



# Model A Club News

April 2019

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## President's Memo

Hello, CCMAFC Members!

I ran across an old photo of a 1929 Model A Ford which was used for Rural Delivery in West Texas during the "Dust Bowl" years. Pictured is Herman Westbruck who worked for the USPS from 1919 until 1962. At the end of his career he served as Post Master at Plainview, Texas. Notice the canvas Mail bags in the back seat. I think that he used it up until the end of World War II when the Post Office was issued military Jeeps.

My car is out of commission again due to starter issues, however nothing serious.

Be sure to check on upcoming events. We are so thankful for Sue Capps keeping us informed.

Hope to see all of you for our next meeting at the Seven Points Dairy Queen.

MAX

(Editor's Note: Max told me later that "Herman Westbruck" was an uncle, became an American citizen and thus was able to get a Gov't job.)



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## Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club Monthly Meeting – March 5, 2019

President Max Westbrook called the **meeting to order** at 5:30p.m. and welcomed everyone. Max led us all in the pledge of allegiance.

Max asked if everyone had read the **minutes** as published in the newsletter and if there were any corrections. There were none. Walt Hellebrand made the motion to accept the minutes. Chuck Sportsman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The **financial report** was read. Gerald Phariss made the motion to accept the report. Chuck Sportsman seconded the motion.

### **Sunshine report:**

Lois Estes has passed away.  
Harold Hemphill will be having surgery and chemo.  
Gerald Phariss is still doing rehab.  
O.V. Cliver is still at Eddie's in Tyler.

### **Birthdays:**

Jim Blakeney

### **Old Business..**

There was none.

### **New Business:**

Max would like to do a community event and bring awareness about the club.

Bill Lee announced that he and Ken Parker are working on the Bluebonnet Tour for Tuesday, April 16, after the monthly breakfast at the DQ. Seven Points. Lunch will be at The Cotton Patch in Ennis. More discussion at the April meeting.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Tuesday Breakfast will be March 19 at The Athens Cafe at 8a.m.

Saturday, March 23 the Ben Wheeler Volunteer fire department will have a fish fry fund raiser. 4-7pm \$5/plate

Lou Carpenter won the **raffle** drawing.

Chuck Sportsman had a **Show and Tell**...a friend of Adron Neil gifted Model T and Model A Service bulletins. Bill Lee mentioned that he had scanned them into the computer and will do something with them if copyright issues can be worked out.

Gerald Phariss made the **motion to adjourn**. Walt Hellebrand seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23p.m.

Sue Capps

**Welcome New Members  
Chuck and Nancy Cheshire  
They will be building a home in Safari Waters in La Rue .**

## Sunshine Report

Jim Estes and the family in the loss of Lois  
Harold Hemphill is scheduled for surgery..followed up with chemo.  
Gerald Phariss is still in rehab  
O.V. Cliver is still in Tyler at Eddie's  
Shirley, her mother and her sister.

### Birthdays in April

Happy  
**BIRTHDAY**

Walt Hellebrand	04/08
David Beck	04/15
Nancy Kemp	04/15
Max Westbruck	04/19



Happy Birthday!



### CCMAFC Event Calendar

**APR 02, 2019 -- Monthly Meeting** - Tire kicking 5pm. Meeting starts at 5:30pm Dairy Queen in Seven Points

**APR 05-07, 2019 -- Poor Boy Tour** - must be a Houston club member. Hallettsville, Texas

**APR 16, 2019 -- Monthly Breakfast** 8am – DQ in Seven Points

**APR 16, 2019 -- Bluebonnet Tour** - We're planning a Bluebonnet tour this spring. will start with the Tuesday Breakfast (see above) at the DQ in Seven Points and will end in Ennis for early afternoon lunch.

**MAY 07, 2019 -- Monthly Meeting** - Tire kicking 5pm Meeting at 5:30pm Dairy Queen in Seven Points

**MAY 21, 2019 -- Monthly Breakfast** - 8am Location TBD

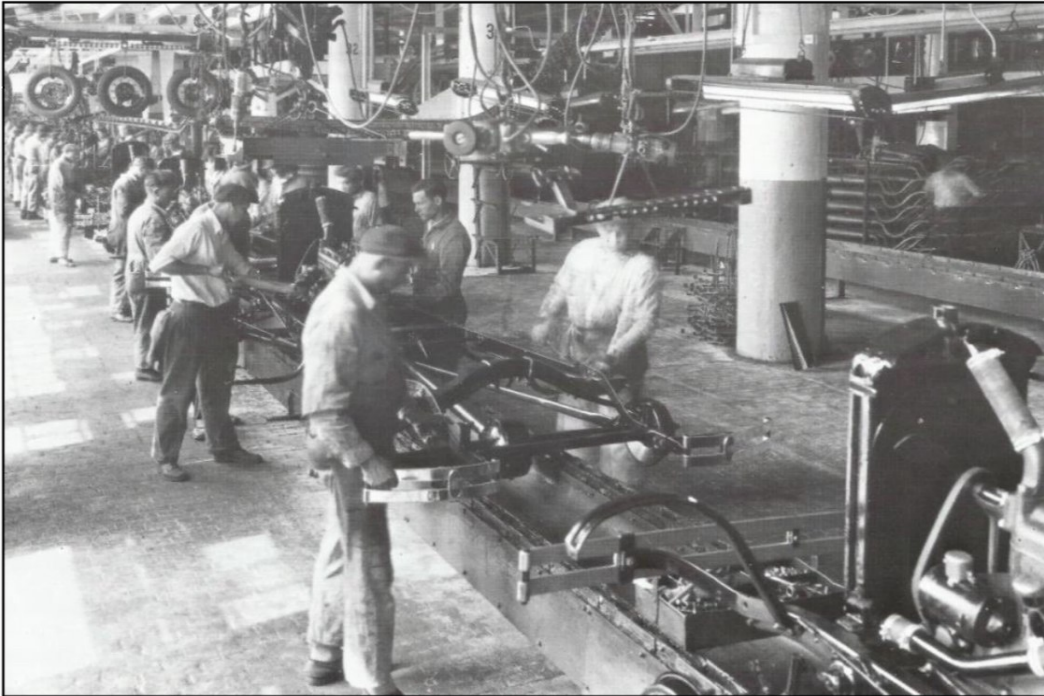
**JUN 13-15, 2019 -- Texas Tour** - Thu, Jun 13 - Sat, Jun 15, 2019. Registration begins Thursday. Fashion banquet Friday, June 14---Sat June 15 is the grand tour with lunch and evening banquet...home on Sunday!..... 56th Annual Texas Tour, Kerrville, TX DMAFC Tour Hosted by The Lone Star Model A Ford Club Kerrville, TX Host hotel: Y.O. Ranch Hotel & Resort Hotel Registration opens June 13, 2018 (877) 967-3767 2033 Sidney Baker Street Kerrville, TX Car Judging-June 14 Fashion Banquet-June 14 Grand Tour & Banquet-June 15 Home on Sunday!

# Cruise Nite – March 28, 2019 Whataburger in Athens

Six cars from our club. (Photos by Lynda Dentler)



# RISE OF THE ROBOTS



**Top:** Ford assembly plant in 1930, when the working man was an integral component in all phases of production.

**Bottom:** Ford assembly plant of today - not a human being in sight during this step in the operation. The increase of high technology in our society has many profound and far-reaching implications - financial, social, political, ecological and psychological.

## TECHNICAL TIP

*This month's Tech Tip is courtesy of [www.mafca.com/pub-restorer.html](http://www.mafca.com/pub-restorer.html)*

### **"Too Long!" By Tom Endy**

**In these applications, the wrong length bolt can cause trouble.**

When Henry designed the Model A Ford, he took into consideration the size, length, and orientation of every bolt on the car. After ninety years most Model A's still on the road have been taken apart and put back together ten times over. By now there are most likely incorrect bolts in a number of places on the car. There are a few locations that if too long of a bolt is installed or if the orientation is not correct, it can cause you a significant amount of grief. The purpose of this article is to identify these areas and describe how they can create a problem

**Zenith Carburetor Mounting Bolts** Note the forward bolt, if too long, will bottom on the casting protrusion and act as a fulcrum to break the mounting flange off. **The correct size bolt is 5/16-18x3/4 inch**



### **Transmission Retainer, Counter, and Reverse Idler Shaft**



A change was made in the machining of the cluster gear shaft in the manner in which it is retained at the rear of the transmission housing. The early shafts were retained with a 3/16 inch-thick retaining plate described as a retainer for the counter and reverse idler shafts. The length of the bolt used was one inch long. The change to the shaft requires a retaining plate that is only 1/16 inch thick. As a result, the length of the bolt was reduced to 3/4 inch long. The photo shows the later configuration on the left, the early on the right. When overhauling a transmission you may find the early configuration cluster shaft. Suppliers only supply the later configure cluster shaft. This will require the use of the thinner 1/16 inch-thick retaining strap. If you install it

with the original one-inch-long bolt, the end may contact the cluster gear and reverse idler gears where they mesh. It is therefore prudent to locate a 3/4-inch bolt or cut a quarter inch off the original one-inch bolt. The correct size bolt for the later cluster shaft is 3/8-16x3/4.

### **Starter Mounting Bolts**

The three starter mounting bolts are all the same length. However, the one in the top corner between the starter and the engine, if too long, will interfere with the flywheel and prevent the engine from rotating. The correct bolts are 3/8-16x1.



### **Flywheel to Crankshaft Mounting Bolts/Retainer**



The four flywheel to crankshaft mounting bolts must be the proper length. If they are too long, they protrude through and interfere with the rear main bearing housing and possibly do damage to it. The retainer disk must also be installed as it affects the overall length of the bolts. Lock washers should not be used as they will position the heads of the bolts such that they will contact the springs in the clutch disk. The correct bolt size is 7/16-20x13/16.

**Monthly Breakfast – March 19, 2019**  
**Athens Cafe – Athens, TX**



*(Photos by Lou Carpenter.)*



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## Thoughts

Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero outside they closed school? Yah, Me neither.

I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented.  
I forgot where I was going with this.

I love being 75, I learn something new every day and forget 5 others.

A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.

I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.

Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

### Who Thinks of these things?

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

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