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Greetings from your president Linda

Fall has arrived. This means cooler days for the A's and owners, and pretty foliage to see as we take the A's for those drives.

I'm so glad we had our Model-A Playday this year. It was such a success. Thanks to Marvin Mellage, Rich Robinson, and Kent Washburn for arranging the games and to all the club members who helped. Also, thanks to Dan Ulberg making the arrangements for our club to use his church to accommodate our lunch and the parking lot for the games. We had 49 attending and 23 Model-A's.

Keep in mind the club needs 4 new board members for 2018-2019. If you are interested or have questions please notify any of the nominating committee members

*Linda Mellage,
Dan Ulberg, or
Jeanne Washburn.
Volunteers are
needed by the
October 17, General
Meeting.*

*Lesa Jensen
Ryker a former car
club member, has*

invited the car club to a Vintage Camper Rally Tour and Car Show. She would like for us to bring some Model-A's to the show. There are no trophies or judging. The date is October 14th, at Lake Keystone, Manford OK. More information will be e-mailed by Steve Riser.

The Fall Tour is coming up October 27-29, 2017 in Hugo OK. The Tulsa club Fall Tour Committee Ken & Tory Brust and Kent & Jeanne Washburn have put in a lot of time and effort to make this a great event. There is more detailed information in our newsletter.

It saddens us to have a lost a wonderful club member and friend. Edna Pogue passed away in September. Please keep her husband Jim and family members in your prayers.

See you down the road...

Linda Mellage



NUTS & BOLTS (OR MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS)

by Ken Brust



We begin October with sad and heavy hearts after learning of Edna's recent passing. She was a true sweetheart who was always so happy and fun to be around. Our most sincere sympathy goes to Jim and family. Edna Pogue will truly be missed but forever remembered very fondly.

The Tuesday morning coffee group continues to be quite active. Not sure how welcome we might be with McDonalds, however, since a new sign has been placed in the rear of the dining area right where we always gather!! Are they trying to tell us something??



Robert and Elaine Bullard, members of our club but who now reside in the Houston area, completed a long and most interesting Model A adventure this past summer. Elaine has written an excellent report on their trip in this issue. Many thanks to the Bullards and we are glad to hear they remained on high ground during Harvey's recent assault!

Interest in the Hugo Fall Tour to see the elephants continues to build. The hotel now reports a full house with 43 rooms booked by our group. We only have 31 registrations in hand at this writing so we don't have a precise count, but it appears we will have a very large group. With this in mind, please understand that there will be some waiting periods during hotel check-ins and eating servings. Please accept this slight inconvenience; be patient and enjoy the camaraderie. We will turn in the tee shirt order soon, so if anyone wants to add a shirt, let me know ASAP! Plan to meet at the Sutherland's parking lot on South Memorial at 151st Street in Bixby on Friday, October 27, at 9:00am, gassed and ready, to caravan down to Pete's Place in Krebs for lunch. Don't forget your walkie talkie and name tags! (See Updated Fall Tour Itinerary in this issue!)



Many thanks to those who have helped with our 50th Anniversary planning effort for 2018. Marvin & Linda, Jerry Sloan and Roy have already pitched in to provide help. How about more? Don House? Merv? Who can write something about our 25th anniversary? Connie & Ralph? How about those of you who were here when the club split? Send me some of your memories and stories from our past 50 years. Also, I would like for everyone to write about their Model A or A's. I'm counting on you for your help.

Happy Trails!



Car games

MODEL-A PLAYDAY – AND THE WINNER IS.....

Thanks to the members our Model-A Playday was a well attended, fun, and enjoyable day. It included a tasty catered lunch, brief general meeting, a test of driving skills, and coordination abilities, resulting in a good time for all.

There were six games for members to test their athletic ability and concentration. The name of the game, number of players, and first and second place winners were as follows:

Game Name	# Players	1st Place	2nd Place
Spark Plug Tune-Up	23	Johnny Nicholson	Chris DuVall
Tire Pump Bust	27	Mckade Mellage	Marvin Mellage
Fan Belt Toss	34	Mckade Mellage	Chuck Ream
Race Around the Pole	19	Roy Cail	Ralph Hudson
Hub Cap Toss	22	Linda Ochs	Jeanne Washburn
Bulls Eye Stopping	19	Ralph Hudson	Jerry Conrad



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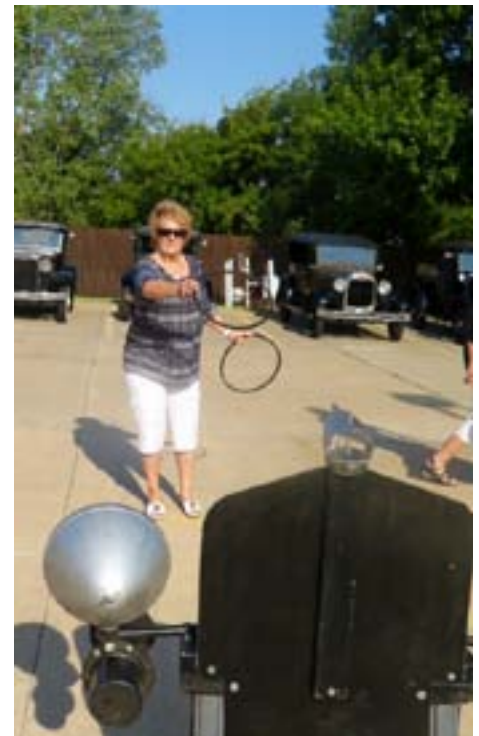
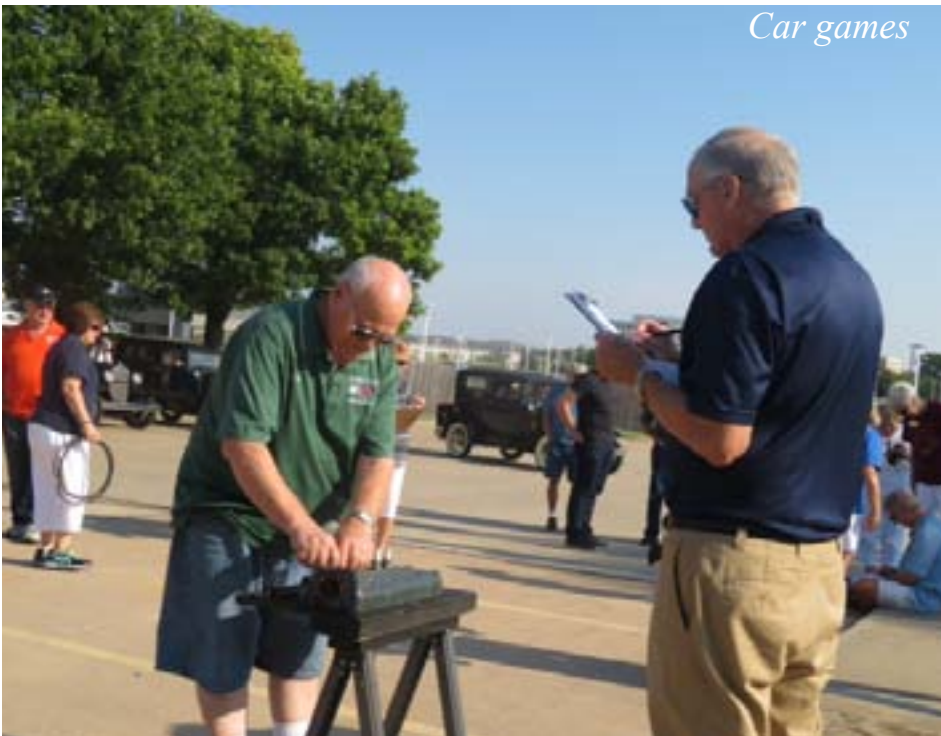


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE..... EVENT AND LOCATION TIME

- October 3.....Board meeting, Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 91st St, Tulsa, Ash Room..... 7:00 pm
- October 7.....Breakfast, Mimi’s Cafe, 8215 East 71st Street, Tulsa.....8:30 am
- October 10.....Ladies Lunch, El Guapo’s Mexican Restaurant, 332 East First Street, Tulsa 11:30 am
- October 13.....General Meeting, Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 91st St, Tulsa 7:00 pm
- October 27-29 Fall Tour, Hugo, OK - Hosted by the Tulsa Model-A Club.....8:30 am
depart Sutherlands at 151st & Memorial
- November 4....Breakfast, TBA.....8:30 am
- November 7....Board meeting, Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 91st St, Tulsa, Ash Room..... 7:00 pm
- November 11 ..Claremore Veterans’ Parade, Claremore, OK 11:11 am
- November 14..Ladies Lunch, TBA..... 11:30 am
- November 21..General Meeting, Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 91st St, Tulsa 6:30 pm
Chili Dinner and CLub’s Board Elections
- November 29-December 2 - 2017 MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Oklahoma City, OK.
Hosted by the Sooner Model-A Club
- December 2Breakfast, Egg It On Cafe, 1131 South Aspen Avenue, Broken Arrow8:00 am
Southeast corner of 81st & 145th
- December 2Broken Arrow Christmas Parade -line up at 9:00 am, 10:00 am
- December 5Board meeting, Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 91st St, Tulsa, Ash Room..... 7:00 pm
- December 9Catoosa Christmas Parade..... 2:00 pm
- December 12 ..No Ladies Lunch in December
- December 16 ..Christmas Party, Belvedere Mansion & Tea Room 11:00 am
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- December 19 ..NO GENERAL MEETING

Car games



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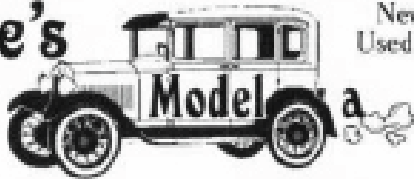
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OCTOBER

- 1 Dan Morris
- 1 Gary Sullivan
- 3 Joanna Cooper
- 3 Dave & Deborah PILMAIER
- 4 James Ramsey
- 5 Linda Ochs
- 6 Jim & Teresa STODE
- 11 Carolanne Mahan
- 16 Ruth Walthall
- 19 Ted & Nancy FORCUM
- 20 Don Reed
- 21 Mark Riggin
- 22 Roy Cail
- 22 Laura Judkins
- 23 Marvin & Linda MELLAGE
- 24 Michael & Nancy AICHELE
- 25 Deborah Pilmaier



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FINANCIAL INFO

Income – \$40
Expenses – \$479.35

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October

Tory Brust, Jan Hamm

November

Virginia Harris,
Charlotte Celvenger

December

Jeanne Washburn, Donna Robinson



WASHBURNS CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY



FYI RELATED

October 14, 2017 - Vintage Camper Rally & Car Show, Keystone Lake, Mannford, OK 10:00 am - 2 pm (more information coming via email)

October 18-21, 2017 - Chickasha Fall Swap Meet

November 29 - December 3, 2017 MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Sooner Model A Club, OKC

March 16-17, 2018 - Kansas Sunflower Swap Meet, Wichita

March 16-17, 2018 - Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet

June 3-8, 2018 Heart of America Model A Club Regional Meet, Springfield, MO

June 7-9, 2018 - Texas Tour, Fredericksburg, TX



ITiNERARY

FRiDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:30 am

- Depart Sutherland's at 151st and Memorial.
- Gas up at QT across street prior to departure!
- Caravan to Krebs with a pitstop in Checotah

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

- Cheese shopping & gas up in Krebs.

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

- Lunch at Pete's Place in Krebs.
- Sooner Club joins group
- Door prizes!!

2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

- Caravan with pit stop in Clayton at Choctaw Country Market then to HiWay Inn Express Hotel in Hugo
- Dinner on own.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:00 am - 9:00 am

- Breakfast in hotel.
- Pay \$20/person "cash only" for elephant tour.

9:40 am

- Caravan to elephant tour.

10:00am - noon

- Elephant tour in Hugo

Noon - 2:00 pm

- Lunch at Circus City Diner
- Return to hotel on own after lunch

2:30 pm

- Depart hotel for Cemetery visit of Showmen's Rest

3:00 pm

- David Rawls, Hugo City Manager, gives presentation on circus life.

4:00 pm - 5:30

- Free time.
- (Visit old depot museum and Harvey House on own.)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

- Dinner as group at Trolly (former Harvey House)
Door prizes!!!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00 am - 8:30 am

- Breakfast in hotel.

8:30 am

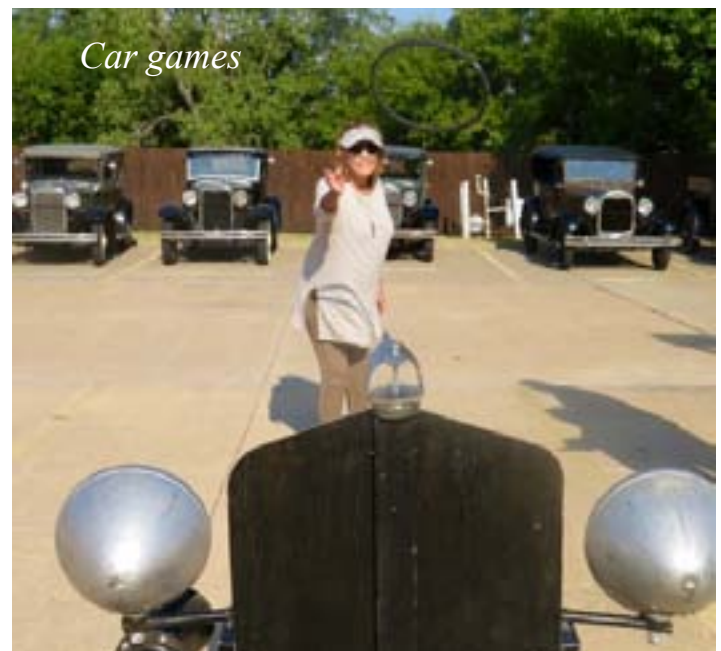
- Depart for Wilburton, OK with pit stop in Clayton at Choctaw Country Market

11:30 - 1:00 pm

- Lunch in Wilburton at Oklahoma Eastern State College dining room. Get gas after lunch since next 50 miles fuel stops are scarce! Bid farewell to Sooner Club members

1:30 pm

- Depart for home. Pit stop just after crossing I-40.



EDSEL B. FORD

Condensed from several articles in 1989

by Edsel owner Ron Osborn

Drawings by Harry Bradley

Part Two Submitted by Roy Cail

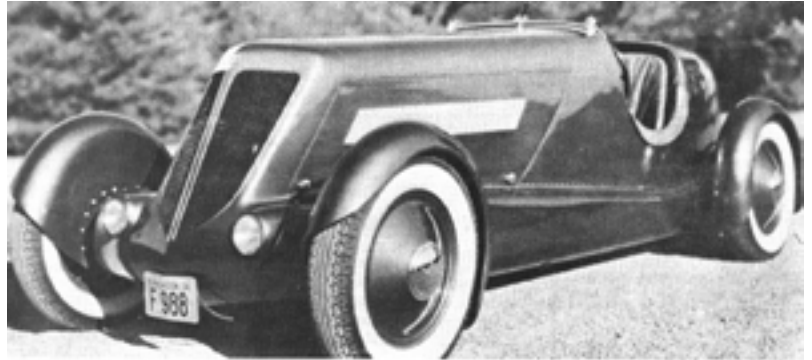
Edsel was twenty-five years of age when he became President of Ford, but the appointment was no more than a cruel hoax. Foxy old Henry had redesigned the Presidency and was making noises about organizing a rival firm to build a better and cheaper car than the Model "T". Henry had no intention of relinquishing control of the Ford Motor Company, nor did he plan to organize another company. He was simply diluting and very effectively the value of Ford's stock, preparing to buy out the small minority stockholders and assume total control. Edsel was being manipulated, and he would be manipulated, harassed, tormented and humiliated all the remaining days of his life.

Once, when all the Ford brass, including Henry, were attending a luncheon, Henry rose from the table and yelled at Edsel to "shut up", and stormed out of the room. Apparently Henry had overheard Edsel remarking that there was some merit in placing hydraulic braking systems on all Ford products, which were being done on virtually all of Ford's competitors. It didn't pay to criticize Ford cars - not in Henry's presence at least - and this included Edsel. One side note on the subject; Edsel's brother-in-law and closest confidant, Ernest Kanzler, had learned that in 1926. Kanzler, a second Vice President at Ford, composed a six-page letter in January of that year, pointing out that Chevrolet sales were rapidly gaining, while Ford's were in sharp decline. Kanzler, while delicately refraining from direct criticism of Henry's beloved Model "T", called for a more competitive six cylinder car. "With every additional car our competitors sell, they get stronger and we get weaker."

It backfired, and Henry was furious. Thereafter, Ernest Kanzler found himself ignored, ridiculed, and victimized in every conceivable way. Ultimately, while Edsel was out of the country, Henry had Kanzler fired. On one occasion, Edsel had contracted for the construction of a new office building. It seems both Accounting and especially the Sales department had long since outgrown their quarters. Henry was out of town at the time that the plans were made and the contracts let. (One suspects that this may not have been coincidental!) Upon his return, the elder Ford took note of the excavation that was underway and demanded to know what was going on. Edsel, doubtless with a mixture of pride and dread, described the new building which would supply Company with badly needed office space. Henry wanted to know for whom? This should have been Edsel's cue to pitch for the needs of

the Sales department - something Henry could understand. Instead, however, the younger Ford mentioned first the accountants. Without waiting to hear another word, Henry turned and marched out of Edsel's office.

The next morning, when the accountants reported for work, they found their offices stripped. No desks, chairs, files or telephones. Even the carpeting was gone, and they were out of a job. Henry had abolished the Accounting department with which he had never had any patience with anyway, and overnight had seen to the removal of its furniture and equipment. He then informed Edsel that there was now plenty of room for the Sales staff.



People wondered then, and still wonder, why Edsel put up with such treatment. A few reasons I found were:

- Some said it was out of love for his father.
- Edsel had three sons. Perhaps he was simply hanging on until the day that they could take over.
- Doubtless there was the factor of family loyalty. For Edsel to have left the Company would almost certainly have depressed the value of Ford stock, all of which was held by family members.
- Others, more cynical, pointed out that Edsel derived a very handsome income from the Ford Motor Company.
- Most importantly, from all the evidence, Edsel Ford was simply not a combative individual. Confrontation and conflict were totally foreign to his nature.

In any event, Edsel mostly kept his torment to himself. Only rarely did he reveal his inner emotions to anyone - some perhaps to his wife Eleanor, and to Ernest Kanzler before he was fired by Henry.

Frustration and suppressed rage make a poor recipe for good health and long life. Not surprisingly, Edsel fell victim to ulcers. In time, the ulcers led to something far worse. Early in 1942, he underwent abdominal surgery. Ten months later, he was hospitalized again, this time for something called Undulant Fever. (My medical book describes this as a persistent form of Brucellosis transmitted to humans from lower domestic animals, or by their by-products, and characterized by a recurrent fever, sweating and pain in the joints). As part of a bland diet, Edsel had been drinking milk from his father's dairy, and of course old Henry would not permit the testing of his herd,

much less the pasteurization of the milk. But the doctors found something far worse than undulant fever, as bad as that was. Edsel's ulcers had become cancerous, and his condition was deemed inoperable. He was sent home to die.

Henry Ford refused to admit the truth about his son's condition. "It was all due to Edsel's high flying lifestyle", he said. "If Edsel would stop smoking or eat a proper diet, or go see other doctors, his health would improve". But early in the morning of May 26th, 1943, death came for Edsel Ford. As I mentioned earlier, he was only 49. This story might have had a different ending if Edsel had been able to stand up to his stubborn father, demanding that he be allowed to run the Company without interference. But Edsel was Edsel, putting the feelings of others before his own.

Edsel did make an impact during his short life, though:

- On his community. For years Edsel Ford was one of the largest donors to the Detroit Community Fund.
- On the Arts. A talented landscape artist in his own right, Edsel served for many years as President of the Detroit Arts Commission.
- On the product line. It was Edsel who influenced his father to take over the bankrupt Lincoln Motor Company, saving one great car from the fate of so many others during the '30's.
- On his family. Edsel was the kind of parent who always was there, sharing the joys and problems of his children. Edsel's final irony was the fact that the car that was intended by his family to do him honor turned out to be a dismal flop. And, yes, on his father. In the end, it was Edsel who persuaded the old man to replace the Model "T", to mechanize his windshield wipers, to adopt - finally - hydraulic brakes, to engage in some semblance of long range planning and to make peace with organized labor. One has to wonder whether Henry Ford ever comprehended what he had done to his only son. It seems unlikely. Certainly he never even began to understand this complex gifted man, nor did he ever really try. Nevertheless, he was grief stricken at Edsel's death. Less than four years after Edsel's death, the old man himself was gone.

In conclusion, I think a statement made in 1970 by Mr Henry Edmunds, Director of the Ford Archives, pretty well sums things up when he said:

"Edsel was responsible for many good things in the Company's history - insistence on verve and dash in product styling, on a reliable and safer product, on fair and courteous relationships with dealers and the public. He possessed an unquenchable sense of fitness, an insistence on doing the right thing. A single instance among many would be his little-known achievement in making Ford Overseas a strong segment in the Ford marketing empire.

He did all the essential things that Henry refused to do, and consequently held the Company together during several crisis periods in the 1930's. In true retrospect, he seems less a tragic figure than popularly supposed. Without him, the Company might never have attained the solid image it was today." HAPPY EDSSELLING!!!

UPDATES

Edsel Ford's 1932 roadster was photographed by Brian Ritzow at the Grand National Roadster Show in Pomona, California in February 2007. He writes, "During the show I got to know the couple that just recently became the owners of this car. They apparently discovered this through a friend as it was about to be junked."

Edsel's 1934 speedster was sold in Atlanta, Georgia for \$1000 after Edsel Ford's death. It was next seen for sale in Road & Track magazine in 1948 for \$2500, but did not find a buyer. It remained in storage until 1958, when it was purchased by John Pallasch of Deland, Florida for a tidy \$603.

Under John's care, the car's gunmetal gray exterior was painted red and the upholstery was replaced with matching red leather. As of 1970, the car was reported belonging to Earl Pallasch of Deland, Florida. It was spotted in Amelia Island, Florida in January 1999, having been purchased by Bill Warner, founder of the Amelia Island Concours. On March 8, 2008, the car changed hands again, selling at an RM Auction for \$1.74 million.



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. Its 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.

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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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