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President's Memo

Hello Members,

Welcome to 2022 and my second year as president. In November the club voted to keep the officers and board of directors the same for another year.

Hopefully this year will be a good year for Model A activities starting with our first meeting on January 4. We hope to have no cancellations of meetings or events this year. Also 2022 is the 20th Anniversary of the Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club. Happy Anniversary, Everyone!

If you have ideas for tours or want to plan one, events, or workshops, let me know.

Happy Model A New Years!

Chuck Cheshire, President

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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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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



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MEETING MINUTES

Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club Monthly Meeting - December 3, 2020

Mabank Library Community Room -

Chuck Cheshire opened the meeting at 12:20 by leading the pledge.

There were 4 birthdays present. We sang the birthday song to Emma, Teena, James, and Chuck.

Bob Letchworth said he is scheduled to have heart catheterization on December 17th.

The club decided to have the New Year's Eve supper this year at Vetoni's. About 20 people are going to meet at 6PM to celebrate the New Year.

It was announced that it is time to pay the \$15 club dues for next year. Quite a few members went ahead and paid.

A motion was made to authorize Lou Carpenter to change the post office box to a smaller one. It was accepted unanimously.

Bill Lee won the drawing for the \$50 raffle prize. He very generously donated it back to the club. Thanks Bill!

A motion was made to close the meeting by Carolyn Vick and was unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Carpenter Secretary/Treasurer

Ford Quiz

There are only two types of cars in the world. It is either a Ford or it's not. So how well do you know Ford?

Ford incorporated the Ford Motor Company in:

- 1900 1903
- 1905 1912
- 1910

The Model T was invented in:

- January 1905 December 1909
- June 1907 August 1906
- October 1908

The Model A was first sold on:

- January 5, 1927
- October 20, 1927
- December 2, 1927
- October 20, 1928
- December 2, 1928

Answers on page 7



New Year is the time when all your hopes are new, so are your aspirations, new are your resolutions and new are your spirits... so here's wishing everyone a very promising, fulfilling and a very happy New Year 2022!

Sunshine News By Lou Carpenter



Joe Creecy passed away in November.

O.V. Cliver was 97 on December 25. He has been mostly bedridden with a UTI.

Wanda Bell spent several days in the hospital before having surgery. She says she gets better every day. Their son came in from LA, and they had a good Christmas.

Bob Letchworth had a heart catheterization on Dec 17th. They told him they had to order a special piece to get to the place where they want to put a stent. They will schedule when they are ready.

Continue to remember Christy Blakeney in the loss of her husband, Jim.



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
Kathleen Vaghy	1/27







Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year! Hope the Christmas Season was good to you. We are looking forward to more Model A events in 2022 so be sure to come to the meetings and read the newsletter. It is always sent out on the last day of the month for the upcoming month.

Nancy Cheshire



Era Historical Tidbit

Five Reasons Why We (and Everyone Else) Love the Ford Model A

5. You can drive it on the road. Okay, this one seems pretty obvious. But some restored vehicles, no matter how sexy they look, tend to putt along on side streets with lower speed limits. With higher speeds and better brakes, Model As are known to drive pretty darn well on modern roads.

4. You can learn to drive it without a historian present. So the Model A can handle the road. But more importantly, today's drivers can handle the Model A. The car was the first Ford to have controls we're used to, like gas pedals and a conventional gear-shift lever to name a few.


3. Replacement parts are not crazy difficult to find. With the Model A, a lot of original parts are still floating around out there since Ford built right around 5 million Model As between the 1928 and 1931 model years. And as our Model A love is no secret, there are now vendors who make less expensive, sometimes more reliable copies of vintage parts. So the Model A is a sweet vintage vehicle, plus, the replacement parts are comparatively easier to get ahold of.

2. They're relatively affordable. About 5 million Ford Model As were made, and a lot of them are still around. So the Model A is historic, but it isn't quite rare enough to cost an arm and a leg—a phrase which here means the \$70,000 you could pay for a Packard of the same vintage. Yikes. There are decent Model As out there priced as low as \$6,000. What's not to love about that?


1. Eye-popping styles and colors. There is a practical side to car restoration, like finding replacement parts and choosing drivable routes, but we can't deny the Model A is just pretty. Seriously, we could stare at this car all day. With new sporty body-styling, the Model A was an instant hit. Millions of people stormed Ford showrooms on December 2, 1927 because, as an Irving Kaufman song of the time period claimed, "Henry's made a Lady out of Lizzie."

By Sarah Kornacki, a Media Relations Intern at *The Henry Ford* 2014.

THE FIRST MONTH • 2022



JANUARY



*Named for the Roman god Janus, protector of gates and doorways.
Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other into the future.*

NEW YEAR TRADITIONS

HOW DID THE TRADITION OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS START?

From the Babylonians who resolved to return borrowed farm equipment to medieval knights who would renew their vow to chivalry, New Year's resolutions are nothing new. See this brief history—and compare the top 10 resolutions from the 1940s to today! Are you surprised?

HISTORY OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

New Year's resolutions actually go back to ancient times! So, before you pooh-pooh the idea, let's explore the history behind this tradition.

In 2000 B.C., the Babylonians celebrated the New Year during a 12-day festival called Akitu (starting with the vernal equinox). This was the start of the farming season to plant crops, crown their king, and make promises to pay their debts. One common resolution was the returning of borrowed farm equipment (which makes sense for an agriculturally based society).

The Babylonian New Year was adopted by the ancient Romans, as was the tradition of resolutions. The timing, however, eventually shifted with the Julian calendar in 46 B.C., which declared January 1st as the start of the new year.

January was named for the two-faced Roman god, Janus, who looks forward for new beginnings as well as backward for reflection and resolution. The Romans would offer sacrifices to Janus and make

promises of good behavior for the year ahead.

Janus was also the guardian of gates and doors. He presided over the temple of peace, where the doors were opened only during wartime. It was a place of safety, where new beginnings and new resolutions could be forged.

If you think about the land and the seasons, the timing of early January makes sense for most of Europe and for North America, too. The active harvest season has passed. The holiday frenzy is ending.

As our founder, Robert B. Thomas, said, this is a time “of leisure to farmers ... settle accounts with your neighbors ... now having been industrious in the summer, you will have the felicity of retiring from the turbulence of the storm to the bosom of your family.”

A Boston newspaper from 1813 featured the first recorded use of the phrase “New Year resolution.” The article states:

“And yet, I believe there are multitudes of people, accustomed to receive injunctions of new year resolutions, who will sin all the month of December, with a serious determination of beginning the new year with new resolutions and new behaviour, and with the full belief that they shall thus expiate and wipe away all their former faults.”

JANUARY HATH 31 DAYS • 2022

HOW RESOLUTIONS HAVE CHANGED

In the United States, New Year's resolutions are still a tradition, but the type of resolutions have changed. As a legacy of our Protestant history, resolutions in the early 1900s were more religious or spiritual in nature, reflecting a desire to develop stronger moral character, a stronger work ethic, and more restraint in the face of earthly pleasures.

Over the years, however, resolutions seem to have migrated from denying physical indulgences to general self-improvement, like losing weight. While it may seem superficial, medical sociologist Natalie Boero of San Jose State University suggested that today's resolutions are also a reflection of status, financial wealth, responsibility, and self-discipline—which isn't that different from how the New Year's resolution tradition began.

See the difference:**Resolutions From 1947 - Gallup Poll**

1. Improve my disposition, be more understanding, control my temper
2. Improve my character, live a better life
3. Stop smoking, smoke less
4. Save more money
5. Stop drinking, drink less
6. Be more religious, go to church more often
7. Be more efficient, do a better job
8. Take better care of my health
9. Take greater part in home life
10. Lose (or gain) weight

Today's Resolutions

1. Lose weight
2. Get organized
3. Spend less, save more
4. Enjoy life to the fullest
5. Stay fit and healthy
6. Learn something exciting
7. Quit smoking
8. Help others fulfill their dreams
9. Fall in love
10. Spend more time with family

Whether we resolve to return borrowed farm equipment (as the Babylonians did) or drop a few pounds, we're tapping into an ancient and powerful longing for a fresh start by setting resolutions!



The Christmas Party on Friday, December 3, 2021 had an attendance of 23, and all had a great time. Lots of nice Toys for Tots were brought, and they were donated to the Tri-County Library in Mabank for the use of their facility for the CCMAFC Christmas Party.



White Elephants gifts were fun as usual. A little trading went on! Harris Lege received a nice chicken. There was one duck received also. We will probably see them back next year.

The Mabank Library location was very nice again. Lou Carpenter made the festive and beautiful table decorations.



The food was delicious! Cochran's supplied the chicken. Bob Letchworth picked it up. All joined in to clean up.

Thank you to Lou Carpenter and Jody Letchworth for all the planning and preparation for the party. It was a fun time together!

Eating and Meeting





White Elephant Gifts



New Hat for the Club President



Coming this Spring

A Tour to Palestine, TX

to see

Historic Hardware Store

Museum & more



More details in February — Tour will be in March or April.

1930 FORD MODEL A GOES FROM NEW YORK TO LA IN 50 HOURS, 20 MINUTES

Rod Wade and Michael Flanders have set a new modern record for a pre-war car, driving their 1930 Ford Model A from New York to Los Angeles in just 50 hours, 20 minutes and 6 seconds. Right before departing Staten Island, New York, just past midnight on Friday, Wade filled up a bottle with water from the Atlantic ocean, and emptied it into the Pacific when the team reached Venice Beach in Marina Del Rey, Calif., late on Saturday night. Their first attempt five weeks ago ended in mechanical failure 38 hours into the drive, with the Ford Model A suffering a broken crankshaft, but with a replacement 40-hp engine, the team was successful on the second attempt.

Not only did they beat 60 hours as they've planned, but they arrived almost 10 hours early, in the process posting a faster time than Erwin "Cannon Ball" Baker's 1933 time of 53 hours and 30 minutes. Baker was driving a V8-engined Graham-Paige model 57 Blue Streak 8. His record that stood for 40 years. But this is a different type of record, of course -- Baker didn't have the modern Interstate Highway system, GPS navigation, or a support car in his 1930s cross-country racing effort. So Baker's record very much stands and will continue to stand, as it's impossible to try to best his feat under modern conditions using a pre-war car.



But Wade and Flanders' 50-hour, 20-minute record isn't quite the same as modern attempts made using modern cars. Instead, it's a new benchmark for pre-war cars in modern times.

The Ford Model A was running well early on after having left New York just past midnight, and team reached St. Louis on Friday about 16 hours into the drive, when the sun was just setting over Missouri. The team continued on to Oklahoma without incident, but then a powerful winter storm approached from Texas and New Mexico. The storm had done considerable damage, and Wade and Flanders saw overturned cars in the ditch as they made their way through Texas and New Mexico. Up until that time Flanders, an Australian, had not actually seen snow falling before, even though he'd seen snow. The team had to stop every few miles as they made their way through New Mexico to clear snow that was building up on the Ford's vertical windshield.

On this attempt, the team didn't have to worry about the car overheating, but now they faced a much different set of problems. Wade was concerned about black ice before the departure, though the team thought that once they were past the Midwest they wouldn't have winter weather to worry about. Little did they know that they would have to drive through slush in Texas and New Mexico. Pushing on through the winter storm with the car running perfectly, they stayed in the low to mid-60 mph range throughout much of the drive. Despite the storm, Wade was focused on setting a time for the pre-war cars that others would have difficulty beating. Talking to the team in their garage in New Jersey, a best-case-scenario time of 57 hours was discussed given the 2,947-mile distance, the fuel stops needed, and the simple fact that a 40-hp engine would be pulling a rather heavy car driven by two drivers who were going to take turns napping for an hour or so at a time. Wade thought that 57 hours was very doable, and we all agreed that a Sunday morning arrival was assured if they didn't run into any severe weather or mechanical issues.

But on Saturday morning the team noticed that they were well ahead of schedule, and that a time in the low 50 hours was possible. The



team flew through the Midwest on the first day, cruising in the low 60s all the way, and even though they faced some severe weather on the second day their average speed remained very high. Monitoring the team on GPS in real time, we saw them cruising at 60 to 65 mph for hours a time as they made their way through Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.



The team made good time through the last leg of the trip through Arizona and California, just after the sun set on Saturday. The Ford was still cruising the low 60-mph range, and even watching their progress on GPS in real time one could sense that they wanted to set a record that would stand for quite some time. Wade and Flanders didn't ease off even when they were just 20 minutes from their destination, carving their way through the maze of Los Angeles freeway overpasses while staying pretty close to the Ford's maximum speed.

The team arrived at the Venice Beach Fishing Pier just a little past 11:15 p.m. Pacific time. The Ford had covered 2,947 miles along interstates and parts of Route 66, with an overall average of 58.5 mph. That's no small feat for the co-drivers, and that's no small feat for a 1930 Ford Model A, either.

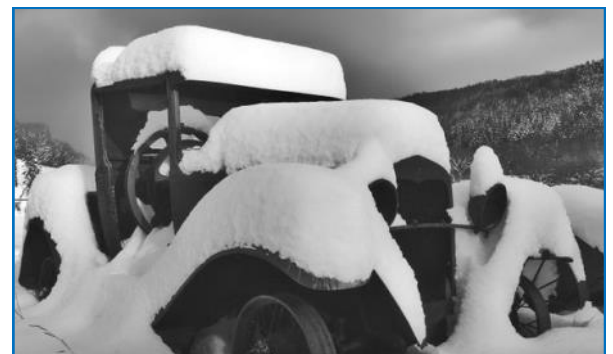
On arriving at Venice Fishing Pier, Wade said, "I can't believe we got here in such a good time. It got scary through Amarillo again, but we battled on. If it wasn't for the weather conditions, we would have done it in 40-odd hours. Maybe next time!"



The team made this record attempt to benefit Kidney Health Australia, a subject close to Wade. Wade has a few more cross-continental adventures in his long-term plans with the Ford after this, including a coast-to-coast trip across Australia.

We have a feeling that if Henry Ford was told in 1930 that one of his cars, with no improvements to its power output, would be able to go from New York to LA in 50 hours, he'd laugh in disbelief. And if Ford was told in 2013 that an 83-year-old Ford Model A would be able to accomplish just that... he'd probably be surprised that one of his 1930 cars lived to the ripe old age of 83 and was flying across the

country at blistering speeds. by Jay Ramey Nov. 24, 2013



Technical Tips

Jim's Technical Tip

by Jim Cannon,

Lubricating Locks

The best lubricant I have found for car door locks, trunk handle locks, and ignition locks, recommended by every locksmith that I know, is dry powdered graphite.



You buy the graphite in a small tube with a pointed tip. You insert the tip into the key hole and “puff” some graphite into the lock. Then you insert and remove the key several times to work the graphite into the lock tumblers, and operate the lock a few times.



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Horn

from *Tiny Tips for your Model A* published by MAFCA

If your Model A Horn was performing perfectly, but weeks or months later will barely blow, the commutator on the armature may be dirty. Simply remove the back cover and spray the commutator with “tuner cleaner,” an aerosol product available at your local electronic supply house or use a very fine oil.

Oil at points B. Point A regulates the tone – turn left or right until you get the tone you desire.

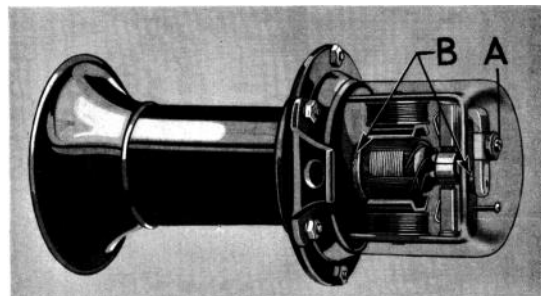


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Greetings from the MARC Board of Directors

The Covid-19 pandemic has certainly required most individuals and organizations to make unwanted and unpopular changes. The ever decreasing membership levels along with normal inflation have impacted the club's financial health. The MARC Board of Directors, after careful consideration, has decided that a modest increase of \$5 in National dues is warranted. New and renewal U.S. memberships will be \$50 beginning with the 2022 calendar year. Full details, including foreign rates, will be included in your renewal notice in the September/October issue of the Model A News. We trust that this will not place a financial burden on any individual, but the increase will ensure the fiscal health of our club for the future.

You can renew through the mail or online at model-a-ford.org

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

Dear Model "A" Owners and Hobbyists,

Give a Brick

In 2011 we began selling memorial bricks to raise money for the Model A Museum. Please consider purchasing a brick as a for a Model A fan. This is a great way to honor your favorite Model A'ers or recognize your Model A Club. The cost of a brick is \$150.00. To order a brick, complete the order form and return it to MAFFI with your check. All bricks will be installed on the drives in front of the Model A Ford Museum for everyone to see.

Marsha DuBreuil,

MAFFIclubcontact@maffi.org



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

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- Restorers Class

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Greetings Fellow MAFCA Members;

Happy New Year to each of you. I am delighted to serve as the 2022 President of MAFCA. Many of you know that I have worked for the past two years as administrator of the MAFCA Facebook Page. This has helped me see the club with a more global perspective. I have watched many of you join our National Club. I believe the hobby is alive and well.



My major goal for MAFCA is to grow the club. To do this, I would like to ask for some help. I need each of you to do your best job to find new members. I am sure that you may know people who have a Model A that are not a member of your group. Invite them to a meeting or if their car is not currently running plan a club meeting to help get them back on the road. We are seeing many grandchildren receiving cars from grandparents. Let's welcome them to become a part of the group. Finally, we are seeing many people who have always wanted to own an A buying their first car. All of these will benefit from the fellowship of the Chapter and your personal friendship.

I would ask if you will share some of your old issues of the Restorer you can easily bring them to the club. To me the most important thing you can do is to let people drive your car.

Remember our free membership program continues. We need these new members. I love my Model A Coupe and the excitement it brings to people when I honk my horn. I'd like to hear your ideas on how we can bring in new members that will stay with us in the years to come.

Happy Motoring,

Jay McCord 2022 MAFCA President



2022 MAFCA Board of Directors
 Left to right: President Jay McCord, Tech Director Ed Tolman, VP Happy Begg, Chapters Robert Bullard Secretary Kay Lee, Advertising Ruth Janke, Membership John LaVoy, Treasurer Bill Truesdell, Publications Dean Potter

2022



Event Calendar

- JAN 4, 2022 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- JAN 18, 2022 Breakfast at ?**
- 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
- JUN 12-17, 2022 ... MAFCA National Convention/Texas Tour, Y.O. Ranch Hotel, Kerrville, TX**
- JUL 5, 2022 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- AUG 2, 2022 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- SEP 6, 2022 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- OCT 4, 2022 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- NOV 1, 2022 Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- DEC 3, 2022 Christmas Party

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