



# Model A Club News

February 2012

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### President's Message

Hello Members.

Well, didn't we get the year started right with our first meeting at the DQ? We had a great turnout filling up the meeting room. It seems like we are having more members staying later and enjoying the good fellowship that makes us a better club.

Our first breakfast was a huge success. We met at the Kitchen Table in Eustace with 22 members and one guest. After a great breakfast and a lot of conversation, some of our members went to see Yankee's new home place and a shop that he says we can use for

Tech sessions. Our next breakfast will be February 15th. I made a list of some of the restaurants that we can visit.

As you can see our club has come a long way in the past years thanks to our members and their untiring support of our club. We would like to hear from you as we approach our 10th anniversary. Come to our meetings or reach us via email to see how you can help make this a memorable occasion.

See you at our next meeting on February 7th.

Walter

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### Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club

Minutes of meeting  
January 3, 2012

President, Walter Hellebrand, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points. Walt led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were twenty-seven members present. Three Model A's were driven today.

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Walt welcomed everyone and asked for any additions or corrections to the previous minutes. A correction was discussed regarding the number of Model A's driven to the December meeting. It was decided that the minutes, as written, will be accepted. Chuck Sportsman motioned to accept the minutes. Bill Capps seconded the motion

Bill Wittner presented the financial report for the month of December.

Sue Capp's Sunshine Report: O.V. Cliver has pneumonia and has been in the hospital. He says that after he takes three more pills, he will be well.

Birthdays: Bill Capps, Joe Creecy, Jody Letchworth, Billy Carpenter, Debra Hayner, Beth Piranio and Tonnie Hemphill. Happy birthday was sung to all present.

Ola will setup a tour when he finds the phone number.

The Kemp Police Department thanked the club for the quantity and quality of the toys given for their campaign to provide toys to deserving children at Christmas.

Walt announced that the 44<sup>th</sup> Poor-Boy Tour will be on March 23-24 in Brenham. Must be a member of the Houston Club, Piney Woods Club or Victoria Club or be a guest to attend. There are four or five Houston Club members in our club.

Texas Tour will be held June 14-17 in Marble Falls. Cost per family is \$150, but this covers everything.

After discussion, it was decided that those interested meet for breakfast on the third Wednesday of each month at 8 AM. The January breakfast will be consumed at The Kitchen Table in Eustace on January 18. [Secretary's Note: Twenty-two members and one guest met for a good breakfast and good conversation]. Future locations will be announced at the meetings.

John Shore won the raffle with ticket number 995183.

Since the six-month losers raffle was not held at the Christmas Party, it was done at the meeting, with Bill Capps taking the \$50 prize.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6 PM by Johnny Bell, seconded by Chuck Sportsman.

Bill Wittner  
Secretary/Treasurer

### **Directory Update**

**You all have a new club directory now. Here are updates to pencil in:**

Harold and Tonnie Hemphill  
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**Happy  
BIRTHDAY**

**Birthdays in February**

Ed Cliver	02/10
John Shore	02/12
Jo Ann Cliver	02/18
Wallace Kemp	02/21



**Happy Birthday**

**Sunshine Report – Sue Capps**

Billy Carpenter's surgery went well..He is home and doing rehab. Was at the January Breakfast and was looking real good.

OV is having some tests

Shorty is getting better---ENT Dr reports nothing serious in his throat, just inflamed and irritated.

Sandra Lee is scheduled for back surgery on Feb 1.

Sue Capps



**49<sup>TH</sup> MODEL "A" FORD TEXAS TOUR  
JUNE 14-17, 2012  
MARBLE FALLS, TEXAS**

Registration form: <http://www.alamomodela.com/registration2012.pdf>

## Coming Events

For more information visit: [www.CedarCreekAs.org](http://www.CedarCreekAs.org)

**FEB 07, 2012 -- CCMAFC Meeting** - Held at the Dairy Queen Seven Points, Tx. Tire kickin' starts about 5:00 PM, meeting starts at 5:30 PM.

**FEB 15, 2012 -- February Breakfast** - We get together at 8a.m. every month on the third Wednesday. Breakfast somewhere. Will be decided at the February club meeting.

**FEB 24-26, 2012 -- Decatur Swap Meet** - First swap meet of the year.

**MAR 06, 2012 -- CCMAFC Meeting** - Held at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points, Tx. Tire kickin' starts about 5:00 PM, Meeting starts at 5:30 PM

**MAR 15-16, 2012 -- Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet** – Chickasha, Okla. Thursday March 15th & Friday March 16th. Grady County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 7a.m. World's Largest Early Auto Meet

**MAR 23-24, 2012 -- Poor Boy Tour** - Brenham, Tx.

**MAR 31-APR 01, 2012 -- DFW Swap Meet** - LaGrave Field, 600 N Main St. Ft Worth. Cars and Parts.

**APR 03, 2012 -- CCMAFC Meeting** - Held at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points, Tx. Tire kickin' starts at 5:00 PM, meeting starts at 5:30 PM.

**APR 26-29, 2012 -- Pate Swap Meet** - Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth

**MAY 05, 2012 -- Emory Founders Day** - Parade and good food

**MAY 26, 2012 -- Ennis Polka Festival** - Parade and Czech Events

**JUN 14-17, 2012 -- 49th Texas Tour** - The 2012 Texas Tour will be held in Marble Falls, TX, hosted by the Alamo A's. The host hotel is the LaQuinta (830) 798-2020 and the alternate hotel is the Holiday Inn (830) 693-0707. Marble Falls is located near Lake LBJ and Lake Marble Falls. It is described as a neat shopping town for antiques and collectibles. Let's have a good representation at this Texas Tour!

**SEP 13-16, 2012 -- Southwest Swap Meet** - Wise County Rodeo Grounds in Decatur. Sponsored by the Dallas MAFC.

## Wednesday Breakfast

At the January club meeting several mentioned the loss of our used-to-be-regular breakfast get-together. It was decided that the club would meet the third Wednesday of each month for breakfast. Place will be decided at each club meeting.

January "Wednesday Breakfast" was held on January 18 at The Kitchen Table in Eustace. There were 22 members and 1 guest present and a whole gaggle of Model A's! A good turn-out.



Photos by Bill Lee

# R&R the Radius Ball

Bill Lee  
January 2012

I've spent a lot of time the past couple of months rolling around on the creeper underneath my A. In addition to new front brakes (adapting the Bendix brakes off a '48-'53 Ford Pick up), I decided to see what the radius ball looked like.

On occasion, when driving slow and hitting a sharp bump, I would get a banging sound that sounded like it was coming from the area of the radius ball. Not knowing what to expect, I asked for some help from a couple of the club members, and their guidance reassured me that I could do this simple job.



Taking off the nuts on the radius ball cap, I discovered several things. First, there were no cotter pins, no spacers, no springs, and the caps were cast iron. Inside the caps, the ball was encased in a rubber ball.

As you can see the rubber ball was seriously deteriorated.

The original restoration of my car was done about 25 year ago, and the car has just over 4,000 miles on it since then. I suspect that time and continuous oil soak caused the rubber to deteriorate, although the major area of damage is at the bottom of the radius ball.



I did a bit of analysis of the rubber ball and the cast iron caps. I cut the ball around the circumference at the mold line that was still visible on the ball. Looking at the pieces, you can see that the ball is noticeably thinned on the left side in the picture, and that corresponds to the totally disintegrated area that was the front half of the ball. In the picture, the area of the rubber that was on the bottom of the radius ball is at the left of each piece.



Examining the radius ball itself, I found that the ball looked worn on the bottom half. I think the ball was painted totally black when the restoration was done. You can see in the picture that the bottom half of the ball is now bare metal. All signs of “blackness” is gone there, but still is apparent on the top half.

I used a dial caliper and measured the ball as best I could. The ball is supposed to be 1-1/2” diameter. The ball on my car was worn some. It is about .050” small side-to-side (1.450”) and about .090” small top-to-bottom (1.410”).

I then measured the various dimensions on the cast iron cups and the rubber ball.



The inside diameter of the cast iron cup cavity is 1.850”. This dimension was measured at the opening of each piece as well as by measuring the depth of each piece and adding.

The rubber thickness measured on the top of the rubber ball was about .150” while on the side where it had worn, it was only about .110”. The rubber thickness was measured after cutting the rubber ball in half (see the second picture).

Adding some numbers: the normal diameter of the radius ball is 1.500”. The rubber ball wall thickness is .150” or .300” total. When the rubber ball is surrounding the radius ball, the sum of these dimensions is 1.800”. As you can see the rubber encased radius ball is NOT a snug fit within the cavity of the cast iron caps, and this is only exacerbated by the wear apparent on the radius ball on my car.

I think I can safely point at this as the source of the suspension banging I had started to encounter: too much “slop” in the radius ball mount.



A call to Piranio's and Beth sent me the radius ball kit (part #A-3440-A, aka at Snyder's as A-3440-S) The felt isn't part of the kit, I ordered it separately.

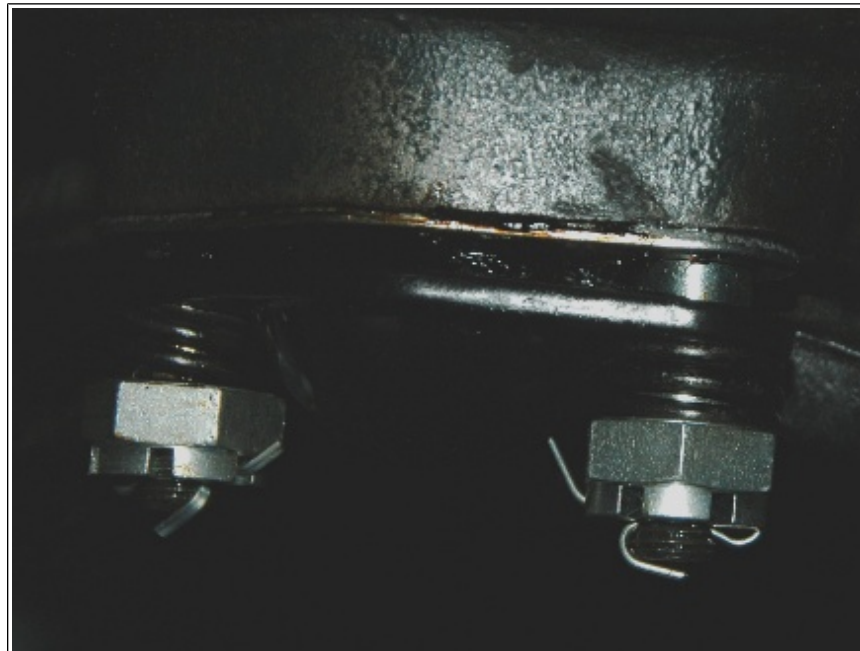
I had already obtained the cupped washer.



Assembly was really a trivial exercise. I dragged a floor jack under the car and used a piece of wood as a spacer. The jack was just an easy way to hold the radius ball and wishbone up tight to the bottom of the fly wheel housing while I was assembling all of the pieces.

I first put it all together without the cupped washer, but the two caps were very close to touching when fully tightened, due I presume to the wear on my radius ball. So I took it apart and added the cupped washer. A very liberal dose of grease during assembly was all it took. I had to use some smaller 3/32" cotter pins instead of the 1/8" pins that were in the kit since the holes in the bolts were too small for the 1/8" pins.

Now to get all the other stuff done and get the car back on the road!





## MAFFI Museum Update

**From:** Stan Johnson MAFFI President

**Subject:** Model A Museum Design Completion Near

The architect working on the details of the Model A museum design is scheduled to complete his work in mid-February. Design details such as the brick style and the amount of insulation are being decided, one by one. The location of the engraved bricks will be decided soon. The goal is to sell 500 more bricks so that additional clubs and individual Model A'ers will be permanently recorded at the museum. That number of bricks will raise the additional money needed to build and outfit the museum, and will help assure its future. The Museum fund is now at the \$850,000 level as the result of a few recent large donations on top of many smaller donations over the years. That is almost enough to build the building, but an additional amount is still needed in case there are unforeseen problems during construction and to pay for expenses related to moving into the building and setting up the displays. So buy a brick this month and live forever at the Model A Ford Museum.

Stan

### **A Modern David**

**The Ford is my auto, I shall not want (another)  
It maketh me to lie down beneath it,  
It soreth my soul.  
It leadeth me into the paths of ridicule  
For its name sake.  
Yea though I ride through the valleys,  
I am towed up the hill.  
I fear much evil, my rods and my engine  
discomfort me.  
I annoint my tires with patches,  
My radiator runneth over.  
I repair my blowouts in the presence  
of mine enemies.  
Surely, if this thing follows me all the  
days of my life  
I shall dwell in the dog house forever.**

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## For Sale

Yankee has new 3X spark plugs for sale.  
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### Possible Breakfast spots:

DQ	Seven Points
DQ	Kemp
Lakeside Cafe	198 GBC
Mom's Kitchen	198 Mabank
McClains Cafe	Seven Points
Pitt Grill	Mabank
Western Cafe	Kemp
Yellow Rose	Seven Points

### Ponderisms

Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Do you ever wonder why you gave me your email address?

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box too start a campfire?

## Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your CCMAFC Membership!

If you have not done so, please send \$15 to

**Bill Wittner – CCMAFC**

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