



# The Running Board



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## President's Memo

MODEL A CLUB MEMBERS,

Spring is here! I've seen bluebonnets and many other flowers, and the trees are fully leafed out. This is the time for us to drive our As.

I appreciate everyone who has helped on the 2027 Tour. Several hotels, our venue, and the logo are in place. Nancy is finishing the flyer and the 2026 presentation for Mineral Wells.

It's not too late to register for the Mineral Wells Tour. I plan to be there and hope you will join us!

Sincerely,

*Herman Dentler*

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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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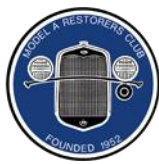
The Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club (CCMAFC) was formed in 2002 in Henderson Co., Texas. The club's meetings are held at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points, Henderson Co., Texas near Cedar Creek Lake.

**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 April 7, 2026

Our president Herman Dentler opened the meeting by saying how good it was to see Ed Cliver attending. Ed said he was glad we are having our meetings at 3PM now.

He said his Dad O. V. Cliver was a charter member of the Dallas Model A Club. Bob Letchworth bought O. V.'s car and it is still in Bob's garage.

Herman lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then a short prayer.

It was also good to see Gary and Carolyn Vick attending. Gary had cataract surgery today and was wearing an eye protector but said he is feeling find.

There were no April birthday people present. But Gary and Carolyn are celebrating their anniversary later this month. They put \$1 dollar in the kitty.

**LUNCH:** This month we will have lunch at the Mabank Feed Store. It will be on Wednesday the 15th at 1PM on Highway 198 just outside Mabank.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Texas Tour 2027. Lou Carpenter made a motion to authorize Herman Dentler to open an account for the tour at Prosperity Bank in Athens, Texas. Herman will put in \$3,500 of his personal money to open the account. The Tyler Model A Club will deposit \$2000 from their club. When the account balance reaches \$10000 the \$3500 and \$2000 will be returned to Herman and the Tyler Club. Herman Dentler, Nancy Cheshire, and Lula Carpenter will all be signers on the account. Nancy Cheshire made a motion to accept and Wanda Bell seconded it. Herman asked for all in favor to raise their hands. Motion passed with everyone voting yes. Spencer and Myles Pennington will set up a mobile banking link for the tour for people who want to pay online.

Kathleen Vaghy and her daughter Jennifer have designed an outstanding logo for the tour. Everyone was extremely pleased with it. It will also make a beautiful T-shirt.



The Ford Model A engine (1928–1931) was a 200.5 cubic inch, 40-horsepower, L-head inline-four that powered over 5 million vehicles. The engine provided a top speed of 65 mph. It featured a 3-bearing crankshaft, gravity-feed oiling system, and no water pump in the earliest models, producing high torque (128 lb-ft) at low speeds (1,000 RPM) with a 4.22:1 compression ratio.

#### Engine Design and Features:

**Performance:** Produced 40 hp at roughly 2,200 RPM.

**Bore & Stroke:** 3.875-inch bore and 4.25-inch stroke.

**Lubrication:** The engine lacks a modern pressurized oil pump, relying on gravity feed and dipper/splash lubrication for the connecting rods.

**Bearings:** It uses three poured babbitt main bearings rather than modern replaceable inserts.

**Counterweights:** The crankshaft has no counterweights.

**Cooling:** While early units used thermo-siphon, most models use a belt-driven water pump.

#### Trivia and Technical Facts:

**Engine Numbers:** Engine numbers were stamped on the side of the block, representing the inspection date at the Rouge plant. This number was often used as the car's VIN and also stamped on the frame.

**Built-in TDC Tool:** A special pin in the timing gear cover can be flipped and used to locate the top dead center (TDC) of the number one cylinder.

**Safety Improvements:** The Model A was the first Ford to use standard conventional controls (clutch, brake, throttle, and gear shift).

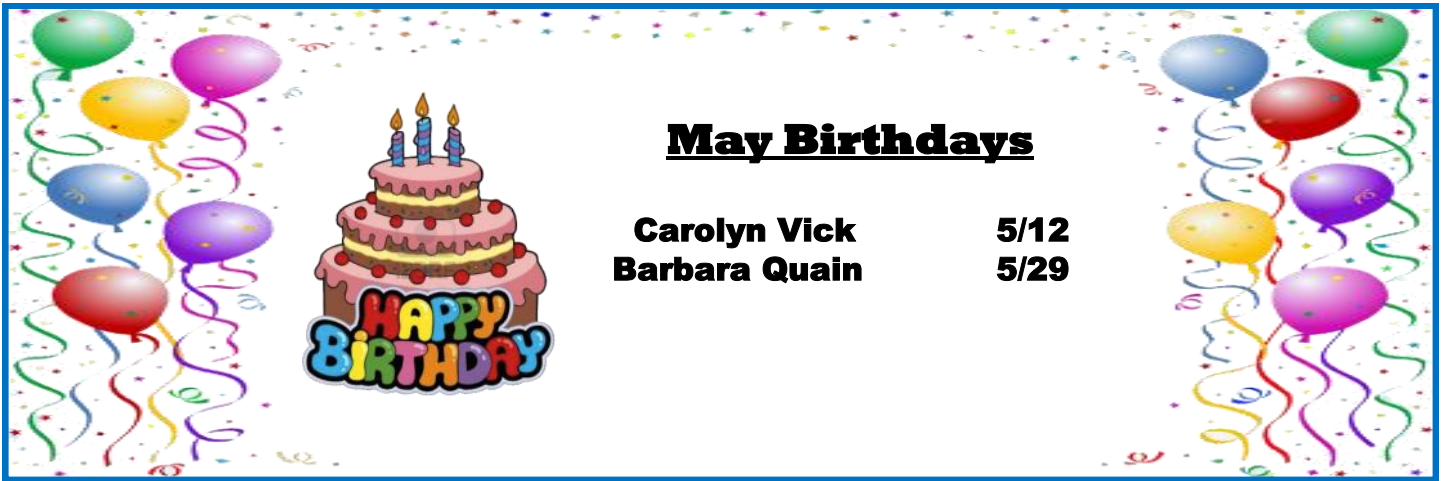
**Cast Iron Head:** The cylinder head is removable, a change from the Model T, and both head and block are cast iron.

Once again John Bell won the raffle. He seems to have gotten very lucky lately.



**ADJOURNMENT:** Carolyn Vick made a motion to adjourn and Chuck Cheshire seconded it.

*Lou Carpenter Secretary/Treasurer*



## **May Birthdays**

**Carolyn Vick**  
**Barbara Quain**

**5/12**  
**5/29**



## **Sunshine News**

By Lou Carpenter

Shoulder surgery for Nancy Cheshire on July 22.

Anna Hellebrand is now staying with one of her daughters in Dallas. She says it has gotten very hard to do some things by herself.

Please let Lou Carpenter know if you are having health problems.

**We Care!**

### **From the Editor**

Hello Everyone,

Well it is May already. Time is flying by too fast. We need to do some touring. Got any ideas for a day trip.

*Nancy Cheshire*



## **April Lunch in Mabank**

Only five members made it for barbeque at B 4 Barbeque at the Mabank Feed Store on April 15.

The rest of you were missed. Of course Lou Carpenter takes the pictures and is never in them.



# Historical Tidbit

## Dean O'Ferrall's appreciation for Henry Ford as delivered on April 10, 1947

Few great men are appreciated by the generation in which they live. Their ideas are generally far in advance of their contemporaries and arouse incredulity in many minds. The creative geniuses of the race are often maligned and persecuted. I imagine in the early days of Henry Ford's great career this may have been true. But as today in humble, simple fashion he is laid to rest with his fathers, the world is able to see and recognize as a great boon to humanity the ideas he set himself to realize many years ago. Those better versed than I are estimating his industrial greatness and the new age in industry which his ideas inaugurated.

I wish to speak of the qualities of his later years which impressed themselves upon me. First, his dislike of ostentation and pomp; the continuance to the end of his simple personal tastes and habits in an age given to luxury and extravagance in this country. These good habits may well impress themselves upon our youth of the land. Then, I must mention also the humility and depreciation of personal praise which always characterized him.

Secondly, I doubt whether any man of great

wealth ever gave more away without the knowledge of the world and his fellow generally. He once told me if his own conscience was clear in such matters, that was all he wished.

Thirdly, his lifelong devotion to his home, the fine example of home life he set, his devo-

tion of his early surroundings, the city and community he did so much to make great and powerful. He did not desire to change his home to dwell among the financial princes of the world; the words home and children in every sense meant much to him.

And lastly, his belief in Everlasting Life. His firm faith that his life was but a preparation for another and greater one, which he often discussed with me; so

that I have no doubt that now after the more than four score years which by clean and healthy living, he was permitted to live, and now that the "silver cord has been loosed" and "the gold bowl broken," he has gone to his long home which shall know no end, in the infinite Eternity of God.

**Reverend Kirk B. O'Ferrall,  
Dean of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral**

*The Ford Legend, Spring 2023*



# Interesting Facts

## Tire maintenance should consist of the following:

1. Tire pressure recommended is 35 PSI, proper inflation is a must for safety.
2. Use a good tire preservative to the sidewalls to help slow down the drying process.
3. If you don't plan on driving your car for a long period of time, put the car up on jacks to prevent flat spots on the tire.
4. Rotate the tires every 2000-2500 miles for even tire wear
5. Don't allow the tires to be exposed to direct sunlight sitting for real long periods.
6. Always check the spokes on your rims for damage and straightness
7. Always check you tires for nails, glass and any other things that might have fallen on your garage floor.



- Volcano A's

## Did You Know?

1. All A's were furnished with metal valve stems and covers?
2. Different body styles require a different number of rear spring leaves?
3. All A's were furnished with an owner's manual and tools?
4. There was a 3-window Model A coupe built?
5. There was an "eyebrow" fender produced for a short time in 1930?
6. Model A spindles are interchangeable right to left, Model A king pins are not; one is a right and one is left.
7. Colored wheels were a special factory order?

- from Southern Tier A's newsletter

# Technical Tips

## Jim's Tech Tips *"Installing Spring Shackles"*

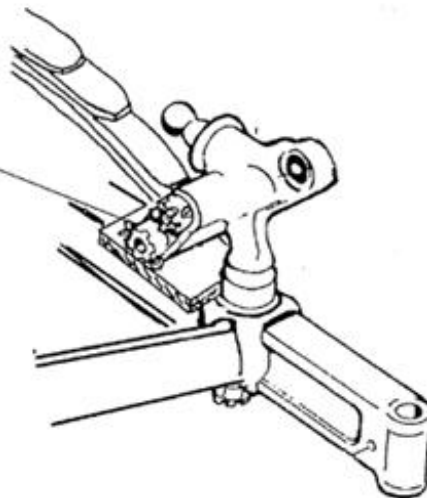
We have had two members replace their rear spring recently, which prompts this Tech Tip.

Install the shackle, put the bar across the end, and install the nuts. Go ahead and tighten them down snug, just to get everything seated properly.

NOW, back out the castle nuts one full turn. Keep turning that direction until the slot in the nut lines up with the drilled hole. Now install a cotter pin.

If you tighten this nut up and leave it tight, you don't allow the shackle to float around and move as needed. This doesn't let the grease work its way around inside the bushings. This will shorten the shackle bushing life.

Snug these nuts up, but then loosen them one full turn, plus whatever it takes to get a cotter pin installed



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

Jim Cannon

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 63rd Model "A" Ford Texas Tour

JUNE 11-14, 2026 MINERAL WELLS, TX



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### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome and farewell banquets
- Planned early bird activities
- Multiple mini tour options
- Era Fashions
- Blue Oval Car Barn
- Grand Tour with catered lunch
- Game night with ice cream
- Within walking distance of the historic Baker Hotel

**Hotel Information:** mention "Texas Tour" when booking for block discount

**The Crazy Water Hotel: (940) 325-4605**

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The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE RUNNING BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

May 2026

MARC mileage members and Regions, please take notice that Betty Fisher has officially retired from chairing the mileage program after many years of dedicated service. The new MARC Mileage Program Chairman is Mike Wilcher. Going forward, PLEASE send all correspondence to Mike, 1837 Columbia Circle, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Email, marc mileage chairman@gmail.com. Mike stepped up to chair this important MARC program and is already doing a great job.

As of today, we have over 150 registered for the upcoming Finger Lakes Membership Meeting/Tour. As we expected this tour will be very popular. For updated information including information on winery tours that must be arranged with the winery (s) you want to visit in advance, check out either the Model A Restorers or the 2026 MARC National Tour Facebook groups. Also, check out the 2026 MARC National Meet Facebook group for information on the National Meet in French Lick. If you haven't already registered for that meet you can still register online via the MARC website at www.modelarestorersclub.org, or complete the registration form in the current edition of the Model A News. We are all looking forward to another great event hosted by the Columbus Indiana Region. If you have any questions, contact Rex Hinkle at 812-360-3336 or via email at rex.hinkle@cookgroup.com.

REMEMBER that 2028 is the 100th anniversary of the introduction (ok, late '27 for you purists) of the Model A Ford. Are there any Regions interested in hosting a special MARC event to celebrate this special occasion? If so, please contact Jim Zimmer at jwzimmer9119@gmail.com and we can discuss any type of event you are interested in hosting. We need to begin planning soon as we are sure that there will be lots of interest in holding these commemorative events.

COMMEMORATIVE bricks honoring MARC Regions celebrating 50 or more year anniversaries have been ordered and will be placed in the walkway at the MAFFI Gilmore Car Museum at Hickory Corners, Michigan. Your MARC Board of Directors voted to honor our Regions who have achieved this very significant milestone. Look for details in the May-June edition of the Model A News!



2026



Event Calendar

- MAY 5, 2026 Meeting at 3:00 PM. Dairy Queen at Seven Points
- MAY 19, 2026 Monthly Lunch
- JUN 2, 2026 Meeting at 3:00 PM. Dairy Queen at Seven Points
- JUN 11-14, 2026 Texas Tour in Mineral Wells, TX
- JUN 16, 2026 Monthly Lunch
- JUL 7, 2026 Meeting at 3:00 PM. Dairy Queen at Seven Points
- JUL 21, 2026 Monthly Lunch
- AUG 4, 2026 Meeting at 3:00 PM. Dairy Queen at Seven Points
- AUG 18, 2026 Monthly Lunch



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