

Fred Carlton – October 31, 1944 - December 15, 2016

From Drew Carlton



Fred Carlton, Life Member of the Dallas Model A Ford Club and Editor of *The Restorer* magazine for 12 years (1988-2000) died today after a lengthy battle with cancer. He wanted everyone to know how much he has enjoyed his membership in the Dallas Model A Ford Club.

He joined the club in 1972 and has been a proud member for over 44 years; the club became his extended family and he loved you guys! In 2014 Fred was honored to become a Life Member of the club.

He served the club in many capacities over the years including being Treasurer in 1975, several years as a member of the Board of Directors, Quail Tale Editor 1988-1989, led the club on its the first ever Poor Boy Tour in 1990 and the club's first Mystery Tour in 1992 to Oklahoma.

In 1986 Fred and his 4 and 7 year old sons drove their Model A and convoyed with Victor Duncan from Dallas to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin (2,400 mile round trip) to attend the first World Meet (MAFCA/MARC). Fred wrote the script and narrated Victor Duncan's Autumn Trails video in 1974 and narrated approximately 10 of Victor's videos including Carbs and Carbohydrates, Genning Along with Lloyd and Floyd, etc. during the late 70's and early 80's.

He served as Publicity Chairman and the national Early Bird Newsletter Editor for the club when we hosted the MAFCA national convention in 1992. He served as the club's National Reporter to MAFCA 1988-1993. He organized the joint DMAFC/Lone Star Model A Ford Club overnight tour to Bastrop in 1994. He organized the 2006 DMAFC Joint Mystery Tour where 40 Dallas Model A's joined 20 Lone Star A's in Gatesville, TX where he arranged for the group to attend one of the last drive-in movies in Texas and we had an exclusive showing of the original "Bonnie and Clyde". The following day the group toured the George W. Bush's ranch in Crawford.

Fred and Sondra moved to Georgetown, Texas in 1993 and continued their DMAFC membership and he was the founder and first President of the Lone Star Model A Ford Club. He also was a Life Member of the Antique Automobile Club of America and a charter member of the Ford Model AA Truck Club. He was Chairman of the Model A Ford Texas Tour in 1998 and again in 2005.

He started a Facebook Group called "Model AA Ford Truck Lovers" in March, 2014 and served as the group administrator and proudly watched it grow to 2,472 members worldwide. It was his primary focus over the past couple of years since his retirement and helped keep him sane while undergoing Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy.

He wanted everyone to know how much he loved Model A'ing and said that he'll say "Hi" for you to Henry Ford up there.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church at 1314 E University Ave. Georgetown, Texas on Tuesday December 20 at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Model A Ford Foundation in Fred's memory online at www.maffi.org or by mail to Model A Ford Foundation, P.O. Box 28, Peotone, Illinois 60468-0028.