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**THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's**

**JULY 2025**

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

## Next Monthly Meeting

**JULY 8, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Tony's Barbecue**

**4700 Twin City Hwy**

**Groves, Texas**



## July Events

**4th—Calder Place Parade @ 9:00 A.M.**

**8th—GTA MEETING**

### 2025—CELEBRATING 30 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.....

where the term "Shade Tree Mechanic" came from. Many of us in the Model A hobby are "Fixers," "Roadside Mechanics," or "Shade Tree Mechanics." If not, Model A ownership is going to be a problem for you. Being 95 year old cars, there is constant maintenance and "fiddling" that goes on. This year's Texas Tour is Giddings was a perfect example. Only five Model A's from our group of 18 made it to Giddings. The on-going rain event before and during the tour kept several Model A's home in their garages. Of the five A's there, only two were driveable on the last day. Our chicken will be passed around to several people at our July meeting. Breakdowns are going to happen, but preventative maintenance will minimize them. I have had my share of the chicken ownership over the years. It's not all bad. It shows that you do drive your Model A, and that is a pretty important part of our club.

We had a lot of fun in Giddings this year. It started Friday evening during the Hubley Races. Ronnie Butler's Model A police car was fast! It set the track record according to the race officials. It went so fast that it broke through the cushioned stop at the end of the track and broke a front tire/wheel off the car. "Roadside repairs by Ronnie" were not enough to save it, and he'll have to wait again until next year to race it.

We had seven members participate in the Fashion Era Show, and they all looked great. Our club had multiple winners in the 50/50 pot, raffle drawings, door prizes, and auction items. It seemed like GTA members were constantly being called up for prizes during the Saturday night banquet.

The touring on Friday and Saturday was a bit unorganized compared to past events, but they planned it that way so everything was a little more "laidback." The highlight of the tour for me was getting to ride in the 100 year old plus carousel that is only opened two times a year to the public. It was very primitive and unsafe by today's standards, but it is the pride of the Giddings community.

The Texas Tour in 2026 will be in Mineral Wells, and I believe approximately 12-14 from our club have already made their reservations at the historic Crazy Water Hotel. It is a long drive from Beaumont, and it should be lots of fun. The Ft. Worth club will put on a terrific event.

Our July meeting on the 8th will be at Tony's BBQ in Groves. Hope to see everyone there! Now go check the water level in your Model A before you drive it. It could probably use a cool drink of water!

Happy Motoring, Bob

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**GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES**  
**Baytown Seafood, Groves Texas**  
**June 10, 2025**

**Lynne Parker** led us in prayer.

**Bob Johnson** called the meeting to order and led us in the pledge to the flag.

**Bob Johnson** introduced our guest—Adam Dioron

**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:** **Paul Smith** brought the part. **Ronnie Butler's** ticket was drawn. He asked T. J. Parker for help. It was a speedometer cable clip.

**50/50 Drawing:** **Joan Higgins's** ticket was drawn.

**Tech Session:** The week following the Texas Tour—T.J. Parker's house, day to be determined. Dennis Weyant's car will be getting a motor installed.

**Bob Johnson** discussed the lunch at The Picket House with the Piney Wood A's. We had 3 Model A's and 10 members attend. Everyone enjoyed the good food and fellowship.

The Conroe swap meet is October 24-26. Several members are getting together to rent covered spaces.

**Paul Smith** will be hosting a dine and drive in August. It will be a tour of the Stark House and Art Museum in Orange, TX. We will eat at Robert's after the tour of the house and visiting the museum. We will be going on a weekday and need to make reservations for our tour of the house.

**Sylvia Butler** informed the club that we will have 7 members in the fashion show at the upcoming Texas Tour.

**Ronnie Butler** has been making adjustments to his Hubley car to get it ready for the Texas Tour.

**Tours:** **Bob Johnson** discussed the following tours:

**Texas Tour – June 12-15, Giddings, TX**

**Calder Place Parade—July 4—9am**

**2025 MAFCA National Tour – June 15-22, Virginia**



Next meeting will be on July 8, 2025 – Tony's BBQ - Groves, TX

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Parsley - Secretary

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Carl & Doris Price—17th

## GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's 2025 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>MAY</b> 13th—GTA Meeting	<b>JUNE</b> 10th—GTA Meeting 12-15th—62nd Texas Tour in Giddings, TX 15-22nd - 2025 National Tour in Waynesboro, Virginia
<b>JULY</b> 4th—Calder Place Parade @ 9:00 A.M. 8th—GTA Meeting	<b>AUGUST</b> 12th—GTA Meeting TBD—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths in Orange, TX Stark House Tour & Lunch @ Roberts
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 9th—GTA Meeting 13th—International Model A Ford Day	<b>OCTOBER</b> 14th—GTA Meeting 24-26th—Swap Meet in Conroe, TX
<b>NOVEMBER</b> 11th—GTA Meeting	<b>DECEMBER</b> 3-6th —2025 MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Mobile, AL TBD—GTA Christmas Party

### FASHION WALK—TEXAS TOUR 2025

The Golden Triangle A's had 7 members to participate in the Fashion Walk at the banquet on Saturday evening. There were 13 total participants, so we had more than half of the participants in the show!



**ERA FASHIONS**—Lynne 1928; T.J. 1930 Policeman; Bill 1931; Kathy 1930; Paul 1930; Sylvia 1931; Ronnie 1929 (Tom Mix)





**62nd TEXAS TOUR**  
**JUNE 12-15, 2025**  
**IN GIDDINGS, TEXAS**  
 Hosted by the Lone Star Model  
 A Ford Club

18 members driving 5 Model A's  
 attended the tour.

It was a very eventful tour to say  
 the least....BUT everyone had a  
 good time and enjoyed all the  
 events!

Ask T.J. & Lynne how they en-  
 joyed their tour of Houston on  
 Wednesday.

Ask Ronnie if he enjoyed the ice  
 cream social AND how his Hub-  
 ley crashed!

Ask Dennis how he loaded his  
 Model A and if he drove it.

Ask Bill how his Model A made  
 the trip back on Saturday .

Ask Paul if he will be working on  
 his Model A.

(Thanks to Karen for pictures!)



Thursday Night Welcome Dinner



Looks Like Paul Has Lots of Help!



Ronnie Got Caught Getting Ice Cream Before His  
 Table Number was Called AND His Hubley Crashed  
 in the First Heat Because it Went Too Fast!



The tours were  
 very interesting  
 with lots of things  
 to see. Stops at  
 churches, muse-  
 ums, an antique  
 Carousel, and lots  
 of places to stop  
 and shop!





## Jim's Tech Tips

### Pleated Paper Fuel Filter Elements

Ford originally used a fine mesh brass screen at the top of the glass fuel strainer bowl that's mounted to the Model A firewall. The bowl gives a place for water to settle into (water is heavier than gasoline) and a place for dirt and rust particles to collect.

The screen also keeps these particles from traveling down to the carburetor (where you have another screen!). With all these screens, I think Ford knew that gasoline supplies at the time were prone to contamination (more than today).



Many people have started to install a small pleated paper filter element in the glass bowl instead of the brass screen.

I'm not so sure it's needed; I think the brass screen is enough. The Model A has no fuel pump, it relies only on gravity feed, and I'm concerned about adding another restriction to the fuel flow.



But IF you use one of these paper filters, you need to know that the rust, dirt, etc. is trapped INSIDE the paper element, not on the outside of it like you'd think. Therefore, you can be collecting a lot of junk inside the filter, plugging up the filter element on the inside, and not even know it. One day, you lose all your power and the engine really acts like it is starving for fuel. You thought you would see the rust and dirt collect on the outside of the filter... but you don't. Surprise! (I hate surprises!)

So, if you are going to use these pleated paper filters, get into the habit of replacing them regularly, maybe once a year, since you can't see how dirty they are inside. And carry a spare filter and gasket with you in the car. It's a pretty easy thing to swap out in a parking lot. Kind of messy, but it can be done without tools. Use some disposable gloves and you won't smell like gas for the rest of the day.

That's all for now. Keep driving, help each other out, and *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.

**1879:** At the age of 16, Henry leaves home for Detroit and a machinist apprenticeship.

**1888:** Henry marries Clara Bryant.

**1891:** The Edison Illuminating Company hires Ford as an engineer.

**1893:** Edsel Ford is born to Clara and Henry. Also during this year, the Edison Illuminating Company promotes Ford to the position of chief engineer.

**1896:** Ford finishes his first vehicle, which took him two years to complete. It is called the Quadricycle. The two-cylinder automobile weighed approximately 500 pounds and had two speeds and a four-cycle gasoline engine.

**1899:** With the help of investors such as William C. Maybury, who was the mayor of Detroit at the time, Ford opens the Detroit Automobile Company. As a result, he leaves his position at the Edison Illuminating Company.

**1900:** The Detroit Automobile Company closes.

**1901:** Ford designs a car that wins a 10-mile race against Alexander Winton, a top race-car driver at the time. The attention that comes from this race leads to the founding of the Henry Ford Company, where he serves as the chief engineer.

**1902:** Ford leaves the Henry Ford Company and builds the Ford 999 race car.

**1903:** The Ford Motor Company is incorporated in June of this year and successfully produces the Model A. By July, the first Model A is sold to a dentist in Chicago.

**1908:** The Model T is released. Known as the "Tin Lizzie," the Model T was made to be affordable for everyone and easy to maintain. The vehicle sold so well the company had difficulty producing enough to meet the high demand. It would ultimately become one of the best-selling cars of all time.

**1913:** Ford becomes the first company to use an assembly line for automotive production. This revolutionary process allowed the manufacturer to produce the Model T significantly faster to meet demand.

**1914:** To reduce staff turnover, Ford cuts the 9-hour work day to 8 hours and begins to pay workers \$5 daily, more than double the normal pay.

**1914:** The first full-service industrial motion picture firm, the Photographic Department, is formed by Ford Motor Company to create motion pictures and still photographs. It releases its first film during the summer of the same year, called *How Henry Ford Makes One Thousand Cars a Day*.

**1917:** The Ford Model TT is produced. It is the manufacturer's first pickup truck.

**1918:** The manufacturing of Eagle-class antisubmarine patrol boats begins at the River Rouge Complex.

**1925:** Ford builds the first of his multi-engine, all-metal Tri-Motor airplanes, which would become the first airplanes used by commercial airlines. The planes are given the nickname "Tin Goose."

**1927:** In efforts to open rubber plantations as a source of rubber for the Ford Motor Company, Ford buys land in Brazil. This would later become the industrial town known as Fordlandia.

**1927:** Ford's River Rouge Complex begins producing entirely finished cars. The vehicles produced at this factory were built from the ground up using raw materials owned by the Ford Motor Company.

**December 1927:** The new Ford Model A is released to the public.

**1928:** The Ford Model T is discontinued after having sold more than 15 million vehicles.

**1933:** Ford opens the Edison Institute, which would later become known as the Henry Ford Museum.

**1937:** The Battle of the Overpass occurs at the River Rouge Complex. The incident occurs when Ford security attacks United Auto Workers members who, with city permit in hand, are passing out leaflets in an effort to unionize Ford's workers.

**1941:** After declaring in April that he would rather close factories than answer union demands for higher pay, Ford agrees in July to give workers some of the highest wages in the industry, plus a union shop. Also this year, Ford begins making jeeps for the military along with Willys-Overland.

**1943:** Stomach cancer claims the life of Ford's son.

**1945:** During a trip to Richmond early in the year, Ford has a stroke, which affects him both mentally and physically. Later that year, his grandson, Henry Ford II, sells Fordlandia.

**1947:** At the age of 83, Henry Ford dies at his estate.



## CHAPTER LOAN PROGRAM

### Tools

Distributor Puller  
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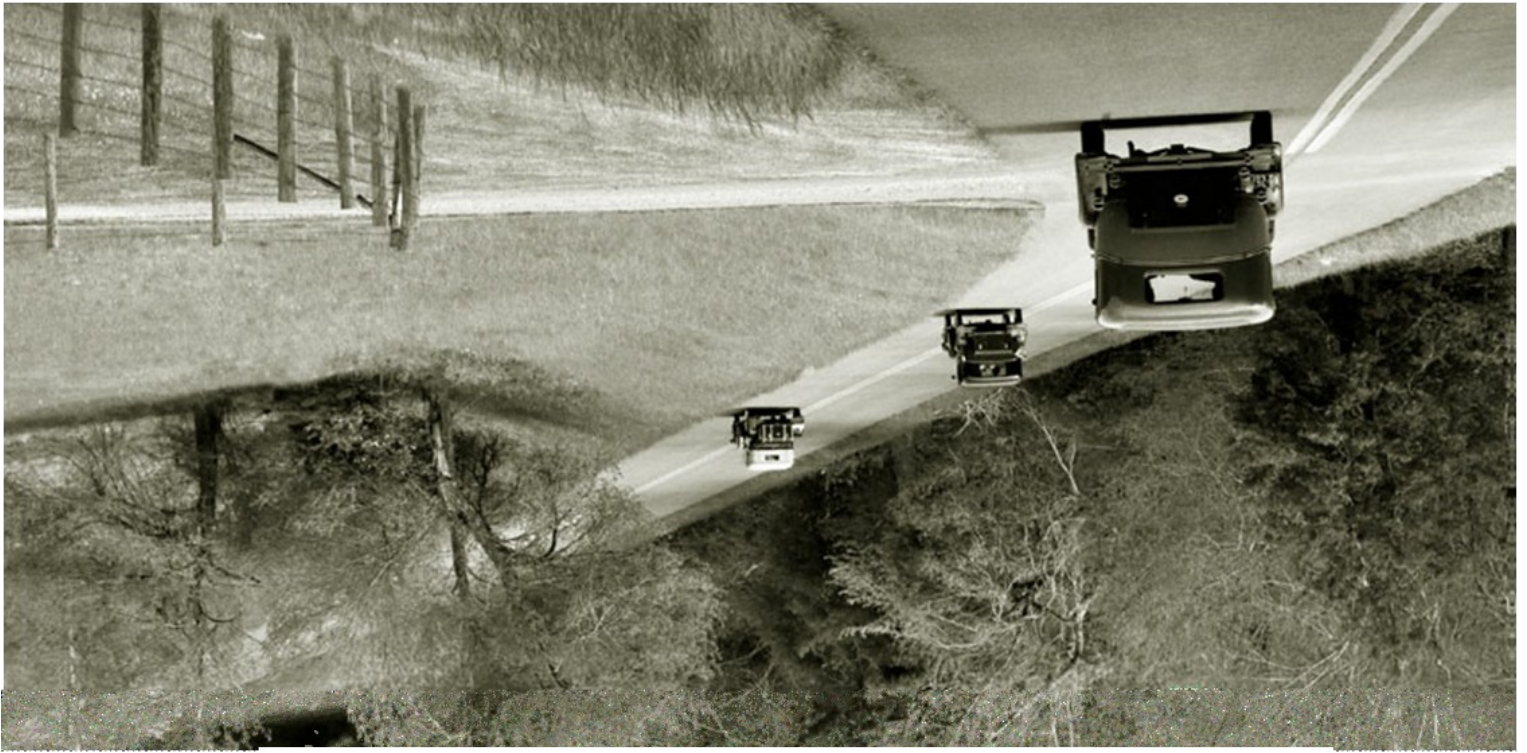
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### NEWSLETTER QUIZ

1. When is Henry Ford's birthday?
2. How many members attended the Texas Tour in Giddings?
3. How many members participated in the Fashion Walk in Giddings?
4. Does the Model A have a fuel pump?
5. Does anyone use a paper fuel filter as described in Jim's article?
6. Where did Henry Ford buy land to open rubber plantations and what was the town called?
7. In 1908, the Model T is released. What was it called?
8. In 1925, Ford builds his Tri-Motor airplanes. What nickname were they given?
9. Where will the 2026 Texas Tour be and who will be the host for the tour?







## Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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