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JERRY'S THOUGHTS



“The car brings you more beauty, speed, quiet, comfort, safety, economy and stamina than you ever thought possible in a low priced car”, wrote the advertisement on December 1, 1927.

It is almost forgotten the effects and hardships be told on dealers and others as the huge transition from the Model T to Henry's Lady began. Believe it or not, FMC had suspended the Model T without a plan for a successor. FMC found itself in a major crisis, but gave no sign of hurry or anxiety. Henry Ford's personal standards for many items on the new car created colossal production problems. A few of these included new welding techniques on steel plate, a new under-cowl gas tank, unsuccessful attempts at replacing the Bendix starter drives, hydraulic shock absorbers and safety glass.

Unlike other manufacturers, FMC did not have a development and research staff, or engineering and styling departments that could have been working on advanced projects.

Model T production ceased in May of 1927 and only a prototype of the new car had been developed by July. Only now, FMC faced the tremendous task of retooling for mass production. Thousands of tool and dye makers, pattern makers, millwrights and others were needed to turn Fords many plants around. In October 1927 as the gigantic task of changeover began, many things had to happen before the lines began to roll. It is estimated that the cost far exceeded the 100 million dollars Henry Ford had estimated. According to some observers, Henry's Lady was one of the most striking achievements of twentieth century industrial history. The retooling of the Rough complex was a feat unparalleled by any other in peacetime.

Within two weeks of announcement, new orders for the 'A' reached 400,000. The question remained however, how soon would production be able to meet demand? It was not until February 1928 that each dealer received at least one car. Some had to wait until July for a demonstrator. Deliveries to dealers were slow and uneven, many suffered heavy losses and some who 'hung on' during the changeover eventually succumbed. As the starvation for new cars continued until midsummer, it appeared great errors had been made in scheduling of the big changeover. Only a few thousand cars were produced in 1927 and 1928 produced 788,000. Finally with production problems ironed out, FMC announced it would produce 2,000,000 vehicles in 1929. In June of that year production reached 9,100 vehicles per day! An industry record! By year end 1,800,000 cars and trucks had rolled off the assembly lines.

Ford represented 34% of the 5,000,000 vehicles produced by everyone that year. Ford out produced its closest competitor by 400,000 vehicles, FMC had finally reestablished itself as a leader in automobile production.

NUTS & BOLTS (OR MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS)

by Ken Brust



Well, we all certainly seemed to enjoy the month of May despite some late showers. We had a super-sized group for our monthly breakfast, even when it was 30 miles away in Cleveland. (Do we need to get Johnny Beard a new watch??) Then we drove another 20 miles for the incredible steam engine expo in Pawnee. The weather was next to perfect and the winding hilly roads just the thing for Model As. We followed the "100-mile Oklahoma Garage Sale Road" and no one even stopped to shop!! Amazing!! Greg, Sheryl, Steve and Carla also joined us from the Sooner Club. One suggestion, please! When in caravan and a turn or signal light might cause a break in the caravan, please remember to slow or stop after a turn if you are the last Model A in the group ahead. Pull over and wait until the other Model As catch up and can see where they need to turn. Same for when a signal light might split the caravan. Keep an eye out on the Model A behind you and slow down so that those behind can rejoin the caravan. Just remember the Golden Rule and all of us will arrive together!

During breakfast in Cleveland, Ollie mentioned that the T-Bird Club would be interested in coordinating a joint event. We have several T-Bird owners in our club, so Ollie announced the plans at our May meeting. Mark your calendars now for an outing with the T-Birds on Saturday, June 27, for a short drive in the afternoon for a bite to eat. Remember, we are eating clubs that just choose cool cars to drive from one eating place to another! Thanks to Ollie for coordinating this event!

Also at our May meeting, Roy and Barbara, the premier cruisers of all, presented the program about their trip to Anartica! Wow! What an amazing trip and interesting pictures of the many ice bergs and penguins! Rich, Donna and Marvin also displayed the new club Hubley track! A professional job for certain. Many thanks to these three members! There is no reason now for us not to bring home trophies at future Hubley races. Six couples who plan to go to Texas met recently in the garage of Linda Ochs to fine tune their Hubley cars.

We welcomed another new member to our club this past month. Ross Lord has a degree in criminology

and manages a bank. Guess it must be a pretty darn safe bank to keep one's cash! Ross has a very distinctive voice which reminds me of the story of Paul Harvey beginning his career in radio here in Tulsa due to his distinctive voice. Say hi to Ross and see if you agree with me about his radio voice! His dad used to be in our club, so he recognizes some of the names of those who have been around awhile. Ross is looking for a Model A. Let's all welcome him with a big Aaarroogah!!

Did you know that Susan Schalk recently built herself a unicycle and then learned to ride it? Amazing! Way to go, Susan!! I've had one since I was 12 and used to ride it all over town but not sure I can still master it. Maybe I need to get it out and see how it goes. Maybe Susan and I can have a demo for everyone someday!! Carolyn missed both our May breakfast and meeting and we all missed her. She recently got a new computer! How many people do you know who are 99 years old and getting new computers? Thanks to both Susan and Carolyn, we have some pretty darn amazing gals



among us! Jerry Sloan keeps us posted about George James who recently had a setback with his new jaw hardware. Hope to see you back with us soon, George! With our club's 50th Anniversary coming up soon, we need some of our long-time members to help put together good stories of years past.

You might want to note the Auburn Cord 50th Anniversary is being celebrated June 10-11 in Broken Arrow. Some of us will be in Texas so will miss this interesting event. The website has info: acdfactory.com

Happy Trails!

JUNE 4 BREAKFAST DOWNTOWN FOLLOWED BY BRADY DISTRICT TOURS

Breakfast is at the Dilly Diner located downtown Tulsa at SE corner of 2nd Street and S. Elgin on Saturday, June 4, at 9:00am. Following breakfast we have tours planned in the Brady District to visit the restored Ford dealership building and two private car collections. We hope you can join us.

TRASH BASH

Trash Bash on May 4, was a success. Our car club's sponsored mile on S 129th E. Ave. between 71st and 81st looked great after volunteers came out to pick up the litter. Four large trash were filled. Volunteers' were Jan Hamm, Ken Brust, Jerry Conrad, Kent & Jeanne Washburn, Rich & Donna Robinson, and Marvin & Linda Mellage. Thanks to everyone for their help.



CHECK OUT CAIL TRIP TO FALKLAND ISLANDS

Barbara Cail has made a book containing their photos and journal entries about their trip to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia Island and Antarctica. If interested, it can be viewed on the following link:

<http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=0AZOWrJwzYtGTw4&cid=SFLYOCWIDGET>

CAIL'S GRANDSON CHOOSES FORD FOR RESEARCH

Andrew Homan selected Henry Ford to portray for his Great Moments in History project. Each 3rd grade student at his school, Houston's Presbyterian School, had to select a person who made a significant impact on history. Andrew researched, prepared a speech and made a display. Then, he became a "wax-museum figure" of Ford as visitors came to push a button to hear each "figure" tell their story.

Andrew is the grandson of Roy and Barbara Cail.



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Calendar of Events

DATE.....	EVENT AND LOCATION.....	TIME
June 4.....	Breakfast, Dilly Diner, 402 East Second..... Brady District Tour following breakfast	9:00 a
June 9, 10, 11, 12.....	Texas Tour, Glen Rose Texas	
June 18	Legend at Mingo Road	11:00 a - 1:00 p
June 21.....	Business meeting - Hardesty Library, 8316 East 91 Street, Tulsa.....	7:00 p
July 2.....	NO BREAKFAST	
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.....	NO BREAKFAST	
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..... Chili Supper, Cake Walk and Hubley Races	7:00 p
December 3	Christmas Dinner, Miller Amish Farm	12:00 p

Welcome New Members

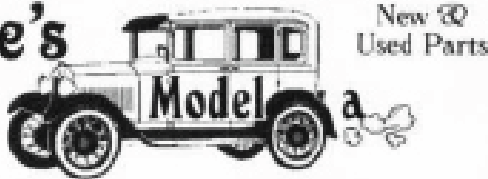


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- 03 Don & Patricia
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- 04 Bud & Tonya
BIESEMEYER
- 04 DeWayne Owens
- 05 Mitchell DuVall
- 06 Greg & Sheryl
HOYLE
- 07 Donald & Loretta
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June - Charlie Clevenger and Jan Hamm

July - Jeanne Washburn and Linda Mellage

August - Carolyn Plucknett and Margaret Soper

September - Faith Bond and Nancy Forcum



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Cleveland

Breakfast



MAY MEETING



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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.

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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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