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THE COWTOWN "A"

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Our program will be **“Table Top Swap Meet!** Tables will be set up and members will be bringing any Model A Parts they would like to sell, exchange or get rid of.

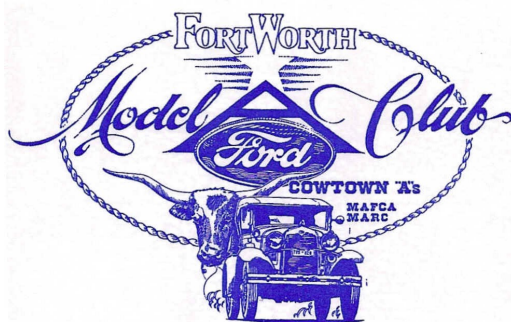
Salado Tour set for August 8 thru 10 ... See Page 6

2025 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Geoff Stamp	817 773 4270
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	Jerry Tucker	817 237 1589
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	Logan Douglass	817 727 9948
TREASURER	Vickie Stamp	817 773 4271
SECRETARY	Pat Sinclair	817 925 8204
ACTIVITIES/TOURS	Clint Johnson	817 366 0623
COWTOWN EDITOR	Chuck Nixon	817 233 1470
EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE BOARD	TBD	

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

ANNUAL MTG./HOLIDAY CELEBRATION	TBD
FASHION COORDINATOR	Shirley Zepeda 817 274 8587
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HISTORIAN	Mark York 817 926 0103
LIBRARIAN	William Walter 817 274 9813
PARLIAMENTARIAN	TBD
REFRESHMENTS	TBD
SUNSHINE	TBD
PARADE OF LIGHTS	Randy Minton 817 297 1262
NATIONAL REPORTER/MEMBERSHIP	Chuck Nixon



Program

The August meeting program will be one-of-a-kind in that we will have a table top swap meet... we will set up tables and club members can bring any parts they want to get rid of/trade/give away. They would bring the parts, set them out with price or identification of owner/member and barter with each other. Bring your parts, regardless of size, age, condition, for a fun event. Should be a good social event as well.



President's Message

Hello All,

I have been contemplating what to say in this, my 32nd, Presidential message, for three days.

I don't know if I'm just out of ideas or if my brain is fried from this heat. I do know that only between 56 and 73 % of the membership even bother to open the emails that we send out, including the ones that include the newsletter. So sad! For those that do open them, Thank You!! A lot of work goes into publishing your newsletter which is the main channel of communication for the club. Thank you Nancy and Chuck.

We are always looking for ways to make your club better and all suggestions are appreciated.

Your club cannot function without people stepping up and volunteering for open positions. On that note, it is time for me to appoint a nominating committee for Board positions, and I am calling on volunteers that are interested to let me know. Jordan is also in need of volunteers to help with the Texas Tour. You can contact him for information. There are many ways to help us have a great club going forward. It's up to you!

I'm gonna stop now and go get another Coke Zero.

In service and friendship,
Geoff



Upcoming Meetings

August 17, 2025

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

September 21, 2025

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

October 19, 2025

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

Fort Worth Model 'A' Club General Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2025

The July 2025 membership meeting was called to order by Geoff Stamp, President, at 2:30 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 thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Jerry Tucker reported that there were forty members present with a prospective member, Jim Adams, also in attendance. Five Model 'A's were driven.

Jerry reminded the members who had worked at the Pate swap meet that he had the tumblers that had been approved for purchase as a club thank you and available at this meeting.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT / PROGRAMS

Logan Douglass was not in attendance. However, Geoff Stamp explained that the program would be a video about converting a Model 'A' to an electric vehicle.

TREASURER

Vickie said the checkbook is balanced.

SECRETARY

Pat Sinclair said that there was no June 2025 meeting due to the Texas Tour in Giddings, Texas so there were no meeting minutes needing to be approved.

ACTIVITIES/TOURS

Clint Johnson said there will be a tour of the Car & Toy Museum on Saturday, July 26 starting at 9:00AM.

Clint also gave details on the tour to Salado, Texas planned for August 8th and 9th. He reminded everyone that to get the better room rate, reservations at the Holiday Inn Express in Salado must be made no later than July 25th. Model 'A' parking will be set aside at the hotel.

Randy Minton told members that the Parade of Lights sign up will be at the August 2025 meeting. If any members already know they will want to participate, he asked them to call him and he will put their names on the list. As usual the club will have 12 slots with two alternates available.

The 2025 Christmas party is going to be on December 7th at the current meeting place, Firefighters 440 Union Hall.

ACTING COWTOWN EDITOR

Chuck Nixon took the opportunity to present George Maddox with a certificate, a patch, and stickers for being named a founding member of the Grease Monkey Club. Chuck had put George's name in for the nomination, and he was selected. This award denotes George as one of the club's most generous mechanics.

OTHER REPORTS:

T. Lindsay Baker had brought boxes of Model 'A' free spare parts to the meeting that he had obtained and offered too members.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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Editor's Comments

Well we have finally had our first 100 degree day on Wednesday, July 30. We are have had a “cool” July in the mid to high 90’s. The tour of the DFW Car and Toy Museum was enjoyed by members on Saturday the 26th and the Salado tour is coming up on August 8-10. See Page 6 in the newsletter. Time is flying by and membership renewal starts in September as well as nominations for 2026 Officers. Some of our current officers are timed out and cannot serve another term based on our by-laws so step up and enjoy interaction with other officers. See Geoff’s President’s comments on page 2.

FREE REGISTRATION FOR THE WHEELS FOR WELLNESS DOWNTOWN CAR SHOW

The Grand Parents Day celebration that formally was held in the stockyards on the second Saturday of September has been replaced with the Wheels for Wellness downtown car show and prostate testing on September 20, the third Saturday of September. As was done last year the club has budgeted registration fees for 21 cars. You should have an email covering this but also see the application form in this newsletter. First come, first served so don’t wait to register. As a FWMAFC member you need to **mail in your registration, do not use internet registration as you will have to pay \$35.00 to be registered.** By mailing in your registration, you are not required to pay as the club will cover the registration fee.

Contact Chuck or Geoff with questions, Chuck at 817 233 1470 or Geoff at 817 773 4270.

FWMAC Minutes from July 20, 2025 *Continued from Page 3*

Attendance: Forty members

Prospective Members: One

Model ‘A’s Driven: Five

Four Door Prizes of \$10 were awarded.

Driver’s Award: \$25 was not won making the next meeting driver award amount \$50.

Geoff adjourned the meeting at 3:30 P.M. with a reminder to the members to join others for a get together meal at Mama’s Pizza on Camp Bowie Blvd.

Patricia Sinclair
Secretary

August After Meeting Early Dinner

After the August meeting join us for an early dinner at Jason’ Deli on Camp Bowie.



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	July 20	Mary & Jerry Tucker
February 16	Tom Roman	August 17	Pat Sinclair and Tommy Brown
March 16	Tom Roman	September 21	Tom Roman
April 27	PATE SWAP MEET	October 19	Chuck & Dianne Nixon
May 18	Geoff & Vickie Stamp	November 18	
June	NO MEETING	December 7	Business Meeting & Christmas Party

2025 Tentative Activity Calendar

January	May	September
HAPPY NEW YEAR	SCAVENGER HUNT (more info to come)	Day Tour to Waco's Hotel 1928 & Lunch (more info to come)
19TH MODEL A MEETING	SEMINAR ? 18TH MODEL A MEETING	SEMINAR ? 21ST MODEL A MEETING
February	June	October
VALENTINE CELEBRATION Sunday, 2/9 1:30 - 4:30 Tuscany Italian Bistro Lakeworth, TX	TEXAS TOUR GIDDINGS TX	AUTUMN TRAILS Winnsboro, TX
16TH MODEL A MEETING	15TH MODEL A MEETING?	SHOP TOUR (more info to come) 19TH MODEL A MEETING
March	July	November
CLUB PICNIC Sunday, 3/23 1:30 - 500 Hollow Hill Farm Weatherford, Tx	PLANNED SEMINAR (more info to come)	TOUR TOP O'HILL & LUNCH ARLINGTON, TX 11/8/25 @ 10AM
16TH MODEL A MEETING	SHOP TOUR (more info to come) 20TH MODEL A MEETING	16TH MODEL A MEETING
April	August	December
PATES SWAP MEET	SALADO TOUR Fri-Sat Night 8/8 - 8/10/2025	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY 12/7/2025
27TH MODEL A MEETING	SEMINAR ? 17TH MODEL A MEETING	

Salado Tour August 8 – 10, 2025

The Salado Trip is just a week away, August 8 - 10 !!! We are looking forward to having a great trip. For those who did not make reservations before the deadline. Please see the information below...they have extended the discount.

Here is just a brief plan of events:

- Stop in Waco for lunch on Friday at Cracker Barrel then proceed to Salado.
- Friday night dinner at @ Johnny's BBQ & Steaks.
- Saturday morning a driving tour hosted by the Lone Star Club. The tour will leave the hotel @ 10am and then return to Salado for lunch at the Shed.
- Saturday afternoon is open for spending time on your own shopping or whatever interest you have.
- Saturday night dinner at the newly owned and renovated Salado Inn Restaurant.
- We will head out Sunday morning to make the drive back to Ft. Worth. We plan to travel back with the group taking the same route back.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, SALADO/BELTON TX
1991 N. STAGECOACH RD

1 King \$119.99 per night
2 Queens \$129.99 per night

PHONE # 1-254-947-4004 (PLEASE INFORM THEM YOU ARE WITH THE FT WORTH MODEL A CLUB) Also ask what is required should you have to cancel your reservation.

Contact Tina Johnson if you have any questions @ 817-366-0623.

Visit to the DFW Car & Toy Museum

Saturday, July 26th four club member's Model 'A's, two moderns and a Harley motorcycle (Randy Minton) visited the DFW Car and Toy Museum. After the visit the group gathered for lunch at Sammie's BBQ on Belknap.

Reports say the members really enjoyed the museum and could go back and enjoy more time looking at cars and toys.

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to welcome our new club members who have joined in the last 30 days.

Cris and Sherry Lofgren
7700 Oak Country Lane
Mansfield, TX 76063

Cris@classicalgasmotors.com 682 429 1010
lofgrensherry@gmail.com 682 429 2329

Cris is in the classical car consignment business and has several Model A's from 1929 to 1931.



SEPTEMBER 20TH

DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH

10 AM-3 PM

FREE FOR SPECTATORS

\$35 PRE-REGISTRATION
\$40 DAY OF

FREE PSA SCREENINGS

10 AM-2 PM

DRIVEN TO FIGHT PROSTATE CANCER



DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH

FALL CAR SHOW

WWW.WHEELSFORWELLNESS.ORG

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE OR BY MAILING IN THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT BY 08/31

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

☐ I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE UPDATES VIA EMAIL. CANCER SURVIVOR? YES NO

YEAR _____ MAKE _____

MODEL _____

*T-SHIRT SIZE _____

CAR CLUB _____

SIGNATURE _____

*T SHIRT ONLY AVAILABLE WITH PRE-REGISTRATION

BY SIGNING YOU AGREE TO OUR WAIVER POSTED AT WWW.WHEELSFORWELLNESS.ORG



Model A Ford Club of America National Awards Banquet

Born to Celebrate
Mobile, Alabama
December 3-6, 2025

register at <https://www.gulfcoastmodelclub.net>



Bus Tours

29th Annual Magic Christmas in
Lights - Bellinrath Gardens

USS Alabama Battleship
Memorial Park

Mobile History Trolley Tour

Seminars

Fashion with Sherry Winkinhofer

Mechanics with Paul Shinn

Secret History of Mobile with Todd Duren

History of Alabama Roadways with Dr. Martin Olliff





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 - REASONABLY PRICED
 - NUMEROUS BODY STYLES & COLORS
- **EASY TO DRIVE:**
 - ELECTRIC STARTER, 4 WHEEL BRAKES
 - 40+ HORSEPOWER, 3 FORWARD GEARS
 - CRUISE ALL DAY AT 45 - 55 MPH
- **EASY TO REPAIR:**
 - PARTS ARE READILY AVAILABLE FROM VENDORS ALL OVER THE USA!



THE FORD MODEL A, A CAR THAT IS RELIABLE & FUN.

2026 Texas Tour Committee Positions

The Crazy Water Hotel in Mineral Wells, TX - June 11-14, 2026

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.

Position available

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, & Vickie Stamp

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

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.

Position available

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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2026 Texas Tour Committee Positions*Continued from Page 10*

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

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.

Position available

Graphic Design Artist- Committee member will design event logo

Position available

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

Position available

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.

Position available

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

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.

Position available

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 Tudor Sedan, original black car in excellent condition, long grain roof material, no visible rust anywhere, all glass good, chrome bumpers good in survivor condition, red wheels with Firestone bias ply tires and factory mounted rear spare. Numbers matching original engine that runs very well, all mechanicals seem to be in excellent condition. \$16,000, Call Cris Lofgren 682 429 1010



For more information on both cars go to www.classicalgasmotors.com

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 in a combination of 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. Jordan 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

ENGINE:

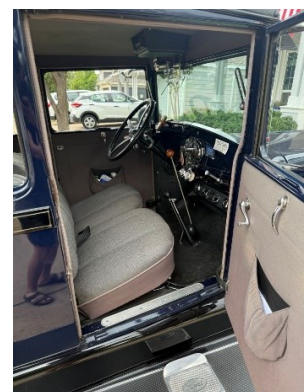
- NEW BURTZ Motor (less than 1,000 miles) built by Ken Davis.
- 5 main bearings with full pressurized oiling
- Burtz HC head + Burtz cam + Burtz flywheel
- Dennis Kliesen full flow oil filter w/ pressure relief valve
- Metal timing gear

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
- water temp & oil pressure gauges

Accessories

- moto light radiator cap
- front toolbox and rear trunk loaded spare parts & tools
- hidden toolbox mounted under rear floor mat in the floorboard
- turn signals + additional stop lights added
- wind wings w/ clamp on mirrors + flower bud vases
- FM radio & CD player
- front & rear seat belts



MAFCA President's Message – July 2025

By now many of us Model A owners will have had ample opportunities to get *Henry's Lady* out on the road whether it be to car shows or tours like the National Tour of Virginia. By the time this edition of the Restorer is published I will have made my cross country road trip to Virginia from California in my 1928 Tudor and should have posted a few photos and videos on Social Media. I'll give a better report of the trip in the September issue of the Restorer but if you'd like to see what I've been up to visit our Face Book page.

Some of you are aware that MAFCA has a digital newsletter to serve our members when no Restorer is in your mailbox; but for those who aren't aware, it is called The [*Flying Quail*](#). Envisioned several years ago by the MAFCA Board as a way to keep us connected, it was originally intended as a monthly newsletter but has since morphed into a bimonthly digital magazine when there is no Restorer magazine in your mailbox. (even numbered months) This is where MAFCA leadership can keep us informed and connected with articles from Technical to Era fashion as well as information on Local, Regional and National events. And sometimes, when space is an issue for in-depth articles in the Restorer, you can read them in the Flying Quail, where space isn't an issue.

Robert Mack of the Utah Valley A's has taken over the responsibilities as editor of the *Flying Quail* and is doing a great job. Currently the number of folks taking advantage of this publication is rather small so if you would like to add your name to the distribution list please visit the MAFCA website and find the button for publications and then scroll down to *Flying Quail* and click the link. This page allows you to view past issues as well as sign up for future issues.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for Model A Days at the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan this September 19th and 20th. This year is special as it will be the official opening of the Museum Expansion. And if you'd like to follow the final stages of the project just visit the Model A Ford Foundation website and click on the 'live' cams. www.maffi.org

Lastly, please remember to check out our advertisers found in this magazine as well as on our website. And remember, as Paul Shinn always likes to say regarding our Model A's: "*Drive it like you know how to fix it!*"

Ed

Future National MAFCA Meets

**Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum
September 19 & 20, 2025**

**Awards Banquet
December 3 – 6, 2025
Mobile, Alabama**

**International Model A Ford Day
December 3, 2025
World Wide All Day**

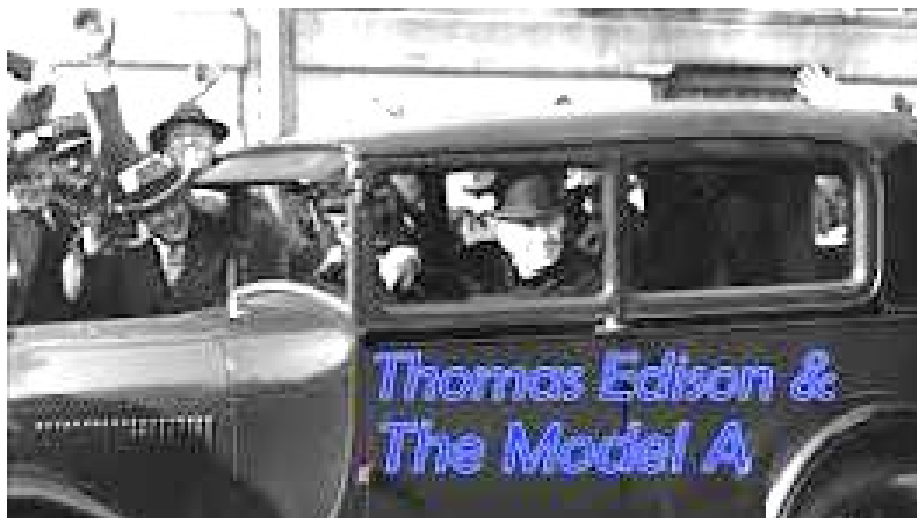
MAFFI Minute

This month I thought I'd share a bit of the history to be found in the museum at Hickory Corners, where the very first Model A is housed -- to whet your appetite to visit and see ALL the history found there along with the completed museum expansion. Model 'A' Days are September 18-20, 2025. Join us!!

"The first Model 'A' " Serial Number: 1, 1928 Ford Model A Tudor changed to a Phaeton Motor: 4 Cylinder, 201 CID, 40 HP Brakes: Mechanical Transmission: 3 Speed Manual non synchronized Body: Ford Motor Company Maximum Passengers: 5 6 Volt Battery w/positive ground Tire Size: 450-21 Fuel Capacity: 10 Gal. Gasoline Weight: 2,212# Cost new: Gift

This car is the first 1928 Ford Model A produced. It was assembled on October 20, 1927 and given to Henry Ford's best friend Thomas Edison. It was originally a Tudor Sedan and Thomas preferred an open car. Henry had the Tudor body replaced with a Phaeton body. Outside door handles were not produced for the early Model A cars. With the existing changes to the car, a restoration process was never attempted. Photos of Henry stamping number 1 on the engine are available.

Henry Ford told Thomas Edison that his name would always be with the Ford name and in the logo for Ford, the cross in the letter F forms a letter T in the distance. The swirl on the end of the cross forms the top of the letter E with the letter O forming the bottom of the letter E.



MARC New Board Members

The results of the recent election for the MARC Board of Directors are as follows:

- Tom Hovetter – re-elected
- Jim Zimmer – re-elected
- Joe Fox – newly elected

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

August 2025

Maybe you haven't visited the MARC website recently, but if you have, you are aware that our website is rather outdated and while our Facebook page has thousands of members, very few take the next step to join MARC. Your Board of Directors has just approved a preliminary budget and formed a committee, led by Chris DuVall, to review and make changes to our complete social media strategy and website. The committee will begin meeting on a frequent basis and we will keep you updated on our progress.

Also, speaking of Chris, he recently posted a brief video on our Facebook page on the basics of starting a Model A. We need more videos like this to teach new Model A owners the basics of diagnosing and fixing mechanical issues. If you are interested in producing a video, please contact Joe Fox or any other Board member.

Regions, we still need volunteers to step up to host future MARC meets; a National Meet, Tour, or Membership Meet. As you know, we will be combining our 2026 Membership Meet with our Finger Lakes Tour in May. All of your Board members have experienced hosting a Meet and we will help any Region interested in hosting a future event. Contact Jim Zimmer or Joe Valentine for any information.

Continuing our focus on Region recognition, the Board recently approved a motion to recognize Regions who have achieved 50+ years MARC membership. A brick will be donated in your Regions name to be placed at the Gilmore Museum! As we donate annually to MAFFI, they provide us bricks that we will use for this purpose. We currently have 40 bricks available and will begin recognizing the 40 longest member Regions first. Twenty more will be recognized in 2026 and the remainder in 2027. We will notify you as your bricks are placed.



100 Years Ago

Henry Ford Aviation Announcement

On August 25, 1925, Ford announced his entry into the commercial aviation field. “The Ford Motor Company,” he said, “means to prove whether commercial flying can be done safely and profitably.” Ford tried to convince the public that flying in a Ford plane was the right thing to do.

Ford dismantles World War I Ships

HISTORICAL NOTE: In August 1925, Ford Motor Company signed a contract with the United States Shipping Board to purchase cargo ships originally ordered by the U. S. Shipping Board to meet war-time needs as the country entered World War I. After the war, thousands of the ships were sold off until 1921, when a world-wide economic downturn scuttled shipping growth. Over the next three years, the remaining ships were docked in harbors, rivers, and bays from Texas to New York. In 1924, the U. S. Shipping Board authorized a scrap program for the ships and opened up bids to American companies. Ford's \$1.6 million bid netted the company 199 ships that ultimately would need to be brought from various locations to the Fordson Plant (which became the Ford Motor Company Rouge River Plant) outside Dearborn, Michigan.

In addition to recycling the iron and steel hulls and superstructures, the company's scrap program would entail refurbishing and reconditioning steam engines and boilers, plumbing equipment and fixtures, generators, pumps, lumber, and even bathroom fixtures for use in Ford plants and offices around the world. Staff in Dearborn and company branches in Norfolk, Virginia; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Kearney, New Jersey coordinated the labor, tooling, machinery, supplies, and fuel purchases as well as coordinated with U.S. and Canadian government regulators and established schedules.

Ships too large to pass through Great Lakes canals were cut down and shipped as cargo on smaller boats that were towed along the Atlantic seaboard, through the St. Lawrence Seaway, and through a series of Canadian and American canals until finally reaching Ford's newly built dry-docks along the Rouge River. Once moored in a specially designed dry-dock, the ships were methodically stripped of machinery, engines, and building material to be stored for later use. The hulls and superstructure were surgically dissected by powerful hydraulic shears and cut by hand with acetylene torches. Ultimately, Ford was able to recover 4,000 board feet of high-quality construction and finished lumber and over 200,000 tons of iron and steel that supplemented the company's forging operations until 1929.

In addition to providing scrap material, eighteen ships were retained and refurbished by Ford for barge towing and cargo shipping. One ship, the Lake Ormac, served as temporary offices and living quarters for Ford employees working on the company's newly established rubber plantation in Brazil. These ships formed the nucleus of what became the Ford shipping fleet. The salvage program ran from December 1926 with the arrival of the Lake Fondulac for test operations through February 1928.

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The Car That Created Henry Ford:

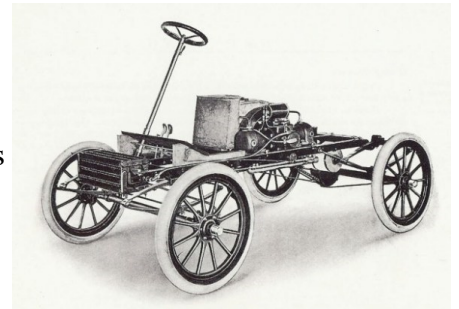
Secrets of 1903 Model A



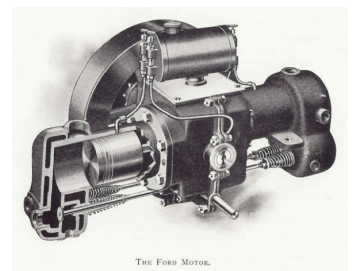
Before Henry Ford could put America on wheels, first he had to learn how to produce automobiles at a profit. With the 1903 Model A, he found his formula for success.

In the spring of 1903, Henry Ford was still struggling to find his way. His first two attempts in the automobile business had been personal failures: His Detroit Automobile Company was founded in August of 1899 and folded in January 1901 without going into production. And in his second attempt, the Henry Ford Company, he was pushed aside by his investors in March of 1902. He was replaced by manufacturing expert Henry Leland, who reorganized the enterprise as the Cadillac Automobile Company.

But if Ford, now 40 years old, was troubled by these early stumbles, he didn't show it. He gathered up a new flock of investors, led by an ambitious Detroit coal dealer named Alexander Malcomson, who brought with him his accountant, James Couzens, and his wealthy and experienced uncle, banker John Gray. Malcomson arranged for a simple but roomy factory building on Mack Avenue at the Michigan Central rail line, right across the street from one of his coal yards, to launch a new enterprise that would be called the Ford Motor Company.



Ford's Mack Avenue plant had no serious manufacturing facilities; it was basically an assembly shed. Ford and his design team, which included Edward "Spider" Huff and C.H. Wills, had developed a crackerjack car that boasted a two-cylinder, 8 hp engine and other advanced features, but they lacked manufacturing experience and production tools. To produce the vehicle's major components, including the engine and chassis, Ford and his investors turned to a Detroit machine shop that already had considerable expertise in auto production for Oldsmobile and others: the Dodge Brothers Company, operated by John and Horace Dodge.



The Dodge brothers' relationship with Henry Ford has been characterized in various ways, from employees to vendors, but the truth is they were partners. It's not clear who conceived the arrangement—Ford, Gray, Couzens, or some combination of the three—but the Dodes were persuaded to take a 10 percent share in the Ford Motor Company. In return, the Dodes would receive the company's manufacturing business and a line of credit that allowed them to acquire all the tools and materials they required. The arrangement proved to be a stroke of organizational genius, for it would soon make all of them fabulously wealthy.

With Ford's latest car, soon to be known as the Model A, the investors believed they had a winner. The trick was to get it into production with their limited capital and resources. The business plan as detailed by Couzens

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in the summer of 1903 broke down the unit costs as follows: \$250 to the Dodge brothers for each Ford-designed engine and chassis; \$52 for the body; \$26 for wheels; \$40 for tires; \$16 for upholstery. All these pieces would be gathered up from the suppliers and bolted together at the Mack Avenue plant at an assembly cost of \$20, with an additional \$150 figured in for cost of sale and \$46 in incidentals. While Ford's car was a totally original design, in every other sense it was essentially an assembled car—a stone soup recipe. All the components were manufactured outside the company, which had no real production capability of its own.

With a retail price of \$750, that left a profit of \$150 per car. (An optional \$100 rear tonneau seat generated an additional \$50 in profit.) If the new Ford Motor Company could manage to build and sell 650 cars—which required every cent the company had at that point—under this cautious yet audacious plan, Ford and his investors would net close to \$100,000, a sizable fortune in those days. Not bad for an automobile that was produced virtually from thin air.

And long story short, that's exactly what they did. Sales of the Model A quickly took off, though the finances were shaky at first. At one point in July, Couzens recorded that the company's cash balance had slipped to \$223.65. Then the first order came: \$850 for a Model A with tonneau from Dr. E. Fenning, a Chicago dentist. With its 72-inch wheelbase, two-cylinder engine based on Ford's Sweepstakes racer, and 1250-lb curb weight, the Ford Model A cost \$100 more than a Curved Dash Olds, but it was seen as the better car. Early Ford ads described the Model A as "the most reliable car in the world."

When the first shrewdly planned production run of 650 cars was sold out, another 1000-plus were assembled, followed quickly by the improved Model AC, Model B, and Model C. In April of 1904, barely nine months after the Model A launched, the company began construction of a big new plant on Piquette Avenue, and Ford, who started from almost nothing less than one year earlier, was now on the map as one of the nation's major auto producers. Ford and the Dodge brothers would eventually part ways a decade later, but not before all three men had become rich beyond their wildest dreams.

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by Rich Volkmer, Napa A's

The little rearview mirror on every Model A is a useful device, but not very effective for looking back if the mirror is clouded and darkened with 94 years of age spots. Restoring the bracket and replacing the mirror is an ideal little project for winter evenings and doesn't take long. Best of all, it's inexpensive.

The original beveled mirror glass was 2.5" x 4.5" and sells for only \$8.95 at Snyder's Antique Auto Parts (#A-17704). They have a wider version that is 2.5" x 6" available for \$12.50 (#A-17704-B). It may be best to wait until you have a larger order to place before getting a fresh new rearview mirror as shipping on this little item alone would no doubt equal its cost.

I ordered the longer mirror to maximize the rearward view, then spent a couple hours wire-wheeling the bracket parts and giving them a fresh coat of paint. Reassembly takes only a few minutes, plus a couple more to run in the three screws that hold it in place.



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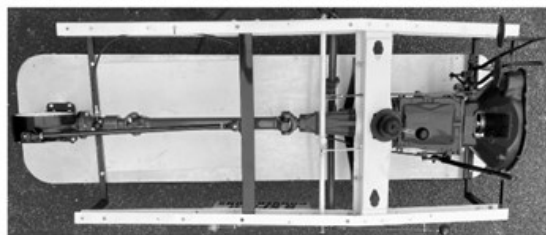


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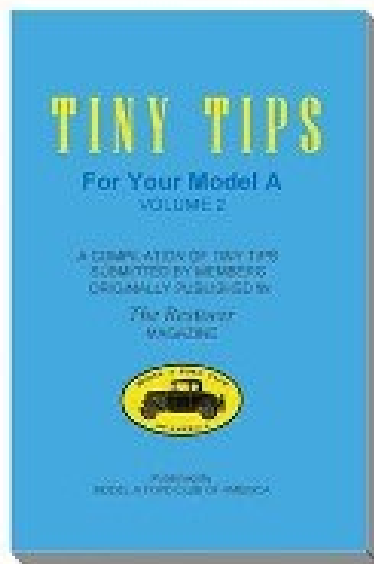
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