



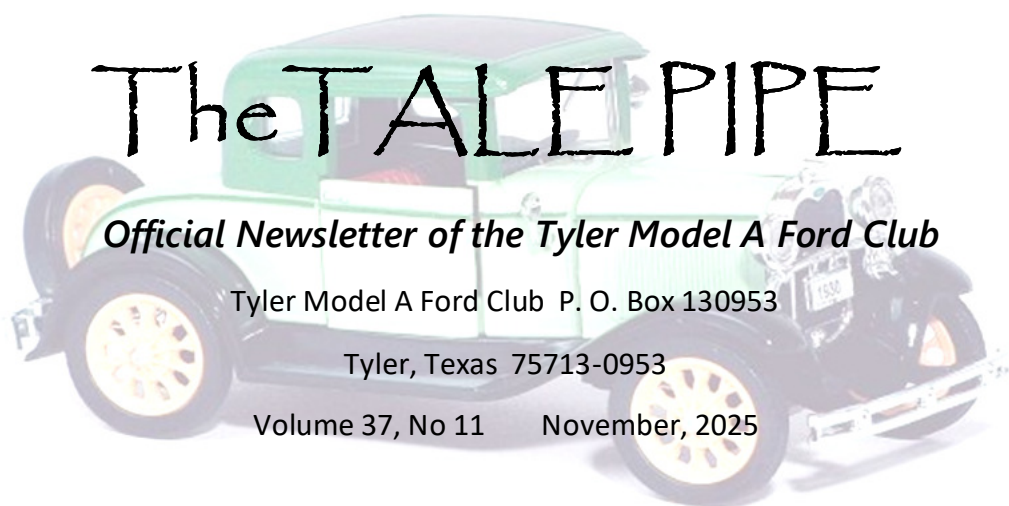
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Roger Burrow (2025-2026)

Mike Allen (2025-2026)

Judy Weis (2024-2025)

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 Notes

What a fantastic Autumn Trails weekend we had! The weather could not have worked out better for us — just enough rain to make things interesting, but clear skies whenever we needed them. We had an impressive 47 Model A's and 45 Classic Cars in Saturday's parade.

Tyler Model A was represented by Peter & Ellen Menconi with their TuDor, Casie Buck with the Woody and Lanny and Brenda Buck with a Phaeton. Tex and Chana Willis were also in attendance and very involved.

The Friday evening stew and Saturday evening barbecue events were packed, and everyone enjoyed great food, fun, and fellowship. Sunday's three-hour tour was another highlight, with about 25 Model A's taking part and not a single breakdown along the way.

A special thank you to Casie Buck, Autumn Trails President, for all her hard work keeping Autumn Trails month long event running smoothly. We also extend our appreciation to Tex and Chana Willis for leading the Sunday Tour and hosting the Sunday "potty break/snack stop," which was both fun and refreshing for everyone.

As always, Vicki Clark deserves special recognition for her tireless efforts doing the Secretary work and organizing the swap meet. She was busy from the start of Model A weekend to the finish. And as always, a heartfelt thank-you to our Police Officers for their assistance with the parade, and to all the volunteers who ensured the park was cleaned up and in great shape afterward. These events only succeed because of the good volunteers and participants.

As we look ahead to the Syrup Festival and our next meeting, I encourage everyone to start thinking about officers and events for next year. Your ideas and involvement keep our club strong and active. See you soon.

Lanny Buck
President, TMAFC



NOVEMBER 11th



NOVEMBER 27th



NOVEMBER 1st



NOVEMBER 4th

NEXT MEETING

November 15, 2025

CLEAR SPRINGS

11:00 AM

6519 S Broadway Ave, Tyler, TX



LATE MEETING DUE TO
HENDERSON SYRUP FESTIVAL

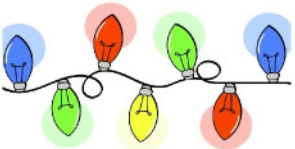
September, 2025 Treasurer's Report		
Beginning Balance		9394.04
Deposits		.00
Dues		
Donations		
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Expenses		50.00
MAFCA	50.00	
Ending Balance		9344.04



JUST "A" THINK'N

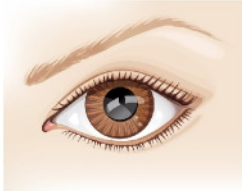


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CLOWsendNS



NOVEMBER

Robert Nichols	25th
Burley Kinsel	14th
Connie Colvin	28th
Gary Weber	29th

SUNSHINE REPORT

Mike Allen is not feeling well.

We are all praying for your healing.



TYLER MODEL A FORD CLUB MEETING MINUTES— OCTOBER 2025

DATE: October 11, 2025

LOCATION: Daniel Boone's Grill, Tyler, TX

CALL TO ORDER: President Lanny Buck called the meeting to order at 11:15 with 13 members present and 2 visitors .

1 Model A was driven.

OPENING PRAYER: Leonard Kent

SUNSHINE REPORT: update on Mike Allen

ANNIVESARIES: None announced

BIRTHDAYS: Roger Burow, Katy Carter, Herman Dentler, Chester Retz, Buck Fielder
Kathy Witwer and Tina Yancy.

First order of Business: Motion to approve minutes of last meeting as appeared in the Tale Pipe Newsletter: Made by Kenneth Moody and Seconded by Nita Calicutt. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve treasurer's report as appeared in the Tale Pipe .

Old Business: Directors for 2025-2026

Officer Nominations Discussion :

President/Co-President Lanny Buck/Casie Buck

Vice President/Co-Vice President Dick Hathaway/Hugh Speer

Secretary-Joyce Moody

Treasurer- / Co treasurer Hugh Spear/Wanda Jennings?

Directors:

Roger Burrow (2025-2026)

Mike Allen (2025-2026)

Kenneth Moody (2026)

New Business:Locations for future meetings

New Members: None

Announcements: October 24-26 Autum Trail Weekend

50/50 Drawing: Won by Kenneth Moody

Next Meeting:Clear Springs, Tyler Tx.

ATTENTION: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 15. Due to Henderson Syrup Festival.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM ._by Lanny Buck.

Submitted by Joyce Moody



OCTOBER 2025 MEETING

Sorry, no pictures were taken.

2025 Meeting and Event Schedule		
Date	Location	Address and Notes
Oct 24-26	Autumn Trails Weekend	Winnsboro, Texas, Event, No meeting
8-Nov	Henderson Syrup Festival	Henderson, Texas, Event, No meeting
15-Nov	Clear Springs Restaurant	6519 Broadway, Tyler, Late meeting due to Henderson Syrup Festival on the Nov 9. Vote for slate of Officer Nominees for 2026
13-Dec	FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH	4202 S Broadway Ave., Tyler, Tx CHRISTMAS PARTY-Bring unwrapped Toys

TECH TIP



Tech - Lubrication GAS AND OIL

Question: I've a couple of simple questions concerning my 1931 A roadster deluxe: Is it better to run the engine on leaded or unleaded gas? What happens if I use motor oil with detergent without cleaning anything before? Christian Affolter
Answer: Unleaded gas will not harm the Model A engine. Originally lead was added to gasoline as a lubricant to cool the exhaust valve seats. Over the many years of use the seats in the block have absorbed much of the lead deposits. Even without lead additives, there is very little chance of burning the valves with this low compression engine. Some people have hardened valve seats installed when their engine is rebuilt. It is questionable whether this is necessary.

Adjust intake valves at .013 and exhaust valves at .015 inches and you will never burn a valve. I have three Model A's with standard block valve seats and have never had a problem with unleaded gas. In California we have had unleaded gas for a long time. If your engine has been using a non-detergent oil, you may have a buildup of oil deposits and sludge in the engine. The detergent oil will in time clean all S(or most) of the deposits and sludge from the engine and you will end up with a much cleaner engine. The detergent oil will suspend the deposits and sludge in the oil. When the oil is drained, the deposits and sludge are drained with the oil. A non-detergent oil works opposite. Sludge and other deposits are not suspended in the oil and settle to the bottom of the pan and collect around the rings. When the oil is drained there still remains oil sludge in the pan and around the rings.

The effect of using detergent Oil in a dirty engine is it will give you a much cleaner engine after a couple of oil changes. It will also clean the deposits around the rings. If the engine has a lot of wear, the deposits are probably taking up a lot of the wear space. When the deposits are cleaned away with the detergent oil, you may start using or burning more oil because of the added clearances obtained from a cleaned engine. When using detergent Oil, the Oil should be changed every 500 miles. Since the Model A has no air or Oil filters, the engine absorbs a lot of contaminants. I recommend using detergent Oil and changing it every 500 miles which will give you a cleaner engine that will not wear the engine parts as quickly.

*From the MAFCA website—Editor

AUTUMN TRAILS 2025



maffi.org Model "A" Ford Foundation (MAFFI)

MAFFI Minute October 2025

Model A Days was a great experience for all who attended! There were a total of 1100 people who attended and were able to see the ribbon cutting of the new expansion to the museum, including the Garage Learning Center. 210 model A's took over the Gilmore in support of the event as well as a registered 80 swap vendors at the swap meet making this the largest swap meet to date!

The ribbon cutting ceremony was led by John Begg, with former MAFFI President Stan Johnson, and Brad Minners (on behalf of former MAFFI President Howard Minners) cutting the ribbon.

While we may be finished with the expansion, there are plenty of ways to still be involved with the museum for continued projects such as the "My A Program" as well as the memorial bricks as well.

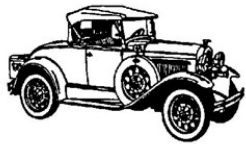
If you did not get a chance to get up to the museum or to see the expansion yet, you can still check out the expansion on maffi.org under the "Cameras" section of the website.

It was really cool to see our hobby come together to celebrate our beloved cars! I know the Gilmore is equally proud to be partnered with us.

Happy motoring!

John Grossheim

MAFFI Trustee/ Secretary



AREA CAR SHOWS



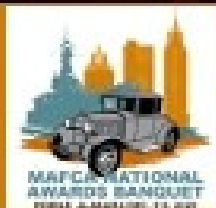
NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	DATE	TIME	REGISTRATION FEE
WHATABURGER 1ST TUESDAY	630 U.S. 79	HENDERSON	1st Tuesday of the	5-7 PM	FREE
KILGORE CRUISE NIGHT	Kilgore Street	KILGORE	Last Saturday of the	3-6 PM	FREE
CRUISE NIGHT @ COMMERCE ST DRAFT HOUSE	401 E Commerce St	JACKSON- VILLE	2nd Tuesday of the month	6-9 PM	FREE

LINDALE TOYS FOR KIDS	103 Van Street	November 15, 2025	Registration 7-10 am	\$20.00
AUTO & CYCLE SHOW	Lindale, TX		Awards @ 1:30 pm	Plus
				unwrapped toy



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Compression Tester	Small/Medium Sanders	Air Compressor
Front Wheel Alignment Tool	Coil Polarity Tester	Volt/Ohm Meter
6-12 V Test Light		
Hydraulic Jack 4-ton		



2025 MAFCA National Awards Banquet



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Plaza Hotel**

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2025 National Award Winners
and meet the
2026 Board of Directors**

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- Experience Mobile's rich 300 year history
- Visit the USS Alabama and enjoy lunch under the planes
- Explore Mobile's history by trolley



Seminars

- Fashion with *Sherry Winkelhofer*
- Mechanics with *Paul Shinn*
- Secret History of Mobile with *Todd Duren*
- History of Alabama Roadways with *Dr. Martin Olliff*

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- Mobile History Trolley Tour

Walking Tour

- Secret History Tour - Speakeasy's



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#8 Roadster

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**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**
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 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

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