



# The TALE PIPE

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# THE TALE

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**Roger Burrow (2025-2026)**  
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**Gregg Colvin (2026-2028)**

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

As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with very fond memories of the Tyler Model A Club and the many adventures we shared this past year.

A personal highlight was attending the club picnic for the first time. It was a wonderful event—complete with beautiful Model A cars and the teamwork that brought one back on the road. That spirit of cooperation truly represents what our club is all about.

Another especially meaningful experience was our return to the Kilgore Oil Museum and the journey to and from Kilgore. The trip brought back memories from many years ago when we first moved back to East Texas. Being there surrounded by fellow club members and our Model A's, made the experience even more special. As with many of our adventures, the trip included a little parts swapping to be sure everyone made it safely home.

Throughout the year, I greatly enjoyed conversations with so many members as we reminisced about past meetings, tours, and friendships. Hearing these stories reminds me just how strong and enduring our shared passion truly is.

The story of "Smoothie" became an impromptu favorite at one of our early meetings, and Nate Rominger's passionate and informative presentation on motor oil, fuel, and related topics sparked excellent discussion and learning. The Fashion Era presentation was another highlight and led to participation from us all.

As we drive our Phaeton and Casie's Woody around, I am always amazed by the people we meet who want to talk about the cars. At a recent Christmas gathering, a teenage boy and girl asked if I would explain the Woodie to them. I was impressed by their understanding of timing advance, lever operation, non-pressurized cooling, and even how to start the car. It turned out someone had been working on cars with their grandfather. You truly never know who has an interest in the details of these remarkable vehicles.

These moments—both big and small—are what make our club and our hobby so special. Thank you to everyone who participated, presented, shared stories, and helped make 2025 such a meaningful year for the Tyler Model A Club.

I cannot end my reminiscing without remembering those we lost this year. Their presence, leadership, and friendship will be deeply missed. The time I had the privilege of knowing them was truly a blessing, and their contributions to our club will not be forgotten.

As we plan the future, please join us at Braum's on South Broadway at 9:00 a.m. before our January 10th meeting to help plan for 2026. I look forward to the year ahead and all that we will experience together.

Warm regards,  
Lanny  
President, Tyler Model A Club



**DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2026**

November, 2025 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	9342.04
Deposits	317.50
Dues	100.00
Donations	
Christmas Meal	175.00
50/50	22.50
Ad	20.00
Expenses	.00
Ending Balance	9659.54

**NEXT MEETING**

\*\*\*January 10, 2026\*\*\*

**CLEAR SPRINGS**

**11:00 AM**

**6519 S Broadway Ave**

**Tyler, TX**



JUST "A" THINK'N



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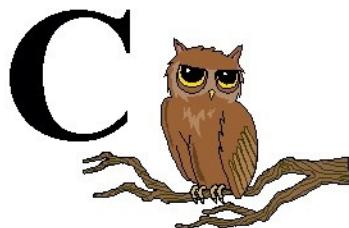
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\* Happy Birthday! \*



JANUARY

Gregg Colvin	7th
Phyllis Weiss	7th
Terry Weiss	11th
Walter Webster	25th
David Stabb	27th

**SUNSHINE REPORT**

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



## TYLER MODEL A FORD CLUB MEETING MINUTES— DECEMBER 2025

The December 13, 2026 meeting was called to order by President, Lanny Buck at 12:30 pm at the First Christian Church of Tyler.

23 members and 1 guest attended and 3 Model A's were driven.

An opening prayer was said by Lanny Buck.

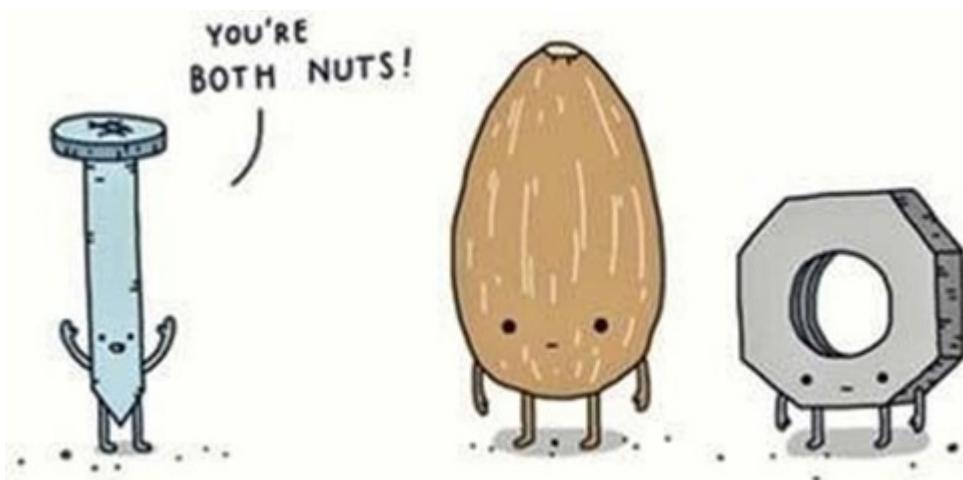
Lunch was served. Awards to commemorate service to the Club were given to officers and Directors. A video of the Club's Year in Review was presented by Kathy Witwer.

Members brought unwrapped toys that were taken by Kitt and Roger Burrow to the Fire Station for their toy drive.

No business was discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm by Lanny Buck.

Submitted by Kathy Witwer



1. THUNDERSTORM	2. LOST IN SPACE	3. ROBIN HOOD	4. COWL	5. LAP TOP COMPUTER
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## DECEMBER 2025 MEETING



2026 Meeting and Event Schedule		
Date	Location	Address and Notes
Jan 10	CLEAR SPRINGS	6519 S Broadway Ave., Tyler, Tx

## TECH TIP



From CHARTER OAKS NEWS, November 2022

### Rear Wheel Bearing Lubrication

By Bob Bern

A club member recently asked me if I could explain the how the Model A rear wheel bearings are lubricated, and after some thought, I wasn't sure. I had thought there was a path from the fitting to the bearing race, but realized that wasn't the case.

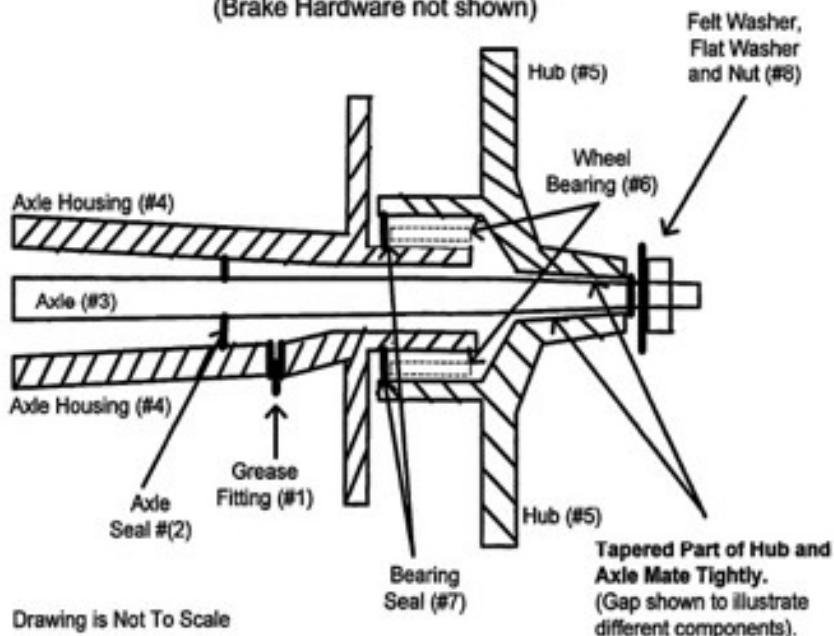
I did some research, and it is really a little more complicated. There is a U-Tube video published by the Oakleaf A's (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuDGO2jByac>) that has a diagram of how the grease travels from the fitting to the bearing, and there is also a Tom Endy Technical Article on the Santa Anita A's web-site (Link: <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Grease-Fittings.pdf>) that address the lubrication of the rear wheel bearing lubrication. The following description is from their published information.

The Rear Axle Lubrication Process will reference the numbered items on the "Rear Axle Cut-Away Diagram" to help understand the lubrication process.

Rear Axle Bearing Lubrication Process: The grease enters the rear axle housing from the grease fitting (#1), fills the cavity around the axle, and is prevented from going into the differential area by the axle seal (#2). The grease then flows outward in the clearance between the axle (#3) and the axle housing (#4) and then into hub (#5), but is prevented from going further by the mating of the hub to the axle where the axle tapers. There may be slight leakage around the key way, but that will be sealed by the felt and flat washer at the axle nut (#8). The grease will then flow into the wheel bearing area, providing lubrication for the bearing (#6). The bearing seal (#7) prevents the grease from entering the backing plate/brake hardware area.

### Rear Axle Cut-Away Diagram

(Brake Hardware not shown)



## MODEL A CAR NAME BADGES

### ORDER FORM

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NAME (Please Print)	CAR STYLE NUMBER	W/SIDEMOUNT SPECIFY YES OR NO	CITY (Show city here if wanted)	LINE AMOUNT TOTAL



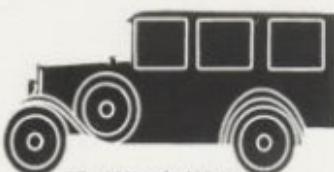
#1 Pickup



#2 Tudor



#9 Fordor



#3 Woody Wagon



#4 Sport Coupe/Cabriolet



#10 Fordor Blind Back

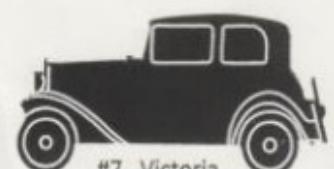


#5 Phaeton



#6 Coupe

YOUR NAME HERE  
YOUR CITY & STATE HERE



#7 Victoria



#8 Roadster

**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 \_\_\_\_\_**

**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**

**Tyler, Texas 75713-0953**

"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 10<sup>th</sup> 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: [bwit12@gmail.com](mailto:bwit12@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*.**

Don Haygood has a selection of Model A parts, new and rebuilt for sale and no postage. Just pick them up from him the day you need it. Check with Don for availability at 903-561-4741.

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