



THE SQUEAKS

PINEY WOOD MODEL A FORD CLUB

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MOTTO

To promote and stimulate the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of the Model A Ford automobile

QUALIFICATIONS

Any person sincerely interested in the Model A Ford automobile and the purpose of this club shall be eligible for membership as an active member.

From the President's Desk

By: Jim Hartzog

With the start of the new year past us, we look forward to the many new challenges that await us.

Our last meeting fulfilled the 'participation' goal that we set out.

Thanks to those who stepped up and filled the empty positions so that PWA can continue running smoothly.

As February rolls around the weather should hopefully, be a little better allowing us to get the cars out of the garage and on the road.

This may also entail a little 'love and care' for your Model A.

This can include an oil change, tire inflation check/rotation, wash/detail, etc.

Until next time, stay healthy and safe, enjoy your Model A, and if you are on the road take a friend or youngster along for the ride with you.

Congratulations go out to all the ladies attending the Ladies Luncheon
From what I have heard, it was a huge success with more to come



Jim H

PWA Meeting Minutes January 10, 2023

By: Linda Beitler

PINEY WOOD MODEL A FORD CLUB Minutes for January 10, 2023, Meeting Valley Ranch BBQ

Call to order: David Teale welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new club president, Jim Hartzog. President Jim Hartzog called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Invocation: Mitzi Shaddix led us in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Hartzog led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Bill Miller was referred to the website for the application to join the club.

Minutes: Mitzi Shaddix made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by James Campbell. The minutes were approved.

New Officers, Board of Directors and New Club Position: Jim Hartzog presented the new officers and board of directors of the club. Jim reported that the position of Vice President was being split into two positions, Vice President and Tour Coordinator. David Teale presented the responsibilities assigned to each position. He advised that the Vice President's only responsibility is to stand in at club events in the absence of the President. David further advised that the Tour Coordinator's responsibilities are to solicit ideas and volunteers for tours and to confirm that all components are in place. Jim distributed forms soliciting ideas and volunteers for future tours and a discussion followed.

Ray Barth volunteered for the position of Vice President. David Teale made a motion to approve Ray Barth for the position of Vice President. Robert Bullard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jim Blaszczak volunteered for the position of Tour Coordinator. Linda Bragaw made a motion to approve Jim Blaszczak for the position of Tour Coordinator. Ray Barth seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report and 2023 Budget: Frank De Lucia presented the 2023 Budget. Art Shaddix made a motion to approve 2023 Budget. The motion was seconded by Dan Kundts. The motion passed.

Frank presented the financial report through December 2022 and noted that the Texas Tour is expected to break even with no impact on cash flow. Ashley Griffin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Earlie Fuller. The motion passed.

Sunshine Report: The Sunshine Report was presented by Mitzi Shaddix.

Membership Report: The Membership Report was presented by Perry Jones. Perry advised that club members who have not paid 2023 Dues have been dropped from the email list.

Newsletter: Troy Walling presented the Newsletter Report. Jim Hartzog led a discussion about the colors for the 2023 Texas Tour logo. Rich Haut made a motion for the logo to have a yellow Model A on a green background. The motion was seconded by Mitzi Shaddix. The motion passed.

Mileage Keeper: Rich Haut reminded everyone of the 800 miles per year challenge for the MAFCA Mileage Award. He gave patches to club members for 2022 miles traveled in a Model A.

Library: Dan Kundts reminded everyone that the club's publications and videos are available for checkout for a \$20 refundable deposit. Dan Kundts should be contacted for library needs.

Upcoming Events: Jim Hartzog reviewed the upcoming events scheduled to date for 2023. He advised of the Poor Boy Tour which is being hosted by the Victori A's and Troy Walling will inform the club members of the cost of attending. Jackson Garrison volunteered to lead a tour on Saturday, 21st to the Tomball Museum with lunch afterwards at Goodsons Café. Tom Bragaw volunteered to lead a future one day tour for the club members.

Jim Hartzog advised that a number of volunteers are still needed for the Texas Tour in June. He distributed a handout listing covered Texas Tour assignments and various open tasks still in need of volunteers. The handout also included an Agenda of Daily Activities scheduled for the Texas Tour. Troy Walling led a discussion of the pre-tour activities already in play.

Old Business: Ron Cherry provided an update on the joint project undertaken by the Houston A's and the Piney Wood A's on the restoration of a 1930 Model A Texaco truck. Ron reported that on Saturday, January 14, club members would be working on the generator and alternator. He reported that there will be a celebration event on January 28 when the truck will be started and move a short distance. The location of the restoration is at the 1940's Museum at the airport. Everyone is welcome to come and help. Ron will send the details.

Breakout Sessions: The men's technical session was on Care of Tools, led by David Teale. The ladies enjoyed an interesting presentation by Beckie Endebrock of her experience and membership in the Daughters of the Confederacy.

50/50 Drawing: The 50/50 drawing was won by Tom Walne.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Teale and seconded by Jim Hartzog. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Successful Model 'A' clubs have one common ingredient. They have members that will plan events and volunteer to assist in running the organization.

It's a necessary ingredient.

January Events 2023

By: Troy Walling

Several members of our club worked with the Houston Model A club to restore a 1928 Texaco Fuel Truck to running condition. This occurred over many days and many hours. I will write a complete story on this outstanding endeavor in the newsletter's next issue.



This outstanding group was headed by Robert Hitchcock who has had much experience with AA trucks. Other members of our club who assisted are David Teale, Ron Cherry, Frank DeLuccia, and Les Broyles. While there were many others, these members were heavily involved in the restoration.

The truck is an exhibit for the 1940 Air Terminal Museum located at Hobby Airport.

Tomball Museum Center January 21



Twenty members of our club visited the Tomball Museum Center located. In Tomball, This was an outstanding event and was enjoyed by all. The home above was built in 1862 and was beautifully furnished with Many great items of interest.



Restored 1857 Log cabin with corn crib in the rear.



One Room Schoolhouse originally located in Hufsmith



Many young people when visiting would ask the following questions.

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Did all grades attend here?... | Yes |
| Where is the AC?... | Open the windows |
| Where is the Heater? | Cast iron wood heater in the middle of the room |
| Where are the bathrooms?... | An outhouse is located at the back of the building |
| Where is the lunchroom? | You brought your lunch |
| What is penmanship? | You wrote on paper with a pencil in cursive |

Our older Generation remembers some of these items well



Original Tomball Jail built in the early 1930s

Some of our group was having so much fun that we were put into the "Cooler"
Thanks to Jackson Garrison who arranged and lead this great tour
But also arranged our "Bail"

MAFCA President's Page

January 2023



Happy New Year to everyone! I am pleased and delighted to serve as MAFCA's President for 2023. I love the Model 'A' hobby and I consider owning and driving a Model 'A' as a great honor. To my knowledge I can't think of another car club celebrating ownership of 90+ year old cars that can drive their cars with the frequency and abandon that we enjoy with our Model 'A's. For instance, I've driven my Model 'A' over 27,000 miles in the past three years and I have yet to pass a Chevrolet from the same era. We are blessed to have the "car bug" from arguably the most serviceable and drivable car of the 1920-30's era.

Many of you that live in the northern United States have put your cars away for winter storage or at best can only drive them on select days. However, if you live in the southern United States like I do the period from January to April offers some great opportunities to get the "A" out and drive it. Usually, this time of year we enjoy cool days (better for the car and passengers), blue skies and low humidity. This makes for great touring days wonderfully better than our typical summer days. If you live in an area that allows winter touring, by all means get your car out and about. Doing so provides a great release from your daily routine.

For the last two years I've served as MAFCA's Chapter Coordinator. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading all the newsletters sent to me each month and seeing all the great events the Chapters have hosted. I'm convinced after this experience that the strength of MAFCA is due to the many and great Chapters we have. I believe that the visibility and fellowship provided at the member level is what drives the success of MAFCA. The fact that we have such a broad presence across the country will drive our success into the future. Anybody that's honked their "ah-oo-gah" horn in a crowd and witnessed the overwhelming smiles, hand waving, shouts of excitement and joy knows what a great car we have as the ambassador of our hobby. So, get out there and share it. You'll be amazed at the new friends you'll make.

See You Down the Road, Robert Bullard

MAFFI Newsletter Minute

So...it is well established...you have a deep interest in the Model A Ford, and likely Much more of the Antique & Classic Car Hobby. If you have experienced the incredible Automotive displays at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan, Home of the Model A Ford Museum, you should really put it on your "bucket list" The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) was established in 1986 to preserve the historical significance of the Model A Ford automobile. This was very successfully accomplished by the building of the Model A Museum at the Gilmore. The displays there are updated frequently, giving you a fresh experience each time you visit. Many of our exhibits are interactive and provide an immersive experience for viewers Young and old alike

If you are already a member MAFFI, we thank you for your support. but for those who have not yet joined, please consider the many benefits. First, all paid members and spouses are granted free admission all year to the Gilmore Car Museum campus. Which is worth the price of annual membership

You can also get copies of the original Ford factory photos, articles to share in your local newsletter, and find samples and detailed information on original upholstery material, and Model A advertising. Members will receive a quarterly newsletter. Also can borrow videos on a variety of Model A-related topics.

The operation of the Model A Museum is funded totally through generous donations. And member dues. That's right, one of the most important benefits of belonging to MAFFI is that you are financially supporting the Museum and related programs. Thus allowing you and others to enjoy these benefits for years to come I sincerely hope that you will join our ranks. You can get all the information. You need on the MAFFI website www.maffi.org

You can also support your museum through monetary donations, as well as gifts of Vehicles, parts, tools, era fashions, and other related items. MAFFI is a 501(c)(3) charity; donations are tax deductible. 100% of every donation goes towards operating the Foundation and Museum. What a great way to become a part of the heritage of this special automobile The Model A Ford.

Joe Fox - MAFFI.

53rd Annual Poor Boy Tour

Hosted by the Victori-A's, Victoria TX
 Location La Grange TX March 31-April 2, 2023

Registration Fee: \$50 per adult (\$60 after March 15, 2023)
 \$30 per child under 12 and under

Name(s) of attendee	Adult	Child
1 st adult _____	\$ _____	_____
2 nd adult _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
1 st child _____	_____	_____
Total	\$ _____	

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Model A Year: _____ Body Style: _____ Will you have a trailer? Yes ___ No ___

Club Affiliation (Circle One) Alamo A's Houston A's Piney Wood A's Victori-A's -

Registration check-in and hospitality room located at the Best Western La Grange Inn & Suites in La Grange will be open after 12:00 pm on Friday until 5:00 pm. The registration includes two meals. The Friday and Saturday evening (6:00 pm) meals are at VFW 500 Veterans Memorial Dr La Grange TX 78945 (located in the fairgrounds).

Please make your check payable to Victori-A Model A Ford Club. Send check and registration form to:
 Ron Albert, 101 Stockade Dr, Victoria TX 77905. Contact 956.378.1740

Host Hotel Best Western La Grange Inn & Suites, 600 E State Highway 71 Bypass, La Grange TX 78945, 979.968.6800, www.bestwestern.com
 20 rooms reserved \$116, should be reserved under Model A Ford Club. Make your reservations soon as there is Antique Festival in nearby Warrenton March 16 – April 2. See separate sheet for other hotels & RV Parks.

I hereby release Victori-A Model A Ford Club, Model A Ford Club of America, Model A Restorers Club, including organizers and sponsors of this tour and their facilities from any and all liabilities. Submittal of this form, whether signed or unsigned, constitutes acceptance of this release.

Signed _____ Date _____

HOTELS

Best Western La Grange Inn & Suites (Host Hotel)

600 E. State Highway 71 Bypass

La Grange, Texas 78945 979-968-6800 (Ask for Front Desk)

Room Rate \$116 (20 Rooms Blocked) Reserve under Model A Ford Club

Executive Inn & Suites

1708 W. State Highway 71

La Grange, Tx 78945 979-968-2600

Hampton Inn

1624 W. State Highway 71

La Grange, Tx. 78945 979-968-4900

Information will be forthcoming later on travel plans for our club

Clubs Responsible For Future Model A Tours

Year	Poor Boy Tour	Texas Tour	Gulf Coast Tour
2015	Alamo A's - 47th Goliad, Texas	Greater Houston A's - 52nd Beaumont, Texas	Piney Wood A's - 17th Canceled
2016	Piney Wood A's - 48th Schulenburg, Texas	Ft. Worth A's - 53rd Glen Rose, Texas	Greater Houston A's - 17th Katy, Texas
2017	Victori-A's - 49th Wharton, Texas	Piney Wood A's - 54th Victoria, Texas	Golden Triangle A's - 18th Canceled
2018	Greater Houston A's - 50th Cuero, Texas	Alamo A's - 55th Fredericksburg, Texas	Golden Triangle A's - 18th Palestine, Texas
2019	Alamo A's - 51st Hallettsville, Texas	Lone Star Model A's - 56th Kerrville, Texas	Piney Wood A's - 19th Lake Jackson, Texas
2020	Piney Wood A's - 52nd Canceled COVID-19	Ft. Worth A's - 57th Brenham, Texas	Greater Houston A's - 20th Canceled
2021	Victori-A's - 52nd Canceled COVID-19	Autumn Trail A's - 58th Longview, Texas	Greater Houston A's - 20th Canceled
2022	Greater Houston A's - 52nd Hallettsville, Texas	Alamo A's - 59th Kerrville, Texas	Golden Triangle A's - 20th Beaumont, Texas
2023	Victori-A's - 53rd	Piney Wood A's - 60th	Greater Houston A's - 21st
2024	Piney Wood A's - 54th	Dallas A's - 61st	Piney Wood A's - 22nd
2025	Alamo A's - 55th	Lone Star Model A's - 62nd	Golden Triangle A's - 23rd
2026	Greater Houston A's - 56th	Greater Houston A's - 63rd	Piney Wood A's - 24th
2027	Alamo A's - 57th	Ft. Worth A's - 64th	Greater Houston A's - 25th

Modified following April 2, 2022 President's Meeting.

2023 Texas Tour WE NEED YOU!



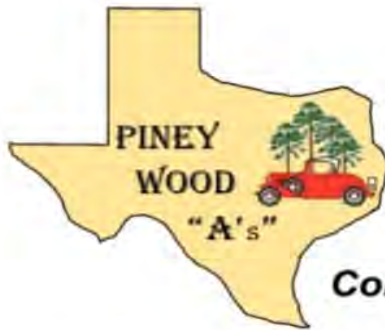
Meal Planning

- ✓ Route Planning
- ✓ Hotel Selection
- ✓ Conference Center
- ✓ Event Planning
- ✓ Entertainment
- ✓

- ✓ Event Logo
- ✓ City Liaison
- ✓ Much More

**Thanks to the people who have volunteered
To Lead and Assist in the various activities
Further details are forthcoming**

See Troy Walling or David Teale for details.



Texas Tour 2023

June 15-18, 2023

Huntsville, Texas

Come Join Us On A Great Adventure!

Host Hotels

Fairfield Inn & Suites (Tour Registration Desk)

136 Ravenwood Village Drive Huntsville, Texas 77340

Room Rates: 50 rooms @ \$109, 19 rooms @ \$149

Phone: (936) 436-7000 Direct

Check-in time 3:00PM

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

148 I-45 Huntsville, Texas 77340

All Rooms @\$119

Phone: (936) 295-4300 Direct

Hampton Inn, located next to Fairfield Inn & Suites (alternate hotel, but has not signed a contract)

Main Event Center

Walker Education Center Located in the Sam Houston Museum Park

1402 19th Street Huntsville, Texas 77340

Texas Tour Planned Events

Short driving tours (Friday)

Grand Tour – Tour the beautiful National Forest (Saturday)

Mystery games

Many points of interest in this historical city such as the Home of Sam Houston (next to the main event center), the Prison Museum, the Military Museum, The statue of Sam Houston, and the Cemetery.

Trailer parking can be arranged.

Great Entertainment at the Award Ceremonies

Registration Fees will be announced once they are confirmed.

**Piney Wood Model A Ford Club (PWA)
Membership Application**

One Year Family Membership \$25.00
Renewal dues are delinquent after December 31st

Membership is open to anyone who owns, drives, or just appreciates the Model A Ford. PWA recognizes any year, make or model of the Model A Ford from 1928 to 1931. Membership in the *Model A Ford Club of America* (MAFCA) is REQUIRED to become a member of PWA in accordance with our by-laws. Every member of PWA enjoys the same rights, including the right to vote and to hold office in PWA.

PLEASE PRINT

Date of Application _____ Dues being paid for year _____ (January 1 – December 31)

New Member () or Renewal () Renewing members, what year did you join PWA? _____

Name _____ Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

Spouse _____ Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

Address _____ Anniversary: Month _____ Day _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Phones: Home _____ Cell _____ Cell (spouse) _____

Children under 18 years of age:

Names _____ Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

_____ Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

_____ Birthday: Month _____ Day _____

What is your MAFCA member number? _____ --required for PWA membership

Are you a member of any other automobile clubs?

_____ / _____

_____ / _____

Model A's Owned: YEAR, MODEL, BODY STYLE, CONDITION*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

*Condition: O=original, R=restored, B=being restored, M=modified, A=apart

Loanable tools available (ex: spring spreader, engine hoist, hub puller, etc.)

Make Check Payable to: Piney Wood Model A Ford Club

Mail to: Perry Jones
19207 Stanton Lake Dr.
Cypress, TX 77433
281-844-0951

What's On The Calendar?

By: Open Position

2023 PWA Calendar of Events

Jan 7(Saturday)	PWA Monthly Breakfast at Harris County Smokehouse, 8:00 am-9:00 am
Jan 10 (Tuesday)	Monthly PWA Meeting at Valley Ranch BBQ, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Jan 14 (Saturday)	Joint Venture between Piney Wood A's and Houston Model A Club to Return a 1928 Texaco Fuel Truck to running status.
Jan 18 (Wednesday)	Ladies Luncheon at Eden's Café)
Jan 21 (Saturday)	Tomball Museum Center
Jan 28 (Saturday)	Dedication of running 1928 Texaco Fuel Truck back to 1940's Air Terminal Museum at Hobby Airport. Followed by Potluck Lunch
Feb 11 (Saturday)	Sweetheart Mini Tour Team Leader Jim Blaszczak
Feb 18 (Saturday)	Breakfast at Harris County Smokehouse followed by Offsite Monthly Meeting at Ed Holtgravers home 8:00 am - 12:00?
March 4 (Saturday)	Breakfast at Lynns Table in Spring 8:00 – 9:00
March ??	Safety Check and Lunch (TBD)
Mar 14 (Tuesday)	Monthly PWA Meeting at Valley Ranch BBQ 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
March 15 (Wednesday)	Ladies Luncheon 11:30 am, Location TBD
Mar 31- (Friday)	Poor Boy Tour in La Grange, Tx
April 1-2 (Sat & Sun)	Poor Boy Tour in La Grange, Tx.
April 8 (Saturday)	Breakfast at Harris County Smokehouse followed by Offsite Monthly Meeting at Harzogs Home 8:00 12:00?
April 15 Saturday)	Burton Cotton Gin Tour Team Leader Bragaws
May 6 (Saturday)	Breakfast at Magnolia Diner 8:00 9:00
May 9 (Tuesday)	Monthly PWA Meeting at Valley Ranch BBQ 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
June	Monthly Meeting (To Be Determined)
Jun 15-18 (Thur-Sun)	Texas Tour in Huntsville, TX
July 11 (Tuesday)	Monthly PWA Meeting at Valley Ranch BBQ 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

- August ? Monthly Meeting (To Be Determined)
- Sept. 12 (Tuesday) Monthly PWA Meeting at Valley Ranch BBQ 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
- October ? Monthly Meeting (To Be Determined)
 October ? Gulf Coast Tour (TBD)
- Nov. 14 (Tuesday) Monthly PWA Meeting at Valley Ranch BBQ 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
 Nov. 18 (Saturday) Tomball Holiday Parade
- Dec. 9 (Saturday) Christmas Party at Walden Yacht Club
 13101 Melville Dr. Montgomery, Tx.

During the Monthly Piney Wood Club Meeting on January 10,
 Members were asked to fill out forms for future Ideas for Places to visit.
 Many new locations were suggested as well as old favorites to visit as well.
 Thank you and continue to think of ideas as these trips have.
 Always has been so informative.



Sunshine Report

By: Perry Jones, Sunshine Coordinator

New Members

Bill and Connie Miller

Melvin Pless	2/3
Linda Bragaw	2/5
Mike Barone	2/6
Claire DeLuccia	2/8
Tom Bragaw	2/16
Ruth Ann Van de Bogert	2/17
Sergio Fernandez	2/17
Eva Huey	2/19
Susan Cherry	2/27
Paul Gross	2/28



Philip and Rae Ann Burmaster

2/10

Era Fashions



Jackson Garrison (AKA Jack Shellac)



Tammie Gower Jones

Our club is fortunate to have not only Great Model A enthusiasts but also great representatives of Era Fashions. Here are two

1928-1929 EVENING



A. This silk georgette dress is completely covered with beading and spangles. The armholes, V-neckline and pointed hem are picot edged. This dress was sold with sleeve caps, which may be sewn in, and a matching slip. *Chicago Mail Order Co.*, F&W 1928, p 67.

B. Applique and hand beaded embroidery trim this evening dress. Note the panels which fall from the dropped waistline over the rayon girdle to the uneven hemline. This dress also came with sleeve caps and a rayon slip; in white, peach and orchid. *Chicago Mail Order Co.*, F&W 1928, p. 72.

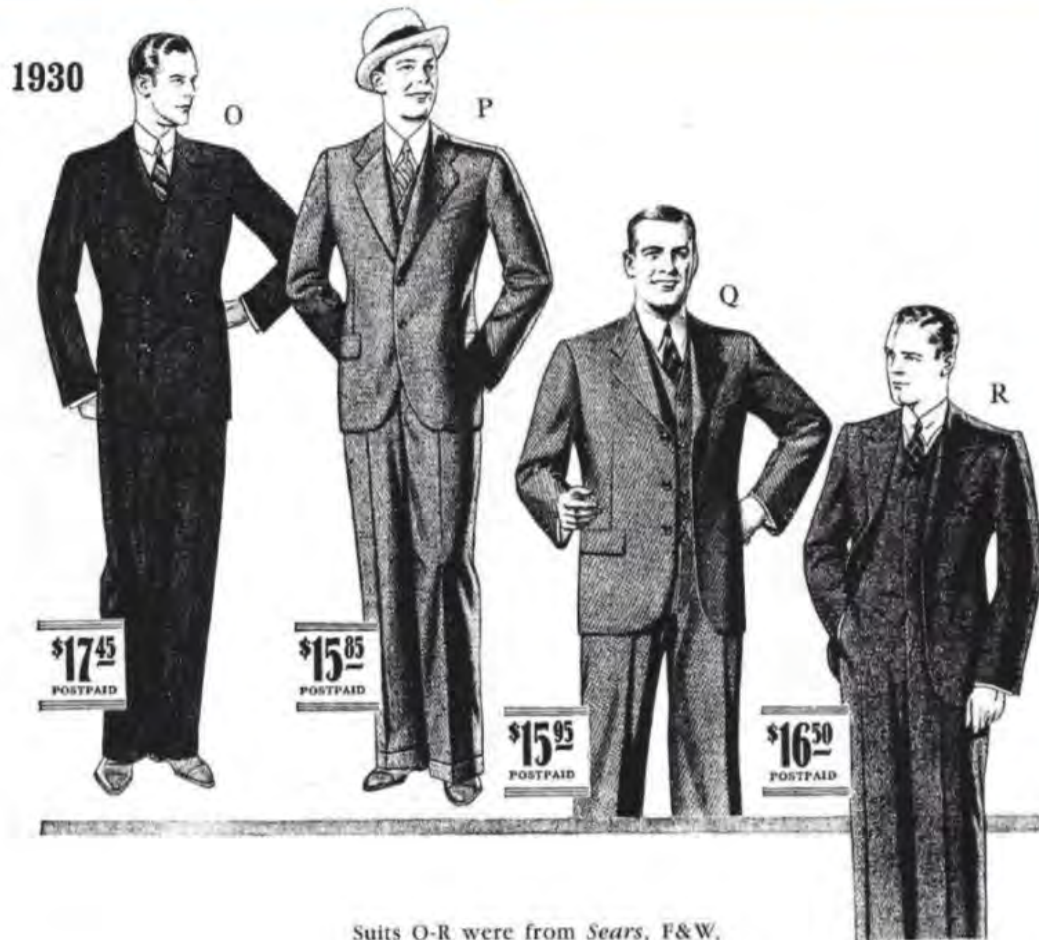


C. Long sleeved silk crepe satin dinner dress features fringe at hemline and on scarf around the neck. *Woman's Home Companion*, February 1929, p. 111.

D. Two versions of the same dress. On the left sheer printed chiffon, on the right in solid chiffon. The long waisted bodice is drawn into a snug fitting hip line. The scarf draped over the shoulders on the left is omitted on the right. The full skirt is attached under a buckled belt of the same fabric and is finished in an uneven petal outline. *Vogue Pattern Book*, Spring 1928, p. 43.

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MAFCA - June 1992



- O. A blue diamond weave suit in all wool worsted or all wool serge, half lined with alpaca, double breasted with peaked lapels.
- P. This all wool tweed suit of brown or grey was half lined with alpaca and came with two pair of trousers. It was single breasted with notched lapels.
- Q. An all wool worsted sharkskin suit in a semi-conservative style. It came in dark gray or dark blue and was lined in lustrous alpaca. It also had a six button vest.
- R. A suit of all wool worsted twist fabric in a dark blue shade with a lighter shade of blue mixed within the fabric.

Out and About in the Community

Ladies Technical had a rare treat on Tuesday the 10th of January where Beckie Endebrock presented a brief history and presentation of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and what that organization truly represents. Beckie brought in a copy of the Montgomery County News with a Photo of Their Model A from the UDC Christmas party!

Beckie did a fantastic job! We all learned so much with several of the ladies wondering how they might find out if their ancestors were part of the Confederacy.



What a Fun Afternoon

The First Piney Wood Model A Club Ladies Luncheon was a hit.

Eden Café in Magnolia Tx did a fantastic job!

Lunch was delicious and the waitstaff took great care of us!

The consensus was that this was another terrific way for our group to some Fellowship and getting to know one another.

Next Luncheon, March 15th @ 11:30 am Location TBD

Tech Tips...

This months tech tips come from:

Tech Q&A - Members Tips

https://www.mafca.com/tqa_member_tips.html

Castle nuts and cotter pins

The example is a rear motor mount bolt, but this will work on any bolts where it is difficult to see the cotter pin hole with the castle nut installed. Scribe



PHOTO BY DAN using Dave's hand

a line across the end of the bolt before assembly to help “line up” the castle nut for that darn cotter pin.

Dave Westenberger – Colonial Virginia Model A Club

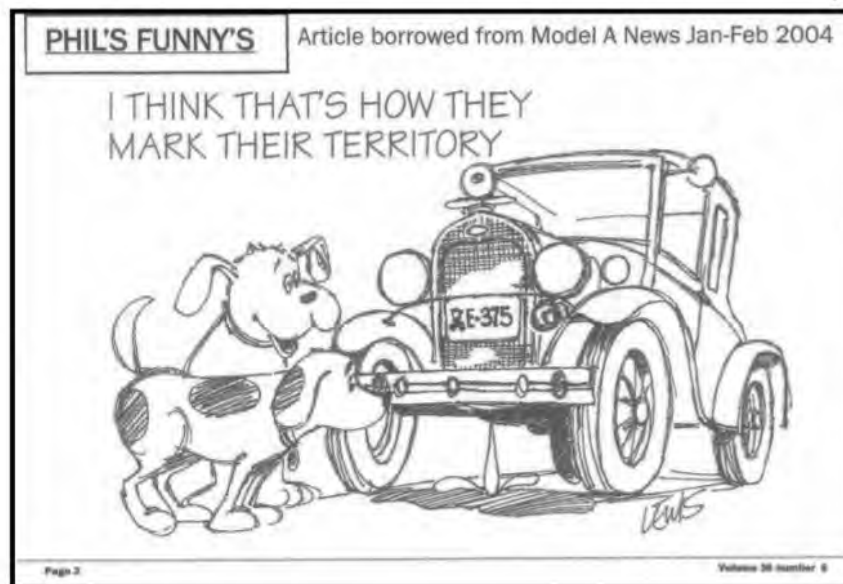
Tiny Tip - Keeping Moisture Out of the Distributor

Have you ever driven your Model A in the rain, and have it “act up?” This is exactly what happened to me while on tour with the Western Carolina’s Model A Club. First the car began to periodically “skip.” Then it began to really run rough, until it just died! The cause - moisture in the distributor. Well, this is a common problem in cars without electronic ignitions. Usually, the humidity level in the atmosphere is something the hot engine “burns” off before coming in contact with our distributors. But, when it rains, there is just too much moisture in the atmosphere and the inside of the distributor cap will begin to “sweat.” This in turn causes moisture droplets to fall onto the points, thus interrupting the flow of electricity between the ignition coil and the spark plugs. (cont)

Tech Tips... Cont.

Generally, if you can get the distributor dry, you can go on your merry way. But how to solve the problem before it happens is the real question. Nobody wants to try to stand in a downpour over a hot engine and try to dry out their distributor! WD-40 is the answer! It was developed in 1953 by Norm Larson, founder of the Rocket Chemical Company, in San Diego, CA. WD-40, from the abbreviation "Water Displacement, 40th formula," was originally designed to repel water and prevent corrosion. Another little "tool" to keep in your arsenal! If every 3-4 months you will open up your distributor and spray the underside of the cap and down into the distributor and the tops of the spark plugs and the plug "wires," a rain shower will never leave you sitting by the side of the road waiting on AAA!

~Happy Begg, Palmetto A's of South Carolina



November, 1930



GEAR SHIFT

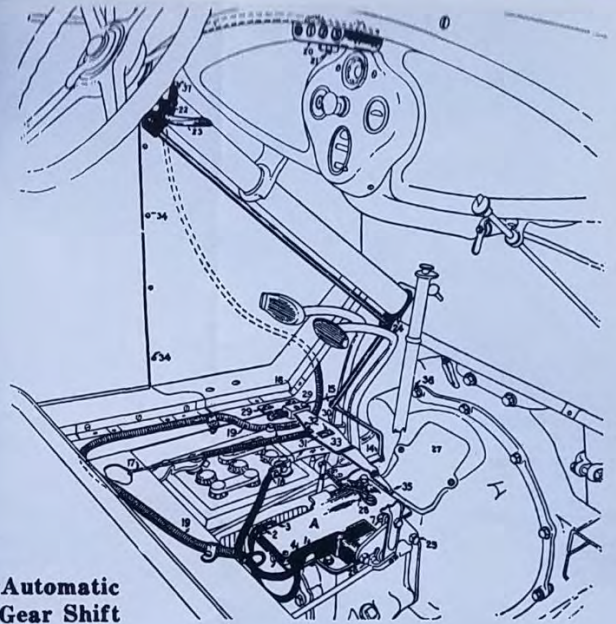
A small selection lever and dial are placed on the steering post of the car. The lever, whose operating arc follows the curve of and is located two inches below the rim of the wheel, is within reach of the fingers of the hand while that hand still guides the car.

**Universal
Gear Shift
Corp.**

**NEW HAVEN,
CONN.**



Driving takes on an entirely new element of pleasure. The VAC Gear Shift is moderately priced and can be installed without harm to your car.



**Automatic
Gear Shift**

A new and amazing invention for Ford cars has been perfected by the Cartwright Automatic Gear Shift Corporation, 1450 East 19th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

This mechanical gear shift does away entirely with the lever assembly in the Ford, and operates from the clutch pedal in the same way as the clutch is now used before shifting gears with the gear lever. Over 90 per cent of the gear shifting is done by the clutch pedal alone. A convenient lever being placed immediately below the steering wheel for the tips of the fingers to operate when shifting into neutral or reverse.

Safety, one of the greatest words in automobile driving, it is claimed, is greatly increased by the Cartwright Automatic Gear Shift. The gear shift is operated entirely by mechanical action. There are no electric magnetic currents to get out of order. It is self lubricating and can, the inventor claims, be installed in two hours or less.

A convenient lighting system placed on the instrument board shows the gears the driver is in at all times. In other words, the gears are shifted automatically and the lighting system tells the driver in what gear he is.

July, 1931

Interesting Add from November 1930

From the *Model A News*, Model A Restorers Club (Aust).—

FUNNY THING THAT!

Last Friday I had an appointment to see the urologist for a prostate examination. Of course, I was a bit on edge because all my friends have either gone under the knife or had those pellets implanted. The waiting room was filled with patients. As I approached the receptionist's desk, I noticed that she was a large unfriendly woman who looked like a Sumo Wrestler. I gave her my name and in a very loud voice she said, "YES I HAVE YOUR NAME HERE. YOU WANT TO SEE THE DOCTOR ABOUT IMPOTENCE, RIGHT?"

All the patients in the waiting room snapped their heads around to look at me, a now very embarrassed man. But as usual, I recovered quickly and in an equally loud voice replied, "NO I'VE COME TO INQUIRE ABOUT A SEX CHANGE OPERATION, BUT I DON'T WANT THE SAME DOCTOR THAT DID YOURS!"

The room erupted in applause. *DON'T MESS WITH OLD RETIRED GUYS, WE WIN EVERY TIME.*



My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner.

So I took the battery out of the smoke detector.

- from Bob Davies

GRANDKIDS KEEP US LAUGHING!

When my grandson, Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."



PRO-TIP

To keep cake moist and fresh, make sure to eat it all in one sitting. You're welcome!



Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

PWA Mileage Report – 2022 Final Report

Wow! Did we ever drive this year! We had 20 members report their 2022 mileage. Total miles reported for 2022 was 50,824 compared to 35,453 in 2021, over 10,000 additional miles!! Fantastic!

As y'all know we threw out a challenge to drive 800 miles in 2022 and 20 of us met that challenge and will be receiving these cool patches. Robert Bullard set the pace at 13,050 miles driven in 2022. Not only did he exceed 10,000 miles in 2022, but he has also driven over 50,000 miles for the decade (2013-2022)! Fred Schiefer and Bob Hitchcock both exceeded 5,000 miles for the year! Congrats to these three! The three will receive some nice decals from MAFCA for their accomplishments.

Name		Miles Driven
Last	First	
Bullard	Robert	13,050
Schiefer	Fred	5,509
Hitchcock	Bob	5,084
Cherry	Ron	4,305
Blaszczak	Jim	3,025
Boyles	Jeff	2,578
Haut	Richard	2,101
Bragaw	Tom	1,440
Garrison	Jackson	1,425
DeLucia	Frank	1,246
Walling	Troy	1,245
Campbell	James	1,198
Hoekstra	Bill	1,151
Shaddix	Art	1,144
Jones	Perry	1,074
Fuller	Brandy	951
Nestle	Greta/Steve	941
Teale	David	863
Gross	Paul	806
Walne	Tom	800



A new award for the 800-mile challenge is being developed for 2023. If you are interested in participating, please jot down your starting mileage for 2023 and send it to me so we can track our mileage for the year! Further information about the challenge and the award will be announced soon.

I encourage everyone to jot down your starting mileage for 2023 and send it to me so we can see what our chapter's total mileage is for the year. Whether or not you make it to 800 miles for the year, we sure would like to know how far you did make it!

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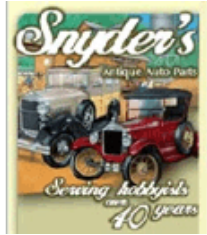


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AFTER 45 YEARS LETS LOOK BACK AT SOME PWA CLUB HISTORY

The Following Article, By Gwyn Machacek,
Entitled "CRANKED UP IN 1977",
Was Published In Our
September 1995 & July 2012 Newsletter
By Paul Lewis:

"For several years there was talk between Model A'ers about trying to form a Model A Club North of Houston and in Montgomery County. Four people said, "Let's try". Notices were posted everywhere in the Spring, Woodlands, and Conroe area telling of the first gathering to be held August 9, 1977 at the Gulf State Auditorium in Conroe. Those four people were Keith Jenkins, Buddy Moore, Larry, and Gwyn Machacek.

Eight families attended the gathering and they all said, "Let's give this club a try". Officers were selected and then one of the big topics of discussion was what can we call ourselves. Suggestions such as; Conroe A's, Montgomery County Motometers, Piney Wood A's, Big Thicket A's and Rambling A's were suggested. It was suggested that a name would be picked at the September meeting. Everyone then browsed through the display of literature on the Model A that Keith Jenkins and Larry Machacek had set up.

At the second meeting the name Piney Wood Model A Ford Club (Piney Wood A's, for short) was chosen and a Newsletter's name "The Ford Squeaks" was selected. Moreover, the club grew by 4 new members.

By the end of 1977, the newly formed club had 16 families. They were Bryant Baugus, Donald & Cindy Chrisner, John & Judy Davidson, Monte Fine, Jerry Fisher, Thomas Gilbert, Dick Hand, Keith & Marlene Jenkins, Benny Klekar, Tom & Joan Lowery, Larry & Gwyn Machacek, Donald Mog, Buddy & Sandy Moore, Guy & Betty Nightingate, Harold & Carolyn Smith, and Thomas Wilkerson.

The following year (1978) saw the club becoming a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). Years later, in 1983, the club became a region in the Model A Restorers Club (MARC). **"THE REST IS HISTORY."**

At our 35th Anniversary luncheon on July 14, 2012, we all receive a souvenir printout of all the Piney Wood A's meeting minutes for 1977. The club today has far surpassed any vision our founding fathers might have had 35 years ago.

We all should be proud of that as we tack on the future years to come and, be very thankful for that meeting held on August 9, 1977, when **"Let's Give This Club A Try"** received enough "Yes" votes.

The International Order of the Rubber Chicken

By: Dan Kundts, Chairman of the Board



the International Order of the Rubber Chicken -Rules, Regulations and Other Silly Stuff-

At a meeting of the International Order of the Rubber Chicken Society (IORCS), the following rules and silly things have been agreed to and enacted upon. The infamous Rubber Chicken is to be fun and full of frivolity. The purpose of these rules is to provide consistency and fairness for those persons desiring (or not) to acquire the scandalous Rubber Chicken.

Rule #1

If your car causes an unscheduled stop while on tour- **YOU LOST THE CHICKEN!**

Rule #2

If, while on tour, you delay the group from leaving on time (excepting for bringing donuts & coffee)- **YOU LOST THE CHICKEN!**

Rule #3

If, after meeting with the group, you have a trailer (or modern car) problem, causing the others to stop alongside the road or be delayed- **YOU LOST THE CHICKEN!** (aka: the Fred Rule)

Rule #4

If during any tour, you call another tour member to "help, aid, assist, tow, repair or suggest what 'might be the problem'", which causes him/her to stop whatever they are doing - **YOU LOST THE CHICKEN!** (Fred Rule #2)

Rule #5 Passing the Chicken On. Procedures on how to give the chicken away

Rule #5-a

To pass the chicken on to another, the current chicken holder must be on said tour.

Rule #5-b. While broken-down on the side of the road, it is NOT advisable to hand over, throw to or put the chicken inside the broken-down car or its owner or driver. Nor is it advisable to stand alongside any broken-down car taunting the car's owner with the chicken. It also not advisable to have a photo with you standing next to the broken vehicle giving a thumbs-up jester (Dorothy Rule). Injury for violating these Rules is at the current chicken holder's own risk.

Rule #5-c. It is appropriate to pass the chicken at any meal once faces have turned from red and steam is no longer venting from ears. -Or- At any chapter meeting. -Or- If the new recipient requests it (while on the side of the road).

Rule #6

All chapters should name their chicken. It is most appropriate to name the chicken after a member so deserving because of the regularity or quantity of times he/she has had the honorable chicken bestowed up him/her.

Rule #7

Out of respect, the Rubber Chicken shall be honorably retired once its head or both legs has fallen off.

Rule #8

Each chapter should appoint a Colonel Chicken whose job shall be to determine all disputed matters. His/her word is final and not open to debate.

Rule #9

Life Time Achievement Award. The Rubber Chicken shall be permanently given to he/she who run their Model A out of gas while on tour (known as the Pruett Rule of "Don't worry, I have plenty of gas". This is not debatable!
Note: an appropriate rubber chicken Mardi-gras necklace may be given in lieu of the original rubber chicken.

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