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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

NOVEMBER 2024

Golden Triangle A's

PO Box 22076

Beaumont, TX 77720

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

When: November 12, 2024

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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- 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.....

Hello GTA members!

It's November and time to loosen up those belts and enjoy the season with family and friends. November in Southeast Texas is generally mild and a great time to get out and drive those Model As. You never know when you might have to depend on it for getting you around town! For example: our daughter was recently involved in a traffic accident where her car was totaled. The other driver ran a red light and, of course, did not have insurance. While waiting on her insurance adjusters to complete the claim and make a settlement, we let her borrow Pam's 2021 Bronco. In the meantime, my truck with 335,000 miles decides to quit running and ends up in the shop for repairs. So the 1930 Coupe was pulled out of the garage, and it works very well until we get all the other vehicles sorted out. I generally start and drive the Model A's at least once a month and have confidence in them getting me from point A to point B—just a little slower. By the way, our daughter is fine except for some bruises. Her car was t-boned, rolled over, skidded fifty feet and landed upside down. The good Lord was looking over her that day.



It sounds like many of our GTA members who have had health issues are starting to feel better, and that is wonderful news. Pam recently had surgery for her breast cancer and is getting ready for her radiation treatments. She has really been strong and positive through this, and we can't wait until 2025 to get active again with Model A touring. Unfortunately, James Parsley lost his mother in October after a short illness. Please keep James and his family in your prayers.

The club does not have a dine-and-drive event scheduled for November so look over your schedules and let's do something for a few hours on a Saturday morning. Let me know if you want to sponsor a November event, and we can discuss it at the monthly meeting on the 12th at Ming's in Vidor. After the Christmas party at the Parker's on December 7th, Paul and Kathy Smith are hosting a dine-and-drive on December 14th to Shangri La in Orange. Let's all be there.

Remember your GTA dues for 2025 are quickly approaching, and Paul is always happy to take your money. Now go check all the fluids in your Model A and let's go for a drive!

Happy Motoring, Bob

2024 Coming Attractions

NOVEMBER
12th—GTA Meeting



DECEMBER
7th—GTA Christmas Party @ The Parker's Home
14th—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths

THINGS OF INTEREST: Page 2, Minutes & Birthdays; Page 3, All Model A's Are Survivors; Page 4, 2025 Texas Tour Hotels; Page 5, Newsletter Quiz & **2025 GTA Dues are Due by December 31, 2024**

GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES
Habanero's, Beaumont Texas
October 8, 2024

Wes Jones led the opening prayer.

President Bob Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob reported on members who have had surgery or been in the hospital. He welcomed back Emma and Rodney Block who have been absent for several months due to illnesses. Pam Johnson will be having surgery next Monday.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Paul Smith reported that our CD is up for renewal in November. He will watch the interest rate and renew it. He also reported on finances for the past month. His report was approved.

Everyone enjoyed the newsletter quiz.

Paul Smith brought a mystery part, which was a sleeve nut for an indoor lift handle. Martha Schroeder's ticket was chosen, and she asked Bill Schroeder for help. Sylvia Butler identified the part.

Jean Jones won the 50/50 drawing.

Sylvia Butler reported on the Coldspring trip.

There will be a Dine and Drive to Shangri La in Orange on December 14.

The Christmas party will be held at the Parkers' on December 7.

On January 25, 2025, Baptist Hospital will hold its annual Roaring 20's soiree. They have asked for Model A's to be parked outside the Civic Center for the event. They will pay the club \$200.

The next meeting will be November 12 at Ming's Chinese Restaurant in Vidor.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Weyant
Secretary



November 3rd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ronnie Butler—18th
Joe Richey—18th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

NONE

All Model A's Are Survivors



I can remember when Model As were knock-about cars. They weren't taken seriously. You could see them used as utility vehicles that had seen better days. During my high school years, there were three other Model As driven to the student parking lot each day besides mine. My dad bought my car for me in 1965 for \$350, which at the time was top dollar.

I made friends with guys my age who also had Model As. Most drove their cars hard, but their cars somehow withstood the abuse. I saw all kinds of modifications that were intended to personalize the cars and make them go faster, which they often didn't.

One of my friends was more serious about restoring his car, even back then. I always wanted my car to be as nice as his, but never achieved it at the time. Nevertheless, I tried my hand at bodywork and paint on my own car. It turned out pretty good considering my lack of experience.

I did all kinds of so-called repairs that sometimes made an improvement. Through it all, my car survived and proved to be a patient teacher.

It surprises me that after so many years, Model A parts are rather easy to find. stored in boxes, stashed in garages, mounds of junk piled on rural and in random collections of other owners; and of course, swap meets. A modern Model A owner is the network houses and other club members. parts today are generally superior to available during my youth.



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Now, nearly 60 years later, Model As are no longer seen as third tier, but antiques to be pampered. Restorers of all stripes take advantage of the availability of parts and published materials that endeavor to teach the novice how to repair and restore their cars.

The Restorers Class exists to help the average Model A owner enjoy his car while continuing to improve its originality and preserve it for upcoming generations. In that regard, things are about the same for the new Model A enthusiast today as they were for me all those years ago, only better.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's 2024 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.

SEPTEMBER 10th—GTA Meeting 21st—International Ford Model A Day 20-22—Coldspring Tour Hosted by the Butlers (Book Sunday Houses with Linda Currie @ 936-661-1530)	OCTOBER 8th—GTA Meeting
NOVEMBER 12th—GTA Meeting	DECEMBER 7th—GTA Christmas Party at T.J. & Lynne Parker's Home 11-14—National Awards Banquet in Salt Lake City, Utah 14th—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths—Shangri La Christmas

Hotels can be booked starting Nov. 1, 2024 for the 2025 Texas Tour in Giddings

Host hotels are listed on the right of flyer

All events will be held at the Silos Event Center

62'nd TEXAS TOUR
June 12-15, 2025

THE Silos

Registration, Hospitality, Silent Auction & Events will be at
The Silos on 77 Events Center
1031 County Road 223
Giddings, Texas 78942
Laurie Taylor, Texas Tour Chairperson
Lardtay@gmail.com

Best Western
2161 E. Hempstead
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-5000
Reservations begin November 1st.

Super 8
4002 E. Austin
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-9666
Reservations begin November 1st.

Executive Inn
3556 E. Austin
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-5791
Reservations begin November 1st.

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 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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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. Who has the same birthday this month?
2. What was the October mystery part?
3. Who drove a Model A in their younger days?
4. When and where is the 2025 Texas Tour?
5. When and where is the GTA Christmas Party?
6. What car has Bob been driving this month?
7. What is due December 31?

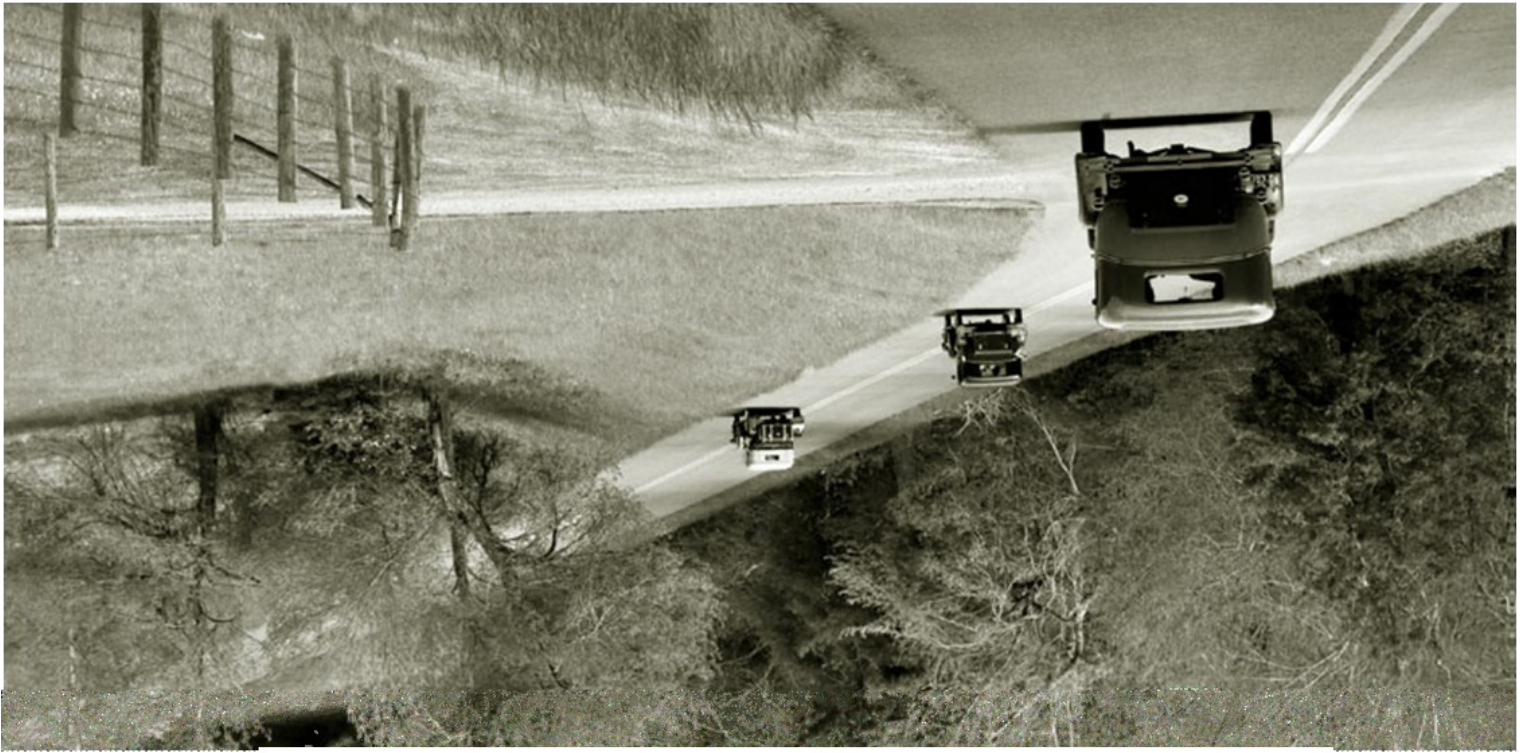
DON'T FORGET

Time to renew Golden Triangle Dues !

**Dues are \$20 for 2025 if paid by DECEMBER 31.
They are \$25 if paid after December 31.**

**Dues can be paid at a meeting or send to Paul Smith
at the above address.**





Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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