

The Running Board

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President's Memo

Hello and welcome to a new year.

I want to thank Chuck for leading our club for the past two years and helping our club move forward.

The 20th year Anniversary party was a great success. I learned a lot from the stories from our members about the history of the club. Everyone enjoyed Nancy's slideshow. Thank you Herman and Lynda for hosting the party, and thanks to all the members that contributed to a successful gathering.

The Christmas party was another great success. The decorations and food were outstanding. The White Elephant gifts were a lot of fun. Thank you for all the toy donations.

I am very new to this President job. Please help and guide me through the year.

With that said, let's get this show on the road.

Jonathan Vaghy President 2023

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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



A MAFCA Chapter



MEETING MINUTES

Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club Monthly Meeting -December 3, 2022 Mabank Library Community Room

The meeting was opened by Chuck Cheshire at 11:15 am. He asked if we wanted to accept the minutes from last month. They were accepted by all. The financial report was given and accepted.

Julia Waterman is recovering from her knee injury and is able to walk again without a walker. She arrived at the meeting looking great.

Our birthday people this month were Teena Shore, Rick Dorris, Jerry Rogers, and Chuck Cheshire. We sang the birthday song for them.

Chuck Cheshire reminded everyone it is time to pay dues for the coming year.

After some discussion we decided on Hectors Mexican Restaurant for our New Year's Eve Dinner. We will meet there at 5:30.

It was decided there were not enough cars to go to the Athens Christmas Parade.

The first meeting next year will be January 3rd.

The Dairy Palace in Canton will be our monthly breakfast on December 20th.

Carolyn and Gary Vick are giving serious consideration to going to MAFCA National Tour in Indiana this coming July.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am. Spencer Pennington and Carolyn Vick gave the motions.

After the meeting Jonathan Vaghy was affirmed as president for the upcoming year.

The raffle winner was Herman Dentler.

Before our Christmas lunch, Jerry Rogers led us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Carpenter Sec./Treas.



1. What is the birthstone for January?
2. What is the recognized flower for the month of January?
3. According to weather folklore, fog in January brings what? A. A wet spring
B. A warm spring C. A cool spring
4. On 1 January 1892, which island was officially opened in New York as an immigration station for millions of people from Europe?
5. Which state became part of the US in January 1959?
6. Which inventor received the patent for the first lightbulb on 27 January 1880?
7. On 13 January 1930, which popular comic strip was first published in the United States?
A. Calvin and Hobbes B. Peanuts
C. Mickey Mouse
8. Who added the month of January to the calendar?
9. How many days did January initially have when it was added to the calendar?
10. January has 31 days - how many other months have 31 days?
10. What happened on New Year's Eve in New York in 1908 for the first time ever?
11. What was the first car created in January 1914?
12. How many presidents celebrated their birthdays in January?
13. In the northern hemisphere, why is January significant temperature-wise?
14. Before January was added to the calendar, how many months were there?
15. What special Christian event takes place on January 6?



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Doyle Nelle	1/1
Bill Capps	1/2
Emma Phariss	1/5
Anna Hellebrand	1/9
Jody Letchworth	1/13
Sandy Fite	1/25
Kathleen Vaghy	1/27



From the Editor

We had a great Christmas Party at the Mabank Library. 32 members were present.

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

Looking forward to a great year with a new club president. Any ideas for tours, please let us know.



Nancy Cheshire

Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Harris Lege had a heart attack and some stents placed in his heart. He is home and doing well.

Julia has recovered from her knee surgery and doing well also.





Interesting Historic Room Sign

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022

IT WAS A GREAT TIME!

About 32 Cedar Creek club members attended the Christmas Party on December 3, 2022. Lots of good food and fun times with the white Elephant gifts. The duck came back as a White Elephant gift again so we will probably see it next year. Spencer received an interesting foil duck. Wanda Bell kept getting her gifts taken away. The library was very appreciative of the toys the members brought. Our picture even made it into the local newspaper.



Historical Tidbit

The Mysterious Origins of the New Year's Eve Kiss

by YOLIVIA B. WAXMAN

According to some superstitions, German and English folklore gets credit for popularizing the idea that whom you're with on New Year's Eve will predict how the new year will go. And these days, there's a good chance that if you're with anyone at all, you'll plan to give or receive a kiss at the stroke of midnight.

The exact origins of that custom's popularity in the United States aren't clear, but, like that superstition, it likely also has German origins. German immigrants' New Year's Eve parties in the mid-19th century would have helped spread the idea of ringing in the year with a kiss, says to Alexis McCrossen, an expert on the holiday and author of *Marking Modern Times: A History of Clocks, Watches, and Other Timekeepers in American Life*.

She points out that one of the earliest recorded references to smooching at midnight on New Year's Eve is in a Jan. 3, 1863, New York Times report on festivities in New York City. "New-Year's Eve is a great time among the Germans, who assemble around the domestic fireside, in their public halls, their club houses, their theatres, their concert houses and their bier-knerpe, or minor beer cellars, to pass the waning hours of the old year, with music, song, the drama and the farce, good cheer and merriment," the article explains. "As the clocks ring out the hour of midnight, all this festivity pauses for a moment, to listen, and as the last stroke dies into silence, all big and little, old and young, male and female, push into each other's arms, and hearty kisses go round like rolls of labial musketry, with the exclamation "Prost's Neujahr!" (Hail the New-Year!) Gentlemen and ladies in the bloom of youth heartily approve this custom, and their venerable predecessors likewise seem to relish it, if 'twere only for the sake of 'Auld Lang Syne!"

That such a tradition spread beyond the city's German immigrant community was no coincidence.

"Cities began to get bigger, more and more immigrants are coming and immigrants from Europe bring customs associated with New Year's Eve," says McCrossen, who is a professor of history at Southern Methodist University. "Germans had a huge influence over American culture and rituals."

Part of the reason for that influence had to do with a deeper, and more troubling, truth about the way American society looked at immigrants from different nations. As McCrossen puts it, "Germans were seen as being more respectable than Italians and other groups." When it came to adopting the customs of 19th century newcomers — perhaps a natural progression for an American culture that McCrossen describes as "super uptight" due to residual puritanical influence — it was deemed more acceptable to copy German traditions, so those were the traditions that often made their way most quickly to the mainstream.

Not long after those German immigrants began setting a New Year's Eve example, another major influence



New Year's Eve at the Diamond Horse-shoe in New York, N.Y., on Dec. 31, 1941.

began to spread throughout American cities: electricity.

After electric lighting was introduced in the 1880s, nightlife options begin to proliferate. It was only then that it became normal for people to go out on the town on New Year's Eve and stay out until midnight. "That's when the custom of toasting really takes off," McCrossen says. And for loved ones who toasted at midnight, it would be natural to share a smooch. Not long after that, a 1907 fireworks ban forced New Yorkers to find a new way to celebrate, so the ball-drop became a New Year's tradition. Soon enough, many of the New Year's Eve rituals we recognize today were nationally and internationally known.



And inevitably, Hollywood films have also helped popularize the New Year's Eve kiss – from the midnight confession in *When Harry Met Sally*, which may have helped set high expectations for this smooch, to the decidedly unromantic Fredo-Michael Corleone kiss in *Godfather II*.

The fact that there isn't a concrete origins story for New Year's Eve is certainly ammunition for people who think the push to find someone to kiss at midnight on New Year's Eve is overblown and overhyped. But for those who actually want to follow what's now a firmly settled tradition, its mysterious history seems unlikely to diminish its appeal, and in fact, enhances it.



Times Square Dec. 31, 1930

What does 'Auld Lang Syne' mean?

The phrase "auld lang syne" directly translates from Scots language to modern English as "old long since," but can be interpreted in practice as "old times, especially times fondly remembered" or an "old or long friendship," according to Dictionary.com.

If you feel yourself getting a little teary-eyed and sentimental while singing along, it might not just be the champagne. The phrase is meant to evoke feelings of nostalgia, especially to memories of good times spent with friends.

The first lines of the song – "Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?" – serves as a reminder to cherish those fond memories that we've already had, which makes the message a fit for New Year's Eve night.

The Model A Ford is the Perfect Entry to Prewar Ownership

by Kyle Smith



Henry Ford was determined the Model T would be the last car Ford produced, intending that production would continue indefinitely. This worked for decades, but the low-tech T was handily eclipsed by the advancing designs from other manufacturers in the 1920s. Sales began to falter, despite Ford lowering the price each year, and between the board and Ford's son Edsel advising him to change direction, Ford relented. The Model A would arrive as an all-new car for 1928.



Changing over production from the Model T to the Model A was not easy. In fact, retooling the factory took the better part of a year. Model T production ended in mid-1927, and not until that October did the first Model A roll off the assembly line. The differences between the two cars may be more significant than you'd expect, but the same improvements that served Ford customers in the late 1920s make the Model A a perfect entry point to prewar ownership.

Though relatively untouched in 40 years, the engine in my Model A runs great. It's durable and easy to maintain. Both the Model T and the Model A used four-cylinder engines, but the Model A's 200-cubic-inch flathead inline-four made 40 hp, double the power of its predecessor. A traditional three-speed transmission replaced the T's planetary band-type gearbox, and the chassis became more rigid.



Overall, the Model A was less of the do-anything machine that the Model T was. Henry Ford designed the T to be affordable and adaptable, meaning that many Model Ts were modified and pressed into service as farm or shop equipment rather than as personal transportation. The Model A, on the other hand, was less of a multitasking machine. It focused more on transportation—what we'd consider normal car duty—and boasted a top speed of 45 mph.

The interior space of a Tudor sedan will surprise you, and it makes for a very usable car.

"The Model A is very popular thanks to the mechanical simplicity, fun driving experience, and ability to stand out in most car show crowds despite fitting into smaller budgets," says Hawk Hawkins, Hagerty Price Guide support specialist. "It has really become a go-to entry level classic car—and for good reason."

It may be an entry-level classic, but that doesn't mean that first-time or young buyers comprise the Model A's main buyer base. Per our data, 72 percent of quotes for Model A Fords come from members of the pre-boomer and baby boomer generations. Interest has remained largely stagnant over the last two years, which has led to a dip in the prices for even the most desirable Model As.



The chassis and powertrain remained nearly identical across all of Model A production, so the main variability—and thus, the determining factor for desirability—is body style. The town car, convertible sedan, victoria, phaeton, cabriolet, and station wagon are the most sought-after styles; they're also the least common, either because of a low production count or a high level of attrition. Even so, prices for these configurations have dipped over the last year. Values for the more common coupe, roadster, town sedan, Fordor sedan, Tudor sedan, and business coupe have stayed level.

"Values tend to drop sharply with condition for Model As. Very nice examples are rare because they hail from an era in which items were worked and utilized until they were unusable, which

meant modifications or an otherwise significant amount of wear," says Hawkins. "Then, with the introduction of the V-8 in 1932, the Model A became all but obsolete and was treated as such for many years."

Still, many Model As survived and are great options for those interested in prewar motoring. Even better, there's a Model A out there to satisfy a variety of budgets. A #1 (Concours) condition town car can command \$55,000, but a similar-condition business coupe or Tudor sedan can be had in the low \$20,000 range. Factor in that most Model As are found in #3 (Good) condition mark, and you have a very attainable bar for a unique and fun car that can be driven and enjoyed without fear of damage. Parts support is vast, and both problems and their solutions are well-documented.

Is there a better entry point to vintage cars? Yes, the cars of the 1950s and '60s are significantly more usable, but if your interest lies specifically in prewar motoring, the best starting point is a Ford Model A. Given the stable values, picking up a Model A is likely a safe play, especially if you are open to doing some projects on the car to improve its condition during your ownership.

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DID YOU KNOW...

...Store bought 100% orange juice is 100% artificially flavored.

...Chocolate was once used as currency.

...The world's oldest known recipe is for beer.

...A group of officers is called a mess.

...McDonald's sells 75 hamburgers every second

and your brain is 80% water,

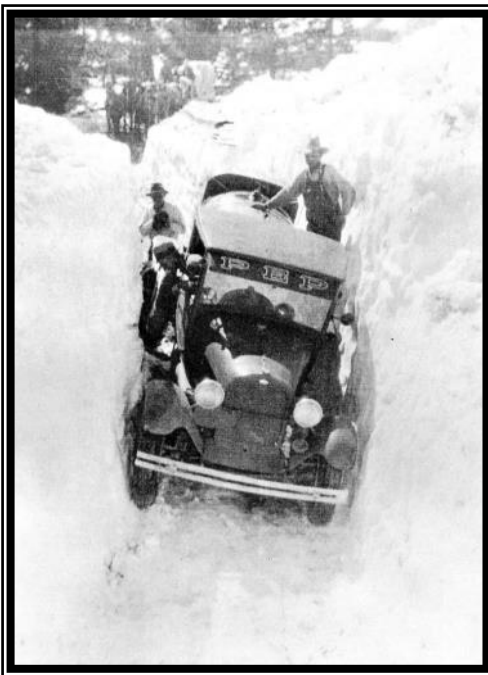
so don't spring a leak.

*Ever noticed all the "For's in Model As?
It's Model A Ford
It's got Four cylinders
Each cylinder is Four inch bore and Four inch stroke.
It's got Four wheels with Four hub caps, each of
which says Ford.
It Forty cubic inches cylinder displacement
It is a four stroke engine.
It is forty horsepower.
It goes about forty miles per hour (well mine does).
It's got four gears (if you count reverse as a gear).
I think some of them sold for about four hundred dol-
lars originally.
Came in different body styles, including the fordor.
Cabrioles had four windows.
It was manufactured for four years.
Now you try saying that with a Chevy or a Dodge or a
Dusenberg. Doesn't work.*

Author Unknown

Welcome to Winter

NO HEATERS, NO HEATED SEATS and NO HEATED STEERING WHEELS...brrrr! Remember next time you get into that **cold** car, try to imagine what it was like for your grandparents or great-grandparents and their contemporaries.



Technical Tips

5 essentials that allow your classic to sleep peacefully when the snow falls —

Rob Siegel, Hagerty.com

Question: I'm new to old cars. Is there anything special you do to prepare a car for winter storage? Answer: Yes! How much or how little you do depends on the length of the layover and how thorough you want to be. Basically, you need to consider the fuel, the battery, the tires, rodent repellent, and a cover. If your winter is just two or three months, disconnect the battery and throw a cover on the car, but for a longer slumber, you'll want to be more scrupulous.

Fuel

Most gas contains 10 percent ethanol, which is hygroscopic (it absorbs moisture from the air). If you live in a humid environment, it's a good idea to store a car with the tank full, as it minimizes the possibility of water being absorbed from air in the unfilled portion of the tank. This is particularly important if the car is old enough that it has a metal gas tank; you don't want water collecting at the bottom. Some folks swear by additives like Sta-Bil, which claim to break up water and keep the fuel from oxidizing. I've never had an over-the-wintered car have running problems attributable to old gas, but if three months turns to a year, you'll be glad for the stabilizer. If you know in advance that the car is going into long-term hibernation, you'd be smart to drain the tank first and suck the carburetor's float bowls dry, as the goeey varnish left by ancient gas can be problematic.

Battery

Cold temperatures and a parasitic drain will likely kill a battery before spring. If the car is stored where there's electricity, a battery tender will keep the battery charged. Note that you generally want a maintainer, not a trickle charger; a maintainer is designed to stay connected to the battery, whereas a trickle charger should be disconnected when the battery is fully charged—and can overcharge the battery if it's not removed. If the car is wintering somewhere where there's no juice, simply disconnecting the negative terminal of the battery is very effective.

Rodent Repellent

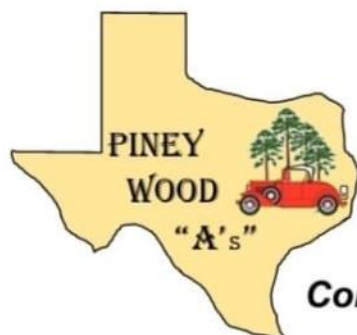
The vicissitudes of time and fortune may slowly eat away at your treasured car, but between the nesting, the poop, the chewing, and the dying and stinking, the damage rodents can do quickly is astonishing. Reportedly, rodents don't like smells, and some folks swear by Bounce dryer sheets, Irish Spring soap, peppermint oil, and other aromatics. Others have had luck with ultrasonic devices. Bottom line: Any rodent deterrent is better than nothing, and be prepared to **react at the first sign of contamination before massive damage is done.**

Tires

Having a car sit for several months will flat-spot the tires a bit, but when they're driven and warmed up, they'll probably work themselves round. Longer sits, though, particularly in cold weather, can permanently flat-spot tires. The best prevention is to use four jack stands and store the car with all four wheels up. Short of that, drive the car on occasion or at least move it in the storage space. It doesn't take much.

Cover

This one's the easiest. Even if the car is in pampered indoor climate-controlled storage, a cover will keep the dust, the critters, and the sun streaming through the windows off the paint, and those are all good things. That's it. Just know that the best thing you can do is to keep the layup short, and if at all possible, exercise the car in the middle.



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Texas Tour Planned Events

Short driving tours (Friday)

Grand Tour – Tour the beautiful National Forest (Saturday)

Mystery games

Many points of interest in this historical city such as the Home of Sam Houston (next to the main event center), the Prison Museum, the Military Museum, The statue of Sam Houston, and the Cemetery.

Trailer parking can be arranged.

Great Entertainment at the Award Ceremonies

Registration Fees will be announced once they are confirmed.

NATIONAL
 CLUB
 NEWS



July 16-21, 2023

Indiana/Michigan
 Hosts: Southeastern Touring Group

2023 MAFCA National Tour
Back Roads to the Classics

Join us on a circle tour of Northern Indiana and Southwestern Michigan, beginning in Auburn, Indiana, home of the National Automotive and Truck Museum, and the Early Ford V8 Foundation Museum. We will travel the Indiana countryside of the Amish and Mennonites.

Then, it is on to South Bend, home of the Studebaker National Museum and Notre Dame University's Basilica of the Sacred Heart. In Michigan, we will visit The Gilmore Car Museum, home of the Model A Ford Museum. Our travels will end back in Auburn, Indiana with the beautiful Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

Info: [Happy Begg](#), 803-622-0048.



At the 2022 National Awards Banquet in Colorado, the new Board for 2023 was announced:

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2023



Event Calendar

- JAN 3, 2023 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- FEB 7, 2023 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- MAR 7, 2023 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- APR 4, 2023 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- MAY 2, 2023 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- JUN 6, 2023 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- JUN 15-18, 2023 Texas Tour in Huntsville, Texas



What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Frosted Flakes

When I was a kid, bedtime was 9pm. I couldn't wait to be a grownup so I could go to bed anytime I wanted.

Turns out that is 9pm

Answers from page 3—1. Garnet 2. Snowdrop 3. Wet Spring 4. Ellis Island 5. Alaska 6. Thomas Edison 7. Mickey Mouse 8. The Romans 9. thirty 10. six 11. Model T 12. four 13. Coldest temperatures 14. ten 15. Epiphany

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