

The Running Board



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President's Memo

Hello Members,

I hope this letter finds everyone safe and sound.

We've had some ups and downs because of Covid, one not being able to meet each month for meetings, our Pour Boy Tour and Texas Tour was cancelled leaving us all stranded at home. We did have one bright spot, our Autumn Trails Tour in Winnsboro was a huge success. It was good to get out and drive the "As" and see all our friends again.

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be your president this year but looking forward to new leadership in the coming year.

Hoping to see all of you at the Christmas Party on December 5th.

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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

There was no meeting for November therefore there are no minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Capps, Secretary/Treasurer)



*Merry
&
Bright*

Model A Ford Quiz

What color is it?



1928 Fordor Leatherback Sedan

Answer on page 7



Sunshine News By Sue Capps

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

O.V. Cliver is about the same — sleeps a lot. He will be 96 in December. C. L. York passed away on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. His service will be held on Saturday, December 28th from 10-11 am at Eubanks Funeral Home in Mabank.

Working on the Huckster




In October a little workshop was held at Pat Westbrook's house. There was a radiator problem that needed to be fixed. Pat would like to thank those who worked on her Huckster.

Left—pictured are Ken Parker, Herman Dentler, and Gary Vick. There were other club members present also.

Right—pictured is Pat's daughter driving the Huckster.





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS




Happy
BIRTHDAY

Chuck Cheshire	12/04
Chuck Sportsman	12/05
Della Powell	12/12
O.V. Cliver	12/25
Teena Shore	12/29









What beautiful fall weather we have had! The sunsets have been beautiful also. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We look forward to the annual Christmas Party. Hope you are able to attend! We will social distance and wear masks as needed. Don't forget your white elephant gifts and food dish.

Thank you Walt, Sue, and other officers who have helped the club keep going this unusual year. You are appreciated!

As we bring a tumultuous 2020 year to a close we hope for a better year to gather for breakfast, meetings, and tours again. If we don't see you before Christmas, have a blessed Christmas and Holiday season. See you in 2021!

Nancy Cheshire





Era Historical Tidbit



In 1927, after producing the Ford Model T since 1908, HENRY Ford closed his plant for seven months to switch his production to this very secretly and hastily implemented new design. When the Model A was launched on 2nd of DECEMBER 1927 it caused an immediate sensation. Model A No. 1 rolled off the production line on Oct. 20th, 1927 but the public didn't see the car until Dec. 2nd, 1927. Unlike the Model T, the new Ford came in seven body styles and an amazing four colors! The Engine was an L-head 4-cylinder, 'cast en bloc' type. It had a 3-7/8" X 4-1/4" bore and stroke with a displacement of 200.5 cubic inches. SAE horsepower of 24.03 with brake horsepower rated at 40 at 2200 rpm. Typical gas mileage was between 20 and 30 mpg using a Zenith one-barrel carburetor. It's 103.5" wheelbase rode on 4.50 x 21" tires with a gear ratio of 3.77:1. The transmission was a 3 speed sliding gear unit with 1 speed reverse. The Model A had 4 wheel mechanical brakes and Houdaille, double action hydraulic shock absorbers with semi-elliptic front and rear transverse springs. Top Speed was around 65 mph. Standard equipment on all Models included a Starter, Five Steel Spoke Wheels, Dash light, Mirror, Windshield Wiper, Oil Gauge, Gasoline Gauge, Rear and Stop Light, Speedometer, Tools and Pressure Grease Gun Lubrication. (Notice Bumpers were NOT standard equipment!) The Model A Ford fitted 440x21 tires from 1928-1929. Henry changed the tire size of the Model A in 1930 to 475-19 and continued fitting this size until the Model B was introduced in 1932.

As for price, the new Model A Tudor Sedan sold for \$495.00 with the Fordor bringing \$570.00 F.O.B. Detroit. For \$385.00 you could get a Roadster and \$395.00 would get you a beautiful Phaeton. At \$495.00, the new Ford Coupe was nice but for \$550.00 the Sport Coupe with a standard Rumble Seat was a hot seller. . Ford produced more than five million Model A cars from 1927 to 1932 when this model was superseded by a new V8 engine model.

Technical Tips



Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Removing Rear Wheel Hub/Drum

The rear hubs and drums are bolted on to the tapered axle shafts quite tightly. It is not always easy to get them off when you need to inspect the brakes or check the rear wheel bearings. Don't let this put you off.

You can buy a special "hub puller" that is designed to help get the hub off of the axle. It uses a large bolt that you screw in to press against the axle, and the puller pulls on the hub.

Some Model A hubs were made with a ridge that sticks up, away from the hub body. The puller connects with that ridge. Other hubs were made with a groove machined down into the hub. The puller goes down into that groove and pulls as you tighten the bolt.



Some pullers are specific to the style hub you have (ridge up or groove down) so before getting a tool, you should remove a wheel to see what kind of hub you have to be sure to get the right puller. Other pullers are designed to work with either style hub, which is handy — so you might want to look for one of them.

When using the puller, it is hard to keep the drum from turning as you tighten the bolt on the puller. Put a wheel lug nut on the drum temporarily and put a 13/16" box-end wrench on it. Press down on that wrench while you lift up on (tighten) the big bolt in the puller. The wrench will jam against the hub and stop the drum from turning as you tighten the bolt.

When using the puller, tighten the big bolt, then tap the head of the bolt with a hammer. Tighten the bolt again, then tap with a hammer again. Repeat this until the hub pops free of the tapered axle.

Removing the rear drums is a pretty common task for servicing a Model A, so it is worth investing in a hub puller tool. It makes the job easier and helps you get back on the road quickly to Have a Model A Day!



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 5, 2020

Tri-County Library
Community Room
132 East Market St.
Mabank, Texas
11:AM—whenever
Bring a wrapped
white elephant gift!



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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.



MAFFI Newsletter Minute

Give a Brick for Christmas!

Since 2011, when we first started raising money for the construction of the Model A Museum, over 2000 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of your favorite Model A'ers, Model A clubs and regions. We have room under the gas canopy at the Museum for about 17 more bricks but we will be opening up a new area very soon so there will be plenty of space for future growth. So how about ordering a brick for a loved one for Christmas. A personalized brick would make a great gift for that parent or grandparent who really doesn't 'need' anything and of course, it would benefit the Model A Museum as well. If your Model A region or club doesn't yet have a brick at the Museum, now would be a good time to do that as well. Use the brick order form in this month's issue of the 'A' Preserver to order your engraved brick or copy and paste this link into your browser:

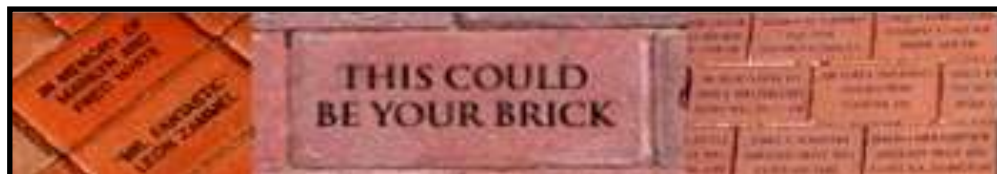
<http://www.maffi.org/WContent/Download/BuyABrickDonation.pdf>

It will be in place at the Museum by September 19, 2021

Merry Christmas and thank you,

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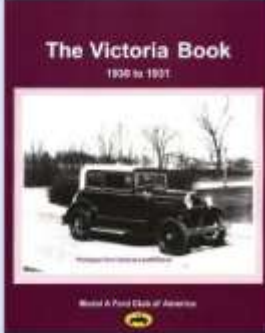
MAFCA introduces two new must have books for your reference library.



The **Model A & AA Ford Paint & Finish Guide** and **The Victoria Book** are being offered now, just in time for the holiday season.

The new **Model A & AA Paint & Finish Guide** is the 4th edition of this valuable reference. This is a must have book to guide you in the finishing of your Model A or AA. The text has been updated and some illustrations are now in color to enhance the details. The paint chip section has had an extensive upgrade with the paint chip size increased to approximately 2" x 4" with only 4 chips per page. This greatly enhances usefulness of the chips for comparison and for scanning.

Order your copy now for \$42.50 plus S&H



The Victoria Book
 1930 to 1931

The **Victoria Book** is our latest Body Style publication and it follows the format of our other Body Style books in that it is full of specific information of the Model A Victoria.

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If you haven't yet

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Renew your 2021 membership today

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FOR SALE

1930 Red Roadster and 1931 Tudor Sedan
 Contact Sue Capps 214-616-5813



Answer from page 3
 Andalusite Blue/Arabian Sand/Orange Stripe

2020-2021



Event Calendar

DEC 5, 2020 Meeting Christmas Party — Tri County Library Community Room. 11am - whenever.

JAN 5, 2021 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points

FEB 2, 2021 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points

MAR 2, 2021 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points

APR 6, 2021 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points

APR 2021 Spring Fling Tour (hosted by the Cheshires—more details later)

MAY 4, 2021 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points

JUN 1, 2021 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points

JUN 3-6, 2021..... 58th Texas Tour in Kilgore hosted by Greater Houston MARC

JUL 6, 2021 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points

AUG 3, 2021 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points

SEP 7, 2021 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points

SEP 18, 2021 International Model A Day

OCT 5, 2021 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points

OCT 22-24, 2021 ... Autumn Trails, Winnsboro, TX (Stew on Friday night)

NOV 2, 2021 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points

DEC 4, 2021 Meeting Christmas Party



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