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President's Memo

Greetings to all,

The weather is turning warmer. The lake is full of water. Flowers are starting to bloom. This is prime time to get our A's out and go for a drive. We had a great turn-out for lunch at the Bradford Café. We will have some more opportunities this month to rev-up our engines. Check out the calendar on our website for details.

I am looking forward to seeing Guys and Dolls. I have made arrangements to park our cars out front. The show takes place during the depression era. I am hoping to get some great pictures with the cast.

A little trivia – Kept from the wrestling team because of a knee injury, a teen-aged Tom Cruise auditioned and won the role of Nathan Detroit in his Glen Ridge, NJ, high school production of Guys and Dolls... and so began his acting career.

See you Tuesday for the next meeting.

Jonathan Vaghy, President 2023

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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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A MAFCA Chapter



MAFFI

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 –March 7, 2023

Jonathan Vaghy opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. We welcomed one guest, the Vick's son, Micheal.

Jonathan asked if everyone had read the minutes and if there were any revisions or corrections. Carolyn Vick made a motion to accept them and Chuck Cheshire seconded. The financial report was read. Herman Dentler made a motion to accept and Chuck Cheshire seconded.

Sunshine report: Jonathan Vaghy welcomed Gary Vick back from his injury. Emma has relayed that Gerald is doing showing some improvement.

There were no birthdays or old business. Jonathan Vaghy asked if there was any new business. Anna Hellebrand has set up a tour to Wills Point to visit a residence that has a garage full of antique cars. Saturday, April 8th was set as the date. We will meet at Vetoni's at 10AM. After the car viewing we will have lunch in Wills' Point.

McClain's is starting a Cars and Coffee event the third Saturday of the month.

April 3rd there is a Car Show in Athens at Whataburger at 5PM.

Canton swap meet is March 11th.

The Cowboy Church in Athens is having a car show April 29th.

Terrell Glider Museum will be March 24th. Everyone will meet at Bob's house at 10AM. (canceled because of bad weather)

Jonathan Vaghy is purchasing tickets for Guys and Dolls Musical in Athens April 16th. He is talking to the theater about having the cars part in front.

March 21th- lunch instead of breakfast this month. We are going to Bradford's south of Athens on Highway 19.

Lou Carpenter asked if we wanted to keep the post office box. Chuck Cheshire made a motion to cancel it and Bob Letchworth seconded it. Mail will go directly to Lou's house.

March 30th the ladies will enjoy the Tea Room and the men will go to Bean and Burger.

Fredye Quain won the raffle. We collected \$50 dollars.

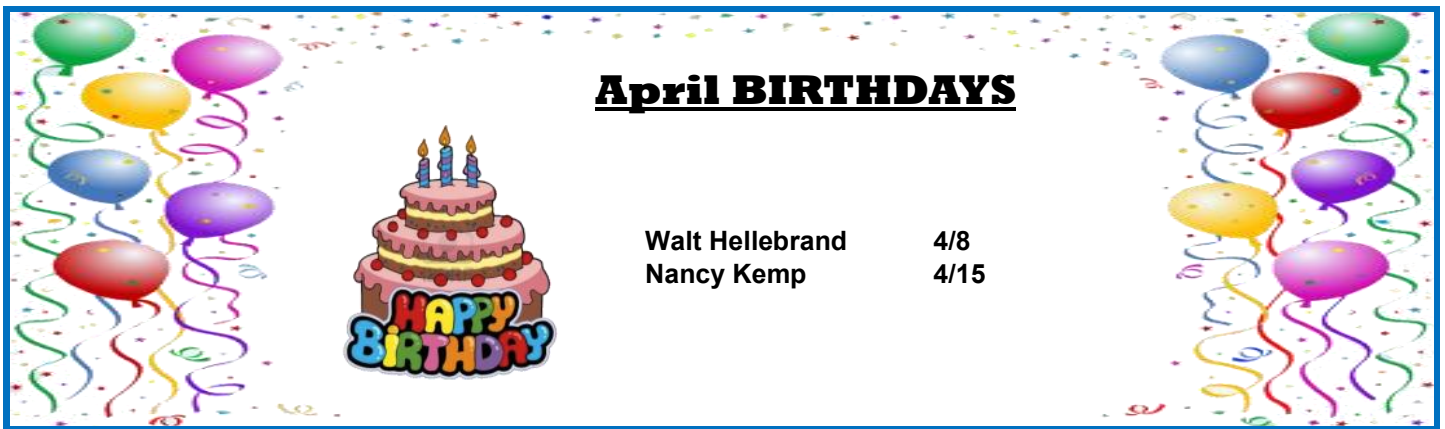
Meeting adjourned at 6:06.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Carpenter Sec./Treas.



1. On what April date did Ford unveil the first Mustang costing \$2,368?
2. The Sweet Pea is a birth flower of April. What is the other one? A. Lily B. Daisy C. Sunflower
3. What is said to be the birthstone for April?
 - a. Emerald b. Ruby c. Sapphire d. Diamond
4. What dreaded day in America generally happens every April 15th?
5. What month is equivalent to April in the southern hemisphere?
6. What well-known fast-food restaurant first opened on April 15, 1955?
 - a. McDonalds b. Jack in the Box c. Dairy Queen d. A and W
7. April's Full Moon is traditionally known as what?
8. April is the first of 4 months to have what?
9. In what ocean did the Titanic sink in April 1912?
10. How many Jelly Beans are made for Easter in the US every year?
11. Where is April Fools Day an official city holiday?
 - a. Basel, Switzerland b. Odessa, Ukraine c. Sevilla, Spain
12. What slogan was included on all newly minted coins in the US from April 22, 1864?
13. April is the best month to see what in the sky?
14. Which was Elvis Presley's first number 1 hit which reached the top spot on 21st April 1956 in America?
15. Which classic board game is honored on the 13th of April?
 - a. Monopoly b. Chess c. Scrabble d. Clue



Walt Hellebrand
Nancy Kemp

4/8
4/15

From the Editor

It is said that April Showers bring May flowers. Well, April brings bluebonnets in Texas. They are blooming profusely now and so beautiful.

It is also time to enjoy the spring tours. Be sure to see the list on the last page of this newsletter and watch Mass Mailer emails on updates about the tours.

Nancy Cheshire




Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Gerald Phariss is still not doing well.
Chuck Cheshire is seeking treatment for precancerous cells on his tongue.

Please keep them in your prayers!



Luncheon in Mabank on March 30th

7 ladies lunched at the Vintage Lady and Gary, Bob, and Jonathan went to Bean and Burger.



Life Begins Again in April
by Lenore Hetrick

Life begins again – in April!
How this dead earth comes to flower!
How the dry boughs wake and quicken
In this blooming, springtime hour!

Life begins again – in April!
And the bird is on the wing,
Brooks are flowing, breezes tender
In a rhapsody of spring.


Where's the heart that can be downcast?
Where's the eye that does not brighten?
Behold the world so fresh and new
As the dark skies part and lighten!

Those who sorrow shall take comfort,
Those who droop shall smile again.
April brings a message clearly
To the weariest of men.

Yesterday may lie in ruins,
All the past be dead and drear.
Just forget that! Skies are bright blue!
It's the springtime of the year.

It is April! Nature's own month!
It is April! Heaven's season!
April – flowering – stirring – blooming!
Quite beyond man's meager reason.

Life begins again – in April!
Hill and valley reel with living,
To all things new life she brings
With joyous fervor in her giving.



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Bradford Café Lunch on March 20

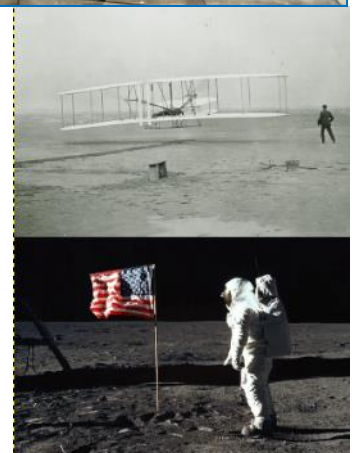
Great food and 18 club members! Afterwards several cars stopped at Cowboy Headquarters on Hwy 19 south of Athens and Loop 7. They wanted a picture of the cars in front of the store.



A Little Car
(especially for
Model A) Humor

My mechanic told me he
couldn't repair my
brakes, so he made my
horn louder.

From Bill Holmes



Interesting Fact:
66 years Apart

Historical Tidbit



Ford has had a significant impact on the automotive industry since they first started rolling out cars 110 years ago. As one of the oldest car manufacturers, Ford has a rich history, filled with interesting facts that you may not know.

Check out these interesting Ford facts to learn more about what makes your Ford part of a brand treasured by car owners for decades.

1. Ford is the second largest family owned company in the world. Henry Ford's great grandson, William Clay Ford, Jr. currently resides as the company's executive chairman.
2. The very first Ford sold was to Dr. Pfennig in 1903, for a grand total of \$850. The "Model A" had a 2-cylinder engine, and could reach a max speed of 30 mph
3. Ford's current CEO, William Clay Ford, Jr., or Bill Ford, currently owns the first Ford vehicle ever sold in 1903.
4. Henry Ford and Thomas Edison were lifelong friends. As requested by Ford,



Thomas Edison's son captured Edison's last exhale in a test tube and sealed it with a cork. Ford kept the tube as a memorial to Edison's "life and breath."



5. Ford's signature blue, oval logo was not introduced until 4 years after the company had already been in production.

6. In 1914 Ford offered its employees double the current market average, creating Henry Ford's "\$5-a-day." The new salary, accompanied by a shorter working day and company profit sharing, minimized employee turnover, and was significant in growing the middle class and fair wages movement. Henry Ford was quoted saying he wanted to help his workers to a "life" not just a "living."

7. In 1964, after Ford debuted the Mustang, 94,000 pedal-powered toy mustangs were bought for children the following Christmas season.

8. In 1965, a Ford Mustang was transported in 4 separate pieces to the observation deck of the Empire State Building, using resident elevators, where it was reassembled and photographed by helicopter. The car was later reassembled inside the building, until it was eventually taken apart and removed from the building 5 months later.



9. The only car that Jim Morrison, legendary Doors singer, ever owned was a 1967 Shelby GT 500.

10. Chevrolet actually used a Ford Super Duty to set up their Chevy Truck display at the Texas State Fair in 2012.

Model A Test **Answers**

The following test was borrowed from *News 'A' Letter*, Heart of America Model A Ford Club. Presented to you is the opportunity to test your knowledge regarding the Model A Ford. Under each question, circle the letter you feel is the right answer to the question.

1. What is the weight of the Model A engine, complete with clutch and transmission?
 - A. 350 pounds
 - B. 489 pounds
 - C. 475 pounds**
 - D. A lot
2. What is the crankcase capacity of the Model A?
 - A. 4 1/2 quarts
 - B. 5 quarts**
 - C. It depends on what weight oil you are using.
 - D. What's the crankcase?
3. What is the weight of a stock Model A flywheel?
 - A. The weight depended on the model of the car.
 - B. the weight often varied due to the manufacturer of the flywheel.
 - C. The weight varied depending on if the flywheel was statically or dynamically balanced.
 - D. The weight was 63 pounds, 4 ounces.**
4. What is the piston displacement of the Model A engine?
 - A. the displacement varied on the date the engine was produced.
 - B. The displacement was 200.5 cubic inches.**
 - C. The displacement was 200.5 inches for the 28-29 and 200.8 for the 30-31.
 - D. Was it it a roadster or sedan?
5. What is the brake horsepower of the Model A engine?
 - A. 40 hp at 2,200RPM**
 - B. This a stupid question because brakes don't have horsepower.
 - C. 42.5 hp at 2,400RPM
 - D. 20 hp
6. Is a two-blade fan or four-blade fan more efficient on the Model A?
 - A. Absolutely the four-blade fan is more efficient.**
 - B. The two-blade fan is more efficient.
 - C. Neither of the above.
 - D. Haven't used a fan in years.
7. The stock Model A fan blade delivers how much cubic feet of air per minute?
 - A. 1,389 cubic feet
 - B. 650 cubic feet**
 - C. 855 cubic feet
 - D. What's cubic feet?
8. How long is the Model A connecting rod?
 - A. 7 inches long
 - B. As long as you own the car.
 - C. 7.5 inches**
 - D. Just long enough.
9. What is the S.A.E. horsepower rating of the Model A Ford?
 - A. 40 horsepower
 - B. 24.3 horsepower**
 - C. There is no such thing as S.A.E. rating. This rating is for oil not horsepower.
 - D. My horse has no power.
10. What is the clearance of the Model A connecting rod bearing?
 - A. .005 at 2,400 RPM
 - B. .005 at 800 RPM
 - C. .005 at any RPM**
 - D. Just enough so there is no rod knock.
11. How wide is the piston pin of the Model A?
 - A. One inch**
 - B. One and 7/16 inches
 - C. One and 3/16 inches
 - D. Two inches
12. The ends of the Model A valves are?
 - A. Mushroom
 - B. Flat**
 - C. Convex
 - D. Concave
13. The valve tappet clearance of the Model A engine is ?
 - A. .012
 - B. The clearance depends on a variety of mechanical factors including the total miles on the engine.
 - C. 0.15 exhaust**
 - D. Nobody knows because the original specifications are lost.
14. Is the engine of the Model A offset?
 - A. No, this would create a balance problem.
 - B. Yes, the cylinder offset is alternated so the engine balances.
 - C. The cylinder offset is 1/8 inch.
 - D. The cylinders are opposing.
15. What is the valve stem area of the Model A Ford engine?
 - A. 2.58 at the middle of the valve.
 - B. 2.58 at the mushroom end if there is a mushroom end.
 - C. 2.58 at the concave end of the valve.**
 - D. It doesn't matter.

Technical Tips

A Hidden Electrical Fault

By Tom Endy

Reproduction Model A Ford firewall terminal blocks have been made in Hong Kong for at least the last 30 years that I am aware of and each has a potential hidden electrical fault that can be very difficult to locate and it could be disastrous, and actually cause a fire. The word Hong Kong is stamped on them, so there is no question where they come from.

In the photo, the back side of the terminal block seen on the right attaches directly to the fire wall with four screws. The originals were constructed such that the two terminal studs were molded into the structure during the manufacturing process and there is no way they could short out to the fire wall. The reproductions were manufactured by drilling two holes through the molding and inserting two screws into them from the back that form the two studs that are retained by a nut on each at the front. The two screws can easily back out and touch the fire wall. Both studs (screws) always have battery power on them, so there would be a direct electrical short circuit that is totally obscured.

It is prudent to do some modification to the Hong Kong terminal blocks before installing them. First, apply a little lock tight to the threads of the two screws where they screw into the nut at front and securely tighten. Next fill the hole behind each screw head with JB Weld. This will prevent the screw from backing out and shorting to the fire wall. JB Weld is non-conductive. The terminal block seen at right in the photo has had this done to it.



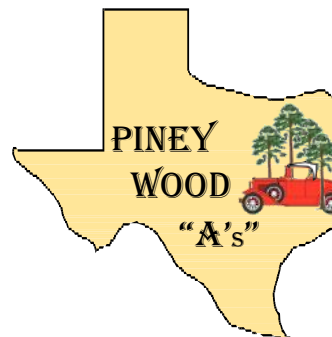


Texas Tour 2023

June 15-18, 2023

Huntsville, Texas

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 All Rooms @ \$119

Phone: (936) 295-4300

Hampton Inn, Next to Fairfield Inn (alternate hotel)

Phone: (936) 439-5228

Main Event Center

Walker Education Center Located in the Sam Houston Museum Park
 1402 19th Street Huntsville, Texas 77340

Planned Events

Short driving tours (Friday) Grand Tour (Saturday)

Interested in the Friday Dinner Fashion Walk? Contact Perry Jones at jones_perry@hotmail.c

Car Games Great entertainment

Points of interest: The Home of Sam Houston (next to event center), Prison Museum, Military Museum, The statue of Sam Houston, and others.

Trailer parking available

See Registration Form for Registration Fees



60th Annual Texas Model A Ford Tour Registration Form

Huntsville, TX | June 15-18, 2023
Hosted by The Piney Wood Model A Ford Club



**Please Note - To ensure adequate facilities, service, and food,
we cannot give refunds after May 31, 2023**

Registration Fee: \$125 per adult (\$135 after May 15, 2023) *No charge for children under 18 years*

Name(s) of attendee(s):	Adult	Child	Dinner Fashion Walk ¹ Participant (✓)
_____	\$ _____		
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_____	\$ _____	\$ N/C	
Club Affiliation: _____	TOTAL	\$ _____	

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Model A Year: _____ Body Style: _____ Will you have a trailer? Yes No

Registration check-in and hospitality room located at the Fairfield Inn will be open Thursday, noon to 5:00 PM. This registration includes Thursday Welcome Party, Friday evening meal, Saturday Grand Tour lunch, and Saturday Closing Banquet. The Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening meals will be at the Walker Center located in the Sam Houston Museum Park, 1402 19th St, Huntsville, TX. **Late registration** will be Friday morning 8:00-9:00 AM. Trailer parking will be available.

If you have special dietary requirements, contact Frank DeLucia at (281) 797-0026.
¹Friday Dinner Fashion Walk - Contact Perry Jones at jones_perry@hotmail.com

Make checks payable to: The Piney Wood Model A Ford Club

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Accommodations: Please mention *"Texas Tour or Piney Woods"* for special rate

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Disclaimer: I hereby release The Piney Wood Model A Ford Club, Model A Ford Club of America, Organizers, Suppliers, and Sponsors of the 60th Annual Texas Model A Ford Tour and their facilities from any and all liabilities. Submittal of this registration, whether signed or not, is in acceptance of this statement.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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July 16-21, 2023

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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.

Register at www.southeasterntouringgroup.com/2023-mafca-national-tour

MAFFI Newsletter Minute

For starters, a little history of the Model A Foundation, Inc. In 1984, trustees of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) began to discuss formation of a foundation with tax-exempt, charitable status. By 1987, a separate organization, MAFFI was officially recognized, with the goal of building a museum dedicated to the preservation of the Model A Ford car and related items of the era. The foundation grew and developed plans to build, and finally settled on the Gilmore location. The current building was completed in the fall of 2012, and the Grand opening was held in May, 2013.

Membership has steadily grown, and MAFFI has not had an increase in dues since well before the Museum existed. However, the cost of operating the Museum has continued to rise. The MAFFI Board of Trustees, in careful consideration of all the facts, has voted to implement the following dues structure, effective May 1, 2023. Note that each membership includes the named member and spouse/domestic partner.

Annual Dues - \$35 3 year membership - \$100 Lifetime Membership - \$500

Please note that MAFFI is the only partner museum at the Gilmore that offers a Lifetime membership, and... we maintain the lowest annual dues on the campus. Consider the many benefits that MAFFI membership brings, in particular... Paid members enjoy free admission to the Gilmore Car Museum all year. This alone is worth the cost of dues. You can find all the benefits of membership on the MAFFI website, www.maffi.org, where you can also join or renew and pay your dues using PayPal or your credit card. MAFFI membership is a great way to support this fascinating hobby!

Please watch here, on the website, and at the MAFFI Facebook page for information on the Model A Days, to be held September 15 & 16. It promises to be a great experience for the whole family again this year! Here's hoping that you will have a great year of enjoying the Model A hobby!

Joe Fox, President - MAFFI

2023



Event Calendar

- APR 4, 2023 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- APR 8, 2023 Tour to Wills Point
- APR 16, 2023 ... Guys & Dolls Production in Athens, TX.—2pm
- APR 18, 2023 ... Breakfast or Lunch somewhere
- 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 (registration forms on pgs. 9-10.**
- JUL 4, 2023 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- AUG 1, 2023 ... Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- SEP 5, 2023 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- OCT 3, 2023 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- OCT 14, 2023 ... Select Theater in Mineola Tour—planned by Tex Willis
- OCT 27-29, 2023. Autumn Trails in Winnsboro (stew on Friday night)
- NOV 7, 2023 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- DEC 2, 2023 Christmas Party/Meeting at the Mabank Library



Answers from page 3—1. Apr, 17, 1964 2. Daisy 3. Diamond 4. Tax Day 5. October 6. McDonalds 7. Pink Moon 8. 30 days 9. North Atlantic 10. 16 billion 11. Odessa, Ukraine 12. In God We Trust 13. meteor showers 14. Heartbreak Hotel 15. Scrabble

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