



The Running Board



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President's Memo

Hello Everyone!

Herman and Lynda Dentler are in Germany with the Quains at this time so there is no memo from him; therefore here is an update on our 2027 Texas Tour instead.

Things are moving along well as to the venue usage. It has been determined that the Barn at Silver Spur is too small to have registration, hospitality, and raffles there so the Silver Spur gave us use of the Stagecoach Hall for those three things. We will not have use of the Hall until Thursday morning so registration and hospitality will begin at 4pm on Wednesday in the Barn where we will be setting up for the Welcome Dinner for Thursday. Thursday morning we will move those things to Stagecoach Hall where we will then set up raffles to have ready by noon that day. Because we booked the cabins they are giving us the use of the Hall for free. See your map of the resort for location of the Hall.

On the original flyer about the Texas Tour, a couple of the phone numbers for the hotels were incorrect. That has been corrected and a new copy sent to all the clubs in Texas and neighboring states.

The Canton Visitors Bureau is going to support the tour through some badges and lanyards, welcome bags, and funding. A form will need to be submitted to apply for the funding. Herman Dentler got some of the Tyler Club members to sign up to help with hospitality and the Ice Cream Sundaes so we are moving along towards getting our website ready. We will be able to buy the ice cream from the Dairy Palace in Canton so that is a plus also.

See y'all at the Aug.4 meeting at 3:00 PM at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points. Chuck Cheshire, VP, will be filling in for Herman Dentler.

Nancy Cheshire, 2027 Texas Tour Registrar.

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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

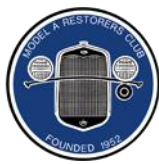
The annual dues shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per year. Dues are for the calendar year. The annual dues shall include member and wife and shall be payable before February 1st. Any member may be suspended by the Treasurer for non-payment of dues at the expiration of thirty (30) days from February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

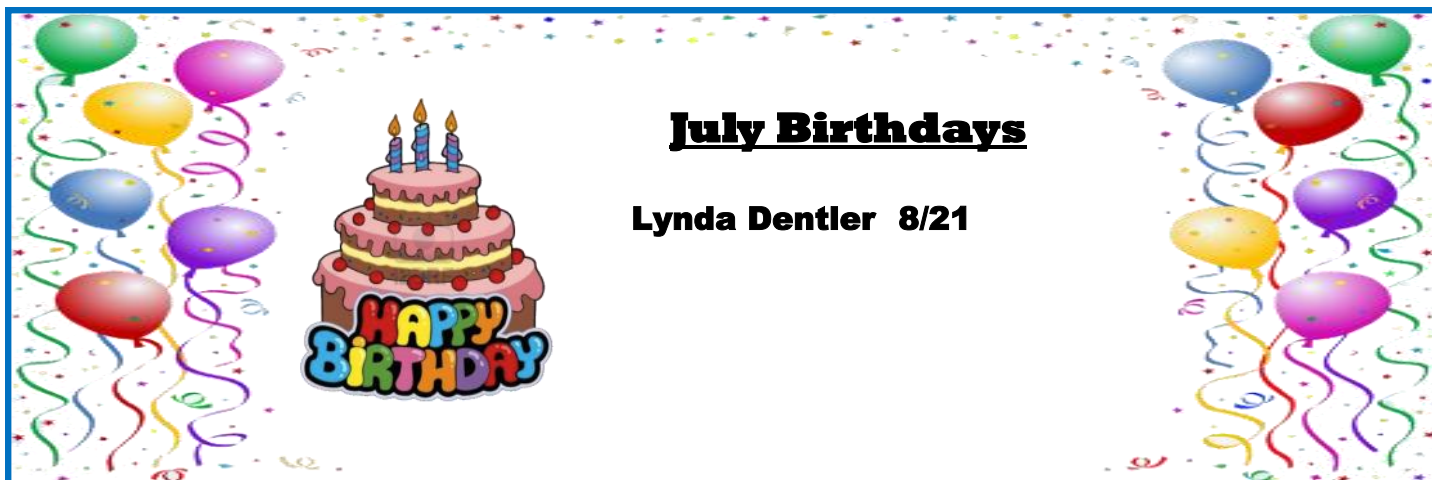
Charter Members:

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



Sincerely, *Lou Carpenter* Secretary/Treasurer





July Birthdays

Lynda Dentler 8/21



- August is known for many things, including the dog days of summer, National Watermelon Day (Aug. 3) and National Smile Week (Aug. 5-11). But there are many other fun facts associated with summer's last full month.
- August is named after Augustus Caesar, founder and the first emperor of the Roman Empire, who was posthumously adopted by his maternal great-uncle Gaius Julius Caesar.
- In the early Roman calendar, August was actually the sixth month of the year. It was originally 30 days in length, but an extra day was added so that it would equal the number of days in July, which was named after Julius Caesar.
- August has two birthstones: peridot and sardonyx. Peridot is among the oldest known gemstones and is green in color. Sardonyx, which is lesser-known, is a white- and brown-banded gemstone once believed to have mystical powers.
- The official flower for August is the gladiolus. These vertical-growing flowers were named from the Latin "gladius," meaning a sword.
- Fans of Elvis Presley mourn each Aug. 16th, the day the famed singer died in 1977.
- On Aug. 24th in 79 A.D., the volcano Mount Vesuvius erupted, destroying the city of Pompeii and others.
- People born in August fall under the sun zodiac signs of Leo and Virgo. Leos are known to be dramatic, creative and outgoing. Virgos have acute attention to detail and are the people most likely to dedicate themselves to serving. They also are loyal, hardworking and analytical.
- On Aug. 21, 1911, the Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre Gallery and not recovered for two years.
- Although civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr., is honored in January, when he was born, he is best known for his famed "I have a dream" speech, which was given on Aug. 28, 1963.
- The month of August is often referred to as the "dog days of summer" but not because of pet pooches. It has to do with the star Sirius, also known as the dog star, which rose at the same time as sunrise during the month of August in ancient Roman times.
- Some famous people born in August include Martha Stewart, Martin Sheen, Jeff Gordon, Deion Sanders and Halle Berry.



From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

Remember the Three States Tour November 9-12, 2026. If you haven't already, please let me know if you are going.

If you haven't booked a room for 2027 Texas Tour then please do so.

If you want to arrive early on Wednesday, June 23, the hotels will give you the same rate as booking for June 24.



Try to stay cool!

Nancy Cheshire



Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

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

We care!

Historical Tidbit

This Month in Ford Model "A" History

Introduced August 31, 1930, the Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster was Ford Motor Company's stylish answer to a difficult market. As the Great Depression weakened demand and standard open-car sales slipped, Ford added a more upscale roadster to renew buyer interest and give the Model A lineup a sportier, more refined appeal.



What set the Deluxe Roadster apart was its combination of practical upgrades and sporty presentation. It featured a lowered, shorter windshield that could fold flat against the cowl, along with a lightweight tan folding top and matching side curtains that gave the car a cleaner, more fashionable profile. Inside, Ford replaced the standard black artificial upholstery with genuine Bedouin grain brown leather seating finished with narrow piping, creating a more premium feel for buyers who wanted something beyond the basic roadster.

The exterior also emphasized the car's deluxe character. A standard side-mounted spare tire, welled front fender and a rear trunk rack added both visual distinction and touring practicality. These touches helped separate the Deluxe Roadster from the standard open models and made it feel better equipped for customers looking for style as well as usefulness.

The strategy worked. At a time when standard monthly roadster sales had fallen below 600 units, the Deluxe Roadster helped revive interest in the body style. By the end of the 1930 model year, Ford had sold more than 11,000 units, and by 1931 the Deluxe version had become the dominant choice over the standard roadster.

In an American history discussion group, the professor was trying to explain how societies ideal of beauty changes with time.

"For example," he said, "take the 1921 Miss America. She stood five feet, one inch tall, weighed 108 pounds and had measurements of 30-25-32. How do you think she'd do in today's version of the contest?"

The class fell silent for a moment. Then one student pipe up, "Not very well."

"Why is that?" asked the professor.

"For one thing," the student pointed out, "She'd be way too old!"

Interesting find

At a recent Saturday morning mechanic gathering, member Gary mentioned a strange noise coming from the engine compartment of his coupe. Upon farther inspection, we located the problem.

The metal harness shield for the headlight wiring had not been secured properly and had found it's way out to touching the radiator fan.

We secured the harness out of the way and all is well. This could have been a lot worse but we found it in time. You might check your own cars. . . .

- Harbor Area A's



Does Coil Polarity Matter?

- Peter DeBisschop, Heart of Florida A's

Yes, the car will run either way, but coil polarity does matter. According to the folks who make the *Sparklite* ignition spark polarity tester, "reversed polarity can result in engine performance problems."

They say, "the standard Model ignition system was designed to produce approximately 20,000 volts peak ignition coil current on interruption. The normal .035 inch spark plug and standard compression ratio of 4.22; causes ignition at approximately 14,000 volts and in microseconds the plug gap voltage drops to approximately 2,000 volts."

They go on to say, "reversed spark polarity causes a loss of approximately 4,000 volts for the plug spark. The energy loss reduces the ignition reserve to cope with low battery voltage, low cranking speed, dirty plus, lean or rich mixture..."

At least that is what they say. So if you are running a 6 volt positive ground system, the positive side of the coil should hold the red wire that runs up to the ignition switch. The little jumper wire that comes from the terminal box connects to the negative side of the coil. Check the markings on the coil as they can vary from supplier to supplier.

Better yet, I have the *Sparklite* test device if you would like to borrow it. I also have a plug voltage tester.

FORD MODEL "A" TECHNICAL TIPS

Is your Model "A" Ready for a Tour?

*From an article by Christ Wickersham,
Sanat Ana Model A Club*



Are You Ready to Go on Tour? §

season is here, and that means it is time to give your Model A Ford a careful look before heading down the road. Even if it ran perfectly the last time you drove it, a long tour asks more of the car than a short trip around town.

Henry Ford built the Model A to be dependable, and with proper care these cars can still be remarkably reliable today. Of course, the earliest Model A's are now nearly 100 years old, so the responsibility for keeping them road-ready usually belongs to the owner rather than the neighborhood garage.

A good place to start is the Model A Ford Instruction Book that came with the car when it was new. It remains a useful guide and offers practical reminders for routine maintenance before and during a tour.

Most owners remember the basics before leaving home: change the oil, lubricate the chassis, and check the fluid levels in the transmission, differential, and steering box. Those steps are important, but good touring habits should continue after the trip begins.

Each morning on tour, take a few minutes to walk around the car. Check the radiator water, brake lights, and front tires. Run your hand across the tread to feel for feathering or uneven wear, which may point to incorrect toe-in or toe-out. Excessive toe-in can wear out front tires quickly, but it is often easy to correct—

Touring and there is usually someone on tour willing to lend a hand.

Next, raise the hood and inspect the engine compartment. Check the oil level, fan belt tension, and any signs of fuel, oil, or water leaks. Look for missing bolts or loose parts, and take a quick look under the car for drips. A problem found in the motel parking lot is much easier to handle than one discovered along the roadside.

On longer tours, remember to lubricate the generator, distributor, and water pump every 500 miles. If you use an original wet-cell battery, check the water level, especially if your car still has an original-style generator without a voltage regulator. Tire pressures deserve attention too, since original tube-type tires can lose air more readily than modern tubeless tires.

Do not forget the lug nuts. Check them before the tour and again every day or two. If any wheels were removed shortly before the trip, check the lug nuts at the first rest stop to be sure they are still tight.

Whether you are headed out on a club tour or simply enjoying a drive around town, make a habit of looking over your Model A with maintenance in mind. A few quiet minutes of inspection can help prevent a major, inconvenient, and costly repair later—and keep the fun in touring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Lunch

Be sure to check Mass Mailer the third week of the month to find out where.



The Three States Tour

to Oklahoma,
Talimena
Scenic Byway,
Arkansas, &
Texas



Nov. 9 - 12, 2026

Let Nancy Cheshire (nmcheshire@yahoo.com or 972-279-4786) know if you are going. We have rooms blocked that you can reserve. Model As, Vintage cars, and Moderns are welcome on the tour.



A Very Scenic, Historic, Fall tour

Stops in Sulphur Springs, TX, Paris, TX, Overnight at Choctaw Resort in Grant, OK, Hugo, OK, Tuskahoma, OK, drive the Talimena Scenic Byway, Overnight at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge, Mena, AR, sites and overnight in Texarkana, Pittsburg, TX and then home.



JUNE 24-27, 2027
64TH TEXAS TOUR
 HOSTED BY CEDAR CREEK
 AND TYLER MODEL A FORD CLUBS

On the Road Again to Canton, Texas –

Home of 1st Monday Trade Days

64th Texas Tour, June 24-27, 2027



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Choose one of our 15 cozy cabins, a perfect choice for a couple or small family. Each cabin style varies slightly but comes with the same modern amenities: a king, queen, or two twin beds, a queen pullout couch, small kitchenette with coffee maker, and comfortable bedding. NO Television for ultimate relaxation. **Pets allowed.**

\$149 for double (13)

\$ 139 for tiny house (2)

\$50-55 for RV spaces

Trailer parking available



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13785 TX-19, Canton, TX 75103

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Breakfast included

48 rooms blocked

Trailer parking

Pets allowed

No smoking

903-567-6591



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2406 N Trade Days Blvd.

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DQ - \$80+tax per night

10 K & 20 DQ blocked

Cont'l Breakfast

Pets allowed

No smoking

903-287-0401



RED ROOF INN

17350 I-20, Canton, TX

\$74.99 + tax per night

Cont'l Breakfast

30 rooms blocked

Pets allowed

Trailer parking

No smoking

903-567-6567



DAYS INN

17299 S I-20, Canton, TX

\$65 + tax per night

No breakfast

30 rooms blocked

Pets allowed

Trailer Parking

No smoking

903-567-6588

Registration, Hospitality, & Raffles will be in Stagecoach Hall & Dinners, etc. in the Barn at the Silver Spur Resort
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NATIONAL CLUB NEWS



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

Tom Hovetter, President

John Prohaska, Director of Regions

August 2026

Memories were made in French Lick, IN at the National Meet, July 12-16. Over 512 people and 200 plus Model A's gathered for food and fun at the beautifully restored, 120-year-old resort. Technical Seminars and touring through the Southern Indiana countryside kept everyone busy. See more details on the festivities in the coming issues of Model A News (MAN).

A seminar was provided at the Meet for Membership by Will Langford and Gary Price on the new MARC website. The website is phenomenal on the historical availability of technical and informational articles on the Model A. This content is available only to current MARC Members and is not offered in one place by any other national organization.

Remember to renew your MARC membership annually. MARC changed the membership expiration date in the past to actual expiration month instead of end of the year. You can renew online, by mail or by calling the office to continue receiving the MAN and the access to the website. \$30/year for electronic access to MAN and full member benefits or \$50/year for hardcopy & electronic MAN and full member benefits.

Could your Regional Leadership please go to the website www.modelarestorersclub.org and log in with their email address and zip code. Click on "Members Only" at top right of screen after login, click on "Annual Region Update" and enter your Regions information to ensure it is up to date. This information is essential for MARC to maintain contact and keep your local Region up to date with the latest information.



MAFFI SWEEPSTAKES
Win This Beautiful
1930 FORD MODEL A TOWN SEDAN

Ticket Sales Begin March 23, 2026	Entries Close October 10, 2026	Drawing Date October 23, 2026
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Enter now and receive 20% MORE TICKETS (off your donation at checkout)

Generously donated by Ron Jennings, this stunning 1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan was lovingly restored by the Evergreen Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. Their team completed a full frame-up restoration including new wood, bodywork, rebuilt drivetrain, upholstery, glass, and a beautiful Ford Maroon finish, as well as brand new Goodyear tires and radiator by the MAFFI staff. The vehicle was proudly presented to MAFFI during the 2014 MAFCA National Convention in Puyallup, Washington.

GRAND PRIZE
1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan
Winner may choose \$15,000 cash instead



Beautifully Restored Interior



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2026 Model A Days
2-Day Swap Meet
Fashion, Seminars, Car Corral
Double Clutch Class, and MORE!!

September 18 & 19, 2026 9-5PM

NEW! Friday Fashion Swap

Registration NOW Open!!

Model A PARTS SWAP
Join us for a unique Friday Night event!

Technical Seminars. Fashion. Hall of Fame. Ride the Classics

Host Hotel: Delta Hotel
2747 11th St, Kalama, MI
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Celebrating the Model A Speedster



MARC NATIONAL MEET
TAKE ME BACK TO TULSA



JULY 11TH - 16TH 2027



**Model As Line up to begin Grand Tour
MARC National Meet
2026**

2026



Event Calendar

AUG 4, 2026 Meeting at 3:00 PM. Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Week of AUG 18, 2026 Monthly Lunch

SEP 1, 2026 Meeting at 3:00 PM. Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Week of SEP 15, 2026 Monthly Lunch

OCT 6, 2026 Meeting at 3:00 PM. Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Week of OCT 20, 2026 Monthly Lunch

NOV 3, 2026 Meeting at 3:00 PM. Dairy Queen at Seven Points

NOV 9-12, 2026 Three States Tour through OK, along the Talimena Scenic Byway, AR, & TX

Week of NOV 17, 2026 Monthly Lunch

DEC 5, 2026 Christmas Party at the Cheshires in Safari Waters Ranch

Week of DEC 15, 2026 Monthly Lunch



Entertainment in 1930

For those hit hard early by the Great Depression, jigsaw puzzles were a popular diversion and an inexpensive way to spend an evening. Even at parties, couples would sit for hours, hunched over the table putting pieces together and talking.



Henry Ford

HENRY NEARLY BECAME A FARMER

Henry Ford grew up on a farm and absolutely despised it. Having a farmer as a father, he was expected to follow in the path of an agriculturalist and was pushed harder than he so admired into becoming one. At the age of 16, Henry ran off to Detroit to pursue his dreams of becoming a machinist and engineer (actually he walked to Detroit which was an 8-mile hike).

He was determined to work with machines... and so he did. How fortunate for the rest of us.



House Henry Ford was born in.