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### President's Memo

Hello Members,

Summer is arriving this month so let's do some planning of events. Got any good ideas. Bring them to the meeting on Tuesday, June 7. It is good to see the cars being shown off at Car Events. Keep up the good work.

Our car is getting refreshed for the MAFCA National/ Texas Tour. Hope to have air conditioning by then also. I am looking forward to the seminars at the National, especially the one on the Burtz engine.

See you Tuesday at the meeting with ideas for breakfast places, etc.

*Happy Model Aing,  
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 Cliver – deceased  
 S. D. "Shorty" Johnson – deceased  
 Olin Lewis – deceased  
 Ola Powell – deceased  
 Gene Tregre – deceased





**MEETING MINUTES**

**Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club  
Monthly Meeting - May 2, 2022**

Chuck Cheshire called the meeting to order and lead us in the pledge. After asking if everyone had gotten a copy of the minutes he asked if there were any corrections. Spencer Pennington made a motion to accept them and Herman seconded it.

The financial report was given. Lynda Dentler made a motion to accept it and Jody Letchworth seconded it.

Jonathan Vaghy reported on the tech session. He and Walt Hellebrand both had their cars on Bob's 2 lifts. All the fittings were greased. Harris Lege said they started at the front of the cars and didn't miss a single fitting. Harris also said Jody's pumpkin bread was the best he had every had and it was even better because he got to take a big piece home with him.

Next Tuesday Chuck Cheshire is having a heart stent. Carolyn Vick had the only birthday. We sang her the birthday song.

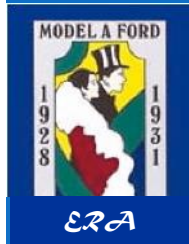
Bob Letchworth sold his Vicky but bought 2 more cars to take its place. One of them was Jody's former car that Bob bought back. The Athens Cafe was decided to be our monthly breakfast gathering.

Walt Hellebrand is entering the Hubley races at the Texas Tour.

The Malakoff Nursing Home has asked us to bring our cars for the residents to view. There will be an announcement later with details. The raffle brought in \$60 dollars.

Chuck Cheshire asked for a motion to adjourn. Walt Hellebrand made the first motion and Lynda Dentler seconded it.

*Lou Carpenter Secretary/Treasurer*



**Some Original Specs for the Model A**

1. What is the weight of the new Model A engine, complete with clutch and transmission?  
475 pounds
2. What is the crank case lubrication capacity of the new Ford?  
2.5 quarts
3. What is the torque of the new Ford engine? At what speed?  
128 ft-lbs @ 1000 rpm
4. What is the weight of the flywheel of the new Model A Ford?  
63-1/4 lbs
5. What is the firing order of the new Ford?  
1-2-4-3
6. What is the bore and stroke of the new Ford? What is the engine displacement?  
3-7/8" bore x 4-1/4" stroke; 200.5 cid (Model T was 180 cid)
7. What is the actual brake horsepower of the new Model A Ford?  
40 bhp @ 2200 rpm (Model T was 18 bhp @ 1600 rpm)




**Sunshine News** By Lou Carpenter

Gerald Phariss had the Carotid endarterectomy on the other side of his neck, but he is still not doing well. Now they have decided he has a sharp spur in his neck that is poking the nerves and causing him a lot of pain. They are still seeing doctors trying to work out the best way to help him. Surgery is the last resort option.


Chuck Cheshire had his 14th stent placed in his heart on May 10. Doing well now!  
Keep us posted on your needs. We care about you!!!!






## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jonathan Vaghy	6/18
Christie Blakeney	6/20
Bill Lee	6/24
Wanda Bell	6/27



Hello Everyone,

We had a great meeting and breakfast in May. Both were well attended. See you on June 7 at the Seven Points Dairy Queen and hopefully in Kerrville, TX at the National. I am going to brag. I have two granddaughters and three great-grand children in the Fashion Judging and Show at the MAFCA National Convention this year.



*Nancy Cheshire*  
From the Editor



## Era Historical Tidbit

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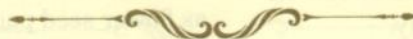
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# JUNE

*Named for the Roman goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and the well-being of women.  
Also from the Latin word juvenis, "young people."*



## FATHER'S DAY

### THE FORGOTTEN HISTORY OF FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day was not immediately accepted when it was proposed, and it did not become a national holiday in the U.S. until 1972 during President Richard Nixon's administration. Why was it a hotly contested debate?

With America's history, you might think that a holiday recognizing men would be perfectly acceptable. After all, men dominated American society in the early 20th century. In addition, a "Father's Day" or day that recognizes the role of fathers in the family is an ancient tradition. In history books, there is mention of a Southern European tradition dating back to 1508.

Certainly, in modern days, we do not give Father's Day a second thought. It's been almost 50 years since President Richard Nixon's administration declared the third Sunday in June a day to recognize and honor the role of fathers in society.

### FATHER'S DAY CONTROVERSY

However, Father's Day was not immediately accepted when it was proposed. Why not?

Mother's Day came first, so men in the early 1900s associated such a tribute with women and found the idea too effeminate to their liking. Men viewed the idea of Father's Day as being similar to Mother's Day, which was popular with florists; for fathers, it didn't have the same sentimental appeal. As one historian writes, they "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental

attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself."

Also, according to Lawrence R. Samuel, the author of *American Fatherhood: A Cultural History*, men had a different role in the family during the first half of that century. It was patriarchal, so they felt that a special day to exalt fatherhood was a rather silly idea, when it was mothers who were underappreciated.

However, that sentiment changed over time for several reasons.

### THE WOMEN BEHIND FATHER'S DAY

The first known Father's Day service occurred in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908, after hundreds of men died in the worst mining accident in U.S. history.

Grace Golden Clayton, the daughter of a dedicated minister, proposed a service to honor all fathers, especially those who had died. However, the observance did not become an annual event, and it was not promoted; very few people outside of the local area knew about it. Meanwhile, across the entire country, another woman was inspired to honor fathers ...

In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, was inspired by Anna Jarvis and the idea of Mother's Day. Her father, William Jackson

Smart, a farmer and Civil War veteran, was also a single parent who raised Sonora and her five brothers by himself, after his wife Ellen died giving birth to their youngest child in 1898. While attending a Mother's Day church service in 1909, Sonora, then 27 years old, came up with the idea.

Within a few months, Sonora had convinced the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA to set aside a Sunday in June to celebrate fathers. She proposed June 5, her father's birthday, but the ministers chose the third Sunday in June so that they would have more time after Mother's Day (the second Sunday in May) to prepare their sermons. Thus, on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day events commenced: Sonora delivered presents to handicapped fathers, boys from the YMCA decorated their lapels with fresh-cut roses (red for living fathers, white for the deceased), and the city's ministers devoted their homilies to fatherhood.

### **BECOMING A NATIONAL HOLIDAY**

The widely publicized events in Spokane struck a chord that reached all the way to Washington, D.C., and Sonora's celebration put the idea on the path to becoming a national holiday. However, the holiday did not catch on right away, perhaps due to the perceived parallels with Mother's Day.

- In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson and his family personally observed the day.
- Eight years later, President Calvin Coolidge signed a resolution in favor of Father's Day "to establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations."
- In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order that the holiday be celebrated on the third Sunday in June.
- Under President Richard Nixon, in 1972, Congress passed an act officially making Father's Day a national holiday. (Six years later, Sonora died at age 96.)

### **COMMERCIALISM AND THE ECONOMY**

Two economic events pushed Father's Day forward:

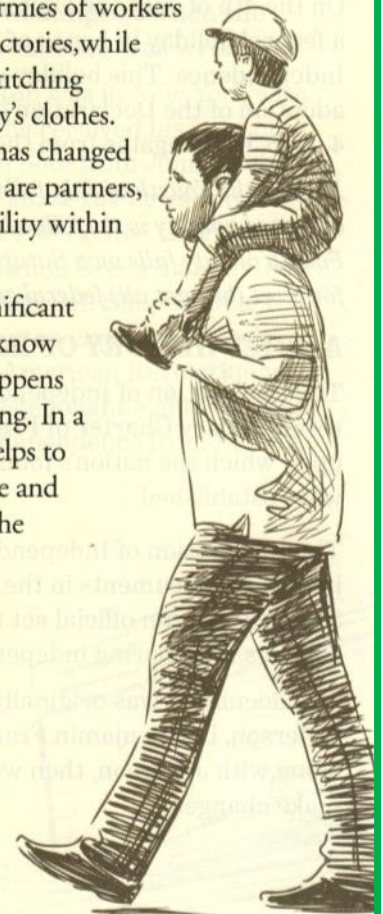
1. The Great Depression. With so many people pinching their pennies, the economy needed reasons for people to spend money. Father's Day was promoted by struggling stores as an occasion to get fathers some of the clothing and material goods they needed. It was a way to invite people to get Dad the necktie or pair of socks that he probably would not buy for himself.
2. World War II. Men were on the front lines. The desire to support American troops and the war effort provided another reason to support and show appreciation for dads.

### **THE CHANGING ROLE OF FATHERS**

The idea of fatherhood changed as well. Partly, this change is due to the way society has evolved.

There are no longer huge armies of workers toiling away in industrial factories, while women spend hours handstitching and handwashing the family's clothes. The modern role of father has changed so that mothers and fathers are partners, each taking more responsibility within family life.

Fathers are now seen as significant influences on children; we know from many studies what happens when a father figure is lacking. In a sense, today Father's Day helps to demonstrate the importance and value of fatherhood—and the gifts beyond material goods that a father bestows on his children and family.



# Historical Tidbit

With soaring gas prices making headlines today, we thought it might be fun to peek through these newspapers to see how they reported on gas prices over the years.

**1929: 12 cents per gallon**—In 1929, the *San Angelo Standard-Times* [published an article](#) lamenting the gas prices across the nation that ranged from 12 cents a gallon to 24.5 cents a gallon. Using an inflation calculator, that equates to \$2.03 – \$4.06 per gallon today.

**1937: 18.5 cents per gallon**—The *Ventura County Star* noted in 1937 that gas prices in Ventura were [18.5 cents per gallon](#) (\$3.61 per gallon in today's dollars), and between [330-437 gallons of gasoline were sold](#) every month in the county. At the time, the [Studebaker averaged](#) 16.26 miles per gallon. As more Ventura County families purchased cars, new gas stations sprang up around town. The *Morning Free Press* reported on a resourceful businessman who [installed three gas pumps](#) in his front yard.

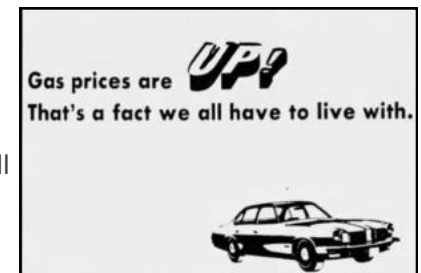


*San Angelo Morning Times* – July 17, 1929



**1945: 21 cents per gallon**—During WWII, gas rationing meant that consumers needed coupons to purchase gas, and it was only available in limited quantities. An article printed in the *Anderson Independent-Mail* in August 1945 cheered the [end of gas rationing](#), noting that the average price was about 21 cents a gallon (\$3.37 today)

**1974: 41.9 cents per gallon**— Amidst the oil crisis in the 1970s, consumers faced [long lines at the gas pumps](#) with fuel shortages and [high prices](#). In April 1974, *The Naples Daily News* reported that gas was still below 50 cents in many markets and as low as 41.9 cents per gallon, despite soaring prices. That equates to \$2.46 in today's dollars.



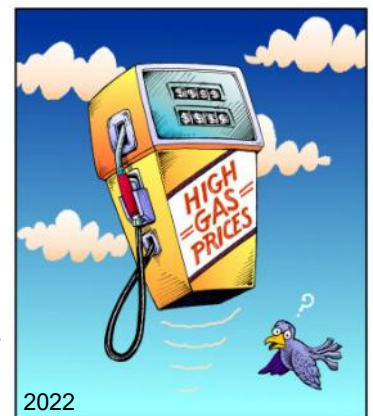
*The Naples Daily News* – March 29, 1974

**1995: \$2.05 per gallon**—The 1990s saw the lowest gas prices in decades. In December 1995, *The Stuart News* reported [low gas prices](#) averaged \$1.08 per gallon. With inflation, that is just \$2.05 in today's dollars.

**2005: \$2.25 per gallon**—In 2005, the cost of gas in Bremerton, Washington, was [\\$2.25 per gallon](#). That equates to \$3.33 in today's dollars. By 2008, the *Kitsap Sun* reported that the average cost of gas had risen to [\\$4.09 per gallon](#), which is equivalent to \$5.49 per gallon today. Consumers found ways to [cut their dependence on gas](#) by ridesharing, relying on public transportation, or commuting by bicycle.

**2014: \$2.90 per gallon**—The *Naples Daily News* reported that the national average for gas was [hovering around \\$2.90 per gallon](#) (\$3.54 per gallon today with inflation), but prices were trending downward.

**2022: \$4.59 per gallon**—Though gas prices fluctuate each day, higher prices are squeezing family budgets. Last month, the *Anderson Independent-Mail* reported that gas prices



# CLUB NEWS



Fourteen members enjoyed the monthly breakfast on May 17th at the Athens Cafe. Good food and great company!

Seven Points Dairy Queen held a Cruise Night Thursday, May 19 and several club members attended.



# Out and About in the Model A



Bob Letchworth at the Kerens Car Show and won a Head Turner Award



Jonathan Vaghy at the Kerens Car Show and won a Head Turner Award

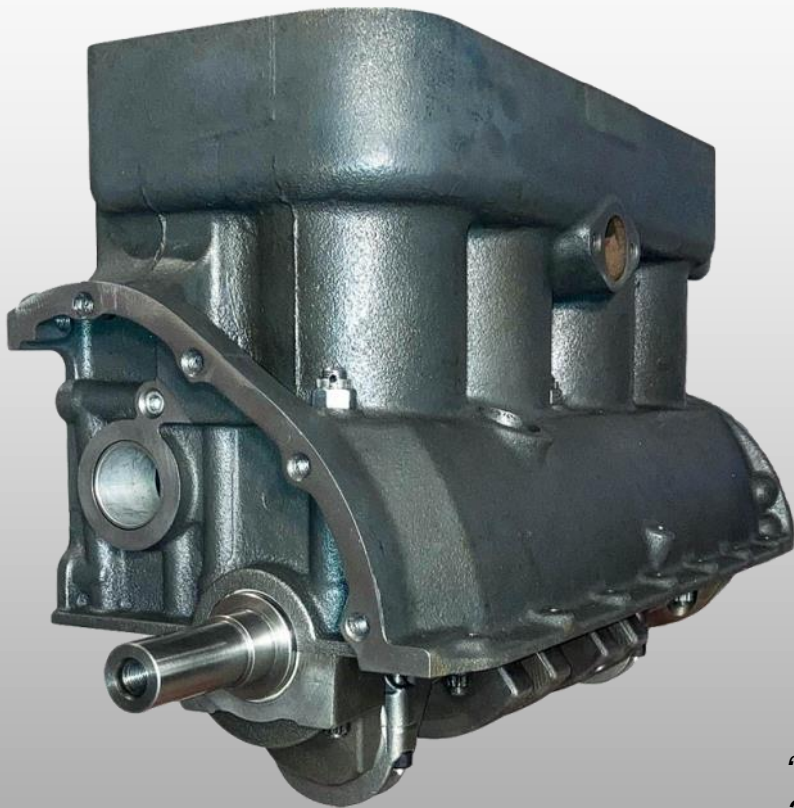


On Monday, June 13, from 10:00-11:30, Terry Burtz will do a seminar on his new re-engineered engine at the MAFCA National Convention. If you didn't sign up when you registered you can register when you arrive or contact registrar : Kim Harwell—210-286-6045.



## The Re-Engineered Model A Engine

Introducing the **Burtz, 5-Main Bearing, Model A Engine Block.**

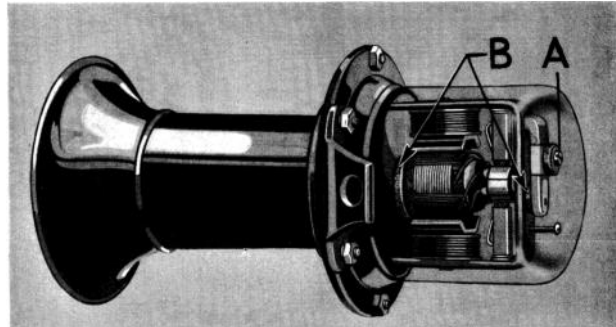


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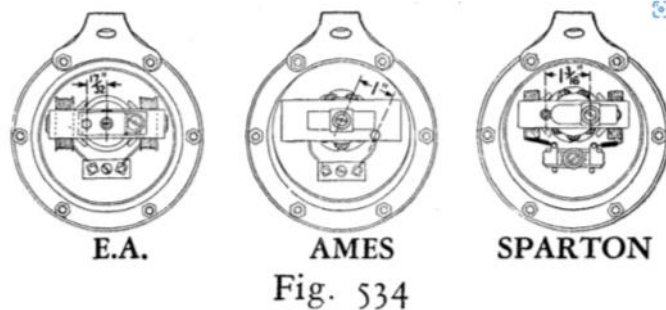
The new “Burtz” Ford Model A engine block is now available! It features a 5-main bearing design and includes a dynamically balanced crankshaft and set of connecting rods. This kit is a solid beginning to making a dependable and reliable touring engine. No more worrying about a cracked block core or expensive babbitting in the future. This kit will come with a new Block, a new counter balanced 5 main journal crank (inserts not included), new forged connecting rods (inserts not included). You must supply all other parts needed to complete this engine project. Detailed builder's assembly guide included with purchase or can be downloaded from our website. Must ship via Freight.

# Technical Tips



## MAKE OF HORN

Three different makes of horns are used on Model A cars and trucks; namely, Sparton, Ames and E. A.



interchangeable (present covers are interchangeable) and inas-  
 o identify the make of horn when the cover was lost.

cover screw (see Fig. 534) provides an easy means of

## HORN

The quality of tone and length of service received from Ford horns depends entirely on the care they receive.

To produce the most effective tone, it is necessary that the armature revolve at a high rate of speed. This speed is possible only when bearings are properly oiled, and the commutator and brushes are kept clean.

## LUBRICATION

Remove cover at rear of horn and thoroughly clean commutator. Use a small piece of wood to clean the gaps between the commutator segments. Do not use wire or metal of any kind. Place a few drops of oil in the groove at each end of the armature shaft (points A & B). Check tone of horn, if necessary regulate by means of adjusting screw. Use light fine oil.

## CARE

To clean the commutator, set the motor in motion by pressing the horn button. while motor is revolving, hold a piece of fine sand- paper against commutator until commutator is clean.

Next, with a small piece of wood, clean the gaps between the commutator segments. Do not use metal when cleaning gaps.

When turned with the fingers, the armature should revolve freely. Should it fail to operate, examine the battery, the wiring, and the horn button.

## ADJUSTMENT

Turning the adjusting screw regulates the tone. Turning the screw to the right tightens the adjustment. Turning to the left loosens it. Reg- ulate the adjustment until the desired tone is obtained.

NATIONAL CLUB NEWS

# MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

Model A Day Days, September 16-17, at Hickory Corners are rapidly approaching. If you haven't made your plans for this event yet, there is still time. You can register for the special events that will have limited participation and/or require payment of fees on the MAFFI Website ([www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org)) under Model A Days or the Gilmore Website under "Events". Also, be sure to read the articles in both the May/June MAFCA, The Restorer and MARC Model A News.

If you have done it all and think there is nothing at the museum that you haven't seen before, try this, camping at the Gilmore. There is nothing like the experience of walking around the buildings at dusk. With very little imagination you are walking a street in Anytown, USA in 1930. It's not crowded. A word of advise, shoot pictures from a stable position. Your camera shutter will be very slow and unless the camera is stable the pictures will be blurry. If you get it right, the photos will be breathtaking in the moonlight. Thank you,

Mike DuBreuil, MAFFI

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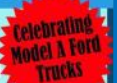


**ANNOUNCING OUR 2022 ALL NEW MODEL A DAYS.**  
**A FUN FILLED 2 DAY EVENT WITH SEMINARS, TOURS, DRIVING CLASSES, NEW 2 DAY SWAP.**  
**A SPECIAL FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE KALAMAZOO AIR ZOO AND BBQ SATURDAY NIGHT!**  
**OUR NEW HOST HOTEL NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION AND HOW TO PRE-REGISTER FOR FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE ZOO, DRIVING CLASSES, AND OUR BBQ...!!**

**The NEW Model A Days 2-Day Swap Meet**  
**Fashion, Seminars, Guided Tours, Driving Class!**

**September 16 & 17, 2022 9-5pm**

The Gilmore Car Museum  
6865 W. Hickory Road  
Hickory Corners, MI 49060



Technical Seminars, Fashion, Hall of Fame Induction

**A NEW 2 DAY EVENT, FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE AIR ZOO\* & SATURDAY BBQ\***

Hotel Info: Delta Hotels by Marriott, 2747 S. 11th St. Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269.375.6000



For event info 803.727.4392 John Begg  
For Swap Reservations or Seminar information  
Mark Maron 847-302-7900



## MAFCA National Convention June 12– 17

Nestled on the banks of the Guadalupe River, Kerrville is a Texas Hill Country Paradise.

It's not too late to register. Print registration forms from [mafca.com](http://mafca.com)



Flag Day—June 14



First Day of Summer—June 21

2022



Event Calendar

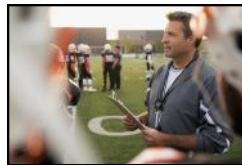
- JUN 7, 2022** .... Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- JUN 12-17, 2022** ... **MAFCA National Convention/Texas Tour,**  
Y.O. Ranch Hotel, Kerrville, TX
- JUN 21, 2022** .... Breakfast
- JUL 5, 2022** .... Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- JUL 19, 2022** .... Breakfast
- AUG 2, 2022** .... Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- SEP 6, 2022** .... Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- SEP 17, 2022** .... **International Model a Day**
- OCT 4, 2022** .... Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- NOV 1, 2022** .... Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points
- NOV 5, 2022** .... **20th Anniversary Party**
- DEC 3, 2022** .... **Christmas Party at Mabank Library**



National Donut Day

June 3, 2022

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