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

NEXT MEETING: Sunday October 12, 2025 @ 1 p.m. Oak Ridge Marina, 2949 TX-154, Quitman, TX 75783. Dutch lunch, meeting to follow

From Club President Tex Willis

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

Wow! It seems like I just wrote the September letter, and here I am writing October's! I've been busier than a one-armed wall paper hanger and time is flying!

As I write this, the Autumn Trails Association is kicking off the first event of Autumn Trails, the Queen pageant. Every weekend is filled with events, and ours is the weekend of the fourth Saturday (sometimes the first is on Sunday, but we go by the fourth Saturday!)



Our club weekend is our fundraiser for the year which pays for the scholarships we give out, equipment storage, and any other bills. Thursday, October 23 is set-up day at the park. I hope to see you all there setting up the Trades Day spaces and decorating the Civic Center for the banquet Saturday evening!

If you have an open car, and wouldn't mind driving one of the Autumn Trails Queen's Court ladies, let me know! Scarecrow drives the Queen, but we try to provide Model A's for the 1st and 2nd runners up.

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 September 14, 2025 Meeting

Venue Oak Ridge Marina

Call to Order was at 1:31 pm. There were 15 members and our scholarship recipient Avery Ryan present (at the beginning). President Tex Willis was presiding. We were all welcomed to Oak Ridge

Avery had come to collect her scholarship check and then had to leave to go to work

President:	Tex Willis
Vice President:	Gary Gray
Treasurer:	Vicki Clark
Secretary:	Rebekah Yeager
Webmaster:	ChanaGail Willis
Newsletter:	John B. Yeager III

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Birthdays and Anniversaries Birthday greetings were given this month to Harold Black, Joe Harding, Scarecrow Willis, Vicki Clark, Chuck Pounds and John Icenhower. The Willises and the Blacks both have a wedding anniversary this month

Sunshine Report Jana reported that she had heard from Harold Black that he was doing better. Pam Parrish reported that Neal Saunders has made the move to Dallas and is close to family but that they do not have an address for him as yet and Chana Gail reported good news reports on both her lungs and her neck

Treasurer's Report Vicki Clark reported that we have [REDACTED] in the account

Door Prizes Dan [REDACTED] received [REDACTED] for driving his A and John [REDACTED] and Carolyn [REDACTED] won [REDACTED] each

Old Business

- Tex reported back on the successful Drive a Model A Day activity in Mineola and the fun movie that we watched called Miracle in East Texas. The event was set up by the Tyler club. Sadly, our post movie ice cream did not happen thanks to an unexpected closure at the ice cream parlor. It was good to see the Model A's parked outside the theater and everyone had a fun time at the movie
- Ken Parker reported that last year's scholarship winner Jackson had told him that he had used all his scholarship money towards buying tools to use in his aero engineering course





International Model A Day 2025, Autumn Trails, Mineola, TX Photo by Pam Parrish

New Business

Autumn Trails

- Vicki Clark reported that the radiator badges have gone up in price to \$3.00 each. She has ordered 75 badges. She also paid for the storage facility for the next year
- She has booked 125 meals and so far the bookings for both meals and the swop meat are very low. We will hope that it is complacence and that all the usual sellers are present
- Jana Icenhower will buy and prepare the cookies for the banquet
- Cups will be awarded (four like last year)
- John and Rebekah will man the door (likely that John and Jana cannot make it to the banquet)
- There are ongoing discussions about the awards. Jana Icenhower, Chana Gail Willis and Rebekah Yeager are once again the committee tasked with the Ima Willis Award and Tex Willis, Gary Gray and Glen Clark will be the committee for the John Willis award
- The Friday night stew will be at the barn as always and we made a motion (Dan Parrish, seconded by Glen Clark and passed by all present to donated \$250 towards the stew costs
- Rebekah Yeager is in charge of buying the mums (\$150 max) and the mums plus the money awards will be drawn as prizes at the banquet
- Set up will start at 8am on Thursday, the 23rd of October. We will reduce the numbers of tables being set up. Rebekah Yeager will be charge of banquet set up. After the grounds are set up, the men will help with the room setup and the club will sponsor pizza from dominos for lunch

- The Saturday tour will not run this year – last year nobody showed up; if interest is expressed, we will consider reinstating in next year
- The Sunday tour will run, led by Tex and with a break at the Willis homestead part of the way round
- Will be asking Elaine about flags
- If you do not have an allocated job and are available and physically able please come and help with set up on Thursday

Other new business

- Tex reported on the 100-year anniversary Route 66 tour that is being organized by the Dallas club. It will begin on May 22nd in Shamrock, Texas with a starting dinner, and the next two days will be spent driving across Oklahoma—the site of a lot of contiguous Route 66 road. The tour will end with a banquet and you will have Monday the 25th as a travel back day. The route is 358 miles. Contact the Dallas club if interested, a hotel list will be provided soon
- Ken Parker suggested that an interesting tour could be made to examine the beginnings of oil in Texas and visit Spindletop in Beaumont
- Rebekah reported that due to John's new role as full-time college student he will not be able to devote as much time to the magazine as he usually does as the college work load is very high. He is prepared to continue doing the magazine however it will be a much scaled down version as he just does not have as much time to give. If anyone fancies the job, he would pass the job on. Nobody jumped at that opportunity however there were many comments of appreciation for John's work from the members present
- 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

Motion to adjourn The meeting was closed by general consensus at 1:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rebekah Yeager
Secretary





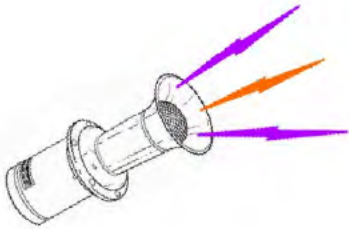
October

BIRTHDAYS

■ Kathy Witwer

ANNIVERSARIES

■ Clarks
Poes





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



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

Model A Hobbyists,

The air is just “electric” at the Model A Museum in Gilmore! You can feel the energy of Model A Days: the biggest and best yet! The Thursday evening ribbon cutting is sold out! The Friday evening dinner is sold out, and the Delta Hotel (host hotel) is sold out, but there are other hotel options in the area.

Also, your time to enter the Sweepstakes for the 1928 Phaeton is running out; you need to enter by October 19, 2025. Like a traditional phaeton, this open car has no side windows, providing an open-air driving experience. Unlike a Ford Model A roadster, the Phaeton has four doors,



allowing passengers access to the back seat. With an open design, the Phaeton was not as commonly purchased as other Model A body styles, so wouldn't it be fun to win this car? Go to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. page and click on Expansion and then Sweepstakes to be routed to enter.

And lastly, my term on the board as a Trustee is up and John Grossheim, a young Model A Trustee, will be taking over as the Secretary for the MAFFI Board. He's from Ohio and his enthusiasm bubbles over for this hobby. I know you will look forward to his MAFFI Minute each month!

Cindy Ellenbecker
Trustee/Secretary



DATES

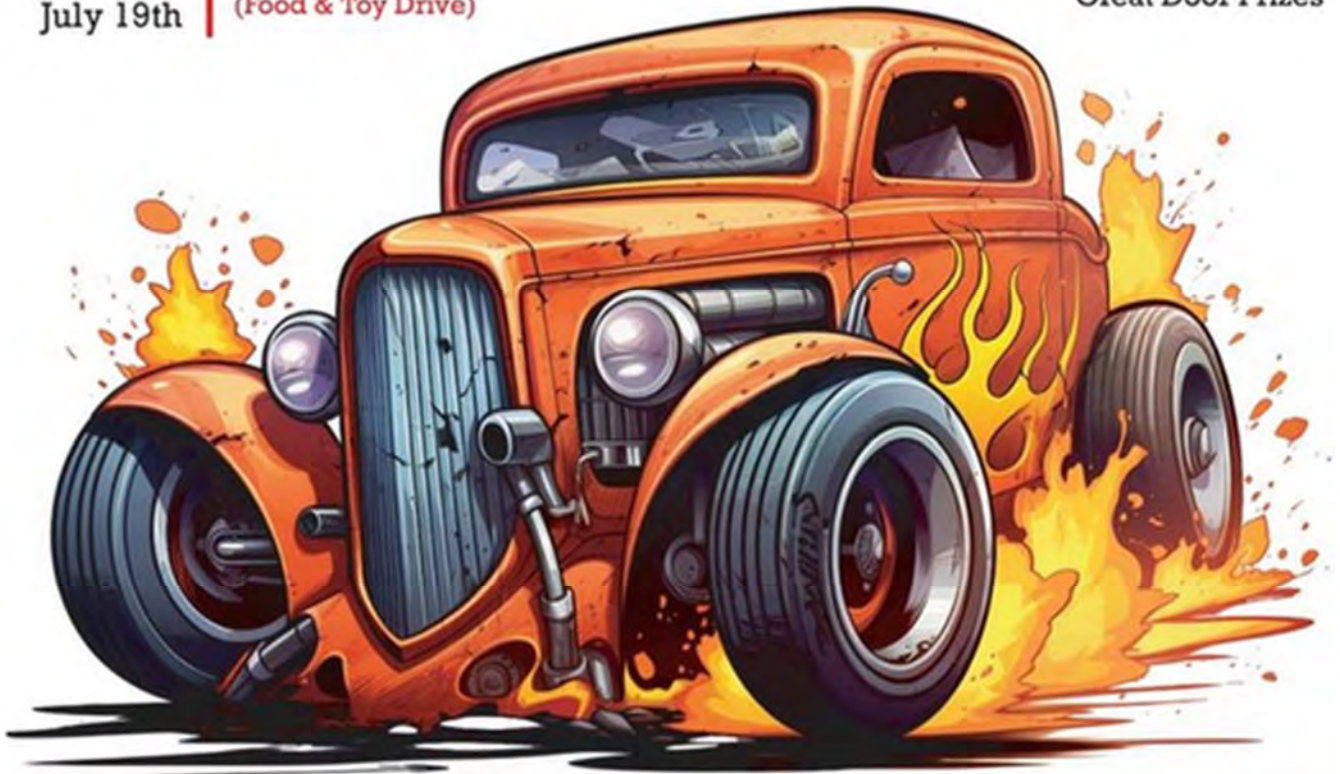
March 15th	August 16th
April 19th	September 20th
May 17th	October 18th
June 21st	November 15th
July 19th	(Food & Toy Drive)

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 September show had 48 Classic Cars and Trucks downtown on a gorgeous summer day.

*Come join us for the next **Classics and Coffee on October 18, 2025***

Calendar of Events

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

2025

- *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
- *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





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



**AUTUMN TRAILS – WINNSBORO, TEXAS
FLEA MARKET & TRADE DAYS SWAP MEET
OCTOBER 23-26, 2025 CITY PARK**



Space Limited – First Come First Served

Begin Set-up Thursday Oct. 23, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m.

No electric hook-ups

No Water Connections available

Limit 4 Trade Days/Swap Meet

Food Vendors

Swap meet—Friday, Saturday, Sunday

RAIN OR SHINE! ☺

Make Checks Payable & Mail to:

Autumn Trails A's

c/o Vicki Clark

1310 CR 4186

Quitman, TX 75783

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903-850-4303

PLEASE MARK ALL CATEGORIES THAT APPLY:

() Flea Market () Antiques () Food/Beverage () Other

Three Days!! Hours: 8-5 Friday & Saturday & 9-4 Sunday.

Row "B" is the first row and is a single row. No back to back on "B"

Spaces are approximately 15'x 25'



_____ @ \$40.00 _____ Flea Market, Trades Day & Swap Meet Booth City Park

_____ @ \$50.00 _____ Food Concession – no electric

TOTAL Amount \$ _____ Please enclose check or money order with reservation request.

Business Name \$ _____ Phone _____

Owner's Name _____ Cell _____

Address _____ email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Note:

***No refunds due to weather**

***No refunds after October 3, 2025**

***Guaranteed lots must be prepaid**

***Spaces must be paid for before set up**

