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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's



NOVEMBER 2026

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

November 10, 2026

6:00 PM

Baytown Seafood

4830 Twin City Hwy.

Groves, Texas



November Events

1st - Fall Back One Hour

10th - GTA Meeting

26th - Thanksgiving

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.....

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our GTA members!

Fall is upon us and the weather is just perfect. If I had more energy and I was younger, I would tackle some home improvement projects that need to be done. However, I think I'll check some fluid levels, tire pressure, and drive an old car or truck instead! The last time I checked, I was not getting any younger, and I better start enjoying some of my toys before I can't. Does this sound familiar to anyone! If so, call me and let's put together a Model A event while the weather is good and we are "younger."

The Golden Triangle Model A Club license toppers are in, and I think they look great. I'll bring them to our next club meeting on November 10th at Baytown Seafood in Groves for distribution. Let me know if you can't make it on the 10th, and I will arrange sending one to you or you coming by my house to pick it up. Whether you put it on your light bar or front/rear bumper, they do look wonderful.

We need to elect new officers at our December meeting for the 2027 calendar year. Start thinking about serving in our club because fresh and new ideas are always welcome. A volunteer non-profit club like ours will thrive and grow if everyone in the club participates and does their share to promote the Model A hobby. If everyone sits on the sidelines or in the bleachers, then we have no team.

In closing, I gotta share another funny story. Pam and I were recently filling up the Blindback at a gas station and a man started asking questions about the car. The 1930 Texas license plates on the front and rear were not enough, so he had to ask what year it was. After a few more questions, he asked about the air conditioner. I explained it was one of Henry Ford's early experimental projects for air conditioning, and he took me seriously. So I did the right thing and did not correct the air conditioner story. As he was walking away, he turned around and said that his uncle had one just like ours, but it was a Chevrolet! All in the day of owning a Model A! Now, dust off your Model A and go for a drive.

Happy Motoring, Bob

Officers:

President: Bob Johnson (409)781-3078

V. Pres.: Dennis Weyant (409)651-5165

Secretary: Karen Parsley (409) 651-7878

Treasurer: Paul Smith (409)673-6318

Tour Chair: Bob & Pam Johnson (409)781-3078

Restorer Reporter: Sylvia Butler (409)720-7315

Newsletter/Website/Facebook: Sylvia Butler (409)720-7315

Directors:

Wes Jones (409)722-0697

Wallace Harlow (409)720-7281

James Parsley (409)753-2523

Linda Patterson (409)728-1277

●All leaders must be MAFCA members

● GTA Membership application is on the website @ www.gta-texas.com



Make every day a day of Thanksgiving! Wishing you peace, joy, and many blessings this Thanksgiving!

GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES
China Star Restaurant, Beaumont, Texas
October 13, 2026

Lynne Parker led us in prayer.

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

Guests: Daniel Johnson, Lacy Wolgast, Annalee Skinner and Robby Eaves were our guests at this meeting.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report was approved as shown in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report will be given at the next meeting.

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

Mystery Part: None

50/50 Drawing: Dallas Higgins' ticket was drawn.

Tech Session: None scheduled.

Bob Johnson discussed the License plate toppers are coming soon. We will have a couple extra for future new members.

International Model A Day was September 19. We had a great turnout. The tour of the Port of Beaumont was very impressive. We had our own bus tour with guide and we got to watch a video in the conference room. Everyone enjoyed the lunch at Riverside Grill afterwards.

There was lots of ship and boat traffic on the Neches River during the lunch with the Prez at The Wheelhouse. Next one will be at The Schooner on October 29th.

Lamar is having their Homecoming October 24th. There will be a car show if anyone wants to participate. The entry fee is \$10.

We plan to have our Christmas Party on December 5th at the Johnson's home. We need to be thinking about the menu and officer nominations for next year.

Tours and Events:

October 24 – Lamar Homecoming Car Show, Spindletop Museum

October 22-25 – Autumn Trails Tour, Winnsboro, TX

Next meeting will be on November 10 – Baytown Seafood, Groves, TX

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Parsley - Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ronnie Butler - 18th

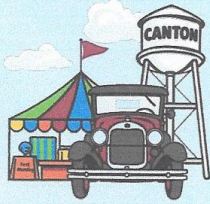
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

None



Revised 2027 Texas Tour Flyer

The Cabins and RV Spaces will not be available for the tour due to bankruptcy. The Barn at G Ranch Venue is still the event location for the Tour. Rooms can be booked at the hotels shown on the flyer. Registration forms are on the next two pages followed by the event descriptions. A picture of the tour shirt is on page 8.



JUNE 24-27, 2027
64TH TEXAS TOUR
HOSTED BY CEDAR CREEK
AND TYLER MODEL A FORD CLUBS

On the Road Again to Canton, Texas —

Home of 1st Monday Trade Days

64th Texas Tour, June 24-27, 2027



**The
Barn**

**THE BARN at G Ranch Venue
13785 TX-19, Canton, TX 75103**

Registration is open by mail
using the form

Online Registration to open
by December

Plan to attend

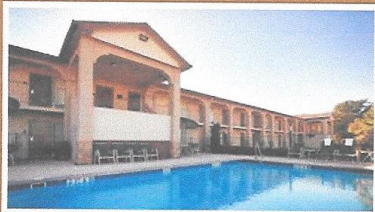
Have interesting and fun
things planned.

Raffles will be available.

Hospitality, Tours,

Car Games,

Hubley Derby, Fashion Walk



BEST WESTERN CANTON
2251 N Trade Days Blvd
\$85 + tax per night
Breakfast included
48 rooms blocked
Trailer parking
Pets allowed
No smoking
903-567-6591



QUALITY INN CANTON
2406 N Trade Days Blvd.
K- \$75 + tax per night
DQ - \$80+tax per night
10 K & 20 DQ blocked
Cont'l Breakfast
Pets allowed
No smoking
903-287-0401



RED ROOF INN
17350 I-20, Canton, TX
\$74.99 + tax per night
Cont'l Breakfast
30 rooms blocked
Pets allowed
Trailer parking
No smoking
903-567-6567



DAYS INN
17299 SI-20, Canton, TX
\$65 + tax per night
No breakfast
30 rooms blocked
Pets allowed
Trailer Parking
No smoking
903-567-6588

Registration, Hospitality, & Raffles will be in Stagecoach Hall & Dinners, etc. in the Barn at the Silver Spur Resort
Herman Dentler-Tour Chairperson - dent16@yahoo.com (Cedar Creek & Tyler Clubs), Co-chair-Lanny Buck (Tyler Club)
Registrar - Nancy Cheshire - nmcheshire@outlook.com or 972-279-4786 Website: www.texas2027.com

Registration No. _____



REGISTRATION FORM

64th Texas Model A Ford Tour
June 24 - 27, 2027
Canton, Texas

Hosted by the Cedar Creek & Tyler
Model A Ford Clubs

Please print all information on form:

Last Name of Primary Person

First Name

Spouse/Guest

Local Club Affiliation

Phone (including area code)

Alternate phone no.

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 in the **Fashion Walk** at the Farewell Dinner? _____ How many? _____

Registration for primary person will include 1 patch and 1 radiator badge. Additional patches and badges may be purchased separately. Registration fees cover free mini-tours, Welcome Dinner, Ice Cream Sundaes, Hubley Derby, Grand tour and lunch, and Farewell Dinner. **Registration Confirmation will be sent by email.**

Note: Registrations must be received by June 7, 2027. Due to prior payment for facilities, food, and service, refunds cannot be given after June 7, 2027.

I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless from any and all liability whatsoever due to my attendance and participation at the 2027 Texas Tour, any and all of the following: Model A Ford Club of America Inc., and their Officers and Directors, the 64th Texas Tour committee, their facilities, and the Cedar Creek and Tyler Model A Ford Clubs, and their Officers and Directors. Submission of this Registration form whether signed or unsigned, constitutes acceptance of this release.

Signed _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club (CCMAFC)

Mail to: Nancy Cheshire, Registrar
8450 Fallow Run
Larue, TX 75770 972-279-4786
Email: texastour2027@outlook.com

For Registrar use only:

Check # _____

Paid online _____

Amount \$ _____

Date Received _____

2027 TEXAS TOUR SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION		How Many?	Cost	Total
Registration Fee for primary person			\$130.00	
Registration fee for additional persons			\$90.00	
No. of children ages 0 - 12 (no charge for children under 13)			No Charge	
Late Registration Fee after May 24, 2027 for primary person			\$140.00	
Late Registration Fee after May 24, 2027 for additional persons			\$100.00	
TOTAL EVENT PRICE				

Wednesday, June 23, 2027	Times	
Early Registration/Self guided tours	4:00pm-6:00pm	

Thursday, June 24, 2027		How Many?		
Registration/ Hospitality/ Raffles	9:00am-5:00pm			
Self-guided tours	all day			
Guided Tour of Canton Trade Days Grounds	3:00pm-4:00pm			
Guided Tour of Blackwell House Museum	2:00pm-4:00pm			
Welcome Dinner		6:00pm-8:00pm		
How many of each?		___ Hamburgers	___ Hotdogs	___ Veg.
Kid's Meal (under 13) - how many of each?		___ Hamburgers	___ Hotdogs	___ Veg.

Friday, June 25, 2027		How Many?		
Registration/ Hospitality/ Raffles	9:00am-5:00pm			
Guided Tour to No. 1 British Flying Museum in Terrell (no. of people)	9:00am-12:00pm			
Tour to Hatfield Restorations (no. of people)	2:00-4:00pm			
Self-guided tours to Ham's Orchards, Grand Saline Salt Palace & East TX Safari	all day			
Ice Cream Sundaes/Hubley Derby (no. of people)	6:00-8:30pm			
Hubley Derby Races (no. of cars)	7:00pm-8:30pm			

Saturday, June 26, 2027				
Grand Tour - historic sites and lunch	8:30am - 3:00pm			
Grand Tour Lunch - How many of each?		___ Chop.Brisket	___ Turkey	___ Veg.
Grand Tour Kid's lunch (under 13) - how many?		___ Chicken strips &	Mac 'n cheese	___ Veg.
Car Games/Hospitality/Raffles	3:00pm-5:30pm			
Presidents' Meeting of TX club presidents.	5:00pm-5:45pm			
Farewell/Awards Dinner		6:00pm-8:30pm		
Fajitas - How many of each?		___ Steak	___ Chicken	___ Veg.
Fajitas Kid's Meal (under 13) - How many of each?		___ Steak	___ Chicken	___ Veg.

T-SHIRTS - see T-Shirt page for pictures of the shirts available						
					Cost	Total
T-Shirts	(how many?),	Royal S ____,	M ____	no pocket	\$21.00	
T-Shirts	(how many?),	Royal L ____,	XL ____	no pocket	\$21.00	
T-Shirts	(how many?),	Royal 2XL ____,	3XL ____	no pocket	\$23.00	
T-Shirts	(how many?),	Royal S ____,	M ____	with pocket	\$22.00	
T-Shirts	(how many?),	Royal L ____,	XL ____	with pocket	\$22.00	
T-Shirts	(how many?)	Royal 2XL ____,	3XL ____	with pocket	\$24.00	
Extra Patches (1 included with registration for first person)					How Many? ____	\$5.00
Extra Radiator Badges (1 included with registration for first person)					How Many? ____	\$5.00
TOTAL MERCHANDISE PRICE - tax included with all merchandise						

TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED	
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Event Descriptions

Texas Tour 2027

June 24 - 27, 2027



**On the Road Again...
to Canton, Texas... Roll On!**

Wednesday, June 23, 2027

Come early and enjoy some self-guided tours. Early Registration will be open from 4-6pm.

Self-Guided Tour and shopping in Canton - explore the open shops along Trade Days Blvd. as you travel south to Downtown Canton. Shop and tour downtown. Continue south on TX – 19 to the Veteran's Memorial for a photo op and tour of the museum.

Self-guided tour to shops in Edom, TX – and shop for berries at Blueberry Hills Country Store.

Eat at Q & Brew, Dairy Palace, Ole West Bean & Burger, Jalapeno Tree, Ochoa's, Los Hernandos, Val's Italian, Easley's Steakhouse or other local restaurants.

Thursday, June 24, 2027

Registration/ Hospitality/ Raffles – check in at the registration table and receive your welcome bag and tour information. Enjoy some snacks and water at the Hospitality table. Visit and renew friendships of Model Aers across the state. Purchase some raffle tickets and choose your favorite items.

Self-guided tour to Texas Fisheries Center in Athens (30 min. south on TX-19.) Well worth a visit. (extra cost & pay yourself) Show at 11am, tram tour at 11:30 am. Cost \$5.50 adults, \$4.50 seniors, \$3.50 - 4 to 16 yrs., Free – 3 yrs. and under. Free fishing with provided poles & bait. No fishing license needed.

Self-guided tour of Rocky Ridge Safari in Eustace (15 min. south off TX-19.) - 2 yrs. & under - free, child 3 -12 - \$15.95, adult 13-64 - \$19.95, senior 65 yrs. & older - \$17.95 – the grandkids will love it. Pay yourself. Fun for the kids in your air-conditioned car.

Tour of Black Beauty Ranch, Murchison, TX - must register online for this limited tour (Extra cost of \$55 each – money goes to feed and care for rescued exotic animals. Well worth a visit!

Free Guided Tour and Information on Canton 1st Monday Trade Days area (3-4 pm)

Free Guided Tour of Blackwell House Museum – oldest house in Canton (2-4 pm)

Welcome Dinner – come and renew your Model A friendships over a dinner of hamburgers and hotdogs, chips, and cobbler. Vegetarian dinner will be veggie burgers, chips, and cobbler. Kids will be same as adults. Enjoy a brief history of Canton, Texas.

Friday, June 25, 2027

Registration/Hospitality/Raffles – check in at registration table and receive your welcome bag and tour information. Enjoy some snacks and water at the Hospitality tables. Visit and renew friendships of Model Aers across the state. Buy some raffle tickets and choose your favorite items.

Guided Tour to No. 1 British Flying Museum in Terrell, Texas – leave at 9 am. Free.

Lunch on your own on the way back to Canton at various restaurants along the way.

Stop at Ham's Orchards - have lunch & buy peaches or stop for lunch at the Lumberyard Restaurant in Edgewood, shop in Mineola, lick the salt at Salt Palace in Grand Saline (free), drive by the site of the salt mine and Morton's Salt Co. outside Grand Saline, and/or see the animals at the Canton Gators and Wildlife Park (\$12-15). All can be done on the way back to Canton.

There will still be time to visit Hatfield Restorations – 2-4 pm in the afternoon. Free.

Dinner on your own at local restaurants.

Ice Cream Sundaes & Hubley Derby – come enjoy a make-your-own ice cream sundae and watch the Hubley Derby Races. Enter your Hubley car in kids, youth, and adult categories. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded in each age category as well as a People's Choice Award and Over-all Winner.

Saturday, June 26, 2027

Grand Tour – our tour will take you to the Old Mill Pond Museum in Lindale, TX and the Van Area Oil & Historical Museum in Van, TX with lunch at the air-conditioned Brisket Love. Lunch will be a stuffed potato with choice of chopped beef or turkey and a salad. Vegetarian lunch will have mac 'n cheese instead of meat. Kids' meal will be chicken strips and mac 'n cheese.

Car Games – Model A'ers get your partners and meet at the Barn. You just might be a winner! There will be driving as well as non-driving games. Awards will be presented at the Farewell/Awards dinner.

Hospitality/Raffles – get a snack and water after returning from Grand Tour. Watch the car games and last chance for the raffles.

President's Meeting – all Model "A" club presidents will meet prior to the dinner to discuss future Texas Tours and events.

Farewell Dinner – come enjoy a dinner of Fajitas - chicken or steak, flour tortillas, Mexican rice, pinto beans, chips, queso, salsa, and dessert. Kids' dinner will be same as an adult. Vegetarian will be Veggie Fajitas of sauteed mushrooms, spinach, zucchini, squash, onions, and peppers with black beans, rice, etc. There will be a Fashion Walk, Awards, and Entertainment.

Trailer parking is available at Best Western, Days Inn, and Red Roof Inn.

Your kids or grandkids will enjoy all the tours. We want some youth to come and have a great Model "A" time.

Registration fee includes free mini-tours, Welcome Dinner, Ice Cream sundaes, Hubley Derby, Grand tour and lunch, and Farewell Dinner. Must mark your choices of food and how many on the registration form.

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.

JULY 4th - Calder Place Parade 9:00 A.M. 14th - GTA Meeting 30th - Last Thursday with the Prez-Hamburger Depot 11:00 A.M. 1920 Nederland Ave, Nederland, TX	AUGUST 11th - GTA Meeting 27th - Last Thursday with the Prez-Novrozsky's 11:00 A.M. 3016 FM 365, Nederland, TX
SEPTEMBER 8th - GTA Meeting 18-19th - 15th Annual Model A Days, Hickory Corners, MI 24th - Last Thursday with the Prez-Neches River Wheelhouse 11:00 A.M. 720 Lee Ave, Port Neches, TX	OCTOBER 13th - GTA Meeting 22-25th - Autumn Trails Tour, Winnsboro, TX 29th - Last Thursday with the Prez-Schooner Restaurant 11:00 A.M. 1507 US Hwy 69, Nederland, TX
NOVEMBER 10th - GTA Meeting 26th - Thanksgiving	DECEMBER 5th - Christmas Party @ the Johnson's Home 10-12th - MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Cincinnati, Ohio



GTA's dues are due by December 31, 2026. Dues are \$20 per family for 2027. Give or mail to Paul Smith. Make checks payable to Golden Triangle Model A Ford Club. (See page 11)



Royal Blue with logo on the back

Front will have: 64th Texas
Model A Ford Tour
Canton, Texas

in three lines on the left side in white print

Jim's Tech Tips

"The Oil Return Pipe Changed in 1929"

When working on an engine, especially one that a Shade Tree Mechanic® has worked on before you, you need to be aware that the "Valve Chamber Cover" changed design, and the "Oil Return Pipe" that's bolted to the side of the engine, behind the carburetor, changed length in May, 1929. See a copy of the Ford Service Bulletin below.

CHANGE IN VALVE CHAMBER COVER

The location of the oil return pipe hole in the valve chamber cover has been lowered and the length of the oil return pipe slightly increased.

This change lowers the oil level in the valve chamber; prevents any possibility of oil being thrown up around the valve springs and reduces oil consumption.

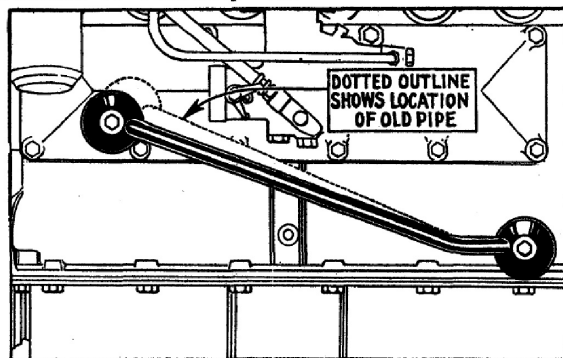


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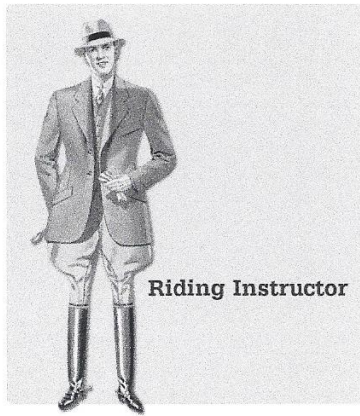
When replacing an oil pipe be sure to install the two A-22430 cylinder oil return pipe gaskets. One of these gaskets must be installed between cylinder block and both ends of oil pipe.

The new oil return pipe and valve chamber cover are not interchangeable with the old design parts.

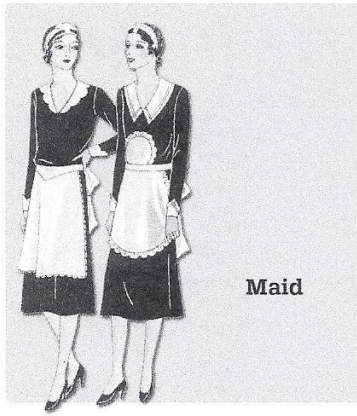
If you are trying to install an Oil Return Pipe that does not want to fit correctly without a bit of "persuasion", you might have a mixed pair of valve chamber cover and oil return pipe. If one is from before the change and the other is from after the change, they can fight you. You will want to swap out one of the parts to match the other (and use the referenced gaskets).

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

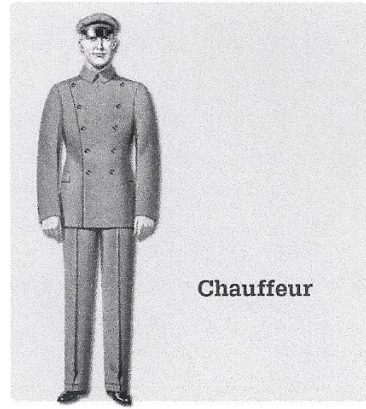
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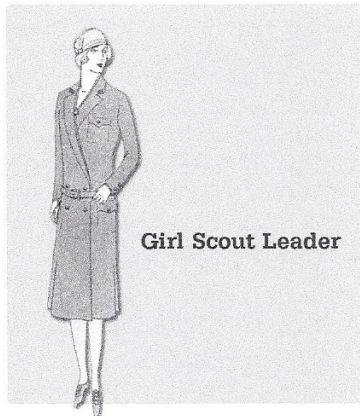
Riding Instructor



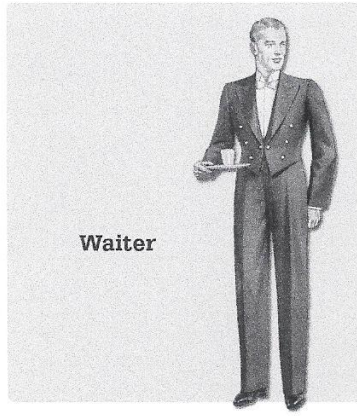
Maid



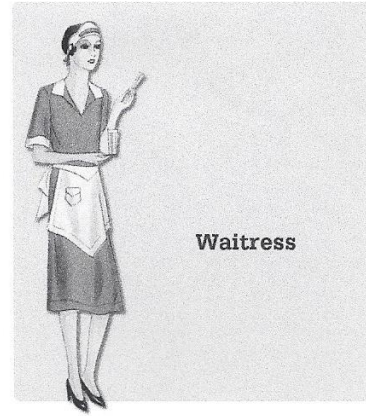
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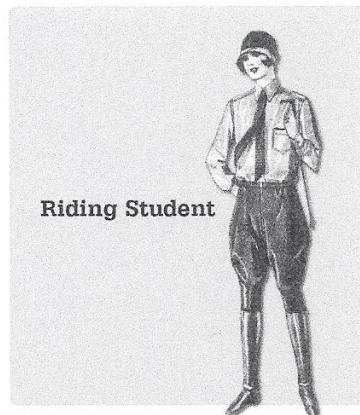
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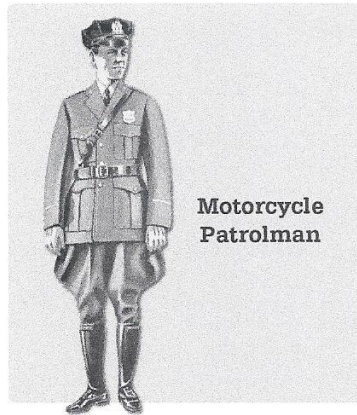
Waiter



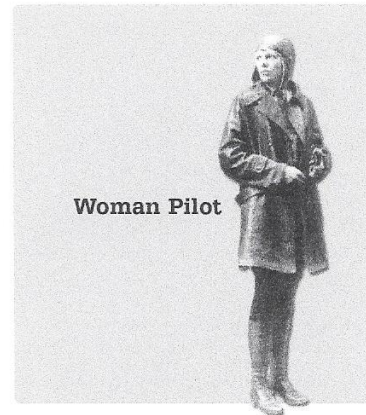
Waitress



Riding Student



Motorcycle Patrolman



Woman Pilot

Other Model A Era Jobs

Butler

Fireman

Doctor

Bookkeeper/Accountant

Soda Fountain Jerk

Boy Scout Leader

Police

Secretary

Sports (men or women)

Lawyer

Service Station Attendant

Teacher

Cook or Chef

Lifeguard

Ambulance Driver

Park Ranger

Fisherman

Golf Professional

Jockey

Cowboy or Cowgirl

Farmer

Rancher

Mechanic

Images from:

Authentic Uniform Models, J. L. Taylor & Co.

White-House Uniforms & Apparel catalog 1930.

The Sears, Roebuck Catalogue, Fall 1927.

Girl Scout Leader: Online history image dated 1930.

American Heritage History of the 20's and 30's. Photo of Amelia Earhart 1931.

A Book of Fashion Facts 1928-1931.

MAFCA Era Fashion Guidelines.

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 MAIL TO: 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 will the 2028 MAFCA National Convention be held?
2. Will there be a Fashion Walk & Hubley Derby at the Canton Texas Tour?
3. Name some Era Uniforms you might wear for the Fashion Walk.
4. What changed with the oil return pipe in May 1929?
5. When will the GTA's Christmas Party be held?
6. What story did Bob get away with while talking to a man at the gas station?

Dear Santa, we love ya — but right now we're busy with gravy, gratitude, and grace. Let the turkey have its moment. 🦃❤️





Golden Triangle A's On Tour

Golden Triangle A's
750 Countrywood Circle
Sour Lake, TX 77659

