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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

JANUARY 2026

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

JANUARY 13, 2026

6:00 PM

**Carmela's Mexican Restaurant
8550 Memorial Blvd
Port Arthur, Texas**



January Events

1st—HAPPY NEW YEAR

13th—GTA Meeting

24th—Dine & Drive with the Johnsons

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 Fellow GTA members and welcome to 2026!

Our last event in 2025 ended on a very high note. The Christmas party was well-attended with great food, wonderful holiday stories, and the white elephant gift exchange. It was a fun time for everyone and set the tone for our 2026 GTA calendar. Several of our members were unable to attend

the Christmas party due to health issues, and they were missed. Please keep them in your prayers for speedy recoveries.

It looks like y'all get to keep reading my rambling President's messages for another year. The club officers for 2026 will be the same group you had in 2025. Start thinking now about the 2027 officers because new and fresh ideas are always welcome and needed in any volunteer organization.

Dennis Weyant has reserved space for our January monthly meeting on the 13th at Carmela's Mexican Restaurant in Pt. Arthur; it is located at 8550 Memorial Blvd (near Central Mall) and easy to get to for everyone, and they have great food. Everyone come to this meeting with some ideas for our calendar for Dine & Drive events, tech sessions, weekend tours, or just a friendly weekday lunch at your favorite hangout. Be sure to be at Carmela's on the 13th. I will have a schedule for a new monthly event we are going to start for 2026: "Last Thursday with the Prez" We will meet at 11 a.m. for lunch on the last Thursday of each month at various locations.

Pam and I would like to hold a Dine & Drive event for the club on Saturday, January 24th. We will meet at the Spindletop Museum on Lamar University property at 10 a.m. They have plenty of space if you want to trailer your A there. We will take a short drive through the Southpark area and Tyrrell Park. Then we can head downtown Beaumont and drive around some historical buildings and landmarks ending up on Crockett Street. Lunch will be at 12 noon at the Riverside Grille Restaurant which is located at 290 Cockett St. They have wonderful food and a great atmosphere to enjoy after a morning of driving our A's. This Dine & Drive event is a great opportunity for those who like to dress in Model A era clothing and have a good time. We are looking forward to this event, and hopefully, it will kick start a great year for our club.

Now go to your closet and start working on what you are wearing on January 24th!

Happy Motoring, Bob

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

In January, let go of the old; welcome in the new, and cherish the possibilities that lie ahead. Start with a fresh page!

GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's CHRISTMAS PARTY (No Minutes)
Bob and Pam Johnson's Home, Beaumont, Texas
December 13, 2025



18 members attended the 2025 Golden Triangle A's Christmas Party. Thanks to Bob and Pam for hosting the party! Members enjoyed the food and fellowship!

But....looks like Dallas and T.J. took a nap! Must be after they ate!



Right:

It was hard to decide which gift to select!



Left :

2026 Officers were installed at the party.

Karen Parsley—Secretary
Paul Smith—Treasurer
Bob Johnson—President
Dennis Weyant—V. President

Right:

Pam got a very large and unusual wreath for Christmas! (Thanks to Karen for the pictures.)



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 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.

JANUARY 13th—GTA Meeting	FEBRUARY 10th—GTA Meeting 14th—Valentines Day
MARCH 10th—GTA Meeting	APRIL 5th—Easter 14th—GTA Meeting
MAY 12th—GTA Meeting 31-June 7—2026 MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton, OR	JUNE 9th—GTA Meeting 11-14th—Texas Tour in Mineral Wells, TX
JULY 14th—GTA Meeting	AUGUST 11th—GTA Meeting
SEPTEMBER 8th—GTA Meeting 12th—International Model A Ford Day 18-19th—15th Annual Model A Days, Hickory Corners, MI	OCTOBER 13th—GTA Meeting
NOVEMBER 10th—GTA Meeting	DECEMBER TBD—GTA Christmas Party

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Vice-President—Dennis Weyant

Secretary—Karen Parsley

Treasurer—Paul Smith



MAFCA 2026 Officers:

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This is a good example of a 1928/29 dress (left) remade to the 1930/31 style (right). The 1928/29 dress has a drop waist and shorter length. The 1930/31 dress no longer has a drop waist. The skirt is now stitched to the bottom of the blouse making the dress longer. The belt is moved to the natural waistline.
(MAFCA Fashion Guidelines P. 3A-9)



ACORNS AND TEACUPS AND DRUMS AS WELL.....

There were several changes to the head lamps, cowl and rear lamps on the Model A over the span of four years. This information can be found in Area 15—Exterior Plating. Nickel plating was used on head lamps, and cowl and rear lamps in 1928 and 1929 on all passenger vehicles, with chrome plating used from 10/29 to 12/29 for head lamps and cowl lights. Stainless steel replaced nickel/chrome plating for all passenger vehicles in 1930 and 1931. Commercial vehicles for all years had head

lamp cases, cowl and rear lamps were dipped in gloss black enamel while the doors (rims) were left unpainted. In 1930 and 1931 commercial lights were made from magnetic steel.

1928-1929 head lamps were acorn shaped and had no markings. In February, a new design was used with "Ford" script and "TWO LITE HEADLAMP" stamped on the top of each shell. In October 1929, some head lamps were chrome plated. With the introduction of the 1930 models, the head lamp assemblies were changed to a hemispherical shape made of stainless steel. All the components were cadmium plated with the exception of the latch which was nickel plated or stainless steel. Conduits were bright nickel plated brass from BOP to October 1929 when they were chrome plated to match the change in the head lamp cases. 1930-1931 conduits were magnetic stainless steel.

Cowl lamps were introduced in 1929 and had an acorn shape as well and were bright nickel plated as well. Plating in late 1929 was changed to match the change made with the head lamps. They were standard equipment on Cabriolets, Town Sedans and Town Cars. The shape was changed in 1930-1931 models to reflect the shape of the head lamp and were stainless steel with chrome plated arms. They were standard equipment on deluxe models and offered as accessories on other models.



Acorn shaped head lamp



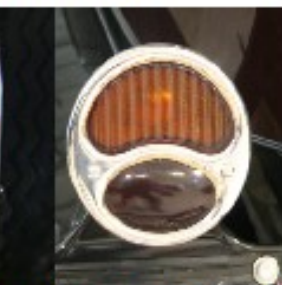
Hemispherical shape



Acorn shaped cowl



Hemispherical shape



Drum and Teacup designs



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.

CHAPTER LOAN PROGRAM

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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 _____

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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

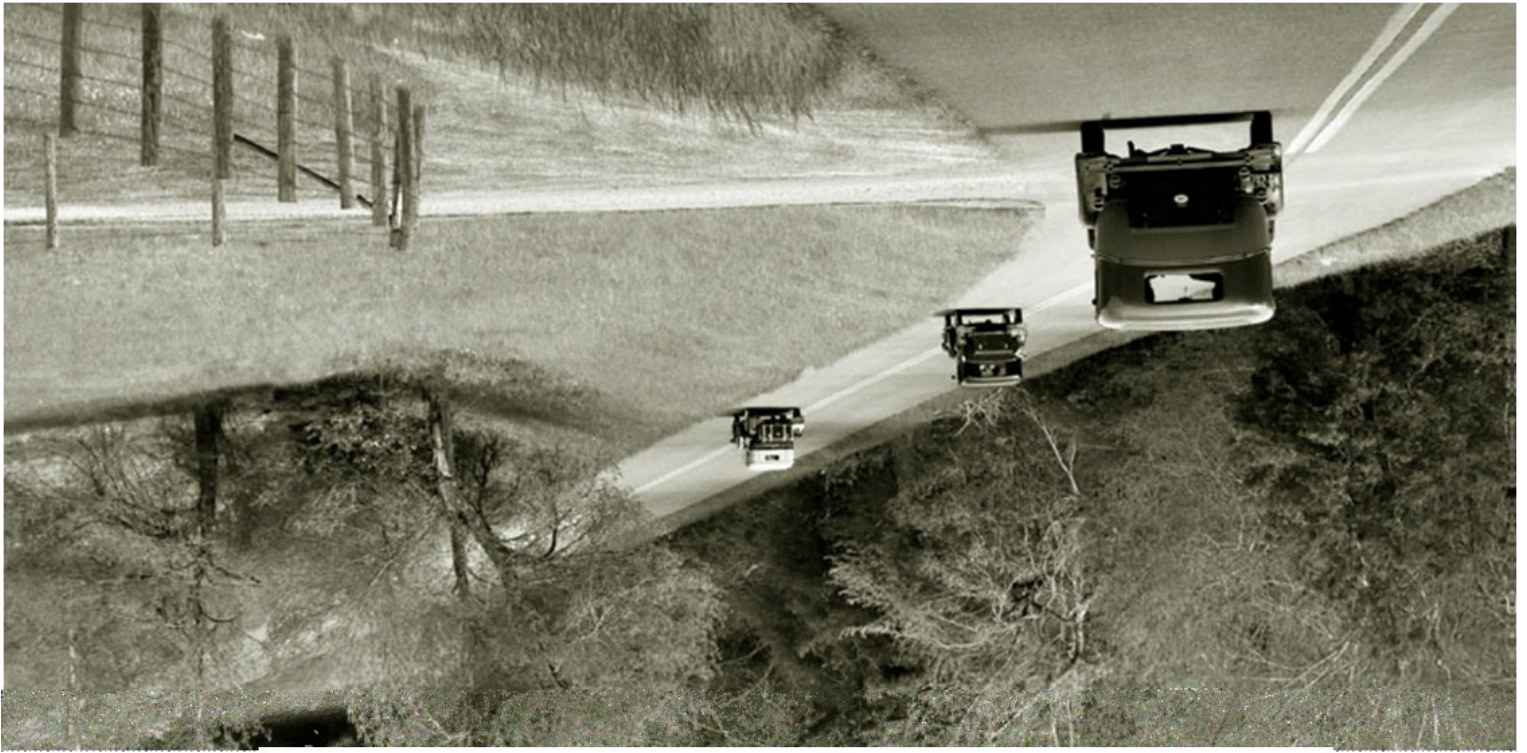
NEWSLETTER QUIZ

1. What was the shape of 1928/29 head lamps?
2. When were cowl lamps introduced?
3. Who is the 2026 MAFCA president?
4. When is 2026 International Model A Ford Day?
5. When is the January Dine & Drive?
6. What is the name of Bob's new 2026 monthly event?
7. In 1928/29, would a ladies dress possibly have a shorter length than in 1930/31?

Bob Johnson drove his “A” to the Calder Woods car show in November and brought home a trophy!

Congrats to Bob!





Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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