



Model A Club News

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President's Memo

Hello, CCMAFC Members!

While waiting for our Bluebonnet tour group at The Cotton Patch Cafe in Ennis I sat out in the front. A very elderly lady was assisted to the bench I occupied and we conversed a bit and I showed her some of the cars which soon be at the restaurant.

"Oh I'd love to see them" she said.

Then she related that when she and her now departed husband were dating in the early 1930s that he owned a Model A Ford roadster, and that White Rock Lake in Dallas had frozen over.

Well, she said that "Sam" drove the car out on to the ice, and that in horror she watched the car break thru and slowly sink out of sight.

Her soon-to-be husband survived and joined her on the bank.

So, she said, somewhere on the bottom of White Rock Lake sets a Model A Ford Roadster.

Her daughter arrived, and she introduced me and asked if they could wait for the Model A's to get there, but the younger woman said that they couldn't.

So I thought I'd at least tell her story so that if anyone is looking for a Model A Ford roadster, there is one at the bottom of White Rock Lake

See you Tuesday!

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Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club Monthly Meeting – April 2, 2019

President Max Westbrook called the **meeting to order** at 5:35pm. He welcomed everyoneso glad to see Jim Estes. Max led the members in the **pledge** of the flag.

Max welcomed **new members** Charles and Nancy Cheshire who have moved from Dallas to LaRue. They were not present. We hope to see them next month.

He thanked a Bill Lee for his planning along with Ken Parker on the Bluebonnet Tour. Good job!

Max talked about an article of a Model A postal vehicle he brought.

He asked if everyone had seen a copy of the last month **minutes** as published in the newsletter... Walt Hellebrand made the motion to accept the minutes. Chuck Sportsman seconded the motion.

The **financial report** was read..Chuck Sportsman made the motion to accept the report..Herman Dentler seconded the motion.

Sunshine Report. It was good to see Jim Estes at the meeting.. Harold Hemphill is still having tests and is scheduled for surgery.

Birthdays: Walt Hellebrand, Max Westbrook, David Beck, Nancy Kemp. We sang Gappy Birthday to Walt and Max.

Old Business: Max is working on others in the community to bring the Singapore Slingers to Gun Barrel City for a night of cars and music. The band will charge \$1700. Looking for sponsors..will check with Cecil at the Gun Barrel City Legacy and the CC library.

New Business: there was none.

Events:

Bill Lee announced the plans for breakfast at the DQ and the Bluebonnet Tour on Tuesday, April 16

Poor Boy Tour in Hallettsville April 5-7

Tech Session: Max has some problems ...Walt has starter problems. Bob Letchworth is on it! He will help Max tomorrow!

Raffle Drawing was won by Bob Letchworth

Walt made the motion to **adjourn**...Chuck seconded it.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09pm

Sue Capps



Birthdays in May

**Happy
BIRTHDAY**

Carolyn Vick

05/12

Happy Birthday!



CCMAFC Event Calendar

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 04, 2019 -- Monthly Meeting Tire kicking 5pm. Meeting at 5:30pm Dairy Queen in Seven Points

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!

JUNE 18, 2019 -- Monthly Breakfast - 8am Location TBD

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

OCT 25-27, 2019 -- Autumn Trails Tour at Winnsboro - Friday 5pm Stew supper at the Willis Farm Saturday 9am Parade Lineup at the Willis Farm 10am Parade to Winnsboro Sunday. 9am Sunday Driving Tour

Sunshine Report Sue Capps

Harold Hemphill is scheduled for surgery.

O V Cliver is doing about the same..eats well, sleeps and still has problems with short term memory. Likes having visitors

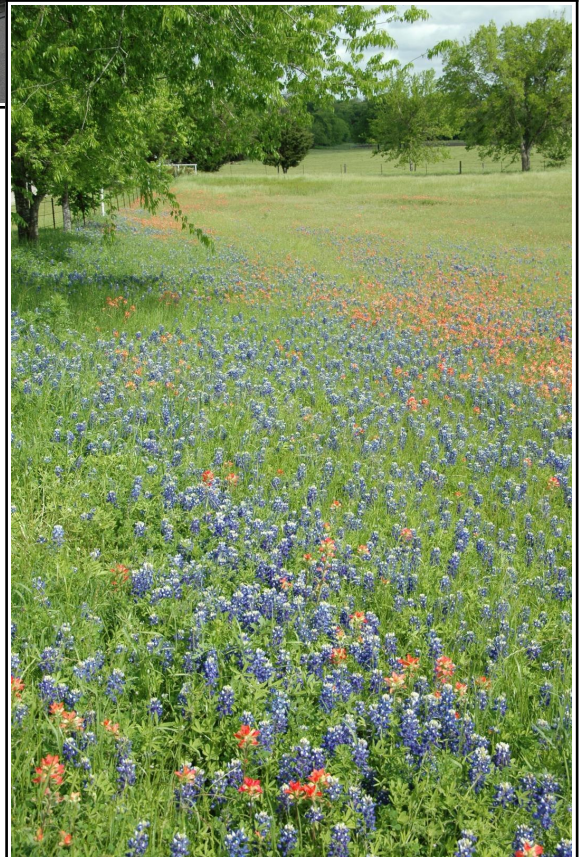
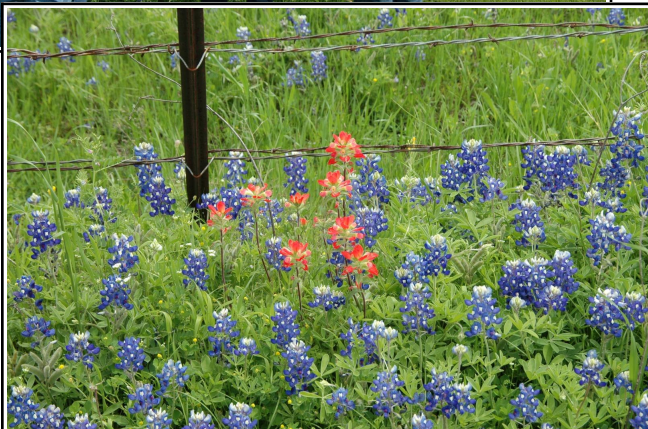
2019 Bluebonnet Tour April 16, 2019

The club, joined with several members of Autumn Trails, enjoyed a wonderful day driving through the beautiful bluebonnet country around Ennis. We all started out with breakfast at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points (Thanks, Shirley!), then drove towards Ennis where the tour started. After the first major loop, we all paused briefly back in Ennis for a

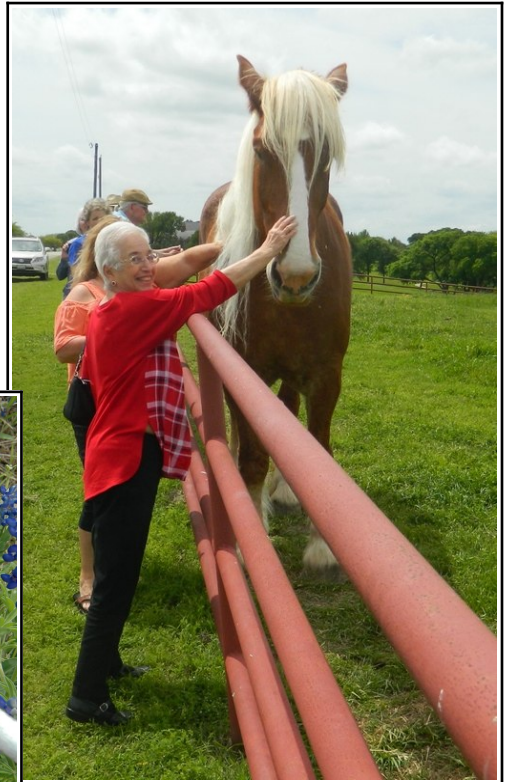


break and then out on the second (longer) loop. The tour ended at the Cotton Patch restaurant in Ennis.

How can you describe in words the beauty that nature provided us! Enjoy the pictures here, and there will be many more in an event report for the CCMAFC website soon.



Bluebonnet Tour (Continued)



PLUGS AND POINTERS



For those drivers who are challenged by the stretch to reach the starter pedal, here is a tip to extend the starter rod. Cut the head off of a 5/16-24 bolt to make a stud approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch long. Screw this stud into the starter switch then screw in and tighten a 5/16-24 coupling nut. Put a jam nut on the starter rod, screw into the coupling to the length desired and tighten the jam nut. The rubber pad offered by the parts vendors also helps.

Editor's note: this same trick can be used to raise the level of the throttle pedal, too. On my car, I have very thick carpet and the stock pedal won't open the carburetor completely. I added a stud and connector nut, then the existing pedal to get better action.

Radiator Hose Stuck

Ever had to cut your radiator hose to remove it? Man, it was stuck so I couldn't even turn/twist it. Even then I had to use pliers and peel it off. Well, never again! There is already a cheap and easy solution. The product is called "**Plumbers Silicone Grease**". Both Lowe's and Ace Hardware carry this item. Lowes shows Aqua Ez O-Ring Lubricant @ \$3.64 and ,Imperial High-Temp Sealant @ \$6.98. Ace Hardware shows Danco Silicone Grease @ \$4.99. Used sparingly it will get the job done without ill side effects. Just make sure the hose clamp is well secured.

E15 Ethanol is coming!

Jim Kosics – Hagerty

Article found at <https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2019/03/20/e15-ethanol-is-coming-like-it-or-not>

Owners of collector cars, or any vehicle built before 2001, beware: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing a rule approving the sale of E15 gasoline year-round, so use extra care when gassing up this summer.

In the United States, ninety-eight percent of gasoline sold already contains some amount of ethanol. Cars produced in the past two decades or so generally have no problem burning the common E10 blend, which contains 10 percent ethanol. Some stations have offered E15, which bumps the amount of ethanol to 15 percent, since 2005, but the EPA had previously banned its sale during the summer amid concerns that it contributed to the creation of smog. The EPA is poised to rescind the ban and make E15 available throughout the year under a rule it could finalize by June 1.

The change won't happen overnight, and you'll still be able to get E10. Still, motorists will want to be mindful when filling up. Not all cars can handle the higher concentration of ethanol, which can gum up fuel systems and cause corrosion in cars that haven't been designed to burn it.

The good news for new-car buyers is that the number of cars approved for E15 has increased for 2019, according to the Renewable Fuels Association, which represents ethanol producers. Among the holdouts are BMW, Lamborghini, Mercedes-Benz, Mitsubishi, Mazda and Volvo. Oddly, the BMW-made Mini is approved for 2019. A few Mercedes models are available as FlexFuel models, which can use up to E85.

When in doubt about a new or late-model car, call the brand's customer assistance center, if one is provided. The holdouts will inevitably need to approve E15.

Ethanol is a simple alcohol that, when added to gasoline, acts as an oxygenate. Federal regulations have mandated ethanol-blended gasoline to reduce carbon monoxide, hydrocarbon, and particulate emissions while increasing the use of renewable fuels. It's a topic that can spark heated debate, so we're not delving into the economic, environmental, and political machinations.

Yet, even if the ethanol had not been mandated, fuel producers would still use it because it is a cheap, and safe, octane booster. Pure ethanol has an octane rating of 130.

The EPA has approved E15 for use in cars built since 2001, but automakers, do not necessarily agree that the older cars should use it. Owners of collector cars, though, should avoid using E15 in any vehicle that hasn't been modified to handle it.

There's no need to panic, but you'll want to be vigilant. If you own a car built since 2012, check the owner's manual to see if you can use E15. If the manual doesn't specifically say it's OK, avoid using it.

Any gas pumps dispensing ethanol should have a sticker affixed that explicitly identifies the ethanol content of the gasoline. If you don't see it, ask a gas station employee. If you live in New Jersey and many parts of Oregon, where attendants do the pumping, make sure they use the right one. Using gasoline with a higher concentration of ethanol than the automaker recommends could damage metal and plastic parts. This is especially true in older cars, which can experience other problems associated with burning alcohol. Ethanol absorbs moisture more easily than gasoline, which can cause corrosion problems in fuel tanks and gum up filters and carburetors. It also can dissolve rust in the fuel tank, which could then find its way into the fuel system.

Owners can avoid problems by install ethanol-compatible fuel lines, fittings, filters, and other parts. For winter storage, use only ethanol-compatible gas-storage additives.

If you want to avoid ethanol altogether, look for small vendors that sell pure gasoline. You can usually find them at or near marinas, drag strips and small airports. Check pure-gas.org for user-updated lists of such places in the U.S. and Canada. That said, these smaller vendors are getting harder to find (and tend to charge much more), so call ahead before driving to one.



Thoughts

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.

Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!

Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up.

Procrastinate Now!

I Have a Degree in Liberal Arts; Do You Want Fries With That?

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.

Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!

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