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JERRY'S THOUGHTS



Summer is closing in on us fast. Cool weather is soon to be upon us.

I've read several stories lately about how different individuals became interested and involved in the old car hobby. I remember when I was about thirteen on a family vacation in Colorado when we came upon a caravan of neat old cars tooling down old route sixty-six. My father was cursing at them because they were too slow and backing up traffic.

I asked him to stop and let me take a look, but he kept on going. I remember how cool they looked with their flared fenders and shiny headlights. I secretly told myself then, that one day I too would have one. I just did not think it would be some thirty-five years in the future. Not until the Tulsa regional in the mid to late nineties, at the Doubletree Hotel, I did I see a gathering of these cars again. After kicking tires with some participants from Texas, I realized that one of these could be had for a reasonable amount of money. The search was on and after several inquiries in as many states, I found my sport coupe right here in Tulsa.

I know almost every one of you has a story to be told and we would love to hear about it. We will even publish it the Rumble Sheet!

On another note, we are looking for several members who would like to step up and serve on our board next year. It is a fun thing to do and it keeps our club active. Call me and I will give you the details.



NUTS & BOLTS (OR MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS)

by Ken Brust

We concluded a warm July with a cool time at Joanna Cooper's incredible car collection. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity every year to visit her amazing place. We enjoyed plenty of ice cream with all of the fixings plus got in some time trials on our Hubley track. The gals seem to really be getting into this. What a great time we had at our BBQ lunch on the first Saturday in August hosted by John and Sharon Lairmore at Gundy's Airport. Due to the rainy morning, only two Model As were among the many modern cars that met to visit another private car collection on the way to the airport. Some pretty fancy machines



in helping Rich, please give him a shout. The sound system worked well and the sweet treats and coffee made for another successful gathering. It was nice

to see Harold and Ruby in our midst again, but we missed not having Carolyn join us. She sends her greetings to all and hopes to be out and about again soon. Info on the Fall Tour to Oklahoma City, October 14-16, looks like another fun time. Fried chicken at Eishens in Okarche is quite an experience if you have never been there, and Bolton's car collection is said to be a fascinating array of vehicles.

Get ready to ease into the fall season with your Model A.

Happy Trails!



for sure! Those who attended our monthly meeting at the library were treated to an interesting presentation by an artist and sign painter who also does pin stripping on vehicles. Quite the talent! A few members were even invited to try their hand at pin stripping! Jerry set out some of his vintage hood ornaments that he has collected over the years. A very unique collection he has accumulated. What he displayed is only 25% of all he has.

Don House shared some large aerial photographs of the Tulsa fair grounds taken in 1941 and again in 1964. They brought back many memories from several of our members. Rich talked about a homes show in the Riverview Neighborhood on Sunday, September 18, where the sponsor would like to have a Model A parked in front of the 4-5 homes to be toured. He mentioned that pictures of those vintage homes usually show a car in the drive. If you are interested

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Gundy BBQ & Steve's Car Collection



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Calendar of Events

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

September 3NO BREAKFAST

September 10Breakfast, Western Country Diner, 1905 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa 9:00 a

September 14Ladies Lunch, The Jenks Restaurant, 215 East Main Street, Jenks, OK..... 11:30 a
shopping after lunch

September 20Business meeting - Hardesty Library, 8316 East 91 Street, Tulsa..... 7:00 p

October 1.....Breakfast, Mimi's Restaurant, 8215 East 71st, Tulsa, 918-254-6333 9:00 a

October 15.....Fall Tour..... TBA

October 18.....Business meeting - Hardesty Library, 8316 East 91 Street, Tulsa..... 7:00 p

November 5.....Tour to Tahlequah with lunch..... 8:00 a

November 15.....Business meeting - Hardesty Library, 8316 East 91 Street, Tulsa..... 7:00 p
Chili Supper, Cake Walk and Hubley Races

December 3Christmas Dinner, Miller Amish Farm 12:00 p

CALL FOR CARS

The Church of Kirk Crossing in Glenpool is looking for cars for a gathering with the Corvette Club on September 3 from 9:00 to 12:00

The Corvette club will be having breakfast at Hugo's Family Restaurant, 543 W. Main in Jenks at 8:00 AM, then drive over to the church.

If anyone is interested please contact Don Reed at donsthunderbird@gmail.com. His telephone is 918-361-6164

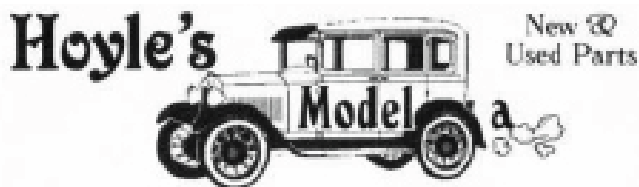


DID YOU KNOW?

That the maximum number of Model A Fords produced on any one day was 9,100 on June 6, 1929

Per a 1963 publication titled the "Model A Handbook" by Peterson Publishing Company there were the following total Model A's built;

*3,960,466 Passenger Cars
1,062,121 Commercial Vehicles
5,022,587 Total*



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FIVE REASONS WHY WE (AND EVERYONE ELSE) LOVE THE FORD MODEL A

by Sarah Kornacki, Media Relations Intern
The Henry Ford, from Script "A" News, August Edition

It's that time of year again, and Old Car Festival inside The Henry Ford's Greenfield Village is the place to see Ford Model As. The beloved automobile will make up almost a quarter of the sweet rides on display this year. But wait, Old Car Festival covers 42 years of vehicles, 1890-1932, so why are there so many from the four years the Model A was produced? After some research and talking with our Curator of Transportation Matt Anderson, here's why.

5. You can drive it on the road - Okay, this one seems pretty obvious. But some restored vehicles, no matter how sexy they look, tend to putt along on side streets with lower speed limits. With higher speeds and better brakes, Model As are known to drive pretty darn well on modern roads. Despite being 80+ years old, many Model As can cruise easily at 40-45 miles per hour thanks to an engine exactly twice as powerful as its predecessor, the Model T. And the Model A's mechanical brake system on the wheels—admittedly less secure than a hydraulic brake system—is safer than the Model T's mechanical brakes on the transmission.

Of course, Model Ts are still extremely popular and drivable, but most vintage car owners want to show off their prized vehicles on the open road, and the Model A gives us more route options. Racing down the freeway might not be an option, but give the car a break—the Model A is older than some of our grandmas. And my grandma doesn't drive the free-way, either.

4. You can learn to drive it without a historian present - So the Model A can handle the road. But more importantly, today's drivers can handle the Model A. The car was the first Ford to have controls we're used to, like gas pedals, and a conventional gear-shift lever to name a few. Before the Model A, Ford "horseless carriages" like the Model T were built under the assumption the driver only had experience driving, well a carriage, horse included.

More modern controls in the Model A help drivers like me and you guess how to, you know, put it in gear or make it stop. We might still need to Google, "how to drive a Model A," but at least we're not completely lost at the wheel.

3. Replacement parts are not crazy difficult to find - If you've got a vintage car that's the coolest, most obscure, one-of-three-ever-made—congratulations. But you know where I'm going with this. Collectors or rare cars

dread the day they need to replace a part because finding one or getting a new one made is no easy task. Not all car buffs have the luxury of that kind of time, energy or money.

But with the Model A, a lot of original parts are still floating around out there since Ford built right around 5 million Model As between the 1928 and 1931 model years. And as our Model A love is no secret, there are now vendors who make less expensive, some-times, more reliable copies of vintage parts. So the Model A is a sweet vintage vehicle, plus, the replacement parts are comparatively easier to get ahold of. Especially if you look in the right places, like Bert's Model A Ford Store in Denver, the Model A Ford club of America's classified ads or the Model A Restorers Club's classified ads.

We're not saying restoring a Model A is easy by any means, but the availability of parts opens up the art of car restoration to more of use because the Model A is fun to restore and maintain, not a giant headache.

2. They're relatively affordable - This isn't rocket science, but it's true. Let's revisit a fun-fact we gave you two paragraphs ago: about 5 million Ford Model As were made, and a lot of them are still around. So the Model A is historic, but it isn't quite rare enough to cost an arm and a leg—a phrase which here means the \$70,000 you could pay for a Packard of the same vintage. Yikes!

Some highly scientific research (looking on eBay) revealed there are decent Model A's out there priced as low as \$6,000. What's not to love about that?

1. Eye-popping styles and colors - There is a practical side to car restoration, like finding replacement parts and choosing drivable routes, but we can't deny the Model A is just pretty. Seriously, we could stare at this car all day.

With new sporty body-styling, the Model A was an instant hit. Millions of people stormed Ford showrooms on December 2, 1927 because, as an Irving Kaufman song of the time period claimed, "Henry's made a lady out of Lizzie." Well, we think Lizzie was always a lady, but the Model A undoubtedly brought some serious class to the early American auto scene, styled to look like "a baby Lincoln," and offered in an array of colors, contrasting with all those black Model Ts. For all his mechanical prowess, Henry Ford didn't have much of an eye for style, but his son Edsel gave the Model A body the elegant finesse that we can't get over. And today, especially in the Motor City, taking a pleasure cruise in a piece of automobile history is really a special treat.

With the looks, the performance and doable restoration—it's no wonder we love the Model A so much! We can't wait to see the approximately 200 stunning, unique Model As driving the streets of Greenfield Village or parked for up-close ogling during Old Car Festival this year. Join us this weekend and we can drool over wire wheels, and glossy colored fenders together.

TAHLEQUAH MODEL A TOUR – NOVEMBER 5, 2016

On November 5, 2016, The Tulsa Model A Club will leave Tulsa at 8:00 a.m. for a tour of Tahlequah which will include the Thompson House and the Murrell Home, with a buffet lunch at Jincey's Kitchen in Qualls.

The Thompson House is a historic home built in 1882 for Dr. Joseph M. Thompson, health officer for the Cherokees and a private medical doctor. Enter the charming entryway and view the stained glass windows or explore the woodworking detail on the staircase banister. From Mrs. Thompson's loom room to the parlor, the home is fully furnished with beautiful antiques.

The Murrell Home is the only remaining antebellum plantation home in Oklahoma and was built in 1845. It was the residence of George Murrell and his 2 wives, nieces of Cherokee Chief John Ross and it still contains many of the original furnishings.

Jincey's Kitchen has a great reputation for home-made southern comfort food and the building, formally a general store, has been in the same family since the beginning and was used in the filming of the movie "Where the Red Fern Grows".



Everything is made from scratch including their famous pies. The lunch will be an "all you can eat" buffet of Fried Catfish, Fried Chicken, sides, drinks, dessert. The buffet price is \$25 per person.

Beth Herrington, a wonderful local historian will also be with us throughout the day talking to the group about the local history of Tahlequah and the Cookson Outlaws.

If you would like to sign up for the tour, please e-mail Melody DuVall at duvallstrans@att.net and mail a check made out to the Tulsa Model A Ford Club



for \$25 per person and mail it to Melody at P.O. Box 316, Tahlequah, OK 74465

The deadline to sign up and pay will be the October 18th general meeting, as we have to give an exact count to the restaurant, since they will charge us for the number of guests that we specify.



MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

- 01 Rodger Johnson
- 02 Kent & Jeanne
WASHBURN
- 03 Richard & Donna
ROBINSON
- 08 Robert & Margaret
SOPER
- 10 Audrey DeCamp
- 11 Dave Pilmaier
- 13 David Black
- 14 Sandy Sewell
- 15 Jeanne Washburn
- 16 Charlene Sloan
- 18 Don Wise
- 21 Ralph & Connie
HUDSON
- 22 Richard Robinson
- 23 Fred Wightman
- 24 Linda Melage
- 24 Bob Soper
- 26 Patrick McCartney
- 29 Ralph Hudson



SUNSHINE REPORT



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Faith Bond &
Nancy Forcum

October

Cheryl Jackson &
Denise Marsh

November

Virginia Harris &
Nancy Forcum



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Business 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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- 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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