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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

DECEMBER 2025

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

December 13, 2025
Christmas Party
6:00 PM
Bob & Pam Johnson's Home
640 N. Circuit
Beaumont, Texas

December Events

13th—GTA Christmas Party
25th—Christmas Day
31st—Don't Forget: Golden Triangle A's & MAFCA Dues



2025—CELEBRATING 30 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!

It's December and time for the annual Christmas Party and get together on Saturday, December 13th, at 6 o'clock. Pam and I are hosting this year's event at our house and hope everyone can attend. Please text me (409.781.3078) or Pam (409.782.0066) if you plan to attend, so we can have

the seating and meat entree numbers. The GTA Christmas parties are so much fun every year with great food brought by our members, exchanging and stealing white elephant gifts, and nice fellowship and conversations with our Model A club members.

Our November club meeting at Elsa's Greek Restaurant was poorly attended even though Elsa's have reasonably priced, great food; they provide us with a private meeting room at no charge. The numbers were so low, that after a discussion, it was decided to elect the new club officers for 2026 at the December Christmas party. The new officers will also be sworn in that night—another good reason for you to attend the GTA Christmas party.

It is so important that GTA members attend and participate in club events whenever possible. We are a small club, and we truly miss you when you are not there. Over the past several years, I know of at least three other local car clubs that have disbanded and no longer meet due to a lack of participation. We have a great group in the Golden Triangle Model A club and strong national ties and support from MAFCA. To keep going, we need participation, club officers, and new members with fresh ideas and enthusiasm for our Model A hobby.

I hope everyone's A is running great, and you have been able to get out and enjoy the wonderful weather we have had lately in Southeast Texas. If you need help with your car or truck, reach out and let us know. There are several really good mechanics in our club who are more than willing to help you get that A back on the road. Model A's really do better when they are started and driven regularly.

Now, go put some gas and a little Marvel's Mystery Oil in your gas tank and take that A for a spin around your neighborhood!

Happy Motoring,
Bob



Officers:

President: Bob Johnson (409)781-3078
V. Pres.: Dennis Weyant (409)651-5165
Secretary: Karen Parsley (409) 651-7878
Treasurer: Paul Smith (409)673-6318

Directors:

Wes Jones (409)722-0697
Wallace Harlow (409)720-7281
James Parsley (409)753-2523
Linda Patterson (409)728-1277



Tour Chair: Bob & Pam Johnson (409)781-3078
Restorer Reporter: Linda Patterson (409) 728-1277
Newsletter/Website/Facebook: Sylvia Butler (409)720-7315

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR !

GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES
Elsa's Greek Grill, Beaumont, Texas
November 11, 2025

Bill Schroeder led us in prayer.

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

Bob Johnson welcomed our guests: **Andrea Weyant** and **Jacob Miller**.

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 several people for help. The part was a tie-rod end plug.

50/50 Drawing: **Bob Johnson's** ticket was drawn.

Tech Session: None scheduled.

Bob Johnson discussed the Conroe Swap Meet. Some of the members made a little money. He said it was more of a flea market than auto parts swap meet.

Everyone needs to get their membership dues (\$20) paid before the end of the year. After the end of the year they go up to \$25.

The club Christmas party will be December 13. The **Johnson's** will be hosting this year. Everyone should bring a \$20 white elephant gift. Also, please bring a side dish and dessert.

Tours and Events:

December 13 – 6pm - Club Christmas Party, Johnson's house

Next meeting will be our Christmas Party.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Parsley - Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

David & Linda Shelton—1st
T.J. & Lynne Parker—19th
Trent & Kaitlynn Speichinger—27th



GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's 2025 CALENDAR

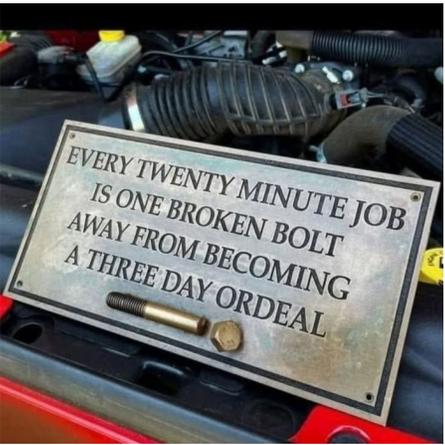
If anyone would like to sign up for a Dine & Drive, please contact Bob & Pam Johnson at 409-781-3078.

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.

NOVEMBER 11th—GTA Meeting	DECEMBER 3-6th—2025 MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Mobile, AL 13th—GTA Christmas Party at Bob & Pam Johnson's Home
JANUARY 13th—GTA Meeting	FEBRUARY 10th—GTA Meeting 14th—Valentines Day

ANOTHER TECH SESSION!
 Ronnie's 1930 Pickup needed a "little" maintenance and a new radiator. A 2 day job turned into a 5 day job!

HEY T.J. HOW OLD DO YOU THINK THAT DIRT IS?



Would someone please tell Ronnie that he paid way too much for his radiator! While looking for hats for Christmas in the 1928 Sears catalog, I found a much better price for a Ford Model A Radiator!

Finest Tubular Radiator for Fords

\$8.95
and Up

This freeze-proof Tubular Radiator for FORDS is positively without equal for service on a Ford car. The radiator core is constructed of copper and is guaranteed against breakage due to freezing for 18 months. The water tubes are lined inside and outside, making them impervious to the action of alkali water or acid. The upper and lower water tanks are made of brass, and will not corrode or rust. The connections are brass and bronze metal. The water capacity and the cooling surface are much greater than any others. They are equipped with our patented flexible brackets which eliminate excessive vibration. This is the only tubular radiator made that can be guaranteed against core breakage due to freezing.

Measure radiator from bottom of radiator to bottom of filler neck.

28K15700 1/4—Tubular Radiator, less Shell, for 1917-23 Fords. Height, 23 1/2 in. (Not illustrated.) Shipping weight, 29 pounds.	\$8.95
28K15702—Tubular Radiator, less shell, for 1924-27 Fords. Height, 23 1/2 in. (Not illustrated.) Shipping weight, 30 pounds.	\$9.40
28K15701 1/4—Tubular Radiator with shell, for 1917-23 Fords. Height, 23 1/2 in. Shipping weight, 30 pounds.	\$9.87
28K15703 1/4—Tubular Radiator, with Shell, for 1924-27 Fords. Height, 23 1/2 in. Shipping weight, 34 pounds.	\$10.25

Which hat should I order for Christmas?
 ANDMaybe a nice hat for the gentlemen?
 Great Prices in 1928!

\$3.48

78K0118—Large size, fits 21 1/2 to 23 inches head.
 Color: Black with Copenhagen blue or salt-wood crown with Tilly (salmon color). Measure and state color. Slop. wt. 18 lbs. Charming style hat delightful dress up quality. Rayon tulle crown with piping of velvet joining each side. Touch of velvet through innerband and lower band around crown. Tulle facing matches gorgeous, full blown silk and plush rose.

\$2.99

78K0122—Fits 21 1/2 to 22 1/2 inches head.
 Color: Black with choice of pink or Copenhagen blue lining, or salt-wood brown with sand color. Measure and state color. Shipping wt. 26 lbs. Large brim tailored style is always smart. Made of silk faced velvet. Lustrous harvest satin facing; also satin insert to match velvet on upper brim. Folded satin ribbon band drawn through fancy metal buckle.

How to Measure
 Measure all around head as illustrated, then refer to the table below to find the hat or cap size that corresponds to the number of inches your head measures and order that size.

Men's Hat and Cap Sizes, 6 3/4 to 7 3/4

If Head Measures as Follows in Inches	Order Following Size
19 3/8	6 3/4
19 3/4	6 3/8
20 1/8	6 1/2
20 1/2	6 5/8
20 7/8	6 3/4
21 1/4	6 7/8
21 3/8	7
22	7 1/8
22 1/8	7 1/4
22 3/4	7 3/8
23 1/8	7 1/2
23 1/2	7 5/8
23 7/8	7 3/4

\$7.95

93K6370—Medium size with black band. 93K6371—Dark gray with black band. 93K6372—Dark tan with brown lining. Size 6 3/4 to 7 1/4. State size. Shipping wt. 28 pounds.

One of the season's newest styles smartly fashioned of Fine Deer Beaver Fur felt by one of the country's best manufacturers of quality hats. Superior quality silk lining. A hat that typically the smartest men who wear the best. The crown is about 5 1/2 inches high. Bound curved brim, about 2 1/2 inches wide.

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HEADS AND ENGINE BLOCKS

Heads and engine blocks are an integral part of the Model A Ford. They are both the product of a gray iron casting process. This is commonly called a sand casting process in which a mold cavity in two parts is created from sand with cores used to form internal cavities for cylinders, oil and coolant passages. Molten iron is then poured into the mold, cooled and then shaken to remove the sand in the mold before cleaning thoroughly and machining the casting to achieve correct dimensions, clean surfaces and correct critical features. Finally, the block is inspected for defects. Model A parts were tested with water to ascertain defects.

Early efforts to cast a V-8 engine had a success rate of about ten to fifteen percent. That was after producing almost five million Model A blocks and probably twice as many heads. The castings were not always beautiful and often had blemishes. I have been told that in the 60's, many blocks were "cleaned up" to remove blemishes.

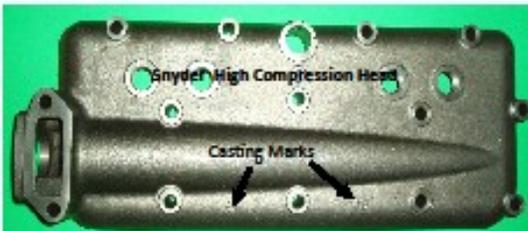
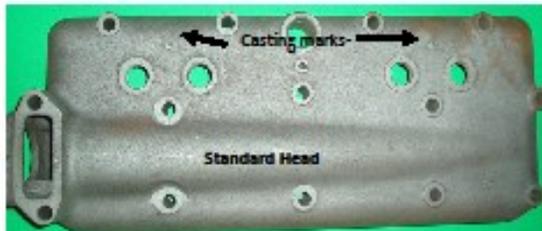


Notice all of the fine grain-like blemishes on the head and block on the left.

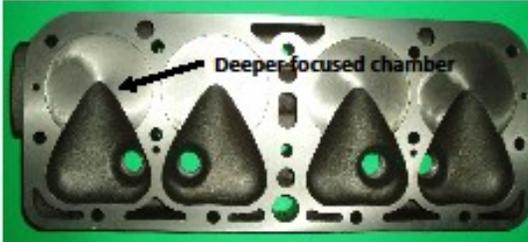
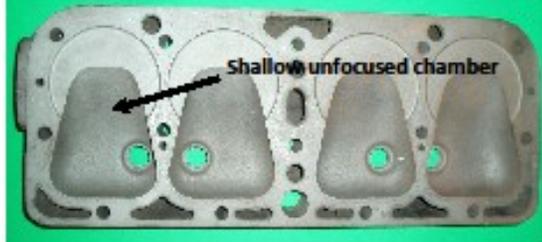


Notice the rounded edges on the number pad on the right. This block is from 11/28.

Heads made by Ford had a standard version (4.22 ratio) and a police (B) or high compression version (5.5 –6.1 ratio). Snyder's markets the current high compression heads which seem to be shorter in length (gasket shows). Ford made service heads such as the diamond head (Ford Insignia) and the 'C' head (Model A and B waterpump boss casting).



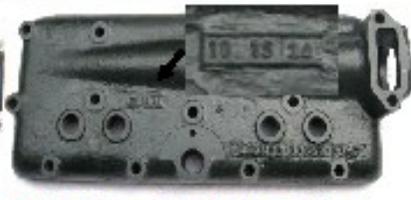
**Raised
Distributor
Boss
Early 1928
Model A
head
reduced by
mid-1928**



Winfield Head - Spark Plugs Depressed



Brumfield Head-Larger Plug Bosses



A6050B - Speed Head—Service Head



Diamond Head with Ford Insignia



C Head 1932-34



B Head 1928-31

Marks for Service Replacement Heads

Police Head or B

Tom Jeanes, of Pollock Pines, California, is a member of the Hangtown A's. He serves on the Judging Standards Committee and as The Restorer magazine's Technical Editor.



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

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Rebuilding Shocks
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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**

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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: ___

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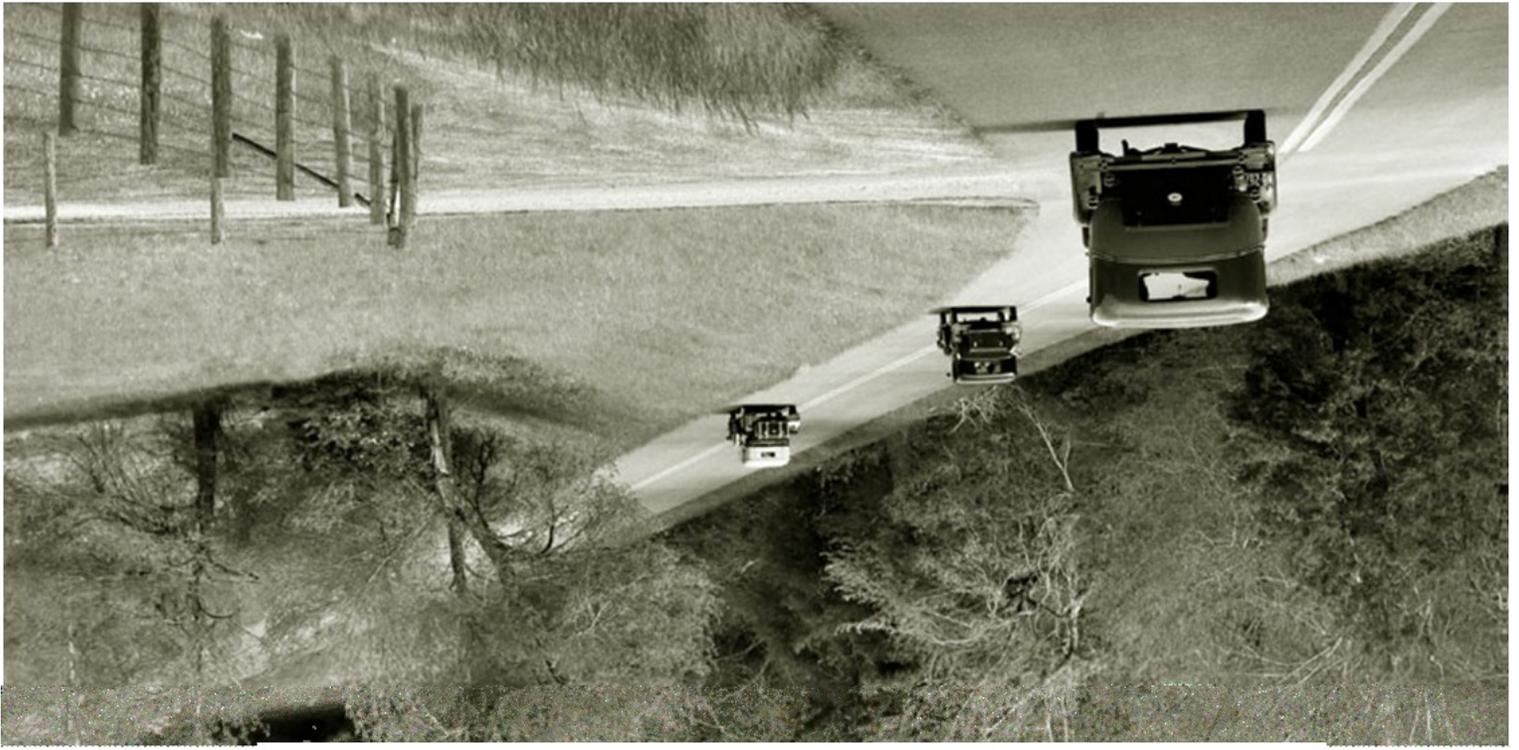
THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's CHRISTMAS PARTY

**It will be on December 13th, 6:00 P.M. at Bob & Pam Johnson's home.
(640 N. Circuit, Beaumont)**

**Members are ask to bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share and a
“White Elephant” gift of no more that \$20.**

Ladies bring ladies gift and gentlemen bring man's gift for the exchange.





Golden Triangle A's On Tour

Golden Triangle A's
750 Countrywood Circle
Sour Lake, TX 77659

