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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 hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I want to thank everyone for electing me as your President for 2024. I am honored once again and look forward to working with the club to plan this year's activities. I know it will be another great year for our club. A special thanks to Jim Hartzog, Jim Blaszcak, and the Board of Directors for their outstanding leadership throughout this past year.

The Christmas Party at Walden Yacht Club was a huge success as usual. Susan & Ron Cherry continue to outdo themselves for this wonderful event. It was a great day at the lake! Thank you on behalf of the club for all you do to make these events extra special. I encourage everyone to attend this year's party. You don't know what you are missing. Thanks again.

Please visit our Piney Woods website and check out this year's events calendar. You can also see a listing of events in this edition of the newsletter. Ron Cherry is already hard at work making sure we have everything lined up for this year. The Board of Directors has elected to change our meeting schedule slightly this year. Offsite meetings will be held in the last month of each quarter instead of every other month as in previous years.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our first breakfast of the year on January 6th at Harris County Smokehouse and our club meeting on January 9th at Valley Ranch. Don't forget the Ladies Luncheon on January 17th at The Republic Grille. Let's get those cars ready for the Polar Bear Tour! Happy New Year everybody!

Let's Hit the Road!



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David".

Note: No monthly meeting was held due to the Christmas Party

December Events 2023

By: Troy Walling

Breakfast at Lynns Table December 2nd. Old Town Spring



Twenty-two members of the Piney Wood A's met
At Lynns Table in Old Town Spring for breakfast on a cool and cloudy day
When they meet it is always a bright and sunny day

Christmas Party Walden Yacht Club at Walden December 9th.



Fifty-seven members of the club met for the annual Christmas Dinner



David Teale (New 2024 president) swearing in the new 2024 Officers.
From left to right, David Teale, Frank DeLucia, Perry Jones,
Elaine Bullard, and Ron Cherry.



Thanks to **Susan Cherry** for making all the arrangements and baking the most delicious cookies and treats.



Yummy Yummy
Everyone took some home.





Everyone arrived in a festive mood and smiles and greetings were everywhere.
This is one of the favorite events of the year.

Katfish and Eggnog

Vernons Kountry Katfish in Conroe, Texas

December 13, 2023



24 Members of the club met for the Annual Katfish and Eggnog luncheon
Two members of the club Pat and Ted Karis are just out picture to the left.



The MAFCA 2023 National Awards Banquet November 30 – December 2, 2023

The 2023 National Awards Banquet was held in Santa Maria, CA, a charming town near the Pacific Ocean. The weather was sunny and cool and made for a delightful weekend. There were about 70 people in attendance including Perry & Tammie Jones and Robert & Elaine Bullard. It was a good opportunity to visit with friends and make some new ones.



Grand Entrance



Outdoor swimming pool



Billiard Room



Indoor Swimming Pool

The Santa Maria Model A Chapter put together a fun event. There were many raffle items, a 50-50 drawing, and day trips you could take as well. Thursday night started with a Welcome Party with a very nice buffet and music. Friday was a bus trip to San Simeon to visit The Hearst Castle. What an amazing home it is!



Typical Cottage



Windmill

Saturday morning offered a bus ride to visit Solvang, a charming Danish town. We got to walk around visiting the local merchants, tasting the amazing pastries, and visiting a museum.



Robert Bullard was sworn in as 2024 President



2024 MAFCA Officers

Saturday was the National Directors' Board Meetings.

The 2023 Board met in the morning and then the 2024 Board met in the afternoon. There was an era fashion seminar on hats and a technical seminar on paint on Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening was the closing dinner banquet. with the Awards Presentations.

Paul Shinn has posted an excellent video of his trip to the MAFCA awards ceremony.
https://youtu.be/Y6bQv7sOe_E?si=c2zu1ybcxbPf1w-p



Perry Jones was presented with an Era Fashion Award for his March/April 2023 Restorer Article on "Fashion Innovation: Slide Fasteners" (Zippers).

Frank Delucia was given a Chapter Service Award for his dedication and hard work benefitting the Piney Wood A's Club
and Robert Bullard was re-elected President of MAFCA for 2024.

The 2024 National Awards Banquet will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah
December 11-14, 2024.



MAFCA President's Page

December 2023



As it turns out I was one-month premature last month stating that article was my last as 2023 President. As it turns out I also write one for December. It has been a fun year serving as MAFCA National President. MAFCA is a large club with many moving pieces but thanks to a dedicated staff at Headquarters and nine directors in total, all the bases get covered month in and month out. The venerable Ford Model A is such timeless piece of automotive engineering and being part of a large group that is keeping it alive and relevant is exciting. Something engineered and designed in the late 1920's that can still be a part of the automotive culture is extraordinary.

I want to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to making our Model A hobby so great. Your passion for Ford Model A's is a pleasure to experience. Thanks to you all for making my year as MAFCA National President so pleasant. As the 2023 Board of Directors turns over the direction of the Club to the 2024 Board, I am confident in their dedication to maintaining the MAFCA legacy. I expect you will be pleased with their sincere dedication to you, the membership. I am confident they will work diligently in your best interests.

2024 promises to be a promising year for MAFCA national activities with our National Convention scheduled in June for Ruidoso, NM. The Southwest Model A SIG has worked extremely hard to put together a great program of tours, social events, meals, seminars, car judging, fashion judging, swap meets, vendor displays plus opening and closing banquets. I look forward to a short reprieve from the summer heat in Texas in the cool temps in Ruidoso and look forward to seeing you there. At this time, we are also planning a presence at the MAFFI Model A Days in September, the Hershey Swap Meet in October, and our National Awards Banquet in December. Hope to see you at one or all of these events. May all of you have a safe and happy holiday season.

See you down the road.

Robert Bullard, 2023 MAFCA President

MAFFI Minute

Welcome, 2024! Exciting changes are happening at the Model A Museum at Gilmore. And we are still gladly accepting contributions to the expansion as we grow our Model A Museum: Hint hint! (www.maffi.org and then click on Expansion to donate). Part of the Gilmore Auto Museum's mission and the Model A Museum's mission is to expand educational opportunities, so both organizations have their sights set on making the educational piece a part of all new additions.

As well as our upcoming Model A Museum addition, the Gilmore Auto Museum is expanding in several areas too, so our timing at the Model A museum is perfect to join in the growth on the campus. The Gilmore is adding a pavilion with an entertainment stage, a three-season building for events, and insulating and repurposing the Carriage House so it can be used for events. With three new event venues, the Gilmore Museum realized it also needed to construct a picnic shelter, add restrooms, and upgrade/expand the outdoor food service. All of these changes are driven by the increase in the number of visitors to the museum; after all, America has long been known as having a love affair with its automobiles! The Gilmore Auto Museum, of which the Model A Museum is a part of, has become a vacation destination for automobile aficionados.

While you're in the New Year's resolution mood, make plans to visit Hickory Corners, Michigan this next year to see all the exciting things happening. The museum changes all the time, so there are always several new learning opportunities, great new exhibits, and fabulous cars to see.

Happy New Year,
Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary
Trustee, Model A Ford Foundation Inc.



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: Ron Cherry Tour Coordinator

2024 PWA Calendar of Events

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|-------------|---|
| 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 at Republic Grille in the Woodlands |
| 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* | Texas Independence Tour to Washington on the Brazos |
| 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 |
| Mar 16* | Lunch at Romero's Las Brazas following Safety Check |
| Mar 20 | 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 | Monthly Breakfast at TBA |
| May 11 | Tour to TBA |
| May 14 | Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque |
| May 15 | 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 | Monthly Breakfast at TBA |
| Jul 9 | Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque |
| Jul 13 | July Tour to TBA |
| Jul 17 | Ladies Luncheon – Location TBA |

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|-----------|--|
| Aug 3 | Monthly Breakfast at TBA |
| Aug 17 | Annual Ice Cream Social and Monthly Meeting |
| 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 8 | Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque |
| Oct 18-20 | Autumn Trails Antique Car Weekend in Winnsboro, TX |
| Nov 2 | Monthly Breakfast at TBA |
| Nov 9* | Heritage Syrup Festival in Henderson, TX |
| Nov 12 | Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque |
| 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.

We need a volunteer to step up and to be
our secretary for our meetings.
It is a rewarding job.

2023 Was an amazing year of Tours, Events, Breakfasts and Monthly Meetings.
Our Piney Wood A's was well represented both nationally and locally
This is due to all the hard work of every member of the club.
2024 promises to be another great year.

Note: All forms for the 2024 Texas Tour which will be held in Nacogdoches
Will be in the next issue of the Newsletter.

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 The La Quinta Inn. 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 **MUST** be made by phone.

Other motels in close proximity to the La Quinta:

3. 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
5. 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 great business for them. As of October, there are very few oil field workers in the area.

The registration form is coming soon.

Tour Coordinators: Rick and Marlene Richter

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.

Sunshine Report

By: Perry Jones, Sunshine Coordinator

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Rick Czajkowski | 1/1 |
| Carla Peplinski | 1/1 |
| Hank Peplinski | 1/2 |
| Greg Presswood | 1/3 |
| Becky Allen | 1/7 |
| Chuck Horn | 1/7 |
| Frank DeLucia | 1/8 |
| Cici Barone | 1/9 |
| Tina Fernandez | 1/10 |
| Marshall Isaacson | 1/10 |
| David Teale | 1/10 |
| Donna Lewis | 1/12 |
| Gretta Nestle | 1/13 |
| Leona Moore | 1/18 |
| Bob Johnson | 1/25 |
| Dennis Weyant | 1/27 |
| Edward Waldo | 1/29 |
| Jim Cannon | 1/30 |
| James Cambell | 1/31 |



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|---------------------------|------|
| Elliot & Marion Hertzbach | 1/5 |
| Perry & Tammie Jones | 1/9 |
| Edward & Jean Waldo | 1/14 |
| Tony and Betty Ghourley | 1/27 |

Bonnie's Bits of Yesteryear

Bonnie Penfield



Dance Till You Drop?

During the 1920s, America became obsessed with human endurance. Kissing marathons, eating marathons, and regular old marathon-marathons were popping up everywhere, but the most popular was the dance marathon. Although, at the time, they were often called “walkathons” due to steadfast Christian stigmas about dancing.

Couples would compete for cash prizes by seeing which pair could keep on shuffling the longest. If either person stopped moving or touched a knee to the ground, they'd be eliminated. The last couple standing won the prize. Spectators would gather to watch with a mix of both curiosity and amusement at watching other people's misery. Couples struggled to keep moving through exhaustion, hunger, bunions, shin splints, and even elimination events like sprints or blindfold races.





Art Deco

Time-Worn Memories · 12h · 🌐

[Join](#)

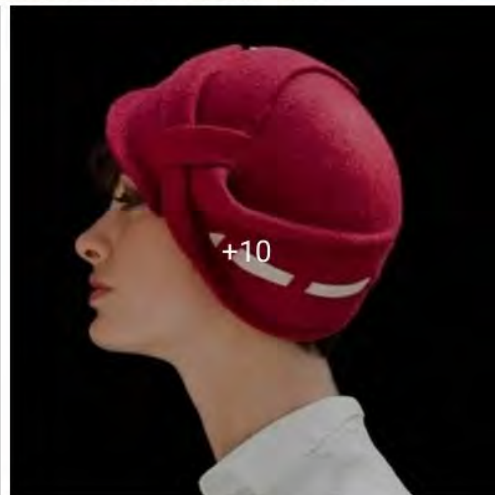
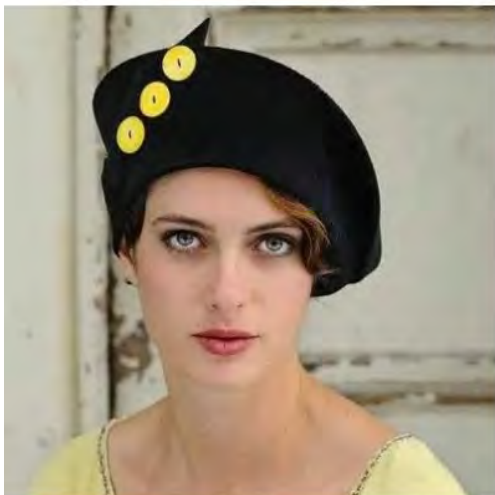


The Cloche!

I have been a hat fanatic, Milliner, hat shop owner, hat historian for many years. My favorite hat style is the Cloche from the 1920's. Even in that decade, it morphed into different shapes.

I have worked with some of the world's best designers, and this is definitely one of them.

Behida Dolic is highly inspired by the beauty and craftsmanship of 1920's and 1930's hats.



Era Fashions: Shoes... for the Men

Compiled from Facebook posts by Tom Rock in *Henry's Model A Ford Fashion 1928-1931*

Spectator Shoes for Men. Original 1920s ad with details. Pictured below are [Brentano](#) reproduction spectator shoes. These are correct leather uppers, leather soles, and rubber heel...as in the original ad. Look on eBay, Amazon, etc. for brand new pairs.

Another source... Mens Historical Shoes and Boots by [American Duchess](#). Well-made, sturdy, and attractive, made of top-grade materials and built to last. Correct silhouettes, fit, and materials expected in refined historical footwear.

...of the same style as the one shown. New style eyelets. Neatly stitched tip and quarter. Regular \$7.00 to \$8.00 oxfords elsewhere. Rubber heel.

Tan Trimmed
67L4427
D-E width.
67L4428
B-C width.

Black Trimmed
67L4429—D-E width.
67L4430—B-C width.

\$5.50

Sizes, 5 to 11. State size and width, mentioning all numbers in a shoe that fits you. Shipping wt., 2 1/2 lbs.

Sport Oxfords representative of those indorsed by style leaders. These belong on this page of quality shoes. Upper is that popular sport leather, smoke color chrome tanned "elkskin," with quarter, lace stay and wing tip of contrasting tan or black calfskin. Oak tanned leather sole, of course. GENUINE GOODYEAR WELT, naturally. Rubber heel.

VintageDancer

QUALITY AND RELIABILITY

Brogues are Very Popular
The Choice of the Young Man who Desires Comfort with Style

These are one of the best shoes in the market. They are made from the finest leather and are of the highest quality. They are comfortable, stylish, and durable. They are the perfect choice for the young man who desires comfort with style.

\$2.50 to \$3.00. The price is \$9.00 per pair.

Business or Dress Wear
A Strong, Comfortable, High-grade Boot of Good Appearance

12-202 is a sturdy, well-made, and comfortable boot. It is made from the finest leather and is of the highest quality. It is comfortable, stylish, and durable. It is the perfect choice for the young man who desires comfort with style.

\$7.25

EATONIA SPECIAL WORK BOOT
Sturdy, Easy-Fitting, Long-Wearing, Built for Durability

This boot is made from the finest leather and is of the highest quality. It is comfortable, stylish, and durable. It is the perfect choice for the young man who desires comfort with style.

\$5.85

3/4 Business/Dress Shoes. Pictured is an original era ad and a reproduction Madison Boot from [Stacey Adams](#).



Reinventing The Ford Model A Four-Cylinder Engine

By Don Sherman, Hagerty Insurance
Provided by STAs Steve Organ

Is your Ford Model A crying out for emergency under-hood attention? Thanks to a Campbell, California, entrepreneur, you can now update your car's powerplant with 21st-century design features created using the latest engineering and manufacturing methods.

Enter Terry Burtz, a retired Lockheed mechanical design engineer and 60-year Model A enthusiast. "I believe Ford Model As are the backbone of the antique car hobby—a pastime I want to endure," he says. After rebuilding several Model A engines, Burtz identified their many weaknesses, including the materials they were originally made of. By inspecting engines modified for oval track competition and Bonneville speed record attempts—plus a few used to power aircraft, where reliability means the difference between life and death—Burtz developed major design improvements.

"Over the years, I discovered that only one in twelve Model A engine cores are suitable for rebuild because of rust, water jacket cracks, and poor machining by past rebuilders."

Burtz currently owns half a dozen Model As, and he takes great pride in his \$4000 upgrade kit, which consists of a fully machined block, new connecting rods, and a crankshaft incorporating features Henry Ford never dreamed of.

Using computer-based design imaging called Solid Modeling, Finite Element Analysis to measure stress and strain, 3D printing to make core patterns, and CNC machining methods, Burtz created a replacement cylinder block and various internal parts incorporating this wish list of modern features:

- 5 main-bearing supports instead of the original 3
- Larger, 2-inch-diameter crank and rod bearings
- 5 bearing journals to support the camshaft
- Shorter-length bearings to facilitate a stiffer crank configuration
- Commonly available bearing inserts to replace the antiquated poured [Babbitt bearings](#)
- Replaceable cam bearings
- A fully pressurized lubrication system with drilled oil galleries feeding 17 main, rod, cam, and thrust bearings—and the ability to add a full-flow oil filter
- 8 crankshaft counterweights to provide primary balance
- A new radial-lip rear main seal
- Thicker block webbing and sidewalls for improved rigidity
- Larger streamlined intake ports for better breathing
- Steel exhaust valve seats to increase longevity



Burtz's simulations proved his design tough enough to provide 150 hp at 5000 for hours on end. In a 2020 road test, a 5-window Model A powered by the new engine ascended 1700 feet of elevation in just over 7 minutes on a five-mile Colorado mountain run.

To improve the A's engine, Burtz was careful to replicate Ford's original factory appearance with its exterior. "Having judged at several Model A national conventions and other events," he says, "I learned that no owner wants an engine or component part at odds with original appearances." Furthermore, this new gray iron block is machined with all the interfaces and dimensions needed to bolt on original factory components.



Premium materials, including a modern alloy for the cylinder block, forged connecting rods, and a nodular iron crankshaft and camshaft, combined with induction hardening, help assure high-mileage longevity in tough applications such as trailer towing and mountain climbing. "Model A owners want enough power to accelerate well on freeway entrance ramps and sufficient cruising speed to avoid impeding traffic," Burtz says



"Another notable discovery was that a new Model A engine cannot be affordably made in the USA. I learned the hard way that West Coast foundries are not up to the complex block casting process. Like several OE brands selling vehicles in the U.S., we turned to China for this engine project."

Burtz's strategic partner is John Lampl of Leesburg, Virginia, who brings over 30 years of Asia-based manufacturing and product development to this project. Burtz and Lampl shook hands in 2019 to begin collaborations. Lampl had already successfully created a remake of the four-cylinder engine built by Willys and Ford for WWII and postwar Jeep use. Using that experience and the same Asian manufacturing operations greatly accelerated the fruition of the new Model A engine project.

The new parts are being produced in several factories that combine an entrepreneurial spirit with modern manufacturing methods. More than 460 "New Engine" kits from several production runs have been delivered.

In addition to the \$4000 block, crank, and connecting rod package, Burtz offers new 30-pound flywheels for \$375, cylinder heads with a 6.5:1 compression ratio for \$400, and replacement camshafts for \$400. All parts are covered by a 1-year limited warranty, so long as they're not used in motorsport or aircraft applications.

"Our combination of quality, reliability, price, and factory appearance means that we have no direct competitors," Burtz says. If you want to keep your Model A humming sweetly, now you know where to look.

Video: [Burtz Road Test](#)

A Note on Authenticity

BY ROGER DAVIS

Editor's Note: For those of you who are members of the Model A Ford Club of America, you have seen Howard Eckstein's column titled, *The Restorer's Class*. In this column he describes what a Model A owner can do to make his Model A more accurate.

Since there are club members who are not members of MAFCA, we are announcing a new column in the newsletter by Roger Davis that will provide a similar service.

The "Model A Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards" published by the Model A Ford Club and America (MAFCA) and the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) describes what is currently understood about how the Model A was built when it was driven off the assembly line. The "Judging Standards" are about three inches thick and tell you everything you need to know about your car, from the color of the engine to the number of pleats in a seat. This recurring article intends to help identify small things we can do with our cars to make them more like when they came from the showroom.

Have you ever wondered when your Model A was manufactured? It is well known that the Model Year on your title is not likely a very reliable indicator of the year your Model A was built. For example, my 1931 Mail Truck has the indented firewall but the title says it's a 1929 as the Post

Office didn't have strong standards. But, it's fairly straightforward to determine the year of manufacture for your Model A.

For example, the hubs on 1928-29 Model As were smaller than those on the 1930-31 Model As (See figures 1 and 2).



Figure 1 1928-29



Figure 2 1930-31



Figure 3

Likewise, the fenders and running boards are different. Uniquely, in late 1931, the state of Pennsylvania required the fuel shutoff valve to be moved to the outside of the firewall (see figure 3). This is called the "indented firewall."

Beyond the year, determining the date of manufacture is an imperfect exercise at best. One indicator is the serial number on

your engine—if it is the original engine. If you're lucky, some cars' VINs are the engine number. Table 1 on the right is from Section 1 of the Restoration Guidelines that lists engine serial number ranges and the dates those engines were manufactured. You can also search on-line to determine the actual date your engine was manufactured. Please note that this was when the engine was manufactured, not when it was put in your car, but it's probably within a few weeks. There is much discussion and some excellent research by Steve Plucker and others you can find on line with more details.

Note that the original engine number was usually stamped into the frame on the driver's side. This is probably the most reliable indicator of the actual manufacture date. However, that stamp usually isn't accessible unless you lift the body up from the frame.

Additionally, some 1928-1929 Model As had a date stamped in the firewall on the driver's side that indicates the date the gas tank was tested. See figure 4 which shows "7 24 29." My car's gas tank was tested on 24 Jul 1929. These are the best indicators you can use to determine when your car was built. Next month we'll use this information to determine from the Standards what devices and accessories were likely placed on your car when it was manufactured.



Figure 4



Table 1

| MODEL A ENGINE NUMBERS | | |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Month | First No. | Last No. |
| 1927 | | |
| October 20, 1927 | 1 | 137 |
| November | 138 | 971 |
| December | 972 | 5275 |
| 1928 | | |
| January | 5276 | 17251 |
| February | 17252 | 36016 |
| March | 36017 | 67700 |
| April | 67701 | 109740 |
| May | 109741 | 165726 |
| June | 165727 | 224276 |
| July | 224277 | 295707 |
| August | 295708 | 384867 |
| September | 384868 | 473012 |
| October | 473013 | 585696 |
| November | 585697 | 697829 |
| December | 697830 | 810122 |
| 1929 | | |
| January | 810123 | 983136 |
| February | 983137 | 1127171 |
| March | 1127172 | 1298827 |
| April | 1298828 | 1478647 |
| May | 1478648 | 1663401 |
| June | 1663402 | 1854831 |
| July | 1854832 | 2045422 |
| August | 2045423 | 2243920 |
| September | 2243921 | 2396932 |
| October | 2396933 | 2571781 |
| November | 2571782 | 2678140 |
| December | 2678141 | 2742695 |
| 1930 | | |
| January | 2742696 | 2826649 |
| February | 2826650 | 2940776 |
| March | 2940777 | 3114465 |
| April | 3114466 | 3304703 |
| May | 3304704 | 3509306 |
| June | 3509307 | 3702547 |
| July | 3702548 | 3771362 |
| August | 3771363 | 3883888 |
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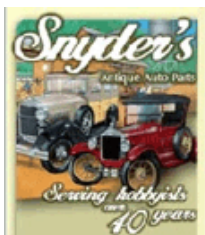
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AFTER 47 YEARS LETS LOOK BACK AT SOME PWA CLUB HISTORY

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 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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