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The Autumn Trails Model A Ford Club Newsletter • Winnsboro, Texas

From Club President Errol Barber

Hello fellow club members!

We had a great meeting in February after having to cancel January due to bad weather.

The insurance question was thoroughly discussed and it was determined that we are adequately protected and no changes are necessary at this time.

Coming up for March (can it be March already?!), I don't know of any outstanding topics for discussion so dig that A out and bring her over to Oak Ridge for the meeting and some good fellowship.

Tex is working on something that involves the Select Theater, eating and Model A on International Model A Day so come and get the details. I'm sure it will be fun and a good excuse to get your car out at a pretty time of the year.

Be looking for you on the March 10th at Oak Ridge.



Autumn Trails Model A Club Minutes of the February 11, 2024 Meeting

Venue Oak Ridge Marina, Quitman

Call to Order was made at 1:35 pm. Thirteen members were welcomed by President Errol Barber

Birthdays and Anniversaries Greetings were passed to members celebrating birthdays this month- Sherri Harding, Bill Abernathy, Neal Sanders and Chana Gail Willis; and to Gary and Debbie Gray who are celebrating their anniversary

President: Errol Barber
Vice President: Tex Willis
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Sunshine Report There was no specific sunshine news to report. A member commented that they had heard that [REDACTED] was not doing so well, so we should keep him in our thoughts and prayers

Treasurer's Report Vicki Clark reported that we have \$ [REDACTED] in the bank and the only monetary action has been to pay for the website

Door Prizes No Model A prize but door prizes of [REDACTED] went to Carol Black and Ben Hunziker

Old Business

- Errol reported that he has read up on the MAFCA insurance and talked to other clubs. It seems that the policy covers members for meeting, tours and all chapter-based activities. For coverage, MAFCA pays approximately [REDACTED] and clubs pay [REDACTED] a year. Our policy is paid and board members are covered to avoid personal suits and we are currently in good standing. He also shared some indemnity forms that other clubs have used
- Chana Gail reported on the advertising a process she followed last year and concluded that Facebook is a very successful advertising medium
- Harold Black shared news about Bob Sudderth's car. Personnel from Edwards AF Base collected it and it is now in the museum

New Business

- None



Tex Willis shared his basketry and rock-wrapping artwork and showed some beautiful pieces

The next meeting will be at Oak Ridge Marina on March 10, 2024

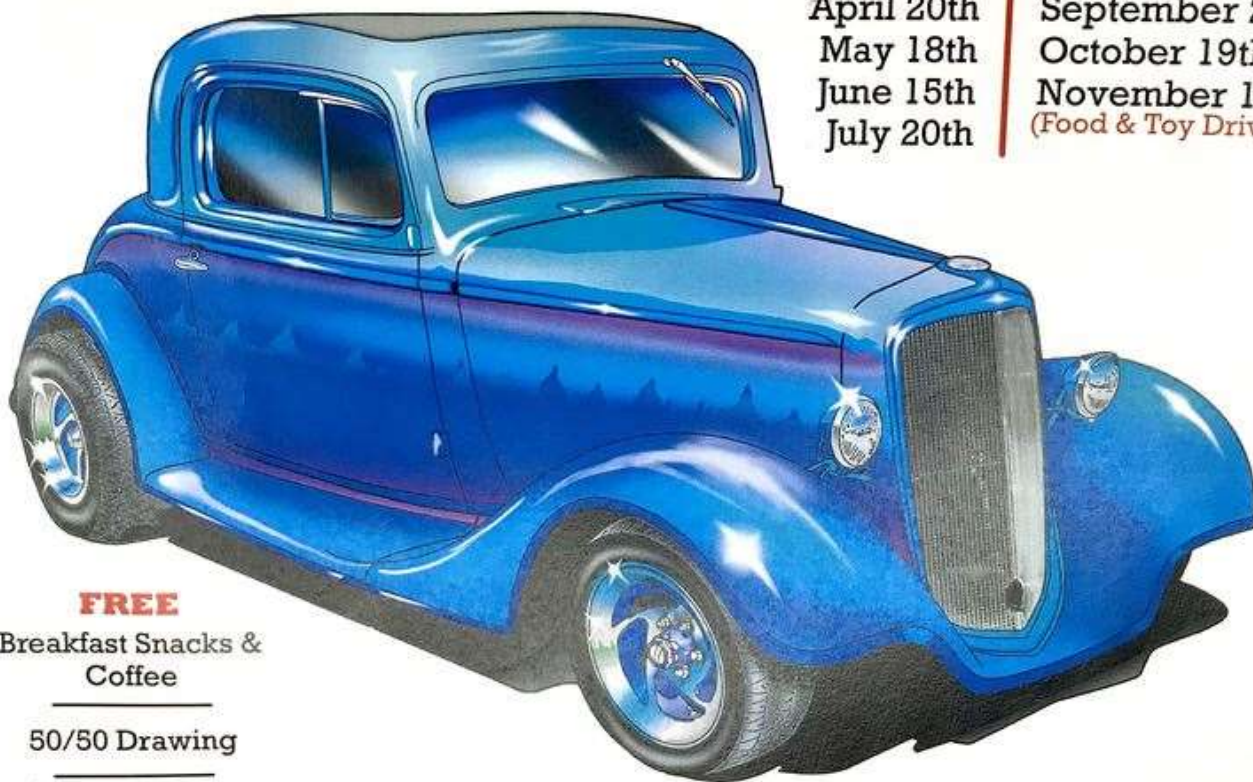
Motion to Adjourn was made by Glen Clark and the meeting ended at 2:00 pm

Rebekah Yeager
Secretary



DATES

March 16th	August 17th
April 20th	September 21st
May 18th	October 19th
June 15th	November 16th
July 20th	(Food & Toy Drive)



FREE

Breakfast Snacks &
Coffee

50/50 Drawing

Great Door Prizes

CLASSICS & COFFEE 2024

Mark your calendar for the 3rd Saturday morning each month beginning in March for the **FREE** "no registration" Classics & Coffee Cruise-in in Hogg Park in Quitman, Texas from 8:00-10:30 am.

Rain will cancel the event, check our website: lakecountryclassicscarclub.com our Facebook page or call 805-340-6520, 903-312-3499 or 910-478-8723 for updates



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NEWSLETTER**
February 2024
*Contributed by
John Icenhower*

The Trustees are already planning Model A Days 2024! So far it looks like a candidate for the First Start Event (barn find which hasn't been run in a few decades) has been located. And, the report from the Gilmore Auto Museum is that one of the Event Centers will be finished in time for Model A Days, which will be nice for our Model A visitors.

Other news is that Model A's donated to the museum to be sold for the Model A Museum Expansion are getting checked over and repaired so they are roadworthy to sell. Our hardworking team of volunteers devotes Thursday evening to getting the Model A's in "sale ready" shape.

1. One Model A Tudor (1929) is on the sales floor already
2. Another 1928 Tudor has had Trustees and friends repairing brakes, gas gauge, and a gas tank, to name a few, so it should be ready shortly
3. A 1929 Fordor Blindback is also in the queue for roadworthiness work
4. And there are two 1928 Phaetons that we anticipate will be available to sell in the coming months

Please contact Jerry Dennany, jerrydennany@gmail.com or John Begg, jwbegg@gmail.com for information about these cars or if you have a vehicle you would like to donate to be sold for our expansion fundraising program.

Many of you have been following our Save the Bus project (school bus) and although the bus has taken longer than we anticipated, things are coming along nicely now. The sides are up and all four fenders have been installed as well as the bumpers. There's lots of sandblasting, and just plain sanding and priming going on now. Things are getting exciting at Save the Bus Headquarters!

As always, we appreciate your support as we move forward with fundraising. It's all of you that make the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Museum so awesome.



Cindy Ellenbecker, Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. Trustee/Secretary



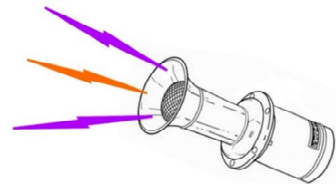
March

BIRTHDAYS

■ Mike Poe
■ Carol Black
■ Bobby Willis

ANNIVERSARIES

■ Hardings



Sunshine Report

by Chana Gail Willis



No news is good news!

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Ken's Binder

Driving in the Danger Zone

by Ben Hunziker

It was a wonderful morning, clear skies and 65F weather in East Texas. I was cruising home in my 1930 Model A truck, the old Cannondale mountain bike bungeed down in the back. I'd had a fantastic ride through the Mineola Nature Preserve, pedaling through eight-inch deep water in places and mud in others. Recent storms had wreaked havoc throughout the park creating new mountain bike challenges.



Putzing along heading home, everything was wonderful. I was on the Old Tyler Highway behind Tractor Supply, soon to merge onto Hwy 69. Egads! All those new houses remind me of the song, Little Boxes, On The Hillside...

Stop sign ahead. Clutch in, foot off the gas.

FOOT OFF THE GAS, PUSH ON THE BRAKE!!

Foot locked onto the gas pedal! It won't come off! I can't hit the brake!

Quickly - into neutral then brake with other foot!

Brake! Brake! Stop sign is sliding past!

Finally... I'm stopped!

Holy Shit! What's going on?



Discovery: The underside of my shoe had locked onto the metal gas pedal with the mountain bike cleat! The metal "mushroom" gas pedal and the shoe cleat (designed to lock to my bicycle pedals) had wedged/locked together, creating a rather dangerous situation.



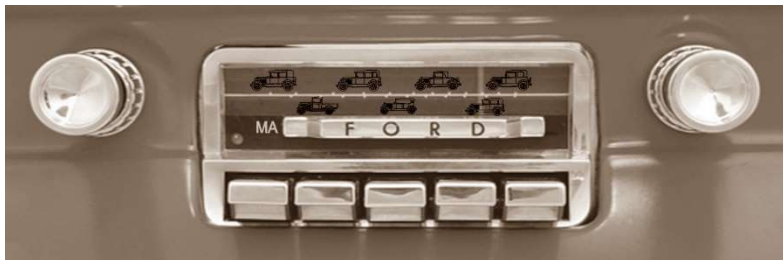
So- let this be a lesson to y'all. Don't wear cleated biking shoes when driving your stock Model A Ford!

Avoid the danger zone!

Top Songs of 1930

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20. Walk Right In – Cannon’s Jug Stompers
19. When It’s Springtime in the Rockies – Ben Selvin
18. Sitting on Top of the World – Mississippi Sheiks
17. St Louis Blues – Louis Armstrong
16. If I Could Be with You One Hour Tonight – McKinney’s Cotton Pickers
15. When It’s Springtime in the Rockies – Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra
14. Blue Yodel No. 9 (Standin’ on the Corner) – Jimmie Rodgers
13. Happy Days are Here Again – Benny Meroff & His Orchestra
12. You’re Driving Me Crazy! (What Did I Do?) – Guy Lombardo
11. Little White Lies – Fred Waring & the Pennsylvanians
10. Dancing with Tears in My Eyes – Nat Shilkret
9. Chant of the Jungle – Roy Ingraham
8. On the Sunny Side of the Street – Ted Lewis & His Orchestra
7. Stein Song (University of Maine) – Rudy Vallee & His Connecticut Yankees
6. Three Little Words – Duke Ellington
5. Body & Soul – Paul Whiteman
4. The Peanut Vendor – Don Azpiazu & His Havana Casino Orchestra
3. Ten Cents a Dance – Ruth
2. Puttin’ on the Ritz – Harry Richman
1. Happy Days are Here Again – Ben Selvin



Area availability of Ethanol-Free gas

NEW

Duko Oil Co.	950 E Lennon Dr, Emory
Kim’s Convenience	1020 E Lennon Dr, Emory
Beckat Oil & Fuel	115 W Front St, Mineola
Young Oil (Chevron)	116 N Newsom, Mineola
The Minnow Bucket	3035 Hwy 154, Quitman
Lake Quitman Marina	1450 CR 1416, Quitman
Fisherman’s 1 Stop	7933 W FM 515, Quitman
Murphy USA (Walmart)	1760 S Broadway, Sulphur Springs
Winkle Oil Co.	301 W Carnegie St, Winnsboro

Ethanol: In modern cars, it’s fine. But in your Model A, it’s terrible.

Howard Eckstein, *The Restorer*

Calendar of Events

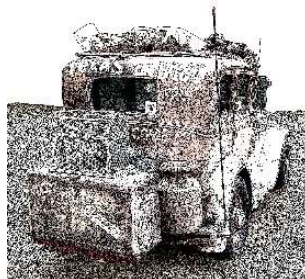
Autumn Trails A's Club Activities in Italics **All events subject to change**

2024

- **March 10** *Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting* (Oak Ridge, 1 pm lunch, followed by meeting)
- March 16 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *April 14 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- April 20 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *May 12 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- May 18 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *June 9 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- June 13-16 Texas Tour (Nacogdoches//Hosted by the Dallas Model A Ford Club)
- June 15 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- June 23-29 Southwest 'A' ventures, MAFA 2024 National Convention (Ruidoso, NM)
- *July 14 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- July 20 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *August 11 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- August 17 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *September 8 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- September 21 International Model A Day (Outing at Select Theater/Mineola)
- September 21 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *October 13 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- October 19 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *October 24 Autumn Trails Weekend Setup*
- *October 25-27 Autumn Trails Swap Meet*
- *October 25 Autumn Trails Stew*
- *October 26 Autumn Trails Antique Car Parade (ft. Model As)*
- *October 26 Autumn Trails Saturday Tour*
- *October 26 Autumn Trails BBQ/Banquet*
- *October 27 Autumn Trails Sunday Tour*
- *November 10 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- November 16 Classics and Coffee Cruise-in, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *December 8 Autumn Trails A's Christmas Party*
- December 11-14 National Awards Banquet, Salt Lake City, Utah

2025

- *January 12 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*



Dash Lite welcomes all input to include corrections, letters, Model A "Tips and Tricks," original articles and classified ads (pictures accepted)

Send all correspondence to AutumnTrailsMAC@outlook.com

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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 _____

2024 TEXAS TOUR SCHEDULE

		Attendees	Cost	Total
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	
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.	_____		\$25.00	
Kids (ages 6-12) _____ Fajitas & fixins _____ Veg.	_____		\$10.00	
Friday, June 14, 2024				
Registration/ Repair Tent/ Hospitality/ Raffles	9:00am-5:00pm	_____		
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				
Grand Tour - historic sites, lunch & car games	8:00am - 3:30pm	_____		
Lunch - How many of each?: _____ Beef _____ Chicken _____ Veg.	_____		\$20.00	
Kids lunch(ages 6-12) - how many?: _____ Beef _____ Chicken _____ Veg.	_____		\$5.00	
Car Entrance Fee (no. of cars/fee per car)	_____		\$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		
How many of each: _____ Lasagna _____ Chicken _____ Veg.	_____		\$35.00	
Kids Meal (ages 6-12) _____ Chicken strips and Mac & cheese _____ Veg.	_____		\$10.00	
TOTAL EVENT PRICE				
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			\$27.00	
T-Shirts (how many?), Green L _____, XL _____ with pocket			\$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	
TOTAL MERCHANDISE PRICE - tax included with all merchandise				
TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED				