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President's Memo

Hey Folks!

What a terrific time we had down in Giddings—the backroads, small-town charm, and good food were everything we hoped for, and the fellowship was even better. A big thanks to everyone who made the trip and helped keep those A's humming along.

I'm sorry to miss this week's gathering—I'm traveling back from Mexico—but I'll be back behind the wheel before you know it. My next little restoration project is to restore and replace one of the nuts on my exhaust-muffler clamp, and I'm determined to get it buttoned up before the Model A leads the way in a Fourth of July parade.

Now the countdown is on: in just two short years we'll be welcoming Model A friends from all over the state right here in Canton for the 2027 Texas Tour. Planning is already under way, and I can't wait to show off our corner of East Texas. We'll keep the updates coming—and ask for plenty of help—at each meeting, so stay tuned and be ready to lend a hand.

Warm Regards, *Spencer Pennington*

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NAME AND PURPOSE

This club shall be known as the Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club, a non-profit organization, hereinafter referred to as the “Club.”

The purpose shall be to maintain, preserve and restore the vehicle known as the Model A Ford (1928-1931) and all things pertaining to the Model A Ford, including literature, historical and technical information.

MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership shall be made in written form. Applications shall be filed with the Secretary and accompanied by dues for the current year.

RESTRICTIONS: All members of the Club shall be restricted to members of either the Model A Restorers Club or Model A Ford Club of America national clubs. Members may be accepted without ownership of a Model A Ford; however, no member shall be permitted to hold office unless said member has owned a Model A Ford within the six month period prior to the official election date.

DUES

The annual dues shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per year. Dues are for the calendar year. The annual dues shall include member and wife and shall be payable before February 1st. Any member may be suspended by the Treasurer for non-payment of dues at the expiration of thirty (30) days from February 1st.

MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the members of this Club shall be held on the first Tuesday of every month unless said day shall fall upon a legal holiday, in which case the meeting date shall be established by the Board of Directors.

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The Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club (CCMAFC) was formed in 2002 in Henderson Co., Texas. The club’s meetings are held at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points, Henderson Co., Texas near Cedar Creek Lake.

Charter Members:

John and Wanda Bell
Jim Bellah – deceased
Bill and Sue Capps
O. V. and Lorene Cliver – deceased
S. D. “Shorty” Johnson – deceased
Olin Lewis – deceased
Ola Powell – deceased
Gene Tregre – deceased





MEETING MINUTES

Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club

Monthly Meeting

June 30 2025

Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Spencer Pennington opened the meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had no guests or new members present. He asked if we wanted to accept the minutes from last month. Lou Carpenter said there was a correction. Spencer's fiancée did not come for a visit. It was his sister he picked up at the airport. Lynda and Herman Dentler made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. The financial report was given and accepted by Fredye Quain and Carolyn Vick.

Spencer announced his parents are flying to Mexico to meet Selma and her parents. Then when they return Spencer will stay to spend more time with her and will miss our next meeting.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Dottie Parker is having surgery on June 13th. Jess Parker asked us to keep her in our prayers. (Surgery went fine and she was able to join us for lunch at Hector's). Kathleen Vaghy tried taking a pill instead of the infusion. But it is affecting her walking so she is going back to the infusions. Jody Letchworth is back from California. Her daughter Sonia is spending the summer with her. Bill Capps continues to have good days and bad days. Sue says he sometimes tries to get up without help and she has to stop him. The doctor says he has lost more heart function. Julia Waterman has pulled a muscle in her hip. She thinks it seems to be getting better.

NEW BUSINESS: Texas Tour 2027. Spencer had some exciting news. He and Bruce from the Tyler club met with the Silver Spur in Canton. They are getting a quote on having the tour in the Silver Spur barn. It holds 300 people. He wants everyone to start thinking about driving tours, food and attractions.

TEXAS TOUR GIDDINGS: The Giddings tour is this month June 13 to 17.



1. Name a diesel engine manufacture.
2. Name a collector-vehicle class of high performance.
3. What was the first Mercury minivan called?
4. What automobile does the Bavarian motor works manufacture?
5. What automobile has a hood ornament that uses a pair of wings with the letter "B" in the center?
6. What type of gasoline was first marketed in 1923?
7. What shape were the dome lamps on the 1930 Ford town sedan?
8. What company manufactured the Sunbeam car?
9. What year did the Indianapolis motor speedway first open?
10. Who was known as the Ford motor company "whiz" kid?

Answers on last page.

TECH SESSION: Spencer has ordered a new alternator. He has given up on his old ones.

LUNCH: Because of the Texas Tour we decided to move lunch to the 4th Tuesday this month. We will meet at Hector's in Gun Barrel on June 24th at 1 PM.

RAFFLE: Herman won the raffle. He choose a magnetic screwdriver. Raffle brought in \$20.

Lynda Dentler and Barbara Quain made a motion to adjourn.

Lou Carpenter, Secretary/Treasurer



July Birthdays

Nancy Cheshire	7/5
Harris Ledge	7/11
John Bell	7/26
Gary Vick	7/28



Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Jody is back from California. Her daughter Sonia is spending the summer with her.

Bill Capps continues to have good days and bad days. Sue says he sometimes tries to get up without help and she has to stop him. The doctor says he has lost more heart function.

Keep us informed. We Care!

Happy Independence Day!

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress officially adopted the final wording of the Declaration of Independence, declaring the thirteen American colonies independent from Great Britain. While the vote for actual independence had occurred two days prior, on July 2nd, the 4th is celebrated as the "birthday" of American independence because it was the date printed on the Declaration of Independence and circulated throughout the new nation.





From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

We will see you sometime in the future. I have been working the gatehouse here at Safari WR on most Tuesdays which doesn't allow us to make the meeting or lunch. When Chuck finishes his time working on the Appraisal Review Board, we will start trying to make lunches. So far I do not work on Tuesdays after the first three in July.

Nancy Cheshire





Celebrating in Style!

Texas Tour 2025 to Giddings, Texas

We had 4 members from our club go to the tour this year. Spencer and Herman both brought their cars. Herman's brothers live in the area and both visited with him and his daughter Lesa came from Abilene and enjoyed the fashion show with us at the dinner Saturday night.

Weather was very nice. Low 90's all week. Unfortunately the only little storm blew up Friday night before everyone got to go outside and get their ice cream. Lots of people made frantic runs to roll up car windows.



... and you think traffic is bad today...



It's been a long time since I slammed a phone down good and hard. LOL



Just Some Interesting Miscellaneous Items

SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!



A "flapper" driving her 1930 Model A Roadster in and around Dearborn, Michigan, stops to talk to her friend. The handsome building with the tall smoke stack in the background is the power plant for Henry Ford's Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum. The building still stands today.
(From the Collections of The Henry Ford)

Historical Tidbit



Pictured is a 1930 Model A Ford with carbide generator, still in use.

Gasoline was strictly rationed during WWII and engineers in the Norwegian company Frydenboe began designing a carbide generator.

The company received government approval, and the new product was named Frydenboe carbide generator. Among the townspeople, it was often referred to as the “knob car” or the “wood-burning car”. The generator was sold by Ford just outside Oslo, which had sub-agents throughout the country. “Wood stoves on wheels” was a huge success.

How it worked: Wood, often in the form of small pieces of wood called “knots” was burned in the generator. The resulting gas, wood gas, was purified and fed to the car’s engine as fuel.

The generator was often mounted in the back of the car due to its size and space requirements.



The Tampa Bay Automobile Museum features a 1929 Ford Model A Tudor that has been converted to run on a gazogène system, also known as a carbide generator or alternative fuel system. This specific Model A was retrofitted in Spain in 1939 to use charcoal or wood to produce hydrocarbon gases, which then powered the engine.

In the late 1930s and into the 1940s, fuel shortages prompted the development of alternative fuel systems. Gazogène technology, which allowed vehicles to run on gas produced from burning charcoal or wood, emerged as a practical solution. This system involved burning solid fuels in a controlled, low-oxygen environment to produce a mix of gases that could power internal combustion engines.

In 1939, Spanish engineers Eduardo Hector Leon, Jorge Martin Ferrer, and Octavio Rodolfo Canal retrofitted a 1929 Ford Model A with a gazogène system on the island of Palma de Mallorca, near Barcelona. The retrofitted vehicle used charcoal or wood to generate hydrocarbon gases, which were then filtered and combusted in the engine. This innovative adaptation allowed the Ford Model A to operate efficiently despite the lack of traditional gasoline.

The 1929 Gazogène Ford Model A is notable for its continued functionality. Even today, it runs efficiently on charcoal purchased from local hardware stores, which showcases the durability and adaptability of both the original Ford design and the gazogène system. This is an exceptionally rare and valuable piece of automotive history as it is one of the few surviving examples of gazogène-powered cars.

The 1929 Gazogène Ford Model A represents a unique blend of American and Spanish engineering that resulted in innovative fuel technology.



Technical Tips

Jim's Tech Tips *"Assembling Front Brakes"*

There are some very good Shop Drawings available that show an exploded view of the front brakes. It is good to refer to them when reassembling everything. However, I find the location of the small felt washer shown in the drawings to be ambiguous. The drawing makes it look like the small felt that goes on the Brake Actuating Pin goes on the pin above the Operating Wedge. That is incorrect.

Look at the photo to the right. The pin goes up into the hollow kingpin, and the felt goes on the pin BEFORE you install the backing plate. (The bottom tip of the rod goes into the hole shown in the backing plate, above the nut.) This sandwiches the felt between the backing plate and the kingpin, providing a good seal at the bottom kingpin bushing.

I have opened up front brakes on several cars and found the small felt floating on the pin on top of the wedge. It does nothing for you there.

I hope this helps you get your brakes back together and working correctly.



Photo by Mitch Hartka, www.VintageFordForum.com

Until next time... *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim Cannon

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The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

July 2025

MARC's Gettysburg National Meet this year is now behind us. We had more than 300 registrations, many informative seminars, Special Interest Group meetings, tours, car judging and great food at the welcome party, grand tour and awards banquet. More details and plenty of pictures in the next *Model A News*. Thanks to Tom and Janora Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region for hosting this great event.


Also, don't forget that we have a special Finger Lakes tour in the pipeline for next May and another great National Meet scheduled for next July in French Lick Indiana. We expect both to be jam packed with fun filled activities so plan to attend. We still need Regions to step up and volunteer to host future events! Your Board of Directors will gladly help you plan a tour, meeting or a national event. Contact any MARC Director please

Remember that the online version of the *Model A News* is always available for viewing by the first day of every even month (February, April, June, August, October and December). Going forward, we will communicate availability on Facebook only.

Can you imagine that Adina Cloud, representing the French Lick Resort and a MARC member, won the 50/50 drawing at the closing awards banquet and then contributed the winnings to the Model A Youth Restoration Awards? Then, Tom Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region donated the other half: \$2,000 to MAYRA!


Remember that MARC has a special membership offer for youth, 18 -25, not living at home. FREE membership with a sponsor, digital MAN only, but all the other benefits of full membership. Contact the office for details. Let's get those young people signed up!








2025 MAFCA

NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET









**Join us in
Mobile, Alabama**

 December 3 - 6


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In Mobile, we will celebrate our 2025 National Award Winners and meet the 2026 Board of Directors.

- Enjoy seminars by Sherry Winkinhofer and Paul Shinn
- Hear the history of Alabama's roadways
- Tour the beautifully lit Gardens of Bellingrath, all decked out for Christmas
- Visit the USS Alabama and enjoy lunch under the planes
- Explore Mobile's history by Trolley



HOTEL OF THE YEAR





May 31, 2026 - June 7, 2026

2025 Model A Days

2-Day Swap Meet

Fashion, Seminars, Car Corral, Driving Class*, and MORE!!

September 19 & 20, 2025 9-5pm

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June 2025 MAFFI Minute

The Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) Trustees and Executive Director would like to send a big shout out, "THANK YOU" to all the hobbyists who have supported this expansion effort.

Without you, this project wouldn't have happened; you preserved history and made it possible to have a fabulous historical learning experience available for years to come!

Several Trustees, the Executive Director, the Grape A's Club, and friends of each gave up Memorial Day weekend to move cars, clean up, and set up vignettes-- to get the museum expansion one step closer to being fully finished. It's looking good, and we can't wait for the ribbon cutting in September.

The expansion allows for more vignettes of the era (see the attached photos: Dustbowl vignette, school house vignette ---complete with bus in the back ground). There will be period correct murals on the exterior of the building (see sample attached), a working garage, and so much more. You need to come to Model A Days, September 19th & 20th to see for yourself how awesome his museum has become — thanks to all our wonderful hobbyists!

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary



Above: two vignettes depicting Model A era.

Left: Mural on exterior of building.

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"Everything you want or need in a modern automobile" *Cosmopolitan* magazine, August 1928

The above photo is from "Advertising the Model A Ford," by Jim Thomas. In the book, Thomas writes, "As they begin their picnic, the family dog, one foot already on a plate, lunges for the held high, but teetering drumstick. This draws the attention of the men who are trying to use the rear bumper of the Ford Tudor Sedan as a bottle opener." He adds, "As evidenced by the broken top on the bottle sitting on the ground, the first attempt at using the "bumper bottle opener" was somewhat unsuccessful. (Given that this ad was published in 1928, during Prohibition, it is assumed that these bottles surely contain only grape juice)" This is a wonderful book full of advertisements and informative text; if you enjoy Model A history, then this is a great book for your library.

Event Calendar



**"AMERICA WAS NOT BUILT
ON FEAR. AMERICA WAS
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ON IMAGINATION AND
AN UNBEATABLE
DETERMINATION TO DO
THE JOB AT HAND."**

— HARRY S. TRUMAN

Answers from page 3: 1. Cummings corp. 2. Muscle car class 3. Villager 4. BMW 5. Bentley-Rolls Royce 6. Ethyl 7. Oval 8. Great Britain 9. 1909 10. Lee Iacocca the Free loader and God Bless 11. Bug or Beetle 12. Buddy Holly 13. Sputnik 14. Hula Hoop

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The advertisement features a row of various radiator reproductions, numbered 28-29, 30-31, 32, 33-34, 35, 36, 37-39, and 40-41. To the right, a man in a flat cap and work clothes is shown kneeling and working on a radiator. The background is a plain, light color.