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Dash Lite

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

From Vice President Tex Willis

Greetings!

It looks like our President is still in cooler climates, so I have been asked to write a letter this month. We have been getting some pretty warm weather and I wonder: Will it get hotter in August? I don't know how hot it got here, but I looked out in our hay meadow and saw Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego walking around out there!

I believe this month we will start discussing Autumn Trails. Be thinking about what part you will do to help, as this is our club fundraiser for the year. Vicki has sent out invites to all the clubs. This means that we have opened up our house to them. Let's show them our East Texas hospitality and make them welcome to our house!

There are a few folks from the Piney Woods coming this year. They told me at the Texas Tour that they wanted to come up and see what this "Autumn Trails" is all about! One person that told me this was Robert Bullard, president of MAFCA.

I am looking forward to the August meeting. We'll see ya there! Keep your grease fitting 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 July 9, 2023 Meeting

Venue: Oak Ridge Marina on Lake Fork with thirteen members present

Call to order was made by Gary Gray (standing in for the president and vice-president), at 1:45 pm

Welcome was given to all present

Birthday greetings were given to Kay Barber, Ken Parker, Debbie Gray and Lanny Buck (no anniversaries this month)

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Sunshine Report

Treasurer's Report Vicki Clark reported that we have \$6724.26 in our bank account. The drop in balance comes because we have paid out scholarship money and mailed out Autumn Trails packets



Door Prizes

Old Business: Vicki Clark reported that the autumn Trails packets have been sent out to clubs. Vicki had found out that Stephanie (BBQ provider) is unable to cater our banquet. After calling

around and talking to several possible vendors, the club was able to secure the services of Brad Cobern from The Red Dome. The meal will cost \$15 per person and we will be catering for 125. The club will provide cookies for dessert like we did last year. We do not currently know if the Winnsboro Autumn Trails Organization committee have yet found new helpers

New Business: Gary Gray is hoping to get a trip to the private air museum organized for September when temperatures have hopefully dropped a little. This would also allow us to celebrate Model A Day, which takes place Saturday, September 16 this year

Motion to adjourn was proposed by Dan Parrish and seconded by Bob Varner. Meeting was closed at 2:00 pm

The next meeting will be August 13, 2023 at the Oak Ridge Marina; lunch at 1:00, meeting at 2:00 pm

Rebekah Yeager
Secretary

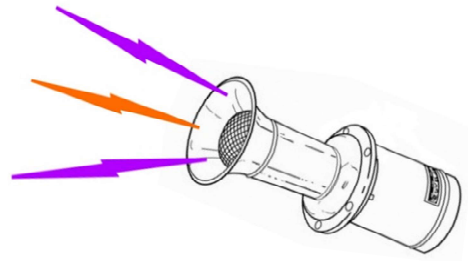


Correction: In the July, 2023 *Dash Lite*, the meeting minutes were incorrectly stated as being from May 7, 2023. The correct date is June 11, 2023. *There was no meeting in May, 2023.*



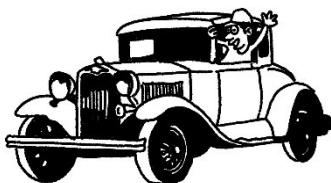


August



Sunshine Report

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MAFFI MUSEUM EXPANSION

After several months of planning the word is finally out. The following information was posted on the MAFCA web page on July 15, 2023.

“The Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI) museum at the Gilmore Auto Museum complex in Hickory Corners Michigan is planning an expansion of the existing Model A museum. The museum opened in 2013 and is filled to the brim with Model A vehicles, exhibits, and interactive displays. More room is needed for additional vehicles and exhibits.”

Please visit the MAFCA web page to read the remainder of this article.

Do not skip the link information.

This expansion will be paid in its entirety by donations. More on this will reach MAFCA and MARC membership in the coming months.

Happy motoring,
Mike DuBreuil
MAFFI Board of Trustees
Secretary

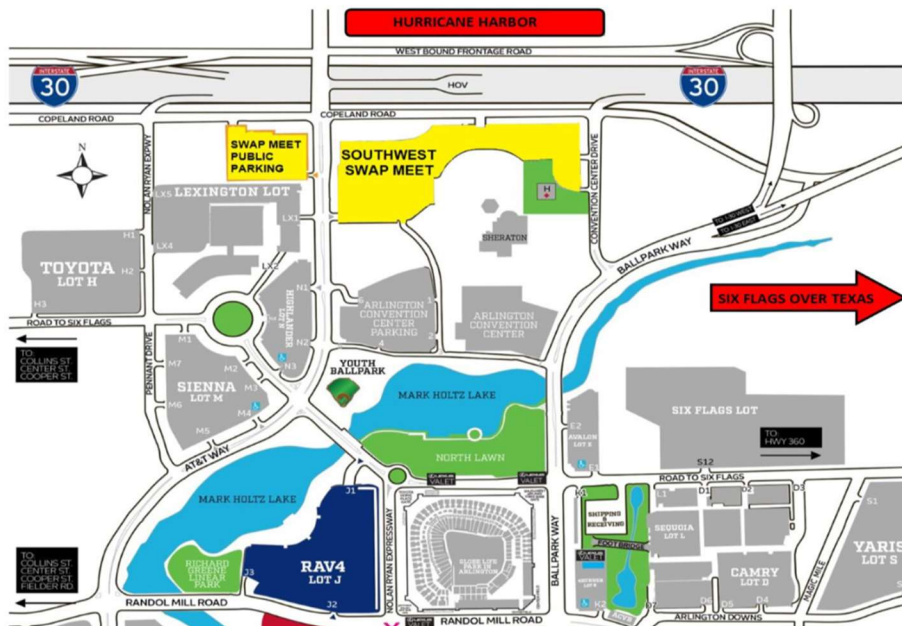


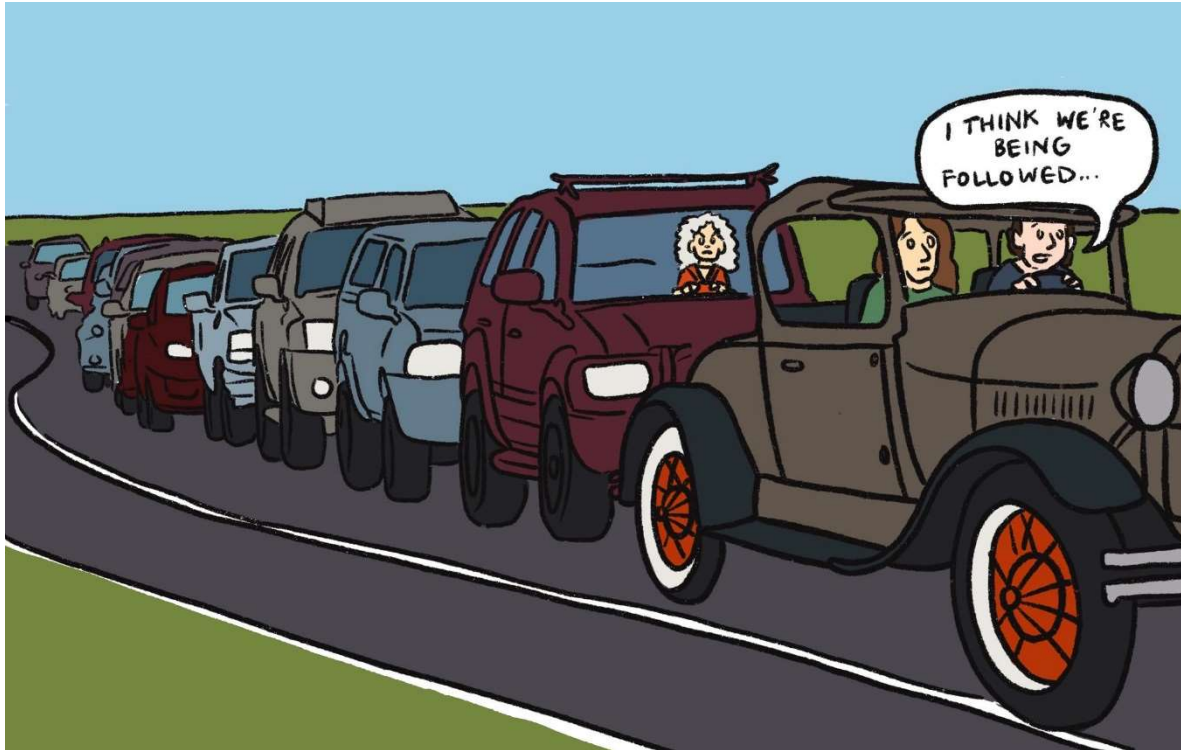
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DATE

Arlington, Texas November 2nd - 4th, 2023

Mark your calendars and reserve at spot TODAY!

Give us a call at 817-239-3990.





Top Songs of 1928

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20. Together – Paul Whiteman
19. Ramona – Paul Whiteman
18. Keep on the Sunny Side – The Carter Family
17. I Can't Give You Anything but Love (Dear) – Cliff Edwards (Ukelele Ike)
16. Laugh, Clown, Laugh! – Fred Waring & the Pennsylvanians
15. Jeannine (I Dream of Lilac Time) – Gene Austin
14. There's a Rainbow Round My Shoulder – Al Jolson
13. Allons a Lafayette – Joe & Cleoma Falcon
12. Among My Souvenirs – Paul Whiteman
11. Love Me or Leave Me – Ruth Etting
10. Mack the Knife – Bertolt Brecht
9. My Mammy – Al Jolson
8. Pinetop's Boogie Woogie – Pinetop Smith
7. Wildwood Flower – The Carter Family
6. West End Blues – Louis Armstrong
5. Sonny Boy – Al Jolson
4. Ol' Man River – Paul Robeson
3. Black & Tan Fantasy – Duke Ellington
2. I Wanna Be Loved by You – Helen Kane
1. T for Texas (Blue Yodel No. 1) – Jimmie Rodgers



Ken's Binder

A Dead Battery

A common occurrence: It's not uncommon for a Model A Ford to incur a dead battery, especially those that are still operating on six volts. Model A's are usually not driven daily and prolonged periods of sitting around tend to run the battery down. It is usually discovered when you climb in to go somewhere. You push on the starter button, and nothing.

Modern inconvenience: What a lot of Model A hobbyist may not understand is that we, the modern-day owners, may be contributing to this phenomenon. In a modern car when you switch off the ignition it shuts off all the electrical systems in the car, except maybe for the digital clock. In a Model A Ford when you switch off the ignition, at least the original pop out type, all you are switching off is the power that goes to the ignition points. That may have been fine in Henry's Day, but stop and think about what a lot of us have done to the Model A Ford to improve on Henry's design.

The cutout: The cutout used with the generator disconnects the battery from the generator whenever the engine is shut down. Without it the battery would discharge itself through the generator and you would have a dead battery. The cutout has a simple set of contacts that are either open or closed. The problem with the cutout is that the contacts can sometimes become welded shut over a period of time and not open, thus draining the battery when the car is parked. This is highly likely with the poor reproduction cutouts that are on the market. Modern day advancements in electronics provided the world with the diode. The diode is like a switch (sort of) in that it has a high resistance to current in one direction and a low resistance in the other. The low resistance path allows the generator to flow current to the battery to charge it. The high resistance path is supposed to not allow the battery to drain itself through the generator. An abundance of diode mod kits was made available at all the Model A hobby stores. The cutout contacts are replaced with the diode (hopefully in the right polarity) and welded contacts are a thing of the past. However, that high resistance direction is still allowing a small amount of current to flow out of the battery through the generator to ground. The amount of current is minute, in the milliamps, but over time it draws the battery down. Turning the ignition key off does not shut the circuit off. Only removal of the fuse on top of the starter (if one is installed) will open the circuit and prevent the drain.

The alternator: Another modern convenience seen on many Model A's today is the alternator. It is much more efficient than the old-fashioned generator. You can buy them in either six volt or twelve volt. In fact, you can even buy a six-volt positive ground alternator. However, the alternator has six diodes in it and the high resistance path will eventually drain the battery. This arrangement is also not switched off with the ignition key and it sits there and draws a small amount of current from the battery.

A failed alternator: It is also possible to have an alternator that from all appearances is working fine. You start the car up and the ammeter shows it is charging. However, you can have one or more diodes that are partially shorted. With this situation the current drain from the battery is considerably more and in just a day or so the battery is dead.

Good advice: Whenever you park your car for the night or any other extended period of time. Pull the fuse out of the holder and stand it on its head in one end of the holder. This way everything except the starter switch is disconnected from the battery and there is no chance that a sneaky diode will ultimately cause you to have a dead battery.

*by Tom Endy
Santa Anita A's*



Mark your calendar to attend the *Classics and Coffee Cruise-Ins* scheduled for the third Saturday monthly from March thru November. The *Cruise-Ins* are held on the square in Quitman and 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 August 19



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*

Calendar of Events

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

2023

- **August 13** ***Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*** (Oak Ridge Marina, 1 pm for lunch, 2 pm 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 Mid-America Flight Museum Day Tour (Mt. Pleasant)*
- September 16 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *October 8 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- *October 14 Mineola Historic Select Theater Day Tour*
- 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
- *April 14 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- April 20 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *May 12 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- May 18 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *June 9 Autumn Trails A's Club 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
- *July 14 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*



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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65th Annual Winnsboro Autumn Trails

Parade, Tour and Dinner

October 26-29, 2023

Registration Form

Please remit by October 6, 2023

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, 2022	\$10.00	_____	_____
After October 3, 2022	12.00	_____	_____

No. Persons	Price per Person	Total for Dinners
Dinner _____ Adults	\$20.00	_____
_____ Children (under 12)	\$8.00	_____

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 carry outs at the BBQ. No refunds after October 6, 2023.

**AUTUMN TRAILS – WINNSBORO, TEXAS
FLEA MARKET & TRADE DAYS SWAP MEET
OCTOBER 26-29, 2023 CITY PARK**

Space Limited – First Come First Served

Begin Set-up Thursday Oct 26 1:00 pm
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
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903-967-3105

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 6, 2023

*Guaranteed lots must be prepaid
*Spaces must be paid for before set up