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President's Message, August: 2025

Whew—summer's in full swing, and so is the heat! The forecast is calling for an active hurricane season, so if you haven't already, now's the time to take David Bolton's June Tech Talk to heart and stock up on the essentials. Batteries, water, snacks... maybe even a few extra cans of your favorite comfort food. Better safe than soggy!

Big thanks to Danielle for her recent Tech Talk on snakes! I've always had a soft spot for reptiles (yes, even the slithery ones), and I've had quite a few as pets over the years. But now I can finally say I know the difference between venomous and poisonous—who knew that distinction mattered so much? Fascinating stuff!

On a more tender note, if you weren't able to attend Jack Sartin's funeral, it truly was a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. The coordinators kept adding chairs as more and more folks arrived to honor him—it was a powerful reminder of just how loved he was. Jack's kind spirit and sweet smile will be missed deeply. Please keep Rena in your prayers as she navigates this difficult time.

And while we're thinking of our club family, let's not forget those dealing with health challenges. A quick call, a thoughtful text, or even an old-fashioned card can go a long way in lifting someone's spirits. Let's keep that community love flowing strong.

Stay cool, 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

AUGUST OUTING

The August outing is a trip to Rosenberg for lunch and possibly ice cream. Being a hot August outing, no driving tour is arranged. Just meet at the restaurant listed below.

If you plan to attend, please call or send an email to Kent Dehart on or before Tuesday, August 19th. Please include if you are driving your model A, signup sheet at the August meeting.

Saturday, August 23rd at 11:30

Restaurant: Another Time Soda Fountain

800 Third Street, Rosenberg, TX

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.

More information at our meeting.

VP Corner—Patsy Pollard

Our August Tech Program will be presented by James Bartlett. He is very knowledgeable on several topics, but it will certainly be about cars! Some of you may have met him at Pate. You don't want to miss.

Our Pate apparel was delivered just before our last meeting, and those in attendance received their items. If you were not at our last meeting and will be at the meeting this month, please let me know so that I can bring your item. Text or call 832-687-6796



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JULY 4TH PARADE IN LIVERPOOL, TX

Text and Pictures provided by Patsy Pollard and David Bolton

Independence Day Parade in Liverpool, Texas

There were nine Model As all decked out in their Patriotic décor as we set out on a hot July 4th! Members enjoyed throwing candy along the parade route and then a great meal of hamburgers and hotdogs was served under the Liverpool Pavilion at City Hall. A car show was held at the City Hall parking lot and Preston Miculka took 1st place with his 1943 Willys Jeep and Ken Piper took 2nd place with his Model A. We want to thank the City of Liverpool and Gail Strickland for inviting our Model A club! It is always an enjoyable event celebrating Independence Day at Liverpool's Annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic. A great time was had by all!



Independence Day Parade in Liverpool, Texas



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TECH TIP

What to Look for in a Car Fire Extinguisher

This page is intended to provide individuals with general information pertaining to car fire extinguisher features and other elements of a vehicle fire safety kit.

As an essential part of every vehicle safety kit, a car fire extinguisher is a specialty product designed to do a specific job. Although your vehicle is assembled with optimum safety in mind, many of its components are potential fire hazards. Should you encounter a sudden and dangerous fire situation, having a fire extinguisher on hand will allow you to fight the blaze and deter excessive vehicle damage.

What Size of Fire Extinguisher Suits a Car?

Weight determines the size of fire extinguishers; they are also categorized by the fire repellent they contain. There are many models on the market right now that are small and compact, ideal for a personal vehicle. These 2 lb or 1 kg (approximate conversion) fire extinguishers are light enough to handle easily and small enough to fit into most cars unobtrusively.

Commercial vehicles must carry a fire extinguisher based on NFPA regulation, and most often do not require a model weighing more than 5 lb (2.3 kg).

What Type of Fire Extinguisher is Best-Suited for a Car?

Your vehicle presents several different fire hazards: oil, gas, electrical wires and upholstery. Your car fire extinguisher must be able to handle every possible mishap.

Dry powder fire extinguishers are the best choice for a vehicle or boat. The fire repellent inside is rated for use on any A, B and C or E class of fire (depending on your national fire classifications). This means that a dry powder car fire extinguisher will fight fuel and electrical related fires, as well as common organic combustibles such as upholstery, paper, cloth and wood products that are integral to your vehicle.



General Properties of a Quality Car Fire Extinguisher

Shopping for a fire extinguisher to store in your vehicle for safety purposes can be overwhelming. Here are some essential features to look for:

- Light weight - under 2 lb is ideal
- Compact shape – an elongated, cylinder shape is practical
- Durable body – preferably aluminum as that material is corrosion-free and light
- Ready filled – available for immediate use
- Easily serviced – can be filled and serviced by a regular fire services company
- Storage clip or mount included – an under-seat or trunk mount is convenient, and some have useful clips that hook unto other places in the vehicle
- Controlled discharge – should have a durable and controlled trigger
- Good warranty – to ensure you are protected from faulty manufacturing
- Certified to Local Fire Standards - always buy a fire extinguisher that has been labeled with local certification.

Service your car fire extinguisher in the same way that you would service your home extinguisher. It should be recharged or replaced after every use, even if it was not completely discharged at the time of operation. Regular maintenance includes a monthly inspection and an annual service that typically involves a recharge.

Other Elements of a Vehicle Fire Safety Kit

Besides a vehicle fire extinguisher, it is wise to have a fire blanket, maintenance tools, small pylons, and cold weather body protection in your safety kit. These items are meant to ensure a safe trip for all.

TOUR DIRECTOR

I'm looking for someone to organize the September outing. If you are interested in organizing or doing part of the outing let me know – 832-244-5535.

September is usually getting into cooler weather so a local driving tour is normal. Usually a driving tour with a lunch stop and maybe a stop at museum / attraction. September is also the International Model A Day. The outing doesn't have to be on International Model A Day but it is a nice bonus.

Obituary of Elmer Ray Johnston

Elmer Ray Johnson, 87, of Friendswood, Texas lost his short battle with cancer and passed away peacefully in his home with his family on Sunday July 13, 2025. He was born on August 20, 1937 in Liberty, Texas to his parents James Barney (J. B.) and Edith Norris Johnson.

Elmer graduated from Liberty High School in 1956 where he played football and basketball. He was President of VIC and the Science club, he was Vice President of FFA and the Student Council. He was also voted Mr. Good Sportsmanship! It was there at Liberty High School that he met his true love, Margaret Jean Elkins. Elmer and Jean were married on June 14, 1958. In 1960 he began to work for Goodyear Chemical Company in production but spent the vast majority of his career as a carpenter there at the Goodyear Plant. He retired in 1999 after 39 years of service for Goodyear where he made many lifelong friendships.

Elmer and Jean had one son, Elmer Ray Johnson, Jr (Bubba). They raised him in Houston, Channelview, Pasadena and Friendswood. They moved to Friendswood in 1975 and have lived there ever since. Elmer had a lifelong love of cars. Early on, he instilled that love in his son Bubba. He always had some sort of old car or project car ranging from Ford Model A's to 57 Chevys. He, and his son Bubba seemed to spend every minute they could working on, restoring, and modifying old cars. They entered many a car show, bringing home numerous awards and trophies.

In 2024 Elmer began seeking a church home. He visited the Friendswood Baptist Church, found what he was looking for and became a member. A few months later he was baptized in his home by Pastor McCauley Austin surrounded by family and friends. It was a joyous occasion and Elmer treasured his new found faith and new church family. He could be seen there in church on Sundays for as long as he was able to attend. We feel one of the last things he heard was Pastor Austin praying for him.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents J.B. And Edith Johnson, and his brothers Jackie Johnson and Leo Johnson. He leaves behind his wife of 67 years, Jean Johnson; His son, Bubba Johnson and his wife Marty; His two grandsons, Blake Johnson and his wife Lauren, Kyle Johnson and his wife Lauren; His four great grandchildren, Bennett, Penny and June Johnson and Toby Johnson.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons Blake Johnson and Kyle Johnson, his nephews James Johnson and Craig Johnson, and his friends Bob Pond and Doug Sigler.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Doreth Hosang and Meredith Kott from IPR Hospice for the special loving care.

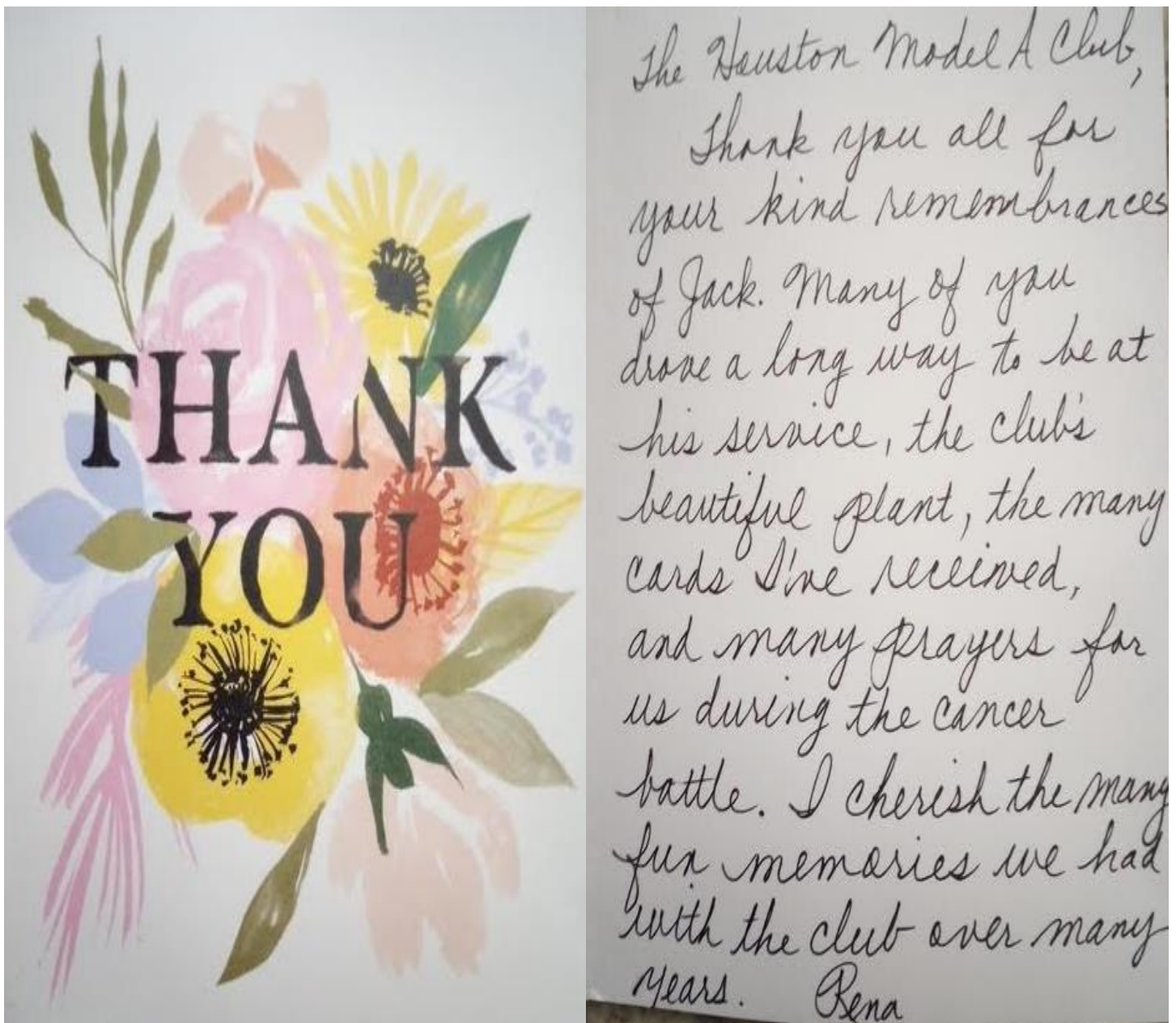
Funeral services were held on July 25, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Friendswood Baptist Church.

Obituary of Jack Lee Sartin

Jack Lee Sartin was born December 27, 1944, in Kansas City, Missouri, and moved to Houston as a child. He was someone who never met a stranger, had a song for everything and everyone he met, and loved to laugh. He was an entrepreneur, a man of many hobbies, and always had a project. After beginning his career as a pipe draftsman, he went on to open three furniture stores, and then built and owned office warehouses and strip centers.

He was a talented musician, antique car collector, painter, and gardener, and loved to travel the world. He was an active member of Second Baptist Church for 40 years and served in many positions in Sunday School over the years, including as a guitarist and singer in the Potbelly Pickers band. Quick to share a joke and a smile, he was an easy friend and cherished by many.

Jack pass on Friday, July 18, 2025, after battling cancer. He will be dearly missed by many, including his family—his wife, Rena (married 34 years); his three children, Steve Sartin and his wife, Leigh, Cheryl Sartin, and Dave Sartin; six grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.



Obituary of Billy Gene Capps

Billy Gene Capps, 85, passed from this life peacefully on Friday, July 4, 2025 at his home in Willis, Texas. He was born Jan 2, 1940, in Portales, New Mexico, the youngest of eight children to N. Belle (Deaver) and J. Willis Capps. Bill grew up in Portales and Truth or Consequences before graduating from Portales High School in 1958.

One year later, he married Emma Bea Wood and they remained together until her passing in 1980. Together, they had two sons, Kevin and Darin Capps. Bill later married Carolyn Sue Johnson in Alvin, Texas. They lived together happily until his recent death.

Upon graduation, Bill went to work for the Portales Tribune working the presses for that newspaper. Not long after, he went into the telephone business working as a contract cable splicer which allowed him and his family to travel many areas of the country. He eventually went to work directly for Bell Telephone as an engineer and later for AT&T and remained with them until his retirement in 1999.

After retiring, he joined the Telephone Pioneers Club which performed several volunteer charity projects. He served as both Vice-President and later President of his chapter.

He loved to play golf and played at every opportunity. He had many hobbies over the years such as camping, watercraft, and model airplane building/flying, but probably his biggest interest was in automobiles. He was an excellent 'home' mechanic and had rebuilt several engines over his life and collected several older vehicles. He later took a keen interest with his father-in-law in collecting vintage Model T's and Model A's.

For several years he, his wife Sue and her father were steady members of Houston Model A Restorers Club. He was a founding member of the Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club in Mabank in 2002. He served as President, Vice President and was on the Board of Directors. He participated in many car shows, parades, Poor Boy tours and Texas tours. A highlight was to take the Model T or Model A to the local nursing homes for the resident to take a ride and for pictures.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Capps; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Peggy Capps of Houston, Texas. Darin and Marietta Capps of San Felipe, Philippines; seven grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; one brother Jimmy Capps of Dumas, Texas. His special fur babies, Rowdy and Lily.

He is preceded in Death by his parents; his first wife Bea Capps; two sisters Wanda Gregg and Loreta Owen; Four brothers Kenneth Capps, Wallace Capps, Melvin Capps and Donald Capps. Graveside services were held in Portales, New Mexico on Saturday, July 26.

If you wish to make a donation in his memory, please donate to your local animal shelter. He rescued all of his pets.

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Joe Martin

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Deer Park, Texas 77536
Cell: 713-818-5044
Joined 2025

1928 Sport Coupe



MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2025 GREATER HOUSTON MODEL A CLUB MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Keri Johnston.

Meeting Minutes: The June minutes were approved following a motion made by Paul Yeoman and seconded by Warren Pollard. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Warren Pollard gave the Treasurer's report for June. Approved with motion by David Bolton and seconded by Dale Seaman.

Sunshine, Birthdays and Anniversaries: Patsy Pollard gave the Sunshine update on club members. She had a card received from Gail Strickland thanking us for our attendance at the 4th of July Liverpool parade. Please keep Diane Jones in your prayers. Patsy also mentioned members with birthdays and/or anniversaries that were at the meeting.

Apparel: Contact Patsy Pollard to order any apparel. Patsy passed out the shirts from attending Pate. The current vendor cannot do specific Model As on hats so Ken is checking with the previous vendor in Angleton to see if she can.

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

Newsletter: David Bolton thanked Kent Dehart for his continuous help. He asked to let him know if you have anything available for sale or anything you wish to include in the Newsletter. We use Microsoft Publisher to publish the Newsletter which is sunsetting in October. Please let us know if you have any other program suggestions.

Pate Swap Meet: Paul Yeoman said we were able to move Coco Tires and the Scooter vendor out of the floodplain area finally. Robert Wheelless is working on the Hotel deals for next year. The Annual Board of Directors is meeting in September, please let Paul know if you are interested in running for Office.

Membership, Publicity, Photos: New member – Joe Martin who purchased a 1928 Sport Coupe today and is submitting his membership application. He brought a guest with him, Wallace Whitley.

Tours / Outings: The 4th of July parade was held in Liverpool. August - The Ice Cream Social is at Any Time Soda Fountain in Rosenberg at 11:30 am on 08-23-25. The Railroad Museum is next door to the Soda Fountain if you wish to visit it – they are open 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday for \$12 per person, or \$10 for Seniors, Veterans and Kids. September is Model A Days – so far nothing is planned. October – David Bolton is planning something in Galveston. November – Thanksgiving Tour – tentatively looking to schedule in College Station to include a tour of the Presidential Museum.

Web Page: Kent Dehart and Robert Washburn moderate our Facebook page – no changes.

Other Business (Tech Tips / Items for Sale): Items for Sale – The Rollers have a 1931 Closed Cab Pickup for Sale and a 1931 2 Door Victoria for Sale. Pictures are in the newsletter.

50-50: Anthony Marino won the 50-50 drawing for \$50.

Program: Danielle Sharp gave a presentation on Snakes – How to Identify them, How to Prevent them, and what to do if you are Bitten.

Meeting Adjourn: Robert Wheelless made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sam Romeo seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Sharp, Recording Secretary

GREATER HOUSTON MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1: Fred Thompson, 1: Patsy Brett, 1: Susan Laver, 3: Bill Wood, 4: Barbara Jamail, 5: Boone Bullard, 6: Shelley Boyles, 7: Robert Wolin, 9: Billy "Ricky" Coleman, 9: Elizabeth Bolton, 12: Elizabeth Pollard, 12: James Fink, 12: Lenore Oswald, 13: William H. McRee, 14: Lauren Bolton, 15: Betty East, 20: Doug Busker, 20: Elmer R. Johnson, 20: Tracy Meek, 21: Danny W. Williams, 21: Tom Walne, 22: Aubree Pollard, 24: Elizabeth Smith, 28: Martin Robinette, 28: Steve Jamail, 29: Warren Pollard, 30: Les Broyles

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1: Tracy & Walter "Wally" Meek, 4: Ada Jane Ganze & Chuck Ganze, 5: Julie & Kurt Evans, 13: Kathryn Bajzatt & John Bajzatt, 13: Minta Busker & Doug Busker, 14: Marty & Bubba Johnson, 14: Judy & Bob Pond, 14: Cathy & David Unger, 18: Cara Busker & Michael Busker, 22: Frances & Bob Sample, 26: Pat & Bryan Perkins, 26: Shelly & Frank Thornton, 31: Jane & Hugh Leidlein



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.

HELP WANTED

I am looking for someone to get my 1931 Sedan running. It needs the carburetor installed (Perkin's special rebuilt), timing (points & condenser), & generator. . .(I have these items) . It will need to start up using a jon boat gas tank until gas tank is cleaned and usable. Thanks, **John Bajzatt 281-486-9366**

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 \$18,000 or best offer

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



1931 Ford Model A Pickup Closed Cab

Good condition/paint, runs great \$12,000 or best offer

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



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SUNSHINE REPORT

When you have health issues,
Please contact our Sunshine
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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

AUGUST 19, 2025	Club Meeting TUESDAY 7:00 pm Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Road
AUGUST 23, 2025	Ice Cream Social and Lunch SATURDAY 11:30 am at Another Time Soda Fountain, 800 Third Street, Rosenberg, TX
SEPTEMBER, 2025	Model A Days: SATURDAY Date, Time and Place to be determined
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025	Club Meeting TUESDAY 7:00 pm Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Road
OCTOBER 21, 2025	Club Meeting TUESDAY 7:00 pm Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Road
OCTOBER, 2025	Monthly Outing: SATURDAY Date, Time and Place to be determined
NOVEMBER 18, 2025	Club Meeting TUESDAY 7:00 pm Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Road

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