



# 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.

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# From the President's Desk

By: David Teale

Dear Model A Friends,

We are off to a good start for this year! Check out the great work Ron Cherry has done populating our website calendar. We have most of the year filled in and it is looking like it will be a great year. Check it out!

January's Polar Bear tour was a great success. We had around twelve Model As to make the trek to Huntsville for the great food at City Café. I was glad to see such a turnout to brave the cold weather. Can you imagine taking the same route two days later in



the freezing twenties? Way to go everyone! Thanks goes out to Ron for planning this tour and his ability to time the weather just right.

February is our Sweetheart Tour month which was started back in 2019 and has turned into a tradition that everyone looks forward to attending. I hope you have signed up and will get a chance to join us in Brenham, Texas on February 10<sup>th</sup>. It should be a blast! A special thanks goes to Susan Cherry for all the effort that goes into making this a highlight event on our calendar.

Tom Bragaw will be presenting our mileage awards in February's meeting for last year. I know we have many who will be receiving the MAFCA 800 mile award. That's a great result, but I think we can do better. Let's get our As on the road this year and make it a record year for mileage.

Let's Hit the Road!

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# **PWA Meeting Minutes**

### Minutes of the Meeting January 9, 2024 By Linda Bragaw

#### 1. Call to order

David Teale, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Jan 9, 2024

#### 2. Budget

Frank Deluca presented the budget for both November and December.

The budget was approved for November by Robert Bullard and 2<sup>nd</sup> Troy Walling

The budget was approved for December by David Gould and 2<sup>nd</sup> James Campbell

#### 3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion for Minutes from December Meeting approval by Jim Blaszczak and 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Bullard.

#### 4. New Business

- a. Perry Jones handed out anniversary pins to members for 5, 10 15, and 45 years.
- b. Ron Cherry talked about the Poor Boy Tour registration being open set for 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in April 2024
- c. Susan Cherry talked about the Sweetheart Tour registration being open and set for February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- d. Susan Cherry talked about the Christmas Party for 2024 at Waldon Yacht Club on December 14<sup>th</sup>
- e. Ron Cherry talked about the Polar Bear Tour to Huntsville set for January 13th.
- f. Ron Cherry reviewed the Piney Woods Model A Club Event Calendar with membership.
- g. Mitzi Shaddock announced Birthdays and Anniversaries for January 2024
- h. Troy Walling asked for more content from the membership for the monthly Newsletter.
- Dan Kuntz mentioned that there will be an article in the Restorer Magazine next month with the Christmas Party photos.
- Robert Bullard mentioned that they had some group registration statistics from MAFCA for the National Meeting.

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- I. Membership talked about putting the Model A Club tool list online on the Piney Woods Model A Club Website. Frank Deluca said he would be interested in putting that together for the Club
- m. Tom Bragaw mentioned that he updated the Piney Woods Model A Club Library online for the membership on the website.
- n. Tom Bragaw talked about the Club Mileage for 2023 Total being 16,102 and that Robert Bullard was the number one mileage contributor at 4,064 miles!
- o. Kim Teale mentioned that there will be a ladies' Luncheon at the Republic Grill in Woodlands on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am
- p. Perry Jones mentioned that there will be 2 new Fashion Categories created and introduced at the National Conventions in Nacogdoches, TX, and New Mexico this year.

#### 5. Men's Technical

Ron Cherry chaired and presented "Rules for the Road" to the Men's Technical

#### 6. Ladies' Technical

Kim Teale had the ladies playing Dominoes.

#### 7. 50/50 Drawing

Jim Hertzog won the 50/50 with \$56.00 total collected for the night was \$112.00.

#### 8. Adjournment

David Teale moved to close Approved by Mitzi Shaddock and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Horn

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.

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# January Events 2024

By: Troy Walling

## January 6th

20+ Piney Wood members met at the Harris County Smokehouse for breakfast It was a wonderful day full of great conversations

### January 9th

The January monthly meeting was held at the Valley Ranch BBQ restaurant.

Ron Cherry presented the upcoming tours for 2024. Also, he reviewed the Rules of the Road about Model A's





David Teale did a brief presentation of using graduated cylinders to measure Carburetor jet flow. He also mentioned that the cylinders must be made to ASTM and/or ISO specifications to be accurate.

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The Ladies' Technical consisted of well played Domino games Judging by the smiles, it was enjoyed by all







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### Polar Bear Tour January 13<sup>th</sup>.



On a cold but not frigid day, 34 people in 13 Model A's And 2 modern cars made their first tour of 2024 12 Model A's met at McDonald's in Magnolia then proceeded to travel through beautiful back roads to the City Hall Café in Huntsville. There we met with one more Model A.

A few days later, even the polar bear got cold.



Thanks to Linda Christy for this excellent photo.

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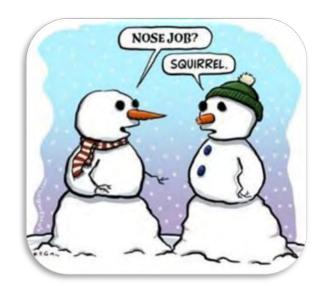








Thanks to Ron Cherry for creating a great outing for our club. The drive was great, and the food was excellent.



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The Piney Wood Model A club proudly accepted from MAFCA an award for 45 years as a chartered member of the Model A Ford Club of America.

The present members would like to give thanks to all the past members who have worked so tirelessly to maintain the dream of enjoying our Model A's

We are fortunate that our club is known nationally by all the present and past members who have worked so hard to keep our dream alive.

Many friendships, both local and national, have been formed.

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## President's Page

### January 2024 - Happy New Year



I am excited to be serving as MAFCA National President for 2024. As a Board of Directors, we are dedicated to serving MAFCA and each of its members ethically and to the best of our ability. Your 2024 Board is dedicated to maintaining MAFCA's long track record of excellence and fiscal responsibility.

Newly elected to the Board this year are **Paul Shinn** as Technical Director and **Bill Truesdell** as Advertising Director. Reelected to their second consecutive term on the Board are Chet Wojcik, Jr. as Marketing and Membership Director and Ed Tolman, Vice-President. Each brings a wealth of business and personal knowledge plus life experiences with them. Along with the new and reelected

members, returning for their second year on the Board are Gary Price as Secretary, Melanie Whittington as Treasurer, Will Langford as Chapter Coordinator and Dave Gill as Publications/Public Relations Director. I look forward to serving with all of these fine representatives this year and learning from their vast experience

A special thanks to outgoing Board members Kay Lee and Jay McCord for their outstanding service in 2023. 2023 was Kay and Jay's sixth year serving as a director. We all owe them a round of applause for their dedicated service to MAFCA.

Looking ahead at our calendar of events, we have a wonderful National Convention planned for June in New Mexico. The Southwest Model A SIG is working diligently on making our visit to Ruidoso one to remember. Check them out at <a href="SouthwestAVentures.com">SouthwestAVentures.com</a>. Our National Awards Banquet will be held in Salt Lake City, UT in mid-December. Be sure and check out the 2024 NAB Video available via link on the MAFCA website. It is never too early to get these great events on your calendar so don't forget to check out the MAFCA calendar on the MAFCA website. In addition, there will be numerous regional meets that provide wonderful touring and events. Keep an eye on the MAFCA calendars and plan accordingly.

In closing I would like to thank the Santa Maria A's of Santa Maria, CA, Curt Warner, Bill and Laura Hansen, Hank and Karen Haugse, Roberta Weber, Kathy Pedrick, Dave Richards, Jay and Kay McCord and other chapter members for hosting a great 2023 National Awards Banquet. An awesome time was had by all. Thank you all for a wonderful time in Santa Maria, California.

See you down the road.

Robert Bullard, 2024 MAFCA President

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#### **MAFFI** Minute

The Gilmore Auto Museum, the site of the Model A Museum, is open year around and at this time of year the museum has Sunday afternoon lectures at 2p.m. The website has a complete listing, but one that I found enticing is on February 4, "How to Buy and Sell Collector Cars".

However, if a trip to Hickory Corners, Michigan isn't in your January/February travel plans, you can still indulge in Model A hobby fun by visiting or re-visiting the maffi.org website. The website has 4 live streaming cameras to view the museum from your armchair. And, if you click the Media button, you can hear the audio recordings of original records developed in the Model A Era for salesmen's use in training and customer sales. They're fun to listen to!

If you're more of a visual person, there's a MAFFI You Tube site, also accessible from the website as well as Paul Shinn, the Model A Guy's You Tube site, accessible from the website.

And let's not forget the upcoming Valentine's Day. You do have a Model A that is your sweetheart don't you? Why not honor her (or him) with her/his picture at the Model A museum next to your name by getting involved in the "My A" program. It features a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing your vehicle, your name, your home area, and your vehicle body style. Details can be found under "expansion" on the maffi.org website.

And, as a bit of fun trivia let me leave you with this tidbit. One hundred and ten years ago, on Jan. 5, 1914, Henry Ford implemented a \$5 per day wage for his workers. But, workers soon found out they wouldn't immediately get the \$5 per day. Workers still made \$2.30 and were given a \$2.70 bonus if they followed all of the company's requirements. Here's how workers would be eligible:

- abstain from alcohol
  - not physically abusive toward their families
  - not take in boarders
  - keep homes clean
  - contribute to a savings account

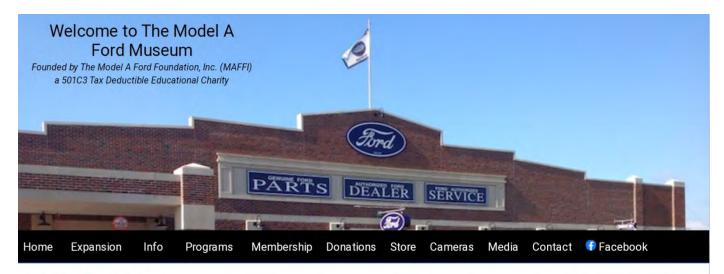
(from www.cbsnews.com/detroit/news/henry-ford-implements-5-per-day-wage-this-day-in-history/).

A few of those requirements wouldn't be a bad deal today to require, would they!! Happy Valentine's Day Model A Hobbyists!

Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary

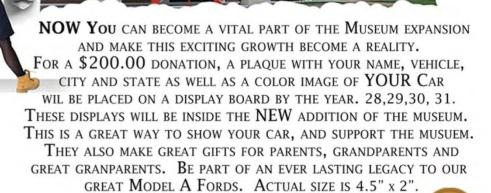
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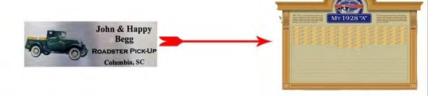


# NOW YOU CAN BE PART OF YOUR MODEL A MUSEUM EXPANSION!!

# **WE'REEXPANDING**







For More information on the "My A Program" Please contact Val Maron at 847-951-5858 or TheMyAProgram@gmail.com

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

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

New Member ( ) or Renewal ( )	ALLEGALE MAINLES CALL	year did you join PWA?
New Member ( ) of Renewal ( )	Kenewing members, what	
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	2	
		vegures for PVA membership
Are you a member of any other autom	iobile clubs?	
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Model A's Owned: YEAR, MODEL, BOD	Y STYLE, CONDITION*	
1		
2		
3,		
4		
5.		
*Condition: O=original, R=restored, B=	being restored, M=modified	, A=apart

Make Check Payable to: Piney Wood Model A Ford Club

Mail to: Perry Jones

19207 Stanton Lake Dr. Cypress, TX 77433 281-844-0951

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# What's 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*
Feb 3	Monthly Breakfast at Magnolia Diner
Feb 10-11	Annual Sweetheart Tour – Brenham, TX
Feb 13	Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque
Mar 2 Mar 9 Mar 9 Mar 16* Mar 16* Mar 20	Tour to TBA Monthly Breakfast at Harris County Smokehouse Monthly Meeting at Robert & Elaine Bullard's Home Annual Safety Check at Copperfield Automotive Lunch at Romero's Las Brazas following Safety Check Ladies Luncheon – Location TBA
Apr 5-7	Poor Boy Tour in Gonzales, TX
Apr 10	Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque
Apr 13	Monthly Breakfast at TBA
May 4 May 11 May 14 May 15	Monthly Breakfast at TBA Tour to TBA Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque Ladies Luncheon – Location TBA
Jun 8	Monthly Breakfast at TBA
Jun 8	Monthly Meeting at TBA
Jun 13 – 16	Texas Tour in Nacogdoches, TX
Jul 6 Jul 9 Jul 13 Jul 17	Monthly Breakfast at TBA Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque July Tour to TBA Ladies Luncheon – Location TBA
Aug 3	Monthly Breakfast at TBA
Aug 17	Annual Ice Cream Social and Monthly Meeting

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Sep 7	Monthly Breakfast at TBA
Sep 7	Monthly Meeting at TBA
Sep 14	September Tour TBA
Sep 18	Ladies Luncheon – Location TBA
Oct 5	Monthly Breakfast at TBA
Oct 12	Tour to TBA
Oct 8	Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque
Nov 2	Monthly Breakfast at TBA
Nov 12	Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque
Nov 9*	Heritage Syrup Festival in Henderson, TX
Nov 16*	Tomball Holiday Parade
Nov 20	Ladies Luncheon – Location TBA
Dec 7	Monthly Breakfast at TBA
Dec 14	Annual Christmas Party at Walden Yacht Club

Date estimated or unconfirmed.

# 2024 Sweetheart Tour

Saturday, February 10, 2024 in Brenham, Texas

#### **Host Hotel:**

Hampton Inn & Suites 2605 Schulte Blvd, Brenham, TX 77833 (979) 337-9898 Block of 25 rooms until end of January Mix of King or Two Queens Ask for Piney Wood Model A Club



### **Lunch at Kenney Store**

Dinner at Texas Seafood & Steak House

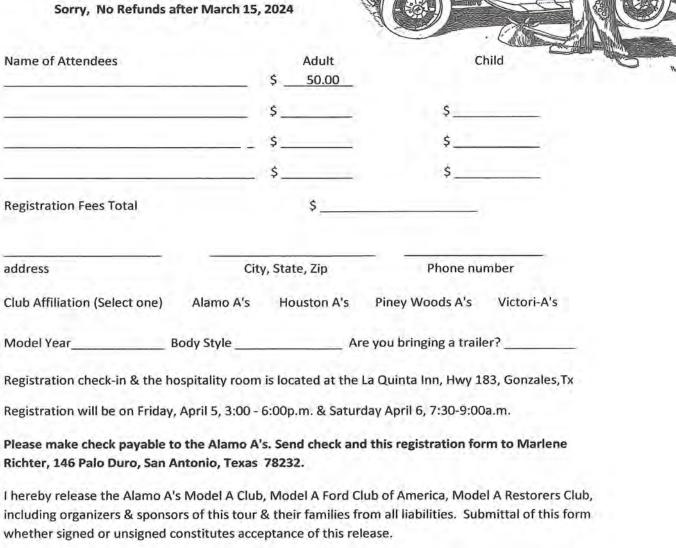
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#### **Registration Form**

54\* Annual Poor Boy Tour Hosted by the Alamo A's Gonzales, TX April 5-7, 2024 \*no Poor Boy Tours in 2020 & 2021

Registration Fee: Adults \$ 50.00 each
Children 12 & under \$ 25.00 each
Sorry, No Refunds after March 15, 2024

Wow! The Poor Boy Tour is coming to the historic city of Gonzales. Hosted by the Alamo A's. Lots of great food and fun! I just gotta hitch me a ride there!



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### The 2024 Poor Boy Tour,

Hosted by The Alamo A's, is scheduled for the weekend of April 5,6,7 in Gonzales, Texas

The headquarters motel is <u>The La Quinta Inn</u>. 1631 Water Street, 78629 which is Hwy 183 South. It is approximately 1/2 mile south of Hwy 90A on Hwy 183 South 830-519-4255.

We selected this hotel for several reasons: Cleanliness, 62 rooms, a conference room that we can use, plenty of parking, and the best overnight rates offered in Gonzales or any adjacent towns.

There are several other motels located just blocks away. See below.

1. **La Quinta** Daily Rates: Doubles, 2 queen size beds.....\$ 82.00 + tax

King: Single king size bed (no couch).....\$82.00 + tax

Suite Executive King: Single king size bed (couch/does not fold out).....\$ 92.00 + tax

\*CODE: To get this discount rate you must identify as "MODEL A POOR BOY Tour". Will have this price until 3/15/2024, then regular rates resume.

Reservations MUST be made by phone. No discount rates online!!

2. **Best Western**: Approximately 3/4 mile from the La Quinta. 1811 E. Sarah Dewitt Drive. 830-672-5555 Breakfast 6:00 am - 9:30 am Best location if you trailer. They have regular rooms (27) and cabinettes (23). The inside of the cabinettes are almost an exact match to the regular rooms, but individual cabins. Very cute & convenient trailer parking is gravel area close to cabins. website: "The Texas Lodge Gonzales"

Single: King size bed.... .\$ 75.99 + tax

Double: 2 Queen size beds....... \$89.99 + tax

Cabinets: 2 Queen size beds...... \$89.99 + tax

\*CODE: To get a discount, you must say "MODEL A". Will hold the discount until 3/15/2024, then regular rates resume. Reservations <u>MUST</u> be made by phone.

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#### Other motels in close proximity to the La Quinta:

Holiday Inn
 126 Middle Buster 78629
 830-672-2777

Rates: Double - \$140 + tax

King - \$140 + tax

King Suite - \$150 + tax

2 rooms with wheelchair access

- 4. Microtel (by Windham) 2019 Water Street 78629 830-443-9534
- Sleep Inn Suites
   2138 Water Street 78629
   830-399-2003

Please note: Make your reservations early. All the towns in this area of Texas are involved in the Eagle Ford Oil Production business. Oil workers can move into local motels for weeks or even months at a time. For these small towns this is great business for them. As of October, there are very few oil field workers in the area.

Tour Coordinators: Rick and Marlene Richter



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Please print all information on form:

# REGISTRATION FORM

61<sup>st</sup> Texas Model A Ford Tour June 13-16, 2024 Nacogdoches, Texas

Hosted by the Dallas Model A Ford Club

Last Name		First Name	3	Spouse/Guest
Local Club A	Affiliation		Phone (including area of	code) Alternate phone
Address			Email	
City/State/Zij	p		Any food concerns?	
Children Atte	ending (First and Last Name	s and Ages)		
Will you dri	ve your Model A to the m	eet? 🗆 YES 🗆 NO	Will you be trailering	g your A? 🗆 YES 🗆 NO
Year	Body Style	2 <sup>nd</sup> "A	" YearBod	ly Style
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	entering Car Judging?		그렇다 다시하는 살길을 보이고 있는 사람이 그런 그녀를 가입니다.	only.
ARREST MARKET BE	el A must be registered l	affiliated the employment fathers	A LONG TEACH OF THE CONTRACT O	
Will you be	willing to serve as a Car	Judge? ☐ YES ☐ N	O Have you judged be	fore:   YES   NO
Will you be	entering Fashion Model	Judging 🗆 YES 🗆	NO or Fashion Displa	ay Judging 🗆 YES 🗆 NO
Fashion Ju	dging Participation forms	will be emailed. For	ms must be received b	y May 31, 2024.
	willing to serve as a Fash			
Registration separately.	n will include 1 patch and Registration Confirmation	1 radiator badge. Ad n will be sent by Ema	ditional patches and bail. Lady Drives an "A" in	ndges may be purchased no will be sent by email also.
	strations must be receive		Due to prior payment	for facilities, food, and
Texas Tour, a their facilities,	my and all of the following: Mode	el A Ford Club of America lub, and their Officers and	Inc., and their Officers and D	nce and participation at the 2024 irectors, the 61 <sup>st</sup> Texas Tour committe Registration form whether signed or
Signed			Date	
Make check	s payable to Dallas Model	A Ford Club (DMAFC)		For Registrar use only:
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## 2024 TEXAS TOUR SCHEDULE

		Attendees	Cost	Tota
Registration Fee (per family)		family	\$75.00	
Late Registration Fee after May 15, 2024 (per family)		family	\$90.00	
Wednesday, June 12, 2024	Times			
Early Registration/Self guided tours	3:00pm-6:00pm	-		
Thursday, June 13, 2024		How Many?		
Registration/ Hospitality/ Raffles	9:00am-5:00pm	-		
Repair Tent	12:00pm-5:00pm	-		
Self-guided tours	all day		n/c	-
Guided Tour of Milam Lodge	2:00pm-4:30pm		n/c	
Guided Statue Driving Tour (no. of cars)	3:00pm-4:00pm		n/c	18
Lady Drives an "A" Driving Test (no. of people/cost of patch)	3:30pm-4:30pm		\$7.00	
Fashion Entrants Meeting - Stage Area of Convention Hall	5:15pm-6:00pm			
Welcome Dinner	6:00pm-8:30pm			-
How many of each? Fajitas & fixins Veg.	7 T-10		\$25.00	
Kids (ages 6-12) Fajitas & fixins Veg.			\$10.00	
Friday, June 14, 2024				
Registration/ Repair Tent/ Hospitality/ Raffles	9:00am-5:00pm	15 <del>0</del>		
Fashion Judging (no. of people /\$ per person towards awards plaque)	9:00am-1:00pm		\$5.00	
Vehicle Judging (no. of cars /\$ per person towards award plaque)	9:00am-1:00pm		\$5.00	
Tour to Old Univ Bldg, Stone Fort, & Zion Hill Church (no. of people)	10:00am-12:00pm		n/c	
Tour to Sterne-Hoya, Durst Taylor House, & Zion Hill Church (no. of people)	10:00am-12:00pm		n/c	
Tour to Old Univ Bldg, Stone Fort, & Railroad Museum (no. of people)	1:00pm-3:00pm		n/c	
Tour to Sterne-Hoya, Durst Taylor House, & Railroad Museum (no. of people)	1:00pm-3:00pm		n/c	
Ice Cream Sundaes/Hubley Derby/Fashion Displays (no. of people)	6:00-8:30pm		n/c	
Hubley Derby Races (no. of cars/ fee per car)	7:00pm-8:30pm		\$5.00	
Saturday, June 15, 2024		2		
Grand Tour - historic sites, lunch & car games	8:00am - 3:30pm			
Lunch - How many of each?: Beef Chicken Veg.			\$20.00	Ē.
Kids lunch(ages 6-12) - how many?: Beef Chicken Veg.			\$5.00	
Car Entrance Fee (no. of cars/fee per car)	10-07		\$5.00	
Repair Tent/ Hospitality/ Raffles	3:30pm-5:00pm			
Presidents' Meeting of TX club presidents Stage Area of Convention Hall	5:00pm-6:00pm			
Farewell/Awards Dinner	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$ per person	700	
How many of each: Lasagna Chicken Veg.	70 100		\$35.00	
Kids Meal (ages 6-12) Chicken strips and Mac & cheese Veg.			\$10.00	
TOTAL EVENT PRICE	<u> </u>			
T-SHIRTS - see T-Shirt page for pictures of the shirts available				
T-Shirts (how many?), Green S, M no pocket		\$25.00		_
T-Shirts (how many?), Green L, XL no pocket		\$25.00		
T-Shirts (how many?), Green 2XL, 3XL no pocket		\$27.00		
T-Shirts (how many?), Green S, M with pocket	7	\$27.00		
T-Shirts (how many?), Green L, XL, with pocket	0	\$27.00		
T-Shirts (how many?) Green 2XL, 3XL, with pocket		\$29.00		
Extra Patches (1 included with registration)	How Many?		\$5.00	
Extra Radiator Badges (1 included with registration)	How Many?		\$5.00	
			45.00	

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#### Event Descriptions Texas Tour 2024

June 13-16, 2024 Nacogdoches, Texas

#### Texas Starts Here!

RV parking available at: Fairway RV Park - 5393 U5-59 #5393 \* (336) 462-9900 Village Park - 11945 U5 Hwy 59N \* (936)564-5138 Western Pines RV Park - 5001 NW Stallings Dr. \* (936) 645-6352

#### Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Come early and enjoy some self-guided tours. Early Registration will be open from 3-6pm.

Self-Guided Tours of Nacogdoches — Start at the Visitors' Center, then stroll the brick streets of downtown Nacogdoches, visit the antique and specialty shops, the Fire Museum, and historic landmarks in the area. See seven statues in the downtown area. Then drive to the remaining seven statues of the statue tour. Drive through the campus of Stephen F. Austin University. If you are involved in Car Judging or Fashion Judging visit some of the places listed on Friday's schedule under Mini-tours.

Eat at Clear Springs, Auntie Pasta's, Dolli's Diner or other great local restaurants

#### Thursday, June 13, 2024

Registration/Hospitality in the Fredonia/Convention Hall Lobby – check in at the Registration table and receive your Welcome Bag and tour information. Enjoy some snacks and water at the Hospitality table. Usif and renew friendships of Model Jers across the state.

Raffles Items in Fredonia/Convention Hall A-Look at raffle items and purchase some raffle tickets.

Sclf-Guided Walking Tour of Downtown Nacogdoches – after getting your bearings at the Visitors' Center, step onto the brick streets of downtown Nacogdoches and stroll the antique and specialty shops. Be sure to visit the historic landmarks in the downtown area. Epig-a guided tour inside the historic Milam Lodge.

Statue Tour — To commemorate important individuals and their roles in the development of the state of Texas, a series of 14 statues await visitors to the city. Each one is a work of art. See seven statues in the downtown area. Then drive to the remaining seven statues of the Statue Tour. Maps will be supplied.

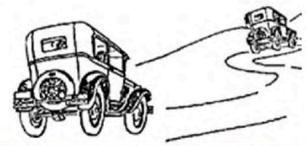
Lady Drives an "A" Driving Test – this driving test is to make sure you know the basics of your Model A and what it takes to start and drive it. You will earn a "Lady Drives an A" patch.

Fashion Entrants' Meeting -a short meeting for those participating in the Fashion Judging.

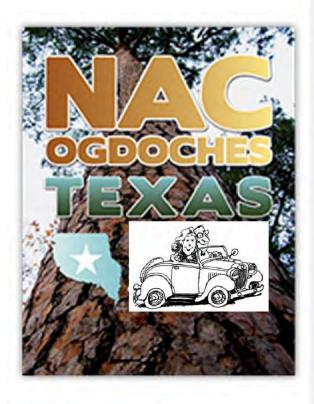
Welcome Dinner – come and renew your Model A friendships over a dinner of fajitas, beans, Spanish rice, guacamole, etc. Vegetarian meal is available also. Learn a little history of the Nacogdoches area and Model As. You might meet some historic characters.

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#### Friday, June 14, 2024

Registration/Hospitality/Raffles in the Fredonia/Convention Hall A - check in at the Registration table and receive your Welcome Bag and tour information. Enjoy some snacks and water at the Hospitality table. Visit and renew friendships of Model Aers across the state. Purchase some raffle tickets.

Fashion Entrant and Display Judging will take place at the Fredonia Convention Hall A – Photos will be taken of each entrant or display.

Car/Vehicle Judging will be at Festival Park - a photo of each car will be taken

Enjoy Mini-Tours — Stone Fort Museum, Old University Building, Sterne-Hoya House, Durst Taylor House, Zion Hill Historic Church, Railroad Depot Museum, or shop at Fortney House. If time you might visit Millard's Crossing Historic Park.

Dinner on your own at local restaurants.

Hubley Derby/Fashion Display/Ice Cream Sundaes – enter your Hubley car in kids, youth, or adult categories. Prizes for first, second, and third place will be awarded in each age category as well as a People's Choice Award, and Overall Winner. Watch the races while eating a make-your-own ice cream sundae. View the Fashion Display Tables as you arrive.

#### Saturday, June 15, 2024

Grand Tour — our tour will take you along the El Camino Real de los Tejas for stops at Caddo Mounds State Historic Site and Mission Tejas State Park. Then we will travel to Ratcliffe Lake Recreation Area for lunch. Lunch of chopped brisket sandwiches or chicken leg quarters, chips, cookies, and canned sodd or water will be served at the Sawmill Pavilion. Vegetarian lunch is available also. Bring your own chairs.

Games – Model Aers, get your partners and join in some interesting Car Games or Corn Hole Tournaments after lunch at Lake Ratcliffe. You just might be a winner! Awards will be presented at the Farewell/Awards dinner. After Junch and games return to Nacogdoches along Texas Highway 7.

 $Hospitality/Raffles-get\ a\ snack\ and\ water\ after\ returning\ from\ Grand\ Tour.\ Last\ chance\ for\ raffle\ tickets.$ 

Presidents' Meeting – all Model A club presidents (or their representatives) will meet behind the stage in Convention Hall A prior to the dinner to discuss future Texas Tours and events.

Farcwell/Awards Dinner – come enjoy a dinner of lasagna or chicken piccata, green salad, roasted potatoes, green beans, garlic bread, and cheesecake or Texas sheet cake for dessert. Vegetarian meal available also, Fashion, Car judging, Game, and miscellaneous awards will be presented. Entertainment, too!

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# Sunshine Report

By: Perry Jones, Sunshine Coordinator



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# **Bonnie's Bits of Yesteryear**

**Bonnie Penfield** 



# Before There Was Popeye...

...there was Olive Oyl.

E.C. Seger was working at the New York Journal (owned by William Randolf Hearst) in December 1919 where he launched "The Thimble Theater" comic strip. The main characters were Olive Oyl and Harold Ham Gravy. About 5 years later the cartoon first appeared in the Sunday comics section and it introduced several new characters – Olive's parents Cole and Nana and her brother <a href="Castor">Castor</a>! It took another four years before the Popeye character was introduced. His first appearance was on January 17, 1929 as a minor character. In the story line, he was initially hired by Castor Oyl and Ham Gravy to crew a ship for a voyage to a casino on Dice Island. His famous first line was "ja think I'm a cowboy?!

Popeye is eventually portrayed as a scrappy little seaman with bulging forearms, a squinted eye, and a screwed-up face, punctuated with an ever-present pipe in his mouth. He is always ready for a fight instead of a reasonable discussion, has a gravelly voice, and is constantly mumbling under his breath.

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It wasn't until 1933, when Paramount Pictures released the first of the Popeye cartoon series, that his famous credo "I Yan What I Yam" phrase became his classic line. As well as his "I'm strong to the finich' cause I eats my spinach". The spinach industry

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The Steering Column

credits Seger and Popeye with increasing consumption of spinach in the United States by 33%!

As seen below, the love affair begins when Olive Oyl mistakenly kisses Popeye on the cheek, stealing his heart and starting their long, tumultuous love affair.







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# Quilted Taffeta Hand Bags

By Peggy Gill

During the Model A Era, many women used their sewing skills to make purses and clutches to go with their outfits. Patterns and ideas were often found in magazines such as *Needlecraft* and *Woman's World*. According to an article on page 49 in the February 1929 issue of *Woman's World* magazine, quilted silk taffeta purses were "among the season's smartest contributions to the costume. The chic crispness of their material and their simplicity of design recommend them for general use with street clothes, while their wide range of colors makes it possible to match the daintiest of afternoon and party frocks."

For those of you who are crafty, you might want to try your hand at making a matching purse to go with your next Model A Era outfit. This is what a trio of ladies did in the Rock-Ford A's Model A Club from Rockford, Illinois.

When Nan Stewart of the Rock-Ford A's came across the directions for these bags in the aforementioned article, she excitedly shared her find with fellow club members Chris Aupperle and Alice Whitney. The following pictures are two of the bags that Alice made. When completed, they measure about 9 inches X 10 inches. Chris painted the wooden button closure on her bag to match the fabric.

Thank you, ladies, for sharing your projects with us!





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### How to Look Like a Model A Era Man with Very Little Effort

By Sharon Johnson

Your wife is all decked out in her era fashion outfit and she's looking at you like, "get with the program". What does she want? You've got on black pants and a white shirt and even put on a tie and she still isn't satisfied. Well here's where I can help....

All you need to do to make this outfit look like the Model A era is to add a few accessories. Here are a few examples that will make her think you are a fashionista of Model A era fashions.

If you are wearing trousers and a long sleeved shirt, roll up the sleeves on your shirt; add a bowtie and a straw boater.

They are usually easy to find at a costume shop. You are now dressed for a summer outing.



If you are wearing black pants and a shirt, put a vest on and wear a cap.



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If you are wearing a suit, a fedora (shown on the left) or a homburg (shown on the right) would be a nice touch.



Shown below is a picture showing the different styles of ties available during the Model A era.



Hope these tips help you and will encourage you to start dressing like the Model A era.

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# Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon,

#### Starter Ground

I've had several people ask me why their starter seems to crank the engine over rather slowly. For the most part, this is because that's what our starters do, they did not spin as fast as on a modern car. So there is nothing wrong.

However, I will mention that you need to make sure that the starter has a really good ground when you mount it to the flywheel housing. Fresh paint on the engine combined with fresh paint on a newly rebuilt starter can result in you not having a very good ground connection between starter and engine. Over time you can also get a buildup of rust on the mounting surfaces, or a film of oil and dirt accumulation that interferes with the ground.

So if you think your starter is cranking a bit slowly, it would not hurt to pull it off, clean up the mounting surfaces with a degreaser followed by some fine sand-paper, and reinstall it. See if that gets it turning at a better speed again.

Have a Model A Day!

Jim

Many videos, interesting stories, and calendar news has been posted on the MAFCA website at <a href="www.mafca.com">www.mafca.com</a> for your pleasure and information.

TEX\_A\_PLEX The triangular region framed in by the cities of Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio is experiencing a wave of growth of historic proportions, more than anywhere else in the world. In 2020 the population of the Texas Triangle reached nearly 21 million people. More to follow in future issues.

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### **Gearbox Removal**

by John Anderson

As found in the December 2023 issue of the "Model A Torque", the official newsletter of the North Island Model A Ford Club

Gearbox removal can be a difficult job if one doesn't have a keen young apprentice to help like some of us used to have. After some research I came up with this idea.



I fabricated two bits of 4 x 2 and laid one down either side of the chassis, chiseled out slots for the body mounting bolts. Then a length from side to side and drilled a hole in the center for the 10mm threaded rod. Drilled a piece of angle to bolt to the front top cover holes and a hole through the

center for the threaded rod. Double nuts on the angle end of the rod. A third nut for lowering the gearbox.





Unbolt the bell-housing, slide the cross piece of 4x2 back and lower slowly to the floor. Refitting the same way using a couple of bell housing spigots made out of two long bolts with the heads chopped off. Slow but easy.



One shot you can see my rear heavy duty rubber engine mounts also, actually off a big helicopter, I added two lateral composite blocks to stop the engine moving laterally to reduce steering wander. If anyone's interested I can show closer detail and have two of the mounts spare.

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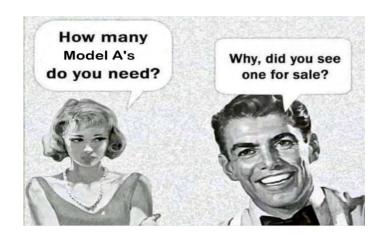




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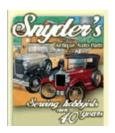
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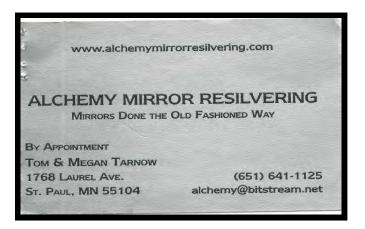














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# AFTER 47 YEARS LETS LOOK BACK AT SOME PWA CLUB HISTORY

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 35<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>"Let's Give This Club A Try"</u> received enough "Yes" votes.

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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 enseted upon. The infamous Rubber Chicken is to be fan 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-

#### Rule #2

If, while on tour, you delay the group from leaving on time (excepting for bringing donuts & coffee)-

#### 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. (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 - \text{ (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 fleu of the original rubber chicken.

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