

Scuttlebutt

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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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FALL TOUR OR QUARANTINE?

Some of the Oklahoma City members had to withdraw from attending the Fall Tour because of exposure to COVID-19. When we received the notification that we had been exposed, the only choice we had was to go into a two week quarantine. Some of us were tested; others were told to stay home until feeling ill. At this time none of the members exposed have experienced any medical problems concerning COVID-19. However, the Boston doctor-daughter said that someone who had been exposed to the virus could have problems up to thirteen days after the time of exposure.

The Tulsa Model A Club picked up the ball and continued on with the tour. After all the effort spent by Don and Chuck to make the tour a success, we were very happy that the Tulsa Club was able to enjoy the fruits of our labors. It was impressive that they were able to mobilize everyone, including some of the Oklahoma City members who were not exposed to the virus. Remember, the Spring Tour is only six months away. If you have any suggestions on a great place to go, please let any board member know about your suggestions.

QUEEN WILHELMINA LODGE MENA, AR



October Meeting

Saturday,
October 24, 2020
12:30 PM

Ripper Park
7800 NW 30th St.

Bethany, OK

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2020 MONTHLY MEETING ATTENDANCE

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
30	33	34	X	X	X
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
X	X	27	X	X	

2020 ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE
(Subject to Change)
“Let the good times roll in your Model A”

October 2020

- 3 7:00AM **Coffee and Cars** - 1344 W. Memorial Road, Oklahoma City, OK
 6 6:30PM **Board Meeting** - Attendance by video, (ZOOM) **ONLY**
 24 12:30PM **Picnic and Club Meeting at Ripper Park.** Bring your own lunch and chairs. Drive after the picnic

November 2020

- 3 6:30PM **Board Meeting** - Attendance by video, (ZOOM) **ONLY**
 7 7:00AM **Coffee and Cars** - 1344 W. Memorial Road, Oklahoma City, OK
 7 10:30AM **Veteran's Day Parade** - (Line-up at 9:30AM) 2nd and Main, Blanchard, OK.
 21 12:30PM **Picnic and Club Meeting at Ripper Park.** Bring your own lunch and chairs. Drive after the picnic.

December 2020

- 1 6:30PM **Board Meeting** - Attendance by video, (ZOOM) **ONLY**
 5 7:00AM **Coffee and Cars** - 1344 W. Memorial Road, Oklahoma City, OK

2021

- June 20-24 **Save The Date**
MAFCA National Tour, North Conway, New Hampshire

RIPPER PARK

We had a great turnout for our picnic and club meeting. The board members for 2021 were confirmed by the members present. It has been a challenge for our President to encourage our members to attend the monthly picnic and drive. We look forward to 2021 and hope the virus will be eradicated. New members at the meeting in the park included Tisha and Steve Spencer, and Brad and Carolyn Yarbrough. It was reported that we had 13 Model A's and 29 people at the park.



The 66A Affair – Chronicles of our rare Model A restoration

by Joel Sheldon, owner and restorer of the 66A

Part 1---

What follows is an attempt to document the restoration of my 1931 66A Model A Deluxe Pickup. I also wanted to include some of the unique and interesting features of the 66A, some production information and other stuff I found out along the way. In no way will this be an exhaustive study of the 66A. There have been a number of articles covering the Deluxe Pickup in both the Restorer and Model A News throughout the years. The truck has also shown up in articles published in the no longer produced Hemming's Special Interest Autos. Hemming's has also published an article online covering the truck.

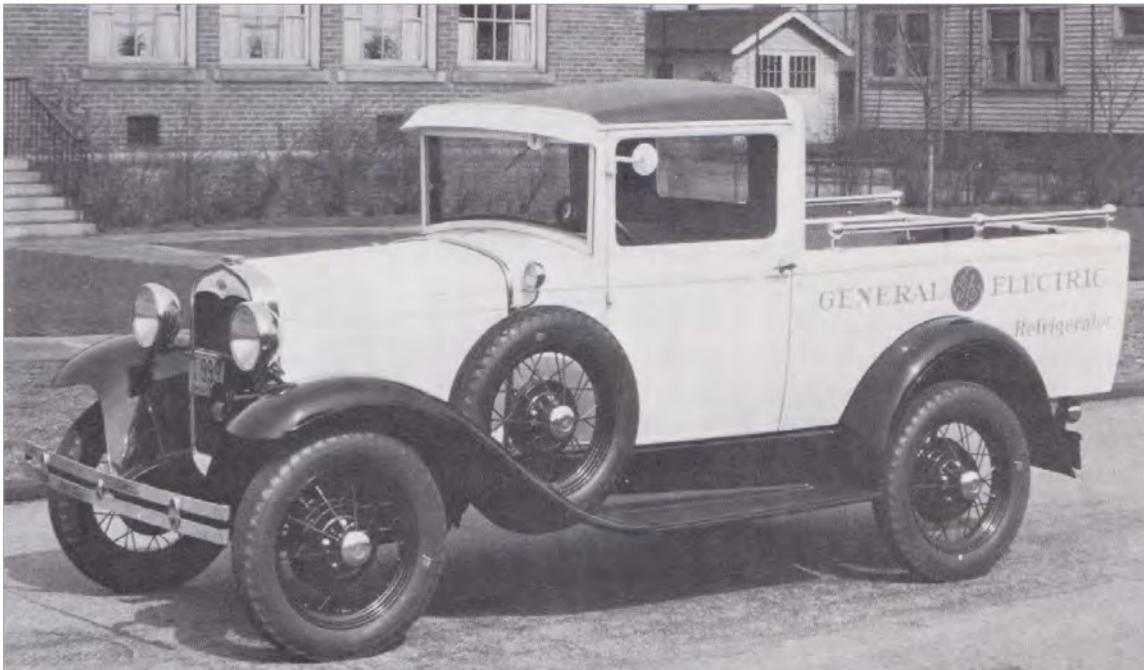
I'll be putting together a list of references; at least those I am aware of. A note on the photos shown here: most I took, some have come from other 66A owners and some from other published material.

The 1931 Deluxe Pickup (66A) is perhaps one of the most rare of all Model A Fords. They were built only for a short time starting in mid 1931.

According to Steve Pluckler's excellent reference on Model A Ford production there were 293 66A's built in 1931 and 59 in 1932.

They were initially built for General Electric as a service vehicle. Later in the production cycle they were made available to other companies and to the general public.

Ford Factory picture of General Electric 66A



Ford Factory photo of Firestone 66A – note open tailgate and the two positions for the artificial leather covered chain hooks



I discovered that my truck was assembled in the Ford Twin City Minnesota Plant. Each of the production branches were given a certain number of Briggs built boxes. These were then mated to pickup cabs taken from that particular plant's production line. The Twin City Plant received 10 of the boxes. As an aside the Oklahoma City Plant received 8. More on this later.

They could be painted in any one or combination of the 39 commercial colors available. The factory standard color for the 66A was white. I bring this up now because I think it is very interesting to sort out how the 66A's paint was applied and how they were trimmed out. There are documented differences in what type of running boards were used. An assembly plant may have used commercial steel running boards or deluxe rubber matted car running boards. There are also differences in the seat riser and how much space is between the riser and the forward doorframe. Some cabs had soft tops and some had steel tops. Just to name a few.

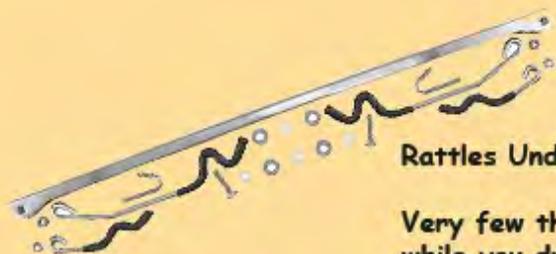
My particular 66A came from a collection of Model A's and T's (and other miscellaneous old cars) that my grandfather and uncle had collected over the years. They lived in northern Minnesota and had at one time 60 – 70 cars. I am fortunate to have a few of those cars in my collection. I was able to purchase my 66A from my cousin a few years back.

Of the nearly 300 trucks built there are maybe 30 or fewer of these trucks left. That being said you never know when a previously unknown one might show up. Mine was formerly one of the unknown.

Note: Check the November Scuttlebutt for the continued story on the 66A Affair.

Jim's technical tip

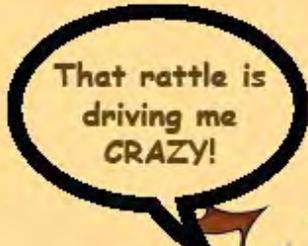
by Jim Cannon,



Rattles Under the Hood

Very few things are as annoying as a persistent rattle under the hood while you drive your Model A. Of course it stops when you pull over and look under there!

Here are some things that I have found over the years can sound like a rattle under the hood:



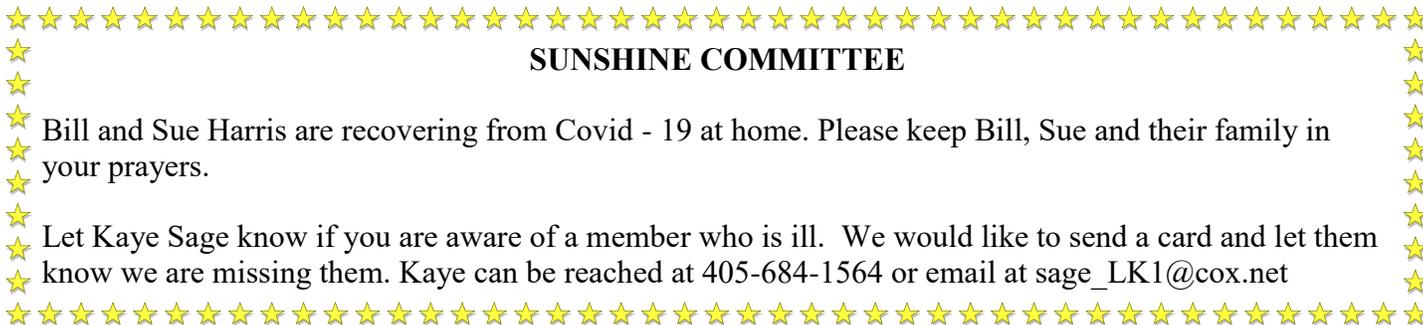
That rattle is driving me CRAZY!



- The radiator support rods. They come loose at the radiator or at the firewall.
- The engine pans. Just one loose bolt/nut can rattle like crazy (hard to find).
- Hood support/prop brackets. The ones that "fold in" will rattle if closed all the way; open it back up $\frac{1}{2}$ " to separate the halves from touching.
- Brake rods. Jiggle them by hand. You may need to install some of the oversize clevis pins to tighten things back up, or replace the return/anti-rattle springs.
- Tools and things under the seat. (I found a large screwdriver once in my side curtain pan, way in the back, that was causing a rattle that I chased for 2 years!)



I hope this helps you track down that annoying rattle. In a future Tech Tip, I will cover potential sources of other annoying noises in your car. Until then, "Have a Model A Day!" Jim



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

★ Bill and Sue Harris are recovering from Covid - 19 at home. Please keep Bill, Sue and their family in your prayers.

★ 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

October 2020 Birthdays

1 - Dan Morris	7 - Cheryl Maxwell	22 - Beverly Gammill
1 - Gary Sullivan	14 - Fred Ayers	23 - Patrick Hill
2 - Chuck Angie	16 - Steve Marks	31 - JoAnn Clonts
3 - Scott Russell	17 - Gary Huey	
5 - Linda Ochs	20 - Carol Trego	

October 2020 Anniversaries

7 - Chuck & Karen Dusenbery	18 - Scott & Jill Russell	23 - Marvin & Linda Mellage
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Quotations of Henry Ford

(Applewood Books Bedford, Massachusetts)

Wages, regarded as an armistice between capital and labor, can yield no basic principle. But when regarded as one of the principal products of a business—as the dividends of production—there is hope of finding what they ought be.

FOR SALE

- For Sale!** 1929 4 door Briggs Deluxe. Call Tom Marcotte, Cell 405-684-7248, Home 405-895-7445
- For Sale!** 1929 Ford Model A Phaeton Replica built by Camelot Motors Corp. Call Joan Blank at 607-776-2857 or email jcblank3@yahoo.com for additional information.
- For Sale!** 1929 Ford Model A 2 door. Call Brittany Hukill, 405-542-7606 or email bkhukill@gmail.com for additional information.
- For Sale!** 1930 deluxe roadster and 1930 standard phaeton. Both are older restorations but look very nice. Both have whitewalls and fender mount spares. Both are near original. Call 405-372-9103 for pricing.
- For Sale!** 1930 Model A Ford Pickup. Call James McCann 1-405-850-5826 for additional information.

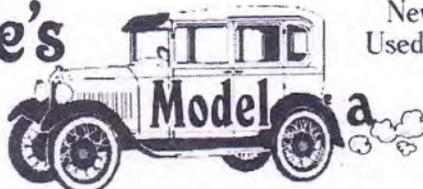
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General Meetings are held on the second Sunday of the months of January thru November. Meetings commence at 2:30 p.m. and are held at Will Rogers Garden Center at 3400 N.W. 36th in Okla. City. All members are welcome to attend the club's Board Meetings, 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 (MAFCA). Mafca dues are \$50.00 per year.