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President's Message, November: 2025

Stay cool. As we cruise toward the end of the year, it's clear that 2025 has been a lively one for our Model A family! Our recent meeting was a blast—especially the auction, which brought plenty of laughs and surprises. A big thank-you to Gordon for once again stepping up as our auctioneer extraordinaire. Who knew fresh eggs would be such a crowd favorite?

October's outing may have taken a modern turn thanks to some ominous weather forecasts (Chicken Little would've been proud), but those who attended still enjoyed a great time. I missed you all while tucked away at Moody Gardens, and I appreciate everyone who showed up and kept the spirit rolling.

Now, all eyes are on our annual Christmas party! We're so grateful to the Busker family for making the Braeburn venue to us. Just a friendly reminder: Doug Busker needs your registration form by December 1st, so don't let it slip through the cracks.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I hope each of you enjoys a joyful holiday surrounded by loved ones—whether that's family, friends, or both. Personally, I'm feeling extra thankful this year for the incredible members I've had the pleasure of meeting, and for the honor of leading our gatherings and sharing these messages with you.

Here's to tradition, camaraderie, and a season full of gratitude., stay safe, and stay connected.
Keri

SUNSHINE CHAIRPERSON

Our Sunshine person is **Pat Perkins**. Please call, text, or e-mail her first if you have any news of illness or hospitalization. pinkler54@yahoo.com 713-825-4941

2025 Christmas Party

December 6, 2025

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

BraeBurn County Club

See Page 4 For Details

THANKSGIVING TOUR TO COLLEGE STATION

November 27, 28, 29

Hotel: Residence Inn: 979-268-2200

720 University Drive East, College Station.

Tell them you are with the Houston A's \$109.00/night Plenty of parking for trailers.

Tell them you are the Houston "A's" Deadline for this price is November 1st.

VP Corner—Patsy Pollard

Our November Tech Program will be presented by Warren Pollard on the Gilmore Car Museum. He will share pictures and information from our visit. It will be good! We will also announce our new officers for next year. This will be our last monthly meeting of this year, so be sure to be there.

We will give more information about our Thanksgiving Tour to College Station at the meeting. To our College Station members – join us whenever you want to; hotel, tour, museum, restaurants. Call me 832-687-6796 to see where we are.

The Christmas party is next month! Get your form in to Doug Busker. You don't want to miss this wonderful event!



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2025 GALVESTON TOUR

Text and Pictures provided by Patsy Pollard and David Leah Ann Bolton

On Saturday, October 25th, the club drove down to Galveston for the October outing. We ended up driving our modern cars due to threatening weather reports. In spite of the weatherman's predictions we had a dry journey overall. We had 20 members meet at Katie's Seafood House and then after lunch we drove to the Bryan Museum. We enjoyed a guided tour of the museum with history of Texas, along with a movie of the 1900 Galveston Hurricane that killed around 8,000 people. It was an interesting museum that had once housed orphans from the late 1800s to 1980s. It was a great outing which we all enjoyed. Thanks to David and Leah Ann Bolton for planning the outing.



Continued: 2025 Galveston Tour





**Houston Model 'A' Club's
2025 Christmas Party
Reservation Form**

Date: December 6, 2025 (Saturday)
Time: 12:00 to 3:00 PM (Meal Served At 12:30 PM)

Place: BraeBurn Country Club Free Valet Parking (if you want)
8101 Bissonnet
Houston, TX 77074

Dress: Christmas Attire

Come join your Houston Model 'A' friends for our annual Christmas celebration. If you haven't already marked your calendars for this important event, please do so and send in your reservation form now.



Cost: \$25.00 per club member
\$30.00 per guest

Entrees (Grilled Chicken, Red Snapper, Sirloin Steak)

**Please take a moment & fill in the following information
List the names and entrée for all attendees**

Name	Fee	Entree
_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____
TOTAL	\$ _____	

Please mail your reservation form & check made payable to the Houston Model 'A' Club to Doug Busker to ARRIVE no later than December 1.

Doug Busker
906 Pine Breeze
Friendswood, TX 77546
Res: (281) 648-6026



Model A's At Bay Area Christian School

It was a beautiful day for a Model A Outing to Bay Area Christian School. The second graders have been learning about Henry Ford, and we were invited so that they could see some of the cars he made during his lifetime. They each had a turn sitting in all the cars, but their favorite thing to do was honking the horns. They really made some good “ahooga” sounds. One of my favorite questions was, “Were you born when this car was made?” and another was, “Are these Henry Ford’s cars?” Before leaving I talked to some first graders on the playground, and they are looking forward to next year when it is their turn to see the Model A’s. I’m sure they want a turn honking the horns. We made lots of good memories there.



Continued: Model A's At Bay Area Christian School



TECH TIP

Electrical Bypass

by Tom Endy 2022

Quite often a Model A will quit running, or not even start. Ninety percent of the time the problem is electrical. With a trouble light it is an easy process to locate an electrical problem. Usually it is a situation of battery voltage not reaching the ignition points. The trick then is to locate where it lost its way.

The trouble light is attached to ground at one end and the other end is a probe. When the probe is touched to a voltage point the handle will light, indicating there is voltage present there. The first effort should be to check the fuse on top the starter, if you have one installed. Touch each end of the fuse with the trouble light probe and both should light the trouble light. Next touch the probe to the two wingnuts on the terminal block on the firewall, they both should light the trouble light. With the ignition key switched off, touch the trouble light to both terminals on the coil, they both should also light the trouble light.

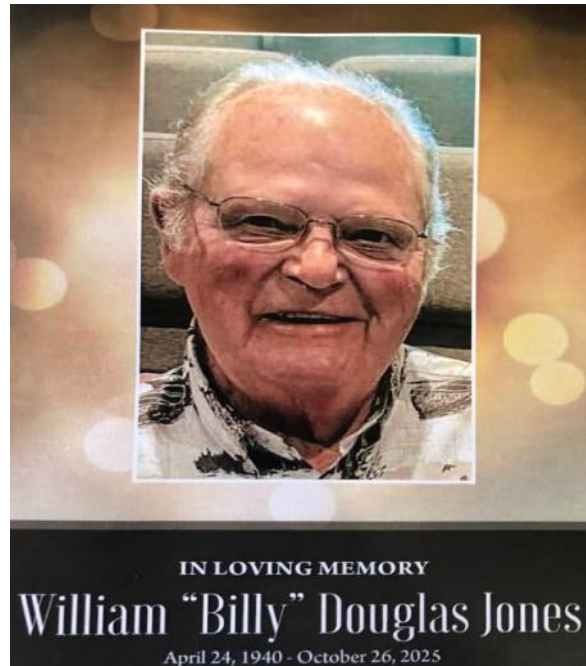
The final check is to see if voltage is reaching the moveable arm of the ignition points. To do this remove the top of the distributor and place a business card or piece of paper between the points to isolate them. Turn the ignition key on and place the probe on the moveable arm of the points. You will probably find there is no voltage there and it is the reason the car won't start. If there is voltage there the car should start.

The loss of voltage to the ignition points can occur in numerous places between the coil and the points. It could be an open circuit or a short circuit starting with the ignition switch. It could also be in the pop-out cable or in the distributor itself. Inside the distributor are numerous places where the fault may occur. The wire that connects the upper and lower plates together is notorious for failing. If you are on the road, the immediate effort should be to get the car running again. This is where an electrical bypass cable and a spare distributor is a prudent thing to have along under the seat. The spare distributor should already be timed for the car and have been previously run on the car.



A trouble light can be obtained from most auto parts suppliers. They work on both 6 volts and 12 volts.

OBITUARY OF WILLIAM (BILLY) DOUGLAS JONES



William (Billy) Douglas Jones, 85, of Baytown, Texas, passed away on Sunday, October 26, 2025, Baytown. He was born on April 24, 1940, in Goose Creek, Texas, to the late William Alton and Lila Fern Epperson Jones. Billy was a proud graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown, Texas. In 1963, he married the love of his life, a young woman by the name of Dian Anderson. They spent the next sixty-two years together, raising their two children while building a beautiful life together. He was a faithful member of Second Baptist Church in Baytown, where he served as a deacon.

Billy pursued many interests, some of which included his love for old cars, with his favorite being the 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air. He also enjoyed street racing and drag racing. Billy was a talented carpenter, who could build just about anything with ease. He could also often be found tinkering in his shop when he had no projects to work on. Above all, his greatest joy came from the time he spent with his precious family and fur babies.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents; and his sisters Mary Ridge, and twins Peggy Brewer and Patti Shill. He leaves behind to cherish his loving memory, his beloved wife Dian Jones; his daughter Donya Jones; his son Doug Jones; his brother Pete Jones; his numerous nieces; nephews; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Honoring the family by serving as pallbearers will be Bubba Miller, Bubba Samford, Kelly Shull, Joseph Brewer, Rusty Ridge, and Jimmy Earl Burns.

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MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2025 GREATER HOUSTON MODEL A CLUB

The meeting was called to order by President Keri Johnston.

Meeting Minutes: The September minutes were approved following a motion made by Warren Pollard and seconded by Richard Washburn. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Warren Pollard gave the Treasurer's report for September. Approved with motion by Jill Arms and seconded by David Bolton.

Sunshine, Birthdays and Anniversaries: Keri Johnson gave the Sunshine update on club members. Please keep Dale Seaman in your prayers who lost his brother. Keri also mentioned members with birthdays and/or anniversaries that were at the meeting.

Apparel: Contact Patsy Pollard to order any apparel.

Library: See website at www.HoustonModelAFordClub.com for a list of available items.

Newsletter: David Bolton asked for any articles to be sent to him. There will be no newsletter (or meeting) in December.

Pate Swap Meet: Paul Yeoman said the motels available for Pate 2026 are available on the Pate website with links for the special discounted rate. Reminder if you worked at Pate this year, you will be reimbursed for your meal at the Christmas party. You still must submit your RSVP and Check to Doug Busker and you will receive your check back at the Christmas party.

Membership, Publicity, Photos: Bob Pond – Nothing new at this time.

Tours / Outings: October 25th was the Galveston Tour which included lunch at Katie's Seafood House and a tour of the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum. The November Tour is in College Station from November 27th-29th. The deadline for the special hotel rate of \$109 per night is November 1st. Highlights include a tour of the Presidential museum, an engine machine shop, a visit to Hearne and shopping! Come for Thanksgiving day, or after!

Christmas Party: In lieu of a December meeting we will have the annual Christmas Party at Braeburn Country Club from noon – 3 pm. Be sure to mail your RSVP and check to Doug Busker before December 1st.

Web Page: Let Kent Dehart know if you want anything posted. Richard Washburn went through the requests for access to our Facebook page and sent membership links to anyone who wasn't a member.

Other Business (Tech Tips / Items for Sale): Warren Pollard has a 2 door 1931 in storage for a few years for sale. It is maroon with red wheels and also has an A/C kit that hasn't been installed. There is a very nice trailer for sale by Bubba Johnson that was listed in the newsletter.

50-50: Debbie Marino won the 50-50 drawing for \$40.

Program: In lieu of a program we had our Annual Auction with everything from farm fresh eggs to Model A and Model T jack stands.

Meeting Adjourn: Bill Dorsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Warren Pollard seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Sharp, Recording Secretary

GREATER HOUSTON MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1: Jane Rivers, 2: Ann Roller, 2: Troy Deltz, 3: Jody Brett, 3: Lucca Bolton, 5: Julie Evans, 7: Jill Arms, 11: Autumn Cook, 11: Kayla Bullard, 14: Freda Cox, 15: Doug Sigler, 17: Susan Cumings, 18: John Gamble, 18: Lamar Flanagan, 20: Eugene Hamp, 22: Micah Webb, 24: Jane Leidlein, 26: Chuck Ganze, 27: Tabatha Pond, 29: Liz Coleman

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10: Rosetta & Dan Kundts, 12: Michelle & Frank Dietz, 14: Lisa & Michael Crandall, 18: Jacqueline & David Marx, 21: Cuba & Gordon Cook, 23: Joletta & Vernon Goodwin, 23: Ann & Mark Roller, 26: Judy & Richard Cook, 28: Sandy & Preston Miculka



GREATER HOUSTON MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB (continued)

Club's website: www.HoustonModelAFordClub.com

Facebook page => Houston Model A Ford Club

Club Photos => Access through link on website

Greater Houston Model A Club's Library

The listings with short descriptions of the books, event activities, and DVDs in the GHMARC Library have been updated and are posted on the GHMARC website. Please contact our **Technical Librarian, Bill Dorsey, (281-814-5596)**, he will help you find the information you are seeking, and will make arrangements to get the needed information to you. There is a small deposit for checking out books and DVDs which will be refunded upon their return.

Model A's Parts For Sale

FOR SALE CHEAP OR SWAP OR MAYBE JUST EVEN GIVE IT AWAY - A rebuildable diamond block short block Model A engine, a set of brackets and bolts to properly install seat-belts in the rear of a 30-31 tudor sedan, a Scat Blast vacuum/dust collector for a media blasting cabinet, a pair of new black power coated 15" X 5"wide Big Ford bolt circle(5 lugs on a 5 1/2 "bolt circle) rims, three boxes of Model A brake parts like sets of front, and rear backing plates late model emergency plates, and new parts like springs, levers, pins, etc, and a Model A starter with new drive gear. **Call Paul Escallier at 760-382-2235.**

Model A's For Sale

1931 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan

\$13,000

Contract

Bill Jones: 281-683-8269 or Dian Jones: 832-890-7872

1931 Ford Model A Victoria

Very good condition/paint \$15,000 or best offer

For more information call Ann Roller at 832-865-6366



Trailer For Sale

For Sale: 20' V-nose enclosed trailer. Includes escape door, 5000 pound axles, finished inside, LED lights (inside and out), winch, and the inside is actually 8 inches taller than normal so a Model A fits through the ramp door. It also has an electric jack on the front. Very few miles on it, four or five trips to Pate, a couple of trips to NRG, and really that's about it. It's been stored its whole life under a 3/4 enclosed carport. **\$10K.**
Contact: Bubba Johnson. 832-647-5757





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SUNSHINE REPORT

When you have health issues,
Please contact our Sunshine
Chairperson

Pat Perkins
281-557-4080

Prayers for the following:

Dian Jones
Betty East
Paul Escallier
Bubba Johnson
Annette West
Willy Sanders
Bill McRee
Bob Sample
Frances Sample
Bryan Perkins
Doug Busker

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MODEL 'A' EVENT CALENDAR

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|-----------------------------|---|
| NOVEMBER 18, 2025 | Club Meeting TUESDAY 7:00 pm
Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Road |
| NOVEMBER 27-29, 2025 | Thanksgiving Tour FRIDAY-SUNDAY
College Station, TX
See page 1 For information
More info at the November meeting |
| DECEMBER 6, 2025 | Christmas Party SATURDAY 12:00-
3:00PM BraeBurn County Club
See page 4 For information |
| DECEMBER 2025 | No newsletter or regular meeting |
| JANUARY 20, 2026 | Club Meeting TUESDAY 7:00 pm
Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Road |

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