

# The Running Board

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## President's Memo

Hey Folks,

What a nice mild summer we have had! The Tyler club has agreed to help us with the 2026 Texas Tour. I really think this is something that we should do. We've got a beautiful piece of Texas to show off and share, and I think we have the right people to plan and run it!

As we're nearing a heavier tour season, I hope you'll bring some ideas for day trips, otherwise I'll be suggesting a barbeque, burger, and bakery tours.

I hope you're all well, and look forward to seeing you all at our Tuesday meeting!

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 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 -July 2, 2024 Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Spencer Pennington opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We welcomed 2 new members. Larry and Kim Wagliardo are retired teachers from Mesquite. They now live in Scurry.

Our birthday people were John Bell, Harris Lege, and GaryVick.

The minutes from last month were accepted by Carolyn Vick and John Bell. The financial report was given and accepted by Barbara Crain and Nina.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Anna Hellebrand is living on her own but still not driving. Herman Dentler had a bad case of strep throat and Covid. Lynda tested positive for Covid, but said she had very mild symptoms. Bill Capps is still improving and getting better.

**TOURS:** Ken Parker is working on a tour to Mineola. No details are available yet. It is planned for sometime in mid September.

**TECH SESSION:** No one needed any work on their vehicles.

**BREAKFAST:** Jody Letchworth suggested McClains for breakfast this month. We will meet there at 8:30 on July 16th.

**RAFFLE:** Herman Dentler was the raffle winner this month. The raffle brought in \$45.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lou Carpenter, Secretary/Treasurer*

## TRIVIA

1. What year was the Ford Fairlane introduced?
2. What auto company offered front-wheel drive in 1929?
3. Who was Henry Ford?
4. As a safety precaution, only ambulances or fire trucks can pass what car.
5. What year did the Ford business coupe feature an oval back window?
6. What year was the Chrysler Slant-six first offered?
7. Where were the Volkswagen and the Porsche 914 manufactured?
8. What type of sun visor was introduced in 1932?
9. Name the nation's largest car club.
10. Were the 1937 Ford headlights mounted in or on the fenders?

Answers on last page.





**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Lisa Knight	8/7
Dennis Powell	8/15
Lynda Dentler	8/21
Gigi Beck	8/29

**From the Editor**

Well, hello everyone. We hope to start attending meetings again. It has been a busy time for us, but hopefully things will calm down now.

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,



**PEACH**  
fun facts

August is  
"National Peach Month"

Peach originated in **China** and belongs to the **Rose Family**

<p>On average a peach contains</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">37</p> <p>calories</p>	<p>3rd most popular fruit in America</p> 	<p><b>BOOST</b> Immunity &amp; digestive system</p> 
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**Categories of Peaches:**

-  **Clingstone:** The flesh of the fruit clings to the stone
-  **Freestone:** The stone readily twist away from the fruit

**Helps in maintaing:**

-  vision
-  nervous system
-  healthy bones
-  teeth
-  skin care

**Peaches contains:**

- Vitamin A, B, C
- Magnesium
- Phosphorus
- Calcium
- Potassium

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## Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter


Anna Hellebrand 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.

Please keep us informed of your health concerns.

We Care!

**What Made Us Laugh**



"I don't have to plan my vacation. My boss tells me when to go, and my wife tells me where."

# The Precursor to the GPS

*engadget.com/2018-08-03-backlog-pre-gps-navigation.html*

Standalone navigation devices are a dying breed. These days vehicles tend to have navigators plumbed into their dashboards, and as long as there's a smartphone to hand... well, there's an app for that. Demand for the devices nosedived years ago, but the technology underpinning them is alive and well, floating out there in space. What we all know as GPS wasn't operational until the mid '90s, though this was predated by Transit, the first satellite-based geolocation network completed in the '60s. But the first automated in-car navigation system was developed long before we had the technology to put anything into space.

The concept of the modern navigator can be traced back to the early 1930s and the creation of the Iter-Auto. Manufactured by an Italian company based in Rome, the contraption was designed to be mounted to your car's dashboard and loaded with routes printed on long paper scrolls. It was hooked up to the vehicle's speedometer, and so the scroll would wind automatically in proportion with distance travelled. The maps themselves also included alerts of upcoming road features, like bridges and level crossings, as well as garages, hotels and such -- much like their digital equivalents today.



The key innovation of the Iter-Auto over previous, similar designs was the added level of automation. Thanks to its speedometer tether, it offered a new hands-free approach to roughly accurate navigation. The Iter-Auto proved to be ahead of its time, however. Car ownership was rare in the early '30s, and maps printed on scrolls were only really viable for routes along predominantly straight, Roman-style roads; a wrong turn, or any turn in fact, could quickly take you off grid. As such, the Iter-Auto never achieved mass-market success.

But even the Iter-Auto wasn't an entirely new idea. A US patent granted in 1921 to one John J. Bovy describes a dashboard-mounted navigation aid for drivers that uses maps printed on scrolls. And a few years later, in 1927, a British firm manufactured the Plus Four Wristlet Route Indicator, which was like an early 20th century version of a smartwatch running Google Maps. It came bundled with scrolls covering many popular travel routes across the UK, often starting from London. You received a golf scorecard scroll, too, so you could say even this antique wrist worn gadget had multiple 'apps.'



# Technical Tips

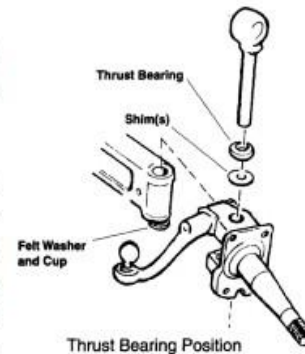
## Jim's Tech Tips "Difficult Steering"

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.

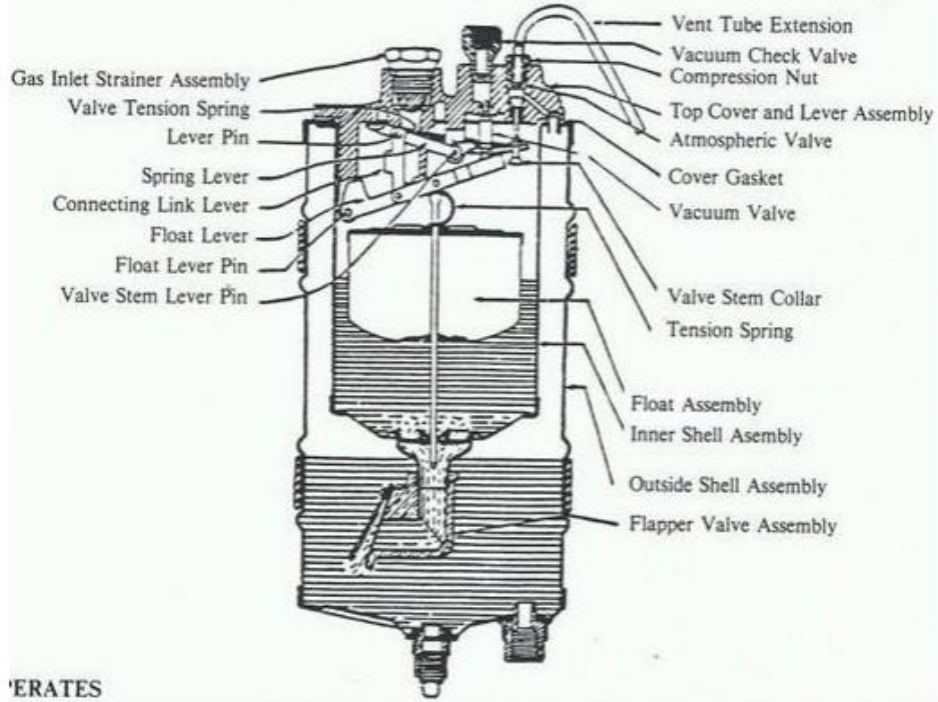
Now reinstall everything that attaches to the spindle, install the brakes, maybe use this as an opportunity to clean and repack the wheel bearings, then install the drums and the wheels. Grease all of the fittings well. Go for a test drive, enjoy the easier steering, and *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim



# TECHNICAL TALK

## Stewart-Warner Vacuum Fuel Feed System



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## Testing your Model A Ford Knowledge - Quiz

1. What are the five Electrical Systems of the Model A Ford?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.



2. Fill in the blanks: The Model A Ford Horn gets its \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ through the horn wire loom, via the generator cut-out and gets its \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_ when depressed, down the horn rod wire to the \_\_\_\_\_ in the light switch through the wire loom to the horn connector.

3. What is the one common denominator by which all of the five Electrical Systems in the Model A Ford are connected together?

- A.

4. Fill in the blanks: The \_\_\_\_\_ is a meter that indicates the amount of charge or discharge of electrical current to or from the \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Fill in the blanks: All electrical components, with the exception of the \_\_\_\_\_ are connected to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ammeter.

6. Name three ways a Model A Ford owner/DIY mechanic can build the distributor to provide power and a means of coil primary circuit interruption to make the Model A Ford engine start and run at peak electrical performance.

- A.
- B.
- C.

7. What is the purpose of the condenser in the Model A Ford distributor's primary circuit?

Explain:

8. True or False: When threading the armored cable into the distributor housing, it is important to screw the armored cable in all the way tight to ensure contact between the spring-loaded tip of the armored cable and the lower plate bus bar. a.

9. True or False: When threading the armored cable into the distributor housing, it is very important NOT to screw the armored cable in all the way tight, bending the lower plate bus bar, causing it to short out against the inside of the distributor housing. It should be only screwed in just enough to make good contact with the lower plate bus bar and NO more.

- A.

10. Can you name the “fixed” (metered) jets that are used in the Model A Ford Zenith carburetor?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.

GAV: adjustable jet for driving conditions and is not considered a “fixed” jet, but could be considered more of an accelerator pump function by varying the amount of additional fuel to the cap jet during high speeds (High Speed Circuit)

11. Since the metering (measuring) jets are all “fixed”, this carburetor once right will stay right. So, what are the two enemies that the Zenith carburetor is affected primarily by?

- A.
- B.

12. Can you name the three circuits that are used to control fuel flow through the Model A Ford Zenith carburetor?

- A.
- B.
- C.

13. Which “fixed” jet in the Model A Ford Zenith carburetor does not require a gasket, but does rely on a secondary well to draw fuel from? a.

14. Fill in the Blanks: The Model A Ford engine oiling system is simplicity at its best. One moving part, the gear type oil pump. This system works on a combination of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

15. True or False: The Model A Ford engine gear type oil pump deliveries one gallon and one pint of oil per minute at 1300 RPM to the valve chamber. a. Caution: Do NOT remove the brass screw plug on the right side of the block that surrounds the pump shaft when the engine is running. The oil pump has a capacity of over one gallon per minute and will completely drain the crankcase in about a minute if removed.

16. The Model A Ford engine is a four-stroke cycle engine. Four strokes of a piston are needed to complete one cycle of operation. Name the four strokes of operation.

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

Answers to Quiz on pages 7-8

Answers to Quiz:

1. A. Cranking system

B. Charging System

C. Ignition System

D. Lighting System

E. Horn System

2. Power, Battery, Ground, Horn Button, Center Post

3. The Electrical Harness

4. Ammeter, Battery

5. Starter Motor, Output

6. A. Original Style: Stock Model a Ford points and condenser

B. Modern Style: Ford V8 points and condenser—Nu-Rex design

C. Solid State Electrical Ignition System a.k.a. Electronic Ignition

7. The purpose of the condenser is to reduce arcing at the points when they are opening, thereby increasing point life, and to speed up the collapse of the magnetic field of the coil.

8. False

9. True

10. A. Idle jet

B. Cop Jet

C. Main Jet

D. Compensator jet

11. A. Dirt

B. Water

12. A. Start & idle circuit

B. Low speed circuit—supplied fuel at between 15-35 mph

C. High speed circuit—speeds over 35 mph

13. Idle jet

14. Pump, Splash, Gravity Feed

15. True

16. A. Intake—piston moves down, draws in fuel mixture, intake valve open

B. Compression—piston moves up, compressing mixture tightly, both valves closed tightly

C. Power—piston reaches top of compression stroke, spark plug fires & ignites the explosive mixture driving piston down, both valves still closed

D. Exhaust—piston moves up, expelling burned gases, exhaust valve open

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



December 11-14, 2024

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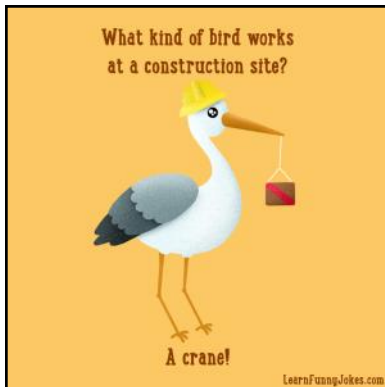
Thank you,

Bruce Adams, Founder-coordinator IMAFD

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**

- 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**



**Did you know that people born in August are Smarter, Cooler, and more Talented than people born in any other month?**

Also, more gullible!

Answers from page 3 - 1. 1955 2. Cord 3. Founder of the Ford Motor Co. 4. The white house car. 5. 1929 6. 1960 7. Germany 8. Mounted inside the car 9. Antique Automobile Club of America 10. In the fender

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