

The Running Board

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President's Memo

Hello Folks!

This month our club meeting will be held at our Christmas Party on the 13th, so be sure to join in for fellowship, food, and some holiday cheer together. I'll be in Mexico with Salma during that time, but I wanted to send my warmest wishes to each of you. I hope you have a wonderful time celebrating together, and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

May this season bring joy to your families, and may our Model A's stay warm and ready for some great drives ahead!

Warm Regards, *Spencer Pennington*

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Merry Christmas

Everyone!



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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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





MEETING MINUTES

Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club
Monthly Meeting – November 4, 2025
 Dairy Queen at Seven Points

Spencer Pennington opened the meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 3 guests present. Laurie Killingsworth, Gregg Caudell, and Billy Lee Thomas. So good to have new people visiting.

Spencer asked if there were any revisions or corrections that needed to be made to last months minutes. Carolyn Vick and Fredye Quain both made motions to accept them as is. The financial report was then given. Barbara Quain and Herman Dentler made motions to accept the report.

SUNSHINE REPORT: We were saddened to hear that Sandra Lee has passed away. Wallace Kemp a former member had also passed away.

WINNSBORO REPORT: Harris Lege drove to Winnsboro again this year. He said the stew supper was very good. The power went off at the Trails Motel until about 1PM Friday night. A rainy night but the rain stopped for the parade Saturday morning. At the barbecue supper that night Harris at age 92 once again won the oldest driver award. He was very proud of the red cup he won.

BIRTHDAYS: No birthday members present but Herman Dentler paid his \$1 for his birthday last month.

NEW BUSINESS: Spencer Pennington has a tour to Tyler planned Friday. We will meet at Loggins at 11:30 for lunch. After lunch we will go to the Rose City Art House.

NATCHITOCHEs TOUR: Everything is shaping up for our tour to Louisiana. We will meet at Safari Waters at 9AM December 3rd.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Our Christmas Party will be at the Cheshires' house in Safari Waters on December



1. What is ETHYL-free gas?
2. What was Earle MacPherson's invention?
3. Name a spark plug tool?
4. Name a short-lived Ford brand.
5. Name the 60's Chevy pickup truck.
6. What is called the frame and suspension only.
7. What type of station wagon did Pontiac introduce in 1937?
8. Whose idea was it to replace the Model T with the new Model A?
9. What was used to assist Batman's "BATMOBILE" in stopping at high speeds?
10. What year was the Javelin introduced by AMC?

Answers on last page.

the 13th. Bring a white elephant gift for each person who wants to participate. We will also do Toys for Tots. So bring an unwrapped child's gift. An email will be sent after Thanksgiving with the food list and directions to the Cheshires' house.

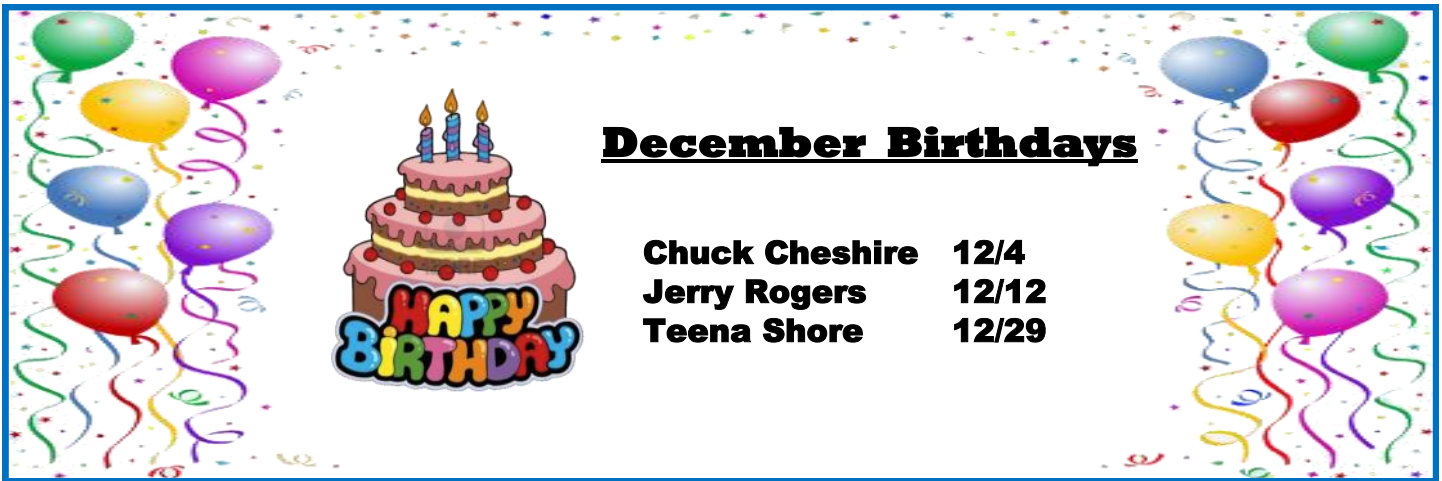
NEW YEARS: Our New Year's dinner will be at Billitos in Gun Barrel City.

TECH SESSION: No one needed any help.

LUNCH: Monthly lunch for November is on the 18th at 1PM at the Silver Spur in Canton.


RAFFLE: Herman Dentler was the raffle winner this month.

ADJOURNMENT: Carolyn Vick made a mo-



December Birthdays

Chuck Cheshire	12/4
Jerry Rogers	12/12
Teena Shore	12/29



Sunshine News

By Lou Carpenter

We were saddened to hear of the loss of our dear Sandra Lee. They will have a Memorial gathering at their home on Dec. 6 from 1-5 pm. Please remember Bill in your prayers.

Gerald Phariss has good and bad days.
Keep remembering him.



From the Editor

Hello Everyone,
It is December and we will celebrate with a Christmas Party on Dec. 13 and New Year's Eve dinner. On Dec. 31.
Hope to see you all there.



November Events

A group of members had lunch at Loggins Restaurant in Tyler on November 7 and toured the Rose City Art Gallery afterwards. A small group of eight members had lunch at Silver Spur Q & Brew Barbeque on Tuesday, November 18. We were glad to see Bill Lee and catch up. Unfortunately there are no pictures of these events.

Christmas Thoughts

It's sharing gifts, not purchasing gifts that matter.

It's not wrapping presents: it's being present and wrapping your arms around the ones you love.

It's not getting Christmas cards out on time: it's sending any card, anytime, at the right time.

It's not having the biggest and best Christmas Light display: it's displaying the Christ-like that comes from your heart.

It's not Santa coming down the chimney: it is Jesus coming from heaven and giving us the gift of eternal life



Technical Tips

Easy Replacement of Original Points

Idea by Ronald Jawernycky, Farmington, Michigan
Illustration by Steve Holt, Urbana, Illinois

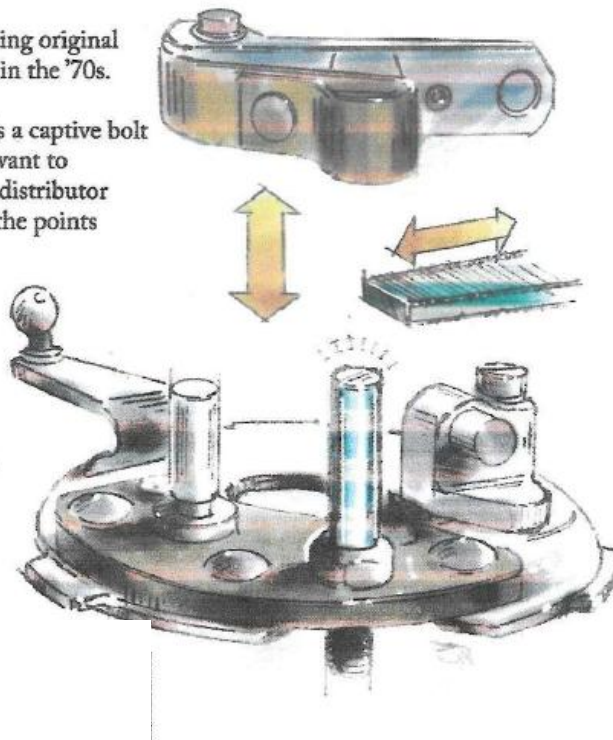
Tiny Tips
From MAFCA Members

IFIRST LEARNED this tip for more easily replacing original style points from the Motor Cities club back in the '70s.

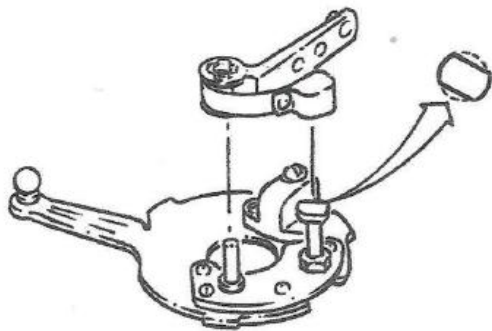
ON THE DISTRIBUTOR'S upper plate there is a captive bolt that holds down the original style points. If you want to replace the points, you have to remove the upper distributor plate and unscrew the bolt ... and only then can the points be replaced.

HERE IS THE TIP. Using a Dremel tool or small file, grind down the edge on both sides so the points can be slid off without removing the upper plate.

DO THE SAME with the replacement points. This way you can replace the points within seconds by simply sliding off the worn set and sliding on a new set. Don't worry; the points will not slip off during use. ☹



Tiny Tips



ILLUSTRATED BY HOWARD BARNES

Unless you really like to run the risk of shorting out the pigtail under the upper distributor plate everytime you change points (because you have to take off the distributor cam to get to the bottom side of the upper plate to loosen the pivot post nut for the moveable point), here is a small modification which allows the timing cam and upper distributor plate to stay in place while you change points. Remove the pivot post from an old set of points and grind the head into an oval shape just small enough to slip through the wrap-around spring. The remaining head should be adequate to keep the spring in place. Install this post (permanently) in the upper plate of the distributor. When installing a new set of points, remove the (new) pivot post from the moveable spring arm and just slide the spring down over the (permanent) post. It is essential that the correct gap be set at 0.022" for new points.

Ed Giovannella, Minuteman Chapter, Medway, MA

UPCOMING EVENTS



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

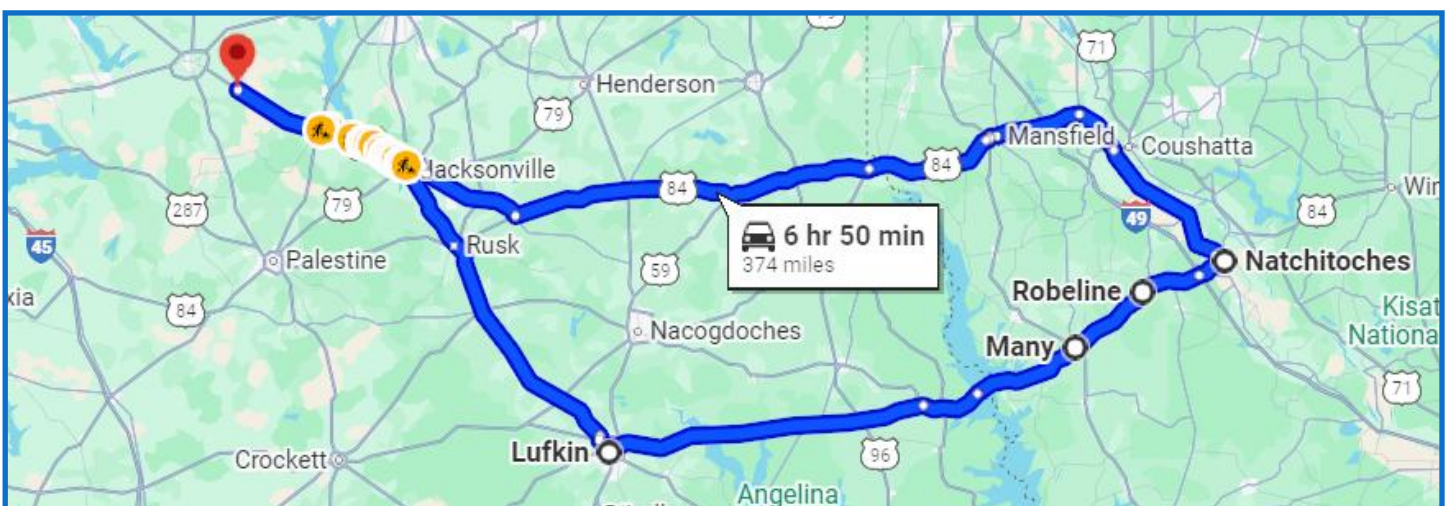
Wed, Dec 3.—We can leave as a group from Safari Waters Ranch at 9:00 am to Natchitoches. Lunch upon arrival in Natchitoches at El Patio Mexican Restaurant. Visit Fort St. Jean Baptiste Historic Site (Cost \$4) Cruise on Cane River Queen Riverboat to see the Christmas Lights (\$22.10). Dinner Merci Beaucoup in downtown.

Thurs., Dec 4.—Breakfast at hotel. Walking Tour of downtown. Travel the Cane River National Heritage Trail to see two plantations, and St. Augustine Catholic Church. Dinner at Cane River Commissary. (Melrose Plantation is \$15, others are free)

Fri., Dec 5. — Return home stopping at Toledo Bend Travel Stop. Lunch in Alto at Miss Mollie's Diner.

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.





**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 and unwrapped toy.**

**Questions etc. contact
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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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Calumet Region Decorates the Model "A" Museum for the Holidays




2025

Event Calendar

DEC 13, 2025 Christmas Party at the Cheshires' Home in Safari Waters Ranch at 8450 Fallow Run
Lou will send out an updated signup sheet by Mass Mailer

DEC 31, 2025 New Year's Eve dinner at Bellitos in Gun Barrel City

2026—1st meeting is January 6, 2026 at 5:30 PM.
Monthly lunch will be on January 20 somewhere.





What did one Christmas Tree say to another?



Lighten Up

Answers to page 3. 1. Unleaded gas 2. Strut 3. Gapper 4. Edsel 5. Edsel 6. Woody station wagon 8. Edsel Ford 9. Twin parathutes 10. 1968

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