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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

JULY 2024

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## Next Monthly Meeting

**When: July 9, 2024**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Where: Baytown Seafood  
4830 Twin City Hwy.  
Groves, 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.....

Hello GTA members, It's July and HOT in Texas again. Well, the Texas Tour has come and gone; however, our members attending had a great time. We had several members in Fashion Judging, Car Judging, and the Hubley Races. The winners were Ronnie Butler in the Hubley Races, and he even won the coveted People's Choice Award. TJ Parker received a Gold Medal for his '28 Roadster in the Restorers Class car judging. We had several members recognized in the Fashion Era Judging: they included Paul Smith, Cathy Smith, and Ronnie Butler. Sylvia Butler was a judge this year for the Fashion event (but not for Ronnie). Our 15 members attending took home 10 items from the Raffle tables and lots of door prizes! Way to go!!



Unfortunately, Pam and I had to cancel our trip to the Texas Tour this year. Pam was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and started Chemotherapy the week before. She was not well enough for the trip, and it was best that we stayed home. Our Model A schedule will be temporarily on hold and cut back until we get thru this difficult time. There is one thing that Ford Model A's and us old people have in common: we require constant and routine maintenance!

Don't forget that in July we have several events planned. The July 4th parade in Calder Place is a quick, easy, and fun event. It starts early, is short, and no overheating problems on the two mile route.

Our July club meeting is on the 9th at Baytown Seafood in Groves, and we always have a great turnout for that. The Parsleys are hosting the July 13th Dine and Drive and will provide more information at Baytown Seafood.

If you haven't done it lately, go check the water and coolant in your radiator. Be sure to inspect your water pump too because it's hot out there! Now go drive your Model A.

Happy Motoring, Bob

## 2024 Coming Attractions

JULY

9th—GTA Meeting

13th—Dine & Drive **CANCELLED**

Hosted by the Parsleys

AUGUST

13th—GTA Meeting



THINGS OF INTEREST: Page 2, Minutes & Birthdays/Anniversary; Page 3 & 4, Pictures of the Texas Tour; Page 5, Era Fashions at the Texas Tour & Calendar of Events **NOTE: July Dine & Drive CANCELLED;** Page 6, Jim's Tech Tips; Page 7, Newsletter Quiz

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES**  
**Ming's Buffet, Vidor, Texas**  
**June 11, 2024**

The club met at Ming's Chinese Restaurant in Vidor. James Parsley opened the meeting with a prayer. President Bob Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob updated everyone on several members. Paul Smith is awaiting news from the insurance company following their accident on the last Dine and Drive outing. Kathy still has some pain from her broken ribs. Rodney Block is doing much better. Wes Jones suffered a major heart attack. He is recovering and has been transferred to a rehab facility in Port Neches. Pam Johnson has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She has had surgery and is currently undergoing chemo treatments.

Everyone participated in the newsletter quiz.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter, and Paul Smith's treasurer's report was approved as well.

No one brought a mystery part this month.

Kathy Smith's ticket was drawn in the 50/50 drawing.

Bob Johnson gave a report on the most recent Dine and Drive outing to Port Arthur. Spirits were dampened due to the accident Paul and Kathy Smith were in on the way.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade will take place in Calder Place. If anyone is interested in driving their Model A in the parade, they should be there to line up by 8:30.

The long weekend of June 13-16 is the Texas Tour in Nacogdoches. Several members plan to attend.

Next month we will meet at Baytown Seafood in Groves.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Weyant, Secretary



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Elaine Bullard—9th  
Kevin Parsley—23rd  
Mary Domingue—25th  
Pam Johnson—27th  
Dennis Turner—30th



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Carl & Doris Price—17th



**June 13-16, 2024  
61st Texas Tour  
hosted by the Dallas  
Model A Ford Club  
in Nacogdoches**  
15 GTA members driving 5 Model A's attended the Texas Tour. Everyone had a great time and brought home several awards! Thanks to Karen for helping me get pictures.



10 members in the Thursday Night Welcome Dinner Picture (5 took off somewhere?)

The Grand Tour got started on Saturday morning at 8:15 A.M. The first stop was Caddo Mounds State Historic Site. Then on to Mission Tejas State Park for the 2nd stop on the tour.



On Friday night, Ronnie Butler won 3rd place in the Hubley Derby and the Hubley People's Choice Award!





3rd stop on the tour was at Ratcliff Lake Recreation Area for lunch and car games. Then back to town to get ready for the Farewell Banquet.



Saturday night Farewell Banquet and Awards

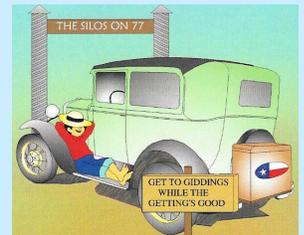


T.J. Parker entered his 1928 Roadster in the Restorers Class Car Evaluation and won a GOLD Award/Medal!



Ronnie had to have his picture with the Ladies !

**62nd Texas Tour will be June 12-15, 2025 in Giddings, Texas hosted by the Lone Star Model A Ford Club.**



All activities will be in the Silos on 77 Event Center, 1081 CR 223, Giddings. Hotels will be the Best Western, Super 8, and Executive Inn. (all in Giddings) We were told the hotels will not take reservations until November 1, 2024. Registrations would be out after that.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's 2024 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.

<p><b>MAY</b>                  14th—GTA Meeting                  18th—Dine &amp; Drive Hosted by the Butlers—Pompeian Villa (\$4 Admission Fee) &amp; Wheelhouse for Lunch</p>	<p><b>JUNE</b>                  11th—GTA Meeting                  13—16th—61st Texas Tour in Nacogdoches, TX                  23—29th—National MAFCA Convention—<b>CANCELLED</b>                  Ruidoso, NM</p>
<p><b>JULY</b>                  9th—GTA Meeting                  13th—Dine &amp; Drive Hosted by the Parsleys                  Breakfast at Mama Jacks at 9:00 A.M. <b>CANCELLED</b></p>	<p><b>AUGUST</b>                  13th—GTA Meeting</p>
<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b>                  10th—GTA Meeting                  21st— International Ford Model A Day                  20-22— Coldspring Tour Hosted by the Butlers (Book Sunday Houses with Linda Currie @ 936-661-1530)</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER</b>                  8th—GTA Meeting</p>
<p><b>NOVEMBER</b>                  12th—GTA Meeting</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER</b>                  TBD—GTA Christmas Party                  11-14—National Awards Banquet in Salt Lake City, Utah                  TBD—Dine &amp; Drive Hosted by the Smiths—Shangri La Christmas</p>



**AND THEN THERE WERE ERA FASHIONS AT THE 61st TEXAS TOUR**

Era Fashion judging took place on Friday morning. Awards were presented at the Farewell Banquet. There was a Fashion Show before dinner.

CONGRATS

Paul Smith—Award of Excellence

Kathy Smith—1st Place Award

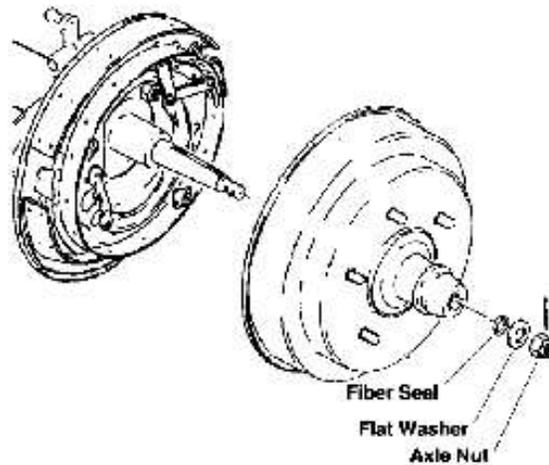
Ronnie Butler—Award of Excellence



## Jim's Tech Tips

*"Check Your Rear Axle Nuts"*

Every time I have a rear wheel off of a Model A, I use the opportunity to check the tightness of the rear axle nut for that wheel. They are supposed to be quite tight, and yet I find many with at least one axle nut that is loose. This is not good. If the hub is able to move on the axle, it will cause excess wear to the end of the axle and can damage it to the point where the axle will need to be replaced.

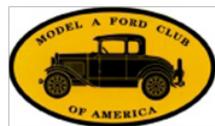


To check it, first remove the cotter key. With the transmission in 1<sup>st</sup> or Reverse gear, and the opposite rear tire on the ground, you can apply a wrench to the axle nut and confirm it is tight.

Ford did not publish torque values for nuts and bolts; he counted on the experience and "feel" of expert mechanics to know how tight to make things. Les Andrews has a value of 125 ft-lbs. in his book for this nut, and I feel that is a good target to shoot for. Watch the position of the cotter pin hole relative to the slots in the axle nut. If the pin will not line up on the nut, keep tightening the nut until the cotter pin goes in. Bend the ears over. I use a new cotter pin every time.

This simple maintenance step will help you avoid bigger problems down the road.

Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*  
Jim



## *HAPPY BIRTHDAY HENRY FORD*

July 30, 1863: Henry Ford is born on a farm not far from Detroit in what is currently Dearborn, Michigan. His parents are Mary and William Ford.

November 6, 1893: Edsel Bryant Ford is born to Clara and Henry in Detroit.

Father Henry Ford And Son Edsel Ford Sit In A Rare Model F Ford



## CHAPTER LOAN PROGRAM

### Tools

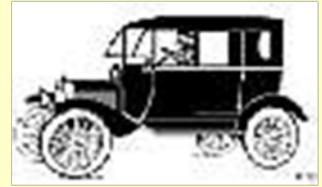
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 Brake Centering Tool  
 Rear Spring Spreader  
 Front Spring Spreader  
 Door Hinge Pin Remover  
 Gas Gauge Tool  
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 Bob Johnson at 409-781-3078

### Books & Videos

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 Rebuilding Steering  
 Rebuilding Shocks  
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 48<sup>th</sup> Texas Tour #1  
 48<sup>th</sup> Texas Tour #2  
 2011 Gulf Coast Tour  
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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 the Golden Triangle A's)**

**\*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**

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### NEWSLETTER QUIZ

1. What are the plans for the July Dine & Drive? **DISREGARD-CANCELLED**
2. How many members attended the 61st Texas Tour?
3. Who won Fashion Awards at the Texas Tour?
4. What Award did T.J. Parker win at the Texas Tour?
5. Did Ford publish torque values for nuts & bolts?
6. Where will the 62nd Texas Tour be held?
7. Who won the 50/50 drawing at the last meeting?.....again!
8. What time is the line up for the Calder Place parade?

### **“C” WHAT'S MISSING**

The name of which of these animals does not appear in the King James Bible?





## Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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