



# MODEL A CLUB NEWS

MARCH 2007

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February was a cold month and not really suitable for Model A events, tours, etc ..... but we toured anyway! Unfortunately, our February tech session had to be cancelled because Charles Seabourne, the host was ill. This will be rescheduled soon...Date to be announced at the March meeting. Friday, February 16 was a very chilly day, but the sun was shining and several Model A's, drivers and a guest made the back roads tour to Kerens and lunched at the DD Cafe in Kerens. This was such a fun trip and great country sights, that we will do it again when the weather is warmer. It will have a little different look when the grass is green and the leaves are on

the trees. The lunch was great! Everyone commented on how good the food was...good home cooking. Hope you plan to join us next time. Thanks again Don! No one actually got the mileage, but Don estimated it to be about a sixty mile round-trip. For those of us in Malakoff and on the other side of the lake a little more. We also had a great time at the Saturday breakfast at McClain's. Don and Shirley Dyess, Harris and his lady friend, Glenda, Joe Creecy, Walt and Virginia, Shorty, Charles and Janelle, Jim Blakeney, Bill and Sue Capps attended and we had five Model A's in spite of the rain. If you miss the breakfasts, plan to join us next month. We enjoy good food and great fellowship. On Tuesday, February 27, Ola Powell, O.V. Cliver,

Jimmy Reynolds, Jim Blakeney, Shorty, Walt Hellebrand and Bill and Sue Capps had an impromptu tour to Phalba, where we dined at "The Mall". It was a gorgeous day and we enjoyed the drive on the back roads of FM 316. We had a mini roadside tech session on tune-ups and the importance of driving the "A" somewhere every week to keep her running smoothly. Thanks Ola for organizing this for us. Everyone said they really enjoyed it. We always enjoy the spontaneous tours when we have a perfect day. The tour to Corsicana is all set for Friday, March 23 . You will not want to miss this outing. It should be very interesting. More details in this newsletter. Hope to see you in your "A". Sue

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# ***FEBRUARY TOUR***

The temperature was 17 degrees when we awoke on Friday, February 16th. By the time we were off, it had climbed to 21 degrees. The day was absolutely gorgeous with no wind and the sun was shining brightly. Our drive started from the parking lot across from the Dairy Queen in Seven Points. We started out with four Model A's and seven passengers--Don, Shirley, Bill, Sue, Shorty, Harris and a friend of Harris' from Plano, Earl McKinzie. About five miles out of Seven Points, the Capps Model A pitched a real fit-- backfiring and acting really nasty. All the cows were running for cover! After a couple of stops to try many remedies--nothing seemed to work--Sue got in the car with Shorty, and Bill decided to take the troubled "child" home.

Don's Narration - We turned off Hwy 1129 onto Hwy 636 and proceeded through Brown's Valley. As we entered the valley we passed through a site which was once well known as Montfort, Texas. Montfort once had a full service grocery store including meat and dairy counters, and a full service cotton gin. At one time this valley was full of farm houses and farming families, with cotton and corn as far as you could see.

We left Hwy 636 just south of the valley and took "Model A" roads for the next hour or so. As we went from the high land area into the Trinity River bottom we drove through what used to be known as the Crowley Farm. On our left was a pecan orchard with trees that I guess to be more than 100 years old. I will be 68 this year and they were there and productive long before I can remember. After the Crowley Farm we passed on the west edge what was known as the Trammel Bottom where many years ago there were "potato sheds" dug into the side of a hill. Nothing is left of these sheds now, and the fields that used to be filled with cotton, corn, or maize are now fenced cow pastures.

As we drove on through the bottom we met Mr. Dan Crocker who was kind enough to invite us to take a "rest stop" and visit a minute. We stopped in front of what was the Poe family home place and Dan shared several interesting comments about the farms that were here in the past and the farm land as it looked when it was actively being cultivated. We could have visited and listened to Dan much longer, but it was time to move on.

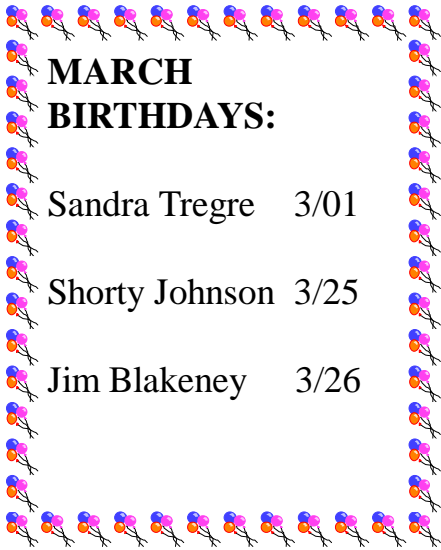
We then passed by the site of the old "Wilson School" which consisted of a two room building with an open breezeway between the rooms. Now, this was grades 1 through 12 with two rooms and two teachers. I believe Dan Crocker graduated from Wilson School.

Just east of Bazette we took another turn onto what qualifies as a "dirt road" that twisted and turned a bit and had it rained the night before it would not have been passable. An interesting point is that just east of where we turned to go back to Hwy 636 is an old airfield. There is no way to tell when it was active (never during my memory), but to the best of my knowledge the old landing strip is still there. We then rejoined Hwy 636 and drove into Kerens for lunch at the Double D Café.

The drive was so great, we have had a request to do this again when the pastures are green and it is warmer. Thanks Don for a great tour! We appreciate your great planning.

Sue Capps

# NUTS & BOLTS



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

- Sandra Tregre 3/01
- Shorty Johnson 3/25
- Jim Blakeney 3/26

**CCMAFC March 23rd outing,**

We will visit The Museum of Telephony (Capehart Communications Collection) in Corsicana on Friday, March 23, 2007. We should meet at the old Gibson's parking lot across from the Seven Points Dairy Queen at 8:15 AM and leave for Corsicana around 8:30 AM. We will travel Highway 85 to Highway 1129 through the south of Chatfield and on into Roane. From Roane we will take the old slab road into Corsicana entering the city from the north east on Second Avenue. We will either take Business 45 (very little traffic) or Commerce Street to get to the museum. Lunch will be at or around 11:30 AM at The Other Place restaurant.

Call me if you have any questions or comments.  
 Thanks,  
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*Saturday, March 10th                      Breakfast at Mom's and Canton Swap Meet*

## Calendar of Events 2007

March 10                      Breakfast at Mom's      8:30 AM	May 26                      Ennis Polka Festival/Parade
March 15                      Cruise Night at Seven Points DQ	June 2                      Waxahachie Home Tour
March 15-17                      Chickasha Pre-war Swap Meet	June 14-17                      44th Annual Texas Tour, Tyler
March 23                      Telephone/Watkins Tour, Corsicana	June 14-19                      Petit Jean Swap Meet
March 30-April 1                      Poor Boy Tour (Must be member)	June 18-22                      MARC Meet, Williamsburg, VA
April 3                      CCMAFC meeting -Seven Points	September 14-16                      Southwest Swap Meet
April 26-29                      Pate Swap Meet- Ft Worth	October      TBA                      Hershey Swap Meet
May 5                      Emory Founders Day	October 26-28                      Autumn Trails-Winnsboro

**CEDAR CREEK MODEL A FORD CLUB  
Minutes of Monthly Meeting – February 6, 2007**

The monthly meeting of the CCMAFC was convened at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points. Nineteen people were present, with nine Model A's being driven to the meeting (Jim Blakeney, Bill and Sue Capps, Joe Creecy, Don and Shirley Dyess, Walt and Virginia Hellebrand, Shorty Johnson, Ola Powell, Charles and Janelle Seabourne, and Mary Worman). The meeting was called to order by the President, Sue Capps, who led the prayer. Walt Hellebrand led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Old Business** – The minutes of the January meeting were read by Shirley Dyess. Mary made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Janelle seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Shirley also read the Financial Report for the month of January.

Sue mentioned that there were still some dues owing for 2007.

The January outing was cancelled due to bad weather. Don plans to reschedule for March, when the weather should be better. There were 13 people at the January breakfast at Mom's, with three Model A's.

Sue still needs someone from our Club to serve as Co-Chairman for the decorating committee at the Texas Tour in Tyler, since she cannot be there. This just involves setting up and taking down table decorations, and anyone who plans to go and would be willing to help should contact her.

**New Business** – Charles Seabourne won the Mystery Raffle for February, and also the drawing for those who drove their Model A's. Guess this was Charles' lucky day.

**Activities** - Don Dyess announced that we will meet on Gibson's parking lot at 9:30 AM on February 16<sup>th</sup> for our driving tour on Model A roads through the country and then to the D&D Café in Kerens for lunch. Bill Capps and Charles Seabourne have planned a water pump tech session for February 19<sup>th</sup> at Charles' house at 10:00 AM (Janelle will have beans and cornbread and would appreciate desserts/drinks to round out the meal. We will plan to have breakfast at McClain's this month on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.

Sue's aunt will be having her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the Community Room of the Franklin Bank in Kerens on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM if anyone would like to attend.

**Sunshine Report** – There were no birthdays in February. Janelle sent cards to Edie Powell (her eyes are doing better), Jim Blakeney and Lorene Cliver.

The next meeting will be held at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Don Dyess made a motion for adjournment, and Joe Creecy seconded the motion.

Shirley L. Dyess, Secretary-Treasurer