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## JERRY'S THOUGHTS



We often think of Henry Ford when we think of our A models. So I thought I might put down some facts on paper just to highlight some of the many things Henry did before the A was even thought about. Born about the time of the Civil War, he remained a virtual unknown until he was about forty, really just a back yard mechanic tinkering with building a Quadricycle. He had little business training. It wasn't until he became a professional race car driver, breaking land speed records, that he became well known.

Ford Motor Company was born about this time in 1903. Ford became successful even before the T with the Model N. This car sold well, but was pricy at about \$700. Ford envisioned everyone; just ordinary people should have affordable transportation to liberate them from the farm and the mills. It needed to be built well, be affordable, and easy to fix. Ford's constant tweaking of the assembly line and parts interchangeability brought the T's price down hundreds of dollars from its introductory price of around \$825. This price reduction allowed sales to climb over 100 percent per year, eventually allowing Ford to sell over 15 million of them before the A appeared in late 1927.

Even while the T was in production there were the war contracts where Ford plants were building hundreds of thousands of Jeeps (Willys) under contract, as well as thousands of B-24 Liberator bombers on his huge Willow Run assembly lines.

Henry turned over his presidency of the company to son Edsel in 1918, but did not relinquish complete control until he was nearly seventy, in 1930. Son Edsel had to strongly persuade his father the need for a new faster and better looking car in the late twenties. He waited too long to bring the A on line and in doing so, allowed other manufactures to take great chunks out of his sales with their better equipped and modern cars. This is one reason the A survived only four years until the V-8 appeared in 1932.

Ford Motor Company was capitalized with just a \$100,000 in 1903, then reorganized 16 years later for \$100,000,000! The company had 36 branches in the US, 33 of them assembly plants. Foreign plants, offices, and associated companies were around the world from Egypt to Brazil to Japan. The company sold only 1,708 cars its first year. During the next five years 25,000 Ford cars of various models were sold. It was just 7 years later (1915) the company hit one million cars. The New Model A Car was announced in November of 1927, and the first public showing happened on December 2 of that year. The public was stunned! And the rest is history!



# NUTS & BOLTS (OR MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS)

by Ken Brust



Good News! Thanks to Rich and Marvin, our club will soon have its own Hubley test track for us to get our Hubleys tuned up and ready for the next big race! We have talked for several years about building a club track but always had the large size and storage issues to contend with. Now a smaller, modified track which is quite portable is being developed but will still serve nicely for us to test our cars and get them fine tuned and ready to race. Stay tuned for further info but get your Hubley out, dust it off and get ready to Roll. Thanks again, Rich and Marvin.

Our club continues to attract new members which is really a wonderful thing. Royce Rosser recently joined and met many of us at our last breakfast. Welcome, Royce! We also have many members who have recently made their first out-of-town tours with us. Congratulations to all of these 'no-longer-virgin' tour goers! The tours are where everyone really has the opportunity to become better acquainted.



Our recent Spring Tour to Guthrie was a dandy. Our drive out to the Lazy E Ranch (or was it the Easy Lay Ranch??) was a unique find. I never knew there was a sport of riding and shooting and was even more surprised how popular it was. There were cowboys and cowgals from all over the midwest competing in this interesting competition! They even have regional and national competitions. Who knew?? The toe tapping Blue Grass concert on Saturday evening was extremely entertaining. And at the Round Barn, Charlie located our club brick which just happened to be positioned just outside the door of the outhouse! Is there a message here? Inside the Round Barn was a scale model of the unique vintage structure. The model was built by none other than Ralph's uncle. It appears that Ralph is not the only one with amazing talent in his family!

Harold and Ruby Misner are relatively new members and just finished their first tour with us.

They were very excited to go the entire weekend without any mechanical issues and were within 3 miles of their home when their motor suddenly quit! Oh No!! Good fortune was with them, however, since Marvin was following behind them. After some trouble-shooting techniques, it was soon discovered that they had sheared their distributor shaft. Marvin just happened to have a spare distributor and had them back on the road in a jiffy. They were very thankful and also very apologetic for holding up some folks anxious to get home. But we have all been in their shoes and understand when driving around in vehicles that are 84+ years old, anything can happen. And the more we drive, the more we learn, and the more reliable our Model As become!

We are so excited to celebrate with Rick and Lesa and their tough little grandson, Luke, after he recently received a new heart. He and family have gone through many, many ordeals. Let's all hope this will give Luke a new outlook for a long life. As we are excited for Luke, we are very saddened for Charlie and Charlotte who just lost their oldest son. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all of the Clevenger family.



**Happy Trails!**





# 2016 SPRING TOUR: RECAP

by Marvin Melage

This year's Spring Tour to Guthrie, OK. in April is now history. But, will long be remembered as another wonderful, fun filled, enjoyable event. There were a total of 33 Model-A's and 77 members attending from the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Model-A clubs. Plus a few guests and modern cars.

The hotel and restaurants did a great job of accommodating everyone and serving some tasty food. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the Cowboy Ride & Shoot show at the Lazy-E Arena. Likewise, at lot of relaxing time was spent visiting Guthrie's many antique shops, museums, and historical sites. If you made this trip thanks for attending. If you didn't make it, be sure to make plans to attend this year's Fall Tour in October and next year's tours.



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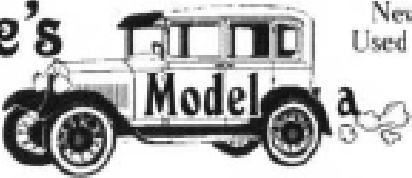




# Calendar of Events

DATE.....	EVENT AND LOCATION.....	TIME
May 7.....	Breakfast, The Hickory House, Cleveland, OK..... following breakfast, drive to Pawnee for Oklahoma Steam Threshing and Gas Engine Show	9:00 a
May 11-14.....	Chickasha Spring Swap Meet	
May 11 .....	Ladies Luncheon, Rustic Hook Restaurant, 1875 North Hwy 66, Catoosa ..... 918-266-8882	11:30 a
May 17 .....	Business meeting - Hardesty Library, 8316 East 91 Street, Tulsa..... Roy & Barbara Cail travel presentation	7:00 p
June 4.....	Breakfast, Dilly Diner, 402 East Second.....	TBA
June 9, 10, 11, 12.....	Texas Tour, Glen Rose Texas	
June 21.....	Business meeting - Hardesty Library, 8316 East 91 Street, Tulsa.....	7:00 p
July 3.....	Fourth on the Third, Barbara Cail will take reservations	
July 9.....	Breakfast.....	TBA
July 30.....	Regular Meeting at Joanna Coopers.....	TB
August 4.....	Breakfast.....	TBA
August 16 .....	Business meeting - Hardesty Library, 8316 East 91 Street, Tulsa.....	7:00 p
September 3.....	Breakfast.....	TBA
September 10.....	Breakfast.....	TBA
September 20.....	Business meeting - Hardesty Library, 8316 East 91 Street, Tulsa.....	7:00 p
October 1.....	Breakfast.....	TBA
October 18.....	Business meeting - Hardesty Library, 8316 East 91 Street, Tulsa.....	7:00 p
November 5.....	Breakfast.....	TBA
November 15.....	Business meeting - Hardesty Library, 8316 East 91 Street, Tulsa.....	7:00 p



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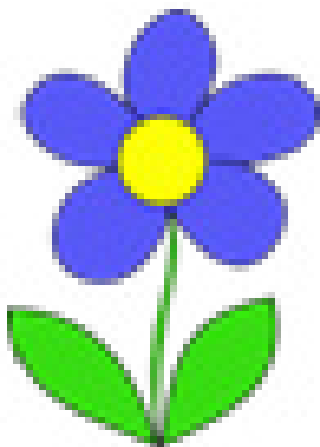




## MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### MAY

- 04 Kent Washburn
- 09 J.D. & Joann  
SAMPLEY
- 12 Terri Ulberg
- 17 Charles Ramsey
- 17 Lisa Ramsey
- 18 Steven & Kenda  
REISER
- 20 Bobby Williamson
- 23 Barbara Cail
- 25 Ted Forcum
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**June 19-24, 2016**, National MAFCA Convention, Loveland, CO

**June 5-9, 2017** Omaha Regional Meet, Omaha, NE



**May** - Edna Pogue and Sharon Lairmore

**June** - Charlie Clevenger and Jan Hamm

**July** - Jeanne Washburn and Linda Mellage



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Linda Mellage 918-629-2978 will be your new Sunshine Reporting person for the remainder of this year. She is replacing Lisa Jensen who had to give it up due to her other many obligations and commitments. Thanks Lisa for all your hard work for the club.

**George James** is now back in Tulsa at the Select Speciality Hospital 1125 Trenton Ave. to continue recovering from his recent surgery.



## CLUB JACKETS, HATS AND MORE

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## *April Breakfast*



## MAY 7, BREAKFAST & STEAM ENGINE SHOW

by Marvin & Linda Mellage

Just a reminder to make plans to attend the club's upcoming monthly May 7, breakfast in Cleveland followed by a visit to the Annual Steam Engine Show in Pawnee.

Plans are to meet and depart from the Sand Spring's Quik-Trip (southwest corner of Hwy-412 & Hwy-97) at 8:00am. From there we will follow Hwy-64 west for about 30 miles to the Hickory House Restaurant in Cleveland for breakfast at 9:00am. Following that we will continue following Hwy-64 west for about 20 miles to the Steam Engine Show in Pawnee. There will be antique tractors, machinery, exhibits, arts & craft booths, and food vendors for your enjoyment.

Lunch will be on your own. And likewise the return trip will be whenever you want to depart. Hope to see you on this breakfast outing.





# 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 Charles Hardesty Library, 8316 East 93rd Street, 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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