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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

MARCH 2026

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

MARCH 10, 2026
6:00 PM
China Star Buffet
4260 Dowlen Road
Beaumont, Texas



March Events

10th—GTA Meeting
21st—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths
26th—Last Thursday with the Prez
Pine Tree Lodge, LaBelle, Texas
27-29th—Poor Boy Tour

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 GTA Members!

March is here and hopefully the cold weather is behind us, and you are getting your A ready for some touring. The Texas Tour in Mineral Wells is only a few months away and some preventive maintenance on your car or truck is probably needed. We all know that working in your garage now with coffee and donuts is much better than on the side of the road in the rain or 100 degree weather.

If you like to drive your A and visit with fellow Model A people, there is a lot going on. Pam and I spent a few days recently in beautiful, historic Jefferson with members of the ARK-LA-TEX Model A club. The club is only three years old and has 30 families actively participating in club events. One of the founding members is Steve Osborne and his wife, Yvonne; Pam and I met the Osbornes at the MAFCA National Tour in North Conway, New Hampshire in 2021. COVID restrictions were everywhere, and we could not get a table one evening at a restaurant. The Osbornes were nice enough to invite Pam and I to dine with them and share a table. We have been Model A friends since then. Steve put together a tour in Arkansas a couple years ago that four GTA families and A's participated in. The ARK-LA-TEX A's are working on a tour in Mountain Home, Arkansas for late April and early May 2026. This is about 100 miles north of Little Rock, and they plan to do a hub and spoke type tour daily. Mountain Home is close to Branson, MO. It would be about a nine-hour trailer trip for us from Southeast Texas. Pam and I plan to attend the event and will keep everyone posted with details as they develop.

The Poor Boy Tour in Cuero is only a month away now, and they have opened it up to GTA members if you would like to attend. It looks like the Higgins and the Johnsons are going, so make your reservations if you would like to join us.

Our first "Last Thursday with the Prez" was well-attended at the Dairy Queen in Pt. Neches; everyone had a good time! By the time you read this message, we will have had our second "Last Thursday" meeting at Tony's BBQ in Beaumont. Hope everyone can attend that day and enjoy some Model A fellowship. Our March meeting is at China Star Restaurant in Beaumont on the 10th. Make plans to be there.

Being part of the Model A community is pretty special. You meet the nicest people who all share a common bond with the Ford Model A. Whether it is Era Fashions, working on Model As, or just driving and eating, the little Ford Model A brings smiles and happiness to everyone. Now, go out to your garage and make a list of "things to do" on your Model A before the next tour.

Happy Motoring, Bob

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

March's Zodiac signs are Pisces-Feb. 19-March 20 (A Time for Reflection) & Aries-March 21-April 19 (A Burst of Energy)

GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES
Baytown Seafood, Groves, Texas
February 10, 2026

Lynne Parker led us in prayer.

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

Guests: none

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. **Wallace Harlow's** ticket was drawn. He asked **Mary Domingue** for help. The part was a ratchet that spins in the horn.

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

Tech Session: None scheduled.

Bob Johnson discussed the cancellation of the Dine & Drive tour of St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica due to the weather. He will reschedule the tour for a later date.

Lunch with The Prez at Dairy Queen was a great success. The next one will be in Beaumont – Tony's BBQ on East-ex Freeway.

James Burns shared some information on Military Jeeps – Some of them overseas had Model A engines in them along with dashes that looked like Model A's.

If you have registered for the Texas Tour, you might be contacted to rewrite your check to be made payable to the Fort Worth Model A Club.

Tours and Events:

March 21 – 9am – Dine & Drive hosted by the **Smiths**. Meet at Mama Jack's in Kountze for breakfast then tour around the backroads.

March 27-29 – Poor Boy Tour.

June 11-14 – 63rd Model "A" Ford Texas Tour, Mineral Wells, TX

Next meeting will be on March 10 – China Star - Beaumont, TX

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Parsley - Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Rodney Block—1st
Robert Bullard—20th
Wallace Harlow—22nd
Sylvia Butler—27th
Kinsleigh Speichinger—27th



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 24th—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Johnsons—CANCELLED 29th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Dairy Queen, Pt. Neches	FEBRUARY 10th—GTA Meeting 14th—Valentines Day 26th— 11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Tonys BBQ, Beaumont
MARCH 10th—GTA Meeting 21st—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths 26th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Pine Tree Lodge, LaBelle 27-29th—Poor Boy Tour	APRIL 5th—Easter 14th—GTA Meeting 30th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Dairy Queen, Groves
MAY 12th—GTA Meeting 31-June 7—2026 MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton, OR 28th-11:00 Thursday w/the Prez @ Nice Guy Ricky's, Lumberton	JUNE 9th—GTA Meeting 11-14th—Texas Tour in Mineral Wells, TX 25th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Dairy Queen, Beaumont
JULY 14th—GTA Meeting 30th-11:00 Thursday w/the Prez @ Hamburger Depot, Nederland	AUGUST 11th—GTA Meeting 27th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Novrozsky's, Nederland
SEPTEMBER 8th—GTA Meeting 12th—International Model A Ford Day 18-19th —15th Annual Model A Days, Hickory Corners, MI 24th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Neches River Wheel House, Pt. Neches	OCTOBER 13th—GTA Meeting 29th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Schooners Restaurant, Nederland
NOVEMBER 10th—GTA Meeting 26th—Thanksgiving	DECEMBER TBD—GTA Christmas Party 10-12th—National Awards Banquet in Cincinnati, Ohio 25th—Christmas

MARCH 21—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths
 Meet at Mama Jack's Restaurant in Kountze at 9:00 A.M.
 After breakfast, we will drive around the back roads.



MARCH 27-29—56th Annual POOR BOY TOUR in Cuero, Texas—Hosted by Victori-A's
 Host Hotel is the Fairfield Inn & Suites
 Go to the website for registration form and information at: victoriamodelaclub.com - then click on Tours

The first "Last Thursday with the Prez" was January 29. 16 members and a special small guest (Paul & Kathy's grandson) with 4 A's showed up at the Port Neches Dairy Queen for lunch. It was a beautiful day to get out, drive the A's and have lunch with friends!



Bob & Pam Johnson enjoyed the Valentine Day Lunch in Jefferson, Tx. 25 people driving 8 Model A's attended. The event was hosted by ARK LA TX Model A Club.



Jim's Tech Tips

"Ignition Misfires"

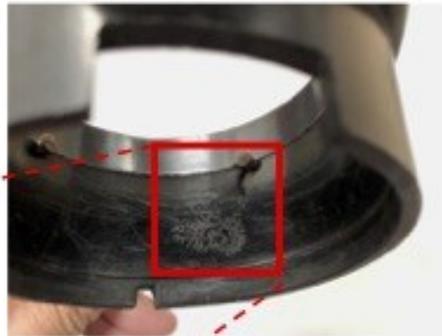
We've all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburetor problem, but don't overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor.

Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So check it and increase the gap back to 0.020" if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak condenser.

Look at the rotor. Make sure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap, and is not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor.

Look at the underside of the distributor cap. Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.

Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for "carbon tracks" on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing. (See photo.) Replace if needed.



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

Watches are considered accessories when worn with your Model A Era Fashion. Below are some examples of watches worn by ladies and men of the Model A Era. These examples are copied from the MAFCA Fashion Guidelines Book.

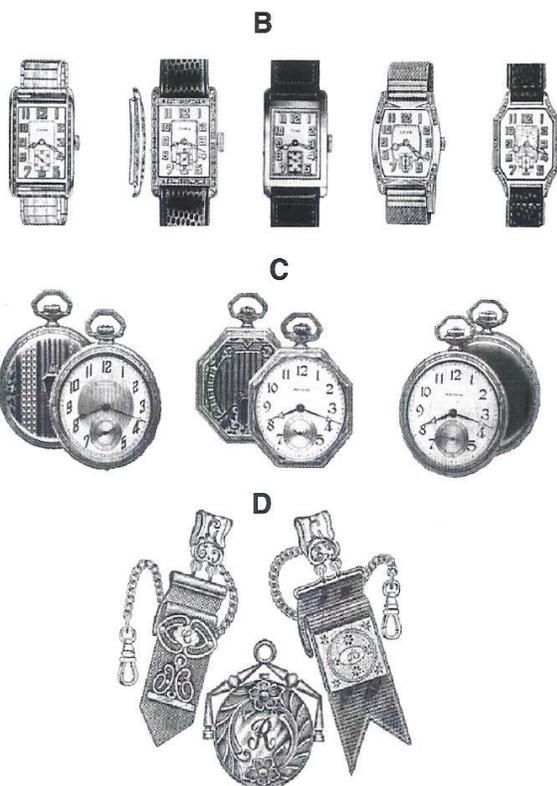
WATCHES

Women's watches came in many different shapes and styles. These styles are representative of those seen throughout the Model A era. Watch faces could be round, square, oblong, oval or sometimes even combinations. Yellow and white gold watches were prevalent. Bands were often made of silk ribbon, leather, or a flexible metal bracelet design. *Montgomery Ward, F/W 1928 and Sears, S/S 1931*



Watches, Fobs and Charms -continued

- B. These are five examples of wrist watches for men. The bands can be made of quality leather, link bracelet, and mesh bracelet. The cases of the watch could be plain or engraved with radium numerals. These watches were made by Cyma but current watch makers like Bulova and Waltham also made watches in the Model A era. *May & Malone, 1930*
- C. Pocket watches shown here could be made of gold plate, white or green gold and opened by either a screw or snap back. Most were ornate, with etchings on the face and on the back of the case. The face of the watch on the left is lined with silver, had embossed numerals. The middle and right watches both had a plain white dial with etched gilt numerals. *May & Malone, 1930*
- D. Item (1) is a gold filled woven wire fob, 4 3/8" long and 3/4" wide, with a safety clasp and chain. Item (2) is a gold filled charm which opens on a hinge and holds a picture. Item (3) is a black silk grosgrain ribbon fob with gold filled trimmings. It has a safety chain on a swivel. It is 5 1/2" long and 1" wide. They could be ordered with any engraved initial.



63rd Model "A" Ford Texas Tour

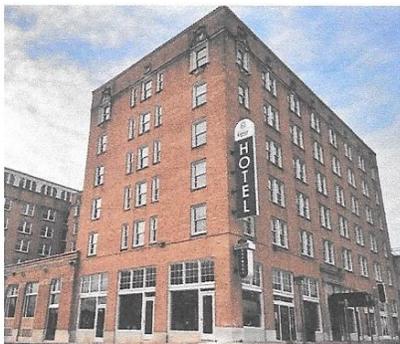
JUNE 11-14, 2026 MINERAL WELLS, TX



HOSTED AT THE
HISTORIC CRAZY
WATER HOTEL

REGISTER NOW!

*Late registration fee after May 15



THE CRAZY WATER HOTEL



BLUE OVAL CAR BARN



back



crew &
v-neck

EVENT T-SHIRT

JOIN US

Hosted by the Fort Worth Model "A" Ford Club, the 63rd Texas Tour offers a variety of activities highlighting the historic charm of Mineral Wells, Texas. The host hotel and event venue is the fully-restored Crazy Water Hotel.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome and farewell banquets
- Planned early bird activities
- Multiple mini tour options
- Era Fashions
- Blue Oval Car Barn
- Grand Tour with catered lunch
- Game night with ice cream
- Within walking distance of the historic Baker Hotel

Hotel Information: mention "Texas Tour" when booking for block discount

The Crazy Water Hotel: (940) 325-4605

Red Lion Inn: (940) 325-7829

Registration No. _____



REGISTRATION FORM

63rd Model "A" Ford Texas Tour June 11-14, 2026 Mineral Wells, Texas

Hosted by the Fort Worth Model "A" Ford Club

Please print all information on form:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
 Local Club Affiliation(s) _____ Phone (including area code) _____ Alternate phone _____
 Address _____ Email _____
 City/State/Zip _____ Any food concerns? _____
 Children Attending (First and Last Names and Ages) _____

Will you drive your Model A to the meet? YES NO Will you be trailering your A? YES NO

Year _____ Body Style _____ 2nd "A" Year _____ Body Style _____

Will you be participating in the Era Fashion Photo Shoot? YES NO

Registration will include 1 patch and 1 radiator badge. Additional patches and badges may be purchased separately. Registration Confirmation will be sent by Email.

Note: Registrations must be received by May 31, 2026 with a \$40 late fee after May 15, 2026. Due to prior payment for facilities, food, and service, refunds cannot be given after May 31, 2026.

I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless from any and all liability whatsoever due to my attendance and participation at the 2026 Model "A" Ford Texas Tour, any and all of the following: Model A Ford Club of America Inc., and their Officers and Directors, Model A Restorers Club Inc., and their Officers and Directors, the 63rd Texas Tour committee, their facilities, and the Fort Worth Model A Ford Club, and their Officers and Directors. Submission of this Registration form whether signed or unsigned, constitutes acceptance of this release by all attendees/participants.

Signed _____ Date _____

Register online at: <https://2026texasmodelatour.org>

or mail to: Andrea Douglass, Registrar
2319 Warner Rd
Fort Worth, TX 76110
817-907-1418
Email: texas2026@gmail.com

Make checks payable to: Fort Worth Model A Ford Club / Texas Tour 2026

For Registrar use only:	
Check #	_____
Amount \$	_____
Date Received	_____

2026 TEXAS TOUR REGISTRATION

Wednesday, June 10, 2026		Times	How Many?	
Early Registration & Self-Guided Tours - The Crazy Water Hotel		2:00pm-5:00pm		
Thursday, June 11, 2026				
Registration/ Hospitality/ Raffles - The Crazy Water Hotel		10:30am-5:00pm	_____	
Repair Tent		2:00pm-5:00pm	_____	
Early Bird Self-Guided Tours - Scavenger Hunt and/or Ghost Tour		all day		
Early Bird Guided Tour - Possum Kingdom Lake		11:00am-3:00pm		
Welcome Dinner - The Crazy Water Hotel		6:00pm-8:30pm		
How many of each?: _____ Chicken Fajitas & fixins _____ Veg. (roasted mushroom & peppers)			_____	
Kids (under 13) _____ Chicken Fajitas & fixins _____ Veg. (roasted mushroom & peppers)			_____	
Friday, June 12, 2026				
Registration/ Repair Tent/ Hospitality/ Raffles		10:00am-5:00pm	_____	
Era Fashions Photo Shoot - The Crazy Water Hotel		9:00am-10:30am		
Guided Tour - Weatherford Downtown Square and Farmers Market		9:00am-1:00pm		
Self-Guided Tours - Scavenger Hunt and/or Ghost Tour		all day		
Blue Oval Car Barn: Ford Mustang collection		2:00pm-4:30pm		
Ice Cream Sundaes & Game Night - The Crazy Water Hotel		6:00-8:30pm		
Saturday, June 13, 2026				
Grand Tour - Thurber Museum & Lunch		8:30am - 3:00pm		
Lunch - How many of each?: _____ Pulled Pork _____ Sliced Turkey _____ Veg. (salad)			_____	
Kids lunch (under 13) - _____ Pulled Pork _____ Sliced Turkey _____ Veg. (salad)			_____	
Repair Tent/ Hospitality/ Raffles		2:00pm-5:00pm	_____	
Presidents' Meeting of TX club presidents - The Crazy Water Hotel		5:00pm-5:30pm		
Farewell Dinner - The Crazy Water Hotel		6:00pm-9:00pm		
How many of each?: _____ Chicken Fried Steak & fixins _____ Veg. (cauliflower steak)			_____	
Kids Meal (under 13) _____ Chicken Fried Steak & fixins _____ Veg. (cauliflower steak)			_____	
Era Fashions Gallery Walk (how many?) _____				
Registration Fees				
<i>Registration fees include all meals and activities listed on this form</i>			Attendees	Cost
		FIRST ADULT	1	\$150.00
		OTHER ADULT(S)		\$140.00
		KIDS (under 13)		\$100.00
Late Registration Fee <i>after</i> May 15, 2026				\$40.00
TOTAL EVENT PRICE				
T-SHIRTS - see intro page for pictures of the shirts available				
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy S _____, M _____ crew neck (men's)			\$25.00	
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy L _____, XL _____ crew neck (men's)			\$25.00	
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy 2XL _____, 3XL _____ crew neck (men's)			\$27.00	
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy S _____, M _____ v-neck (ladies')			\$25.00	
T-Shirts (how many?), Navy L _____, XL _____ v-neck (ladies')			\$25.00	
T-Shirts (how many?) Navy 2XL _____, 3XL _____ v-neck (ladies')			\$27.00	
Extra Patches (1 included with registration)		How Many?		\$5.00
Extra Radiator Badges (1 included with registration)		How Many?		\$5.00
TOTAL MERCHANDISE PRICE - tax included with all merchandise				
TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED				

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

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

Books & Videos

Model A Paint Guide
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 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**

GIVE or MAILTO: PAUL SMITH
1162 Tom Easley Road
Kountze, TX 77625

Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) Join on line at MAFCA.COM ~Membership Benefits~ The Restorer magazine • Technical Support • Local Chapters • National Meets • Era Fashion Guidelines • “How to Restore Series • Judging Standards and Restoration Guidelines ~ Dues per year are U.S. Membership - \$50; Canada/Mexico Membership - \$60; International Membership - \$70
Make checks payable to Model A Ford Club of America

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

NEWSLETTER QUIZ

1. When & where is the March Dine & Drive?
2. What was the mystery part at the February meeting?
3. What can cause your Model A to miss or run rough?
4. Would a Model A Era gentleman have a pocket watch?
5. Where will we meet for the March “Last Thursday”?
6. Where is the Poor Boy Tour?

The Mineral Wells Texas Tour registration form is in this newsletter for one last time. **This one does have the correct information of how to make checks payable to!**

SOUTH TEXAS STATE FAIR
March 26—April 5, 2026
Doggett Ford Park





Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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