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President's Memo

Dear Cedar Creek Model A Club Members,

Due to the COVID-19 epidemic it was agreed by the board and past president that we **DO NOT** meet for our February meeting. We just don't need to take chances until everyone has had the two shots. Nancy and I are to receive the second shot on February 12th.

As it stands the March 2021 meeting is on! If the weather looks nice for March we can all meet at our house for burgers and talk. Maybe a workshop to replace my broken windshield.

Happy Model A Day!

Chuck Cheshire
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**"If I followed
you home,
would you
keep me?"**

**And who wouldn't
want to cuddle up
and keep this
oh-so-cute 1929
Ford Model A.**



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.

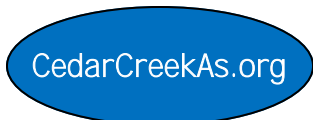
MEETINGS

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
No January Monthly Meeting

Get your vaccine as soon as you can and that may allow for more meetings this year.

A Little Fact For You



The Gregorian calendar's oldest ancestor, the first Roman calendar, had a glaring difference in structure from its later variants: it consisted of 10 months rather than 12. In order to fully sync the calendar with the lunar year, the Roman king Numa Pompilius added January and February to the original 10 months. The previous calendar had had 6 months of 30 days and 4 months of 31, for a total of 304 days. However, Numa wanted to avoid having even numbers in his calendar, as Roman superstition at the time held that even numbers were unlucky. He subtracted a day from each of the 30-day months to make them 29. The lunar year consists of 355 days (354.367 to be exact, but calling it 354 would have made the whole year unlucky!), which meant that he now had 56 days left to work with. In the end, at least 1 month out of the 12 needed to contain an even number of days. This is because of simple mathematical fact: the sum of any even amount (12 months) of odd numbers will always equal an even number—and he wanted the total to be odd. So Numa chose February, a month that would be host to Roman rituals honoring the dead, as the unlucky month to consist of 28 days.

From Britannia.com

Model A Ford Quiz

What color is it?



1931 Victoria

Answer on page 7



1930 Model A Ford Pick Up
Collectible Matchbox Car

Sunshine News By Lou Carpenter



Sue called and said they are doing well, but she still has a sore back from the move.

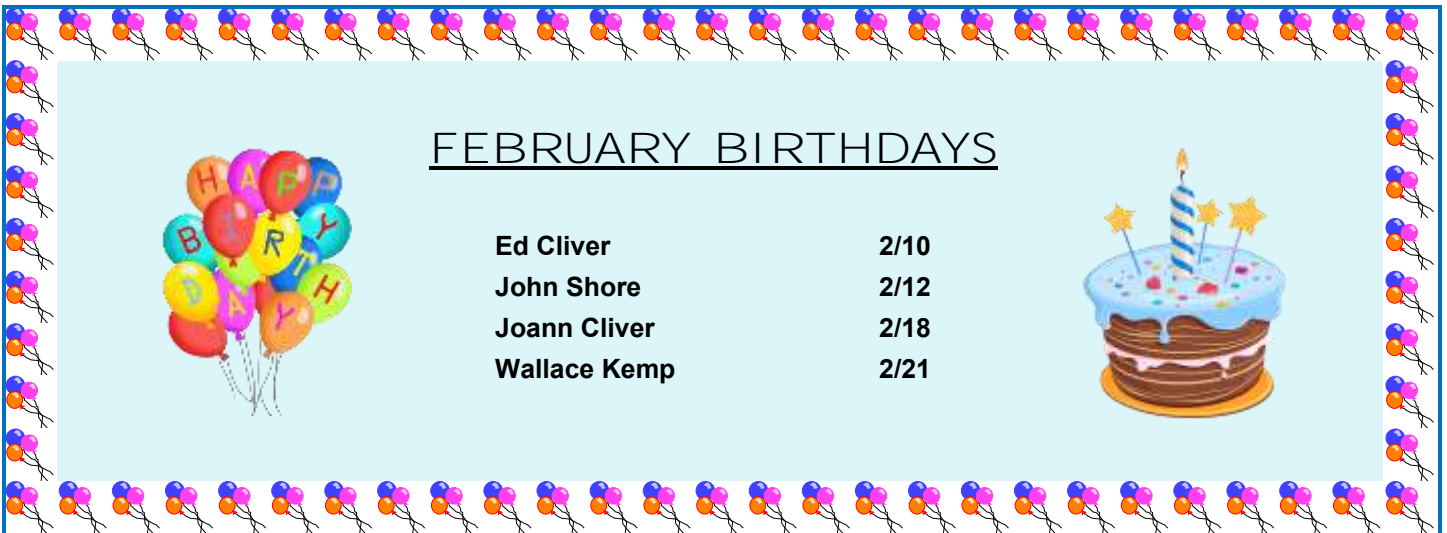
Walt and Anna had the virus. They both had mild cases and are recovered.

Harold Hemphill has been in ICU for 26 days now. He is in a medical induced coma, on the ventilator and having dialysis about every 3 days. It is very touch and go. His nurse Face Times Tonnie 2-3 times a week so she can see him and talk to him. She appreciates the prayers so much. Please continue to pray for recovery. She is over her Covid and back at work now.

Scott was taken to the Tyler hospital when he was found unresponsive but is doing better now.



Jody finally is making some progress with her sciatica and is able to sit up and move around some.

How is everyone else doing? Let us know if you are ill or having problems. We care about you!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ed Cliver		2/10
John Shore		2/12
Joann Cliver		2/18
Wallace Kemp		2/21



Hello Everyone,

Hope this issue of the newsletter finds those of you who were sick to be well now. It appears that 2021 may be another tough year, but we can make it if our Model As have survived this long. Wow, to think they are from 90-93 years old.

As I was looking for Valentine ideas on the internet I found this original 1931 Valentine's card for sale on Ebay. What interested me most was the mask though that is not the location we are having to mask. The fact that the envelope was shown with the dated postmark of 1931 and a 2 cent stamp was a special treat. I cropped off the name and address for this picture.



When it snowed on Sunday, January 10, our grandson said to take the Model A out and get some pictures. Of course we listened and did just that. That car did great as the narrow tires sank into the snow better. We didn't go far as there are hills where we live and others had already gotten stuck on one of the hills, but we did get some good pictures of Gallopin' Gertie in the snow. Pretty good for a 90 year old car. Of course she was born in Detroit (as was I) where they have lots of snow.



Gallopin' Gertie is named after my mother. She told me stories of driving the Model T & A in Kentucky before moving to Detroit and marrying. My dad worked for Briggs Manufacturing Co. and stamped out dash panels for the Model A. Therefore my love for the car began.



Gallopin' Gertie has been laid up for the past five years, and it is good to have her up and running again. We are looking forward to the many Model A Events ahead—Spring Fling Tour, 58th Texas Tour, Autumn Trails, and the MAFCA National Banquet in Fort Worth.

Hope to see you soon, *Nancy Cheshire*



From the Editor

10 Weird Facts about Valentines Day



Millions of people celebrate Valentine's Day on 14 February every year – but just how much do you actually know about the celebration and how it got started?

1. **Valentine's Day started as a form of rebellion:** The most popular theory about Valentine's Day origin is that Emperor Claudius II didn't want Roman men to marry during wartime. Saint Valentine went against his wishes and performed secret weddings, which means this day was originally founded on an act of rebellion! Cool huh?

2. Signing your messages with a kiss is nothing new: Typing a long line of kisses at the end of a message is something many of us do but while you may associate it most with the modern "text" era, this little symbol actually has a much longer history. Some think the cute 'x' symbol became synonymous with the kiss in medieval times when very few individuals could write and would end each of their letters with an 'x' embossed in wax or ink to show their sincerity. This evolved to represent the kiss and the rest is history.

3. Not all valentines are chosen on purpose: Receive a valentine today and it's a sign that someone has a secret crush on you. Go back to the Middle Ages though and the situation is a little different. Back then, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their valentine. The single women's names would be added to an urn and single men of the town would take a name out and pin it to their sleeves for one whole week. This would allow everyone in the town to see who their valentine was and could be where the term "wearing your heart on your sleeve" originates.

4. **Nearly three quarters of men will buy flowers on Valentine's Day:** While it is hardly surprising that more men buy flowers on Valentine's Day than women, it may shock you to learn just how many men pick up a bouquet. Around 73% of men will buy flowers on the big day

5. Red roses have been associated with love since Ancient Rome: We are all aware that the red rose is a common purchase around the time of Valentine's Day – but why? Roses, and red ones in particular, have become a symbol of love and are therefore heavily connected with the day. The origin of this tradition stretches as far back as Ancient Rome when the red rose was the favorite flower of Venus: the Goddess of love.



6. Juliet still gets love letters sent to her on Valentine's Day: William Shakespeare's most famous romance Romeo and Juliet has captured hearts for decades – so much so that Juliet still receives love letters on Valentine's Day! Every year, the city of Verona in Italy (where the play was set) receives around 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet.

7. **You don't have to be lovers to celebrate Valentine's Day:** While Valentine's Day is most commonly associated with lovers and couples, that doesn't mean singletons can't celebrate the occasion too! In fact, on February 14, Finland celebrates Ystavanpaiva which is translated as 'Friends Day'. Forget the romantic undertones – gifts and cards are given and received but by friends rather than lovers.

8. **Henry VIII decided when Valentine's Day should be celebrated:** Marrying a total of six women throughout his lifetime, there's no denying Henry VIII was a BIG fan of women but did you know he is responsible for when we actually celebrate Valentine's Day? Back in 1537, King Henry VIII declared by Royal Charter that Valentine's Day would be a public holiday and chose February 14 as the official day of celebration.

9. **Women buy most of the Valentine's gifts** – even the ones for themselves! A massive 85% of ALL gifts for Valentine's Day are bought by women which means a lot of us are picking up our own treats.

10. **Teachers receive the most Valentine's Day cards:** Valentine's cards are big news for those of school age but surprisingly it is teachers, not pupils, who stand to benefit the most. Teachers generally receive the largest number of Valentine's Day cards with children, mothers, wives and pets (yes, pets) filling the rest of the top five recipient's list.



Technical Tips

Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Towing Your Model A on a Trailer



There will be times when you need to transport your Model A on a trailer. Here's a tip on trailer loading to help you tow safely.

When the car is loaded on the trailer, the tongue weight of the trailer on the trailer hitch (on the back of your car or truck) should be between 10-15% of the total weight of the combined "trailer+Model A". If you load the trailer with less than 10% of the weight on the hitch, the trailer will sway as the speed increases, which is very dangerous. Over 15% can put too much unnecessary load on the back of your tow vehicle, which can take weight off of your front wheels (needed for steering and braking) – which is also not good.

How do you know the weight of your "trailer+Model A"? I took my car on the trailer to my local feed store where they have a scale. Many truck stops also have scales. I parked the loaded trailer on the scale, disconnected my truck, and moved the truck off the scale. They charge a small fee to give you the weight. Once I had that total weight, it was easy to calculate 10% and 15% of that. For example, if your "trailer+Model A" is 4,200 pounds, your Target Tongue Weight is 420 to 630 pounds, call it 525.

Once you know the Target Tongue Weight that you are shooting for, how do you know what the actual tongue weight is when you put the Model A on the trailer? You can figure it out with a ruler or tape measure. Go to a building supply store (like Home Depot) with your tow vehicle and no trailer. Measure and record the distance between the bottom of the trailer hitch and the ground. Now start loading 80# bags of dry concrete mix into your car trunk or truck bed until you have loaded your Target Tongue Weight. (I had a helpful young guy at HD load them in for me.) The exact load is not critical, but it must be above your 10% number. Now measure and record the distance between the bottom of the trailer hitch and the ground again. Once you have those 2 numbers, you can ask the helpful lad at the store to unload all those bags and put them back! Thankfully, you only have to do this exercise one time.

With these 2 measurements, before and after the load was added, you can quickly figure out the change in height above the ground when you have your Target Tongue Weight on the back of your tow vehicle. This CHANGE in the height of your trailer hitch is the HITCH DROP that you need to get when you load your Model A on the trailer. Before attaching the trailer to your tow vehicle in the future, measure the height of the trailer hitch above the ground. Now attach the trailer and load your Model A on it. Pull the Model A forward on the trailer until your trailer hitch has dropped by your Target Hitch Drop. You can roll the Model A forward and backward a bit on the trailer to get the amount of drop that you are shooting for. Now tie the Model A down in this position on the trailer and be confident that you have enough, but not too much, tongue weight on your trailer hitch.

I have marked on my trailer the best spot to load a Model A to get the target tongue weight and hitch drop. When I put them on the mark, the tongue weight is correct.

For more tips on safe towing, check out the following web site: <https://www.curtmfg.com/towing-safety>

Let's be careful out there, and Have a Model A Day!
Jim Cannon



Tiny Tips

POP-OUT SWITCH LUBRICATION

Original pop-out switches grow sticky with age due to gum and electrolysis. Before junking the switch or waiting until the key breaks off, try this solution: Turn the key until switch pops out. Under the first "F" in the word "Off" drill a 1/16" hole carefully through the brass shell. Now the cylinder can be loosened with WD-40 using the plastic tube.



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 by 2 pm at **Texas Fresh Water Fisheries Center** for a self-guided tour.

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

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



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in Athens, TX if you want to stay overnight.

Mention Model A Ford Club—cutoff date for discount is March 16.

This is a combined tour with the Dallas Model A Ford Club

If you stay overnight in Athens or want to drive back on Sunday morning, we will tour the **East Texas Arboretum about 9:00 am**.

Then head for home. (More info on cost is coming)

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MAFFI Newsletter Minute

Happy New Year from the Model A Ford Foundation! We are looking forward, as many of you are also, to a better and more active year. Hopefully you have been able to get in your A's and do some driving before the weather makes it impossible. Many clubs have had some "No Contact Tours" which have been nice. We live in a beautiful world and there is no better way to see it than from a Model A!

Last year the Museum had to say goodbye to a beautifully restored Woody belonging to Tim Wiggins that had been on loan to the Museum for several years. As luck would have it, a 1931 Woody has just been donated to the museum by Rob Gibby from Pennsylvania. Rob has owned this car since 1963 while he was in school. We hope to have it safely installed in the Museum by February.



Did you know that you can get a tour of the museum right from the comfort of your own home? Go to our website: www.maffi.org and click on the link "Tours". There is a tour that was filmed in September, led by MAFFI President, John Begg and others. It was focusing on the First Responders Display but also gives you an idea of what's inside. You truly have to see it in person to appreciate all that is there. You could spend an entire day if you looked at every exhibit and read everything. We hope to have other short videos coming soon so check back often.

Thank you for your continued support of the Model A Ford Foundation through your membership and your donations.

Model a Ford Foundation

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Lake Winnepesaukee Scenic Cruises • Mount Washington Cog Railway
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More Information at mafca.com



April 9 - 11, 2021

Bay City, MI

Go to model-a-ford.org for registration form

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Getting our Youth Involved

**Do you have a child or grandchild?
Get them interested in the hobby
by sending them a copy of A World magazine.**

A World magazine for school age children is the creation of two MAFCA members and former school teachers, **Archie Cress** and **Frank Rosin**, from Washington State. They published **A-World** from its inception until 2010, when a new editor was named: **Sherry Winkinhofer**. Sadly, Archie passed away in 2011.

This newsletter is now published 4 times a year and is written for school age children from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Until the end of 2015, it was mailed to subscribers. In 2016, to reduce the cost of publication, the current issue was made available on the MAFCA website.

Any MAFCA member may request for a copy to be sent to them by email - just request by email to AWorldEditor@hotmail.com

Issues of A-World back to 2011 are available at mafca.com

A-World
YOUTH NEWSLETTER MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

A FLAT HAT
By Sherry Winkinhofer

Grandma loved politicians. All politicians, she didn't care if they were Democrats or Republicans, she was convinced they were all crooks. Everyone in the family knew how she felt. Anytime one of those too-good-for-anything interrupted one of her radio shows, she made no hesitation of speaking her mind as only Grandma could. It wasn't anything she wouldn't have said in church, mind you. Grandma didn't see bad words. But she did see good everyday ordinary words better than anyone the Sixties kids knew!

Grandma Roberts lived on a farm outside a small town in Nebraska called Elk Creek. Now you'd probably pronounce that like "Elk Creek", but everyone knew it was really pronounced "El-Creek". If you said it the first way, everyone knew real fast you were city folk.

The farm wasn't very big anymore. Since Grandma had died, Grandma had sold off a lot of it, and moved out a lot of what was left. But she still kept some livestock, including her cows for milk and beef, pigs for bacon and ham, and a lot of other chickens for eggs and fried chicken. And everyday after school, a couple of the Sixties kids would take turns driving the Model A pickup to the farm to help do the chores. Many a weekend was spent there too. Some of the time was spent doing work. But a lot more time was spent doing fun things like jumping from the hayloft in the barn onto the hay pile below, searching for the newest batch of kittens, tracking the raccoon tracks in the creek, and seeing a lot of Grandma's great find dishes (from Sunday afternoon).

Today's merry hat to do with one of those weekends where most of the kids were spending the day at Grandma's house, helping out and having fun. Everything was going along great, and then it happened.

Into the long farm driveway came a strange car. The kids just stared, because it wasn't often that far out in the hills that you see someone you didn't know. And this gentleman was dressed all up in a tuxedo suit, and a fancy city hat. He looked like he was ready to go to a formal or something. And they knew if he said the name of town, he would definitely pronounce it "El-Creek".

The city gent pulled up in front of the farmhouse and proceeded to climb out of the car. He eyed the kids up and down, and asked "Is the man of the house home?"

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Year	Title	Year	Title	Year	Title
1	A-World Fall	8	Christmas	9	What They Like To Do
2	What We Think About	9	Grandpa's Guest	10	What You Shouldn't Want To Know About
3	Public Policy	10	On Trucks and Operators	11	Older People
4	Music Memories	11	What They Like About AF	12	Model A World
		12	Autoschool Stories	13	Old



58th Texas Tour

will be held in Longview, Texas

June 10-13, 2021

Outdoor venues due to COVID.

Day Tours

Hotel information, website, and registration form are coming soon.

texwillis@texasour2021.com

Thank you, Tex, for putting it

together so quickly!

Henry Ford Fun Facts



Henry Ford was the first Industrial Giant to give his workers both Saturday and Sunday off, in hope that it would encourage more leisure use of automobiles, and thus popularizing the idea of the "weekend".

When Thomas Edison was confined to a wheelchair in the last years of his life, his friend Henry Ford bought one too, so that they could have wheelchair races

Henry Ford once balked at paying \$10,000 to General Electric for work done troubleshooting a generator, and asked for an itemized bill. The engineer who performed the work, Charles Steinmetz, sent this: "Making chalk mark on generator, \$1. Knowing where to make mark, \$9,999." Ford paid the bill.

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young." **Henry Ford**

2021



Event Calendar

- JAN 5, 2021 **Meeting Cancelled**
- FEB 2, 2021 **Meeting Cancelled**
- 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—see details on p.7)**
- MAY 4, 2021 **Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points**
- JUN 1, 2021 **Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points**
- JUN 10-13, 2021..... **58th Texas Tour in Longview, TX chaired by Tex Willis**
- 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 2021 **Meeting Christmas Party**
- DEC 2-5, 2021 **MAFCA National Banquet at the Fort Worth Stockyards (Hosted by Cowtown As)**



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