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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's



AUGUST 2026

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

August 11, 2026

6:00 PM

Olive Garden

585 I-10 @ Calder

Beaumont, Texas



August Events

11th—GTA Meeting

27th—Last Thursday with the Prez

Novrozsky's @ 11:00 A.M. 3016 FM 365

Nederland, TX

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 and welcome to August! The dog days of summer are upon us, and it has been hot in Southeast Texas so far. Unless you have a nice air conditioned garage, it is not a fun time to be working on your Model A. Hopefully, everyone's cars and trucks are still running well after the June Texas Tour in Mineral Wells, and you will be ready for International Model A Day on Saturday, September 19th. I have an interesting route planned that day with all of us meeting at the Spindletop Museum parking lot at 9 a.m. Plan to be at the August and September club meetings where I will share more details about the day's events.

We had four Model As participate on July 4th for the Calder Place neighborhood parade; the Weyants, Smiths, Schoeders, and the Johnsons all drove and had a great time. We had 11 in our group that day and then had a wonderful brunch at IHop after the parade. The parade was short and quick as always, and the crowd really loved the old Model As. It's a great event to show off our As and maybe start some interest in our hobby.

When you get this newsletter, we would have had a great lunch at the Hamburger Depot on July 30th. Hope you made it there and enjoyed your lunch! I know I did. Please keep Paul Smith and T J Parker in your prayers as they recover from open heart and cataract surgeries in July.

Our August club meeting on the 11th is back at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Beaumont, and there should be a great turnout. Who can resist great Italian food and Model A Conversation?

Now, keep checking your fluid levels in August if you plan to drive your A!

Happy Motoring, Bob

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●All leaders must be MAFCA members

● GTA Membership application is on the website @ www.gta-texas.com



Hello August! Long days and sunshine! Keep your face to the sunshine, and you cannot see a shadow!

GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES
Baytown Seafood, Groves, Texas
July 14, 2026

Wes Jones led us in prayer.

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

Guests: Dolly Wolgast was our only guest.

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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was skipped for this meeting.

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

Mystery Part: Bob Johnson brought the part. James Parsley's ticket was drawn. He recognized it being the escutcheon for the window riser.

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

Tech Session: None scheduled.

Dallas Higgins won the door prize (courtesy of Dorothy Burk). It was a Model A Bank. Bob Johnson brought a door prize and Lynne Parker's ticket was drawn. It was a portable cigar humidifier which TJ Parker immediately confiscated.

Bob Johnson discussed the Texas Tour in Mineral Wells. Everyone had a great time and really enjoyed the tour to Thurber, TX and learning about all the history of the town.

The 4th of July parade had 4 Model A's participate.

The Lunch with the Prez had 9 members attend and the next one will be in Nederland at Hamburger Depot.

International Model A Day is September 19th. Bob Johnson mentioned several ideas to do for this day and also discussed ordering patches.

Bob Johnson discussed ordering license plate toppers for our club and letting the club pay for 1 per member. If anyone wants more then 1 they can purchase it for \$25. Next meeting we will look at the design and artwork for them.

Tours and Events:

July 30 – Lunch with the Prez, 11am, Hamburger Depot, Nederland, TX

October 22-25 – Autumn Trails Tour, Winnsboro, TX

Next meeting will be on August 11 – Olive Garden, Beaumont, TX

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Parsley - Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

David Shelton - 9th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Robert & Elaine Bullard - 10th

Bill & Martha Schroeder - 18th

Ronnie & Sylvia Butler - 26th

GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's 2026 CALENDAR

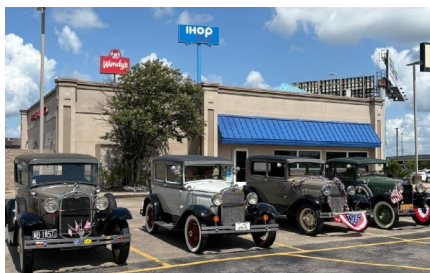
If anyone would like to sign up for a Dine & Drive, please contact Bob & Pam Johnson at 409-781-3078.

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.

JULY 4th - Calder Place Parade 9:00 A.M. 14th - GTA Meeting 30th - Last Thursday with the Prez-Hamburger Depot 11:00 A.M. 1920 Nederland Ave, Nederland, TX	AUGUST 11th - GTA Meeting 27th - Last Thursday with the Prez-Novrozsky's 11:00 A.M. 3016 FM 365, Nederland, TX
SEPTEMBER 8th - GTA Meeting 18-19th - 15th Annual Model A Days, Hickory Corners, MI 24th - Last Thursday with the Prez-Neches River Wheelhouse 11:00 A.M. 720 Lee Ave, Port Neches, TX	OCTOBER 13th - GTA Meeting 22-25th - Autumn Trails Tour, Winnsboro, TX 29th - Last Thursday with the Prez-Schooner Restaurant 11:00 A.M. 1507 US Hwy 69, Nederland, TX
NOVEMBER 10th - GTA Meeting 26th - Thanksgiving	DECEMBER TBD - Christmas Party 11-12th - MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Cincinnati, Ohio

The Annual Calder Place 4th of July Parade was held again this year. 11 people with 4 Model A's from our club participated in the parade. Of course, after the parade, there had to be an eating event! Thanks to Bob and Kathy for the pictures.



Jim's Tech Tip

Working Around Your Car's Battery

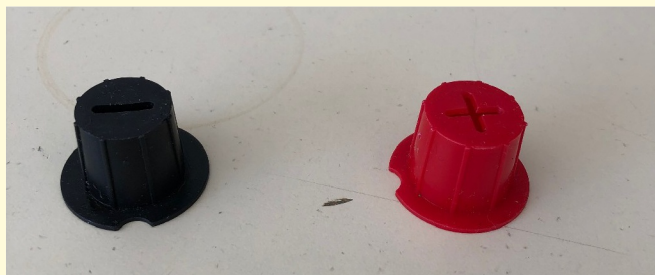
Whenever working on the electrical parts of your car, it is a good idea to de-energize everything to prevent an accidental short circuit. For example, one of the horn wires is "hot" all the time, so any time you do anything with the horn cover, it's a good idea to disconnect the battery. The same is true of the brake light switch and the wires inside the instrument panel in the car.

If you have a fuse on the yellow wire that comes off of the starter switch, just removing the fuse will do the trick. Or if you have a battery cut-off switch on the car, that will kill the power to everything.

But in many cases you need to disconnect the ground strap from the battery in order to make sure everything is without power. Perhaps you need to remove the starter cable, or the battery itself. **Whenever you remove cables from the battery posts, it is a really good idea to cover the battery post with something to prevent accidental contact between it and the other battery post.**

For example, if you dropped a wrench or other metal tool while working around or above the battery, it could land on top of the battery touching both posts. This will short out the battery, which can be a really big problem, resulting in a fire or perhaps the battery exploding acid all over.

When you buy a new battery for most cars today, they are sold with one or two small plastic caps over the battery posts. I see them in red and black plastic. If you go to your local auto parts store, the people there may even give you a few of these caps, if you ask.



I keep several of them in my box of battery-related tools and things, to put over the posts of any battery I am working around. It is easy to do and only takes a minute.

Take a minute to be safe. Enjoy! *And Have a Model A Day!* Jim

CHAPTER LOAN PROGRAM

Tools

Distributor Puller
Steering Wheel Puller
Wheel Hub Puller
Brake Lining Tool
Ratchet Nut Wrench
Brake Centering Tool
Rear Spring Spreader
Front Spring Spreader
Door Hinge Pin Remover
Gas Gauge Tool
Timing Tool
Frame Spreader

*To borrow Tools contact

Bob Johnson at 409-781-3078

Books & Videos

Model A Paint Guide
Rebuilding Steering
Rebuilding Shocks
Yokohama A's
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48th Texas Tour #1
48th Texas Tour #2
2011 Gulf Coast Tour
Tech Session, Engine Install

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Members are encouraged to take advantage of our loan program but do so at your own risk. If unsure of the proper and safe operation of a tool be sure to get help before using them. Return all tools and videos, in clean and in proper working order.

Golden Triangle Model A Club Dues

Annual Fees: Make Checks Payable to: Golden Triangle Model A Ford Club

*New Member \$20.00 or postmarked after Dec 31 (pro-rated) *Returning Member paid or postmarked on or before Dec. 31-\$20 *Returning Member paid or postmarked after Dec. 31-\$25.00

GIVE or MAIL TO: PAUL SMITH
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Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

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Permission to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters? Yes: ____ No: ____

Return this Form and Payment to MAFCA 250 South Cypress • La Habra, CA 90631-5515 ~ Optional Initiation Package For New Members Only 1—Back issue of The Restorer 1—MAFCA Lapel Pin 1—MAFCA Decal—1 Name Badge ~ Only \$10 extra

Newsletter Quiz

1. How many club Model A's were in the Calder Place 4th of July parade?
2. What should you do when you remove cables from the battery posts?
3. Where will the August "Last Thursday with the Prez" be?
4. What was the July mystery part?
5. When is International Model a Day?
6. Did the mechanics get Wallace's Tudor running?

On July 17, some of the club mechanics worked

to get
Wallace
Harlow's
1929 Tudor
running.





Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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