

# The Running Board

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## President's Memo

Hello Members,

IMAD, who could have asked for a prettier day for a tour. Some of our members met in Eustace for a 9AM start. With 4 model A's we started a nice slow drive to Ben Wheeler where we met up with more members and one more "A". After a short break we headed to Edom for another short break doing some shopping in the gift shops.

Then it was off to Chuck and Nancy Cheshire's home at Safari Water Ranch in LaRue for a Model "A" meeting and cookout. Nancy and Chuck did an outstanding job of preparing hamburgers and all the sides. It just doesn't get any better. I would like to say thank you from myself and all of the other members. Next it was a tour of Safari Waters Ranch. Nancy managed to get us an ok to drive across the dams. It was something different. We also saw a herd of Zebras and one deer. After the tour it was everyone on their own. By my count we had 7 cars, 15 members, and 3 guests.

Next we have DQ Car Show on Oct. 10th in Seven Points there is a chance we can hold a meeting that day. There is talk about opening the dining room.

Then we have the Autumn Trails Tour in Winnsboro Oct. 23-25

I will keep everyone informed. Now is the time to elect new officers for the 2021 year. I am thinking about stepping down as president and Sue Capps is moving, we need someone to take the vacant seat of Max Westbrook. Now is the time to think about our club, do we want to continue as a club or?

*Walter Hellebrand, President*

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2020  
International Model  
A Day for Cedar  
Creek Club



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





# MEETING MINUTES

The September meeting was held on IMAD Day with a TOUR, LUNCH, and Meeting. President Walt Hellebrand called the meeting to order at 12:15. Welcomed everyone.

Due to the current situation, we have not had a meeting since March.

Doyle Nelle made the motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting!

Walt reminded everyone that November we elect officers for 2021. He does not plan to continue as President for 2021.

Due to the fact that the Capps are moving...we will need a secretary/treasurer.

Winnsboro Autumn Trails is still on for October 23-25. Phillip and Gain have decided to cancel the stew this year, but the Saturday night BBQ dinner is still on.

Our December meeting/Christmas party luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, December 5 starting at 10am. at the TriCounty Library Community Room in Mabank on Market Street.

The DQ car show is scheduled in Seven Points on Saturday, October 10. (It was suggested that we have our October meeting at that time also)

Jody sold raffle tickets...the winners were Doyle Nelle, Bill Capps, Herman Dentler, Lou Carpenter, Bob Letchworth and Walt Hellebrand.

The meeting ended with prayer by Herman Dentler for the burgers and fixing the Cheshires prepared for us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Capps, Secretary/ Treasurer

## New Model A Ford Quiz

What color is it?



(Answer on page 7)



Wife: "What are you doing today?"

Me: "Nothin."

Wife: "That's what you did yesterday!"

Me: "Yeah, but I wasn't finished."

Ken Parker had a little trouble. We probably have all been in his shoes at sometime, especially if your gas gauge doesn't work.





# Sunshine News By Sue Capps

Please be careful around others, young and old! Wear those masks and wash your hands!

O.V. Cliver – sleeping a lot.

Bob Letchworth had a stent placed in September. He is doing well!

Gerald Phariss has the shingles... very painful. Hope it is a short bout!

## International Model A Day

September 19, 2020



The CCMAFC began International Model A Day with a tour from Eustace to Ben Wheeler to Edom. Some shopping was done in Edom before continuing the tour to the Cheshire's home in Safari Waters Ranch.




At the Cheshire's the club was meeting for the first time since March and eating hamburgers cooked by Chef Chuck.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy  
BIRTHDAY

<b>Jim Estes</b>	<b>10/04</b>
<b>Julia Waterman</b>	<b>10/04</b>
<b>James Fite</b>	<b>10/19</b>
<b>Bob Letchworth</b>	<b>10/23</b>
<b>Herman Dentler</b>	<b>10/28</b>
<b>Gigi Beck</b>	<b>10/29</b>
<b>Bill Holmes</b>	<b>10/31</b>





It was so great to see those who came to our house on IMAD Day. We all missed the rest of you. Hopefully we can do something like that in the future. We are looking forward to seeing lots of members at the DQ Car Show. It will be a good time for fellowship outside, and there should be good weather.

*Nancy Cheshire, The Editor*



After visiting awhile, IMAD day continued with a driving tour over the dams of the lakes in Safari Waters Ranch.

*Crossing the first dam*





Herman & Lynda Dentler — 30 Fordor



Ken & Lillian Parker  
31 Coupe



Our club president, Walt Hellebrand  
30 Tudor

After crossing the second dam we made a visit to see the zebras. It was a beautiful, cool, crisp day, blue skies, colorful Model As, great touring, eating, and visiting with great friends.



Doyle Nelle's new 31 Closed Cab Pickup



Ken & Lillian Parker 31 Coupe



Bill & Sue Capps 30 Roadster



Homeward Bound after a great IMAD Day!

Autumn Trails Weekend Update  
Stew is cancelled, but parade and barbeque dinner are still on.  
Send in your registration if you haven't already.

**62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Willsboro Autumn Trails  
Parade, Tour and Dinner  
October 23-25, 2020  
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**Please remit by October 1, 2020**  
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Registration Dates	Fee per Car	No. of Cars	Total Car Fee
Car Registration Before October 1, 2020	\$10.00	_____	_____
After October 1, 2020	12.00	_____	_____

No. Potatoes \_\_\_\_\_ Price per Person \$20.00 Total for Dinner \_\_\_\_\_  
Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Children under 12s \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR CAR REGISTRATION AND DINNER \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
Dinner will consist of BBQ Basket, Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad, Tea and Dessert

You may pick up your registration at the Stew on Friday night or at the door at the BBQ on Saturday. Registration packets will not be available the chamber this year.

**TINY TIPS**

**W**

**WINDOW REGULATOR SPRING TOOL**

Sometimes a window regulator spring will either break or become so weak that it makes it hard to roll up the window. Installing a new spring can be difficult and also dangerous. Take an old distributor shaft and weld on a T handle made from rod stock. Grind down the slotted end so the slot is only 1/4" deep. Put the regulator in a vise and wind it until the lift arm is all the way up. This is the position in which the spring is least compressed. Hook the outer hook of the spring and insert the tool in the center. Turn the tool to compress the spring until it fits into the slot. Release the tool. Tap the spring into position with a hammer.

*Make a T handle by welding on some scrap stock.*

*If you don't have a welder you can grind two flat spots on opposite sides of the shaft and use a Crescent Wrench.*

Answer to quiz on page 3  
Seal Brown/Rose Beige/Orange – 28 Briggs Fordor

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**DQ OPEN AUTO SHOW**

**Saturday,**  
**October 10, 2020**  
**11 AM - 3 PM**



11:00 AM Registration  
 2:30 PM Awards Ceremony

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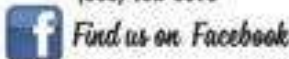
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# Era Historical Tidbit

Henry Ford's Model T revolutionized transportation in America by making the automobile accessible to nearly all, creating a need for a product that hadn't previously existed. For nearly two decades, the Model T met the motoring needs of the American public, but by the middle of the 1920s automobiles from competing brands offered more style, better performance and improved amenities. Henry Ford's response came in a secretive telegram to dealers on May 26, 1927, advising that Ford was "starting early production entirely new Ford car... superior design and performance to any now in low price light car field."

And with that cryptic announcement, Henry Ford halted production of the Model T and began retooling his factories to produce an all-new automobile, designed to effectively compete against all others in the segment. A similar announcement was given to Ford dealers for posting in local newspapers, but the verbose manifesto did little more than praise the Model T and tease the public that the new and yet-to-be-named Ford would surpass the Model T in every way. The statement's closing paragraph read, "At present I can only say this about the new model - it has speed, style, flexibility and control in traffic. There is nothing quite like it in quality and price. The new car will cost more to manufacture, but it will be more economical to operate."

As spring progressed to summer, and summer progressed to fall, rumors about the miraculous new Ford ran rampant. A period cartoon showed "Henry's new model," bedecked with ornamentation and jewels fit for a king, labeled with a price tag of \$500. Early spy photographers scrambled to get pictures of the car, but only the *Automotive Daily News* and the *Brighton Argus* succeeded, as Ford was particularly careful to limit testing on public roads. Despite its care, engine and chassis engineer Lawrence Sheldrick was nearly mobbed by curious onlookers during a 300-mile trip from Detroit to Claire, Michigan, and Henry and Edsel Ford were caught red-handed behind the wheel of a prototype by three curious Chicago Ford dealers who'd traveled to Detroit to catch a glimpse of the mysterious new Ford.

In late November came the announcement that Americans had been waiting for: on December 2, 1927, the still-unnamed Ford automobile would be shown to the public, at locations revealed to each and every Ford dealer. Pricing was announced on December 1, the eve of the showing, and to the delight of potential buyers, the new Model A would be priced comparably to the Model T. On the day of the car's reveal, *Ford News* claimed that 10,534,992 people came to see the Model A, a number that represented 10 percent of the U.S. population at the time.

The Model A offered buyers elegant styling (described as a "downsized Lincoln" by some), four-wheel brakes, improved fuel economy, a laminated safety glass windshield, hydraulic shock absorbers, and a 200.5-cu.in. four-cylinder engine rated at 40 horsepower, enough to deliver a top speed of 65 MPH. Seven body types were offered at launch, including Sport Coupe, Coupe, Roadster, Phaeton, Tudor sedan, Fordor sedan, and truck, and buyers could choose from four colors (Niagara Blue, Arabian Sand, Dawn Gray and Gun Metal Blue).

Deposits from eager customers poured in, and in the first two weeks the automaker had reportedly accumulated 400,000 sales orders from dealers (adding to the thousands of orders that had been placed prior to the car's reveal). Though the Model A would only be produced from 1927 through early 1932, Ford sold over 4.3 million examples, and the car would help Ford transition from pioneer to modern automaker. The Model A would also go on to inspire generations of collectors, hot rodders and shade tree mechanics, helping to popularize the hobby that we've all come to know and love.



# Technical Tips

## Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

### *Bending the Radiator Overflow Tube Back*



The Ford Service Bulletins of April, 1930 (page 450) advise that if you have excessive coolant loss through the radiator overflow tube, you can bend the tube back toward the back edge of the radiator filler neck. They also mention soldering in a brass washer where the tube passes through the baffle plate.

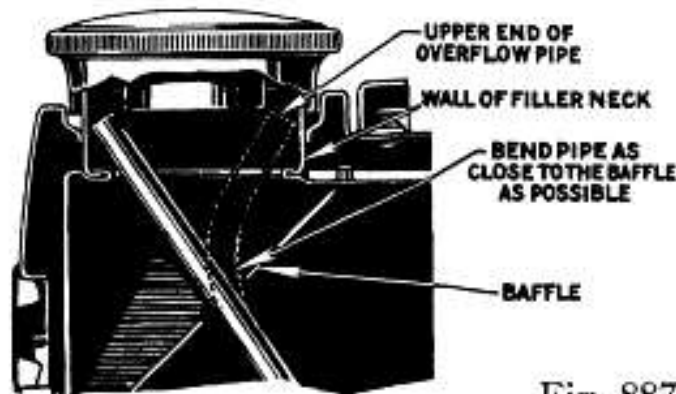


Fig. 887

To bend the tube, insert a larger Phillips screwdriver into the tube. You want the smooth shaft of the screwdriver to pretty much fill the tube, and don't have the tip of the screwdriver go below the baffle plate, about 2 to 3 inches. Then gently push the screwdriver back away from you a bit, remove the screwdriver a bit (~1/2"), then bend it some more. Repeat until the top of the tube is as far "back" as it will go.



If you need to, you can add a short piece of rubber tubing to the top of the overflow tube to raise the level in the top tank that much more before the coolant starts going out the overflow. But don't raise it too much or coolant will start leaking out of your radiator cap and make a mess on your paint and radiator shell.

*I hope this helps. Have a Model A Day! Jim*

NATIONAL  
 CLUB  
 NEWS



Please support the National Model A Ford Organizations



*The Model "A"*  
RESTORERS CLUB

The Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC), aims to encourage the fellowship amongst Model "A" Ford owners around the world as they acquire, restore, preserve and exhibit the Model "A" Ford.

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## MAFFI Newsletter Minute

As all of you know by now, 2020 has been a very unusual year and it has forced a reevaluation of all of our normal activities. Most of the Model A events for the year have been cancelled and it has left a void in our lives. Model A Day at the Gilmore was also cancelled to protect the health of all Model A Hobbyists. **Our theme for this year's event was First Responders which is very appropriate with what is happening right now and this theme will carry over to next year's event.**

Each year Model A Day generated roughly one third of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) operating budget which includes operating the Model A Museum at Gilmore. With the cancellation of Model A Day we have a shortcoming of operating income for 2020. We have come up with a goal of \$30,000 to satisfy this shortfall.

We thought it would be best if we could come up with a way for all of the National Club (MARC and MAFCA) Chapters to participate and in doing so would make each club's outlay reasonable. There are over 250 MAFCA Chapters and over 175 MARC Chapters along with some International Chapters. If the goal was set to have each Club put forth \$100 we would easily achieve the goal. We would then come up with a way of recognizing those clubs that helped get us through this tough time before next year's event.

There will be multiple ways for Club's to participate and any and all donations are welcome. We will have it set up on our Web Page along with sending out email blasts to all known club contacts. Additionally, we will try to promote on **both MAFCA and MARC's Facebook pages and in their National Magazines with a goal of having contributions sent in by the end of the year.** Individuals are welcome to participate in this as well if they wish.

You can mail your donations to P.O. Box 28, Peotone, IL 60468-0028 Any questions should be directed to Jerry Morrissey ([jertrudy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jertrudy@sbcglobal.net))





## Event Calendar

**OCT 10, 2020 -- DQ car show in Seven Points 11am-3pm**

**OCT 23-25, 2020 — Autumn Trails Weekend in Winnsboro (No stew this year because of COVID)**

**NOV 3, 2020 -- Election Day—Vote early & come to the Meeting at the DQ**

**DEC 05, 2020 -- Meeting Christmas Party — Tri County Library. Community Room. 11am- whenever.**



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