



The Steering Wheel



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

Issue 09

Enjoying lunch after our tour of the Cuero Texas Heritage Museum



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

Hello Model- A Club Members,

Hope everybody is staying healthy and surviving the heat. Finally got a little rain I am very thankful for what we got last week. We haven't had any tours due to the heat.

We are hoping for a little cooler weather for our annal picnic Sept. 21st at the Fannin Battleground Site.

So, let's clean the dust off of our Model As and let's go have a big show on our Model A day.

Have a great day in your Model A.

Sincerely, Ron Albert



*See you all soon,
Ron Albert*

September Birthdays

Nena Albert	09/07
Florence Millard	09/20
Mickey Schulte	09/30



September Anniversaries

Norrell & Mickey Schulte	9/10
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If I have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let me know by email nkw348@gmail.com

Calendar of Events – Subject to change

Sept 09 - Regular Meeting. (Second Monday)
Casa Jalisco 1706 N Laurent St
5:30pm to eat, 6pm for meeting.
**Sept 21 – Model A Day
Joint Clubs Picnic**
Oct 25-27 – Autumn A Tour

The first Model A was built on October 30, 1927, and the last was built on April 20, 1932.



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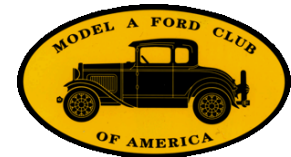
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MOTTO: A society which is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford as manufactured from 1928 through 1931.



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MINUTES OF MEETING
VICTORIA MODEL A FORD CLUB
AUGUST 12TH, 2024

Willie led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then a blessing before our meeting.

Pres Ron called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm at Casa Jallsco Restaurant on Laurent St.

Secretary Chris read the minutes from our July meeting, there were no corrections. A motion was made by Gary East to accept minutes as read and seconded by Joan.

Treasurers report showed opening balance was \$2575.69. wrote one check to Cuero Museum for \$79.82. Motion was made by Nancy to accept treasurers report and seconded by Tom.

Nothing new on or web page if you have any photos get them to Anita. Nancy is sending info to the magazines so be sure to look for them.

Save the date September 21st for International Model A-day and our clubs picnic which will be at Fannin Battle ground. Bergers and fixings will be provided by club. Bring a desert to share and your own drinks. October will be a busy month, first Cuero Turkey Fest October 12th, the following weekend 19th is Yorktown Western Day parade then the 25th thru 27th is the Autumn A Tour in San Marcos. Mark your calendars.

Nena read a list of August birthdays and anniversaries and then we sang Happy Birthday.

Before adjourning we drew for the 50/50 pot Pres Ron had the winning number, he received \$20.00 and the other \$20.00 goes to the club. David and Steve shared a couple of jokes then Pres Ron adjourned the meeting at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Kasper, secretary

ATTENDEES:

Nena & Ron Albert

Chris Grahmann

Joan & Tom Lagrega

Willie Sanders

Gail & Gary Hendrichs

David Harris

Nancy & Steve Whiddon

Gary & Betty East

Bob & Wilma Ferry

What you should see in the Sept/Oct issue of *The Restorer* or *Model "A" News*



Chapter Report

Some of our members attended the Model A Texas Tour this year in Nacogdoches, TX. There were approximately 75 Model A's 259 attendees. We look forward to our annual Autumn A Tour in October in San Marcos, TX, hosted by Capitol City A's. The men in our club meet each Wednesday for a Coffee and Tech session, and we have a once-a-month meeting. Pictured is Gary East enjoying ice cream after our meeting.

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



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



2024 Dues

Please pay your \$20 local club dues to the Club Treasurer.

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 (\$50). 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.

Wednesday morning coffee 08.07.2024



Richard says, We had a guest visit with us today. He wouldn't divulge his name. He said we could get his name at the Post Office bulletin board.

Wow, coffee must have been lively this morning!



After coffee, Richard & Jim located a radiator repair shop in Ganado. This Sears Allstate scooter is there.

08.14.2024 Wed Morning Coffee & Tech Session



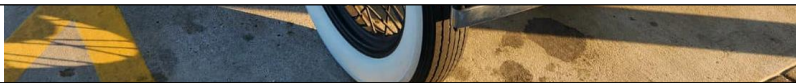
The Dodge PU was in the parking lot. Not sure who it belongs to

What our members are doing

Photos from cars & coffee 08.21.2024 which has moved from Nursery Store to Victoria Texan on Main St



Gary East's Model A "Olive Oyl"



I'm not sure why Richard took a picture of this tire

What our members are doing

Weekly coffee & tech 08.28.2024 at The Texan on Main St



Taken from the South Jersey Club Newsletter. One of their members had a wreck while on tour driving a 1951 Chevrolet Fleetwood. The inlet for the fresh air vent on Chevrolets of the 1949-54 era is directly behind the grill which pushes air into the passenger compartment but also transmits exhaust fumes if you are following closely. The driver was overcome by the fumes, passed out at the wheel. The car veered off the road onto the grass and struck a signpost. The driver came to when the car struck the signpost breaking the post off and bending the bumper and grille of the car. The driver was okay.

Attention - New Meeting Place for our Sept 09 Meeting



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 AT 5:30 PM - 8 PM

John Wesley Church Car Show

First United Methodist Church Victoria TX

MODEL A DAY

COMING EVENTS

Saturday Sept 21st, we have again invited the Victoria Antique Car Club to join us at Fannin Battleground State Historic Site hamburger cookout picnic. More info later



Saturday 21 September 2024

October 12th Cuero Turkey Trot Parade
October 19th Yorktown Western Days Parade.

Let's go for a Ride

by Sharon Koncak



Touring News

Autumn A Tour

October 25th-27th
San Marcos, Texas

I have blocked off 20 rooms at the Holiday Inn Express
900 Barnes Drive
San Marcos, Texas



Make your reservations by September 25th. After this date the block of rooms that have not been reserved will be released.

Here are ways that you can book your reservations:

1. Call the hotel front desk at [512-392-6355](tel:512-392-6355) and mention that you are with the Capitol A's or mention the group code **CAS**
2. [Book ONLINE! Click the Capitol A's Booking Link.](#) It will take you to the website where you can book online.

We also need volunteers for the following committees:

1. Hospitality Room Committee (food, drink, and decorations)
2. Entertainment Committee (games? fashion show? prizes?)
3. Gift bag
4. Tee Shirt

San Marcos Saturday tour would be the level's back-one that would take us to Blanco and back through Wimberley.

Alternative: Canyon Lake



Note from Capitol City A's








We have established the date for this year's Autumn A's Tour, October 23 - 27. We will gather at San Marcos on Friday, the 23rd and then do a day tour on the 24th. We will make a block booking at the Holiday Inn Express. We will make lunch and dinner arrangements for all tour participants on the 24th. We are planning a game night on the 24th in the hospitality room that will be well stocked with a decadent assortment of "goodies" to be enjoyed by everyone. We always look forward to the Autumn A's tour and being with your club - I am certain this will be yet another fun and memorable touring event.

All the best,
Marty

Nancy, I'm sorry we didn't include that information in the newsletter. We'll get that corrected. The prices are below. King is 139+tax Queen is 149+tax
Randy Koncak

Jim's Tech Tip
Identifying Your Carburetor

When ordering parts or looking up adjustment specs for your carburetor, it is important that you identify which one you have. Below are 4 of the most common carbs used on a Model A with the gasket sets they use, which gives you a feel for the shape of the casting and bowl. Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!* Jim

<p>Zenith Model A</p>  A black Zenith Model A carburetor with a cast iron body and brass components.	 A gasket set for the Zenith Model A carburetor, including a large main gasket, a smaller secondary gasket, and several O-rings of various sizes.
<p>Tillotson Model A</p>  A silver-colored Tillotson Model A carburetor with a cast aluminum body and brass components.	 A gasket set for the Tillotson Model A carburetor, including a large main gasket, a smaller secondary gasket, and various small brass and steel parts.
<p>Marvel Shebler Model A or B</p>  A silver-colored Marvel Shebler Model A or B carburetor with a cast aluminum body and brass components.	 A gasket set for the Marvel Shebler Model A or B carburetor, including a large main gasket, a smaller secondary gasket, and several O-rings.
<p>Zenith Model B</p>  A black Zenith Model B carburetor with a cast iron body and brass components.	 A gasket set for the Zenith Model B carburetor, including a large main gasket, a smaller secondary gasket, and several O-rings.

How I Enjoy My Model A

Howard Eckstein

My dad once asked: “If you had a Rembrandt would you hide it in the closet?” His point was that anything of value that you own should be shared.

My 1931 Standard Coupe became part of my life before I was old enough to drive. That was almost 60 years ago. It hadn't run for eight years according to the widow who sold it. It looked like a previous owner painted it all black with a mop and bucket. My dad bought it for me at the top dollar price of \$350. He told me that if my grades in school fell, the Model A would be sold.

I quickly found out that if you're working on your Model A in the driveway, it can't be hidden. Before long, the neighbors walk up to ask about the car and what is being done to it. This is where the sharing begins.

My Model A became the car I learned to drive in. It was my transportation throughout high school and college. I'd drive it all week and work on it during the weekends. But most of all, I was joined by my friends who went with me on numerous Model A adventures. Often one of them was involved in working with me on the car. We tackled everything we felt we could. Somehow my car survived our shade tree operations.

Over the years, I've shared my car in various ways. Once it was used in a TV commercial. I've taken it to Boy Scout meetings to demonstrate the basics of automobile engines. We once drove a movie star to Beverly Hills for him to pick up some custom clothing. I hooked its rear wheel to an ice cream maker and brought it to my college engineering class where we made fresh ice cream for everyone. Once a week I transported three girls after classes to an elementary school where we tutored third graders in math. The girls each took their turns riding in the rumble seat.

Nowadays, in conjunction with our local club, I share my car with the public in car shows and parades. We generally have guests riding in the rumble seat who wave at the crowds while I work the horn. As the club winds through town from one activity to another, people on the sidewalk stop and stare with a smile and motorists pass by with their camera phones in one hand.

Our Model As wouldn't exist in good condition today if there weren't repair parts and knowledge available. I've restored my car three times since I've had it. Each time I've tried to make the car more authentic. The Restorers Class was made for owners like me. We who drive and share our cars benefit from this program. I plan to keep sharing my car because that's how I enjoy owning it.

Six Things are different!



Model A Ford Parked Beside President Theodore Roosevelt's Brougham, 1928

While Theodore Roosevelt preferred the stately formality of a horse-drawn carriage, successor William Howard Taft motorized the White House fleet. The Roosevelt brougham remained in service until 1928 but assigned to less exciting duties like trips to the market. The brougham was finally replaced, even for these tasks, by the Ford



Franklin D. Roosevelt Driving a 1929 Ford Model 'A' Cabriolet

Franklin D. Roosevelt, born into a wealthy family, could afford the best luxury automobiles. But it was a part of his "everyman" appeal that, when at home, he drove humble cars like this 1929 Ford Model A. Many of his cars were equipped with special controls that allowed the partially paralyzed Roosevelt to operate the pedals with his hands.



Slip Dress

Bikinis, Bell-Bottoms & Little Black Dresses, by Kate Mulvey

The slip dates back to the 1920s, when the streamlined "flapper" dresses required feminine undergarments in order to hang properly. Unstructured, clingy and light as a feather with its thin spaghetti straps and its lacy edges, this slinky descendant of the petticoat also carries with it a sense of semi-nakedness that draws attention to the body, giving it powerful sex appeal. These new style chemises which were highly decorative, deliberately sensual and often transparent became the forerunner of today's fashion slip. They were made of rayon, crepe de Chine or silk tricot so they were smooth, soft to touch, and considered to be the height of luxury.

The slip continued to be worn in the 1930s and 1940s, changing its shape and hemline as required by the current fashion. As American regulations regarding advertising became relaxed in the 1950s, the language of lingerie was changed forever. In 1958 the US company Maidenform promoted its bras and slips on television for the first time. Vogue and other magazines showed beautiful women in their underclothes, bringing the intimacy of lingerie into the public domain. The slip took on a sexy image in the bedroom thanks to the silver screen; curvaceous slip-clad stars like Elizabeth Taylor in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (1958), and Janet Leigh in *Psycho* (1960) sparked demand for similar styles in boutiques and shopping malls.

The slip moved out of the bedroom and into the fashion arena in the 1990s with the beginning of the waif look and a desire for a more feminine style of dress. Whether teamed with dainty kitten heels and a cardigan or dressed down with a denim jacket and biker boots, the slip will never lose its allure.



Marilyn
Monroe in
slip dress
1950s



Actress, Gloria Shea
in slip dress with 1930
decorative design



Variation of slip
dress today

Sent in by Nancy Gonyea

MAFCA President's Page

September 2024



Summer has arrived throughout the U.S., and I hope all of you are enjoying a safe and fun filled prime touring season. Without a doubt, it is hot in southeast Texas, but many have not let the heat slow down their Model A adventures. Elaine and I have taken a break during July and August and our Model A's are now ready to get back on the road with the cooler temperatures. Not exactly cool in Texas, but cooler none the less.

The Southwest Model A's convention committee, along with select MAFCA support, is continuing to work diligently on "unwinding" all the many pieces of the cancelled 2024 National Convention. As I write this message, the raffle room item auction was just completed, and the Southwest Model A's committee is working to settle up the purchases and get the items in the mail. I fully expect within the next 7 – 10 days that we can share more details on the overall financial status of the cancelled tour. I know Ray Gabaldon and Vicky Lujan Gibbs are working as diligently as possible to wrap up the final details from the convention and bring it to closure. Due to the extremely hard work of the joint MAFCA/Southwest Model A's team and the generosity of MAFCA members and patrons of the Model A hobby, the final financial picture is much better than just 3-4 weeks ago.

As I stated in last month's message, significant work has been done to modernize and update MAFCA's website. In fact, a whole new website look, and function will roll out to all our members within the first couple of weeks in September. An incredible amount of work has been done by MAFCA Directors Gary Price, Will Langford and MAFCA's new webmaster, Peter Gariepy to get the new website ready for launch in a record, short time frame. The improvements became available and noticeable to those participating in the Ruidoso Convention's Auction of their raffle room items. Also, with the new website functioning better across all electronic platforms, for the first time we had more responses to the auction via cell phone than any other format (desktop computer, laptop computer or tablet). As I stated last month, the new website will be an amazing step forward and I'm excited about the new form and function. Interaction on almost any level will be enhanced along with a simpler user interface. Be prepared to embrace this new look beginning in September. I think you will be truly impressed.

I would like to also thank Rick Black for serving as interim webmaster from May 2023 through August 2024. MAFCA appreciates Rick coming out of retirement to assume this interim role while a new webmaster was sought to fill the position permanently. Filling the position full-time beginning in September will be Peter Gariepy. Peter is a professional web developer and extremely knowledgeable on car club websites. Peter has developed websites for the Antique Automobile Club of America, Horseless Carriage Club of America as well as the Vintage Chevrolet Club and others. MAFCA welcomes him in this role and looks forward to a long and fruitful relationship. Welcome aboard Peter.

I am happy to announce that our new Directors for the 2025 Board will be Sherry Winkinhofer, Happy Begg, Dave Krill. Also, Will Langford will continue for another two-year term in 2025-2026. Joining these Directors will be Ed Tolman, Bill Truesdell, Chet Wojcik, Jr., and Paul Shinn as they serve the second year of their current term. We are one Director short of a full Board and the first order of business for the new President will be to solicit a volunteer and fill this vacant Director's position.

Once again MAFCA will have a presence at Model A Days, September 20-21, 2024, at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan courtesy of MAFFI, and it's not too late to make plans to attend. Remember, this year's Model A Days will be even more special with the installation of 100 bricks recognizing those chapters of the Model A Ford Club of America who have achieved at least 50 years of continuous membership. A ceremony will recognize these MAFCA chapters with a specially engraved brick. If you have been to the museum before, you have seen the sidewalks with the many bricks placed by individuals and chapters for recognition and memorials. Beginning with this year's Model A Days, these important MAFCA chapters will be recognized as well. I would like to especially thank Will Langford, MAFCA 2024 Director and John Begg, MAFFI President, for their cooperative effort to make this recognition happen.

A few short weeks after Model A Days, October 3rd through 7th will be the Hershey Fall Meet. We will have our usual tent there with seminars, sale items and fun. I would like to invite you to stop by and see our display and meet Sandra, our business manager, and several of our Board members.

"See you down the road!"

Robert Bullard, 2024 MAFCA President

MAFFI SWEEPSTAKES

Win "BETSY"
Enter the MAFFI
Sweepstakes Starting March 1st

Closing Date: October 6th, 2024
No Purchase Required!!

Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy" has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the Model A Ford Museum. Enter this sweepstakes for a chance to win "Betsy" a 1930 Ford Model A Sport Coupe and support the expansion.

Drawing Date: October 12th, 2024
The winner does have the option
to take \$15,000 instead of Betsy



Enter now and
receive
20% more tickets for
your donation,
available at
checkout.



For more Information contact Jarrod Williams at
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TEXAS TOUR 2025

GIDDY-UP TO GIDDINGS



Best Western

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Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-5000

Reservations begin November 1st.



Lee County Courthouse

200 S Main St,
Giddings, TX 78942



THE SILOS ON 77

GET TO GIDDINGS
WHILE THE
GETTING'S GOOD



Super 8

4002 E. Austin
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Reservations begin November 1st.



Dimebox Distillery

235 W Railroad Row
Giddings, TX 78942

62nd TEXAS TOUR
June 12-15, 2025



Executive Inn

8556 E. Austin
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(979) 542-5791

Reservations begin November 1st.

Registration, Hospitality, Silent Auction & Events will be at
The Silos on 77 Events Center
1031 County Road 223
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Laurie Taylor, Texas Tour Chairperson
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2025 MAFCA National Tour

*Bull Run to Appomattox
and
everything in between
June 15-22, 2025*

Tour Website



SCAN ME



Tour Highlights

- Shenandoah National Park
- Harpers Ferry
- Gettysburg
- Antietam
- Amish Towns
- Covered Bridges
- Monocacy
- Manassas/Bull Run
- Fredericksburg
- Chancellorsville
- Spotsylvania
- The Wilderness
- White House of the Confederacy
- Petersburg
- Civil War Museums
- Appomattox Courthouse
- Sailors Creek



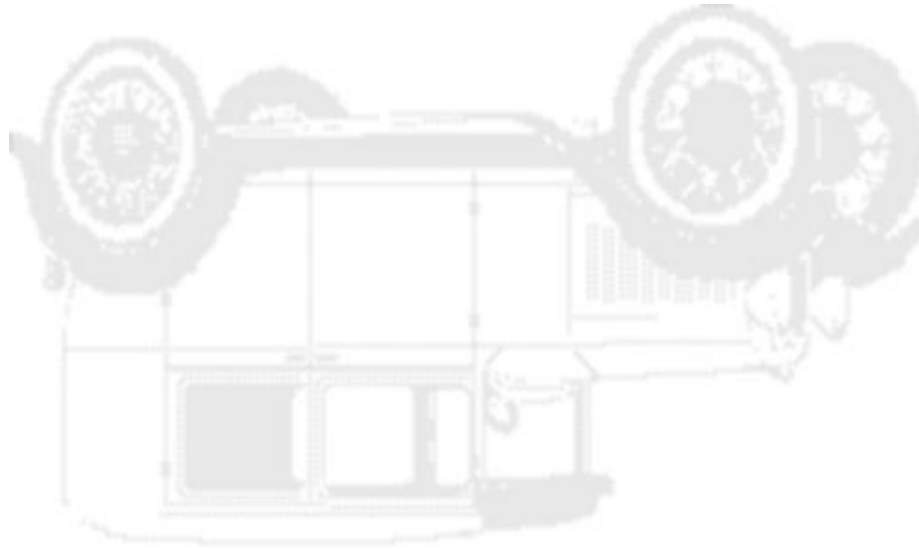
Registration opens June 30, 2024 Online or
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 The Texan on Main Street in Victoria TX

