



The Running Board



October 2026

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President's Memo

Hello Everyone!

It is good that we are finally seeing some days under 100 degrees though it is still in the 90s. Still praying for rain!

We were blessed to have 11 members of our club attend the Lake Country Playhouse in Mineola. For golf enthusiasts it was an especially good movie.

Our newly married couple, Spencer and Salma, were there, and we were pleased to meet Salma. They make a very nice couple. Salma comes from a Christian home which is a blessing for their home.

We met on September 16 in Van and toured the Van Area Oil and Historical Museum. Afterwards we drove to Brisket Love Restaurant near Lindale for our meal. At present, we are planning to book the restaurant for lunch on Saturday during the 2027 Texas Tour Grand Tour.

We need to make plans for the Autumn Trails Antique Car Parade on Saturday, October 24. This is something our club usually attends. It's a good drive to make sure your car is ready for our Oklahoma/Arkansas tour in November.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 6 at 3:00 pm at the Dairy Queen. I hope everyone can attend.

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.

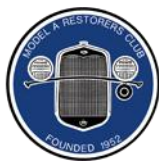
MEETINGS

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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Website



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
September 1, 2026

Lou Carpenter is on a trip and will not be back until Oct. 4 so the minutes from the last meeting will be delayed until next newsletter. We hope she has a great trip with Julia Waterman.

Why the Original Model A's Still Matter

Nearly a century after it first rolled off the assembly line, the Ford Model A continues to inspire admiration from collectors and enthusiasts alike. Built from 1928 through 1931, it marked a new era for Ford with improved performance, modern styling, and dependable engineering. For many of us, the appeal lies in pre-serving these cars as Henry Ford intended. From the distinctive radiator shell to the mechanical brakes and four cylinder engine, every component tells the story of an automobile that helped shape America. Keeping a Model A original isn't simply about authenticity—it's about honoring the craftsmanship and ingenuity of its time. Our club celebrates the history, fellowship, and knowledge that come with owning these remarkable automobiles. Whether you're restoring a long forgotten barn find, maintaining a family heirloom, or simply enjoying a Sunday drive, every original Model A on the road helps keep our automotive heritage alive. As caretakers of these historic Fords, we ensure that future generations can experience the sights, sounds, and simple pleasures of one of America's most beloved automobiles.

See you on the Road,

Bentley Bohanan - Georgia As



Form 3027
500M—7-10-29

NEW CAR DIRECTIONS

SPEED Avoid high speeds while the car is new. To obtain best results, IT SHOULD NOT BE DRIVEN FASTER THAN 30 TO 35 MILES PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST 500 MILES.

OIL Keep the oil at "F" on the measuring rod, especially during the first few hundred miles. Never let it get below the mark "L." Remove measuring rod and wipe with a dry cloth before testing the level. OIL SHOULD BE CHANGED AFTER THE FIRST 500 MILES AND EVERY 500 MILES THEREAFTER. Summer oil should conform to S.A.E. specification 40, and Winter oil to S.A.E. specification 20.

BRAKES this car is equipped with 4-wheel mechanical brakes which are quick and positive in action. Keep the car under control at all times to avoid the necessity for sudden application of brakes which might result in discomfort to passengers or collision from rear.

FAN BELT Do not tighten fan belt. The V-type fan belt does not require tight adjustment for proper operation. Too tight an adjustment will result in excessive wear on fan belt and generator bearings, particularly at higher speeds.

TIRES For easy riding qualities, proper braking and long life keep the tires, both front and rear, inflated to 35 pounds. (4.75—21 tires should be inflated to 40 pounds).

INSPECTION To insure best results have an Authorized FORD DEALER inspect this car and make necessary minor adjustments after the first five hundred miles of running.

TRIPLEX SAFETY GLASS Triplex Safety Glass is used in this car for your protection. Do not replace Triplex Safety Glass with plate glass. If replacement is necessary use TRIPLEX SAFETY GLASS.

DRIVE SAFELY



It won't be long until it is looking like that here!



October Birthdays

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



Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

We were sad to learn of Anna Hellebrand's death. She will be missed as we still miss Walt.

Hope everyone is staying healthy.

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

We care!

Hello Everyone,

October and time change at the end of the month. Cooler weather we hope and some much needed rain would be great!

Ahead is Autumn Trails in Winnsboro and our 3 States Tour in November. Plans for 2027 Texas Tour are looking good. Thanks to all who went on the Van and Brisket Love tour. At the October meeting we have to make the choices for food for the Farewell Dinner for the 2027 Texas Tour.

See you at the meeting.

Autumn is here finally!

Nancy Cheshire

From the Editor



October Full Moon

The full moon in October 2026 reaches peak illumination on Monday, October 26, at 11:12 A.M. CDT, known traditionally as the Hunter's Moon.

Best Viewing: Sunday evening, October 25, 2026, as the moon rises.

Hunter's vs. Harvest: The full moon closest to the autumn equinox is the Harvest Moon. When the equinox falls later in September, the October full moon becomes the Hunter's Moon.

When October's Full Moon is traditionally known as the Hunter's Moon, the name that reflects the seasonal shift from gathering crops to preparing meat for winter.

Following the Harvest Moon, fields are typically cleared, leaves have fallen, and animals are easier to spot in open landscapes. At the same time, game such as deer and other wildlife have fattened up over the summer and early fall, making this an ideal time for hunting.

Other Cultural Names: Some Indigenous traditions refer to October's moon as the Freezing Moon due to the arrival of the first fall frosts. (Though in Texas our first freeze isn't until November)



Van Area Oil and Historical Museum Tour and Lunch
On Wednesday, September 16.



The Model A Legacy

By Amy Dee Stephens

The most recognizable “old timey” car in America is the Model A Ford. It’s a favorite of car collectors, parade attendees, and anyone who happens to see one being driven through town. Built from 1928-1931, it is estimated that 250,000 Model A’s still exist in the hands of collectors! It was among the most widely produced vehicles of its time, and Ford manufactured 5 million Model A’s during the four-year period. Because they sold for \$500, it was affordable for the working man.



A Model A Family

To Will Langford, a Model A enthusiast, the car has come to symbolize family togetherness. Over the last 20 years, he has had many memories of riding in the car with his father, kids, and grandkids. The Model A has woven in and out of Will’s family history since coming off the production line in 1928.

“It started because my dad had surgery that didn’t go well. I thought a father/son project might pull him out of depression,” Will said. “He was a Motor Pool sergeant in WWII, so I hoped that working on a car would focus his mind on something other than his health. I got us a Model A to work on, and two weeks later, he was back to his old self.”

Will owns two Model A cars. He has a 1931 red coupe with a rumble seat, which he calls by his dad’s nickname, “Sarge.” The other is a two-door named “Buster,” after his uncle. Will also discovered that his grandfather drove a Model A Ford pickup truck to California to pick crops during the Great Depression.

“Route 66 had just opened up, and when you look at historic photos from the 1930s, it’s mostly Model A Fords on the road,” Will said. “Think *Grapes of Wrath*; Model A’s with mattresses on top or livestock tied to the running boards. I think Henry Ford would be shocked to learn his car is still being driven.”

According to Will, people can expect to see more Model A Fords during 2026, because car clubs are making appearances along Route 66 like never before. “The best way to showcase these cars is by being seen in the public. You are never lonely when you drive a Model A Ford, because people wave and honk and take photos the whole time.”

Will, who recently finished a two-year term on the National Board of Directors for the Model A Ford Club of America, recommends clubs for anyone interested in the hobby. There are hundreds of local clubs, including the Oklahoma City Model A Restorers Group.

“Restoring the car is one thing, keeping it drivable is another, because everything is manual. There is a lot of expertise on how to find vintage or reproduction parts,” Will said. “Clubs provide technical support and emotional support. It’s a hobby that takes patience.”

For Will, the hard work is paid back in the “innumerable smiles” he sees. “It’s the original car hobby. Younger generations have grown up with these cars, and they are being passed down from fathers or grandfathers who collected them.”

What started as a father/son project for Will has continued as a father/grandson tradition. “My oldest grandson was just two when he first rode in the rumble seat at a parade. It’s been a real joy for me to watch him learn to drive the car, and now, he’s helped me put it back in driving condition. Model A Fords have provided us memories that will last forever.”



Will Langford—OKC

WHAT ARE M-FILES?

It sounds like something from a James Bond novel or a murder mystery. Really, they are some of the most important documents pertaining to all Ford vehicles. These files are material specification sheets that provide composition and testing requirements. These files are kept at MAFFI and at the Benson Ford Library.

M-109-A, referred to as Harding Blue, is the color used on the emblems on your front and rear bumper. The file provides requirements for the pigment and vehicle (diluent) composition (38-40%/60-62% respectively) specific gravity, viscosity and open cup flash. There are other requirements including force drying in 30 minutes at 225 degrees F.

M-191, Foundation Surfacers, is a surfacing compound suitable for application by means of a spray gun to form a surface suitable for pyroxylin lacquers. Pigment composition has a significant proportion of calcium and magnesium carbonates (56%) and a small amount of magnesium silicates (15.5%) and zinc sulfide and barium sulfate. The vehicle is mostly mineral spirits and should dry in 24 hours at 80 degrees F or force drying in 1.5 hours at 225 degrees F. The color will be gray. Once again the requirements are quite specific and the product is reproducible.

M-6030, Specification for Bolts and Rivets, is an old file, dating from Model T manufacturing and lists metal analysis and physical properties with a tensile strength of 50,000 lbs. minimum, elastic limit of 30,000 lbs. minimum, elongation of 35 % minimum and reduction of 60% minimum.

M-5501-E, the specification for making FORDITE, a rubber compound suitable for the manufacture of the articles listed below shows T-part numbers such as the terminal block, assorted insulators, door lock anti-rattler and bushings. The material was manufactured in the FORDITE Department. We know that the usage was increased by the Model A era.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

To: Mr. T. H. Gilling, Purchasing Dept. From: Mr. J. L. Gilling, Jr., Chief Clerk, Purchasing

I wish to call your attention to the two attached reports on material that we bought from Dupont Company under the trade name of Dupont Commercial, Tallow A. B. Dupont. We note that the gravity in one shipment is 1.25 and the other 0.81 because. The difference is not only in the percentage of pigment in relation to the other non volatile ingredients or solids but also in the percentage of volatile ingredients or diluents present in the mix. I believe it would be well to call the vendor's attention to this as indicative of either poor practice in supplying materials that vary that much in usable paint solids.

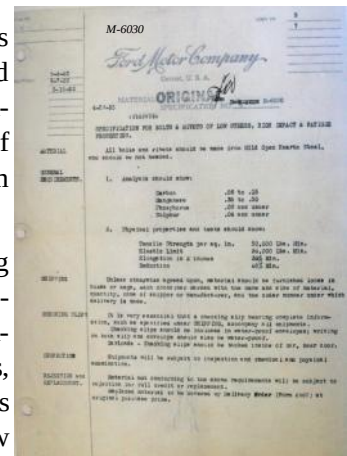
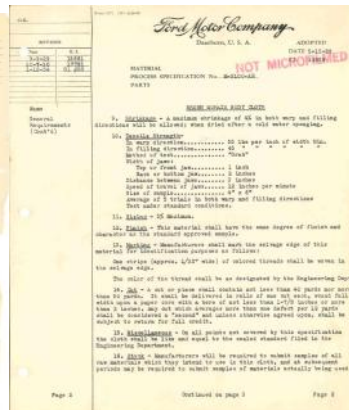
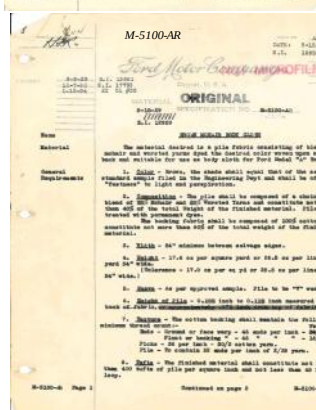
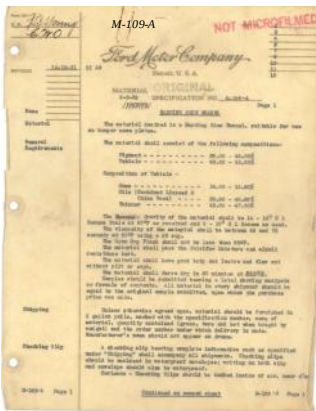
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Reported: _____ Dept: _____

M-5100-AR, Brown Mohair Body Cloth consisted of a blend of Mohair and worsted yarns for use in the Model A Ford Town Sedan.

See you down the road

Tom Jeanes—JSC
MAFCA



Technical Tips

What Causes That To Happen?

NOISE ONLY WHEN TURNING — When the car is Rounding Corners there is a whining noise coming from under the car towards the rear end/differential.

SOLUTION — In the last two articles we fixed the "not enough backlash" noise when slowing down or the "too much backlash" noise when speeding up problem. This month we will delve into the problem of the car/truck only making noise when rounding corners. This problem is traced back to the Spider Gears, Spider Gear Yoke and Differential Carrier assembly interface with the Rear Axles. The Spider Gears and the Spider Yoke should be replaced.

The Differential is designed such that the two Rear Axles are turned independent of each other and are driven by the Spider Gear assembly. Model A's don't have a solid axle set-up. If you were to jack up either one of the rear Tires off of the ground, the car/truck would NOT be able to move under its own power. The tire that was in the air would spin freely. The Spider Gears are located inside of the Differential Carrier assembly and are rotated when the Ring Gear is rotated, which in turn rotates the Rear Axles accordingly. The teeth on each Axle is driven by the rotation of the teeth on the Spider Gears.

Pictured below are the three Spider Gears, Yoke assembly, Ring Gear and basic Differential Carrier assembly. The Ring Gear is placed on the Left (Driver's) side of the Differential Carrier. The two Axles and the Spider Gear/Yoke assembly fit inside of the Differential Carrier which is then held together with nine (9) bolts through the Housing & Ring Gear, castle nuts and a Safety wire.

Submitted by Tom Eldhardt
Taken from *Columbia Crier*, Columbia Basin A's



UPCOMING EVENTS



68th Annual Autumn Trails Antique Car Weekend

MODEL A FORD CLUBS ANNUAL STEW

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026 @ 5 P.M.

Meet at the Willis Farm. Bring a dessert if you so desire.
Good time to visit with members of other clubs.



ANTIQUE CAR PARADE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026 @ 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Line up begins at 9 A.M.

ALL VINTAGE CARS— Followed by Parking on Main Street downtown Winnsboro, TX, and Classic Car Show. The vintage vehicle parade leaves from Railroad tracks 2.5 miles west of Downtown Winnsboro, line up any time that morning;



VEHICLE ROAD TOUR

Sunday, October 25, 2026 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.



68th Annual Winnsboro Autumn Trails

Parade, Tour and Dinner

October 22-25, 2026

Registration Form



Please remit by October 2, 2026

Please send this form along with your check payable to:

Autumn Trails Model A's

Vicki Clark

1310 CR 4186

Quitman, Texas 75783

gvclark@peoplescom.net



Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Year/Make/Model of Car(s) _____
 Club Affiliation _____

	Registration Dates	Fee per Car	No of Cars	Total Car Fee
Car Registration	Before October 2, 2026	\$10 each	_____	_____
	After October 2, 2026	12 each	_____	_____

	No. Persons	Price per Person	Total for Dinners
Dinner	_____ Adults	\$25 each	_____
	_____ Children (under 12)	\$10 each	_____

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 2, 2026.



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



The Barn at the Silver Spur Resort
13785 TX-19, Canton, TX 75103

Will update info monthly.

Registrations to begin by
 1st of December.

Plan to attend.

Have interesting and fun
 things planned.

Raffles will be available.

Hospitality, Tours,

Car Games,

Hubley Derby



BEST WESTERN CANTON

2251 N Trade Days Blvd
\$85 + tax per night
 Breakfast included
 48 rooms blocked
 Trailer parking
 Pets allowed
 No smoking
903-567-6591



QUALITY INN CANTON

2406 N Trade Days Blvd.
K- \$75 + tax per night
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
 Herman Dentler-Tour Chairperson - dent16@yahoo.com (Cedar Creek & Tyler Clubs), Co-chair-Lanny Buck (Tyler Club)
 Registrar - Nancy Cheshire - nmcheshire@outlook.com or 972-279-4786 Website: www.texastour2027.com

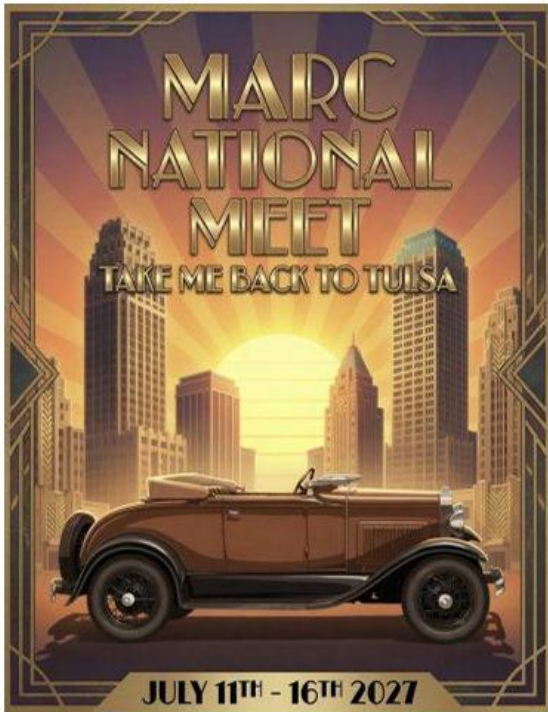
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December 10-12, 2026



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Event Calendar

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

OCT Monthly Lunch—watch for location in Mass mailer

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

NOV Monthly Lunch—watch for location in Mass Mailer

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

DEC Monthly Lunch—watch for location in Mass mailer

DEC 31, 2026 New Year's Eve Dinner (location & time to be determined)



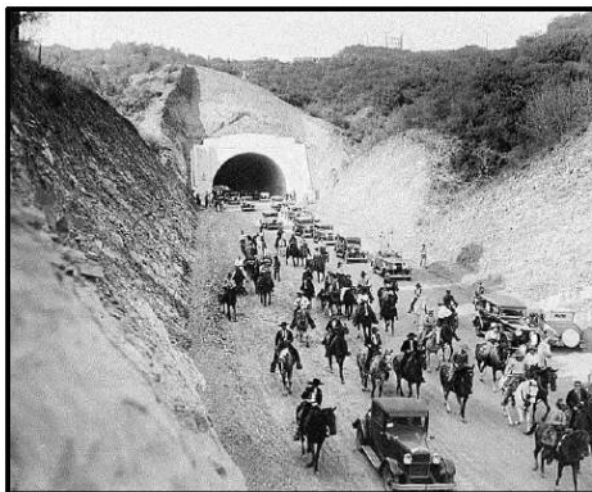
Hope we see these fall colors on our November trip!



I wonder how many ways these three guys had thought about how to fix one problem.



Is this Model A lost in the desert in Arizona?



Model As & Horses leading on Opening Day of the Sepulveda Tunnel through the Santa Monica Mountains in California in September 1930.