



# SCUTTLEBUTT

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We finally have some beautiful spring weather and are getting the much-needed rain. It is great weather to get your Model A out and service it for the summer.



The turnout for the St. Patrick's Parade was very good. We had 11 Model A's and the weather was even very nice for the parade. The lunch afterward at the Deep Deduce Grill was very good and, of course, the fellowship was exceptional. If you haven't joined us in a parade, you should mark your calendar for July 4th parade in Edmond. This is always a fun parade.

We have decided to make our Spring Picnic at our house a celebration of the club's 40th Anniversary. It would be great if everyone would drive their Model A's and we will figure out some car games to play. It would also be nice if you would dress in era fashion for this event. We are very proud of the fact that our club has been in existence for 40 years and think it is something to celebrate. We received our 40 Year Certificate from MAFCA last month and it will be put in our scrapbook for all members to see.

Looking forward to seeing you at the April 17th meeting.

Respectfully,  
*Johnny Gentry*

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES;** Local dues are \$10.00 per year. Membership in the Model A Ford Club of America is a requirement for membership in the Sooner Model A Club. National dues are \$30.00 per year. Members are expected to pay their own MAFCA dues.

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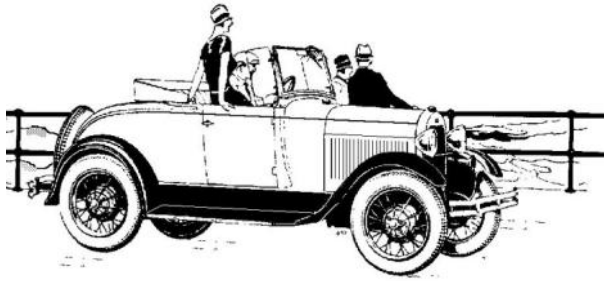


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# SOONER MODEL A CLUB 2007 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

## APRIL

- 10 6:30 PM **Board Meeting**— Western Sizzlin' Steak House, 1317 Moore Ave, Moore, OK
- 17 7:00 pm **Regular Club Meeting**
- 18 11:30 AM **Ladies Luncheon**—Sooner Legends, I-35 & Lindsey, Norman, OK
- 19 5:00 PM **Quarterly Dinner**—**Brush Creek Steak House, Newcastle, OK, (405) 387-2688**  
**DIRECTIONS:** Off I-35, take Hwy 9 West to Hwy 62 junction— go 3 miles North on Hwy 62 to 16th Street on outskirts of Newcastle. Turn East (right) on 16th for about 1 1/2 miles. Watch for the large ranch gate and barbed wire fence out front.
- 20-21 Branson Collector Car Auction, Branson, MO
- 26-29 Pate Swap Meet, Denton, TX

## MAY

- 5 12 NOON **Annual Picnic at Johnny and Helen Gentry's—Celebrating the Sooner Model A Club's 40th Anniversary**
- 8 6:30 PM **Board Meeting**—Western Sizzlin' Steak House, 1317 Moore Ave, Moore, OK
- 10—12th Chickasha Spring Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK
- 15 7:00 PM **Regular Club Meeting**

## JUNE

- 12 6:30 PM **Board Meeting** - Western Sizzlin' Steak House, 1317 Moore Ave, Moore, OK
- 12-16 Petit Jean Annual Auto Show, Petit Jean, AR
- 14-17 Texas Tour, Tyler, TX (for registration forms call 903-592-5036)
- 19 7:00 PM **Regular Club Meeting**

## SOME FUTURE EVENTS -

- September 7-9 SW Swap Meet, TX Rangers Ballpark, Arlington, TX
- October 3-7 Fall Carlisle Swap Meet, Carlisle, PA
- October 10-13 Fall Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey, PA
- October 18-20 Fall Chickasha Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK

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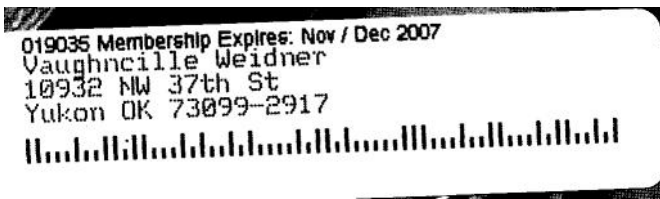
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS**

I still need several members to give me their MAFCA membership number. You may call me at 354-1603 or e-mail vweidner@cox.net.

If you do not know your MAFCA membership number, it is located on the label of your Restorer magazine each month.



**DON'T FORGET  
QUARTERLY DINING OUT—  
Thursday, April 19**

Jeff has made arrangements for us to meet at the **Brush Creek Steak House in Newcastle, OK on Thursday, April 19, at 5 PM.** This is a restaurant that is only open Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 5 PM.

We will have a sign up sheet and directions at the April meeting. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend.

The directions are on the Activities Calendar on Page 3 of this newsletter.

**APRIL**

- Mel Penn ..... 10
- Deanna Fields ..... 11
- Jeff Turner ..... 11
- Carl Butler ..... 23
- Carma Jenkins ..... 24
- Linda Baker ..... 26
- Roy Kelly ..... 27



**MAY**

- Doris Woodard ..... 12
- Tom Kilpatrick..... 13
- Joan Bordwine..... 28



**Anniversaries**

**APRIL**

- Bill & Karen Hardy .....1

**MAY**

- Glenda & Dee Scott.....12
- Helen & Johnny Gentry .....15
- Darla & Claude Blackwell.....21
- Carla & Tom Holcomb .....24



## **“OL MERT”**

**By Johnny Gentry**

She was a 1931 Coupe with the rumble seat removed and a wooden pickup bed installed in its place. She resided in a little place called Cedarvale, OK at the edge of the Arbuckle Mountains.

She became very important in 1942 when my Uncle sold his new 1941 Chevrolet for twice what he paid for it. Her importance stemmed from the fact that she was their only means of transportation for the next five years.

My Aunt and Uncle owned a café in Cedarvale and, as with any business, there were many necessary trips to places like Ardmore, Davis, Sulphur, etc., as well as the personal trips to Heaton and Oklahoma City. “Ol Mert” always seemed to get them there and back, although not in record time.

I got to know her in 1947. I had turned 16 and was working for my Uncle as a dishwasher “pearl diving”. He had bought a new Chevrolet and I was allowed to drive “Ol Mert”.

By this time, she had deteriorated somewhat. It took a regular dose of red cayenne pepper in the radiator to slow down the leaks. There was an occasional dose of kerosene poured through the clutch inspection plate to remove some of the oil and grease from the clutch plate. Motor oil was carried and added regularly.

The first real upgrade I made to her was the addition of a “wolf whistle” after disconnecting the windshield wiper. This was a time I looked for every chance to go to town or anyplace else as long as I could drive. Sometimes it was a bit of a challenge to find a slope to park on since the battery and starter were somewhat intermittent. The brakes were a sometime thing—sometimes you stop and sometimes you don’t. Other than a severe shimmy, I thought she was in pretty good shape.

I had to drain the water each night to keep it from freezing. I would park it on a hill by the house and take a pan of hot water out to fill it each morning. I would then push it off the hill, jump in and if it would start, I could drive to school. I would guess I walked about 65% of the time.

Since I was about 18 at this time and extremely smart, I decided to cure the shimmy in “Mert”. After my buddy and I got it apart, I went to Oklahoma Tire and Supply and purchased spindle bolts and bushings. Nobody told me you were supposed to ream the bushings, so we drive the spindle bolts in and sure enough it cured the shimmy. However, it did steer pretty hard. In fact, it took two hard jerks to the right then two jerks to the left—sort of a zigzag course.

She would still haul all the guys and girls who could get on to the drugstore after school.

I took “Mert” back to my Uncle after I graduated and joined the Navy.

## GREAT ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Well, Saturday, March 17, was the date for another St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Oklahoma City. We never know what the weather is going to do at this parade. In the last few years, there has been snow, pouring rain and extreme heat but I guess the "luck of the Irish" was with us at this parade. The weather was just perfect. It was a little chilly when I got my Model A out of the garage and started from Yukon to downtown OKC but after I got to the parade line-up area I was soon shedding my jacket. We had a little wind but that is to be expected in March—right!!



Bill Harris, Bob Bordwine, Linda Baker, Joan Bordwine and Dena Harris in the Harris' car

We had a good showing of 11 Model A's from our club. As I am sure Claude will tell you, I tried to line-up with the Okie A's before he came up and mentioned we were in the next block. I said "Well, all of the people and cars looked familiar and friendly. Everybody waved at me when I drove up and I felt right at home anyway."

We had a great time decorating the cars even though the parade was a REAL SLOW mover and it took over one hour to so the short distance down Sheridan to Bricktown. Arrangements had been made at Deep Deduce Grill at 2nd and Walnut for lunch. This was a cute little restaurant/bar in the Deep Deduce area that is being restored. There are all new condos and it is a real neat area. We had a good lunch and lots of good conversation.

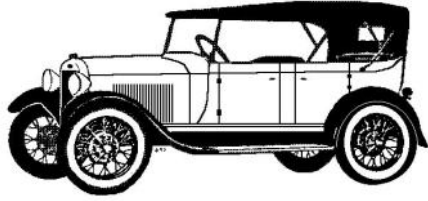


David Dixon and his two nephews

Helen Gentry & Katie Owens







## DID YOU KNOW?

To demonstrate the efficiency of the Ford engine, a Phaeton endured more than 100 hours non-stop running on the streets and highways of Brisbane, Australia in 1929. Throughout the test, a normal passenger load of four persons was maintained and, at times, five or six made up the load. After the run, the car was taken to the showroom of the Brisbane dealer where the cylinder head was removed and the crankcase lowered.

Official observers representing the Motor Trader's Association made the following report: Total mileage 2,563; Fuel consumption 29.12 miles per gallon; Exceptionally economical in view of full passenger load....speeds maintained (averaging 25 mph). Less than one cup of water added to radiator. The oil proved to be wholly satisfactory. The condition of the engine provides abundant proof of this.

*Reprint from Central Iowa Model A Club Newsletter, March 2007*

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## SUNSHINE REPORT

Beth Dixon reported at the March meeting that she had not received any reports of illness—hey, that a GREAT report.

## APRIL REFRESHMENTS

**Linda Baker**

**Joan Bordwine**

**Louise Butler**



## Recipe Of The Month

### EASY CHEESY SALSA POTATOES

8 oz. (2 c.) shredded cheddar cheese  
1 c. Old El Paso® Thick 'n Chucky Salsa  
1/2 c. finely chopped onion  
1/2 c. sour cream  
1 (10 3/4 oz.) can condensed cheddar cheese soup  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
1 (24 oz.) pkg. (about 8 c.) frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed  
1/2 c. Progresso® Plain Bread Crumbs  
1/4 c. butter or margarine, melted

Heat oven to 350° F. Grease 13X9" (3 qt.) baking dish or pan. In large bowl, combine cheese, salsa, onion, sour cream, soup and pepper; mix well. Add potatoes; mix well. Spread in greased dish.

In small bowl, combine bread crumbs and butter; mix well. Sprinkle over potatoes. Bake for 45 to 60 minutes or until cheese is melted and potatoes are tender.

*Borrowed from the Phoenix Model A Club "Action A" March 2007*



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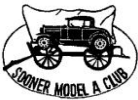
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