



The Running Board



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President's Memo

Hey Folks!

Fall is here, and that means cooler weather and some of the best driving days of the year for our Model A's. The Autumn Trails Tour is just around the corner, and it's always a highlight of the season—great roads, beautiful scenery, and good fellowship. If you haven't registered yet, now's the time!

Looking ahead, once things cool off a little more, I'd like us to plan a relaxed day tour in November. It'll be the perfect chance to enjoy the crisp fall air, colorful leaves, and maybe a stop for a hearty meal along the way. Bring your ideas to the next meeting so we can map it out together.

I'm excited for the season ahead and look forward to sharing the road with all of you!

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 (deceased) and Sue Capps
 O. V. and Lorene Cliver – deceased
 S. D. "Shorty" Johnson – deceased
 Olin Lewis – deceased
 Ola Powell – deceased
 Gene Tregre – deceased



A MAFCA Chapter



MEETING MINUTES

Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club Monthly Meeting – September 2, 2025

Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Our meeting was opened by Spencer Pennington leading us in the pledge. There were no guests to introduce and no new members. Carolyn Vick accepted last month's minutes. She was seconded by Fredye Quain. The financial report was given and accepted by Fredye Quain and Wanda.

Harris Lege said he is registered for Winnsboro. His nephew Dale is coming to go with him. He wants to win the oldest driver award again this year.

SUNSHINE REPORT: John Bell had surgery on his ear. He goes back tomorrow to have the stitches removed. It doesn't seem to have slowed him down any.

BIRTHDAYS: The birthday people this month were Lou Carpenter and Spencer Pennington.

TEXAS TOUR 2027: Spencer has decided to drop out of hosting the MAFCA Tour. We will just be working out details for the Texas Tour. He is still waiting to get a quote on the Event barn at the Silver Spur RV Park.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: We still don't have a place for our Christmas Party. The Tool Civic Center was already booked.

New Business: Lynda is planning our trip to Natchitoches in December. She is checking out hotels for rates and trailer parking.

LUNCH: Harris suggested Nieto's Mexican Restaurant in Malakoff for our lunch this month. It will be September 18th at 1PM.

RAFFLE: The raffle brought in \$25 dollars. Lou suggested we think about if we want to continue it with our smaller club. John Bell was our winner.

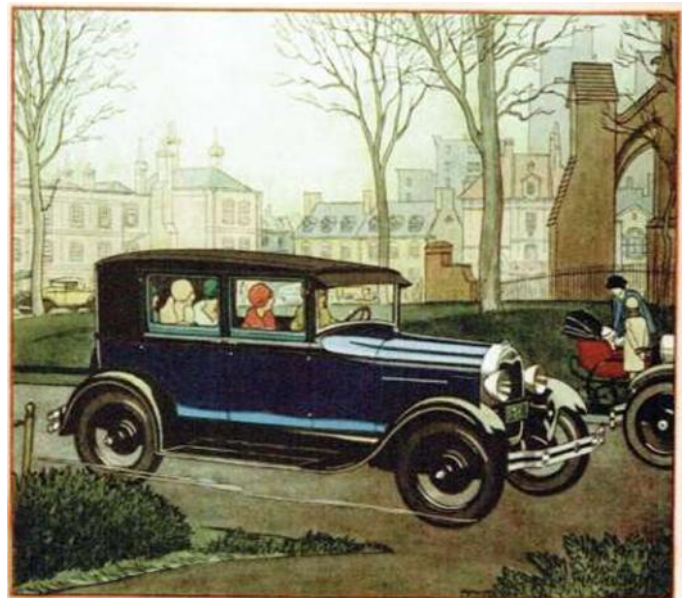
ADJOURNMENT: Fredye Quain made a motion to adjourn seconded by Carolyn.

UPDATES: Natchitoches tour is going to be December 3 to 5th. Weekend rates are much more expensive so we decided to go on week days. We will stay at Holiday Inn Express. Nancy is planning a driving tour for Thursday. There should be plenty of trailer parking.



1. Who was the inventor of the rotary engine?
2. What is a good used parts source?
3. What was an on-plug ignition?
4. Name a famous tool brand?
5. What was used to assist Batman's "Batmobile" at stopping at high speeds?
6. What was Ford's new body style for the 1951 Victoria called?
7. What are most automobile radiators made of?
8. What was the Indianapolis Speedway paved with after its very first race in 1909?
9. What auto company manufactured the Omega?
10. What automobile had the first directional signals in 1938?

Answers on last page.



A Nice Fall Drive!





October Birthdays

Julia Waterman	10/4
Bob Beck	10/7
Herman Dentler	10/28
Bill Holmes	10/31
Fredye Quain	10/31





Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Haven't heard from anyone lately. Please keep us informed if you are under the weather.

We Care!

Fall is Here!

Fall is marked by the autumnal equinox, a time when Earth's tilt causes the Northern Hemisphere to lean away from the sun, resulting in shorter, cooler days and changing leaf colors.

During this season, animals migrate or prepare for hibernation, while many cultures observe harvest festivals like Thanksgiving and Halloween.

Other tidbits include the origin of the name "fall" from "the fall of the leaves," the tradition of carving jack-o'-lanterns from turnips instead of pumpkins, and a potential increase in stargazing due to clearer, less humid air.

Fact #1: Americans typically refer to this time of year as "fall," while the British use the word "autumn." Both terms date back to the 16th century but before that it was called "harvest."

Fact #2: Fall was called "harvest" because of the "harvest moon" that occurs when the full moon is closest to the autumn equinox.

Stargazing: Fall's longer nights and clearer, less humid air make it an excellent time for stargazing.

Taurid Meteor Shower: The Taurid meteor shower, which occurs in mid-autumn, is known for producing spectacular fireballs as larger pieces of debris burn up in Earth's atmosphere



From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

Hello Fall and cooler weather. Now is the time to drive those As. Anyone got any good ideas where to take a tour or just a drive.

Hope to see you all soon.

Nancy Cheshire





Historical Tidbit

Knowing Your Model A True or False

From the *Columbia Crier* of the Columbia Basin Model a Club in Tri-Cities, Washington.

Each month we endeavor to ask a few questions to see if you are aware of the parts on your Model A and just maybe how they work. I hope you find this month's questions and answers both interesting and thought provoking.

QUESTIONS

1. Ford was the first car manufacturer to install Dome lights in all Coupes, Sedans and Town Cars.
2. Although the design of the Stop Light Switch assembly was different between the 1928-29 and 1930-31 models they still mounted on the Transmission.
3. Fans type 1 were a steel, two-blade, welded double thickness propeller type with a hollow center manufactured by Ford, the type 2 were a steel, single thickness blade manufactured by Holley.
4. All Model A's cars and pickup trucks came with a ten (10) leaf front spring.
5. The Gas Gauge shield (gas level indicator opening) had a vertical oval opening in the 1928 to early 1930 models and a round opening for late 1930-31 models.

ANSWERS

1. False – Wiring for the Dome lights in Deluxe Coupes, Standard Fordor Sedans, Town Sedans, and Town Cars were routed from the Terminal Box and up the Driver's side front door post. All other vehicles did not have Dome lights.
2. False - Stop Light switches for the 1928 – 29 vehicles were mounted to the Transmission and for the 1930 – 31 vehicles were mounted to middle cross member.
3. True – There were two types/shapes of Fans designed and installed on the Model A Ford. Most of the Fans were of the Ford Design.
4. True – The front springs carried the weight of the Engine, Chassis, Radiator, etc. which all weighted the same. The number of rear springs varied from 7 to 10 springs based on the weight of the body since Roadster bodies were fairly in comparison to the heavier Sedan bodies.
5. False – There were three (3) designs of the Gas Gauge shield (gas level indicator opening) plates: vertical Oval Dec 1927 – May 1928, horizontal Oval June 1928 – May 1929, and round opening May 1929 Dec 1931.

Submitted by Tom Eldhardt



Technical Tips

TECHNICAL TALK: *with Paul Winchester*

It's Shocking!

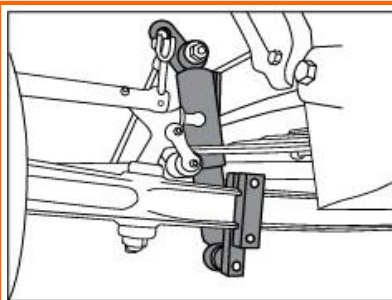
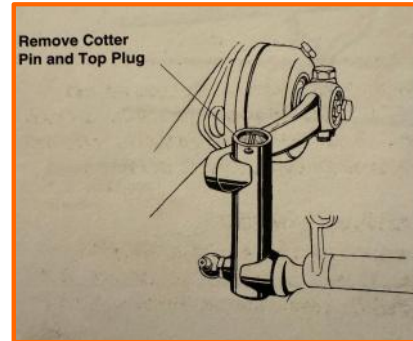
What a shock it's October already. The Fall Equinox is behind us, Halloween is right around the corner.

On occasion you should crawl under the Model A just to have a look around, don't do this right after lunch or you may fall asleep laying on the cool garage floor, take a grease gun with you so you can grease the fittings you find. Also check for oil stains on the floor under where the shocks are.

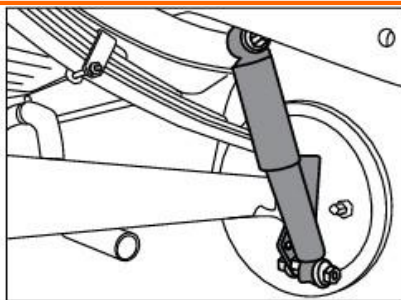
The shocks are those round things bolted to the frame just above the brake drum with an arm and link down to the axle. If the shock links are loose, tighten them up with the screw plug on the top of the link. Be sure to reinstall a cotter pin or the screw will come loose. (See drawing right)

If the shocks are leaking oil, you will need to add some shock oil, remove the square nut plug and add oil until it runs out, then replace the screw plug. This oil can be purchased from any Model A parts supplier or use hydraulic jack oil. The original oil in 1928 was Glycerin.

If your shocks are missing or non-operational you might want to look into changing to new tube shocks, as the tube shocks could be cheaper



Right Front



Right Rear

than rebuilding the old ones. There are a couple of types of tube shocks, ask around and you will get information from other club members who have already made this change. (Tube Shock installation example drawing Left)

I am still using the stock Model A shocks as they are still working.

There is a good chapter in the Red "Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook" by Les Andrews about removing and repairing Model A Shocks. The Model A Restoration and Judging Standards book has chapter 23 dedicated to shocks and shackles. There were nine different shock bodies made for Model A's. Having the right one is worth 20 points for judging. I don't know if mine are the right ones for my year of car, but they work, so I am using them.

A Little Trivia, a guy named Lloyd Copeman who was about 10 years younger than Henry Ford both growing up on farms in Michigan, and also worked for a time at Edison in Detroit, made quite a few inventions and had about 600 patents. A couple of them were, 1912 the Electric Stove, his invention was the heat control switch, and another one in 1928, the flexible ice cube tray, and best of all, his Granddaughter was Linda Ronstadt.

Paul Winchester, 2025 Somewhat Technical Guy



What Causes That To Happen?

We think that our perfect Model A should be running smoothly and not rattle. (but that doesn't always happen).

PROBLEM – CAR/TRUCK SAFETY FUSE BLOWS – Sometimes the Safety Fuse (when installed) blows when the Horn is being used, when the lights are being turned on or the car is turning a corner or stopping.

NORMAL SETUP – Many owners install a Safety Fuse to prevent the wiring from shorting out or when excessive amperage/current is present in the wiring/components which can drain the battery and/or start their car on fire. Wires having a chafed insulation area with an exposed wire at places such as the wiring frame clips and Headlight flex conduits are common on Model A's.

FIX – When the Safety Fuse blows it is an indication that there is excessive amperage flowing in the wiring. Typical wiring harness wire size and amperages are #12 wire (20 amp), #14 wire (15 amp) and #16 wire (10 amp). A Headlight harness wire that shorts out to ground (back to the frame/chassis) can cause a 30-40 amp flow. If a Safety Fuse is installed the Fuse will blow and save the car from possibly catching on fire.

WARNING: A Safety Fuse does NOT protect the Battery cable from the Negative (-) post to the Starter Switch terminal which is routed away from the Brake Pedal arm and through a rubber bushing/bracket assembly to keep it from being worn away by the Brake Pedal arm and shorting to ground. If this cable becomes shorted then either the shorted wire needs MOVED away from what it is shorting to or either of the Battery cable clamps would need to be removed from the Battery Posts to stop the short .

By *Tom Eldhardt*



Upcoming Events

AUTUMN TRAILS 58th ANTIQUE CAR PARADE WEEKEND

ALL VINTAGE CARS / CAR CLUBS WELCOMED!
FOLLOWED BY PARKING ON MAIN AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 @ 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

The parade leaves from Railroad tracks 2.5 miles west of Downtown Winnsboro, Model A's line up any time that morning ON THE Willis Farm. Parade begins at 10:00 AM.

Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

**BBQ Dinner for Model A Clubs, Winnsboro City Auditorium, 600 Wheeler Drive;
DOORS open @ 5:00 p.m., dinner at 5:30.**

Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 9 a.m. Autumn Trails vehicle road tour thru the Piney Woods of East Texas; Model A's leave out first on the tour, modern irons (vehicles) welcomed to follow through the beautiful East Texas forested winding roads. Done by noon; meet up at the Trails Country Motel at 500 E. Coke Road / FM 515 by 8:45 a.m., leave out by 9 a.m., with a break, done by noon back to Winnsboro.



The Willis Family invites you to the stew at the Willis Farm on Friday night Oct. 24, 5pm.

AUTUMN TRAILS 58th ANTIQUE CAR PARADE WEEKEND

67th Annual Winnsboro Autumn Trails Parade, Tour and Dinner October 23-26, 2025 Registration Form

Please remit by October 3, 2025

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	Registration Dates	Fee per Car	No of Cars	Total Car Fee
Car Registration	Before October 3, 2025	\$10.00	_____	_____
	After October 3, 2025	\$12.00	_____	_____

	No. Persons	Price per Person	Total for Dinners
Dinner	_____ Adults	\$25.00	_____
	_____ Children (under 12)	\$10.00	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR CAR REGISTRATION AND DINNER \$ _____

Dinner will consist of BBQ Brisket, Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad, Tea and Dessert

You may pick up your registration at the Stew on Friday night or at the door at the BBQ on Saturday. Please note: there will be no carry outs at the BBQ.
No refunds after October 3, 2025.

Off to Natchitoches, Louisiana Dec. 3-5 for a Historic Christmas Experience



After dark cruise on the Cane River



Enjoy the Historical Architecture and History of the area



Three Historic Plantations



Christmas Lights along the river and in town.

We are staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Natchitoches for two nights. Reserve your rooms now if you haven't already at 877-865-6578. If you haven't let us know you are planning to go along, please contact Nancy Cheshire 972-279-4786 by call or text or nmcheshire@yahoo.com.

Itinerary:

Wed, Dec 3.—We can leave as a group from Safari Waters Ranch at 9:00 am to Natchitoches. Lunch on the way or upon arrival. Visit Gator Country. Cruise on Cane River Queen Riverboat to see the Christmas Lights. Dinner at Lazyones (famous for their meat pies).

Thurs., Dec 4.—Breakfast at hotel. Travel the Cane River National Heritage Trail to see three plantations, Fort Jean Baptiste and St. Augustine Catholic Church. Dinner somewhere.

Fri., Dec 5. — Shopping in Town and return home stopping at Los Adaes State Historic Site and Fort Jesup Historic Site. Lunch somewhere—probably Lufkin or Rusk.

The drive to and from Natchitoches will be a circle drive from Larue to Natchitoches on a due eastern route then south. Return trip will follow a southwestern route to Lufkin then northwestern route back to where we started. We will travel through Jacksonville, Texas both ways. The drive each way is about 3 hrs. 15 min.

63rd MODEL "A" FORD TEXAS TOUR

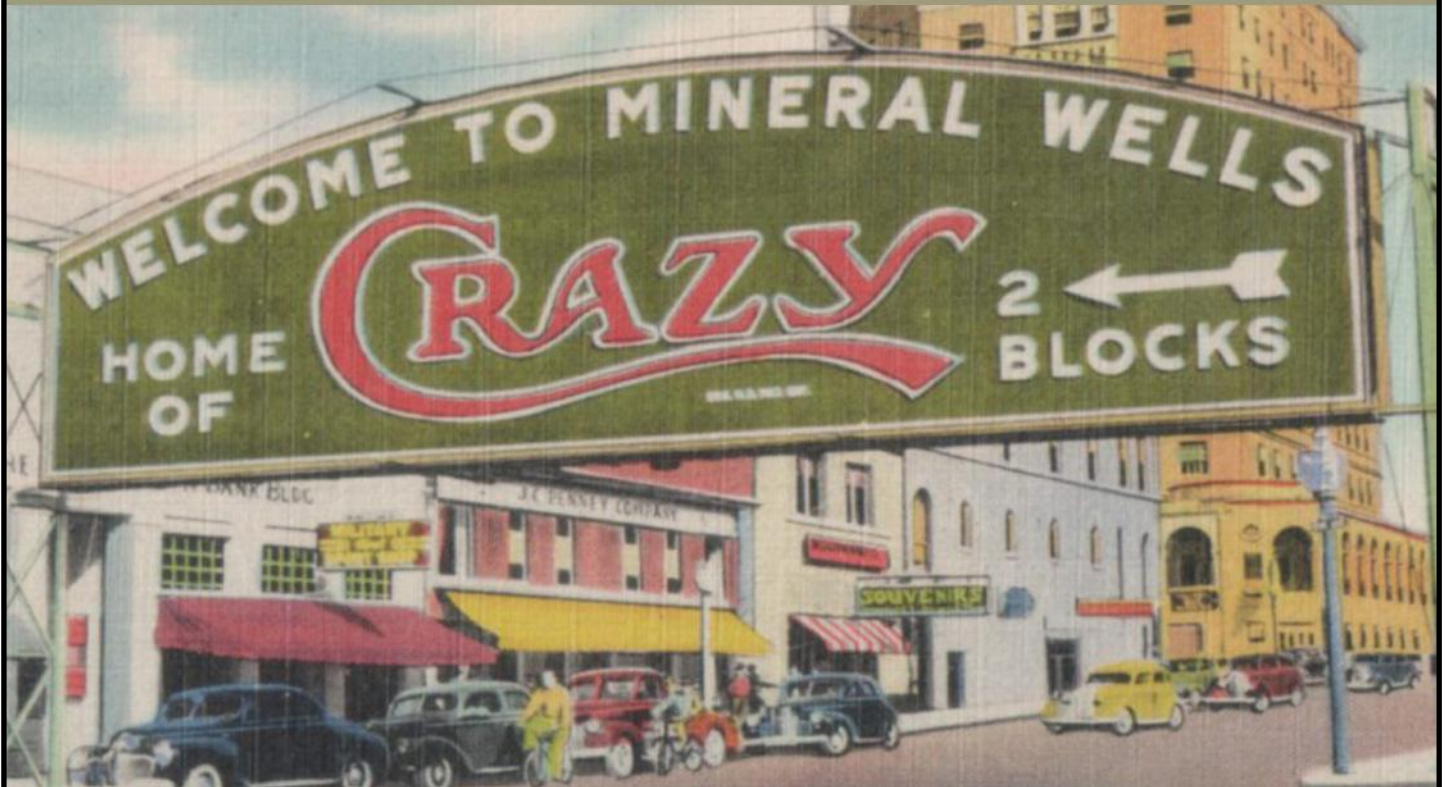
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Drawing for this final flash sale will be October 17, 2025

Be part of something special!
A Special thank you to Conrad Gerdes for the Engine!

For more information contact Jarrod Williams at jarrodwilliams1@gmail.com or <http://maffi.org>



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the
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Through the generous donation of Gary and Laurie Mills, their 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton will be used in this year's sweepstakes. Their request was that the proceeds be used to fund the expansion of the Ford Model A Museum on the grounds of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

The 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton highlights: Like a traditional phaeton this open car has no side windows, providing an open-air driving experience.

Unlike a Ford Model A roadster, the Phaeton has four doors, allowing passengers access to the back seat.

With an open design, the Phaeton was not as commonly purchased as other Model A body styles.





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 Winkhofer 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

Join us in
Mobile, Alabama

December 3 - 6

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel

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Registration form
<https://tinyurl.com/2025-MAFCA-NAB>

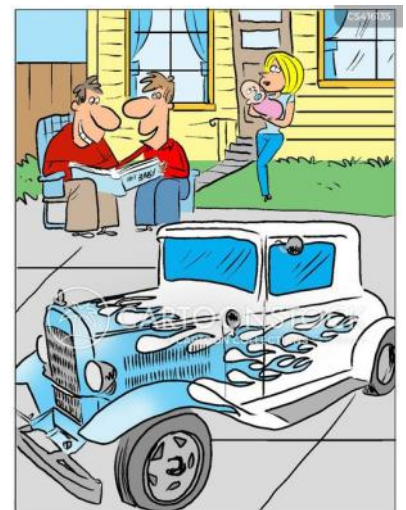
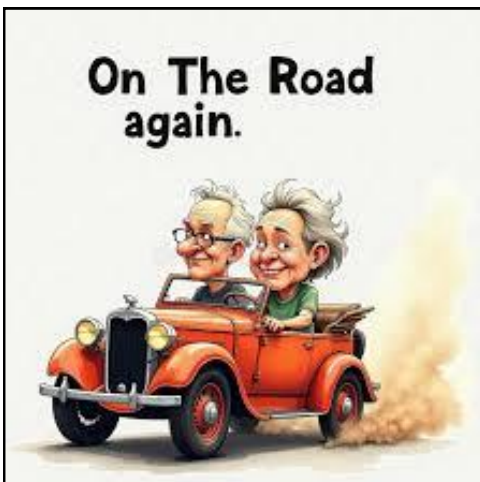
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May 31, 2026 - June 7, 2026

Some Humor



2025



Event Calendar

- OCT 7, 2025 Meeting at Dairy Queen in Seven Points**
OCT 21, 2025 ... Monthly Lunch
NOV 3, 2025 Meeting at Dairy Queen in Seven Points
NOV 19, 2025 ... Monthly Lunch
DEC 2025 Christmas Party at the Cheshires' Home in Safari Waters Ranch at 8450 Fallow Run
Signup sheet at the club meeting



How do you repair a broken jack-o'-lantern?

Use a pumpkin patch

My favorite kind of pie is whatever I am eating!



Answers from page 3: 1. Wankel 2. E-Bay 3. Coil 4. Craftsman 5. Twin parachutes 6. First two door hardtop 7. Yellow brass or copper 8. Bricks 9. G.M. Oldsmobile 10. Buick

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