

# The Running Board

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## President's Memo

Hey Folks,

I hope you all survived the storm. Damage was extensive in Canton. Summer and its busyness is upon us! I'll be hard to catch until July, but hopefully we can get a day tour set up then. Maybe we can do a lunch at Slap'n Good with a visit to Heritage Market and Bakery afterwards.

Stay well, don't be afraid to phone me!

Warm Regards,

Spencer Pennington

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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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A MAFFCA Chapter



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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 -June 4, 2024 Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Herman Dentler was our presiding president this month. He opened by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We were pleased to welcome a guest. Larry Wagliardo visited with us from Scurry. He is also a member of the Dallas Model A club and has a 1930 Cabriolet.

Herman asked if we wanted to approve last month minutes. Carolyn Vick and Lynda Dentler made a motion to accept them. The financial report was given and Gary Vick and John Bell made motions to accept them.

The Vaughns are still living with their daughter while the house continues to be remodeled.

The Dentlers and Larry Wagliardo are planning on going to Nacogdoches.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Wanda Bell was the birthday girl for this month. We sang her the Happy Birthday song.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Anna is having breathing problems. They think it is her heart. She is going for tests on July 9th and will see the doctor on the 15th. She is living by herself but isn't driving yet and still feels tired.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made to change our monthly breakfast back to Tuesday. Lou Carpenter made a motion to accept and Lynda Dentler seconded it.

**BREAKFAST:** We picked Tilos in Athens for breakfast this month. It will be on the 18th at 8:30AM.

On June 7 and 8th there is a tractor show in Terrell at Ben Gill Park.

**TECH SESSION:** No one is needing any help with repairs.

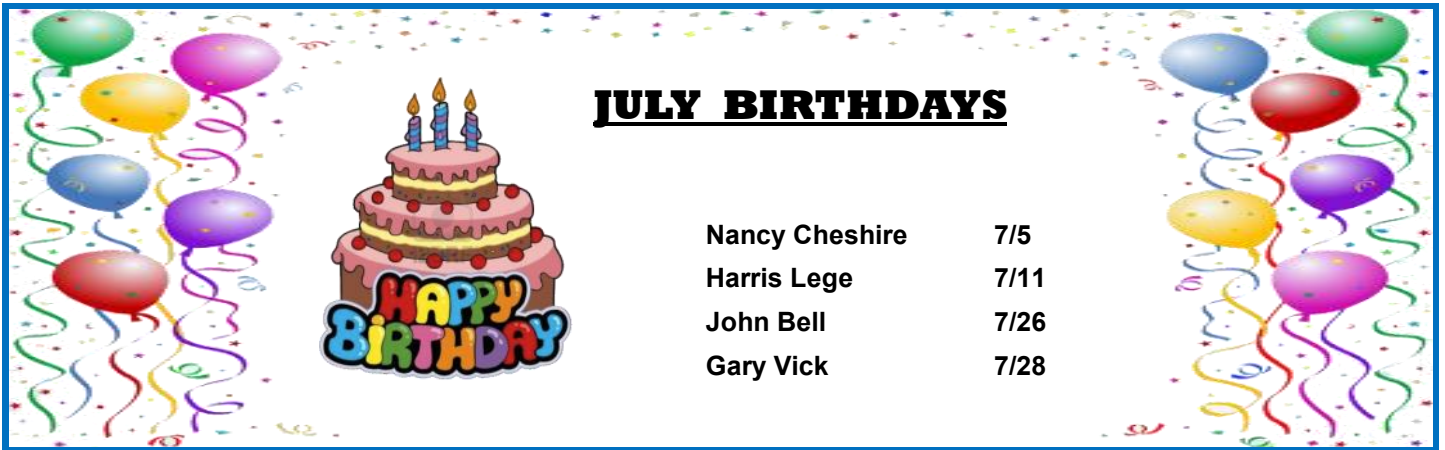
**RAFFLE:** The Raffle brought in \$35. Herman Dentler was our winner.

Carolyn Vick made a motion to adjourn and Barbara Quain seconded it to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, *Lou Carpenter, Secretary/Treasurer*



1. Where was the first celebration of Independence Day held?
2. Every Independence Day, how many times does the Liberty Bell ring?
3. What was the name of the newspaper that published the Declaration of Independence?
4. The Fourth of July commemorates which document?
5. What is the proper way to fold the American flag?
6. Which American president was born on July 4th?
7. Which president of the United States was the first to host a Fourth of July celebration at the White House?
8. How many stars and stripes does the U.S. flag have?
9. What is the location of the nation's oldest Fourth of July parade?
10. What was the total number of people who signed the Declaration of Independence?
11. Every July 4th, what food is most commonly consumed?
12. What is the name of the national anthem of the United States of America?
13. Who gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States?
14. What was The Statue of Liberty's official name?



## JULY BIRTHDAYS


Nancy Cheshire	7/5
Harris Lege	7/11
John Bell	7/26
Gary Vick	7/28

**From the Editor**

Now that I have finished planning the Texas Tour I will get back to finding some good articles for this newsletter.

Got any good stories or pictures I can use in this newsletter. Funny ones and Hard Luck are the best. Send me some!

Happy Model Aing,  
Nancy Cheshire





**4<sup>TH</sup>**  
DAY IN  
JULY

Americans eat 150,000 each year on the 4th





John Adams is credited with adding fireworks to the 4th of July celebrations.



The # of stars represent the 50 states and the stripes represent the original 13 colonies

# 4TH OF JULY FUN FACTS

Uncle Sam's hat has become a recognizable symbol of American patriotism



Massachusetts was the 1st state to recognize July 4th as an official holiday in 1781.



One World Trade stands 1776 feet tall after the year of Independence



Eating Salmon is a traditional 4th of July food in New England



Santa Clara, CA hosts the "All-City Picnic & Parade," where participants dress up as fruits & vegetables



The 4th of July Parade in Bristol, Rhode Island, holds the record for being the oldest.



The 1st celebration took place at the White House, was in 1801



July 4th, 1776 adopted the Declaration of Independence & marks the birth of American Independence



The Liberty Bell was rung to announce important events & to gather people for meetings about freedom



# 1776





## Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Anna is staying by herself now. John says she is doing really well.

Bill Capps is home and much improved. Working on getting his stamina back.

Herman Dentler has therapy on his shoulder 3 days a week. It is doing well and he can use it a little.

Kathleen had surgery and is now cancer free.

# Cedar Creek Club Breakfast for June!

There were only 10 members at Tilo's breakfast this month.



## 61st Texas Tour To Nacogdoches



Welcome Dinner with Antonio Gil Y'Barbo and Father Margil



Mini-Tour to the Old Stone Fort



The Marx Brothers (aka Tex & Scarecrow Willis) entertaining us at the Farewell Dinner

Grand Tour to Caddo Indian Mounds, Mission Tejas, and through the Davy Crockett National Forest





An outstanding Texas Tour! We had a fabulous time! Our small club group enjoyed a great catered lunch on the Grand Tour.



Fashion night for (some of us) at the awards banquet. With our special guest Bigfoot. But its alright. He's wearing shoes.

**Cedar Creek Club  
Members at the  
Texas Tour in  
Nacogdoches**



The Cheshires emceeing at the event



New Fashion Display Category - Nancy Cheshire's on the left and Lou Carpenter's Display on the right



## The Ford Model AA

Henry Ford began initial designs on the Model A and Model AA in 1926. Basic chassis layout was done rapidly, and mechanical development was moved forward quickly. Body design and style was developed and then outsourced to various body manufacturers, including Briggs and Murray. The designs of the Model A shared parts and materials with the Model AA Ford, notably the body, engine and interior. The AA usually received plainer interiors than their car counterparts. The Model AA followed similar design changes to the Model A during the AA's four years in production, often delayed anywhere from three to nine months.

The mechanical changes and upgrades were done during production of the vehicles. Body changes that occurred between 1929 and 1930 were also integrated into AA production, but leftover parts were used longer in the heavy commercial trucks.



# Technical Tips

## Jim's Tech Tips

### *"Make and Carry a Temporary Gas Gauge"*

Every now and then you will come across a car or truck with an inoperable gas gauge. For example, the float sinks. You don't want to go driving around without knowing how much fuel you have in the tank.

Here are some basic instructions that you can use to make a temporary gas gauge, to use until the gauge is repaired. It's not a bad idea to carry it with you, to use on your car or to help someone traveling with you.

Take a simple paint stirring stick, like they give away at a paint store, and measure up from the end to mark the place indicating a Full tank. From there, you can use a ruler to estimate the  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  levels. Score a line in the wood at these 4 places, and then darken each line with a black marker.

The gas tank changed design between 1928-29 and 1930-31. The '28-29 tank holds about 10 gallons, and the larger '30-31 tank holds about 11. That means that the distance to Full is slightly different between the two tanks.

I score and mark one side of the paint stirrer with the '28-29 height to Full of  $7\frac{1}{4}$ " , and then mark off the quarters from there. Then I do the same on the other side of the stick using the 1930-31 height to Full of  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ". Label each side. Now you have a stick that can be used on any year Model A.

To use it, remove the gas cap (and the screen in the filler neck, if the car has one) and just dip the stick straight down until you touch the bottom of the gas tank. Now lift it out and see where the wet gas level is on the gauge. It will be approximate, close enough to drive with some confidence, knowing you will have enough fuel.

I hope you never get stuck with an inoperative gas gauge, but if you do, now you can be prepared with this temporary stick gauge.



*Have a Model A Day!*  
Jim Cannon

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 \$18,000 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

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**MAFCA NATIONAL TOUR**  
 JUNE 15-22, 2025  
 1861 1865  
**AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**

This tour will be a moving tour (different hotel most nights) that will begin and end in Waynesboro, Virginia. During the tour, we will visit many of the largest and bloodiest battlefields of the War and several excellent Civil War museums or other points of interest. Also, part of the tour will be a full day dedicated to seeing Pennsylvania's Amish communities and driving over covered bridges. Another highlight to look forward to is a drive down the entire length of Skyline Drive inside Shenandoah National Park. This world-renowned drive is considered by many to be one of the most beautiful drives in the country. We have many fun events planned for you to enjoy!

**2024**  **Event Calendar**

- 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**



What did one American flag say to the other flag?

Nothing. It just waved!

Answers from page 3 – 1. Philadelphia in 1777 2. 13 3. PA Evening Post 4. Declaration of Independence 5. In a triangular shape 6. Calvin Coolidge July 4, 1872 7. Thomas Jefferson 1801 8. 50 stars & 13 stripes 9. Bristol, R.I. 10 56 11 hotdogs 12. Star Spangled Banner 13. People of France to commemorate 100 years since signing the Dec. of Ind. 14. Liberty Enlightening the World

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