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# THE RUMBLE SHEET

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## JERRY'S THOUGHTS



It is hard to believe this year has come down to the holidays! Before we know it, a new year will be upon us. Reflecting back on the past year, I'm grateful our club has had such a fun time. We visited several car collections, teamed up with the Thunderbird club, covered many miles of beautiful country side and ate many meals together. Even more remarkable is how little trouble we had with our model A's! I'd like each of you to be thinking of new destinations and venues for the coming year.

I want to warmly thank all of you for your kind words and actions this past year with the passing of my mother.

Please welcome your new board members. Ross Lord, Jeanne Washburn and Dan Ulberg have volunteered to serve next year. Think about how you could help with the many duties that keep our club up and running, just like our A's. At this time, we are looking for someone to bring refreshments to our meetings and another person to mail out the Rumble Sheets to those that do not have email. Another thing I'd like to touch on is helping out a friend or neighbor with getting his or her model A on the road. Sometimes all that is needed is just a little persuasion and a couple hours of elbow grease.

Involving grandchildren or youth of friends should be a priority. I've often found just a short ride in a model A will give a youngster a ride to remember. This happened to me at a young age by a kind neighbor and I've never forgotten it.



Happy trails to all, and have a safe holiday and a prosperous new year.



# NUTS & BOLTS (OR MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS)

by Ken Brust



Having Tory's sister here for 5 weeks has kept us hopping. In addition to that, we had Dr. Marvin make a house-call to check on Ruthie who has an abnormal motor noise. Hopefully, by January in the new year, we will be back to almost normal. It was good to see Jan Hamm back on the road to recovery as well as Benny who has made it back to the coffee gang on Tuesday mornings. Glad you both are healing well.

Back to Marvin, who has helped many of us over the years with our ailing, old cars. Most of you know, if you have been in his meticulously clean and organized garage, that nothing is out of place and his tools and equipment are always handy when needed. Some have sometimes innocently wandered off with a wrench in their pocket or a screwdriver left on their floor board. Not I, of course. But Marvin always manages to somehow track the culprit and



missing tool down. Recently, after a Tuesday morning coffee BS session, Marvin found one of his wrench sockets still attached to a lugnut on one of the cars that had been just recently out to his mighty-clean and organized garage. Ooh, can you color

Marvin red? Words, accusations, excuses, blame, reprisals and denials were all fully flowing! But was it a prank? A joke? The event ended with everyone laughing and Marvin retrieved his socket but some were still confused. Was Marvin set up or did he set up someone else? These Tuesday morning coffee drinkers are a sly vintage for sure. Nothing is sacred, so come with a tough skin! Right, Charlie?

Congratulations to Kent and Jeanne for reaching 40 years of membership in MAFCA! Well done, you two! Thanks to President Conrad for answering

two calls for help recently. He made a 94-year-old gentleman mighty happy when given a ride in a Model A for his birthday. Jerry also helped the oilmen's Exchange Bank downtown celebrate its 100th birthday by parking his car out front along with a Model T during the birthday festivities.

Our club gets more and more visibility each year it seems with all that we all do! Our 2017 calendar is filling up quickly with places to go and



things to see. I have two reunions to attend with old military aviation groups and we just reserved our hotel room for the Omaha Regional Meet in June. Two old Marine friends who have Model A's are planning to meet us there. Better get your rooms now to insure you will be in the host hotel. You can thank me later. Next year should be exciting with a new US President, a new Tulsa Mayor and several new Board members leading us into the future. Let's support them all and make it a super year!

**Happy Trails to You.**



# MOVING ASSEMBLY LINE AT FORD

In 1913, for the first time, Henry Ford's entire Highland Park, Michigan automobile factory is run on a continuously moving assembly line when the chassis—the automobile's frame—is assembled using the revolutionary industrial technique. A motor and rope pulled the chassis past workers and parts on the factory floor, cutting the man-hours required to complete one "Model T" from 12-1/2 hours to six. Within a year, further assembly line improvements reduced the time required to 93 man-minutes. The staggering increase in productivity effected by Ford's use of the moving assembly line allowed him to drastically reduce the cost of the Model T, thereby accomplishing his dream of making the car affordable to ordinary consumers.

In introducing the Model T in October 1908, Henry Ford proclaimed, "I will build a motor car for the great multitude." Before then, the decade-old automobile industry generally marketed its vehicles to only the richest Americans, because of the high cost of producing the machines. Ford's Model T was the first automobile designed to serve the needs of middle-class citizens: It was durable, economical, and easy to operate and maintain. Still, with a debut price of \$850, the Model T was out of the reach of most Americans. The Ford Motor Company understood that to lower unit cost it had to increase productivity. The method by which this was accomplished transformed industry forever.

Prototypes of the assembly line can be traced back to ancient times, but the immediate precursor of Ford's industrial technique was 19th-century meat-packing plants in Chicago and Cincinnati, where cows and hogs were slaughtered, dressed, and packed using overhead trolleys that took the meat from worker to worker. Inspired by the meat packers, the Ford Motor Company innovated new assembly line techniques and in early 1913 installed its first moving assembly line at Highland Park for the manufacture of flywheel magnetos. Instead of each worker assembling his own magneto, the assembly was divided into 29 operations performed by 29 men spaced along a moving belt. Average assembly time dropped from 20 minutes to 13 minutes and soon was down to five minutes. With the success of the magneto experiment, Ford engineers put the Model T motor and then the

transmission on moving assembly lines. On October 7, 1913, the chassis also went on the moving assembly line, so that all the major components of the Model T were being assembled using this technique. Ford rapidly improved its assembly lines, and by 1916 the price of the Model T had fallen to \$360 and sales were more than triple their 1912 level. Eventually, the company produced one Model T every 24 seconds, and the price fell below \$300. More than 15 million Model T's were built before it was discontinued in 1927, accounting for nearly half of all automobiles sold in the world to that date. The affordable Model T changed the landscape of America, hastening the move from rural to city life, and the moving assembly line spurred a new industrial revolution in factories around the world.

## 1000 MILE CLUB

by Roy Cail

The year is winding down quickly and the time for those participating in the 1000 Mile Club is coming to a close. In order to have the dash plaques available to distribute at the January meeting I will need your odometer reading no later than December 12. Our last driving event is schedule for December 10 which allows you to capture your last miles especially for those close to 1000 miles. Please send your odometer reading(s) to [roycail@cox.net](mailto:roycail@cox.net)



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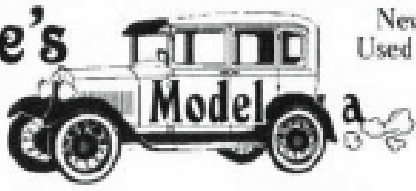


# Calendar of Events

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

December 3 .....Christmas Dinner, Miller Amish Farm, 5774 West 620 Road, Chouteau..... 12:00 p  
 December 10 .....Catoosa Christmas Parade ..... 2:00 p  
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- 10 Dorothy Smith
- 16 Donald House
- 16 Ken & Tory  
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- 21 Don & Jessie  
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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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- 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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