Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club Newsletter



The Running Board



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President's Memo

Hello Everyone!

It is the time of year that seems everything moves fast. This weekend is Halloween, then Thanksgiving, and before you know it it's Christmas and a new year begins.

I'm sorry I didn't get to go to Winnsboro this year, but I'm glad Cedar Creek Model A Club was represented there.

In just nine days we will make our three states trip to Oklahoma, Arkansas, and back. I know it will be good and our thanks to Nancy for setting it up with all the details and plans.

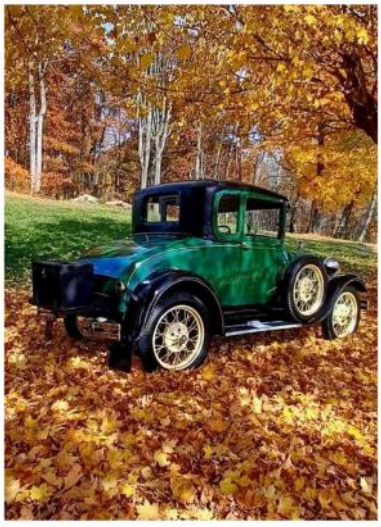
Several met for our mid month luncheon at Q and Brew in Canton. We tasted the new owner's menu.

Also we want to acknowledge Anna Hildebrand's death. Most of the Cedar Creek club attended the funeral. Anna and Walt were great members of the Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club as well as the National Model A Club.

See everyone Tuesday, November 3 at 3 PM.

Thanks for all you do for the club,

Herman Dentler, President



Beautiful Car in the Fall colors.

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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
September 1, 2026

Herman Dentler got the meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer. We had no visitors to introduce.

Herman asked if everyone had gotten the minutes and if we wanted to accept them. Fredye Quain and Carolyn Vick made motions to accept them. The financial report was given and accepted by Lynda Dentler and Chuck Cheshire

It was good to have Julia Waterman join us. We hadn't seen her in quite a while. There were 2 birthday members present. We sang Happy Birthday to Kimberly Wagliardo and Lou Carpenter.

Texas Tour updates: Fredye Quain is going to furnish the stage. Nancy Cheshire is storing the items we collect for the raffles. She has ordered the patches and dash patches. She has also filled out the form to get the Canton fund money. The Canton visitor center is furnishing the paper tote bags for the goody bags. They are also going to be able to add some things to it and provide the name tag holders. We are hoping to get 4 or 5 thousand dollars from this fund.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 12: We are going to meet other clubs in Mineola at 1PM and enjoy an old movie at the downtown theater. At 11PM we will meet the Tyler Club at the Jalapeno Tree for lunch.

September 16: Nancy has planned a trip to check out the Van Oil Museum and Brisket Love Barbecue. Both places are stops planned for the Texas Tour. This will also be our monthly lunch. We will meet at the museum at 11AM and then go to lunch afterwards.

Herman has talked to Jess Parker. He is dropping out of the club. His car is up for sale.

The raffle brought in $15 dollars. Meeting was adjourned by motions from Fredye and Chuck.

Sincerely, *Lou Carpenter* Secretary/Treasurer



Model A Bumper Specifications

1928–1929 Models & 1930–1931 Models

Front Bumper Length: 64½ inches

62⅞ inches (Early 1930)
60 inches (August 1930–1931)

Design Characteristic: Feature a distinct, deeper end curve. Slightly flatter and shorter profile.

Original Material Finish: High-luster chrome or nickel plate on the outer face; dull finish on edges/back.

Component Anatomy
A complete assembly cannot be mounted using just the bars; you will need the specific multi-piece hardware kit to connect everything safely to the chassis:

Bumper Bars: Two horizontal parallel steel bars forming the front face or the rear "split" guards.

Bumper Brackets (Arms): Heavy forged or stamped iron braces that bolt directly onto the frame horns. Brackets differ strictly between the 1928–29 and 1930–31 geometry.

Center Clamp & Backing Plate: An oval or round decorative medallion that cinches the two main horizontal bars together in the middle.

End Spacers & Bolts: Special hardware and heavy-duty spacing washers used to clamp the outermost tips of the parallel bars securely together.



1928 Model A Fordor
with a 1941 Kaiser wood gas generator



MEETING MINUTES

Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club
Monthly Meeting
October 6, 2026

VP Chuck Cheshire opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. There were no guests. Minutes of the last meeting were delayed in the newsletter due to Lou Carpenter's trip. They will be posted in the November newsletter along with the October minutes.
Fredye Quain was the only birthday person present for October.

Old Business: The budget for the 2027 Texas Tour was presented and the donation from the Canton Visitors Center of $2250 was noted. A Fajita Buffet of steak or chicken and sides for the Farewell Dinner was chosen by the members present with Herman and Lynda Dentler and Lou Carpenter having expressed their choice of Fajitas in a text message to Nancy Cheshire. The Registration form was presented with the cost for a couple to be no more than $220. Children under 13 will be free. It will be sent to all clubs in Texas and neighboring states and placed on the website. Anyone can register by mail now. The website will be open for online registration by December 1. The dash plaques and patch for the 2027 Texas Tour have arrived and were passed around for all members to see. The Welcome Dinner was confirmed to be hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, and peach cobbler. It was noted that the Stuffed Potato with salad and choice of chopped brisket or turkey would be the lunch for the Grand tour. A copy of the certificate for the winners of the Hubley Derby was shown.

Upcoming Events: Winnsboro Autumn Trails Weekend is Oct. 23-25. John Shore and Harris Lege said they were going. Harris said it may be his last time to go. Trip to OK and AR will be Nov. 9-12.
Location for October Monthly lunch will be the Q & Brew in Canton, Texas at 1 pm.
Kim Wagliardo won the raffle and got a Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club T-shirt.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Carolyn Vick. Fredye Quain seconded it.
Sincerely,
Nancy Cheshire serving in place of Lou Carpenter, Secretary/Treasurer

Henry Ford **Village and city**

Henry Ford was very interested in developing village industries. He built small factories in Michigan so that people could work and farm during different seasons. His idea was also to use agricultural products in industrial production, including soybean-based plastic automobile components.





November Birthdays

Myles Pennington	**11/14**
Larry Wagliardo	**11/15**



Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Hope everyone is staying healthy.

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

We care!

From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

Hello November! Cooler weather and rain ahead. Looking forward to our Three States tour Nov. 9-12. Hope we see some fall foliage!

Things are moving along on the 2027 Texas Tour. Registration form, etc. was emailed to all newsletter editors of the Texas clubs. Received our first mail in registration. Website registration will be ready by December.



See you at the meeting.

The fall season is here finally!

Nancy Cheshire

Out and About with the Model A

Herman Dentler as chauffeur for a couple who married at their church.





Monthly Lunch was at Q & Brew Barbeque

Herman Dentler, the Quains, Vicks, and Cheshires were present. The menu has changed apparently because of the new owners, Gabriel Ranch. The Barn has been painted white and the old Silver Spur signs have been removed. A new sign, The Barn at G Ranch Venue, has been placed at the entry to the area.

It was good to view the changes at the Barn. The inside is under renovation also. We will have to check it out early next year. Hoping the cabins and RV park will open soon.

We missed our other club members.



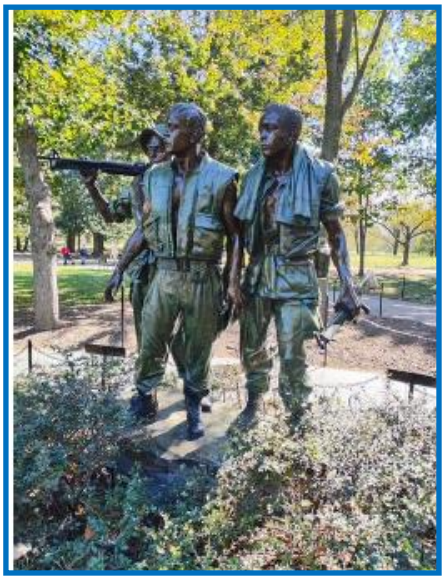


A Pardoned Turkey



Veteran's Day November 11





This Month of in Ford Model "A" History

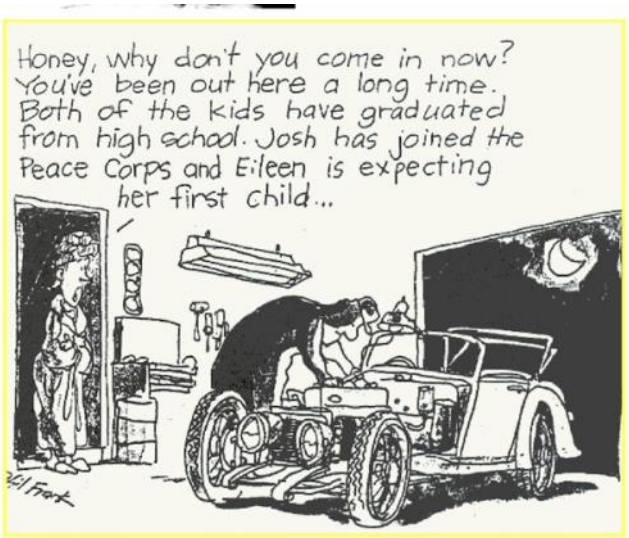
In November 1929 Ford Prepared to Enter the Decade of the 1930's



As America struggled with the aftermath of the October 1929 stock market crash, Ford Motor Company was preparing an important transformation of its popular Model A. November marked the transition from the 1929 to the 1930 models. Ford slowed assembly operations and temporarily closed certain assembly plants to accommodate updated styling, including redesigned fenders, a taller radiator shell, and a revised hood and cowl.

The changeover did not happen overnight. Production of the updated 1930 models began at Dearborn in late 1929, while regional assembly plants gradually followed. By December, numerous Ford plants across the country were producing the new models, with the remaining facilities completing their transitions by January 1930. Thus, some of the earliest 1930 Model A Fords were actually manufactured in 1929!

Despite the gathering economic storm, Ford had enjoyed a remarkable year, reclaiming the American automobile sales crown from Chevrolet. The Model A would continue its successful run through 1931, with limited production extending into early 1932. For Ford enthusiasts, November 1929 represents an interesting chapter in Model A history—the moment the familiar 1928–1929 styling began giving way to the distinctive appearance of the 1930–1931 models.



Well, that's too long.

You've been in the garage too long when every tool you own is out of your toolbox and on the bench or the floor.

You've been in the garage too long when you do the same job twice… or maybe three times… and do it wrong each time.

You've been in the garage too long when you cut your finger and it doesn't even bleed through the grease.

You're been in the garage too long when your wife tells you that the kids are gone for the afternoon and you keep working on the "A".



What was Thanksgiving like during the Great Depression?

On Thanksgiving Day, businesses and stores closed to give people time to spend with their families, though some sawmills continued production. Churches held union, or joint, Thanksgiving services. Groups organized inexpensive gatherings and parties around or on the holiday.

Herbert Hoover's proclamation for Thanksgiving.

...Now, Therefore, I, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, November 27, 1930, as a National Day of Thanksgiving, and do enjoin the people of the United States so to observe it, calling upon them to remember that many of our people are in need and suffering from causes beyond their control, and suggesting that a proper celebration of the day should include that we make sure that every person in the community, young and old, shall have cause to give thanks for our institutions and for the neighborly sentiment of our people...

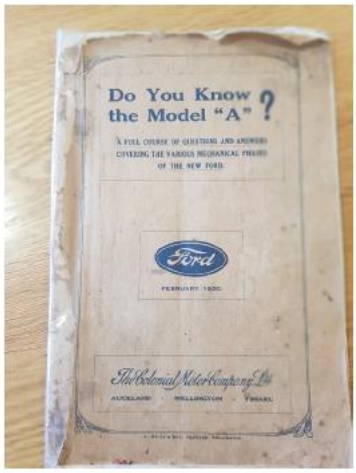
Fun Thoughts:

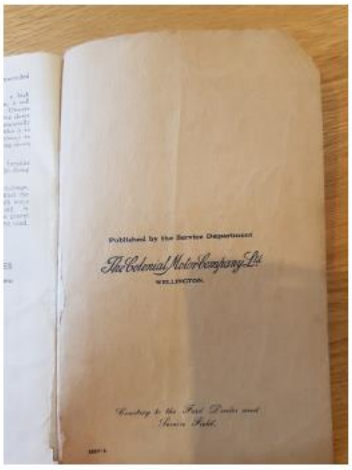
It is believed that originally all garments fastened from right to left. In the early days, however, when man was engaged in the hunt and chase, and later, when wielding the sword as a knight, he invariably drew his weapon with his right hand from the left side. With the garment fastened, the right edge over the left, his quick action was greatly hindered. This awkward situation changed the order of fastening the garment, and it was reversed.

Like many old customs, no one's really sure how the button-side switcheroo came to dominate fashion. Such a design choice would have made sense if, say, all women were left-handed and all men were right-handed. But because about 90 percent of people are right-handed, that's clearly not the reason. So, what gives?

According to one popular theory, it might have to do with how middle- and upper-class European women used to dress. During the Renaissance and the Victorian Era, women's clothing was often much more complicated and elaborate than men's—think petticoats, corsets and bustles—and therefore more difficult for the wearer to secure themselves. "Women—particularly wealthy women—wore elaborate items and often enjoyed the luxury of being dressed by a servant," as *Mental Floss*' Caitlin Schneider wrote in 2015. To make it easier for servants (right-handed ones, that is) to button up their employers' dresses, clothiers might have started sewing buttons on the opposite side. Men's shirts, meanwhile, were designed for wearers to button on their own. Eventually, as mass-produced clothing became more and more common, the design became standard.

"Why has this tradition carried into the modern era, when women can dress themselves, thank you very much?" wrote Benjamin Radford for Live Science in 2010. "There's no real reason the buttons couldn't be switched. It's just that nobody has bothered to change a tradition that few people notice or complain about in the first place."





DO YOU KNOW THE MODEL "A"?

A Course of Questions with Detailed Answers Covering

Various Mechanical Phases of the NEW FORD.

ARTICLE 5.

THE TRANSMISSION.

Question 15. What lubrication does the transmission require? How much? How often?

Answer 15. About once every 5,000 miles, the drain plug should be removed from the bottom of the transmission housing and the old oil drained out, and flushed with kerosene. The lubricant, 600-W or its equivalent, should be poured in until it reaches the level of the filler hole on right- hand side of transmission case. This will be about one quart. The above is as important as changing the oil in the engine crankcase.

Question 16. What reasonable care should be taken in the use of the transmission of any gear shift car?

Answer 16. Since the majority of transmissions run so quietly, cars can be driven at 40 miles an hour in second gear. At this speed, the transmission gears are revolving at a very high speed and thus throw all the lubricant away from the gear teeth against the sides of the gear box casting. This lubricant is thrown away more quickly than it can drain back on to the gears, and consequently there is metal-to-metal contact in the gear teeth. This results in very rapid wear on these parts. Precaution must therefore be taken that the car or truck is not driven at high speeds in second gear for any length of time. Be reasonable.

Question 17. What care should be taken in the use of clutch pedal?

Answer 17. Don't ride the clutch pedal. Many drivers do this without realising it, and will deny it strenuously. Riding the clutch pedal keeps a constant strain (at high speed) on the clutch thrust bearing assembly and imposes a severe end thrust on the front ball bearing of the transmission which at the same time may be carrying a heavy radial load. A good car deserves a good driver.

Technical Tips

Jim's Tech Tips

"The Oil Return Pipe Changed in 1929"

When working on an engine, especially one that a Shade Tree Mechanic® has worked on before you, you need to be aware that the "Valve Chamber Cover" changed design, and the "Oil Return Pipe" that's bolted to the side of the engine, behind the carburetor, changed length in May, 1929. See a copy of the Ford Service Bulletin below.

CHANGE IN VALVE CHAMBER COVER

The location of the oil return pipe hole in the valve chamber cover has been lowered and the length of the oil return pipe slightly increased.

This change lowers the oil level in the valve chamber; prevents any possibility of oil being thrown up around the valve springs and reduces oil consumption.

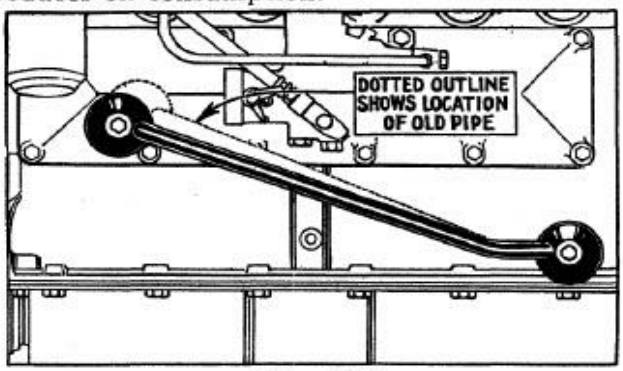


Fig. 695

When replacing an oil pipe be sure to install the two A-22430 cylinder oil return pipe gaskets. One of these gaskets must be installed between cylinder block and both ends of oil pipe.

The new oil return pipe and valve chamber cover are not interchangeable with the old design parts.

If you are trying to install an Oil Return Pipe that does not want to fit correctly without a bit of "persuasion", you might have a mixed pair of valve chamber cover and oil return pipe. If one is from before the change and the other is from after the change, they can fight you. You will want to swap out one of the parts to match the other (and use the referenced gaskets).

Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*
Jim

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Lunch

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



CCMAFC Annual Christmas Party

to be held at the Cheshires
at 8450 Fallow Run,
Larue, TX 75770

on Saturday, December 5, 2025,

at 11:30 am.

Meat will be provided by the Dentlers.
Tea and coffee will be provided, also.
Sign up to bring a salad, a side, or dessert

Bring a wrapped white elephant gift
also for a fun event and an upwrapped toy.



On the Road Again to ..... Canton, Texas –

Home of 1st Monday Trade Days

64th Texas Tour, June 24-27, 2027



The Barn at G Ranch Venue
13785 TX-19, Canton, TX 75103

Registration is open by mail using the form.

Online Registration will open in December.

We hope you plan to attend.

There are interesting and fun activities planned.

Raffles will be available.

Hospitality, Tours,

Car Games,

Hubley Derby, Fashion Walk



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$85 + tax per night
Breakfast included
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Pets allowed
No smoking
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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
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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

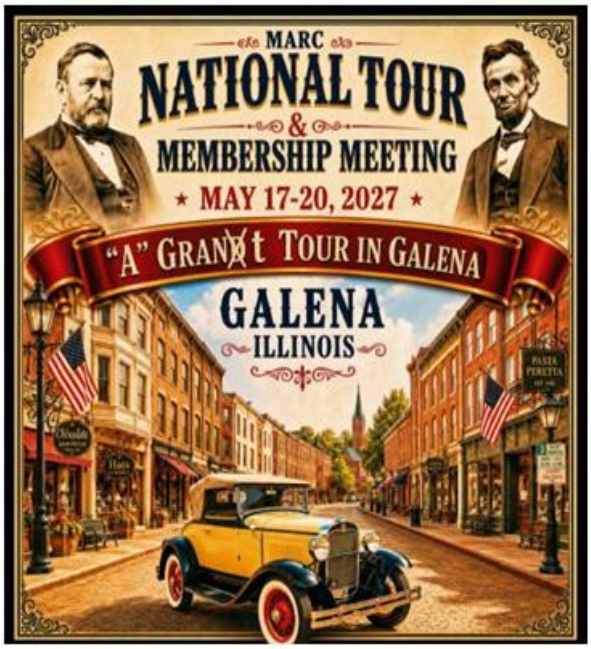


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17299 S I-20, Canton, TX
$65 + tax per night
No breakfast
30 rooms blocked
Pets allowed
Trailer Parking
No smoking
903-567-6588

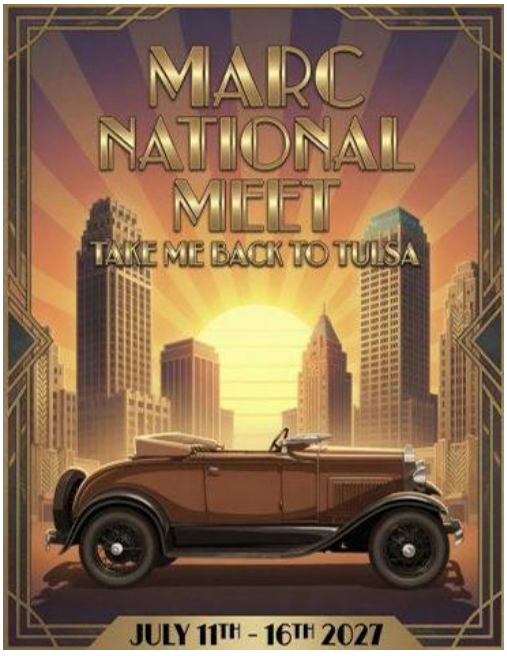
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NATIONAL CLUB NEWS











2026 Event Calendar

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)**



A Texas Thanksgiving Story

Texas has 254 counties and over 10,000 named places with everything from large cities to the tiniest of towns. With this variety there are a lot of unique names for the various locations. There are also multiple locations across Texas with the same name as a place in a different county. With that in mind, here is a Texas Thanksgiving story I hope you enjoy (even though it may be a little corny at times) using as many Texas locations as possible. All of the Texas locations are highlighted in **CAPITAL** letters. If you are unfamiliar with one of the locations, do a Google search. More information can be found at the Texas State Historical Association website under tshaonline.org/search.

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate the things for which we are most thankful including friends and family. Most everyone will be eating **TURKEY** with all of the usual trimmings, vegetables, and pies. Food prices are not what they have been in past years and some people will spend a lot of **DINERO** or **CASH** for the meal, but that is alright. My thought on this is "To each his own". The most important thing is to begin with a **BLESSING**, be **HAPPY**, and share the **JOY** with friends. Above all, do not be **MOODY** and spoil the fun for everyone else.

Relatives will be arriving from a variety of locations across the state. Aunt **AGNES** and Uncle **ODELL BRADSHAW** have said they will be there with their children **TWIN SISTERS, BUDA** and **BUNA**. Daughter **BULA** will be coming, too. Their other daughter Mary, who is also known as **WEEPING MARY**, has had a lifetime of suffering with bouts of depression and will hopefully be able to attend. The **BRADSHAW** family home is a small **DUPLEX** in **BANGS** so they will enjoy getting out and visiting with everyone.

The weather can be hard to predict this time of the year so some locations may experience a little **DEW** on the ground or even some **FROST.**

I know that everyone is interested in the food. Many will begin the day **EARLY** with a breakfast that may include a PANCAKE or a bowl of **OATMEAL**. Some will add a **RAISIN** to one of these items while others may enjoy a large glass of **ORANGE** juice.

The **TURKEY** will probably have some form of dressing with it. The dressing may be made with cornbread, **RICE**, or even have a **NOODLE** base. Some **CRISP BACON** chips may be mixed into the dressing. Some may choose to go the non-traditional route and serve **SALMON** or **ANGUS** beef as the main meat item. Fried or boiled **OKRA** may be one of the vegetables. Bread selections may be hot rolls, **PUMPKIN** bread, or even a **RYE**. Fruits of the day may include some type of fruit slices such as **MELON, APPLE, ORANGE,** or **PLUM**. **CAESAR** dressing will be available for the salads. Of course the main entrée will be located in the **CENTER** of the table. The finest **CHINA** will be used for everything.



Desserts will probably be a pie made with **PUMPKIN**, (**PUNKIN** is often the colloquial term), **APPLE, PECAN**, or a combination of **PUMPKIN** with **PECANs** mixed in. Many will add a large spoon of **COOL** Whip cream on top of their pie.

The afternoon may be spent visiting, watching a football game, or playing a **DOMINO** game.

It matters not what you choose to do but above all have fun, enjoy the day with family and friends, eat sensibly, and drive carefully.

Written by *Bill Holcomb* of the Dallas Model A Ford Club