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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

OCTOBER 2023

Golden Triangle A's

PO Box 21185

Beaumont, TX 77720

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

When: October 10, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

**Where: Hamburger Depot
1920 Nederland Ave.
Nederland, 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.....

Guten tag GTA Members!

October is here and maybe some cooler weather finally. It has been a very long, hot, and dry summer for Southeast Texas. That did not stop us from having a great tour in September that Sylvia and Ronnie Butler hosted. We had 13 members participate that weekend with great food, a nice trip around Lake Livingston on International Model A Day, and a great evening relaxing at the Butler's ranch near Coldspring on Saturday. The event was well planned and so much fun to be around other Model A people. And guess what?--we do not only talk about Model A's; we also eat a lot!

October 6th and 7th is the Gulf Coast Tour in Alvin, and it is not too late to sign up and have fun with the Houston Club, Piney Woods Club, and the GTA Club.

I was recently looking over some old Model A sales literature. I knew that Tudors and Coupes were the most popular, but I was surprised to see that Phaetons and Roadsters were cheaper! A Phaeton could originally be bought for \$395, and a Roadster would set you back \$385. I'll take one each, please! I guess one reason for pickups now being a little pricey is they were left out in the elements over the years, worked hard, and abused more than other Model A's. It is nice to see us taking care of them and preserving their history for our kids and grandchildren. Now, if we can only get them to slow down, enjoy being part of the Model A family, and put their phones down.

Now go out to your garage and get that A ready for fall driving. See you on October 10th at Hamburger Depot in Nederland.

Happy Motoring – Bob



2023 Coming Attractions

OCTOBER

10th—GTA Meeting

TBD—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Parsleys

NOVEMBER

4th—Lamar Car Show, Gladys City, 10:00-2:00

14th—GTA Meeting

TBD—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths

THINGS OF INTEREST: Page 3, Pictures of Coldspring Tour; Page 4, Pictures of Smiths at the Gilmore Museum & Radiator Fluid Check Article; Page 5, Era Fashions Worn by GTA members in September; Page 6, Henrietta's Corner & Words of Wisdom on "How to Keep From Growing Old"; Page 7, Newsletter Quiz

GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2023
Habaneros, Beaumont, Texas

Wes Jones led a prayer.

President Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Bob welcomed guests Carl and Doris Price.

Members participated in newsletter trivia.

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

Paul Smith brought a mystery part. Jean Jones' ticket was drawn. She asked T.J. Parker for help, and he identified it as a rear bushing for a water pump.

Wallace Harlow's ticket was drawn for the 50/50 prize.

Sylvia Butler spoke about the upcoming weekend in Coldspring.

The Christmas party this year will be held at the home of Lynn and T.J. Parker. Everyone is to bring a \$20 gift for either a man or woman.

Next month's meeting will be at Hamburger Depot in Nederland.

November 4 will be the Lamar University Auto Show. This year there will be a charge to show a car.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Weyant
Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carl Price—1st
Lacey Wolgast—6th
Karen Parsley—25th
Lynne Parker—27th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

NONE

International Model A Day Tour Coldspring - September 15-17, 2023



13 GTA members celebrated International Model A Day in Coldspring, TX. Everyone arrived at the Sunday Houses for the weekend on Friday evening. Everything went great until we started to town for dinner. Bob's car would not start! After dinner we celebrated Wes Jones and Debbie Weyant's birthdays and the guys worked on Bob's car and got it running for the tour on Saturday!



Driving 4 Model A's and 3 modern cars, we left the Sunday Houses for a tour around Lake Livingston. The first stop was at Lake Livingston State Park.



The second stop was at Lakeside Oasis Restaurant for lunch. The restaurant is on the lake in Onalaska,. After lunch, the tour continued around the lake area and returned to the Sunday Houses in Coldspring for a break before dinner.

The tour was about 80 miles.



Saturday evening members drove to the Butler Ranch, about 3 miles from the Sunday Houses, for a cookout.

After breakfast Sunday morning, everyone departed the Sunday Houses for home. (Thanks to Linda and Mary for some of the pictures.)



September 16, 2023—Paul and Kathy Smith celebrated International Model A Day at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. They enjoyed seeing all the Model A's, shopping the swap meet, and Kathy attended the Era Fashion Accessories Seminar.

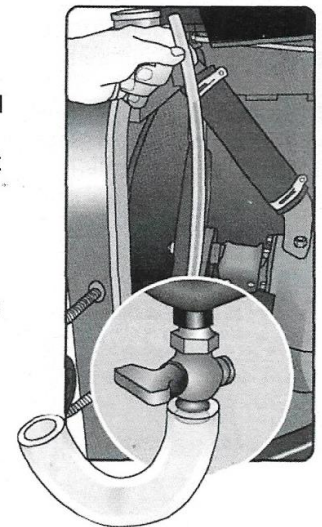


Submitted by Tom Blomer, Cincinnati, Ohio
Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Radiator Fluid Check

Some cars have a tendency to throw out fluid from the radiator. To cure this, you can keep the water level lower, as long as the car does not overheat. The problem is how low is it? The baffle obstructs your view. Here's an easy way to check the radiator level.

- Purchase four feet of 5/16" clear vinyl hose at the hardware store.
- Mark one end - then slip it on the petcock drain.
- The open end is folded over and crimped with the left hand. Hold up to the level of the radiator cap.
- Open the petcock and the fluid will rise to the level that exists in the radiator. If the level is above the top of the core and the engine is not overheating, you should be okay to continue on.
- Keeping your left hand up, blow into the open end of the hose which will force the fluid back into the radiator.
- Shut the petcock and remove the hose.



Era Fashions Worn by Members in September



Ronnie and Sylvia Butler
with their 1930 Closed Cab Pickup

COLDSPRING TOUR SEPTEMBER 16



T.J. and Lynne Parker
With their 1928 Phaeton Police Car



After the tour around Lake Livingston on Saturday, Ronnie Butler (1930 Texas Ranger) and T.J. Parker (1930 police officer) agreed to a photo shoot with T.J.'s 1928 Phaeton. Two pictures were taken in front of the Coldspring Courthouse and one at the Jail Museum in Old Town Coldspring.



Paul Smith at Son's Wedding - September 23



Paul dressed and ready to go!
Bluebelle shined and ready
also!



Bluebelle, Paul Smith's Model A car was
an important part of Matt and Sarah's wed-
ding in September. Paul, dressed the part
to chauffeur the couple for the wedding.



Paul's son, Matt and new daugh-
ter-in-law, Sarah in a beautiful
setting with Bluebelle!

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.

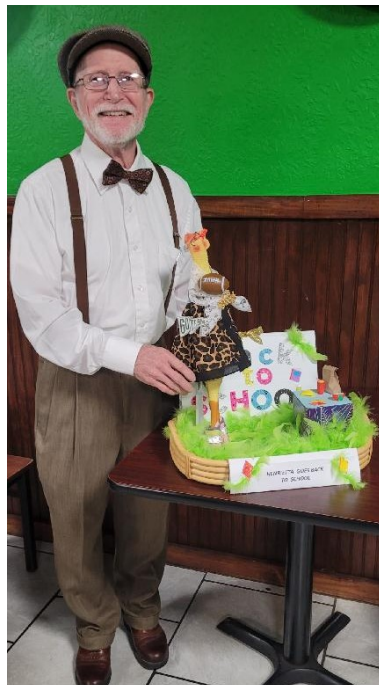
SEPTEMBER 12th—GTA Meeting 15th-16th—Model A Days in Hickory Corners Michigan 16th—Worldwide International Model A Day 15th-17th—Coldspring Tour Hosted by the Butlers	OCTOBER 10th—GTA Meeting TBD—Dine & Drive—Hosted by the Parsleys
NOVEMBER 4th—Lamar Car Show at Gladys City—10:00—2:00 14th—GTA Meeting TBD—Dine & Drive—Hosted by the Smiths 30th-Dec. 2—National Awards Banquet in Santa Maria, CA	DECEMBER 9th—GTA Christmas Party at the home of TJ & Lynne Parker 6:00 P.M.—Members should bring a gift no more than \$20 TBD—Dine & Drive— HOST NEEDED

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.

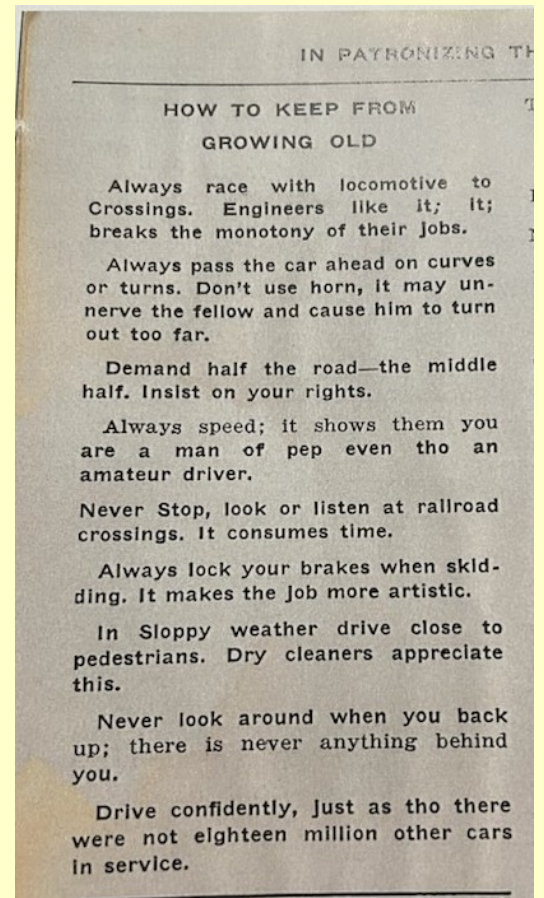


HENRIETTA'S CORNER



Henrietta came to the September meeting ready to go back to school and attend some football games! Seems all she needed was a date for homecoming. At the meeting she noticed a good looking gentleman dressed quite nice. He agreed to be her date! Thanks Paul!

While at the Gilmore Car Museum, Kathy Smith found this bit of driving wisdom to share with us.



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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. How many GTA members went on the Coldspring tour?
2. Who is Henrietta's Homecoming date?
3. What is Bluebelle? (not the ice cream!)
4. What could a Phaeton be originally bought for?
5. What does Guten tag mean? (Bob's greeting)
6. When is the Lamar University Car Show?





Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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