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Charlie Says!

by Charlie Viosca

The Scholarship Fund:

I want to thank all of the members who donated to the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, which the Victoria Association sponsors. It was a big success again this year. I hope all of you saw the report in the Restorer in 2002. This year, in the September/October 2003 Restorer, look on page 15 for the report on this year's awards. We asked our members to donate at least \$2.00, which most did. Quite a few donated more, in varying amounts. Several donated \$100. Dues collection for 2004 will be starting in October. We again ask that you make a donation to the (2004) scholarship fund in any amount you desire. In the past two years we have helped 8 great MAFCA youth members go to college. I can't think of anything better than to help our kids attend college or trade school.

New members:

We have a lot of new members and it is time to start repeating items. We still have the Victoria Association logo stickers for your Victoria window. I placed mine on the rear window. These stickers are in color and are really excellent. They sell for \$3.00 each including postage.

Shades of the Victoria:

We still have the shade cord for your rear and side window shades. The cord, already cut to length, is \$5.00 for a complete set including postage. The money goes to the scholarship fund.

Youth Restoration Award:

Please remember to read the MAFCA Youth Restoration Award article in the September/October 2003 Restorer, page 14. It is time for youth members of MAFCA who are restoring a Model A Ford to request an application and send it in. Previous winners can still participate as long as they meet the requirements. We had 7 applicants last year and each received \$950. in parts, money and gift certificates. This is a very success event for the MAFCA youth (contact Charlie Viosca for an application).

The book:

We are about ready to go to our third printing. This is important to remember; everyone presently owning a book will be able to purchase the revisions and new inserts at our cost plus postage. We do not know what this is yet. New members and other Model A people can purchase a complete new book.

Again, cost has not yet been determined. You will be advised. The new revision has many new drawings, some from our member Bob Bidonde. Anders Ramberg is completing some new drawings and we are adding a new body style, the Postal Truck, with items by Aldie Johnson, the editor of the Postal A's newsletter. Besides the drawings, we have many technical articles by Tom Endy, Lloyd Kerr, Charlie Viosca, and Aldie Johnson. I am excited about the third issue of the book. For you new members, the book is entitled "A Pictorial Guide to the Mechanical Features of the Model A Ford". The book is in a 3 ring binder so as to be able to add the updates. Over time this will be a big volume and eventually will go into a second binder.

Vote!:

It is time to vote for the new officers of MAFCA. To those of you who belong to MAFCA I would like to recommend three people I know personally and ask you to vote for them. Two are Victoria Association members.

Jill Sullins:

Jill is a member of the Victoria Association and is the Vice President of the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund. Jill is a tireless worker and I can always depend on her. She will make an excellent MAFCA board member. See the flyer on page 7.

John Frazee:

John is a long time member of the Victoria Association. I have met John many times at the MAFCA National Conventions and on a month long trip to New Zealand. John is a people friendly person and is running for reelection to the MAFCA board.

VaughnCille Weidner:

VaughnCilloe is not a Victoria Association member but she has been a terrific secretary on the 2002-2003 MAFCA board. It would be to the advantage of MAFCA to have her serve another two years. ☺

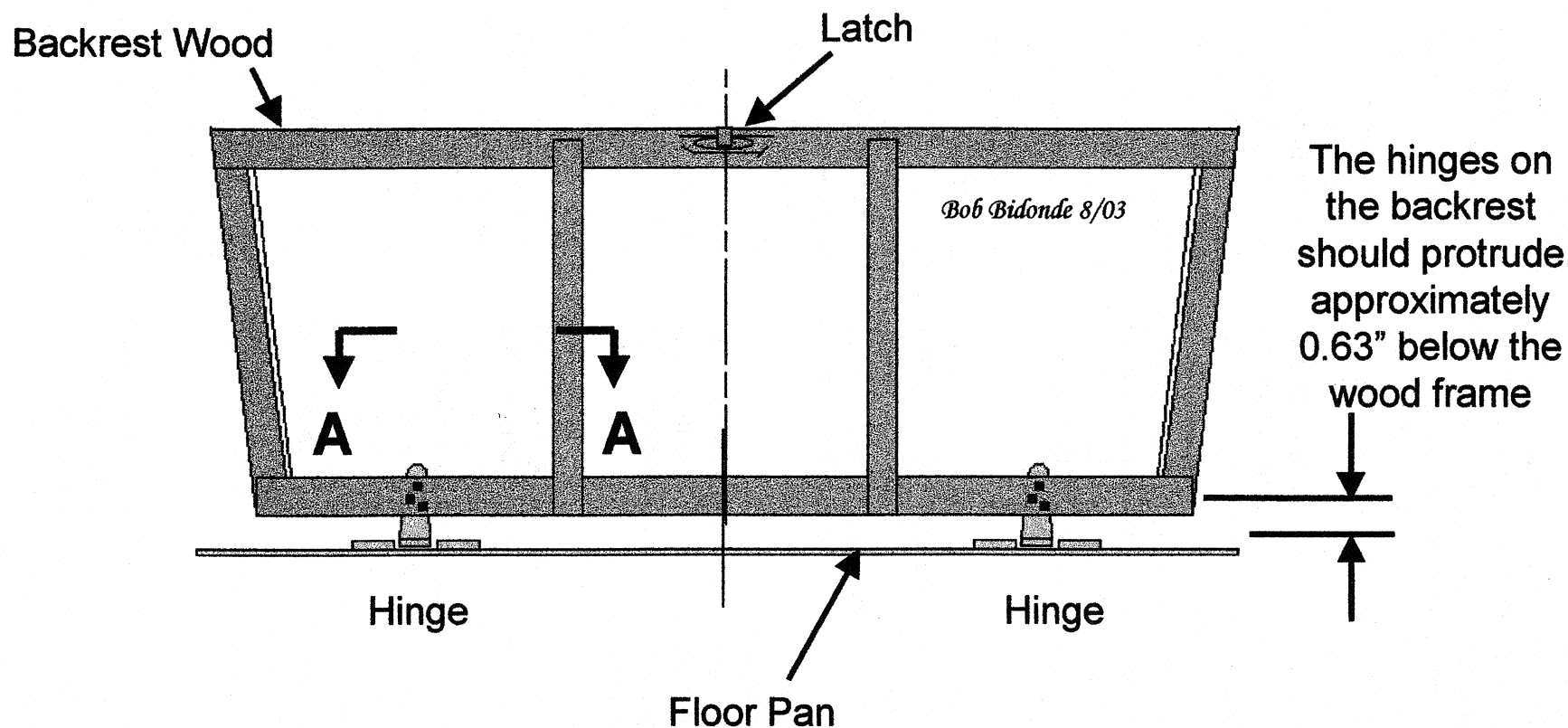
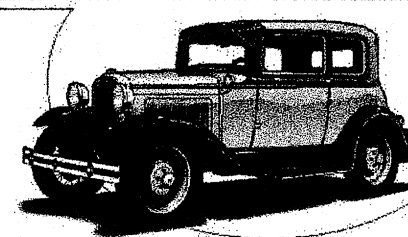
On The Cover!

Hawaii, The Big Island. Laupahoehoe Point. The scene of the 1946 Tsunami that swept ashore at eight in the morning on April Fool's Day. The tragedy took the lives of 24 students and teachers when it destroyed the Laupahoehoe School. Today the area is a park that is much revered by the residents of The Big Island. The Model A Fords seen in the picture are part of the Orange County Model A Ford Club tour conducted this past July. ☺

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190A Victoria Rear Seat Backrest Hinges

This is a research project to determine the authentic position of the rear seat backrest hinges. Victoria owners surveyed report the wood is unfinished, or treated with a material that appears to be flat brown in color. Members responding to the survey also report differences in the position of the hinges. See configurations No.1 and No. 2 in View A – A.

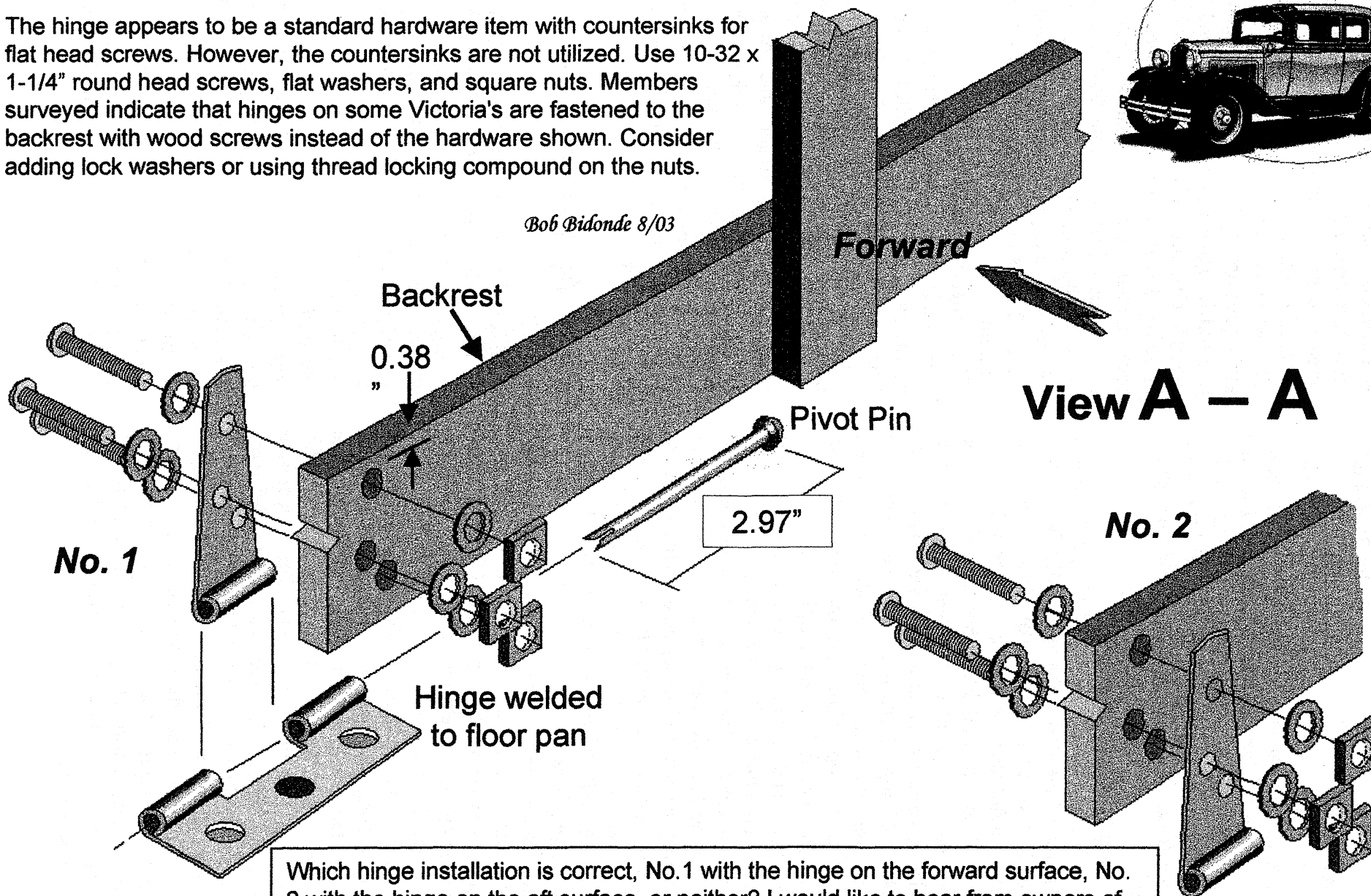
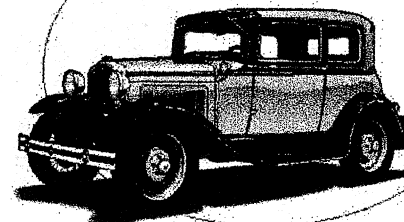


The backrest frame is centered between the floor pan hinges. See View **A-A** for the vertical position of the backrest hinges, and variations in the position of the hinges reported by some Association members.

View Looking Forward

The hinge appears to be a standard hardware item with countersinks for flat head screws. However, the countersinks are not utilized. Use 10-32 x 1-1/4" round head screws, flat washers, and square nuts. Members surveyed indicate that hinges on some Victoria's are fastened to the backrest with wood screws instead of the hardware shown. Consider adding lock washers or using thread locking compound on the nuts.

Bob Bidonde 8/03



Which hinge installation is correct, No. 1 with the hinge on the forward surface, No. 2 with the hinge on the aft surface, or neither? I would like to hear from owners of original Victoria's. Please E-mail Bob Bidonde, ModelA1931@aol.com,

Emergency-Parking Brake!

by Tom Endy

Which is it?

The hand brake on a Model A Ford has been described as both an emergency brake and a parking brake. It can certainly be used as both, but I'm sure there are Model A owners who don't use it for either. For myself, I consider the hand brake as a parking brake and only as an extreme emergency brake.

An emergency brake:

A number of years ago I had just finished restoration of the brake system on Miss Vic. I had installed new cast iron brake drums and had properly refurbished everything according to the book. At least I thought I had. Sometime later I was rolling down a country road with a friend and decided to demonstrate how good the brakes were. At about 40 mph I reached down and pulled up smartly on the hand brake. Both back wheels skidded to a stop. However, the left brake had apparently come in before the right brake. The left brake seized and locked up bending both the left rear radius rod and the left emergency brake carrier. I could not release the brakes and I had a difficult time getting the left rear hub off as the distorted emergency carrier had everything bound up. Both the carrier and radius rod had to be replaced. It was then I decided the hand brake was only an emergency brake when and if there really was one.

A parking brake:

I have always been in the habit of setting the hand brake when I park a car, any car. At the Riverside National I encouraged my daughter Ginger to drive Miss Vic on the Grand Tour. I taught her to always make sure the hand brake is set, put the gear shift lever in neutral, and put the spark advance full up before starting the car. She did fine until we were leaving the railroad museum. Fortunately the parking lot was almost empty when we departed. There were four of us in the car. The temperature was in the 90's and the car had been parked there for about two hours. Ginger got the sequence mixed up. She first released the hand brake, left the gear shift in reverse, and then stepped on the starter. Miss Vic lit right off and immediately backed up about 20 feet before Ginger got her foot on the service brake. Luckily there was no other car parked behind us.

A recommended driving habit:

Since that event I have honed my own driving skills when it comes to driving a Model A. The hand brake is always set when the car is parked and only released at the very last when I am beginning to apply pressure to the gas pedal. Whenever I come to a traffic signal I pull up on the hand brake until the light changes. This is a good habit because a lot of young drivers will pull up 3 inches behind your back bumper. They do not know about a car rolling back as the driver moves his foot from the service brake to the accelerator on a manual shift car. I release the brake just as I am accelerating from the signal. This is almost mandatory if one has to stop on a hill.

The Fulton accessory:

Some years ago I acquired a Fulton era hand brake accessory. This device attaches to the top of the later push button style brake handle. It has a large knob that allows the driver to grab hold of to set the brake. The Fulton provides greater leverage for setting the brake tight. It also eliminates the occasional pinched finger and resulting blood blister. When it is time to release the brake the driver only has to tap the heel of his right hand against the knob and the brake is released. The Fulton makes for easy use of the hand brake and it is a highly desirable accessory. ☺

Bits & Pieces!

For Sale:

Damaged Victoria Leatherback body \$2,000. It is hit on the right front and right door. All the wood is in good shape. See the October 2002 issue of the Bustle for accident picture and story. Could possibly deliver within reasonable distance. Roger Gill (Illinois) 708-758-0814 rojudnfordn@att.net

Wanted:

Rear seat floor metal panel, the one that goes under the cushion and nails to the wooden sills. Marshall Daut Scottsdale, AZ 480-554-4554 marshall.v.daut@intel.com

Wanted:

Model A Ford Victoria. Prefer restored car that is a nice driver and shows well. Chuck Nixon Fort Worth, TX 817-624-2130 chucknixon@aol.com



Jill Sullins

I am running for a position on the MAFCA Board of Directors for 2004 and am asking for the support of your club members. Please include this information sheet with your next newsletter.

I was a successful entrepreneur for 15 years, owning a graphics and typesetting company. As founding president of the Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Dallas, later merging with National Association of Women Business Owners, I served 6 terms on the Small Business Administration's District Advisory Council; served as Conference Chair of 1984 President's Initiative Conference on Women's Business Ownership; member of the Board of Directors of Technology Enterprise Development center, University of Texas at Arlington, School of Engineering; member of steering committee Alliance '83, Governor's Conference for Minority/Women Owned Business for the State of Texas; member of the steering committee Horizon's '82 and '83, City of Dallas Trade Fair for Minority and Women Owned Business; Instructor at Tarrant County Junior College continuing education program sponsored by the Small Business Administration; was named Small Business Association Women Business Advocate of the Year for 1984.

Now I am enjoying being a Model A'er, currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Dallas Model A Ford Club; served as Co-Chair of Hardware for 2000. I am a member of the Model A Touring Club, and have organized and led Model A tours throughout the United States. I am Vice President of the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc. As such, I help raise funds for the scholarships and assist with the communications and selection process from the many applications submitted. I am the Chairman for the 2003 MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting, hosted by the Dallas Model A Ford Club.

I would like to serve on the Board of Directors of MAFCA. I have good organizational and computer skills that can help MAFCA. I am a tireless worker and will take on any assignment and see it to a successful completion.

Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

Jill Sullins
MAFCA Board of Directors Applicant

The MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting

December 4-7, 2003

Hosted by the Dallas Model A Ford Club

Host Hotel: Dallas Marriott Hotel at Las Colinas
223 West Las Colinas Boulevard
Irving, Texas 75039
972-831-0000

For questions contact Jill Sullins at jsullins_ny@hotmail.com or call 972-491-2770

Come join us in December in Dallas for our wonderful tours and events, along with the MAFCA Board meeting.



TOURS & PARTIES



TOUR A - TBC Indoor Kart Racing - \$38.00 per person - Drive your A's - Lunch on your own - Grand Prix style indoor electric-powered cars. Includes warm-up heats, qualifier heats and final races, wearing racing suits and helmets. Winners go to winners circle, win medals and have photos made. Laps are timed, with results on print-outs. Loads of fun for guys and gals! Website: www.tbckr.com. (Sonny Bryan's BBQ on site [Sonny Bryan had a Model A in high school!]).

TOUR B - Historic Downtown Grapevine - \$18.00 per person - Van transportation available - Lunch included - Step back in time and relive the proud heritage of Grapevine's forefathers. Walk along the avenues of the historic Main Street District. Tour quaint homes and buildings restored and preserved by descendants of Grapevine settlers. Looking for something handmade and unique? Don't forget to stop by the Heritage Center. Browse through art galleries, antique and specialty shops. Treat yourself to an unforgettable journey. You can find gourmet cookware and products, original art, antiques, art and crafts, extraordinary home furnishings, and a treasure chest full of whimsical items. Website: www.grapevinetexasusa.org/

20's Speakeasy Welcome Dinner - \$35 per person - Drive your A's - Get out your period clothes or rent flapper-style clothes, because we are partying Roaring 20's style in a Speakeasy at the Movie Studios at Las Colinas. There will be a dinner buffet, with beef and chicken available. Then comes some wonderful entertainment, followed by a Dallas Model A Ford Club welcome fashion show. Drive your Model A's into the studio for photographs against a background of a 20-30's street scene for a photograph to remember. Website: www.studiosatlascolinas.com

TOUR C - Grapevine Mills Outlet Shopping - \$10.00 per person - Van transportation available - Lunch on your own - This is a wonderful enclosed outlet mall, with stores such as JC Penney Outlet Store, Last Call Clearance Center from Neiman Marcus, OFF 5TH Saks Fifth Avenue, Old Navy, The Sports Authority, Nordstrom's Rack, Burlington Coat Factory, Ann Taylor Loft, Carter's For Kids, Gap Outlet, Guess Outlet, Chico's, Off Rodeo Drive Beverly Hills. Plus: jewelry, toys, home furnishings, handbags and luggage, and footwear. There are lots of restaurants and food stops. Shuttle available to Bass Pro Shop and/or hotel. Website: www.grapevinemills.com/

TOUR D - Bass Pro Shop - \$10.00 per person - Van transportation provided - Lunch on your own - Men (women, too!) will enjoy this experience. The shop offers over 200,000 square feet devoted to outdoor activities, featuring the largest fishing and hunting departments in the Southwest. At Bass Pro Shops, you will find everything from putters and tennis shoes to bass boats and campers. Besides various areas for camping, fishing, boating, hunting and golf, along with requisite apparel and shoes, they have a golf driving range, an arcade, a bow and gun range and a pond. There is a snack bar there too. Shuttle available to Grapevine Mills and/or hotel. Website: www.basspro.com

TOUR E - Christmas Show - \$40.00 per person - Includes transportation and dinner (deduct \$10 each for no transportation and \$10 each for no dinner) - Johnny High's Country Music Revue (this is where Le Ann Rimes got her start) Christmas Show 2003 is wonderful for all ages. Sit back and enjoy the wonderful Christmas music in a lovely theater (comfortable seats!). Limited to first 150 reservations. Website: www.mid-cities.com/cmr

J.F.K. Assassination Seminar - Free - Retired Dallas Police detective James Leavelle will speak on the J.F.K. Assassination. He was handcuffed to Lee Harvey Oswald when Jack Ruby shot Oswald during the transfer to the Dallas County Jail. Leavelle worked on this case for several years. You will not want to miss this exciting and informative seminar.

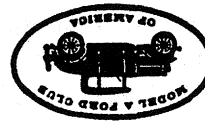
TOUR F - Grand Tour - Texas Motor Speedway - \$25.00 per person - Drive your A's - Lunch included - Begin with a Coney Island lunch at the hotel. Then, gentlemen - start your engines and drive around the Texas Motor Speedway. You will be limited to 50-55 mph - sorry, you speedsters! We will have 3 laps around the track and then visit the pits. We will spend some time in the Gift Shop so anyone who wants souvenirs of this wonderful day will be able to get them (patches, banners, etc.).

Great Gatsby Awards Banquet - \$40.00 per person - in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott - Don your period finery and join us for a wonderful Banquet. Feast on Petite Filet Mignon and Grilled Chicken, while the beautiful melodies come from the harp playing in the background.

Silent Auction Items for the MAFCA Meeting

Aries All Steel Muffler - Donated by Aries Limited.....	value \$200.00
Set of Hardened Head Bolts - Donated by Flip Perillo Fasteners.....	value \$110.00
Lap Robe - Donated by LaBaron Bonney.....	value \$39.95
Gift Certificate - Donated by Mikes "A" Fordable Parts.....	value \$50.00
Gift Certificate - Donated by Mitchell Gear.....	value \$200.00
High Compression head - Donated by Snyder's Auto Parts.....	value \$250
Ford Centennial Shop Coat - Donated by Vintage Shop Coats.....	value \$99
Brass Stallion Snow Globe - Donated by Irving Visitors and Convention Bureau.....	value \$75.00
Reproduction Horn- Donated by Lyman McLane & George Tynan.....	value \$216.00
'30-'31 Quail Tail Radiator Cap - Donated by Victoria Association.....	value \$55.00
Distributor with modern points - Donated by Ron Mosher.....	value \$115.00
Open Car Cup Holder - Donated by Ron Mosher.....	value \$20.00
"Kool Feet" Insulated Muffler Heat Shield - Donated by Leslie Pam.....	value \$95.00
Al Smith for President Plate - Donated by Al Ayars & Charlie Viosca.....	value 125.00
Meeting Logo Lap Blanket - Donated by Hill Top Embroidery.....	value \$50.00
Set of Gas Ration Stickers - Donated by C. Grubb & J. Sullins	value \$72.00

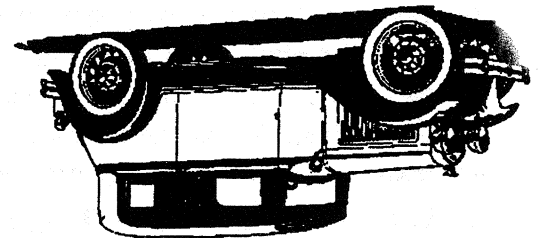
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