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### *President's Memo*

Hey Folks,

Fall is upon us! That means cooler weather and more time in our Model As! It's time to get a registration in for Autumn Trails tour as well as get ready for International Model A Ford Day.

Hope you all stay well! I will spend the first week of September on a mission trip in Mexico, but look forward to seeing you all upon my return.

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 -August 6, 2024 Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Spencer Pennington welcomed us and lead us in the pledge of allegiance. We had no quests present. But we were so glad to welcome 2 new members. They are Jess and Dottie Parker who live near Eustace. They have resided in the lake area since 1981. Before they recently retired they owned and managed apartments in the lake area. They still own the apartments but built a new house close to the state park state park. Jess has also bought Bill Lee's sedan.

Last month's minutes were accepted by Carolyn Vick and Chuck Cheshire. The financial report was accepted by Chuck and Carolyn.

Lynda Dentler was our birthday girl and we sang Happy Birthday to her.

We had a discussion about hosting future Texas Tours. Nancy Cheshire said she will be glad to advise us. Gary Vick asked questions about financial obligations if the tour had to be cancelled. Spencer Pennington then took a vote to see who would want to do it and who was against it. There were 7 yes votes and 1 no. It was not decided what year we will sign up to host but it will be in Canton.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Spencer Pennington wants to try to tour the Black Beauty Ranch. But after looking at their website we probably won't because of the price.

**TECH SESSION:** No one asked for a tech session. But Bob Letchworth had gone to Larry Wagliardo's house and helped him put in a new battery.

**BREAKFAST:** The breakfast will be in Montalba at the Bradford Cafe on August 20th at 8:30AM.

**RAFFLE:** This months raffle brought in \$45 dollars. Wanda was our winner.

A motion to adjourn was made by Herman Dentler nd Carolyn Vick.

Respectfully submitted, *Lou Carpenter, Secretary/Treasurer*

## TRIVIA

1. What is first deployed after a collision?
2. Manifold passageway is called what?
3. Cam lobes are designed for what?
4. What predates the steering wheel?
5. What automobile featured a lifetime chassis lubrication?
6. What auto company built the Cherokee and the Wagoneer?
7. What is meant by a 3-window coupe?
8. What auto company manufactured the Tempest?
9. What year did Chrysler first offer power steering?
10. What auto company had a hood emblem known as the "Goddess of speed"?

Answers on last page.



Ladies driving Model As

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**




Kathy Holmes	9/2
Sue Capps	9/4
Lou Carpenter	9/8
Sandra Lee	9/10
Janice Rogers	9/11
Spencer Pennington	9/15
Gerald Phariss	9/16

**From the Editor**

Well, hello everyone. It was great to see all of you at the August meeting and breakfast.

Several of you attended the 2024 Texas Tour in Nacogdoches, TX in June. Due to the great response of attendance and raffle items, the tour profited almost \$5000. The Dallas MAFC decided to donate that money to the capital expansion fund for the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Thank you to all who attended.

Happy Model Aing, *Nancy Cheshire*



## Sunshine News


By Lou Carpenter

John and Teena Shore are recuperating at a friend's home with caregivers. They are in good hands.

Anna Hellebrand and Bill Capps are improving .

Bob Letchworth is having health issues.

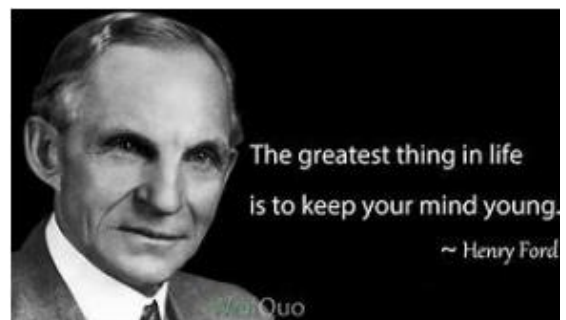
Gerald Phariss has been admitted to the hospital in Dallas with heart and other health issues



Please keep us informed of your health concerns.

### Breakfast at the Bradford Café

A good time by all, but those who didn't attend were missed.



# Historic Tidbit



This is a most interesting and historic photograph, especially for us Model A aficionados. It shows Henry Ford (third from left) with some of the men responsible for the development of the Model A. They are standing behind the first Model A engine and transmission, which is connected to a dynamometer for testing.

At the far left is chief production manager, Charles Sorensen. He started with Ford in 1905. Next to him is the distinguished and talented Edsel Ford. He was responsible for the body design of the Model A. To Henry's left are Peter Martin, who had started with Ford in 1904 and became its manufacturing chief; then Gus Degener, who started working with Henry Ford in 1902, over saw vehicle assembly; and Charles Hartner, who oversaw machining operations. Sorensen and Martin, both confidants of Henry Ford, always had blurred lines of authority, but essentially Martin was responsible for producing all of the parts made by Ford Motor Company, and Sorensen was responsible for assembling those parts into complete automobiles. Sorensen shared Edsel's attitude that the Model T had to end, and was glad when the last Model T rolled off the assembly line. "I was sick of looking at them," he said.

This photo also illustrates how small a man Edsel was. Standing at only 5' 7", he was not only small in stature, but slight in build. He was always impeccably dressed and was once recognized as the best dressed man in the country.

(From the Collections of The Henry Ford)

The poem about Dr. Henry Ford was taken from The Ford Legend, newsletter of the Henry Ford Heritage Association.



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EDGAR A. GUEST

"Eddie" Guest is probably closer to the hearts of the great mass of American people than any other living poet. Millions of persons read daily his clean, cheery verse, which is syndicated by one hundred and fifty representative American newspapers. As a lecturer he is one of the best drawing cards on the platform in this country. In one Western city more than forty thousand persons turned out, in a few nights, to hear him deliver a series of readings from his own poems. Last January one of the biggest phonograph companies in the country released the first of a series of Guest records—on which the homespun lyricist recited three of his own poems: "It Couldn't Be Done," "Ma and the Auto," and "Wait Till Your Pa Comes Home." These have been broadcasted by radiophone from Stockton, California, and picked up by thousands of amateur wireless telephone enthusiasts from Vancouver, B. C., to Los Angeles, and as far east as Denver. Mr. Guest has received a flood of letters from grateful listeners. Last year the demands for his poems, collected in book form, reached the tremendous figure of two hundred and fifty thousand

By Edgar A. Guest.

Dr. Henry Ford

The University of Michigan has conferred the degree of Doctor of Engineering upon Henry Ford. — News Item.

Spit and sputter, little flivver,  
Shake your sides with joy and shiver!  
What's a fender that is dented  
Or a cylinder that's scored.

Let the rich world ride and snicker  
In their costlier cars and slicker.

But the Dearborn boy who made you  
Now is Dr. Henry Ford!

What's a cushion torn and rented?  
What's a radiator dented?  
Why lament a mission oil cup  
Or a broken running board?

Let the rich stand and chuckle  
That your radius rod may buckle,

But the Dearborn boy who built you  
Now is Dr. Henry Ford!

Little flivver, bang and rattle,  
It's not pride which wins the battle,  
It's not luxury or riches  
Which receive life's great reward.

It's the work you do that takes you  
To the topmost goal and makes you,  
And the Dearborn boy who built you

Now is Dr. Henry Ford!

You are cheap, and you are little,  
And your sides perhaps are brittle  
And they turn you out by thousands  
Where the red-hot steel is poured.

You have never been to college,

But your service men acknowledge

And the Dearborn boy who made you

Now is Dr. Henry Ford!

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## DID YOU KNOW...

... that 17,115 1930 Model A's were built in 1929?

... the last Model A built in the U.S. was a Deluxe Roadster built at the Edgewater, N.J. plant in April of 1932?

... the last Model A's built outside the U.S. were a group of 160 Standard Phaetons built in Santiago, Chile in 1934?

... the Model A was assembled in 32 plants across the U.S. and 19 other plants around the world?

... all the engines for the Model A were built in the Rouge plant except for England, which were cast at the Ford foundry in Cork, Ireland and assembled at the assembly plant in Manchester, England?

These are just a few of the facts from Steve Plucker's book "the 1928-1931 Ford Assembly Plants and Their Production of the Model A Ford Passenger Car..Part I."

· from the Diablo A's newsletter  
via Beaver A's newsletter

# Schrader Tire Gauges

(article from Vintage Ford Forum)

Schrader made several different styles of tire gauges. The attached photo shows five gauges. The first one (#14) is known as the "Schrader Universal Tire Gauge" and usually measure from 20 to 120 psi. The second one (#15) has what I call a "goose neck" stem. Most of the ones that I've seen of this style measure from 10 to 42 psi. However, I have seen them that measure from 30 to 170 psi. The third one (#16) is the style that we see most of the "Ford Model A" gauges made and usually measure from 10 to 50 psi. I have also seen other car make logos on this style gauge. The fourth one (#17) is the style that the 1931 "Ford Model A" gauge is made. It has a flat blade with the numbers rather than the round barrel on the previous style gauges. It also measures from 10 to 50 psi. The fifth one (#18) is like the previous one except with a fancier head. I'm not sure why Schrader changed this other than give it a little bit more "style" and boost sales.

These gauges are about 100 years old and should be considered as display items with no expectation that they will be still be accurate or even work. I have accumulated a fairly large collection of tire gauges over the past twenty years and decided to sell my duplicates. I have placed some ads on the VFF swap meet page and will be placing more ads as I'm able to sort through them and take photos. There were companies other than Schrader that made tire gauges during the Model 'A' era: U.S. Gauge, Moto Meter, ACME, Rex-A-Co to name a few. My intent is to mount my gauge collection on a board for display. I have a 2 foot by 4 foot board, but I may have to get a larger or additional board



### What the Heck is a Babbitt!

Babbitt!! What a fun word to say! But do you know what it actually means and how it relates to your Model A? A Babbitt bearing is also known as a sleeve bearing. A bearing is a machine part in which another part turns or slides.

The word Babbitt comes from the name of the person who first developed this system of metal alloys in 1839, Isaac Babbitt. The actual Babbitt is the metal alloy (mix) that lines the inside of pieces that hold certain rotating parts in the Model A such as the crankshaft.

The Babbitt metal used in Model A bearings is tin-based, with copper and antimony mixed in. The tin provides the sliding effect, in combination with the oil lubricating the parts.

Tiny amounts of the tin wear away through use, and is washed away by the oil. This is why you'll hear things like "the Babbitt is shot, time for a rebuild!" The soft tin has worn away, making the lining bigger and looser which causes problems keeping the parts aligned.



To replace this material, the old soft metal lining (the Babbitt ) must be melted out, and new Babbitt metal melted with a metal forge and poured in place.

The process is hot and dirty, and has multiple steps to get it right. Just a few of the steps are pictured here. But there are several videos on YouTube showing the process:

- [https://youtu.be/IBL0Y3\\_vQ7I](https://youtu.be/IBL0Y3_vQ7I)
- <https://youtu.be/2lgk8NRl9mE>

-from AWorld, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022





A rough casting



# Technical Tips

## Jim's Tech Tip Identifying Your Carburetor

When ordering parts or looking up adjustment specs for your carburetor, it is important that you identify which one you have. Below are 4 of the most common carbs used on a Model A with the gasket sets they use, which gives you a feel for the shape of the casting and bowl. Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!* Jim

<p>Zenith Model A</p> 	
<p>Tillotson Model A</p> 	
<p>Marvel Shebler Model A or B</p> 	
<p>Zenith Model B</p> 	



# 66th Annual Autumn Trails Tour

## October 24-27, 2024

### Winnsboro, Texas

Thursday, Oct. 24, 1:00 pm

Registration for Trade Day and Swap Meet at City Park

Friday, Oct. 25 - Sunday, Oct. 27

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Trades Day and Swap Meet at City Park

Saturday, Oct. 26, 10:30 am

Antique Cars Grand Entry Parade

All day in downtown Winnsboro – Merchant and Vendor Sidewalk Sales

Arts & Craft Show, Downtown Winnsboro

Saturday, October 26, 5:00 pm

BBQ Dinner and Awards Presentations 5:30 pm

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Door Prizes

Sunday, Oct. 27, 9:00 am

Antique Car Tour Leaves the Trails Country Motel

For further information, call:

903-850-4303 (Autumn Trails Model A's)

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1310 CR 4186

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**66th Annual Winnsboro Autumn Trails  
Parade, Tour and Dinner  
October 24-27, 2024  
Registration Form**

**Please remit by October 7, 2024**

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	<b>Before October 7, 2024</b>	\$10.00	_____	_____
	<b>After October 7, 2024</b>	12.00	_____	_____
Dinner	No. Persons	Price per Person	Total for Dinners	
	_____ Adults	\$25.00	_____	
	_____ Children (under 12)	\$10.00	_____	

**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 7, 2024.**



The Texas Tour of 2025 Will be held in Giddings Texas. Hosts will be the Lone Star Model A Club  
However, Motel reservations cannot be made until this November

# GIDDY-UP TO GIDDINGS



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Reservations begin November 1st.



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**62nd TEXAS TOUR  
June 12-15, 2025**



**Executive Inn**

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Reservations begin November 1st.

Registration, Hospitality, Silent Auction & Events will be at  
The Silos on 77 Events Center  
1031 County Road 223  
Giddings, Texas 78942  
Laurie Taylor, Texas Tour Chairperson  
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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

**INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 - OUR 25TH**

This is simply one day when Model A enthusiasts around the world, all take their cars on an enjoyable drive.

Commemorative 3.5", embroidered, glue on patches are available. \$3.00 each incl. s/h 20 minimum. Send check to Bruce Adams PO Box 45, Northport, NY 11768.

**ALL PROFITS GO TO THE NATIONAL CLUBS' YOUTH PROGRAMS**

Plan an event and send photos with locations, and short descriptions to Sailbruce@aol.co for forwarding to National Publications.

Also post to Facebook Group INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY 2024

Thank you,

Bruce Adams, Founder-coordinator IMAFD

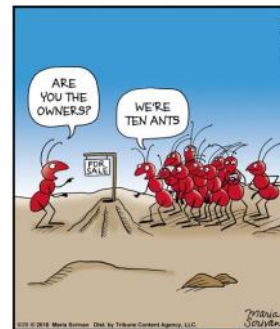
This tour will be a moving tour (different hotel most nights) that will begin and end in Waynesboro, Virginia. During the tour, we will visit many of the largest and bloodiest battlefields of the War and several excellent Civil War museums or other points of interest. Also, part of the tour will be a 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**

- SEP 3, 2024 .... Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- SEP 17, 2024 Breakfast
- OCT 1, 2024 .... Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- OCT 15, 2024 Breakfast
- NOV 5, 2024 .... Meeting at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- NOV 19, 2024 Breakfast
- DEC 7, 2024 .... Christmas Party at the Mabank Library



**Happy Grandparents Day  
September 8**



Answers from page 3 - 1. The police 2. Port 3. Duration 4. A tiller 5. Cadillac 6. Amc, jeep 7. 2 seater with 3 windows excluding the windshield 8. G.M. Pontiac 9. 1961 10. Packard

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