



# The Steering Wheel



January 2023

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

Issue 01

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

Hello Model A Club Members,

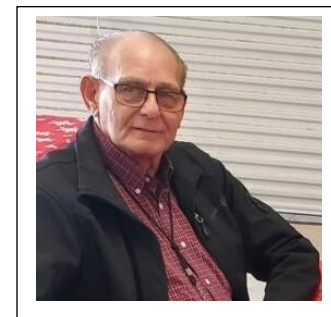
2022 is gone, we took nice small tours. Now we have 2023 to look forward to getting our Model As ready for the Poor Boy Tour March 31st to April 1<sup>st</sup>

I hope everybody had a wonderful Christmas with your family. Thanks to all that participated, the fundraiser, and the Christmas party were a success. We could not have done it without you all. It was nice to see Hollis and Florence Millard at the Christmas party.

Our next meeting is January 8th hope to see y'all there.

Have a good day in your Model A

Sincerely, Ron Albert



*See you all soon,  
Ron Albert*



Christmas Parade



Representing us and the Model A Club, we had 5 cars, Gary & Betty East & guest Model A; Jimmie Ellis Model A PU; Richard & Kathleen 74 Corvette; Noel & Cindy PU; Walt & Daisy 84 Chevy. Then 16 of us enjoyed dinner at Las Palmas including Steve & Nancy, Jo & Jimmie; Willie & Joanne; Bob & Marilyn; Kenneth & Renee. We won Best Car Club.



From Richard - 2022 Christmas Parade was the best ever. Perfect placement in line, perfect weather and great participants. A BIG THANKS to Nancy and Kathleen for our evening of fun.



Waiting for the parade to start



I'm not sure what to say!





My friend Karen at Morada Assisted Living had her Christmas Parade Mon night with Henry & Jenifer and other CC members.at that event MC'd by Gary Moses, invocation by Pastor Carl and music by James Zamora.



## Our Christmas Party

Ron & Nena were presented the Steering Wheel Award for helping to steer our club in the right direction. Award presented by Vice President Gary Henrichs.







Me with the Christmas Parade Best Car Club presenting it to Gary East who drove in the parade representing both Model A Club & Antique Car Club.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Once again James was our auctioneer and a fine job he always does for us!



So what is it that Joan just opened.





MERRY CHRISTMAS



It was a nice Christmas party enjoyed by all

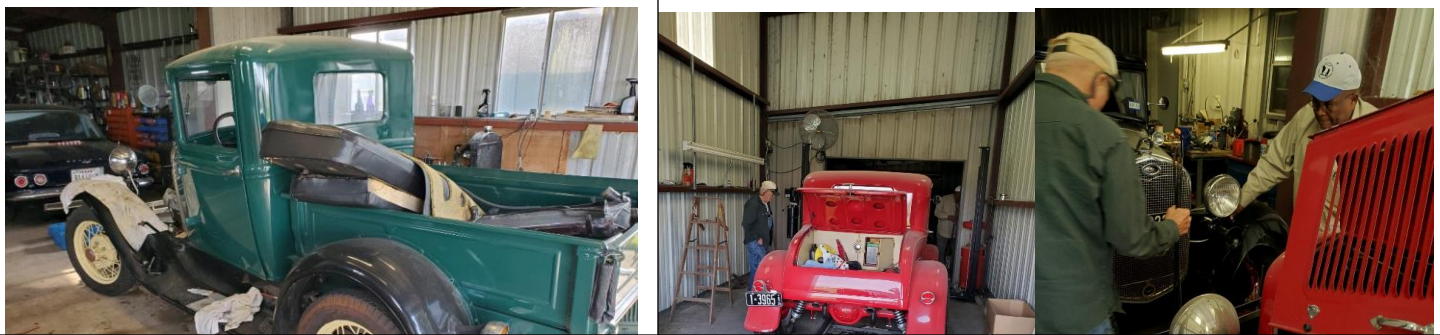


What our members are doing

Tech Coffee 12.07.2022



James with his corn dog again



After coffee Jimmy Ellis and Richard went over to Willie's to get some kind of Model A part, maybe a brake line. Looks like it was a productive morning.



Spotted by Willie





These are the only two pictures Richard remembered to take, however we do have James Kasper without his hat!



# Jim's Technical Tip

by Jim Cannon,

## **LUBRICATING LOCKS**



The best lubricant I have found for car door locks, trunk handle locks, and ignition locks, recommended by every locksmith that I know, is dry powdered graphite.



You buy the graphite in a small tube with a pointed tip. You insert the tip into the keyhole and "puff" some graphite into the lock. Then you insert and remove the key several times to work the graphite into the lock tumblers and operate the lock a few times.



IMPORTANT PLEASE READ  
WE RECEIVED THIS EMAIL

1931 Chevrolet

The AUSTIN's [bajora497@yahoo.com](mailto:bajora497@yahoo.com)

Hello,

I saw your Golden Crescent Car Club on Facebook and decided to reach out to you.

My family used to own a 1931 Chevrolet AE Independence we got back in the 1960's from a local Liberty Hill widow. We named it "Ness" (after Eliot Ness/The Untouchables TV show). My father was having it restored (1980's) when the shop owner disappeared in the dead of night, leaving the car in pieces. Disillusioned by the failed project, my parents sold it in the 1990's to a couple in Victoria; the couple came to Liberty Hill to pick up the pieces and planned to restore it. My folks stayed in contact with the couple for several years to check on the progress, but we lost touch with them and my folks have both since passed away.

Maybe someone in your group might have known the couple or ended up with the car? I would really love to locate it and find out if it ever got restored to running condition.

Please feel free to email or call me (512-497-9677) if anyone in your club has any memories of a story like this or has any knowledge of the couple or the car. We really loved that car, and I hope to learn that "Ness" eventually was restored to its former glory.

Thanks,  
John Austin





# Happy Birthday

## January

Ron Albert 01/11  
 William Loocke 01/16  
 Gilmary Powell 01/21  
 Chris Kasper 01/29



# Happy Anniversary

## January

I don't see any for January



If I have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let me know email [nkw348@gmail.com](mailto:nkw348@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Events

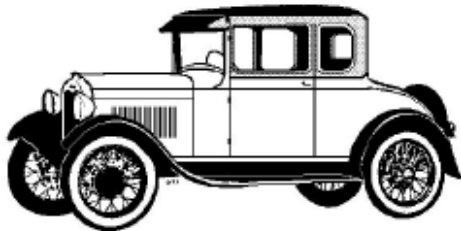


Subject to change

## Calendar of Events

- Jan 01 – Happy New Year 2023**
- Jan 08 - Regular Meeting.** (Second Sunday)  
 Bayside Restaurant 4202 N Navarro  
 5pm to eat, 6pm for meeting.
- Jan 16 – MLK Jr Day** (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)
- March 31-April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 53<sup>rd</sup> Poor Boy Tour**  
 LaGrange, TX
- June 15-18 Model A Texas Tour to**  
 Huntsville

Watch emails for any changes or additions.



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2023  
 Officers  
 &  
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The first Ford Model A was built on October 30, 1927, and the last was built on April 20, 1932.

Our newsletters are available here on Goggle docs <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/my-drive>  
 On our website <https://www.victoriamodelaclub.com/>  
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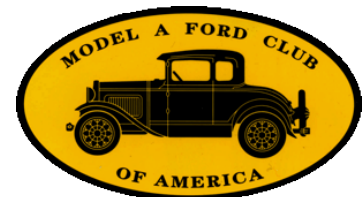
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**MOTTO: A society which is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford as manufactured from 1928 through 1931.**



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*



MINUTES OF MEETING  
VICTORIA MODEL A FORD CLUB  
DECEMBER 10TH, 2022

Willie said the blessing before our meal and then lead us In the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Pres Ron called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at China B.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

Nancy made a motion to accept minutes as written in our monthly newsletter. Anita seconded motion. V.P. Gary Hendrich presented Pres Ron and Nena with the Steering Wheel award for doing an outstanding job for the club. Then we had our club's annual auction/fundraiser. Rounding out the evening we had a white elephant Christmas exchange. Exiting Treasurer Gail Henrichs gave her last report for the club, thank you Gail for a job well done,

TREASURER REPORT:

Opening balance was \$1682.76, had deposits of \$65.00 bringing balance to \$1747.76. Pres Ron asked for motion to accept treasurers report. Gary East made the motion and David Harris seconded motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

James and Pres Ron made a trip to LaGrange to scout out caterers or restaurants for the Poor Boy Tour and to confirm Hotel dates, Host hotel is Best Western off HWY 71.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Nena read a list of birthdays and anniversaries for the month of December then we sang happy birthday to them.

NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be January 8th at Bay Side seafood 5pm meal 6pm meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Before adjourning Pres Ron had a joke for us then adjourned the meeting at 8;30pm.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Kasper

Attendees

Ron & Nena Albert

Gary & Betty East

David & Anita Harris

Florence & Hollis Millard

Steve & Nancy Whiddon

Joanne Shaffer

Tom & Joan LaGrega

James & Chris Kasper

Gary & Gail Henrichs

Bob & Wilma Ferry

Willie Sanders



What you should see in the January/February issue of *The Restorer*



### Chapter Report

We are a busy club, we have monthly meetings, weekly Tech Sessions, driving tours. Recently our members participated in July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, Collector Car Appreciation Day; Model A Day; Poor Boy Tour, Texas Tour, Gulf Coast Tour, Cuero Turkey Trot Parade. We look forward to the Christmas Parade and Christmas Party. Pictured is our group waiting for the Yorktown Western Days Parade to begin, we had 6 Model A's and brought home the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Plaque.

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



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.





This month is also a good time to remember Edsel Ford who was born on November 6, 1893. As the only child of Henry and Clara Ford, Edsel was brought up in the family business. Although he was named President of Ford Motor Company in 1919, his father remained the company's patriarch. Much has been written about how Henry dominated, even demeaned, his son, but Edsel was responsible for much of Ford's success during the late 1920s and throughout the 1930s. He died in 1943. It was Edsel who bought Lincoln in 1922. In the mid-1920s he was instrumental in convincing Henry that the Model T had become obsolete and needed to be replaced with a more modern car if Ford was to maintain its leadership in the industry. Edsel had a flare for automotive design that first showed up on Lincolns; it is no coincidence that the Model A is often referred to as the "Baby Lincoln." Although Henry Ford was a mechanical genius, Edsel deserves much of the credit for the overall design and quality of the Model A. Given that we share a passion for the car he had so much to do with, Edsel Ford deserves our respect and admiration.

*From Script News*



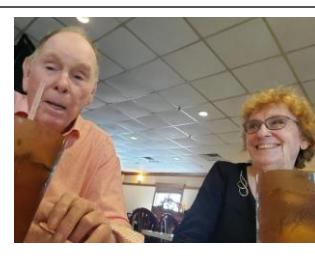
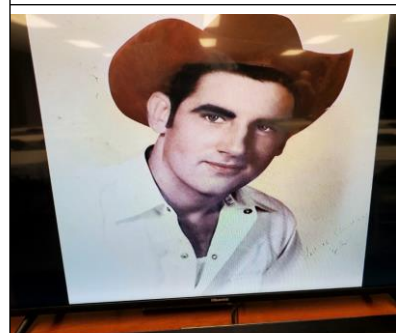
## 7 Step Guide for The Do-It-Yourself Handyman

1. If you can't find a screwdriver, use a knife. If you break off the tip, it's an improved screwdriver.
2. Try to work alone. An audience is rarely any help.
3. Above all, if what you've done is stupid, but it works, then it isn't stupid.
4. Work in the kitchen whenever you can...many fine tools are there, it's warm and dry, and you are close to the refrigerator.
5. If it's electronic, get a new one...or consult a twelve- year-old.
6. Stay simple minded: Get a new battery; replace the bulb or fuse; see if the tank is empty; try turning the switch or just paint over it.
7. Regardless of what people say, kicking, pounding, and throwing sometimes DOES help.

*Script A News*

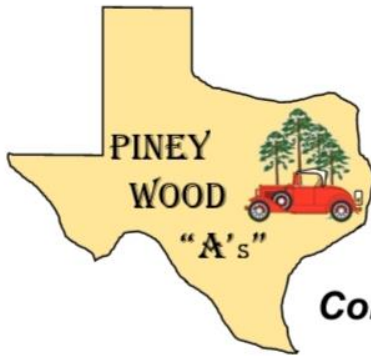


# Celebrating Ed Arnold



Thanks to our club members who could attend Ed's Homegoing Celebration of life





## **Texas Tour 2023**

June 15-18, 2023

Huntsville, Texas

***Come Join Us On A Great Adventure!***

### **Host Hotels**

***Fairfield Inn & Suites*** (Tour Registration Desk)

136 Ravenwood Village Drive Huntsville, Texas 77340

Room Rates: 50 rooms @ \$109, 19 rooms @ \$149

Phone: (936) 436-7000 Direct

Check-in time 3:00PM

***Holiday Inn Express & Suites***

148 I-45 Huntsville, Texas 77340

All Rooms @\$119

Phone: (936) 295-4300 Direct

***Hampton Inn***, located next to Fairfield Inn & Suites (alternate hotel, but has not signed a contract)

### **Main Event Center**

Walker Education Center Located in the Sam Houston Museum Park

1402 19<sup>th</sup> Street Huntsville, Texas 77340

### **Texas Tour Planned Events**

Short driving tours (Friday)

Grand Tour – Tour the beautiful National Forest (Saturday)

Mystery games

Many points of interest in this historical city such as the Home of Sam Houston (next to the main event center), the Prison Museum, the Military Museum, The statue of Sam Houston, and the Cemetery.

Trailer parking can be arranged.

Great Entertainment at the Award Ceremonies

**Registration Fees will be announced once they are confirmed.**



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*The Prez Sez...*

It has been an honor to serve as your President for 2022. It has been a wonderful experience to be involved with the operation of our great national club. I want you know that our board of directors has done our best to serve you by listening to your ideas to make the club better.

My number one goal for this year was to grow MAFCA. I am happy to report that our membership has grown from last year, some say that the old car hobby is dying, I am excited to tell you that the Model A Ford hobby is alive and well. We are seeing new members join every day. This year MAFCA has added four new chapters including our first ever chapter in West Virginia.

I have visited chapter meetings this year and have observed that there are certain elements that lead to fun and successful meetings. I hope these suggestions will help you to build the club and your chapter. These successful meetings begin with a well-planned meeting, an agenda, a program, a raffle, refreshments, and time for fellowship. When your members have fun at meetings, they will want to become more involved and come back often. A quality newsletter is another thing that will strengthen your chapter. This communication tool is the lifeblood of an active club.

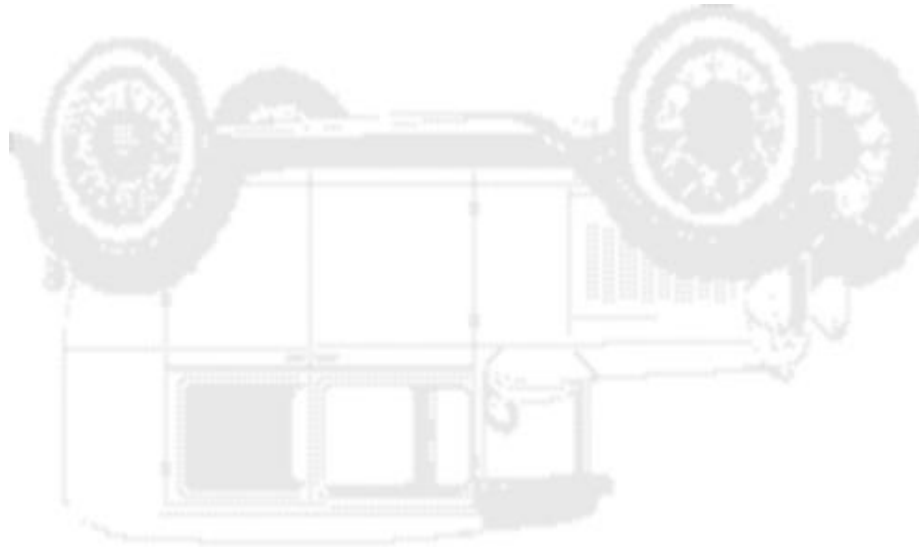
This year we have introduced exciting new products that are available at our MAFCA Store, [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com). Our latest edition in the "How to Restore your Model A series is Volume 10. I believe it to be our finest publication yet. We have also added a new, a high-quality baseball cap in Navy Blue, and two new Christmas Cards featuring a Budd Cab Truck and a Phaeton. Proceeds from sales help to offset the costs of running the club.

I am looking forward to attending our National Awards Banquet, in Golden Colorado where we will be introducing our 2023 Board of Directors and presenting the MAFCA National Awards along with the opportunity to visit the wonderful sites in Colorado.

Wishing you all a happy holiday season

Happy Motoring, Jay McCord





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**MEN'S TECH SESSIONS**  
**Every Wednesday morning at 8 a.m.**  
**Nursery "Cimmaron Crossing" Shell Station.**

