

# Scuttlebutt

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## Daylight Saving Time Begins

### Presidents Message

Model A Friends:

We have certainly had our fair share of winter weather recently. It was so bad that we postponed our February 20 meeting until February 27. Will Langford worked very hard to get the news out to everyone. He sent out an email and he sent a robo-call to the membership. The robo-call is something new and before he could send it he spent several hours entering phone numbers into the data base required for the robo-call. Our apologies if you didn't get the word, but it wasn't through lack of effort.

We had 20 people make the drive to Guthrie to visit the Territorial Museum on Saturday February 24. It was raining that morning so only modern cars made the trip. After visiting the museum we drove to Mulhall for lunch at Lucille's. Lucille Mulhall was Zack Mulhall's daughter and some say she was the first cowgirl. She could ride and rope and even steer wrestle and she is very attractive in her photo. The drive to Mulhall from Guthrie is scenic with several curves as it follows Skeleton Creek. We should schedule another drive from Guthrie so we can take the Model A's.

Let's hope that the cold weather and ice abate so we can enjoy our cars in March. Remember that the Tulsa Model A Club has planned our spring tour for March 23-25. We will be going to Elk City to tour the Route 66 Museum. Some members are planning to stop at Roman Nose State Park near Watonga for lunch. Others plan a side trip to Weatherford to tour the Stafford Air and Space Museum. If you don't think your Model A is up to a long trip, drive your modern car. The main thing is to join the fun by participating in our club activities.

Hope to see you on the road soon,

Jim Yates, 2018 president.

**Note:** The Sooner Model A Club has a new phone number. Call 1-405-440-3451 to leave a message for one of our Directors.

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### March Meeting

Tuesday,  
March 20

7:00 pm  
Will Rogers Garden  
Center

3400 NW 36th St  
Oklahoma City

### 2018 Officers & Committees

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\*\*\*\*\* 2018 DUES ARE NOW OVERDUE \*\*\*\*\*

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## CHILI IN JONES AMERICA

The Okie "A" Model A Club invited the Sooner Model A's and the Early V8 Club to their annual chili luncheon in Jones, Oklahoma on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The old Model A was all tuned up, full of fuel and ready to make its first outing for 2018. However, it was 23 degrees and we decided to leave the A at home and drive our regular car.

The luncheon was held at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows meeting hall, which was beautifully decorated with hearts, flowers, banners, and candied vases. The candied vases were created by a church group in Jones and they added a touch of Valentine magic to the lunch.

The lunch was delicious. We had many crock pots full of chili, along with all the fixings, and lots of desserts. We all made new Model A friends. We played the bingo shortcut game and it was a lot of fun. We plan on returning to the annual event next year and hope more members of the three Model A clubs can find a way to join us.



**For Sale!** 1931 Model A Town Sedan. Quality frame up restoration. Successfully driven 500 miles in Glidden Tour. Oil and water consumption virtually zero. Extras: turn signals, alternator, trunk, left fender mount spare. \$25000+ invested. All reasonable offers considered. Clifton Hill 405-214-8812

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**For Sale!** 1930 unrestored Model A Tudor with 58,000 miles. Runs and drives excellent. Original interior in amazingly good condition. Original paint will shine. New Tires. \$12,500 contact Clifton Hill 405-214-8812

**For Sale!** I am selling "Antique Automobile Parts" of all kinds, makes & models on ebay. My "Seller Name" is "TPIBoxman". I will have about sixty items for sale and new items will be listed weekly. Thank you, Gary Clonts at 405-620-2655

**For Sale!** Solid restorable 1931 Tudor. It runs and drives. The interior is decent. There is some rust, but would be easy restoration. \$10,000. Call David Miles 405-639-7940

**Clown car.** Titled as a 1927 Model T, it is a "T" roadster body with a wooden "C" cab built on the back. It has a Datsun 4 cylinder engine. \$1500.00 Contact Bill Pruegert, Call 235-1890 or 640-8246

## The 20 Millionth Model A Ford stopped in Sulphur, OK

by Richard Schwake

The twenty millionth Model A Ford was a 1931 slant windshield Town Sedan. According to Ford Motor Company archive records, engine "A2000000" was stamped at the Rouge at 9:55 AM on April 1, 1931, after completing the run-in test.

The completed Model A rolled off the assembly line at the Rouge in Dearborn on April 14, 1931, in a ceremony with Henry and Edsel Ford in attendance. After the ceremony, the car was put on an extensive goodwill and advertising tour across America by Ford during 1931 and 1932.

An article about the tour appeared in the 2017 September/October The Restorer magazine and is titled, "Stops on the Twenty Millionth Ford Tour - 1931." The article provides tidbits about the tour and contains a map of the US showing the route the tour followed. The map provided by the Ford Motor Company shows stops in Oklahoma although the towns in which the car was displayed are not listed.

The article in The Restorer was of special interest to me because of a photograph that I recalled in a history book about my home town. The history book, City of Many Facets, was published by the Arbuckle Historical Society of Sulphur, OK. It is a collection of several hundred historical photos of Sulphur dating back to 1900.

The history book contains a photograph of the 20 Millionth Model A Ford when it visited Sulphur in 1931. The car was parked in front of the Sulphur Ford dealership and a crowd of 100 or more people surrounded the car. The Mayor of Sulphur is pictured along with my grandfather, Otto Schwake. He was a large man who I can recognize in the photo.

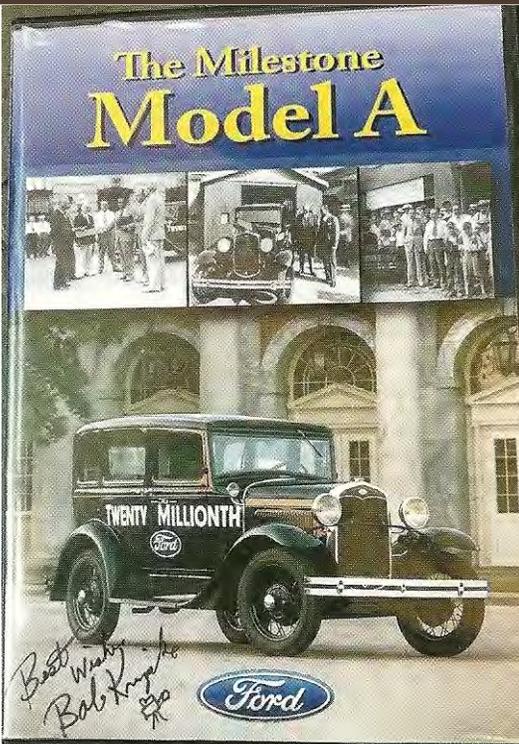
My grandparents were German immigrants who settled in Sulphur after arriving at Ellis Island and spending a few years in Nevada. They owned a German bakery and lived in Sulphur for over 50 years. My grandfather weighed about 300 lbs. and stood over 6 feet tall. He owned several Model T and Model A cars during his lifetime.

According to my father, Grandfather would buy a new Model A and drive it directly to the local hardware store. He would purchase a hacksaw and cut off the bottom half the steering wheel so it wouldn't rub on his belly. When driving his cars around town, he was known to make wide sweeping turns. Everyone gave him extra room when they saw him coming. My dad said he learned to never turn loose of the steering wheel after making a turn, to allow the wheels to straighten up, because the half-steering wheel was hard to grab and would almost break his hands!

The article in The Restorer and the photo in the history book bring back memories of my childhood. I inherited my grandfather's interest in Model A Fords and now own two, a 1930 Model A closed cab pickup and a 1930 Tudor sedan. Unlike by grandfather, I have not cut off the bottom of the steering wheel in either vehicle!

By Jim Spawn

Here are more tidbits about the Twenty Millionth Ford tour. Around the time that the restoration was completed, Ford Motor Company produced a video titled "The Milestone Model A" about the vehicle, its recovery, the nationwide tour and restoration.



Ford provided a map that showed details about the tour. Ford used the map in the video and in educational presentations. The map most likely was produced after reviewing the Log Book, which was signed at each location. Collectively, these locations formed the basis for the nationwide map.

Recently, MAFCA director David White sent us a photo of the Twenty Millionth Ford taken outside the Kennebunk Town Hall in Maine. David said he bought the photograph at an antique store in Kennebunk. The Town Hall is a source of pride in Kennebunk. It was easily recognizable then as it is today. The map shows that the tour did not enter into the state of Maine.

Member Delbert Felts, who lives in Tonganoxie, Kansas, sent us a photograph taken at J.C. Laming & Son Ford dealership on July 7, 1931. The man standing by the front of the rear wheel is J.C. Laming. Delbert also included a newspaper ad announcing the upcoming appearance of the Twenty Millionth Ford in Tonganoxie.



Again, a review of the map shows the tour didn't go into the state of Kansas either. These interesting exceptions to the record of the tour are noteworthy to those of us who wanted the record clear. Especially those sharp-eyed members who live in Kennebunk and Tonganoxie.

The Log Book is preserved at the Benson Ford Research Center in Dearborn. The book is available for review inside the center. A solution may be to ask caring member to check out the book and do a thorough line by line accounting of the cities, states and dates where this treasured vehicle made its historic stops.



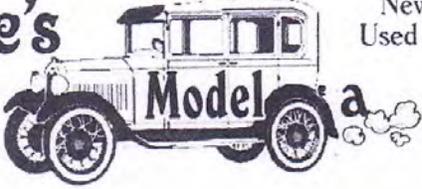
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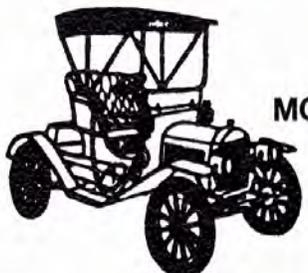
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The **SOONER MODEL A CLUB** is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Model A Ford Club of America. All correspondence for the club should be sent to the address above. General Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the months of January thru November. Meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. and are held at Will Rogers Garden Center at 3400 N.W. 36th in Okla. City. All members are welcome to attend the club's Board Meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at a location designated by the President and advertised in the Scuttlebutt. Membership dues are \$20.00 per year. The primary requirement for membership shall be an interest in the objectives of the organization and a desire to participate in its activities. Actual possession of a Model A Ford is not a necessity. A member must be of good character as to be of benefit to the club, its functions and activities. An active member must be a member of the Model A Ford Club of America.