



# The Running Board



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## President's Memo

Hey Folks!

I hope you're all doing well and staying cool out there. I'll be out this week traveling for a wedding (not mine!), but I'm looking forward to being back with you soon. We don't have any new updates on Salma's visa yet, but we're trusting the Lord's timing and we can't wait to have her here with us.

In the meantime, keep those A's tuned and ready—we'll be talking about ideas for our next day tour and continuing to lay groundwork for hosting the 2027 Texas Tour. Your input and helping hands make all the difference.

Warm Regards,  
Spencer Pennington

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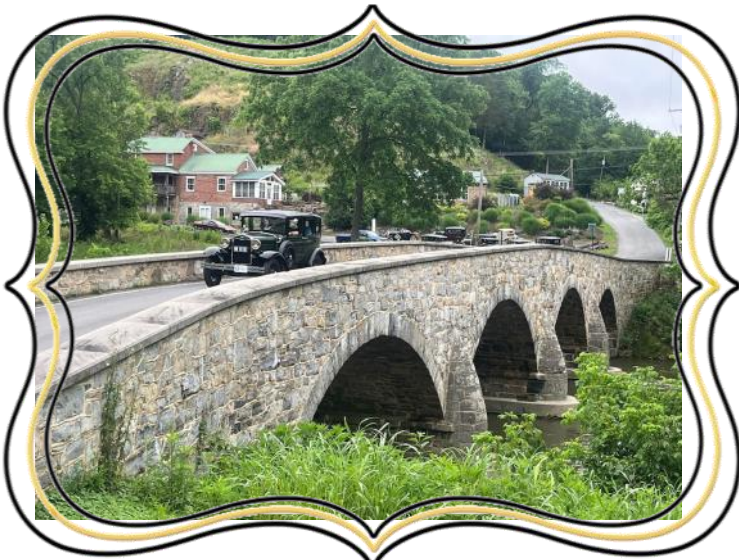
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2025  
MAFCA  
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Tour in  
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Mabank, Henderson Co., Texas

**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

July 1, 2025

Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Herman Dentler was our acting president for this meeting. He opened with the pledge and leading us in prayer. Our two guests were Jody Letchworth's daughter, Sonia, and Lou Carpenter's grand daughter, Bethanie.

**BIRTHDAYS:** We had four birthday people this month. Harris Ledge will be 92 on July 11. John Bell's birthday on the 26th will see him turning 89. Gary's birthday is the 28th and Nancy's is the 5th. Harris and John are our two oldest members in the club.

Last month's minutes were accepted by Carolyn Vick and Tina Shore. The financial report was accepted by Jess Parker and John Bell.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We had no old business. For new business Sonia (Jody Letchworth's daughter) requested some help with pricing car parts. It was decided to combine our monthly lunch with an outing to Jody's after we eat. We picked Bean and Burger in Mabank at 1PM. After lunch we will head out to Jody's and give Sonia some help and tutorials for Maintenance of cars.

**LADIES LUNCH:** Lynda Dentler requested a lunch date for the ladies at the tea room. We decided on July 31 as a date good for most people. Gentlemen will have Mexican at end of the street.

We had no raffle this month.

*Lou Carpenter, Secretary/Treasurer*



1. What is the slang for model A-based coupe?
2. What is the name for gasoline in Italy?
3. Name the classic Ford station wagon.
4. What auto company also made aircraft?
5. What auto company was called the Letter Car Maker?
6. What other type of seat was used other than a bucket?
7. What is the cooling system pump called?
8. What was the car named for Henry's estate?
9. Named the 50's vacationing Olds.
10. Name the common door damage.

Answers on last page.



Unusual Color Scheme





## Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Bill Capps Memorial Service- Saturday, July 26th  
Portales, New Mexico.

Sue Capps said everything went well. Lots of family. Great memorial service. A plane flew over. He loved to watch the air-planes! 2 doves flew in at the cemetery and landed in a tree nearby. We had rain and saw a beautiful rainbow.

Keep us informed. We Care!

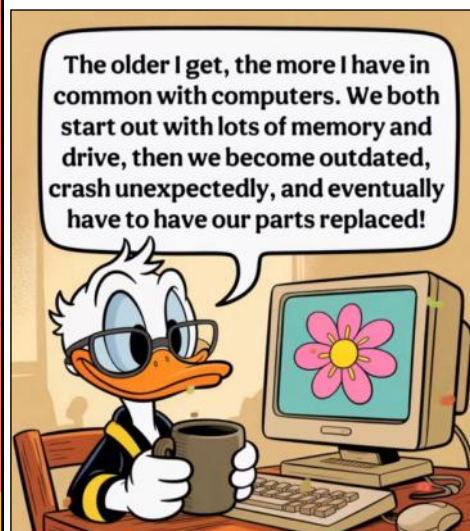
### From the Editor

Hello Everyone,  
Summer heat is here, but that will not stop us from enjoying Model A Fellowship.

We have the meeting on the first Tuesday and lunch on the 3rd Tuesday. Be sure to watch your emails for where we will be eating.

Hope to see you all more in the next few months.

Nancy Cheshire



"Bud's Garage is seven miles ahead. Two stars. Great soap dispensers, attractive tilework. But toilet paper supply is unreliable and flies can be horrible."



# Club News

## Lunch at Bean & Burger

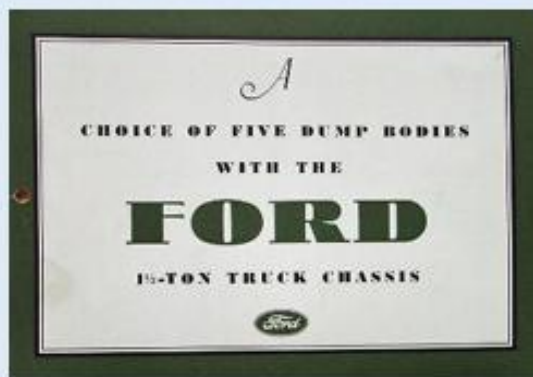
We had a nice turnout for lunch. Even Ken Parker joined us. Poor Herman had to wait for a refrigerator repairman and had just gotten his order when everyone was leaving to go to Jody Letchworth's home.





# Historical Tidbit

## Model A Dump Trucks by Galion

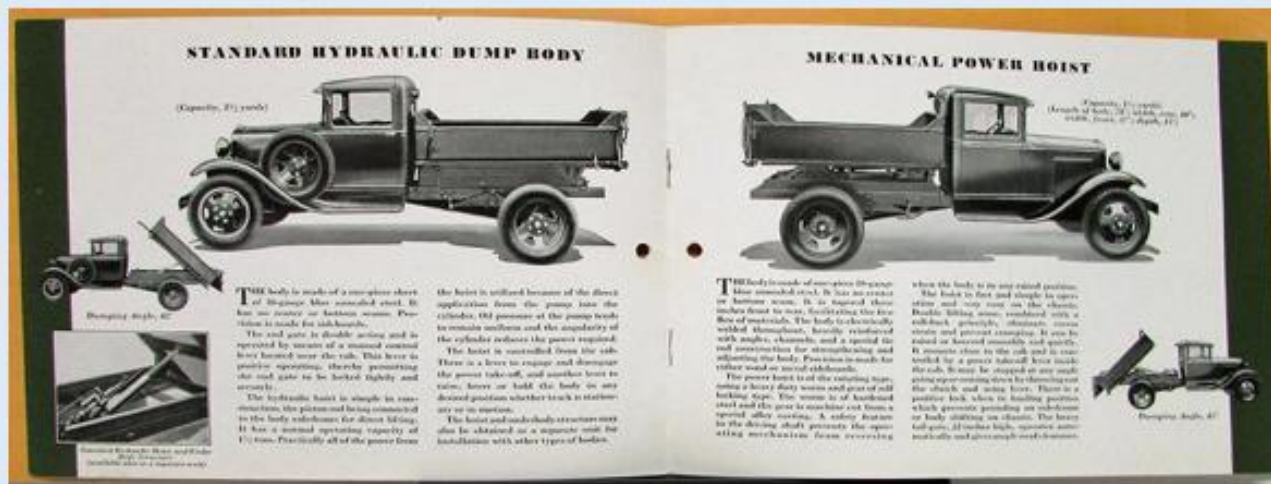


AA Dump Truck - hand hoist  
82-8 Closed Cab and 200-8 Dump [by Galion] on AA131 Chassis  
1/31-4/31 prod. - aafords.com



AA Dump Truck - heavy hydraulic hoist  
82-8 Closed Cab and 200-4 Dump [by Galion] on AA131 Chassis  
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Galion Godwin Truck Body Co. was named after its founding city of Galion, Ohio and was founded as early as the 1870s. Originally known as Galion Buggy Company, the business was born from demand for horse-drawn transportation. A short time after its founding, Galion Buggy Company found a market for retrofitting hauling boxes onto existing buggies.<sup>[1]</sup> Galion soon exited the competitive buggy manufacturing market for the more lucrative aftermarket hauling beds and dump boxes. Around 1910, Galion Buggy Company changed its name to Galion Allsteel Body Company as horse-drawn buggies were gradually being replaced by motor vehicles.



## Model A Dump Trucks by Galion

The company is often cited as an originator of the pickup truck and an early developer of the dump truck.<sup>[1]</sup> As early as 1913 Galion Allsteel was installing hauling boxes on slightly modified Ford model T chassis. The popularity of this combination led to the first production pickup truck by Ford in 1925.<sup>[2]</sup> Though Ford's production model T pickup virtually eliminated the need for Galion's aftermarket boxes, Ford formed a partnership with Galion for other aftermarket equipment. Throughout the 1930s Galion Allsteel and Wood Manufacturing Co. were the only two companies who supplied Ford Motor Company with all dump beds and garbage containers for their model AA and BB chassis.



A "Galion body Model A Ford" refers to a Ford Model A car chassis that has been fitted with a dump truck body manufactured by the Galion company, which was known for producing high-quality truck bodies, often used as aftermarket additions to existing vehicle chassis like the Ford Model A; essentially, a customized Model A with a Galion dump bed installed on it.





# Technical Tips

## Headlamp Plugs and Terminals

As documented in the Ford Service Bulletins, below, a change was made to the headlamp plugs and terminals around May 1930. It is a small change in the wire connector ends and the "plug" lengths used with them. If your wiring harness ends and headlamp plugs are from different times, the connection at the base of your headlights may be too tight to connect (frustrating) or too loose to make a good connection (frustrating, as well). See discussion below and adjust the plug dimension as required.

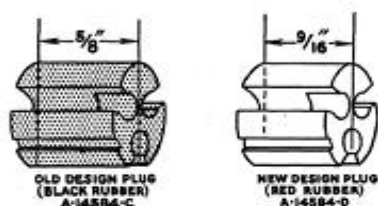


Fig. 908

### CHANGE IN HEADLAMP PLUGS AND TERMINALS

A change has been made in the headlamp plugs and the headlamp wire terminals.

The new plug A-14584-D is approximately 9/16" long and is made from *red* rubber. The old plug, which has been obsoleted, was 5/8" long and was made from *black* rubber.

The new headlamp wire terminals are of the clinch-on type. They are approximately 1/16" longer than the old design which has been obsoleted (see Fig. 908).

As special equipment is required to assemble the new design terminals to the headlamp wires, the terminals will not be sold through service. If an occasion should arise where it was necessary to replace one of the new terminals, use terminal A-14461-C for making the replacement; this terminal can be installed by hand. Also after present stocks of the old design A-14459 terminals are exhausted, supply terminal A-14461-C for replacements. Fig. 909 shows these terminals.



Fig. 909

Due to the difference in the length of the old and new style terminals and headlamp plugs, the old style plugs cannot be used with the new design terminals, or the old terminals with the new plug.

After present stocks are exhausted, when calls are received for an old style plug, supply the new design plug, together with spacer washer A-14601-R. This spacer washer is

approximately 1/16" thick and compensates for the difference in length between the old and new style plugs. Fig. 910 shows how the washer is installed.

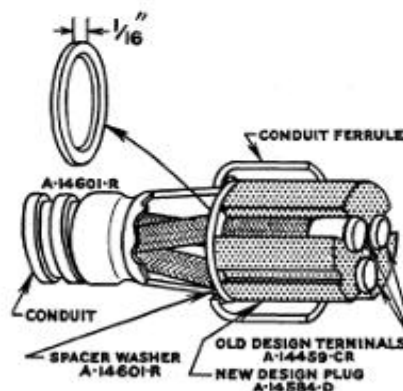


Fig. 910

So, when you are assembling your headlights and the conduits do not want to make a good connection at the base, check the dimensions above and get plugs to match.

*Have a Model A Day!*  
Jim



# NATIONAL CLUB NEWS

## THE *running* BOARD REPORT

We are very pleased to announce the MARC Board of Directors has approved the following new initiatives to help increase our membership. We hope this information is both useful and valuable to you. Please contact any Board member with questions or comments.

Joe Valentine, President

Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions


**M**aybe you're thinking about joining MARC but don't know if it's worth the price of admission? Well, how about a **free first-year** trial run to start off and receive the newly published digital copy of the world-class *Model A News* and all the other great benefits of MARC membership. You've nothing to lose and everything to gain! New members only, so take advantage of this fabulous offer!

**A** new category called "Driving Class" is being developed just for MARC members who wish to have their cars judged but safety and mechanical modifications prevent them from competing in the existing classes. The vehicles must still appear to be a "stock" Model A, but "modern" running gear improvements, some Model B parts, and other mods will be allowed. Please contact Jim Zimmer (Director of Regions) for details as a committee is now being formed.

**R**enewing our offer of a free\* set of *Technically Speaking* books to Regions achieving 100% MARC membership (excluding Regions that previously qualified) is something the Board is happy to announce. The Board has voted to allow the exclusion of your club's "Honorary" or "Lifetime" members in the count, so encourage ALL your members to join the Model A Restorers Club! (\*\$15 postage only).


**C**ontinuing with our goal of improving your club, the Board is also working to establish several new types of membership levels and we're looking into the possibility of additional National Tours in the future. Keep an eye on the *Model A News* and the MARC Facebook page for updates.








## 2025 MAFCA

### NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET









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


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## 2025 Model A Days

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### Driving Class\*, and MORE!!

### September 19 & 20, 2025 9-5pm

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**6865 W. Hickory Road**  
**Hickory Corners, MI 49060**

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**Celebrating  
the Model A  
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Expansion!**



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## A-WORLD

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## Do You Know What This Is A Picture Of?



Following is an update to the Model A community regarding our Museum expansion plans.

When the Model A Museum was built, it was designed to allow for future expansion. The plan was to expand at some point in time. After successfully operating for 12 years, the Trustees spent the past year evaluating our long term strategy to support the Model A hobby. The decision was made to expand the Museum using new space for more Model A vehicles shown in era designed vignettes, adding more interactive displays (such as the Interactive Starting Exhibit) and creating a working garage (Service Center), that will also serve as a learning center.

We've learned that having the ability for visitors to actually interact with Model As, in addition to viewing the collection at The Museum, supports the Museum's educational mission and promotes growth in our hobby. Frankly, once you get someone to interact with the Model A, the chance of making them hobbyists really increases. For example, the Interactive Starting Exhibit is the most popular exhibit on The Gilmore grounds. It allows visitors to learn the starting operations of the Model A in an educational and enjoyable way. I can state from my own personal experience, that once I began driving and working on Model As, I was hooked.

The mandate of the Museum expansion includes remaining debt free and to not increase our current annual operating costs. We will also not use endowment funds for construction or up fitting costs, such as the creation of the new Service Center. We know the importance of being fiscally responsible to the many donors that have made the Model A Museum a reality. There is a reason we started with a smaller footprint at the beginning and are now able to move forward with expanding the museum. When completed, the expansion will fill our contracted acreage on the campus. In other words, we started out at half our long term projected size of square footage back in 2010.

The Gilmore Car Museum is a great partner. Including The Model A Museum, there are seven partners on the Gilmore campus that annually greet over 120,000 visitors. We own the building, pay an annual operating fee to The Gilmore, operate with non-paid volunteers (we have no paid staff) and our 50 year contract with The Gilmore requires them to buy back our Museum if we ever decide to leave. The annual fee we pay to The Gilmore covers all maintenance, admission, docents, grounds keeping and security fees. The annual fee is less than what it would cost to employ just one person, let alone a staff of people required to operate a museum as a free standing operation.


Many times we'll hear comments like..."can you show more trucks?"...or "what about showcasing cars owned by celebrities?", etc. The Model A Museum has a large variety of exhibits and displays. Not all of them appeal to everyone's interest, but they help tell the story of the importance and impact of the Model A and the Model A era. When we hear questions like those mentioned, it does a couple of things. First it shows the amazing interest in The Model A Museum, which we believe to be the crown jewel of The Gilmore campus. Second it helps the Trustees and volunteers remain creative and focused on bringing in new exhibits and displays for our hobbyists. Although we can't say yes to every idea, some of these discussions have led us to initiatives such as our long term partnership with NATMUS, in Auburn, Indiana, where we have an excellent collection of Model As on display. In addition, and in collaboration with The Gilmore, we have six Model As on display in the "C" Barn which is part of The Early Ford Exhibit (1903-1953). We also have partnered with The Gilmore to give free rides, year round in Model As and last year we initiated a Model A Driving School to bring more people into our hobby. We are committed to the Model A hobby, its sustainability and growth.

In closing, I welcome your suggestions, comments and questions. Feel free to e-mail me through the MAFFI website, or call me at 803-727-4392. I'm happy to talk to you...really I'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you during this year's Model A Days. We will talk more about expansion plans during the event and provide plenty of opportunity to address any questions.

Best Regards, John W. Begg, President. Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.

2025



Event Calendar

AUG 5, 2025 ...

AUG 19, 2025 ..

SEP 5, 2025 ....

SEP 19, 2025...

OCT 7, 2025 ....

OCT 21, 2025 ...

NOV 3, 2025 .....

NOV 19, 2025 ...

DEC .....

Meeting at Dairy Queen in Seven Points

Monthly Lunch

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Christmas Party



What did the ocean say to the beach?  
Nothing. It just waved.

Why don't mountains ever get tired of tourists?  
Because they peak at the attention!

Why did the ice cream truck break down?  
Because it couldn't handle the rocky road.

How do you know it's too hot outside?  
Even the ice cream man's sweating inside the truck.



Answers from page 3: 1. Deuce coupe 2. Benzina 3. Country square 4. Saab 5. Chrysler 6. Bench seat 7. Water pump 8. Fairlane 9. Holiday 10. Dings Hoop

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