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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

APRIL 2026

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

APRIL 14, 2026
6:00 PM
Tony's Barbecue & Steakhouse
4700 Twin City Hwy
Groves, Texas



April Events

5th—Easter
14th—GTA Meeting
23rd—Thursday with the Prez
Meet @ Gladys City @ 9:00 AM
30th—May 3—Mountain View Tour

2026—CELEBRATING 31 YEARS AS A MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA

The Golden Triangle A's have been serving the Southeast Texas Model A community since January 10, 1995. With regular meetings, tours and activities, it is our goal to unite all Model A Ford owners and help in restoring, maintaining and preserving these automobiles. We strongly encourage all our members to join the Model A Ford Club of America.



THE PREZ SEZ.....

Hello GTA Members, Happy Easter to everyone, I hope everybody gets to spend time with your family and friends during this holiday. The Texas Tour in Mineral Wells is only two months away, and you better get those last minute maintenance issues worked out. I believe we will have multiple touring opportunities during the event, but it will probably be hot every day. The GTA group has at least 15-16 members going, and that is a very good number for our club. It is going to be a great tour for sure.

March was a pretty busy month for our club. Besides the monthly club meeting, we had a great Dine-n-Drive Event sponsored by the Smiths in Hardin County. Of course, we started with breakfast at Mama Jacks. Then, the Last Thursday with the Prez was a lot of fun. We had 17 people at the Pine Tree Lodge in La Belle attend, and the food and weather were terrific. Pam and I and the Bullards from Hockley were able to attend the Poor Boy Tour in Cuero on the last weekend in March. The Poor Boy Tour this year almost did not happen because the Houston club backed out. The Victoria Model A Club had to do some last minute hustling to make it happen. There were over 60 people in attendance along with 30 Model A cars and trucks. We had a wonderful 90-mile tour on Saturday around DeWitt County, but there were no flowers blooming because of the dry conditions in South Texas. The Victoria Club had to work hard to put it together, and they did a great job!

Please note on your calendar that our Last Thursday with the Prez event has been moved from April 30th to April 23rd. We are going to combine the lunch with a Dine & Drive Event. We will meet at the Spindletop Museum parking lot at Lamar University at 9 a.m. From there we will take a short drive through South Park and then meet at the St. Anthony Basilica Cathedral at 10 a.m. for a guided tour of the facility. The tour will last about 90 minutes and then we will drive our A's to Crockett St. for lunch at the Riverside Grill. This should be a wonderful event. Please dress in Era Fashions if you would like to and drive your Model A.

At what age should we retire from work? I thought working until 70 was pretty good, but Arthur Porter was recognized in March by Ford Motor Company for 65 years of service at the Chicago Stamping Plant. He is 87 years young and has no plans to retire at this time. One of Arthur's co-workers, Willie Fulton, was 89 when he retired in 2022 with 68 1/2 years of service to Ford Motor Company. I bet those guys probably owned a Ford Model A, and it kept them going!

The April monthly meeting on the 14th will be at Tony's BBQ in Groves. I hope everyone can attend the monthly GTA meeting. Now, back to maintenance on your Model A. Go to the garage and get something done!

Happy Motoring, Bob

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- All leaders must be MAFCA members
- GTA Membership application is on the website @ www.gta-texas.com

April showers bring may flowers! Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer!

GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES
China Star Buffet, Beaumont, Texas
March 10, 2026

James Parsley led us in prayer.

Bob Johnson called the meeting to order and led us in the pledge to the flag.

Guests: none

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report was approved as shown in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved as given.

Newsletter Quiz: Several people answered and discussed the questions in the newsletter.

Mystery Part: Paul Smith brought the part. James Parsley's ticket was drawn. He asked TJ Parker for help. The part was a bushing for the front motor mount.

50/50 Drawing: James Parsley's ticket was drawn.

Tech Session: None scheduled.

Bob Johnson discussed several members rewrote their checks for the 2026 Texas Tour. The lunch with the Prez at Tony's BBQ had good attendance and the food was good. The Johnsons had a great trip to Jefferson, TX to meet-up with a model A club from Shreveport, LA. Jefferson has added more antique shops and has an ice cream bus.

TJ Parker won the door prize (courtesy of Dorothy Burk). It was a picture of Model A's.

In May we will move some money from our checking account to the CD coming up for renewal.

Everyone is looking forward to the Texas Tour. There will be a fashion walk and several members will be participating.

Tours and Events:

March 21 – 9am – Dine & Drive hosted by the Smiths. Meet at Mama Jack's in Kountze for breakfast then tour around the backroads to Silsbee then to Lumberton for lunch.

March 26 – Lunch with the Prez – Pine Tree Lodge

March 27-29 – Poor Boy Tour.

April – Dine and Drive, exact date TBD. Tour museums in downtown Beaumont.

June 11-14 – 63rd Model "A" Ford Texas Tour, Mineral Wells, TX

Next meeting will be on April 14 – Location TBD.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Parsley - Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joyce Wesley—10th
Kaydence Speichinger—13th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dallas & Joan Higgins—28th

GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's 2026 CALENDAR

If anyone would like to sign up for a Dine & Drive, please contact Bob & Pam Johnson at 409-781-3078.

Saturday Dine and Drives: Dining may be breakfast or lunch. Details and time allowed for the events are set by host. It is best if the host gives members information for the Dine and Drive at a meeting prior to the event so it can be added to the club calendar. Eating at favorite restaurants, antiquing, trade days, festivals, car shows, visiting museums or gardens, and attending other local community events are all ideas for Dine & Drives.

JANUARY 13th—GTA Meeting 24th—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Johnsons—CANCELLED 29th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Dairy Queen, Pt. Neches	FEBRUARY 10th—GTA Meeting 14th—Valentines Day 26th— 11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Tonys BBQ, Beaumont
MARCH 10th—GTA Meeting 21st—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths 26th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Pine Tree Lodge, LaBelle 27-29th—Poor Boy Tour	APRIL 5th—Easter 14th—GTA Meeting 23rd—Thursday w/the Prez—Meet @ Gladys City @ 9:00 AM 30—May 3—Mountain View, Arkansas Tour
MAY 12th—GTA Meeting 31-June 7—2026 MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton, OR 28th-11:00 Thursday w/the Prez @ Nice Guy Ricky's, Lumberton	JUNE 9th—GTA Meeting 11-14th—Texas Tour in Mineral Wells, TX 25th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Dairy Queen, Beaumont
JULY 14th—GTA Meeting 30th-11:00 Thursday w/the Prez @ Hamburger Depot, Nederland	AUGUST 11th—GTA Meeting 27th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Novrozsky's, Nederland
SEPTEMBER 8th—GTA Meeting 12th—International Model A Ford Day 18-19th —15th Annual Model A Days, Hickory Corners, MI 24th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Neches River Wheel House, Pt. Neches	OCTOBER 13th—GTA Meeting 29th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Schooners Restaurant, Nederland
NOVEMBER 10th—GTA Meeting 26th—Thanksgiving	DECEMBER TBD—GTA Christmas Party 10-12th—National Awards Banquet in Cincinnati, Ohio 25th—Christmas

13 members, 2 guest, with 3 Model A's attended the "Last Thursday with the Prez" on February 26 at Tony's Bar B Q in Beaumont. Everyone enjoyed the lunch gathering!



16 members, one guest, with one Model A attended the "Last Thursday with the Prez" on March 26 at Pine Tree Lodge in LaBelle. It was a fun outing, great weather, and everyone had a good time! We always like to feed the turtles and alligators!



On March 21, the Smiths hosted a Dine & Drive. Ten members with 3 Model A's met at Mama Jack's in Kountze for breakfast. After Breakfast, there was a tour on some of the backroads in the area. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the outing! Thanks to Karen and Dallas for the great pictures!



Club members, Bob & Pam Johnson and Robert & Elaine Bullard, attended the Poor Boy Tour March 27-29, 2026 in Cuero, Texas.

62 people with 30 Model A's made the 90 mile tour around Cuero. Bob said there were no wildflowers because of the drought!



Jim's Tech Tips
"Assembling Front Brakes"

There are some very good Shop Drawings available that show an exploded view of the front brakes. It is good to refer to them when reassembling everything. However, I find the location of the small felt washer shown in the drawings to be ambiguous. The drawing makes it look like the small felt that goes on the Brake Actuating Pin goes on the pin above the Operating Wedge. That is incorrect.

Look at the photo to the right. The pin goes up into the hollow kingpin, and the felt goes on the pin BEFORE you install the backing plate. (The bottom tip of the rod goes into the hole shown in the backing plate, above the nut.) This sandwiches the felt between the backing plate and the kingpin, providing a good seal at the bottom kingpin bushing.



I have opened up front brakes on several cars and found the small felt floating on the pin on top of the wedge. It does nothing for you there.

I hope this helps you get your brakes back together and working correctly.

Photo by Mitch Hartka, www.VintageFordForum.com

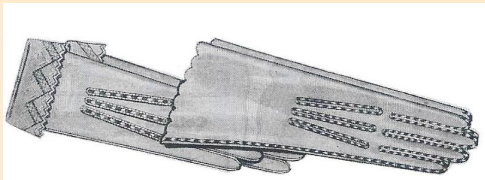
Until next time... *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim Cannon

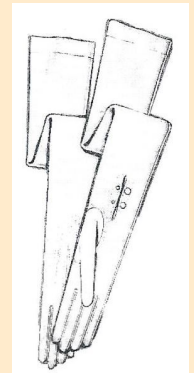
GLOVES ARE CONSIDERED COORDINATED APPAREL WHEN WORN WITH MODEL A ERA ATTIRE
THE PICTURES AND INFORMATION BELOW WAS TAKEN FROM THE MAFCA FASHION GUIDELINES

LADIES GLOVES

Gloves didn't change much during the Model A era. The important thing to remember is that very few outfits are complete without gloves. Women wore gloves almost every time they left the house. Casual gloves were of cotton, wash suede, cotton chamoisuede, rayon, or mid-weight leather, in white, cream, tan or brown, and black. More formal gloves were usually kid, soft suede, silk or crocheted string, in white, cream, or black. Most gloves, regardless of the material, had three gores across the back of the hand, either stitched or appliqued. Exceptions to this rule are lightweight crocheted or knit gloves which often had no gores. Cuffs frequently had some sort of embroidery or applique on them. Formal gloves (evening) came in suede, silk, kid leather, and crocheted string in white, cream, or black. Black and white gloves were mostly sold, but pastels were also offered in 1931. The evening glove example below is a 16 button length glove. The 16 button refers to the length of the glove, not the number of buttons sewn on the glove.

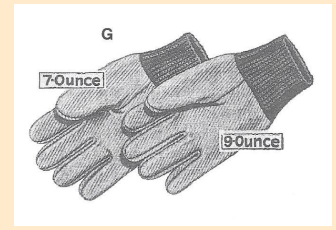
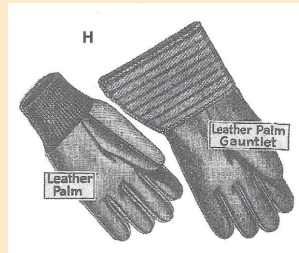
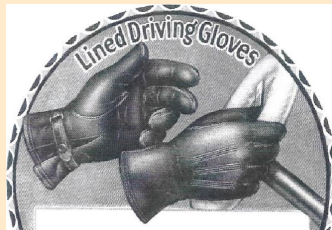
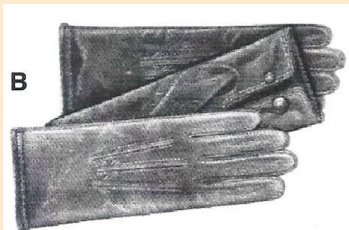


Imported lisle dress gloves, Washable Egyptian cotton

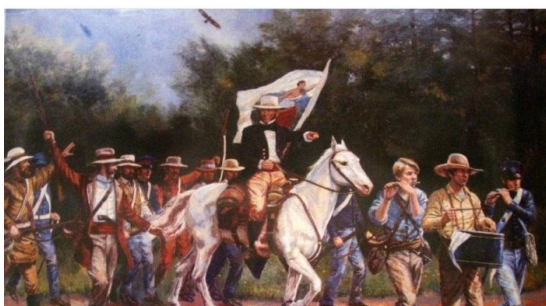


MEN'S GLOVES

Glove styles changed very little during the Model A era. They were made of silk, rayon, cotton, woven or knit and smooth or suede leather, lined and unlined. With the exception of work gloves, most had three gores.



Texas won its independence from Mexico 190 years ago at the battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. Approximately 910 Texians defeated 1360 Mexican Army troops in one of the most crushing and decisive battles in world history. It was also the shortest battle in world history, lasting only 18 minutes. Santa Anna was captured and surrendered to Sam Houston the following day. Although Santa Anna promised to give Texas its independence, he tried to reclaim Texas with incursions in 1842. Visit the Texas Heroes Museum to learn more.



Traces of Texas

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NEWSLETTER QUIZ

1. When did Texas win independence from Mexico?
2. What did ladies & men’s gloves usually have across the back of the hand?
3. Where should the felt be placed when working on front brakes.
4. When & where is the April “Thursday with the Prez.”
5. What was the March mystery part?
6. How many members & Model A’s were on the Dine & Drive tour on March 21?
7. Did Bob see any wildflowers on the Poor Boy Tour?

APRIL THURSDAY WITH THE PREZ
CHANGED TO APRIL 23rd

 Meet at Spindletop Museum/Gladys City @
 9:00 AM. Travel through Southpark to St. Anthony Basilica for a tour at 10:00 AM. Leave the Basilica about 11:30 AM and travel to Riverside Grill on Crockett Street for lunch. (Bob said that you can trailer your A to the museum and leave your trailer there while on the tour.)



Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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