

The Steering Wheel



July 2021

A Publication by and for the members of the Victori-A's

Issue 7

Under the Hood with.....your Prez, Ron Albert

Greetings fellow Model A'ers.

This is going to be short as we are on our way to Kansas to help a family member with his wheat harvest.

We had a nice turnout at our last meeting, let's continue to make an effort to get together the more the merrier!

I am looking forward to a good turnout for our tour to Edna Tx. area, please try to join us.

See you at the meeting on July the 11th.

Thank you all. God Bless.



See you all soon, Ron Albert



David & Anita Harris - On the annual Ford Model A Texas Tour in Longview, Jefferson, and Kilgore. 88 model A's touring the East Texas countryside.







What our members are doing

58th Annual Texas Tour held in Longview, Texas.

Eighty-eight model A's participated in the annual Texas Tour. This year the tour was held in Longview with day trips to Jefferson and Kilgore. Both days, the weather cooperated, and we headed out enjoying the Piney Woods of East Texas. Spring wildflowers and rolling pastures were our views on both days. The Jefferson tour included rolling down Main Street Jefferson, visiting antique shops, riding the Jefferson Railcar for a bit of history, and barbeque lunch. Kilgore was an interesting trip also, as we visited the Kilgore Oil Museum, antique shops, the world's Richest Acre encompassing all the oil derricks in town. Our lunch stop was "The Back Porch" a popular lunch spot. On Saturday evening, we enjoyed a great barbeque dinner, entertainment by Tex Willis and family, fashion show, and auction to compete the tour.

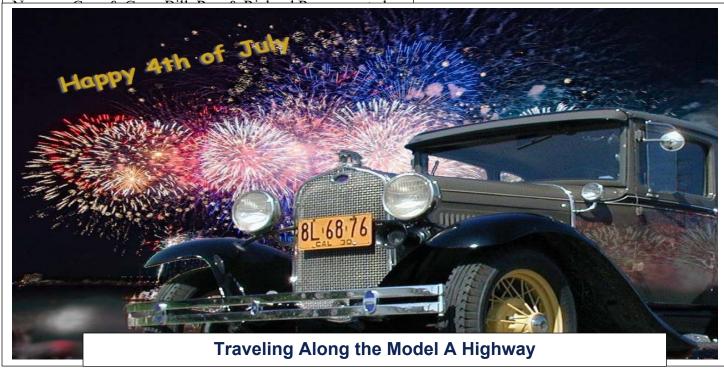
Submitted by Anita Harris



And the fellows at their Wednesday coffee on June 3rd at



Gary East drove his Model A to our monthly meeting on Sunday June 13th.



Gary East was impressive at our June meeting with the Model A Texas Tour report he gave. Thanks Gary! Below is the email the Texas Tour Chairman sent out.

What can I say? We really enjoyed the 58th Annual Texas Tour. It is all wrapped up and we all finally got some rest! This is my regular email address. The Texas Tour website and email will go away in a month or so and Chana Gail will archive it under the Autumn Trails A's website:

http://www.autumntrailsmodelafordclub.com

Tour Recap:

We had 100 registrations and 228 folks sign up for the tour. We ended up in the black on finances thanks to the Auction donations and the bidders. Again, on behalf of the Tour Committee, Thanks! We tried to design a simple tour where we tour to a place with a lot to do, provide you with a list of eateries and attractions, then let you decide what you want to do. There were no real timelines so that you could shop or check out local attractions at your leisure.

A few things moving forward:

The rose. The flower, the thorns and the bud.

I may gather up some co-chairs and do this again sometime, or just help out another club. Last year and this year, Jordan Douglas, Ray Hinnant, myself, Chana Gail, Scarecrow and Nate Rominger proved that a smaller club can host a Texas Tour. Let me know your thoughts on:

The Rose flower: It is beautiful and fragrant. What went good? What did you like? What will make you want to come to another Texas Tour?

The Thorns: Yeah, they prick your fingers. What went bad? What could have been better? What made you think "Ehhhhh, I don't know about that"? (I promise I will never try to sing Jeramiah Was A Bullfrog again, and I doubt Sony and Cher will not ever come back!).

The Bud: The bud is the next flower to bloom. What can we do to make that bloom prettier and more fragrant than the current flower? What do YOU want on a Texas Tour? What will make sure that you sign up? What city would you like to go to for a Texas tour? What could the planners do to make you do something as drastic to postpone your wedding to come to a Texas tour?

Closing:

We love our neck of the woods. We invited you to our "house" and tried our best to make you feel at home here in NE Texas. We hope you all enjoyed your visit with us. Scarecrow has always thought it would be cool to go to Texarkana. If we did that, I reckon that would make it an Interstate Tour, because there is a street that you can walk down with one foot in Texas, and the other foot in Arkansas!

Here's a link to some pictures that a feller from Jefferson took. https://jaypat1998.myportfolio.com/model-a-club-tour-06112021-1

On behalf of myself, Chana Gail, Nate and Scarecrow:

Check the air in your tires, check your oil, and by all means, don't forget to turn your gas valve back on when leaving the gas station!

David "Tex" Willis TX Auctioneer / 16870 P.O. Box 752 Winnsboro, TX 75494 dbwillis1@gmail.com 903-816-0638

COMING EVENTS

Our next meeting on July 11th will be back at Kings, 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting.

Saturday July 17th meet at McCoy's, Salem Rd & Loop, to leave at 9am. Tour to Edna, bring your lunch to eat in the park.



Happy Birthday June

I don't see any



Happy Anniversary June

I don't see any



If I have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let me know email nwhiddon@suddenlinkmail.com





Subject to change

Calendar of Events

July 4th – Independence Day, fly your flag July 09 Collector Car Appreciation Day

July 11 - Regular Meeting. (Second Sunday) Kings Grill & Bar 3801 N. Navarro,

6pm to eat, 7pm for meeting.

July 17 – Cruise to Edna July 29 – Thursday night DQ

Watch emails for any changes or additions.





Please continue to keep all our members in your prayers



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Some information contained in our newsletter may have been reprinted from other newsletters; we thank and acknowledge them.

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MINUTES OF MEETING VICTOR-A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB June 13. 2021

Willie Sanders said the blessing before our meal and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

President Ron called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

MINUTES OF MEETING There were no minutes read so Secretary Chris read the thank you note from Simone about Bob Ahrens funeral. Pres Ron asked for motion to accept minutes as printed in the newsletter. Willie made motion and Gary Henrichs seconded it.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Gail reported opening balance was \$1347.19. Collected dues of \$20.00 bringing balance to \$1367.19. Pres Ron asked for motion to accept treasures report as given. Burson made motion to accept treasurers report and James seconded motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Gary East gave a report on the Texas Tour held in Longview TX. Gary, Anita, and David Harris were the only ones to make the tour everyone had a good time.

NEW BUSINESS

We decided on Hallettsville for the Autumn A Tour, October 29th thru 31st. Watch your e-mail for more information. Also discussed short tour to Edna TX July 17th and have a picnic lunch at Lake Texana.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Nena read a list of birthdays and anniversaries for month of June.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 17th short drive and picnic to Lake Texana, meet at McCoy's 9am.

NEXT MEETING

July 11th at Kings Bar & Grill 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning we drew for the 50/50 pot. Gary East had winning ticket for the participation award and James had ticket for the 50/50 pot both donated their winnings back to the club. Pres Ron asked for motion to adjourn. Burson made motion to adjourn, and Steve seconded motion. Pres Ron adjourned meeting at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Chris Kasper secretary

Attendees

Nena & Ron Albert; Gail & Gary Henrichs; Nancy & Steve Whiddon; Chris & James Kasper; Gary East. Burson Patton; Willie Sanders; Keith Spitzenberger

What our members are doing continued

We received this question on our website:

First Name: Chuck Fiebke Email: cfiebke@att.net Subject: Model A VIN

Message: I'm starting the resto of my barn find. The VIN on the block is RC54114. I cannot find any

reference to the first letters RC. It is getting in the way of titling the car into my name. Help

I sent out an email asking for any suggestions. My friend and fellow editor Randy Koncak replied with a very detailed and informative answer.

Nancy, looking into your question. A couple of things to note:

- 1. Engines that were built in or shipped to England/Cork had an "AF" prefix.
- 2. The vin number is a 6-digit number which indicates an early car. Likely March 1928
- 3. Chassis numbers were stamped based on the engine number. In a perfect world they should match the engine number unless the engine or chassis was changed at some time in its life (highly probable)

I'm including a link from the MAFCA site which explains the numbering process and provides a daily log of engines produced. Additionally, I've included an image of that page which has an explanation of number for England/Cork engines.

Hope this helps. Frank's suggestion of the chassis number may be the best solution to the titling problem. First check with MDV to see if a car is already titled to that number. If all clear, that number could then be used for the Engine number.

Randy Koncak

http://www.plucks329s.org/studies/studies_ep/studies_ep.html the website that explains the # system.



Frank DeLucia, Piney Wood Editor, also responded –

The RC could be designated for a British or Cork, Ireland Built Engine the key now is the Frame Number.

I thank these two for their responses.

What you should see in the July/August issue of *The Restorer*



Chapter Report

Our Model A Club took a leisurely drive through the country to Goliad Market Days on Saturday April 10, 2021. We had 7 Model As and 18 attendees. We enjoyed lunch and dessert at DQ and a nice country drive back to Victoria. Thanks to Betty East we had goodie bags and a door prize. It was a lovely day to get out those Model As for a little spin and fellowship with friends.

Nancy Whiddon Victori-A's Model A Ford Club Victoria. TX

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Nancy Whiddon Victori-A's Model A Ford Club Victoria, TX

AUTUMN A TOUR
OCTOBER 29-31, 2021
Hallettsville TX
Sponsor: Victoria Model A Club







My favorite 4th of July ice cream recipe:

Strawberry Ice Cream

- 2 packages frozen strawberries
- 2 cans Eagle Brand condensed milk
- 2 Shasta Strawberry can drink

Mix the above, pour into your ice cream freezer, finish filling to the fill line with milk. Freeze according to your freezer directions and enjoy.

You will notice that this is an old recipe from the '70's. I am not even sure if Shasta is still available so any Strawberry can drink is okay. Back then frozen strawberries came in a square cardboard carton with a metal top so substitute with whatever container of frozen strawberries is available.

This recipe can also be made as **Peach Ice Cream**. Use 1 can diced peaches undrained. The original recipe called for Peach Nehi Soda, you can substitute with a 52oz bottle of Simply Peach

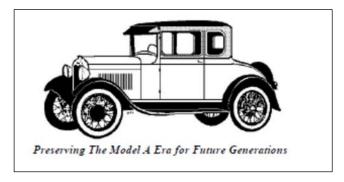




Enjoy our country's Independence Day Celebrations



Thanks to all club members and friends for pictures and info, On the Road, The Flying Quail, The Ford Squeaks; Cowtown a for articles and information in this issue of our newsletter.





Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Adding a Passenger Side View Mirror

There are several passenger side mirror options out there for us to add to our car, to see a bit better what traffic is over there. You can get a mirror that attaches to your door hinge, to your wind wing, etc.







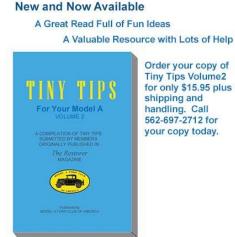


But after you install it, you will discover that you really can't see much in it. It is almost useless, especiallywhen trying to help you change lanes.

Here's my little Tech Tip: Add a small "bubble mirror" to the face of that flat mirror, using a couple of strips of two-sided tape. Hunt around for a bubble mirror that closely matches the diameter of your flat mirror. Look for them in auto parts stores, general merchandise stores, truck stops.

Now you will really be able to see what is on that side of the car or truck!

Enjoy the drive, and Have a Model A Day! Jim



Order your copy of Tiny Tips Volume2 for only \$15.95 plus shipping and handling. Call 562-697-2712 for your copy today.

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The Model A Ford Foundation Home of the Model A Museum

MAFFI Liaison Letter

May 2021



Our Annual Model A Day is fast approaching and since our last year's event had to be postponed to this year, all of our displays are already in place, just waiting for your arrival! We talk a lot about all of the beautiful cars that are on display in the Museum but did you know that there are many era fashions that are also on display year round. Our museum fashion director, Linda Morford does such an excellent job of keeping these displays fresh and ever changing. This year we have changed out a couple of our mannequins to wear our First Responder outfits.

If you have been to the museum in the past, you may have noticed "Dolly" donning her lovely vintage

housedress and apron. This year, Dolly has been transformed into Nurse Dolly. Her uniform is thanks to a find by Executive Director, John Marshall and the beautiful cape came from Julie Kluttz, of the MARC Fashion Committee. Don't worry, she will have white shoes by Model A Day!

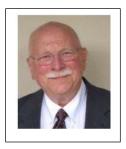
Officer Delaney was once our Good Humor Ice Cream man. He now proudly wears an authentic Police Uniform also donated by John Marshall.

Our fireman (yet unnamed) is wearing a complete era fireman's outfit thanks to Ken Ehrenhofer. I was there when they were dressing this guy and let me tell you, it's not easy putting those boots on a mannequin! A hole needed to be cut in one of the boots in order for it to fit onto the stand. Fire boots were not meant to be cut into!

Hopefully you will be able to make it to Model A Day September 18th, to see these wonderful displays in person. For more information go to our website at: maffi.org. Start making your plans now, it's gonna be great!

See you in September!!







Some Thoughts from Bill

July 2021

Look Out World, Here We Come

Today is the day, in California at least. The State has "reopened" to allow people more freedom of movement and with different rules for masks. That means...it's Model A time. Look out world, we're on our way. Don't hesitate. Turn the ignition key and fire up those 40 horses. Drive across town or across the country. Just get out and drive. Have fun.

Seeing our Model A friends again is something we have waited a very long time to do. Now we can have lunch in a real restaurant, not just a picnic on the park grass. Picnics are great, but sitting at a table has its advantages too. However, you do it, reconnect with those friends.

It is exciting to know that the first copies of *Tiny Tips*, 2nd Edition are in the office ready to be shipped. If you already ordered your copy, you can expect it to arrive directly. If you have yet to order, now is the time. Call the MAFCA office at 562-690-7452 to get your copy on its way to you as well.

Schools are out for the summer in most locations. It's vacation time again. Why not have the kids help with your Model A? They can help wash and dry to make it shine again. They might even be ready to learn how to change the oil or backflush the radiator. How about having them help with repacking the front wheel bearings? Carrying tools, watching over your shoulder, getting grease under their fingernails is all part of learning how to enjoy the old cars. It can bring you and the young ones closer together. You suddenly become a teacher they can absorb information from. What a great experience.

If you are going to participate in Independence Day festivities on July 4th, why not drive your Model A to the events? And, for those of you in other countries, you can do the same when your holidays roll around. We are so thankful that the world is beginning to get a handle on the virus. All the best to you and your families during this happy time.

I hope to see you along the Model A roads.

Bill Truesdell 2021 President

Model A Fun





Left front bumper missing; Side mirror is gone; White line on asphalt is missing; Missing door handle; Lug nut is gone; Logo on side of tank is added; Emblem on back of tank is missing; "Motor Oil" on side of tank is gone. Head light is gone; House in upper left covered with bushes.

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The Forgotten Accessory

By Sherry Winkinhofer, Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club

"From its place as simply a useful accessory, the decorative pin has become a most important detail of dress. It still performs the old function of enhancing the beauty of the person and adding distinction and dignity, but today it does more than that. The jeweled pin or bracelet, appropriately worn, forms the last in the perfection of the completed costume." -1928 Baird-North Jewelry catalog.

When we think of Model A era jewelry, what comes to mind? Necklaces are usually at the top of the list, closely followed by earrings and bracelets. But how often do you think about wearing a brooch or pin? The jewelry catalogs of the time have pages and pages devoted to pins of all types. The materials range from platinum and diamonds to paste and pot metal. There are cameos, mosaics, gemstones, pearls, and even coral and jade.

So why such a dearth in visibility? One of the reasons we tend to overlook this jewelry is its size. Pins and brooches are relatively small and do not show up well in pictures. I didn't realize this fact until I started researching the subject and quickly noticed how hard it was to find pictures with these details. With a lot of searching, I was able to round up a few pictures of ladies wearing pins for this article. Most of these are from advertisements or movie magazines.



A La Salle Car ad shows a bar pin matching our lovely lady driver's outfit-Good Housekeeping May 1930



These three actresses from a 1928 Metropolitan Studios publicity shot demonstrate three different styles of pins.



Ethel Barrymore wearing a brooch on her dress strap-Cosmopolitan magazine October 1929



A housewite with a circle brooch holding the draped accent on her dress-Good Housekeeping June 1928.



Notice the petite bar pin at the neckline in this illustration-Carson Pirie Scott & Co. 1928 Jewelry catalog.



Actress Polly Moran wears a lovely brooch on her coat-Picture Play magazine July 1928



Polly Moran wearing a stylized brooch-Silver Screen Magazine December

Five States In 1929 Abolished Speed Limits

Maximum speed limits were abolished in five states in 1929, while 12 stated raised the limit, with the objective of speeding up traffic, according to reports received by the California State Automobile Association. Kansas, Tennessee, Vermont and Wisconsin prescribe a speed that is "reasonable and proper". In effect, this means that speed is not to be considered prima facie evidence of reckless driving, and such cases will be considered on their merits.

With improved highways and added safety qualities in motor cars, the tendency throughout the country has been to speed up traffic, and each year finds the legislature of various states fostering proposals to abolish maximum speed laws.

SPEED LIMITS INCREASED

States which increased their speed limits by action of the legislature during 1929 are: California, from 25 miles per hour to 40; Delaware, from 30 to 35; Illinois, from 35 to 45; Minnesota, from 35 to 45; Nebraska, from 35 to 45; Nevada, from 45 to 50; New Mexico, from 35 to 45; Ohio, from 35 to 45; Pennsylvania, from 35 to 40; South Dakota, from 25 to 40; Texas, from 35 to 45, and Virginia, from 35 to 45.

A total of 11 states do not prescribe maximum speed laws. These are: Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The limits in other states range from 20 miles an hour in Massachusetts to 50 miles per hour in Nevada, with the majority of states placing the limit at between 35 and 45 miles an hour.

From "The Evening News, San Jose, California, Wednesday, August 27, 1930":





How would you like to throw a party for your favorite friends in the greatest location in the United States? Here is your chance!

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Collector Car Appreciation Day



Collector Car Appreciation Day is an annual celebration to raise awareness of the role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society. The day was first recognized on July 9, 2010 due, in part, to U.S. Senate resolution S. Res 513, sponsored by Senators Jon Tester and Richard Burr.

Hundreds of events were staged nationwide to celebrate the first Collector Car Appreciation Day. Thousands attended events ranging from car cruises and shows to small-business open houses and "drive your car to work" displays. The effort was organized by the Specialty Equipment Market Association and its Automotive Restoration Market Organization and Hot Rod Industry Alliance Councils, acknowledged the importance of the automobile in American culture as the inspiration for much music, literature, photography, cinema, fashion and other artistic pursuits.

Celebrated on 2rd Friday in July.

Source: wikipedia.org

In 2021 Collector Car Appreciation Day in USA falls on July 9.

2021 Dues

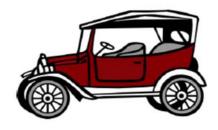
Please pay your \$20 local club dues to Treasurer Gail Henrichs.

Membership in the MAFCA or MARC is not mandatory to join the Victori-A's, but we do encourage all members to join one or both. Application forms for these clubs can be obtained on their website as follows: MAFCA www.mafca.com (\$50); MARC www.modelaford.org (\$45). You will receive national information all the opportunities in the enjoyment of your Model A. You will also receive The Restorer magazine. (mafca) or Model a News magazine (marc). Membership does not require the actual possession of a Model "A", but merely an interest in the club's objectives, and a desire to take an active part in club activities.



Be sure to like the Victori-A's Ford Model A Club

https://www.victoriamodelaclub.com
Thanks to Anita, we now have a new website.



Schedule of Regional/National Events

2021

December, MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Fort Worth Stockyards Kerrville Texas (note date changes)

Hosts: Alamo A's

2022

June 12-17, 2022 - MAFCA National Convention Kerrville Texas (note date changes)

Hosts: Alamo A's

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MAFFI LIAISON LETTER

Save The Date!!



Mark Your Calendar! December 2-5 Fort Worth, Texas



The Fort Worth Model A Ford Club invites you to Fort Worth-where the west begins! Come and experience the uniqueness of the Fort Worth Stockyards, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

- Enjoy our festive welcome reception & our awards banquet.
- Take part in the living history that is the Fort Worth Stockyards.
- . Tour our world-famous Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.
- Experience Technical & Informational Seminars presented by some of our leading experts.
- From authentic Texas barbeque restaurants to south-of-the-border cuisine, you can find whatever food you've got a hankering for after a day on the trail. Authentic cowboy gear, vintage record stores, fashion boutiques—there's shopping for everyone.





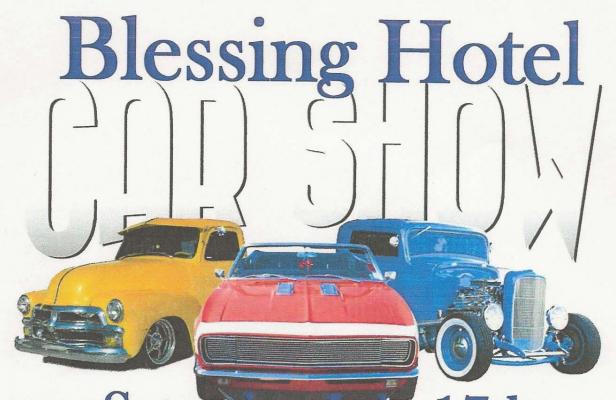




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2315 N. Main St. Fort Worth, TX 76164 682-255-5100 Group Discount Code: "Model A Ford Club" \$159 ++ per night. includes free WiFi & buffer breakfast for 2





Saturday July 17th Vendor Booths, Food Trucks, 50/50 Drawing

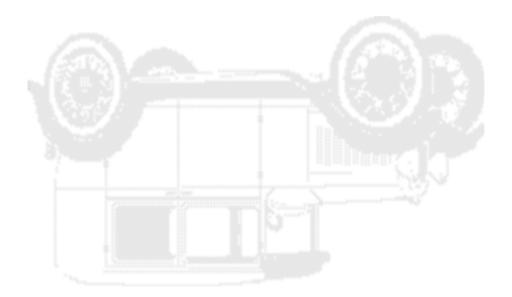
Quilt Raffle & Cake Auction Registration for Car Show 10 am Awards @ 3pm

There will be 12 classes and 5 special awards! Also a Peoples Choice Award! 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Buy tickets to vote on your favorite! People Choice tickets can be purchased at the registration table! for \$1

Car Show & Booth info contact Penny Bloom @ 979-240-3943

All proceeds go toward the upkeep of the Blessing Hotel Location: FM Rd 616 Blessing Texas





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WIEN S LECH SESSIONS

Every Wednesday morning at 8 a.m.
Nursery "Cimmaron Crossing" Shell Station.
The sessions in July will be:
July 7, 14, 21, 28
Come and join in on these sessions. Everyone can learn something NEW.



