



Model A Club News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November has been a rather quiet month when one compares the previous monthly activities. We only had four major events, the Southwest Swap Meet in Arlington, the Southwest Speedster Rally & Hill Climb in Mineola, the Leake-Kruse Auction, and Thanksgiving everywhere. I made three out of four.

The Southwest Swap Meet was quite a surprise for me in that there were more later model parts and cars for sale than there were Model A's. This is not to say that I did not enjoy the swap meet, because I really did. There were several early to mid-fifties cars that brought back fond memories of my teenage years. I also had the opportunity to talk with several people who had extensive knowledge of antique automobiles, which is always fun.

What can I say about the Southwest Speedster Rally & Hill Climb? Two words about sums it up – exciting and fun. There were standard A's that looked great and ran even better and there were cars and trucks there with \$800.00 bodies and \$10,000 engines that performed like dragsters. I'm going to let those of you who are interested ask Harris about how his car did (hint, I think he may have a bit too much torque under the hood).

Here's hoping everyone either has or had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, depending on when Bill L. gets the news letter out. I am, at his request, writing this a bit early, but my best wishes for Thanksgiving either way.

This is my last President's Message for the newsletter and

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Chuck Sportsman	12/05
Forrest Green	12/11
Della Powell	12/12
O V Cliver	12/25
Teena Shore	12/29

It's that time of year, 2010
Club Dues are being received. Dues are \$15.00 for twelve months.

(President's Report: continued)

I want to take this opportunity say how much I have enjoyed being President of the Club this past year. I thank all of you for your support and help throughout 2009, and I look forward to 2010 with Bill W. as President.

Don't forget that there will not be a Club Meeting at the Dairy Queen in December, but instead we will have a very short meeting to kick off our Christmas Party on December 5th. That will be at the Oran White Civic Center in Tool, and I believe it starts at 11:00 AM. See you there!

Don

Congratulations to Bob and Barbie Stegman Beck!!!! They were married November 16.

Sunshine Report

We continue to miss Jimmy Reynolds- Hope you are up about soon Jimmy!

Condolences to Virginia Hellebrand. They have had two deaths in the family in one week.

Evelyn (OV's sister) had an accident and had the tip of her little pinkie finger amputated.

Forrest Green had a stroke sometime ago--we have not received any news on him.

Our newest member, Barbie Beck will be having knee replacement surgery December 3.

Jim Bellah recovering from shoulder surgery.

Ola Powell had a heart attack and had a defibrillator implant. Doing well at last report.

COMING EVENTS

Enjoy the Holiday Season!

DEC 05, 2009 -- Christmas Lunch - The lunch will be held on December the 5th, 11:00 a.m. at the Oran White Civic Center in Tool, Texas. (*Same place as last year*) (Note: there will not be a December club meeting. Short meeting after lunch.)

DEC 25, 2009 -- Christmas --
Everywhere!

JAN 05, 2010 -- CCMAFC Club Meeting -- The first meeting of the new year with Bill Wittner as President.

MAR 18-19, 2010 -- Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet - Big swap meet for Model A and Model T vehicles in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Gates open at 7 AM each day. For more info, see www.pwsm.com

Hillclimb Report 2009

It was a long time in the making. After two years of thinking, researching, planning, cancellation due to rain, regrouping, researching for a new place, re-planning, the first Southwest Hillclimb finally came to be.

Contestants began to gather Friday afternoon November 14 in Mineola, Texas. They came from as far away as Victoria, Texas and Greenville, Tennessee. Thirteen of us met at East Texas Burger Company for supper Friday night, munching out on some of Texas's best burgers and official Texas fried catfish. Uhm mmm good. Plus we had plenty of tire kicking and Model A talk – some of it- true some of it – well, lets say stretched.

Saturday morning began with the usual. Blocking of the street, setting up tables and the electronic gizmo, running cable for 528 ft. and showing the newbies how to run and record times. So far so good and we are off for the first trial run. Oops the electronic gizmo doesn't work right. Thanks to our resident electronic guru, Ron Kelley, we corrected all the loose connections and tried again. Oops, another problem. This time we discovered that the sun was looking at the lasers the wrong way. Sometimes sun is not a good thing. That problem solved and now off to another start. This time everything worked right and everyone is having a good time.

Thirteen contestants in eleven different cars got their chance with at least three practice runs, at which time the decision was made to skip lunch and go for the real thing – official

timed runs with each car/driver getting two shots at his or her best time.

Sarah Kelley in her awesome stock Tudor was the only lady to run. Bud Calicutt ran in his newly restored stock roadster. Ron Kelley, Nate Romminger and Marty Thompson took turns in a white AA truck, an almost finished speedster and Ron's rusty stock roadster pickup. Harris Lege made one run in his modified Fordor and broke a banjo housing which ended his running. Hard Luck Award goes out to Harris.

Doc Fletcher ran in his vintage white speedster with a fantastic OHV engine. Willie Sanders ran in his pretty sunshine yellow flathead speedster. Ken Miller ran in his pretty yellow flathead speedster. Ken Parker ran the practice runs with his eleven year old granddaughter and car owner, Elizabeth, acting as navigator. In her words "that was awesome". The speedster is named the Miss E. Due to electrical problems the Miss E did not do too well in the official time runs.

Doc Fletcher took King of the Hill in the Historic and the Speedster OHV class. Marty Thompson took King in the Stock Class in the rusty rattley Roadster Pickup. Mike Kelley took King in the Modified OHV Class in the AA Truck. Nate Rominger took King in the Speedster Flathead Class as well as the overall KING OF THE HILL in the almost finished Speedster. Nate now has the bighead and will have to borrow a larger helmet for his next run.

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And then there were the great people who did not compete on the course but assisted with the timekeeping, traffic control, tire chocker and signalman, recorder, setup and take down and all the other little chores that are required. Thanks to the Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club and the Autumn Trails Model A Ford Club for all this help. Special thanks to CCMAFC for the use of their web site – www.cedarcreekas.org.

The event was finished with a late lunch at the Ranchero Restaurant in Mineola with twenty five Model A'er gathered to reminisce and plan for the next event. Door prizes of two T Shirts were awarded to Marty and Ron and two one year subscriptions were given to a couple of newbies in the hobby, John Icenhower and Joe Creecy. Looking forward to next year and an even greater Southwest Hillclimb. Stay in touch Ya'll.

SOUTHWEST SPEEDSTER HILLCLIMB 2009				
TIMES AND SPEEDS		FINAL RECORDED RUNS		
Registration #	Driver Name	Car #	Best Time	Speed
STOCK				
9	Sarah Kelley	9	13.62	0
10	Bud Calicutt	10	15.16	0
8	Michael Kelley	91	11.5	0
MODIFIED				
12	Harris Lege	12		0
8	Ron Kelley	AA	12.71	0
14	Mike Kelley	AA	13.16	0
SPEEDSTER				
13	Marty Thompson	17	9.03	0
5	Doc Fletcher	5	10	0
2	Ken Parker	16	11.44	0
11	Ken Miller	11	10.18	0
4	Willie Sanders	4	10.56	0
1	Nate Rominger	17	8.81	0
HISTORIC				
6	Doc Fletcher	6	9.84	0

And before I sign off I want to give special thanks to two very great people who would not let me give up on this project. Bud Calicutt was always there with help, inspiration and encouragement and Nate Rominger with his youthful energy and enthusiasm. Thank you, guys.

Ken Parker

Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club _____ Minutes of November 3rd, 2009

President Don Dyess called the November 3, 2009 meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Seven Points, Texas Dairy Queen.

There were **twenty-nine members** and **two visitors** attending and six **Model A's driven**. Don led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Creecy introduced Terry George from Conroe, Texas and Tony Fisk; they were visiting the Club in Terry's 1930 Standard Coupe.

The President asks if everyone had read the October minutes and if there were any changes that needed to be made, there were none. Don asks and received a motion to accept the minutes from Johnny Bell with a second from Richard (Yankee) Smith. The minutes were accepted as written.

Joe Creecy announced the **October Treasure's report**: Cedar Creek MAFC had income of \$142.00.

Don announced that Shirley Dyess had received a letter from Doug ????. Doug rebuilds Zenith carburetors, the letter was pasted around.

Danny Hampel reported on the DQ Classic Car Show. He reported that it was an excellent show even though the back lot could not be used because of all the rain. Local and cars from Corsicana's Shakers & Scrapers attended. More money was raised this year than ever before for the animal shelter. Don Dyess and Bob Beck won their class.

Seven members having **November birthdays** were recognized. Don led singing Happy Birthday.

Sunshine Report: Sue Capps reported that Ola Powell was at home. Tenna Shore had been sick, but was doing much better. O.V. Cliver is still passing out; tests are scheduled for November 4th. Sue said that everyone else seemed to be doing better.

Announcements: November 6-7 is the Southwest Swap Meet in Arlington. November the 14th is the Southwest Speedster Rally and Hill climb in Mineola, Texas. November 19th -22 is the Leake-Kruse Action in Dallas, Texas. November the 26 is Thanksgiving Day in the USA. December the 5th is the date of the Cedar Creek MAFC Christmas Party at the Civic Center in Tool, Texas. There will not be a December meeting at the Dairy Queen. There will be a short CCMAFC meeting as part of the Christmas Party.

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Ola Powell was not present to announce anything planned for November. Bill Lee suggested a picnic in the park like the one held in 2008. There was no interest shown in a November picnic.

Walt Hellebrand announced that Bob Beck had a Model A pick-up that is not running and as soon as he finished building kitchen cabinets and made a little room there would be a tech session to get Bob's Model A pick-up running. The truck was last run in about 1996.

Wanda Bell announced plans for the 2009 Christmas Party. The party will be a luncheon and Harris Lege plans to bring his now famous Gumbo. Wanda announced that she had heard from the Clay's and they plan to attend. Wanda asks for help with miscellaneous things for the luncheon from the single guys in the club. Ice, rolls and things like that. Attendees were ask to bring an un-warped toy for donation to a children's Charity. Wanda asks if members wanted to have the Chinese/White elephant gift exchange and members agreed. The Bell's and Dyess's plan to decorate the Civic Center on Friday the 4th. Danny Hampel said to come by the Dairy Queen and get ice for the luncheon.

Election of 2010 Cedar Creek MAFC officers: President-Bill Wittner, Vice-President-Chuck Sportsman, Secretary/Treasurer-Joe Creecy, Board Members-Walt Hellebrand, Bob Harris and Sue Capps. President Dyess asks nominations from the floor, there were none. Don asks for a motion to elect the slate of offices and Johnny Bell made the motion with Bill Capps seconding. The group elected the slate of officers.

The **November raffle** was held; Bill Lee's ticket number 3023 drawn.

President Dyess asks for and received a motion from Charles Seabourne with a second from Richard (Yankee) Smith to adjourn.

The November 3, 2009 Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club meeting was adjourned.

Joe Creecy, Secretary/Treasurer