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Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Before the end of the year, we have the Blanchard Veterans Day parade, the Oklahoma City Stockyards Cowboy Christmas parade, and the 99s Museum of Women Pilots tour. I know most of you will be able to get qualified for the 1,000 Mile patch before the end of the year. The form to register for qualification is on the web site. This will be the last Scuttlebutt for 2024.

The Sooner Model A Club Christmas Party is on Sunday at 2:00pm on December 15, 2024 at the Will Rogers Garden Center. This is our regular club meeting date but there will be NO meeting. We hope everyone can come to the Christmas Party. The cost is $10.00 per person and the club will pick up the remaining costs. Reservations must be made and paid for by 1 December to ensure the count for the caterer. Of course, we will play "Dirty Santa." The "gifts" should cost less than $25.00.

This is also a good time to pay your $20.00 dues for 2025. Thank you, Steve Davis, for donating four tickets for the OKC Polar Express Christmas train, which were auctioned off at the October club meeting. The highest bidder was Greg Hoyle.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. I want to thank everyone for supporting me and the Sooner Model A Club these last three years. It has been a great pleasure to serve as your president, because this Club is a great way to help one another with our love for keeping our Model A's on the road. We have found many friends who enjoy the same things we do. I know that all of you will support the new President and the new Board as we move forward into 2025.

Don Mitchell
President

November is our annual Beans and Cornbread Feast. Club Members are encouraged to bring their favorite dish to share.

Meeting

November 17, 2024
2:00 pm

Will Rogers
Garden Center
3400 NW 36th St
Oklahoma City OK

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ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

(Subject to Change)

"Let the good times roll in your Model A"

November 2024

5	**6:30pm**	**Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
9	**9:30am**	**Veteran's Day Parade** - Blanchard Line-up at 9:30am at 10th and Main, Parade begins at 10:30am
16	**10:00am**	**The 99s Museum of Women Pilots** - OKC Airport area $10.00 per person, $8.00 for seniors, 4300 Amelia Earhart Lane, OKC Museum is on the way to the Will Rogers Airport, Meridian south of SW 54th St, Terminal Dr to Amelia Earhart Ln.
17	**2:00pm**	**Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC Beans and Cornbread Refreshments will be provided by club members. After refreshments, Joe Astafan and Chuck Dusenbery will have a demonstration about the backup camera that they have in their Model A's.

December 2024

2	**6:30pm**	**Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
7	**10:00am**	**Cowboy Christmas Parade - Stockyards City, OKC** Lineup at 9:00am on Exchange Ave east of Pennsylvania
7	**11:30am**	**Bubba's 33** - 6212 SW 3rd St, Oklahoma City Lunch provided at no charge for those who arrive in a Model A- park in front.
15	**2:00pm**	**Christmas Party** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC Catered by Earl's, Cost is $10.00 per person, payable by December 1st. Bring a wrapped gift (value less than $25) for Dirty Santa.

January 2025

7	**6:30pm**	**Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
19	**2:00pm**	**Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC Refreshments will be provided by 2025 Board Members.

Every Monday morning, club members meet at **6:30am** for **breakfast at McDonalds**, NW 39 & Portland, 3722 NW 39th Street. Everyone is invited and the discussion ranges from repairing your car to what the weather is going to be for the next scheduled event. Please stop by and add your two cents. No charge for opinions.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Marilyn M. is recovering from a fall at home. Phil W. is recovering from a minor knee surgery.
Bob Stine is recovering from back pain, and so is Linda Ochs.
Kaye Sage is receiving treatments.
Please pray for Marilyn, Phil, Bob, Linda, and Kaye.

Please also pray for all who were affected by the recent storms, and for the volunteers who are helping with the recovery from the tornados, flooding and other storms.

Please also pray for those of us who are battling cancer and other serious diseases, and for anyone else we know of who is in need of healing.

Due to Kaye's illness, Helene Astafan has offered to temporarily serve as Sunshine Reporter.
Please let Helene know if you are aware of a member who is ill.
We would like to send a card and let them know we are thinking of them.

Helene can be reached via email at yoanniern@aol.com

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
05 - Randy Bratcher
10 - Ray Callan
12 - Al Lock
12 - Judee Lyon
13 - Tim Neall
18 - Eric Broadhead
19 - Carla Holcomb
21 - Joe Astafan
28 - Mike Campbell
28 - Tom Douglass
30 - Kay Meritt

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
03 - Randy & Teresa Bratcher
19 - Jeff & Patricia Turner

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
01 - Sheila Gibson
05 - Donna Skidmore
15 - Tom Holcomb
18 - Kerry Steffens
30 - Steve Talley

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
06 - Garry & Patricia Martin
22 - Cliff & Cathy Wicks
31 - Bob & Linda Stine

Reminder: 2025 Club Dues of $20.00, due by the end of the year

Dues of the Sooner Model A Club are still only $20.00 per year per family, and are due by year-end. Please review the last page of the Scuttlebutt for the form and addresses for snail-mail, and payment on the website at Join The Sooners | Ford Model A Lovers





CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 15th at 2:00pm

Will Rogers Garden Center
3400 NW 36th St, OKC



Catered by Earl's
Cost is $10.00 per person,
please pay by December 1st



Bring a wrapped gift
(value less than $25)
for Dirty Santa.







WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS IN 2024

Loren & Peggy Metcalf, Chickasha
Steve & Loura Talley, Cameron MO
David Reynolds, Oklahoma City
Derral & Janet Estes, Newalla
Joni Pyron, Edmond
Eric & Leslie Broadhead, Oklahoma City
Patrick & Barbara Hill, Oklahoma City
Garry & Patricia Martin, Blanchard

Welcome to the Sooner Model A Club.
We are looking forward to seeing you at some of our activities.

Minutes of the Club Meeting
October 20, 2024

October 20, 2024: Club Meeting; Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC

- Meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by President Don.
- Don welcomed everyone and thanked Cliff, Marilyn, Vonnie, Jimmy, and Helene for bringing snacks.
- The Secretary's report was published in the Scuttlebutt. Motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.
- Kay gave his Treasurer report. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report as given.
- Don reported about the following events:

  November 9th: Veterans Day parade in Blanchard

  November 16th: Tour of the Women Pilots Museum. Tour is scheduled for 10:00am, the cost is $8.00 for seniors and $10 for regular admission.

  December 7th: Stockyards parade in Stockards City. Line-up will be at 9:00am, the parade begins at 10:00am, and lunch will be at Bubba's 33 after the parade. Lunch will be free for anyone who arrives in a Model A. There will be parking for the Model A's in front of Bubba's.

  December 15th: Club Christmas Party. The traditional Christmas dinner will be catered by Earl's. Member cost is $10.00, payable by December 1st. Dirty Santa gift exchange will have a $25 cost limit.
- Don thanked Joe and Helene for arranging the tour at the Shrine of the Infant Jesus in Prague.
- Don thanked Kaye and Phil for hosting the Fall Picnic. It was well-attended with about 40 in attendance.
- Steve Davis has donated 4 tickets for the Polar Express train ride on November 10th at the Oklahoma Railway Museum. The tickets were auctioned and the price reached $200.00 with Greg Hoyle as the winner of the tickets
- The drawing was held for the 50/50 pot. It was won by Wanda.
- Pat Morgan was the winner of the door prize.
- Old Business: None was reported.
- New Business: None was reported.
- Don announced that next month's meeting (in November) is our annual Beans and Cornbread dinner.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:28pm.
- After refreshments, Ken Corder gave a presentation of his antique camera collection.

MAFCA Photo of the Week

We want your Model A Photo!
Please describe your car's Year and Model, your city and state, and who is in the photo, and where it was taken, in an email to AoftheDay@mafca.com
Photos that are at least 250KB In size work the best.



QUOTATIONS OF HENRY FORD

"Don't find fault. Find a remedy."

Ref: Quotations of Henry Ford
APPLEWOOD BOOKS
Bedford, Massachusetts

LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale! 1930-31 Coupe/Cabriolet front seat spring cushion assembly. $150.00
(Seat Spring Assembly only) Call Terry Joy at 405-653-2505

For Sale: 1931 Modified Open-Cab Model A Pickup.
Call Virjean Ogle at 405-640-5993 or email virjeancogle@yahoo.com

For Sale! 1929 AA 1-1/2 ton flat-bed stake truck; VIN A3946780, mostly complete, needs some transmission work, rewiring, tires, etc, $6,000.00. Call Rob Wagner, 405-990-4100

For Sale! 1929 Phaeton 4 Door. Car is located in Edmond, OK.
Contact Megan Payne, 512-608-3369

For Sale! 1929 Tudor and 1928 RH Drive Phaeton. Contact Mark Ayers 405-496-4883

For Sale! 1929 Model A Roadster, 1860 miles since restored,
Contact Leonard Ellis at 405-372-5690 for more information.

For Sale! 1930 Model A Fordor, runs and drives well, and
1928 Model A Roadster, street rod, 59AB block, 3/4 race, both located in Yukon
Contact Randall Sauter at 405-410-5589 for more information.

CLASSIFIED ADS ON THE MAFCA WEBSITE

MAFCA members may place FREE classified ads on the MAFCA web site.
Classified Ads – Model A Ford Club of America
Members must be HOBBYISTS and not involved in commercial sales.

Non-members may also place classified ads. The cost is $50 per ad. Contact MAFCA Headquarters at (562) 697-2712 Monday - Friday from 10AM to 4PM Pacific time.
They will accept your payment and give you an advertiser number.

FALL TOUR

Van Buren, Arkansas
October 17-20, 2024













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On the way to Arkansas, there was a flat tire, and then another flat tire. Our appreciation and thanks go to Charles Ross of Keota, whose driveway happened to be available at the time the first flat tire was discovered. We also thank the J & H Tire Shop, which was recommended by Charles. We also want to thank the officers of the Keota Police Department and the Haskell County Sheriff's Office, who stopped by to offer assistance, and agreed to let us have pictures of them to commemorate the occasion. Helene told Karen that we should ask for a lights and sirens escort out of town, and we were too shy to ask for it, but we had it anyway. All the other traffic pulled over as we went by and we had a clear path to Arkansas. Terry finished the tour with three green tires and one yellow tire and no spare tire. Chuck finished the tour minus one yellow spare tire. The rest of the trip was clear of any tire issues, and we all had a good time. Our friends in the Tulsa Club, with whom we enjoyed the Fall Tour, suggested that maybe this is the year of the flat tire. When we arrived in Van Buren, we found out that everyone knew what had happened, thanks to the sharing of messages. It was fun for all, and we had a great time on the tour. The trip back home was quiet and uneventful through Keota.













A Veterans Day Message from Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North

click here: **A Veteran's Day Message From LtCol Oliver North**

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

Blanchard
November 9, 2024
Picture by Helene Astafan



VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

Blanchard
November 9, 2024













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Blanchard
November 9, 2024







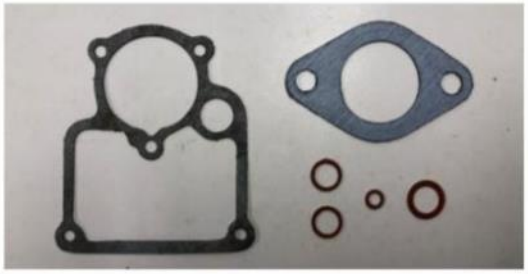






Jim's Tech Tip
Identifying Your Carburetor

When ordering parts or looking up adjustment specs for your carburetor, it is important that you identify which one you have. Below are 4 of the most common carbs used on a Model A with the gasket sets they use, which gives you a feel for the shape of the casting and bowl. Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!* Jim

Zenith Model A 	
Tillotson Model A 	
Marvel Shebler Model A or B 	
Zenith Model B 	

Take a Little Trip

Melanie G. Whittington

Traveling in a Model A is one of the highlights of our hobby. Combining an interest in Model As, travel, and era fashion is about the best thing I can think of to experience all aspects of this hobby. Where are you going? Is it for the weekend? What's the weather forecast? A few things to ask yourself before beginning to plan your wardrobe and luggage requirements.

"Each year motoring becomes more and more a favorite pastime as weekends grow in popularity..." according to the June 1931 issue of *Good Housekeeping*. This sentiment is very similar to the short tours so many of our chapters take each year. Do you and a few Model A friends like to take day trips and pack a lunch? Have a little fun with it! One of my favorite trips involved the Southeastern Touring group and a trip onto the Blue Ridge Parkway. My husband and I packed a lunch and brought our picnic set along. Add some fried chicken, potato salad, and lemonade for a trip you won't soon forget. *(Figure 1)* These luncheon kits were suggested for anyone "motoring much". This cobra-grained Fabrikoid kit was setup for six-place settings and to fit the running board. *(Figure 2)* Kits like these were available during all years of the Model A era. They range from simple sets to more elaborate. I have seen kits with eight-place settings, multiple thermoses, tin, or enamel boxes to carry a variety of items, cups, and various other accessories. They are not the easiest to find at antique stores, but I have seen several in my travels. It may look like a suitcase if it is setting on the floor closed. Look a little closer and you may find a treasure.



Figure 1; Picnic set



Figure 2; Luncheon kit ad from June 1931, Good Housekeeping



Figure 3; York Daily Record, July 1927, "new zippered cases"

"Talon Hookless Fasteners," "slide fasteners" or "Zip-O-Grips" were all names for what we would call a zipper. These started showing up in luggage before the Model A era. Here is an ad from July 1927 in the *York (PA) Daily Record*. *(Figure 3)* The same ad, two months earlier, from Austin, TX did not mention the "new zippered cases" noted in the "For Long Trips" section.

Of other interest is the mention on short trips using "light luggage for feminine travelers". Not only were motoring trips becoming commonplace, the ads were focusing on females and the needs of traveling with multiple dresses, shoes, and hats.

In our effort to reproduce an authentic trip in our Model As, we may not be able to go into every aspect, but pick something you enjoy and try it! If you love hats, find a nice hat box and throw it in the back seat, trunk or rumble seat. If you're lucky enough to have a truck, you have plenty of room for luggage. Be sure, if you're using originals, to keep them protected from the elements. They aren't making any more "Wheary Wardrolettes of buffalo rawhide." *(Figure 5)*



Figure 4; Luggage from June 1931, Good Housekeeping

"Brimmed hats having returned to fashion importance, a large hat box is required, as proved by the Mendel-Drucker model, covered in Scotch tweed duck." Also shown, is the Oshkosh duffle bag of orange and red striped cord duck which is great for shoes. In the lady's hand you see a Zip-O-Grip handbag made of bright-colored goat skin. At her feet is the Revelation suitcase of black cobra-grained cowhide with locks and adjusts to 14 sizes. The Seward Aero-Pak suitcase, to the far left, included wardrobe conveniences. Hanging over the Seward is a Snuggle Rug of English plaid woolen, which, on motor trips, is a "wise precaution". This rug is bag shaped and uses a Talon Hookless Fastener closing. *(Figure 4)*

The items in Figure 5 include the Oshkosh hat box, with cord duck to match the duffle bag mentioned earlier. Trunks were used for longer trips, usually rail or sea travel. Wardrobe trunks would keep your clothes organized and less wrinkled. Dresses of lace, such as Chantilly, were invaluable for travel as they don't show wrinkles as easily as silk. Wool suits were also great for cool days and less prone to wrinkling. Bringing along wraps or "tiny jackets" which can be used with multiple outfits is also a smart idea. Those with light fabric such as chiffon or "transparent velvet, require almost no space at all."



Figure 5; Luggage from June 1931, Good Housekeeping



Figure 6; February 1930 ad from Kansas City newspaper, Aerolite Bags featuring Zip-Lock fasteners

This February 1930 ad from the *Kansas City Star* for Aerolite Bags specifically mentions they are "designed for air travel." It also featured a Zip-Lock fastener. *(Figure 6)*

Next time you travel in your Model A, think about your luggage and packing for the era. Many of these suitcases, duffles, and trunks can be found on eBay or in antique stores, for a decent price. Even if you only use it as a prop in your "A," or for your next trip down the runway at a fashion judging event, you'll be adding a little more authenticity to the occasion.

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COFFEE AND CARS

Coffee and Cars started as a client appreciation event and has grown to be the largest monthly gathering of car enthusiasts across the great state of Oklahoma!
All makes, models, cars, trucks, and bikes, etc. are welcome.

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Coffee and Cars Oklahoma City
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(aka Yukon Nights Cruise In)
3rd Saturday of Each Month
6pm-9pm
Plaza at Stone Mill
2121 S. Yukon Parkway
Yukon, OK 73099



Norman:
Coffee and Cars Norman
2nd Saturday of Each Month
8am-10:30am
It is held at: Crest foods.
1421 24th Ave NW, Norman
Norman, OK 73069



Midwest City:
The Cruise In for Coffee Car & Bike Show is held the third Saturday of each month, April through October. This family-friendly event is held in Town Center Plaza on SE 29th Street between South Air Depot Boulevard and Midwest Boulevard. Sponsored by the City of Midwest City; this event is free and there are no entry fees. Sure to please enthusiasts of all ages, come out and browse all makes of new and classic cars and motorcycles.

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DUES - $20.00 PER YEAR/PER FAMILY

Dues can be mailed to the address above, paid in person at one of our events, or paid on the Sooner Model A Club website: Join The Sooners | Ford Model A Lovers
Email: soonermodelanews@gmail.com

SOONER MODEL A CLUB
P.O. BOX 83192
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73148

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 above address.
General Meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of the months of January thru November. Meetings commence at 2:00 pm, and are held at Will Rogers Garden Center at 3400 N.W. 36th Street in Oklahoma 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 actual possession of a Model A Ford is not required. The primary requirement for membership shall be an interest in Model A's and the Sooner Model A Club, and a desire to participate in club activities. Visitors are always welcome to attend any of the club activities.
The Sooner Model A Club recommends membership in the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). MAFCA dues are $50.00 per year, and can be paid here: Model A Ford Club of America (mafca.com)