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President's Memo

Hello Members,

What can I say but Coronavirus. This has taken over our lives. I myself do not remember anything this serious. I know our members are doing whatever necessary to stay healthy. Could it get any worse? YES. I myself am staying in doors all day working puzzles and a few games and trying to stay out of the fridge.

Our heavy rains have passed and finally got to see the sun again. I did manage to cut the grass. The one thing I do miss is going to the Nursing Home everyday. They have become part of my family. I do see some posts on Facebook about them and some pictures. It's good to see them all.

I will be cancelling the monthly meeting. PLEASE stay safe.

Walter Hellebrand

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Photo of the Month



Mabank, Henderson Co., Texas

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 and Sue Capps
- O. V. and Lorene (deceased) Cliver
- S. D. "Shorty" Johnson — deceased
- Olin Lewis — deceased
- Ola Powell — deceased
- Gene Tregre — deceased



A MAFCA Chapter



MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2020

President Walt Hellebrand called the meeting to order at 5:32pm. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Claudie Nelle who passed away on February 24.

Welcomed everyone including guest, Michael Hall, movie producer and led the Pledge. Michael Hall explained to the group that he is producing a movie later this year about The Blues Man, Robert Johnson, which takes place in 1930. He would like to have some of our Model A's and some of our members as extras. More details to follow.

Walt asked if everyone had read the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Gerald Pharris made the motion to accept the minutes. Chuck Sportsman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was read. Chuck Sportsman made the motion to accept the report. Jody seconded the motion.

Sunshine Report: Sincere condolences to Doyle Nelle.

Birthdays: Jim Blakeney

Old Business: Walt and Anna will work on a tour to Palestine...to visit the hardware store there.

New Business: none

Upcoming Events: cruise nights starting in April. DQ Seven Points the third Thursday of the month. Athens Cruise Night at Craburger on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Poor Boy Tour for Husbands Members in LaGrange April 17-19

Emory Founders Day May 2.

Car show at DQ Seven Points is scheduled for October 10.

We will schedule a tech session in the spring.

Breakfast Tuesday, March 17 at The Mabank Cafe.

One last thing: Car show at Living for the Brand Cowboy Church in Athens on the loop March 28 Raffle drawing...was won by Chuck Sportsman

Anna Harris made the motion to adjourn. Gerald Pharris seconded the motion...the meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.

Sue Capps, Secretary/Treasurer



In these unusual times everyone needs a laugh!

Cancelled

Sunshine News

By Sue Capps



Bob Letchworth will be having a heart procedure next week.

Please call a member and keep in touch with each other during this difficult time...

None of us really like being told to stay home, but it is necessary at this time.

Please pray this virus will not become widespread and that it will soon disappear.

Update on Jo Ann's Cliver. She had a heart cath. today (Tuesday, March 24) and all went well. She received a new stent and is back home now sleeping. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers. Eddie Cliver



Max Westbruck and his granddaughter with his Model A Ford Huckster.





NAME OUR CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

There are so many clever names for the newsletters of the Model A Ford clubs all over the United States. After talking with some board members, permission was given to name this newsletter. Between now and the next meeting come up with an idea for a name for our club's newsletter. Text to 972-279-4786 or email nmcheshire@yahoo.com your idea. We will vote on our final choice. Already have a suggestion from Gerald and Emma Pharris.

Be clever!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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





Hopeful for a Bluebonnet Tour
in the Future

Guess – who is this club member?

Cleaning Your Car of Viruses

Keep in mind viruses don't survive long outside a human body, only minutes to a couple of days max. Direct sunlight kills viruses in minutes. Even **the toughest viruses won't survive for more than 30 to 45 minutes in sunlight.** Ultraviolet light C (UVC) is what kills bugs. So rather than spend a lot of time cleaning and disinfecting your car with chemical products that may be toxic or damage interior fabrics, just park your vehicle outside for an hour in direct sunlight. Or, park your car for 2 to 3 days. Any virus that may be present in your vehicle will have died the next time you drive your car.

(from a Hagerty Ins. post)



Era Historical Tidbit



The Year of the Model A - 1930 - The Radio in America

In 1930, more than 40 percent of American households owned a radio. A decade later that number more than doubled, to 83 percent. Live musical performance dominated the airwaves in the early years. Dramas, comedy acts, talk and educational programs soon followed. Local stations and national networks generally left news to the newspapers until the advent of World War II. In the early years, household radio ownership was highest in the Northeast and on the West Coast. In large sections of the South, Midwest and Great Plains, stations and radio sets were scarce. As the New Deal's rural electrification program wired up remote communities and farmsteads, the number of households with a radio also grew. While the privations of the Great Depression forced some poor households to do without radio, others bought radio sets because, with one purchase, they brought home a constant, free stream of entertainment.



2020 is a census year as was 1930. One of the questions asked on the census that year was —

do you own a radio?

If you were to look at your family in the 1930 census you would learn whether your family owned a radio.



Technical Tips



SECURING RADIATOR ORNAMENTS

If a quail or other permanent base, flip-top radiator ornament fits loosely or is chipped, it may come off too easily. This procedure will remedy the situation and make the ornament solid - removable only with an Allen wrench. My quail used to fit so loosely that I removed it whenever I left the Ford unattended. Remove the brass lugs on the bottom of your cap. These are usually held on with Allen head screws. See figure A.

Cut a piece of metal bar with the same width as the removed lugs. The bar should be about the same thickness as the lugs. The length of the bar should be as long as possible within the diameter of the radiator neck under the flange. Test the cut bar for fit. It should have about 3/16" play on the ends. Drill and tap the bar to accommodate the Allen head screws. See Figure B. Some of the material may have to be removed from the area of the lugs on the cap base. If so, file very carefully and remove only the necessary material for the bar to fit snugly. Notch the radiator neck flange with a small file (or a broken round file chucked in an electric drill) where the new bar will be when the cap is in place. File and fit until this notch is as deep as practical for your cap. See Figure C.

With the new locking bar loosely attached, put the cap on and tighten the Allen head screws. As the screws are tightened, the bar will be pulled up into the notches, holding the base firmly. The bar does cover part of the radiator opening, but it doesn't keep you from checking the coolant level nor does it interfere with the overflow tube.



CUT BAR, DRILL
4 TAP HOLES



FIGURE B



FIGURE C

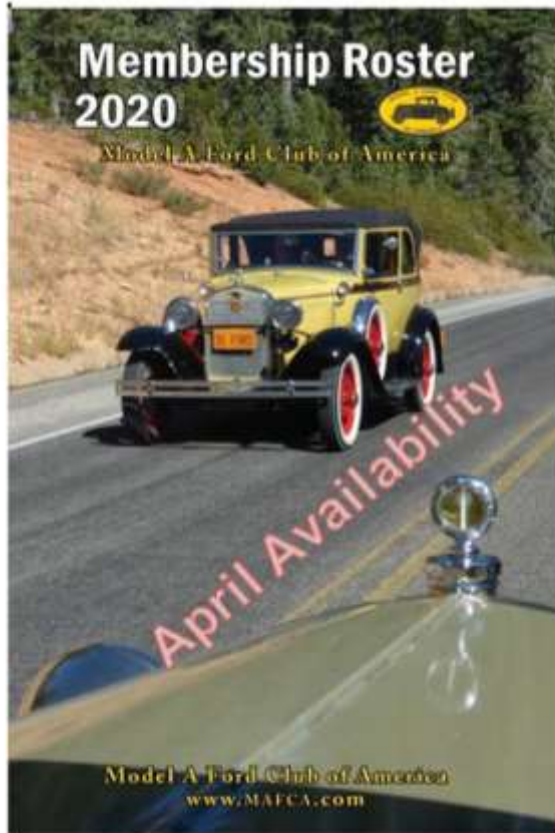
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Some Thoughts from Bill ...

We are saddened by the cancellation of this year's National Convention in Kerrville, Texas because of Coronavirus but pleased that the Alamo A's have agreed to pick it back up for 2022. All of us at MAFCA wish you and your family safety and good health in the midst of this terrible outbreak. Staying inside for a while will make it possible for all of us to enjoy drives in our Model A's at a later date. Put the picnic basket on standby.

You have undoubtedly enjoyed reading The Restorer. Have you ever thought about contributing an article? It's not hard if you like to tell stories. It's not necessary to sit down and fill up a tablet of paper with your writings, although you can if you wish. You can simply get a tape recorder and tell your story out loud, then copy it onto paper. Edit it so it flows well. Then gather some photographs you have made to highlight key points in your story and send your draft to Andy Scheer, Editor of The Restorer at editor@mafca.com. He would be happy to give you some feedback. You may even see your article appear in a future edition of the magazine. It can be a story about how you restored your car, how you discovered something special about the pedigree of your vehicle, or how you became interested in era fashions. There are many subject possibilities.

Speaking of The Restorer, is your club represented in the Chapter Chatter portion of the magazine? In every issue, we hope to hear what each club is doing on tours, in celebrations, or in community service. If your club isn't represented you can help by encouraging someone in your group to send in a brief 75-word summary of your recent chapter activities. Send it to Andy Scheer, Editor at MAFCANews@gmail.com. Submission deadlines are shown on page one of every issue.

I look forward to seeing you all again once this COVID-19 virus is history.

Best personal regards,

Bill Truesdell,



2020 MAFCA National President

Looking forward to Model A Day September 19, 2020



Model A Day MAD is always the third Saturday in September. This year's Model A Day festivities will be held Saturday, September 19 at the Model A Ford Museum on the Gilmore Car Museum campus in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

The host hotel for Model A Day is the Four Points Sheraton at:
3600 E. Cork St., Kalamazoo, Michigan
Phone (269) 385-3922

The room rate is \$111.00 per night and the reserved room block will expire on August 16, 2020. PLEASE NOTE: Rooms are available for check-in after 3:00 p.m. and checkout time is 12:00 noon. We apologize we cannot accommodate early arrivals on weekends. Cancellations must be received at least 48 hours prior to arrival date to avoid charges. Rates are subject to 5% county lodging tax and 6% state sales tax. Rates include breakfast buffet for up to two people per room per day.



Dear Model A Friends,

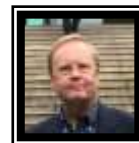
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We are very close to achieving our \$1 million endowment goal. This is a great achievement and it is due solely to the generous donations given by our Model A hobbyists. So, maybe it's time to reflect on the purpose of the endowment and where we go from here.

A number of years ago it was determined that to assure the perpetuity of our Museum, a fund would be required to support the long term costs associated with its running. A goal of \$1 million was eventually established in order to generate revenue (if required) from any earnings, without disturbing the principal. A conservative return of 3-4% generates about one third of our annual operating costs. To be more specific, we spend about \$100,000 per year to run the Museum. This includes our annual fee to The Gilmore, insurance, displays and exhibits, publications, vehicle maintenance, transportation and storage expenses. We have no salaries or personnel expenses. We also have no debt to service. From an income perspective, we currently take in about \$30,000 from our annual Model A Day event and about \$70,000 each year from membership dues, club support and individual donations. Therefore, our income and expenses balance out. Since we can't predict the future, we need a significant financial cushion should income decline. This is why we have an endowment.

Best Regards,
John W. Begg
President



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No Copra Drab & Chicle Gray car exactly matches another one, but both of these cars are the same color. One of these is in the sun and the other in the shade.





Event Calendar

- APR 07, 2020 — Monthly Meeting - Cancelled** (Dairy Queen is closed to inside dining due to Covid-19)
- APR 17-18, 2020 — Annual Poor Boy Tour -** (Houston club members only) **Cancelled** due to COVID-19
- MAY 02, 2020 — Emory Founders Day Parade** - A great parade arts and crafts food.
- MAY 05, 2020 — Monthly Meeting** - at the DQ Seven Points. Tire kicking at 5:00 pm. Meeting begins at 5:30pm
- JUN 02, 2020 — Monthly Meeting** - at DQ Seven Points. Tire kicking at 5:00 p.m.. Meeting at 5:30 pm.
- JUN 11-14, 2020 — 57th Texas Tour** — Brenham , TX (Hosted by Brazos Valley As & Fort Worth MAFC)
- JUN 21-26, 2020 — MAFCA National Convention** in Kerrville, TX **Cancelled for 2020**. Be sure to cancel your room if you booked one for 2020. Will be rescheduled in 2022 at the same place in Kerrville, TX. (Hosted by Alamo As)
- OCT 10, 2020 -- DQ car show in Seven Points 11am**
- DEC 05, 2020 -- Meeting Christmas party** — Tri County Library. Community Room. 11am- whenever

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57TH TEXAS TOUR
 BRENHAM, TX JUNE 11-14, 2020
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Model A Ford Clubs of Texas,

As you have probably heard by now, the 2020 MAFCA National Convention was cancelled, and therefore so was the Texas Tour that was combined with the event. Those of us who look forward to meeting with our Model "A" friends from across the state every June couldn't stand the thought of skipping a year after a continuous 56 years streak.

Members of the Brazos Valley & Fort Worth Model "A" Ford Clubs have come together to offer you the opportunity to continue the tradition with us. We will be hosting the 57th Texas Tour in Brenham, TX June 11-14, 2020. Our goal is to make this as affordable and enjoyable as possible. Due to the short time frame, we will not have fashion or car judging. We are sorry if this is a disappointment to anyone, we just hope you will decide to join us anyway. This may be a more simple tour, but with all the same enjoyment as before.

Schedule of Events	
Thursday	Early-bird self-guided winery tour, Registration pick up @ Baymont hotel, & Welcome Party at 6:00PM
Friday	A day of self-guided touring Brenham & surrounding areas with routes provided, & possibly a dinner tour (TBD)
Saturday	A group Grand Tour during the day, & a Farewell Party at 6:00PM

Hotel information is below. The "host" hotel will be the Baymont as that is where you can pick up your registration when you arrive, but other than that no events will be held at the hotels so you may pick whichever you like. The Baymont also offers trailer parking. Please ask hotels when booking about their cancelation policies so you are aware.

It should also be mentioned what we understand these are times of uncertainty with the current health concerns surrounding our country and the world. We are planning this event with the hopes that the precautions are taken in the immediate future to stop the spread of COVID-19 so that we can resume a normal way of life by June. In the event the national, state, or local governments impose enforceable sanctions on group gatherings, we reserve the right to cancel the event and refunds would be highly likely (**Registration checks will not be deposited until June 1st, 2020**). However, we hope it does not come to that.

We look forward to seeing y'all in June!

Jordan Douglass & Ray Hinnant
 Cowtown A's Brazos Valley A's

Mention "TEXAS TOUR" when booking for discount

Hotel	Phone Number	Price
*Baymont by Wyndham	979-836-5551	\$80 King/\$90 Double + tax
Best Western Inn	979-251-7791	\$93 + tax
Comfort Suites	979-421-8100	\$114 + tax

All rooms in the blocks will be released May 11th if not reserved



57th Texas Tour

Brenham, TX June 11-14, 2020

Co-Hosted by the Brazos Valley A's & the Cowtown A's

Registration will include:

- Radiator Badge
 - Thursday early-bird winery tour & welcome party dinner ~ Beans & Cornbread, tea/water, & dessert
 - Friday self-guided tour options with routes provided
 - Saturday grand tour (sack lunch recommended or private dining options available)
 - Saturday farewell party dinner ~ BBQ Sandwich & fixings, tea/water, & dessert
- *Please bring lawn chairs for dinner parties***

Adult Name #1: _____

Adult Name #2: _____

Child Name #1: _____

Child Name #2: _____

Club Affiliation(s):

Each participant is \$25.00

\$25.00 x _____ (people participating) = \$_____ (total included)

Registrations are **due postmarked by May 22, 2020**. If you would like to register after this, please call/text or email Jordan Douglass (817-584-8125; jordandouglass1993@gmail.com) or Ray Hinnant (979-820-1778; ray.hinnant@gmail.com) to ensure you can still register.

Please make check payable to *Fort Worth Model A Ford Club*

**Please note: all checks will be held until June 1st for deposit. IF the tour is cancelled due to the COVID-19 Virus, all checks will be shredded and not deposited.*

Mail form & check to: **Jordan Douglass**
8505 Clay Hibbins Rd.
Keller, TX 76248

Registrant's email address: _____

Registrant's phone number: _____

Disclaimer

I hereby release the Fort Worth Model A Ford Club (Cowtown A's), Brazos Valley Model A Ford Club (Brazos Valley A's), Model A Ford Club of America, Model A Restorers Club and sponsors of the 57th Texas Model A Ford Tour and their facilities from any and all liabilities. Submittal of this form, whether signed or unsigned, constitutes acceptance of this release.

Signature of Registrant (signee is responsible for their participants):

Signature: _____

Date: _____