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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

NOVEMBER 2025

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

November 11, 2025
6:00 PM
Elsa's Greek Grill
2604 Dowlen
Beaumont, Texas



November Events

2nd—Remember to "Fall Back"
11th—GTA MEETING
27th Thanksgiving Day

2025—CELEBRATING 30 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 fall in Southeast Texas and the weather is great! Get that Model A out of your garage and let your neighbors enjoy it. Just driving your A around the neighborhood creates a lot of finger pointing and smiles from everyone. Besides, it is fun to drive a Model A, and we all know they need to be driven on a regular basis. If anyone would like to schedule a Dine and Drive, let me know, and we can get it done! Destination options are limitless in Southeast Texas—Mama Jacks, Main Street Cafe in Lumberton, Vautrot's in Bevil Oaks, Jax's Hamburgers in Liberty, etc. Let's do something—anything is good!

Well, the Conroe Swap Meet has come and gone. Several of us participated as vendors this year with mixed results. Shoppers there appeared to be more interested in automotive performance parts and/or rusty junk parts than good used antique auto items. It appears that the road side flea markets and vendors from Cut-n-Shoot on Hwy 105 have relocated to the Montgomery County Fairgrounds!

It was a different experience, but I still had fun enjoying the weekend with James Burns, T J Parker, and Dennis Weyant. There were several people at the swap meet from Southeast Texas that we got to talk with and share stories.

The annual GTA Christmas party will be Saturday, December 13th at our house in Beaumont this year. Pam and I are looking forward to the event and hopefully everyone will attend. Lynne and TJ need a break after hosting beautiful parties the past two years. The highlight, of course, is the White Elephant gift exchange. Everyone please bring a gift that is valued at approximately \$20.

Our meeting on October 14th at Baytown Seafood was well-attended as usual, and we all got to welcome our newest members! Trent and Kaitlynn Speichinger from Lumberton. They recently bought Donna Lewis' '29 Tudor, and she encouraged them to join MAFCA and our club. Thank you Donna for all your help and dedication to the Model A hobby.

Our next meeting is November 11th at everyone's favorite Greek restaurant, Elsa's in Beaumont. Now, go dust off your Model A and drive around the neighborhood.

Happy Motoring, Bob

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

November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life!

GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES
Baytown Seafood, Groves, Texas
October 14, 2025

Lynne Parker led us in prayer.

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

Bob Johnson welcomed our guests: Trent and Kaitlynn Speichinger.

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. **Joan Higgins'** ticket was drawn. She asked **T J Parker** for help. The part was a special washer (Stud washer) for the intake and exhaust manifold.

50/50 Drawing: **Sylvia Butler's** ticket was drawn.

Tech Session: None scheduled.

Bob Johnson discussed the Model A Day Tour – all of the Model A's did well and they went down roads some had never been on before. Everyone enjoyed the poker run and eating at The Pine Tree Lodge.

The club Christmas party will be December 13. The **Johnson's** will be hosting this year. Everyone should bring a \$20 white elephant gift.

Paul Smith is on the waiting list for a Mitchell overdrive.

Dallas Higgins tried 3 used axles before getting a straight one for his Tudor.

Dennis Turner is selling his 1931 Deluxe Coupe. It has a 3-speed 1983 Ford transmission with overdrive.

The Conroe Swap Meet is October 24-26. Several spaces have been reserved for the event.

Tours and Events:

October 18 – Lamar Big Red Car Show, 10 – 2pm, Spindletop Museum

December 13 – Club Christmas Party, Johnson's house

Next meeting will be on November 11, 2025 – Elsa's Greek Grill, Beaumont, TX

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Parsley - Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ronnie Butler—18th
Joe Richey—18th

NONE



GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's 2025 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.

SEPTEMBER

9th—GTA Meeting
13th—International Model A Ford Day Tour

OCTOBER

14th—GTA Meeting
24-26th—Swap Meet in Conroe, TX

NOVEMBER

11th—GTA Meeting

DECEMBER

3-6th —2025 MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Mobile, AL
13th—GTA Christmas Party at Bob & Pam Johnson's Home

Seems Dallas needed a Tech Session to fix his Coup....SO T.J., Bob, and Dallas worked on it for a few days!



Club tools do come in handy!
T.J. and Bob use the club's
Rear Spring Spreader to re-
place the axel on the Coup.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! TRENT & KAITLYNN SPEICHER



Trent & Kaitlynn live in
Lumberton with their 3
daughters:
Kinsleigh—15
Hailynn—12
Kaydence—10

They own a 1929 Tudor

OCTOBER 24-26, 2025 CONROE SWAP MEET

Bob, Dennis, Jim, and T.J. got together and rented spaces at the swap meet to sell various car parts....so they could buy more!



Thursday—Loaded and ready to go!



Looks like Bob had to do
the unloading! He had a
helper with his arm in a
sling! Dennis did watch
the table!

Did anybody sell (or buy)
anything?

Headlamp Plugs and Terminals

As documented in the Ford Service Bulletins, below, a change was made to the headlamp plugs and terminals around May 1930. It is a small change in the wire connector ends and the "plug" lengths used with them. If your wiring harness ends and headlamp plugs are from different times, the connection at the base of your headlights may be too tight to connect (frustrating) or too loose to make a good connection (frustrating, as well). See discussion below and adjust the plug dimension as required.

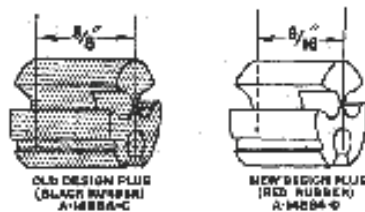


Fig. 908

CHANGE IN HEADLAMP PLUGS AND TERMINALS

A change has been made in the headlamp plugs and the headlamp wire terminals.

The new plug A-14584-D is approximately $\frac{3}{8}$ " long and is made from red rubber. The old plug, which has been obsoleted, was $\frac{5}{8}$ " long and was made from black rubber.

The new headlamp wire terminals are of the clinch-on type. They are approximately $\frac{1}{16}$ " longer than the old design which has been obsoleted (see Fig. 909).

As special equipment is required to assemble the new design terminals to the headlamp wires, the terminals will not be sold through service. If an occasion should arise where it was necessary to replace one of the new terminals, use terminal A-14461-C for making the replacement; this terminal can be installed by hand. Also after present stocks of the old design A-14459 terminals are exhausted, supply terminal A-14461-C for replacements. Fig. 909 shows these terminals.



Fig. 909

Due to the difference in the length of the old and new style terminals and headlamp plugs, the old style plugs cannot be used with the new design terminals, or the old terminals with the new plug.

After present stocks are exhausted, when calls are received for an old style plug, supply the new design plug, together with spacer washer A-14601-R. This spacer washer is

approximately $\frac{1}{16}$ " thick and compensates for the difference in length between the old and new style plugs. Fig. 910 shows how the washer is installed.

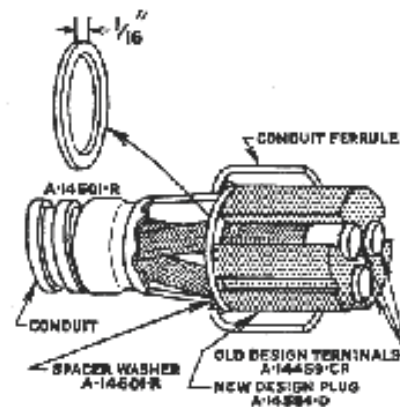


Fig. 910

So, when you are assembling your headlights and the conduits do not want to make a good connection at the base, check the dimensions above and get plugs to match.

Have a Model A Day!

Jim

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**

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Make checks payable to Model A Ford Club of America

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

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Permission to publish my telephone number in future Membership Rosters? Yes: ___ No: ___

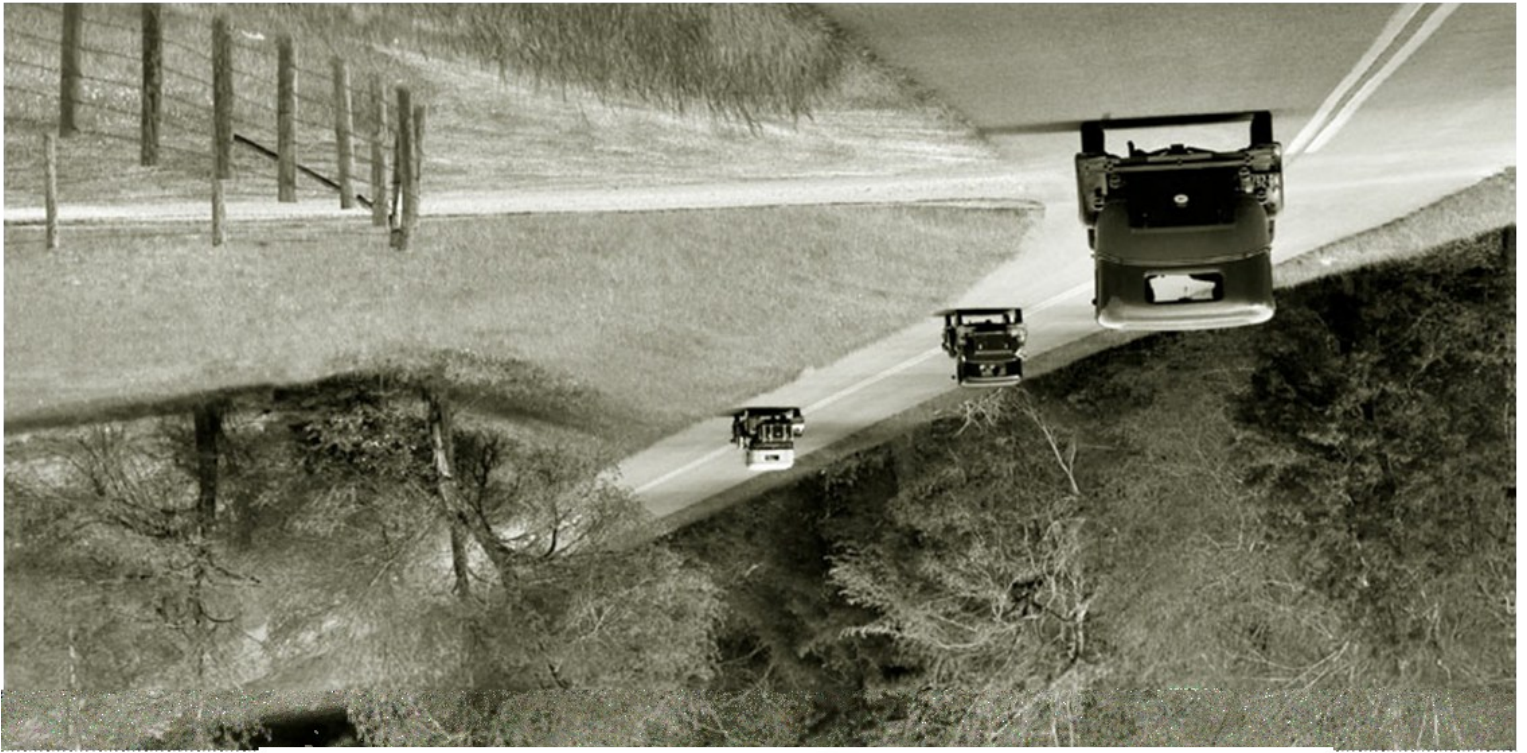
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NEWSLETTER QUIZ

1. When is the GTA Christmas Party?
2. Who are our new members?
3. Where did they get their 1929 Tudor?
4. When was a change made to the Model A headlamp plugs and terminals?
5. What were the changes?
6. Who has a birthday on the same day this month?
7. What club tool was used to work on Dallas' coup?
8. What was the mystery part at the October meeting?

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's CHRISTMAS PARTY HAS BEEN FINALIZED!

It will be on December 13th, 6:00 P.M. at Bob & Pam Johnson's home. Please bring a “White Elephant” gift of no more that \$20. Ladies bring ladies gift and gentlemen bring man's gift for the exchange.



Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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