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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's

OCTOBER 2024

Golden Triangle A's

PO Box 22076

Beaumont, TX 77720

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

## Next Monthly Meeting

**When: October 8, 2024**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Where: Habanero Restaurant  
6685 Eastex Fry.  
Beaumont, 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.

### Officers:

President: Bob Johnson(409)781-3078  
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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 and welcome to fall. Our fall in Southeast Texas is not much compared to other parts of the country; however, the cooler and drier conditions are welcome. The Coldspring Tour is now history, and I heard from several people how much fun they had. Pam and I hated to miss it, but we are looking forward to hearing more about it at the October meeting on the 8th. Be sure to be at Haberno's Mexican Bar and Grill so we can all get caught up on the tour.



Everyone check their calendars and let's plan a Dine and Drive for October and November. Those dates are still open and a Saturday event would be wonderful. We can all drive in cooler temperatures and there is so much to do and see in Southeast Texas during the fall months.

The Club Christmas party will be at the Parkers' house again this year on Saturday, December 7th. It was a lot of fun last year so be sure to mark your calendars and let's all be there to celebrate the season.

Did you know that the Ford Model A was available in four colors in 1928? By 1930, there were nine different body styles to choose from. But after making nearly five million Model A's, Ford had to move on to the Flathead V8 engine to keep up with Chevrolet. Even though the Model A's only had a four year run, they continue today to be a proven and reliable vehicle for us all to enjoy. It is truly amazing that after more than 90 years, they are still on the road and bringing so many people together that make up the Model A community. Happiness truly is driving your Ford Model A!

Now, go clean that windshield and let's go for a ride!

Happy Motoring, Bob

## 2024 Coming Attractions

**OCTOBER  
8th—GTA Meeting**

**NOVEMBER  
12th—GTA Meeting**



THINGS OF INTEREST: Page 2, Minutes & Birthdays; Page 3 & 4, Pictures of Coldspring Tour; Page 4, New GTA Members; Page 5, Jim's Tech Tips-Identifying Your Carburetor; Page 6, Era Fashions-Gas Attendant; Page 7, Newsletter Quiz & October Trivia

***GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES***  
***Tony's BBQ, Groves, Texas***  
***September 10, 2024***

Lynn Parker led the opening prayer.

President Bob Johnson could not attend the meeting, so Vice President Dennis Weyant presided.

Dennis introduced our new members, Joan and Dallas Higgins.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented by Paul Smith.

Everyone participated in the newsletter quiz.

Paul Smith brought a mystery part. Lynn Parker's ticket was drawn, and she asked TJ Parker for help identifying the lock for a pinion mount.

Lynn Parker's ticket was drawn for the 50/50 drawing.

The Christmas party will be held at Lynn and TJ's house.

The MAFCA tour next summer will be in West Virginia.

September 20 & 21 will be a tour to Coldspring, TX. Sylvia Butler passed out flyers outlining the activities. Anyone who wants to can meet in Kountze at 9:00 Friday morning to drive together.

Rodney Block is recovering from hernia surgery.

The next meeting will be October 8, 2024 at Habanero's in Beaumont.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Weyant, Secretary



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

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

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY***

NONE



## ***COLDSPRING INTERNATIONAL MODEL A DAY TOUR—SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2024***

13 Golden Triangle Members driving 4 Model A's and 2 modern cars spent a great weekend in Coldspring, Texas. Thanks to Linda, Paul, Kathy, and Mary for sending pictures of the event!



Our 13 members attending the tour



T.J. must have made some arrests ...Mary, Linda, & Lynne



Joan & Dallas Higgins



Ronnie & Sylvia Butler



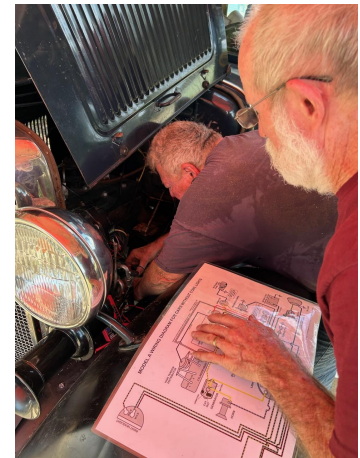
Dennis Weyant



Let the shopping begin!



GUESS WHO!



Need some help? Paul to the rescue!



Friday evening...eating at El Taquito Mexican Restaurant



Here we go...AGAIN!



## 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.

<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 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)	<b>OCTOBER</b> 8th—GTA Meeting
<b>NOVEMBER</b> 12th—GTA Meeting	<b>DECEMBER</b> 7th—GTA Christmas Party at T.J. & Lynne Parker's Home 11-14—National Awards Banquet in Salt Lake City, Utah TBD—Dine & Drive Hosted by the Smiths—Shangri La Christmas



### MORE PICTURES OF THE COLDSRING TOUR



All we do is drive around and EAT!  
 Sam's Table Restaurant in Huntsville for lunch

Dallas, TJ. & Ronnie visited the museum ...Others did more shopping!



Arriving at the Butler Ranch at the end of the day for a break and visiting!



Saturday evening...dinner at THE HOP! Best onion rings!  
 Great tour with NO PROBLEMS!









WELCOME  
 NEW  
 MEMBERS



DALLAS & JOAN  
 HIGGINS  
 Nederland, TX

## Jim's Tech Tip *Identifying Your Carburetor*

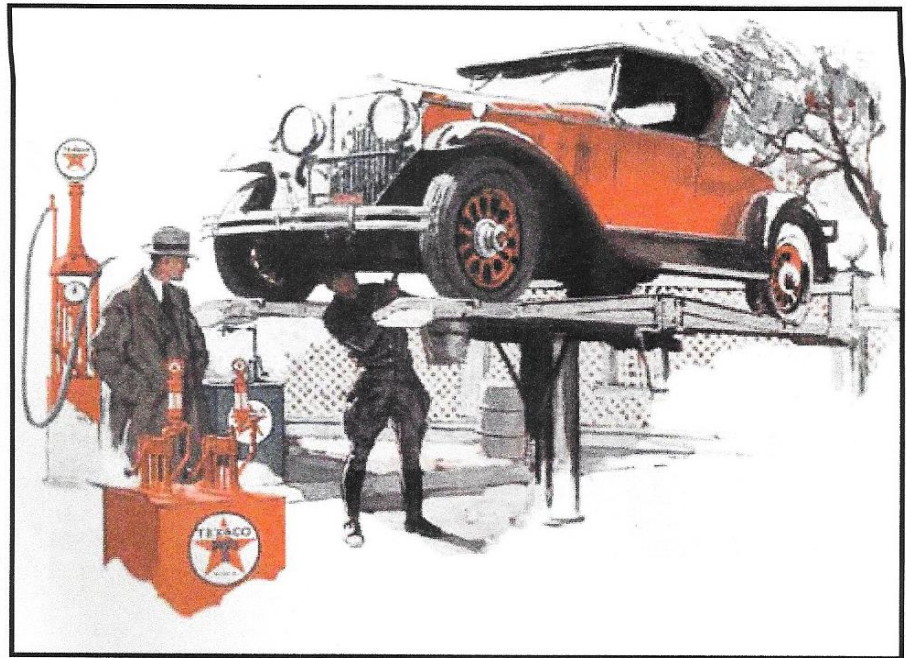
When ordering parts or looking up adjustment specs for your carburetor, it is important that you identify which one you have. Below are 4 of the most common carbs used on a Model A with the gasket sets they use, which gives you a feel for the shape of the casting and bowl. Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!* Jim

<p>Zenith Model A</p> 	
<p>Tillotson Model A</p> 	
<p>Marvel Shebler Model A or B</p> 	
<p>Zenith Model B</p> 	



## ERA FASHIONS—ERA GAS STATION ATTENDANT

**In this advertisement from the April 1930 issue of the *Country Gentleman*, the attendant is wearing jodhpurs, a matching button down waist length jacket, and either boots or shoes with shin guards.**

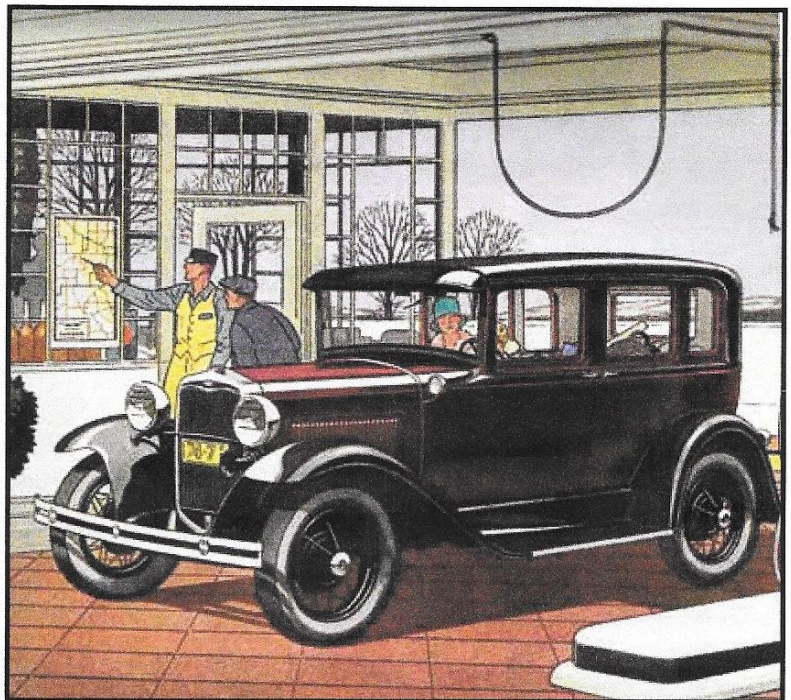


Sources:

- *The American Gas Station*  
Witzel, Michael Karl,  
Motorbooks International, 1992
- *Ford Service Bulletin*, July 1928, August 1928
- *The Country Gentleman*, April 1930, August 1930
- *The Saturday Evening Post*, April 1931



**This April 1931 *Saturday Evening Post* advertisement shows the attendant in a long sleeved shirt, with a crisp, black bow tie. Both his hat and shirt bear the Texaco emblem.**



**The above advertisement for the "new Ford" shows a man getting directions from the attendant. The attendant is wearing a five-button vest with matching trousers, a long sleeved shirt and cap. *The Country Gentleman*, November 1930.**



## 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  
48<sup>th</sup> Texas Tour #1  
48<sup>th</sup> 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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1162 Tom Easley Road  
Kountze, TX 77625



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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: \_\_\_

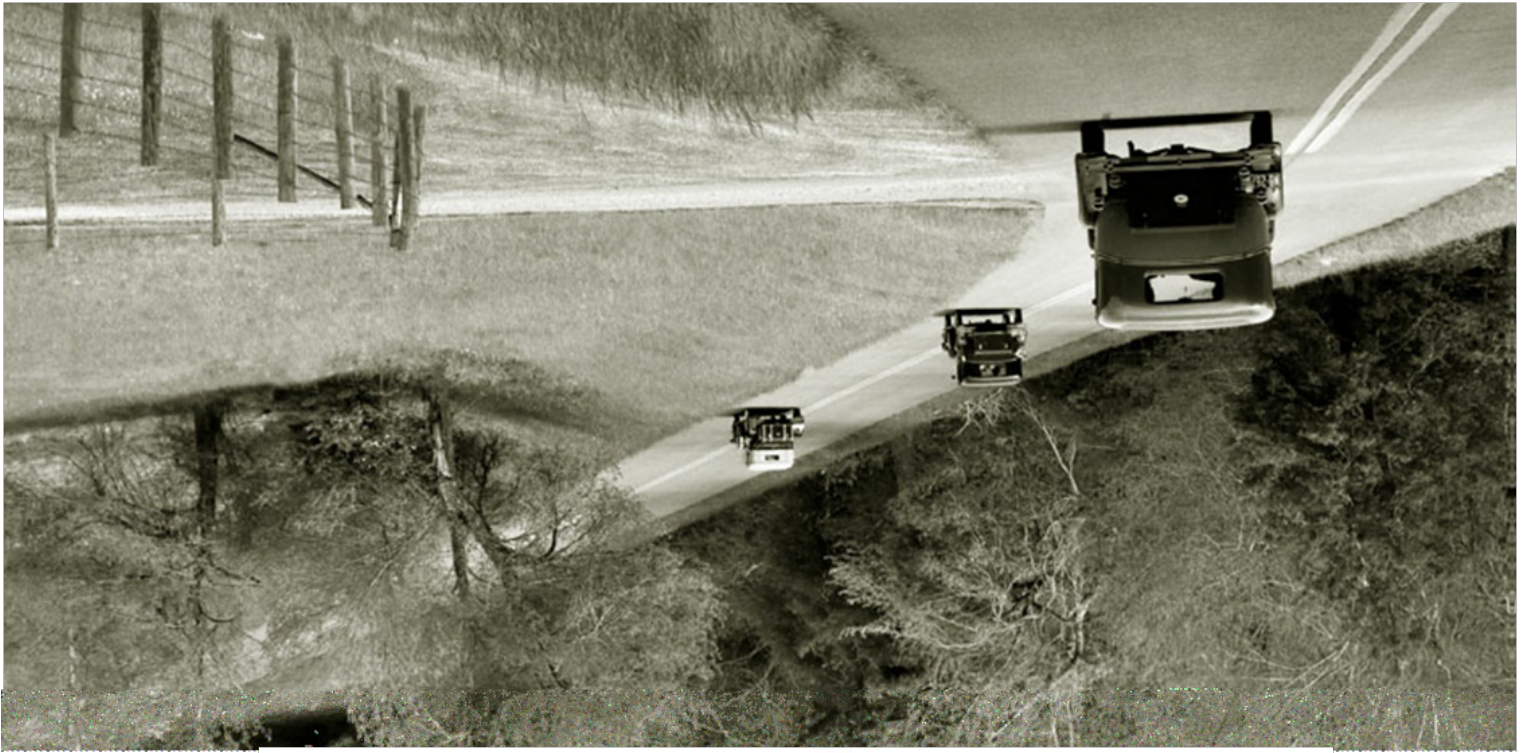
Return this Form and Payment to MAFCA 250 South Cypress • La Habra, CA 90631-5515 ~ Optional Initiation Package For New Members Only 1—Back issue of The Restorer 1—MAFCA Lapel Pin 1—MAFCA Decal—1 Name Badge Only \$10 extra

### NEWSLETTER QUIZ:

1. How many members attended the Coldspring Tour?
2. Who worked on his Model A at the Coldspring Tour?
3. Who won the mystery part and the 50/50 drawing at the September meeting?
4. Remember when gas station attendants wore uniforms?
5. How many Model A colors were available in 1928?

### OCTOBER TRIVIA:

1. Columbus reaches the New World on October 12, 1492
2. The cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington on October 13, 1792
3. George Eastman receives a US patent on his new photographic film on October 14, 1884
4. Chuck Yeager becomes the first person to exceed the speed of sound on October 14, 1947



## Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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