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Dash Lite

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

From Club President Errol Barber

Well Houston, we HAD a problem... Jana Icenhower pointed out to me that the arrangements for our April meeting were not discussed at the last meeting, and anyway there was a conflict with Easter Sunday.

Taking the situation to a powwow with our Number Two, the likewise highly-compensated “leader”, VP Tex Willis, we have decided to forgo the April meeting altogether!

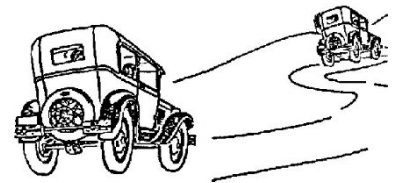
We could not think of anything pressing, and to move our meeting to the following Sunday conflicted with other members’ car club activities. It will be sad not to see each other as anticipated, but this seems the best solution.

Use the extra time to get your car ready for the May 14 meeting at Oak Ridge Marina!

See you there and enjoy this beautiful spring weather!

*Our next meeting will be on **May 14** at the Oak Ridge Marina, 2919 W State Highway 154, Quitman, 1:00 pm lunch, 2:00 pm meeting.*

NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A MAY EDITION OF THE *Dash Lite*.



Autumn Trails Model A Club Minutes of the March 12, 2023 Meeting

Venue: Oak Ridge Marina, Quitman, Texas. There were 21 members and two visitors present

Call to Order was made by Vice President Tex Willis at 1:40 pm

Welcome was given to the members present and it was especially good to see so many people including Peter Menconi and Ellen Kempf who are now our newest members!

President:	Errol Barber
Vice President:	Tex Willis
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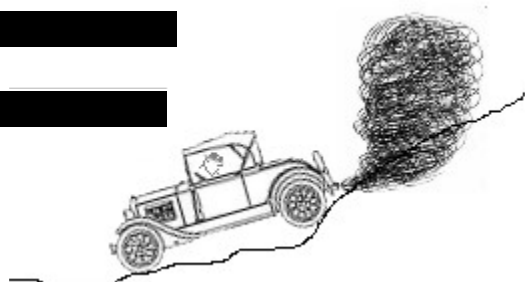
Birthdays and Anniversaries were given by Tex Willis to Mike Poe, Carol Black and Bobby Willis who are celebrating their birthdays this month, and the Hardings who will be celebrating their anniversary



Sunshine Report [REDACTED]

Treasurer's Report [REDACTED]

Door Prizes [REDACTED]



Old Business:

- Tex went ahead and booked the theater in Mineola for Saturday, October 14 from 1:30-3:30 pm in preparation for a joint activity with the Tyler Model A club. There will be a 30-minute tour/presentation on the theater's history. The concession stand will be open and after that we will watch an old black and white movie. Tex will approach the relevant authorities to see if space can be blocked so we can park the A's in front of the theater. Period dress is most appropriate for anyone who would like to dress up. We will decide how to sort out the cost whether by attendee or clubs at a later meeting. Chana Gail Willis will see if she can get a publicity photoshoot organized for this with a local magazine
- Texas State Tour information will be coming out soon and Tex will get it distributed as soon as the costs are finalized. Tex will be running car games; he has two sorted but needs ideas for a third, so if anyone has any let him know. The tour will be in Huntsville June 15-18.

New Business:

- No new business

Motion to adjourn Lon Neighbors motioned to adjourn and Dan Parrish seconded. The meeting was closed at 1:58 pm

Rebekah Yeager
Secretary

Correction: February's meeting minutes (in the March *Dash Lite*) incorrectly stated that the club had "\$8,5156.51" in the bank. The correct figure is \$8,156.51.

Area availability of Ethanol-Free gas

Duko Oil Co.	950 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*

Call "Triple-A"

In 2020, we were able to get three of the four family Model A's together for a photo during the Autumn Trails Antique Car Parade. The parade is one of our favorite things and this is my all-time favorite photo.



Left to right: Our '29 Murray Town Sedan, our son's low mileage, unrestored '30 Murray Town Sedan and our daughter's '31 Steelback Victoria —John Icenhower



Name Badges Update:

I am a long time member and past president of DMAFC. I have recently taken over the making of the club name tags and "tag hangers" from Nancy Bertschi who did a fine job for years. The tags will be the same as they always have been and we hope to continue the fine quality that Nancy provided.

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SAVE
THE
DATE

Arlington, Texas November 2nd - 4th, 2023

Mark your calendars and reserve at spot TODAY!

Give us a call at 817-239-3990.



Ken's Binder

Condenser Problems

While driving my Model A recently, the engine abruptly shut off for a few seconds before starting back up again on its own. Weird, right? I was concerned, but everything seemed okay, so I kept going.

Next time out, it happened again. I tried "jiggling" the pop-out switch, etc.... nothing. Then, after a few seconds, it started and all was okay again. I was really concerned now.

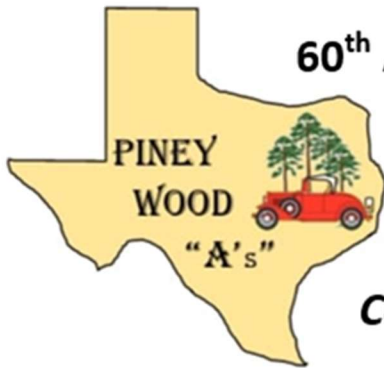
I noticed that other accessories still worked, so that eliminated the fuse and wiring to the terminal box. During a subsequent brake test (very close to home) it shut off and did not re-start!

Got out my multimeter (always carry one!) and went through a logical test to find the problem. Boiled down to coil or condenser. So, I removed the condenser and found that the ground tab had become unsoldered from the body of the condenser! I was able to pull it right off! Replaced it and it fired right back up. Could have gotten hot enough under the hood to loosen the solder, but my guess is that it was a "cold joint" right from the start. Either way, it's a **good idea to check that tab when installing a new condenser or when experiencing ignition problems.**

Also, you can check a condenser with your multimeter! Some have a setting specifically for this purpose, and it will read directly in microfarads (μF). There is some question as to the acceptable reading, but somewhere between 200 and 300 μF is generally OK. You can also use the Ohm scale... check YouTube or Google to find detailed instructions for this procedure.

Hopefully there is one (somewhat hidden) takeaway here... If you have a problem with your car, don't just start guessing and "throwing parts at it." Use a logical progression of trouble-shooting steps to pinpoint the problem, THEN fix it!

Tiny Tip by Joe Fox, Western Lake Erie A's



60th Annual Model A Ford Texas Tour 2023

June 15-18, 2023

Huntsville, Texas

Come Join Us on a Great Adventure!

***Our Tex Willis will be organizing three driving events at the tour and needs help!
If you are attending this year's tour and want to volunteer, please contact him***

Host Hotels

Fairfield Inn & Suites (Tour Registration Desk)
136 Ravenwood Village Drive, Huntsville, Texas 77340
Room Rates: 50 rooms @ \$109, 19 rooms @ \$149

Phone (936) 436-7000 Direct
Check-in time 3:00 PM

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
148 I-45, Huntsville, Texas 77340
All Rooms @ \$119

Phone (936) 295-4300 Direct

Hampton Inn, located next to Fairfield Inn & Suites (alternate hotel, but no signed contract)

Main Event Center

Walker Education Center Located in the Sam Houston Museum Park
1402 19th Street, Huntsville, Texas 77340

Texas Tour Planned Events

Short driving tours (Friday) Grand Tour – Tour the beautiful National Forest (Saturday)
Mystery games
Many points of interest in this historical city such as the Home of Sam Houston (next to the main event center), the Prison Museum, the Military Museum, the statue of Sam Houston, and the Cemetery.

Trailer parking can be arranged.

Great Entertainment at the Award Ceremonies

Register online at pineywoodmafc.com/2023-texas-tour



Mark your calendar to attend the *Classics and Coffee Cruise-Ins* scheduled for the third Saturday monthly from March thru November. The *Cruise-Ins* is held on the square in Quitman. The event features free coffee, breakfast snacks, donuts, a 50/50 raffle and really great door prizes.

The time is from 8 until 10:30 am.

We look forward to your attendance

www.lakecountryclassicscarclub.com

Next Cruise Ins scheduled for April 15 & May 20



Submitted by Tex Willis

Calendar of Events

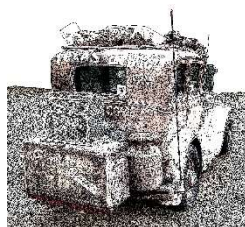
Autumn Trails A's Club Activities in Italics All events subject to change

2023

- [REDACTED]
- April 15 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *May 14 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting (1 pm, Oak Ridge Marina, Quitman)*
- May 20 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *June 11 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- June 15-18 Texas Tour (Huntsville, TX, hosted by the Piney Wood A's)
- June 17 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- June 25-30 Blue Ridge Parkway and Smoky Mountain Park (DMAFC Tour)
- *July 9 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- July 15 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- July 16-21 National Tour (Auburn, IN)
- *August 13 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- August 19 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *September 10 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- Sept 15-16 MAFFI 12th Annual Model A Days (Hickory Corners, MI)
- September 16 International Model A Day
- September 16 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *October 8 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- October 21 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *October 27-29 Autumn Trails Swap Meet*
- *October 27 Autumn Trails Stew*
- *October 28 Autumn Trails Antique Car Parade (ft. Model As)*
- *October 28 Autumn Trails Saturday Tour*
- *October 28 Autumn Trails BBQ*
- *October 29 Autumn Trails Sunday Tour*
- *November 12 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- November 18 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *December 10 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting/Christmas Party*

2024

- *January 14 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- *February 11 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- *March 10 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- March 16 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman



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

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