

The Running Board



April 2021

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President's Message

Dear Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club Members,

We WILL have an April meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points! The dining room will be open at 5:00 pm. Weather permitting we may meet in the outside eating area or in the parking lot. We will maintain social distance, use masks, and have a taco party.

Don't forget about the Spring Fling tour with dinner at our house in Safari Waters. We will eat outside in the enchanted forest (backyard). So bring your Model A and a couple of chairs.

We will also have a Bluebonnet Tour to Ennis on Wed., April 21. See details on page 4. Fun times are upon us!

Happy Model A Day!

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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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A MAFFI 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 March Monthly Meeting

Get your vaccine as soon as you can so we can have more meetings this year.

Model A Ford Quiz

What color is it?



1930 Cabriolet

Answer on page 7

a jelly bean prayer

 red is for the blood He gave.

 green is for the grass He made.

 yellow is for the sun so bright.


 orange is for the edge of night.

 black is for the sins we've made.
 white is for the grace He gave.

 purple is for His hour of sorrow.

 pink is for the new tomorrow.

 Handfuls of jelly beans, colorful and bright, a prayer, a promise of a brand new life.



*As the cold and grey winter days...
Give way, to the bright and beautiful spring...
You know it's time for you to hear,
the Easter bells ring!
The birds are chirping...
The bunnies are out...
There are Easter eggs all around!
There is happiness in the air,
and a warmth in your heart...
To stay with you, all through the year!
Happy Easter!*



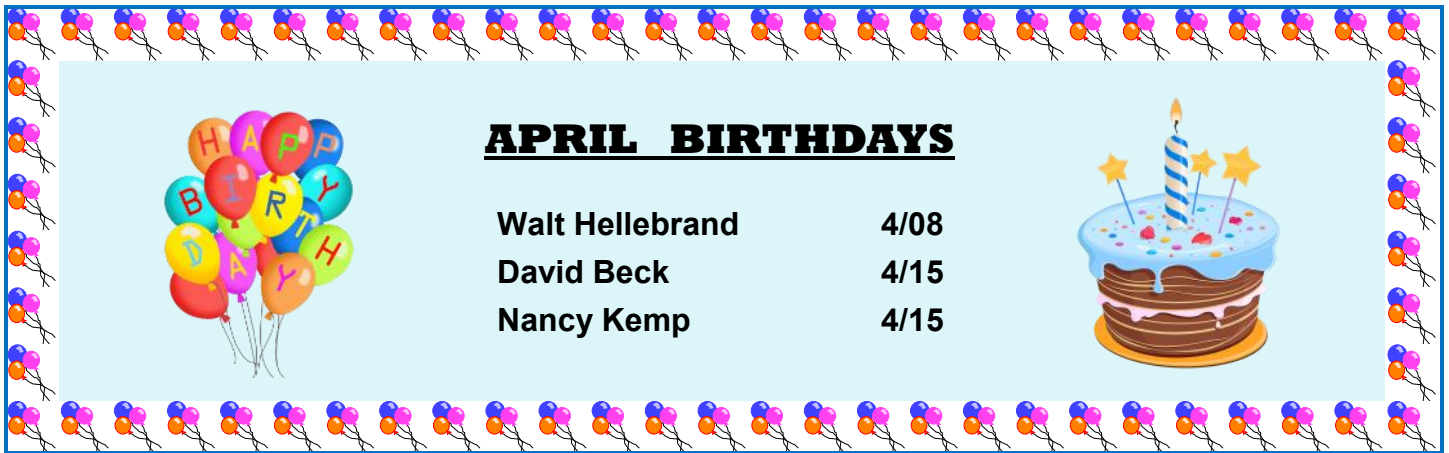
Sunshine News By Lou Carpenter


It was good to see Sue and Bill Capps. They are doing well.

Scott Ingram is in Kaufman Health Center for dialysis treatments 3 times a week. He has lost a lot of weight and really needs our prayers.

Jody saw an orthopedic doctor for her sciatica, but she is still in a great deal of pain. She may eventually have surgery.


Lillian Parker had a massive stroke. They are hoping she will be able to go to rehab and maybe later to a nursing home for further rehab. She will probably remain in a wheelchair as one side was severely affected.





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Walt Hellebrand	4/08
David Beck	4/15
Nancy Kemp	4/15





BLUEBONNET TOUR

Wednesday, April 21, 2021


We will meet at the Dairy Queen in Gun Barrel City (on Main St. across from Lowes) at 8 am for breakfast. At 9 am we will leave for the tour to Ennis. Lunch will be in or near Ennis, and then we will gradually make our way back home that afternoon. Wouldn't you like a picture like one of these. Come join us for a day full of adventure!

Walt Hellebrand has planned this tour based on past tours.










Hello Everyone,

Spring is here and now we can look forward to some Model A events. The first is the April Meeting at the Dairy Queen on April 6. Next will be the Spring Fling Tour on April 17, and you are welcome to just join us for dinner on that Saturday evening if you cannot make the whole tour. You can always drive your modern if necessary. Your presence is what we desire. See the information on pages 7-8. Then on April 21 we will drive to Ennis for a day tour to see the Bluebonnets. Hopefully we can have a day in May also. Be sure to sign up for the Texas Tour in Longview to be held in June. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Nancy Cheshire



From the Editor

Picnic with The Capps

March 24, 2021 at Gun Barrel City Park

A great time was had by all who attended the picnic in honor of the Capps. It was a little breezy, but all enjoyed their lunch and the ice cream cake saved from the Christmas Party to honor the Capps.

It was a time to finally present the radiator shelf that had been designed, built, and signed by club members.

Idea for shelf was presented by Jonathan Vaghy. Gary Vick built the shelf. Chuck Cheshire put it together. Jody Letchworth procured the Quail to put on the top. Club made donations to cover any costs for its construction.



Presentation of the Shelf to Bill & Sue Capps, Charter Members of the Club.
We thank you for your service these many years to the club.



FDR's Ford

Although he was a wealthy man who could buy more or less any car he wanted, the second President Roosevelt, Franklin Delano, liked to be seen in more affordable vehicles such as the Model A shown here.

By the time the Model A was introduced, Roosevelt had already contracted the illness which left him partly paralyzed, so this car was presumably adapted to allow him to drive it.



The AA Truck

The Model A was offered with many body styles including saloon, coupe, convertible and pickup.

Another derivative was a truck called the Model AA, which was based on the car but had a much stronger chassis and a four-speed gearbox.

Twin rear wheels were available as an option to limit (or, in Ford's words, "reduce very considerably") the chances of a Model AA coming to grief on soft, rough, wet or frosty ground.

Technical Tips

Is it a Briggs or Murray Body?

By Rick Black, Las Cruces, NM

Question: How can you tell a Briggs body from a Murray body without the body tag?



Answer:

One of the easiest ways is to look at the door windows. Murray doors have a slight arch at the top of the window. Ford and Briggs bodies have windows that are straight across at the top. Click on the photo below to compare various Model A doors and windows.

There are exceptions. Slant Windshield Fordors made in 1931 had bodies made by Ford, Briggs, and Murray but the bodies were identical and had the arched windows typical of the earlier Murray Fordors.

Most Briggs and Murray bodies had a body tag on the firewall. Through the years, many of these are no longer in place. And, through the years, a replacement body tag could have been placed by an owner.



1928-29 Coupe



1928-29 Tudor (and Pickup)



1928-29 Murray Fordor



1928-29 Briggs Fordor



1930-31 Coupe



1930-31 Tudor (and Pickup)



1930-31 Murray Fordor



1930-31 Briggs Fordor

While the doors of Coupe and Tudor/Pickup look alike, their widths are different.



A Spring Fling Tour-

April 17-18, 2021

There is still room for the **Spring Fling Tour**.

See registration form below. Must pay by April 6, 2021

Highlights of Tour:

Saturday:

1. Shopping along US-80 from Terrell, Texas to Grand Saline, Texas.
2. Tour of the Texas Freshwaters Fisheries Center in Athens, Texas.
3. Driving Tour of Safari Waters Ranch to see zebras and deer.
4. Dinner in the Cheshires' Backyard in Safari Waters Ranch.

(There will be a \$12 charge per person for a catered barbeque dinner. Includes two meats (no pork), 3 vegetables, peach cobbler, and ice tea.)

See registration form below. Must pay at April Meeting or mail by April 6, 2021

The Dallas MAFC will be joining us.

Hosted by the Cheshires, 972-279-4786, nmcheshire@yahoo.com

Spring Fling Registration Form

for Dinner on Saturday Night, April 17, 2021

Name(s) _____ No. of People _____

Check# _____ Amount \$ _____ (\$12.00 per person)

Driving a Model A ____ or a modern ____

Make check payable to *Nancy Cheshire* and mail to 8450 Fallow Run, Larue, Texas 75770

Any questions etc.—nmcheshire@yahoo.com or 972-279-4786

You will pay for your own entrance to the Texas Fisheries Center. Attending Fisheries Center on Sat. # _____



Spring Fling Tour On Historic US Hwy 80



Meeting Location for Info and Maps and forming small travel groups:



1) Meet at the **McDonalds** at **91 TX Highway 205** (at junction with US-80 & FM 148) on the west side of Terrell, Texas to begin the **US-80 Hwy Sale**. **Leave at 9 am. Bring a chair for dinner if you have room in your car.**

There is a **Murphy gas station** just behind McDonalds at Walmart. The Cheshires will be there to pass out info and directions for the tour. Everyone is on their own as to where and when you stop and shop. Be sure to stop at the **Jones Junction Trade Days at US-80 & TX-19**.

Lunch is on your own timing. The larger towns have Sonics and local eateries.

One stop you might want to make is to **Bruce Miller Farms**, 5 mi. north on TX-19 - only 5 min. off the main track. They have plants, local produce, homemade canned goods, and ice cream.

Remember to be headed towards Athens by 1-1:30 pm. depending on where you are at that time.

2) Meet at the **Texas Freshwaters Fisheries Center** beginning at 2 pm. You will pay your own entrance fee for a self-guided tour.

3) Upon leaving the Fisheries Center you are welcome to shop in Athens then make your way to Safari Waters Ranch for **Dinner at the Cheshires** or follow Chuck to our home – 8 mi. east of Athens off US-175. You must check in at the gate house upon entry to SWR. They will have a list with your names.

Your tour booklet will have directions and maps, historical info on the towns on the tour, and suggestions for places to eat.

NOTE: The tour booklet will be **given to you at the McDonald's in Terrell**. If you would like for me to email the booklet for you to print, please let me know at nmcheshire@yahoo.com or 972-279-4786.



58th Annual Texas Tour

Longview, TX ~ June 10-13, 2021

Tex Willis, Chair, Texas Tour 2021, P.O. Box 752, Winnsboro, TX 75494
 Nate Rominger Co-Chair, Scarecrow Willis Co Chair, Chana Gail Willis Co-Chair
www.TexasTour2021.com * Tex Willis 903-816-3303 * Nate Rominger 903-918-8771



Howdy, Folks! We welcome you to *"Ease your Model A on over to East Texas"* this year for the 58th Annual Texas Tour!

The host city is Longview, nestled deep in the Piney Woods of Northeast Texas, with day tours to Jefferson on Friday and Kilgore on Saturday. This year, the Autumn Trails Model A Ford Club will be hosting this event, with help from the Tyler Model A Ford Club. **We all invite you to come visit our little corner of northeast Texas!**

We have a beautiful venue set up at Wylde Acres just ten minutes from the Longview hotels at Loop 281 and Hwy 259 just NE of Longview. Check them out at www.wyldeacres.com and see this beautiful setting. Trailer parking is also provided at Wylde Acres.

We are planning on utilizing this venue from 6-10 PM on Thursday and Saturday evenings.

We will be spending two evenings there: (1) The Welcome Party on Thursday night includes Karaoke with dinner provided by Chik-Fil-A chicken sandwiches, and (2) Saturday night with "Era Fashions" night, BBQ and awards. We want to see your era fashions where we will have People's Choice awards with categories like Best Man/Woman/Child/Couple/Gangster/Dust Bowl, and other categories. This is an open venue (location is outside), so bring lawn chairs to space out with whatever distance you feel comfortable sitting. (Room indoors if we get a summer shower!). The food is all pre-packaged to lessen COVID contact with serving lines. It will be more of a "Grab-n-go" service.

Details are still being worked out, but we are planning DAY TOURS to Jefferson (Friday) and Kilgore (Saturday). Lunch will be on your own both days, as well as supper Friday night.

We will not be collecting items for door prizes. Instead, we are looking for 10-12 items to Auction off to help offset hosting expenses and keep registration costs down low. If you or your club want to donate an item or pitch in for a larger item, that would be awesome! When the donated items come in, we will have them for display and auction: half of the items on Thursday and the other half on Saturday. Contact Tex Willis or Nate Rominger at the numbers below.

We will have a tour brochure with maps and information. If you want to help sponsor that, we are selling business card size ads for \$25; deadline for content submission is May 1. (Yes, we can help with your ad layout.) Contact Tex Willis or Nate Rominger at the numbers below.

We are also gathering a list of volunteers for various things like lining up the food tables with the pre-packaged food, a Trailer Parking lot team, tour leaders and anybody that can be on standby with a trailer for vehicle recovery for the tours. Contact Tex Willis at the number below.

Points of Contact (P.O.C): Tex Willis **903-816-0638**, Nate Rominger at **903-918-8771**. Tour email is texwillis@texastour2021.com for any correspondence. Visit our website at www.TexasTour2021.com for contacting us and the Registration form. (Hotel lists attached). Tour packets may be picked up beginning 6/10/21 Thursday morning until 5:30 p.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn Lobby 905 East Hawkins Pkwy, Longview, TX 75605. After that, call Tex Willis at 903-816-0638 or Chana Gail Willis at 903-816-3303.

We Look Forward to Seeing You in Longview!



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Hotel List, Longview, TX

These hotels are in close proximity, same area near each other.

There are additional hotels available in Longview.

Hilton Garden Inn

905 East Hawkins Pkwy, Longview, TX 75605
903-212-3000

45 rooms blocked until May 15, 2021. Will add more as needed.

Book rooms under "Model A Ford Club"

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?&ctyhocn=GGGGIGI&groupCode=490829&arrival=20210610&departure=20210613&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,en,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

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Marriott International

3305 N 4th St, Longview, TX 75605
903-663-1995

20 rooms blocked until MAY 15, 2021

Book Rooms under "Model A Ford Club"

Comfort Suites

3307 N 4th St, Longview, TX 75605
903-663-4991

No rooms blocked. No special rates.

La Quinta

908 E Hawkins Pkwy., Longview, TX 75605
903-663-6611

No rooms blocked. No special rates

Staybridge Suites

3409 N Fourth St., Longview, TX 75605
903-212-3800

No rooms blocked. No special rates.

Holiday Inn Express

431 E Loop 281, Longview, TX 75605
903-663-3196

No rooms blocked. No special rates.



1931 Longview, Texas



58th Annual Texas Tour Longview, TX June 10-13 2021



REGISTRATION FORM

Names: (PLEASE PRINT) \$35 Adult, \$0 Child Under 13

Adult 1 _____ \$ _____

2 _____ \$ _____

Child 1 _____ \$ _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

Make checks payable to **Tex Willis** and mail to
P.O. Box 752, Winnsboro, TX 75494, by May 1, 2021

\$ _____
TOTAL Registration

REGISTRATION INCLUDES DINNERS ON THURSDAY (CHIK FIL, CHIPS, COOKIE, DRINK) AND SATURDAY (BBQ W/ FIXINS AND DRINK). *ALL OTHER MEALS ON YOUR OWN.*

_____ FOOD ALLERGY, CONTACT ME

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Model A Club(s): _____

What Model A are you bringing? _____

Will you need trailer parking? YES NO (Circle one)

Parking will be at the venue, Wylde Acres at 2864 Smelley Rd, Longview, TX 75605

Disclaimer: I hereby release and hold harmless the Autumn Trails Model A Ford Club, Model A Ford Club of America, Model A Restorers Club and sponsors of the 57th Texas Model A Ford Tour, their facilities and the event chairs and cochairs from any and all liabilities whatsoever. Submittal of this form, whether signed or unsigned, constitutes acceptance of this release. Signature of Registrant (signee is responsible for their participants):

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MAFFI Newsletter Minute

Would You Like to Serve?

The Model A Ford Foundation is always looking for individuals who love the Model A hobby and are interested in the history of the Era to serve on the MAFFI Board of Trustees. Briefly, the MAFFI board has the responsibility of overseeing the Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore and encouraging Model A'ers around the country to support the museum through membership in MAFFI and through additional donations to museum operations or the museum Endowment Fund.

The Board meets once a year on the Thursday before Model A Day at the Gilmore which falls on the third Saturday of September. Attendance at the meeting and Model A Day is strongly encouraged. Meetings and business are also conducted through email and conference phone calls so a trustee must have access to a computer for email. We like to have representation on the board from all areas of the country. We would like to also encourage women to serve on the board.

A trustee serves for three years and is eligible to serve a second consecutive term if he or she desires. Trustees must be a member in good standing of MAFFI and we strongly encourage each trustee to support both national clubs, MAFCA and MARC through membership as well. We ask that while serving on the MAFFI Board, you do not run for or accept positions on another national club's board. If you think you may be interested in serving on the MAFFI Board, please contact our Executive Director, John Marshall (ExecutiveDirector@maffi.org), or John Begg (President@maffi.org)

Thank you, Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee

Annual Model A Day
Swap Meet
Fashion, Seminars,
Food and Fun!
 September 17th & 18th 2021 9-5pm
 The Gilmore Car Museum
 6865 W. Hickory Road
 Hickory Corners, MI 49060
SAVE THE DATE
 For more Info 269-615-3719 Jerry Morrissey
 For Seminar Information Ken Ehrenhofer 630-697-3906
 For Swap Reservations Mark Maron 847-302-7900



MAFCA is looking for You.

Are you interested in the future of MAFCA? Yes you say! Then now is the time to consider being a candidate for the Board of Directors. As a member of the MAFCA board you will be able to put your organizational and operations skills to good use. MAFCA has four positions that will need to be filled and if you like to take on an assignment and get the job done, and enjoy working on a team of similarly minded people, please fill out the application found on page 20 of the March April issue of The Restorer and become a candidate.

Doug Linden Membership Director

National Awards Banquet
December 2-5, 2021
 Fort Worth, Texas
 hosted by the
Fort Worth Model A Club
THE COWTOWN "A"
 In the historic Stockyard District

National Convention
 Rescheduled from 2020
June 12-17, 2022



Kerrville, TX
 The Alamo A's invites you to tour the beautiful Texas hill country as part of the MAFCA National Convention. The renowned Y-O Ranch Resort will be the host hotel for the event. Full information can be found on the MAFCA website (www.mafca.com)

Tiny Tips
WATER PUMP FIXES

If the water pump shaft travels forward too much in service, resulting in the fan touching the radiator or excessive wear on the fan belt and pulleys, here's a quick fix without removing the radiator, pump, etc.

Get a 2" piece of alloy or plastic pipe with an inside diameter slightly smaller than the pump shaft outside diameter. Saw the pipe lengthwise and fit the halves around the shaft. Secure with two hose clamps of shortest possible length, with the fan position pushed toward the block. Line with inner tube rubber if too loose. The halves keep the shaft from travelling.

If the water pump works too well, throwing water out the overflow, a quick fix can be made by slipping a piece of rubber tubing over the tube, just clearing the cap. Insert a wood screw loosely in the tube to allow some water or steam to escape.



Submitted by Robert Scoon, Arcadia, Calif.



Beware! A Fork in the Road

1931 Model A Huckster

Pat Westbruck has moved. Bob Letchworth is handling the sale of her Huckster. If interested contact Bob Letchworth 903-603-4496.

2021



Event Calendar

- JAN 5, 2021 **Meeting Cancelled**
- FEB 2, 2021 **Meeting Cancelled**
- MAR 2, 2021 **Meeting Cancelled**
- APR 6, 2021 **Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points**
- APR 17, 2021 **Spring Fling Tour (hosted by the Cheshires—see details on p.7-8)**
- 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 & Autumn Trails As
- 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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