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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!

Well, last month, I figured it would be pretty warm, so I drove the '30 sedan in hopes of taking the door prize for driving. When I turned into Oak Ridge Marina my heart sank as I saw three more Model A's under the shade tree! During the meeting, my heart rejoiced as the sweaty ride paid off!



As stated, the International Model A Ford Day meeting at the Historic Select Theater was a bust. I messaged George Jones back in April after I called MAFCA to find out which day it was, but when I showed up to reserve it, they already had a play scheduled and couldn't drop the screen for a movie. All is well as we have a Ken Parker tour in the works!

On September 17th at 1:00, Big Boy #4014 is scheduled to stop in Big Sandy. The Tyler club is planning on going and finding somewhere to park and take pictures. Union Pacific made 25 of these behemoths, at 132 feet long (the frame was hinged so it could make curves) and weighing 1.2 million pounds! Big Boy #4014 was restored and put back on the tracks in 2019 and travels around the US.

Be sure and make this meeting if you can because Autumn Trails is fast approaching. It is important to hammer out the details and get folks assigned to help because this is our fundraiser for the club to keep us going!

I'll see ya at the meeting at Oak Ridge Marina! ***[2919 W 154, Quitman, TX @ Lake Fork, Sunday, September 8: Dutch lunch @ 1 p.m.; meeting to follow]***

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



Autumn Trails Model A Club Minutes of the August 11, 2024 Meeting

Venue Oak Ridge Marina

Call to Order was at 1:20 pm. There were 18 members and two guests present with Vice President Tex Willis presiding

Birthdays and Anniversaries Birthday greetings were given this month to Bob Gray and Ellen Menconi and happy anniversary wishes were given to John and Jana Icenhower

Sunshine Report Nothing to report

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

President: Errol Barber
 Vice President: Tex Willis
 Treasurer: Vicki Clark
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Door Prizes [REDACTED] to Tex Willis and [REDACTED] each to Pam Parrish and Rebekah Yeager

Old Business

- Vicki has purchased the new tent and was able to get a significant saving on the original price thanks to a drop on prime day
- Brad of the Red Dome is once again booked to provide the BBQ for the AT Banquet

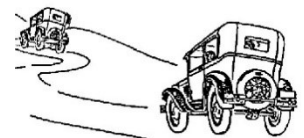


New Business

- Chana Gail Willis is looking for a member who would be willing to be a moderator on the social media page that she runs on facebook it has over 2000 followers and she needs help
- Tex reported that our plans for a second movie day at the theater in Mineola have to be scrapped as they have a play now scheduled to take place and the screen will not be able to be used. He has already let Tyler know about the change in plans as they were planning to join us again
- Ken Parker's September tour will be on September 28th -- see separate announcement
- The Scholarship Committee will be meet early before the September meeting starts
- At September's meeting finalizing jobs for Autumn Trails will take place but you should be setting aside as much time as possible October 24-27 to participate and help with this event
- There will be a Hot Pepper Eating contest running along with vendors at the Jack Cross Pavilion. There will be two contests; one for professionals at 11 and a second for amateurs at 12. This will include a few food trucks so hopefully some of the people attending the pepper contests will attend our swap meet and vice versa

Motion to adjourn was proposed by Gary Gray and this was seconded by Lanny Buck and approved by all. The meeting closed at 1:50 pm

Submitted by:
 Rebekah Yeager, Secretary



**Autumn Trails
Model A Club
Weekend
October 25-27, 2024**





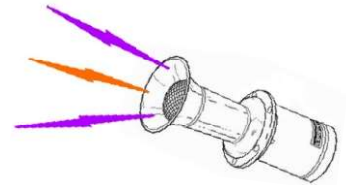
September

BIRTHDAYS

- Harold Black
- Joe Harding
- Scarecrow Willis
- Vicki Clark
- John Icenhower

ANNIVERSARIES

- Blacks
- Willises



For Sale

1930 Model A Roadster Deluxe - \$25k

Email modelaforsale@abernathy.com for details. Serious inquiries only. Bill Abernathy



For Sale

My Dad has died and he always did the car show. He had a 1930 to sell and we want it to go to a good home. Please call 318-230-4606. John Gayle

Ken's Binder

Solving a Starter Problem

The other day I took a neighbor for a ride in the Model A. We went to Del Amo shopping center, drove around for a half-hour, stopping and shutting off the car several times. Got home and parked the car in the driveway as usual. At 4 p.m. I went out to put the car in the garage and I heard the starter spin but the motor wouldn't turn over! After a few more tries, I decided something must be wrong with the starter. So, I took out my tools and proceeded to remove the starter.

First thing, disconnect the battery! A few bolts here, a screw or two there, and the starter was out. Over to the work bench, looking it over I noticed one of the ears that hold the drive spring broke off, and therefore the drive gear would not engage the flywheel. As luck would have it, I had a new (modern) drive gear assembly. It's all encased in a big housing.

Well, it was very easy to install it on the starter shaft. I went to reinstall the starter and it WOULDN'T FIT back into the flywheel housing!! The starter was hitting the engine block water inlet elbow! I had to drain the water, remove the elbow, and now the starter had enough room to maneuver this modern bulkier starter drive over the flywheel. I reassembled everything back together and the engine starts great.



I read somewhere these modern drives are very reliable, we'll see! I would suggest carrying a spare starter drive spring about \$8, or the whole assembly for \$25, or the modern one for \$40 in your tool box of parts for peace of mind while driving around! Remember, these parts are over 90 years old!!!

Bobby DeCrescenzo, Harbor Area A's, Michigan

Big Boy Locomotive



Big Boy No. 4014 is scheduled for a whistle stop in Big Sandy at 1:00 pm on September 17, 2024 as part of its “Heartland of America Tour.” You may remember that Ken Parker got up close and personal with Big Boy No. 4014 back in September of 2021 when it made a stop in Jefferson. Ken came away thoroughly impressed.

The locomotive’s 2024 tour began at its home in Cheyenne, Wyoming on August 28, and wend its way through Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas, and is scheduled to reach Texas on September 17. The Texas portion of its 2024 tour will begin in Texarkana and eventually join Highway 80 as it makes its way to Dallas for an overnight stop. The behemoth will then continue down to Houston, where it will double-back north with a stop in Fort Worth, and continue on through Oklahoma, Kansas, and Colorado until it reaches back home in Cheyenne. Big Sandy is the locomotive’s first stop on the Texas part of its tour.

Twenty-five Big Boys were built exclusively for Union Pacific Railroad, the first of which was delivered in 1941. The locomotives were 132 feet long and weighed 1.2 million pounds. The massive engines normally operated between Ogden, Utah, and Cheyenne.

Big Boy No. 4014 was delivered to Union Pacific in December, 1941. The locomotive was retired in December 1961, having traveled 1,031,205 miles in its 20 years in service. Union Pacific reacquired no. 4014 from the RailGiants Museum in Pomona, California, in 2013 and relocated it back to Cheyenne to begin a multi-year restoration process. It returned to service in May 2019 to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the transcontinental Railroad’s completion.

Perhaps a club tour could be organized for 9/17 to meet Big Boy No. 4014 in Big Sandy?

The picture of Big Boy No. 4014 and portions of this article courtesy of up.com.

A Junkyard Dream (PART III)

by Ben Hunziker

The Ladies Enter...

While Neb and Wrench were happily checking out Winslow's junkyard, Carolyn had NOT been enjoying herself sitting in the hot cramped cab of the A pickup. She looked over at Wrench's sparkling 450 next to her; it looked inviting idling away, air-con blasting...

An electric window lowered and June smiled out at her.

"Carolyn! You're roasting in that old truck! Come jump in and cool off!" She slid over and up Carolyn climbed into the cool cab. Windows up and air conditioning wide open, June selected 'Drive' and away the ladies went, leaving their husbands to explore their rusty wonderland. Wistfully, Winslow watched them drive away wishing he were accompanying the two beautiful ladies. His hound dog slept on.

"Double-cream iced Frappuccino's for us!" June exclaimed. "This rescue operation plan is going to take our guys a long time!" Gunning the beefy Ford, June pulled out of the driveway onto the county road.

"Starbucks?"

"Perfect!" replied Carolyn checking her phone for the latest pics of the grandkids. They were off!

Twenty minutes later...

Psssssssss! Steam curled up from under the hood, swirling around the cab. June pulled over close to the ditch and looked at Carolyn.

"AAA Roadside Assist?" She asked pulling out her phone.

"Hold off," Carolyn replied. "That'll take at least a couple of hours. Let's check the situation out. It was only last week that Neb was bragging about how he repaired the radiator hose on his '54 Chevy using some used sticky tape he pulled off his ratty seat covers."

Pulling the hood lever June wondered what Wrench would say about a film-flam lady repair. The oppressive outside heat helped her decide.

"Ok, let's check it out." Together they perused the top radiator hose spitting and spraying steam and coolant in all directions.

"We can fix this!" Carolyn exclaimed. "It's only a tiny hole, right there." As the radiator cooled the steam subsided and the ladies searched through Wrench's toolbox.

"Gorilla tape! Strapping tape!" Together they wound the sticky tape around the defective hose.

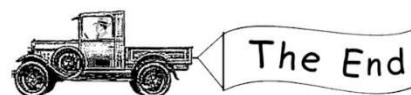
Next came the flat strapping.

June nodded with satisfaction as she cinched the final knot tight. A bottle of Brookshire's water topped off the reservoir. They were off!

Meanwhile...

The guys sweated in the relentless heat, pursuing their dreams of mothballed Model A engines preserved in MilSpec Cosmoline RP 342.

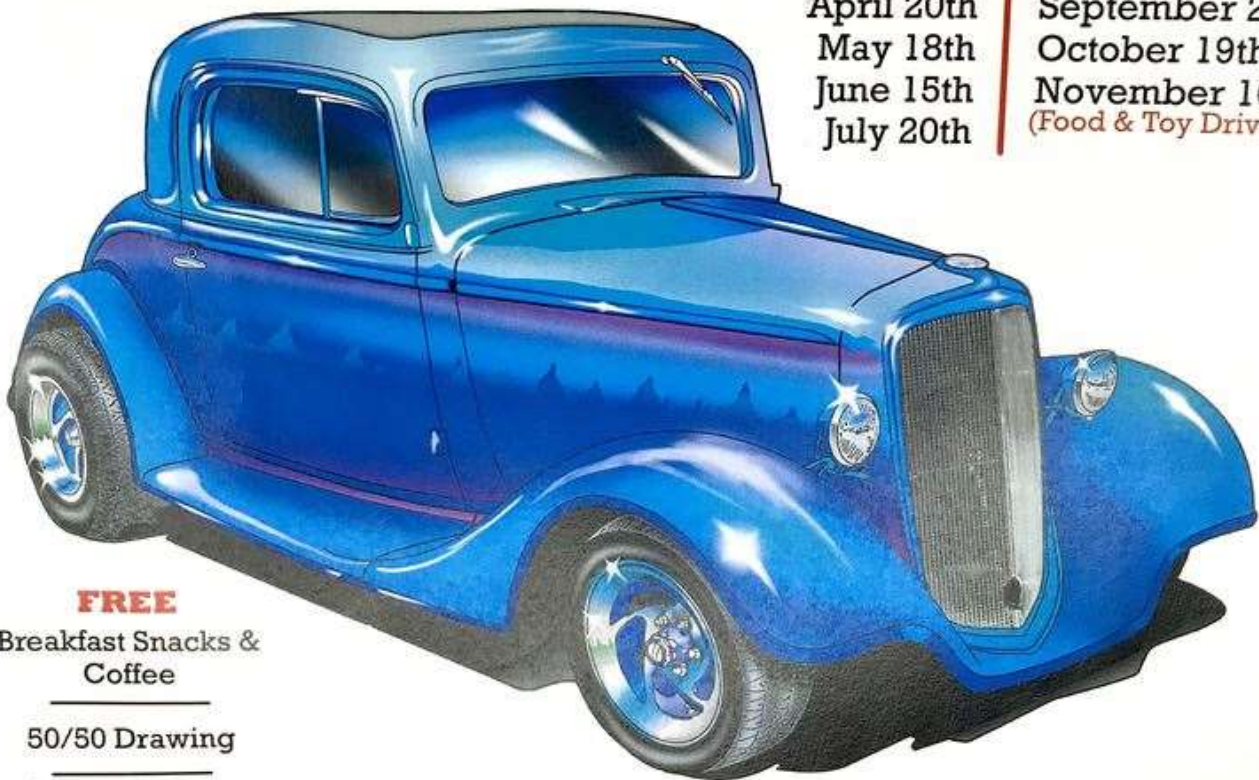
And the bulldozer clock continued to tick...





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.

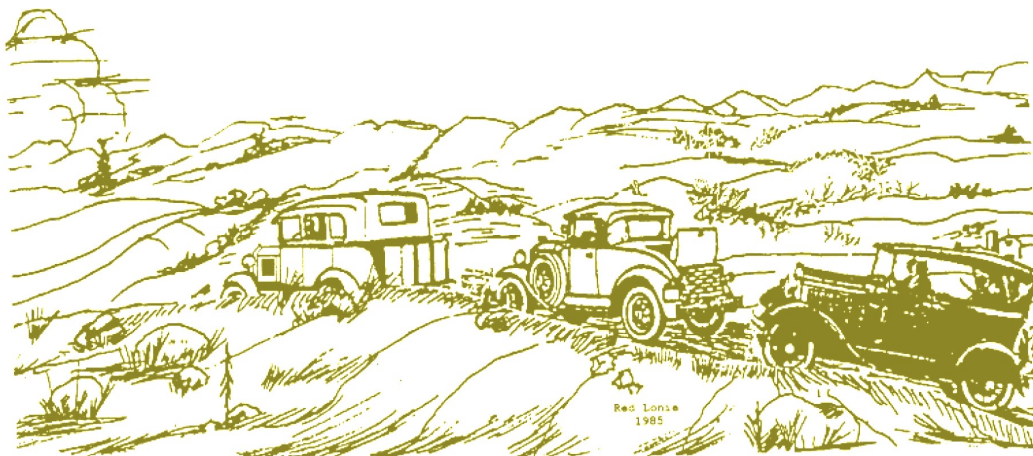
Rain will cancel the event, check our website: lakecountryclassicscarclub.com our Facebook page or call 805-340-6520, 903-312-3499 or 910-478-8723 for updates

Touring the Trails on the Shreveport to Dallas Highway September 28, 2024

On September 28, 2024, the Autumn Trails Model A Club is sponsoring a tour featuring the Old Shreveport to Dallas Highway, organized by Ken Parker. We will be joined by some members of the Cedar Creek Model A Club and of course welcome members from any of our other sister clubs.

- 9:00 Meet at Whataburger in Mineola (corner of State Hwy 37 and North Loop 564)
- 9:30 Depart Whataburger and travel to US Highway 80 via Loop 564
Travel west on US 80 to the intersection of FM 1250
- 9:40 (Approximate time) Have a brief stop and gathering of cars in the parking lot of the old grocery store at intersection FM 1253, on the south side of US 80
- 9:45 (Approximate time) Depart parking lot and follow the leader to the old highway
Follow the old highway through to Edgewood
- 11:30 (Approximate time) Lunch at the Lumber Yard Café in Edgewood

We will be accompanied by a Texas historian and expert. There are also several Texas Historical Markers along the way.



Calendar of Events

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

2024

- *September 8* **Autumn Trails A's Club Meeting** (Oak Ridge, 1 pm lunch, followed by meeting)
- September 14 International Model A Day (MAFCA)
- September 17 Big Boy 4014 Whistle Stop (1 pm, Pearl St. crossing, Big Sandy)
- Sept. 21-22 Model A Days (MAFFI), Hickory Corners, MI
- September 21 Classics and Coffee Cruise-In, 8-10:30 am, Quitman
- *September 28* **ATMAC Old Dallas Road Tour** (Meet at Whataburger Mineola, 9 am)
- *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 (Venue TBD)**
- December 11-14 National Awards Banquet, Salt Lake City, Utah



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*



Dash Lite welcomes all input to include corrections, letters, Model A "Tips and Tricks," original articles and classified ads (pictures accepted)
Send all correspondence to AutumnTrailsMAC@outlook.com



**66th Annual Winnsboro Autumn Trails
Parade, Tour and Dinner
October 24-27, 2024
Registration Form**

Please remit by October 7, 2024

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 7, 2024	\$10.00	_____	_____
	After October 7, 2024	12.00	_____	_____
Dinner	No. Persons	Price per Person	Total for Dinners	
	_____ 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 carry outs at the BBQ. No refunds after October 7, 2024.

**66th AUTUMN TRAILS – WINNSBORO, TEXAS
FLEA MARKET & TRADE DAYS SWAP MEET
OCTOBER 24-27, 2024 @ Winnsboro City Park, 900 Wheeler Dr.**

Space Limited – First Come First Served

Make Checks Payable & Mail to:

**Begin Set-up Thursday Oct. 24, 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! ☺**

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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'**

No. of Spaces

_____ at \$40 ea. \$ _____ Flea Market, Trades Day & Swap Meet Booth City Park

_____ at \$50 ea. \$ _____ Food Concession – no electric

TOTAL Amount \$ _____

Please enclose check or money order with reservation request, made payable to "Autumn Trails A's"

Business Name _____ Phone _____

Owner's Name _____ Cell _____

Full Address _____

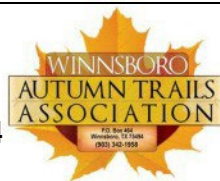
Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Note:

***No refunds due to weather**

***No refunds after October 7, 2024**



***Guaranteed lots must be prepaid**

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