's message. Serving on the board is important but also fun!

September After Meeting Early Dinner

After the September meeting 14 members enjoyed an early dinner at Old South Pancake House.



Since we are having a Chili cookoff contest at our October meeting we will not have an after meeting early dinner in October.



Refreshments Volunteers For 2025

Volunteers provide refreshments for members at the monthly meeting. The Club provides, or reimburses you up to \$30 for soft drinks, lemonade, or tea. Cups, napkins, and cream/sugar will be furnished by our refreshment coordinator, to be determined.

Since we are now meeting at the Fort Worth Firefighters building, volunteers will staff the refreshment table to assist with distribution of drinks. Because we are having early afternoon meetings, only drinks need to be served. It is suggested that volunteers arrive close to 2:00 PM, 30 minutes before the meeting to set up the table. An expense form will be provided to be turned in to our Treasurer, Vickie Stamp, for your expenses.

Contact: TBD
The Club appreciates your help.



January 19 Jim & Janice Whisenand
February 16 Tom Roman
March 16 Tom Roman
April 27 P A T E
May 18 Geoff & Vickie Stamp

July 20 Mary & Jerry Tucker
August 17 Pat Sinclair and Tommy Brown
September 21 Tom Roman
October 19 Chuck & Dianne Nixon
November 18

2025 Tentative Activity Calendar

January HAPPY NEW YEAR 19TH MODEL A MEETING	May SCAVENGER HUNT (more info to come) BILL BUCKMEYER SEMINAR MAY 24, 2025	September WHEELS FOR WELLNESS DOWNTOWN FT WORTH 21ST MODEL A MEETING
February VALENTINE CELEBRATION Sunday, 2/9 1:30 - 4:30 Tuscany Italian Bistro Lakeworth, TX 16TH MODEL A MEETING	June TEXAS TOUR GIDDINGS TX	October AUTUMN TRAILS Winnsboro, TX 19TH MODEL A MEETING
March CLUB PICNIC Sunday, 3/23 1:30 - 500 Hollow Hill Farm Weatherford, Tx 16TH MODEL A MEETING	July PLANNED SEMINAR (more info to come) SHOP TOUR (more info to come) 20TH MODEL A MEETING	November TOUR TOP O'HILL & LUNCH ARLINGTON, TX 11/8/25 @ 10AM 16TH MODEL A MEETING
April PATES SWAP MEET 27TH MODEL A MEETING	August SALADO TOUR Fri-Sat Night 8/8 - 8/10/2025 17TH MODEL A MEETING	December ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY Sunday 12/7/2025

FWMAFC CHRISTMAS EVENT
DECEMBER 7TH, DOORS OPEN AT 1PM, DINNER
SERVED AT 130PM

FORT WORTH FIREMAN HALL, 3855 TULSA WAY
MENU

SMOKED PORK LOIN WITH ORANGE CRANBERRY RELISH, HERB RUB CHICKEN BREAST
WITH GRAVY

BAKED POTATO WITH CONDIMENTS, GREEN BEANS, GARDEN SALAD, DINNER ROLLS,
PEACH COBBLER
ICED TEA AND COFFEE

MAIL TO MARY TUCKER
6309 S CHESTERFIELD DR
FT WORTH TX 76179

PH. 817-798-8518 OR HOME 817-237-1589

\$20.00 PER PERSON: DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1st

MEMBER LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME _____ **SPOUSE OR GUEST NAME** _____

CHILD NAME _____ **AGE** _____ **BOY** ____ **GIRL** ____

ADULTS ATTENDING _____

CHILDREN ATTENDING _____

Amount of check or cash \$ _____

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

2026 Texas Tour Committee Positions

Please consider volunteering as a committee member for one or more of the following positions. This tour is a group project, it will take all of us! Each committee member will need help and support in their position(s) from club members. Please let me know how you would like to help!

Chairman- Negotiates and executes contracts with supervision of the club president. Leads the tour committee.

Jordan Douglass

Registrar- Receives registrations and keeps tabulations for event records. Sends registrants a confirmation email. Greets attendees and ensures registration packets are accurate. A sub committee is recommended for goodie bags & check-in tables. Works closely with the Chairman & Treasurer.

Andrea Douglass

Treasurer- Operates a bank account that is separate from the club's account. Write and mail checks to vendors, deposit funds from registration. Works closely with the Chairman & Registrar.

Vickie Stamp

Welcome Party Host (Thursday 06/11)- A fajitas dinner menu has already been selected. Event will be hosted in the 7th floor ballroom with access to a large balcony. Hosts will prepare table decorations and/or entertainment for the guests.

Pat Buckmeyer & Wanda Rice

Ice Cream Social & Entertainment Host (Friday 06/12)- Host will coordinate an ice cream social and entertainment for guests. An idea that has been tossed around is karaoke. The social will be held in the ground floor entertainment space. Please solicit club members to assist during event.

Mary Tucker & Christina Johnson

Farewell Dinner Host (Saturday 06/13)- A chicken fried steak dinner menu has already been selected. Event will be hosted in the 7th floor ballroom with access to a large balcony. Host(s) will prepare table decorations and/or entertainment for the guests.

Position available

Raffle Room Items (Thursday 06/11-Saturday 06/13)- Committee person will collect and store donations that would be of interest to people in the Model "A" hobby. This would require calling parts businesses, vendors, and hobbyists to solicit donations. This person(s) would schedule club members to sell raffle tickets during the day and may require moving/setting up items in a variety of locations to attract ticket sales. Raffles are typically a BIG source of income to offset the costs of the convention.

Tom Roman & Geoff Stamp

Hospitality Suite (Thursday 06/11-Saturday 06/13)- Committee person will run the hospitality suite during the convention with light snacks and drinks. This would require soliciting club members to bake/purchase items to bring for our guests and staffing the hospitality room during the daytime.

Chuck & Dianne Nixon

Early Bird Tours/Activities (Wed. 06/10 & Thurs. 06/11)- Establish activities for early arrival guests to-do on their own around the Mineral Wells area.

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Committee Positions for 2026 Texas Tour Continued from Page 8

Karen Whittlesey

Era Fashions Photoshoot (Friday 06/12)- Committee member will select two locations in or within short walking distance of The Crazy Water Hotel for an era fashion photoshoot. This is to give attendees the opportunity to display their era fashion outfits without the constraints of formal judging. Would be best to work with the convention photographer. Participants will receive copies of their photos for free, which would require printing. Ideally, I would like copies of the photos to be framed and placed on the tables during the farewell dinner, with an outfit description card next to the photo. Establishing contact with participants prior to the event would allow time to make outfit description cards in advance.

Lynda Davis

2 Mini Tours (Thurs. 06/11 & Fri. 06/12)- Plan two short drives (> 50 miles round trip) to the areas surrounding Mineral Wells. One for Thursday morning, and one for Friday morning. Committee member will lead the groups on the drives. Please coordinate with the Grand Tour organizer so the routes/destinations are not repeated.

Quincy Wallace & Pat Sinclair

Grand Tour (Saturday 06/13)- Committee member will plan a lengthy tour (80-110 miles round trip) for Saturday morning. Additional group leaders will need to be recruited. Tour can include museum or attraction stops along the way. A lunch stop and caterer will need to be arranged.

Jim & Kim Baksinski

Walking Ghost Tour (Thurs. 06/11 or Fri. 06/12)- Committee member will work with the group who gives ghost tours at locations surrounding The Crazy Water Hotel.

Position available

Tour Booklet- Committee member will work with all other committees to receive the information required for our attendees to be well informed. This will include maps and detailed descriptions. Some previous graphic design experience might be helpful.

Wanda Rice

Graphic Design Artist- Committee member will design event logo

Lewis Beaur

Event Photographer- Committee member will photograph convention events, banquets, and tours for documentation and national publication.

Pamela Colborg

Clothing & Apparel- Committee member will order t-shirts and hats with event logo. This will require working with the registrar to have updated numbers and sizes.

Lura Scott

Plaques- Committee member will order radiator badges and patches featuring event logo for registration bags. This person will also be responsible for ordering award plaques for the farewell banquet.

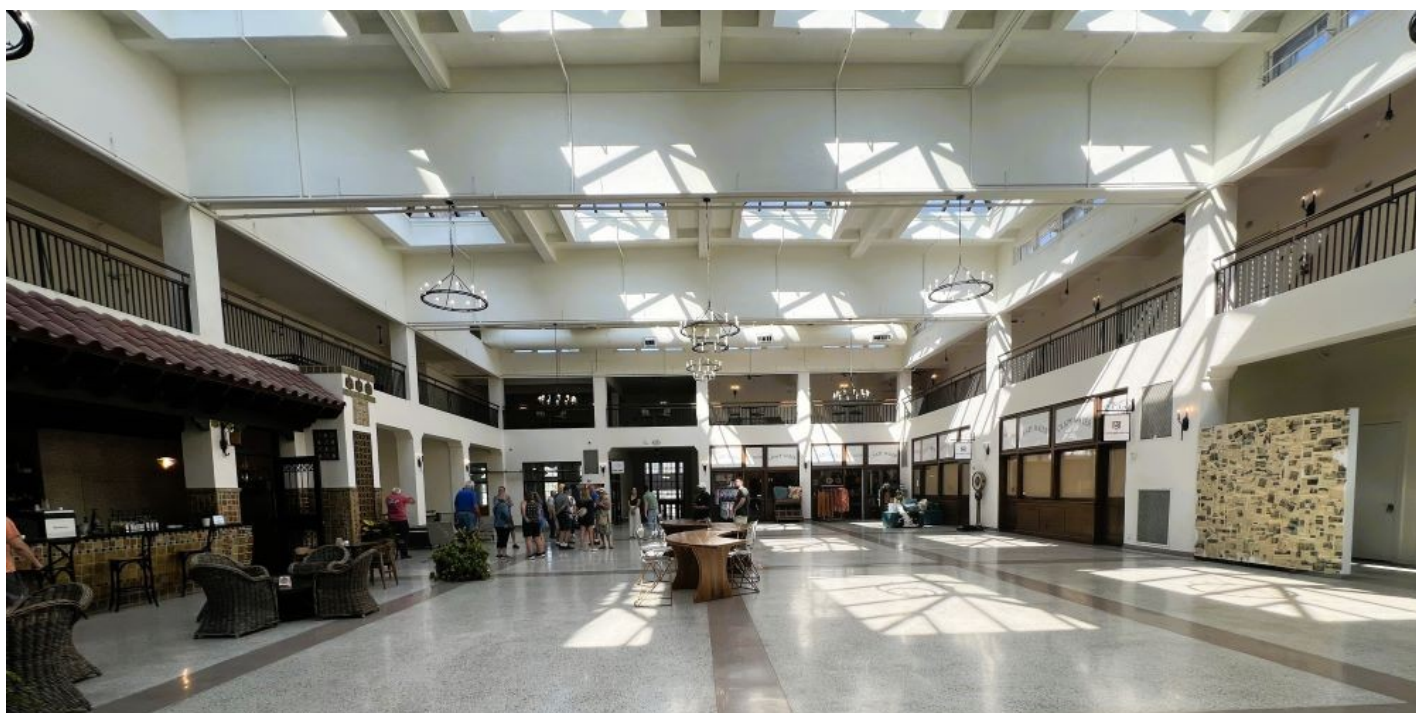
Position available

Day Trip to Crazy Water Hotel – Mineral Wells

On Saturday, September 13 the Texas Tour Committee members toured the Crazy Water Hotel in Mineral Wells, the site of the 2026 Texas Tour sponsored by our club. We met to see the spaces we will be utilizing at the hotel. After the hotel visit some members followed Jim and Kim Basinski and drove the Grand Tour route to Thurber for lunch.



Main Lobby





Coffee Shop in Main Lobby



Entrance Lobby from NW 3rd Street



67th Annual Autumn Trails Tour

October 23-26, 2025

Winnsboro, Texas

Thursday, Oct. 23, 1:00 pm

Registration for Trade Day and Swap Meet at City Park

Friday, Oct. 24 - Sunday, Oct. 26

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Trades Day and Swap Meet at City Park

Saturday, Oct. 25, 10:30 am

Antique Cars Grand Entry Parade

All day in downtown Winnsboro - Merchant and Vendor Sidewalk Sales

Arts & Craft Show, Downtown Winnsboro

Saturday, October 25, 5:00 pm

BBQ Dinner and Awards Presentations 5:30 pm

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Door Prizes

Sunday, Oct. 26, 9:00 am

Antique Car Tour Leaves the Trails Country Motel

For further information, call:

903-850-4303 (Autumn Trails Model A's)

Autumn Trails Association

1310 CR 4186

Quitman, Texas 75783

gvelark'iipeoplescom.net



67th Annual Winnsboro Autumn Trails

Parade, Tour and Dinner

October 23-26, 2025

Registration Form

Please remit by October 3, 2025

Please send this form along with your check payable to:

Autumn Trails Model A's

Vicki Clark

1310 CR 4186

Quitman, Texas 75783 vclark@peoplescom.net

Last Name _____		First Name _____		
Street Address _____				
City _____		State _____	Zip _____	
Phone _____				
Year/Make/Model of Car(s) _____				
Club Affiliation _____				
	Registration Dates	Fee per Car	No of Cars	Total Car Fee
Car Registration	Before October 3, 2025	\$10.00	_____	_____
	After October 3, 2025	12.00	_____	_____
	No. Persons	Price per Person	Total for Dinners	
Dinner	_____ Adults	\$25.00	_____	
Dinner	_____ Children (under 12)	\$10.00	_____	

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR CAR REGISTRATION AND DINNER \$ _____

Dinner will consist of BBQ Brisket, Sausages, Beans, Potato Salad, Tea and Dessert

You may pick up your registration at the Stew on Friday night or at the door at the BBQ on Saturday. Please note: there will be no carry outs at the BBQ. No refunds after October 3, 2025.



Hotels available in this area:

Oaklea Mansion, Winnsboro	903-342-6051	
Trails Country Motel, Winnsboro	903-342-9026	
Super 8, Mt. Vernon, Texas	903-588-2852	17 miles
Clear Lakes Inn, Quitman	903-763-5451	16 miles
LaQuinta Inn, Mt. Pleasant	903-204-7325	28 miles
Clarion Point, Sulphur Springs	903-885-6851	26 miles
LaQuinta Inn, Sulphur Springs	903-885-8181	26 miles
Hampton Inn, Sulphur Springs	903-439-4646	26 miles

Tech Tips by Bob Bidonde from Long Island A's

Ignition Coil Hookup Tests

- Determines coil hookup beneficial to performance
 - **Wear rubber gloves**
- Pencil test difficult to distinguish flare vs spark
- Sparklite tester is simple to use
 - Illuminates to show right hookup
 - Available from Model "A" parts suppliers

Better Way

The diagram shows a pencil being used to test a spark plug. The pencil is held against the top of the plug, and a spark is shown jumping from the tip. The text 'PENCIL' points to the pencil, 'FLARE' points to the base of the spark, 'SPARK' points to the tip of the spark, and 'HT CABLE FROM COIL' points to the cable. Below the diagram, the text 'Polarity test for Spark Direction' is written. The 'Better Way' callout points to the Sparklite tester, which is a small device with a probe and a light. The labels 'SPARKLITE', 'DIS', 'COIL', and 'FLIGHT' are visible on the device.

For Sale

1931 Model A Victoria, fully restored to stock condition, two tone beige and brown paint, canvass top, rear mounted spare, red wheels with white walls, original engine rebuilt with 500 miles since completion, \$8000 spent on engine and mechanicals, interior is stock brown cloth and new headliner. Beautiful restored Victoria priced at \$27,000. Call Cris Lofgren 682 429 1010



1931 Model A Five Windown Coupe (slightly modified) If you ever wanted to have a genuine hot rod here is your car. Vista Orange with Ivory Ultra Leather interior. Engine is 355 cu. In. V8 with 700R4 automatic transmission plus A/C. All steel TCI chassis, Disk brakes front, drum rear and much more. Only 445 miles since



WANTED ■ Looking for a set of 4 Firestone, 21" blackwall tires in good shape for one of my Model 'A's. What have you? Call Jerry Tucker 817-729-5897.

FOR SALE: 1929 Tudor Sedan- \$25,000

Lovingly restored in the early 2000s by owners Paul and Karen Mahacek, this 1929 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan painted Lombard Blue & Black with a French Grey stripe was built to be driven and enjoyed. Photos of the restoration process are available to be viewed.

The 31,000 miles on the odometer are believed to be since the time of restoration. Paint and interior do have minor blemishes expected on a car that has been driven, but nothing that needs attention. While the car has proven its durability through extensive touring, Paul (deceased) meticulously maintained and updated the car throughout years with no expense spared. Karen hopes to find new owners for their Model A who can continue to enjoy it like she and Paul had.

The car is located in north Fort Worth. All fluids have been topped off & the vehicle has been driven to ensure everything is operating as it should.

For questions, please reach out to Jordan Douglass: 817-584-8125

Vehicle specifics are listed below:

ENGINE:

NEW BURTZ Motor (less than 1,000 miles) built by Ken Davis.

- 5 main bearings with full pressurized oiling
- Burtz HC head + Burtz cam + Burtz flywheel
- Dennis Kliesen full flow oil filter w/ pressure relief valve
- Metal timing gear

Other Mechanical highlights:

Brassworks pressurized touring radiator

Air Conditioner (less than 1,000 miles)

Weber Carb w/ fuel pump & cast iron exhaust header mated to an Aries muffler

Electronic ignition inside stock distributor + 12 volt system

Mitchell overdrive + F100 steering box

16" wheels w/ radial tires + Modern shocks

Accessories

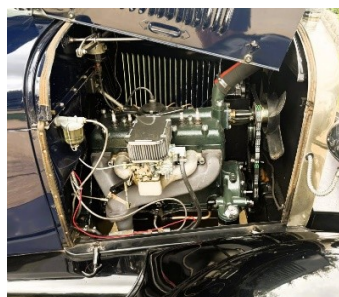
moto light radiator cap

front tool box and rear trunk loaded with spare parts & tools

hidden toolbox mounted under rear floor mat in the floorboard

turn signals + additional stop lights added

FM radio & CD player + front & rear seat belts



One Hundred Years Ago at Ford



One hundred years ago, on October 4, Ford Motor Company wrapped up the Ford National Reliability Air Tour. The purpose was to prove that airplanes were safe, practical, and reliable for everyday use. Henry and Edsel wanted to challenge the public belief that aviation was experimental and dangerous.

In 1925, Ford purchased the Stout Engineering Company that became the Stout Metal Airplane Division of Ford. The tour, beginning in late September, had planes flying a long circuit around the US over consecutive days, showing they could take off, fly, and land day after day without

constant breakdowns.

The tour was part marketing campaign, part demonstration, and part industry test meant to convince the public and policy makers that aviation was ready to move from dare-devil stunts to a reliable transportation system.

September MAFFI Minute

Model A Hobbyists,

The air is just “electric” at the Model A Museum in Gilmore! You can feel the energy of Model A Days: the biggest and best yet! The Thursday evening ribbon cutting is sold out! The Friday evening dinner is sold out, and the Delta Hotel (host hotel) is sold out, but there are other hotel options in the area.

Also, your time to enter the Sweepstakes for the 1928 Phaeton is running out; you need to enter by October 19, 2025. Like a traditional phaeton, this open car has no side windows, providing an open-air driving experience. Unlike a Ford Model A roadster, the Phaeton has four doors, allowing passengers access to the back seat. With an open design, the Phaeton was not as commonly purchased as other Model A body styles, so wouldn't it be fun to win this car? Go to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. page and click on Expansion and then Sweepstakes to be routed to enter.

And lastly, my term on the board as a Trustee is up and John Grossheim, a young Model A Trustee, will be taking over as the Secretary for the MAFFI Board. He's from Ohio and his enthusiasm bubbles over for this hobby. I know you will look forward to his MAFFI Minute each month!

Cindy Ellenbecker
Trustee/Secretary

**Future National
MAFCA Meets
Awards Banquet
December 3 – 6, 2025
Mobile, Alabama**

MAFCA President's Message – October 2025

With autumn colors in abundance and temps more bearable, this is a great time of year to get our Model A's out on the road and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. And I hope your local chapters are doing just that. But what of those members of your club who are having difficulty keeping 'ole Betsy running? Whether it's the widow or single lady (or guy) who needs help, or the Newbie who just feels lost when it comes to working on their Model A, there are many of us that need that assistance.

I want to take time to acknowledge a couple of chapters that have come up with a great way to serve their fellow MAFCA members. First, the Diamond Tread chapter of Downey, California where my cousin, Chuck Mayhew, is a member. Several years ago Chuck and a few other club members decided to band together and visit folks in their chapter who needed help in getting their cars running. They would plan a Saturday morning or afternoon and schedule visits to various members to 'checkup' on them. And whatever was needed, whether it was an oil change and lube job, front end alignment or ignition issue, they would get the car on the road again. They call themselves "Henry's Helpers" and endeavor to do just that. Another such group is the San Fernando Valley chapter where Arthur Bender and Wade Ratzlaf and their group of volunteers, calling themselves the 'A Team', assist folks in a similar fashion. I'm sure your local chapter may have 'Helpers' like this so don't hesitate to reach out to them.

I've heard firsthand accounts from MAFCA members who were helped by these groups, to get their Model A's functioning and on the road again. And some have volunteered to do the same and join in the fun. Kind of a 'Pay It Forward' attitude. Of course there is an ulterior motive at work here, any guess what that might be? And no it isn't that "Misery loves company"! Tours are so much more fun when everyone's cars are in working order. Fewer breakdowns mean more miles traveled and sights seen. And of course more time to sit and enjoy that meal that we never seem to miss...

In closing, I just returned from the Model A Days at the Gilmore Car Museum near Kalamazoo Michigan where the Model A Ford community helped celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Expansion of the Model A Ford museum. What a wonderful testament to the hard work of Model A enthusiasts all over the world. And kudos to the Model A Ford Foundation and their efforts in putting together a museum worthy of Henry's Lady! The vignettes and displays showcasing our beloved automobile are well presented and they also have a spectacular 'Learning Area' where seminars can be given. This museum truly is wonderful and a great place to share our hobby with family and friends. I've said it before; everyone should schedule time for a vacation to Michigan and visit this grand museum of Automobilia. And finally, mark your calendars for a big party in September of 2028 where the Model A Ford Club of America will join the Model A Restorers Club and Model A Ford Foundation in celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the Model A Ford.

Keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down and don't forget to honk that horn!

Ed Tolman

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Fan Belt Tip

By Floyd Dupras, Sr.

Many of you are aware that a **Gates 700** fan belt will fit a Model A. However, more auto parts stores have discontinued handling Gates products and have switched to Dayco belts. The Dayco equivalent listed in their belt cross-reference chart is too small! The next size larger belt, **Dayco #22425**, will fit perfectly and should last longer since it is a heavy duty woven belt.

- Charter Oak A's

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

October 2025

MARC your calendars for the 2026 MARC National Meet at the magnificent French Lick Resort, July 12-16. Venture on tours to the Red Skelton Museum, historic New Harmony, and Jasper Engine plant. Or try classic adventures such as French Lick scenic railway, Patoka Lake cruises, and Amish/German country tours. For an active experience, enjoy the resort's new pickleball courts, quick-play (75 minute) 9-hole golf course, and West Baden bowling pavilion. This isn't just a Meet, it's a journey through history, full of Hoosier charm and new excitement!

All, we are compiling a list of members who have Model A mechanical knowledge and a desire to help other Model A owners or be a resource to MARC to answer questions from members either via email, phone call or through a MARC forum. Please email your information to Larry Shepard, including your name, phone number, email and include your area of expertise at marctech@modelarestorers.org. For example; Jim Zimmer, 614-353-8236, jwzimmer9119@gmail.com, tire pressure.

Regions, don't forget that ANY member of your Region who has never been a MARC member qualifies for a FREE 12 month membership (digital *Model A News*). Also, young adults age 18-25 not living at home qualify as well! It's easy to enroll. Just call 734-427-9050 during normal EST business hours.

Consider hosting a MARC national meet. Our national tours are very popular as there are no seminars, no swap meet, no judging, no formalities. Just drive your Model A and have fun! Contact any Board member for information and to get you started. Other Model Aers would love to see your part of the country in their cars! We're also looking for Regions to host Membership Meets—we do not have a host for 2027 yet and would be happy to assist with your questions and comments.



Trick or Treat Time Again

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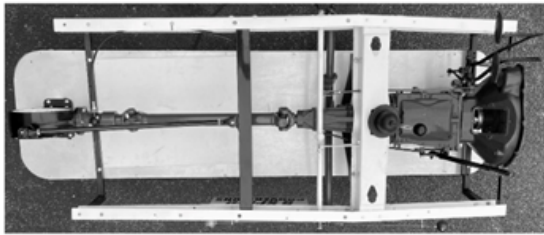


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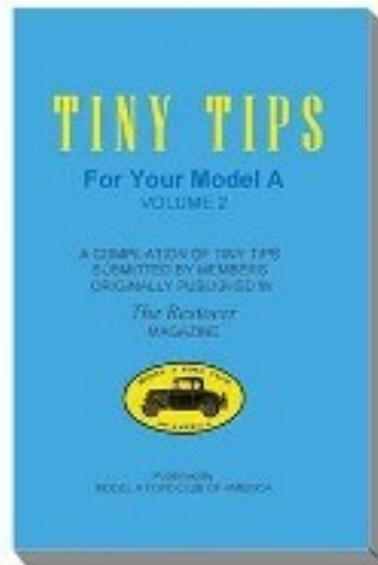
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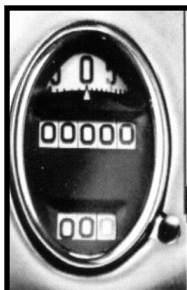
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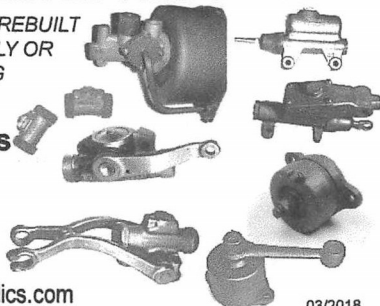
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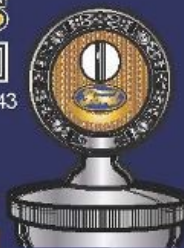
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CLUB MEETING DAY AND TIME

3rd Sunday of the month

October 19, 2025

Board Meeting - 1:30 PM

Club Meeting 2:30 PM

***Firefighters Hall
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FORT WORTH MODEL "A" FORD CLUB

2026 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Member ☐ Renewal ☐

PLEASE PRINT ON THE FORM SO WE MAY BE ABLE TO READ IT CORRECTLY

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YEAR	MODEL	RUNNING YES/NO

IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE TO LIST YOUR "A's" PLEASE DO SO ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

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