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# Dash Lite

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

*From Club President Tex Willis*

Greetings and Salutations fellow Masters of Model A Mechanics and Damsels of Fashion and Design!

Whew-wee! What a Summer. I'm afraid to get my Model A out because I don't want my tires to melt! I'm planning a trip to Colorado where things are a little cooler, but I am waiting on a call, so I don't know if I will be at the meeting or not. As soon as this friend hits the "Go" button, he will need help setting forms and pouring concrete.



The August meeting has been moved to Saturday, August 9. We will be touring the Oaklea Mansion in Winnsboro, then having lunch at Havens Café in downtown Winnsboro. We'll have a meeting there.

It isn't too early to start thinking about Autumn Trails! Keep Thursday, Oct 23rd open for setting up the flea market spaces and decorating the Civic Center. This is our fundraiser for the year so we will have money to operate and provide scholarships!

Keep your grease fittings lubed, air in your tires, and by all means, remember to turn your gas valve on before you pull out of the gas station!

-Tex Willis



## Autumn Trails Model A Club Minutes of the July 13, 2025 Meeting

**Venue** Oak Ridge Marina

**Call to Order** was called by Vice President Gary Gray. We had a small group of members and no Model As driven. Gary welcomed everyone for coming

**Birthdays and Anniversaries** Birthday greetings were given this month to Kay Barber (1), Ken Parker (3), Debbie Gray (5) and Lanny Buck (20)

President: Tex Willis  
Vice President: Gary Gray  
Treasurer: Vicki Clark  
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**Sunshine Report** Ken Parker [REDACTED]; Harold Black [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Neal Sanders [REDACTED]

**Treasurer's Report** Vicki Clark reported that we have [REDACTED] the account. The Autumn Trails packets have been mailed out to all the clubs

**Door Prizes** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] won \$5 each

### Old Business

- The Texas State Tour report was shared in the Dash Lite. Looks like it was a good time
- The August Meeting will be on Saturday, August 9 at the Oaklea Mansion in Winnsboro at 11:00 am. Please drive your A and join the Tyler Club on a tour of the bed and breakfast. We will go to lunch at Havens in downtown Winnsboro after the Tour
- Saturday, September 13 is Drive a Model A Day. We will meet at the Select Theater in Mineola for a Jimmy Stewart movie

### New Business

- Dan Parrish is working on a driving tour for the fall in and around the Emory area

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Glen Clark and the meeting was closed

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Clark, Treasurer  
(filling in for) Rebekah Yeager  
Secretary





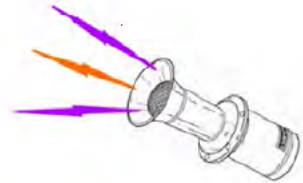
## August

### BIRTHDAYS

■ Bob Gray  
■ Ellen Menconi

### ANNIVERSARIES

■ John & Jana Icenhower



## Sunshine Report

by Jana Icenhower



Harold Black is in Arizona at the Mayo Clinic. They found a spot of cancer on his lung. He and Carol are staying there for a couple of weeks. His cancer is stage one and he is confident they will take care of it. Glen called him and he called Glen back and left a detailed message. After they leave Arizona, they will come back to Mineola.

Ken Parker is having health problems. Glen is going to check on him and let me know.

**Jana Icenhower**  
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### *Area availability of Ethanol-Free gas*

Duko Oil Co.	950 E Lennon Dr, Emory
Kim's Convenience	1020 E Lennon Dr, Emory
Beckat Oil & Fuel	115 W Front St, Mineola
Murphy USA (Walmart)	131 NE Loop 564, Mineola
Young Oil (Chevron)	116 N Newsom, Mineola
Jackson Oil Company	310 W 15 <sup>th</sup> 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*

Find more ethanol-free gas stations at [www.pure-gas.org](http://www.pure-gas.org)



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*Contributed by  
John Icenhower*

**SOME MODEL A HISTORY**

This month I thought I'd share a bit of the history to be found in the museum at Hickory Corners, where the very first Model A is housed --to whet your appetite to visit and see ALL the history found there along with the completed museum expansion. Model A Days are September 18-20, 2025. Join us!!

*"The first Model A" Serial Number:*

*1, 1928 Ford Model A Tudor*

*changed to a Phaeton Motor: 4*

*Cylinder, 201 CID, 40 HP Brakes:*

*Mechanical Transmission: 3 Speed*

*Manual non synchronized Body:*

*Ford Motor Company Maximum*

*Passengers: 5 6 Volt Battery*

*w/positive ground Tire Size: 450-21*

*Fuel Capacity: 10 Gal. Gasoline*

*Weight: 2,212# Cost new: Gift*



This car is the first 1928 Ford Model A produced. It was assembled on October 20, 1927 and given to Henry Ford's best friend Thomas Edison. It was originally a Tudor Sedan and Thomas preferred an open car. Henry had the Tudor body replaced with a Phaeton body. Outside door handles were not produced for the early Model A cars. With the existing changes to the car, a restoration process was never attempted. Photos of Henry stamping number 1 on the engine are available.

Henry Ford told Thomas Edison that his name would always be with the Ford name and in the logo for Ford, the cross in the letter F forms a letter T in the distance. The swirl on the end of the cross forms the top of the letter E with the letter O forming the bottom of the letter E.

Cindy Ellenbecker  
MAFFI Trustee and Secretary





# THE DASH LITE



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AUTUMN TRAILS A's  
Chapter

Model A Ford Club of America

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## REPRISAL: AUTUMN TRAILS OF YESTERYEAR - 1991

The newly re-activated Autumn Trails A's had its first meeting at the Trails Country Restaurant on Saturday, August 24. Twenty-one members were in attendance and a great breakfast was enjoyed by most of those attending. A good meal is always made better when it is shared by and with friends.

A short business meeting included:

The next regular meeting will be September 8. (this date was selected to avoid family plans for the Labor Day holiday) The regular meetings thereafter (voted on by those in attendance) will be the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 P.M. The meeting place will vary each month and will be noted in the news letter. It was decided that most monthly meeting will include a "dutch-style" meal (optional) and a short tour.

Autumn Trails 1991 preparation was discussed and booklets were handed out.

Eight MODEL A's left Winnsboro for the Pittsburg Pioneer Days Festival Centennial parade in which antique and classic cars alike participated. Antique shopping, good eats, shade-tree visiting and "tire kicking" made for a great day.

Next meeting will be Sunday, September 8. All members are urged to meet at the Autumn Trails Headquarters on Highway 11 at 2 P.M. From there we will tour through Quitman and on to Lake Fork for Bar-B-Q at Big Boys and the monthly meeting. Remember, it is your choice if you want to eat or not.

New members: Wilbur Hill

J.D. & Kitty Moore



Ya'll Come and bring someone with you and lets make up for lost time. The weather should be getting cooler and a good time can be had by all.

Spread the word !!!!!

Thanks,

*Lon*  
Lon



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

JOIN

**THE AUTUMN TRAILS MODEL A CLUB**

AND

**THE TYLER MODEL A CLUB**

AT

**THE HISTORIC SELECT THEATRE IN MINEOLA**

*"ONE OF THE OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING THEATERS IN TEXAS"*

**TO CELEBRATE  
INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY  
TIME: TBD**

**DRIVE YOUR A!**





## DATES

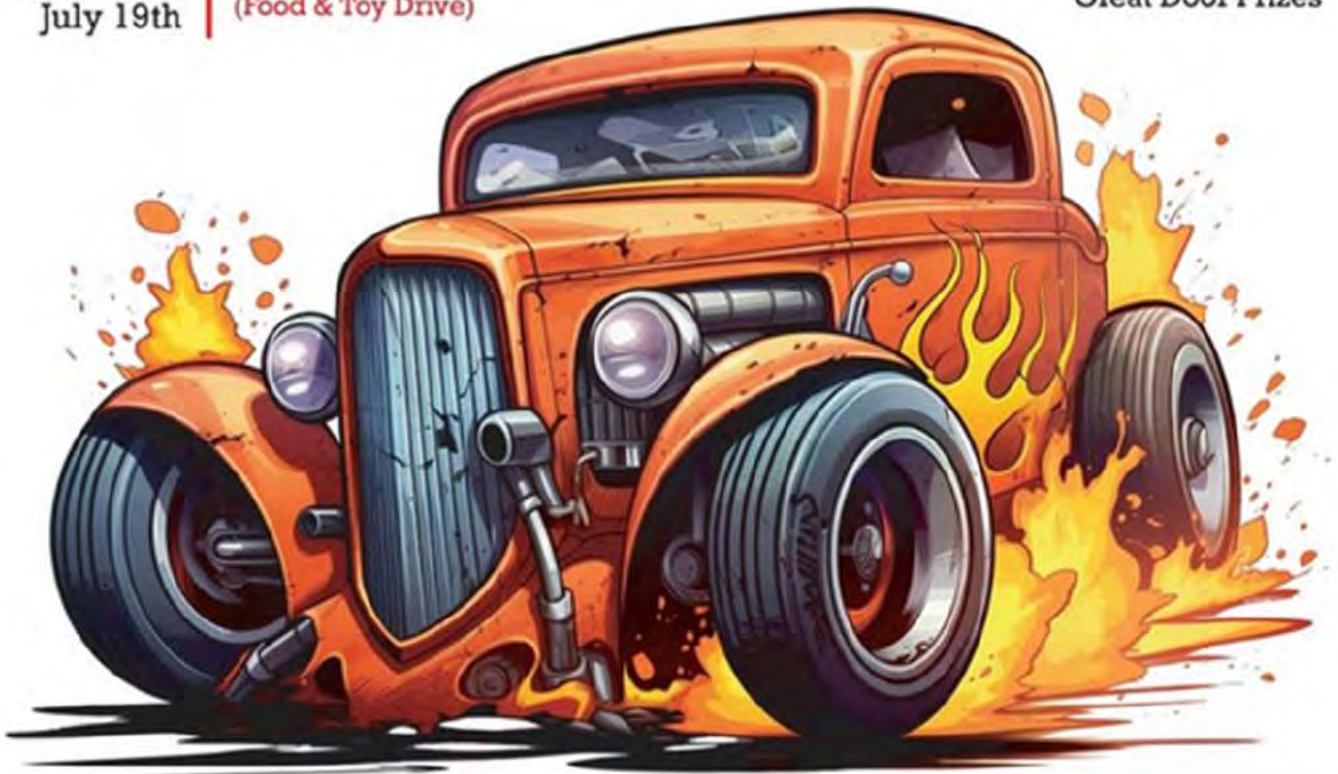
March 15th	August 16th
April 19th	September 20th
May 17th	October 18th
June 21st	November 15th
July 19th	(Food & Toy Drive)

## FREE

Breakfast Snacks &  
Coffee

50/50 Drawing

Great Door Prizes



# CLASSICS & COFFEE 2025

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

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

Our July show had 42 Classic Cars and Trucks downtown on a beautiful day.

*Come join us for the next Classics and Coffee on August 16, 2025*



## Calendar of Events

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

### 2025

- **August 9**     ***Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*** (Oaklea Mansion, Winnsboro, 11:00 am)
- August 16     Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- September 13 International Model A Ford Day
- *September 13 Movie at Select Theater (followed by Ice Cream at Grandma Clede's)*
- *September 14 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- September 20 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *October 12     Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- October 18     Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *October 24-26 Autumn Trails Swap Meet*
- *October 24     Autumn Trails Stew*
- *October 25     Autumn Trails Antique Car Parade (ft. Model A's)*
- *October 25     Autumn Trails BBQ*
- *October 26     Autumn Trails Sunday Tour*
- *November 9     Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- November 15 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman (Food and Toy Drive)
- *December     Autumn Trails Christmas Party (Venue & Date TBD)*

### 2026

- *January 11     Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- *February 8     Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- *March 8        Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- March 21     Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *April 12        Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- April 18     Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *May 10         Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- May 23     Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- June 11-14   63<sup>rd</sup> Model A Ford Texas Tour (Hosted by Ft. Worth, Mineral Wells)
- *June 14         Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- June 21     Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *July 12         Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*



# 63rd MODEL "A" FORD TEXAS TOUR



THE  
**CRAZY**  
WATER | HOTEL

Hosted by the Fort Worth Model "A" Ford Club

**June 11-14, 2026**



**Host hotel & event venue: 940-325-4605**

**THE CRAZY WATER HOTEL**

**Promo code: MODELA2026**

- DBL QUEEN: \$170
- QUEEN SUITES: \$150 - \$180
- KING SUITES: \$170 - \$190
- 2 BEDROOM SUITES: \$190
- KING HOSP. SUITES: \$300
- PRES. SUITE: \$350

**"Suite" style rooms include a full kitchen & living area**

**-DISCOUNTED RATES ON WEDNESDAY FOR EARLY BIRD ARRIVALS**

**-RATES ARE PER NIGHT + TAXES & FEES**

**Other lodging: Red Lion Inn**

**940-325-7829    \$115/night + taxes & fees**