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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

MAY 2026

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

MAY 12, 2026
6:00 PM
Habaneros
6685 Eastex Fwy.
Beaumont, Texas



May Events

12th—GTA Meeting
28th—Last Thursday with the Prez
Nice Guy Ricky's @ 11:00 A.M.
192 S. Hwy.69, Lumberton

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,

It's May and our Southeast Texas weather is creeping up on us! The past couple of months have been wonderful and really nice to drive your A around. It looks like the new event we started this year, "Last Thursday with the Prez," is working out pretty well. With the April event at St. Anthony's Basilica and Riverside Grill, we had 14 members attend and drive six Model A's. The tour of the historic Basilica was very informative and interesting. The food and service at Riverside Grill was fantastic! The six Model A 's driving around downtown Beaumont was really pretty cool, and we got a lot of stares and thumbs up.

So what is the formula to get people out and drive their Model A's? Could it be the food? It has been said many times, "That's all we do is drive around and eat!" Is it the location? If you are in real estate, you say: "location, location, location!" Maybe it is daylight and people feel safer and more relaxed to get out with their A's. I don't have the answer to that question; however, it has been really nice seeing so many of our club members at these lunches and having a good time. This month, we are meeting at Nice Guy Rickey's on the 28th in Lumberton, and I hope we have another great turnout. They have great food and a fun atmosphere.

If you are attending the Texas Tour in Mineral Wells in June, time is running out to get those last minute Model A repairs done. It is not too late and we have several club members who would be willing to help you if needed. It is going to be hot so pay special attention to your radiator and overheating issues.

Our May monthly club meeting on the 12th is at Habanero's Bar & Grill in Beaumont, so everyone can get filled up on their great Mexican food dishes. Plan to be there! Now go out to your garage, hug your Model A and say thank you!

Happy Motoring,
Bob



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• All leaders must be MAFCA members
• GTA Membership application is on the website @
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May is a month of renewal, blooming, and hope, often celebrated as a bridge to summer, a time for growth, and fresh starts.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES
Tony's Barbeque, Groves, Texas
April 14, 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. Paul will be adding some money from the checking account to the CD upon renewal.

Newsletter Quiz: Several people answered and discussed the questions in the newsletter.

Lynne Parker won the door prize (courtesy of Dorothy Burk). It was a small replica of a Model A Woody.

Mystery Part: Dallas Higgins brought the part. Ronnie Butler's name was drawn. He asked T.J. Parker for help. The part was a Rumble Seat Bumper.

50/50 Drawing: There was no drawing. We did not have the tickets.

Tech Session: None scheduled.

Old Business:

Bob discussed the March tour around Kountze and how nice it was.

He also talked about The Poor boy Tour March 27-29, and the great food and good attendance for "Lunch with the Prez" at Pine Tree Lodge.

New Business:

Sylvia Butler sent the picture (looking in the rear-view mirror) Karen Parsley took on the March tour to The Restorer for Out & About.

Sylvia Butler passed out information & order forms to anyone who would like to order a club shirt. Mail orders to Hill Top Embroidery at the address on the order form. Shirts ordered by April 30 will be ready for the Texas Tour in June.

Tours and Events:

April 23 – Lunch with the Prez/Dine & Drive – Meet at Spindletop Museum/Lamar University at 9:00 A.M. Drive to St. Anthony Basilica for a tour. Leave Basilica and travel to Riverside Grill on Crockett Street for lunch.

April 30 to May 3, Mountain View Tour in Arkansas – The Johnsons, the Weyants, and the Speichingers will be going.

June 11-14 – 63rd Model "A" Ford Texas Tour, Mineral Wells, TX (Linda Patterson has an extra room if anyone needs it.)

The Schooner Restaurant in Nederland will be having their anniversary special again this year. It is \$12.95 for fish & shrimp. Bob will let us know when we will get together for lunch there.

Next meeting will be on May 12 at Habaneros, in Beaumont.

Respectfully submitted by: Sylvia Butler for Karen Parsley - Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

James Parsley—10th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

James & Karen Parsley—1st
Dennis & Debbie Weyant—6th
Wesley & Jean Jones—26th



★ 14 members with 6 Model A's attended the "Last Thursday with the Prez" on April 23. Everyone met at Spindletop Museum- Lamar University. Traveling through south Beaumont, the first stop was at St. Anothony's Basilica for a tour. Leaving the Basilica, the group continued to the Riverside Grille on Crockett Street for lunch. Everyone had a great time!



Kathy and Paul wore their Era Fashions for the tour!



Above: Rusty Chimento told us the history of the Basilica and gave us a tour around the inside. Dallas & Ronnie found the confessional!



The Basilica was completed in 1907 at a cost of \$60,000. There are only four Basilicas in Texas. It was beautiful!



The Model A mechanics were all trying to figure out why Ronnie had a little trouble starting his truck....it did start!



Hill Top Embroidery
 120 Meadow Ridge Dr.
 Cedar Hill, TX 75104
 Phone 972 291-7348

Model A Ford Order Form

Year of Car	Body Style	Top Color	Body Color	Wheel Color
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Garment #1 Garment #2 Garment#3

Garment or Hat Style#			
Garment Color			
Size			
Car Design #			
Price:			

Garment Prices in catalog DO NOT include embroidery fee. Please add \$ 7.50 for left chest embroidery. For each size above XL please add \$2.00 Club Name to be included above car:

Garment Price Total \$	Name:
Embroidery Price Total \$	Phone#:
	Address:
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Tax 8.25 %	City:
Shipping for up to 2 shirts \$7.50 \$7.50	State:
Total	Zip:

Pay by cash or check. Make checks to Hill Top Embroidery
 Email hilltop0049@sbcglobal.net



Ordering club shirts for new members was discussed at the April meeting. Some of us already have shirts, but anyone can order.

The cost of the shirt is based on the shirts like what other club members have. (Tan button up shirt with logo embroidered on the left chest. Picture of shirt above.) The shirt price is the same for long or short sleeves.

Fill out the order form, include your check payable to Hill Top Embroidery, and mail to the address on the order form. Be sure to add a good phone number in case she needs to contact you.

Information from Tina Lloyd, owner of Hill Top Embroidery:
 (Tina's phone number and email are on the form.)

The stock is not great on the tan long sleeve shirts. There are 0 stock in L and 3XL. New inventory doesn't arrive until the end of May. I recommend choosing another color in those sizes or getting short sleeves. It is available in tall long sleeves in sizes L-3XL.

Pricing long or short sleeves with left chest logo:

S-XL \$40 tax \$3.30 total \$43.30
 XXL \$42+ 3.47= \$45.47
 3XL \$44+3.63=47.63
 4XL \$46+3.80= 49.80

Tall shirts LT- XLT \$47+ 3.88= 50.88
 XXL \$49+4.04= 53.04
 3XLT \$51+4.21=55. 21

Shipping:

1 shirt for \$10

2 shirts \$12

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.

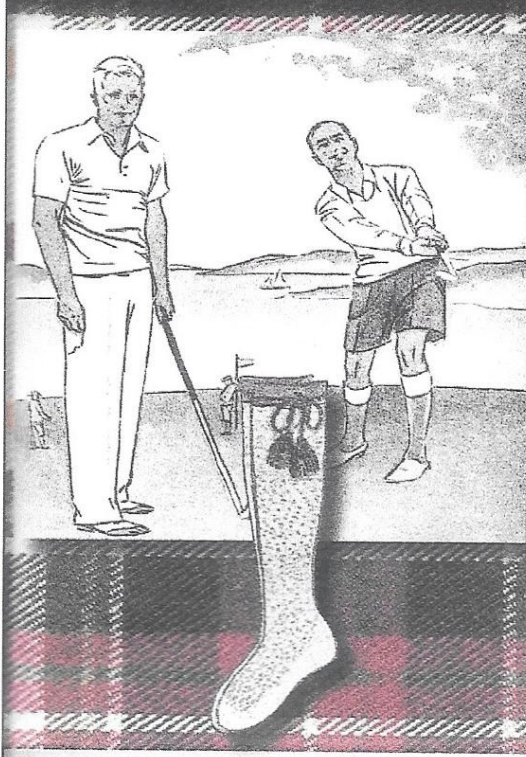
<p>MARCH 10th—GTA Meeting 21st—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths 26th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Pine Tree Lodge, LaBelle 27-29th—Poor Boy Tour</p>	<p>APRIL 5th—Easter 14th—GTA Meeting 23rd—Thursday w/the Prez—Meet @ Gladys City @ 9:00 AM 30—May 3—Mountain View, Arkansas Tour</p>
<p>MAY 12th—GTA Meeting 31-June 7—2026 MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton, OR 28th-11:00 Thursday w/the Prez @ Nice Guy Ricky's, Lumberton</p>	<p>JUNE 9th—GTA Meeting 11-14th—Texas Tour in Mineral Wells, TX 25th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Dairy Queen, Beaumont</p>
<p>JULY 14th—GTA Meeting 30th-11:00 Thursday w/the Prez @ Hamburger Depot, Nederland</p>	<p>AUGUST 11th—GTA Meeting 27th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Novrozsky's, Nederland</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>OCTOBER 13th—GTA Meeting 29th-11:00 Last Thursday w/the Prez @ Schooners Restaurant, Nederland</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 10th—GTA Meeting 26th—Thanksgiving</p>	<p>DECEMBER TBD—GTA Christmas Party 10-12th—National Awards Banquet in Cincinnati, Ohio</p>

From The MAFCA Fashion Files, Page 115

Bermuda Shorts

During the Model A Era

By Judy Lewis, Sebastopol, California



This picture and the following text were found in *Touring Topics*, October 1929. The author Jack Worthington states:

“Which will it be for next season – the attractive knitted golf shirt with abbreviated sleeves worn with white or soft colored flannels or the flannel shorts such as these which have captured the fancy of Palm Beach?”

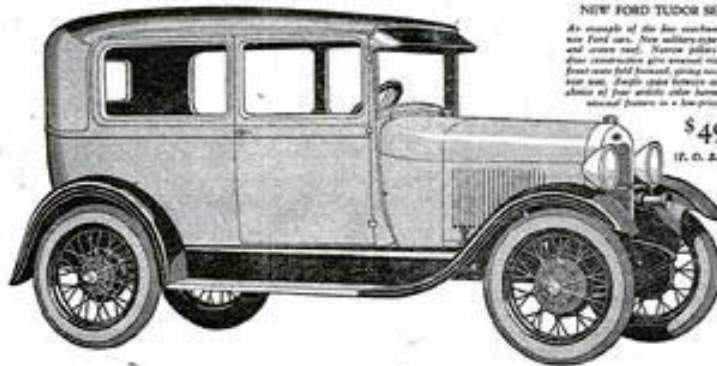
Next summer we may see our golf enthusiast playing the national game in white flannel shorts as they have already been doing in Florida these many moons. There really is no telling where this “clothes comfort” idea will lead to the realm of sports, but it has certainly arrived at its most colorful stage.

The knitted golf shirt with short sleeves and attached collar has been very popular and will doubtless be more so during the coming summer.”

Another innovation in golf accessories are golf stockings. These stockings were noticeable for the cord and tassels at the top which were used in lieu of cuffs to keep them in place and at the same time lent a Scottish touch.

This fad may not have been long lived. I have reviewed my catalogs through 1931 and have not found Bermuda shorts advertised.

Touring Topics was published by the Automobile Club of Southern California.



NEW FORD TUDOR SEDAN
An example of the low overhang of the new Ford cars. The military style rear view and spare tire. Narrow pillars and new door construction give unusual views. Best front view full forward, giving nice access to rear seat. Single spare tire on outside. Your choice of four artistic color combinations standard. Choice in a long-time car.
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 (F. O. & Donald)

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You will realize then that it is an entirely new and different Ford car, designed and created to meet modern conditions—a car that brings you more beauty, speed, quiet, comfort, safety, economy and stamina than you ever thought possible in a low-price car.

Automobile history will be made tomorrow, for the new Ford is not only new in appearance and performance... it is new in mechanical design. Many features of it are exclusive Ford developments. Some are wholly new in automobile practice. Its low price is a reflection of manufacturing improvements and economies that are as epoch-making as the car itself.

Nineteen years of experience in building 15,000,000 automobiles are behind the new Ford car and have counted in its making. Resources unmatched in the motor car industry are its heritage and its birthright.

The Ford policy of owning the source of raw materials, of making virtually every part, of doing business at a small profit per car, has cut many dollars off the price you would ordinarily have to pay for a car like this.

So we say to you—learn about this new Ford car tomorrow. Compare it with any other car in the light-car field for beauty of line—for comfort—for speed

—for quick acceleration—for flexibility in traffic... for steadiness at all speeds... for power on the hills... for economy and low cost of up-keep... for its sturdy ability to stand up under countless thousands of miles of service.

Then you will know why tomorrow will be remembered as one of the greatest days in the entire history of the automobile industry... Then you will know why the new Ford car will be *your* car.

NOTE THESE FEATURES

- Beautiful new low body lines*
- Choice of four colors*
- 55 to 65 miles an hour*
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- Hydraulic shock absorbers*
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- Typical Ford economy and reliability*

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Starter | Dashlight |
| Five steel-spoke wheels | Mirror |
| Windshield wiper | Rear and stop light |
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NEW FORD SEDAN
A big money car. Wide body. Curvature throughout. Front and rear. Four convenient doors. Unusually large windows. Rich upholstery and full-riveted hardware. Great light. Your choice of four artistic colors.
\$570
 (F. O. & Donald)



NEW FORD ROADSTER
A long, low, cheery car, the best in its class. Wide doors, deep cushions, rich upholstery. Full-riveted hardware. Double seat optional. Your choice of four beautiful color combinations.
\$385
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NEW FORD COUPE
There is a bit of the European touch in the overhang and contour of this new Ford Coupe. Handy package deal in back of seat and unusually large water-proof luggage space in rear deck. Your choice of four beautiful colors.
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 (F. O. & Donald)



NEW FORD SPORT COUPE
Combines the great appearance of the roadster and the advantages of a closed car. Double seat optional. Standard in four artistic color combinations.
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NEW FORD PRAMTON
Available only in some areas. All four doors open forward. Curvature over and over with doors. Fully riveted body. Unusually large windows. Your choice of four artistic colors.
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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**

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NEWSLETTER QUIZ

1. Where can someone order a club shirt?
2. How many Model A's were on the April 23rd tour?
3. When was St. Anthony Basilica completed?
4. On December 1, 1927, the new Ford car was advertised. How much did the new Tudor Sedan cost?
5. Would men have worn Bermuda shorts in the Model A Era?
6. What was the mystery part at the April meeting?
7. Before the Texas Tour in June, what does Bob say to pay attention to on your Model A?
8. Will the Schooner have their anniversary special this year?

TOP 10 FACTS *About the*
Model A Ford

1. Produced from 1927 to 1931
2. Nearly 5 Million Built
3. 1st Ford with a Safety Glass Windshield
4. 40 HP, 4-Cylinder Engine
5. Top Speed of 60 MPH
6. \$385 Starting Price in 1928
7. 9 Body Styles Available
8. Easy to Maintain & Repair
9. Parts Still Readily Available
10. Helped Put America on Wheels



Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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