

October 2018 A Frame
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Model A Ford Club of America**

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Happy Birthday to Barbara & Hall Townsend and Geoff Goodbee!

Monthly Meeting: Wednesday October 24th at Randazzo's at 6:30 pm for dinner. Please wear your Model A shirts to the meetings and events!

Coming Events:

Sunday, November 11: Destrehan Plantation Festival! Meet at 10:00 am at M.A. Green for the short drive to the plantation. A great event with lots of Christmas gift possibilities.

Saturday, November 10: Veterans' Day Parade on Harrison Avenue. Call Bob Sappington for more info. Cell: 439-4363 or home 835-3625.

November Meeting: Wednesday, **November 28th** @ Randazzo's. Please pay your 2019 dues at this meeting!

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Frenier Landing Restaurant & Oyster Bar

On the last Saturday of September club members met at M.A. Green and motored to the restaurant. Bob Sappington came in his truck and was able to rescue Angelo & Geoff when Angelo had a problem with his A. Somehow the started remained engaged after the engine started. John Maiorana and Bill Pfaff drove the wrecker, John Troendle drove his Fordor and Mickey his Tudor. Barbara & Hall Townsend, Jim Pierce & son Chris, and Bobbie & Vic Zaidain were all there. The food was good and we enjoyed being together. The weather also cooperated with no rain and some clouds to lower the temperature.



Restaurant Des Familles

On the 9th of September the club traveled from the shopping center alongside the Huey P. Long bridge to the Restaurant des Familles. Leading the way were John, Lisa & Maddie Troendle in the Tudor, Bill Pfaff and John Maiorana in the speedy wrecker, Vic Cavallo in his beautiful A & Jay & Tina Cavallo. In newer cars were Mickey & Nan, Carl & Dianne Hunter, Anthony & Marie Nicolich, Tony & Ray Schaub.



Touch a Truck

The annual “Touch a Truck” show was held at St. Francis Xavier on Metairie Road on Saturday October 6th. The club was well represented by John Troendle’s truck and Bob Sappington’s roadster along with Bill Pfaff’s wrecker. Below are some photos of our member’s trucks. Just wait until next year when we will have more trucks to take.



The History of the Ford Model A

Ford Model A 1927-1932

In 1927, after producing the Ford Model T since 1908, Henry Ford closed his plant for seven months to switch his production to this very secretly and hastily implemented new design. When the Model A was launched on 2nd December 1927 it caused an immediate sensation. Model A No. 1 rolled off the production line on Oct. 20th, 1927 but the public didn't see the car until Dec. 2nd, 1927. Unlike the Model T, the new Ford came in seven body styles and an amazing four colors! The Engine was an L-head 4-cylinder, 'cast en bloc' type. It had a 3-7/8" X 4-1/4" bore and stroke with a displacement of 200.5 cubic inches. SAE horsepower of 24.03 with brake horsepower rated at 40 at 2200 rpm. Typical gas mileage was between 20 and 30 mpg using a Zenith one-barrel carburetor. It's 103.5" wheelbase rode on 4.50 x 21" tires with a gear ratio of 3.77:1. The transmission was a 3 speed sliding gear unit with 1 speed reverse. The Model A had 4 wheel mechanical brakes and Houdaille, double action hydraulic shock absorbers with semi-elliptic front and rear transverse springs. Top Speed was around **65 mph**. Standard equipment on all Models included a Starter, Five Steel Spoke Wheels, Dash light, Mirror, Windshield Wiper, Oil Gauge, Gasoline Gauge, Rear and Stop Light, Speedometer, Tools and Pressure Grease Gun Lubrication.

(Notice Bumpers were NOT standard equipment!)

As for price, the new Model A Tudor Sedan sold for \$495.00 with the Fordor bringing \$570.00 F.O.B. Detroit. For \$385.00 you could get a Roadster and \$395.00 would get you a beautiful Phaeton. At \$495.00, the new Ford Coupe was nice but for \$550.00 the Sport Coupe with a standard Rumble Seat was a hot seller. . Ford produced more than five million Model A cars from 1927 to 1932 when this model was superseded by a new V8 engined model.