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CHRISTMAS**



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The purpose of the Tyler Model A Ford Club is to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information, and parts for admirers of the Model A Ford car and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in its original likeness.

To unite in a central organization all owners or persons interested in the history, restoration and operation of Model A Fords in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community. It shall further be the purpose of this Club to help these persons become better acquainted, and encourage and maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship, sociality and fair play through sponsored activity, including the use of the Model A Ford and family participation.

The Club is a non-for-profit organization and shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian, non-political and non-partisan.

Tyler Model A Ford Club 2025 dues are \$20.00 per calendar year and \$25.00 starting 2026. Application is on back page. *The Tale Pipe* advertising is \$25.00 per calendar year, with classified ads being free to club members.

MAFCA membership dues are \$50.00 per calendar year, which includes a one-year subscription to *The Restorer*.

MARC dues are \$50.00 per calendar year, which includes a one-year subscription to *Model "A" News*. All region members must belong to MARC.



President's Message

Welcome to the holidays!

This year has flown by, and I'm holding on tight as we cruise into December. Brenda and I have owned our 1928 Phaeton—affectionately called *Lucille* by her previous owner—since March of 2022. During that time, I've done the usual maintenance and replaced a few electronic parts and odds and ends. But after our Mineola Movie meeting, Lucille threw me a few curves. She lost compression and, for a while, wouldn't run at all.

With Autumn Trails quickly approaching, I enlisted the help of **Nate Rominger** and **Ken Parker**—and voilà! Lucille is back on the road with a rebuilt engine and some much-needed electrical upgrades. While the experience was a bit frustrating, I learned a great deal about the car and the incredible Model A community that surrounds us. In the end, it turned out to be a rewarding journey.

Last month's meeting was especially helpful. Those in attendance enthusiastically asked for more public events in the Tyler area—and the ball is now rolling to make that happen! I'm looking forward to seeing what our **Activities Committee** recommends so we can increase local participation and share our passion for these wonderful cars with the broader community.

Don't forget about the upcoming **Christmas Party on December 13th**. I can't wait to see everyone there—and to hear the beautiful music of those Model A's as they roll up to the event.

Happy Holidays, and see you soon!

Lanny Buck

President, Tyler Model A Club



NEXT MEETING

December 13, 2025

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

12:00 AM

4202 S Broadway Ave, Tyler, TX



BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY

THE COST PER MEMBER WILL BE \$25.00.

October, 2025 Treasurer's Report	
Beginning Balance	9344.04
Deposits	23.00
Dues	
Donations	
Auction	
50/50	23.00
Ad	
Expenses	25.00
MARC	25.00
Ending Balance	9342.04



JUST "A" THINK'N



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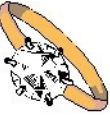
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Happy Birthday!

DECEMBER

Ronecia Retz	1st
Jimmy Seastrunk	1st
Chrsti Hoes	11th
Pete Menconi	29th



SUNSHINE REPORT

Mike Allen is feeling much better.

We offer our prayers and good wishes to those in need.



TYLER MODEL A FORD CLUB MEETING MINUTES— NOVEMBER 2025

Date 11-15-2025 at 11:30am

Location Clear Springs Restaurant, Tyler Tx.

President Lanny Buck called the meeting to order at 11:30. With 17 members present and 3 visitors. 2 Model A's were driven.

The meeting was started with an opening prayer by Lanny Buck.

Sunshine report was given by Mike Allen.

Anniversaries were noted with Kenneth and Joyce Moody this year being their 60th. Walt and Helen Webster would have celebrated 75 years this month.

Birthday this month Constance Colvin .

Motions to approve the minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report as it appeared in the TALE PIPE was approved.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Greg Colvin.

Officers approved by the club are:

President	Lanny Buck
Vice President	Dick Hathaway
Treasurer	Hugh Spear
Secretary	Joyce Moody
Newsletter	Kathy Witwer

Directors for 2026

Mike Allen
Roger Burrow
Kenneth Moody

Activity committee was appointed

Herman Dentler
Terry Weiss
Hugh Spear
Dick Hathaway and his Son-in-law.

Activities for the next year were discussed. Input from club members would be appreciated .

NEXT MEETING:

The Christmas meeting will be held at First Christian Church at 4202 Broadway Ave, Tyler at 12 Noon. Use the main entrance to the church. PAPACITA'S of Tyler will be catering. **THE COST PER MEMBER WILL BE \$25.00.**
PLEASE BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY.

Meeting was adjourned at 1pm by Lanny Buck.

Submitted by Joyce Moody



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| 1. DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS 2. STEERING COLUMN 3. GET IN SHAPE 4. YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK
5. GOING IN CIRCLES |
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NOVEMBER 2025 MEETING



2025 Meeting and Event Schedule		
Date	Location	Address and Notes
13-Dec	FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH	4202 S Broadway Ave., Tyler, Tx
	\$25 per person	CHRISTMAS PARTY-Bring unwrapped Toys

TECH TIP



Jim's Tech Tips "Ignition Misfires"

We've all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburetor problem, but don't overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor.

Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So check it and increase the gap back to 0.020" if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak condenser.

Look at the rotor. Make sure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap, and is not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor.

Look at the underside of the distributor cap. Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.

Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for "carbon tracks" on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing. (See photo.) Replace if needed.



Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*
Jim

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#4 Sport Coupe/Cabriolet



#10 Fordor Blind Back



#5 Phaeton



#6 Coupe



#7 Victoria



#8 Roadster

YOUR NAME HERE

YOUR CITY & STATE HERE

**TYLER MODEL A FORD CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
FOR YEAR _____**

Name _____ **Spouse** _____

Birthdate (His) _____ **(Hers)** _____

Wedding Anniversary Date _____

Address _____

City _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone # (Home) _____ **(Cell)** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Year of Car _____ **Body Style** _____

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Annual Dues: \$20.00 (2025) \$25.00 (starting 2026)

Tale Pipe Ads: \$25.00 per year (free to members)

Make checks payable to: Tyler Model A Club

Mail to: **P. O. Box 130953**
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"A" TREASURES

Guidelines: Classified ads printed in *The Tale Pipe* are free to Tyler Model A Club members, but must be 40 words or less excluding name, address and phone numbers. Ads must be received by the 10th of the month to be included in the next issue and will run for three issues. To repeat an ad, you must resubmit. All classified ads must be typed or printed legibly and sent via mail or e-mail to:

Kathleen Witwer, 10917 County Road 3122 S, Long Branch, TX 75669—e-mail: bhwit12@gmail.com—972-822-7432

Please support the following businesses because they support our club and newsletter. Let them know you saw their ad in *The Tale Pipe*.

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