

The Running Board

November 2025

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President's Memo

Hey Folks!

I hope you're all doing well! We've got a fun outing on the calendar—Friday, November the 7th we'll drive to Tyler for lunch at **Loggins Restaurant** and then head over to the **Rose City Art Gallery**.

It'll be an easy, relaxed day with good food, good art, and great company.

Bring your As and your cameras, and we'll firm up times and route details at the meeting on November 3.

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 (deceased) and Sue Capps
- O. V. and Lorene Cliver – deceased
- S. D. "Shorty" Johnson – deceased
- Olin Lewis – deceased
- Ola Powell – deceased
- Gene Tregre – deceased



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MEETING MINUTES

Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club
Monthly Meeting – October 7, 2025
 Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Spencer Pennington welcomed the members of the Cedar Creek Model A Club at 5:30 PM. Everyone stood and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Spencer asked if there were any guests or new members. None were present.

Everyone should have received a copy of September's minutes. Spencer asked if there were any revisions or corrections to be made and then asked for a motion to accept them. Chuck Cheshire made a motion to accept and Jess Parker seconded it. A financial report update was given. There were no comments or corrections to be made. Carolyn Vick made a motion to accept and Chuck Cheshire seconded it.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Gerald Phariss isn't very well. He has had several falls.

BIRTHDAYS: No one present had a birthday.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Autumn Trails -Sept 24th, Tyler Arts Tour November 7th with lunch at Loggins, Natchitoches Trip –December 3rd to 5th, Christmas Party December 13th at Cheshires, New Year's Eve at Bellitos in Gun Barrel City.

SWAP MEET: October 10th to 13th Canton.

TECH SESSION: Everyone's car is up and running.

LUNCH: Bean and Burger in Mabank at 1PM.

RAFFLE: This month's raffle was \$31 dollars.

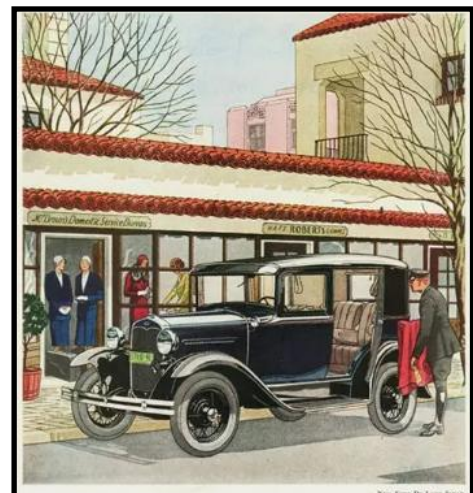
Spencer asked if there was anything else to discuss and asked for a motion to close the meeting. Carolyn Vick made a motion and Barbara Quain seconded. Meeting closed at 6:20 PM.

Spencer Pennington kept the minutes as Lou Carpenter was out of town.

TRIVIA

1. Who was Henry Ford's offspring?
2. What was the popular design feature of automobiles in the '50s?
3. What is intake, compression, power, and exhaust?
4. Which 1956 automobile did Elvis Presley purchase for his mother?
5. How many times did Henry Ford introduce the Model A?
6. Which automobile was manufactured first Porsche or the Volkswagen?
7. Did the 1928 Ford Phaeton have outside door handles?
8. What type of steering did Mercury offer in 1953 as an option?
9. Which 1949 car was dubbed the "bathtub" design?
10. What country manufactures the Peugeot?

Answers on last page.





November Birthdays

Myles Pennington 11/14



Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

Jody Letchworth is doing well.
Gerald Phariss has good and bad days.

We Care!

From the Editor

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to November and the busy time of the year. A couple of tours ahead of us. Should be a good time for both.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Nancy Cheshire



Interesting Facts about Thanksgiving

1. Americans eat 704 million pounds of turkey every Thanksgiving.

According to the National Turkey Federation, around 44 million turkeys were served at Thanksgiving in the United States in 2017. That's compared to 22 million pounds at Christmas and 19 million at Easter. The average weight of each, meanwhile, was 16 pounds, which means we're gobbling up 704 million pounds of turkey across the country.

2. The Butterball hotline answers 100,000 turkey-related questions every year.

Butterball, a popular turkey company, opens a turkey hotline each November and December to answer any turkey-related questions you may have. Founded in 1981, the Turkey Talk Line went from receiving a modest 11,000 questions that first year to answering more than 100,000 questions across the U.S. and Canada every holiday season.

3. Native Americans had many uses for the cranberry.

Long before homemade and canned cranberry sauce became a traditional Thanksgiving meal, indigenous Americans had many other uses for the small red fruit. Not only did they eat cranberries fresh and use them as an ingredient in other foods, but native communities also used cranberries to heal wounds and dye fabrics.

4. The day after Thanksgiving is the busiest day of the year for plumbers.

The day after Thanksgiving is traditionally busy for plumbers due to the combination of large family gatherings, extensive cooking, and the increased use of kitchen and bathroom facilities.



October Events

A small group of six members had lunch at Bean and Burger in Mabank on Thursday, October 23.



Autumn Trails Weekend— Antique Car Parade

There were 47 Model A Fords and 45 other classic and antique cars in the parade on Saturday, Oct.25. The bit of rain overnight probably scared some folks off! Due to the rain The Propane Company's Parking lot was used for lineup.

Our Harris Lege was seen the parade!



Historical Tidbit

It's Fall... Time to don that **Flannel Shirt**

THE ALMIGHTY HISTORY OF THE FLANNEL SHIRT | nostalgia providence.com

Flannel shirts are part of the iconic image of the American lumberjack and have been an American fashion staple since the mid-century. The plaid flannel shirts place in American culture is only a small part of its long history. The flannel shirt, as we know it, became popular in Scotland and England in the early 1800s.

But the flannel, the fabric, has been around since the 17th century.

It was woven by the wives of Welsh farmers, who had been spinning wool yarn for centuries and eventually found that if you brush the wool on both sides, it becomes much sturdier. This created a thicker, more industrious fabric. It was durable and insulating, while still being soft and comfortable. Perfect for wet, cold, and windy climates.

The addition of the horizontal and crisscrossed bands done in multiple colors were originally added to represent the weaver's region, and these patterns are called Tartans. Tartans have ancient origins, the oldest being from the 6th century B.C. found in Austria, belonging to a Celtic culture. Tartan pants were also found on ancient Chinese mummies from a similar period during the Iron Age. These textiles were simple checked patterns using light and dark wool, but very distinctive and usually worn by higher society.

The more intricate spacing and patterns of the bands and the defined color choices first popped up in 16th century Scot-



land. Tartans became so popular they were once outlawed and only used for military uniforms and royalty. The tradition of associating a tartan pattern to a family or clan became popular in the 17th century.

The High Society of London wanted the heads of each clan to be honorably represented by a specific tartan pattern. These tartans would then be authenticated and recorded. This tradition carried on and became very popular, almost all Scottish clans now have several tartans attributed to their names.

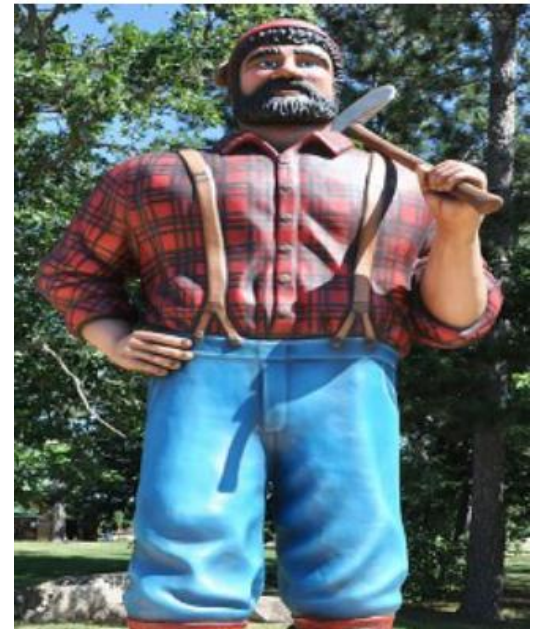


So how did the tartan/plaid flannel shirt become this American symbol of resilience, strength and masculinity? Well, the same way the country kind of did, through the Industrial Revolution. The country was growing at a rapid pace, forests were being cleared for cities, train tracks were being run to connect the coasts and the men working these grim jobs needed clothing that would hold up.

Everything from coats, shirts, pants and underwear were made from flannel. Flannel clothing would hold up against harsh weather and arduous work. The gritty images of railroad workers and lumberjacks in plaid flannel shirts working on these massive projects were popularized through the media and became synonymous with the American prospector.

In the mid twentieth century, the popular folk lore character Paul Bunyan brought the flannel shirt back into fashion. He is the sym-

bol of the great American frontiersman, the American dream of the previous generation. Paul Bunyan was extremely popular with kids, but also adults, so this made the flannel shirt well-liked by everyone.



Now you'll find plaid flannel shirts everywhere, it has sort of shed its culturally distinctive nature. It doesn't belong to one specific group or represent certain ideals, it is almost as common and universal as a white T-shirt, anyone can wear it and feel comfortable.



By Nancy Goynea

**Classic Flannel Shirts are Softer
and More Comfortable**

Technical Tips

Jim's Tech Tips

"Refueling With a Gas Can"

Sometimes I find it more convenient to go get 5 gallons of gas with a gas can for my Model A than it is to drive down to the gas station with the car to fuel it up.

But a 5-gallon can full of gas weighs over 30 pounds, and lifting it up to the gas cap on the Model A and controlling the can's spout as it enters the gas tank (without spilling gas all over the place!!!) can be a real challenge. Even with a helper to guide the spout into the tank as you go, it can be a mess.

My brother turned me on to this tip (thanks, Kevin!): For about \$20, you can purchase a small battery powered fuel transfer pump that will put the gas into your car in about a minute or two. This little thing is amazing!



You rest the gas can on the splash apron and fender (put a towel under it) and put the pump body into the gas can. Hold the pump outlet inside the gas tank filler opening with one hand and switch on the pump with the other hand. In no time at all the gas can is empty and you switch the pump off. Carefully remove the pump outlet from the tank and point it up to prevent fuel in the hose from dripping on your car. It's that easy, and a one-person operation.

On a car with side-mount spares, you can rest the gas can on the spare tire and hold it there, instead of resting on the splash apron and fender. It works just the same.

As an added bonus, you can quickly pump most of the old fuel OUT of a Model A gas tank with this pump, and into a 5-gallon gas can, if the need arises. I have done that, too.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday, November 7, 2025—Tour to Tyler, Texas

**Lunch at Loggins Restaurant with tour
of Rose City Art Gallery afterwards**



After dark cruise on the Cane River



Three Historic Plantations



Christmas Lights along the river & town.

Off to Natchitoches, Louisiana Dec. 3-5 for a Historic Christmas Experience

We are staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Natchitoches for two nights. Reserve your rooms now if you haven't already at 877-865-6578. If you haven't let us know if you are planning to go along, please contact Nancy Cheshire 972-279-4786 by call or text or nmcheshire@yahoo.com.

Itinerary:

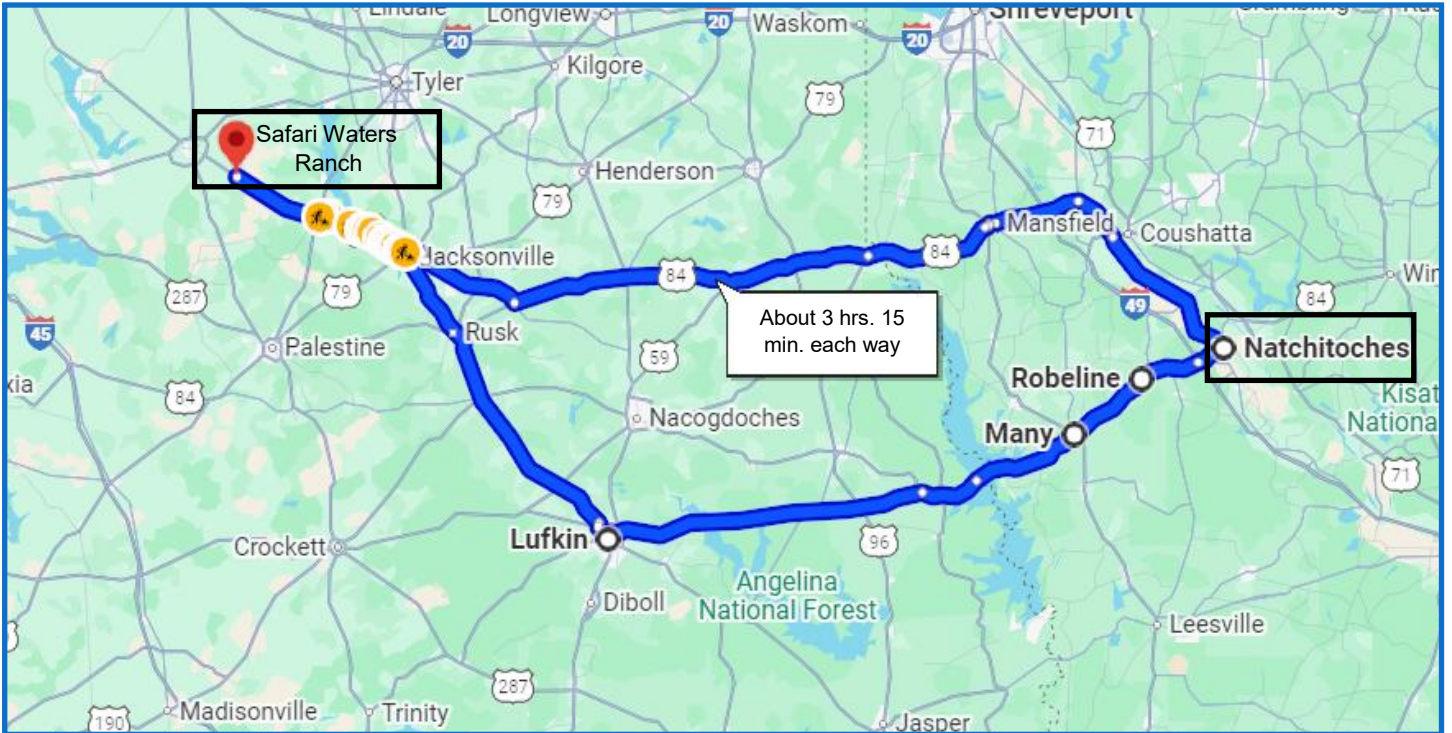
Wed, Dec 3.—We can leave as a group from Safari Waters Ranch at 9:00 am to Natchitoches. Lunch on the way or upon arrival. Visit Gator Country (Cost \$10). Cruise on Cane River Queen Riverboat to see the Christmas Lights (\$22.10). Dinner somewhere.

Thurs., Dec 4.—Breakfast at hotel. Travel the Cane River National Heritage Trail to see three plantations, Fort Jean Baptiste and St. Augustine Catholic Church. Dinner somewhere. (Melrose Plantation is \$15, others are free)

Fri., Dec 5. — Guided tour in Town at 10 AM and return home stopping at Los Adaes State Historic Site and Fort Jesup Historic Site (\$4). Lunch somewhere.

The drive to and from Natchitoches will be a circle drive from Larue to Natchitoches on a due eastern route then south. Return trip will follow a southwestern route to Lufkin then northwestern route back to where we started. We will travel through Jacksonville, Texas both ways. The drive each way is about 3 hrs. 15 min.

As of now we have 14 people going with 7 vehicles.



Gator Country



Cane River Queen



St. Augustine Catholic Church—center of Creole community



Fort Jesup State Historic Site



**CCMAFC Annual
Christmas Party**

**to be held at the Cheshires
at 8450 Fallow Run, Larue,
TX 75770**

**on Saturday, December 13,
2025 at 11:30 am.**

**Meat will be provided.
Sign up to bring a salad, a
side, or dessert**

**Bring a wrapped white
elephant gift also for a fun
event.**

**Questions etc. contact
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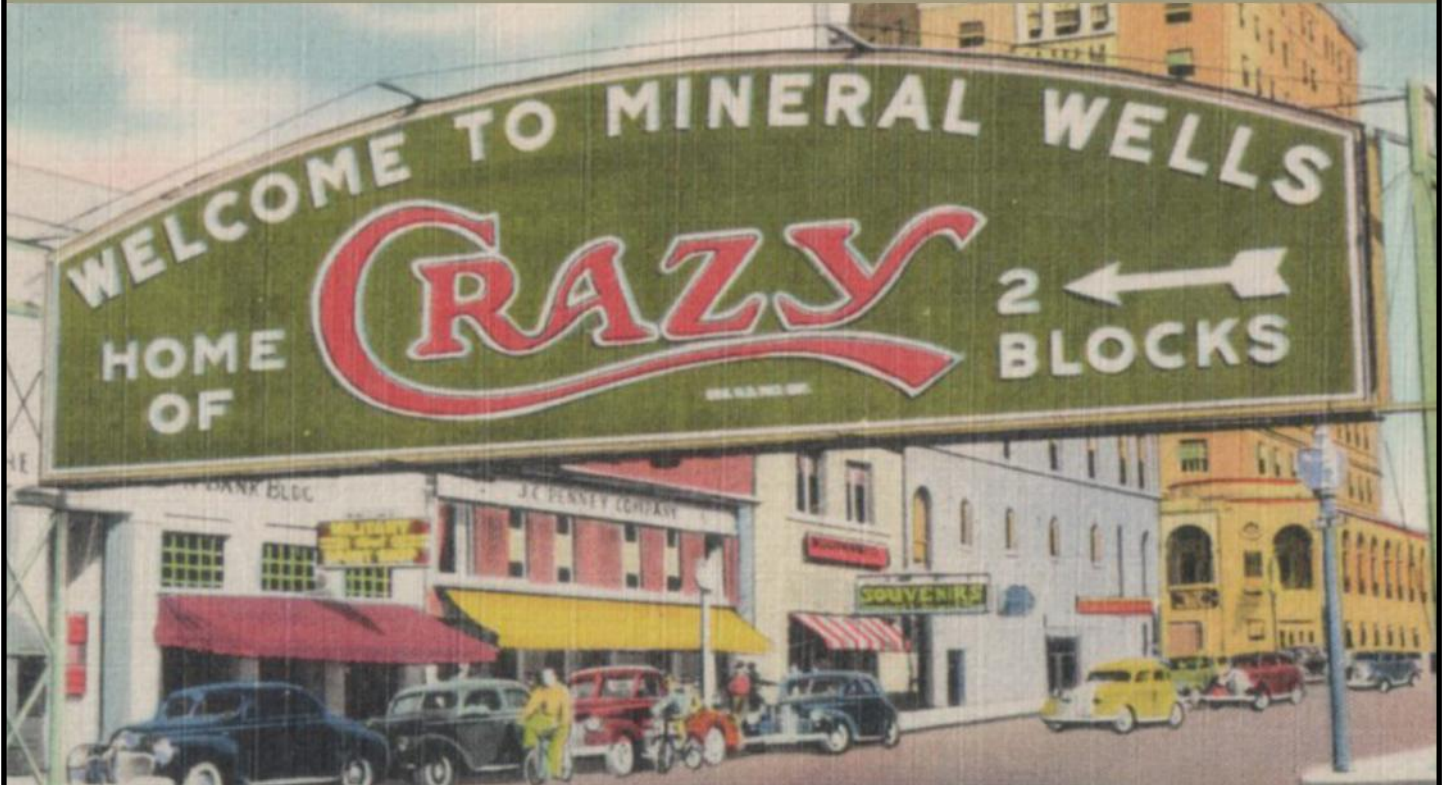
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- Enjoy seminars by Sherry Winkhofer and Paul Shinn
- Hear the history of Alabama's roadways
- Tour the beautifully lit Gardens of Bellingrath, all decked out for Christmas
- Visit the USS Alabama and enjoy lunch under the planes
- Explore Mobile's history by Trolley

Join us in Mobile, Alabama
December 3 - 6

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel

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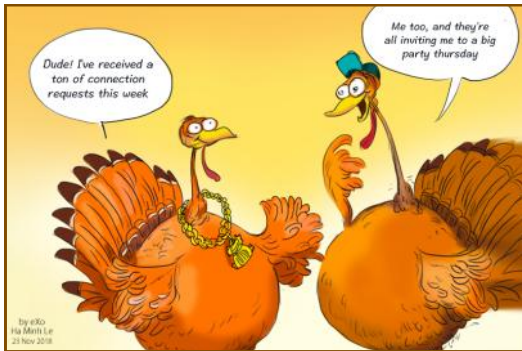
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2025

Event Calendar

NOV 3, 2025	Meeting at Dairy Queen in Seven Points
NOV 19, 2025 ...	Monthly Lunch
DEC 13, 2025	Christmas Party at the Cheshires' Home in Safari Waters Ranch at 8450 Fallow Run Signup sheet at the November club meeting
DEC 31, 2025	New Year's Eve dinner at Bellitos in Gun Barrel City





What do you call a turkey on the day after Thanksgiving?.



Lucky

Answers to page 3: 1. Edsel Ford 2. Fins, 3. Four Strokes, 4. Cadillac, 5. Twice, 6. Volkswagon, 7. No, 8. Power steering, 9. Nash, 10.

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