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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!

We had a few show up in Winnsboro for the tour of the historic Oaklea Mansion, then good food and fellowship afterwards! We didn't have enough to hold a meeting.

September 13th is International Model A Day (IMAD). This year, we are going back to the Historic Select Theater in Mineola (411 N. Johnson Street) for a good old-fashioned movie, "Miracle in East Texas." Prior to that, you can eat lunch anywhere you like, but the Tyler club will be eating at East Texas Burger on Main Street, just around the corner from the theater. Afterwards, we will have ice cream at Grandma Cleda's Gourmet Candy and Gifts (118 E. Broad Street, Mineola, TX).

Club meeting still on for September 14, Sunday, at 1 p.m. dutch lunch, meeting to follow at Oak Ridge Marina, 2949 TX-154, Quitman, TX 75783.

IMAD is our reminder to start getting ready for Autumn Trails! Thursday, October 23 is set up day at the park! 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 August 9, 2025 Meeting

Venue Oaklea Mansion, Winnsboro

On August 9th, 2025 we were given the chance to join the Tyler Club as they took a trip to Winnsboro to tour the Oaklea Mansion Bed and Breakfast. Owner, and Autumn Trails member, Casie Buck gave us all a guided tour.

We heard about the original history of the house and its original owners. Then we took part in a split tour with half the group tackling upstairs and the guest bedrooms and the other half learning about the ground floor rooms.

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The house is beautifully appointed and you are quickly whisked back to the early 1900s. After the tour and talk, the Tyler club held their brief business meeting. We (Autumn A's) did not have a formal meeting as there were only seven of us including the Bucks who were hosting. But we did share a huddle!

Tex reminded us that International Model A Day (IMAD – September 13) is rapidly coming up and it will be followed by an Autumn Trails planning meeting on Sunday the 14th. If you will not be able to attend the

September meeting but usually help in the Autumn Trails preparations, please let me or Vicki Clark know so that we know a job is covered in advance.

Following the mini meeting we made our way to the Haven's Café for a delicious lunch. Thanks to the Bucks for the tour and organizing a lunch venue, and to Tyler club for letting us join in.

International Model A Day (IMAD) The Tyler Club are planning to have their lunch and their meeting at the East Texas Burger Company before movie time. The movie will be about east Texas oil. Autumn Trails is planning to have ice cream at Grandma Clede's Gourmet Candy and Gifts (grandmacledas.com) after the movie. Watch your email for meeting/movie times for the IMAD event.

Rebekah Yeager
Secretary





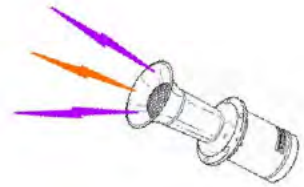
September

BIRTHDAYS

Harold Black
Joe Harding
Scarecrow Willis
Vicki Clark
Chuck Pounds
John Icenhower

ANNIVERSARIES

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Actors in black and white movies were often putting their lives in danger during driving scenes, as they weren't able to tell if the traffic light was red or green.





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



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August 2025

*Contributed by
John Icenhower*

Model A Days at Hickory Corners

We're 5 weeks away from Model A Days at Hickory Corners, MI. Are your reservations made? We hope so. This will be the grandest event yet!

The Model A Ford Museum has always been a treat for our hobbyists. Whether you've been there before or are planning to go this year, this visit will be extra special because of the completed expansion!



The museum used to be able to showcase 30 vehicles; now all the vehicles that the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. owns are in one building! Production years, 1928 through 1931, as well as a variety of body styles from Tudors to Phaetons -- Pickups to Firetrucks and a City Bus—and more—are on display. There is a larger variety of interactive exhibits and vignettes to put visitors right back in the era of the vehicles.

If you would like a sneak peek at the museum, go maffi.org and click on the camera links for a live view: There's Expansion Bay 1, Expansion Bay 2, and Expansion Entrance along with a live view of the rest of the museum.

And, for you planners, get this on your agenda. Save the dates September 12-16, 2028 for the 100-year anniversary of the Model A: 1928-2028! There will be driving tours offered by each of the national organizations, MARC and MAFCA and activities galore for all 5 days.

I know there's no such thing as too much fun, but we're pushing the envelope!!

Cindy Ellenbecker
MAFFI Trustee/Secretary



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

JOIN

THE AUTUMN TRAILS MODEL A CLUB

AND

THE TYLER MODEL A CLUB

AT 1:00 P.M.

**THE HISTORIC SELECT THEATRE IN
114 N JOHNSON ST., MINEOLA, TX**

"ONE OF THE OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING THEATERS IN TEXAS"

TO CELEBRATE

INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY

MOVIE: MIRACLE IN EAST TEXAS

DRIVE YOUR A!

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS



DATES

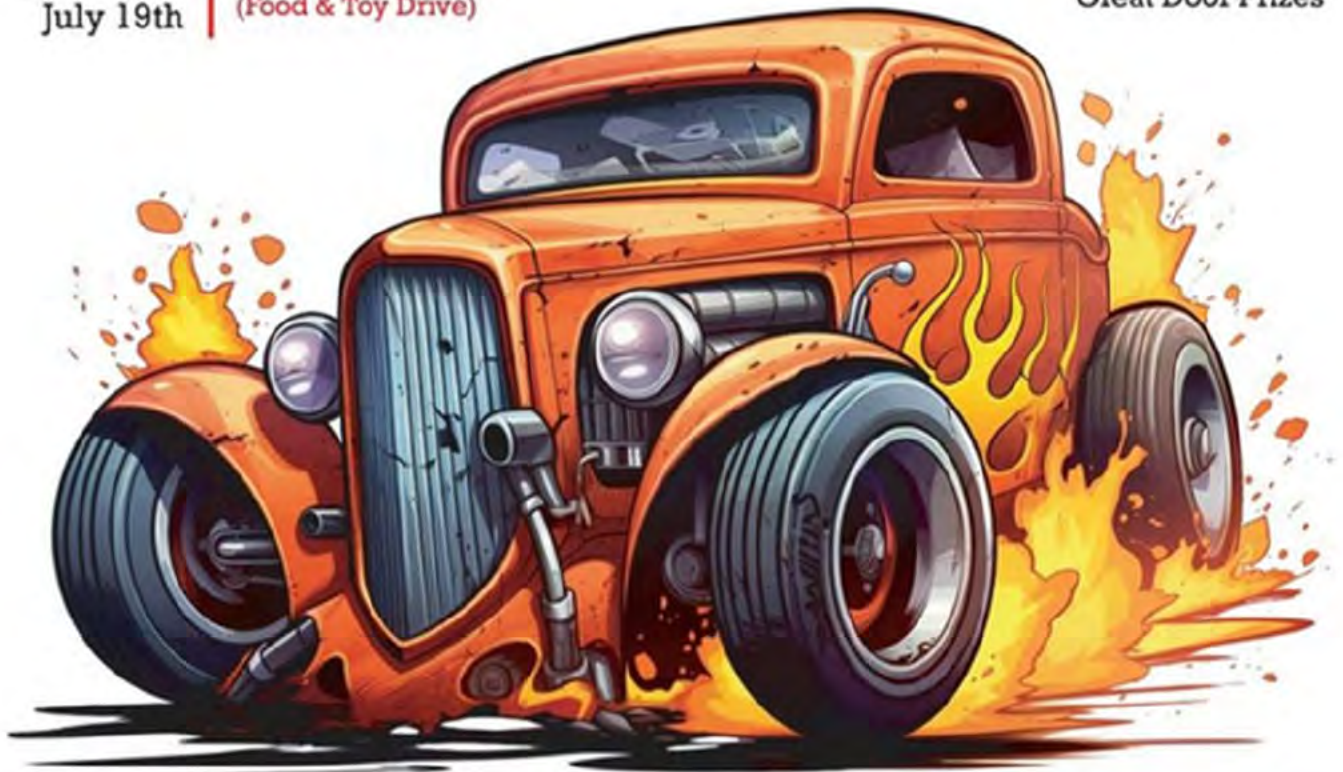
March 15th	August 16th
April 19th	September 20th
May 17th	October 18th
June 21st	November 15th
July 19th	(Food & Toy Drive)

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 our Facebook page or call 805-340-6520, 903-312-3499 or 910-478-8723 for updates

Our August show had 45 Classic Cars and Trucks downtown on a gorgeous summer day.

Come join us for the next Classics and Coffee on September 20, 2025

Calendar of Events

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

2025

- 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 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
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- *August 9 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*





67th Annual Winnsboro Autumn Trails
Parade, Tour and Dinner
October 23-26, 2025
Registration Form

Please remit by October 3, 2025

Please send this form along with your check payable to:

Autumn Trails Model A's

Vicki Clark

1310 CR 4186

Quitman, Texas 75783

gvclark@peoplescom.net

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Year/Make/Model of Car(s) _____
Club Affiliation _____

	Registration Dates	Fee per Car	No of Cars	Total Car Fee
Car Registration	Before October 3, 2025	\$10.00	_____	_____
	After October 3, 2025	12.00	_____	_____

	No. Persons	Price per Person	Total for Dinners
Dinner	_____ Adults	\$25.00	_____
	_____ Children (under 12)	\$10.00	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR CAR REGISTRATION AND DINNER \$ _____

Dinner will consist of BBQ Brisket, Sausage, Beans, Potato Salad, Tea and Dessert

You may pick up your registration at the Stew on Friday night or at the door at the BBQ on Saturday.

Please note: there will be no carryout at the BBQ. No refunds after October 3, 2025

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