

The Running Board

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President's Memo

Hey Folks!

I hope you're all doing well! Our day tour to Roseland Plantation was a great time—good food, scenic roads, and a fascinating look at history. If you missed this one, don't worry—we'll have more fun drives coming up soon!

By the time you read this, my Model A will have a new head gasket installed. It's always a challenge to keep these cars running strong, and I know many of you have tackled the same job before. If nothing else, it's a good excuse to spend some quality time in the garage!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Warm Regards,
Spencer Pennington

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1931 Lombard Blue Roadster (Ford's Middle Blue Color)



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.

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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 March 4, 2025 Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Spencer Pennington opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had no guests or new members. He asked if we wanted to accept the minutes from last month. They were accepted with a motion from Carolyn Vick and Lynda Dentler.

A big round of applause from everyone as John Shore walked in. So nice to have him back on the road again and joining us!

The financial report was given and accepted by Herman Dentler and Bob Letchworth.

NEW BUSINESS: Lynda Dentler has checked hotels in Natchitoches, Louisiana and said there are also bed and breakfasts available. There is a Jazz Festival in May, but it was decided this fall might be a better time to go. So a date will be picked later in the year for a club tour.

Spencer Pennington has a tour planned to Roseland Plantation near Ben Wheeler. It is an old historical large white house. We will meet in Canton and stop and have lunch in Edom at the Forge before the tour. The date was set for April 14th. Fee for tour will be \$10.

LUNCH: Tuesday lunch is March 18th at Bean and Burger in Mabank.

RAFFLE: Barbara Quain asked if anyone had any suggestions for ideas for raffle prizes. Spencer Pennington suggested Hobby Lobby. Gary Vick said we should try to keep the cost for prizes at about \$5.00. Lou Carpenter was our raffle winner this month. We collected \$30.

ADJOURNMENT: Fredye Quain made a motion to adjourn and Bob Letchworth seconded.

Lou Carpenter, Secretary/Treasurer

TRIVIA

1. What was the first gasoline-powered "horseless carriage" that Henry Ford built?
2. In what year did Ford introduce their first factory-built 4x4 pickup?
3. What year did the Ford F-series truck debut?
4. What was the nickname for the Ford Model T?
5. What year did Ford start offering seat belts as an option in some of their cars?
6. The Model A was more powerful than the Model T. It was capable of what speeds?
7. What is the rarest Model A?
8. About how many Model a Fords are left?
9. Where did Henry Ford work as an engineer before developing his Ford Motor Company?
10. When did the Ford Motor Company start?

Answers on last page.



Love those Beautiful Model As



No Birthdays for April

Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Please remember Jody Letchworth in your prayers with her loss of her husband Bob on March 26. He will be greatly missed.

Harris Lege is home after spending 4 days in the hospital. After they were able to get rid of the fluid he had retained, they released him to go home. He says he is back to having breakfast at Whataburger, but the rest of the day he spends just sitting in the recliner.

Continue to keep Bill and Sue Capps in your prayers. Bill is at home.

Keep us informed.

We Care!



From the Editor

Hello April—a month to enjoy spring, rain, birds, flowers, and trees blooming and budding.

Glad the club had a nice tour to Roseland Plantation. We were sorry we missed it, but had previous plans.

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



Nancy Cheshire



O-Ring to Protect Upholstery

I GOT THIS SIMPLE IDEA from a friend of mine – Bobby Roy, who lives in Ola, Arkansas.

Behind a finish washer for upholstery, use a #78 O-ring under the washer as a backup to keep from cutting into the material. I have put this idea to use with good results.



From: Doug Zinn, Little Rock, Arkansas Illustrated by John Pratt, Urbana, Ill.
The Restorer, May/June 2020 - Volume 65, Issue 1



Happenings in the month of March

Roseland Plantation Tour

Our day tour to Roseland Plantation was a fantastic time! We had beautiful weather, great company, and some fun stops along the way. We started off with a scenic drive to Martins Mill General Store, where we took a step back in time and browsed through all sorts of old-fashioned goodies. Lunch at The Forge in Ben Wheeler did not disappoint, with good food and plenty of laughs around the table. From there, we made our way to Edom Arthouse, a hidden gem filled with unique local art that was well worth the visit.

Of course, the highlight of the tour was Roseland Plantation, a splendid old plantation built in 1854, where we got a glimpse into history and saw their humongous painting of the Last Supper—an incredible piece that left us all in awe. All the rooms were beautiful and full of period antiques. There were 8 members and 3 Model As. Spencer's grandmother and her friend joined us also.

If you missed this tour, don't worry—we'll have more drives coming up soon. Thanks to everyone who joined in and made it such a great day on the road! Thanks to Spencer for planning the tour!

Combined writings by Spencer Pennington and Lou Carpenter

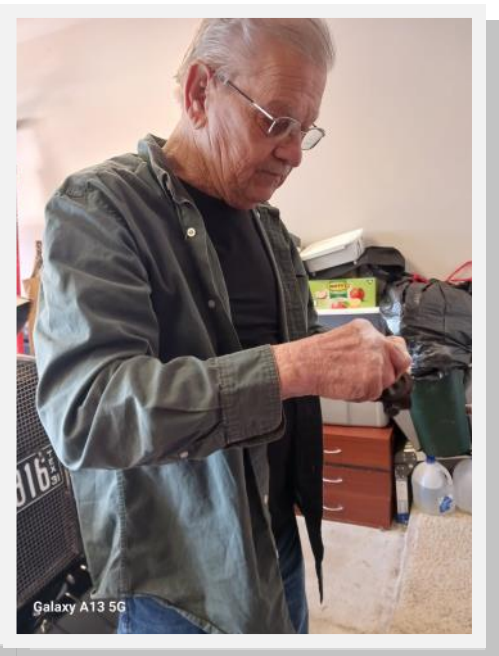




Monthly Lunch at
Bean & Burger in
Mabank

Good Samaritan to the Rescue

Lou Carpenter, Bob, and Jody Letchworth made a trip to Willis to help get the Capps Model A running. As we would expect Bob, the resident mechanic got it running. Thank you to them for making that trip!



Historical Tidbit



I have had a fascination with several of these colors over the years. Some of the colors I really like and some not so much. Three of my favorite colors are Lombard Blue, Chickie Drab (Chicle Gray) and Copra Drab. I really like these colors, but even more importantly, I really like the names. Chickie Drab (Chicle Gray) and Copra Drab just rolls off the tongue. Where did these names come from? Why would Henry put Chickie Drab (Chicle Gray) and Copra Drab together in the first place, and what was his fascination with Lombard Blue? OK, you could ask the same question of Stone Brown, Thorne Brown, Gunmetal Blue, or Washington Blue, but the names and the colors are kind of the same, just blah.

Let's discuss the history of Lombard Blue. A quick check of the internet, the World Book Encyclopedia of the 21st century, shows absolutely no connection of the word color or Lombard. However, clicking on images gives me a big hint on why Henry or maybe more likely, Edsel, chose to paint some of the most beautiful cars known to man in the likeness of perhaps the most sexy and glamorous Hollywood Star of the era, Carol Lombard.

Her 1931 movie *It Pays to Advertise* was loosely based on Henry Ford's advertising campaign introducing the New Ford (surely this is true and on the internet somewhere). Please note that Carol's blouse is the famous Lombard Blue and the lower body color of Sherry's Model A Coupe.

The colors are not tan, not brown, nor grey. Maybe if we knew where the names came from we could get an inkling as to the actual color. First let us look at Chickie Drab (Chicle Gray). A quick peek at the Urban Dictionary on Google says that chickle is really a pickle wrapped in cheese. Somehow, I don't think that either a green pickle or yellow cheese, even if merged, would be Chickie Drab (Chicle Gray).

I also learned that people, especially children, love to chew Frank Henry Fleer's invention: Bubble gum. In the early 1900s, the Red Indians of South America were the first to discover the chewiness of chicle, a dried sap of a jungle tree. It was colorless and tasteless. But by adding flavors and color to it, scientists made chewing gum a great hit. And, by the way, Bubble Gum was invented in 1957. So by further reasoning, it is plausible that after one chews some bubble gum, sticks it under the desk, and then a few days later pries it off with a pocket knife, one would see that the gum color would be very close to Henry's Chickie Drab (Chicle Gray) paint code. Oooh, I also learned that men chuckle and women chicle. I can't wait for Valentine's Day when I can tickle my honey and watch her chickle while I chuckle.

And now for the history and logic, applied exactly the same way as the President and most of Congress applies logic, of the really unique color Copra Drab. For over a century, Copra was King. Copra (coconut) oil was traded and became the main economic output of many Pacific Island communities. Copra is the kernel of the coconut dried to a drab tan or tan and white color. I really don't think I have ever seen a dried coconut kernel unless the entire coconut is the kernel. I think I had this in botany, but that was a couple of years ago and Copra is just really not very interesting.

Have you ever noticed that you can put 5 or more Model A's painted in Chicle Drab (Chicle Gray) and Copra Drab side by side and you will not find two the same color? My conclusion is that depending on the amount of time that the bubble gum is left under the desk and combined with the origin and drying time of the coconut these colors just cannot be duplicated. The only sure thing is that I really like them all.

As for the accuracy of this article, as sure as Al Gore invented the internet, I will stand behind all statements and facts in this article.

Written by Ray Hinnant, a member of the Brazos Valley A's, located in Bryan-College Station, Texas.



Not the same color are they.

"Copra Drab" was a body color, and "Chicle Drab (Gray)" was used for the beltline, quarter panel, and sill molding.

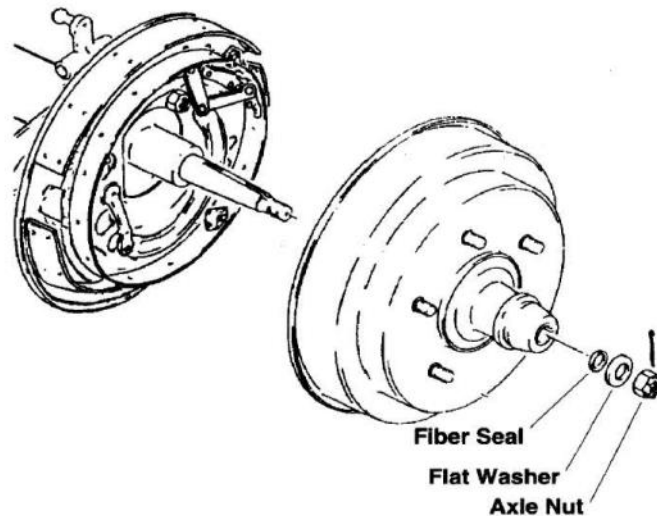


Technical Tips

Jim's Tech Tips

"Check Your Rear Axle Nuts"

Every time I have a rear wheel off of a Model A, I use the opportunity to check the tightness of the rear axle nut for that wheel. They are supposed to be quite tight, and yet I find many with at least one axle nut that is loose. This is not good. If the hub is able to move on the axle, it will cause excess wear to the end of the axle and can damage it to the point where the axle will need to be replaced.



To check it, first remove the cotter key. With the transmission in 1st or Reverse gear, and the opposite rear tire on the ground, you can apply a wrench to the axle nut and confirm it is tight.

Ford did not publish torque values for nuts and bolts; he counted on the experience and "feel" of expert mechanics to know how tight to make things. Les Andrews has a value of 125 ft-lbs. in his book for this nut, and I feel that is a good target to shoot for. Watch the position of the cotter pin hole relative to the slots in the axle nut. If the pin will not line up on the nut, keep tightening the nut until the cotter pin goes in. Bend the ears over. I use a new cotter pin every time.

This simple maintenance step will help you avoid bigger problems down the road.

Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim



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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
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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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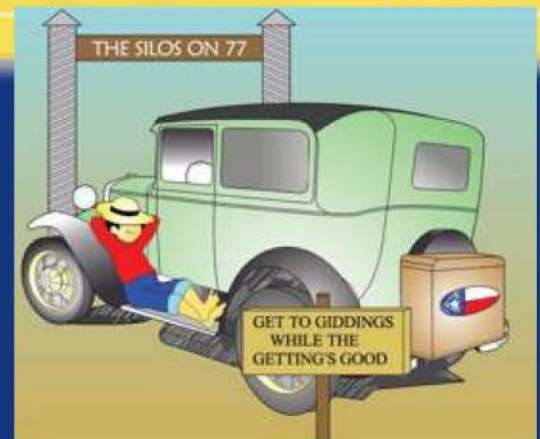


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Win the 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton Sweepstakes!

Through the generous donation of Gary and Laurie Mills, their 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton will be used in this year's sweepstakes. Their request was that the proceeds be used to fund the expansion of the Ford Model A Museum on the grounds of the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

The 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton highlights: Like a traditional phaeton this open car has no side windows, providing an open-air driving experience. Unlike a Ford Model A roadster, the Phaeton has four doors, allowing passengers access to the back seat. With an open design, the Phaeton was not as commonly purchased as other Model A body styles.

Entering in the sweepstakes not only benefits the Model A Ford Museum, you are entered to win this amazing car!

Prize Details:

With an original cost of \$395 F.O.B Detroit in 1928, this Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton is an amazing vehicle. Painted in Thorne Brown body with black fenders and a gold pin stripe. This car sports a full Lebaron Bonney interior and top installed in 2006 that is still in great condition, along with receipts of ~\$40,000!

Check out maffi.org to enter sweepstakes.



2025  **Event Calendar**

- 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 12-15, 2025 ... **Texas Tour in Giddings, TX**
- JUN 17, 2025 ... Monthly Lunch
- JUL 1, 2025 ... Meeting at Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- JUL 15, 2025 ... Monthly Lunch
- AUG 5, 2025 ... Meeting at Dairy Queen in Seven Points
- AUG 19, 2025 .. Monthly Lunch



Why do omelets love April Fools'?

They enjoy practical yolks.

Why can April jump so high?

Because it is spring!



Answers from page 3: 1. Quadricycle 2. 1959 3. 1948 4. Tin Lizzie 5. 1956 6. 55-65 mph 7. Convertible Sedan 8. over 500,000 9. Edison Illuminating Co. 10. 1903

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