



Model A Club News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message

Hello, everyone.

Wow, what a month January was. If you did not drive your "A", I can understand why, and this was supposed to be a mild winter. If you have a heated garage, it was a great time to catch up on some needed work.

As we now enter a new month and hopefully a warmer month, I have received a few ideas on some tours to add to our regular outings.

Remember February 1st is our next meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

Walt

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Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club

Minutes of meeting

January 4, 2011

President, Walter Hellebrand, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the meeting room at the Seven Points, Texas Dairy Queen. Walt led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were twenty-eight members present, plus two guests, David and Hugh Phillips of Tyler. Five Model A's were driven to the meeting.

Walt welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Christmas party meeting. Since none were offered, Sue Capps motioned to accept the minutes as written; Chuck Sportsman seconded the motion.

Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Wittner presented the financial report for the period ending December 31, 2010. Expenses for the Christmas party and Sunshine materials totaled \$472.41. There was no income in December.

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It was noted that the bank balance showed an increase of about \$140 for the calendar year 2010.

Members celebrating birthdays in January are: Bill Capps, Joe Creecy, Beth Piranio and Tonnie Faust. A rousing rendition of *Happy Birthday* was sung. Birthday dollars were collected from all but Beth, who was not in attendance.

Sue Capps reported that Sandra Lee had her hip replaced today, but there was no news on her condition. O.V. Cliver had a low sodium condition, but then had a fluids reaction to the treatment given. He is improving, but is not yet totally recovered. Shorty, looking and acting like his old self after a two-week hospital stay, was in attendance after driving his “A” to the meeting.

Walt reminded all members that 2011 membership dues are currently payable.

Walt read a thank you card from the Cedar Creek United Methodist Church for the toys collected at the Christmas Party. There apparently was a real need for toys this year.

Walt requested a volunteer to act as a tour director for the year. If no one volunteers, another option presented would be to rotate tour responsibility monthly among member families. Also, we need a social director; Wanda Bell is retiring after about eight years of service as social director. Thank you, Wanda! So, members please step up.

Walt reminded all about the three-day MAFCA Natchez Trace tour in April. There are currently 124 reservations for the tour and 300 are expected. Harold Hemphill commented that this is a very scenic 444 mile trip.

MAAFI raffle tickets are still available for the Tudor to help fund the Model A Museum. Still needed is about \$1.2 million to complete construction and to operate the museum. Donations are being solicited from members. A donation of \$1 million will get the museum building named in your honor. All donations, large and small, will be appreciated.

Ola Powell gave a report on the status of the uncompleted upholstery project on Dennis’ 1929 Tudor that was started as a Tech Session project in November. His plan is to complete the project in January. There will be a further report coming in February.

Bill Capps requested that we do more breakfast meetings this year.

Walt also reiterated the need for someone to take on the tour director position. Sue Capps said that in the early days of the club, Shorty and OV took a tour of almost every cemetery in the area. She jokingly said that perhaps we could revisit these locations.

Walt asked Ola Powell to make contact with a man who has a museum in the area for a possible tour.

John Poldrack had the winning ticket #115351 in the monthly raffle and selected a toolbox. The

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\$50 raffle of non-winning tickets from the previous six months was not held at the Christmas party. So, it was held at this meeting, with Don Dyess winning the pot.

Our guest, David Phillips, wants to purchase a Model A. He received perhaps more information on what and why to purchase various body styles than he really wanted. Hopefully, he will return to join us again in the future.

There being no other business, Walt asked for a motion to adjourn. Virginia Hellebrand so motioned and Nancy Wittner provided the second. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Bill Wittner
Secretary/Treasurer

It's Membership Renewal Time - Contact Bill Wittner

Sunshine Report – Sue Capps

Teena Shore's mother passed away Thursday, Jan. 13.

Ola Powell had a biopsy. Good report, still doing treatments.

Sandra Lee is home and doing her exercises and rehab after hip replacement on January 4.

Shorty is doing very well--getting stronger every day. Bone scan was all clear, hormone treatments now.

Forrest Green died on January 8.

Della Powell-Breast cancer.

**Happy
BIRTHDAY**

Birthdays in February

Ed Cliver	02/10
John Shore	02/12
Jo Ann Cliver	02/18

Happy Birthday!



Coming Events

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FEB 01, 2011 -- CCMAFC Club Meeting - Meeting starts at 5:30 at the Seven Points Dairy Queen

FEB 25-27, 2011 -- Decatur Swap Meet - First swap meet of the year

MAR 01, 2011 -- CCMAFC Meeting - Held at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points, TX. Tire kickin' starts about 5:00 PM; meeting starts at 5:30 PM.

MAR 17-18, 2011 -- Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet - The biggest and best Model T and Model A swap meet in Chickasha, Oklahoma. For info go to <http://www.pwsm.com/Info.htm>

APR 05, 2011 -- CCMAFC Meeting - Held at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points, TX. Tire kickin' starts about 5:00 PM; meeting starts at 5:30 PM.

APR 09-15, 2011 -- 2nd MAFCA National Tour -- Natchez Trace - Drive the Natchez Trace from Nashville to Natchez, MS and return. No stops signs, no stop lights, no trucks. It is a 444 mile drive through beautiful scenery and American history. Registration forms and website are on page 22-25 of the Nov/Dec 2010 issue of the *Restorer*. For info on the Natchez Trace, go to www.scenictrace.com where you can download and print a visitors guide.

APR 28-MAY 01, 2011 -- Pate Swap Meet - Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth

MAY 03, 2011 -- CCMAFC Meeting - Held at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points, TX. Tire kickin' starts about 5:00 PM; meeting starts at 5:30 PM.

Salvaging a Carb

Bill Lee

As most of you know, I have had recurring carburetor problems since the Model A Day gathering last fall. On that trip, I got about a half mile from the pavilion at Water's Edge only to have the A cough and sputter and die. Towed it on to the pavilion, and later that day, Bill Wittner lent me his spare Tilly that he carries in his car.

When mounting Bill's Tilly, I noticed that both ends of the mounting flange had stripped threads. Bill had simply resorted to through bolts with a nut on the backside of the flange. Bill's carb got me home where I mounted a spare Zenith that I had. But I was never really satisfied with the way it ran, and, sure enough, at Winnsboro, it started to act really stupid. Once again, the borrowed Tilly from Bill to let me complete the tour.

I rebuilt the original carb (found a plugged main jet) and started to put it back on. Whoops! Why won't that front bolt tighten? You guessed it! Stripped threads in my Zenith!

I asked around and Joe Creecy suggested getting helicoils for it. I was skeptical until he said you can buy the kits at the local auto parts store. Sure enough! Off to the local ABC Autoparts and they had the kits. Needed one for the 5/16-18 bolts that are used to mount the carb. Brand name was "Perma-Coil". It requires a drill bit of the proper size which must be purchased separately. 21/64" for this size kit.

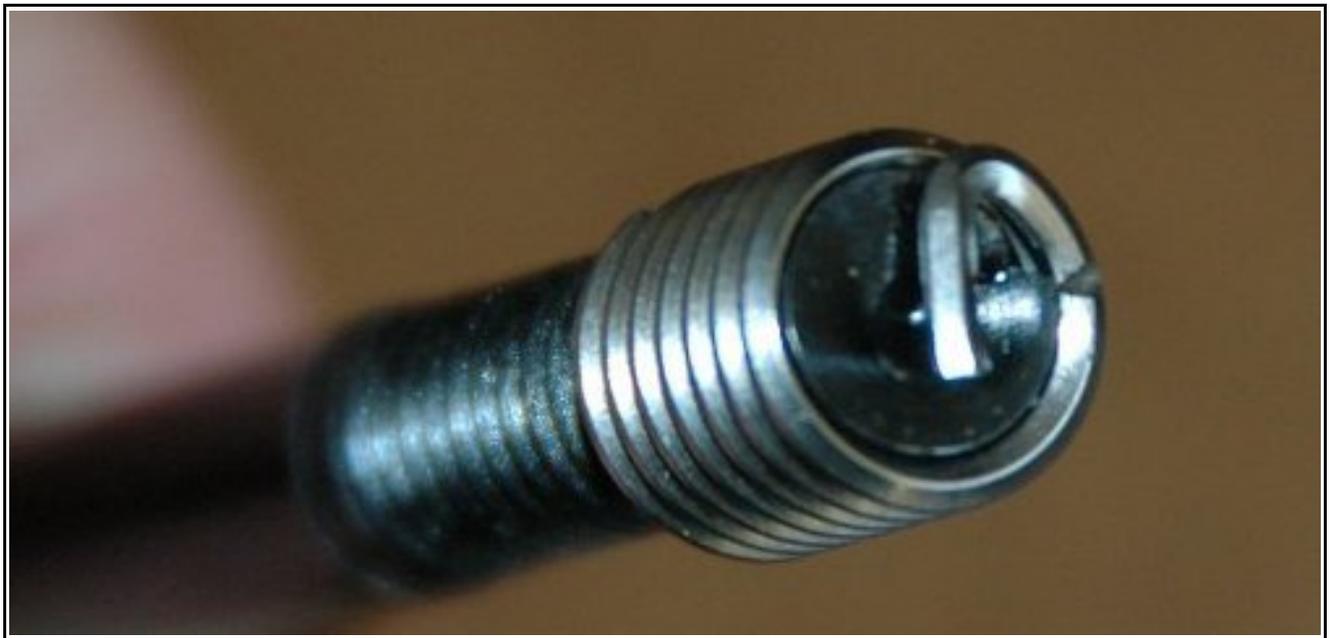


The kit consists of a dozen of the helicoil inserts, the special tap and the insertion tool. (The yellow in the picture is a plastic sleeve to protect the threads of the tap when not in use.) The kit for the 5/16-18 insert was about \$22 and the drill bit was about \$5.



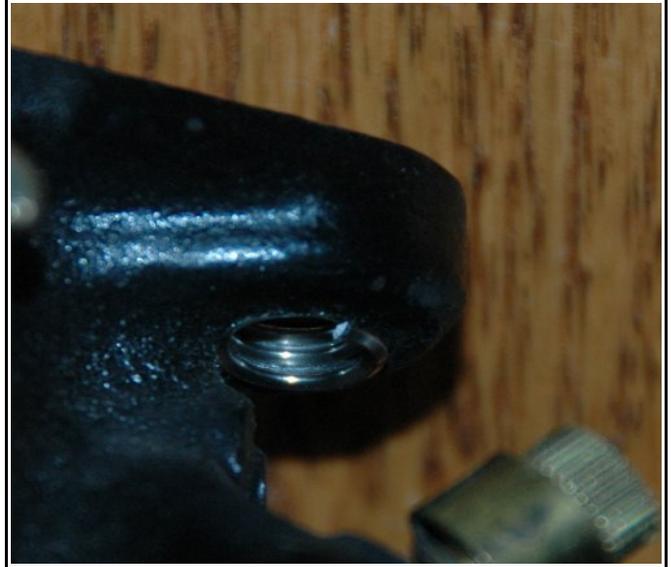
Here you can see the parts that come in the kit, the drill bit, and on the right a close-up of one of the inserts. Notice the tab and the notch about 90° away.

No pictures, but the installation is to first drill out the holes with the 21/64" bit and run the special tap in the hole. Now you have a hole that has 18 threads, but larger than 5/16" bolt requires. Then the insert is threaded into the tapped hole with the insertion tool, the tab broken off, and you're done.



Here is the end of the insertion tool with one of the inserts on it, ready to be threaded into the tapped hole. If you look closely you can see that the end of the tool has a ramp leading to a notch that captures the tab on the insert. When the insert is screwed into the threaded hole, the tab causes it to slightly compress in diameter. Once you get it where you want it, you unscrew the insertion tool and the insert locks itself in place. The last step is to grab the tab with a pair of needle-nose pliers and snap it off at the notch.

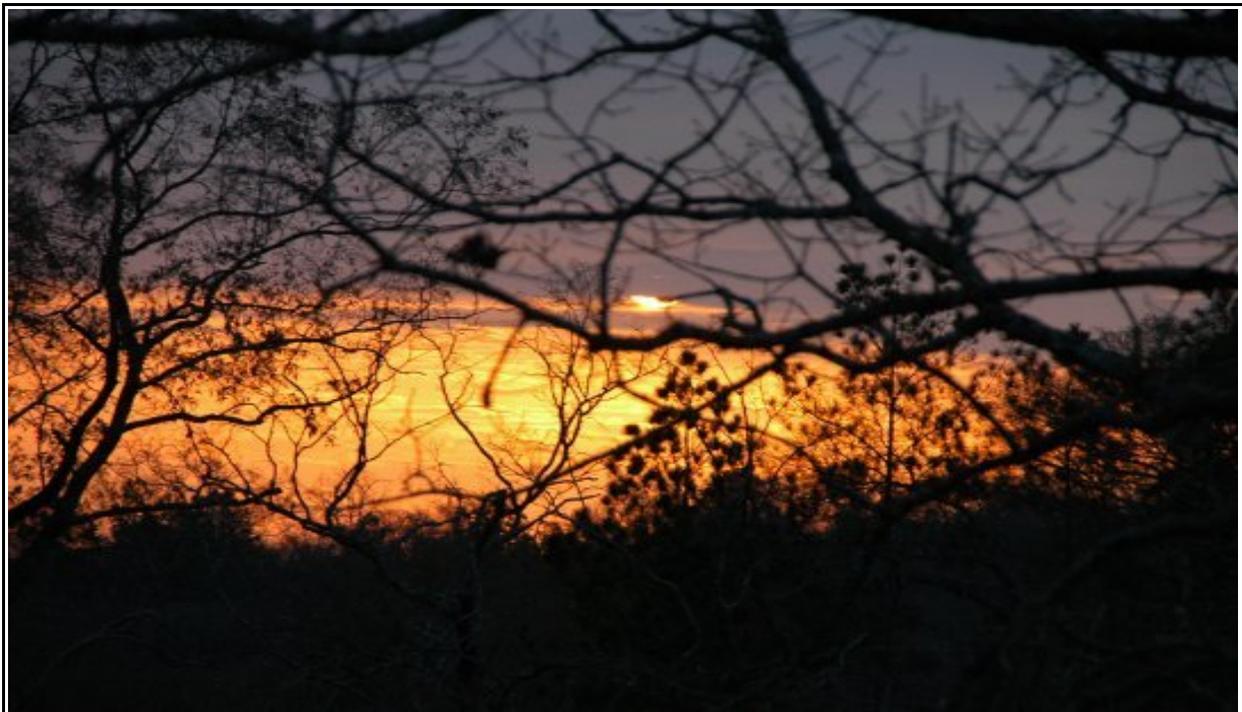
Bingo! New threads and a salvaged carburetor!



Here's what the threads look like after the fix. Note that on the bottom there is a small piece of the thread that hangs out. I didn't worry about that but a Dremel with a cut-off wheel would dress that off nicely.

With my courage built up, I did the inserts to Bill's Tilly as well! Thanks, Bill, for the loan, and, Joe, for the idea.

I used my mill to hold the carburetor when drilling and tapping the holes. I suspect a drill press would work as well, but holding the carb while drilling is a bit difficult. With the mill and the mill vice, it was relatively easy. If anybody needs this done, I now have the kit, and would be happy to assist or do it for you.



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