



The Running Board



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President's Memo

Hello Everyone!

We've had enough of these 100 plus temperature days without any rain; therefore I look forward to September with cooler days. Praying for rain!

We were blessed with 12 members at Bean and Burger Steakhouse in Mabank, and it was a joy to see Janice and Jerry Rogers attend. We were sorry Chuck Cheshire was not feeling well enough to attend.

At the luncheon we talked about joining the Tyler Model A Ford Club with some other clubs at the Lake Country Playhouse in Mineola, TX on Saturday, September 12.

We will see a movie centering around a 1931 golf exhibition match featuring real-life golf legends Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen along with a fictional character Randolph Junuch. There will be several Model As in the story.

The theater in Mineola was founded in 1920 by R. T. Hooke, Sr. At our September 1 meeting we can discuss how many would like to attend. This may be a good time to meet and get to know some of the members from the Tyler Model A Ford Club.

Stay cool and hope to see you Tuesday, September 1 at 3:00 pm.

Herman Dentler, President



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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.

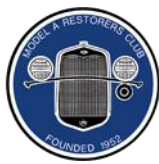
MEETINGS

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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MARCA



A MAFCA Chapter



MAFFI

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 August 4, 2026

Our president Herman Dentler and his wife, Lynda, were in Germany for this meeting. Chuck and Nancy Cheshire had to take their granddaughters home who were staying with them. So Lou had to preside over the meeting.

We opened as always with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were accepted by Fredye and Barbara Quain. The financial report was accepted by Carolyn Vick and Fredye Quain.

John and Wanda Bell brought a former club member who was visiting with them from Allen, TX. It was a delight to welcome Mary Worman Winchester. Mary and her husband had a beautiful home on a peninsula at the lake. The club would have ice cream socials there in July.

There weren't any birthday people present.

LUNCH: Barbara Quain suggested Bean and Burger in Mabank for lunch this month. We will met there at 1PM on the 27th.

RAFFLE: We collected \$20 for the raffle. John Bell won again. He has gotten very lucky lately.

Sincerely,

Lou Carpenter Secretary/Treasurer

TRIVIA

The Model A Ford horn is famously known for its distinct, nostalgic "AHOOGA!" sound. Originally produced between 1928 and 1931, these horns operate on a unique mechanical motor system rather than simple electromagnets.

Core Anatomy & How It Works

Inside an original Sparton or EA Laboratories Model A horn, an electric motor spins a small armature. A ribbed wheel (or actuator button) on that motor rapidly strikes a small stud attached to a metal diaphragm. This rapid physical striking—amplified by the forward megaphone bell—creates the iconic mechanical vibration

Common Maintenance & Troubleshooting

If your original horn has lost its "Ahooga" pitch or just clicks/hums, it usually just needs a quick tune-up rather than a full replacement.

1. **Clean the Commutator:** Remove the rear motor cover using the single screw. Use a piece of Scotchbrite or a microfiber cloth with isopropyl alcohol to clean the brass commutator until it is shiny and free of oil buildup.
2. **Oil the Bearings:** Add a few drops of light 30-weight motor oil to the felt pads or oil holes on the front and rear armature bearings.
3. **Adjust the Tone Screw:** The screw on the rear plate moves the motor closer or further from the diaphragm. Power the horn and turn this screw until you hit the sweet spot where the classic sound return.







September Birthdays

Kathy Holmes	9/2
Sue Capps	9/4
Lou Carpenter	9/8
Janice Rogers	9/11
Kimberly Wagliardo	9/12
Spencer Pennington	9/15





Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Jody Letchworth tripped going into the house. A trip to ER showed no concussion or broken bones. She is doing well, but bruised up

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



Hello Everyone,

From the Editor

Well, September is here. Let's hope for cooler weather as fall approaches.

In honor of International Drive Your A Day, let's take cruise to Van, TX for a museum tour and on to Brisket Love for lunch to try their food in anticipation of eating lunch there on our Grand Tour at the 2027 Texas Tour. Check your calendars and see if Wednesday, Sept. 16 will work for this event.

Try to stay cool!
Nancy Cheshire



Congratulations to Spencer Pennington and his bride, Salma




Spencer and Salma were married at the Armstrong-Browning Library at Baylor University in Waco, TX on Saturday, August 29, 2026.

August 27th Lunch at 'Ole' West Bean and Burger in Mabank, TX



Historical Tidbit

Laundry In the Model A Era

By Patricia Menz, Sacramento Capitol A's

In our car club we talk about the cars and we talk about era clothing, but we do not talk about cleaning our clothing. I have a book written in 1931 about laundering and dry cleaning. The book was published by the Woman's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences. After reading this book, I see that laundry is laundry. We still have to sort, wash, dry, iron and fold our clothes. However, during the Model A era, it was a lot of work. The process took the better part of two days and could be downright dangerous. They did not have the conveniences that we have today.

When Is Wash Day?

A famous poem says that Monday is laundry day. The book says that Tuesday was becoming more popular. Monday was the day to prepare for the washday: put the house in order, remove stains, mend and sort the clothes.

Setting Up the Laundry – The Equipment

In most homes the laundry was done in the kitchen or in an adjoining room. Sometimes the laundry was in the basement. No matter which room was used, it needed to be well ventilated, well lit and have access to hot water.

Washing Machines and Tubs

There were several types of washing machines. Basically they were washing tubs with a lid and a device inside to agitate the clothing. They could be cranked by hand or have a motor powered by electricity, gas or water. The 1931 Sears catalog advertised an electric washer for \$50.00 to \$65.00 and a gasoline one for \$89.50. A hand activated machine sold for \$16.00. To put this in perspective, the Model A era was during the Great Depression, when the average annual income was \$1850.00. That is about \$36.00 a week. I suspect that most homes used the hand cranked model. The wash tub with a wash board was still available, as well as a hand held suction plunger or agitator.



The washing machine tubs needed to be cleaned by hand with soap and water. If the tub was copper, a mixture of vinegar, salt and kerosene was used. In our modern era we use a tub cleaning agent and the washer cleans itself.

Soap

Detergent as we know it today was not invented until 1933. A laundress needed to be a simple chemist. Soap used for laundry needed to be flaked, so that it could be dissolved in water. It could be purchased already flaked. If flaked soap was not available, bar soap was flaked by



using a soap flaker. The picture at left shows a basic hand-cranked soap flaker. The soap was dissolved in hot water and whipped to a foam. Soap jelly could also be made by mixing flakes, water and borax. This mixture was heated on the stove. Soap beads were new on the market in the Model A era. They were supposed to dissolve in water instantly. A laundress also needed to be familiar with bluing, starch, acids, alkalis and how to soften water.



Clothes Washing

After soaking, washing the clothes with soap was the next step. Then, they had to be rinsed two or three times. The washing machines of the era didn't have a rinse cycle. The water would have to be emptied and refilled each time. After washing and between rinses, the clothes were put through a ringer; either electric or hand cranked.



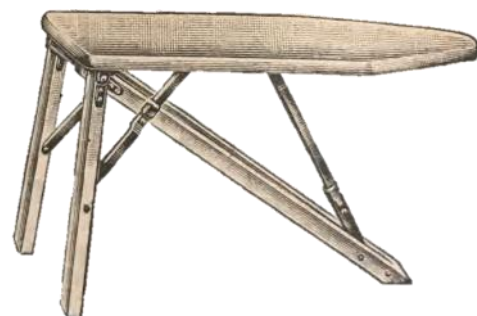
Clothes Drying

For the most part clothes were hung to dry outdoors or inside on racks during inclement weather. There was a clothes dryer patented in 1892, but it basically was a ventilated device that sat on top of a stove with a hand crank. The type of dryer we use today was not sold until 1938.

Irons and Ironing Boards

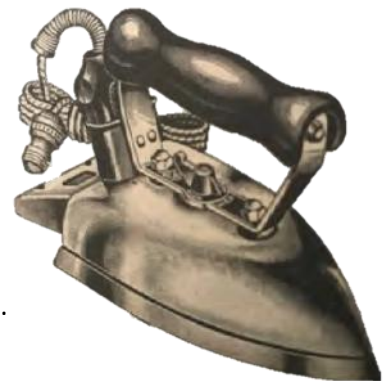
Ironing boards were similar to the ones we have today. The picture at right shows a typical three-legged board. A sheet of asbestos could be used to hold the hot iron when it was not in use during the ironing process.

There were a wide range of irons available. They came in different sizes and were used for different purposes. It



was suggested that if only one iron was purchased, it should weigh between six to eight pounds. Regulating the temperature of the iron was also more difficult than it is today.

Irons were heated through different means: gas, electric, gasoline/kerosene and charcoal, or the old fashioned cast-iron model that was heated on the stove. The gas iron is pictured below at left; the electric iron at the right. With all of these types, except for the electric iron, drafts could be a problem because they could fan the flames and cause a fire. The gasoline irons were sold from 1930's through the 1950's. If a house did not have gas or electricity, the self-contained gasoline iron was an alternative.



Steam irons for the home were not available until 1950. In the Model A era, the wrinkles in clothes needed to be removed by other means. After the clothes were dry, they had to be dampened by sprinkling them with water. Then they were rolled up to wait to be ironed.

As we wear our period clothing, especially reproduction and era image, we should be grateful that at the end of the day, that we have more cleaning options and modern technology to more quickly and easily clean our clothes. They will be ready for another day without having to deal with the hazardous and time-consuming process used almost a century ago.

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Los Angeles Times, Sept. 28, 1930 - After 42 days on the road, James B. Hargis and his mechanic, Charles Creighton, returned to New York and laid claim to a new automobile record, the Times reported.

The two men had driven round trip to Los Angeles in a Ford roadster — in reverse.



The car was left running the entire time, the newspaper said. "Throughout these 42 days, Hargis and Creighton traveled night and day at an average speed of 10 mph, sleeping in a specially constructed seat in their roadster," the Time said.

However, in Los Angeles, the boys gave themselves a 48 hour rest while their motor chugged on while crowds gathered around the car which was making such a unique endurance record.

"Before the boys left New York," the newspaper said, the Texas Co., maker of the Texaco products used on the run, removed the low, intermediate and high gears from the transmission.

Some Humor for the Month of September

1. What is a tree's least favorite month?

Sep-timber

2. What is the longest name in the world?

JASON, it takes 5 months to spell it. (July, August, September, October, November)

3. What did the tree say to autumn?

Leaf me alone.

4. Why don't mountaineers like late September?

Because it is fall.

5. What do you call a cold day in September?

Septem-brrrrr.

6. What did the detective in the Arctic say to the suspect?

Where were you on the night of September to March?



Tech and The Model A Hobby

Using tech in the hobby has evolved a lot over the last few years.

There are many tools that can be beneficial whether you are on tour or planning one. Some of these I have used and some I just learned about while researching for this article. I am most excited about the Rallista App, but I will get to that one in a minute.

CB Radios were once common in the hobby. I remember touring in the 80's and 90's, when everyone had a CB Radio and their own CB Handle. In fact, it was so popular among our local club that everyone's CB Handle was published in the yearly roster. The era of CB Radios has come and gone, but the problem remains: how do you communicate turns, stops, etc., to the line of cars behind the leader? "Zello" is an option that addresses this problem. It turns your cell phone into a "Walkie-Talkie." We have used it several times on tours, and it works well. Two limitations of the app are that you need cell phone service and that the app must be running for you to receive notifications.

Other communication apps such as *Slack*, *WhatsApp*, or *GroupMe* are excellent ways to send messages to many people at once. You can save groups of people and send messages to the entire group to give them updates and information.

Besides enhancing communication, technology can help you keep track of your car and your passengers. The Model A Hobby is truly a family affair in our house, but no one wants to be a passenger princess; everyone wants to drive. So, on most tours, we have 4 people and 4 cars; I'm typically the lead car with 3 behind me. *Life 360* or using the "find my" app really helps my mom's nerves, knowing that even if I can't see them all in my rearview mirror, one of my "ducklings" isn't on the side of the road or has made a wrong turn.

Apple Air Tags are also a way that really helps with peace of mind. All of our cars (even our modern cars) have them, and you can see their location on your phone.

The newest app I am super excited about is *Rallista*; it is a tool for planning tours. There is supposed to be a feature where you drive, it maps, then you can publish drives for everyone. I am going to explore its features and functionality, and then, next issue, I will have a full report and review of the app for everyone. So...to be continued...



Technical Tips

Jim's Tech Tip on Assembling the Starter Switch

You may find yourself wanting to disassemble your starter switch (once you have removed it from the starter) for cleaning and general refurbishment, and then having to put it back together. Today's tip is on how to reassemble it for years of trouble-free service.

There are two thin nuts on the switch post where the battery connects. Take both of those nuts totally off to disassemble the switch. Pay attention to how the insulating washers go in there as you tap down on the threaded stud that the nuts were on. Tap down, the big flat strip should come out. Pay attention to how the "pusher" is installed with the insulated piece between the hole in the flat metal strip and the metal tube.



When reassembling, as you install the post with insulators in the body, and you are tightening up the first nut on the post to lock it into the body, place the tip of a very small screwdriver into the switch between the flat metal strip and the insulator inside the switch body **SO THAT WHEN YOU TIGHTEN THE FIRST NUT, THE FLAT METAL PIECE INSIDE DOES NOT JAM AGAINST THE INSULATOR INSIDE THE SWITCH BODY.**

This is really important. When you attach the second nut, to hold the battery cable on, you **DON'T** want that stud turning, you don't want that flat piece of metal swinging over and jamming inside against the insulator. So get the first nut good and tight, and do it with a small screwdriver holding the flat metal piece in place when you tighten.

Then pay attention when later installing the battery cable (the second nut) that you don't torque it so hard as to turn the stud and jam the flat metal strip into the side.

It's that simple.

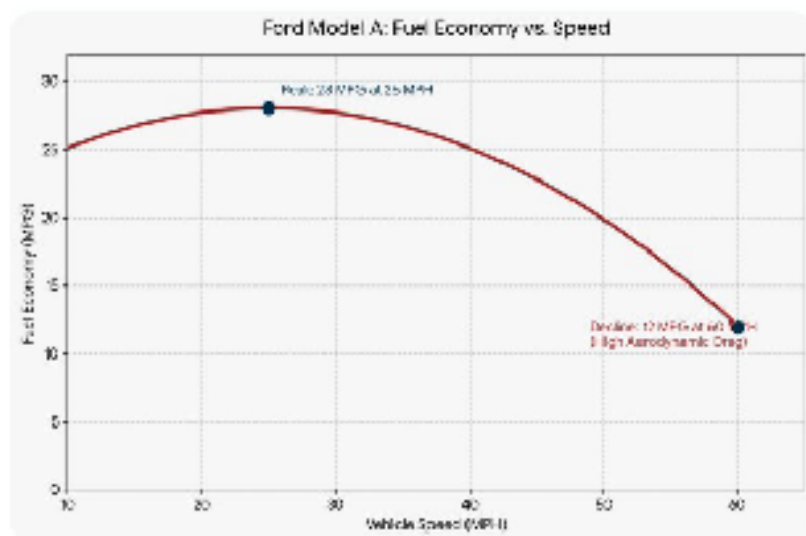
Have a Model A Day! Jim

From a Fellow Club Member -

Model A Performance Stretching

Bill Holmes August 5, 2026

Many years ago I read an article that contained a gas mileage performance curve of the new Model A Ford published by the University of Michigan in 1928. I fruitlessly searched for that article for years but recently found the chart using AI. I remembered, however that optimum fuel economy was obtained at 25 MPH which would come in handy.



Around 2005, I purchased a beautifully restored 1931 slant windshield that had not been driven in a number of years. We cleaned it up and even though we had only driven it a few miles, decided to trailer it down to Jacksonville, Florida to a big meeting of Model As. The event included a picnic lunch in a state park which turned out to be quite a long distance from the hotel. We were not expecting such a long drive and had only a few gallons of fuel in the tank. We never passed a gas station the whole way.

After lunch we decided to head back early at 25 mph as lean as it would run. If we ran out, hopefully the others would come along later. It was hard maintaining the low speed, but fortunately there were few cars on the two lane road to irritate. Finally we came to a station where we filled up.

That evening featured supper at a nice fish place and on the way there, we noticed the generator quit. Computing the power load vs battery capacity in order to determine run time available is not straight forward. The fact was that we now faced the opposite problem, plenty of gas but limited time. Speed was our friend. We managed the problem by following closely behind one of the cars as we headed back to the hotel, turning the lights off at every traffic light.

We should have driven the car more, getting the kinks out before taking it to an event. But harking back to my pilot training, study as much performance data as you can about what your operating. 🐾

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.



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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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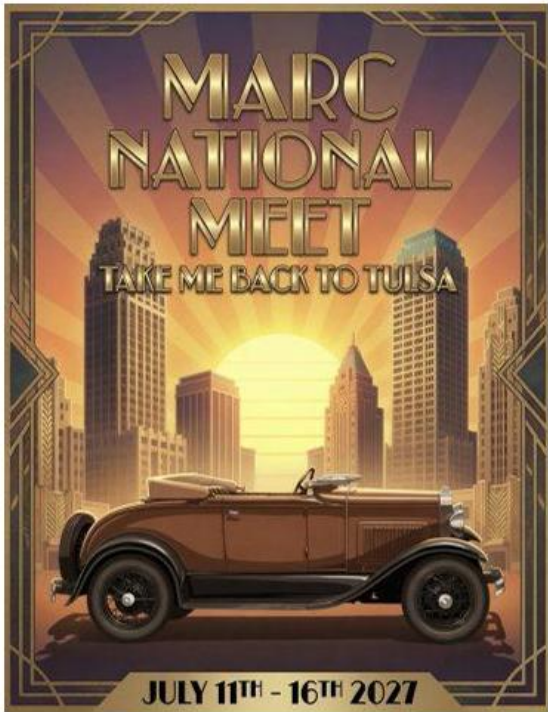
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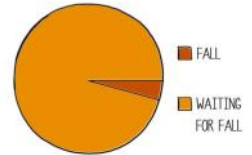
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Event Calendar

- 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
- OCT 25-27, 2026** Autumn Trails, Winnsboro, TX
- 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

FYI, THERE ARE ACTUALLY ONLY TWO SEASONS



First Day of Fall - Sept. 22, 2026



Leaves change color as days get shorter which makes the green pigment fade

Fall is the best time for apple picking

Meteorological Start Date: September 1

Meteorological End Date: November 30

Pumpkins are a fruit not a vegetable

facts about FALL

September October November

Pumpkin spice doesn't contain any pumpkin at all!

The term "sweater weather" refers to the lowering temperatures this time of year

Fall signals the time for many birds to embark on their winter migration

Geomagnetic storms during fall increase the chances of observing Aurora Borealis

Acorns are nature's way of preparing for the future in fall

Those that live at or near the equator, do not have the autumn season

The harvest moon was the nearest full moon to the Autumn Equinox

Astronomical Start Date: September 22-23

Astronomical End Date: December 20-23

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Let's Go for a Drive!