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President's Memo

MODEL A CLUB MEMBERS,

The month of March arrived with wind and blew out with the wind.

We all had lunch at Tilo's in Athens on March 27. There were twelve in attendance and we all had a good time. That Harris Lege ordered a big rib eye steak, baked potato and salad and he ate the whole thing.

The 2026 Model A Ford Texas Tour is only two months away. I hope you have all made plans to attend. You'll see some beautiful Model As and have an opportunity to meet lots of nice people. Lynda and I always enjoy it, and I hope you too can attend.

This is a good time of year to get your Model A out and drive around your neighborhood. The weather is nice, and we should all enjoy them before it gets too hot.

We have begun meeting regarding the 2027 Texas Tour in Canton. Spencer, Miles, and I met with the Tyler Model A Club during their monthly meeting. I have also met, with Nancy, Chuck, Gary, Carolyn, and Lynda this week. It was a productive meeting. I have also talked with Bill Lee and Miles this week. There will be lots of work to be done to prepare for the tour.

I'm looking forward to our regular Tuesday meeting a 3 pm on April 7.

See you then,

Herman Dentler

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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





MEETING MINUTES

Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club Monthly Meeting March 3, 2026

Our president Herman Dentler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

After asking if everyone had gotten the minutes he asked if we wanted to accept them. Fredye Quain made a motion to accept them. Lynda Dentler seconded it. The financial report was given and accepted by Larry Wagliardo and Barbara Quain.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Nancy Cheshire continues to improve. Anna reports that Scott Ingram was admitted to the Jacksonville hospital. He has a UTI and pneumonia. Anna Hellebrand had an MRI on her neck, but it didn't show any problem. She has an appointment with another doctor in April. He has suggested an electrical stimulation to strengthen muscles.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business, but Herman Dentler said the lunch last month in Kaufman was really good.

NEW BUSINESS: Herman Dentler gave details on 2 trips Nancy Cheshire had worked out. The first would be to Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Garden. The other would be an overnight trip up to Paris, on into Oklahoma and then circle around to Queen Wilhelmena State Park. No decisions were made. It was discussed it might be a good fall trip.

CAR SHOWS: The Cowboy Church in Athens is having a show and a tractor pull on March 21th. The Old Fiddlers is April 18th on the Athens square and will include a car show.

LUNCH: The monthly lunch will be March 27th at Tilos in Athens at 1PM.

Gary Vick agreed to be the treasurer for the Texas Tour in 2027. Herman said we have to set up a separate bank account just for the tour. He is going to check and be sure Tyler put the deposit down for the Silver Spur.



Two "Model A" Cars: While famous for 1927-1931, Ford first used the "Model A" designation in 1903.

Speed and Power: The 1928-1931 models could reach speeds of around , a significant increase over the Model T.

Colors: Unlike the Model T which was famously only black, the Model A was offered in a variety of colors, such as Niagara Blue, Arabian Sand, and Dawn Gray.

Parade Favorite: Known for not overheating during slow-speed parades.

First Use of Safety Glass: The Model A was the first Ford to use safety glass in the windshield.

The "Fordite" Question: A material similar to Bakelite, often referred to as Fordite, was used in early Model A components.

Production Numbers: Over 4 million Model A's were produced in all body styles between 1927 and 1931.



RAFFLE: John Bell was the raffle winner. We collected \$30 dollars for raffle tickets. Carolyn made a motion to adjourn and Lynda seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Carpenter Secretary/Treasurer



Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Nancy has a MRI on her shoulder on April 7. Hoping it will mean no surgery.

Anna will be seeing her doctor again about her neck.

Remember Scott Ingram as he recovers from his issues.

Please let Lou Carpenter know if you are having health problems.

We Care!



From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

April Showers hopefully will arrive this month. It was great to see everyone at lunch in March. Hope to see you more in the future.

Nancy Cheshire



Spring Cleaning Time!

March Lunch at Tilo's in Athens

CCMAFC members enjoyed a buffet lunch at Tilo's in Athens. It was a nice time of fellowship. We were delighted to have Bill Holmes join us. You know we like to eat.



Historical Tidbit

This is an original bottle of Ford Tomato Juice, a product that many don't associate with the American automaker, however Ford produced its own tomato juice for years back in the 1930s.

The reason the Ford Motor Company got into the juice business was that it owned thousands of acres of farmland near its factory in Michigan. Henry Ford grew up on a farm and re-mained interested in farming for the rest of his life, any Ford Motor Company employee who wanted it could be assigned a plot of land that they were free to work, and they kept the produce or profit for themselves.

"We cultivate several thousand acres at Dearborn; we also have a dairy herd of around three thousand cows; and near our coal mines in Kentucky, on mountain soil that was not supposed to be good for much of anything, we are growing garden vegetables and fruit."

"Most of my own life has been spent on a farm. We are in touch with farming nearly everywhere through the sales of automobiles and tractors." – Henry Ford, published in *The Canadian Countryman*, circa 1926

There's no publicly available information on exactly how long Ford tomato juice was in production, or how much was sold, however this is the only one we've been able to find that still has the actual juice in the bottle – all the others have been empty.

The label reads:

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Humor

This is for women who have a sense of humor and who can handle it and to the men who will enjoy reading it.

Eating Out:

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

Money:

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

Bathrooms:

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel.

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

Arguments:

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

Future:

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

Success:

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

Marriage:

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

Dressing up:

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

Natural:

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

Offspring:

Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

Thought for the day:

A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

Technical Tips

Gas Shut-off Valve — Design Change and How to Make It Work

By Tony Flieg, taken from *The Road Runner*, Northwest Missouri A's newsletter

If you're in need of a gas shut-off valve, the one that screws into the tank from the inside of the car on your Model A, the manufacturer of these valves has made a change in the design.

According to a few of the Model A parts suppliers, this new design is actually the original design that Henry Ford used when the cars were being produced back in the late 20's and early 30's. The problem is that the original gas shut-off valve did not use a screen when the tanks were new, so this new design does not accept the aftermarket tank screens as the hole is too large and not the correct shape.

The gas tank screen came about years later when the tanks started to rust and debris began to get into the valves and subsequently the carburetors causing issues. To address this problem aftermarket suppliers started to make the tank valve screens and modified the gas shut off valves to accept these screens. Fast forward to 2023 and the manufacturer of these gas tank shut-off valves have gone back to the original design which has a different opening that is hexagon shape, not round and will not accept these aftermarket gas tank screens.

According to Mike's A'Fordable, Bert's and Snyder's, the gas shut-off manufacture has changed the design of the gas shut-off valve to accept new internals to be more of a nylon ball shut-off instead of brass. This is an improvement from the old brass tapered valve design that would get scored and then leak if debris was introduced from the gas tank. According to these parts suppliers the fix to be able to use the new gas tank valves with the gas tank screens was to come from the tank screen manufacturer not the gas shut-off manufacturer, however, they are still working it. While there is no definite plan it was speculated that it was to be a sleeve of sorts that would be sold as another component with the gas tank screen. However that 'fix' is still forthcoming with no real date given. (**See note below—Snyder's does not sell a new part*)

With that in mind, here is a fix that I came up with to resolve the issue, and get the newly designed gas shut-off valve to work with your existing tank screen. This fix is only applicable if you are replacing your gas tank shut-off valve with this new design. If you have an old valve that accepts a screen you can still replace the screen with that gas tank shut-off valve with no modifications. Basically. This fix is creating your own sleeve to work with your newly purchased gas shut-off valve and gas screen.



Gas valve with sleeve



Gas valve with sleeve installed

This will require the following items:

A drill press (standing or workbench style)

1/4 inch Allen wrench (this will be a donor part as we'll be drilling and cutting it)

1/8" drill bit for a pilot hole

7/32" drill bit

Tube of Permatex Permathield part number 85420 fuel resistant gas-ket dressing and sealant 2 oz tube (or equivalent)

The steps that I took are the following:

Use a 1/4" Allen wrench (one that you will use as a donor part.) This will fit the opening of the gas shut-off valve that is hex shaped.

Using the drill press, drill a pilot hole in the Allen wrench (let's refer to this as the 1/4" stock) approximately an 1/8" or slightly bigger, but just enough for a good pilot hole. I cut a piece of the Allen wrench off that I put into a drill press vice to hold it in place. It should be approximately 1", as you'll only need about 3/8" of the drilled Allen wrench stock for the sleeve.

After drilling your pilot hole, finish drilling out the hole with a 7/32" drill bit, being careful not to have the bit walk on you. Keep it in the center of the 1/4" (Allen wrench) stock.

Taking the drilled-out piece of the 1/4" stock, I cut the piece at approximately 3/8" - this will be



Gas valve retrofit components



Valve with sleeve & screen installed

your sleeve that will go into the gas shut-off valve. I used a file to smooth out any burrs or rough edges to ensure that the sleeve fit into the shut-off valve with slight pressure. I used a small amount of Permatex Permashield around the sleeve (that we just made) and the gas shut-off valve to ensure that I don't have any leaks around this area. It fits pretty snug, but it's always good to be sure.

*Since the writing of this article Snyder's has a new gas valve screen that they are selling that does have the new design to work with the newer gas shut-off valves. So depending on what you're skill level is and adventurous nature you can either create your own sleeve and use your existing screen or purchase the new gas valve screen from Snyder's:

Part # A-9193-TX | Model Year 28-31. This little screen presses into the gas shut-off valve where it goes into the gas tank. Prevents sucking gas off the bottom of the tank, and keeps junk out of gas lines. This particular screen is made for reproduction A-9189-A gas valves made after January of 2023. The inside diameter of the fuel valve inlet has a hex shape instead of being perfectly round U.S.A.



"People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full are missing the point. The glass is refillable."

DID YOU KNOW...

100 years ago, Ford Motor Company lowered the price of the Model T to \$290 in December 1924, making it affordable for the average factory worker and school teacher.

Other facts:

- that 17,115 1930 Model A's were built in 1929?
- the last Model A built in the U.S. was a Deluxe Roadster built at the Edgewater, N.J. plant in April of 1932?
- The last Model A's built outside the U.S. were a group of 160 Standard Phaetons built in Santiago, Chile in 1934?
- The Model A was assembled in 32 plants across the U.S. and 19 other plants around the world?
- All the engines for the Model A were built in the Rouge plant except for England, which were cast at the Ford foundry in Cork, Ireland and assembled at the assembly plant in Manchester, England?

These are just a few of the facts from Steve Plucker's book "The 1928-1931 Ford Assembly Plants and Their Production of the Model A Ford Passenger Car".

- from the Diablo A's newsletter via Beaver A's newsletter via Cowtown A's newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome and farewell banquets
- Planned early bird activities
- Multiple mini tour options
- Era Fashions
- Blue Oval Car Barn
- Grand Tour with catered lunch
- Game night with ice cream
- Within walking distance of the historic Baker Hotel

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NATIONAL CLUB NEWS

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE RUNNING BOARD REPORT

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

April 2026

Member and other visits to MARC's new website, Facebook group and Instagram page continue to climb and our new social media strategy continues to attract new MARC members. Our membership continues to grow again this year! Please take a look at our new website if you haven't already, at www.modelarestorersclub.org and follow our Facebook group: The Model "A" Restorers Club. You will enjoy seeing our daily humorous postings, special merchandise offers and see other interesting information and questions about our Model A's.

Are you aware that MARC is still offering FREE 12 month memberships to members of your Region (digital MAN) who have not been MARC members previously? Why not sign everyone up for a FREE test drive of MARC membership? This membership includes MARC liability insurance while attending a MARC sponsored event, ability to attend MARC National events, ability to access the members section of our website where we provide access to all Model A videos currently on the internet, AI content, access to classified ads, ability to ask technical questions directly to MARC's technical expert Larry Shepard and much more.

Regions, we continue to look for Regions willing to host Membership Meets, Tours and National Meets in your area. Don't miss out on the potential to attract new members and add to your treasury. MARC experts are willing to provide you all the guidance you need to hold an event. Contact MARC Vice President Joe Valentine if you are interested at old182A@yahoo.com.

Certainly you've registered for either the upcoming MARC Finger Lakes combined Membership Meet/ National Tour in May or the French Lick National Meet in July? Hopefully both! There are still a few registrations available for the Finger Lakes. Did you know that you can now register for the French Lick National Meet directly through the MARC website? It's easy to do and you won't have to worry about lost checks in the mail! Give it a try if you haven't registered already.



2026



Event Calendar

- APR 7, 2026 Meeting at 3:00 PM. Dairy Queen at Seven Points
- APR 21, 2026 Monthly Lunch
- MAY 5, 2026 Meeting at 3:00 PM. Dairy Queen at Seven Points
- MAY 19, 2026 Monthly Lunch
- JUN 2, 2026 Meeting at 3:00 PM. Dairy Queen at Seven Points
- JUN 11-14, 2026 Texas Tour in Mineral Wells, TX
- JUN 16, 2026 Monthly Lunch
- JUL 7, 2026 Meeting at 3:00 PM. Dairy Queen at Seven Points
- JUL 21, 2026 Monthly Lunch



What did the flower say when he found out it was allergy season?

It's got to be pollen my leg.

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