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**THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's**

**JUNE 2025**

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

## Next Monthly Meeting

**JUNE 10, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Baytown Seafood**  
**4830 Twin City Hwy**  
**Groves, Texas**



## June Events

**10th—GTA MEETING**  
**12-15th —Texas Tour in Giddings, TX**  
**15-22nd—2025 National Tour in Virginia**  
**15th—Father's Day**

## 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.....

Hello GTA members!

It is June and the Texas Tour is finally here! Yay! Our club has a large group of 18 to 20 going this year, and it should be a lot of fun. Besides back roads touring, there will be a Fashion Era Walk, car judging, and the Hubley races where we can all participate. It's a chance to visit with old Model A friends from around the state and catch up with what's happened over the past year. Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is the beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." This is a great quote and explains why local Model A Clubs and the National Model A clubs do so well. We come together over a common interest and as long as we all participate in Model A club activities, we will continue to be successful.

GTA Club activities for May started off pretty slow with only the monthly club meeting planned. However, we put together a great lunch at the Schooner Restaurant in Nederland, then attended a Ford history lesson at the McFaddin Ward House in Beaumont and finally drove up to Woodville and met with our friends from the Piney Wood Club for lunch at the Pickett House Restaurant. I suspect after the Texas Tour in June, some Model A activities may slow down due to the Texas heat. Thank goodness several club members have air conditioned garages!

Well, it's time to finish up the prep work on your Model A before the Texas Tour. Don't forget to lube the cam on your distributor and add a few drops of oil to the shaft. It's easy to forget the little things! Everyone stay safe and Happy Motoring!

Bob

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- All leaders must be MAFCA members
- Membership application is on the website @ [www.gta-texas.com](http://www.gta-texas.com)

*June is the gateway to summer. June is represented by the Roman goddess, Juno. June 20 is the longest day of 2025.*

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES**  
**Elsa's Greek Grill, Beaumont Texas**  
**May 13, 2025**

**James Parsley** led us in prayer.

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

There were no guests at the meeting.

**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 did not recognize it. It was a roller track rivet for the brakes. There are two for each wheel.

**50/50 Drawing:** **Bill Schroeder's** ticket was drawn.

**Tech Session:** None scheduled for now.

**Bob Johnson** discussed the lunch at The Schooner – good participation and great food. He also talked about the McFaddin-Ward House lecture. Several members were there to listen and learn interesting facts about Henry Ford.

This Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, several members will be joining the Piney Wood A's at the Picket House in Woodville, TX.

The Conroe swap meet is October 24-26. Several members are getting together to rent spaces to sell some excess Model A parts.

**Paul Smith** will be hosting a dine and drive in July or 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 – more details to follow at next month's meeting.

The club voted to amend the rules for **Henrietta**. One year will be the maximum time to have her. After a year she will be turned in to the President of the club and then passed on to the next lucky recipient.

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

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

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

Next meeting will be on June 10, 2025 – Baytown Seafood - Groves, TX

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Parsley - Secretary



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Linda Shelton—13th  
Joan Higgins—13th  
Jim Burns—17th  
Bill Schroeder—24th

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Bob & Pam Johnson—1st  
Rodney & Emma Block—2nd  
Paul & Cathy Dominguez—25th

## 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>MARCH</b> 11th—GTA Meeting 15th—Dine & Drive in Lumberton 28-30th—Piney Wood Club Poor Boy Tour in Schulenburg, TX	<b>APRIL</b> 8th—GTA Meeting 28TH—Club Chartered in 1995—30 Year Anniversary
<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> 8th—GTA Meeting	<b>AUGUST</b> 12th—GTA Meeting
<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

### BOATERS: Don't Sweat It, Repair It!

*By Peggy Gill  
Sacramento Capitol A's*

Historically, boaters were more common in the early to mid-1920's but they were still worn and were available in Model A era. Comparatively inexpensive, the lightweight boater was priced to be affordable for most everyone, and by some was considered to be a disposable hat because the straw would easily dent, crack, or soften and droop if it got wet in a summer rain shower.



In our Model A hobby, boaters are most often the hat of choice for warm summer days. For an easy Model A era look, all you need is a pair of light weight khaki-colored pants or linen slacks, a white or striped long sleeved dress shirt, a bow tie, suspenders or belt, and of course shoes.

*But what do you do when the leather sweatband becomes hard  
and brittle making the hat uncomfortable to wear?*

For a detailed step-by-step guide to replace the dry and brittle leather sweatband in your boater, as well as a bit of history about the boater style hat, Don't sweat it, repair it! If I can do it, you can too!  
<https://mafca.com/boaters-dont-sweat-it-repair-it-by-peggy-gill/>



## MAY WAS A BUSY MONTH FOR THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A'S

Sixteen members met at the Schooner Restaurant on May 7 for lunch. Wes and Jean Jones invited everyone to join them to celebrate the Schooner's 78th Anniversary. Most everyone got the anniversary special, shrimp and fish. Sorry, we forgot to take a picture.

Then on May 8, eight members attended the presentation at the McFaddin Ward House "Wheels of Progress" by Matt Anderson, Curator of Transportation for the Ford Museum in Detroit. People were invited to display their vintage cars on the grounds. Bob Johnson and Dennis Weyant drove their Model A's for the display.



Above: 1925 Locomobile

THEN.....

On May 17th, 10 Members driving 3 Model A's went to the Pickett House in Woodville to meet up with some members of the Piney Wood A's Club for lunch. The food was good and the fellowship was great! (Thanks to Karen and Paul for the pictures!)



## NEWSLETTER QUIZ

1. How many members attended the "Wheels of Progress" presentation?
2. What was a popular and a good summer hat for men in the Model A Era ?
3. What 3 companies manufactured Model A speedometers?
4. What 5 items were on the Model A instrument panel from 1928 through June 1930?
5. Did the Model T have a speedometer after 1915?
6. After amending the rules for Henritta, what is the maximum length of time Henritta can stay with a member?
7. When is the longest day of 2025?
8. When getting your Model A ready for the Texas Tour, what did Bob suggest to do?





## INSTRUMENT PANEL AND SPEEDOMETERS



"Do you know how fast you are were going?" said the officer.

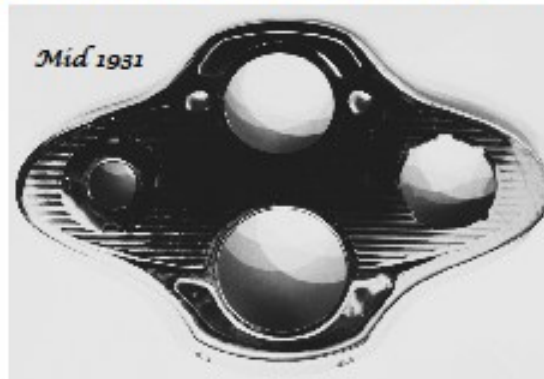
"No, not really because I don't have a speedometer" I replied.

The Model T after 1915 did not have a speedometer, just two items in the instrument panel...an ignition/light switch and an ammeter.

The Model A instrument panel used from 1928 through June 1930 had five items on display: gas gauge, ignition, dash light, ammeter and speedometer. There were four versions of this panel. The first version used an oval speedometer, had machined countersunk mounting holes at the bottom and a flange that completely encircled the panel (BOP - 01/28). The second version had a one inch section of the flange removed (02/28 - 09/28). The third version had stamped countersunk mounting holes (07/28 - 06/30) while the fourth version was used solely for Northeast speedometers and did not have a notch for the trip odometer (12/29 - 06/30).



From 06/30, the instrument panel was elongated horizontally with a ribbed pattern on the face and a round speedometer. The panel was steel and finished in bright nickel (06/30 - 08/30) while Butler nickel was specified for 50% of production (09/30 - EOP). A brass panel was optional (01/31 - 02/31) while the final panel had a distinct line around the ribbed area was not flared at the perimeter (05/31 - EOP). The recessed areas above the gas gauge and below the speedometer were painted satin black. All screws were nickel plated.



Speedometers were manufactured by three companies: Stewart-Warner (S-W), Waltham (W) and Northeast (N). Stewart-Warner and Waltham had a trip odometer while Northeast did not have one. Stewart-Warner produced two speedometers (BOP-03/28 and 01/28-06/30) while Waltham produced one model (06/28-06/30) with a fleur-de-lis marker. The Northeast speedometer had a red pointer and a red 1/10 mileage marker (12/29-06/30). Round shaped speedometers (06-30-12/31) were introduced with the new instrument panel in June 1930. All numerals were black except the 1/10 odometer dial which was red. The pointer was red until March 1931. All speedometers had a satin black face plate with a bright nickel bezel. Northeast speedometer was discontinued in late 1930.

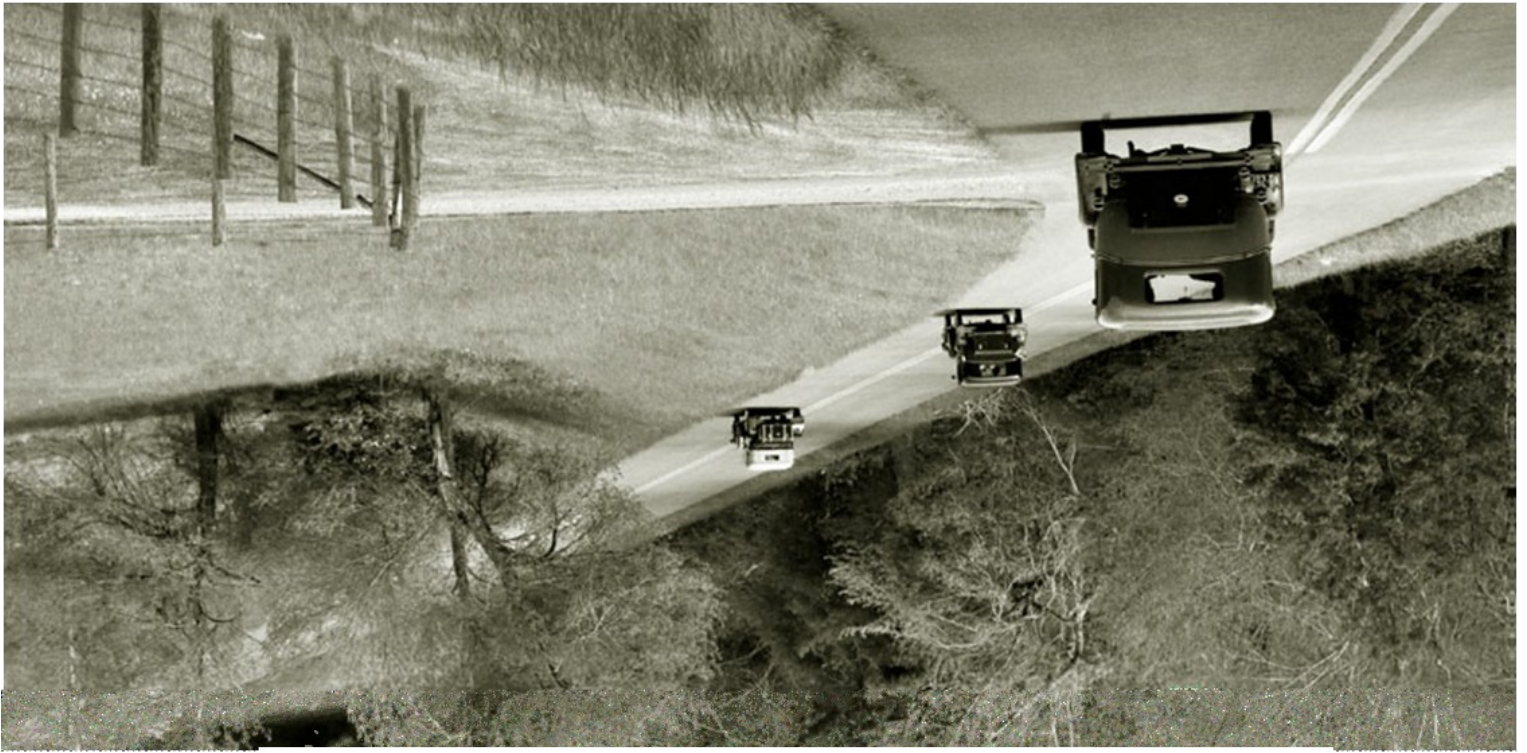
Speedometers were required to be accurate and consequently were certified as such and were provided with a identification number and means of indicating that they have not been changed afterwards. The Stewart-Warner has a number and visible means of sealing while the number on the attachment ear (Northeast) serves the same purpose.

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.



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