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Retro —one your ago, September 2025



Retro —Five years ago, Sept 2020

Retro —Eight years ago, Sept 2018



Under the Hood with.....your Prez, *David Harris*

Howdy,

We made it! Summer is over if you go by the Meteorological calendar. We should be expecting cooler weather soon. If you go by the Astronomical calendar, you will have to wait until September 22. In either case, fall is coming and there will be more opportunities to get your Model A on the road.

I understand that the dinner trip to the Weesatche Dance Hall on August 8 was a good time. We had thirteen people and two Model A's for the outing. I am sorry that we missed it. Anita and I went to Colorado for some cooler weather, but it was just as hot as in Texas. David Schutz has made arrangements for our James Kasper Memorial Picnic to be held at MacMillan's BBQ, next to the Post Office in Fannin. It is air conditioned and there is space for us to meet indoors or outdoors. That should make for a good outing. Bring a guest if you would like. The club will be paying for our meals. Guests will have to pay for their own.



Autumn A's is coming up on October 23 -25th in Hondo. Capital City A's is hosting this year. With Sharon Koncak planning the event, I know it will be fun. Anita has agreed to drive in our Model A so I would like to see if we can find a spot to meet up with Victoria members and go together. Kenedy is a possible spot. Any ideas? If you haven't had your Model A out lately, Autumn A's is a fun event. If your Model A isn't running like you think it should, now is a good time to ask a club member for help. When we are on the road, there will be plenty of mechanics to offer advice if you need some. There aren't too many Model A problems that one of us hasn't had at least once.

Thanks to all of you for helping to organize and participate in our events. A good car club doesn't happen because of one person; it happens because people show up and get involved. Let's start with bringing a friend to our James Kasper Memorial Picnic.

Always looking for ideas on how we can share our passion with others in the community and perhaps recruit a few new members. Let me hear from you.

In the meantime,

Enjoy the Ride in your Model A!

Sincerely,

David

September Birthdays

Nena Albert	9/07
Florence Millard	9/20
Sharon (Sherry) Schutz	9/29
Mickey Schulte	9/30



September Anniversaries

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

Calendar of Events – Subject to change

Sept 14 - Regular Meeting. (Second Monday)
Casa Jalisco 1706 N Laurent St
5:30pm to eat, 6pm for meeting.

Sept 19 – Lunch at McMillan BBQ, Fannin

Oct 23-25 – Autumn A's

Men's Cars & Coffee Wednesday morning 8am
Watch emails for any changes or additions.

Our newsletters are available on our website <https://www.victoriamodelclub.com/>
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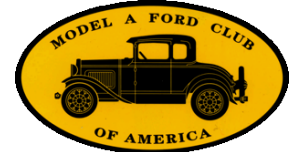
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Some information contained in our newsletter may have been reprinted from other newsletters; we thank and acknowledge them.

Model A Ford Club of America, 250 S. Cypress St. La Habra, California 90631

Welcome to all our new members. I may not have your birthday & anniversary date on file. If you do not see it in the newsletter, please email me nkw348@gmail.com or text me 361.648.1961. Also, if you have more than one email, please let me know so all members are able to receive the newsletter and announcements. Nancy Whiddon, Editor.

VICTORI-A MODEL A FORD CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 10, 2026

Gary East said the blessing before our meal and then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pres David was out of town, so Vice President Larry Parker opened the meeting at 6 pm at Casa Jalisco.

V.P Larry reminded all drivers of the driving award which runs from March to December. Whoever drives their model A 500 miles or 1000 miles or more gets an award.

Also, if you are planning to go to the Autumn A tour in October, make your reservations. Regency Inn Hondo 401US 90 Hondo TX 78861 830-426-3031 or regencyinn17@gmail.com. \$79.00 for king bed and \$89.00 for two queen beds. If you want a T-shirt contact Sharon 512-632-1249 prices range from \$25.00 to around \$40.00 depending on size and short sleeve or long sleeve, this year in honor of America's 250 year the price is higher due to the shirt being tri color. Send check to Doug Fierro PO BOX 92318 Austin TX 78709.

A motion was made by Betty to accept the minutes as posted in the newsletter and seconded by Sherry.

Treasurer Wilma presented report. David Shultz made motion to accept treasurer's report and Ron seconded motion.

Nancy mentioned nobody took pictures of our August drive to Weesatche for meal. We had 13 people and 2 Model A's everyone enjoyed the drive and meal.

Nena read list of birthdays for August no anniversaries. Nena also asked for prayers for Willie who is in the hospital.

Anita has updated the Facebook and clubs web page.

Our next outing was to Fannin State Park for our annual picnic and to celebrate International Model A Day September 19th. But there were issues getting the park so J.R made motion to move to McMillians BBQ on HWY 59 for meal and games Ron seconded motion. The club will pay for members meal if you invite a guest they will have to pay for their own meal.

Next meeting is September 14th at casa Jalisco 5:30 pm for meal meeting to follow meal.

Before adjourning Ron shared a joke then we drew for the 50/50 pot, Gary Hendrichs had the winning number he received \$20.00 and the other \$20.00 goes in the club's account.

V.P. Larry adjourned meeting at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted
Chris Grahmann

Attendees:

Larry Parker	Nancy Whiddon	Will Wagner	JR Rusch	Chris Grahmann	Gail &
Gary Hendrichs	Gary & Betty East	David & Sherry Shutz	Nena & Ron Albert		

September 14th Regular Monthly Meeting

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2026 Dues

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

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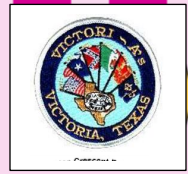
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Membership in the MAFCA or MARC is not mandatory (board members must have membership) to join the Victoria-A's, but we do encourage all members to join one or both. Application forms for these clubs can be obtained on the website as follows: MAFCA 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.

“Where Are We Going”???



Sept 14th Club Meeting

Sept 19th James Kasper Memorial Picnic - The club event will be at McMillan BBQ in Fannin Texas September 19th at 12 noon. The restaurant is located next to the Post Office in Fannin on Hanley street (Old Hwy 59). After lunch, if anyone would like to visit the Fannin Battle Ground State park, it's just a short drive down the road. The club will pay for members meal if you invite a guest they will have to pay for their own meal.

Oct 23-25 – Autumn A's



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



Chapter Report

Our club President, David Harris, represented our club in the Victoria TX 4th of July parade honoring our country's 250th birthday. Here he is pictured with his Model A preparing for the parade. It was a nice day for a celebration.

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*; *Cowtown A* for articles and information in this issue of our newsletter.



Successful Model 'A' clubs have one common ingredient. They have members that will plan events and volunteer to assist in running the organization.

It's a necessary ingredient.

Autumn A Tour

October 23-25

Taken from the Capitol City A's July newsletter

Come explore Texas's Southwest Hill country. Hopefully, the fall colors will be on full display!

Make motel reservations at :

REGENCY INN HONDO

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October 23-25

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\$79: King bed

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Every room has a microwave and refrigerator.



New T-Shirt design!!!!

Don't miss out on this years' T -Shirt! To celebrate our country's 250th birthday, we have designed a red, white, and blue Model A car on a medium heather grey color shirt. Let Sharon know the number of shirts, size, and whether you want a short or long sleeve. You can text me at 5126321249 or let me know at breakfast. Deadline to order shirts is **September 5th**.

Prices:

\$25 - small, medium, large, extra large short sleeve

\$30 - small, medium, large, extra large long sleeve

XXLarge are \$1.50 each additional

XXXLarge are \$2.00 each additional.

Deadline for ordering T-shirts is September 5th.

Make checks out to Capitol City As and mail to our treasurer,

Doug Fierro

PO Box 92318

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or you can pay to Doug or Sharon at breakfast on Saturday mornings.

Registration form for 2026 Autumn A tour

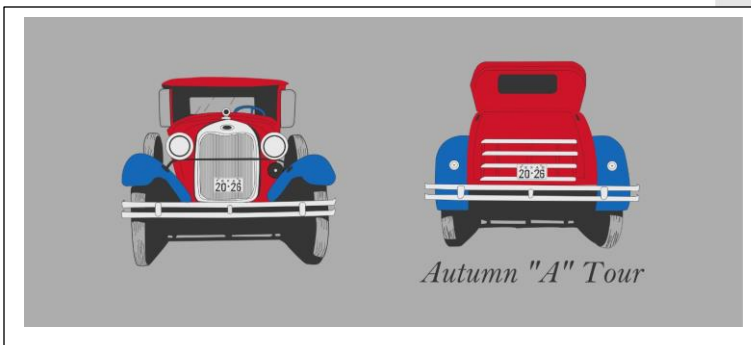
Name(s) _____

You have made reservations for

____Regency Inn

____RV Park

____other



T-shirt order due by September 5th

List the number, size, and sleeve length of shirt(s) ordered.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Send registration to Sharon Koncak by text at [5126321249](tel:5126321249).

Payment for t- shirts:

Make checks out to Capitol City As and mail to our treasurer, Doug Fierro

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Thank you! We look forward to seeing everyone in October!!!

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MAFCA President Message – Doug Linden

I hope you are enjoying touring in your Model A—I know I am. The chapters I belong to are very active, and it's great to have some kind of Model A activity almost every weekend.

Yes, the price of gas is high, but I think of touring in the Model A as entertainment—which makes me feel better.

Touring was high on the agenda for those attending the MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton, Oregon. Jack Remillard and his crew did a fabulous job welcoming more than 350 registrants to enjoy the scenic foothills of the Blue Mountains.

Model A's could be seen roaming the historic area all week. And for those of us attending Model A-less, hearing that distinctive Model A exhaust was music to our ears.

The convention featured: Seminars (technical and fashion), Wonderful tours, a great raffle and hospitality room and time to explore the local Pendleton area. And thrown in were a couple of unique events, namely the Cowboy Breakfast Dinner and the Rough Rider Tour through the back country. The convention finished with a successful final banquet where we congratulated the vehicle and fashion judging award winners.

My heartfelt thanks go out to all the members of the Northwest Regional Group for hosting a fabulous convention.

Next on the agenda is the National Awards Banquet in Cincinnati, December 11–12, 2026. Our host will be the Ohio Valley Region Model A Club, and they are looking forward to showing off their area.

Looking ahead to 2027, the Model A Ford Club of Colorado is planning an amazing National Tour in Durango, Colorado, June 13–18, 2027. Please mark both events on your calendar and visit www.mafca.com for more information.

A reminder that Revision 5 of the Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards is ready to order. This revision includes updated information, new sections, and many new color pictures.

It's a great reference and a worthwhile addition to any Model A library.

Until next time, please feel free to reach out to any board member with questions or ideas.

Did you make it to Pendleton for the 2026 MAFCA Convention? If not, you missed a wonderful event. Jack Remillard and his team hosted an excellent convention, with something for everyone to enjoy. The next issue of The Restorer magazine will include a full report, but I can share that the Rough Rider Tour was the one participants were especially enthusiastic about. Videos of this tour have been posted on various Model A social media sites and provide a great sense of what the tour was all about.

My congratulations also go out to everyone who participated in the Vehicle and Fashion judging. The time spent preparing for these events can be stressful, but the results are a real pleasure for those of us who get to admire your hard work. Being recognized at the banquet is a well-earned culmination of that effort.

Meanwhile, back home, Model A touring is in full swing. Many of us participated in local hometown July 4th parades, and at our parade we noticed a much larger turnout of spectators, which we attributed to the 250th anniversary of the county's founding. Everyone was out celebrating.

You will soon receive your membership renewal information, along with ballots for the candidates running for the MAFCA Board of Directors. Please take the time to read each candidate's biography, make your selections, and return your ballot and membership renewal as soon as possible.

There is still plenty of touring time left for the Model A's, so keep those wheels rolling.



Emergency Brake Cross Shaft Change

by Tom Endy

The E-brake cross shaft was changed in April 1930 and documented in the Ford service bulletins of that date on page 449. The change is not only significant, it is also not very well documented in vender catalogs and other publications. Prior to April 1930 the two levers attached to the E-brake shaft were located under the frame. The new version has the levers on the end of the shaft protruding through a hole in the frame on each side. The new shaft is also solid as opposed to the earlier shaft being tubular.



This photo shows the later E-brake cross shaft removed from a 1930 Tudor. Each end of the shaft protrudes through a hole in the frame on each side. The hole is beveled on the inside of the frame in the shape of the bearing and provides one half of the bearing race.

E-brake shafts see little wear and are largely ignored when a Model A is restored. Most just sit there and get rusty and cruddy, but see little wear to the parts because of the short duty cycle. The one in the photo was extremely cruddy before it was bead blasted and it was found in excellent condition. The only parts that have to be replaced are the two tapered pins that hold the two lever arms to the shaft at each end. The pin is Ford part number A-23830. Bratton part number 4160 (for the E-brake) or 11260 (for the clutch release shaft) they are both the same pin.



Shown in the photo is one end of the shaft showing how the lever mounts to the shaft. A tapered pin is driven into the hole in the lever and shaft. A new pin can be seen protruding from the far side of the lever. The frame hole is beveled on one side to provide half of the bearing race. The bracket on the right is the other half of the bearing race, and bolts to the frame with two mounting bolts. The other end of the shaft has the same assembly, except the two levers are a left and a right. When installed each must point outward toward the rear of the car. On the bottom of each lever is where the E-brake rods that attach to the brake levers on the rear backing plates attach.

The section of frame with the hole in it will be positioned between the lever and the round shaped bearing.

The tapered pin is the same used in the assembly of the clutch release shaft in the bell housing. It is described as being 5/16X1&1/4". Ford part number A-23830.



The bracket seen laying on the table below the shaft is called a cross-shaft support. It bolts to a section of frame forward of the shaft and parallel to it. The curved end rides on the shaft and provides stabilization at the center. The lever hanging down attaches to a short brake rod that attaches to the E-brake handle. It is off-set to the right when installed correctly in the car.

In order to remove the later E-brake cross shaft from the car the tapered pin in each lever must be driven out first. Next remove the two mounting bolt that attach the bracket on each side. The shaft can then be slid out of the frame. The two bearings then just slide off the shaft. The cross-shaft support bracket does not have to be removed in order to remove the cross-shaft. Removal of the cross-shaft support is optional and only if it is to be cleaned and painted.

The removal process sounds easy; however, the shaft may be extremely rusted and cruddy and it is in a difficult area to work in. It may be very difficult to get the cross shaft out of the car and apart due to rust and crud.

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MAFCA National Tour Durango, Colorado

June 13-18, 2027

Hosted by the Model A Ford Club
of Colorado

Early Bird Newsletter #4 - July 2026



Registration Officially Opens August 1, 2026

The countdown is on!

Registration for the 2027 Model A Ford Club of America's National Tour will
officially open on: **August 1, 2026**

Registration is limited to the first 500 participants – don't wait to register!

Hosted by the Model A Ford Club of Colorado, this unforgettable week in beautiful Durango, Colorado will feature scenic mountain touring, historic destinations, classic railroading, and outstanding fellowship with Model A enthusiasts from across the country.

Hotel Information

Hotel information and booking details will be released via email when registration and payment is received.

Participants are encouraged to make plans early.

Complete registration details, lodging information, and tour updates will be available on the official tour website as well as in the Early Bird Newsletter.

Early Check-In Available

To help everyone get ready for the first touring day, we will offer:

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Early Check-In • 2:00-6:00 PM

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The 2027 Texas Tour will be held in Canton, hosted by Cedar Creek A's
The 2028 Texas Tour will be held in Marble Falls, sponsored by Alamo A's
The 2029 Texas Tour Location TBA hosted by Piney Wood A's



MAFCA National Awards Banquet

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June 13-18, 2027



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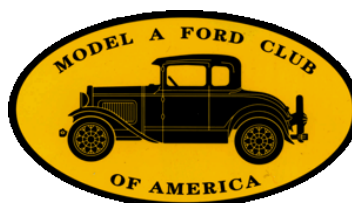
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