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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,

We had a good turnout for last month's offsite meeting at Robert and Elaine Bullard's house. A special thanks goes out to both of them for taking time out of their busy schedule to host this event. I believe a good time was had by all. If any club member wants to host the next offsite meeting this coming June, please contact myself or Ron Cherry and let us know. Thank you.

The weather during this time of year often challenges our tour event calendar along with our trust in the Weatherman's report. We will be working on rescheduling our annual Safety Check at Copperfield Automotive so please stay tuned.

If you have some repair to tackle on your car that needs an extra hand, don't be shy about reaching out to one of your fellow members for help. We can help each other get all our cars on the road for the next major tour, which in this case is the upcoming Poor Boy Tour. Please check out the newsletter. You still have time.

There will be the first Board of Directors meeting this month before the regular club meeting. Please reach out to a club officer if you have something that needs to be addressed. The Board has always been proactive in planning and executing changes that benefit the club. Your ideas are welcome.

See you soon! I hope everyone has a Happy Easter!

Happy Motoring!



PWA Meeting Minutes

Piney Wood Model A Ford Club
Minutes of the March 9, 2024 Meeting
Robert & Elaine Bullard's Home

David opened the meeting at 9:55

Mitzi led the group in prayer.

David led the group in The Pledge of Allegiance.

David thanked Robert and Elaine for hosting the off-site meeting.

New Member Michael Eisenbise sent information about the Galveston Speed Festival on April 7, 2024, from noon-5:00. They're looking for Model A's and Model T's. David will forward the information. Elaine reminded David that it was the weekend of the Poor Boy Tour.

David said the club has placed an order for the license plate toppers and he will put out a sign-up sheet.

Calendar: Ron Cherry reminded everyone of the following activities:

3/16 - Safety Review next Saturday with lunch at Romero's.

3/20 – Ladies lunch at The Republic Grill on Panther Creek in the Woodlands

4/5-4/7 – The Poor Boy Tour in Gonzales

4/8 – The total Solar Eclipse (not a club activity)

4/10 - PWA Meeting at Valley Ranch BBQ (this is a Wednesday)

4/19 – Museum of Funeral History Day Trip

Frank suggested the club pay for the guys' lunch at Romero's as a way of using the extra money the club has. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Elaine asked about the club paying for the ladies' lunch on 3/20. Frank made a motion, Perry seconded, and the motion passed.

A discussion ensued about thanking the owner and employees at Copperfield for opening their shop to us for the safety check. It was decided that the club would give the owner \$200 and each employee that is there \$50 in gift certificates to show our appreciation for them to open their shop just for us.

Elaine made a motion and Marilyn seconded it. The motion passed.

Ron said Troy Walling has set up a tour to Crockett for 9/13-9/15, 2024. The hotel wants a contract with a deposit to guarantee a rate of \$125 per night. Troy was asking for 20 rooms and for any rooms not used, the club will have to pay for. Troy said we only need to use 75% of the rooms. Ron will send an email to see how many people think they're going so we can determine if 20 rooms is too many. We may need to renegotiate.

Elaine asked if indeed PWA had decided to not put on the Gulf Coast Tour this year. She suggested we could invite The Golden Triangle Club to join us in Crockett. There are members of that club that are also members of PWA.

David will contact The Golden Triangle A's and the Greater Houston Model A Restorer Club to let them know we're canceling the Gulf Coast Tour.

Frank Delucia spoke about the new legislation and suggested that if you make a check out to a person to pay for a tour registration, you also include "for the ___ tour" on the payee line so that you'll be covered by MAFCA's insurance. Robert Bullard, current MAFCA President, said that isn't needed. If your club goes on a tour and there's no registration form, you're still covered. Robert said he speaks with the MAFCA Board Director in charge of Insurance routinely and your personal insurance is first and MAFCA's coverage is secondary and will cover you with or without a proof of payment for a tour.

Treasurer Report: Frank gave the treasurer's report. There was an accounting error that shows an expenditure on the books, but Frank has sent the money on to the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund as requested by the donor. He had forgotten to do it before. He said any profit we make needs to show it goes back to the members and suggested that the club could pick up the tab for meals when we are on tour. He feels that with the new laws we need to adjust our account balance.

Sunshine Report:

Board of Directors Report:

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Old Business: None

New Business: Tavie and Marion brought out cakes to celebrate Roger, Don, and Kim's birthdays. The group sang Happy Birthday, and everyone enjoyed the cake.

Break

Men's Technical Session: David led a seminar on Water Pump Rebuilding.

Ladies Activity: The ladies decorated votive cups with glitter and dried flowers.

Adjournment:

Art made a motion to adjourn, and Robert seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Bullard
Secretary

March Events 2024

By: Troy Walling

March 9, 2024



On the morning of Saturday, March 9th, members of the club met at the Harris County BBQ for a great breakfast. Afterward, we proceeded to the Bullards' home for our monthly club meeting. Many thanks to the Bullards' for hosting our club again.



Birthday Cakes were prepared for Kim Teale, Roger Minson, and Don Endebrock



All the ladies retired to the kitchen area to create beautiful votive glasses.
So creative.

Reminder
Ladies, bring your Dominoes.
And Mexican Train to the
next club meeting

The Safety Check and Luncheon scheduled on the 16th was
Canceled due to bad weather and will be rescheduled
at a later date.

Some of the ladies met for a Luncheon date at the Republic Grill in the Woodlands on the 19th. This is always an enjoyable moment for each of them.



Touring the Hill Country

By Elaine Bullard

Tuesday, March 12, The Blaszczyks and the Bullards headed to New Braunfels to join friends for a few days of driving around to see the wildflowers and the Llano Chuck Wagon Cookoff. Wednesday we were joined by fellow PWA members, Bob & Pam Johnson of Beaumont.

Our backroads drive on Wednesday included a stop at Morris & Kim Eddy's home for lunch and a tour of their speedometer repair shop. Morris explained that there are only four speedometer repair shops in the US and not one shop has anyone in training. Looking for a career change? Check with Morris!



We continued our drive onto Blanco with a quick stop at the Uptown Blanco Textiles Quilt Shop and then the Buggy Barn Museum. The museum is filled with a large collection of wagons and buggies. On the grounds was a collection of old western town buildings filled with lots of period items.



Jim Blaszczyk even made a new friend there.

Our drive Thursday included lunch at a park outside of Luling and then a side trip to visit Al Allison, a longtime member of the Alamo A's. Al was delighted to see so many friends and their A's.



We finished the drive with a stop at Riley's Tavern in New Braunfels which has the distinction of being the first tavern to obtain an alcohol license in Texas after prohibition. JC Riley and his uncle drove a Model T to the steps of the state capitol in Austin in 1933 to obtain license #00001.

Friday had the group head for Hye and then onto the Willow City Loop for a scenic drive to find wildflowers. They did not disappoint! If the sun had been shining, the photos would have been gorgeous. Gray skies and a group that didn't slow down made photography tricky. We wound our way to Llano for a two-night stay. The wildflowers were prolific around Llano, and we made sure to have a BBQ dinner at Cooper's Friday night.



Saturday started with a drive to Castell and the Castell General Store. Castell is slightly more populated than Luckenbach with about 6-8 full-time residents. Mayor Randy was there to greet and entertain us with stories. He owns the store and is always there ready to tell his stories. He invited us to come back on Sunday for DWJ church. Not sure what that meant, he had to explain it to us. Drinking with Jesus- a few songs, a few prayers, bloody Marys, and Mimosas. Three couples went back on Sunday to attend church and said they'd love to go again!



We arrived back in Llano in time to attend the Chuck Wagon Cook-off. We had tickets to most of the wagons and which wagon you ate from was determined by your ticket. Each chuck wagon was given beef cutlets, potatoes, beans, peaches, and flour which they fixed as they chose. Every wagon and the cooking had to be authentic of the Old West. One wagon was from the 1890's and all cooked in cast iron cookware on open flames. We had varying degrees of a delicious chicken fried steak lunch. Thinking it might be time for a nap, we headed out only to break into groups. One group went for a drive to San Saba which they reported had even more wildflowers and some people browsed shops around the square. Ok, some of us went to two more quilt shops! Everyone gathered at a craft distillery later in the afternoon before returning to the hotel and spending our last evening sitting in the parking lot and enjoying



the company of all who had gathered for this trip. For all the beautiful flowers we saw and fun things we did, visiting with friends tops the list.





The Piney Wood Model A Club was recognized several times this month. Thanks to all the members that made last year's Texas Tour an outstanding success. David Teale wrote a great article in the current issue of the Restorer magazine.



Perry and Tammie Jones's car was featured as the A of the Day on the MAFCA website.

President's Page

March 2024



I don't know about you but time sure seems to slip by faster as I get older. I remember how time seemed to drag by when I was younger. Day to day activities seemed to move along at a snail's pace. I've finally reached the age where I have trouble keeping up with the world around me. Either I have too many things going on or I'm just not as efficient as I once was. Since I've spent 50 years of marriage trying to convince my wife that I'm perfect it must be that I have too many "things" happening in my life. I guess having to many activities is better than having none but sometimes it sure gets hectic.

I do have a couple of items to mention that are time sensitive. If any of the following item's appeal to you now is the time to be acting on them. If you are like me, they will be in our rear-view mirror before we know it.

1. Now is the time for you to decide if you are interested in participating in MAFCA's leadership as a National Director. Information is available on the MAFCA website at: <https://www.mafca.com/elections.html>. Additionally, each Director is available to answer your questions and help steer you in the right direction to run for office. Having a sufficient number of volunteers to run our club is essential to MAFCA's future. There is no better time to get involved than now.

2. Our 2024 MAFCA national convention, Southwest "A"ventures, is scheduled for June 23 – 29 and is being hosted by the Southwest Model A's. They have planned a great list of activities and are working diligently to put together a great outing. Check their webpage: <https://www.southwestaventures.com/> for information on registration, including the registration forms, convention clothing items, raffle items and access to purchasing raffle tickets. The registrations are steadily coming in and we're sure to have a great convention. Sounds too good to miss so start your planning now!

3. In prior years MAFCA has clearly supported the concept that youth are essential to the Model A hobby's future and chapters are the means to introduce youth to the hobby. Two great organizations: The Model A Youth Restoration Award, MAYRA, provides financial support to youth whose interest in the hobby is demonstrated by their efforts in restoring a Model A and the Model A Youth Scholarship Fund provides financial support to assist children and/or grandchildren of any MAFCA/MARC member in pursuing their undergraduate education, whether it be a state university, college or technical school. Both organizations have website links on the MAFCA website under Youth, Grants and Scholarships. Establishing club activities that invite youth participation is a fundamental key to turning our youth into lifelong hobbyists. May of each year has been designated as Model A Youth Month. Now is the time for chapters to complete their planning and begin to publicize their event. I look forward to reading about the many different ways our chapters are involving our youth in the hobby.

It's shaping up to be a great year in the Model A hobby. On a national level we have a MAFCA presence at the annual MAFFI Model A Days, MAFCA's national convention in Ruidoso, NM, MAFCA's annual award banquet in Salt Lake City, UT and a MAFCA tent and seminars at Hershey. Throw in a few local state tours along with some local club tours and everyone call fill out their calendar with Model A touring events. Looks like I'm going to have a big mileage year, I hope you do as well.

"See you down the road."

Robert Bullard, 2024 MAFCA President

MAFFI Sweepstakes



Late breaking news... Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy", a '30 Sport Coupe restored by Red Grow in the 1950's, has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the Model A Ford Museum. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee. Its restoration helped in developing the MARC judging standards. Full details can be found at...

<https://maffi.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c62394af4efa05d1233aa6e77&id=c1d2059219&e=d398d5a005>



I found (actually, they found me) a really great website for those interested in automotive museums of all types. It's called THE AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM GUIDE. It gives a taste of what's to see, gives locations and other info, and can be searched by state or region to make it easy to find if your planning a trip or vacation. If you sign up, they send you a weekly notice that highlights featured museums. This week it's the Gilmore, with our own Model A Museum! Check it out! <https://automotivemuseumguide.com>.



MAFFI Minute

Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President, and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy", a 1930 Ford Model A has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the beloved Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the same condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950's. Enjoy driving "Betsy", your newest Model A, to your next cruise-in or car show. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee. "Betsy", became famous as the best Model A in the world. The Ford Model A has gathered 32 top place trophies in the 34 shows which the car was entered. That includes two national shows in 1957 and 1962.

Overall, the car won 39 trophies. It is said that Red Grow's car, "Betsy", was an inspiration at the time. It drove many people to do their best in restoring their own car. This urge to do the best restoration possible developed the need for more information about how to a better job. As a result, the Judging Standards evolved. We can thank Red Grow and the MAFCA founders for their vision. In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubbs for \$5,000, an unheard-of price in those days. As a result, Dave Grubb placed the car in a glass cage centered in his dealer showroom. Now, you have a chance to own "Betsy" by entering a Sweepstakes through our website, <https://www.maffi.org/index.htm>, or scan the QR code and receive 20% more tickets for your Donation, available at checkout!"



Happy Motoring, Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee-Secretary

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

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
May 11	Day tour to Pickett House in Woodville
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
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 13-15	Davy Crockett tour to Crockett, Texas
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
Oct. 25-27	Autumn Trails Weekend, Winnsboro, Texas (For information only, not a PWA tour)
Nov 2	Monthly Breakfast at TBA
Nov 9*	Heritage Syrup Festival in Henderson, TX
Nov 12	Monthly Meeting at Valley Ranch Barbeque
Nov 20	Ladies Luncheon – Location TBA
Nov 23*	Tomball Holiday Parade
Dec 7	Monthly Breakfast at TBA
Dec 14	Annual Christmas Party at Walden Yacht Club

- Date estimated or unconfirmed.



March 31st is Easter Sunday

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.

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!



Name of Attendees	Adult	Child
_____	\$ 50.00	
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Registration Fees Total	\$ _____	

_____	_____	_____
address	City, State, Zip	Phone number
Club Affiliation (Select one)	Alamo A's	Houston A's
	Piney Woods A's	Victori-A's
Model Year _____	Body Style _____	Are you bringing a trailer? _____

Registration check-in & the hospitality room is located at the La Quinta Inn, Hwy 183, Gonzales, TX

Registration will be on Friday, April 5, 3:00 - 6:00p.m. & Saturday April 6, 7:30-9:00a.m.

Please make check payable to the Alamo A's. Send check and this registration form to Marlene Richter, 146 Palo Duro, San Antonio, Texas 78232.

I hereby release the Alamo A's Model A Club, Model A Ford Club of America, Model A Restorers Club, including organizers & sponsors of this tour & their families from all liabilities. Submittal of this form whether signed or unsigned constitutes acceptance of this release.

Signed _____ Date _____

Note: This is the updated version of the Registration form

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

Registration No. _____



REGISTRATION FORM

61st Texas Model A Ford Tour
June 13-16, 2024
Nacogdoches, Texas

Hosted by the Dallas Model A Ford Club

Please print all information on form:

Last Name First Name Spouse/Guest

Local Club Affiliation Phone (including area code) Alternate phone

Address Email

City/State/Zip Any food concerns?

Children Attending (First and Last Names and Ages)

Will you drive your Model A to the meet? ☐ YES ☐ NO Will you be trailering your A? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Year _____ Body Style _____ 2nd "A" Year _____ Body Style _____

Will you be entering Car Judging? ☐ YES ☐ NO. Restored class judging only.

Your Model A must be registered by May 31, 2024, in order to be judged.

Will you be willing to serve as a Car Judge? ☐ YES ☐ NO Have you judged before: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Will you be entering Fashion Model Judging ☐ YES ☐ NO or Fashion Display Judging ☐ YES ☐ NO

Fashion Judging Participation forms will be emailed. Forms must be received by May 31, 2024.

Will you be willing to serve as a Fashion Judge? ☐ YES ☐ NO Have you judged before: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Registration will include 1 patch and 1 radiator badge. Additional patches and badges may be purchased separately. Registration Confirmation will be sent by Email. Lady Drives an "A" info will be sent by email also.

Note: Registrations must be received by May 31, 2024. Due to prior payment for facilities, food, and service, refunds cannot be given after May 31, 2024.

I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless from any and all liability whatsoever due to my attendance and participation at the 2024 Texas Tour, any and all of the following: Model A Ford Club of America Inc., and their Officers and Directors, the 61st Texas Tour committee, their facilities, and the Dallas Model A Ford Club, and their Officers and Directors. Submission of this Registration form whether signed or unsigned, constitutes acceptance of this release.

Signed _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to Dallas Model A Ford Club (DMAFC)

Mail to: Nancy Cheshire, Registrar
8450 Fallow Run
Larue, TX 75770 972-279-4786
Email: texastour2024@dmafc.com

For Registrar use only:

Check # _____

Amount \$ _____

Date Received _____

Southwest Model A's
P.O. Box 44
Peralta, NM 87042

2024 Model A Ford Club of America National Convention
June 23-29, 2024 in Ruidoso, NM

Dear MAFCA Chapters -

As you may know, the 2024 MAFCA National Convention is being held in Ruidoso, NM, hosted by the Southwest Model A's group. MAFCA National Conventions are the largest gatherings of Model A enthusiasts from all over the country. Being centrally and conveniently located between large populations of Model A owners from California, Arizona, Colorado and Texas, not to mention the many attendees that regularly travel even farther to participate in these events, we're expecting a tremendous turnout!

One of the most anticipated and visited areas of any National Convention is the Raffle Room, where participants can purchase tickets to win a wide variety of prizes donated by generous supporters. A successful Raffle Room is an essential part of making National Conventions financially possible.

Can we count on your club for a donation for our raffle? Donors are credited by name and larger items receive special promotions. Supporting the National Convention would be a wonderful way to show your support of the Model A community nationwide.

Any car-related item, gift certificate to a Model A vendor or even a cash donation would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your generous support and please feel free to contact us with any questions or for help coordinating your gift.

If you donate an item to the Raffle Room please take a picture of the item and send it to Marlies Plaggenborg at marlies57@aol.com.

Please mail or ship donations to:

Ray Gabaldon Convention Chair
66 Don Ramon Rd.
Belen, NM 87002

Thank You

Vicky Lujan Gibbs Convention and Raffle co-chair
505-235-1713 vjlee@comcast.net

Marlies Plaggenborg, Raffle co-chair
508-361-3817 marlies57@aol.com

TOURING RULES OF THE ROAD

The following guidelines are intended to help Model A drivers tour safely, maximize the touring experience, and travel in a group with consideration for other vehicles.

Preparation

Before the start of the tour, participants will have their Model A in good mechanical condition, serviced, and filled with fuel. Drivers should carry a gallon of water, a simple first aid kit, and appropriate area maps. It is also strongly recommended that each car be equipped with a communication device (cell phone, Zello app, CB radio, two-way radio) such that each one be able to communicate with the leader and sweep. In the event of roadside trouble, medical emergency, or separation from the group, these communication devices are vital.

Tour Director

The Tour Director will be responsible for setting the route, date, time, and location for meeting prior to the tour. The Tour Director is also responsible for selecting convenient rest stops, fueling sites, and lunch arrangements as required. These details will be provided at the general meeting, in the **The Ford Squeaks** newsletter, by email, and on the website (www.pineywoodmafc.com.org). Maps will be provided in advance and at the meet site.

Tour Leaders

Two Tour Leaders will be available for each group participating in the tour, one to lead the group and one in the back (Sweep). The leader should follow the route plan as provided by the Tour Director. Drivers are expected to follow the leader's instructions, which will be outlined in the driver's meeting prior to departure. Communication channels will be specified and tested at this time. Primary use of the communications device will be for the leader to advise route changes, problems ahead, and to contact the Sweep. All may use the communications device to point out areas of interest. Any car manufactured after 1931 will travel behind the Model A group, unless a dangerous situation develops. These "modern" vehicles should also be able to communicate with the group.

The Sweep's responsibility will be to ensure that all Model A's have departed the meet site, that no one is left behind, and to advise the leader of any developing problems.

ON THE ROAD

Since any number of historic cars on the road is a major distraction while driving we will avoid “bunching up” and creating traffic hazards for others wishing to pass, or merge onto or off the road. If our participation is very high, the tour leader may find it necessary to separate the tour group into subsets for safer traveling. The participants in the back tend to get left behind following turns or traffic stops and must catch-up as a result. Therefore, it is a good practice to have cars equipped with overdrive in the back of the group.

The tour leader will be the first car in line and will set the speed for the group within legal parameters. On the open road, this speed will generally average 45 MPH, so all Model A's can maintain contact with the group, regardless of equipment.

In the event that the group becomes widely separated, the designated tour leader will keep in communication with the last car (Sweep) as well as maintain visual contact with the car following. **All drivers should keep the following vehicle in sight** to ensure that the proper turns are accomplished, that assistance situations are recognized and reported, and that possible road hazards are identified.

On the highway, maintain a 5-car-length space between vehicles. Always be alert to faster traffic, and be prepared to yield, when safe, to the right side of the road. It is preferable to stop in a safe location such as a paved lot but may stop on the shoulder along the road. In any event, we do not drive on the shoulder. When it is necessary to stop on the shoulder drivers should park well to the right to not impede visibility for the leader to see past the group to the sweep. The sweep determines when it is safe to proceed.

When driving city streets, remember that it is more important to obey traffic signals and use common courtesy... you can catch up to the group later. Cars need to maintain closer spacing on city streets to keep the group together. In the event of a mechanical breakdown, or other emergency, only those who are capable or designated to render assistance should stop. Other drivers should follow the instructions of the tour leader and continue on to the next stop. Multiple antique vehicles stopped on the side of the road will only cause more hazardous conditions for everyone.

When someone wants to drop out of the group a hand signal should be used. A simple thumbs up sign signifies to the group that all is OK and the remainder of the group should continue the route. A thumbs down signifies to the group that there is a problem that might require assistance.

Concerning the end of the tour, the tour leader will be responsible for informing all drivers at some time during the event of the return time and location of departure. If a driver wishes to return from the tour alone, he or she will notify the tour leader of this intent. Traveling with another Model A is always a good practice. Coming home safely is the goal.

Sunshine Report

By: Perry Jones, Sunshine Coordinator



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Bonnie's Bits of Yesteryear

Bonnie Penfield

The Scoop on Basketballs



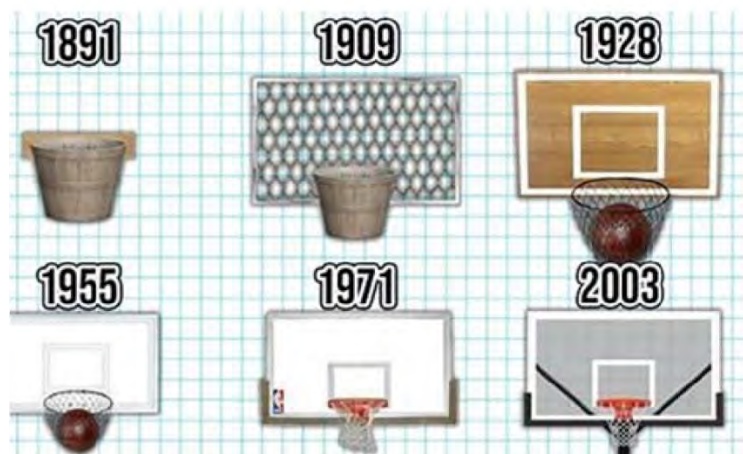
In 1891 Dr. James Naismith was a physical education teacher at the YMCA in Springfield, MA and was looking for a way to keep his students active during the winter months. He developed the game of basketball as a way to do this. The original game was played with a soccer ball and two peach baskets. He nailed the baskets to the balcony of the gymnasium – and the game of Basketball began! As the game became popular, he invented a new type of ball to replace the soccer ball and contracted with A.G. Spalding to help manufacture the new design.

His first basketballs were made out of brown leather and were stitched together by hand. They were heavy and not exactly round. Plus, they were filled with either rags or hair. The leather material had the advantage of being very durable, allowing the balls to be used for many games without losing their shape or becoming damaged. They were also quite bouncy, which made them easier to dribble and shoot but at the same time they were difficult to control.

By the early 1900s new, cheaper materials were being developed that made the ball much lighter and easier to control. These enhancements made the game more enjoyable for players and spectators alike.



Throughout the years the ball has undergone a variety of changes. In 1937 Spalding removed the laces from the original design. By 1942 the ball was factory-produced which resulted in a consistent size and shape. And in 1970 the ball's traditional four panels increased to eight. Spalding's full-grain leather ball became the official ball of the NBA in 1983. Surprisingly, the end of Spalding's era occurred rather recently. In May 2020, the NBA ended its partnership and switched to Wilson as the maker of its official game balls.





Era Fashions: Men's Headwear

As posted in the Facebook Group "Vintage Fashion Uncovered"
Hat Fashions from 1929.

Artist: Percy Edward Anderson

Posted by: Martin Albert-Smuda

What's impressive is the beautiful artwork found in magazines ads in *The Saturday Evening Post* and others!



It's Razor Thin

By Perry Jones, Piney Wood Model A Ford Club

When I think about shaving during the Model A Era, I always think about straight razors (also known as cut throats), and a lathering cup and brush. This type of razor has been used for centuries for shaving and grooming, and it is still popular among many barbers and shaving enthusiasts today. But where did the straight razor come from, and who invented it?

The exact origins of the straight razor are unclear, but historians believe that the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans all used similar types of razors for shaving. However, the modern straight razor as we know it today was first developed in Sheffield, England, during the 18th century.

The first known maker of straight razors in Sheffield was Benjamin Huntsman, a cutler who developed a new method of producing high-quality steel known as crucible steel. Huntsman's crucible steel was strong, durable, and easy to sharpen with a leather strop (pronounced sträp), making it ideal for use in straight razors.



Anatomy of a Straight Razor



Many members of all the Model A Clubs in Texas will be fortunate to experience the Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024. The ideal location will be the centerline shown above.

This will result in a total eclipse of 4:25 minutes.

All the areas within the band will be able to enjoy some of the eclipse but it will be a much shorter duration.

Attached are some interesting videos to enjoy

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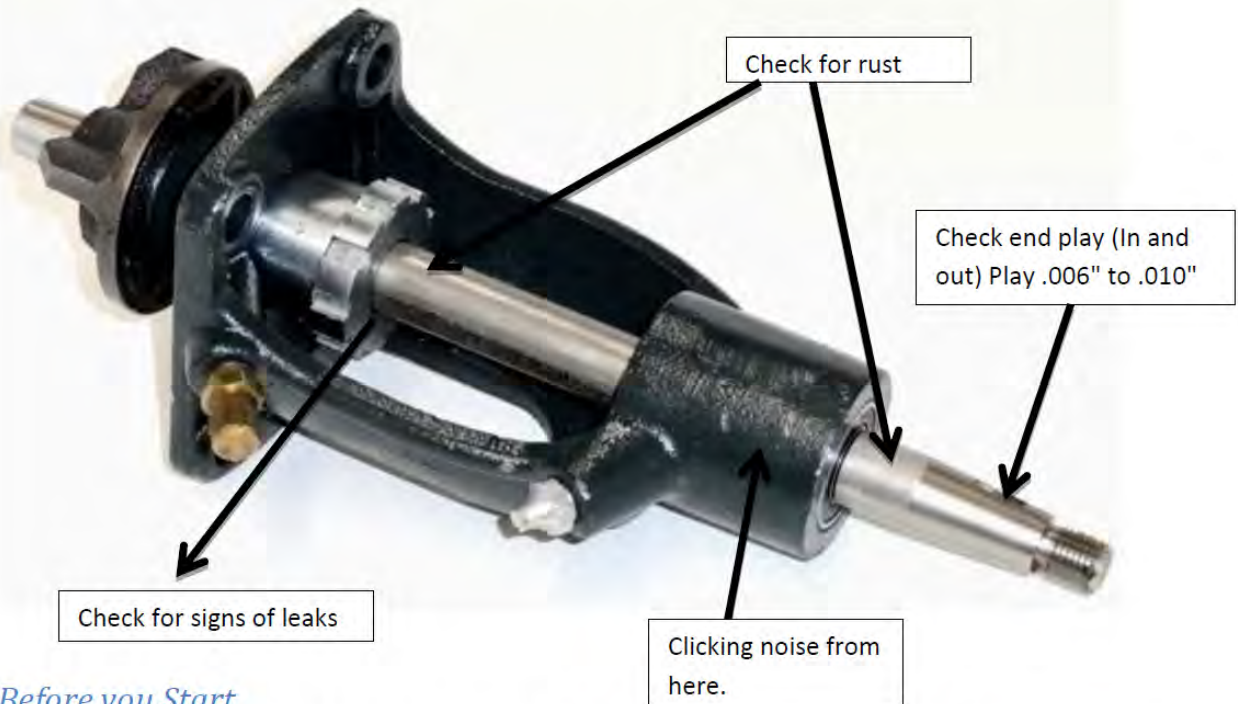
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Many videos, interesting stories, and calendar news has been posted on the MAFCA website at www.mafca.com for your pleasure and information.

Handout of Technical by David Teale on March 9, 2024

Inspection

Your water pump should be clean, rust free, without excessive end play or clicking noise. Therefore if you have rust, signs of leakage, too much endplay or noise you may need to rebuild the water pump.



Before you Start

Take a picture now, before you start, take different angles and take notes, know what you are getting ready to do. Read everything before doing anything.

Except & picture above from George Washington Chapter of MAFCA

Special Tool (Optional):

- Packing Nut Wrench available at online parts store

Back together again - Belt Tension is key to long life!

- Do not over tighten belt. There should be 1 inch of and you risk bearing failure. This applies to new or



is, it's too tight

Additional Tip:

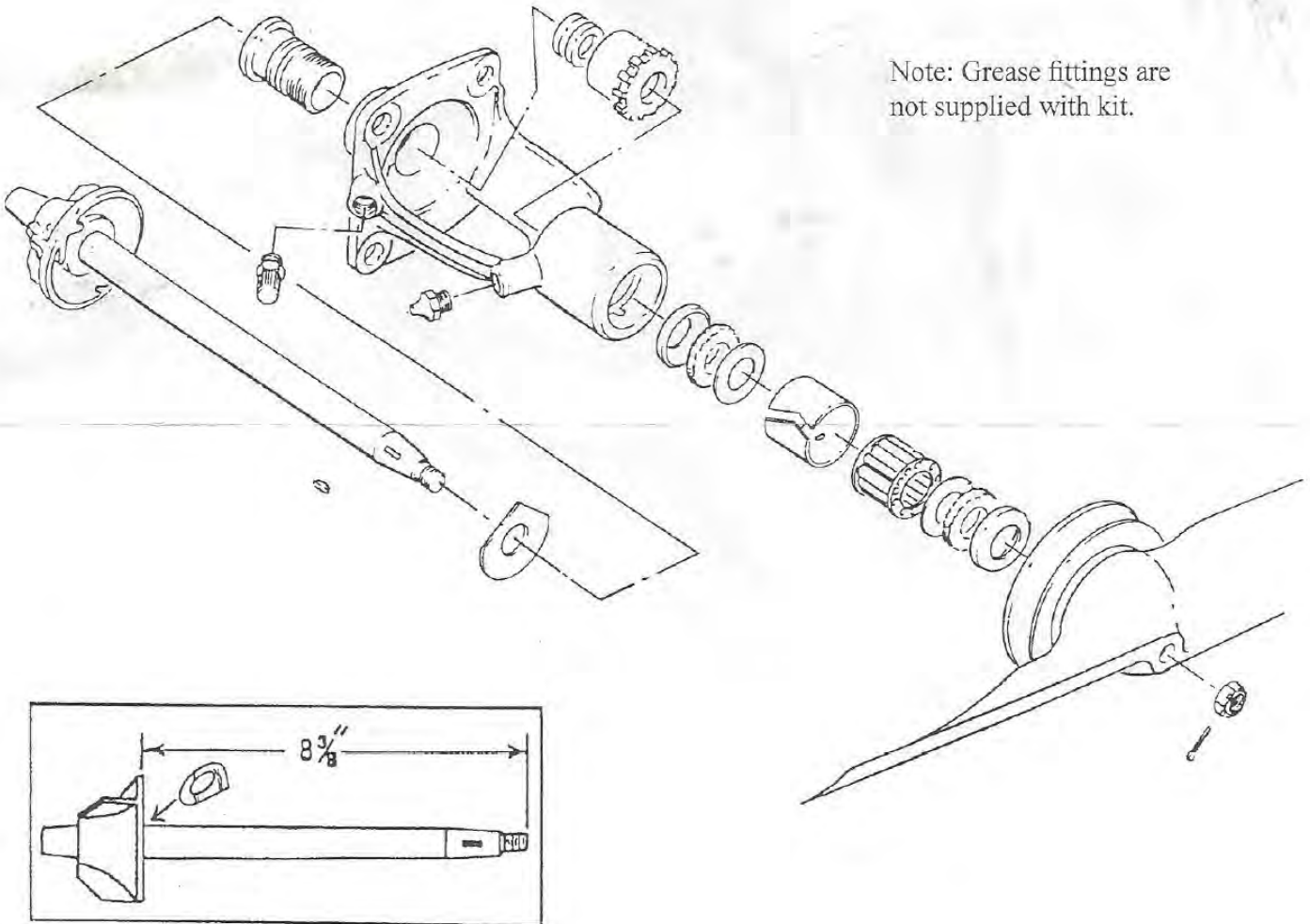
- Many new leakless designs incorporate a sealed ball bearing in the front. This bearing is a cheap, import type bearing. Replace it with a locally bought Timken or US made bearing to prevent premature failures.

- 1) Install impeller on shaft with a press to the measurement specified below.
- 2) Assemble the remaining parts in the pump housing according to illustration below.
- 3) Bolt the pump to the head and check for end play. If there is too much end play, the fan may hit the pump casting, or the impeller may hit inside the head. If you turn the fan and find something hitting, you have two alternatives.

Firstly, you can purchase a pump shaft collar. This collar slips over the end of the shaft at the nose of the pulley and prevents the shaft from moving forward and backward. The other way of correcting the problem is to weld onto the back end of the pump shaft where it rides in the head. If you look back into your head, you will see a hole bored where the end of the shaft rides. Originally this surface was perfectly flat. As the miles were put on the motor, the shaft would bore a hole into the head. That is why there is end play in most pump shafts. You should ideally have about .030 end play in the shaft.

- 4) Install the fan belt with about 1" of deflection. Overtightening the belt can cause premature front bearing failure in the pump.
- 5) Grease your water pump after you have it installed on the motor and about once every 500 miles thereafter.

Note: Grease fittings are not supplied with kit.



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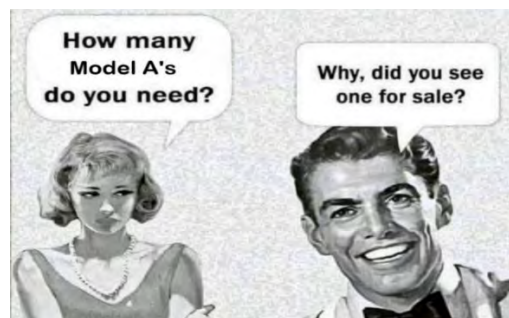
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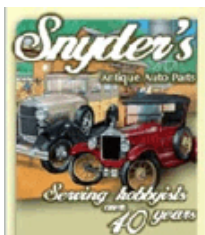


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The International Order of the Rubber Chicken

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 lose the chicken~~.

Rule #2
If, while on tour, you delay the group from leaving on time (excepting for bringing donuts & coffee) - ~~you lose 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 lose 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 lose 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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