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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

JANUARY 2025

Golden Triangle A's

PO Box 22076

Beaumont, TX 77720

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

When: January 14, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Where: Elsa's Greek Grill

2604 Dowlen Rd

Beaumont, 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.

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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.....

Happy New Year fellow GTA members and welcome to 2025! As my mother used to say – “Where did last year go? They go by so fast these days!”

The Christmas party at the Parker's house was so much fun! The food was great and the white elephant gift exchange was a blast! You would have thought the men had never seen a flash-light before. Several were “stolen” before all the gifts were exchanged. Thank you to Lynne and TJ for opening up their home to us and being very gracious hosts.



The Dine and Drive in December was hosted by Paul Smith in Orange. We had great weather to check out the decorated Christmas trees at ShangriLa and visits to the Stark House and Railroad Museum in downtown. We had a small group that day, but everyone loved the final event—lunch at Robert's Restaurant. Check your calendars for 2025 and let's get the calendar full with fun things to do in Southeast Texas.

Did you know that by 1931, a third of all Ford dealers were out of business due to the Great Depression? By August 1931, Ford Motor Company had laid off 60,000 workers and the plants were shut down for six months. Were those really the “good ole days?” Today's high costs of services and goods does not sound so bad! We have inflation for sure, but 2025 will be much better. When was the last time you bought car polish for your Model A? Well then, if you don't remember, go buy some and shine that ride!

Happy Motoring, Bob



2025 Coming Attractions

JANUARY

11th—Dine @ Cracker Barrel in Bmt. @ 9:00 A.M.

14TH—GTA Meeting

FEBRUARY

11th GTA Meeting

THINGS OF INTEREST: Page 2, Christmas Party Pictures & January Birthdays; Page 3, Calendar & December Dine & Drive Pictures; Page 4, Ford's V8, Ford's Race Car, Pictures of Race Car Drivers, & Newsletter Quiz; Page, 5, **Dine Planned for January 11;**

NO MEETING MINUTES THIS MONTH
Golden Triangle A's Christmas Party
December 7, 2024



Many Thanks to Lynne and T. J. for hosting our club Christmas Party! We had a great turnout for the party and everyone had a wonderful time!



Wallace gifted some special gifts to our hosts. Depression Glass bowl for Lynne and old Ford books for T.J.



So much GOOD food! LET'S EAT!



The gift exchange got to be pretty funny! The Guys all wanted the work lights and they kept stealing them from each other!



James Parsley installed our 2025 club officers. They are from left to right:
Paul Smith, Treasurer; Bob Johnson, President; Dennis Weyant, Vice President;
Karen Parsley, Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Paul Smith—7th
Donna Lewis—12th
Emma Block—19th
Audrey Turner—20th
Dallas Higgins—24th
Bob Johnson—25th
Dennis Weyant—27th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

NONE

GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's 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.

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| JANUARY 11th—Dine (NO Drive) @ Cracker Barrel in Bmt. @ 9:00 A.M. 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 14, 2024—Dine and Drive Hosted by the Smiths

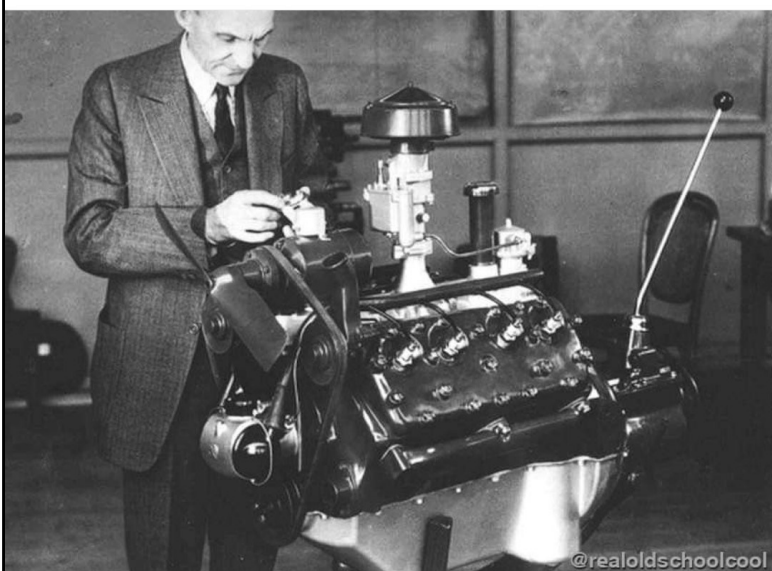
Eight members driving 3 Model A's enjoyed the Dine & Drive to Shangri La Gardens, the Stark House, the Railroad Depot, and lunch at Robert's Restaurant in Orange. Thanks to Karen & Bob for the pictures!



Mar. 31, 1932 - Ford introduced the "flathead" V8 in the Ford Model 18. Although the V8 configuration was not new when the Ford V8 was introduced, it was a market first in the respect that it made an 8-cylinder affordable, and it ranks as one of the company's most important developments. It was installed in passenger cars and trucks (with minor, incremental changes) until 1953, and it remains famous in the classic car hobbies even today.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ford_flathead_V8_engine

<ed. note:> Another great Ford innovation. Flathead V-8s were the popular engine to have for home-built hot rods and street racers, which started many businesses in speed equipment and hop-up parts.



Cyclist Barney Oldfield Drives The Giant Racing Car '999' Built By Henry Ford In 1902



NEWSLETTER QUIZ THIS MONTH SUBMITTED BY PAUL SMITH

“CAN YOU SPOT WHAT IS WRONG?”



RACE CAR DRIVERS IN 1930 MORE COSTUME IDEAS FOR MEN AND LADIES!



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Rebuilding Shocks
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2008 World Meet
48th Texas Tour #1
48th Texas Tour #2
2011 Gulf Coast Tour
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*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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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

DINE –NO Drive **JANUARY 11, 2025**

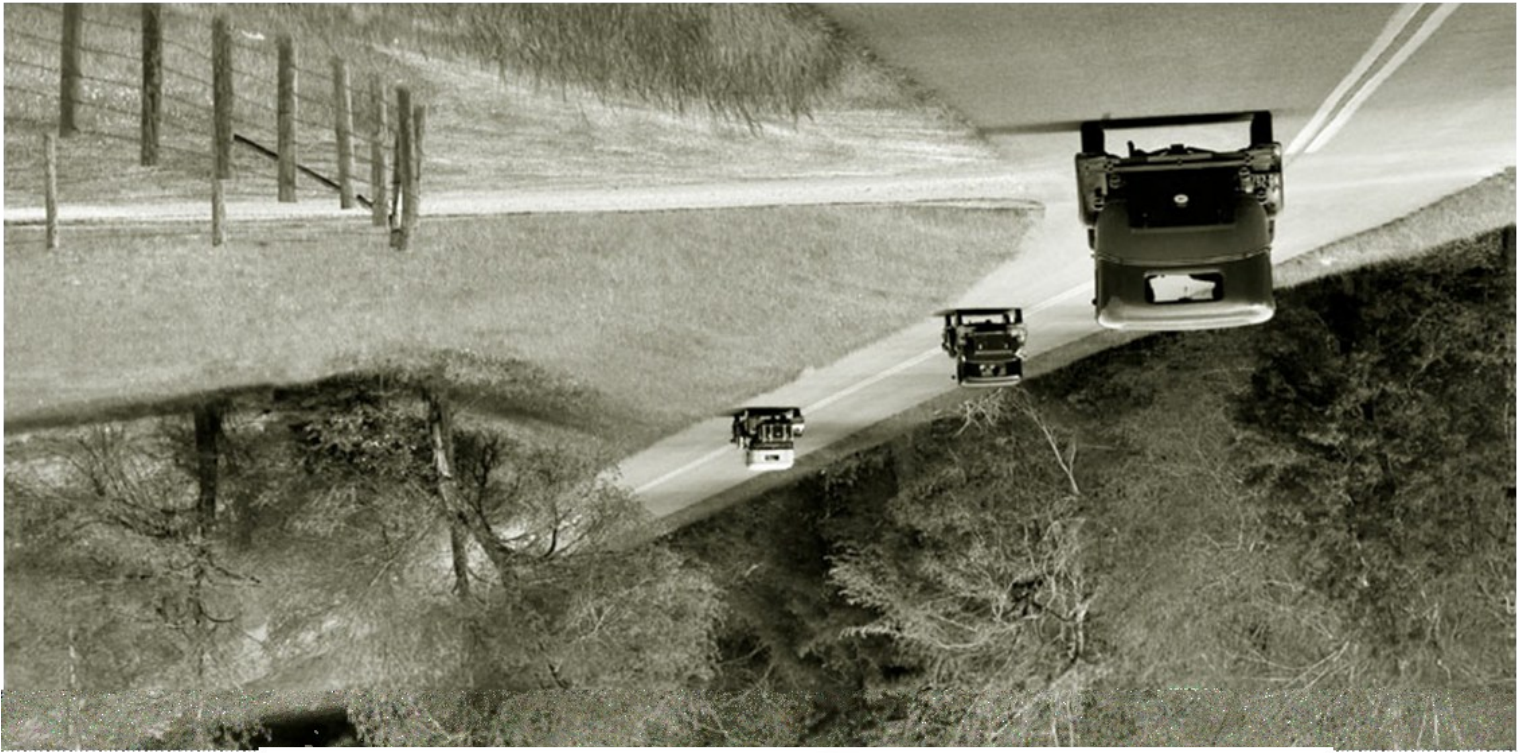
- Everyone should meet at the **Cracker Barrel in Beaumont at 9:00 A. M.** to have breakfast. Members will dine together but will not have a drive.
- Of course, you can drive your “A” to the restaurant if you want too!



DON'T FORGET

Club dues are \$20 for 2025 if paid by DECEMBER 31. They are \$25 if paid after December 31.
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ALSO: Remember to renew your MAFCA dues.



Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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