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

From Club Vice President Tex Willis

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

We are moving this week and are busier than a one-armed wallpaper hanger! I don't know how we have accumulated so much stuff!

The weather is heating up! That means our President is in cooler climes up in Colorado...

AND... it is Texas Tour time! June 13-16. It isn't too late to sign up. This year it is pretty close (well, close for Texas driving) being in Nacogdoches.

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



Many thanks to Gary and Debbie for hosting last month's meeting at their beautiful home

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

Venue Gary and Debbie Gray's Ranch

Call to Order was made with 18 members present four Model A's driven. Vice President Tex Willis and thanked all for the attendance and the for hosting our meeting at their beautiful ranch

Birthdays and Anniversaries Birthday wishes for May include May 14, Brenda Buck and May 30, PJ Poe

Sunshine Report None

Treasurer's Report Vicki Clark reported that we have ██████████ in the bank.

President: Errol Barber
Vice President: Tex Willis and
Treasurer: Vicki Clark presided
Secretary: Rebekah Yeager Grays
Webmaster: Chana Gail Willis
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Door Prizes \$10 – Gary Gray \$5 – Dan Parrish \$5 – Harold Black

Old Business

- June meeting will be the second Sunday, June 9th. The meeting will be back at Oak Ridge marina
- The Texas State Tour will be in Nacogdoches. If you are interested in going, please contact Tex Willis New Business
- Vicki is getting ready to do the Autumn Trails weekend packets. When she contacts Brad (owner of the Red Dome), there is a chance the cost of the BBQ will have increased. She would like the flexibility to be able to increase the price of our BBQ without having to call a meeting. Motion was made by Scarecrow Willis and seconded by Dan Parrish to give Vicki the authority to raise the price as needed. Motion passed
- Steve Maclaird brought to the club's attention a Barnstormer Airshow in Greenville, Saturday, May 18. Several showed interest in going. A future event at the Texan Theater in Greenville was also broached with the possibility of doing a tour and show combo
- Ken Parker reported on the meeting involving all classic cars in East Texas. John will look into adding our site to the list of their site
- Ken also asked about our scholarship. Vicki reported we have not given out a scholarship in several years. We re-formed a new scholarship committee for the coming year. Committee members are Gary Gray, John Yeager and Ken Parker

Motion to Adjourn was proposed by Scarecrow Willis and seconded by all. The meeting closed and was followed by a short tour led by Errol Barber

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



Here they come!



PhotobyPamParrish

And there they go!



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NEWSLETTER
May 2024
Contributed by
John Icenhower

Have you ever wondered what being a Trustee for the Model A Ford Foundation is all about?

The Model A Ford Foundation has 15 Trustees and the positions are nonpaid. Terms are three years in duration and term limits are 6 consecutive years. Meetings are done via Zoom, but there is a day-long face-to-face meeting in Michigan two days prior to Model A Days each year (also, travel expenses are non-reimbursable; this is 100% volunteer work).

A sampling of duties include: creating and ordering signage at the museum for displays and events, programming and maintaining inventory, and financials-- some daily. There are several committees to be chaired and worked on: day-to-day museum management, finance, fundraising, the construction expansion, the design and development of the displays, insurance,

assessment/deassessment of vehicles, fleet maintenance, social media, solicitation of parts, tool acquisition and inventory, by-laws and job description updates, advisory, and partner museum liaisons as well as Model A Days each year (which has a huge number of subcommittees from parking to staffing the gates to managing the swap meet, the first start program, riding and driving Model A's). There are always a variety of other projects that need a manager too (ie: bus restoration, booth displays at meets, library collections, period attire collections as well as developing national magazine articles and ideas.)

Individuals also serve as officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and a variety of other tasks: MAFFI registrar, picking up and delivering vehicles, managing gift shop items, updating and maintaining the MAFFI website and IT systems within the museum.

If any of this kind of work is of interest to you, please contact John Begg at jwbegg@gmail.com.

Happy Motoring,
Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Secretary



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



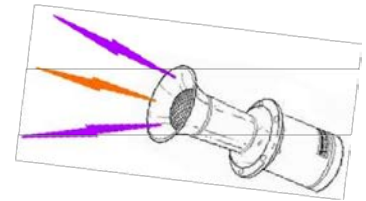
June

BIRTHDAYS

- Elaine Poe
- John Yeager
- Gary Gray

ANNIVERSARIES

- Witwers
- Bucks



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
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

Ken's Binder

Wrenches, and a Judicious Application of A600W

by
Ben Hunziker

Becoming tired of the cacophony of rattles and squeaks my rusty 1930 Ford pickup made last weekend en route to the Gray's house, I decided to put a stop to this symphony of vintage charm.

I embarked on a quest to find the legendary Model A mechanic known as Whispering Wrench. Legend had it that he could silence even the most formidable rattles and squeaks with his wrenches and oilcan.

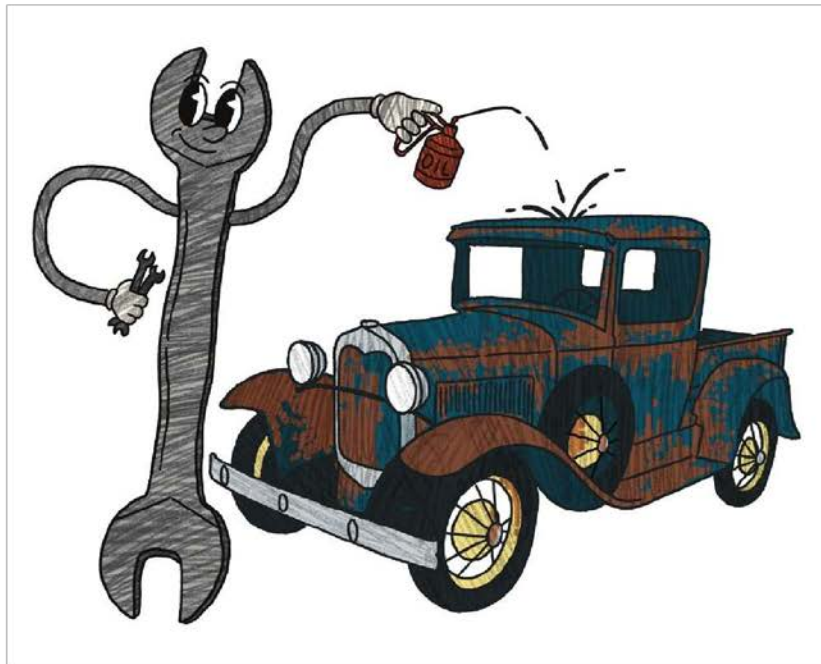
Leaving my neighborhood, I rattled down Highway 69 in my A following my nose, and took a left at 779 towards Golden. Rattle-squeak rattle-squeak, I approached and went through an open gate, down a driveway and up to a shop. 🧰 Wrench's shop. Wrench emerged. Looking over my corroded beauty he smiled and said, "Ah, I see you've come seeking peace and quiet, my frizzy-haired friend."

He ducked into his shop returning immediately with a handful of wrenches, holding an oilcan high.

"A600W! The elixir of Model A's!" He exclaimed shooting a squirt into the air.

Applying his skillful wrenching skills and the judicial use of his oilcan, Whispering Wrench quickly worked his mechanical magic.

Thanking him profusely I journeyed home—now gliding quietly down the road in blissful silence. No more rattles or squeaks could be heard.



The Barnstormer Airshow

by Gary Gray

Pictures by Dan Parrish

At the invitation of fellow club member Colonel Steve MaClaird (ret), Dan Parrish and I attended the airshow in Greenville on Saturday 5/18 with our Model A's. We were given passes and allowed to park our cars on the tarmac near the vintage planes being featured at the airshow. The airshow was well attended and the crowd seemed to enjoy looking at and taking pictures of the cars. Thanks for the invitation, Steve. We had a great time.

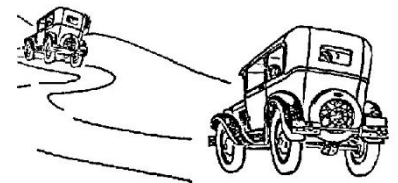


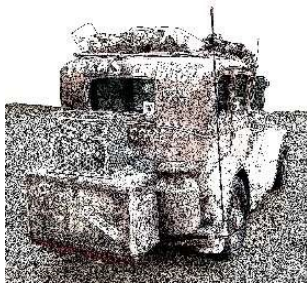
Calendar of Events

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

2024

- June 9 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting (Oak Ridge, 1 pm lunch, followed by meeting)
- 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
- April 19 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- May 11 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting





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