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**THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's**

**OCTOBER 2025**

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

## Next Monthly Meeting

**October 14, 2025  
6:00 PM  
Baytown Seafood  
4830 Twin City Hwy  
Groves, Texas**



## October Events

**14th—GTA MEETING  
24-26th—Conroe Swap Meet**

### 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 gearheads!

It's October and time to get rid of some of your excess Model A stuff. Our club has reserved four inside booths at the Auto Swap Meet in Conroe scheduled for October 24th to the 26th. T J Parker, Paul Smith, and I, and hopefully others, will be there trying to reduce our inventory of excess Model A parts and other automotive paraphernalia. Contact us if you want to sell some of your clutter and perhaps make room for newer inventory! LOL

International Model A Day on September 13th was fun. We had three Model As driven that day and a total of ten people participated. Joan and Dallas Higgins got to drive their 29 Tudor on its maiden tour and it did great! We had lunch on Taylor's Bayou at Pine Tree Lodge, and as always, the food and setting were great.

The weather is about perfect now in Southeast Texas for driving your Model A. Look over your calendars and schedules and let's put together some events for October, November, and December. People really enjoy seeing our Model As and most have a Model A story of their own they would like to share. Get your Model A out of the garage and share it with others.

Henry Ford wrote a lot about success, attitudes, and being positive. His quotes are many, and I really like this one! "Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

Southeast Texas has many events happening in the fall and our back roads are Model A perfect. Let me know what you have planned and let's do it. Now go out to the garage and see if your Model A horn is working!

Happy Motoring, Bob



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- All leaders must be MAFCA members
- GTA Membership application is on the website @ [www.gta-texas.com](http://www.gta-texas.com)

*October symbolizes autumn's beauty, changing of the seasons, representing transformation, reflection, and spiritual growth.*

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES**  
**Habanero's Restaurant, Beaumont, Texas**  
**September 9, 2025**

**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: Jacob Miller.

**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:** **T J Parker** brought the part. Since we did not have any tickets to draw from, **Bob Johnson** asked different members to identify the part. No one was able to guess what it was – it even stumped **Paul Smith**. It was a bushing for the U-joint. There are 4 of them on a car.

**50/50 Drawing:** No draw at this meeting.

**Tech Session:** None scheduled.

**Paul Smith** discussed the tour to the Stark House in Orange, TX. The tour was very educational (tour guide was very knowledgeable) and the house is beautiful inside. Everyone enjoyed seeing the three cars in the Art Museum and lunch at Robert's also.

**Bob Johnson** drove his car to Orangefield High School for the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the school. Teachers and students dressed up in 1920's attire and took pictures with his car. Everyone was really excited to see his Model A.

**Bob Johnson** discussed the upcoming Model A Day Tour on September 13. He passed out directions for the tour and explained how the poker run will work.

The Conroe Swap Meet is October 24-26. Several spaces have been reserved for the event. **Paul Smith** will be taking **Joe Richie's** coupe to sale in the car coral.

**Tours:**

**September 13** – Model A Day – 9:30am Meet at Gladys City Spindletop Museum

Next meeting will be on October 14, 2025 – place Baytown Seafood

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Parsley - Secretary



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Carl Price—1st  
Karen Parsley—25th  
Lynne Parker—27th

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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.

<b>JULY</b> 4th—Calder Place Parade @ 9:00 A.M. 8th—GTA Meeting	<b>AUGUST</b> 12th—GTA Meeting 13th—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths in Orange, TX Stark House Tour & Lunch @ Roberts
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 9th—GTA Meeting 13th—International Model A Ford Day Tour	<b>OCTOBER</b> 14th—GTA Meeting 24-26th—Swap Meet in Conroe, TX
<b>NOVEMBER</b> 11th—GTA Meeting	<b>DECEMBER</b> 3-6th —2025 MAFCA National Awards Banquet in Mobile, AL TBD—GTA Christmas Party

### SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 ORANGEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

For the celebration, students dressed in 1920's fashions and took their pictures with Bob's Model A!



Looks like everyone really enjoyed the 1920s outfits, and they did a great job! I think we need them for a fashion show!

Thanks to Bob for driving his car to the high school for pictures.



## SEPTEMBER 13, 2025—INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY TOUR



Ten members driving 3 Model A's and 2 modern cars left Gladys City to begin the tour. Before leaving, each person paid \$5 for a poker run hand and drew their 1st card. Thanks to Bob for a great tour. Everyone had a good time!



First stop Tyrrell Park where 2nd card was drawn for poker run.



2nd stop for break and 3rd card drawn.



Arrived Pine Tree Lodge for lunch! 4th card drawn before leaving.



Leaving Pine Tree Lodge and heading back to Gladys City.



All 3 A's made it back with NO problems for a total of 59 miles driven!



Final card drawn & deciding how many cards to turn in for new ones. Bill's not to sure what to do!



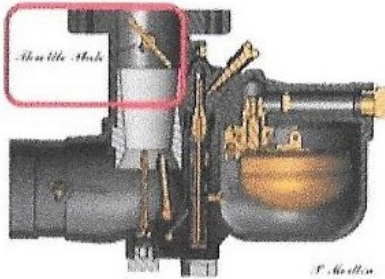
CONGRATULATIONS PAM! Her hand won with three 8's!

## Carburetor Basics

Illustrations from <http://modelabasics.com>

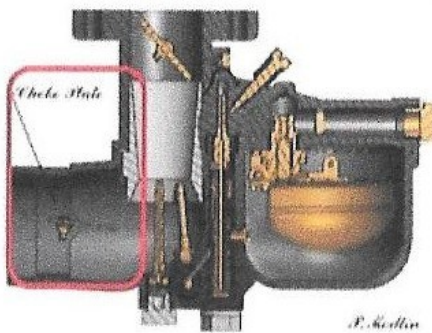
The Model A carburetor is really an ingenious piece of equipment. It was built with multiple jets that work to distribute fuel to the motor according to gravity and the amount of air flowing through them. Suction is created by the pumping of the pistons and this causes gas and air to flow through the carburetor into the engine. Each jet handles fuel differently depending on the amount of fuel and air flowing in. But today, we are just covering the basics of a few easy to understand controls.

### Throttle Plate

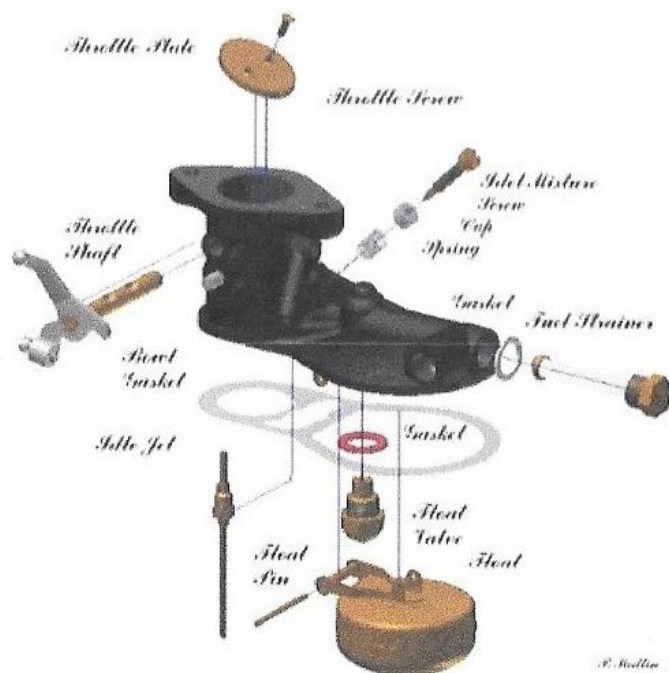
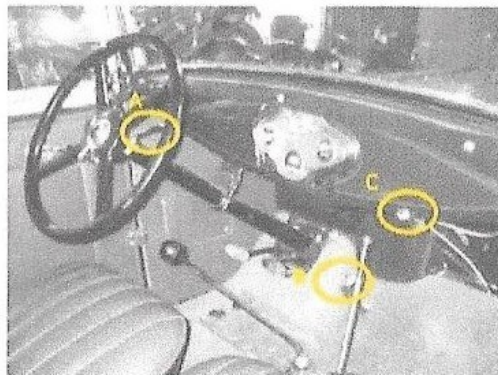


The throttle plate manages the amount of air flow that is delivered to the engine and is controlled by the (A) Throttle Lever and/or the (B) Accelerator inside the cab. That's the lever on the right side of the steering wheel and the gas pedal on the floor on the right of the driver's side.

### Choke Plate



Pulling on the (C) Carburetor Adjustment Knob, (often called the GAV Gas Air Valve or the choke) inside the cab opens and closes the Choke Plate. Turning the GAV enriches or leans the fuel mixture flowing through the carburetor. This knob is the one on the dash on the passenger side of the car. When the engine is started with the choke closed, a greater vacuum is formed, pulling in a larger amount of fuel.



# Fashionably Speaking

By Fern Davis

## Ready For The Game – 1931 Style



These pictures are from the November 1931 *Delineator*. They show us what was worn to a football game. The two ladies, at the lower left, are wearing practical buttoned fur sport coats and felt hats worn to the side, in the 1931 style.

The man in the picture with the other two ladies is in good style with his turtle neck sweater, tweed trousers, top coat and fedora hat. Even though these picture are not in color, we know it would not be a straw panama, which were only worn in the summertime. The lady on the right is fashionably dressed in a wool suit, small hat, and carrying her overcoat. The lady on the left is wearing her buttoned and belted coat. They are both carrying their blankets, in case it really gets cold!

Behind them is group of spectators and players, from a “Wrigley’s” ad, and it gives us another glimpse of how they dressed. That man’s fur coat really looks out of place, but as we know, in the Thirties, many still clung to the twenties fashions, or could not afford to bring their wardrobe up to date. Anyway, who would want to get rid of such a great looking coat?

The single lady in her beautiful sable coat, looks over-dressed with her simple hat, which probably does match the dress she has covered, and makes her ready for whatever the day or evening may bring!



## 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  
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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Dennis Weyant 409-651-5165



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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: *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. What did Bob do on September 2?
2. How many A's were on the Model A Day Tour?
3. Who won the Poker Run?
4. What was the Henry Ford quote in Bob's message?
5. What was the mystery part at the September meeting?
6. The Carburetor Adjustment Knob is also known as?
7. Would a 1931 lady wear her fur coat to a football game?
8. When is the Conroe Swap Meet?

### DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MAFCA 2026 MEMBERSHIP—DUE BY DECEMBER 31.

ALSO: Vote for 4 of the 5 candidates running for 2026-27 MAFCA Board of Directors.

They are:

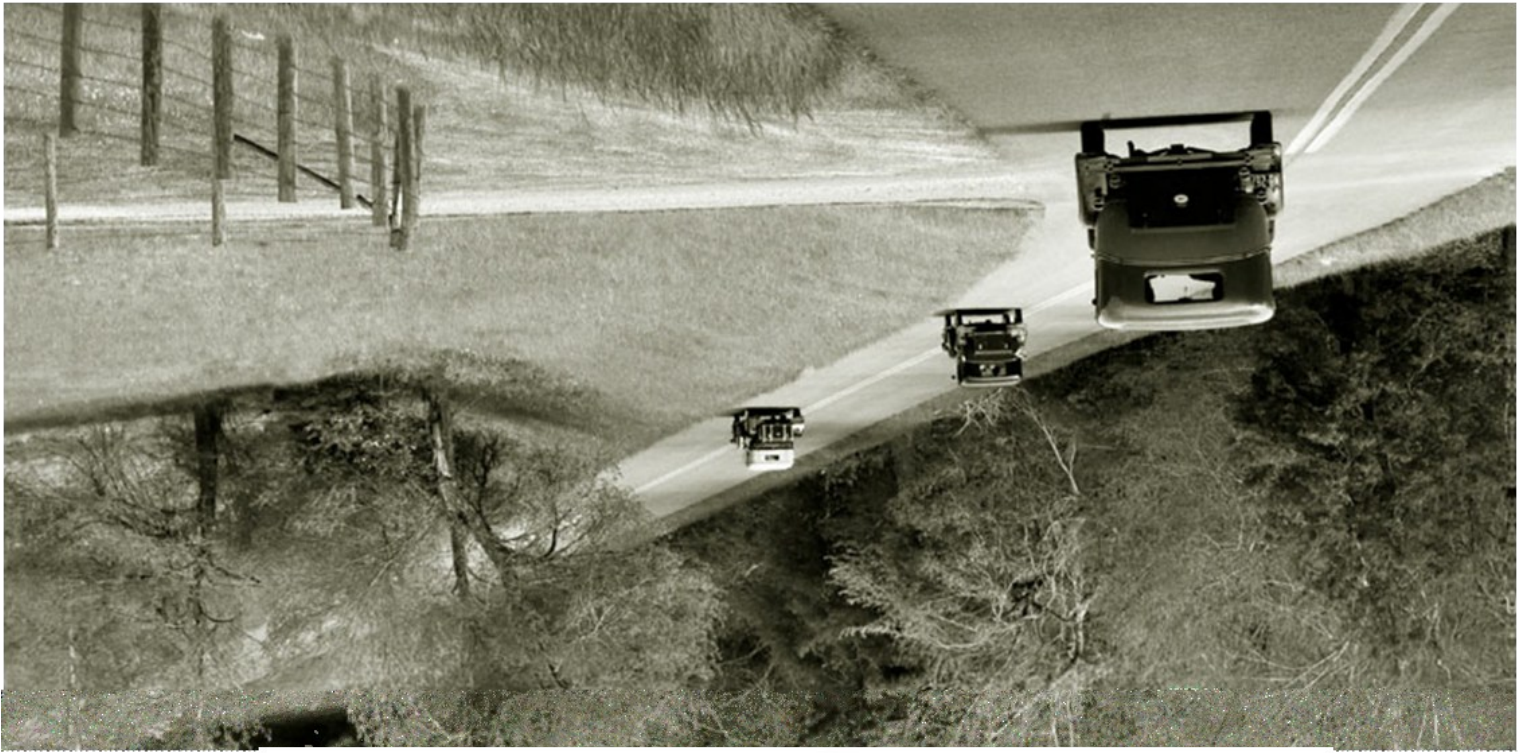
Doug Clayton

Trisha Evans

Dennis Thompson

Gene Tallone

Paul Shinn



## Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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