

# The Steering Wheel



August 2021

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

Issue 8

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

Greetings fellow Model A'ers.

I hope everybody is staying cool in this hot summer weather!

We enjoyed our tour to the Breckinridge Park close to Edna, three of us took our Model As. Steve and Nancy joined us in their Miata A, we enjoyed our sack lunches. It was nice to eat and enjoy our fellowship out in the open.

Many thanks to our members that were able to take their Model As to Mr Clint Williams Sr funeral service at the request of his son Clint Williams Jr. I apologize for us and others that couldn't accompany y'all due to a previous commitment we had to the Golden Crescent car club.

It is with much regret that Nena and I won't be able to attend our next meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> as we will be in Kansas for our Albert family reunion. We will definitely miss you all.

See you all soon, Ron Albert

Have a great day in your Model A



Gary, Betty, Nancy – July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, Liverpool TX with the Houston Model A Club





Ron with his 2002 Retro Baby T



Waiting for the parade to begin.













We cruised to Edna Lake Texana for a picnic today, Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>, driving Model As Willie & Nancy, Gary & Gail, Ron & Nena, driving my Miata A Steve & Nancy. It was a fun day and a nice picnic.













#### What our members are doing

Men at Wednesday morning coffee, Richard Willie, Ron, David, and visiting Victoria is Dwain Epting







Bill Spellacy drove his Model A to our Monthly meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>.



# Schedule of Regional/National Events

#### 2021

September 11 International Model 'A' Day, drive your Model 'A'

October 22-24 Winnsboro Autumn trails, Winnsboro TX

October 29-31 Our Autumn A Tour

December MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Fort Worth Stockyards

#### 2022

June 5-11 Model 'A' Restorers Club National Meet, Morgantown, PA June 12-17 MAFCA National, Convention in Kerrville, TX (Alamo 'A's host)

## What our members are doing continued











Sept 11, 2021, Worldwide, a day when people around the world all take their Model A Ford for a ride, alone or with clubs and friends.

If you answer
The phone with
"Hello, you're on the air!"
Most telemarketers
Will quickly hang up....

# Happy Birthday August

Patsy Brett 8/1 Sam Jackson 8/8 LeeAnn Spitzenberger 8/14 Betty East 8/15 David Harris 8/17 Heidi Jackson 8/27



# Happy Anniversary August

Sam & Heidi Jackson

8/15

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















We send our condolences to the family of Clint & Kathy Williams Sr. Clint Sr passed away July 26<sup>th</sup>. Clint and Kathy would have celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Subject to change

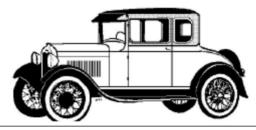
#### **Calendar of Events**

Aug 08 - Regular Meeting. (Second Sunday) Kings Grill & Bar 3801 N. Navarro, 6pm to eat, 7pm for meeting.

Aug 26 - Thursday night DQ

Oct 19-31 - Autumn A Tour

Watch emails for any changes or additions.





Please continue to keep all our members in your prayers



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#### MINUTES OF MEETING VICTOR-A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB July 11, 2021

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

#### CALL TO ORDER

Pres Ron called the meeting to order at 7pm at Kings Bar and Grill.

MINUTES OF MEETING Secretary Chris read the minutes from our last meeting, there were no corrections. Pres Ron asked for motion to accept minutes as read. Burson Patton made the motion to accept minutes and James seconded the motion.

#### TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Gail reported opening balance was \$1367.19. Made two deposits \$30.00 from the 50/50 drawing and \$20.00 for membership dues, bringing balance to \$1417.19. Pres Ron asked for motion to accept treasurers report as given. Willie made the motion and James seconded the motion.

#### SUNSHINE REPORT

Nena reported there were no birthdays or anniversaries in August.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Short drive to Breckenridge Park in Edna Texas. Bring a sack lunch and your own drinks. If it's raining, we will not go we will leave from McCoy's at 9am. For the Autumn A's Tour, Oct 29-31, we decided on Hallettsville, host Hotel will be the Hotel Texas 1632 N Texana St Hallettsville, TX 77964, 361 798 5900. We will drive to Flatonia eat at Roberts 1241 State HWY 95 361-865-3099. Back to Hallettsville for banquet at Los Cabos Mexican Grill 1636 N Texana St. 361-798-9227. Watch email for more information.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Pres Ron presented Nancy Whiddon with the 2020 award from MARC for our club newsletter, The Steering Wheel. Congratulations Nancy for a great job.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 23rd thru 25th Fredericksburg swap meet. October 21st thru 23rd Winnsboro tour.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

August 8 at Kings Bar & Grill 6pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Before adjourning we drew for the 50/50 pot. Willie had the winning ticket he received \$15.50 and the other \$15.50 went in our club account. Pres Ron asked for motion to adjourn, Steve made the motion and Bill Spellacy seconded motion. Pres Ron adjourned meeting at 7:55pm.

#### Respectfully submitted.

Chris Kasper secretary

#### Attendees

Nena & Ron Albert; Gail & Gary Henrichs; Nancy & Steve Whiddon; Chris & James Kasper; Betty & Gary East. Burson Patton; Willie Sanders; Anita & David Harris; Bill Spellacy.

# Clinton Ray Williams Sr.

OCTOBER 31, 1942 - JULY 26, 2021

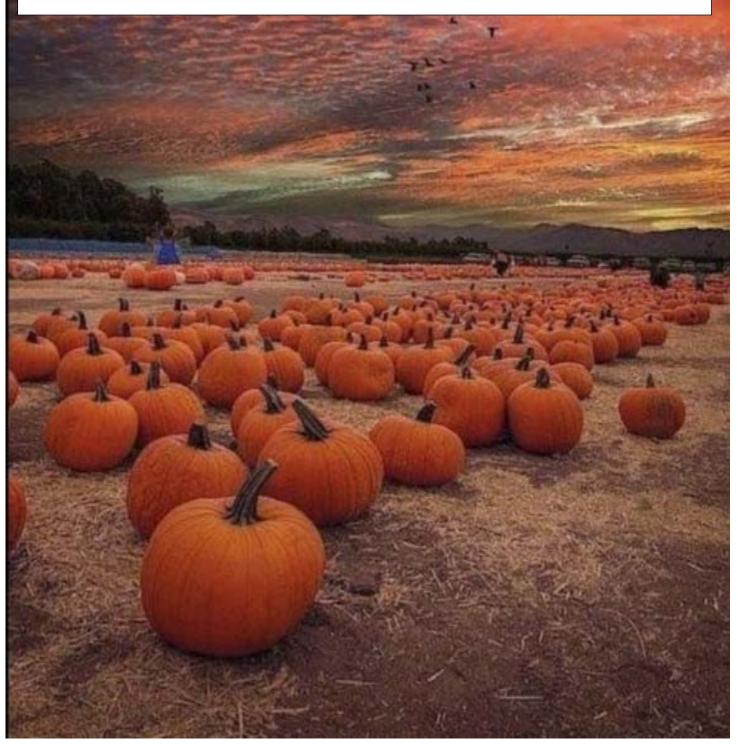
- Clinton Ray Williams Sr., age 78, of Victoria, Texas passed away on Monday, July 26, 2021. Clinton was born October 31, 1942, in Yoakum, Texas to the late Joyce Mavis Stevens Williams and Adley C. Williams.
- Clinton is survived by his wife, Kathy Baker Williams; son and daughter-in-law Clinton Ray Williams Jr. and wife, Debbie; his grandchildren, Paige, and Parker Williams; sister, Dale L. Williams; nieces, Terry Cuellar (Jacob), Donna Brandonburg (Randy), Jamie Huber, Vickie Huber and 3 great-nieces.
- Clinton was preceded in death by his father, Adley C. Williams, mother, Joyce Mavis Stevens Williams and sister, Peggy Joyce Huber.
- A graveside service will be Saturday, July 31, 2021, at 10 am at Memory Gardens Cemetery with full military honors under the auspices of the Victoria Veterans Council.
- In lieu of flowers, contributions in Clinton's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, https://www.stjude.org/.
- Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at <a href="https://www.rosewoodfuneralchapel.com">www.rosewoodfuneralchapel.com</a> for the Williams family.



#### AUTUMN A TOUR OCTOBER 29-31, 2021 Hallettsville TX

Sponsor: Victoria Model A Club

Tentative plans - Host Hotel will be Hotel Texas, 1632 N Texana St, Hallettsville TX 77964, Tel 361.798.5900. We will drive to Flatonia to eat at Robert's Steakhouse, 1241 State Hwy 95, Tel 361.865.3099. Back to Hallettsville for banquet at Los Cabos Mexican Grill, 1636 N. Texana St, Tel 361.798.9227. Watch email for more information.



Many chapters have THAT special award. You know, the one nobody wants. Here is a great idea that many chapters do to add some fun to their tours.

One of my favorite pictures. Gary showing us his "Turtle" Award from the Houston Model A Club. I wonder what you do to earn a turtle award!



Our AACA Car Club has The Red Blanket Award, if your car breaks down and you cannot fix it and it has to be towed back home you get this "award" and here am I receiving this "award" from the previous recipient when my mustang broke down and had to be towed back home. It is named The Red Blanket because when the club was first started and out on a cruise someone broke down and the only thing available at the time for towing was a red blanket, you can see a piece of the original red blanket on the right side of the "trophy".





The International Order of the Rubber Chicken Society Rules, Regulations and Other Silly Stuff



At a meeting of the International Order of the Rubber Chicken Society (IORCS), the following rules and silly things have been agreed to and enacted upon. The infamous Rubber Chicken is to be fun and full of frivolity. The purpose of these rules is to provide consistency and fairness for those persons desiring (or not) to acquire the scandalous Rubber Chicken because of a Model A Ford mishap.

#### Rule #1

If your Model A Ford causes an unscheduled stop (breakdown, flat tire, running out of gas or any other calamity) while on tour-YOU GET THE RUBBER CHICKEN!

#### Rule #2

If, while on tour, you delay the group from leaving on time (excepting for reasonable delays because of bringing donuts & coffee) - YOU GET THE RUBBER CHICKEN!

#### Rule #3

If you have a trailer (or modern car) problem, causing others to stop alongside the road or be delayed-YOU GET THE RUBBER CHICKEN!

#### Rule #4

If during any Model A Ford tour, you call another tour member to "help, aid, assist, or suggest what 'might be <u>a problem'-YOU GET THE RUBBER CHICKEN!</u>

Rule #5 Getting rid of the Rubber Chicken (procedures on how to give the Rubber Chicken away).

Rule #5-a. To pass the Rubber Chicken to another, the current holder of Rubber Chicken <u>must</u> be on the tour (if you ain't there too you loose), NO EXCETION TO THIS RULE!

Rule #5-b. While broken-down on the side of the road, it is <u>NOT ADVISABLE</u> to hand over, pass to or throw the Rubber Chicken at the car's owner or driver. It is also not advisable to put it inside the broken-down car. Nor is it advisable to stand alongside any broken-down car taunting the car's owner with the Rubber Chicken. Should one decide to have a picture taken with one standing next to the broken vehicle giving a thumbs-up jester, proudly displaying the chicken or any other sign of delight, satisfaction or joy, you do so at your own risk. Injury and mayhem for violating this rule is possible.

<u>Rule #5-c</u>. It <u>is</u> appropriate to pass the Rubber Chicken at any meal, gathering or chapter activity once faces have turned from bright red and steam is no longer venting from ears, or if the new recipient requests it while on the side of the road.

Rule #5-d. In order for a National Event (Tour or Convention) to be in play 25% or more of the chapter's members must be there and driving a Model A. A person should not be penalized for having the guts to drive their Model A when everyone else CHICKENS OUT!

<u>Rule #5</u>-e, multiple breakdowns. In the event more than one car breakdown on the same tour the appropriate method of passing the Rubber Chicken is to call all vehicle owners up in front of the chapter and then proceed to pass the Rubber Chicken from one to another in the chronological

order in which they broke down. Each owner should be given a minute to tell of their harrowing experience or why they don't deserve the Rubber Chicken. The last person to breakdown possesses the Rubber Chicken until the next opportunity to pass it along.

#### Rule #6

All chapters should name their Rubber Chicken. It is most appropriate to name the chicken after a member so deserving because of the regularity or quantity of times he/she has had the honorable Rubber Chicken bestowed up him/her.

## Rule #7

Out of respect, the Rubber Chicken shall be honorably retired once its head or both legs have fallen off.

## Rule #8

Each chapter should appoint a Colonel Chicken whose job shall be to determine all disputed matters. His/her word is final and not open to debate.

## Rule #9

Life Time Achievement Award. The Rubber Chicken shall be permanently given to he/she who run their Model A out of gas while on tour. Phrases accompanying running out of gas, such as "Don't worry, I have plenty of gas" are to be pointed out at the next chapter meeting this person attends. The person running out of gas shall at his/her own expense replace the chicken with a newer version. This is not debatable! (Note: an appropriate Rubber Chicken Mardi-Gras necklace (can be found on line) may be given in lieu of the original Rubber Chicken).

#### **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 all the national information and 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.

#### 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

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Note how I tilt the windshield to keep the fumes inside the car"...
"Next, I'll show you where the water goes"...

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On our website <a href="https://www.victoriamodelaclub.com/">https://www.victoriamodelaclub.com/</a>

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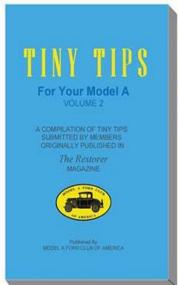
Thanks to all club members and friends for pictures and info, On the Road, The Flying Quail, The Ford Squeaks; Cowtown a for articles and information in this issue of our newsletter.



#### New and Now Available

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# Something cool for Summer Broccoli Salad

1 head of broccoli, broken into small florets 1lb of bacon, cooked & crumbled 1 red onion, diced or minced 1 cup toasted sunflower seeds ½ cup raisins

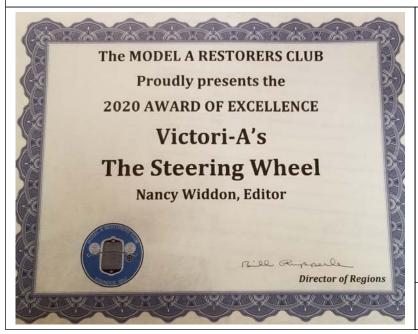
Combined in a bowl and set aside.

For the dressing: 1 cup Mayo ¼ cup sugar 2 TBPS vinegar ½ tsp salt ¼ tsp pepper



Mix in a bowl and add to the broccoli mixture. Stir it up and let sit in the fridge for a bit or overnight to let the flavors meld.

I went to a beekeeper to get a dozen bees. He accidentally gave me an extra one. When I told him he said, "that's a freebie."





Nena giving Willie his goodie bag loaded with all kinds of snacks. Thanks Nena.



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#### Chapter Chatter

#### August 2021

The MAFCA 2021 National Tour, A White Mountain Adventure, is concluded and besides the enjoyment of a great tour, I marked off two of the four remaining states I haven't visited bringing my total to 48 of the 50 states. New Hampshire and Maine were absolutely beautiful. If you were not able to attend you missed a well-run, well organized tour. For the most part, the weather was great and the cooler temperatures were a welcome relief from my typical hot Texas weather. Elaine and I got to visit with old friends, reacquaint with people we've met on past tours and make some new friends. Because of COVID restrictions and concerns, much time was spent outside in the parking lot with our cars which made a great venue for making new friends and seeing all the wonderful cars attending. Of special note to me were the six sedan deliveries present. If these are not rare enough, also



attending was an ultra-rare "drop bottom" sedan delivery. I was told by several that this is a one of eighty four vehicle. Incredible to see her still on the road

As we move into the second half of the year, it's time to get those fall tours planned, ice cream socials and International Model A day activities on paper. Our club, the Piney Wood A's

is working on all three along with our Christmas Banquet/Dinner. If you live in an area where this is possible now is the time to make final plans. December will be here before you know it.

Robert

2021 Chapter Coordinator



## Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

#### Working Around Your Car's Battery

Whenever working on the electrical parts of your car, it is a good idea to de-energize everything to prevent an accidental short circuit. For example, one of the horn wires in "hot" all the time, so any time you do anything with the horn cover, it's a good idea to disconnect the battery. The same is true of the brake light switch and the wires inside the instrument panel in the car.

If you have a fuse on the yellow wire that comes off of the starter switch, just removing the fuse will do the trick. Or if you have a battery cut-off switch on the car, that will kill the power to everything.

But in many cases you need to disconnect the ground strap from the battery in order to make sure everything is without power. Perhaps you need to remove the starter cable, or the battery itself. Whenever you remove cables from the battery posts, it is a really good idea to cover the battery post with something to prevent accidental contact between it and the other battery post.

For example, if you dropped a wrench or other tool while working around or above the battery, it could land on top of the battery touching both posts. This will short out the battery, which can be a really big problem, resulting in a fire or perhaps the battery exploding acid all over.

When you buy a new battery for most cars today, they are sold with one or two small plastic caps over the battery posts. I see them in red and black plastic. If you go to your local auto parts store, the people there may even give you a few of these caps, if you ask.



I keep several of them in my box of battery-related tools and things, to put over the posts of any battery I am working around. It is easy to do and only takes a minute.

Take a minute to be safe. Enjoy! And Have a Model A Day! Jim

#### Never Leave Home Without Them

By Diann Eason. Era Fashion Committee Chairperson

Gloves were considered an important article of coordinated apparel for a lady of the Model A era. Gloves were bought, made, and worn for most activities outside the home. Fashion enthusiasts have looked for the three gores stitched or appliqued across the back of the hand to determine the originality of a pair of gloves. The MAFCA Fashion Guidelines, 2015 edition, section 3C-1 page 27 documents the characteristics of original women's gloves. The gores were thought to be present in daytime, afternoon, evening, and even formal gloves, 1928 through 1931.

The MAFCA Era Fashion Committee was presented with documentation; *Style Source* catalog dated 1930 with pictures and description of late afternoon and evening gloves that did not have the stitched gores. The second pair of gloves from the bottom of the page do not have the gores across the back of the hand. There are three stripes close to the cuff line of the glove.





# Can You Find All Ten Things That Are Different?





#### Answers:

Power pole is missing: White lane lines missing in background: Coupe's license is missing: "Original" missing from sign board: Trash can is missing: Coupe is missing: Back sign board has ad missing: Lane ine between cars missing: Coupe's spare tire is gone: Brown area in grass at curve gone.

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#### The Model A Ford Foundation

#### Model A Day 2021 is fast approaching-September 18th!

Every year in conjunction with Model A Day, MAFFI has a Swap Meet on Saturday and MAFFI has a booth with all the proceeds go to the foundation. If you are driving to the event this year, and your club would like to donate a Model A part for our booth, please contact Greg Fish (fish 49202@yahoo.com) and let him know. This year's Swap Meet is looking to be one of our biggest and best yet!

The old saying goes, "Many hands make light work" and nothing could be truer than at Model A Day. We could use a few volunteers to help at several areas throughout the day on Friday and Saturday. It could be something as simple as selling tickets for a seminar, working a shift at the front gate, helping park cars and so many more.

Any questions regarding the Swap Meet or for volunteers, contact:

Mark Maron (markmaron@gmail.com)

Stay tuned for next month when we will be able to announce the many seminars that will be available for you to attend.

The Trustees are looking forward to meeting each and every one of you this year and are proud to showcase our beautiful museum with our First Responder's Display.

This "MAFFI Liaison Letter" was sent to you <u>as your club's MAFFI Liaison</u>. It is our hope that you will share it at your club's monthly meeting. If you are no longer the MAFFI Liaison for your club, please notify me <u>at the email listed below</u> with the name and email address of the new Liaison.

Thank you,

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee

clubcontact@maffi.org



## 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.









# SPRINGHIL

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# MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION

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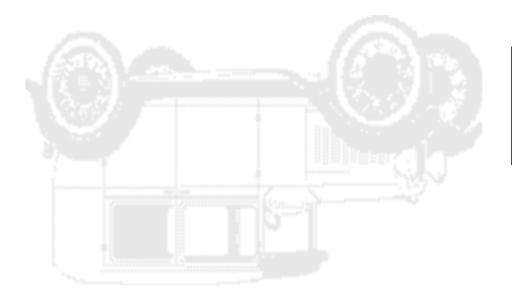




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#### **MEN'S TECH SESSIONS**

Every Wednesday morning at 8 a.m.
Nursery "Cimmaron Crossing" Shell Station.
The sessions in August will be:
August 4, 11, 18, 25
Come and join in on these sessions. Everyone can learn something NEW.



