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From Club President Tex Willis

Autumn Trails is over! What an awesome weekend! Thanks to everybody that came out Thursday to help set up the Trades Day spaces! Kay Barber, Vicki Clark and Rebekah Yeager set up the banquet Friday morning, and then Vicki and Rebekah staffed a table to give out the registrations at the stew.

Speaking of the stew, the Bains did an awesome job Friday night. I heard zero complaints. Then again, does anybody ever complain about the stew? Wow-wee it was good, but for me the best part was seeing everybody!

I got a call from George Maddox in the Ft. Worth club and Friday night, we pulled a Model A into the garage, dropped the rear-end, changed the u-joint and had it all back together by 12:30 am!

The Sunday drive was perfect, weather-wise, but our tour was plagued by gremlins. We have never had that many little problems. We had fuel flow issues, a flat tire and carburetor issues. I ended up pulling one car about two miles back into town! However, we were still able to make it back by noon!

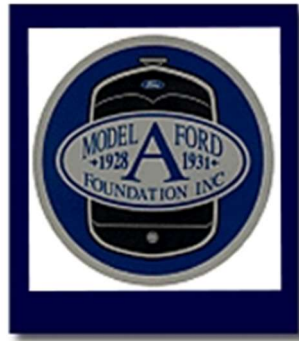
Remember we have voted on moving the meeting to the SECOND weekend next year to keep from having to move it since a lot of holiday weekends fall on the first weekend!

Winter is coming, so now is a good time to check your antifreeze level.

Keep your grease fittings lubed, air in your tires, and by all means remember to gas valve back in before you pull out of the gas station!

Tex Willis
President





**MAFFI
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*Contributed by
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MAFFI Liaison Letter Minute

As you will have read in the MARC Model A News and the MAFCA Restorer by now the Model A Museum celebrated its 10th anniversary at Model A Days on September 16-17 on the Gilmore campus near Hickory Corners, MI. Those same magazines will have published the MAFFI Hall of Fame (HOF) inductees for the 2022 year. You, however, will probably not read any of the inductee's acceptance speeches.

Howard Minner's became the first person to make his HOF acceptance speech live at the MAFFI Annual Membership Meeting, using "ZOOM" and seen on a big screen television. Below are excerpts from his remarks that history buffs of the Model A hobby will find interesting:

"Two milestone events stand out and I'll make them very brief. Once MAFFI decided to establish a museum, two issues became an immediate focus.

"The first was the obvious question of where the museum would be located. I ended up spending time with other board members, personally visiting a number of possible sites. Among them the AACA Museum in Hershey, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, the Petersen in California, the Gilmore, of course here in Michigan and the Early V-8 Museum outside of Auburn, Indiana. The latter had been a prime consideration. But MAFFI Board members subsequently visited the Gilmore and agreed this is where we wanted to be.

"Thereafter, the question arose, what should our museum look like. I, along with Loukie Smith and Stan Johnson, came together and brought along pictures of various Ford dealerships from the Model A Ford era. By chance, I brought along a May 1929 article...from a magazine called Ford dealer and Service Seal. This was a private magazine for dealers and edited by Mary Bronstein. Page 40 showed a front face view of a suggested medium size Ford dealership building. That drawing eventually won the day, and that is what you now see as the façade of our MAFFI Museum here at the Gilmore"

You now know "the rest of the story."

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From Editor John Yeager

It is a coolish, blustery October morning and I go out and open the barn where I store my 1931 Ford Model A Tudor. A few days before, I had taken the time to check the oil, water and tires, and top off the gas to ready the old girl for the weekend's activities. Now, I carefully unwrap the car, rolling up the faded cloth cover that was bequeathed to me by Sam Lane, from whom I purchased the car some four years ago.



I open the left bonnet and twist the safety cutoff switch to the “on” position. I then check the oil one more time. It is nice and light as the oil had just been changed the weekend before. I close and latch the hood and remove the flying quail radiator cap. Using a flashlight, I peer through the neck of the radiator. I can just see the eerie dayglow green of the coolant just about two inches down. Replacing the cap, I then climb into the cold driver's seat. Going through the necessary starting procedures, eventually I step on the starter button. After two cranks, she starts right up. As I let the engine fast idle to warm up, I write an entry in the spiral notebook log I keep in the driver's side door pocket:

“October 23, 2022, 8:05 am – Started fine, oil good, water good. Fuel at 4/4. Autumn Trails parade day in WNSB. Tires good.” I close the notebook and step out of the car.

Using a “California Duster” I picked up at Walmart a few years ago, I quickly brush the car, starting at the front, working my way to the fenders, doors and back, and then stretching to get as much of the top as I can, keeping an eye out for any errant dirt dauber nests deposited during the summer.

I then affix my magnetic signs that my daughter and I designed. One for each side, they read “YEAGERS Sanitary Barbering and Tooth Extraction” and feature an old-time barber pole and a drawing of a young man with a very neat haircut and a missing tooth, with a pair of scissors and pliers. In the mouth of the pliers is a freshly extracted tooth.

The engine now sufficiently warmed, I back the car out of the barn. After closing and locking the barn, I pull the car up to the driveway, park and go into the house.

A few minutes later, after gathering candy for the parade, maps for the tour we are to lead later today, and jackets, just in case, Rebekah and I step out of the house and walk towards the car, in which we find a very determined visitor.



Our black cat, Max, has decided he would like to join us on our little adventure today! However, we do not feel that this is a good idea, although he would totally fit in with the general Halloween theme of the event. So, Rebekah opens the passenger side and Max retreats to the driver side. I open the driver side, and the little black devil moves to the back. I reach to get him and he nonchalantly hops up to the back window, just out of reach, with his back arched in the classic Halloween stance.

After a few choice words of frustration and admonishment, we manage to extricate our naughty feline interloper from the vehicle and begin to make our merry way to join the Autumn Trails festivities.



Friday Night Stew







Tours



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Autumn Trails BBO & Awards Banquet

November 2022



Entertainment



Celebrities



Awards



Longest Distance Driven
Fred Schiefer & Jeff Boyles
253 Miles



Autumn Trails Queen
Joeleigh Stone



Best Hard Luck Story
(and the one that got the girl)
Jordan Douglas



Oldest Driver &
Oldest in Attendance
Harris Lege - 89



Youngest Driver
Bobby Willis - 20



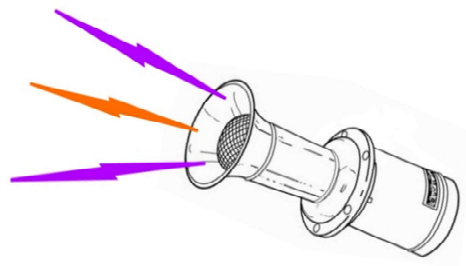
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Sunshine Report

by Jana Icenhower



Chana Gail Willis is recovering from the surgery she had on October 27. She has been up eating breakfast and Tex reports she is now home. Glen Clark had knee surgery on October 25 and is doing great, walking well and not taking many pain pills. We were so glad to see Neal at the parade as he is out of quarantine due to the COVID.

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Calendar of Events

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

2022

- **November 6** *Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting (1 pm, Ancona Italian Restaurant, Quitman)*
- November 15 Classics & Coffee Cruise-In (8:00-10:30 am, on the square in Quitman)
- **December 4** *Autumn Trails A's Christmas Party (Location TBD)*

2023

- *January 8 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- *February 12 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- *March 12 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- *April 9 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- *May 14 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- *June 11 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- *July 9 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- *August 13 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- *September 10 Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting*
- September 16 International Model A Day
- *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*

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*

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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