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

From Club President Errol Barber

Tune 'em up, tighten 'em and roll 'em out, we've got a tour!

Coming up for our May meeting is a potluck at the Gray's Mar Lago Ranch on Saturday, May 11 followed by a tour of the area (in your car).

See directions and details elsewhere but plan to join us for maybe the last good driving weather meeting for a while.

You have been asking for it so be sure to come on out and enjoy your hobby with the rest of the club!

See you on the 11th.

El Prez





Autumn Trails Model A Club Minutes of the April 14, 2024 Meeting

Venue Oak Ridge Marina, Quitman

Call to Order was made at 1:33 pm. Twelve and one guest were welcomed by President Errol Barber.

Birthdays and Anniversaries Birthday wishes were offered for Steve MacLaird, Jana Icenhower and Lon Neighbors, who have birthdays in April; and to the Parrishes who celebrate their wedding anniversary later this month

Sunshine Report While there as no formal report, Errol was pleased to announce that he has been making excellent progress since his hip replacement

President:	Errol Barber
Vice President:	Tex Willis
Treasurer:	Vicki Clark members
Secretary:	Rebekah Yeager
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Treasurer's Report Vicki Clark reported that we have ██████ in the bank. There were no outgoing expenses this month



Text to Vicki: If I don't win a door prize this month, I'll never serve as Autumn Trails President again!!

Door Prizes ██████ – Rebekah Yeager ██████ – Glen Clark ██████ – John Icenhower

Old Business

- Gary reminded us that the Cars and Coffee on the third Saturday of each month has moved to Governor Jim Hogg Park and runs from 8:00 am-10:30 am

New Business

- Dan Parrish reminded members of the upcoming swap meet at Pate—it is the largest swap meet for old car parts and there will be lots of Model A parts to find. There is a parking charge but admission is free. The show starts on April 24
- Gary Gray reported that Lake Fork Baptist Church was having their annual fish fry and wild game fundraising dinner on April 20 and they were looking for old cars and drivers to park in the parking lot from 3:30 pm. They have a good number of free dinner tickets to hand out to participants. Otherwise, dinner is \$10 per person
- Dan Parrish raised the idea of a tour and it was suggested that perhaps he would like to organize one. Once he has set it up, he will let people know

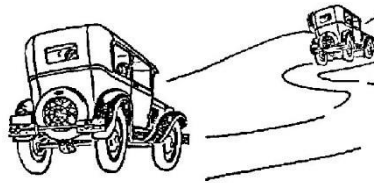
The next meeting will be at the home of Gary and Debbie Gray on Saturday, May 11 (Sunday is Mother's Day and many have plans with loved ones). It was decided to do burgers and hotdogs with members bringing side dishes or desserts. Glen Clark made a motion that the club could pay for the meat and this was seconded by John Yeager, and approved by all members. There will be a short tour after the meeting

Motion to Adjourn was proposed by John Icenhower and seconded by Errol Barber. The meeting closed at 1:54 pm

Rebekah Yeager
Secretary



Text to Debbie: Get out the mower and hedge clippers... we've got company coming!





**MAFFI
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NEWSLETTER**
April 2024
*Contributed by
John Icenhower*

Now you can shop from the comfort of your home for wearing apparel and home décor specific to YOUR Model A and help the museum out in the process!

MAFFI has paired with a company that provides a variety of Model A products that can be customized! to your Model A/year. Or if you prefer, the merchandise can have the MAFFI logo on it. You can buy t-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, aprons, and hats to wear. Or, if your home or shop need some Model A décor you can buy wall art or a clock and more . . .



The company that we partnered with takes the orders on-line with credit cards and ships your custom order to your home. MAFFI gets 10% of the proceeds from each sale, so you are helping the museum every time you shop and getting great products.

It's easy: go to the MAFFI.org website, click on Store and you will be rerouted to the ModelAtshirt store. It is important to shop by going through the MAFFI website though. It's the only way our partner knows to give us 10% of the sale. If you go directly to the ModelAtshirt website, staff don't know you are a MAFFI customer and you pay the same price, but the museum doesn't get anything.

We know not everyone can get to Hickory Corners, MI to buy Model A merchandise; now you can shop Model A items 24/7 year around! And with Mother's and Father's Day around the corner, we've just made shopping a bit easier for the Model A enthusiasts in your life. The accompanying pictures are some of my purchases; I guess you know what I drive for a Model A!

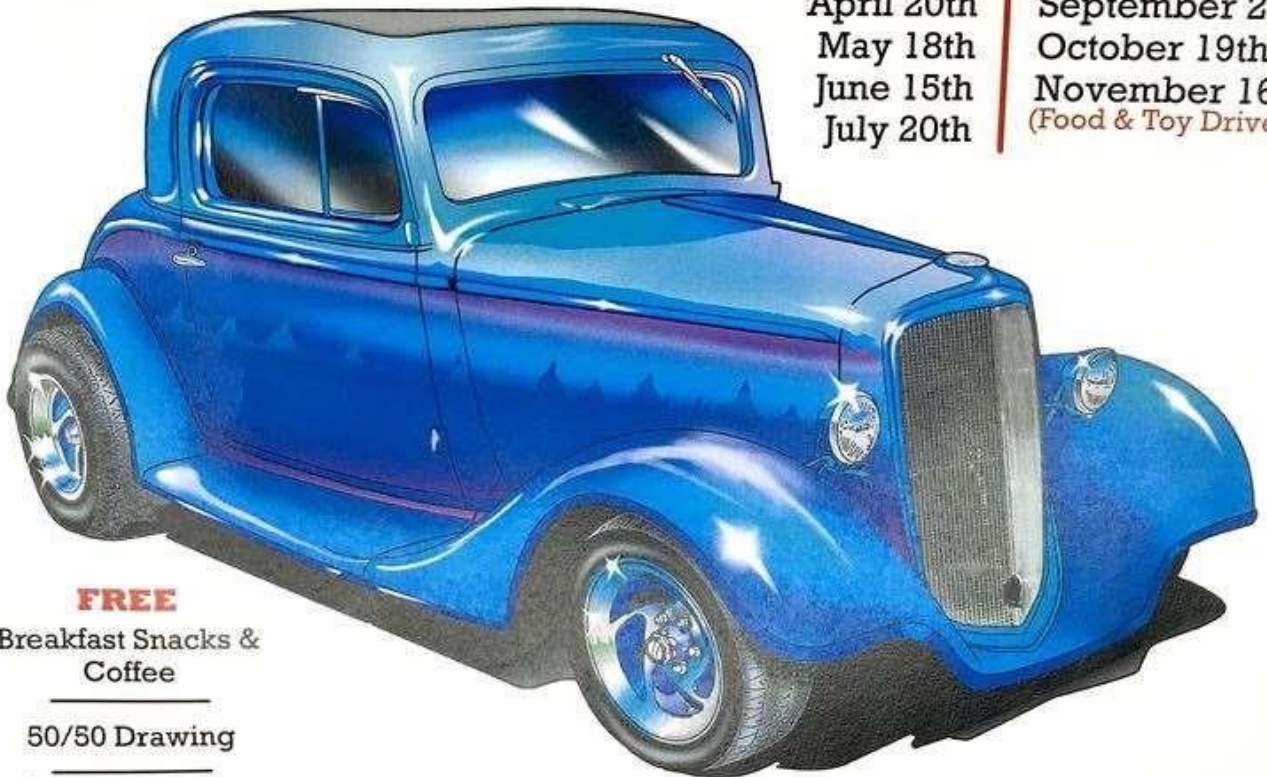


Cindy Ellenbecker, Trustee/Secretary for MAFFI



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

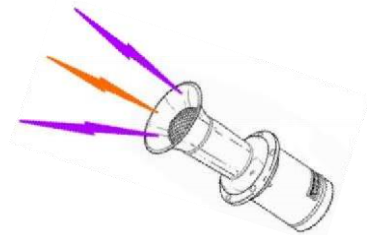
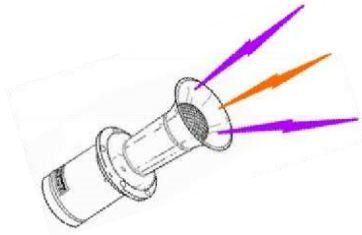


May

BIRTHDAYS

14 Brenda Buck

30 PJ Poe



Area availability of Ethanol-Free gas

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| 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 |
| NEW | Jackson Oil Company | 310 W 15 th St, Mount Pleasant |
| | 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

Autumn Trails Model A Club May Meeting

Burgers & Dogs at Chez Grays



Saturday, May 11 at 12 noon

1905 RS CR 2250, Alba (2 miles south of Hwy 69, between Emory and Alba)

Répondez s'il vous plaît
(that's NOT French for bring your own plate)

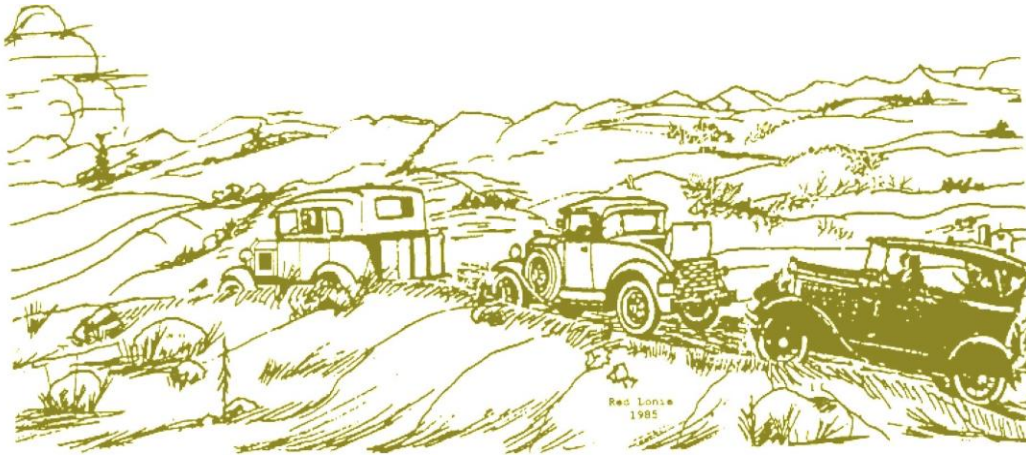
ggray5908@sbcglobal.net

214-558-4844

(please call, email or text to let them know you plan to come)

Bring a side dish or dessert
Bring your Model A

Lunch will be followed by a short tour



Ken's Binder

FIND TOP DEAD CENTER THE EASY WAY by Ralph Knoph, Highland, Indiana

Have you ever noticed that when Model "A's" get together, somebody usually has to work on a distributor or reset the timing? They get out the crank or tug on the fan to turn the engine over to T.D.C. on number one cylinder.

All Model "A" books that I have read say to invert the timing pin and use the crank to turn the engine to T.D.C. I have never been able to do this by myself. So I found a better way...

1. Put the car in neutral
2. Remove distributor cap (not the distributor body)
3. Turn engine over with starter until the rotor aligns with the number one peg in the distributor body
4. Insert timing pin in front cover
5. Put the car in third gear
6. Put the index finger of your left hand on the pin and your right hand on the right front tire (it helps to rest your belly on the right front fender). Now rock the right front tire forward and then back and you will feel the timing pin pump in and out of the little hole in the camshaft timing gear. You can watch

the rotor to see if you go too far in either direction. When you feel you have it right in the hole, you can put the car back in neutral.

After showing several people this method of finding T.D.C., I have heard comments like, “Why didn’t I think of that?” or “Boy, that’s easier than that darn crank.”

From the Script A News

Calendar of Events

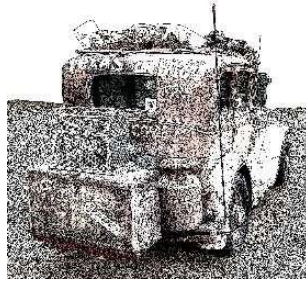
Autumn Trails A’s Club Activities in Italics All events subject to change

2024

- May 11 Autumn Trails A’s Club Meeting (Hosted by Gary & Debbie, see announcement)
- May 18 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- 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, MAFCA 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



- February 9 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting
- March 9 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting
- March 15 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- April 13 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting



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