

The Running Board

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President's Memo

Hello Model A Lovers,

May brought us some fun events. Mabank High School's shop class put on a nice event. The students are proud of their cars. Their shop is well equipped for learning automotive maintenance. The weather was perfect for an outside lunch at Twisted Root Burger Co. Good turnout and great burgers. The residents of Cedar Lake Care Center enjoyed our cars. Somebody always has stories growing up with Model A's. Lots of history was on display at the #1 British Flight Training School Museum. It was very enjoyable.

I'm looking forward to the Texas Tour this month in Huntsville. Are you ready?

I would like to welcome our new members, Dean and Betty Ann Blazek of Ennis. They have a nice looking Tudor. It's green too.

Jonathan Vaghy, 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, 2023

Our meeting opened with Jonathan Vaghy leading us in the pledge of allegiance.

We welcomed one guest. Harris Lege brought his friend Nina again. We sang Happy Birthday to Carolyn Vick.

Harris Lege said that Gerald Phariss had been in the hospital but is home now. He is unsure what his problem was.

The minutes from last month were accepted by Carolyn Vick and Bob Letchworth. The financial report was given and accepted by Walt and Anna Hellebrand.

Chuck Cheshire may not have to have any more procedures on his tongue.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Lee can set up a way to make credit card payments on our web site. He wants to know if any one would be interested in using it. Everyone agrees we would rather just continue to pay with cash or check. But thanks, Bill.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 5th The Mabank High School Car Show is Friday at 6PM.

May 6th Mabank Car Show and Crawfish Boil will be Saturday at the Pavillion.

May 11th Canton Swap Meet starts Thursday and last till Sunday

May 16th Lunch day at the Twisted Root in Athens at noon.

May 19th We will meet at Bob's house at 10AM and drive to the Flight Museum at the Terrell airport. After the museum we will enjoy an Italian lunch before returning home.

May 27th Kerens Car show and Fish Fry. Opening time is 9:30AM.

Herman is checking to see if Brinson Ford in Athens would like us to bring the cars to the dealership for a small show.

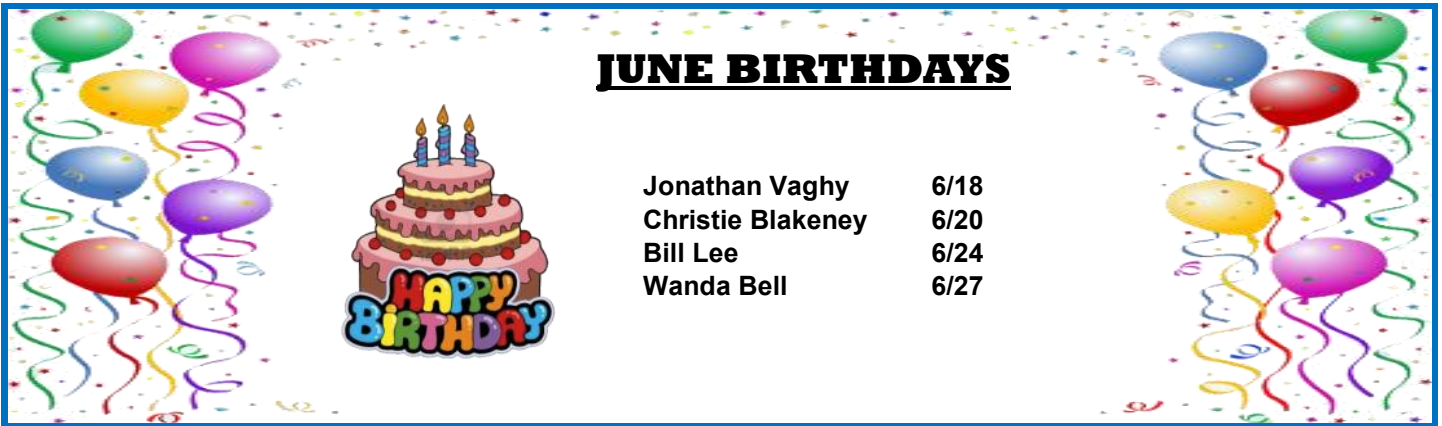
News Flash: Spencer Pennington arrives! Walt Hellebrand suggests we need to appoint someone to call Spencer each month to remind him its time to leave for the meeting.

Lou Carpenter won the raffle. We collected \$35 dollars for the raffle this month.

Respectfully submitted, *Lou Carpenter* Sec./Treas.





1. What date is flag day celebrated in the US?
2. What date does summer start?
3. What name is given for the time period when the Sun is the farthest north in the Northern Hemisphere?
4. What is the birthstone of June?
5. What are the two birth flowers of June?
6. What federal holiday commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans?
7. What year did Father's Day first start being celebrated in the US?
8. What amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote was passed by Congress in June?
9. How many days are in June?
10. What historical event does D-Day, celebrated on June 6, commemorate?
11. What food holiday is celebrated on the first Friday of every June?
12. Which animal is celebrated on the third Friday of June? ?
13. On June 28, 1914, the assassination of which Archduke sparked World War I?
14. What is the traditional gift for a June wedding anniversary?
15. On June 30, 1936, which famous novel by Margaret Mitchell was published?
16. What product was first demonstrated in NYC in 1929?
17. What arrived in NYC from France on June 17, 1885?
18. June is one of the sunniest months. What vitamin do we get from the sun?



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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






From the Editor

So sad we missed all the May events, but family came first with wedding and graduations in New Mexico. Hope to get back to joining you on June events. Our coupe though is headed to the High Country Tour with our grandson so we won't be driving it. We are so glad we got him into the hobby, and he really enjoys it.

We will see at the Texas Tour in Huntsville for the Farewell Dinner as I will make the presentation for the 2024 Texas Tour.

Nancy Cheshire



Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Remember Emma & Gerald Phariss.

Chuck Cheshire got good news on his tongue. They do not think it will become cancerous. He only has to go back if he has pain or sees spots on the tongue



Lunch at Twisted Root Burger Company
May 16
 The weather was perfect for eating outside.



Outing to the Lakeside Care Center

The residents enjoyed looking



**and talking about their old
car
experiences.**



British Flight Training School Museum in Terrell

Everyone lined up at Bob Letchworth's house. Lots to see inside the Museum. We ate lunch at Napoli's Italian Restaurant.

From Jonathan Vaghy



The group posed in front of a mural on the side of a hanger at the airport.



Red Brick Car Show in Kerens—May 27

Harris Lege and Jonathan Vaghy showed up for the Red Brick Classic Car show. Many nice cars.



Historical Tidbit

6 Satisfying Facts About Soda

Whether it's sold in a bottle, can, or poured straight from the fountain, there are few drinks more refreshing than soda. Since carbonated water was invented in the 1700s by Joseph Priestley, brands such as Coke and Pepsi have grown into beloved staples of kitchens and restaurants everywhere. And when it comes to soda, there are plenty of interesting tidbits and historical anecdotes bubbling beneath the surface – like the six facts below.

1. Dr Pepper Was Once Marketed as a Warm Beverage

Dr Pepper was first served around 1885 at Morrison's Old Corner Drug Store in Waco, Texas. The drink was created by Charles Alderton in an effort to capture the fruity and syrupy smells wafting through the store. Though Dr Pepper was initially served cold at the time, the drink was briefly marketed as a warm beverage, a plan that was developed to ensure the brand's continued popularity throughout the colder holiday months.



Hot Dr Pepper was first conceived of in 1958, when company president Wesby Parker found inspiration while visiting a bottling plant during a blizzard. The result was a new recipe developed by the company that encouraged consumers to heat Dr Pepper over a stovetop to 180 degrees and then pour it over a thin slice of lemon. The drink was marketed in ads using taglines such as "Devilishly Different" and "Winter Warmer," and an alcoholic version containing rum, called the Schuss-Boomer, was later popularized. Hot Dr Pepper remained a beloved holiday drink into the 1970s, and though it has since faded in popularity, the beverage continues to be made each year by certain pockets of loyal fans.

2. Pepsi Pioneered the Use of 2-Liter Bottles

While it may seem like 2-liter soda bottles have been around forever, they were first designed by PepsiCo in 1970. The idea was the brainchild of John Sculley, a Pepsi marketing vice president at the time and the future CEO of Apple. In 1970, Pepsi was running a distant second in the soft drink market, and Sculley was tasked with designing a new bottle to compete with Coca-Cola's iconic "contour" bottle. Instead of creating a comparably tiny single-serve bottle, Sculley created the largest bottle he could in an effort to get more of the brand's product to Pepsi's customers.



Sculley was so successful in this endeavor that he even sold the new bottle to Walmart, a store that had previously refused to sell soda for fear that the bottles broke too easily. While meeting with Walmart founder Sam Walton, Sculley "accidentally" dropped the plastic bottle on the floor to prove its durability, convincing Walton to carry the product.

3. 7Up Once Contained Mood Stabilizers

While it's somewhat common knowledge that early versions of Coca-Cola contained cocaine, it wasn't the only soda to contain unusual and potentially harmful ingredients. In fact, 7Up's formula used to contain prescription mood stabilizers upon its launch in 1929 – specifically, a drug known as lithium citrate, which is used in modern times to treat conditions such as bipolar disorder.



At the time of 7Up's inception, the soda was called "Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda," which was descriptive of the product's actual ingredients at the time, even though it doesn't quite roll off the

tongue. Though the product's name was later shortened to 7Up in 1936, it wasn't until 1948 that lithium citrate was deemed potentially harmful and removed from the recipe after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration outlawed the use of the chemical in sodas.

4. Different U.S. Regions Call Soft Drinks "Soda," "Pop," or Even "Coke"

Americans are passionate about the words they use to refer to their soft drinks, and different U.S. regions have their own monikers for the sugary beverages. On the West Coast, in New England, and in pockets of the Midwest, you're more likely to hear the drink referred to as "soda." But throughout the majority of the rest of the Midwest, as well as the Pacific Northwest, "pop" is a more commonly used term. Things get confusing in the South, as Southerners use the word "coke" to refer to all soft drinks in general, even if they have nothing to do with the Coca-Cola brand. This may have something to do with the fact that "coke" stems from Coca-Cola having been founded in Atlanta, with Southerners proving loyal to their local brand.



There are a few hyper-regional terms for these drinks, too. Some 6% of Americans – the majority of whom can be found in Louisiana and North Carolina – use the phrase "soft drink" even in a casual context. In parts of the Deep South, "cocola" is more commonplace, whereas older Americans in the Boston area call the drinks "tonic."

5. Coca-Cola's Yellow Cap Signifies That It's Kosher for Passover

While most plastic bottles of Coca-Cola boast a red cap that matches their usual color scheme, in the spring you may notice bottles with yellow caps appearing on shelves. That yellow cap signifies that the drink is kosher for the Jewish holiday of Passover. Prior to 1935, Coke wasn't kosher at all, but that year the company swapped out beef-tallow glycerin for a vegetable counterpart that made the drinks both kosher and vegan. In 1980, however, Coke began using high fructose corn syrup instead of cane sugar, making the beverage non-kosher for Passover according to Jewish dietary laws. In order to remedy the situation, Coca-Cola now produces a special yellow-capped bottle each year that signifies the high fructose corn syrup has been swapped out for a sucrose sugar substitute, thus making this version of Coke kosher for Passover.



6. Coca-Cola Ads Helped Popularize Santa Claus' Modern-Day Likeness

Coke has a surprising connection to Santa Claus. In 1931, Coca-Cola hired illustrator Haddon Sundblom to paint Santa Claus for a series of holiday advertisements. Using friend and retired salesman Lou Prentiss as a model, Sundblom produced a version of Santa that depicted the jolly, bearded man with rosy cheeks that we all recognize today. Sundblom would continue painting Santa for Coke's advertisements until 1964.

While the character of Santa Claus predated Coke, of course, he had been depicted in a variety of ways, ranging from tall and thin to looking like an elf. An 1862 drawing of Santa Claus by Thomas Nast for Harper's Weekly portrayed Santa as a tiny figure compared to the booming presence he is today, though Nast would also be the first to draw Santa wearing a red jacket, and some other Nast drawings showed a version of Santa that resembles the jolly man we now know. Yet all in all, it wasn't until Coca-Cola debuted its holiday advertisements that Americans began to fully associate Santa Claus with the large, jovial figure we know him as today.



Technical Tips

Back Flush!

by Tom Endy

The cooling system on a Model A Ford can get pretty crudded up with rust, calcium, and also with grease from the water pump. If the radiator has been in service for a long time it is best to remove it and take it to a radiator shop (preferably to one that is knowledgeable of Model A radiators) and have it rodded out.

The engine block and the head are also usually crudded up, especially with rust. This is where a technique called back flushing can be affective. Back flushing of the radiator can also be affective if the cooling tubes are not hopelessly plugged up. The trick is to force water through the system backwards to the direction it normally flows.

Various cleaning solutions have been suggested for use in dislodging the cooling system crud. Some have suggested a combination of oxalic acid with a baking soda rinse. Others have suggested liquid Cascade dishwasher solution. There are also commercial cooling system cleaning agents available from most auto parts stores. Whatever cleaning agent is used, it is best to finish up by back flushing the system.

It has also been suggested that a newly overhauled engine should be back flushed before being connected up to the radiator. A considerable amount of rust can become dislodged inside the water jackets when the engine was hot tanked and in all likelihood is still inside the water jackets, as well as machining chips. If the engine is immediately connected up to the radiator all the loose particles will be dumped into the radiator.

In order to back flush the Model A cooling system some special adapters need to be fabricated. Two plugs with a hole drilled in them must be made up, one to fit the large upper radiator hose, the other to fit the smaller lower radiator hose. The holes in the plugs should be tapped with a pipe thread. The plugs are then fitted to provide garden hose connections. The two plugs can be cut from steel or aluminum round stock.

All the other hardware can be obtained from a local hardware store. Standard Model A radiator hoses and clamps are used to connect up the flushing apparatus.

To back flush the radiator, connect the adapters to the two radiator hose bibs. With a garden hose connected to the bottom hose bib adapter run water through the radiator backwards to the normal flow. Be sure to put the radiator cap on. A suggestion, connect the garden hose to your laundry machine hot water spigot and back flush with hot water. A second garden hose may be connected to the top radiator hose bib adapter to carry the exiting water to a suitable drain.

To back flush the engine, disconnect the radiator from the engine and install the two adapters to the engine. The large adapter is connected to the water outlet on top of the head. The small adapter is attached to the water inlet on the left side of the block. It is also suggested that the water pump be removed and a blanking plate be installed over the opening in the head. Connect a garden hose from the hot water spigot to the large adapter on top of the head. Connect a second hose to the smaller adapter on the side of the block and lead it off to a drain. Begin the back flushing. You can also start the engine up to add some vibration if desired. The hot water will not only aid in flushing the engine, it will also prevent the possibility of cracking the block with the use of cold water if you run the engine. ☺



Shown above are the two adapters and the water pump blanking plate. The long hose is the upper (larger diameter) hose. The short hose is the lower (smaller diameter) hose.

From Tom Endy, Santa Anita A's Member

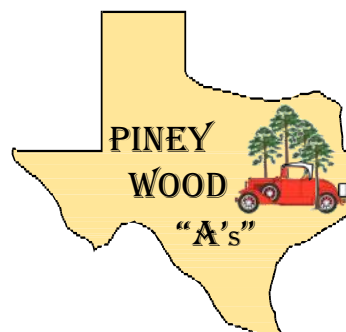


Texas Tour 2023

June 15-18, 2023

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Hampton Inn, Next to Fairfield Inn (alternate hotel)

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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.com

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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Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

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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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Signed: _____ Date: _____

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NATIONAL CLUB NEWS

2023 MAFCA National Tour

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THURSDAY NIGHT 6:30PM AFTER THE GRAND TOUR



MAFFI Newsletter Minute



Planning for MAFFI Model A Days 2023 is nearing completion. Of course, there will be a swap meet, seminars, memorabilia sales, rides, Model A driving classes, and a dinner tour. Hotel rooms have been blocked for our guests. It will be a mix of the old and proven with a few new twists. September 15 & 16 are the days. Visit the MAFFI or Gilmore web pages, register and make your reservations.

For those who have attended before, Model A Days at Hickory Corners is a wonderful ending to the summer season and beginning of the fall season. It is a chance to see and touch some wonderful old cars, to see what has been changed or added to the museum. There are few places like the Gilmore complex. You can sit in the shade of a maple tree and eat a sandwich and ice cream purchased from a diner converted from an old-time streetcar. While doing this you can talk with friends and look at the vintage cars.

"Huff & Puff", the Model AA school bus, will be giving rides. The theme this year will be open cars, so look for a phaeton or roadster to be giving rides around the campus. Finally, the AA stake bed truck should be moving the remainder of the passengers around the streets.

This is a great chance to visit with a large group of fellow Model A'ers, one last time before the seasons force us to choose to move most of our activities indoors.

If you are one of the many Model A Club members who will not be able to attend our event, remember September 16, is a Saturday. Use the day to have your own local Model A Day celebration with a tour, or picnic, or both, with your club. A joint tour with a neighboring club might be exciting.

Happy motoring,
 Mike DuBreuil MAFFI Board of Trustees Secretary

2023



Event Calendar

- JUN 6, 2023 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- JUN 15-18, 2023 Texas Tour in Huntsville, Texas (info & registration form on pgs. 15-16)
- 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

FACT Q SEVEN

"ZIP," a U.S. Postal Service acronym introduced in 1963, stands for **Zone Improvement Plan.**

Smile Time!



I like telling Dad jokes. Sometimes he laughs!

That car looks nice but the muffler seems exhausted.

"What happens when a strawberry gets run over crossing the street?" "Traffic jam."

Answers from page 3—1. June 14 2. June 21 3. Summer Solstice 4. Pearl 5. Rose & Honeysuckle 6. Juneteenth 7. 1910 8. 19th 9. 30 10. Normandy Landings 11. National Donut Day 12. Whales 13. Ferdinand of Austria 14. pearls 15. Gone with the Wind 16. color TV 17. Statue of Liberty 18. Vitamin D

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