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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE A's



SEPTEMBER 2026

750 Countrywood Circle, Sour Lake, TX 77659

Facebook: Golden Triangle A's-MAFCA Club

Next Monthly Meeting

September 8, 2026

6:00 PM

Carmela's Mexican Restaurant

8550 Memorial Blvd (69 Access Road)

Port Arthur, Texas



September Events

8th—GTA Meeting

19th - International Model A Day Tour

24th—Last Thursday with the Prez @ 11:00 A.M.

Neches River Wheelhouse, 720 Lee Ave.

Port Neches, TX

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..... Hello GTA folks,

I hope your home air conditioning system is working well! It has been very hot and humid in Southeast Texas this summer, and I can't wait for the cooler weather coming this fall. Speaking of fall, we have a special day planned for September 19th on International Model A Day. We will meet at the Spindletop Museum on the campus of Lamar University at 9 a.m. We will visit several interesting sites in Beaumont including the Port of Beaumont, downtown, a couple of old historic cemeteries, and a few Neches Riverfront parks on our tour. Be sure to have your Model A ready to go that day because it is going to be a lot of fun. Since the Texas Tour in June, my Model A driving has been very limited, so I can't wait for this club tour.

Hopefully, everyone got the email about our club's front license plate toppers and responded accordingly. The license plate toppers are something that Pam and I and several other club members have wanted for many years. We have always admired the other clubs that had them; however, it was something that never got done. I think the signage of oil derricks, a Texas star, the MAFCA car logo and the words "Southeast Texas" represents our club's background and heritage very well. I hope other clubs will notice and compliment ours when they see them. They will come with a black painted background and raised ¼-inch lettering and signage. We will have a painting party later in the fall for those who want to do a little custom painting to their topper. The plan will be to have a number of different colored enamel paints available for those who want to add a little more color and personalize their topper. If you have a steady hand, be sure to be at our painting party. We may need you!

The September 8th club meeting is at Carmela's Mexican restaurant near Central Mall, and they always have wonderful food. We should have a great turnout for this meeting with great food, great cars, and great minds!

If you can't remember the last time you rotated your wheels and tires on your Model A, it's probably a good time to do it before our September 19th event. Remember to torque down the lug nuts to about 55 PSI or use the German technique of "gutentight."

Happy Motoring, Bob

Officers:

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● All leaders must be MAFCA members

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



Happy September! The world shall now transform into PUMPKIN everything!



GOLDEN TRIANGLE MODEL A's MEETING MINUTES
Olive Garden, Beaumont, Texas
August 11, 2026

Wes Jones led us in prayer.

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

Guests: Dolly Wolgast was one of our guests and she joined the club. The other guests were Annalee Skinner, Chloe Schroeder and Caleb Watson.

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: TJ Parker brought the part. Ronnie Butler's ticket was drawn. He asked Paul Smith for help. It was a baffle for the oil fill tube.

50/50 Drawing: Debbie Weyant's ticket was drawn.

Tech Session: None scheduled.

Bob Johnson discussed some members going to Wallace Harlow's shop and helping him get his Tudor running.

International Model A Day is September 19th. Bob Johnson will be ordering patches for this event. We will meet at Spindletop and tour around Beaumont then eat lunch. We will finalize the details at the September meeting.

Bob Johnson discussed ordering license plate toppers for our club and letting the club pay for 1 per member. They are made out of cast aluminum and a design will be forthcoming for all to see. Bob is meeting with a company in Beaumont about making them.

Sylvia Butler is going to be our chapter newsletter person for the Restorer Magazine.

You need to sign up for your hotel room in Canton, TX for next year's Texas Tour if you have not done so yet.

Tours and Events:

August 27 – Lunch with the Prez, 11am, Novrozskys, Nederland, TX

September 19 – International Model A Day

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

Next meeting will be on September 8th – Carmela's, Port Arthur, TX

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Parsley - Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Martha Schroeder - 11th

Debbie Weyant - 14th

Wesley Jones - 15th

Dolly Wolgast - 19th

Kaitlynn Speichinger - 20th

Kathy Smith - 26th

Doris Price - 30th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Paul & Kathy Smith - 6th

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 TBD - Christmas Party 11-12th - MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Cincinnati, Ohio

Fifteen members and one guest enjoyed "Lunch with the Prez" at the Hamburger Depot in Nederland, on July 30. Ronnie and Dallas drove their Model A's.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER DOLLY WOLGAST



Dolly has attended several club meeting in the past. She lives in Nederland and is Wes Jones' daughter.

We are glad to have her become a member of our club!

SEPTEMBER 19 - International Model A Day

A tour (with lunch) is being planned to celebrate Model A Day. Everyone should meet at Spindletop Museum on Lamar Campus at 9:00 A.M. Leaving the museum, the tour will take us to some points of interest in Beaumont. Bob will give more details at the September meeting.

Jim's Tech Tip

Clutch Pedal Free Play

It is easy to forget to check the Clutch Pedal Clearance (or Free Play) now and then, but you really do need to check it. I press down gently on the pedal with just a couple of fingers, to judge how far down the pedal goes before you are pressing the throwout bearing against the clutch "fingers". If you do not have an inch of movement, follow the instructions below. A little extra free play will not hurt anything.

Clutch Pedal Clearance

The correct clearance or play for the clutch pedal is approximately 1". That is when the clutch pedal is depressed there should be about 1" movement in the pedal before it starts to disengage the clutch.

As the clutch facings wear this clearance or movement gradually grows less. Consequently it should occasionally be checked. Under no circumstances should the car be driven without clearance or play in the clutch pedal.

Adjusting Clutch Pedal Clearance

The adjustment is easily made by removing the clevis pin (see Fig. 4) and turning the release arm rod. Screwing the rod in decreases the clutch pedal play. Screwing the rod out increases the play. After making adjustment, be sure to replace clevis pin and cotter key.

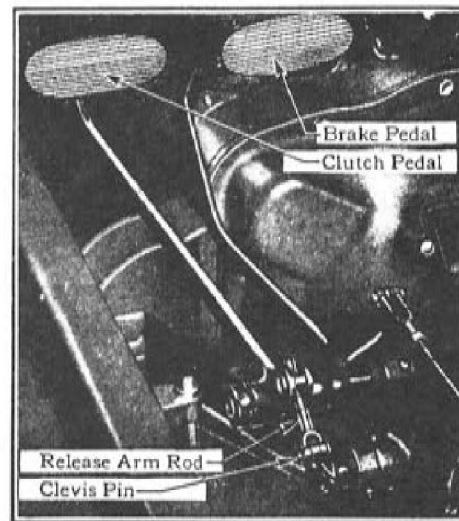


Figure 4
Clutch Pedal Adjustment

Forgetting to keep an inch or so of clutch pedal free play can lead to premature throwout bearing failure, because the bearing is spinning all the time where the pedal is pressing it into the clutch. We don't want that. So maybe check it every time you change the oil and adjust as required.

Have a Model A Day! Jim

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Ratchet Nut Wrench
Brake Centering Tool
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Door Hinge Pin Remover
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*To borrow Tools contact

Bob Johnson at 409-781-3078

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Rebuilding Steering
Rebuilding Shocks
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2008 World Meet
48th Texas Tour #1
48th Texas Tour #2
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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
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Name _____ Spouse's Name _____
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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. What is the correct clearance or play for the clutch pedal?
2. After making adjustments to clutch pedal, what should you remember to do?
3. What is Bob ordering for club members?
4. Where and what time will we meet for the Model A Day Tour on Sept. 19?
5. What is the deadline to return your MAFCA Board of Directors Ballot?
6. What does Bob say to do to your Model A before the Sept. 19 tour?

Don't forget to return you MAFCA 2026 Board of Directors Ballot by October 15, 2026 so your vote can be counted!
The ballot was sent by mail recently along with a MAFCA membership renewal card.



Golden Triangle A's On Tour

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