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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!

Wow! What a great Autumn Trails this year! Folks complimented our club from the stew all the way until the Sunday tour! The rain may have kept some folks away, but we had a good parade and Sunday tour, and I believe we sold enough Trades Day spots to make a little money!

Thanks to the Gail Bain crew for the stew, everybody that came out for setting up the Trades Day and Civic Center and Chana Gail for the chili at the Sunday tour potty and snack break. Oh, and thanks to Vicki with running the Trades Day, coordinating the Saturday banquet and setting up at the stew to pass out registrations!



In the Saturday parade, we had 47 Model A's (actually 49 started, but two dropped out due to mechanical issues), and 45 "other" cars. It is funny to me how a little rain doesn't stop the Model A's because we had more Model A's than other antique cars! The Sunday tour had 24 Model A's.

Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving is coming up. Take a little time to count your blessing and be thankful. Call your widows, widowers, single folks and invite them to your Thanksgiving dinner! If you go on the Autumn Trails Sunday tour, then you know Chana Gail can cook for lots of people! Our family is smaller now, so if you will have Thanksgiving alone, you are certainly welcome to come here!

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 October 12, 2025 Meeting

Venue Oak Ridge Marina

Call to Order was at 1:30 PM. There were 19 members present, and President Tex Willis was presiding. We were all welcomed to Oak Ridge and were especially pleased to see Lon Neighbors and Elaine Poe

Birthdays and Anniversaries Birthday greeting were given this month to Kathy Witwer. The Clarks and the Poes both have a wedding anniversary this month

Sunshine Report There was nothing formal to report

Treasurer's Report Vicki Clark reported that we have [REDACTED] in the account (The scholarship monies and Gail's donation being paid out in the last month

Door Prizes [REDACTED] received [REDACTED] for driving a Model A and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] won [REDACTED] each.

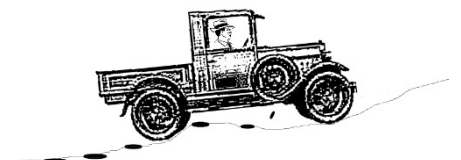
Old Business

- Autumn Trails Prep – Vicki Clark reported that only five vendors have paid at this point which is lower than usual. Gary Gray suggested that they were probably holding off until they could see a weather forecast for the day, but if any members know potential vendors or past vendors, we should encourage them to sign up. Michael Vega has been very good and he has brought a couple of vendors on
- Thursday set-up on October 23rd begins at 8 am. Elaine is bringing the metal detector and flags. Tex will bring the grill, etc. from the storage building
- There have been some sign enforcement issues but hopefully this will not be a problem for us by then. It is being addressed at a meeting next week
- Tex requested if any members have an open top that they can drive part of the court in that would be great and Lonny Buck offered his vehicle
- At this point there have been 60 BBQ tickets sold and 27 radiator badges

New Business

- President Tex reminds the members that new officers will be elected in November

President: Tex Willis
Vice President: Gary Gray
Treasurer: Vicki Clark
Secretary: Rebekah Yeager
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- The location for next month's meeting will be Oak Ridge Marina. We decided that we will plan to "eat by one" with the meeting following the food

The meeting was closed by general consensus at 1:47pm

Rebekah Yeager. Secretary



Sunday Tour 2025 *Picture courtesy of Vicki Clark*



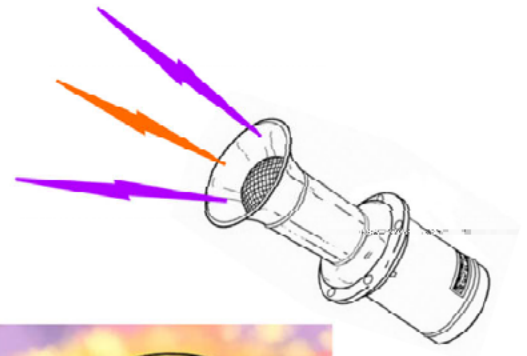
November

BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Hunziker
Tex Willis
Nate Rominger

ANNIVERSARIES

None reported



Sunshine Report

by Jana Icenhower



Pam [REDACTED] says her eye is improving. She can drive short distances.

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**MAFFI
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NEWSLETTER**
October 2025
*Contributed by
John Icenhower*

Model A Days was a great experience for all who attended! There were a total of 1100 people who attended and were able to see the ribbon cutting of the new expansion to the museum, including the Garage Learning Centre. 210 model A's took over the Gilmore in support of the event as well as a registered 80 swap vendors at the swap meet making this the largest swap meet to date!

The ribbon cutting ceremony was led by John Begg, with former MAFFI President Stan Johnson and Brad Minners (on behalf of former MAFFI President Howard Minners) cutting the ribbon.

While we may be finished with the expansion, there are plenty of ways to still be involved with the museum for continued projects such as the "My A Program" as well as the memorial bricks.

If you did not get a chance to get up to the museum or to see the expansion yet, you can still check out the expansion on maffi.org under the "Cameras" section of the website. It was really cool to see our hobby come together to celebrate our beloved cars! I know the Gilmore is equally proud to be partnered with us.

Happy motoring!
John Grossheim
MAFFI Trustee/ Secretary

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 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*

Find more ethanol-free gas stations at www.pure-gas.org



November 15

Saturday 8-10:30 AM

CHRISTMAS

TOY & FOOD DRIVE



Lake Country Classics Car Club will have free breakfast snacks & coffee, 50/50 drawing and door prizes every 15 minutes.

Please come and drop off a new un-wrapped toy and/or a non-perishable food item.

AT

THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE – QUITMAN, TEXAS

All donations will benefit the children under Quitman Sharing and Caring and the Rainbow room.

RSVP to Karen Terrell: (910) 478-8721

Autumn Trails Model A Club Weekend 2025





Oldest Driver – Harris Lege



Furthest Driven – Fred Scheiffer



Court – Laine Kelly and Autumn Trails Queen Julia Mitchell



Youngest Driver and Best Hard Luck Story – Morgan Rominger

Calendar of Events

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

2025

- **November 9** *Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting* (Oak Ridge, 1 pm lunch, followed by 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 63rd 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*
- July 18 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *August 9* *Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- September 12 International Model A Day
- *September 13* *Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- September 19 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *October 11* *Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- October 17 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *October 22* *Autumn Trails Weekend Setup*
- *October 23-25* *Autumn Trails Swap Meet*
- *October 23* *Autumn Trails Stew*
- *October 24* *Autumn Trails Antique Car Parade (ft. Model As)*
- *October 24* *Autumn Trails BBQ/Banquet*
- *October 25* *Autumn Trails Sunday Tour*



63rd MODEL "A" FORD TEXAS TOUR



THE
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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