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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

MARCH 2023

Golden Triangle A's

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## Next Monthly Meeting

**When: March 14, 2023**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Where: Ming's Buffet  
840 N. Main Street  
Vidor, 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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## THE PREZ SEZ.....

Hello fellow GTA members!

It's March, time to dust off that A and get ready for the touring season! Yay! For Southeast Texas, we have had a cold and very wet winter, but it is now spring and time to get those little flatheads going again.

The February monthly meeting at Habaneros was well attended and lots of fun. The hat decorating contest was a lot of fun and almost everyone participated. Sylvia and Ronnie Butler along with Rodney and Emma Block were voted the best decorated hats by the members. Congratulations! Enjoy that chocolate!

The February outing was hosted by the Johnsons and the Parsleys. We enjoyed great hamburgers, dominoes, bingo, and the fireplace! We need to do more events like that during the cold months when getting out the A is not so fun.

The March 18th outing will be breakfast at Cracker Barrel at 9 a.m. and then a short trip to Tyrrell Park in Beaumont. We can tour the Botanical Gardens and spend some time at Cattail Marsh. The day looks to be fun. Remember the Texas Tour is right around the corner in Huntsville, and our club should have a very good showing. Being around Model A people and their cars is so much fun. The Texas Tour is becoming a June tradition in the Johnson family and is highly anticipated. Henry Ford once said, "My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me." That's what Model A's do . . . bring out the best in us with other Model A people.

Remember, as you are getting your A ready for the touring season, those tires need 35 PSI to keep it rolling along smoothly! Take care and happy motoring!

Bob Johnson



## 2023 Coming Attractions

### MARCH

**14th—GTA Meeting**

**18th—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Johnsons**

### APRIL

**11th—GTA Meeting**

**TBD—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Weyants**



## THINGS OF INTEREST:

Page 1, **Note the information** in Bob's Message regarding the March Dine & Drive; Page 3, Valentine Hat Winners; Page 5, A Temperature Gauge; Page 6, Ladies Spring Fashions; Page 7, Newsletter Quiz

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 14, 2023**  
**Habanero's, Beaumont, Texas**

**James Parsley** led us in prayer.

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

**Bob Johnson** welcomed our guest - **Bill Schroeder**.

**Secretary's Report:** The report from January was approved. We decided going forward to not include the dollar amounts of our accounts in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report from January was approved.

**Newsletter Quiz:** Several people identified the differences in the pictures.

**Mystery Part: Paul Smith** brought the part. **Emma Block's** ticket was drawn. She asked **Rodney Block** for help. It was a spring Clamp for the front.

**50/50 Drawing: Wes Jones** 'ticket was drawn.

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

**James Parsley** will keep up with everyone's miles driven for this year.

Valentine's Hat contest: Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Sylvia Butler**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **Emma Block**, Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Rodney Block**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **Ronnie Butler**.

**Dorothy Burk** brought Valentine's Day scratch-off joke cards.

**Dennis Weyant** told everyone **Joe Buntyn's** car is in the paint shop and has a cracked head which he will need help changing out.

**Sylvia Butler** asked the members about renewing our web security. She had received an email from Go Daddy. We all agreed to renew the security (\$89.40 for 5 years).

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

**February 18** – 10am to 2pm Hamburgers and games at the Johnson's house.

**March 18** – Meet at the Cracker Barrel then visit The Botanical Gardens in Tyrell Park.

**March 25** – Drive and Fly at Beaumont Municipal Airport.

**March 31-April 2** – Poor Boy Tour in La Grange, TX. Host hotel is full.

**June 15-18** – Texas Tour in Huntsville, TX– Members going will meet and drive there.

**July ?** – We will meet and eat (to be determined).

**End of August** – Moonshine Raid in Glen Rose, TX.

**September 15-17** – Coldspring Tour hosted by the Butlers.

Next meeting will be at Ming's in Vidor, TX on March 14, 2023.



Respectfully submitted by: **Karen Parsley** for *Debbie Weyant, Secretary*

## VALENTINE HAT CONTEST AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Since the monthly meeting fell on the 14th, members were encouraged to decorate and wear a Valentine hat to the meeting. Twelve members made hats and wore them. Everyone present voted by secret ballot for the best men and ladies Valentine hats.



Ladies Valentine  
Hat Winners

Emma Block, 2nd  
& Sylvia Butler, 1st



Men Valentine Hat Winners  
Rodney Block, 1st & Ronnie Butler, 2nd

## IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH

In 1987, Congress designated March as “Women’s History Month.” The National Women’s History Alliance spearheaded the movement. The 2023 theme is “Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.”

March 12—Daylight Savings Time Begins—In April 1967, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Uniform Time Act of 1966 to establish consistency to Daylight Savings Time. States were allowed to exempt themselves from DST as long as the entire state did so. In 2007, DST was extended in the United States due to the Energy Policy Act of 2005. DST changed from April & October to March & November.

March 17—St. Patrick’s Day (Thought to be the date of St. Patrick’s death in 493 A.D.) Saint Patrick was born “Maewyn Succat” but changed his name to “Patricius” after becoming a priest. Irish immigrants began observing St. Patrick’s Day in Boston in 1737 and the first St. Patrick’s Day parade in America was held in New York City in 1766.

March 20—First Day of Spring - This date marks the “spring equinox” in the Northern Hemisphere. The Northern Hemisphere begins to be tilted more toward the Sun resulting in increasing number of daylight hours. The spring equinox falls on March 19, 20, or 21 every year.



## GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's 2023 CALENDAR

If anyone would like to sign up for a Dine & Drive or have anything to add to the calendar, please contact Bob & Pam Johnson at 409-781-3078.

<b>JANUARY</b> 10th—GTA Meeting	<b>FEBRUARY</b> 14th—GTA Meeting & Happy Valentine Day 18th—Dine & Drive—Parsleys & Johnsons—Burgers & Games 10:00 am—2:00 pm at 640 N. Circuit, Beaumont
<b>MARCH</b> 14th—GTA Meeting 31st-April 2nd—53rd Annual Poor Boy Tour in LaGrange, TX (Houston, Victoria & Piney Wood Club Members) 18th—Dine & Drive—Hosted by the Johnsons Meet @ Cracker Barrel at 9:00 & after breakfast drive to Tyrell Park	<b>APRIL</b> 11th—GTA Meeting TBD—Dine & Drive—Hosted by the Weyants
<b>MAY</b> 9th—GTA Meeting TBD—Dine & Drive—Hosted by the Smiths	<b>JUNE</b> 13th—GTA Meeting 11th-16th—Midwest Regional Meet in Breckenridge, Colorado 15-18—Texas Tour in Huntsville, TX Hosted by Piney Wood A's 16th—Calder Woods Father's Day Car Show (tentative)
<b>JULY</b> 11th—GTA Meeting 16th-21st—2023 MAFCA National Tour in Auburn, Indiana TBD—Dine & Drive— <b>HOST NEEDED</b>	<b>AUGUST</b> 8th—GTA Meeting TBD—Dine & Drive— <b>HOST NEEDED</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 12th—GTA Meeting 15th-16th—Model A Days in Hickory Corners Michigan 16th—Worldwide International Model A Day 15th-17th—Coldspring Tour Hosted by the Butlers (Reserve Sunday Houses with Linda Currie at 936-661-1530)	<b>OCTOBER</b> 10th—GTA Meeting TBD—Dine & Drive—Hosted by the Parsleys
<b>NOVEMBER</b> 14th—GTA Meeting TBD—Dine & Drive—Hosted by the Smiths 30th-Dec. 2—National Awards Banquet in Santa Maria, CA	<b>DECEMBER</b> TBD—GTA Christmas Party TBD—Dine & Drive— <b>HOST NEEDED</b>

**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 Restaurant, ~ Romeros, ~ Shangri La fall events with pumpkins and scarecrows ~ Miniature golf ~ Antiquing ~ Tex Ritter Museum ~ 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 approximately 4 hours. Host needs to have printed information of details for Dine and Drive at that month's meeting or earlier so it can be added to calendars.



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



NONE



# A Temperature Gauge!

by Tom Endy

The Model A Ford did not come equipped with a temperature gauge. Knowing the water temperature is very important as you can then take steps to avoid overheating the engine. Early in the Model A era an accessory radiator cap was offered that incorporated a thermometer on the top of the cap, visible from the driver's seat. If the early attempt was inaccurate, the repos are even worse. The temperature probe associated with the thermometer is not actually immersed in water. It is located above the radiator baffle and is at best measuring only steam and an occasional splash of water.

For an accurate measurement of the water, a probe for a temperature gauge should be inserted into the water as it is leaving the engine. This is best accomplished by placing it in the water outlet casting that bolts to the top front of the head. Water is entering this casting from the head on its way to the top of the radiator. The water at this point is about as hot as it is going to get. (Water boils at 212° at sea level).

Accessory temp gauges can be either mechanical or electrical. The mechanical type is best suited for a Model A. Electrical temp gauges are only available in 12 volts. If a Model A has a 12 volt system the electrical type can be used, however you will need to figure a way to shut off power to the gauge as turning the ignition key off won't do it.

Most mechanical temp gauges on the market come with a six-foot length of mechanical cable that cannot be altered. Therefore the trick is to mount the gauge in a location on the dash that will allow for adequate routing of the cable between the gauge and the probe. A variety of temperature gauges are readily available from most auto parts dealers.

It is also a good idea to install a thermostat in the water system. Most Model A suppliers carry them. They come in 160° and 180° temperatures and mount inside the water hose just above the water outlet casting on top of the head. The thermostat will bring the water temperature up to the proper operational temperature (either 160° or 180°) quickly and will maintain it there. ☺



A 1½-inch SunPro mechanical temperature gauge is installed with a custom made bracket up under the dash rail of a 1931 Victoria.



The little switch in the upper right corner of the bracket is a momentary push button switch wired to the ammeter that will give you a quick peek at the gauge while driving at night.



The six-foot mechanical cable is routed from the gauge to the Dan Eubanks reproduction water outlet casting that has been cast with a temp gauge boss and has been drilled and tapped for your favorite size pipe fitting. Dan locates the fitting on the side of the casting to accommodate an overhead valve head installation. (Dan Eubanks 626-827-4004).

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## DID YOU KNOW?

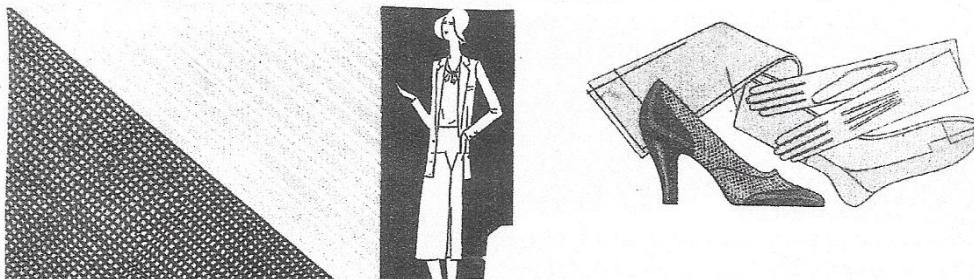
In January 1914, the Ford Motor Company announces an 8-hour workday and minimum daily wage of \$5.



## Spring Fashions

By Patti Jones  
(Taken from Delineator, Feb. 1930)

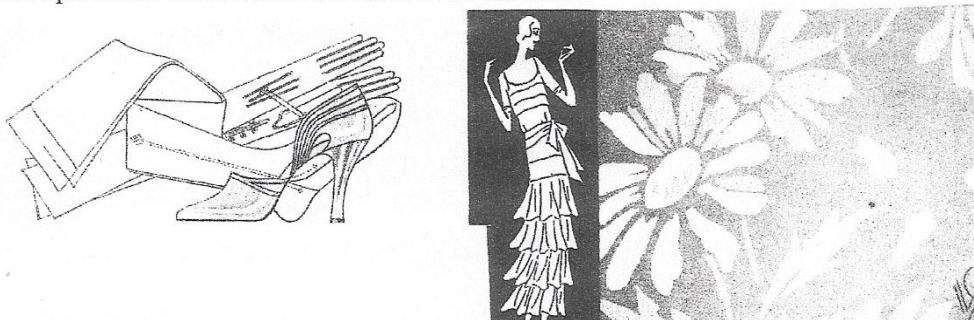
While only just into February, the fashion world was already showing the latest in spring fashions for 1930. The following are fabric swatches, the latest fashions, and accessories to go with each outfit.



Starting the new Spring styles is a brown and white shark-skin wool. The fabric is checkered wool and complementing the fabric is a spun silk lined blouse. To accessorize this outfit, the designers recommend brown kid and beige lizard pumps, dark beige capeskin gloves, and "sunmode" silk hose.



For a formal afternoon gown, a semi-sheer flower print with navy blue background fabric was chosen. The semi sheerness of the print makes the sweeping hemline look delicate and flowing. Accessories include pumps of blue kid with lizard accent and a matching bag. The hose for this outfit is a light rose beige that complements the colors of the flowers on the dress.



A black chiffon printed fabric in green and white makes this dress look "airy" with the many flounces at the hip to the hemline. Note the suggested mauve-beige clocked hose. Crepe evening slippers dyed green to match the dress and long white glace kid gloves complete this evening dress outfit.

## CHAPTER LOAN PROGRAM

### Tools

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\*To borrow Tools contact

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### Books & Videos

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

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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 the Golden Triangle A's)**

**\*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. When and where is the March club meeting?
2. Who was the ladies second place Valentine Hat winner?
3. What does our club have planned for Model A Day?
4. What is the best type of temperature gage for a model A?
5. What year are the ladies spring fashions?
6. When & where is the March Dine & Drive?
7. What is James Parsley going to do for club members this year?
8. What year and where was the first St. Patrick's Day Parade?







## Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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