Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club Newsletter

The Running Board

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President's Memo

Hey Folks,

I hope you're all doing well! I recently returned from an incredible trip to Mexico, and I can't wait to share stories with you all. It's always amazing to see how people come together, no matter where you are in the world.

Now that I'm back, I'm excited to hit the road again—this time a little closer to home! Let's get a day tour on the calendar soon. A drive to Emory or Seven Points sounds like a great way to enjoy some local scenery and time together with our Model As. Bring your ideas to the next meeting, and let's make it happen!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

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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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
January 7, 2025
Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Spencer Pennington opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had no guests and no new members.
He then asked if anyone had any corrections for last month's minutes. Carolyn Vick made a motion to accept them and Bob Letchworth seconded it.

The financial report was given. Jody Letchworth made a motion to accept it and Jess Parker seconded it.

Jody Letchworth was our only birthday person present. We sang her the birthday song.

We had late arrivals. They were Greg and Robin Zitko. They filled out the membership application to join the club. They are lake area residents with a Fordor sedan. We were so glad to welcome them.

NEW BUSINESS: The next topic was our club officers for this year. Carolyn Vick made a motion to keep the same officers and Jody Letchworth seconded it. So Spencer Pennington remains President with Herman Dentler as Vice President. Lou Carpenter will stay as Secretary and Financial officer.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

LUNCH: Lunch will be at Bean and Burger in Mabank again this month. It will be January 21 at 1PM.

There was no raffle this month.

Jess Parker made a motion to adjourn and Bob Letchworth seconded it.

Lou Carpenter, Secretary/Treasurer

1. What part of the engine is used for cooling beside the radiator?

2. Name a division of Hudson Motors.

3. Was the model "T" accelerator operated by hand or a foot pedal?

4. No amount of technical improvements will reduce the hazard created by what?

5. What model Hudson was used in NASCAR?

6. What new transmission was offered on the Jeep for 1982?

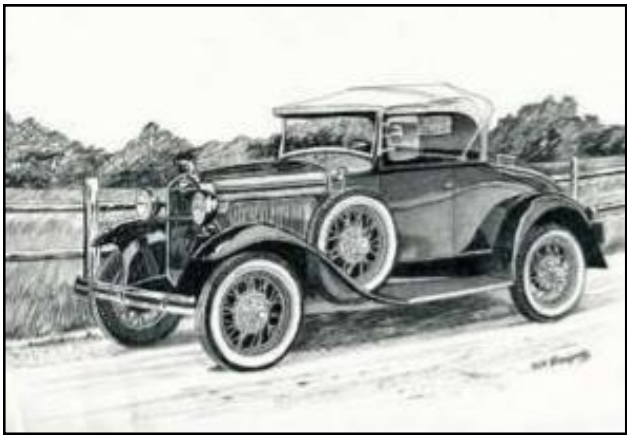
7. What was the thickest oil grade measured at 210 degrees Fahrenheit?

8. What year were the factory list price labels first shown on new cars?

9. How many years was the Nash car Made?

10. What is the second rarest 1932 Ford

Answers on last page.



A Beautiful Roadster

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ed Cliver	**2/10**
John Shore	**2/12**
Joann Cliver	**2/18**

From the Editor

Happy Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, and Presidents' Day. We hope to see you some time soon. Chuck is doing well and out and about now. Thank you all for your prayers.

Got any interesting info for the newsletter? Could use anything.

Nancy Cheshire

Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Anna has been doing better. They have been adjusting her heart medication and it is working better.

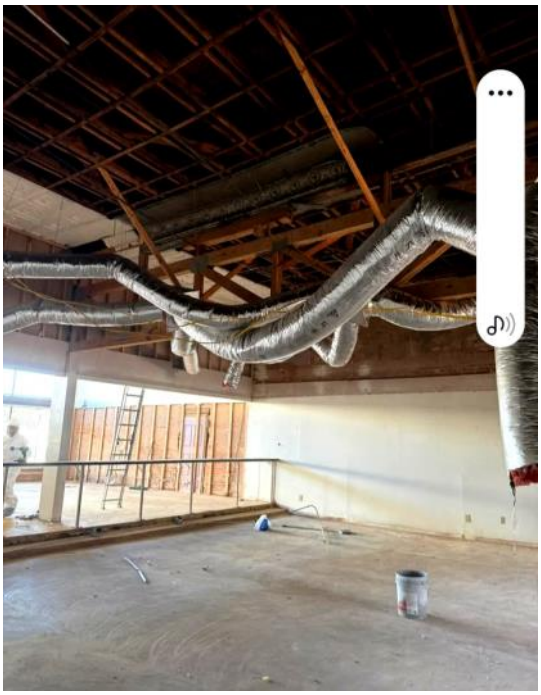
Please keep us informed of your health concerns.

We Care!

That is the question in the month of February

Picture Corner

Not many pictures this month since lunch was canceled. This is the renovation of the Tri-County Library where we have had the Christmas Party the last few years. Not sure how it will turn out but hoping it will be one room one level.



Spencer Pennington with his fiancé, Salma in Mexico

Funny Facts About Valentine's Day

1. **Cupid Actually Started Out As A Greek God** - Let us begin our Valentine's Day fun facts list with the most common symbol for love – Cupid with his cherubic looks and angel wings. He was originally the Greek god, Eros. Eros was the son of Aphrodite, the goddess of love and procreation. Cupid is known to shoot two types of arrows – one to make people fall in love and one to make them hate each other.

2. **'X' Was Originally Not A Symbol For Kiss** - Though we sign off our letters and texts X's these days as symbols of kisses, this was not this letter's original purpose. In medieval times, when people did not know how to sign their names, they would simply sign off with an X. To show their loyalty and affection, they would then kiss the X before sending the letter. Isn't that one of the most interesting facts about Valentine's Day?

3. **Candy Hearts Started Out As Medical Lozenges** - The popular Valentine's Day candy, candy hearts, started out as medical lozenges for the throat! Boston-based pharmacist Oliver Chase invented the machine that produced small medical lozenges. When he saw the popularity of these small pop-in medicines, he turned them into candy with cute messages on them.

4. **Roses Symbolize Love** - Venus, the Roman goddess of love, used to adore red roses. This story made people start spreading love by giving roses to the object of their affection. The gift of a rose either on stems or in bunches of petals is an artful expression of love.

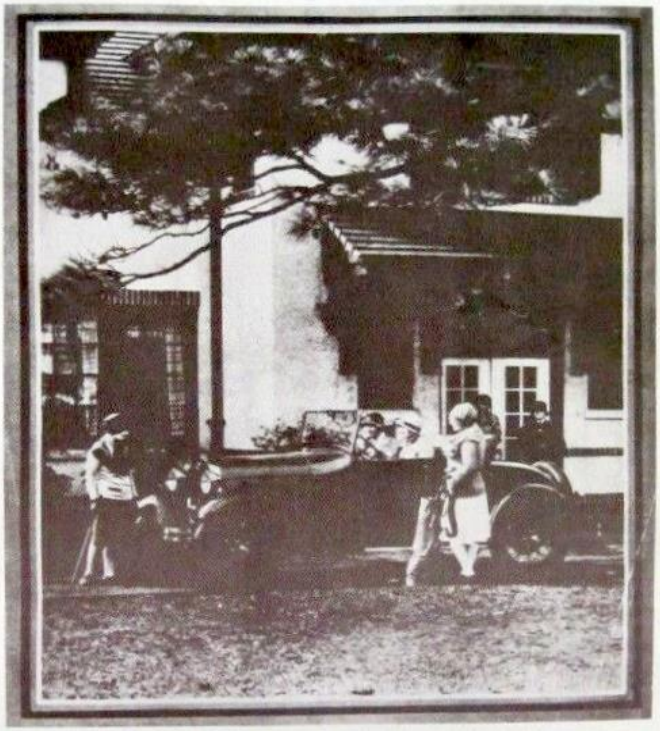
5. **There Is A Sad Reason Behind Giving Chocolates On Valentine's Day** - Physicians in the old days would recommend chocolate to people who were suffering from a broken heart or pining after a lost love. Ouch!

6. **We Need To Thank Richard Cadbury For Chocolate Boxes** - In 1861, Richard Cadbury invented the first chocolate box. Always the businessman, he realized that he could capitalize on Valentine's Day by producing chocolate boxes and marketing them as something to be given to your sweetheart.

Historical Tidbit

The Seattle Daily Times Rotogravure Pictorial Section April 1, 1928

Forty *different kinds of steel* are used in the New Ford



THE new Ford is an unusually strong and sturdy car because of the enduring quality that has been built into every part. Of especial interest and importance to every motorist is the extensive use of fine steel in the new Ford.

The story of Ford steel dates back to 1905, when the Ford Motor Company developed the use of a new alloy which raised the tensile strength of steel from 60,000 to 170,000 pounds per inch.

This was the beginning of the Ford idea of using specific steels for specific parts—an idea which has perhaps its highest expression in the new car.

In the past twenty-three years the Ford Motor Company has developed many new uses for steel and has greatly reduced its cost by purchasing its own ore mines and by designing new machines and finding new ways to produce steel at low cost. The Ford open hearth furnaces have a yearly capacity of 420,000 tons of steel. The quality and uniformity of this steel are held to even closer limits than those specified by the Society of Automotive Engineers and the American Society for Testing Materials.

Today, more than forty different kinds of steel are used in the new Ford—each particular kind being selected and perfected to fit the particular needs of each part.

Seven kinds of steel are used in the gears alone in the new Ford because research and experience have proved that seven kinds of steel mean greater efficiency and reliability than one or two. Two kinds of steel are used in the multiple dry-disc clutch, although it could very easily be made with one. One kind of steel is also used for the ring gear and another for the driving pinion. Though these two parts meet, each does a different kind of work. In common practice, the same kind of steel would be used for each part. But Ford uses different kinds of steel—each steel being specially made for the special work it has to do.

There is no limit to selection—no thought that any certain steel must be made to do for many parts to save expense. The Ford policy has always been to use the best possible material for each part, and then through large production, to give it to the public at low cost.

As important as the steel itself is the Ford method of heat-treating steel by automatic control so that the same piece of steel will have different qualities at different points.

The rear axle shaft in the new Ford is especially strong and reliable for this reason. Being complete in one piece, it is naturally stronger than if the parts were made separately. This same one-piece principle is carried out also in the steering gear sector, which is integral with the steering shaft—in the bolts on the connecting rod which are made in the same piece with the rod itself—and in many other parts of the new Ford car.

Throughout the new Ford you will find that steel forgings are used instead of malleable castings and steel stampings. They are used everywhere in the chassis except, of course, for the engine castings. More steel forgings are used in the new Ford, in fact, than in almost any other car, regardless of price. They are naturally of greater strength than malleable castings and steel stampings of equal size. The use of steel forgings explains why the new Ford is such a strong and sturdy car, yet comparatively light in weight.

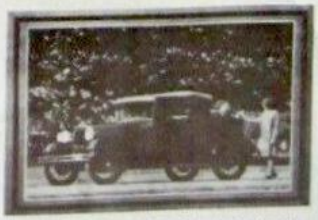
Such high quality of material has a direct bearing on the performance of the new Ford car and is the reason it will give you thousands upon thousands of miles of faithful, uninterrupted service.

When you sit behind the wheel and know the joy of driving the new Ford, you will realize that it is not just a new automobile—not just a new model—but the advanced expression of a wholly new idea in modern, economical transportation.

The Roadster sells for $385; the Phaeton for $395; the Coupe for $495; the Tudor Sedan for $495; and the Sport Coupe, with rumble seat, for $550. (F. O. B. Detroit.)

The new Ford Roadster is an especially alert and capable car. Quick as a flash in traffic and at home in any company because of its beautiful low lines and attractive colors. Like all the new Ford cars, it has a Triplex shatter-proof glass windshield—an important safety feature.

The new Ford Tudor Sedan is an especially good family car because of its speed, safety, reliability, economy, easy-riding comfort, and the generous room provided for all five passengers.



A new kind of motor car beauty is revealed in this new Ford Sport Coupe. Distinguished by the quiet simplicity of its lines and rich appointments. Body is steel. Furnished in a choice of two-tone color harmonies.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Detroit, Michigan

Love Those Model As

Filming in a Model A

Road Block

Model AA Postal Trucks

After World War I, the secretary of war provided the Post Office Department with excess trucks. The Department used 1,444 of those trucks through the 1920s. A mish-mash of forty-three different vehicle types by twenty-three different manufacturers, the cost to maintain parts and train mechanics to service all the vehicle styles drained the postal budget.

Postal trucks in a repair garage

In 1929, postal officials convinced Congress to fund a standardized fleet of postal vehicles. That summer, the Post Office Department asked for bids for four hundred Ford AA truck bodies. In June, it awarded the contract to the August Schubert Wagon Works of Syracuse and Oneida, New York. The Department purchased the truck chassis from Ford, and postal mechanics assembled the body and chassis in postal garages around the country.

Some of the trucks transported letter carriers to their daily rounds, while others conveyed mail between post offices and railway stations. By 1931, parcel post service had existed for eighteen years. Popular from the beginning, the service transported an ever-increasing volume of mail, which required bigger and better vehicles.

Wood Body Construction: The PO specified clear grain oak or ash for all body parts except for the basswood roof slats and the steel-sheeted plywood upper exterior panels and interior panels. Thin gauge steel sheets were laminated to hardwood plywood and fitted into rabbited frames, glued and screwed. Lead-based filler and paint were then brushed on in several sanded coats to meet the spec for a smooth, brush-mark-free finish. The one weak spot would be the roof, which was painted canvas fabric, similar to the doped fabric used on aircraft of the era. When the paint broke down on the roof from weather and sunlight, it deteriorated the entire truck. The rear doors were open weave diamond shaped steel mesh without glass. That also led to water infiltration, rotted doors, and a rotted rear floor structure. The choice of wood, the insistence on prime-quality boards, and the heavy paint certainly aided in the preservation of these trucks.

During the Great Depression and World War II, the Post Office Department did not purchase many new trucks. As a result, trucks bought in the 1920s and early 1930s stayed on the road longer than expected. Skilled mechanics helped keep those trucks operating as best they could. Bailing wire, talent, and luck kept these aging vehicles on the road through the war's end. Some of these vehicles stayed in service until the 1950s.

By the 1950s, some postal trucks had been on the road for 30 years

1931 Ford Model A Parcel Post truck on display in the Smithsonian National Postal Museum

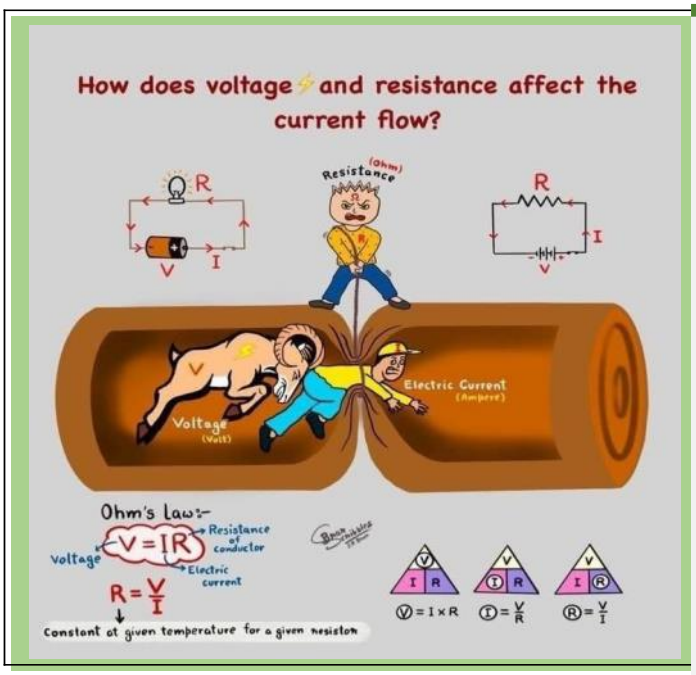
Technical Tips

TECHNICAL TIPS

Engines, Ohms, Amps, and Volts

By Jim Morris

Are electrical concepts difficult for you to understand? They are for me. I've known for years that my brain's verbal side is stronger than my mathematical side. My STA scores from high school showed that my math ability was lower than my verbal strength; my grades proved this. So, I've struggled to understand mathematically anchored electrical concepts, which have more to do with quickly finding the solution to 250 x 11 = ? than understanding what "abecedarian" means. Why do verbal and math skills matter in chasing problems? Well, it's said that 95% of Model A engine function problems are electrical, and only 5% are fuel, so we all had better understand how electricity works! What a conundrum I've been in! Over the decades, I had to learn how to fix Model A electrical problems such as shorts, poor grounds, wire breaks, bad components like condensers, improper wire size, etc., more frequently than fuel problems that included restricted gas flow, poorly adjusted floats, worn carburetor shaft openings, etc., which were always easy to fix because I could see and quickly test these issues. The 95% "cause factor" meant I couldn't assume the problem was mechanical when my Model A's engine was sick. We're all in the same boat. Getting a better handle on analyzing and diagnosing the poor performance of your Model A requires that you and I understand what could most likely be an electrical, not fuel, cause, and correct it. I hope the concepts below, especially the illustration on the left (which is more verbal than mathematical), give you an idea of what ohms, amps, and volts are, which makes for quicker operational problem-solving. If you don't have good technical information in your library, I recommend Les Andrews' red (service and maintenance) and blue (trouble analysis and testing) books for troubleshooting and fixing Model A operating problems. If you don't have a multimeter, get one; they're needed to measure ohms, amps, and volts. By the way, as an adjective, abecedarian refers to something relating to the alphabet; 2,750 is the solution to the equation.



MORE VERBAL HELP! Imagine a water pipe in which the voltage would be equal to the water pressure, and the current, which is measured in amps, is equal to the flow rate. This would be the volume of water that passes through the duct. The resistance, which is measured in ohms, is equivalent to the roughness of the duct, that is, the opposition due to friction by the water in the pipe.

Electric current is the flow of electric charge, typically measured in amperes (A). It's a fundamental concept in electricity and electronics. Here are some key points:

Types of Electric Current

1. Direct Current (DC): It flows in one direction only, from positive to negative. Examples are batteries and electronic devices. Model As have a DC electrical system.

2. Alternating Current (AC): This current periodically reverses direction, oscillating between positive and negative. Examples are household power outlets and generators.

Factors Affecting Electric Current

1. Voltage: Voltage is the pressure that forces electric current to flow through a wire.

2. Resistance: The opposition to current flow, measured in ohms (Ω). Increased resistance can decrease the current.

3. Amperage: Amperage measures the rate at which current flows through an electrical circuit. If voltage is like water pressure, amperage is [illegible] rate. "Amps" is the common shor[illegible]

4. Conductivity: The ability c[illegible]uct electricity. Materials with high conductivity, like copper, allow for easier current flow.

Model A Ford Texas Tour 2025 Registration

Write Check to: **LSMAFC**
Mail to:
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4500 Williams Drive Ste 212 Box 216
Georgetown, TX 78633
OR REGISTER ONLINE!

Name

Email address

Mailing address

City **State** **Zip**

Phone # **Cell phone #**

Your Model 'A' Club(s)

Names for name badges in your party (yours if different from above and any passengers or children)

Is your Model A coming?	Will anyone in your party be in the fashion walk? (no judging, just for fun)	Will anyone in your party bring a Hubley for the Derby?
_____ Yes _____ No _____ Maybe	_____ Yes _____ No _____ Maybe How many? _____	_____ Yes _____ No _____ Maybe How many Hubleys? _____

Do you or anyone in your party have any dietary limitations? We will contact you about specifics

_____ No _____ Yes

Do you or anyone in your party have any special needs or limitations we should know about to make your tour the most fun?

Driver registration includes: 1 Goodie Bag with fan, official tour patch, and dash-plaque; Thursday Welcome dinner; Friday Hubley Derby & Ice cream social and Driving tours; Saturday Lunch on the Grand Tour and Closing dinner & Fashion Walk.

		Price	Quantity	Total
Driver (the 1st main adult registrant)	Regular Late ($165. after May 1)	$140.00 $165.00	**1**	
Adult Passengers	Regular Late ($140. after May 1)	$125.00 $140.00		
Children (6-12 yrs.)		$75.00		
T-shirt **(with tour logo and year)**	____S ____M ____L ____XL ____XXL	$15.00		
T-shirt	_____3XL _____4XL _____5XL	$20.00		
Cap	_____Red _____Green	$20.00		
Extra Tour Patch	(one is included in each goody bag)	$10.00		
Engine Raffle ticket	One ticket	$20.00		
Engine Raffle tickets	6 ticket bundle	$100.00		
TOTAL				

For additional information email info@LSMAF.club

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62nd Annual Model A Texas Tour
June 12 - 5, 2025
Giddings Texas

LONE STAR MODEL A FORD CLUB

Join us for a laid-back and easy-going Texas Tour. We'll have driving tours, ice cream, Hubley Derby, fashion walk, raffles and lots of time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Register before May 1 for the best prices.

June 12, Thursday - Welcome Dinner
June 13, Friday - Tours on your own (including a vintage carousel); Ice Cream social and Hubley Derby
June 14, Saturday - Grand Tour; Closing Dinner and Fashion Walk
June 15, Sunday - Farewell until next year!

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Add these to your registration to be sure you get yours.

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$20

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$10

Engine raffle tickets
$20 for one
$100 for 6

H&H Ford Antique

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Giddings, Texas June 14, 2025

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Ticket sales begin October 15, 2024

Buy tickets online at lonestarmaf.club

More info at info@maf.club

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NATIONAL CLUB NEWS

MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

January 2, 2025 was a busy day of "moving" at the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners. MAFFI Trustees Jerry Dennany and Randy Czubko worked with a crew from the Grape A's Model A Club in Kalamazoo, MI. Executive Director, John Marshall brought a crew up from Illinois with him to help move everything at the museum, too. Vehicles, vignettes, and all memorabilia had to be carefully moved and covered (construction dust) because the back wall of the museum was opened up to connect the expansion to the current museum. Many thanks to these folks for all the volunteer effort on behalf of all of us Model A hobbyists. The Model A museum is closed for the rest of the month of January while work is going on. In fact, the whole Gilmore Auto Museum is closed for the month of January because new floors are being installed in several buildings. The expansion is moving along as expected. In the meantime, ZOOM meetings are being held for planning the 2025 Model A Days in September and "the christening"!

Stay tuned!

Cindy Ellenbecker,

Secretary, MAFFI Board of Trustee

2025 Event Calendar

FEB 4, 2025 ….	Meeting at Dairy Queen in Seven Points
FEB 18, 2025 …	Monthly Lunch
MAR 4, 2025 … .	Meeting at Dairy Queen in Seven Points
MAR 18, 2025 …	Monthly Lunch
APR 1, 2025 ….	Meeting at Dairy Queen in Seven Points
APR 15, 2025 …	Monthly Lunch
MAY 6, 2025 ….	Meeting at Dairy Queen in Seven Points
MAY 20, 2025 …	Monthly Lunch
JUN 3, 2025 ….	Meeting at Dairy Queen in Seven Points
JUN 17, 2025 …	Monthly Lunch

What do you call someone who is sick on Valentine's Day?

Lovesick

1. Water pump 2. the Essex 3. Hand-operated 4. The drunk driver 5. Hudson Hornet 6. 5-speed transmission 7. SAE 50 grade 8. 1966 9. three years 10 Woodie station wagon.

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