

The Running Board



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President's Memo

Hello Members,

I was hoping to have good news this month about meetings, tours, cruise night, visiting and so on. But this Covid-19 is still taking over our lives, what we do and cannot do. I am in my 48th day of staying indoors with the exception of going to Dollar General and Brookshire. Now they are talking about opening the state. I'm not sure on this. I will take it slow. Everyone needs to think this through and do the right thing. A little prayer does help.

We did manage to get in a Model A tour last week. We met at the DQ Thursday at 10:30. We had 4 A's and 7 members. A nice 32 mile drive saw some nice country. It was great! We met back at the DQ for lunch.

Got our food and parked in the parking lot about 10 feet apart. We talked and had a good time. It's time to get out and do some more driving.

Again our meeting will be cancelled. We can all stay in touch by using the mass mailer to send messages to all members. Something to think about. Let's talk and make plans for a tour that can be done without contact.

Stay safe and healthy.

Walter Hellebrand President

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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.

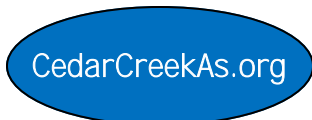
MEETINGS

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



MEETING MINUTES

The April meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19; therefore there are no minutes for this newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Capps, Secretary/ Treasurer



A GOOD LAUGH IS NEEDED - - - - -

for our interesting English language:

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is 'UP.' It's easy to understand.

UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP ?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP?

Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends.

And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen.

We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has real special meaning.

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP .

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP .

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary.

In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used.

It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP .

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things

UP. When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP,

for now my time is UP, so.....it is time to shut UP!

Now what you do with this info is UP to you!!!

Ha Ha Ha!



Sunshine News

By Sue Capps

Bob Letchworth has an infection due to a heart procedure last month. He is home from the hospital and is doing better.



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 soon disappear.

FACEBOOK post from *Bill Lee*,

I've been on Facebook for something like 5 years. If you're my friend and if you have been following the few posts that I make, you will know that many/most of them are pictures I have taken out my back window here at home. Perhaps the most notable was when I video'ed a whitetail deer giving birth to twin fawns right in the middle of my back yard. Recently I posted a picture of five (or six, I don't remember) bucks congregated near the lake behind my home.

Sandra and I have enjoyed our home here, well over 25 years owning, just under 24 years actually living here. One friend who visited called it "Secluded isolation." (Remember that, Pat?)

But most good things come to and end. We are selling and moving: a smaller place, easier to maintain, all on one level, closer to our medical care and our daughter, over near Dallas. We were still young (early 50's) when we bought the place, but at almost 78 it just isn't "fun" to spend a week on a tractor trying to mow from the house to the front gate like it was then. The next place WILL be landscaped so that all I will need is a riding mower! :-)

We obviously will never get over this place as "home", but we look forward to having Christmas with our family wherever we end up.



No one guessed it, but this is a very pretty, stylish Julia Waterman.



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. Between now and the next newsletter come up with an idea for a name for our club's newsletter. Text to 972-279-4786 or email nmcheshire@yahoo.com with your idea. We will vote on our final choice. I used the suggestion from Gerald and Emma Pharris for this newsletter to give you an idea of what we need.

Be clever!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy BIRTHDAY	Don Dyess	05/11	
	Carolyn Vick	05/12	
	Jim Estes	05/16	
	Shirley Dyess	05/17	
	Jan Nelson	05/26	



A Model A Quarantine Tour and Parking Lot Lunch

Due to Social Distancing a creative tour idea was put into place by our illustrious club president. Walt led the group on a tour through the countryside and afterwards everyone met to eat lunch in the Seven Points Dairy Queen parking lot.



The cars had a much needed outing as well as the club members. Social distancing rules called for conversation six feet apart which was no problem for Model Aers.

What a beautiful sunshiny day! It made for an enjoyable break from quarantine.



Era Historical Tidbit

DRIVING WITH MISS KATIE

By Katie Herrick

2020 has been a strange and challenging year for all of us. We have been itching to get into our A's but most of our outings have been canceled and understandable so. We managed a trip to town, a drive, to see friends

and just some short trips. We miss it but I wanted to share with you another Ford hobby I have gotten bitten by, Ford dishes.



When we attended the MAFCA convention in Marquette, MI several years ago, a gentleman had a display of Ford dishes that had come from the plant cafeterias, ship dining rooms and anywhere Ford had employees. His collection was extensive and so amazing, but not for sale. That started my quest. When you google most anything on the internet you can find pretty much whatever you want. Not so with Ford dishes. I am not really sure why, but they are not plentiful. I managed to snag my first piece on my

first trip to Hersey. I just happened to see this darling little cream pitcher.

We have some great friends that have helped us add to our collection. We have a bowl, a celery dish and some dessert plates and some side dishes. Oh, did I mention they also had Ford flatware. I and some are white with a silver script. The white with silver would probably been in the executive dining room and the green and white in the employee cafeteria.

I am by no means an expert on these dishes, really I don't know much except that I think they are cool and I love having them. Since I couldn't go for a drive this month, I just occasionally walked by my china cabinet and enjoyed my Ford dishes.



Technical Tips



Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Installing New Radiator Hoses

Heat takes a toll on the radiator hoses, especially the upper hose. The radiator hoses on a Model A can be a pain to install, particularly the lower ones with the pipe. Here are a few tips I have picked up to make the job easier.

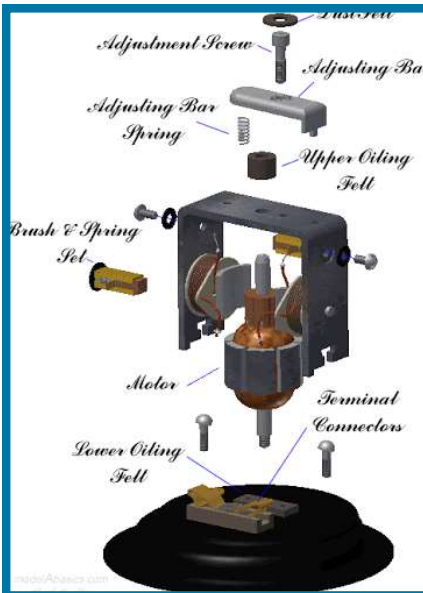
Use a lubricating non-hardening sealant inside the hose ends to make it easier to slide them on to the engine and radiator necks, and easier to move them around when you need to. The best one that I have found is called Hylomar AF (I get it from W.W. Grainger). A thin coating inside the hose helps it slide around when installing, and will also make it easier to remove in the future.

On the lower pipe, install one short hose on each end of the pipe and secure each with a clamp. Estimate where you want the hoses to be, but be prepared to move them later after a trial fitting. Slide the hose end first on to the radiator outlet at the bottom and slide it far forward. Then work the other end's hose over the cast iron water inlet and slide up. Feel through the hose to find the bead on the inlet and clamp on the engine side of the bead. Then tighten the clamp at the radiator.

The upper hose uses a similar technique. Slide the hose first down on the cast iron engine gooseneck. Carefully work the other end over the radiator inlet and slide it up. Then position the hose clamps near the end of the hose and tighten them.

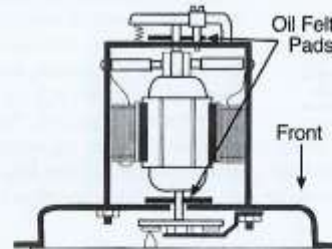
Do not over tighten the hose clamps, especially the ones on the radiator. If you do, you can buckle and crush the thin brass, and you will cut into the hoses. You should not have to make the clamps too tight if you use some sealant. Start out with them just snug and then only tighten more if coolant drips from the hose when the system is full. After driving a few times, go back and check the clamps, snug them up a bit if needed.

That's it! Have a Model A Day! Jim



HORN LUBRICATION

Lubricating their horn is one item that some people overlook. There are two felt pads at the armature area of your horn. Put two (2) drops of 3-1 type oil on each felt oiler pad about two times a year and this will help keep your horn working. DO NOT OVER OIL.



Submitted by Tony Topicz, Ohio Valley Region.
Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

HOW'S THIS FOR Social Distancing?

A couple in Sweden is opening up a unique restaurant with seating for only one person and without servers or a building.



The open-air “restaurant,” which is actually just a table and single chair set up in a meadow, is reportedly scheduled to open on May 10 in Varmland and will accommodate one customer per day.

There are no servers to take your order or deliver the food. Instead, Linda Karlsson and former chef Rasmus Persson, the minds behind the Bord för En, literally “Table for One,” concept, will send the food to the patron via a pulley system with a basket attached. According to the website for the restaurant, the couple will load the food into the basket from the building’s kitchen window and then send it toward the guest.



Though Sweden has not forced bars and restaurants to shut down dine-in service completely, Karlsson and Persson still wanted to be “the only COVID-19-safe restaurant in the world,” the pair told *Insider* in an interview, noting the idea came to them while visiting Karlsson’s parents and having to share food through a kitchen window to maintain proper social distancing.

The restaurant will serve a fixed three-course menu, which will change based on what is locally available, and feature a cocktail pairing.

More than just offering a COVID-19-safe – the dishes and table will be sanitized twice for the guest – dining experience, the couple is also offering a pay-what-you-want model.


“We are all facing difficult times and there are people that have lost their jobs, loved ones, or even their mind. We welcome all, no matter what financial situation you are in,” Karlsson told *Insider*.

“We want to encourage people to sit down and spend quality time with themselves,” Karlsson added.

The one-of-a-kind restaurant will be open through August 1.

Info provided by Sue Capps


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MAFCA National Convention 2022
Kerrville, TX

Some Thoughts from Bill ...

Our MAFCA office in La Habra, California has been closed since the governor's order to shelter in place was issued. Nonetheless, we are still responding to emails and returning phone calls when you leave voice mail messages. If you have an urgent need to contact us, we welcome your call. You can find the phone numbers and email addresses of all the MAFCA Board members on page 3 of the current issue of The Restorer. If you would like one of our staff members to get in touch with you, please call the office at 562-697-2712 and leave a message. You can reach out by email to the office staff by contacting info@mafca.com.

We are now in April and there are still many folks who have not yet renewed their membership for 2020. If you are one of them, please click on MAFCA STORE to renew today. We don't want you to miss out on a single benefit of MAFCA membership.

With so many Model A tours and gatherings being cancelled due to the medical emergency, this might be a good time to rebuild parts you need by doing it somewhere on the inside of your house. Even now the garage is too cold in many parts of the country. It is also a good opportunity to study for your judging certifications by using our on-line study guides. For vehicle judges you will find the tests at https://mafca.com/v_tests.html. For era fashion judging you will find the tests at https://mafca.com/ef_tests.html.

Finally, the new 2020 MAFCA Membership Directory is ready. Everyone who has already ordered a copy will have theirs shipped first. If you have yet to order your copy, please click on MAFCA Store. For only \$16 per copy plus shipping, you will have the latest information about member contacts. It is an invaluable resource when you are touring away from your home location and need to ask for help.

I wish each of you safety for yourselves and your families in the coming weeks. Take each day of confinement with the belief that it will help you remain virus free. I'm excited to think what fun we will have when the touring window has been reopened.

All the best,
Bill Truesdell 2020 MAFCA National President





MAFFI Newsletter Minute

May 2020

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What's new at the Museum you might ask? Well, in spite of the mandatory closure due to Covid19 the Board of Trustees have been working hard behind the scenes in anticipation of the 10th Annual Model A Day, September 19, 2020. There have been new projects underway to make the museum more enjoyable. We are hoping to have the Interactive Chassis up and running for Model A Day. A Vintage Post Card machine to go along with our Penny Machine will give you more ways to take home a souvenir of your day at the Museum. Recently some of our Trustees have been also working on a complete collection of Model A Jim Beam Bottles to have on display. Two new donations to the Museum are The America's Sweetheart (see article in The Restorer Mar/Apr 1998) and a Sears Tractor Conversion!

The response to the 2019 Model A Day Pins and the 20 Millionth Model A Pins have been great. If you didn't get your order in, contact Suzan O'Neale (oneale31@gmail.com). She will be able to let you know what is still available.

Make sure to get in your hotel reservations for Model A Day if you haven't done so. Our host hotel is the Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo. Call them directly to get our Model A Day room rate (269)385-3922. DO NOT CALL THE SHERATON 800 NUMBER! There are other hotels in the vicinity as well if the Four Points is sold out and also RV and camping areas.

Thank you for your continued support of MAFFI through your membership and donations!



1/2 Off Membership prices
for New Members of

Model A Restorers Club—\$22.50.

Please include phone number
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FOR SALE

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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.

A Little Humor For Everyone

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
THE DAYS OF THE WEEK
ARE NOW CALLED,
THISDAY, THATDAY,
OTHERDAY, SOMEDAY,
YESTERDAY, TODAY &
NEXTDAY!**



**Anyone else's car
getting 3 weeks to the
gallon at the moment ?**

*"Until now, I never understood why you got so excited
when someone walked past the house."*



Event Calendar

MAY 05, 2020 — Monthly Meeting Cancelled

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)

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
 CO-HOSTED BY THE BRAZOS VALLEY AS & THE COWTOWN AS

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: _____