



# 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: David Teale

Dear Model A Friends,

I just realized as I was writing this letter that 2024 is almost at a close. What a great and fun year we have had as a club! I want to thank the committee and leadership for all your support in making this year's activities a blast. It is great to be part of this organization. Thanks goes to everyone in the club for your support and suggestions. A special thanks to Ron for making our 2024 tour schedule the best as usual.

The annual Tomball Holiday Parade was incredible! Our club had twenty-four cars in the parade. I think this is a record for our club. Thanks to everyone who attended. Our cars are one of the highlights of the parade and kids really like to hear all the noise we can make with our horns.

Elections were held at the November meeting. Dan Kundts has been elected our new President for 2025 with Troy Walling as Tour Director. Larry Perkins and Marilyn Hitchcock were elected to serve on the board. I am really excited about this new leadership team. Congratulations!

As the year ends, there is always some administrative duties that we need to complete before we are ready for the new year. Please remember to submit your mileage forms to Tom Bragaw. Forms can be found on our website.

I hope to see everyone at our annual Christmas Party December 14<sup>th</sup> at Walden Yacht Club. The event will be held from 11AM to 2 PM. Thanks goes to Susan Cherry for organizing this great event. I can't wait to see everyone and enjoy some good food together.

Thanks again everyone for a great year! Be safe and we will see you at the Christmas Party.

Merry Christmas!



# Minutes of the Meeting

By: Joyce Perkins

Piney Woods Model A Club  
Meeting Minutes: November 12, 2024  
Location: Valley Ranch BBQ Restaurant

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 06:58 PM by President , David Teale.

**Invocation:** Opening Prayer was led by Mitze Shaddix

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by David Teale

**Meeting Minutes:** David Teale indicated the Minutes from the previous Meeting held on October 8, 2024, were provided in the October 2024 Newsletter for all to review. David asked if anyone had any questions, comments or corrections, and none were received. David requested a Motion to approve the minutes, Motion to approve was received from Mitze Shaddix and seconded by Frank DeLucia, All were in Favor, Motion passed.



## **Presidents Opening Comments:**

David introduced visiting guest: Chet and Ramona Chesnut, and also Jason and Michelle Spradley. David advised the club members that this meeting will be the last meeting for 2024. The upcoming PWA Christmas Party on 12.14.24 will be in lieu of the December PWA Club meeting. David indicated the club will be voting on all officer nominees for 2025 Officer changes during this club meeting. David reviewed the displayed Slate of Officer nominations; Dan Kundts is nominated for Club President, Troy Walling is nominated for Vice President/ Tour Coordinator, Frank DeLucia will remain as Club Treasurer and Joyce Perkins will remain as Club Secretary. Larry Perkins and Marilyn Hitchcock has been nominated as new 2025 Board of Directors for place #3 and #4, respectively. Bill Miller will be taking over as Chairperson of the club's Tool Crib for the upcoming year. David asks if any attending club members had any additional nominations they would like to present. No additional nominations were received. David moved for a motion to approve the 2025 Officers and Board of Directors, as listed, motion to approve was received from Chris Fredona, and seconded by Dr. David Gould, all were in favor, motion passed.

**Events:** Ron Cherry provided the following on the upcoming Club events:

PWA Club Christmas Party will be held at Waldon Yacht Club, on 12.14.2024, 11:00 – 2:00.

Ron Cherry provided registration sheets for the upcoming Christmas Party to be held on 12.14.24. The club has elected to cover the cost for all members that are planning to attend. Those that will be attending must complete the Christmas Party registration form so that an accurate attending count can be provided to Waldon Yacht Club. If members would like to bring a guest, a registration form and fee must be provided to Ron or Susan Cherry by 12.09.24. The club has approved extending the invitation to surviving spouses, and designated ladies will reach out with the invite. A Registration Form must be completed and given to Susan or Ron for all surviving spouses planning to attend. The. Susan Cherry requested that if anyone needs to cancel attending the Christmas Party at the last minute, please call Susan or Ron so they can notify the facility and decrease the number to avoid paying.

**Other upcoming events**

11.16.24, George Ranch Frontier Days in Richmond Tx, Perry and Tammy Jones will be talking about vintage fashions and be doing a photo shot. Perry shared details on previous visits to the George Ranch. Lunch will be provided if you sign up.

11.23.24, Tomball Holiday Parade, with the Theme this year to be, Metals and Bling for those who want to add seasonal decorations to their Model A. Ron will send out all the information on times and place to meet for the parade by email.

*Paul Gross announced that he is also a member of the Houston Model A Club, and the Houston club requested Paul, to extend an invitation to all PWA members to attend their Christmas Party on 12.07.2024, 12:00 – 3:00. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Paul Gross for details on registration and location.*

12.07.2024, PWA Breakfast will be at the Magnolia Diner, 8:00-9:00AM 18423 FM 1488 Rd G, Magnolia Tx, 77354

12.11.2024, Annual Catfish & Eggnog Event 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Vernon's Kuntry Katfish, 5901 W. Davis St. Conroe, Tx 77304

**Treasurer Report:** Frank DeLucia presented the financial report for October 2024 with a summary of the club financial account including details on all expenses and credits in the account. Frank also provided details of modification to the 2024 budget. He also provided a listing of the remaining expenses for the remainder of the year with projected balances for year end. No question were received and Motion to approve the financial report was received from Marilyn Hitchcock and seconded by Chris Fredona. All in Favor, Motion Passed.

**Sunshine Report:** Mitsi Shaddix presented the Sunshine report for all upcoming November Birthdays and Anniversaries. All will be included in upcoming monthly newsletter.

**Registrations:** Perry commented the Board approved for the club to pay existing members renewals for 2025. Club Members will be responsible for their own MAFCA membership renewal for 2025.

**National News:** Dan Kundts spoke of recent articles included in the recent publication of the Restorer. Robert Bullard indicted the national website is going well and he will be stepping down as President at year end. Robert spoke of the 2025 National Tour to West Virginia of the Civil War Battlefields. The 2026 National Convention will be in Pendleton Oregon.

**Newsletter:** Troy Walling express thanks to members that sent items for the recent newsletter. Troy also requested email addresses from the new members, so he can send out copies of the previous newsletter.

**Library:** David mentioned the resources in the library are available. Coordinator, Tom Bragaw was not in attendance

**Club Apparel:** Marion was not in attendance.

**Break:** was taken at 7:30 PM, for Men's Technical, the men discussed possible tour options for sites of interest for the Poor Boy Tour coming up in the spring in Schulenburg and Kim Teale provided direction to the ladies in how to make beautiful Christmas Ornaments.

**50/50 Drawing:** No 50/50 drawing took place in the club meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was received from Leona Campbell, and seconded by Marilyn Hitchcock, all approved, Motion passed, meeting ended at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by

Joyce Perkins, PWA Secretary

# November Events 2024

By: Troy Walling

## Breakfast at Harris County Smokehouse November 2, 2024



**OOPS!!**  
I missed a photo of Robert Bullard  
and Jim Blaszcach



Robert Bullard receives the prestigious Rubber Chicken Award at the monthly club meeting on November 12th



Photo by Dennis Cooper of Wisconsin



We are entering the most festive time of the year with memories of the past  
And the creation of new ones as well  
Looking back, we were plagued by many weather events from Hurricanes  
To just plain bad weather that affected many of our monthly drives  
Through it all, many happy memories and new friendships were still made

To each and all, Happy Holidays throughout this joyous season

# Tomball Holiday Parade

November 23, 2024



It was a great day, with 24 beautifully decorated cars. All of them were my favorites. The weather was the best in many years. The crowds were enthusiastic and responded to every sound of the Ahoogah horns.

## The Parade Begins



This year's turnout of parade attendees was in the many thousands.

Then on to Goodson's Café for the final stop for 58 members who participated in the parade.







Can anyone spot the difference between these two pictures?





The annual Tomball Parade has become one of our members' favorite days of the year.

From the moment we start lining up before the parade, smiles radiate from everyone.

It starts with decorating the cars into works of art.

Holiday ornaments adorn the cars and people as well. Grinches, Christmas vests, and great outfits put everyone in a festive mood.

This day ranges from some doing so many parades they have lost count.

Others as young as two years old are doing their first parade ride.

All of us owe a debt of gratitude to those who are stepping down from leadership positions in the club

Robert Bullard has been on the MAFCA board of directors for the last two years.  
The last two years as president, spending countless hours performing this difficult task.

David Teale as president of Piney Wood A's several times in the last few years

Ron Cherry as Tour director who has created some great tours.

Thank you for all the positive things you have done for our Model A passion.



## Holiday Eating Tips

1. **Avoid carrot sticks.** Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Holiday spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.
2. **Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly, it's rare.** You cannot find it any other time of year but now. So, drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-alcoholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!
3. **If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy.** Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.
4. **As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass.** Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.
5. **Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating.** The whole point of going to a Holiday party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello?
6. **Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do.** This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.
7. **If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don't budge.** Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.
8. **Same for pies.** Apple, Pumpkin, Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert, Labor Day?
9. **Did someone mention fruitcake?** Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories but **avoid it at all cost.** I mean, have some standards.
10. **One final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention.** Re-read tips; start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner. Remember this motto to live by:

"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate and wine in one hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming..."

**" Woo Hoo, what a ride!" Merry Christmas!!!**



## Henry Ford's Honeymoon House

This past summer, while returning to the Detroit area where my wife Carla and I grew up, we stumbled upon a hidden gem: the Honeymoon House, once owned by none other than Henry Ford. This historical home, steeped in the legacy of one of America's most iconic figures, offered us a glimpse into the past and a chance to connect with our roots in a way we hadn't anticipated.

Ford built this charming one-bedroom house using timber cut and sawed at his own sawmill, showcasing his commitment to craftsmanship and innovation. Nestled in a serene setting, the Honeymoon House was originally intended as a romantic getaway for Henry Ford and his wife, Clara, after their wedding in 1888. The intimate space, complete with rustic charm, reflects a simpler time, inviting visitors to imagine the couple enjoying quiet moments away from the hustle of their lives.

What makes this discovery even more intriguing is the home's location where it was relocated to Garden City, Michigan, directly behind the site of the very first Kmart built in the United States. This juxtaposition of history—between Henry Ford's quaint Honeymoon House and the sprawling retail landscape represented by SS Kresge's First Kmart Store—offers a unique lens through which to view American culture and innovation.

Ford didn't just build a home; he also added a workshop to the Honeymoon House, where he frequently experimented with gasoline engines. This workshop was more than just a space for tinkering; it was the birthplace of innovation that would revolutionize the automotive industry. We imagined Ford surrounded by tools and parts, passionately working on ideas that would ultimately lead to the creation of the Model T and the assembly line.

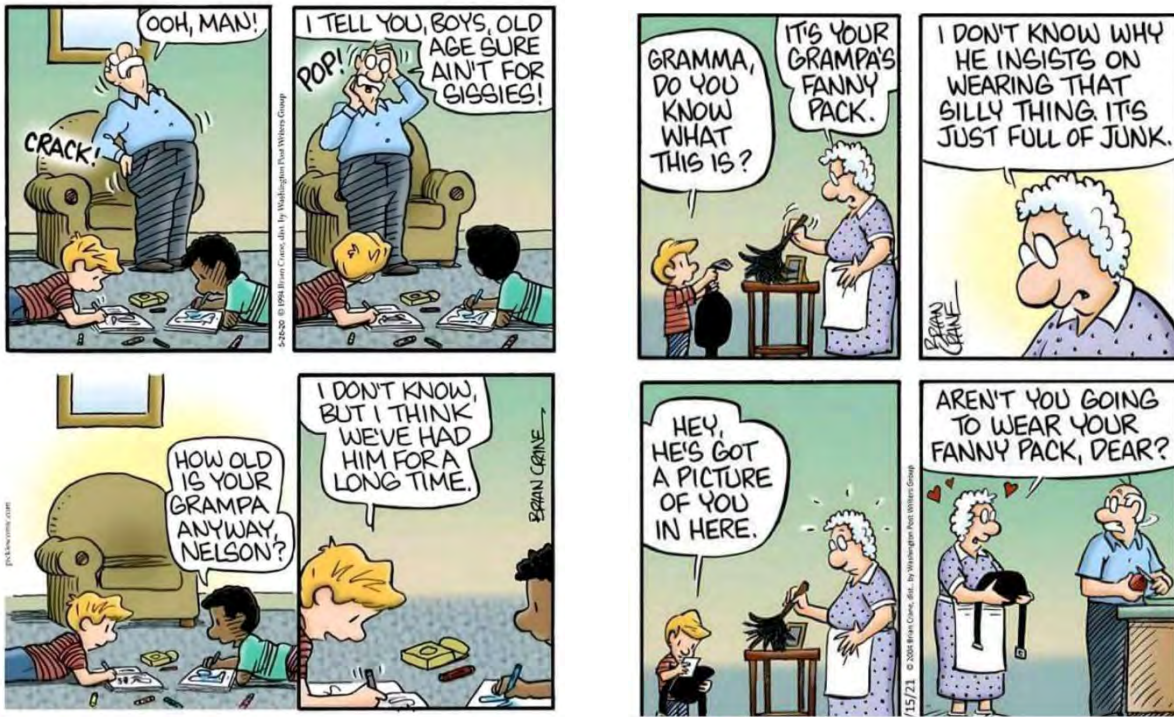
The juxtaposition of domestic life and groundbreaking invention within the same walls exemplifies Ford's unique approach to life. It highlights his belief that home and work could coexist harmoniously, fostering creativity and progress. Today we are full circle with people working from homes more today. This blend of personal and professional ambition not only shaped his legacy but also influenced countless others in the industry.

Submitted by Greg and Carla Zulinski

**Yesterday I wore  
something from 5 years  
ago and it fit!!!  
So proud of myself. It  
was a pair of socks,  
But still.  
Let's be positive here.**

# National Club News

<b>December 11-14, 2024</b>	MAFCA National Awards Banquet	Salt Lake City, UT
<b>April 11-13, 2025</b>	MARC Membership Meet	Nashville, IN
<b>June 15-20, 2025</b>	MARC National Meet	Gettysburg, PA
<b>June 12- 15, 2025</b>	62nd Texas Tour –hosted by Lone Star As	Giddings, TX
<b>June 15-22, 2025</b>	MAFCA National Tour <i>hosted by Arlen &amp; Trish Evans</i>	Waynesboro, VA



## Reminder

Next April, Piney Wood Model A Club will host the 2025 Poor Boy Tour  
Further details will be announced soon

Piney Wood and MAFCA Annual Membership Fees are Due,  
Don't Delay

The Texas Tour of 2025 Will be held in Giddings Texas. Hosts will be the Lone Star Model A Club  
However, Motel reservations cannot be made until this November

# GIDDY-UP TO GIDDINGS



**Best Western**

2161 E. Hempstead  
 Giddings, TX 78942  
 (979) 542-5000

Reservations begin November 1st.



**Lee County Courthouse**

200 S Main St,  
 Giddings, TX 78942



**Super 8**

4002 E. Austin  
 Giddings, TX 78942  
 (979) 542-9666

Reservations begin November 1st.



**Dimebox Distillery**

235 W Railroad Row  
 Giddings, TX 78942

**62'nd TEXAS TOUR**  
**June 12-15, 2025**



**Executive Inn**

3556 E. Austin  
 Giddings, TX 78942  
 (979) 542-5791

Reservations begin November 1st.

Registration, Hospitality, Silent Auction & Events will be at  
 The Silos on 77 Events Center  
 1031 County Road 223  
 Giddings, Texas 78942  
 Laurie Taylor, Texas Tour Chairperson  
 Lardtay@gmail.com

# 2025 National Tour

June 15-22, 2025



Welcome! We are excited that you are interested in the 2025 MAFCA National Tour of the American Civil War. Here you can find tour information, itinerary, registration forms, and other information you will need. This tour will be a moving tour (different hotel most nights) that will begin and end in Waynesboro, Virginia. During the tour, we will visit many of the largest and bloodiest battlefields of the War, several excellent Civil War museums, and other points of interest. Also, part of the tour will be a full day dedicated to seeing Pennsylvania's Amish communities and driving over covered bridges. Another highlight to look forward to is a drive down the entire length of Skyline Drive inside Shenandoah National Park. This world-renowned drive is considered by many to be one of the most beautiful drives in the country. We have many fun events planned for you to enjoy!

We will have plenty of trailer parking available near the host hotel. Model A's are encouraged, but moderns are welcome. Due to the size of group we are anticipating we will not be traveling as one large group, you will have detailed instructions provided and will be free to choose when you leave the hotel each morning.

Hosted by the Dallas Model A Ford Club— Tour Coordinators: Trish and Arlen Evans

Register at [dmafc.com](http://dmafc.com)

## DMAFC Recommended hotels for the MAFCA 2025 National Tour

Date 6/15/25 & 6/22/25	City Waynesboro, VA
<p><b>Best Western Inn and Conference Center</b>                      109 Apple Tree Ln.                      Waynesboro, VA 22980                      (540) 942-1100  <b>Group Block Rate is \$139.99</b></p>	

Date 6/16/25	City Charles Town, WV
<p><b>The Inn at Charles Town Racetrack</b>                      751 Hollywood Dr, Charles Town, WV 25414                      (304) 725-7001</p>	

Date 6/17/25 & 6/18/25	City Gettysburg, PA
<p><b>Gettysburg Hotel</b>                      1 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg, PA 17325                      (717) 337-2000</p>	

Date 6/19/25 & 6/20/25	City Fredericksburg, VA
<p><b>Holiday Inn Conference Center</b>                      20 Sanford Dr, Fredericksburg, VA 22406                      (540) 368-8000</p>	

Date 6/21/25	City Midlothian (Richmond Area)
<p><b>Holiday Inn Express and Suites</b>                      5030 W. Village Green Dr. Midlothian, VA 23112                      (804) 744-7303</p>	



# MAFCA Presidents Page

## November Web Message

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Saturday, October 21 MAFCA celebrated its 67<sup>th</sup> annual anniversary. I went back to the first Restorer newsletter published May/June 1956 for some “current” information about the beginnings

. Originally [MAFCA](#) was formed as the Model A Restorers Club of Southern California, with [Art Miller](#) as president, and was part of the Model A Restorers Club of West Hartford, Connecticut which was formed in 1952.

Mr. Art Grow gathered 15 members and met on October 1955 to start the process of forming a MARC regional club in Southern California. By late 1956 there were 34 members centered in Southern California.



The 1st Annual Award Dinner was held at Sailee’s Restaurant. Located across the street from NBC Burbank, the restaurant was noted for hosting television luminaries and stars.



On October 21, 1957, the MARC SC spun off from MARC and became Model A Ford Club of America.

First mention of the current MAFCA logo is in Nov/Dec 1958. The 3rd Annual Business Meeting lists 1,086 members. With a yeoman’s amount of work done between 1956 and 1958,

MAFCA was establishing itself as a stand-alone club with a growing membership. From these 15 members and one chapter, as of December 2024, membership has grown to approximately 10, 550 in the U.S. and 283 Internationally. With 245 Chapters, MAFCA is now the largest car club in the U.S. dedicated to a single model automobile.

On another note, with five open Board of Director positions and only four candidates, there was no voting for the 2024 nominees. Dave Krill, Sherry Winkinhofer, Happy Beggs and Will Langford are automatically elected to the board.

They will meet at the National Awards Banquet in early December along with returning Board members Paul Shinn, Ed Tolman, Bill Truesdell and Chet Wojcik, Jr. to be sworn in as MAFCA's 2025 Board of Directors. Once sworn in, this new Board will seek an additional appointee to assume the vacant, ninth director's position. Take a moment and welcome this new Board of Directors to their new positions. I am confident they will work diligently to make 2025 another successful year.

MAFCA once again had a presence at the Hershey Swap Meet in Hershey, PA from October 8 – 10. Office Manager Sandra Aguirre along with myself, Chet Wojcik, Jr., Doug & Nan Linden, Kay Lee, Ed & Monica Tolman, Bill & Laura DeVore, Jim Blaszczyk, Elaine Bullard and Wayne Champagne led the charge manning the tent and providing daily seminars on relevant Model A topics. Thanks to each of them for making Hershey 2024 a success for MAFCA.

Enjoy your fall touring and remember to “keep it between the white lines”.

Robert Bullard

**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.**

## November 2024 MAFFI Minute

Model A Ford Enthusiasts:

First, the Model A Ford Foundations Trustees and Advisors wish everyone a wonderful holiday season! It's always a magical time of year, but especially this year with the museum expansion in progress!

Executive Director of MAFFI, John Marshall and his team of elves have just finished decorating the museum for the holidays. The Parts Department in the museum is looking pretty festive.

Meanwhile outdoors the trusses are up on the expansion. The walls for the expansion are expected to be up the week of November 18<sup>th</sup> --- so long as the weather cooperates.

You can actually watch the construction if you go to [maffi.org](http://maffi.org) and click on the Camera icon, and then click on Expansion.

And right around December 23, the back wall of the museum will need to be opened up to connect the existing building and the expansion. This means moving all the displays at the back of the museum and covering all the museum artifacts with plastic. During this phase of the construction, the museum will be closed for safety reasons. (The closure is just temporary, so call ahead if you plan to visit in December or January to be certain the museum is back open).

Give yourself and your car a gift this holiday season: Have your car's picture and your name engraved on a plaque that will be the archway from the existing museum to the expansion. Be a part of the history of the museum! Just contact Val Maron at 847-951-5858 or [TheMyAProgram@gmail.com](mailto:TheMyAProgram@gmail.com) For \$200, a donor will receive a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing their vehicle, name, home area and vehicle body style.

Happy Holidays,  
Cindy Ellenbecker  
MAFFI Trustee, Secretary





And so the holiday season begins . with Thanksgiving next week. Let me take this opportunity to let you all know how thankful the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. is for all of you and your support. The organization wouldn't be what it is without you; please know that. We appreciate you!

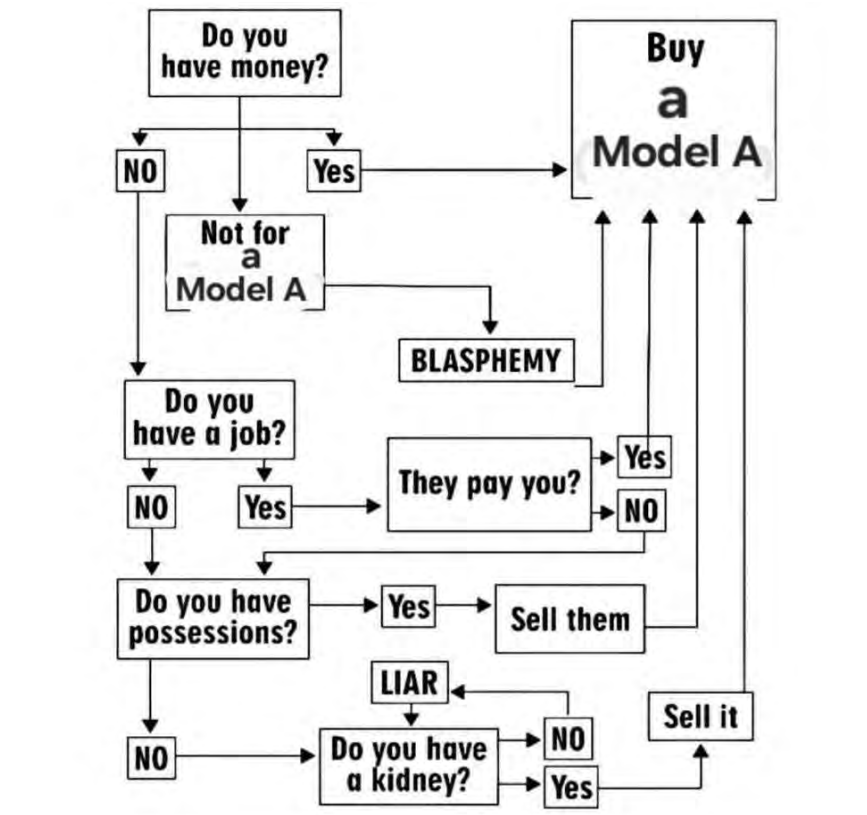
Cindy Ellenbecker  
MAFFI Trustee, Secretary



**WANTED**

We need new ideas and articles to reflect the wishes of all the members of the club

Thanks to all those who have contributed thus far.



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

One Year Family Membership \$25.00  
Renewal dues are delinquent after December 31<sup>st</sup>

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

# Whats on the Calendar?

By: Ron Cherry Tour Coordinator

## 2024 PWA Calendar of Events

Jan 6	Monthly Breakfast at Harris County Smokehouse
Jan 9	Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque
Jan 13	Polar Bear Tour to City Hall Café & Pie Bar in Huntsville
Jan 17	Ladies Luncheon * Cancelled due to weather
Feb 3	Monthly Breakfast at Magnolia Diner
Feb 10-11	Annual Sweetheart Tour – Brenham, TX
Feb 13	Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque
Mar 9	Monthly Breakfast at Harris County Smokehouse
Mar 9	Monthly Meeting at Robert & Elaine Bullard's Home
Mar 16*	Annual Safety Check at Copperfield Automotive (To be rescheduled)
Mar 16*	Lunch at Romero's Las Brazas (To be rescheduled)
Mar 20	Ladies Luncheon Republic Grill, Panther Creek, The Woodlands
Apr 5-7	Poor Boy Tour in Gonzales, TX
Apr 10	Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque (Wednesday)
Apr 13	Breakfast at Lynns Table in Spring
Apr 19	Weekday tour to the National Museum of Funeral History (Lunch following)
May 4	Breakfast at Magnolia Diner in Magnolia (Rescheduled to the 11 <sup>th</sup> .)
May 11	Day tour to Pickett House in Woodville (Canceled due to rainstorms)
May 14	Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque
May 15	Ladies Luncheon – (Cancelled)
Jun 8	Monthly Breakfast at Harris County BBQ
Jun 8	Monthly Meeting at Jim and Kathy Hartzog's home
Jun 13 – 16	Texas Tour in Nacogdoches, TX
Jul 9	Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque <b>Canceled</b>
Jul 13	Monthly Breakfast at Lynn's Table <b>Canceled</b>
Jul 17	Ladies Luncheon – Martha's Mexican Restaurant <b>Canceled</b>
Jul 27	Safety Check Hosted by Tom Bragaw

Aug 3	Monthly Breakfast at Harris County Smokehouse
Aug 17	Annual Ice Cream Social and Monthly Meeting
Sep 7	Monthly Breakfast at Magnolia Diner
Sep 7	Monthly Meeting at the Blaszcak's Home
Sep 13-15	Davy Crockett tour to Crockett, Texas
Sep 18	Ladies Luncheon – Puffabellys Restaurant in Old Town Spring
Oct 8	Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque
Oct 12	Monthly Breakfast at Whistle Stop Cafe
Oct 12	Heritage Museum in Conroe (10:00 am to Noon
Oct. 25-27	Autumn Trails Weekend, Winnsboro, Texas (For information only, not a PWA tour)
Nov 2	Monthly Breakfast at Harris County Smokehouse
Nov 9*	Heritage Syrup Festival in Henderson, TX ( Cancelled)
Nov 12	Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque
Nov 23*	Tomball Holiday Parade {Theme-Medals and Bling. It's a Holiday Thing}
<b>Dec 7</b>	<b>Monthly Breakfast at Magnolia Diner</b>
<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>Annual Egnog and Katfish Event {Vernon's Kuntry Katfish</b>
<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>Annual Christmas Party at Walden Yacht Club</b>

- Date estimated or unconfirmed.

**Note: Touring Rules of the Road**  
**Will be published before each Major Tour**  
**Throughout the year**



# Sunshine Report

By: Perry Jones, Sunshine Coordinator



## New Members

Chet and Ramona Chesnut  
Jason and Michelle Spradley



Jackie Walne	12/2
Lynda Patterson	12/4
Beckie Endebrock	12/6
Jeff Boyles	12/8
Terry Pate	12/15
Carla Zulinski	12/23
Mitzi Shaddix	12/28
Ronald Costello	12/30
Frank McCurry	12/31



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## Model A Era Fashions - MAFCA

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### WALT DISNEY

In 1928 a 26-year-old was traveling by train home from New York to Kansas. During the journey he had an idea that would forever change his life and that of several generations of children and adults forever.

This young artist had been fired from the newspaper he worked for, the Kansas City Star, for a lack of imagination and creativity and, in 1923, at just 22 years old, had declared bankruptcy following the failure of an animation series.

On that train ride, he drew a sketch of a mouse in his notebook and believed that the mouse would have the potential needed to become a success.

He decided to use it in a new technique that was beginning to emerge in new types of movies, which was known as "animation". Until then cartoons were dumb, but he dreamed of turning his mouse into the first sound cartoon in history.

But to do it he needed \$15,000 (current \$1,000,000), so he decided to ask for a credit from his bank, which sent him for a ride... Convinced his idea would work went bank-to-bank, rejection after rejection, until one agreed.

It was the 305th bank I had resorted to. But when he tried to get Metro Goldwin Meyer to distribute his movie about that cute little mouse, he was told it wouldn't work, because a giant mouse would scare women and no one would want to see it.

When he had prepared one of his best films, in 1937, he did a pre-release in front of college students, but half of them left, causing him disappointment. Then he learned they had left because they had to meet the check-in time at his university residence.

That persevering young man was named Walter Elias Disney. The movie that college students left unfinished was Snow White and the Mouse he had drawn on that train he called Mortimer, would end up being known as "Mickey Mouse," a character who would change the world.

Disney created more than 81 movies and some of the most popular animated characters of all time. During his lifetime he received more than 950 recognitions, won 22 Oscars and was awarded 4 honorary awards.

About their "failures," Disney said, "All the adversity, problems and obstacles I've had have made me stronger." "You may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing to happen to you."

When you want and have Faith in a project well it's worth the risk.



## In The Girls Locker Room

*By Perry Jones, Piney Wood Model A Ford Club*

My journey to becoming the first male member of the Era Fashion Committee (EFC) started during the pandemic, by taking the six open book Fashion Judging Tests. And why not? I already had the MAFCA Fashion Guidelines. I was also participating with the EFC's Facebook group, "Model A Era Fashions – MAFCA".

Then one evening I received a call from a number I did not recognize, but I answered anyway. It was an EFC Member calling to see if I would be interested in becoming a member. My first thought was how did you get my number (probably from the MAFCA office) and why me? After a short discussion about what was a member's duty, I said give me a couple of days to think about.

I learned that the EFC is an integral part of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). [It oversees the rules for judging era fashions, assists MAFCA chapters and regions with their era fashion events, and conducts extensive research on the clothing styles of the time. This committee is composed of six dedicated members, each appointed for a two-year term.](#) With this information, I decided to write my letter of interest. I was approved by the EFC, then by the MAFCA Board and I officially became a member on July 1, 2021.

Being a member of the EFC is not just about rules and research; it's about passion and preservation. You get to connect with like-minded individuals, spread out across the county, who share a love for vintage fashion and history. The joy of seeing a perfectly recreated outfit or helping someone discover the beauty of era fashion is immensely rewarding.

I didn't just become an EFC Member; I believe I became an EFC *Family* Member. We would have Zoom calls for official MAFCA meetings but they would include casual conversations and laughter and being the only male member, the conversations could be quite colorful. The same is true for in-person meetings. I have placed and received many phone calls that pertained to business but would go on for 15, 20 or 30 minutes talking about nothing and everything. From taking a ghost walk tour in Fort Worth or breaking bread with all members or just one member or while waiting for a train for an hour to take two of us to the airport gave us some one-on-one time. These are the things (and there are many more) that I cherished about my two terms of service.

But what I am most proud of is my small contribution to the monumental task of defining and documenting the guidelines for the new Fashion Display Judging.

And to all the ladies of the Committee, hats off for the countless hours, months and years of work that was done without reward except for the friendships, camaraderie, fun and the pride in a job well done. We are our own support group.



September 2024 Meeting: from left to right Peggy Gill, Diann Eason, Lois Przywitowski, Perry Jones (me), Anne Beck and Laurie Elliott.

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## Jim's Technical Tip

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director



### Radiator Hoses – Hard to get on, Hard to get off!

For many years I had a hard time getting new radiator hoses on the engine to seal well. I would tighten the hose clamps to what I thought was reasonable, and they still seeped a bit of coolant. And years later, when I needed to remove the hoses, they seemed to be glued to the metal parts and I had to pry them off or cut them off.

A Master Mechanic shared his secret with me years ago. Apply a very thin coating of a specialized gasket dressing called "Hylomar AF" to the inside of the new hoses where they will contact the metal just before installing them. Install and rotate each hose back and forth, to spread the sealant out evenly. Now, tighten hose clamps and you are done. It will not seep or leak. And years later when you need to remove the hose, it will come right off!



I get Hylomar AF (Advanced Formulation), originally developed by Rolls Royce for their jet engines, from an industrial supply place near me called W. W. Grainger. It's also available on Amazon and other places on the internet. Compare prices because some places price it like its gold!

There are several variants of Hylomar. You don't want the original "Hylomar Universal Blue" or the "Racing Formula". The Hylomar AF works best for our application. I also put a little on my oil drain plug threads, on the transmission and differential drain plugs, etc., to stop the drips. It gives a good seal but never hardens, so it's easy to take it apart later.

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# 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 MUST STOP THE CAR!~~

### Rule #2

If, while on tour, you delay the group from leaving on time (excepting for bringing donuts & coffee)- ~~YOU MUST STOP THE CAR!~~

### 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 MUST STOP THE CAR!~~ (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 MUST STOP THE CAR!~~ (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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