

The Running Board

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President's Memo

Hello Members,

We will end our 2022 club events with the Christmas Party Lunch on December 3 at the Mabank Library, breakfast on December 20 and dinner on New Year's Eve. That's three meals together—breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

I have enjoyed serving as the president for the last two years. Thank you for putting up with me. You are dear Model A friends. Looking forward to Jonathan Vaghy as our president for 2023.

See you at the party and don't forget your unique White Elephant gifts.

*Happy Model Aing,
Chuck Cheshire, 2022 President*

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Mabank, Henderson Co., Texas

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 –November 1, 2022

Chuck opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no guests to introduce or new members to meet.

Everyone had looked at the minutes. Lynda Dentler made a motion to accept them and Bob Letchworth seconded it.

The financial report was given. Lynda Dentler again made a motion to accept it and Spencer Pennington seconded it.

Lillian Parker passed away Monday night. Instead of a service Ken wants to sprinkle her ashes over the bluebonnets in Ennis next spring.

Dennis Piranio also has passed away. He had been on hospice. It is not known what will happen to the business. His father was involved with NHRA.

We didn't have any birthdays present and there was no old business.

Lynda Dentler said that she was representing Fredye Quain and Herman Dentler who could not be present. She said the Athens Christmas Parade has a form to fill out by November the 30th. We have 3 to 4 cars interested in participating in it.

The anniversary party is Saturday starting at 11AM. Nancy Cheshire is expecting from 30 to 35 people to attend.

Everyone wanted to have the baked chicken from Cochran's again this year for the Christmas party. A signup sheet for food was passed around.

Harris Lege reported his pickup body has been bolted to the frame. Bob Letchworth, Jonathan Vaghy and Jonathan's neighbor have been helping with it.

We discussed plans for New Years. Vetoni's and Hector's were both considered. Chuck Cheshire is going to check on Tavi's Italian restaurant in Seven Points. We will decide in December on a location.

The Texas Tour is going to be June 15th to 18th in Huntsville. The Dallas club will be host for the 2024 tour in Nacogdoches.

Lou Carpenter won the raffle. It brought in \$55.


Jody Letchworth made a motion to adjourn and it was accepted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, *Lou Carpenter*



1. What is the birthstone for December?
2. What is the recognized flower for the month of December?
3. In the English Christmas carol, 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', what did "my true love" gift on the 10th day?
4. Name all eight of Santa's original reindeer.
5. What popular Christmas carol has the lyric "on a cold winter's night that was so deep"?
6. Can you name the four ghosts featured in Charles Dickens' beloved book, 'A Christmas Carol'?
7. 'White Christmas' is a classic Christmas song written by Irving Berlin, but who first sang the original on Christmas Day in 1941?
8. How do you say 'Merry Christmas' in French?
9. What is the name of the Jewish festival celebrated around Christmas time?
10. Where can you find the festively named Australian island, Christmas Island?
11. In 'The Christmas Song' (1961) by Nat King Cole, what is "nipping at your nose"?
12. Where did Mary and Joseph live before the birth of Jesus Christ?
13. What fruit is traditionally found in the bottom of Christmas stockings?
14. What infamous event occurred on the 7th of December?
15. What piece of land did the U.S. acquire on the 20th of December in 1803?

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Chuck Cheshire	12/4
Chuck Sportsman	12/5
Della Powell	12/12
Jerry Rogers	12/12
Teena Shore	12/29



From the Editor

We had a great 20th Anniversary Party at the Dentlers and we thank them for their hospitality. It was a great time to learn more about the beginnings of the club and its members. Bill Lee has placed copies of the club newsletters back to 2003 on the website. Thank you, Bill.

Next is a great Christmas Party. We hope to see you there for good food, fellowship, and white elephant gifts. Who will get the chicken this year?



As we look forward to 2023 think of some Model A Car stories and send me some for this newsletter with a couple of pictures to nmcheshire@yahoo.com.

Nancy Cheshire

Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

It is with deep sadness we share news of the passing of Lillian Parker on October 31st, 2022. We had a tree planted in her honor.

We have heard that Julia Waterman is having trouble with her knee.



We wish you a very Merry Christmas!



From the Cheshires



20TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

2002-2022

IT WAS A GREAT TIME!



About 30 Cedar Creek club members attended the 20th Anniversary Party on Saturday, November 5, 2022. It was great to have our two remaining charter member couples, the Bells and the Capps, present to tell us some of the history behind the beginning and early years of the club. It was also nice to have OV Cliver's son, Ed, and wife, Jo Ann, present. Every couple present shared some event or tour about their years in the club. Of course the food was good and thanks to all the cooks who provided that good food. Thank you Dentlers for the use of your home.

Did you know the club began because a check needed to be cashed? Sue Capps shared how the Model A owners participated in the Mabank/Gun Barrel City Parade and won a prize. The prize came in the form of a check with the name Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club. Well, to cash the check a club with bylaws, officers, and board members had to be formed. Thus the beginning of the Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club in November of 2002.





After eating and sharing time the group gathered on the lawn at the Dentlers for a group picture. Unfortunately some members had to leave early and were not in the group picture. Their were 8 Model As present including OV Cliver's Roadster now owned by Bob Letchworth.





It was a beautiful fall day for a Model A drive over the dams and through Safari Waters Ranch. Thank you Ed Cliver for these beautiful pictures to commemorate the event

Happy 20th Anniversary
Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club!
Here's to More Years of Fun!



THE ROCKEFELLER CHRISTMAS TREE DEBUTED CHRISTMAS EVE, 1931

The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree, considered the “worldwide symbol of Christmas,” will be lit on Wednesday, November 30th marking the 89th tree lighting ceremony. Ahead of the event, let’s learn about the history of the iconic spruce, from its start as a modest Depression-era pick-me-up for Rockefeller Center construction workers to World War regulations to its current 900-pound Swarovski star.

An interesting point to note is that the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree was, in fact, not the first public Christmas tree in New York City. That distinction goes to the Madison Square Park tree that was erected in 1912 as a social affair that brought the joy of a holiday tree to those without the means to have one in their home (this was an expensive endeavor at the time).

Nineteen years later, though, the first iteration of what is perhaps the world’s most famous Christmas tree was erected. At the time, John D. Rockefeller Jr.’s 14-building Rockefeller Center complex (it was the largest private building project ever undertaken at the time) was one year into construction. On Christmas Eve, 1931, at the height of the Great Depression, workers at the Rockefeller Center construction site decided to pool their money together to buy a Christmas tree to lift their spirits. It was a 20-foot balsam fir that they decorated with handmade garland and strings of cranberries from their families. The men lined up at the tree to receive their paychecks.



Two years later in 1933, a Rockefeller Center publicist decided to make the tree an annual tradition, and they held the first official lighting ceremony with a 50-foot tree. In 1936, they put up two trees to mark the opening of the skating rink and also held an ice skating competition.

During World War II, the tree’s décor switched to a more patriotic theme, with red, white, and blue globes and painted wooden stars.

In 1942, no materials needed for the war could be used on the tree, and instead of one giant tree, there were three smaller ones, each decorated in one of the flag’s three colors. It was also the first year that the tree was replanted after the holidays. In 1944, the tree remained unlit due to war-time black-out regulations. When the war ended in 1945, six ultraviolet light projectors were used to make it appear as though the tree’s 700 fluorescent globes were glowing in the dark.



In 1951, NBC televised the tree lighting for the first time with a special on The Kate Smith Show. Now that the entire nation was seeing the tree, the decorations became more elaborate and it was taking 20 workers on scaffolding nine days to fully decorate it.

Another famous holiday staple at Rockefeller Center is the triumphant collection of metal wire herald angels in the Channel Gardens. Sculptor Valerie Clarebout debuted the twelve figures in 1969.

Influenced by the environmental movement of the time, the tree was first recycled in 1971; it was turned into 30 three-bushel bags of mulch for the nature trails of upper Manhattan. Following September 11, the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree was once again adorned in patriotic red, white, and blue. In 2004, a 550-pound Swarovski star graced the top of the tree for the first time. Designed by German artist Michael Hammers, it featured 25,000 crystals and one million facets and was 9.5 feet wide.

In 2018, the star was replaced by another Swarovski model, this one designed by architect Daniel Libeskind. It's made of three million Swarovski crystals radiating from 70 spikes, is nine feet four inches wide, and weighs in at 900 pounds.

In a continued effort to go green, LED lights were introduced on the tree in 2007. They use 1,200 fewer kilowatts of electricity per day, enough to power a 2,000-square-foot home for a month. Solar panels atop the Rockefeller Center buildings also help power them. A fun fact: engineers spent three months creating a computer program to get the twinkling effect of the lights just right.

In the past, many trees were donated to Rockefeller Center. Today, the tree is typically a Norway spruce and is scouted by Erik Pauzé, Head Gardener at Rockefeller Center. While the tree is being cut down, a crane supports it and moves it to a custom telescoping trailer for its journey to Rockefeller Center. It's then supported by four guy wires at its midpoint and a steel spike at its base. Workers install scaffolding around the tree to allow them to put up the 50,000 rainbow LED lights.



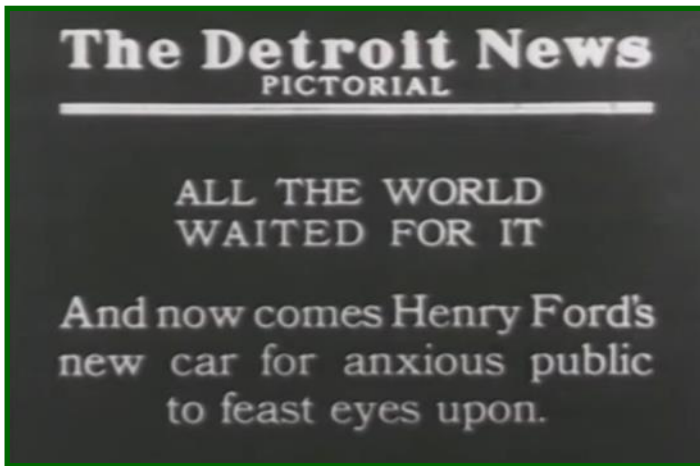
The 2022 Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree is a 82ft tall Norway Spruce, 50 feet wide and weighs 14 tons. The tree, which is about 85 or 90 years old, was donated by the Lebowitz Family of Glens Falls, which is three-and-a-half hours north of NYC between Glens Falls and Lake George.

It was chopped down on November 10. To allow adequate time for it to be decorated before it's lit, the

Tree arrived on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

After the November 30th Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Tree will be lit daily from 6am-12am. On Christmas Day, the Tree is lit for 24 hours and on New Year's Eve it is lit from 6am to 9pm.

Historical Tidbit



In late November came the announcement that Americans had been waiting for: **on December 2, 1927**, the still-unnamed Ford automobile would be shown to the public, at locations revealed to each and every Ford dealer. Pricing was announced on December 1, the eve of the showing, and to the delight of potential buyers, the new Model A would be priced comparably to the Model T. On the day of the car's reveal, Ford News claimed that 10,534,992 people came to see the Model A, a number that represented 10 percent of the U.S. population at the time.

The Model A offered buyers elegant styling (described as a "downsized Lincoln" by some), four-wheel brakes, improved fuel economy, a laminated safety glass windshield,

hydraulic shock absorbers, and a 200.5-cu.in. four-cylinder engine rated at 40 horsepower, enough to deliver a top speed of 65 MPH. Seven body types were offered at launch, including Sport Coupe, Coupe, Roadster, Phaeton, Tudor sedan, Fordor sedan, and truck, and buyers could choose from four colors (Niagara Blue, Arabian Sand, Dawn Gray and Gun Metal Blue).



Deposits from eager customers poured in, and in the first two weeks the automaker had reportedly accumulated 400,000 sales orders from

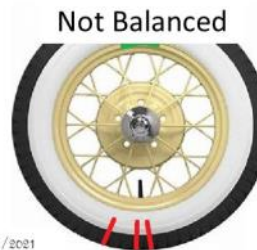
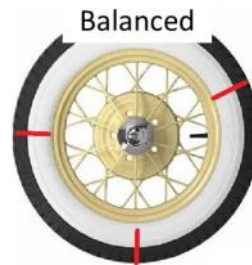


dealers (adding to the thousands of orders that had been placed prior to the car's reveal). Though the Model A would only be produced from 1927 through early 1932, Ford sold over 4.3 million examples, and the car would help Ford transition from pioneer to modern automaker. The Model A would also go on to inspire generations of collectors, hot rodders and shade tree mechanics, helping to popularize the hobby that we've all come to know and love.

Technical Tips

Wheel Balancing Technique

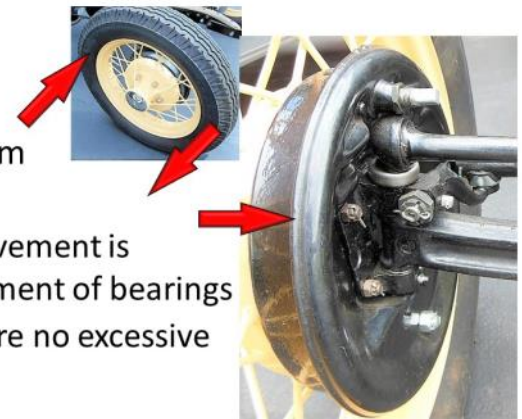
- Loosen a front wheel bearing so wheel spins freely
- Spin wheel, let coast to a stop & mark tire @ 6 O'clock
- Spin wheel twice again
- If stops in different widespread positions, wheel is balanced
- If stops in same or nearly same position, wheel needs balancing weights
- Iterate spinning with different weights until balanced
- Remember to adjust wheel bearing & install new cotter pin



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Wheels, Front – Diagnosing Loose Wheel Bearings

- Grab each tire @ 3 O'clock & 9 O'clock
- Alternately push & pull
- Observe interface of drum & backing plate
 - Some independent movement is normal & set by adjustment of bearings
 - Adjust bearings to assure no excessive or inadequate play



Wheel Bearings, Front - Adjustment

- May be necessary to loosen brake adjustment to assure drum is free to move
- Tighten ¾-18 Castle Nut to seat bearing cones into races so zero in – out play of drum
- Loosen nut back two castle slots (approximately ¼ turn loose) so drum spins freely
- Insert new steel cotter pin
- Install wheel & torque lug nuts to 50-55 ft-lbs in “Star Pattern”
- Adjust front brakes



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CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 3, 2022

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11AM—?



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NATIONAL CLUB NEWS

2022 National Awards Banquet December 5-8 Golden, Colorado

Join us in beautiful Golden, Colorado at the Table Mountain Inn. Visit Clear Creek History Park, the Buffalo Bill Museum, the Colorado Railroad Museum, the Coors Brewery, the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, and The Clive Cussler Museum. Something for everyone!

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Reservation Information will be released on June 15th, 2022, & posted on social media

All pertinent information, phone, code & room cost will be announced at the MARC National

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MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE


The seasons are changing. Our friends living in Hickory Corners have settled in on their winter hours. While a good portion of the country is still wondering why anybody would ever want a snow blower, these people are wearing them out trying to clear paths around the Gilmore Campus for the hearty crowd braving the ice and snow to visit the museum. There are those who have packed their Model A's away for the winter, those who barely see a change in the seasons, and those in between who continue driving our A's, but cuss them because there is no heat, or the heat is dispensed on the wrong side of the vehicle. It is the holiday season.

Let's not forget this is also a giving season. The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. draws revenue from several sources throughout the year. A popular source of this revenue is their memorial brick sales. This is a chance to preserve the memory of your club or one of its former members (current members for that matter) by having a brick cast in their memory in front of the Model A Ford Museum.

To help MAFFI grow, we are offering clubs a free brick for their help in signing up three new MAFFI Members. Three member applications, with their checks for \$25.00 each, and your FREE brick order should be sent to MAFFI, PO Box 28, Peotone, IL 60468-0028.

Thank you,
Mike DuBreuil,
MAFFI clubcontact@maffi.org



2022

Event Calendar

DEC 3, 2022 Christmas Party at Mabank Library 11am—?


DEC 20, 2022 ... Breakfast at ? Watch for Mass Mailer

DEC 31, 2022 ... New Year's Eve Dinner at ? Watch for Mass Mailer

2023

JAN 3, 2023 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points

JUN 15-18, 2023 Texas Tour in Huntsville, Texas



Answers from page 3—1. Turquoise 2. Narcissus 3. Lords a Leaping 4. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner & Blitzen 5. The First Noel 6. Joseph Marley, Christmas Past, Christmas Present, Christmas Yet to Come 7. Bing Crosby 8. Joyeux Noel, 9. Hannakuh 10. Pacific Ocean, 11. Jack Frost 12. Nazareth 13 Orange 14. Bombing of Pearl Harbor 15. Louisiana

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