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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

DECEMBER 2026

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

December 5, 2026

6:00 PM Christmas Party

Bob & Pam Johnson's Home

640 N. Circuit

Beaumont, Texas



December Events

5th - GTA Christmas Party

25th - Merry Christmas

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 and Merry Christmas to all of our wonderful Golden Triangle Model A Club members! Where did 2026 go? Time definitely does not stand still and life will pass you by if you let it. Thank goodness we have our Model A activities to help keep us busy. The Model A hobby is pretty interesting, and we have members from all walks of life. Some join the hobby just to get the old family Model A running again, while others join to drive or show their cars and dress in period correct clothing. No matter why you joined the Model A hobby, we all have a common interest and camaraderie in the Ford Model As. You meet the nicest people in a Model A.

Well it's been four years since I became the club president, and I feel good that our new president, Paul Smith, will keep the enthusiasm going for our group. Paul has vast knowledge of Model As and can talk the talk and will do a great job leading our GTA club.

I will have more time in 2027 serving the club as vice-president and working to promote club tours. Pam and I have some new ideas to share with everyone, so keep reading our newsletter and pay attention to the calendar for upcoming events. James Parsley will be our new treasurer and our monies will be in good hands. Debbie Weyant has volunteered to be the club secretary for 2027 and will do a wonderful job. Sylvia Butler will continue to handle our newsletter and Facebook page. She is now our Chapter News reporter for the Restorer magazine. She also promotes fashion era dressing and wears many hats for our club.

In closing for my final message, I would like to thank everyone in our club for their support over these past four years. Let's keep the Model A hobby alive and well in Southeast Texas. Now go out and put some Christmas lights and decorations on your Model A and bring some joy to your neighbors.

Happy Motoring, Bob

Merry Christmas

Officers:

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

A Merry Christmas to us all; God bless us, everyone! It's the most wonderful time of the year!

GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES
Baytown Seafood, Groves, Texas
November 10, 2026

Lynne Parker led us in prayer.
Bob Johnson called the meeting to order and led us in the pledge to the flag.
Guests: Robby Eaves was our guest at this meeting.

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: T J Parker brought the part. Carl Price's ticket was drawn. He asked Wallace Harlow for help. They could not identify it. The part was a generator bearing washer.
50/50 Drawing: Carl Price's ticket was drawn.
Tech Session: None scheduled.

Bob Johnson discussed the good turnout we had for the Last Thursday's Lunch with the Prez at The Schooner. The food was great and everyone enjoyed it. Bob also passed out the License plate toppers.

Sylvia Butler and Linda Patterson are putting together new directories for our members.

Our Christmas Party will be December 5th at the Johnson's home. Everyone needs to bring a $20 gift for the exchange. Also bring a side dish or dessert and let Pam Johnson know what you will bring – that way we will not have duplicates.

We elected officers for 2027: President – Paul Smith, Vice President – Bob Johnson, Treasurer – James Parsley, Secretary – Debbie Weyant.

Tours and Events:
December 5 – 6pm – Christmas Party
Next meeting will be at the Christmas Party.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Parsley - Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Linda Patterson - 4th
T. J. Parker - 17th
Jean Jones - 19th
Dorothy Burk - 24th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

Registration No. _____



REGISTRATION FORM

64th Texas Model A Ford Tour
June 24 - 27, 2027
Canton, Texas

Hosted by the Cedar Creek & Tyler Model A Ford Clubs

Please print all information on form:

_____ _____ _____
Last Name of Primary Person *First Name* *Spouse/Guest*

_____ _____
Local Club Affiliation *Phone (including area code)* *Alternate phone no.*

_____ _____
Address *Email*

_____ _____
City/State/Zip *Any food concerns?*

Children Attending (First and Last Names and Ages) _____

_____

Will you drive your Model A to the meet? ☐ YES ☐ NO Will you be trailering your A? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Year_____Body Style _____ 2nd "A" Year_____ Body Style _____

Will you be in the **Fashion Walk** at the Farewell Dinner? _____ How many? _____

Registration for primary person will include 1 patch and 1 radiator badge. Additional patches and badges may be purchased separately. Registration fees cover free mini-tours, Welcome Dinner, Ice Cream Sundaes, Hubley Derby, Grand tour and lunch, and Farewell Dinner. **Registration Confirmation will be sent by email.**

Note: Registrations must be **received by June 7, 2027**. **Due to prior payment for facilities, food, and service, refunds cannot be given after June 7, 2027.**

I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless from any and all liability whatsoever due to my attendance and participation at the 2027 Texas Tour, any and all of the following: Model A Ford Club of America Inc., and their Officers and Directors, the 64th Texas Tour committee, their facilities, and the Cedar Creek and Tyler Model A Ford Clubs, and their Officers and Directors. Submission of this Registration form whether signed or unsigned, constitutes acceptance of this release.

Signed _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club (CCMAFC)

Mail to: Nancy Cheshire, Registrar
8450 Fallow Run
Larue, TX 75770 972-279-4786
Email: texastour2027@outlook.com

For Registrar use only:
Check # _____
Paid online _____
Amount $ _____
Date Received _____

2027 TEXAS TOUR SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION		How Many?	Cost	Total
Registration Fee for primary person			$130.00	
Registration fee for additional persons			$90.00	
No. of children ages 0 - 12 (no charge for children under 13)			No Charge	
Late Registration Fee after May 24, 2027 for primary person			$140.00	
Late Registration Fee after May 24, 2027 for additional persons			$100.00	
TOTAL EVENT PRICE				

Wednesday, June 23, 2027	Times	
Early Registration/Self guided tours	4:00pm-6:00pm	

Thursday, June 24, 2027		How Many?		
Registration/ Hospitality/ Raffles	9:00am-5:00pm			
Self-guided tours	all day			
Guided Tour of Canton Trade Days Grounds	3:00pm-4:00pm			
Guided Tour of Blackwell House Museum	2:00pm-4:00pm			
Welcome Dinner	6:00pm-8:00pm			
How many of each?	___ Hamburgers	___ Hotdogs	___Veg.	
Kid's Meal (under 13) - how many of each?	___ Hamburgers	___ Hotdogs	___ Veg.	

Friday, June 25, 2027		How Many?		
Registration/ Hospitality/ Raffles	9:00am-5:00pm			
Guided Tour to No. 1 British Flying Museum in Terrell (no. of people)	9:00am-12:00pm			
Tour to Hatfield Restorations (no. of people)	2:00-4:00pm			
Self-guided tours to Ham's Orchards, Grand Saline Salt Palace & East TX Safari	all day			
Ice Cream Sundaes/Hubley Derby (no. of people)	6:00-8:30pm			
Hubley Derby Races (no. of cars)	7:00pm-8:30pm			

Saturday, June 26, 2027				
Grand Tour - historic sites and lunch	8:30am - 3:00pm			
Grand Tour Lunch - How many of each?	___ Chop.Brisket	____Turkey	___Veg.	
Grand Tour Kid's lunch (under 13) - how many?	___ Chicken strips &	Mac 'n cheese	__ Veg.	
Car Games/Hospitality/Raffles	3:00pm-5:30pm			
Presidents' Meeting of TX club presidents.	5:00pm-5:45pm			
Farewell/Awards Dinner	6:00pm-8:30pm			
Fajitas - How many of each?	____ Steak	____ Chicken	__ Veg.	
Fajitas Kid's Meal (under 13) - How many of each?	____ Steak	____ Chicken	___ Veg.	

T-SHIRTS - see T-Shirt page for pictures of the shirts available		Cost		Total
T-Shirts (how many?), **Royal S** ___, **M** ____ **no** pocket		$21.00		
T-Shirts (how many?), **Royal L** ___, **XL** ____ **no** pocket		$21.00		
T-Shirts (how many?), **Royal 2XL** ___, **3XL** ____ **no** pocket		$23.00		
T-Shirts (how many?), **Royal S**____, **M** ____ **with** pocket		$22.00		
T-Shirts (how many?), **Royal L** ____, **XL** ____, **with** pocket		$22.00		
T-Shirts (how many?) **Royal 2XL** ____, **3XL** ____, **with** pocket		$24.00		
Extra Patches (1 included with registration for first person)	How Many? _____		$5.00	
Extra Radiator Badges (1 included with registration for first person)	How Many? _____		$5.00	
TOTAL MERCHANDISE PRICE - tax included with all merchandise				

TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED	

10/21/26

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.

NOVEMBER 10th - GTA Meeting 26th - Thanksgiving	DECEMBER 5th - GTA Christmas Party 6:00 P.M. @ Johnson's Home 10-12th - MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Cincinnati, Ohio
JANUARY 12th - GTA Meeting	FEBRUARY 9th - GTA Meeting
MARCH 9th - GTA Meeting	APRIL 13th - GTA Meeting



GTA's dues are due by December 31, 2026. Dues are $20 per family for 2027. Give or mail to Paul Smith. Make checks payable to Golden Triangle Model A Ford Club. (See page 9)

October 29, 2026 - "Last Thursday with the Prez" was at the Schooner Restaurant in Nederland. It was a great turnout with 20 members and one guest attending. The Prez, Bob Johnson, brought the new License Plate Toppers to hand out. Every member family received one and anyone wanting more could order extras. They will look nice on our Model A's! The fellowship was great and the food is always good at the Schooner!













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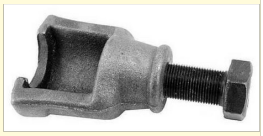
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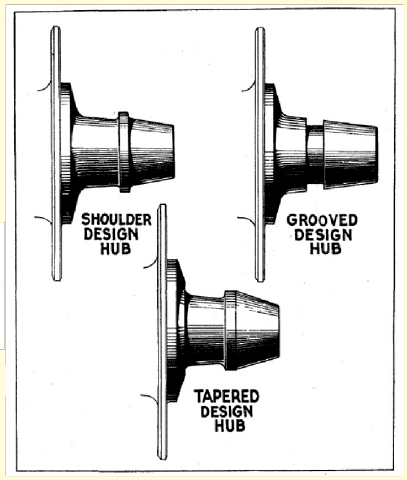
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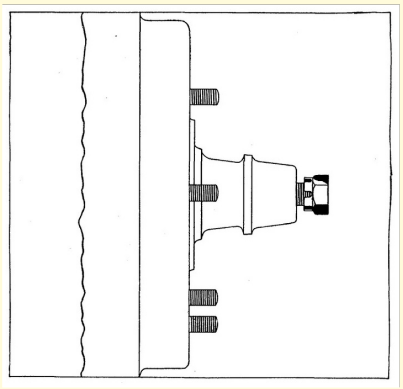
"Use of Rear Axle Hub Puller"

There were three different styles of rear hub used on the Model A: Two styles have a ridge that sticks out of the rear hub, so that a puller can attach over it. The third hub style has a groove in it that a hub puller sits down in to attach. In all cases, you tighten the big bolt against the end of the axle, then hit the bolt head with a hammer, to pull the hub off of the tapered axle shaft.





There is another style of universal hub puller that attaches to 3 of the wheel lugs. It also has a center bolt that you tighten against the end of the axle and strike with a hammer to free the hub



In ALL cases, if you are pressing and striking the end of the axle shaft, you need to remove the big castle nut from the end of the axle, turn the nut around, and screw it back on to the axle almost all the way. Or use another big nut that you have in the shop that matches the axle threads (5/8"-16). This puts the big bolt that you are hitting with a hammer striking the nut instead of the axle itself. This protects the end of the axle shaft from getting distorted.

I hope this helps you get your rear hubs off without damaging anything.

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

Jim Cannon

Fashionably Speaking By Fern Davis, Era Fashion Editor

Christmas Gifts

There are so many great gift ideas for Christmas giving. This page of ideas is from *Good Housekeeping* December 1928, but with a little imagination, each one could be translated into a gift from today. True, anyone who is interested in Era Fashions, would be thrilled to receive one of these original items, but if you don't have access to real vintage things, substitute something similar from today's offerings.

Look at the first item. A three piece jewelry set. As it says, "very modernistic", now as it was then. Also the middle "sterling necklace with jade-like beads and French pearls". Also look at the bottom picture on the right: Rhinestone and Sapphire-like bracelet, and double strand pearl choker with sterling silver oblong clasp. This is a sure winner. You can't go wrong with pearls, then or now!

Now, look at the crepe de chine negligee, sleeves edged with marabou. Or for more everyday wear the other corduroy robe with embroidered collar and cuffs. I'll take either one, as I'm sure any of you will too! And look at those gorgeous purses, of gold and silver metal-brocade, or gold and silver spangles. What is a spangle, you might ask? A spangle is a small disc or geometric shape of shining metal or small brilliant objects, such as sequins. Yes, they had sequins in our Era!

Look also at the pretty garters in the center and the metal perfume atomizer for your purse. Also, check out the Boudoir clock and musical powder puff jar.

Last, but not least, check out the "zip-on" sweater and legging suit for the little one, made of a water-proof cloth with Beret to match! This is going to be a great Christmas if we only get one of these items, or a reasonable facsimile!



Modernistic jewelry set below, of crystal-like squares and triangles set in sterling silver. Necklace, $5.50; ear drops, $5.50 pair; bracelet, $5.50

Gold-and-silver, metal-brocade purse; back strap handle; 6½" x 3¾"; $2.95. Gold- or silver-spangled bag, metal frame; 4⅜" x 4½"; $5

Crêpe de Chine negligée, below, is lined in contrasting color; sleeves edged with marabou; pink, turquoise, nile, orchid, or peach; 14 to 20; $16.75

Corduroy robe has turn-back roll collar, cuffs, and pocket of embossed corduroy; cherry, copenhagen, orchid, wisteria; 14 to 44; $5; extra sizes, $7.95

Boudoir clock in platinum-plate finish; 2¾" x 4"; $5. Metal, musical powder-puff jar; boudoir colors; 4" x 3¾"; $5.50

Above, rubber elastic garters; pink, white, yellow, blue, orchid; $1.50 pr. Sterling necklace with jade-like beads and French pearls; heavy, jade-like drop; 27"; $1.50. Silver-plated, engine-turned purse atomizer for perfume, 2½", funnel for filling; $1

Hand-made, white-linen handkerchiefs, below, have whipped-back edges and double row hand-drawn threads; corner design of embroidered flowers in pastel shades; 6 for $1.50

Below, suède bag with back strap handle and tab; marcasite ornament, moiré lined; black or brown; 5¾" x 6"; $4.95. Suède belt; brown, black, tan, green; 2" wide; 34 to 42; $1.95

Zip-on sweater and legging suit of Suède-Like, a waterproof cloth; Talon fastener; red, copen, reindeer tan, emerald; 2 to 6 yrs., $10.90; 7 to 8 yrs., $12.95. Béret to match, $1.50

TO ORDER, FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 70

Above—Flexible, non-tarnishable, rhinestone and sapphire-like bracelet; $2.95. Double strand, pearl choker; sterling-silver oblong clasp; $2.95. White gardenia and bud; 30¢

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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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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

NO Newsletter Quiz This Month

Because we will have the GTA Christmas Party on December 5th, we will not have a Newsletter Quiz. The party will be at the home of Bob & Pam Johnson (address on first page of newsletter) at 6:00 P.M. Members are ask to bring a covered dish to share. Let Pam Johnson know what you would like to bring. Ham will be provided by the club. Also, bring a gift for the "White Elephant Gift Exchange" of no more than $20. Ladies bring lady gift and men bring men's gift. No names on gifts.



Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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