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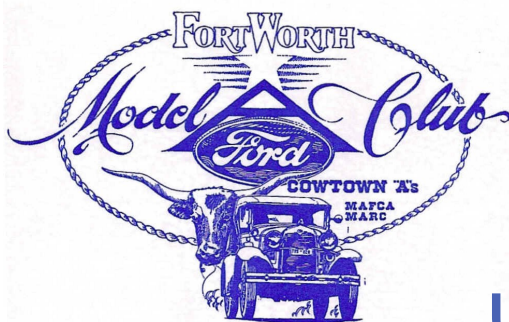
**January 18 Meeting Program:
Cris Lofgren - Selling Classic Cars**

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Program

Cris Lofgren, a member of FWMAFC and owner of Classical Gas Motors in Mansfield, will speak on classical cars to include restoration, car shows, buying and selling classical cars. Cris opened Classical Gas Enterprises (dba Classical Gas Motor Company) in 2003 and it is a family run business which includes Cris, his wife Sherry, and son Taylor.

Cris is very involved with community (one of the founders of Wells For Wellness Inc.). Cris has hosted Nostalgia Nights Cruise-In every Friday night in Mansfield for 22 years

President's Message

Howdy Y'all,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Now it's time to get our kicks in 2026.

We have lots of work to do this year with Pate coming up in April and the Texas Tour in June. Our officers and tour chairmen need all the help we can offer them so let's volunteer and help in any way we can.

Clint has some tours and activities lined up, so get that "A" out of the garage and let's have lots of fun this year as always!

George



Upcoming Meetings

JANUARY 18, 2026

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

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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

MARCH 15, 2026

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

Editor's Comments

As I write this, we are about to enter the new year of 2026. Yes, it's true, time flies the older you get. Where did 2025 go? To emphasize that concept, January is my birthday on our meeting day of the 18th and I refuse to accept I am a year older!

We have our new officers in place and planning has started for 2026. Please step up when asked not only for PATE and the Texas Tour but each month Clint is planning an activity and he will need support not only in attendance but with the details of the event be it a tour or technical seminar.

The GM Parade of Lights each November is a great event and as a club we have been participating for over 40 years. It seems each year that Dianne and I come up with a different lighting scheme whether it be the 1929 Huckster pickup or the 1931 Phaeton. By changing the scheme each year, I end up spending the better part of two weeks figuring out which lights go where and then attaching them and the special decorations that always seem to appear close to the last minute. And then, after a successful parade, it took me 3-4 days to carefully undo the decorations on the Model 'A' and put all the lights and decorations away for next year. Being retired certainly helps to have the time to get it all done.

The new year brings on new opportunities for the club to grow and enjoy tours and events. With new officer leadership will come new ideas and activities. The Texas Tour in June in Mineral Wells will be here before we know it and as the host chapter under Jordan Douglass's direction, we will need all members participating. Plan to hear more from Jordan as we proceed into the spring months ahead.

Hope you all have a safe and happy new year.

Chuck

New Members

We want to welcome our new club members who have joined in the last 30 days and invite them to our meetings and activities.

Tom and Deana Abel

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Fort Worth, TX 76114
817 504 5824
Tombo1952@yahoo.com
1929 Tudor

Brad and Susan Duerst

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Southlake, TX 76092
406 671 2284 his
817 797 3012 hers
bduerst@verizon.com
1930 Pickup



Refreshments Volunteers For 2026

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, Neil Bernstein, for your expenses.

Contact: TBD

The Club appreciates your help.

January 18	Bill & Pat Buckmeyer	July 19	Clint & Tina Johnson
February 15	Ross & Andrea Douglass	August 16	
March 15	Jim & Jaque Carroll	September 20	Tom Roman
April 26	P A T E	October 18	Chuck & Diane Nixon
May 17	Pat Sinclair & Tommy Brown	November 22	
June	NO MEETING	December TBD	Business Mtg. & Christmas Party



Activities/Tours

Looking forward to some fun activities for the new year! It takes a team to make these activities a success for everyone and hopefully bring more club members to participate.

I may be asking some to step forward to assist in suggestions and planning to create some informative and interesting activities for the year. We already have made plans for the month of February to celebrate Valentine's Day and will share them with the club at our January meeting.

Hope to see you there!
Clint Johnson

January After- Meeting, Early Dinner

After the January meeting join us for an early dinner at the Mexican Inn at 5716 Camp Bowie.



100 Years Ago at the Ford Motor Company

In January of 1926, sales were falling due to competition from the more modern Chevrolet. Executives at Ford were quietly discussing and planning for the replacement of the Model T, all except Henry Ford. He wasn't having it. Henry's son Edsel Ford and Vice President Ernest Kanzler were pushing for a 6-cylinder car and an intermediate model, as they knew that the "T" alone could not sustain them until such time the 6-cylinder Model "X" lines were ready.

Henry, known as a "monomaniacal genius," had a very big and sensitive ego, and the leaders knew that only he could have the innovative ideas. Going public with their concerns risked being disregarded, ridiculed, or even fired. Ernest Kanzler was brave enough to outline all of the concerns and arguments in an 8-page letter to Henry.

While Kanzler heaped lots of praise on Henry, he also wrote, "The advantage of this memorandum is that I can write certain things that I find difficult to say to you. It is one of the handicaps of the power of your personality which you perhaps least of all realize, but most people when with you hesitate to say what they think." It was probably not wise to criticize and tell someone with such a fragile ego what others were saying about him.

Henry soon fired Ernest Kanzler while son Edsel, Kanzler's brother-in-law, was out of the country. But Kanzler was right. In May of 1927, the 15 millionth and final Model "T" rolled off the assembly line just as General Motors was emerging as the leader in car sales.

Built in Texas by Texans

Per the article in the December *Cowtown A*, the Dallas Ford assembly plant produced thousands of Fords over the years and the sticker below was added at the end of the assembly line on the cars primarily from 1955 -1959, and displayed on the back window with those words nestled inside a lasso. You can find originals and reproductions available on Ebay.



Fair Isle Then and Now

Fair Isle sweaters, very popular today, actually gained notice in the United States and England in the early 1920s when the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) sported the clothing noted for the 2-stranded knitting technique and their unique patterns. The Fair Isle is a tiny island located off the northern coast of Scotland where, going back to the late 18th century, wives of the fishermen knitted sweaters and caps for their husbands.

Fair Isle sweaters became extremely popular during the Model “A” era in the United States and the popularity has experienced a resurgence today. Just a few weeks ago, a video of Kate, Princess of Wales, showed her decorating a Christmas tree, while wearing a Fair Isle turtleneck sweater.

There are a few folks among the 55 permanent residents of the island who still knit the sweaters by hand, but expect a 3-year waiting list if you want one. In the meantime, you can look to familiar brands such as J. Crew, Banana Republic, and L.L. Bean who have been inspired by Fair Isle designs. You’ll be period correct wearing one while driving your Model “A” this winter.





FORT WORTH MODEL "A" FORD CLUB
P. O. BOX 470515
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Howdy!

We invite you to support the Fort Worth Model "A" Ford Club by contributing to our silent auction and raffle room at the 63rd Model "A" Ford Texas Tour held in Mineral Wells, Texas, June 11-14, 2026.

The Texas Tour is an annual tradition hosted by six Model "A" Ford clubs across the state on a rotating schedule. Typically, around 100 Model "A" cars and over 200 guests from Texas and surrounding states (sometimes as far as California!) participate. We have a variety of driving tours, shopping excursions, banquet dinners, and other activities planned for our attendees.

Your contribution enables friends and family to continue uniting around a shared love of the Model "A" Ford and will go directly to offsetting the cost of the convention. We aim to draw a variety of interest through donations, from auto parts and tools to baskets dedicated to specific themes, such as gardening, car care, or game nights. A vendor gift card, a service, an automobile part or accessory, or any other gift item would be welcome. No gift is too small, and *every gift is appreciated*.

Your support will be acknowledged at the convention in a professionally published tour booklet distributed to each attendee.

The Fort Worth Model "A" Ford Club is a not-for-profit organization (Tax ID #75-1297943) and is a chapter of Model "A" Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and a region of the Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC).

Donations can be sent to: Tom Roman or you may bring them to our monthly meeting with a form filled out and Tom will collect the items from you.

Tom Roman
6500 Retta Oaks
Burleson, TX 76028.

With sincere appreciation,
Tom Roman, Geoff Stamp (Auction Coordinators)
Tom: hpdroman@yahoo.com or 682-352-7111
Geoff: geoffstamp@hotmail.com or 817-773-4270



2026 Texas Tour Committee Positions

The Crazy Water Hotel in Mineral Wells, TX - June 11-14

Notice to committee members: Be on the lookout for upcoming information regarding virtual (likely Zoom) committee meetings beginning in January.

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! Jordan Douglass



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

Registrar- Receives registrations and keeps tabulations for event records. Sends registrants a confirmation email. Greet 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.
Karen Whittlesey

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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.

Randy Minton

Repair Tent (Thursday 06/11-Saturday 06/13)- Committee member will assist tour attendees with reasonable car repairs. The repair tent is not a “drop off” service- owners must be present and participate in repair efforts. Please find a location at/near The Crazy Water Hotel for your repair site and solicit club members for scheduled assistance.

Trevor Worthington, George Maddox, & Billy Williams

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

January 2026

MARC's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our completely restored website is alive at ModelARestorersClub.org (modelarestorersclub.org.) (If you have the link to the old website on your phone or computer, the old website will automatically connect to our new website). This upgrade marks an exciting step forward for MARC. Our new site uses modern technology to make it easier for members to:

- ☐ Browse national and regional events
- ☐ Renew memberships online
- ☐ Connect with other Model A enthusiasts
- ☐ Access club news and resources anytime — even on your phone

As our club continues to evolve, this new digital foundation helps us reach the next generation of Model A owners while staying true to our heritage.

Please take a moment to visit the new site and explore what's new. We welcome your feedback and ideas as we continue improving the online experience for everyone.

As some of you may have noticed on the MARC Facebook group, we advertised a special promotion to attract new members. If you have not been a member of MARC previously, you qualify for this promotion! Sign up for a MARC membership at the regular price of \$50 (12 months membership) and receive FREE editions of *Technically Speaking*, volumes one through thirteen, including shipping (while supplies last). AND if you want to purchase volumes fourteen and fifteen for an additional \$25 they will be shipped with the other volumes! Sign up on our new website by clicking join now. If you want to purchase the additional volumes you must call the office at 734-427-9050 within 48 hours of joining to qualify for free shipping.

Regions, please note that 2026 dues in the amount of only \$25 are now due. They can be paid by accessing our new website at modelarestorersclub.org, select Regions and the Region toolbar to take you to renew. Also, a reminder that most membership fees are due at this time of the year. Don't let your membership expire and miss an issue of the *Model A News*!

Circle your calendars now for July 12-16 and make your hotel reservations for the 2026 MARC National Meet in French Lick, Indiana. 894-241-8391. Driver Class judging standards have been updated and are available to download at modelarestorersclub.org. Plan to enter your Model "A" in the judging!





The Model "A" RESTORERS CLUB

MODEL "A" RESTORER'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP

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U.S. Membership \$50.00
U.S. Air Mail \$62.00
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MAFFI MINUTE

December 2025



Happy Holiday Season, Model A'ers! Hope everyone is staying warm and that your cars are either tucked away for the winter or still enjoying the cooler air. I know I've been enjoying taking my A out in the snow.

Earlier this month, John Marshall, our Executive Director, sent out the Holiday Donation Letter, which is a great opportunity to stay involved by giving back to the museum. Don't forget that we also have a store where you can purchase MAFFI merchandise, located under the "Store" tab at maffi.org.

One of the coolest things about the museum is that it's constantly in motion. Dan Cargo and Jerry Dennany are always tinkering or moving cars around, with the help of the amazing volunteers from the Grape Country A's. If you visit the "Cameras" tab on maffi.org, you can see all the holiday decorations and even catch a glimpse of some of our newest additions.

The trustees also met in November to start shaping some exciting ideas for the museum. While it's a bit early to share details just yet, there are some great things in the works, and we're looking forward to unveiling more as plans come together in the months ahead.

Keep on motoring, and have a Happy New Year!

John Grossheim
Trustee and Secretary, MAFFI

Fort Worth Model 'A' website is available for members
<http://fortworthmodela.org>

We need cars of the month, send your photo and history to Geoff to be featured on the homepage as the website opens

Try it and give us feedback on what you see, improvement suggestions, and new ideas. There are many opportunities to expand on existing and new categories, information, and history. Send your input to either or both:

geoffstamp@hotmail.com
chucknixon67@gmail.com.

MAFCA is Growing.

I am pleased to report that at the last MAFCA board meeting petitions for two new chapters and one Special Interest Group (SIG) were approved. We are happy to welcome these three to MAFCA:

- Script A's Club Ford Model A of Michigan
- Crankin A's of Daytona
- Burtz Engine SIG

We look forward to having these new chapters/SIG as part of the MAFCA family.

I would like to point out that I have also been approached by two other groups that are interested in becoming new chapters. This is encouraging news as it confirms that MAFCA and the hobby are continuing to grow, maybe not as fast as in the past, but still growing.

Doug Linden
Chapter Coordinator

Technical Pages and Q&A Articles Found on MAFCA website

- Engine Production Numbers
- Canadian Engine Production Numbers
- Assembly Plant Production Numbers
- Model A Production By Model
- Assembly Plant & Body ID
- Model A Body Numbers
- Model A Body Styles
- Paint Colors By Body Styles
- Model A Ford Vehicle Weights
- Murray and Briggs Body Types
- Tudor Sedans Deluxe & Standard
- Model A Tools
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- Radiator Caps





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Address: _____

Telephone Number _____

Sponsoring MAFCA Member: _____

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 - Email: _____
- I give MAFCA permission to publish my name and contact information: Yes ____ No ____

Benefits of Membership in MAFCA

- The Restorer Magazine, 6 issues per year and a digital edition.
- National Tours, Conventions, Nearly 300 Chapters Worldwide, Many Local Events and a National Office to support you.
- www.mafca.com, our official website, Email newsletters, Flying Quail flyingquail@yahoo.com and MAFCA on the Road mafca_ontheroad@yahoo.com
- Social media availability through our Facebook Group, Model A Ford Club of America, Technical Questions answered modelatechquestions@gmail.com,

Visit MAFCA.com to view merchandise store

Popular MAFCA Store Items Include:

- *The Coupe Book, Tudor Book, The Victoria Book*
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- *Model A & AA Paint & Finish Guide and the New How to Restore Your Model A Vol 10*



Mail Application to:
Model A Ford Club of America
250 S. Cypress St.
La Habra, CA 90631-5515



December MAFCA President Message

As my tenure as president of the Model A Ford Club of America winds to an end I look back fondly on the past year. I feel blessed to have worked with so many great and wonderful Model A family members, volunteers full of caring gestures that can only be compared to a family. When Monika and I first re-joined MAFCA some 15 years ago we were immediately taken in by the members of our local chapter like the Branam's, Briggs, Munday's, Cornelius', Blackwell's and so many more. And this continues to this day on a national level as we have met and been accepted by wonderful people like the Lindens, McCord's, Shinn's, Whittington's, Begg's ... well you know how it is. And although my service has been difficult at times, wonderful folks have stepped up to serve on the MAFCA Board including Jay McCord, Doug Linden and David Frazee. All three of these individuals volunteered to serve after three vacancies appeared. And I would be remiss if I didn't mention Sherry Winkinghofer, Dave Krill, Paul Shinn, Happy Begg and Bill Truesdale. Thank you all for your support.



All three specialty committees will soon be functioning at full capacity and revision 5 of the Restoration Guidelines will also be completed, a task that has taken several years to achieve. Thanks to all these folks that serve our membership with no compensation other than a pat on the back and a favorable mention. Thanks to Dan Morris who stepped up to chair the Restorers Class committee and will serve as Chief Evaluator at the National Meet in Pendleton, Oregon. And a huge thanks to Robert Mack for stepping up as editor of this publication, the *Flying Quail* and to our new webmaster, Shelby Solomon of Dallas, Texas. Look for great things from Shelby!

As most of you know, the month of June was a busy one for me as I endeavored to drive my 28' Tudor across America, Eastbound with my grandson Max and the homebound with friend and fellow Model A enthusiast Doug Diller. Great memories were made and new friendships forged as we met and interacted with MAFCA members all across the US. And this won't be the last grand adventure with a grandson; Max's younger brother Pip has expressed interest in doing a similar drive but this time in a northerly direction through the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada. Plans are to leave immediately following the National Convention in Pendleton. I'll be sure to include you all in the adventures through Social Media so stay tuned for whatever comes our way.

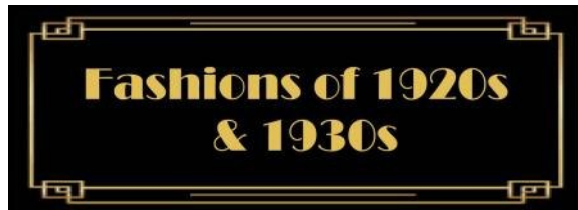
And you who are reading this know of the importance of staying connected through this publication, the *Flying Quail* but it seems to be a best kept secret. Any and all MAFCA members can be included in its distribution and so it's up to us to spread the word. But at the same time we would like to hear from you as to content you would like to see here. Signing up is as easy as pie. Just tell your friend to visit the MAFCA website and find the dropdown menu for Publications and then click on the *Flying Quail* button. If there is something you'd like covered or topics to be discussed just contact the FQ editor via email at: flyingquail@mafca.com. Please spread the word. Only 20-25% of my home chapter even knows it exists and many of them aren't even registered to receive it.

And finally I'd like to welcome the newest members to the National Board of Directors for MAFCA in 2026: Trisha Evans from Texas, Dennis Thompson from Utah and Doug Clayton from California and returning to serve out another two years, Paul Shinn. All of these folks bring great depth and experience to our National Board. There is so much ahead of us in the coming years with the 100th anniversary of Route 66 and the 100th anniversary of our beloved Model A Ford. The folks in the Blue Mountain Area of Pendleton, Oregon are planning a stellar Convention. With all the trimming of a National Meet. And as Jack Remillard says: "This ain't our first rodeo". Visit their website to sign up as soon as you can and book your accommodation so you don't miss out on all the fun! <https://www.2026mafcanationalconvention.com/>

Farewell until we meet again on the highway and byways!

Ed Tolman

2025 MAFCA President



Eye Glasses of the Model A Era

Throughout the 1920s, glasses looked much like Harold Lloyd's above. Not just because the actor had popularized the look, but also because the affordable mass market choices were limited. Nevertheless, as the decade proceeded, tortoiseshell frames grew in popularity, while rimless glasses were seen on some who hoped to achieve a more subtle bespectacled look. In addition, nose pads were first introduced during the 1920s, and they were a game-changer. Before that, the nose bridge on glasses had to be designed to hug the nose so the glasses wouldn't fall off. Their invention sparked never-before-seen eyewear styles.

The 1930s saw several important developments in eyeglass style. Although round was still popular, a rounded octagonal shape was making headway, possibly the result of a 1931 Life magazine cover featuring an octagon spectacle-wearing, Ernest Weir — a then well-known steel industry tycoon. Octagonal glasses were either rim-less, wire-rimmed, or some combination of both.

Metal frames grew in popularity throughout the '30s, as did plastic frames, which were now available as an option and capable of being mass-marketed thanks to technological advances. Plastic frames grew in popularity as a lighter, more affordable alternative to animal horns, shells, and other

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to seeing you at our amazing events!***



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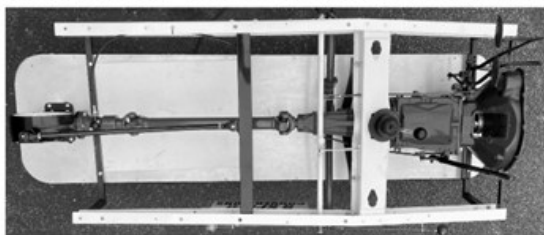
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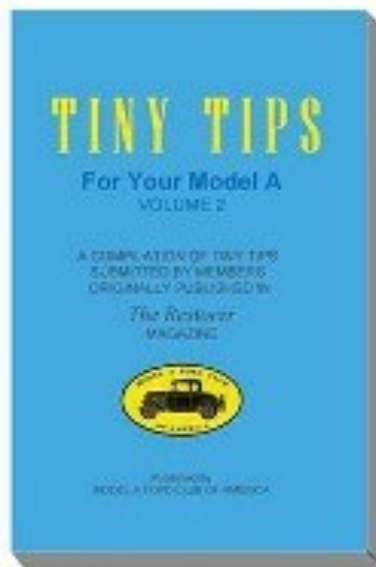
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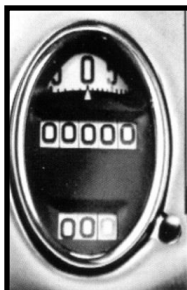
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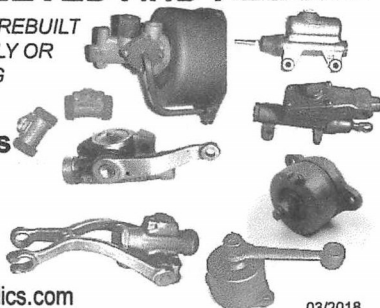
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CLUB MEETING DAY AND TIME

3rd Sunday of the month

January 18, 2026

Board Meeting - 1:30 PM

Club Meeting 2:30 PM

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

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