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Fort Worth Club won the Holiday Spirit Award!

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Our next program will be announced in January's newsletter.



President's Message - December

Hello All:

December is here. The weather is changing. The holiday season is in full swing, and we are all getting ready for Christmas with loved ones. Vickie and I hope for nothing but the best for everyone. We also know the feeling of sadness from losing a loved one this time of year. Our thoughts and prayers are with our club members dealing with this hardship in their families. We also suggest that those of us more fortunate hold our loved ones and friends a little closer and let them know how much we love them. Check in on those we haven't talked to in a while and let them know they are missed. Last but not least, remember the true reason for the season. God bless.

In service and friendship,

Geoff

Welcome New Members

We want to welcome our new members in the last 30 days.

Elizabeth Ulrich, Crowley, TX Tyler and Mariah Ulrich, Crowley, TX David and Colette Ford, Aledo, TX David and Jean Gechter, Weatherford, TX





Annual Business Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2023

Following the club Christmas party Geoff Stamp, President, called the Annual business Meeting to order at 2:35PM. All board officers were present with the exception of Secretary Pat Sinclair.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Geoff Stamp welcomed everyone to the Christmas Party/business meeting. He thanked Christina Johnson and husband Clint for all of their hard work planning and hosting this year's party. He also thanked all of the 2023 officers for serving the club.

Geoff stated that all other officer reports were not necessary because they had been reported in the General Meeting the previous week.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Geoff Stamp introduced the 2024 officers and asked them to come forward to be sworn in. Jordan Douglass administered the oath and officially swore in the officers.

Geoff Stamp, President
Jerry Tucker, 1st. Vice President; membership
David Keefer, 2nd. Vice President; programs
Vickie Stamp, Treasurer
Karen Whittlesey, Tours/Activities

Patricia Sinclair, Secretary to be sworn at the January meeting

Geoff Stamp presented Life Membership Status to Randy Minton, Chuck Nixon and Mary and Jerry Tucker and each one thanked the club.

Geoff announced that our newsletter editor had received the MAFCA 2023 Newsletter of Distinction Award. Chuck also recognized Nancy Hester for her contribution to the production of the newsletter.

A motion was made by Russ Grunewald and seconded by Chuck Nixon authorizing the President and treasurer to conduct the financial business of the club. The motion was passed unanimously.

Christina was again recognized and thanked for her work organizing the party. A game was played at each table to determine who would receive the centerpiece.

Twenty \$25 door prizes were awarded, and Jordan Douglas also distributed framed photos of the 60th Anniversary Cowtown A's drone picture to each family.

Geoff Stamp adjourned the meeting at 3:20PM.



Refreshment Volunteers for 2024

Volunteers provide refreshments for members at the monthly meeting. The Club provides, or reimburses you up to \$30 for soft drinks, lemonade, or tea. Cups, napkins, and cream/sugar will be furnished by our refreshment coordinator, to be determined.

Since we are now meeting at the Texas Girls' Choir building the volunteers will staff the refreshment table to assist with distribution of drinks. Because we are having early afternoon meetings, only drinks need be served. It is suggested that volunteers arrive close to 2:00 PM, 30 minutes before the meeting, to set up the table. An expense form will be provided to be turned in to our Treasurer, Vickie Stamp, for your expenses.

Contact TBD The Club appreciates your help

January 28 Chuck & Dianne Nixon
February 25 August 25
March 24 September

March 24
April 30
Meeting at Pate Swap Meet

May 26

September 22
October 27
November 24

June 23 December 4 Business mtg. and Christmas Party



2024 Membership Dues

2024 club membership dues are due by the end of January 2024. Dues can be paid on the club website www.fortworthmodela.org or using the hardcopy membership form found in this newsletter and mailed with check or money order to:

Fort Worth Model A Club Post Office Box 470515 Fort Worth, TX 76147

We encourage you to renew your membership immediatly as we must report to the Pate Swap Meet organization our club member totals in early 2024.

Editor's Comments

Here we are in the middle of December already! The adage the older you get the faster time flies sure did apply to 2023.

In November we participated in the GM Financial downtown Parade of Lights and in early December we had our very successful Christmas party and annual business meeting. A huge thanks to Christina Johnson and all the volunteers who helped to make the party a success.

Our newly elected Officers for 2024 were sworn in and we are set for a great 2024. We had several new members joining the club in November and they are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

A reminder that membership renewal for 2024 is underway and the renewal form is in the newsletter, or you can renew by going to the website www.fortworthmodela.org.

Since our December meeting was early in the month our next regular meeting is January 28, over six weeks away, stay tuned for the January newsletter.

Dianne and I want to wish all the members a safe and happy holiday season.

Chuck

A Christmas Party Thank You

"Christmas Crew" Thank you. I would like to send out a note of appreciation to all the members who assisted in making the Annual Christmas party a success. The following members went above and beyond:

Jim & Jean Talkington Lee, Morgan, Maci & Chase Tucker

Jeff & Vicki Stamp Jerry & Mary Tucker

Karen Whittlesey Clinton Johnson

If I've left off anyone, please know that you are appreciated. Hoping everyone had a good time and that each of you have a very Blessed, Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Thanks again,

Christina (7ina) Johnson



2023 GM Financial Parade of Lights, November 19, 2023

The club was again invited to participate in the Downtown Fort Worth Parade of Lights. We had two entries, numbers 68 and 69 out of 105 total entries in the parade. Our entries consisted of five Model 'A's in one entry and six in the second. Randy Minton served as coordinator and contact with Downtown Fort Worth Inc. and made sure our entries met the parade rules and requirements. Our entries were assigned parking in a lot off Weatherford along with other entries and we had to be in place no later than 4:00 PM the day of the parade. The parade started at 6:00 PM and we entered it about 6:45PM in our numbered slots. The parade was shown live on Channel 21 television and will be shown again on Christmas Eve at 8:00 PM so set your VCR and capture it.

The eleven club entries were:

Tracy & Taylor Anderton
Jordan Douglass, Raul Villa, & Rachel Welden
Ross & Andrea Douglass
David Keefer
Gary & Donna Larson
George Maddox, Misty Dutton, Genevieve and Norris McDowell
Chuck, Dianne, Caroline Nixon & Cadence Rodriguez
Tommy Brown, Pat Sinclair, John Good, Grayson Thomas, & Betty Durham
Geoff & Vickie Stamp
Andrew, Eloise, Henry, & Matilda Wallace
Quincy & Melynda Wallace

AWARDS

The club won an award this year and the comments from the parade organizers are below. Attention: Fort Worth Model "A" Ford Club:

Thank you!

On behalf Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc., title sponsor GM Financial and the thousands of people who enjoyed one of the best live parades in over 41 years! THANK YOU! The success of the 2023 GM Financial Parade of Lights can be directly attributed to your hard work, attention to detail, advance preparations, and creativity! Your entry helped us put together an event many are saying was the best parade ever.

Announcing the 2023 Award Winners!

Check out this year's lineup of the best of the best. Twelve (12) judges worked together to score 110 units and we've posted the winners here for your review:

Grand Prize – Ballet Folklorico de Fort Worth, Inc.

Holiday Spirit – Fort Worth Modal "A" Ford Club Entry #68

Holiday Spirt Honorable Mention – Big Brothers Big Sisters

Founders Award (tie) – YMCA and the FW Zoo

Music – Arlington Heights Spirit of the Hill Marching Band

Music Honorable Mention – East Fort Worth Community Jazz Band

Craftsman Award - Ballet Folklorico Quetzal

Founders Award – VC Vision

Founders Award Honorable Mention – Studio 80

Social Media Fan Favorite – Ballet Folklorico Quetzal

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Parade Of Lights.... Continued from Previous Page

Chuck had exchanged emails regarding the award with Jay Downie, the Executive Director of Events for Downtown Fort Worth Inc., the sponsor of the parade. His comment was:

"Your second entry was way up there in the scores as well. I would say, 'Model A,' as an organization, won and shares this award!"

The parade originated in 1983 and the club participated in the first parade and every year since for 41 years!

The following photographs were taken by Chuck Nixon prior to the parade starting and Brian Luenser as the official parade photographer. Brian was the gentleman who provided the drone and photos for our 60th anniversary celebration at Richmond's farm on October 7.



Our President, the Grinch







The Nixon's Huckster with Caroline and Cadence



The Grinch and Vickie Stamp



Quincy and Melynda Wallace



George Maddox and family



Taylor and Tracy Anderton



Ross & Andrea Douglas



The Larson's Tree Hauler



The Nixon's (The Unicorn fell over)



Jordan Douglas and friends





Andrew Wallace and family



2023 Christmas Party and Annual Business Meeting

On Sunday, December 3, the club held its annual Christmas party and business meeting. In all there were 128 guests registered for an catered lunch from Cracker Barrel and the meeting which was held at the Link in Richmond Hills. Three Life Memberships were awarded, newly elected officers sworn in, and a motion to authorize the newly elected treasurer to access the financial accounts was passed. See the minutes on page 3 in this newsletter.

Each table of members played a game using special dice and Santa Bucks' The winner at each table got to take its attractive center piece home. Each guest present received a numbered ticket and at the end of the event twenty winning number tickets were drawn. The winners received a green envelope with \$25 cash as a present.

A huge thank you to Tina Johnson and her volunteer member team for the good time and excellent meal including the amazing chocolate cake for dessert.





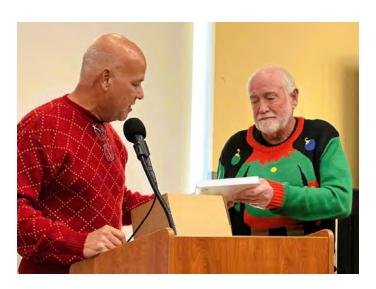


Officers are sworn in.





Life memberships were presented to Jerry and Mary Tucker, Randy Minton, and Chuck Nixon



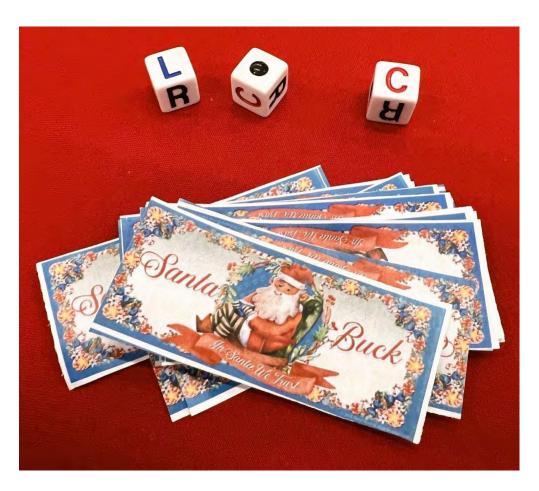


Christmas tree and presents.





Maci and Morgan Tucker introducing the game played with Santa Bucks'

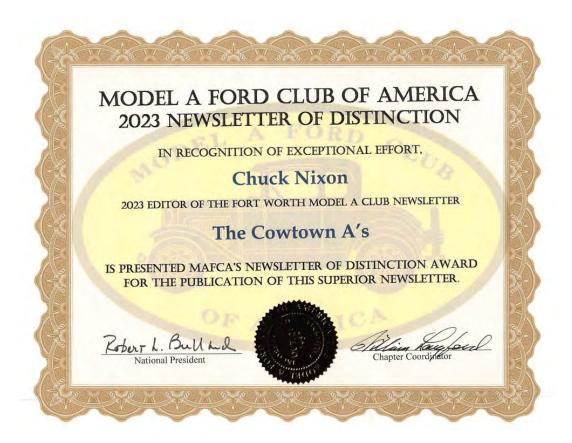




Maci drawing numbered tickets for \$25 in green envelopes held by Clinton Johnson



Chase Tucker delivered the green envelopes to the ticket winners.



As mentioned at the annual business meeting President Geoff Stamp said he was informed the club's newsletter, *Cowtown A* had won the MAFCA 2023 Newsletter of Distinction for 2023. The award was revealed at the MAFCA Awards Banquet in Santa Maria, California on November 30. Neither Chuck Nixon, Editor, nor Geoff Stamp, were able to attend the banquet. Chuck did mention at the business meeting when Geoff announced the award that the award would not have been possible without the support and hard work of Nancy Hester who takes Chuck's files and photos and arranges them into the final newsletter. Thank you, Nancy!

President's Page

December 2023



As it turns out I was one-month premature last month stating that article was my last as 2023 President. As it turns out I also write one for December. It has been a fun year serving as MAFCA National President. MAFCA is a large club with many moving pieces but thanks to a dedicated staff at Headquarters and nine directors in total, all the bases get covered month in and month out. The venerable Ford Model A is such timeless piece of automotive engineering and being part of a large group that is keeping it alive and relevant is exciting. Something engineered and designed in the late 1920's that can still be a part of the automotive culture is extraordinary.

I want to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to making our Model A hobby so great. Your passion for Ford Model A's is a pleasure to experience. Thanks to you all for mak- ing my year as MAFCA National President so pleasant. As the 2023 Board of Directors turns the 2024 Board, I am confident in their dedication to maintaining the MAFCA legacy. I

expect you will be pleased with their sincere dedication to you, the membership. I am confident they will work diligently in your best interests.

2024 promises to be a promising year for MAFCA national activities with our National Convention scheduled in June for Ruidoso, NM. The Southwest Model A SIG has worked extremely hard to put together a great program of tours, social events, meals, seminars, car judging, fashion judging, swap meet, vendor displays plus opening and closing banquets. I look forward to a short reprieve from the summer heat in Texas in the cool temps in Ruidoso and look forward to seeing you there. At this time, we are also planning a presence at the MAFFI Model A Days in September, the Hershey Swap Meet in October and our National Awards Banquet in December. Hope to see you at one or all of these events. May all of you have a safe and happy holiday season.

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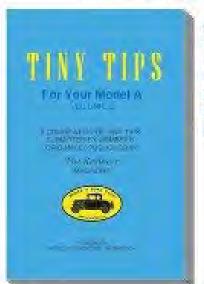
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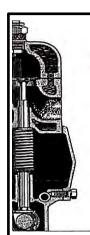
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MEETING NOTICE

CLUB MEETING DAYAND TIME

4th Sunday of the month

Sunday, January 28, 2023

Board Meeting at 1:30 PM

Tire Kicking Sign-in 2:00 PM

Club Meeting Begins at 2:30 PM

CLUB MEETING LOCATION

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