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### President's Memo

Hello Members,

Well, it is September and soon to be International Model A Day. Let's get out and drive those cars on that day, Sept. 17. I have ordered good weather.

Have a Happy Labor Day weekend and see you at the meeting on Tuesday, September 6. Come with some ideas for new places for breakfast.

*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 -July 5, 2022

The meetings began with Chuck Cheshire leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no guests to introduce.

The minutes were accepted by Herman Dentler and Bob Letchworth.

The financial statement was given and accepted by Jody Letchworth and Carolyn Vick.

Harris Lege was pleased to report that his son has been moved to a nursing home. He can breathe on his own and is able to talk and understand but isn't able to move his arms.

The birthdays this month were Lynda Dentler and Lisa Knight. We enjoyed singing Happy Birthday to Lynda.

Upcoming events: the Dairy Queen Car Show is October the 1st. This will be the 20th year for it.

Tech session: Harris asked for help putting the cab on the truck he is working on when he gets ready to do it.

Breakfast will be August the 16th at the Dairy Palace in Canton.

Gary Vick bought some parts from the O.V. Cliver sale and Bob Letchworth bought a roadster. It is one of the cars that was in the 1967 Bonnie and Clyde movie. The car was wrecked as part of the agreement with O.V. to use his car and then he was reimbursed for the damages. Hellebrand won the raffle. It brought in \$55 dollars.

A motion to adjourn was made by Herman Dentler and Carolyn Vick.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Carpenter Secretary/Treasurer



# September



## WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER?

- Which planet in the solar system was first observed on September 23, 1846?  
A. Neptune B. Mercury C. Pluto
- Which of the following countries has its Independence Day on September 16?  
A. Canada B. The United States C. Mexico
- Taking place on 1 September 1939, which historical event marked the beginning of World War II?  
A. Austrian archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated  
B. Germany invaded Poland  
C. Soviet Union bombarded France
- How many days are there in September?  
A. 28 B. 30 C. 31
- Which birthstone is associated with the month of September?  
A. Ruby B. Emerald C. Sapphire
- Which of the following is the birth flower for September?  
A. Morning glory B. Chrysanthemum C. Lily of the valley
- The word "September" originated from the word "septem" in Latin. What does it mean?  
A. Five B. Seven C. Nine
- September is the most active month for hurricanes in which ocean?  
A. Atlantic Ocean B. Pacific Ocean C. Arctic Ocean
- According to weather folklore, what in September may bring drought?  
A. Heavy rains B. Heavy winds C. Heavy fogs
- Who is the only US president to be born in September?  
A. George Washington B. Bill Clinton  
C. William Taft
- Which United Nations-sanctioned holiday is celebrated annually on 21 September?  
A. World Press Freedom Day B. International Day of Peace  
C. International Day of Families
- How many commercial planes were hijacked by terrorists in the September 11 attacks in 2001?  
A. 1 B. 2 C. 4

Answers on page 7



## Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Please continue to remember Harris Lege's son, Michael.

Gerald Phariss is still having health issues.

Keep us posted on your needs.  
We care about you!!!!

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Kathy Holmes	9/2
Sue Capps	9/4
Lou Carpenter	9/8
Sandra Lee	9/10
Janice Rogers	9/11
Spencer Pennington	9/15
Gerald Phariss	9/16
Jack Winter	9/16
Pat Westbruck	9/22




Hello Everyone,

Welcome to September, rain, and cooler weather. We were sorry to miss the breakfast for August , but Chuck had a prior commitment. Looking forward to International Model A Day this month on Saturday, September 17. More info will be given at the September meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6 and on Mass Mailer. Also remember the Car Show at the Dairy Queen is on October 1 in Seven Points. Info on page 12.

*Nancy Cheshire*

**From the Editor**



### Breakfast at Dairy Palace on August 16.

Twelve members enjoyed breakfast at the Dairy Palace in Canton this month. As always a great time and good food! And we were all glad we weren't there when someone mistook two of the big plate glass windows in our dining area for the drive thru.



# The Story of My Car

by Ed Cliver, son of O.V. Cliver

My dad, O.V. Cliver (charter member of the Dallas and Cedar Creek Model A Ford Clubs) started his interest in Ford Model As in the fifties. About 1959, near the time he was involved with starting the Dallas Model A Club, he acquired a 1929 Roadster. This car was completely restored and was about his 5th car at the time. This car just left our family in July of 2022. We kept this car 63 years while other Model As' came & went. This '29 was a movie star. It was in the "Bonnie & Clyde" movie in the sixties with O.V. driving the roadster. The car was in several other shots. O.V. met Warren Beatty & Faye Dunaway while shooting this movie. The Dallas club furnished most of the cars for the movie. O.V. was very proud of his car. The movie company paid him more for the car than for his performance. This roadster was in another movie called "Carried Way" in the early seventies.



The roadster's first tour was to Mineral Wells, Texas. The car had been in a few Texas Tours after that. O.V. drove the car in parades through the years. The last parade was in his neighborhood in 2018.

On O.V. & Lorene's 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1997, we decorated this car for them to drive off in with tin cans and a sign that said "Just Married 50 years ago".



Texas Tour radiator badges on his '29 Roadster—1st Texas Tour in Mineral Wells, Texas in 1964 and the 44th in Tyler, Texas in 2007.

O.V. passed away January 23, 2022 at the age of 97. He loved the Model A clubs and enjoyed reading the newsletters.



All of O.V.'s grandkids and great-grandkids have been photographed with the '29.

The Model A experience has been a great one for the Cliver Family.

O.V.'s Grandson (son of Ed Cliver) and 6 great-grandsons



The '29 Roadster in 1997 and then 2007



O.V. wearing vests representing his charter membership in the Dallas Club in 1960 and Cedar Creek club in 2002.



O.V.'s son, Ed Cliver, saying Goodbye to the '29 Roadster in July 2022 after 63 years of ownership. It is now owned by a member of the Cedar Creek MAFC so it didn't go far.



# Technical Tips

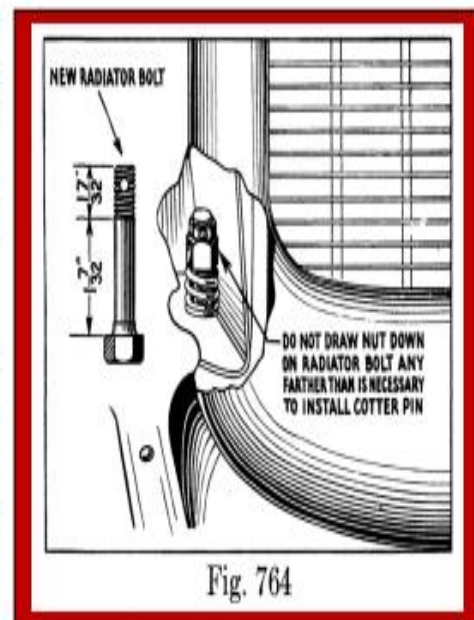
By Jim Cannon, former MAFCA Technical Director

When installing a radiator, Ford's Service Bulletins reminds you:

**- DO NOT DRAW RADIATOR BOLT NUTS DOWN TIGHTLY -**

*“When mounting a radiator do not draw the radiator bolt nuts down any farther than is necessary to lock the nut with the Cotter key. If these nuts are drawn down tightly it compresses the radiator to frame bolt Springs to such an extent that the flexible feature of the Springs is defeated and damage to the radiator invariably results.”*

*“Recently the threaded end of the radiator bolt was reduced from 5/8” to 17/32” which makes it impossible to screw the nut down farther than the correct distance. See figure 764. However, as practically all cars are equipped with the former design bolts constant care must be exercised one screwing down the radiator bolt nuts.”*



Good advice. My Tech tip is this:

Before installing the radiator bolt, paint a thin white line across the end of the bolt to show the orientation of the drilled hole for the cotter pin. Later, when you are tightening the nut it gives you a way to orient the drilled hole in the bolt “front to back” so that it is easy to slip the cotter key in and bend it over. Once the nut is on the bolt, it is hard to see the little hole and it can be very frustrating to put the cotter pin in.

I hope that helps get your radiator installed a bit faster and easier.

Have a model A-day! - Jim Cannon

## THE STORY BEHIND MY MODEL A INTEREST

Club members Bill and Kathy Holmes owned a little real estate firm in Chattanooga, TN that specialized in historic properties and used the Model As to show houses which is why Bill became interested in them. Bill wrote an article about their working Model A's which ran in the January/February 2006 issue of Restorer magazine with one of their cars on the front cover. The article and cover picture appear on pages 9 & 10 of this newsletter.



Bill Holmes' 1931 Standard Fordor. His imprinted tire cover is an outstanding advertising feature for this "working" Model A Ford.

Bill & Kathy Holmes  
1929 Phaeton  
(Their first Model A  
and current car)



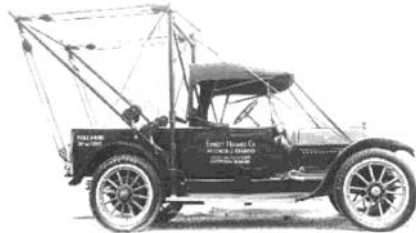
# My **WORKING** Model A Fords

*By Bill Holmes, Chattanooga, Tennessee*



Bill Holmes in his 1928 Phaeton

I made a mid-life career change becoming a realtor in 1993. I quickly realized that my interest and expertise lay in historic housing in which happily no other agents seemed interested. By 1996, I had formed my own firm aptly named Holmes Corporation Historic Properties, specifically geared to the sale of vintage property.



First Automobile Wrecker

Backing up 45 years to 1960, my father was president of a family-owned manufacturer of automobile wreckers and towing equipment. The Ernest Holmes Company was started in 1916 by my grandfather. To celebrate the then upcoming 50th birthday of the company, Dad decided to replicate an exact copy of the original machine my grandfather designed in 1916. A few drawings and photos of the first production wrecker were still in the files. A clean 1913 Cadillac Touring car (like the original chassis used) was located and a superbly crafted copy of the first automobile wrecker was built. With the company name highly visible in gold letting on the Maroon doors, it was a brilliant promotional success at shows and events for years.

A few years ago, I was struck with the idea of driving around town in a vintage automobile with my company's name flashing in gold leaf on the doors. Not only that, what if I could drive prospective buyers to show historic property in an antique cars? Wow!

I began some serious research. The car needed to be 1930's era or older, with big fenders, be relatively comfortable for several people, be able to keep up with city traffic, be dependable and affordable. Above all we needed good parts availability. No question about it, the Model A Ford was the obvious choice.

The search for the car began in earnest and after driving many hundreds of miles only to be disappointed, I soon limited my search to Tennessee and Georgia. With the help of Mike's A-Ford-Able Parts of Maysville, Georgia, I found and purchased a beautiful earlier restored 1929 Phaeton. My first property showing with it - to a couple relocating from Alabama - was a complete disaster. From out of nowhere a tremendous downpour drenched us all! They were good sports though and bought a house from me anyway.

It became obvious that even in the south, I would be severely limited with only an open car. So, in spite of my anxious wife, Kathy (she could see where all of this was going), I began searching for a nice Fordor, but stumbled upon a great looking Maroon and Black 1931 Tudor with Vermillion stripe and wheels. The purchase was made and it entered the fleet. Finally, my company's name in gold letters on a Maroon background. Stunning!

Still feeling the need for four doors, but not happy with anything available, we located a clean, rust-free 1931 Standard Fordor and trailered it down to Benny Bohannon of Dacula, Georgia. Benny, over the next several months, completed a



Our 1931 Tudor

gorgeous restoration in Chicle and Copra Drab with brown check interior. Now we have three beautiful Model A cars in the attached bay of our real estate office. Other than seat belts, turn signals and six-volt alternators, all are totally stock. In service now for four years, they are driven several times per week with few problems. My customers love them. Kathy has decided that the Tudor is hers, naming it "Mags." I have the best job on the planet. I get paid for driving around in vintage cars showing remarkable old homes to wonderful people.

There are many things to do and see in our town. Some auto related are the International Towing and Recovery Museum and, of course, Coker Tire Company. We have a Model A club, the Scenic City A's. If you or your club wish to plan a trip to Chattanooga, call me 423-802-1620 and I or one of our members will be glad to help you.



The Holmes Fleet

And if you decide to stay permanently, I know a Realtor who will make you feel right at home showing around in his Model A Ford!



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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<b>After</b> October 3, 2022	\$12.00	_____	\$ _____

#### DINNER RESERVATION:

Dinner will consist of BBQ Brisket, Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad, Tea and Dessert

No. Persons	Price per Person	Total for Dinners
Dinner _____ Adults	\$20	\$ _____
_____ Children (under 12)	\$ 8	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR CAR REGISTRATION AND DINNER		\$ _____

You may pick up your registration at the (Model A Ford clubs) Stew on Friday night, October 21 or at the door at the BBQ on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Please note: there will be no carry outs at the BBQ. No refunds after October 7, 2022

Registration packets will not be available at the chamber this year. For questions or more info, visit [www.AutumnTrailsModelAFordClub.com](http://www.AutumnTrailsModelAFordClub.com) or call 903-816-0638.

NATIONAL CLUB NEWS

DID YOU KNOW THAT MAFFI IS WORKING ON THE RESTORATION OF A MODEL AA BUS?

This 21-seat bus, in need of a full restoration, was a generous donation to the Foundation by long-time MAFFI supporter Ken Ehrenhofer, from Woodstock, Illinois. The 330-B Ford Passenger Bus is a rare commercial vehicle - with only three known to exist today. It was produced with luxurious, genuine leather trimmed seats. wood-grained mahogany trim, nickel-plated interior hardware, and a marble-patterned linoleum covered floor. Vertical mirrors were mounted between the windows so a lady could fix her hair or a gentleman could straighten his tie.

The goal is to have the MAFFI bus completely restored to its original condition and then put into service at the Gilmore Car Museum campus where the Model A Ford Museum is located. The bus will not be on display in the Museum itself. Instead, it will be loaned to the Gilmore and available to transport visitors around the Gilmore's car museum campus when needed.

The AA bus was found in a fairly complete, but rough, condition and is currently in its original, unrestored, partially-disassembled state. A group of eager volunteers, headed by Ken Ehrenhofer, has already begun the restoration process. The full restoration could take as long as several years to complete, depending on the pace of volunteer assistance and donated parts and services.

Updates on the restoration process will be posted on this website and through the planned bus project electronic monthly newsletter. There will also be a raffle set up in support of the Bus Restoration Project. The winning raffle ticket holder will be treated to a trip to see Jay Leno's car collection in Los Angeles.


This restoration project will be a Model A community-wide undertaking. Lots of assistance - in terms of monetary contribution and donations of time, talent and parts - will be needed for its successful completion.



If you would like to contribute to these restoration efforts, mail your donation to: Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. Attention: Bus Restoration Project, P.O. Box 28, Peotone, IL 60468-0028

Advertisement for 'The NEW Model A Days 2-Day Swap Meet' featuring fashion, seminars, guided tours, and driving classes on September 16 & 17, 2022, at The Gilmore Car Museum.

Advertisement for 'MARC Membership Meet' in Bay City, MI, from April 14-16, 2023, hosted by the Michigan Script Region and a local club.

2022

Event Calendar

<b>SEP 6, 2022</b> ....	<b>Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points</b>
<b>SEP 17, 2022</b>	<b>International Model A Day</b>
<b>SEP 20, 2022</b> ....	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>OCT 4, 2022</b> ....	<b>Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points</b>
<b>OCT 18, 2022</b> ....	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>NOV 1, 2022</b> ....	<b>Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points</b>
<b>NOV 5, 2022</b> ....	<b>20th Anniversary Party at the Dentlers</b>
<b>NOV 15, 2022</b> ....	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>DEC 3, 2022</b> ....	<b>Christmas Party at Mabank Library</b>
<b>JUN, 2023</b> ....	<b>Texas Tour in Huntsville, Texas</b>

When I get to work,  
the first thing I do  
is hide . . .



. . . because they  
say a good worker  
is hard to find!

If you were born in September it 's pretty obvious your parents started the New Year with a Bang!



Happy Birthday to our 9 members with September birthdays. The most in any month!

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