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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

JUNE 2021

Golden Triangle A's

PO Box 21185

Beaumont, TX 77720

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

When: June 8, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

**Where: Tony's BarBQ & Steakhouse
5025 Eastex Fwy
(Next to Ralph & Kacoo's)
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.....

Hi All,

Just wanted to thank all the Club members that attended the May meeting. I will do my best to provide the Club with good leadership.

Hopefully, we can get greater participation at all the monthly events. You can drive your Model A, trailer your Model A or drive your modern car, what ever is more comfortable for you. Also, if you attend a Club event your name will be put in a drawing for \$25.



Please invite any potential new members with or without a Model A to attend one of our meetings. The more members we have the better. We had a great turnout for the May Drive & Dine hosted by the Parsleys.

Please come and join us on June 10- 13 for the 58th Annual Texas Tour in Longview, details are on Page 3 and 5. Also, we will participate in the Calder Woods Father's Day Car show of June 18th. Several members will participate in the MAFCA National Tour in New Hampshire on June 18—25th.

Our monthly meeting will be June 8th at **Tony's BarBQ & Steakhouse 5025 Eastex Fwy Beaumont** at 6 PM for Supper and the meeting starting at 7:00 PM. Please try to make the meeting.

Dennis Weyant
President

2021 Coming Attractions

JUNE

5th 9:00 a.m. Car-Line Mfg. Browse Model A Parts

8th GTA Meeting

10-13th 58th Annual State Tour, Longview, TX

18th Calder Woods Father's Day Car Show

20-25th MAFCA National Tour, New Hampshire

JULY

4th Calder Place Parade

13th GTA Meeting



INSIDE: The 58th Annual Texas Tour will be June 10-13, 2021 in Longview, Texas. It will be hosted by the Autumn Trails Model A Club. Information and registration can be found on page 3 and 5. Don't forget about our event to browse Model A parts at Car-Line Mfg. on June 5. This month's puzzle is located on page 7. I want to thank Sylvia Butler for helping with the newsletter.

Sylvia Butler & Dennis Weyant



GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MINUTES
May 11, 2021
Roberts Meat Market & Steakhouse, Orange, Texas

Dennis Weyant called the meeting to order and **Wes Jones** led us in prayer. **Dennis Weyant** led us in the pledge to the flag.

Dennis Weyant welcomed the **Block's** cousins **Gerald and Linda Block**.

Secretary's Report: The report from last month was approved.

Treasurer's Report: The report from last month was approved.

Newsletter Quiz: Several of our members got all of the words in the jumble.

Mystery Part: **Rodney Block** brought the part. **Kevin Parsley's** ticket was drawn. He asked for help from **Dennis Turner**. It was a camshaft thrust plunger.

50/50 Drawing: **Linda Block's** ticket was drawn.

Tech Session: We will have one at a later date and will decide when at our next meeting.

Sylvia Butler's article on our Coldspring Tour last October was published in the May/June Restorer. It has a very good layout with lots of pictures.

The Spring Fling tour to the Anahuac Wildlife Refuge was a big success. Everyone who went had a great time.

The Stark Museum has 3 antique cars on display right now. One of them was restored by a past member of our club.

Tours: May 15 – Parsley's Dine and Drive

June 5 –Car Line parts sale at Paul Dominguez's shop – 9am

June 10-13 – Texas Tour in Longview, TX. We will meet in Beaumont to travel together. Place and time will be determined at our next meeting.

Next meeting will be in Beaumont at Tony's BBQ.

Respectfully submitted by: **Karen Parsley**, Secretary



Lee Wheeler— 8th
 Linda Shelton—13th
 James Burns—17th
 Keith Sterling—18th

Bob & Pam Johnson—1st
 Rodney & Emma Block—2nd
 Paul & Cathy Dominguez—25th
 Ron & Silva Butler —26th
 Keith & Rebecca Sterling—30th



DINE & DRIVE—MAY 15, 2021
HOSTED BY THE PARSLEYS

Everyone met at J & R in Sour Lake at 10:00 A.M. Leaving Sour Lake 15 members driving 5 Model As and 2 “modern” cars begin the 45 mile drive through the back roads near Sour Lake. The weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed the tour through the country side! Around noon, the group enjoyed a delicious lunch at Vautrot’s Cajun Cuisine in Bevil Oaks. After lunch, everyone headed home. We were glad to have members Paul Smith and Jerry Davidson and their As join us for this tour. Thanks James, Kevin, and Karen for the wonderful day!



58th ANNUAL TEXAS TOUR
Longview, Texas ~ JUNE 10-13, 2021
Autumn Trails Model A Ford Club



Host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn, 905 East Hawkins Pkwy, Longview, TX 75605 Phone: 903-212-3000 ~ Tours are scheduled to Jefferson on Friday and Kilgore on Saturday. Two social events will be held outside at Wylde Acres, 2864 Smelley Rd., Longview. Welcome party on Thursday night and Saturday Era Fashions night with BBQ dinner provided and “People’s Choice” fashion awards.

Information at www.TexasTour2021.com

GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A 2021 CALENDAR

June

5th 9:00 A.M. Car-Line Mfg. Browse Model A Parts
 8th Meeting
 10-13th Texas Tour in Longview
 18th Father's Day Car Show @ Calder Woods
 20-25th National Tour—New Hampshire

October

12th Meeting
 15-17 Fall Tour to Coldspring

July

4th Calder Place Parade
 13th Meeting
 10th Dine & Drive—Smiths

November

6th Lamar Homecoming Parade/Car Show
 9th Meeting

August

10th Meeting
 14th Dine & Drive—Butlers

December

2-5 MAFCA National Awards Banquet-Ft. Worth, TX
 TBD GTA Christmas Party

September

14th Meeting
 18th National Model A Day



Ideas for Dine and Drive:

Liberty Street Rally (2nd Saturday of every month, 9 to 12 noon at the downtown square) ~ Jax
 Hamburgers ~ Antiques ~ McFaddin Ward Spring picnic on the lawn ~ Pompeii House and Museum,
 Pt Arthur ~ Sour Lake Christmas Festival/Parade ~ Breakfast at Mama Jack, ~ Amelia Farms, ~ Wagon Wheel Restau-
 rant, ~ Romeros, ~ Shangri La fall events with pumpkins and scarecrows ~ Miniature golf ~ Antiquing ~ Tex Ritter Mu-
 seum ~ Gulf Coast Museum ~ Clifton Steamboat Museum or other museums ~ Winnie Trade Days ~ Gator Country ~
 Village Creek Festival ~ Beaumont Botanical Gardens ~ Neches River Festival/Parade ~ Other local community events

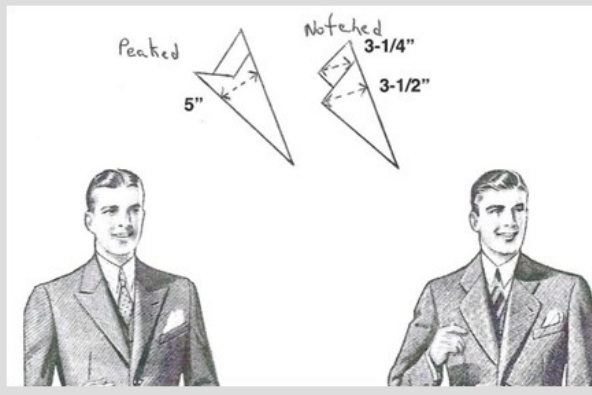
General Dine and Drive Guidelines – Dining may be breakfast or lunch. Details are set by host. Activity should last ap-
 proximately 4 hours. Host needs to have printed information of details for Dine and Drive at that month's meeting or ear-
 lier so it can be added to calendars.

Bob and Pam Johnson, Tour Chair

ERA FASHIONS: Men's Day Wear

Men's styles did not change sufficiently during the four Model A era years. Men wore suits for work and leisure activities. Wool was the primary fabric used for suits, but the season and occasion determined both the hat worn and the fabric of the suit. Both two and three piece suits were worn often with braces (suspenders) or belts. The biggest difference between modern suits and those of the era is the width of the lapel. Model A era suits had a wider lapel. Suit coats would have either notched or peaked lapels and could be single or double breasted.

A button fly was standard for pants since zippers were not commonly used until after the Model A era. Pants could have cuffs at the bottom but not always. Plus-fours (4" longer than knickers) were popular for casual attire.



CHAPTER LOAN PROGRAM

Tools

Distributor Puller
Steering Wheel Puller
Wheel Hub Puller
Brake Lining Tool
Ratchet Nut Wrench
Brake Centering Tool
Rear Spring Spreader
Front Spring Spreader
Door Hinge Pin Remover
Gas Gauge Tool
Timing Tool
Frame Spreader (NEW)

*To borrow Tools contact
Bob Johnson at 409-781-3078

Books & Videos

Model A Paint Guide (NEW)
Rebuilding Steering
Rebuilding Shocks
Yokohama A's
2008 World Meet
48th Texas Tour #1
48th Texas Tour #2
2011 Gulf Coast Tour
Tech Session, Engine Install

*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 2021 Dues

The Golden Triangle Model A Club dues for 2021 are due by Dec. 31, 2020. The dues are \$20 per family. Starting Jan. 1, the dues will increase to \$25 per family.

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2021 MAFCA's NATIONAL TOUR White Mountains of New Hampshire June 20-25, 2021

For registration, hotel information, tour schedule, souvenir apparel, and all updates go to:
www.2021mafcanationaltour.com
or Facebook group #942306399533378



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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



Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

Mechanic's Gloves are Great!

I resisted wearing mechanic's gloves for many years when working on my old cars. I didn't think I needed them. Let me tell you, I was wrong! They are great!

I found a pack of 15 pair of work gloves on Amazon for \$10 last year, and I am now a believer. They are branded "Grease Monkey". They are red woven gloves that have dipped the fingers and palm into a rubbery polymer that gives grip and protection. You can use them and when they get too greasy, dirty, or torn up, you throw them away and don't feel too bad, because they're only 75 cents a pair.



They help me grip things better, they keep my hands cleaner, the open weave does not make my hand sweat too much, and I am now avoiding a lot of the scrapes, cuts and bruises that I used to get when working on my cars. I do have to remove them for very fine work, but for most of my wrenching, they really help.

And after using them for a year now, I have another low-tech Tech Tip for you: Take a black marker and draw a 3" to 4" line up the back of the left glove every time you pull a new pair out of the package. When you grab a pair off the bench or out of a toolbox to put on, you will quickly spot that black line up the back of the left glove and get the gloves on the right hand the first time. (Lefts and rights look identical at first glance.)

For 75 cents, you'll throw a pair in each car, in your toolbox, and out in the tool shed. What a deal! Until next time,

"Have a Model A Day!"
Jim

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SERVICE STATION ATTIRE IN THE MODEL A ERA

By Lois Phyllis Witowski

In the early years of the automobile, getting gas for the horseless carriage was no small feat. Dispensing gasoline evolved from bulk depots on the outskirts of towns, often requiring three people to fill the tank, to curb side pumps. As the popularity of the motor car increased and technology allowed larger quantities of fuel to be refined from the same amount of petroleum, merchants of all stripes, from bicycle shops, general stores, garages, and automobile dealers, installed gas pumps in front of their establishments. By 1920 approximately 15,000 gas stations were located in the United States. They were rudimentary at best, some little more than shacks, with advertisements littering their walls and the roads leading to them. They were considered by many to be an eyesore, and even worse, there was little confidence in the product they offered.

Major oil companies took note and began to standardize their stations, making them visually appealing to the motorist. Not only did the station need to look good, the service employees needed to project honesty, integrity, reliability and quality. What better way to do that than through the clothing they wore?



Ford Service Bulletins emphasized service, shop cleanliness, and the appearance of the employees. This illustration, from the July 1928 Bulletin, shows the serviceman in a shop coat, with the Ford Logo, shoes polished, and cap in hand.

Classified Ads



21" wheel for sale - couple of bent spokes, easily straightened, all lug bolt holes good. A good blast, clean, and paint will do it. \$30. Will consider a trade. Paul Smith 409-673-6318

Can you find the nine things that are different?





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