



# The running Board news



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## THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

FEBRUARY 2026

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

### Next Monthly Meeting

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

6:00 PM

Baytown Seafood  
4830 Twin City Hwy  
Groves, Texas



### February Events

10th—GTA Meeting

14th—Valentine Day

26th—Last Thursday with the Prez  
Tony's BBQ, 5025 Eastex Fwy,  
Beaumont

### 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! I hope everyone stayed warm and dry during the late-January cold spell we had. Our January Dine & Drive got modified somewhat due to the weather and then cancelled all together when the tour guide for the St. Anthony Basilica called and said we needed to reschedule. Look for an update on this event to be rescheduled.

Someone recently asked me while getting gas for our Blindback about the heater in the car. I just smiled and pointed to the quilt on Pam's feet and the wool blanket on her lap and said, "it's a basic simple system, but it works." They just laughed and got in their heated SUV and drove away unimpressed.

The Ford Model A vehicle is really a simple, easy and affordable car to own. Once you get your Model A running well, it's best to just keep it maintained and not make things complicated. Henry Ford would appreciate that. Driving and maintaining your Model A regularly will make the touring season so much easier and much more fun.

The January club meeting at Carmella's was fun and well-attended. We had plenty of room and the food was great. Hopefully, we will be going back there again soon. The Texas Tour in June is really not that far away so be sure to get your reservations turned in ASAP.

Our Dine and Drive event calendar for 2026 is still pretty open so put together a morning or day event and let me know what you have planned. It takes all of us to participate to have a successful club.

Now, go check the air pressure in your tires before you drive around the block. You probably lost a few pounds during the cold weather.

Happy Motoring, Bob

#### Officers:

President: Bob Johnson (409)781-3078  
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- All leaders must be MAFCA members
- GTA Membership application is on the website @ [www.gta-texas.com](http://www.gta-texas.com)

*February is named after a Roman purification festival called "februa" celebrated around the middle of the month..*

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES**  
**Carmela's Mexican Restaurant, Port Arthur, Texas**  
**January 13, 2026**

**Lynne Parker** 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:** No Secretary's report for December.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was approved as given and **Paul Smith** gave report for the 2025 income and expenses.

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

**Mystery Part:** **TJ Parker** brought the part. **Jean Jones'** ticket was drawn. She asked several people for help. The part was an oil pump idler gear shaft.

**50/50 Drawing:** **James Burns'** ticket was drawn.

**Tech Session:** None scheduled.

**Bob Johnson** discussed the Silos Coffee & Cars show which he and **Dennis Weyant** attended. It is the third Saturday every month. Calder Woods had a car show in November and **Bob Johnson's** car won a trophy for the oldest car.

The Christmas party was a great success. Thank you to the **Johnson's** for hosting, everyone had a great time.

On the last Thursday of each month **Bob Johnson** (the Prez) will be having lunch at different locations. He passed out a calendar of each place to meet. Everyone is invited to attend and hopefully drive their car.

**Tours and Events:**

January 24 – 10am - Dine & Drive hosted by the **Johnsons**. Meet at Spindletop Museum - Drive around Tyrell Park, go to site of Lucas Gusher, tour St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, drive around downtown Beaumont and eat lunch at the River City Grill.

March 21 – Dine & Drive hosted by the **Smiths**.

Next meeting will be on February 10 - Baytown Seafood - Groves, TX

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Parsley - Secretary



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

NONE

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Dennis & Audrey Turner—2nd



## 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.

<b>JANUARY</b> 13th—GTA Meeting 24th—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Johnsons CANCELLED 29th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Dairy Queen, Pt. Neches	<b>FEBRUARY</b> 10th—GTA Meeting 14th—Valentines Day 26th—11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Tonys BBQ, Beaumont
<b>MARCH</b> 10th—GTA Meeting 21st—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths 26th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Pine Tree Lodge, LaBelle	<b>APRIL</b> 5th—Easter 14th—GTA Meeting 30th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Dairy Queen, Groves
<b>MAY</b> 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	<b>JUNE</b> 9th—GTA Meeting 11-14th—Texas Tour in Mineral Wells, TX 25th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Dairy Queen, Beaumont
<b>JULY</b> 14th—GTA Meeting 30th-11:00 Thursday w/the Prez @ Hamburger Depot, Nederland	<b>AUGUST</b> 11th—GTA Meeting 27th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Novrozsky's, Nederland
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 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	<b>OCTOBER</b> 13th—GTA Meeting 29th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Schooners Restaurant, Nederland
<b>NOVEMBER</b> 10th—GTA Meeting 26th—Thanksgiving	<b>DECEMBER</b> TBD—GTA Christmas Party 25th—Christmas



**Henry Ford and his Quadricycle and the 25 Millionth Ford!**

## The Model A's Big Brother—the Model AA

Did you know Ford made a larger version of the Model A? It had a longer wheelbase and heavier frame but the design for both shared many common parts and materials! (The AA's were work vehicles and so had plainer interiors than the Model A, but they had the same engine, carburetor, six-volt generator, and electric starter, just to name a few. It did have heavier duty components such as a bigger radiator, different gear ratios (to pull heavier loads) and different rear suspension (again, due to heavier loads). AA's had spoked wheels in 1928-29, but much heavier than the Model A. In 1930 and 31 new style slot disc wheels were used.

Here are a few pictures of AA's made for different commercial uses!



# 63rd Model "A" Ford Texas Tour

JUNE 11-14, 2026    MINERAL WELLS, TX



HOSTED AT THE  
HISTORIC CRAZY  
WATER HOTEL

## REGISTER NOW!

\*Late registration fee after May 15



THE CRAZY WATER HOTEL



BLUE OVAL CAR BARN



EVENT T-SHIRT

### JOIN US

Hosted by the Fort Worth Model "A" Ford Club, the 63rd Texas Tour offers a variety of activities highlighting the historic charm of Mineral Wells, Texas. The host hotel and event venue is the fully-restored Crazy Water Hotel.

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome and farewell banquets
- Planned early bird activities
- Multiple mini tour options
- Era Fashions
- Blue Oval Car Barn
- Grand Tour with catered lunch
- Game night with ice cream
- Within walking distance of the historic Baker Hotel

**Hotel Information:** mention "Texas Tour" when booking for block discount

The Crazy Water Hotel: (940) 325-4605

Red Lion Inn: (940) 325-7829

Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_



# REGISTRATION FORM

**63<sup>rd</sup> Model "A" Ford Texas Tour**  
**June 11-14, 2026**  
**Mineral Wells, Texas**

**Hosted by the Fort Worth Model "A" Ford Club**

Please print all information on form:

Last Name _____	First Name _____	Spouse/Guest _____	
Local Club Affiliation(s) _____		Phone (including area code) _____	Alternate phone _____
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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> "A" Year \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be participating in the Era Fashion Photo Shoot?  YES  NO

Registration will include 1 patch and 1 radiator badge. Additional patches and badges may be purchased separately. Registration Confirmation will be sent by Email.

**Note: Registrations must be received by May 31, 2026 with a \$40 late fee after May 15, 2026. Due to prior payment for facilities, food, and service, refunds cannot be given after May 31, 2026.**

I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless from any and all liability whatsoever due to my attendance and participation at the 2026 Model "A" Ford Texas Tour, any and all of the following: Model A Ford Club of America Inc., and their Officers and Directors, Model A Restorers Club Inc., and their Officers and Directors, the 63<sup>rd</sup> Texas Tour committee, their facilities, and the Fort Worth Model A Ford Club, and their Officers and Directors. Submission of this Registration form whether signed or unsigned, constitutes acceptance of this release by all attendees/participants.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Texas Tour 2026

Mail to: Andrea Douglass, Registrar  
2319 Warner Rd  
Fort Worth, TX 76110  
817-907-1418  
Email: [texastour2026@gmail.com](mailto:texastour2026@gmail.com)

For Registrar use only:

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

## 2026 TEXAS TOUR REGISTRATION

<b>Wednesday, June 10, 2026</b>		<b>Times</b>		
Early Registration & Self-Guided Tours - The Crazy Water Hotel		2:00pm-5:00pm		
<b>Thursday, June 11, 2026</b>		<b>How Many?</b>		
Registration/ Hospitality/ Raffles - The Crazy Water Hotel		10:30am-5:00pm	_____	
Repair Tent		2:00pm-5:00pm	_____	
Early Bird Self-Guided Tours - Scavenger Hunt and/or Ghost Tour		all day	_____	
Early Bird Guided Tour - Possum Kingdom Lake		11:00am-3:00pm	_____	
Welcome Dinner - The Crazy Water Hotel		6:00pm-8:30pm		
How many of each? _____ Chicken Fajitas & fixins _____ Veg.			_____	
Kids (under 13) _____ Chicken Fajitas & fixins _____ Veg.			_____	
<b>Friday, June 12, 2026</b>				
Registration/ Repair Tent/ Hospitality/ Raffles		10:00am-5:00pm	_____	
Era Fashions Photo Shoot - The Crazy Water Hotel		9:00am-10:30am		
Guided Tour - Weatherford Downtown Square and Farmers Market		9:00am-1:00pm		
Self-Guided Tours - Scavenger Hunt and/or Ghost Tour		all day		
Blue Oval Car Barn: Ford Mustang collection		2:00pm-4:30pm		
Ice Cream Sundaes & Game Night - The Crazy Water Hotel		6:00-8:30pm		
<b>Saturday, June 13, 2026</b>				
Grand Tour - Thurber Museum & Lunch		8:30am - 3:00pm		
Lunch - How many of each?: _____ Pulled Pork _____ Sliced Turkey _____ Veg.			_____	
Kids lunch(under 13) - _____ Pulled Pork _____ Sliced Turkey _____ Veg.			_____	
Repair Tent/ Hospitality/ Raffles		2:00pm-5:00pm		
Presidents' Meeting of TX club presidents - The Crazy Water Hotel		5:00pm-5:30pm		
Farewell Dinner - The Crazy Water Hotel		6:00pm-9:00pm		
How many of each: _____ Chicken Fried Steak & fixins _____ Veg.				
Kids Meal (under 13) _____ Chicken Fried Steak & fixins _____ Veg.				
Era Fashions Gallery Walk (how many?) _____				
<b>Registration Fees</b>		<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Total</b>
		1	\$150.00	
			\$140.00	
			\$100.00	
<b>Late Registration Fee <u>after</u> May 15, 2026</b>			\$40.00	
<b>TOTAL EVENT PRICE</b>				
<b>T-SHIRTS - see intro page for pictures of the shirts available</b>				
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy S _____, M _____ crew neck (men's)			\$25.00	
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy L _____, XL _____ crew neck (men's)			\$25.00	
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy 2XL _____, 3XL _____ crew neck (men's)			\$27.00	
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy S _____, M _____ v-neck (ladies')			\$25.00	
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy L _____, XL _____, v-neck (ladies')			\$25.00	
T-Shirts (how many?) Navy 2XL _____, 3XL _____, v-neck (ladies')			\$27.00	
Extra Patches (1 included with registration)		How Many?	\$5.00	
Extra Radiator Badges (1 included with registration)		How Many?	\$5.00	
<b>TOTAL MERCHANDISE PRICE</b> - tax included with all merchandise				
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED</b>				



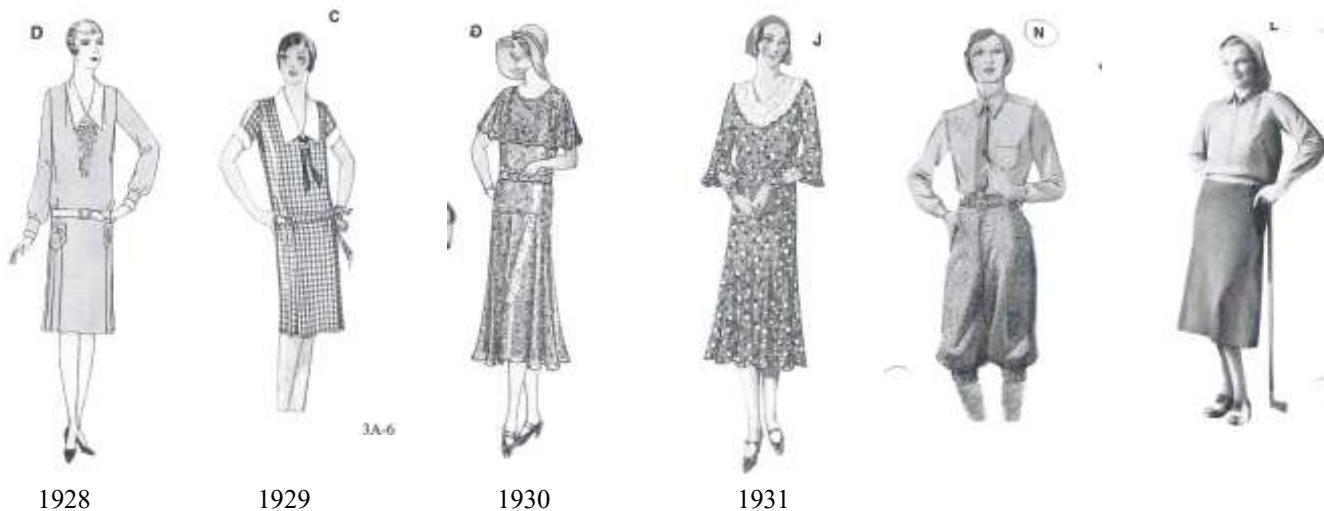
**NOW, LET'S GET READY FOR THE TEXAS TOUR ERA FASHIONS GALLERY WALK!**

ALL THE PICTURES SHOWN WERE TAKEN FROM PAGES IN THE MAFCA FASHION GUIDELINES.

GENTLEMEN: Men's styles did not change much during the Model A Era. Here are some examples of what a man might wear. (The last picture on the right is for T. J. because last year he looked just like the picture!)



LADIES: Ladies' styles did change during the Model A Era. Here are some pictures of what a lady might wear. Notice how the skirt length got longer and the belt moved up to the natural waistline a little at a time.



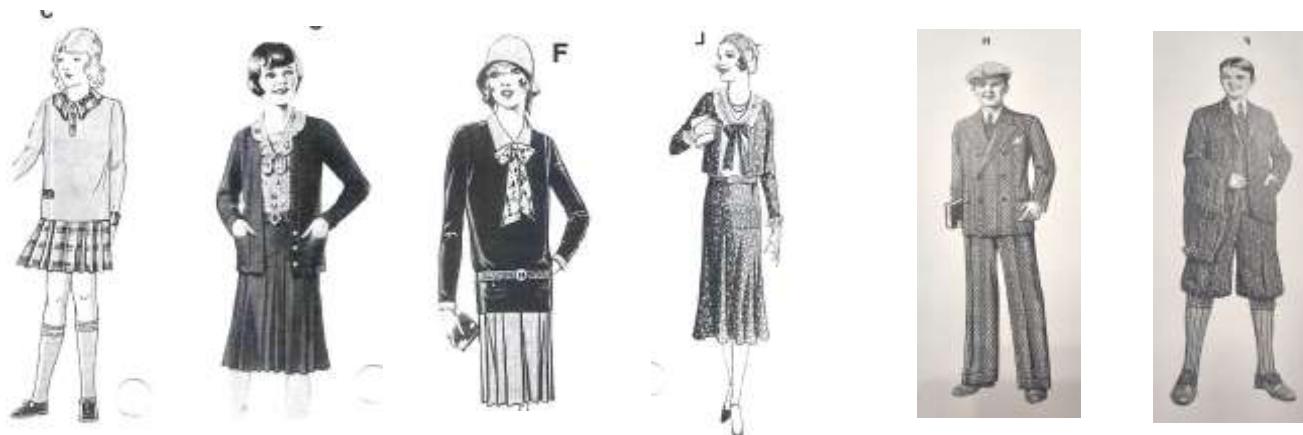
1928

1929

1930

1931

YOUNG MEN & LADIES: Before the age of 14, girls and boys were still considered to be children. The MAFCA Fashion Guidelines put young ladies into 2 age categories, 7-14 and 14-20. Clothing for boys ages 6-18 changed very little during the Model A years. From the age of about 16, boys wore much the same as men.



2 pictures for 7-14 young ladies

2 pictures for 14-20 young ladies

2 pictures for young men

## CHAPTER LOAN PROGRAM

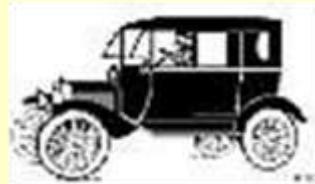
### Tools

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  
2008 World Meet  
48<sup>th</sup> Texas Tour #1  
48<sup>th</sup> 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 post-marked on or before Dec. 31-\$20 \*Returning Member paid or postmarked after Dec. 31-\$25.00**

GIVE or MAILTO: PAUL SMITH  
1162 Tom Easley Road  
Kountze, TX 77625

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Make checks payable to Model A Ford Club of America

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

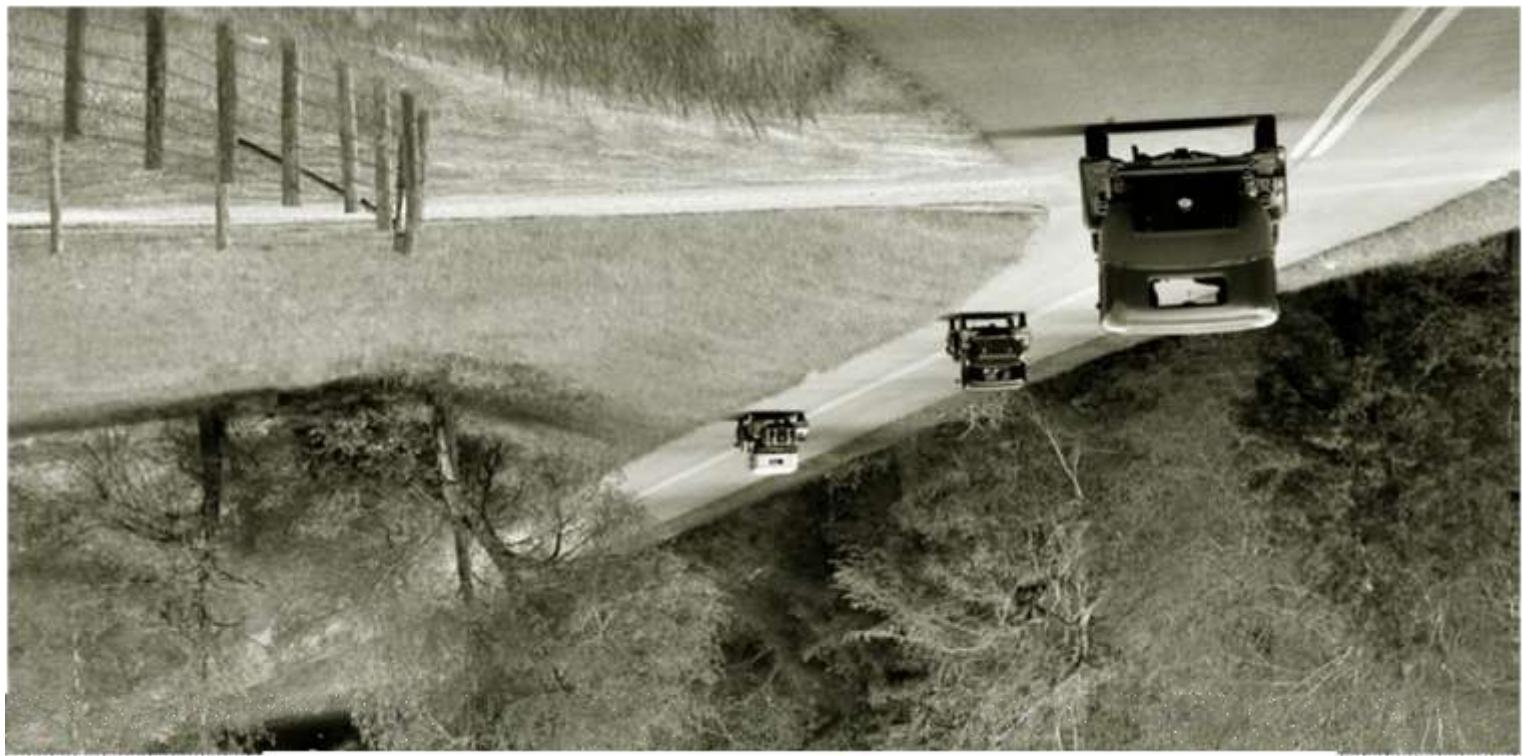
Return this Form and Payment to MAFCA 250 South Cypress • La Habra, CA 90631-5515 ~ Optional Initiation Package For New Members Only 1—Back issue of The Restorer 1—MAFCA Lapel Pin 1—MAFCA Decal—1 Name Badge ~ Only \$10 extra

### NEWSLETTER QUIZ

1. What were some of the heavier duty components of the Model AA?
2. What type of wheels were used on the AA in 1930-31?
3. What type of wheels were used on 1928-29 AA? How were they different from the Model A?
4. Did styles for men & boys change much during the Model A years?
5. Where will February's "Last Thursday with the Prez" be?
6. What kind of heater does Bob have in his Blindback?

**Southeast Texas Mardi Gras  
February 13-15, 2026  
Doggett Ford Park, Beaumont, Texas**





## Golden Triangle A's On Tour

Golden Triangle A's  
750 Countrywood Circle  
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