

# The Running Board



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## President's Message

Dear Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club Members,

It has been a great October with many fall events. Winnsboro had great weather, and it was so good to see so many Cedar Creek members present. Nothing special is on the calendar for November, but you can still get out and drive that beautiful A in the cooler weather.

Be sure to put the Christmas party in December on your calendar. It will be a fun time together. See you on November 2 at the meeting .

Happy Model A Day!

*Chuck Cheshire*, President

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1931 Flatbed Truck



*Happy Thanksgiving*





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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 MAFCA 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 September 7, 2021 Meeting

The meeting was called to order and Chuck Cheshire lead the pledge.

There were no guests or new members to introduce.

Last month's meeting minutes were accepted by a motion from Carolyn Vick. Gerald Phariss seconded it.

The financial report was read and accepted by Carolyn Vick and Gerald Phariss.

Anna Hellebrand said that Scott Ingram is continuing to improve. He looks much better and is gaining weight and can walk with a walker. He has decided to get the Covid vaccine so he can go on outings outside the Nursing Home. Anna and Walt Hellebrand plan to bring him to a meeting when he is finished with his vaccine.

We had no birthday people who were present this month.

Upcoming events:

Oct 22th – Winnsboro

Oct 16 – Veterans Memorial Event at Canton

Oct 9 - Dairy Queen Car Show

MAFCA National Banquet – Dec 2-5 Fort Worth

Christmas Party – Dec 3

Lou Carpenter brought up the current Post Office box the club is renting. The box will need to be renewed in January. Last year the box was \$130 but is going up to \$166 this coming year. A smaller box would be \$118. The club voted unanimously to rent a smaller box next year.

Breakfast will be at the Mabank Cafe on Oct 19.

The club hats are priced at \$18 and visors at \$10.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:09.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lou Carpenter*

## Model A Ford Quiz

What color is it?



1931 Standard Phaeton

*Answer on page 4*



## Sunshine News

by Lou Carpenter



Jim Blakeney has pancreatic cancer and has been taking Chemo. The treatments have been very hard on him. He feels bad and has no appetite. Please keep him and Christie in your prayers.

Bill Capps had a cancerous nodule removed from his cheek. Doctor says he got it all.

Keep praying for the Parkers and Scott Ingram.

Janice Rogers had knee replacement. She is doing well..

Jody Letchworth's brother passed away recently. She has lost her sister and her brother now in a short time.

Keep us posted if you have a health issue.



## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**Paula Winter 11/06**  
**Myles Pennington 11/14**



Jonathan Vaghy's beautiful green Tudor won best Model A at the DQ Car Show on October 9. Congratulations!



Count your blessings instead of your crosses  
 Count your gains instead of your losses  
 Count your joys instead of your woes  
 Count your friends instead of your foes  
 Count your smiles instead of your tears  
 Count your courage instead of your fears  
 Count your full years instead of your lean  
 Count your kind deeds instead of your mean  
 Count your health instead of your wealth  
 Count on God instead of yourself.



## **OCTOBER BREAKFAST**



Breakfast for October was at the Mabank Café in Mabank.

15 members were present.

New CCMAFC shirts and hoodies were passed out to those who had ordered.



Hello Everyone,

October brought many club events to get out and about. It was great to see so many of you at Winnsboro. CCMAFC Shirts were distributed at the October breakfast. We can order more if you so interested. Let me know by the November meeting. Pocketed T-shirts, Embroidered polo shirts, and Hoodies are available. Just email me with size and style at [nmcheshire@yahoo.com](mailto:nmcheshire@yahoo.com)



*Nancy Cheshire*

**From the Editor**

## AUTUMN TRAILS WEEKEND IN WINNSBORO

Beautiful Weather! Wonderful Time! Scenic Roads! Good Fellowship!

19 Cedar Creek club members attended some part of the Autumn Trails Car Weekend.

8 Model As were driven by club members.

The Cheshires' son and grandson also drove 2 Model As.





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AUTUMN TRAILS QUEEN

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Bob Letchworth's birthday was Saturday, Oct. 23. The CCMAFC group celebrated his birthday with cookies at the park in Winnsboro during Autumn Trails.

**THEN THE BANQUET.**



**Harris Lege - OLDEST DRIVER**



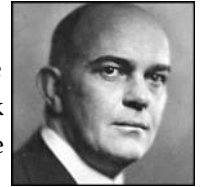
**THE DRIVING TOUR ON SUNDAY WITH A STOP AT TEX WILLIS' HOUSE**



## ORIGINS OF THE FORD SIGNATURE AND BLUE OVAL

The question often wondered about the Ford logo is if the script of the brand name is Henry Ford's handwriting. The answer is no, it's not.

It was created by the company's first chief engineer/designer Childe Harold Wills. Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on June 1, 1878, his family moved to Detroit where he finished his schooling. When he was 17 years old he became an apprentice at the Detroit Lubricator Company. At the same time he took night courses in mechanical engineering and metallurgy. At only 23 he became the chief engineer at the Burroughs Adding Machine Co., in 1901.










He caught the automobile bug and in 1899 he asked Henry Ford for a part-time job. He worked with Ford at the Detroit Automobile Co. early mornings and late evenings, where Henry Ford was the superintendent. In 1901 the company became the Henry Ford Motor Co. and by 1902 Wills was working for Ford on his famous racers, 999 and Arrow. Then as a full time employee, he was instrumental in Ford using lightweight, strong nickel-chrome vanadium steel for frames on their production cars. He also was heavily involved with designing the 1908 Model T and created the planetary transmission and the detachable cylinder head.

What does all this have to do with the logo that is recognized all over the world? As a youngster Wills was interested in calligraphy and used his talents to design the famous Ford logo in 1907.

Wills left Ford Motor Co. in 1919 after Henry's chief production chief was determined to oust him. Henry Ford did not forget his contributions to the company, and Wills left with \$1.5 million in severance. He also invested in steel firms that amassed him another \$4 million. With this capital he started the Wills Sainte Claire car company. Later he worked at Chrysler Corp. as a metallurgist. C. Harold Wills passed away in 1940, at the age of 62, at the Henry Ford Hospital.

From *Calumet As*

### Here are the rest of the Ford emblems you may have seen over the years:

- |              |   |   |
|--------------|---|---|
| 1903-1906    |  | The very first Ford logo was much different from the simple, streamlined image used throughout the twentieth century. This one was a circle with a fashionable art nouveau border.  |
| 1907-1912    |  | The first signature-based Ford logo is used resembling the script we know and love today.   |
| 1912         |  | This brief and unsuccessful Ford design put the brand signature on top of an orange/dark blue winged pyramid. Although intended to show the product's speed, grace, and stability, the logo was quickly removed after Henry Ford expressed his dislike of it. |
| 1912-1927    |  | The Ford signature becomes encapsulated in an oval. While 1912 was when this new design became widely used, it first appeared in 1907 by the original Ford Motor Company Limited of Great Britain to identify UK Ford dealers.                                |
| 1927-1957    |  | After the oval was introduced, it didn't take long before it assumed its iconic royal blue color, though its shape was rounder than today's oval is.  |
| 1957-1976    |  | Instead of an oval, the Ford logo took on an odd shape for a couple decades—something resembling a lemon. During this time, the logo was only used on company communications and unique crests were favored on vehicles.                                      |
| 1976-present |  | The blue oval returned in the 1970s at the relative shape it is today. For the 100th anniversary of the brand, the blue logo received a white tint with smooth 3D shading, as well as the official title of "Centennial Blue Oval."                           |

From *thenewswheel.com*

# Technical Tips

## Jim's Technical Tip

by Jim Cannon,

There are several places on a Model A where you are installing something that is attached with multiple screws. For example, here are a few:



- .Instrument panel
- .Floor boards
- .Valve cover (under exhaust manifold)
- .Oil pan
- .Window trim

When installing them, start each screw with only a few threads. Leave them all pretty loose to start. Then you can move the piece around, as needed, to finesse each subsequent screw into the next threaded hole. The last ones are often the hardest to get aligned. I use an awl in the hole where the screw will be going to adjust the piece to get the holes to line up.



Get all of the screws started, and then go around and tighten them all up in several passes. Have the screw head just touching the piece at first, then make them all snug, then make them all fully tightened. Just like you do when tightening head nuts, start with tightening the screws in the middle and then work your way out to the ends. Alternate sides left and right as you go on each tightening pass.

I hope this helps you get things together a bit faster and easier next time.

Have a Model A Day! Jim



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## PONDERINGS

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7th of your life.

Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

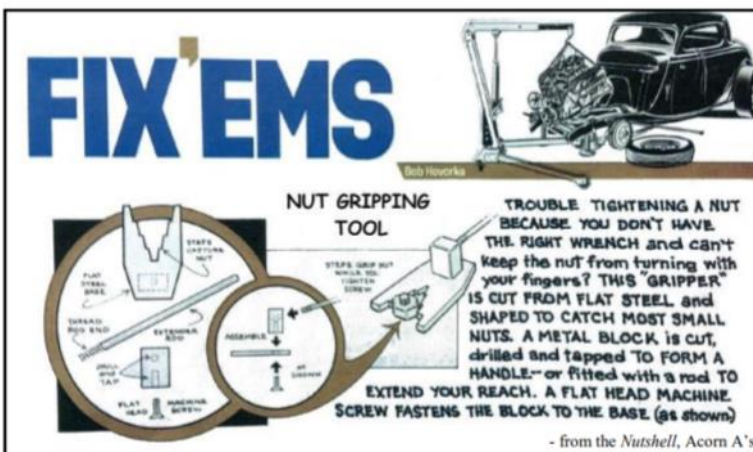
If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.

No one is listening until you make a mistake. *From the Script As*



- from the Nutshell, Acorn A's



# Christmas Party

**Friday, December 3**  
**at the Mabank Library**  
**11:00 am – whenever we finish**

**Meat will be provided by the club.**  
**Bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert.**

**There will be a short meeting before the meal is served.**

**Bring a wrapped White elephant gift**  
**for each person attending.**

**Bring an unwrapped toy.**

**It will be a fun time of fellowship.**

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## MAFFI Newsletter Minute

MAFFI Model A Day at the Model A Ford Museum in Gilmore Car Museum is BACK! After having to cancel the event in 2020 we were so happy to see so many Model A enthusiasts come out to celebrate with us. About 200 Model As arrived and parked on the Gilmore Museum grounds. The theme this year, "Model A First Responders" included fire trucks, police wagon, and ambulances from the Model A Era.

This year visitors could take rides around the Gilmore Museum grounds on the Huff & Puff bus and Model A cars. I heard one group of riders singing "The wheels on the bus go round and round" as the rode through the grounds. The swap meet was the biggest and best to date. There were silent auction items up for bid, 50/50 raffle tickets, Model A Day T-Shirts and pins for all to purchase.

The day included seminars, the youth event featuring the Mishawaka High School restoration project, and featured guest, Wayne Carini from "Chasing Classic Cars."

The day concluded with a General Membership Meeting where recognition was given to event organizers and MAFFI volunteers. Check out the MAFFI web page, <https://www.maffi.org/> for pictures of the event. Hope to see you at the Museum next year.

There is a complete showing of the Model A Day Pins sold to date by MAFFI on page 13 of the September-October 2021 Issue of the Model A News.

Thank you,  
Marsha DuBreuil, MAFFI  
Clubcontact@maffi.org



### This is also the Texas Tour for 2022

#### *2022 National Convention Hotels June 12-17*

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| -YO Ranch Hotel                         | 830-257-4562 |
| 1 person with breakfast                 | \$ 99        |
| 2 people with breakfast                 | \$ 109       |
| 3 people with breakfast                 | \$ 119       |
| 4 people with breakfast                 | \$ 129       |
|   |              |
| -Inn's of the Hills                     | 830-895-6001 |
| \$ 99 per room with breakfast           |              |
|   |              |
| -Holiday Inn Express                    | 830-895-9500 |
| \$ 112 for standard room with breakfast |              |
| \$ 140 for suite with breakfast         |              |
|   |              |
| -Best Western                           | 830-896-1313 |
| \$ 109 per room with breakfast          |              |

2021



Event Calendar

- NOV 2, 2021 ..... Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- NOV 16, 2021 Breakfast
- DEC 3, 2021 ..... Meeting Christmas Party—Mabank Library 11:00 am —?
- Dec 21, 2021 Breakfast ?
- DEC 2-5, 2021 ..... MAFCA National Banquet at the Fort Worth Stockyards (Hosted by Cowtown As)



2022

- JAN 4, 2022 ..... Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- FEB 1, 2022 ..... Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- MAR 1, 2022 ..... Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- APR 5, 2022 .... Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- MAY 3, 2022 .... Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- JUN 7, 2022 .... Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- JUNE 12-17, 2022 ... MAFCA National Convention/Texas Tour, Y.O. Ranch Hotel, Kerrville, TX



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