

The Running Board

May 2024

Vol. 22 No. 5

CLUB OFFICERS

President

SPENCER PENNINGTON

903-603-4282

Vice President

HERMAN DENTLER

940-733-8803

Secretary/Treasurer

LOU CARPENTER

903-880-9735

President's Memo

Hey Folks,

April has absolutely flown by. Sure enjoyed the bluebonnet tour with you all! I'm sure you'll all be glad to know that my A is back to life and running well again! Don't forget to turn in your paperwork for the Texas Tour!

See y'all at the DQ next week!

Warm Regards,

Spencer Pennington

BOARD of DIRECTORS

CHUCK CHESHIRE

972-741-8749

JONATHAN VAGHY

817-454-2599

JODY LETCHWORTH

903-603-4969

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

NANCY CHESHIRE

nmcheshire@yahoo.com

WEBMASTER

BILL LEE

bill@wrlee.com



1931 Model A Victoria with a trailer



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.

Table of Contents	
President's Letter	1
Photo of the Month	1
Club Officer's/ Board Members/ Committee Directors	1
Charter and Life Members	2
Club Membership Information	2
Table of Contents	2
Meeting Minutes / Trivia Quiz	3
Sunshine News	4
Editor's Comments	4
Birthdays	4
Club News	5-6
Miscellaneous	7
Technical Tips	8
Upcoming Events	9-10
National Club News	11
Event Calendar/ Ads	12

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 –April 2, 2024 Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Spencer Pennington welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said it was a beautiful day to get out. We welcomed the Vick's son, Michael, visiting from Maryland as our guest. Spencer led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Spencer asked if everyone had received the minutes. Herman Dentler made a motion to accept them and Chuck Cheshire seconded it. The financial report was given. Chuck made a motion to accept it and Carolyn Vick seconded it.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Kathleen Vaghy only has one more treatment to complete. Bob Letchworth goes for a treatment on the 14th.

BIRTHDAYS: No one present had a birthday this month.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy Cheshire reminded everyone the Texas Tour in Nacogdoches is coming up June 13th to 16th and encouraged everyone attending to go ahead and register early.

TOURS: We set Friday, April 19th for the Bluebonnet tour to Ennis with a backup rain date the next Friday. Spencer agreed to be the tour leader this year. We picked Don Jose's for lunch after the drive.

TECH SESSION: No one needed any help with their cars this month.

BREAKFAST: We chose the Dairy Palace in Canton for breakfast this month. It will be on Monday the 15th at 8:30am.

RAFFLE: Bob Letchworth won the raffle this month. It brought in \$39 dollars..

The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Jody Letchworth and Fredye Quain.

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Carpenter, Secretary/Treasurer



1. Did Corvair make a station wagon?
2. Which of the following 3 models sold the most in 1960 the Corvair, Valiant, or the Falcon?
3. How many doors did the Checker Aero bus have?
4. What exterior design kit was optional equipment on the 1956 Thunderbirds?
5. What auto company was better known as the producer of the Jeep in World War II?
6. What company built the Opal G.T.?
7. Name the gangster who sent Henry Ford a letter in 1935, thanking him for his fast cars?
8. What type of coupe did the Ford Motor Company introduce in 1937?
9. What car was responsible for the largest fatal accident settlement in 1981?
0. What auto company was granted a patent for the gear shift "H" slot pattern in 1902?

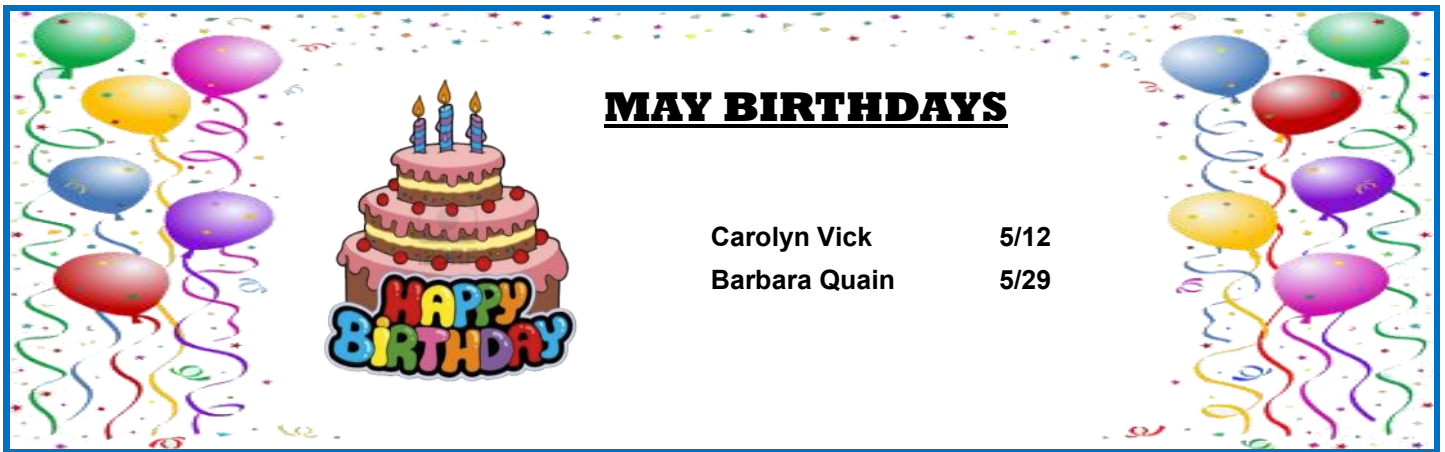
From The *Accelerator* Newsletter of the MAFC of New Jersey

Answers on last page.

“There are three things that grow more precious with age; old wood to burn, old books to read, and old friends to enjoy.” Henry Ford



CCMAC is more than a group of old people and old cars..... It's a place for strangers to become friends, stories to be shared, AND of course, old cars.



From the Editor

Well, I am running out of ideas for this newsletter. Anyone got any interesting Model A stories. Some of the things placed in the newsletter are coming from Model A newsletters from around the country.

Happy Model Aing,
Nancy Cheshire

Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Continue to remember our members will health issues: Gerald Phariss, Kathleen Vaghy, and Anna Hellebrand.

Please keep us informed of your health concerns.

We Care!



Bill Holmes car at the Cowboy Church Car Show in Athens.
Note: He said it was the only non-hot rodded car there.

Cedar Creek Club Enjoys Good Food !



April 15th breakfast at Dairy Palace in Canton

A Great Place to Gather and Great Friends to Gather With!



BLUEBONNET TOUR

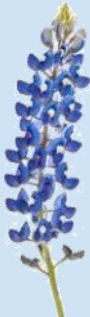
A group of 10 enjoyed a drive to Ennis to see the backroads and flowers. Our eight members were joined by Lou's brother-in-law, Don, and the Vick's son, Michael. No crowds out as it was a cloudy, cool day, but an enjoyable drive followed by Mexican food at Don Jose's.



Harris Lege with blue car



Lovely ladies in blue & other blue cars to celebrate the bluebonnets



Homemade Pressure Test Tool

By: Bill Artzberger, Pittsburgh, PA
Taken from Auto Restorer, 2003

It's common to find blown head gaskets, cracked cylinder heads and cracked engine blocks in cars from the 1920's and '30's. And it seems even more common with modern automobiles.

To discover a leak In your engine, you can pressure test it by making a simple device. Use an old spark plug that will fit the engine in question. Remove the insulator, leaving only the metal section. Weld or braze a male air hose fitting to the remaining part of the spark plug. (The air passageway must be clear.... through both the spark plug and the adapter hose fitting.)

Install your new tool into the suspect cylinder and attach your air compressor hose to the adapter. Using at least 100 lbs of pressure at the new tool, look onto the radiator inlet for bubbles in the coolant. You can do this at each cylinder until you discover your leak. Remember to watch for external leaks as well.



Maine



California

Model As Coast to Coast and in Between



Michigan



Nebraska

Technical Tips

Jim's Tech Tips

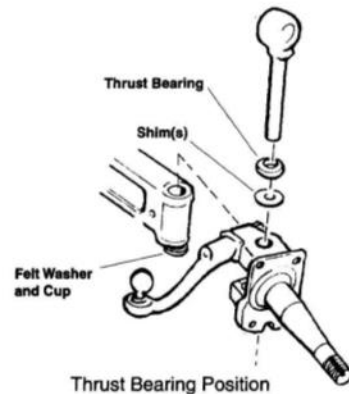
"Difficult Steering"

Many Model A owners find their car hard to steer when parking or maneuvering at low speed. After you confirm that there is oil in the steering gear box (not grease), the tires are all inflated to 35 psi, and everything on the front axle has been properly greased, you are left with the most likely cause: The spindle bolt (kingpin) "thrust bearings" are defective or they are not shimmed up properly to support the weight of the car. You can confirm this by using a floor jack to take some weight off of the front wheels, and then see if the steering effort is drastically reduced. If it is, the problem is the bearings.

To correct this, you need to remove everything from the spindles to get to the kingpins and remove them. See Les Andrews' Red Book, starting on page 1-209, for directions. The illustration below comes from later in that section.

Clean the thrust bearing and replace it if it does not turn smoothly or shows any signs of wear. Pack the bearing with grease before reinstalling.

When reassembling, you need to test fit the spindle with the kingpin fully locked in place with the locking pin. Temporarily leave the large felt seal and metal washer off of the bottom of the spindle for this. Start with the number of shims previously used, then add 1 shim at a time until very little or no vertical movement of the spindle is felt on the kingpin. It can take up to 4 shims to compensate for wear.



At some point, adding a shim may jam up the spindle, making it hard to turn on the kingpin. If it does, take that last shim out, reassemble, and confirm that the spindle again moves easily, as it should. Now reassemble the spindle on the axle with the felt seal and the cupped metal washer installed between the axle and the bottom part of the spindle (the metal cup touches the axle, the felt touches the spindle). The added thickness of the felt seal may temporarily make the spindle a bit stiff turning on the kingpin, but it will quickly flatten out and move smoothly when you drive.

Now reinstall everything that attaches to the spindle, install the brakes, maybe use this as an opportunity to clean and repack the wheel bearings, then install the drums and the wheels. Grease all of the fittings well. Go for a test drive, enjoy the easier steering, and *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim

2024 TEXAS TOUR SCHEDULE

		Attendees	Cost	Total
Registration Fee (per family)		___ family	\$75.00	
Late Registration Fee after May 15, 2024 (per family)		___ family	\$90.00	
Wednesday, June 12, 2024	Times			
Early Registration/Self guided tours	3:00pm-6:00pm	___		
Thursday, June 13, 2024		How Many?		
Registration/ Hospitality/ Raffles	9:00am-5:00pm	___		
Repair Tent	12:00pm-5:00pm	___		
Self-guided tours	all day	___	n/c	
Guided Tour of Milam Lodge	2:00pm-4:30pm		n/c	
Guided Statue Driving Tour (no. of cars)	3:00pm-4:00pm		n/c	
Lady Drives an "A" Driving Test (no. of people/cost of patch)	3:30pm-4:30pm		\$7.00	
Fashion Entrants Meeting - Stage Area of Convention Hall	5:15pm-6:00pm	___		
Welcome Dinner	6:00pm-8:30pm	___		
How many of each? ___ Fajitas & fixins ___ Veg.	___		\$25.00	
Kids (under 13) ___ Fajitas & fixins ___ Veg.	___		\$10.00	
Friday, June 14, 2024				
Registration/ Repair Tent/ Hospitality/ Raffles	9:00am-5:00pm	___		
Fashion Judging (no. of people /\$ towards awards plaque)	9:00am-1:00pm		\$5.00	
Restorers Class Car Evaluation (no. of cars /\$ towards award plaque)	9:00am-1:00pm		\$5.00	
Tour to Old Univ Bldg, Stone Fort, & Zion Hill Church (no. of people)	10:00am-12:00pm		n/c	
Tour to Sterne-Hoya, Durst Taylor House, & Zion Hill Church (no. of people)	10:00am-12:00pm		n/c	
Tour to Old Univ Bldg, Stone Fort, & Railroad Museum (no. of people)	1:00pm-3:00pm		n/c	
Tour to Sterne-Hoya, Durst Taylor House, & Railroad Museum (no. of people)	1:00pm-3:00pm		n/c	
Ice Cream Sundaes/Hubley Derby/Fashion Displays (no. of people)	6:00-8:30pm		n/c	
Hubley Derby Races (no. of cars/ fee per car)	7:00pm-8:30pm		\$5.00	
Saturday, June 15, 2024				
Grand Tour - historic sites, lunch & car games	8:00am - 3:30pm	___		
Lunch - How many of each?: ___ Beef ___ Chicken ___ Veg.	___		\$20.00	
Kids lunch(under 13) - how many?: ___ Beef ___ Chicken ___ Veg.	___		\$5.00	
Car Entrance Fee (no. of cars/fee per car)	___		\$5.00	
Repair Tent/ Hospitality/ Raffles	3:30pm-5:00pm	___		
Presidents' Meeting of TX club presidents. - Stage Area of Convention Hall	5:00pm-6:00pm	___		
Farewell/Awards Dinner	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$ per person		
How many of each: ___ Lasagna ___ Chicken ___ Veg.	___		\$35.00	
Kids Meal (under 13) ___ Chicken strips and Mac & cheese ___ Veg.	___		\$10.00	
TOTAL EVENT PRICE				
T-SHIRTS - see T-Shirt page for pictures of the shirts available				
T-Shirts (how many?), Green S ___, M ___ no pocket			\$25.00	
T-Shirts (how many?), Green L ___, XL ___ no pocket			\$25.00	
T-Shirts (how many?), Green 2XL ___, 3XL ___ no pocket			\$27.00	
T-Shirts (how many?), Green S ___, M ___ with pocket			\$27.00	
T-Shirts (how many?), Green L ___, XL ___ with pocket			\$27.00	
T-Shirts (how many?) Green 2XL ___, 3XL ___ with pocket			\$29.00	
Extra Patches (1 included with registration)	How Many? ___		\$5.00	
Extra Radiator Badges (1 included with registration)	How Many? ___		\$5.00	
TOTAL MERCHANDISE PRICE - tax included with all merchandise				
TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED				

NATIONAL CLUB NEWS

MAFFI SWEEPSTAKES
Win "BETSY"
Enter the MAFFI Sweepstakes Starting March 1st
Closing Date: September 30, 2024
No Purchase Required!!

Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy" has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950's. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee, which urged for the best restorations possible, leading toward developing the judging standards. This 1930 Ford Model A, affectionately named "Betsy", became famous as the best Model A in the world. The Ford Model A has gathered 32 top place trophies in the 34 shows in which the car was entered. That includes two national shows in 1957 and 1962. We can thank Red Grow and the MAFCA founders for their vision. In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubbs for \$5,000, an unheard of price in those days. As a result, Dave Grubb placed the car in a glass cage centered in his dealer showroom. Sadly, Red Grow passed away in February 1978 at the age of 65.

Drawing Date: September 30, 2024
The winner does have the option to take \$15,000 instead of Betsy

Enter now and receive 20% more tickets for your donation, available at checkout.

For more information contact Jarrod Williams at jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com or http://maffi.org

ROUTE 66
Southwest "A"ventures
MAFCA National Convention
New Mexico 2024

MAFCA 2024
National Convention
June 23 - June 29

SAVE THE DATE!
Berlin, Ohio

2024 MARC National Tour
May 21-23, 2024

Berlin is in the heart of Holmes County Ohio Amish country. There are literally dozens of interesting places to visit within a 30 mile radius including flea markets, craft shops, bakery's, cheese shops, wine shops, Lehman Brothers hardware, Wendell August Forge, furniture store outlets and many other points of interest.

Registration and hotel information at model-a-ford.org.

ASHEVILLE, N.C. MARC NATIONAL MEET
JULY 15TH-18TH, 2024
BOOKING IS NOW OPEN AT THE HOST HOTEL!

CROWNE PLAZA RESORT ASHEVILLE
1 RESORT DRIVE, ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA 28806
ROOMS ARE \$169.00* PP/ TEL:1-844-330-0296
GROUP CODE: NASHVILLE A's 2024 OR ON LINE AT:
WWW.ASHEVILLECPC.COM 2.CHECK AVAILABILITY (ENTER DATES OF STAY)
3.ENTER GROUP CODE: MDA

"DON'T BE BASHFUL... MEET US IN ASHEVILLE"

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MEET CHAIRMAN
PAUL GANNINGER 314-852-5591 OR EMAIL MARCMEET2024@GMAIL.COM
*PLUS TAXES, ALL ROOMS AT MOST HOTEL WILL REQUIRE A 1 NIGHT DEPOSIT PER ROOM & NAMES FOR EACH ROOM BOOKED. MAXIMUM BY 2 MONTHS.
 HOSTED BY THE NASHVILLE A'S REGION

2024  **Event Calendar**

- MAY 7, 2024 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points**
- JUN 4, 2024 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points**
- JUN 13-16, 2024 Texas Tour in Nacogdoches, Texas**
- JUL 2, 2024 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points**
- AUG 6, 2024 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points**
- SEP 3, 2024 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points**
- OCT 1, 2024 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points**
- NOV 5, 2024 Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points**
- DEC 7, 2024 Christmas Party at the Mabank Library**



**Whether you think you can
or you can't, you're right.**

Henry Ford

1. Yes in 1961 2. Falcon 3. 8 doors 4. Continental kit 5. Willies 6. Germany 7. John Dillinger 8. Ford Club Coupe 9. Ford Pinto 10. Packard Mag wheel

Answers from page 3 -

Patronize our Club Sponsors

a YANKEE's lock SMITH service
 Call Us For All Your Home, Auto or Business Needs
Call 903-880-AYLS (2957)
903-432-AYLS (2957)
 Serving the Cedar Creek Lake Area since 1995

Richard Smith, Owner and Operator

EMERGENCY SERVICE AVAILABLE

 Licensed and Bonded - License Number BI3379 



Dairy Queen
 Danny Hampel & Shirley Leone
 Email: teddysdq@msn.com

Seven Points
 Hwy 274 @ 334
 903-432-3076

Kemp
 1218 S. Elm Street
 903-498-8222

Your Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club Meeting Host Since 2003

Mike's "A" Ford-able Parts
Mike Butcher

124 Model A Drive, Maysville, GA 30558
 email: mike@mikes-afordable.com - www.mikes-afordable.com
 Fax: 706 652 2492 - Phone: 706 652 3866
 1 888 TRY MIKE (879 6453)




Specialising in 1928 - 1931 Model A Ford Parts

BRASSWORKS

Early Ford Radiator Reproductions
 Radiator Restorations
 Custom Built Radiators



28-29 30-31 32 33-34 35 36 37-39 40-41

Radiator Cores
 Flat Tube
 Round tube
 Honeycomb
 Cartridge

Heater Cores
 Fan Shrouds

Paso Robles, CA

www.thebrassworks.net 805.239.2501