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President's Memo

Hello again,

The International Model A Day picnic was a lot of fun. Mass quantities of food were devoured. Thank you to all who participated.

This month we will make our favorite trek to Winnsboro for the Autumn Trails Festival. But before that the Tyler and Winnsboro Clubs have planned an afternoon in Mineola to watch "Speedy" at The Historic Select Theater. This should be an old fashion good time. Fill up your tank and get ready to drive this month.

See you then.

Jonathan Vaghy,
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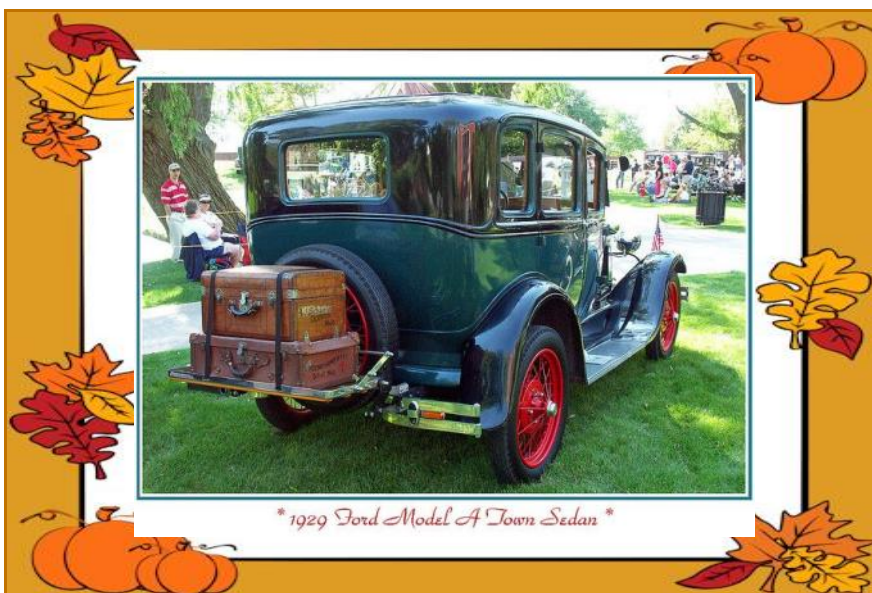
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Mabank, Henderson Co., Texas

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 –September 5, 2023

Our meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no guests and no new members to introduce. Jonathan Vaghy asked if everyone had read the minutes and if there were any corrections that needed to be made. Chuck accepted them and Jody seconded it. The financial report was given. Jody Letchworth accepted it and Chuck Cheshire seconded it.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Bob Letchworth says his sliced little pinky is all healed up. And he is not planning on trying out any new vegetable slicers on himself.

BIRTHDAYS: Nancy Cheshire and Lou Carpenter were our birthday people.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to bring up.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy Cheshire announced the Texas Tour for 2024 has a website set up. Registration will open in October. Chuck Cheshire has a radiator shell that someone donated to him. He asked Gary to help him make another display case out of it to be donated to the Texas Tour next year.

The MAFCA National Tour in 2025 is being hosted by the Dallas Club but will be held in Virginia.

We will hold IMAD Day a week late because of the high temperatures. Jonathan Vaghy has a picnic planned at the pavilion in his neighborhood. Slap N' Good will cater barbecue and we have a sign up sheet for desserts. After lunch we will drive through some of the local additions.

The upcoming outing to Mineola is set for October 14th. We will have lunch and then there is a tour of the theater before the silent movie.

A car show is planned in Ferris on Oct 7th. There will be a corn hole tournament and a bake sale. Model A's have their own category in the show.

TECH SESSION: Harris Lege requested a tech session at his house to help put in a head liner and help him with a steering box. Date will be set later.

BREAKFAST: Instead of breakfast we will have lunch at the Whistle Stop in Trinidad on Tuesday, Sept 21 at noon.

RAFFLE: The Cheshires were our winners for the raffle. It brought in \$55.

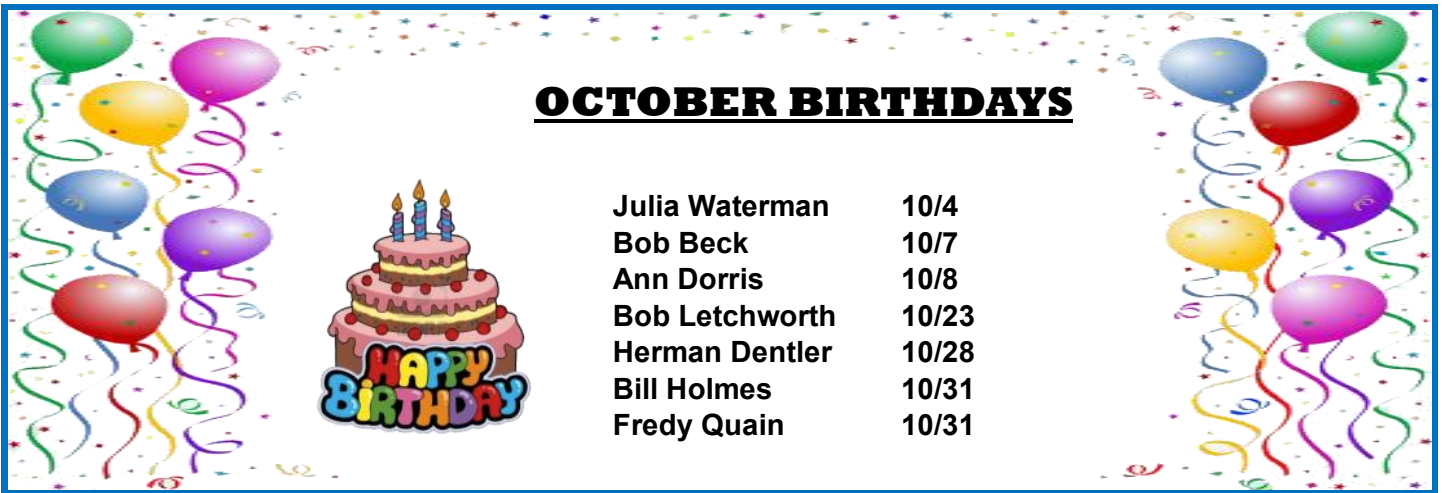
ADJOURNMENT: Jody made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:53.

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Carpenter Sec./Treas.



1. What have more presidents done in October than during any other month?
2. Can you name the birth flower of October?
3. What are the two birthstones for October?
4. What went on sale for the first time on October 1, 1908? ?
5. What was founded on October 24, 1945?
6. In October 1941, Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed, but how many years had it taken to construct it?
7. How many days are in the month of October?
8. On October 3, 1863, what U.S. president designated the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day?
9. What two months were added that made October become the 10th month of the year?
10. October is recognized as the awareness month for what color?
11. Which famous explorer's discovery of the New World is celebrated in October in the USA?
12. October was originally the ____ month of the Roman calendar.
13. What happened in October 1929?
14. Which famous structure opened to the public in October 1886 in the USA?
15. What kind of moon can you expect to see in October?

Answers on last page.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Julia Waterman	10/4
Bob Beck	10/7
Ann Dorris	10/8
Bob Letchworth	10/23
Herman Dentler	10/28
Bill Holmes	10/31
Fredy Quain	10/31





From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

Well, it is a great touring month for us with cooler weather. We are thankful for the rain also.

See you in Mineola and Winnsboro!

Thank you to Jonathan for sending me pictures and updates for the newsletter. You are appreciated.

If you have any interesting Model A stories, please send them to me with pictures. Would love to put some in the newsletters.

Nancy Cheshire



Lunch at Whistlestop in Trinidad on September 21

Great fellowship with club members, and the train went by twice blowing its whistle (horn).



Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Haven't heard any news from anyone.
 Hope that means all are doing well.
 Let us know.
 We care about you!



GREAT TECH SESSION AT HARRIS LEDGE'S ON SEPTEMBER 14 LOTS OF HELP TO CHECK AND RECHECK!



INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY 2023

LOTS OF GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP





BEAUTIFUL CARS, ALSO!

Are Your Tires Safe?

The National Street Rod Association does safety inspections of members' cars at their meets. Concerned about the safety of tires on many of the cars they inspected, these observations were made in club publications last Fall:

The problem with tires in the past is that the chemicals used to make tires were so durable they didn't decay. So landfills were filling up with a lot of old tires that refused to decay from natural elements like UV rays and moisture. So, to help with the natural degrading of old tires, the present compounds are more susceptible to damage by natural forces such as UV from sunlight and less resistant to moisture and chemicals. To recognize tire age, a datecode is now incorporated into the molds used during the manufacturing process.

The code is a four-digit number telling the week and year the tire was made. A tire code of 4710 indicates the 47th week of 2010. Code 0521 would be the 5th week of 2021, and so forth. Most manufacturers, such as Goodyear and Firestone, caution that between six and ten years is the time to keep a close eye on your tires. Reaching the ten-year mark, they need immediate replacement. Tires aging beyond the ten-year mark, based on the tires datecode, should not be driven on public roads or highway. Sobering thoughts!



Technical Tips

FROM THE BENCH

CHRIS WICKERSHAM

The Dreaded Vapor Lock

Why Does My Model A Not Want to Run Right on a Hot Day?

Back in February, our club had a tour out to the Chino Airport to visit the Air Museum. The morning of the tour was clear and cool and it was a pleasure to get the car out for an extended drive after the long COVID shutdown of activities. On the 28 mile drive out to the museum, my Tudor ran well but that afternoon when returning back home it was another story. After a few miles of driving, when I would have to come to a stop at a traffic light, the engine would not want to idle and had a great deal of difficulty getting back up to speed again. Once up to speed, the car would run better and was fine until the next stop light was encountered. I was able to nurse the car home but there were a few times that I thought I may have to stop and raise the hood. I suspected the problem was in the carburetor with a piece of dirt that had gotten into in one of the jets.

The next morning, I took the car to my shop to fix the problem. It was cool and the Tudor ran very well with no apparent problems. Upon disassembly of the carburetor, I did not find any evidence of dirt and everything seemed to be in order so what was going on? Model A problems usually do not just fix themselves on their own but require some kind of intervention.

A few days later when I heard some others who had been on the tour had similar problems, it finally dawned on me that what we had experienced was "Vapor Lock". Vapor lock usually only happens in the summer on a hot day when driving in the mountains. Our tour was in February and we were also near sea level so how could this have happened?

Vapor Lock occurs when somewhere in the fuel delivery system, the liquid fuel boils, or changes state from a liquid to a gas (or vapor). The Model A carburetor depends on the fuel being in a liquid state in order for it to meter and atomize the fuel into the correct mixture with the incoming air.

The tendency for liquid fuel to change state from a liquid to a gas is governed by 3 factors: temperature, atmospheric pressure and the fuel itself. Elevated temperature and low atmospheric pressure, such as driving to the mountains on a hot day can promote boiling of the liquid fuel. The formulation of the fuel itself will also determine its boiling point. California mandates a special "Winter Blend" fuel for our area that has a lower vapor pressure or boiling point than the "Summer Blend" fuel that is sold during the hotter summer and fall weather. The February day this tour took place was unusually hot and we were using winter blend fuel. When our cars would stop at a traffic light, the engines were warm and with very little fresh fuel being delivered to the carburetor at idle, the fuel in the hot carburetor would boil and the symptoms of vapor lock would occur. After once

again getting back up to speed, the cooler fuel entering the hot carburetor would reduce the temperature of the fuel already in the carburetor and the boiling would stop. The engine would then run well until the next time the car had to come to a stop.

What can be done if vapor lock is encountered? The immediate cure is to cool the fuel that is in the carburetor. Park the car for 10-15 minutes with the hood up to allow the engine compartment to cool, use water from a squirt bottle or just poor water over the carburetor or, as some owners do, place ice on top of the carburetor.

What can be done to prevent vapor lock? We cannot reduce the tendency of the fuel to boil by increasing the atmospheric pressure so this is not an option. We cannot reduce the temperature of the fuel in the tank unless we want to use some sort of a refrigeration system which is not practical. However, we can do a few small things such as insulators or heat shielding to reduce the temperature of the carburetor itself. But, this is not effective enough to completely prevent vapor lock from happening if the conditions are right.

The most effective remedy available to us is to increase the boiling point of the fuel itself. This can easily be done by adding something to the fuel which many owners of old cars have been doing for years. Fuel stabilizers such as "Sta-bil" not only extends the life of today's fuels but will also raise the boiling point a little. However, this can be costly especially if driving long distances such as when on an extended tour. Adding Marvel Mystery Oil (MMO) will help and also keep the valves lubricated.

A more cost effective solution may be to add a little diesel fuel or mineral spirits (paint thinner) to every tank full. Early V-8 Ford owners have been using mineral spirits or diesel fuel for many years in their flat head Fords which are very prone to vapor lock.

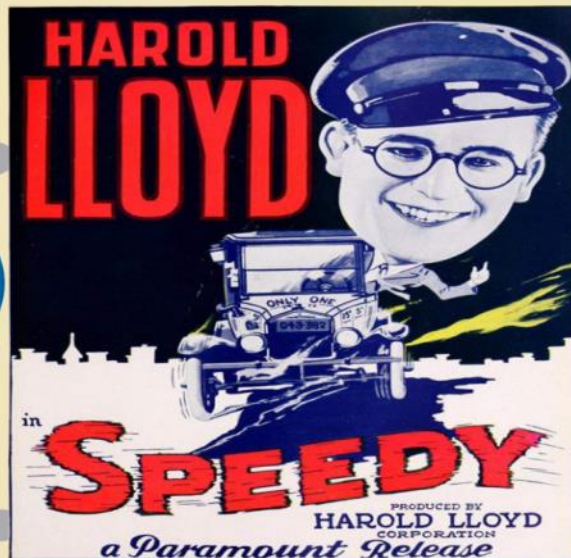
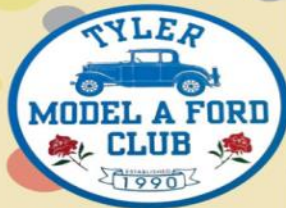
You will have to experiment a little to find the right amount of additive that will work well for you. For fuel stabilizers, start with half the amount suggested on the label for fuel in long term storage. For Mystery Marvel Oil, start with 1 ounce per 5 gallons and adjust from there. If you want to try mineral spirits or diesel fuel, ½ pint per 5 gallons is a good place to start. Personally, I like to use diesel fuel. It is inexpensive and readily available if on a tour. I carry a one gallon can with me which is good for about 150 gallons of gas. If you have the choice, purchase fuel that does not contain ethanol. Ethanol free fuels will have a higher boiling point than fuel that contains ethanol.



Let Jonathan Vaghy know if you plan to attend and also if you plan to drive a Model A.

The Tyler & Autumn Trails Model A Ford Clubs invite you!

Tour Historic Select Theater
- Texas' oldest continuously-running theater -
& showing of Harold Lloyd's
1928 silent film Speedy



October 14

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You might want to watch this YouTube video about the
movie, "Speedy" before October 14 -

In the Footsteps of Harold Lloyd's 'Speedy'



65th Annual Winnsboro Autumn Trails

Model A Ford Clubs Registration Form

Parade (10 a.m.) Dinner (5 p.m.) October 28, 2023
Tours, Swap Meet, All Activities: October 26-29, 2023

Please remit by October 6, 2023

Please send this form along with your check payable to:


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	Registration Dates	Fee per Car	No of Cars	Total Car Fee Car
Registration	Before October 6, 2023	\$10.00	_____	_____
	After October 6, 2023	12.00	_____	_____
Dinner	No. Persons	Price per Person	Total for Dinners	
	_____ Adults	\$20.00	_____	
	_____ Children (under 12)	\$8.00	_____	

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR CAR REGISTRATION AND DINNER \$ _____
 Dinner will consist of BBQ Brisket, Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad, Tea and Dessert

You may pick up your registration at the Stew on Friday night or at the door at the BBQ on Saturday. Please note: there will be no carry outs at the BBQ. No refunds after October 6, 2023.



DALLAS MODEL A FORD CLUB





JUNE 13-16, 2024


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NACOGDOCHES

Oldest Town in Texas

- Stone Fort Museum
- Old University Building
- Stephen F. Austin University
- Sterne-Hoya House
- Durst Taylor House
- Fortney House
- Visitor's Center Museum
- Millard's Crossing Historic Park
- Nacogdoches Railroad Museum
- Historic Homes
- Artist Jeffie Brewer
- Shopping, Dining

Registration, Hospitality, Silent Auction, Fashion Judging and group events will be at the Fredonia Hotel/Convention Hall
Nancy Cheshire, Tour Chairperson – nmcheshire@yahoo.com
Co-Chair Heather Anderson – heathertx90@gmail.com

Registration Form will be online in October at 2024texastour@dmafc.com.

Look at the other info about the tour on the website also.

You can register and pay online with Zelle at no charge. You can also fill out the form on line by clicking fill & sign, then print it, and mail the form with a check to the address on the form. You can also just print the form, fill it out with a pen, and mail it with a check.

NATIONAL CLUB NEWS

MAFFI Newsletter Minute

Model A Days (Sept 15 & 16, 2023) were a resounding success! The weather was perfect –70 degrees—so all those open Model A cars that came to show themselves off for the theme this year had no trouble with the weather at the museum. In fact, the grounds were full of all types of Model A's driven onto the Gilmore grounds by hobbyists!

The “first start” Model A Coupe took just 43 minutes to start up after being abandoned more than 30 years and being in a flood up to the windshield. This year there were TWO first starts; the second was a truck (AA) and that only took a tad over 10 minutes to start up. There’s no shortage of cracker jack mechanics at Model A Days.

The Model A school bus and Stake Bed truck were kept busy carrying passengers around the 90-acre grounds and riders had great fun smiling and waving. For the second year in a row, the Model A Driving school graduated a new batch of Model A drivers, so we can keep those inner tube tires rolling!

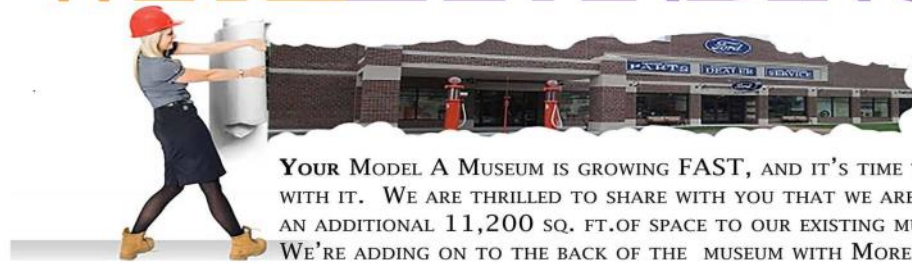
And there were lots of new Model A Ford Foundation Inc. red t-shirts and navy hoodies being worn by our loyal museum supporters. If you were there, you would know how much fun was had. If you didn't make it, pencil in your calendar for next year, September 20 & 21, 2024!

Happy motoring, *Mike DuBreuil*, MAFFI Board of Trustees-Secretary



THE MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION (MAFFI) IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE!

WE'RE EXPANDING



YOUR MODEL A MUSEUM IS GROWING FAST, AND IT'S TIME TO GROW WITH IT. WE ARE THRILLED TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT WE ARE ADDING AN ADDITIONAL 11,200 SQ. FT.OF SPACE TO OUR EXISTING MUSEUM. WE'RE ADDING ON TO THE BACK OF THE MUSEUM WITH MORE EXHIBIT SPACE. MORE VEHICLE STORAGE, INCLUDING A COMPLETE GARAGE WORKSHOP AREA! THE GILMORE IS THRILLED ABOUT MAFFI'S INTEREST IN EXPANDING, AND DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL ENGAGING EXHIBITS TO SUPPORT THE SHARED EDUCATIONAL MISSIONS THAT WE BOTH HOLD.

SHORTLY WE'LL SHARE WITH YOU HOW YOU CAN BECOME A VITAL PART OF THIS EXPANSION, AND MAKE THIS EXCITING GROWTH FOR YOUR MODEL A MUSEUM BECOME A REALITY.

VISIT US AT MAFFI.ORG

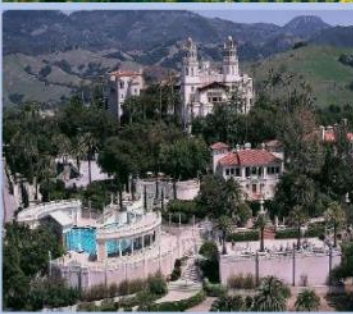
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2023 National
Awards Banquet
Nov 30th - Dec 3rd
Santa Maria



Join us at the Historic Santa Maria Inn in Santa Maria, California. Explore all the Central Coast has to offer! Visit Hearst Castle! Visit Solvang, Danish Capital of the US! Hope to "See Ya in Santa Maria"



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2024 MARC National Tour

MAY 21ST-23RD, 2024
Backroads and Buggies

Hosted by Model A Drivers/Oakleaf/Scioto Regions
Stay tuned for Host Hotel information.

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**"Don't Be Bashful
Meet us in Asheville"**

The MARC NATIONAL MEET

July 15-18, 2024

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New Mexico 2024

**MAFCA 2024
National Convention
June 23 - June 29**

Ruidoso, New Mexico

More info at SouthWestAventures.com

2023



Event Calendar

- 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**
- JUN 13-16, 2024 . **Texas Tour in Nacogdoches, TX**



How do you mend a broken pumpkin? — With a pumpkin patch!

What's the best thing to put into a pumpkin pie? — Your teeth.

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin? — Squash.

If money really did grow on trees, what would be everyone's favorite season? — Fall.

Why do birds fly south in the Fall? — Because it's too far to walk.

Why did Humpty Dumpty have a great fall? — To make up for his miserable summer.



Answers from page 3—1. been born 2. marigold 3. opal & tourmaline 4. Model T 5. United Nations 6. 14 yrs. 7. 31 days 8. Abraham Lincoln 9. January & February 10. pink (Breast Cancer) 11. Christopher Columbus 12. 8th 13. stock market crash 14. State of Liberty 15. Harvest Moon

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