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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By Harold Helton

Thank you to Chuck and Lisa Ramsey for hosting our club picnic. They also provided the meat and Chuck worked hard cooking up all that great food. Our club was the first group to enjoy their beautiful outdoor room. Check out the photos that Barbara Cail and Lesa Jenson provided for this newsletter and on the website. Check out our club's website that member Steve Reiser manages each month. Lesa is working on a side show for the club

Christmas party.

Our club has a lot of talented members. We are blessed to have members that work on our A's to keep us on the road. We have a lot of great cooks just as Chuck showed us at the picnic along with all of the members that brought deserts and side dishes to the picnic. Many members have talent that we don't hear a lot about. Read Ken's Nuts and Bolts to learn about the skills a new member has been using to improve our community.

The Will Rogers Fly-In is planned for August 17 at Oologah. We need to have our A's in place at the Roger's homestead by 8:00am. Sunday morning. A group will leave the QT on 11th Street and Hwy 169 at 7:00am to caravan up Hwy 169 through Oologah. Breakfast will be provided to our members that drive their Model A Fords. Make sure Ken Brust or I have you on the list to turn in a count by August 8th.

Joanna Cooper has invited us back to her Classic Car Showroom for our August 19 club meeting. We plan to have our ice cream social starting at 7:00pm. The club is providing ice cream so come and enjoy looking at Joanna's cars and having ice cream with your friends. Joanna lives east of Broken Arrow off of 71st Street. Four mile east of County Line Road on 71st turn left or north at Peep's Corner or 254th and drive one mile north and turn right or east for one eighth of mile and turn north again and follow the road. Marvin will put out the new yellow Model A signs. Call my cell if you get lost, 918-230-4906.

THANK YOU ---- CHUCK & LESA

Keep Smiling!



NUTS AND BOLTS (OR MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS)

By Ken Brust



The Tulsa World had a nice feature on our own Phil Judkins recently regarding the Circle Cinema's original pipe organ restoration. Those of you who might not know Phil and Laura, they are club members with two Model A Fords. Like many of us, Phil is a true car guy! But he is also an organ restorer and player. Remember the organ in the Coleman Theater in Miami? He helped restore it and has played it on various occasions for groups. He and Laura hosted their daughter, Karen, and her family from Hawaii here recently for a family reunion during our Regional Meet.

There are about 15 bandanas remaining if anyone needs one to acknowledge a sponsor or simply to wear! Remember, wear with pride!

We hosted an exceptional Regional Meet and managed to have our revenue exceed our costs so all is well. Many thanks to everyone again for your super help!

On Sunday morning, August 17, we hope many will attend a complimentary breakfast in Oologah in memory of the death of Will Rogers. Also, there is a breakfast on Saturday morning, September 20, at the airport in Bartlesville for the final year of the Tulsa Fly-In after a run of 50+ years. I hope many of you can attend both of these interesting and memorable events.

Happy trails to you

SUNSHINE REPORT



George James –
preparing for hip surgery
Mayletta Duncan –
illness and testing
David Hayes –
recovering from foot surgery
Greg Hoyle – going to

M.D.Anderson for tests

Please keep these Model-A club members and any other members who may be having health challenges in your thoughts and prayers.

Contact Sunshine Person – Linda Mellage at email lindamellage@cox.net or phone (918) 451-9179.

Mystery of the First Model A

by Ken Brust



Our Tulsa Model A Ford Club enjoys participating with the folks at the Will Rogers Memorial during various special events. Will

Rogers has always been a favorite personality here in Oklahoma; and the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore, where he is buried, is just a short drive up old Route 66 from Tulsa. Will and Henry Ford were close acquaintances, or good friends, depending with whom one talks. Each of them, at one time, seriously endorsed the other for President of the United States. Our club has always appreciated the interesting ties between Will and Henry, as we sincerely treasure both the Model A Ford and the fond memories of Will Rogers. The Tulsa Model A Ford Club even has a saying, "Where there's a Will, there's an A." We have always understood, from various references provided the Will Rogers Memorial Museum, that Edsel Ford presented Will with the first Model A Ford produced in December, 1927. This "fact" cemented our link between the Model A Ford and Will Rogers.

Then we read in an article by Jim Spawn, our knowledgeable editor of *The Restorer*, that the first Model A Ford was presented as a gift to Thomas Edison. WHAT? Are you sure? We always thought the first one went to Will as a gift. Who really did receive the first Model A Ford? Well, was it possible that Henry presented one of the first Model A Fords to Thomas Edison while Edsel also presented one to Will? Recent research leads one to believe that Henry and Edsel Ford presented several new Model A Fords to friends. But who really got the first one? This was the mystery we wanted to solve.

The Will Rogers Memorial Museum has a Western Union telegram dated December 15, 1927, which reads: WILL ROGERS YOUR TUDOR SEDAN IS ON THE WAY OUR MANAGER CAPEK WILL PHONE YOU UPON ARRIVAL BEST REGARDS, EDESEL FORD

About 18 months later an article appeared in a Los Angeles newspaper which read:

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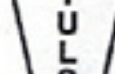
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**WILL ROGERS TRADES FORD'S XMAS
PRESENT IN ON ANOTHER FORD**

Will Rogers will ride in a new Ford car when he comes in June. This week Will, Jr. took the first new model Ford with which his illustrious father was presented by Henry Ford a year ago last winter and turned it in for a new car. The Christmas present realized \$425 in the trade. Firestone put on the tires of the new car free and stamped them with Will Rogers' name. The old car was pretty well "shot." Al Hammer, the local Ford dealer, opined that Will, Jr. had been roping cows from it.

No official proclamation or certification has been located which clearly establishes who was presented the first Model A Ford. Jay Follis, Director of Marketing for the Gilmore Car Museum, referred me to Stan Johnson, President of MAFFI when asked for information on the Edison car

which is now in the new Model A Ford Museum. Stan reported: "We decided not to claim it as Model A #1 even though that is the number stamped on the engine. There is quite a story about how Ford gave Edison a tudor sedan and Edison sent it back saying he wanted a phaeton, so by the time the car got back to Edison it was no longer a "pure" number one. Then Edison's widow gave the car back to Ford Motor Company when her husband died, and they used it to try out new parts, etc. So we say it is Edison's car, not Model A #1."

The "curb sign" identifying Edison's car in the Model A Ford Museum states:

A Gift From Henry Ford

Edison's Model A

Ford and Edison were good friends

Ford gave Edison the first Model A off the line, a tudor sedan

Photo shows Edison in that car

Edison requested an open body for his car

Loaned by The Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Michigan

"In the fullest meaning of the word, Henry Ford is my friend": Edison

This is Thomas Edison's Model A. It has been modified over the years as were so many Model A's. It has the engine stamped Number 1 by Henry Ford, and it has the Phaeton body that was put on at Edison's request. It has 11,118 miles on the



odometer, but the top has never been put down. After Edison's death his widow returned the car to Ford. Subsequently some changes were made to update the car. Edison's car is now owned by The Henry Ford Museum and loaned for display here. Note the open ended bumpers which were installed only on the earliest Model A's. On the other hand, the emergency brake lever is no longer to the left of the driver, as would be expected for one of the earliest cars.

The Ford Benson Research Center was also contacted for any information regarding the first Model A, but nothing has been received to date. It appears fairly obvious that the Edison phaeton has the number one motor even though the tudor body was swapped for a phaeton body. Is it possible that Henry and Edsel Ford took the tudor body and married it with a motor and chassis and sent it to Will Rogers? Who really knows? But it may be possible that both Will Rogers and Thomas Edison each received a gift, in a manner of speaking, of the first production Model A Ford. Does this solve the mystery?

Calendar of Events

DATE.....EVENT AND LOCATION..... TIME

August 2	Breakfast, Union Street Cafe, 4759 South Union.....	9:00 a
August 5	Board Meeting Hardesty.....	7:00 p
August 17	Will Rogers Fly-In (See President's Message for more info).....	7:00 a
August 19	Monthly Meeting & Ice Cream Social, Joanna Cooper's	7:00 p
	(See President's Message for more info)	
September 2	Board Meeting, Hardesty.....	7:00 p
September 6	Breakfast, Western Diner, 1905 S. Sheridan.....	9:00 a
September 16	Monthly Meeting, Lewis & Clark	7:00 p
September 20	Bartlesville Fly-in.....	TBA
September 27	Model A Day, Bill Knight Ford	TBA
October 4.....	Breakfast, Mimi's, 8215 East 71st Street	9:00 a
October 7.....	Board Meeting, Hardesty.....	7:00 p
October 17-19	Fall Tour, Woodward	TBA
October 21.....	Monthly Meeting, Lewis & Clark	7:00 p
November 1.....	Breakfast.....	TBA
November 4.....	Board Meeting, Hardesty.....	7:00 p
November 18.....	Monthly Meeting, Lewis & Clark	7:00 p

FYI RELATED

October 16-18, 2014, Chickasha Fall Swap Meet

December 3-7, 2014, MAFCA National Awards
Banquet, Little Rock, AR

February 6-7, 2015, Sunflower Swap Meet, Wichita

June 8-12, 2015, Midwest Regional, St. Joseph,
Missouri

June 19-24, 2016, National MAFCA Convention,
Loveland, Co

TULSA MODEL A FINANCIAL REPORT

July 22, 2014 by Jeanne Washburn

DEPOSITS:

Clothing.....	\$214.00
Christmas	\$20.00
New Member	\$20.00
Regional	\$8,939.12
Advertising.....	\$90.00
Sale of canopy.....	\$10.00
TOTAL.....	\$9,293.12

EXPENDITURES:

Activities - Regional	\$159.85
Activities - Picnic.....	\$30.53
Rumble Sheet.....	\$350.00
TOTAL.....	\$540.38


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- 03 Dan Ulberg
- 05 Ken Brust
- 08 Robert & Elaine
BULLARD
- 12 Melody DuVall
- 13 Greg Hoyle
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FALL TOUR

By Lesa Jensen

The Sooner Model A Ford Club of Oklahoma has scheduled the fall tour in Woodward for Friday, October 17, Saturday, October 18, and checkout Sunday, October 19. Some people will go on Thursday night the 16. Please go to the Sooner Club web site to register for the tour. More information is available on the their site. Rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express at \$99 per night which includes a free breakfast. Call 580-256-5200 to reserve a room and use Promo Code MO1 to receive the discounted price. If you have any questions, contact Lesa Jensen.



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Mens and Ladies See catalog for colors
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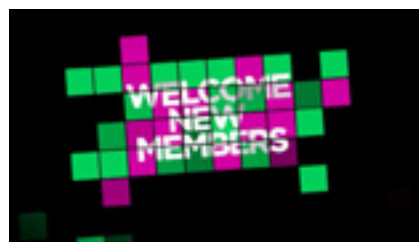
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TO WAIVE OR NOT TO WAIVE THAT IS THE QUESTION

By: Chuck Ramsey

As we all sit around the dining room table and think back on a tremendously successful regional meet, I would like to address what I feel is going to become a major issue in the coming years.

When many of us decided to attend the regional meet, we completed the online registration form and mailed it to Harold without any thoughts or reservations. It was a standard registration form that many of us had been completing for years. However, the last page of the registration form was particularly important and was signed by many of us without reading the document or certainly understanding it.

The last page of the registration was a form entitled M.F.C.A. Waiver, Indemnification and Release Agreement. The purposed legal significance of the document was significant. In this document M.F.C.A. proposed that each and every participant waive his right to sue M.F.C.A. in the event that the participant was hurt as a result of the negligence of M.F.C.A. Further, the participant waived the rights of his heirs to sue M.F.C.A. in the event that he was killed as a result of the negligence of M.F.C.A. The document also attempted to have the participant waive the rights of his children who were participants in the regional meet from being able to sue M.F.C.A. if they were hurt as a direct result of the negligence of M.F.C.A.

I contacted Ken Brust concerning the waiver and advised him that I was not going to sign the waiver in its current form. I was advised by Ken that no one had ever refused to sign it in the past and that he would have to check with M.F.C.A. and get their advice on how to handle my situation. In short, M.F.C.A. advised that I must sign a waiver in order to participate. Eventually, I sign a much shorter and legally insignificant waiver and I was allowed to participate.

I bring this to your attention because it will come up next year. Each of us will be asked to sign a waiver in order to participate in the 2015 regional meet. Many of us will sign the waiver thinking "why not sign it nothing will ever happen" but what if something does happen. What if the

The Reiser Family at the July Picnic



unthinkable happens and you are killed as a result of the negligence of M.F.C.A. and your family must go on without you. Is participation in the regional meet worth the possible price? Is M.F.C.A. asking too much when they require you to sign such a waiver in order to participate?





ABOUT THE TULSA MODEL A FORD CLUB

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This is the official publication of the Tulsa Chapter of Model A Ford Club of America. This monthly newsletter is mailed to members, prospective members, advertisers and editors of similar publications. It's purpose is to keep you informed of what has taken place, scheduled activities and to promote fellowship among club members.

Members are encouraged to submit articles containing technical or any club related information. Articles must reach the editor by the 5th of the month to insure publication in that month's newsletter. Articles received after that will appear in a following newsletter.

Membership dues for the Tulsa Model A Ford Club are \$20 per family annually payable at the end of the year. Contact the New Member chairperson for new memberships and the Treasurer for renewals. The Tulsa Model A Ford Club recommends membership in the national MAFCA organization.

Members may advertise at no cost, non-business ads in the newsletter For Sale, Wanted or Trade section. Businesses may advertise with cost by the ad size, (business card size or 1/4 page) in the advertising section. The number of ads are restricted to space available in the Rumble Sheet. Contact the Advertising chairperson for details.

MEETING SCHEDULE

- Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of each month at Lewis & Clark Elementary School, 737 South Garnett, Tulsa
- Breakfast - 9:00 a.m., 1st Saturday of each month, location to be announced
- Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday of each month, Charles Hardesty Library, 8316 East 93rd Street, Tulsa

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