

The Running Board

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President's Memo

Hello Members,

It is with great pleasure that I take over as 2021 President of The Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club. I am looking forward to this year as a recovery year for our country and club. I am sure this will be the year we beat COVID-19.

We are going to have some tours and hopefully some workshops for common Model A repairs. If you have any suggestions for a workshop let me know. Anything you have done or need done would make a good workshop. Have you successfully rebuilt a carburetor, a distributor, or installed a clutch?

Unfortunately my first duty as president is to cancel the January meeting because of the virus risk especially to older adults like us. We will just take it one month at a time and see how things go.

Happy Model A New Years' Day!
Chuck Cheshire, President

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Baby,
it's cold
outside!



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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A MAFFCA Chapter



MAFFI

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

Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club
Monthly Meeting-December 5, 2020

President Walt Hellebrand called the meeting to order at 11am. Walt thanked everyone for showing up and led the pledge. Then Walt asked if everyone had read the newsletter and if there were any corrections to the minutes. Gerald made a motion to accept and Carolyn seconded it.

Lou gave the financial report. Gerald made a motion to accept it and Carolyn seconded it. Walt then moved on to the election. First were the board members for the coming year.

Gary will come off the board. Gerald, Jody and Walt were voted in unanimously. Chuck Cheshire received unanimous votes for president. Chuck Sportsman was elected vice president and Lou as secretary/treasurer, again by unanimous votes.

It was agreed to donate a \$100 to the Mabank Library for use of their facilities.

Jody suggested a tour later to visit the Capps near Conroe.

Gerald told Walt how much he was appreciated for being last years' president. Chuck Cheshire and Tina Shore were the only birthdays present.

The meeting was adjourned with Jody making motion to accept.

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Carpenter Secretary/Treasurer

Model A Ford Quiz

What color is it?



1930 Deluxe Roadster

Answer on page 7



Sunshine News By Lou Carpenter



Continue to be careful. Stay safe from COVID!

The Capps are moved in and still unpacking. They were so worned out that they were not able to come to the Christmas Party. They were missed.

Jody Letchworth is having terrible sciatica pain.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

	Doyle Nelle	1/01	
	Bill Capps	1/02	
	Emma Phariss	1/05	
	Anna Hellebrand	1/09	
	Jody Letchworth	1/13	
	Sandy Fite	1/25	
	Georgia Phillips	1/26	
	Tonnie Hemphill	1/30	



Hello Everyone,
 Hope your Christmas was great and all were well. We look forward to 2021 and the hope that we will be able to do more with the club and the cars now that the vaccine is out. Ahead are a Spring Fling Tour, Texas Tour in Kilgore, IMAD day, and of course Autumn Trails in Winnsboro. I love planning trips. If you have an idea for a trip, please let me know and I will put one together. As spring approaches we can do tours with social distancing if still necessary. Look in this newsletter for information in a spring tour in conjunction with the Dallas Club.
 2021 is going to be a better year!

Nancy Cheshire

The last year of the Model A



From the Editor

Era Historical Tidbit



1931 Original Postcard

During the period of 1928 through 1931 there were approximately five million Model A's (all body styles) manufactured. The 1931 Model A Roadster was priced at \$475.00 and weighed 2230 pounds - that's 22 cents a pound. There were 456,000 Roadsters produced by Ford during this four year period. Up to this point in history, convertible and roadsters had been far more prevalent. Soon, body style production would take a turn in the American market, with fixed roof and hardtop vehicles becoming more popular. For the Ford Model A, the most popular body style in 1931 was the Fordor sedan. Total 1931 Ford Model A production reached 541,615.

A restored 90 year old S/W Fordor



1931 was a monumental and historical year for the Ford Motor Company, as it was the final year of the Model A, and marked the 20-millionth Ford produced, a Fordor sedan that left the factory on April 14th of that year. Changes were minor for 1931 and included a new radiator shell with a relief affect and slightly revised running boards.

The slant windows came out in May of 1931 and were only produced for 7 mos. It was the first all-steel structure fordor for Ford and it was produced with all interchangeable parts between Ford, Murray, and Briggs.

Technical Tips

Jim's Technical Tip by Jim Cannon

Installing the Starter "Bendix Drive"



The small Bendix Drive gear that's bolted to the starter motor puts up with a lot of use (and abuse when you forget to retard the spark before starting). Eventually you will be working on yours and I have a tip for you about installing it back on the starter shaft.

The Bendix is bolted to the shaft with 2 special bolts and lock washers, as shown in the photo below. One bolt has a specially-shaped end that goes down into a hole in the starter shaft. This is critical, to lock the Bendix to the shaft; do not substitute a plain bolt for this.



The other bolt is "special" only because it is only 1 1/16" long. This allows the bolt to lock the spring in place, without having the bolt actually touch the starter shaft. Don't be tempted to use a 3/4" long bolt instead of the correct shorter one. See the comparison photo of a 3/4" bolt and the correct bolt.



When this longer Bendix bolt is used, it presses against the starter shaft when tight and it messes up the Bendix operation.

Don't forget to install the half-moon shaped Woodruff key in the shaft before slipping the drive on the shaft. You may also use 2 spring clips (optional). Be sure to lock the bolts down tight by bending the ear of the special lock washer up against the bolt head. If you don't, these bolts will work loose and fly out of the starter drive.

I carry a spare Bendix spring (they are known to break) and a set of these special bolts and lock washers with me in my parts kit on tours. If I don't need them, someone traveling with us might. This will help quickly get them back on the road to

Have a Model A Day! Jim



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Update



Visiting

The Christmas Party had a nice attendance for a Covid year and all had a great time. Lots of nice Toys for Tots were brought. Jody received a nice chicken Haha! There was one duck received also. We will probably see them back next year. There were a few gifts traded. The Mabank Library location was very nice. Lou Carpenter made the festive and beautiful table decorations.



Visiting



Meeting

The food was delicious and thanks to all the ladies for making the party a great success. Jody's nephew smoked the Bar-B-Q brisket and ribs! All joined in to clean up.



Meeting

We are looking forward to year 2021 and having more members present.



Eating



White Elephant Gifts



Winter Fun



GASOLINE SEDIMENT BOWL

Have you ever installed a new glass sediment bowl assembly or removed the glass bowl to clean out the sediment and found that it leaked after you put it back together, even though you used a new cork gasket? This is not an uncommon experience. The problem lies in the fact that the cork gaskets sold today are porous and the gasoline filters right through them. I recently encountered this problem on a customer's brand new assembly.

Patent Cures



By removing the glass bowl and doing the following I was able to stop the leak.

Sit the glass bowl upright on a level surface; then fit the filter screen in the recess of the bowl. Using a little adhesive like silicone cement will help to keep it in place.

Now apply silicone adhesive either blue or clear to all surfaces of the cork gasket. Place the gasket on top of the glass bowl containing the filter screen. Wait a minute or two, then carefully install the assembly in the correct place in the filter. Adjust the bale and tighten.



Coming this Spring

A Spring Fling Tour

The Third Weekend of April
April 17-18, 2021

Tour begins in Terrell, Texas on Saturday, April 17. Cars will leave at 9am to begin a drive along US Highway 80 to the **Bi-Annual Highway Garage Sale**.

Stops can be made anywhere you desire. Small towns are Elmo, Wills Point, Edgewood, Fruitvale, Grand Saline, Canton, and finally Athens.

Lunch on your own as you get hungry!

Meet at **Texas Fresh Water Fisheries Center** for a tour that afternoon.



The cars will parade through **Safari Waters Ranch** and see the deer and zebras.

Next you will dine among the pines at **Moosewood Manor**.

If you stay overnight in Athens or want to drive back on Sunday morning, we will be tour the **East Texas Arboretum**.

Then head for home.

Hosted by the Cheshires

Can You Find All Ten Things That Are Different?



This is a tough one. You may have to enlarge it to see a couple of them

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Photo taken on MAFCA's 2014 National Tour. Thanks Tex for the memories

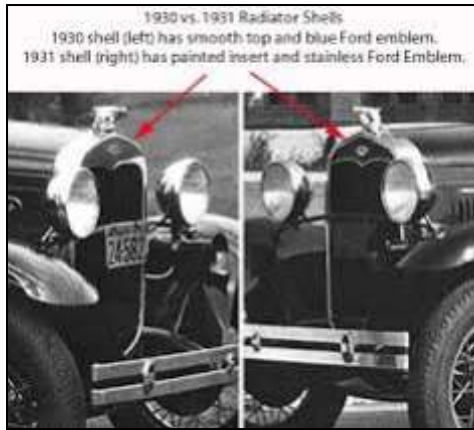
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The Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC), aims to encourage the fellowship amongst *Model "A" Ford* owners around the world as they acquire, restore, preserve and exhibit the Model "A" Ford.



What year is it?


If you haven't yet

Many MAFCA members have already renewed for 2021 - thank you to all who've done so!

Membership brings many benefits as we all know, and our dues are the main source of the income that enables them. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, this is the time to make that happen! And thank you.



Renew your 2021 membership today
 Call 866-379-3619
 or visit www.mafca.com



MAFFI Newsletter Minute

A Message from our President:

Closing out the year 2020, we realize many things we planned for our hobby could not take place. However, throughout this time, we also accomplished a number of good things including spending more time with our families. We also made some nice additions and improvements in our Museum. **To list a few... we added an interactive chassis exhibit, the America's Sweetheart Roadster and improved our interactive start display.** We brought in three First Responder vehicles and will continue to display these vehicles throughout 2021. We added to our era fashion exhibits by acquiring new mannequins complete with era fashion attire. Special collections including Ford Dealer records, Jim Beam Model A decanters, header clocks and additional tools were added to our displays. Next year we will be adding several new donations to our Museum including a 1931 Woody Station Wagon. We also created videos, which will be rolled out on our website, showcasing our museum and several displays.

Due to the cancellation of Model A Day, we had a significant shortfall in income. However, many clubs and individuals have made contributions to help offset some of this loss. For this, we extend our great appreciation!

From all of the Trustees and myself, thank you for all of your support and many happy wishes for this holiday season.

Best Regards, John Begg, President

2021



Event Calendar

- JAN 5, 2021 **Meeting Cancelled**
- 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 17-18, 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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