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About GCMAC

## Message from the President

I would like to thank all those who participated in the Elberta parade. What a great turnout!

Our Pensacola breakfast is scheduled again for the 5th of March, 8:30 at the Golden Corral.

We have at least three cars committed to the Westgate Mardi Gras parade on Friday, the 4th of March.

Mike

*President, Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club*

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Thanks to Nancy and Terry Pampel for printing and mailing the newsletter to several people who do not have an email account.

# Coming Events Calendar

For a comprehensive list of car shows in our area, here's a link to the Gearjammers website with them listed: <https://bamagearjammers.com/events.html>

**Friday, March 4th Westgate Parade for severely handicapped young people.** 10050 Ashton

Brosnaham Rd. Pensacola, FL

Contact: Bob & Joane Neidlinger (850) 478-9238

Details and map to location can be found in this newsletter.

**Saturday, March 5, 8:30 am Pensacola Breakfast**  
Golden Corral, 2260 Langley Avenue, Pensacola, FL



**Saturday, March 12 Ford Tri Motor Airplane event**

Fairhope "Sonny" Callahan Airport

8600 Co Rd 32, Fairhope, AL

We are planning to meet at the airport around 11am.

If you want to drive as a group to the airport, contact Jim Quinlan and we'll set a meeting location depending on who is interested in attending.

**Sunday, Mar 13** Daylight savings time Starts



**Thursday, March 17 St. Patricks Day**



**Saturday, April 2, 8:30 am Pensacola Breakfast**  
Golden Corral, 2260 Langley Avenue, Pensacola, FL

**Apr 15** Good Friday

**Apr 17** Easter Sunday

**April 24 -27 Natchez Trace Parkway Tour**

Now is the time to send in your registration and make your Hotel Reservations.

## Natchez Trace Parkway Tour update

### It's all systems GO on our Natchez Trace Parkway Tour !

Registrations are from Indiana, Texas, Tennessee, Sarasota Florida and possibly Iowa. The group from Indiana are all driving down. These are really good Model 'A' people that we personally know and have toured with in the past.

I hoped for more registrations and did the best I could marketing this tour but a conflicting event in central Alabama several weeks before our tour has impacted recruiting our northern Alabama neighbors. Plus there are several other Model 'A' tours around that timeframe.

In other encouraging news , **the Dallas Model 'A' club** did a real nice write up in their recent newsletter about our Natchez Trace tour for their members.



# Westgate Parade for severely handicapped young people

**Friday, March 4, 2022**

Here is an opportunity to do something for young people who can't do anything for themselves all while driving your Model A. The Westgate School for severely handicapped young people holds a Mardi Gras Parade annually, but Covid shut this exciting activity down last year.

They have rescheduled it this year, and no doubt the excitement couldn't be any higher for all the people involved. The event is a slow tour twice around the large bus area where participants distribute a plethora of throws and gifts to the smiling faces of those who will never be able experience life fully.

The event will be held on **Friday March 4th. Line up starts at 8:00 AM** just past the School and across the street, with the parade beginning at 9:00 AM. **The address is 10050 Ashton Brosnaham Rd. Pensacola FL**

Speaking from my own experience we leave with a new view of our problems and a much greater sense gratitude for our own blessings and especially our Model A's.

**Bob & Joane Neidlinger (850) 478-9238**

Let Bob or Joane know if you're planning to attend or if you have any questions, **Thanks**



The **parade** is scheduled for **Friday, March 4, 2022**. The parade will begin at 9:30 AM at the front bus ramp at Westgate. We would love to have you and your Krewe, and/or unit, participate in our parade this year! Floats are encouraged but not mandatory.

The staging area for the Krewes will be in the usual place (parking lot of the Brosnaham Soccer Fields). Krewes can start **lining up any time after 8:00 AM and the parade will start promptly at 9:30 AM.**

Throws, beads and moon pies would be wonderful; however, please no hard candy because many of our children have conditions that would cause them to choke. Also, please keep in mind this is a school function; therefore, we appreciate it if you would distribute throws acceptable for an educational setting. For example, no plastic weapons, grenades, tobacco products, items with liquor logos or any other adult related logos on them.





### Why green clothes?

Wearing green has become a staple of St. Patrick's Day, but the holiday was originally associated with the color blue. It's thought that the shift to green happened because of Ireland's nickname "The Emerald Isle," the green in the Irish flag and the shamrock, or clover. Green ribbons and shamrocks were worn as early as the 17th century. During the Irish Rebellion of 1798, an uprising against British rule in Ireland, Irish soldiers wore full green uniforms on March 17 to make a political statement. Legend has it that wearing green makes a person invisible to leprechauns that will pinch someone if they see them. In Ireland, some people still adhere to the tradition of Catholics wearing green and Protestants wearing orange, the colors that represent their respective religious sects on the Irish flag.

**What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a 4-leaf clover?**

A rash of good luck



# Gulf Coast Model A Club meeting

## February 19, 2022

We had a nice turnout with almost 20 people and 7 Model 'A's. As usual there was a wonderful spread of goodies that people shared and enjoyed. **Gerry Fischlein** stopped by to thank members who came to Dick's funeral. She told us that she sold their Model 'A' to a family member in Iowa.

**Becky Baidson** announced the club's financial information while **John and Debbie Bright** sold tickets for a 50/50 raffle that netted the club and one lucky winner \$22. **Mike Fowler** was the lucky winner. Of course a couple wise guys in the group elicited some hilarious remarks about the so called coincidence of our club president winning the drawing.

**Becky** also suggested members have name tags for the meetings and it was agreed that would be a good idea. She's going to look into having them made for club members.

**Jim Quinlan** discussed the upcoming Natchez Trace parkway tour and said that we still had room for a few more cars and that already had a good group of people signed up from around the country.

**Chris Hornady** talked about the 1929 Ford Trimotor airplane coming to the "Sonny" Callahan Fairhope



Airport in March and said while it will be a fun event with our cars, he couldn't guarantee we would be able to get a photo shoot with the Model 'A's. We decided to attend on Saturday March 12 as a club at 11:00. If anyone wants to caravan there as a club, contact **Jim Quinlan** and we can determine a meeting location. You can purchase tickets to go for a ride in the Trimotor. Also on Saturday there will be a P51 and a vintage Stearman biplane.

**Mike Fowler** said that he and **Jim** are trying to compile a list of local resources for the club. Please contribute your knowledge of places in our area or nearby where we can get Model 'A' work done; engine work, turn brake drums, rebuilt starters/generators, etc, paint & body, tires mounted, recommended machine shops, etc. Compile a list and PLEASE share the information by sending it to Jim Quinlan.

New member **Bill Chamberlin** introduced himself and told us about the Model 'A' he recently purchased and how he and **Terry Pampel** were working to get it in good running shape.









# February Pensacola Breakfast

There was a fairly good turnout with around 20 members and guests. Thanks to Joe Stephens for sharing these pictures.



# Happenings of the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club

**Chris Hornaby** looking to acquire equipment to do Babbitt and engine work.

After completely rewiring his car, **Wesley Chalk** is still having issues getting it started and is actively in the process of isolating the problem.

**Austin Wall** received a freshly rebuilt zenith carburetor to deal with a backfiring car (the backfiring scared the heck out of us at the Baldwin Heritage Museum meeting after he pulled in) . He also installed a new fan and was frustrated trying to reinstall his radiator and splash pan.

**Mike Fowler** is working on brakes and has parts on order to complete the job. His steering box still needs rebuild and that will be next on his to do list.

Murphy's law doesn't even come close to explaining all the Model 'A' issues **Jim Quinlan** experienced last month. The Tudor needed a new battery but his 28 pickup was the problem child this month. It was completely rewired, with new terminal box and a new distributor. Now the engine is apart, and new valves will be installed and possibly piston rings due to poor compression in several cylinders.

**Austin Wall** is assisting. This will be an educational project for sure thanks to Austin's wisdom.

**Ron Persons** Tudor is getting a new interior and having engine issues dealt with at Gators. His Coupe developed starter issues so he's working toward getting a rebuilt starter.

**Mike Short** is still dealing with fuel and minor engine issues but making progress. After shattering his terminal box he decided to replace the radiator and water pump. **"One thing after another"** Mike writes.

I spoke with **Gator** this week and he told me that he got **Philip and Lorena Childer's** car running after dealing with a batch of defective aftermarket parts. He said he tried a handful of new condensers before he finally found one that actually worked correctly ! He also stated wireless distributor plates should never be used as they may short if advancing the spark rod all the way. Quite difficult to diagnose.

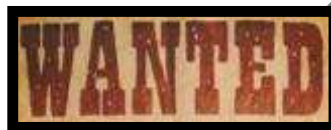
**Allan Braddy** now has his AA Truck running good with the exception of a possible bad battery & he is still working on his transmission issues but getting close.

*Got a new Model 'A'? Starting a new project or making progress on your current one?  
Send news and/or pictures to Jim at  
Tap5s@yahoo.com*





Have parts or a car you want to sell? Need a certain part for your restoration? Submit your ad and we'll run it in the newsletter for approximately 3 months. Email your ad and photos to Jim at [tap5s@yahoo.com](mailto:tap5s@yahoo.com)



Bonnie and Clyde

**Wanted for restoration and rebuilding.**

**Zenith or Marvel Carburetors.** Contact Jim Quinlan (727) 265-0381



**Early 1928 Sport Coupe for sale.** Runs and drives well, Rebuilt Carburetor, Water Pump and Distributor. 12 volt conversion...plus extra parts. **\$8,000 (251) 979-1329**  
**Thanks ... Lee**

**Also have 4 50's Ford hubcaps for sale all 4 for \$50**



***Classified ad's continued***

**For Sale: 1929 Model A Tudor Sedan.** Older restoration, freshly built engine, ready to tour in.

\$12,500.00. More photos can be provided. **Contact: Gator Gould, Monroeville, AL 251-765-2677.**



Submitted by Charlotte Dahlenburg

*"Jim can you send this to the club. This is one fine vehicle!"*



**1928 Model "A" Ford Standard**

**Roadster.** Frequent local car show trophy winner, including several "Best of Show" awards. Many items and spare parts convey with car.

Needs new clutch and right rear fender repair. Car and conveying items \$15,000.00 as-is, where-is in Mobile, AL.

Contact: [cashdollar521@msn.com](mailto:cashdollar521@msn.com). for pics, extensive list of conveying items, and restoration history.

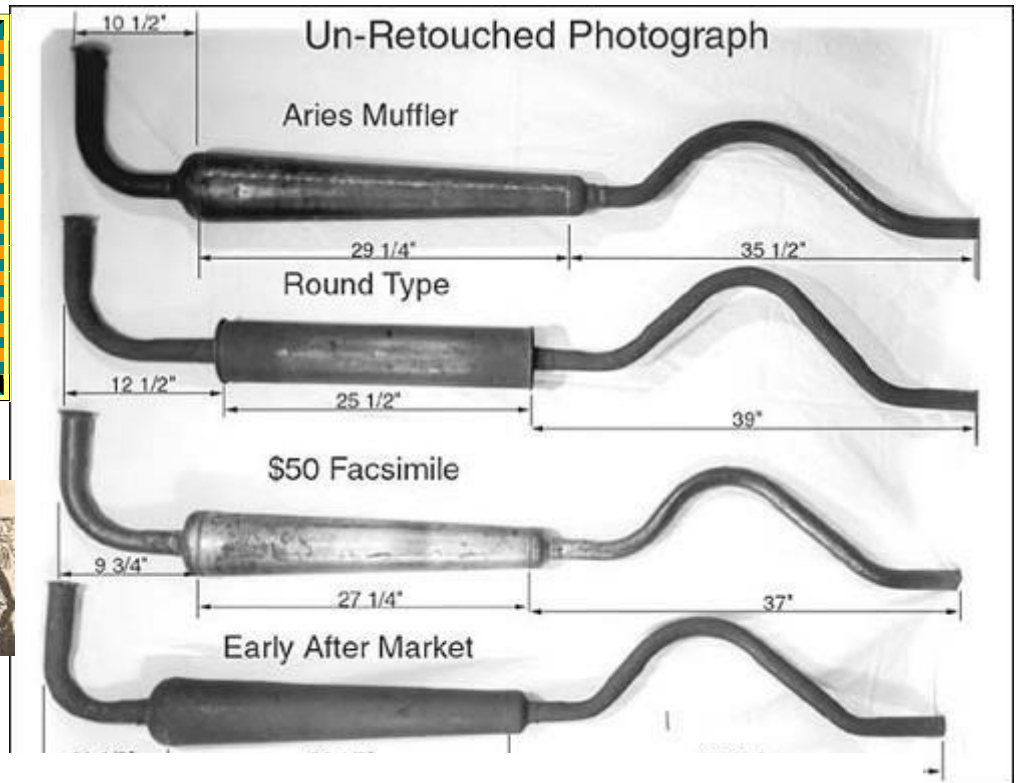
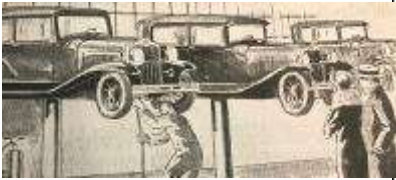
**Original unrestored Model 'A' Horns for sale.**

I also have I have two **Thunderbird Juniors (1955 Red and 1956 Blue)** in my collection for sale. They are powered by a car generator motor powering them at 5 mph. The cars go both forward and backwards. They seat two children or one adult. **Contact: Gerry Mills** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Cell: 405.763-7768



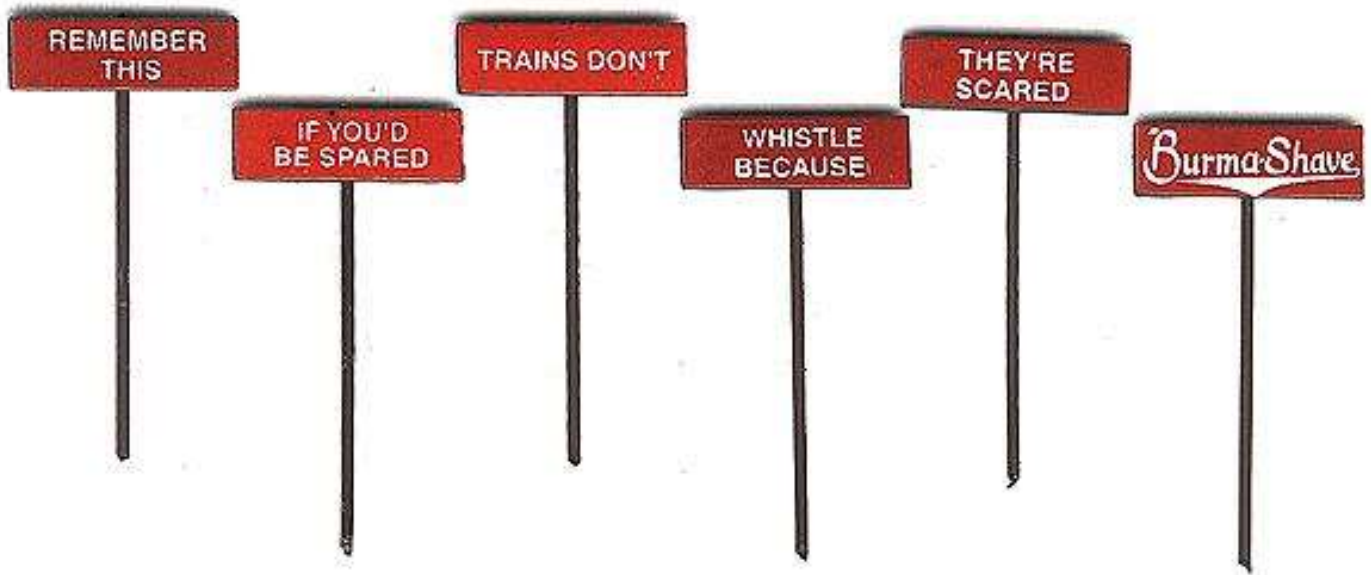


# Model 'A' Technical Highlights



## 1930-31 Dashes





Thanks to the  
**Hoosier Model A Club**  
For this tip

## Setting Rotor/Distributor Contact Gap

Put on parking brake, place gear shift lever in neutral position, and use the hand crank to rotate the rotor.

Check the rotor at all four distributor contact points. The gap should be .025

**The fix:** Bend the Rotor and/or file the contacts on the Distributor Housing.

## March Birthdays



15 Larry Nelson

25 Jane Frazier

17 Clyde Anderson

27 Anna Lundy

18 Jan Collins





# Era Fashions



## JUNE BRIDES

*By Harriet McNeill*



With the June wedding season approaching, here is what a bride needs before the wedding, as suggested in *McCall's*, 1931.

For each bed, four sheets, six pillowcases, one pair blankets, one comforter. Also, one dozen bath towels, eighteen face towels, eight guest towels, one dozen wash cloths, two bath mats, one dozen dish towels, six glass towels, table cloths, tea cloths or place mats, large or medium size napkins, tea napkins, bureau covers, doilies, dusters, etc. The custom was that if the girl could afford it, she was to bring into the marriage enough of the household linens to start the running of a new house or apartment. She could have had embroidered sheets to dozens and dozens of table napkins, but the bride could also start comfortably with items from the above list.

Personally, for clothing, especially underthings, the bride was to have enough to last at least six months to a year. She needed not less than: four sets of underwear, four nightgowns, six pairs of stockings, three good pairs of shoes (two day and one evening), one kimono/negligee and slippers, twelve handkerchiefs, two morning dresses. Also a good suitcase was needed and maybe a trunk for going away AND enough loose cash in her purse so she did not have to ask for money on the very first day of the wedding trip.



Gifts were always sent to the bride, and if they arrived after she left for her honeymoon, they were opened by her mother and recorded in the "bride book" so the gifts could be acknowledged promptly upon her return.

The wedding dress and bridesmaids' dresses were to be simple and youthful unless the wedding was in the evening, then they would be conservative evening dresses. I thought it interesting that if you were married in your going away dress, you would only have a maid of honor who would wear a street dress and hat.

The most practical thing was consideration of expenses. The bride's family and the groom's family were responsible for certain expenses just as they are today. One note---there was no mention of a rehearsal or rehearsal dinner.

The word for the day was:

Don't start your life's greatest venture with nerves and body below par.

# Natchez Trace Parkway

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Natchez Trace Parkway  
Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee



## Model 'A' Tour information and update

Now is the time to book hotel reservations for the Natchez Trace tour. We reserved blocks of 25 rooms along the way with special rates. Everyone is responsible for booking their own hotel reservations on this trip. **Don't wait to reserve your rooms** because these types of tours can be popular and our rooms with special rates can sell out. Backup hotels are listed on our website.

City / Date	Hotel	Phone#
Natchez, MS Sunday April 24	<b>Days Inn by Wyndham Natchez.</b> Group rate: <b>\$69</b> 109 Highway 61 S. Natchez, Ms They will allow us to leave car trailers while touring.	(601) 445-8291
Ridgeland, MS Monday April 25	<b>Hyatt Place Jackson/Ridgeland.</b> Group rate: <b>\$103</b> 1016 Highland Colony Pkwy Ridgeland, Ms	(601) 898-8815
Tupelo, MS Tuesday April 26	<b>Comfort Suites.</b> Group rate: <b>\$120</b> 1064 Carter Cove, Tupelo, Ms	(662) 432-1550
Franklin, Tn Wednesday April 27	<b>Best Western Franklin Inn Group Rate \$99.00</b> 1308 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin TN	(615) 790-0570

Each night, we will all be staying in a different town along our route and every morning we will have a drivers meeting in the hotel lobby or parking lot. After the driver's meeting, everyone is on their own to travel the parkway to our next destination. You can travel with others in the group or separately as you choose.

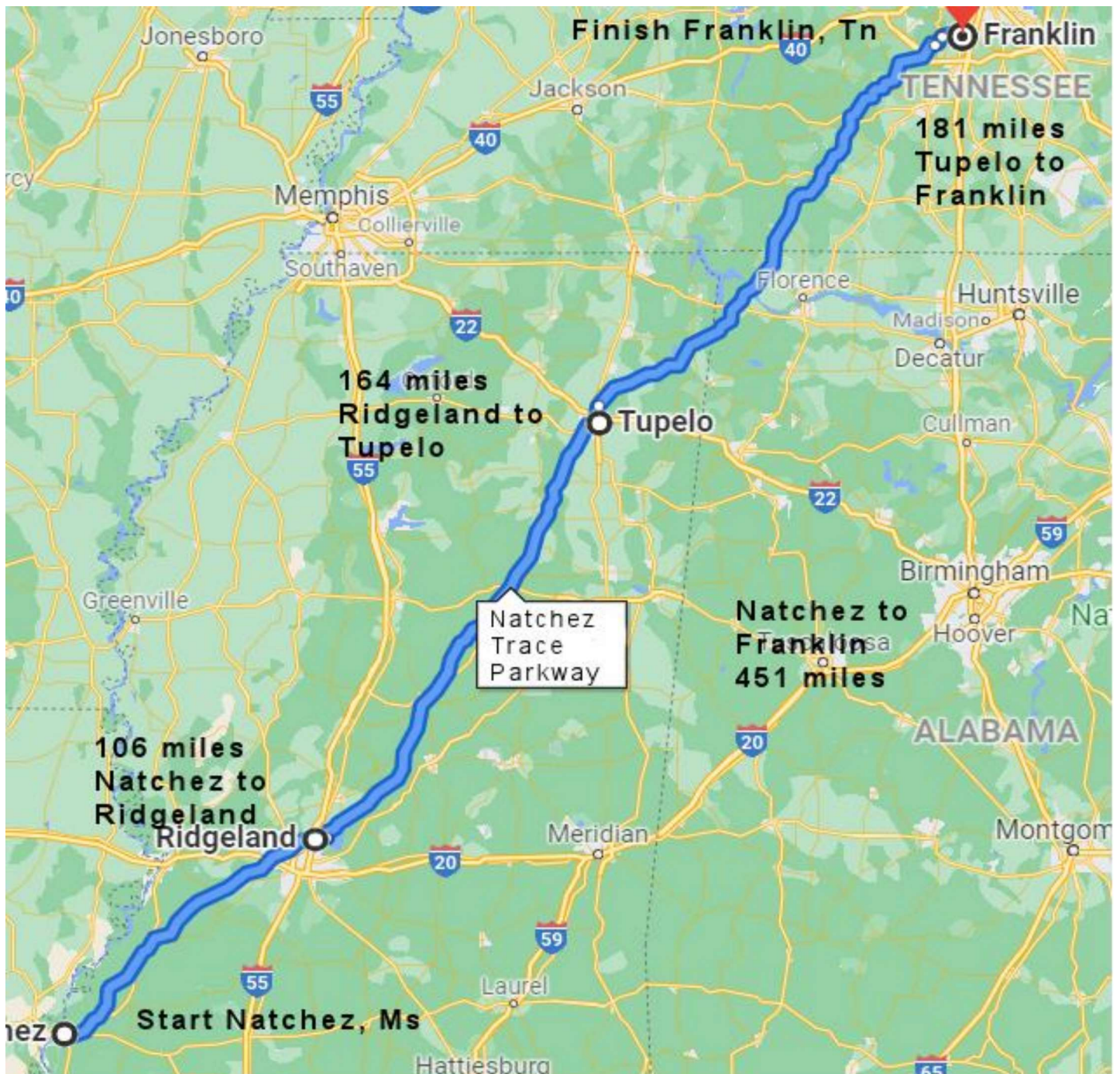
There are many historical points of interest along the parkway so you can pick and choose the areas that interest you. Throughout most of the day we'll be encountering other Model 'A' folks along the parkway. We've noted several suggested restaurants or you can pack a lunch and have a picnic in the park.



### *Natchez Trace parkway tour continued*

Staying at the recommended hotels along the way is not mandatory. You can stay anywhere you like. The Host Hotel in Natchez, Ms (Days Inn Wyndam) has agreed to allow us to leave car trailers there while we tour the Natchez Trace parkway. This is a nice gesture from the hotel.

After reaching the end of the parkway in Franklin, TN, there will be a Farewell Dinner at the Best Western Hotel in Franklin.




## Natchez Trace parkway tour continued

The following morning, everyone is on their own to travel home.

Please note that we might limit the amount of cars on the tour to 25 so there won't be congestion at stops and restaurants along the way. Please don't hesitate to make your hotel reservations and send in your registration form (below).

We are planning to have a vehicle with car trailer accompany the tour and lend assistance, at their discretion. Each driver is responsible for their own vehicle which should be in good mechanical condition.

	<b>NACHEZ TRACE PARKWAY MODEL 'A' TOUR</b>  <b>APRIL 24-27, 2022</b>  <b><u>REGISTRATION FORM</u></b>	

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Name of Guest(s):</b>		
<b>Street Address:</b>		<b>City &amp; State:</b>		<b>Apt./Suite:</b>
<b>Zip Code:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Email:</b>		
<b>Cell Number:</b>		<b>Car Club:</b>		
<b><u>Year of Car:</u></b>	<b><u>Model of Car:</u></b>	<b><u>License No.:</u></b>	<b>Trailing: Y / N (Circle One)</b>	<b>Arrival: Sat/Sun/Mon (Circle One)</b>
<b>Auto Insurance Company &amp; Policy Number:</b>				
<b>Member of MAFCA (Circle one) Yes No    Member of MARC Circle one Yes No    Member of GCMAC Circle one Yes No</b>				
<b>Event Registration</b>		<b>Number Attending:</b>	<b>Fee Per Car:</b>	<b>Total:</b>
Tour Registration Fee (\$25.00 per driver & spouse or 1 guest)			@ \$25.00 (driver + 1)	\$
Additional passenger (\$5.00 each)			@ \$5.00 (per person)	\$
Farewell Dinner. Will be held at the Best Western Franklin Inn			@ \$30.00 per person	\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (Refunds on a case-by-case basis)</b>				<b>\$</b>

Registrants are responsible for booking their own hotel rooms for the tour. Special Rate Code: [Gulf Coast Model A Club](#)

City	Primary Hotel	Phone	Address	Rate
Natchez	Days Inn by Wyndham Natchez	(601) 445-8291	109 Highway 61 South, Natchez, Ms	\$ 69
Ridgeland	Hyatt Place Jackson/Ridgeland	(601) 898-8815	1016 Highland Colony Pkwy Ridgeland, Ms	\$103
Tupelo	Comfort Suites Tupelo	(662) 432-1550	1064 Carter Cove, Tupelo, Ms	\$120
Franklin	Best Western Franklin Inn	(615) 790-0570	1308 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, Tn	\$ 99

(Backup / Secondary hotels are listed on our website)

Please Make Checks Payable to the "GULF COAST Model 'A' Club". Mail Your Completed and signed Registration Form with Check to: Gulf Coast Model A Club, PO Box 812, Cantonment, FL 32533

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

*The signers agree to indemnify and hold harmless for any and all liability due to my attendance and participation in the 2022 Natchez Trace Parkway Tour, the Gulf Coast Model "A" Club (GCMAC), GCMAC Members, their officers, directors, staff and any and all constituents acting on behalf of the aforementioned affiliations and/or Tour Volunteers. Submission of this Tour Registration Form (signed or unsigned) constitutes acceptance of the terms of this release. Plus, the vehicle being used has all required automobile insurance established by state statute.*

For more information: [www.gulfcoastmodelclub.net/natchez](http://www.gulfcoastmodelclub.net/natchez)





**TEXAS HILL COUNTRY**

**June 12-17 2022**

*No Place Offers The Model A Experience Like The Texas Hill Country*

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**From its spectacular scenery to its beautiful two-lane country roads, here you will experience our hobby the way it is meant to be at the 31st National MAFCA Convention!**

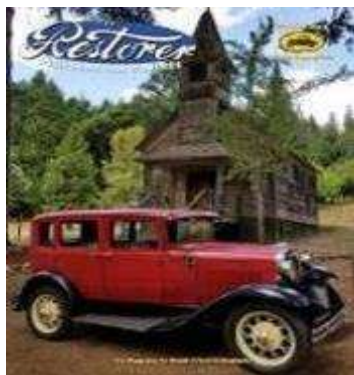


**FIND CONVENTION INFORMATION ONLINE AT: [WWW.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)**

Some of the week's highlights:

- San Antonio's Famous River Walk
- The Alamo - Birthplace of Texas
- Great Sightseeing & Restaurants!
- Fine Point Vehicle Judging
- Era Fashions & Judging
- Restorers Class

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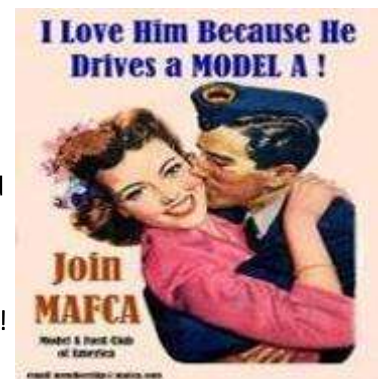
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## **The Model A Ford Club of America MAFCA** **Serving Model A Ford owners since January 1, 1997**

is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Ford Model A and AA cars and trucks, as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. We are an active, family-friendly organization whose members share a passion for these historic vehicles, plus other aspects of life in that era, such as fashions.

MAFCA is a not-for-profit corporation with members and local affiliated chapters all over the globe. This makes us the largest car club in the world dedicated to one make

of automobile. We hope you enjoy looking through our site, and we invite you to join us!





## About the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club

The Traveler newsletter is published for the membership and friends of the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club.

Outings are held monthly at various locations and times. Views expressed in the Traveler are not necessarily those of the Club Officers or MAFCA. Club membership is \$25.00 per year and can be mailed to Becky

Baisden at:

GCMAC,

PO Box 812

Cantonment, FL 32533



Club dues are \$25 per year for individuals or families. We currently have a membership of 40+ families. We believe in doing maintenance on the cars, educating ourselves on the Model 'A', fellowship with other members, showing the cars, driving the cars locally and on tours and having a great time seeing and driving Model 'A' Fords.

We have fun and would welcome you as a member whether you own a Model A or not. Come join with us in a wonderful hobby that is historical and worthwhile. You will meet friendly people who are in love with the Model 'A' and love to drive, show and talk about these interesting cars.

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**Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club website:**

<https://www.gulfcoastmodelclub.net/>

**Download a  
Membership Application**

## Advertise in the Traveler.

If you know of any business that would like to place an ad in the Traveler they can run a **credit card sized ad for \$50** and a quarter page ad for \$75 that will run for 12 months. Those interested should send artwork to the editor @ [tap5s@yahoo.com](mailto:tap5s@yahoo.com) with their billing and contact information