



# Model A Club News

November 2016

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## President's Message

October 27, 2016

Hello A's,

I attended the Lewis Swap Meet; impressive this year. A large number of vendors.

The monthly breakfast held at Athens Café had 15 members in attendance. Always a great place for breakfast.

Emma "AKA" Carrie-A- Nation, and I attended our first Autumn Trails Tour. Sixteen members and two guest attended the event. We had great food and fellowship. Our club ladies & Walt dressed the era of 1920's. The Winnsboro Club hosted a good event. During the Saturday night dinner, we had a pleasant surprise! Our very own Julia Watermen was the recipient of the 2016 "Ima Willis" award. Julia's daughter was in attendance to present her with the award. Ima was the wife of Bob Willis, a long time dedicated member of the Winnsboro Club.

On the return trip from Winnsboro; Walt Hellebrand had drivetrain problems and was trailered home. I had water pump pulley problems but I limped home.

We, the club members, need to contact and encourage our absentee club members to attend our club meetings. Bring a guest to our monthly meeting, Tuesday, November 1st at the Seven Points DQ, time 5:30 p. m., see you there.

Gerald Phariss, President

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## ...and what happened to Ken's camera.

I hope you folks remember, but just in case you don't here is the reminder. Several weeks ago I took lots of pictures at the Model A Ford Day event with the intent of giving them to CCMAFC for use in the newsletter. Then a couple days after the event when I looked for my camera in order to download the pictures, the camera had disappeared.

My coupe had an electrical malfunction and died on me, on the way home from the Old Mill Museum and I had to hitch a ride home from a passing by good Samaritan. My first thought was I left the camera in the good Samaritan's truck and since I did not know his name or phone number all I could do was wait and hope he would realize where that strange camera in his truck came from – then return it to me. I waited for several weeks and never heard from him or her ( his wife and kids were with him that day). Almost gave up.

Then a miracle happened. Do you guys and girls believe in miracles. I do.

As Paul Harvey would say – gee that was a long time ago - “here is the rest of the story”.

Lillian and I were headed somewhere in my new shiny pick em up truck and we could not get the new fangled Sirius radio gadget to work right. I told her to get the Owners Manual out of the glove compartment and we could read the engineer designed instructions and figure out how the buttons and numbers and symbols on the Sirius radio thingee work.

There in the shiny new red truck glove compartment was this camera we had been hoping and waiting and looking for. Don't ask me how it got there. I think it was a miracle.

Ken

### Ken's pictures



Bill taking picture of Ken taking picture



Ken taking picture of Bill taking picture



# Autumn Trails - 2016

October 21-23, 2016  
Winnsboro, TX

Late October is the historic annual "Autumn Trails" held in Winnsboro and hosted by the Autumn Trails Model A club. There were people from all over Texas, several from out-of-state as well. Our club was well represented with 16 members attending.

The primary gathering place is the Winnsboro park where a large swap meet was going on, adjacent to the city RV park. Some of our members trailered their cars and stayed in their RVs while others were in motels nearby.



The festivities always start on Friday evening at the

Willis' farm with the traditional stew and corn bread. A note: Bill and Sue were leading us from the park to the Willis farm when all of a sudden there was a mighty explosion and a cloud of black smoke from their car. Not running well at all, finally terminal.



After a few minutes beside the road John

Shore noticed that the coil wire had vibrated loose. Re-installed and all back running again.



As usual, if you say "food", our club will be right there!

Saturday is the parade! We all gather early in the morning (well, 10a.m. IS early for some!) at the Willis farm and then proceed down Hwy 11 into Winnsboro, north for a few blocks on Hwy 37 downtown, and



then everyone parked on the main street for a few hours so all can enjoy the old cars and the local shopping. But before we could go, Bill Capps noticed that the right-front tire was flat.

Lots of help getting the spare on only to find out it didn't have any air either!! Tex Willis to the rescue with a compressor in his "service" truck.



As Tex said, "It's only flat on the bottom!"

## Winnsboro – continued

The parade is a BIG thing! There were 86 Model A's and 182 cars total in the parade. It lasts a long time and is a very impressive display. All lined up for browsing. A whole bunch of beautiful cars! And etc.! :-)



Saturday after the parade and downtown showcase is spent in some short local tours and other festivities, culminated Saturday evening by the banquet in the big hall at the park.



Sunday morning is a great tour. We all meet at a local motel and then "Scarecrow" Willis leads us out. This



year we had the wonderful opportunity to stop mid-tour at Tex Willis' home where everyone enjoyed some refreshments and other necessary activities.

Highlights of the weekend included seeing many of

our ladies (and Walt, too) dressed in period clothes.

Also of note was the Ima Willis award given to Julia Waterman (see note below).



And Bill Capps did NOT get the hard luck award! :-)

## Ima Willis Award

The Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club nominated Julia Waterman for the Ima Willis award this year. This award is in honor and memory of Ima Willis, wife of John Willis who started the Autumn Trails club and October event years ago. This award is given to a Model A lady who enjoys the hobby, is active in the club, drives a Model A and is into the era fashions.

Julia with the help of our club members and some of the Dallas Model A club members got her Model A put together and running.

Julia Waterman won this years Ima Willis award. We, and her daughters are so proud of her. In her honor, some of our ladies dressed in era attire for the Saturday night banquet.

Sue Capps

Greetings to the Autumn Trails Model A Ford Club,

My name is Julie Waterman Wingard and I am Julia Waterman's 3rd and youngest daughter. I hear that she is being nominated for the Ima Willis Award and that Ima was once very into fashions when she and John created the club. My Mom Julia was, and is very into fashions as well. It was a source of so much fun for us girls in the Dallas Model A club growing up.

One of my favorite memories was when we stopped at an antique store while on a summer Texas Tour with the club. Now if you know my Mom, even a little bit, you know she energizes and motivates the people around her. On this particular day, the store had a trunk filled to the brim with era clothing that they let my Mom dig around in. I remember her face when she found a bell shaped cloche hat and pulled it carefully from the box. She was so excited she was telling me "oh they used to wear these in the late 20s and look at the carefully sewn handiwork; oh it's so beautiful they don't make things like this anymore, ooh it looks like it fits your head..." She set it aside and we continued to dig and look at everything else, and another lady came by and took that hat and headed speedily to the front and bought it for herself! Now don't worry it was not a painful loss, Mom still has a giant closet dedicated to the preservation of her era fashion collection; you should see it. Haha! I felt that day, and I still feel that the other lady heard my Mom gushing over that hat and it made her want to buy it even more!

I remember when it came time each year for the next Model A trip that she let us go into that closet and try on her collection of beautiful dresses. What a wonderful feeling it was when I became tall enough to wear a certain dress I had my eye on. Lots of laughing, yelling "hold still!" while carefully inching those 60+ year old dresses over our shoulders. "Suck in! The women back then were starving because of the Great Depression that's why the dresses are so skinny." Mom would say. Haha!

Mom has a knack for putting together impeccable era outfits. The dress, the purse, the hat, (sometimes the original tag), down to the original shoes were perfectly matched. She would find these items to help us rock out at a fashion show. One time she even found an original dress that wasn't in condition to wear, so she got her sewing machine out and made an identical reproduction that she wore at a World Tour where she got an Award of Excellence. I believe she made the dress without a pattern!

In all, my parents, Bruce and Julia, made the Model A Ford club a part of our childhood. It was a joy to ride the Model A in parades, and to attend the events and watch our parents laugh and enjoy being around people who love the Model A era too. Specifically with our mother, she was the connection that brought the joy of the fashions to us to experience. What a great memory!

Thank you for considering our Mom for the Ima Willis Award!

-Julie Waterman Wingard



## Tuesday ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday Breakfast

October 18, 2016



.The monthly “Tuesday Breakfast” was held October 18 at the Athens Cafe.

While members enjoyed the food and fellowship inside the restaurant, several



“Spectators” waited outside to put something down on a new car!

**Happy**  
**BIRTHDAY**

### Birthdays in November

Harold Hemphill	11/12
Yankee Smith	11/15
Clark Clay	11/20
Dianne Neill	11/30



**Happy Birthday!**

## Dinner with Julia October 28, 2016



Julia hosted many of our members and members from the Dallas Model A Ford Club to celebrate the efforts all have given to get her cars running.



## DQ Car Show



**From Shirley:**

Btw - the Danny van fund is over \$12K, so they are seriously looking to make it happen now. There are a lot of adoption events going on around the lake area almost every weekend and really need those wheels to get them there every weekend! A lot of dogs and cats are getting adopted. The car show

brought in around \$2300 (that included sales of mugs/t-shirts/50/50 from car show and cruise nites plus donations

**Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club**  
**Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2016**

President Gerald Pharris **called the meeting** to order at 5:30pm.

Gerald welcomed everyone and led the **pledge**.

He asked if everyone had read the **minutes** as published in the newsletter and asked for any corrections. Chuck Sportsman made the motion to accept the minutes. Bill Capps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The **financial report** was read. Jody Letchworth made the motion to accept the report. Bill Lee seconded the motion.

**Sunshine report:** John Shore has a brother who is ill.

Teena Shore's aunt passed away in Florida.

Walt reported that Virginia is doing well. He will be having hernia repair surgery in Athens tomorrow.

**Birthdays** were announced..

Jim Estes is celebrating his 90th birthday today.

Julia Waterman is celebrating her 70th birthday.

Bob Letchworth and Bob Beck also had October birthdays.

Happy Birthday was sung.

**Old Business.** There was none.

**New Business.** None

**Events:**

DQ car show is Saturday, October 8 to support the animal shelter and get a Danny Van to transport animals to adoption events.

Kerens Cotton Festival and Car show Saturday, October 15

Cedar Lake Nursing home is having a chili cook off and car display Friday, October 28

Julia is hosting the club to a BBQ at her home on Friday, October 28 at 4pm. She needs a head count please!

Tuesday monthly breakfast will be October 18 at The Athens Cafe 8am.

Winnsboro Autumn Trails Friday, October 21-23. Those driving will meet at Vetoni's and leave at 8:30am.

Bill Capps won the **raffle drawing**.

Walt Hellebrand made the **motion to adjourn**. Bill Capps seconded the motion.

The meeting **adjourned** at 5:59pm

Sue Capps



## CCMAFC Event Calendar

**NOV 01, 2016 -- Monthly meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points** -Tire kicking at 5pm. Meeting starts at 5:30pm.

**NOV 12, 2016 -- Car show at Edgewood Texas** - Car show at Edgewood to benefit Historical Society. Saturday, November 12 starting at 10am. I received a call from Steven Goode ...he is saving us front row parking...we need a headcount now...He has another car club coming and since he asked us last year..we get the best parking... Please let me know if you plan to join us...if you have not been to this, you do not want to miss it this time...the property is beautiful! They have an old time gas station, old time grocery store, train depot, little white church and more....please reply as soon as possible so I can call him back .to save our parking!, Thanks, Sue Capps 214-616-5813

**DEC 03, 2016 -- Annual Christmas Party/Chinese White Elephant gift exchange** - 11am at The RidgeRoom at Lake Ridge RV park in Gun Barrel City across from the Dairy Queen

## MAFCA ELECTION RESULTS

**From: Alex Janke, President**  
**Date: October 27, 2016**

The election for the MAFCA Board of Directors is over; this year we had seven candidates vying for five vacant positions on the board. These members have stepped forward to volunteer their time and experience to help keep MAFCA a world class organization.

Please join me and the current members of the MAFCA Board in congratulating the following members who have been elected to the 2017-2018 Board of Directors:

- **Jim Cannon** - Texas
- **Kay Lee** - Illinois
- **Jay McCord** - California
- **Garth Shreading** - Texas
- **David White** - Maine

The new board members will be officially installed at the Awards Banquet in Reno.



Jim Cannon



Kay Lee



Jay McCord



Garth Shreading



David White

**Julia Celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> in October with her family**



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