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Presidents Message for April 2018

Model A Friends,

Spring has finally arrived with up and down temperatures and Oklahoma wind. However, it is a great time to get your "A" out of the barn and take it for a drive. It is not too cold and not too hot. The wind will just enhance your skill at keeping the old girl between the fence posts.

The spring tour, hosted by the Tulsa Club, was great fun. Eight Model A's from our club made the drive to Elk City. We also had two couples in modern cars in attendance. Friday was the busy day of the tour. In the morning we visited the Route 66 museum that is full of memorabilia from the "Mother Road." After lunch we drove to Cheyenne to visit the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site. After leaving the battlefield we visited a private car collection in Cheyenne. This is an amazing collection ranging from Model T's to 1970's muscle cars. The Tulsa Club always does a fantastic job of organizing a tour.

Check the Scuttlebutt, Facebook, or our website for upcoming events and make a point to attend at least one of them. It doesn't matter that your car might not be road worthy, drive your modern car and enjoy the fun with your Sooner Club members. You can also catch a ride in a Model A to fully participate in an event such as a parade. There are plenty of sedans with back seats available and you are very welcome.

I hope to see you on the road in your Model A.

Jim Yates, 2018 President

**April
Meeting**

**Tuesday,
April 17**

**7:00 pm
Will Rogers Garden
Center**

**3400 NW 36th St
Oklahoma City**

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

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2018 ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

(Subject to Change)

*Maps available on soonermodela.org website. See "Calendar"

"Let the good times roll in your Model A"

April

- 3 6:30 PM **Board Meeting** - 6718 NW 50th, Bethany, OK.
- 15 2:00 PM **Incredible Pizza** - 5833 NW Expressway, Warr Acres, OK. Drive your Model A or your regular car and have an enjoyable afternoon with your Model A friends.
- 17 7:00 PM **Club Meeting** - 3400 NW 36th, OKC, OK. **Refreshments** (Helene Astafan, Kaye Sage, Dorene Seeger and Joann Clonts)
- 21 **Guthrie 89er Parade**
- 21 10:00 AM Line up on Walnut and Oklahoma Ave. This is one block west of the Masonic Temple.
- 21 12:00 PM Guthrie 89er Parade travels Oklahoma Ave to 2nd St then on 2nd St to Harrison and ends on W. Springer.
- 28 9:00 AM **Annie Okie's Runway Cafe** (Wiley Post Airport) - 5915 Philip J Rhoads Ave, Bethany, OK. Drive your Model A or your regular car. Meet for breakfast followed by a short mystery drive.

May

- 1 630PM **Board Meeting** - 6718 NW 50th, Bethany, OK.
- 15 700PM **Club Meeting** - 3400 NW 36th, OKC, OK. **Refreshments**
- 19 **Ripper Park Picnic** -7800 NW 30th, Bethany, OK
- 19 12:30 - 3:30 Sooner Model A Picnic, bring a side dish or dessert.

June

- 3-8 **2018 Model A Regional - Springfield, MO.**
Contact Lance Burton at 1-816-809-8648 for more information.
- 5 630PM **Board Meeting** - 6718 NW 50th, Bethany, OK.
- 19 700PM **Club Meeting** - 3400 NW 36th, OKC, OK. **Refreshments**

April 2018 Anniversaries

- 8 Dan & Laurie Morris
- 20 Gary & Ricki Sullivan
- 30 Jack & Martha Galbraith

April 2018 Birthdays

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Mary Jane Simmons | 3 Connie Douglas |
| 4 Phil Lyon | 6 Terry Trego |
| 10 Clifton Hill | 11 Jeffrey Turner |
| 13 Karen Dusenbery | 21 Virgena Ogle |
| 28 Aggie Cochrane | 24 Carma Jenkins |
| 29 Pat Morgan | |

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

- ★ Ken Brust - Recovering from knee surgery.
- ★ Let Kaye Sage know if you are aware of a member who is ill. We would like to send a card and let them know we are missing them. Kaye can be reached at 405-684-1564 or email at sage_LK1@cox.net

THE FINDING AND RESTORING OF "RED BIRD"

By Dave Olha, Virginia Beach, Virginia

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The April 1980 ad in Hemmings read, "2 Pickups for sale in Florence, South Carolina." Being a trucker at heart, I jumped to the phone. After talking to the owner on the phone, I had a mental picture of two pretty restorable Pickups. That very afternoon, I packed up some extra wheels and tires, a tow bar, and kissed the family goodbye. Hours later, I was heading south on I-95 in my 1969 Oldsmobile. Darkness began to settle in and Florence seems a whole lot farther than it originally looked on the map. I pulled into a rest stop and spent the night on the front seat of the Olds. Palm Sunday dawned early and I headed into Florence and then onto several miles of rural roads. At last I had arrived! The day started out very cloudy and now it was raining cats and dogs.

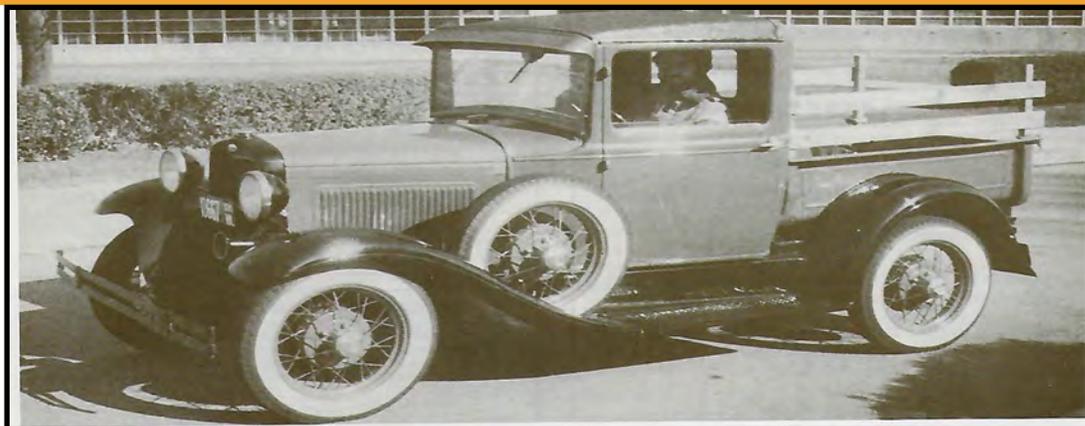
I met the farmer and we went through a muddy field to get to the shed where the "A's" were. At first sight my bubble did not burst, it exploded! In front of me were two (2) of the roughest "A's" I had ever seen. After driving all that distance, I wasn't going home empty-handed, so I bought the "better" of the two.

Getting the "A" out of the shed came next. My "new truck" was sunk up to its frame in mud and we needed a tractor to pull it out. The tractor was hooked to the "A" with a huge chain and the farmer towed us backward through the muddy field and pouring rain. I say "us" because I was standing on the running board trying to keep the steering wheel straight during the tow. I was now soaked to the skin and my first doubts began to surface. Was I doing the right thing?

We pulled into a dry shed and I began to grease the bearings and mount spare wheels and tires. The bolts on the last wheel gave me such a fit, I started to believe I had a definite mental problem. I waved goodbye to the farmer's family and took off. I went about eight (8) feet and jerked to such a sudden stop that I almost went through the windshield. In all the excitement, I had forgotten to unhook the chain that connected the "A" to the tractor. I'm tired, cold, soaked to the skin, and covered with mud from head to toe. Now I'm laying in the mud under my Oldsmobile replacing a sheered bolt on my tow hitch. At that point, I was sorry I hadn't brought Janice along, at least then I could have had someone to start screaming at!

Everything fixed, I started off for home again. The trip home went well and was uneventful. The next morning I immediately began disassembling what was to become affectionately know as "Red Bird." Several months passed and I finally had a Pickup that looked like it should.

The truck has since given us many enjoyable moments, highlighted by our trip to Seven Springs, Pennsylvania. "Red Bird" sparks conversation just about everywhere we go. Would I do it all over again? ABSOUUTELY!



Oklahoma Territorial Museum

February 24, 2018 was our second attempt to take the Model "A's" on a road trip this year. When we woke up it was raining "Cats and Dogs". We changed gears, replaced the "A" with our modern car and continued on with the scheduled tour. The first stop was the Oklahoma Territorial Museum located in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

The use of artifacts, photographs, and paintings, the Oklahoma Territorial Museum tells the story of the determined people who laid the foundation for the state of Oklahoma. On the museum grounds stands the Carnegie Library, where the first state governor was sworn in. Preserved by the Oklahoma Historical Society, this building, as well as the museum, serves as a visible link between Oklahoma's turbulent territorial period and the present.

A well rounded tour always includes lunch. We were in for a treat as the tour continued on to Lucille's restaurant in Mulhall, Ok. It was a nice trip on the winding road from Guthrie to Mulhall.

Zach Mulhall, the community's first mayor, established a ranch and a traveling Wild West Show there that included Lucille as one of its stars. Thanks to her expert roping, riding and marksmanship, Will Rogers once proclaimed that Lucille was America's first cowgirl. The decorations include numerous photographs and antiques from Lucille's day, including chaps, ropes, branding irons, wagon wheels, plus memorabilia from the Comanche, Cheyenne and Choctaw tribes.

The weather cleared, lunch was great and we had a nice trip back home. It would be a great trip to take with the "A's" for lunch on a nice clear summer day.



Stockyard St. Patrick's Day Parade

It was a little cool on Saturday morning. The sky was clear and it was the first outing for the year that brought out most of the "A's". Nine model A's were in the parade along with many other older cars. Phil had his red Ford convertible there but it was a little cool for him to drop the top. The streets were lined with people and, as always, they appeared to enjoy our cars.

After the parade we joined the early V8 club for lunch at the Cimarron Steakhouse. Lunch was good and the first parade of 2018 was a huge success.



For Sale! 1929 Rumble seat coupe (tan). New engine (Herman Campbell), Signal lights, rebuilt carb, distributor, water pump, starter. New tires and tubes, new clutch, pressure plate and throw-out bearing. A1 condition, \$14,000. Jack Ogle 613-8030

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

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

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

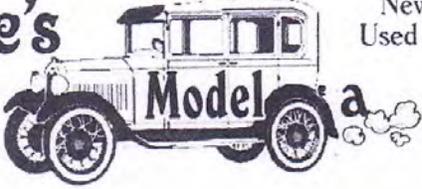
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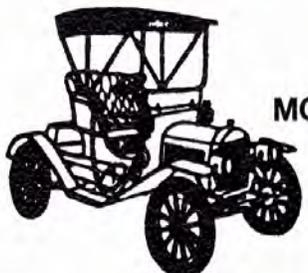
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The **SOONER MODEL A CLUB** is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Model A Ford Club of America. All correspondence for the club should be sent to the address above. General Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the months of January 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.