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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

DECEMBER 2024

Golden Triangle A's

PO Box 22076

Beaumont, TX 77720

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

When: December 7, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Where: Parker's Home

804 Ave. E

Nederland, Texas

The Golden Triangle A's have been serving the Southeast Texas Model A community since 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.

Officers:

President: Bob Johnson(409)781-3078

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- All leaders must be MAFCA members
- Website: gta-texas.com
(Membership application is on the website)
- Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

THE PREZ SEZ.....

Hello GTA members and Merry Christmas to everyone! It is time to celebrate Jesus Christ and give thanks to the many blessings He has given us this year. It's time to see friends and family, eat great food, and relax just a bit. Did you know that the Coca Cola Christmas Santa first appeared in 1930 in the Saturday Evening Post? Also, many households were using electric lights on their Christmas trees for the first time instead of candles? You could buy a 1930 Ford Model A roadster for \$385. A top of the line Fordor could be purchased for \$570! I think I will take two of each, please! Do you think those were the good old days?



The November club meeting at Ming's in Vidor was well-attended. We had 20 people there, and if you count, the Weyant's newborn great granddaughter, we had 21! It looks like the club officers for 2025 will be the same except for Karen Parsley taking over the secretary's job for Debbie Weyant, who will have her hands full helping with the new great granddaughter.

The Christmas party at the Parkers' will be Saturday, December 7th at 6 o'clock. Remember to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share with everyone (the main dish will be BBQ). Also, please bring a white elephant gift for exchanging at the party.

On a sad note, Darlene Thompson recently passed away in Georgetown. She and Fred were part of the original founding members of our club in 1995. Darlene was such a nice, kind, and friendly lady and will be missed by everyone.

Please check your calendars for 2025 and let's put together events for the entire year. Driving your Model A is always fun, but it is even better when we are in a group for everyone to enjoy. Now go out to your garage and tell your Model A "Merry Christmas" and give thanks for all the fun that little car brings to us!

Happy Motoring Bob

2024-2025 Coming Attractions

DECEMBER

7th—GTA Christmas Party

@ The Parker's Home

14th—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths

JANUARY

14th GTA Meeting



THINGS OF INTEREST:

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GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES
Ming's Buffet, Vidor Texas
November 12, 2024

Wes Jones led us in prayer.

President Bob Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance, then expressed sympathy to James Parsley on the loss of his mother.

Everyone participated in the newsletter quiz.

The minutes from the October meeting and the treasurer's report were accepted.

Rodney Block brought a mystery part. Bill Schroeder's ticket was drawn to identify it. The part was an accelerator pedal.

Lynne Parker's ticket was drawn for the 50/50 drawing.

The Christmas party will be held at the home of Lynne and T.J. Parker at 6:00 on December 7. Everyone is to bring a side dish and a dessert. Each person should bring a \$20 gift for the gift exchange.

Kathy and Paul Smith will host a Dine and Drive Saturday, December 14. Everyone should meet at Shangri-La at 9:00. From there we will go to Stark House for pictures and then to Robert's for lunch.

A new slate of officers was selected and approved:

President	Bob Johnson
Vice President	Dennis Weyant
Treasurer	Paul Smith
Secretary	Karen Parsley
Newsletter	Sylvia Butler

Since Kevin Parsley is living in Dallas now, it was suggested that perhaps Linda Patterson would be willing to take over as the Restorer reporter.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Weyant, Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Linda Patterson—4th
Clyde Kirbow—17th
T.J. Parker—17th
Jean Jones—19th
Dorothy Burk—24th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

David & Linda Shelton—1st
T.J. & Lynne Parker—19th

GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's 2024-2025 CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER 12th—GTA Meeting	DECEMBER 7th—GTA Christmas Party at T.J. & Lynne Parker's Home 11-14th—National Awards Banquet in Salt Lake City, Utah 14th—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths—Shangri La Christmas
JANUARY 14th—GTA Meeting	FEBRUARY 11th—GTA Meeting
MARCH 11th—GTA Meeting	APRIL 8th—GTA Meeting
MAY 13th—GTA Meeting	JUNE 10th—GTA Meeting 12-15th—62nd Texas Tour in Giddings, TX 15-22nd - 2025 National Tour in Waynesboro, Virginia
JULY 8th—GTA Meeting	AUGUST 12th—GTA Meeting
SEPTEMBER 9th—GTA Meeting 13th—International Model A Ford Day	OCTOBER 14th—GTA Meeting
NOVEMBER 11th—GTA Meeting	DECEMBER 3-6th —2025 MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Mobile, AL TBD—GTA Christmas Party

- December Dine & Drive
- Hosted by the Smiths
- December 14

- Meet at Shangri La Gardens parking lot at 9:00 A.M.
- Free Admission
- Leave the Gardens about 11:00-11:30 and go to the Stark House for a photo op.
- After photo, go to the Orange Depot for a quick visit. (It is a restored RR Depot) No Admission Fee, but donations accepted.
- Then on over to Robert's Restaurant for lunch



The GTA Christmas Party will be December 7 at 6:00 at the Parker's Home (804 Ave. E, Nederland.) Please bring a covered dish to share and a gift of about \$20. Ladies bring a ladies gift and Gentlemen bring a gentleman's gift.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christmas in Hollywood- Mary Pickford turns Hollywood Blvd into Santa Claus Lane ca. 1928.



Jim's Tech Tips

Pleated Paper Fuel Filter Elements

Ford originally used a fine mesh brass screen at the top of the glass fuel strainer bowl that's mounted to the Model A firewall. The bowl gives a place for water to settle into (water is heavier than gasoline) and a place for dirt and rust particles to collect.

The screen also keeps these particles from traveling down to the carburetor (where you have another screen!). With all these screens, I think Ford knew that gasoline supplies at the time were prone to contamination (more than today).



Many people have started to install a small pleated paper filter element in the glass bowl instead of the brass screen.

I'm not so sure it's needed; I think the brass screen is enough. The Model A has no fuel pump, it relies only on gravity feed, and I'm concerned about adding another restriction to the fuel flow.



But IF you use one of these paper filters, you need to know that the rust, dirt, etc. is trapped INSIDE the paper element, not on the outside of it like you'd think. Therefore, you can be collecting a lot of junk inside the filter, plugging up the filter element on the inside, and not even know it. One day, you lose all your power and the engine really acts like it is starving for fuel. You thought you would see the rust and dirt collect on the outside of the filter... but you don't. Surprise! (I hate surprises!)

So, if you are going to use these pleated paper filters, get into the habit of replacing them regularly, maybe once a year, since you can't see how dirty they are inside. And carry a spare filter and gasket with you in the car. It's a pretty easy thing to swap out in a parking lot. Kind of messy, but it can be done without tools. Use some disposable gloves and you won't smell like gas for the rest of the day.

That's all for now. Keep driving, help each other out, 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 (NEW)

*To borrow Tools contact
Bob Johnson at 409-781-3078

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Model A Paint Guide (NEW)
Rebuilding Steering
Rebuilding Shocks
Yokohama A's
2008 World Meet
48th Texas Tour #1
48th Texas Tour #2
2011 Gulf Coast Tour
Tech Session, Engine Install

*To borrow books & videos, contact
Dennis Weyant 409-651-5165



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

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Name _____ Spouse's Name _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Country _____ Telephone _____
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

DON'T FORGET

Time to renew Golden Triangle Model A Dues !

Dues are \$20 for 2025 if paid by DECEMBER 31. They are \$25 if paid after December 31.

Make Checks Payable to: *Golden Triangle Model A Ford Club*

Dues can be paid at a meeting or send to Paul Smith at the above address.

ALSO: Remember to renew your MAFCA dues. They can be mailed or renewed on the MAFCA website.





Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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