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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**W**e are of course disappointed that the first part of the year has been canceled and our tours have not taken place due to the pandemic and social distancing. Hopefully, the past few months have given us time to clean our Model A's and get them into better cruising shape. Do you know the number of grease zerks on your Model A?

Chris and I have started the restoration on the 1929 Special Coupe. This Coupe was found in a warehouse in Tulsa, somewhat in pieces. The previous owner never found the time to work on it except for tearing it apart like Thorndyke wanted to do to Herbie in the movie, "The Love Bug". We are currently sandblasting and refinishing the frame, and we will quickly show some progress in putting it back together. We are anticipating cruising in this Model A soon (The one mile cruise for Fine Point is still a cruise). Since it's a two seater, we are not sure where Melody will be... or Chris, but I definitely will have a new ride!



The summer months for the club are looking favorable, but unfortunately June has been canceled. We have personally made a few short runs and enjoyed an occasional picnic in the parking lot of a favorite Mexican restaurant. I hope that everyone else is experiencing some Model A time!

Hardesty Library recently notified everyone that they have canceled all of the scheduled meetings until the end of the year and the restaurants are not allowed to host any large groups yet. We are tentatively considering hosting a backyard picnic in Tahlequah as soon as the social distancing rules have changed. We will let everyone know when scheduling will be possible. At this point we are still on track for an ice cream social in July and our hopes are that we will be able to have our first club meeting at the same time.

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Polish those cars,

**Mitchell**

# THE FINER POINTS

By Chris DuVall

Gee, hasn't the weather been great lately? It is very difficult to stay inside. In fact, I find myself going motoring more and more in a Model A. It's the most wonderful time of the year... the time when you can throw back the top once more! As I drive along in my DeLuxe Roadster, I can't help but notice the gas cap. Since we're all friends, I'm not too ashamed to tell you it's a reproduction. How embarrassing, right?

One day, I was exploring some of the parts we have laying around (everyone does this for fun, right? Nope? Just me? Oh well!) when much to my delight I came across an original gas cap that matched original radiator cap I have on my car. There was just one problem with it. It had obviously been in a box and not that well looked after for quite some time. The caps are supposed to be very shiny and reflective, but this one was so dull and scratched up that it almost looked like it had been sandblasted.

I've done a lot of reading about the Model A Ford, and in the volumes entitled, "How to Restore Your Model A," there is an old, but quite informative article about how to restore Model A stainless steel. I would tell you which volume contains the article, but what would be the fun of that? Essentially, you just need a couple of buffing wheels and some polish. Knowing this, I went to work on my cap. Oh, I forgot to mention the last thing you will need: Patience. It certainly takes time, but the results in my opinion are worth it! Figure one shows the progression of the gas cap through multiple stages of buffing and polishing.

I think it turned out swell! It ended up taking about an hour and a half to do this job. You may be wondering how to tell the difference between an original and reproduction cap. After all, do you know if you have an original on your car? There were several variations of the 1930-1931 caps with two main types of knurling on the edges: coarse and fine. The cap I worked on has coarse knurling with 14 knurls per inch. All 1930 and 1931 caps were stainless steel, and none of them were chrome plated. Figures two and three show a comparison of a good reproduction cap along with the original. The original gas cap is on the right in both figures.



Figure 1



Figure 2

From the top, it's difficult to tell the difference; however, the rim is much more defined on the original. From the side, it's very easy to tell the difference. The original has very defined edges and grooves. Additionally, the original is much shorter.

So, maybe you have an original on your car, or one on your shelf that needs to be polished. I will warn you though, I polished the gas cap which made the radiator cap look like it needed to be polished. After that, the radiator shell and headlights looked like they needed a polish, but I had to stop the madness!



Figure 3



*Ken Busby, Route 66 guru, and I came up with an idea on how our club can support Tulsa in attracting Tesla to come here. See what you think!*

Ken Brust



If you ever wondered how our club continues to prosper and stay so active (excluding our current pandemic period), I would say it is due to several reasons. One, we all have very popular cars that are fairly simple to maintain and cause heads to turn every time we pass by. Two, we continue to maintain an involved and compatible membership that enjoys our cars and our variety of club activities. And three, we can thank our past presidents and board members for their continued leadership. This list of presidents over the past 20 years may not be easy to read from photograph. But the plaque hangs in Marvin's garage. Next time you are at Marvin's, take a minute and review these names. Is your name there? We have three blank spaces available.

## CLUB SAYS STRONG Cars, Activities, Leadership Are Key to Success



## Fun Trivia

Find the answers on page 6

1. Based in Dearborn, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, the Ford Motor Company was founded by Henry Ford. What year was it founded?
2. At what speeds did Ford advertise the Model A could travel?
3. True or False: The movie the Outsiders was filmed not only in Oklahoma but in Tulsa.
4. Who wrote the famous Model A song "Henry's Made a Lady Out of Lizzie" ?
5. What year did Henry Ford introduce the integrated moving assembly line to the auto production?

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# Calendar of Events

DATE

EVENT AND LOCATION

TIME

## ALL JUNE ACTIVITIES CANCELED

July 11 .....	Breakfast.....	8:30 a
July 18.....	Ice Cream Social & General Meeting, Joanna Cooper's Place	
August 1 .....	Breakfast.....	8:30 a
August 18.....	Monthly Club Meeting, Hardesty Library.....	7:00 p
September 5 .....	Fishing Derby	
September 15 .....	Monthly Club Meeting, Hardesty Library.....	7:00 p
October 3.....	Breakfast.....	8:30 a
October 8-10 .....	Fall Tour, Van Buren, Arkansas	
October 20.....	Monthly Club Meeting, Hardesty Library.....	7:00 p
November 7.....	Breakfast.....	8:30 a
November 17.....	Monthly Club Meeting, Hardesty Library.....	7:00 p
December 5 .....	Breakfast.....	8:30 a
December 12.....	Christmas Dinner, Freddie's Steakhouse.....	12:00 noon



*“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.”*

**Henry Ford**

## MODEL A EXPERIENCE

By Jerry Sloan

I got a Ford Model A in the year 2000. Some of the mechanical and emotional aspects on my purchase were interesting. Sometimes the mechanical problems were very challenging. Especially when you are thinking is it this? Or is it that? Eventually I would ask some of my Ford Model A Club members what they thought my problem was? They always came up with a solution. When I had my shoulder replaced, my wife Charlene drove us on all the Club Tours. As a young girl she learned to drive a truck. She helped her dad gather hay on the farm. She likes to drive the Model A! She is a great help to me. When driving down the road she suddenly will say, "What is that noise? What caused it? Can you fix it?" I tell her I will check it out when we get home. For some reason the noise is usually gone by the time we get back home.

I tried to use psychology on her. I will take a radio with us. It will hide any noise that might appear. But she insists that she just wants to enjoy the ride looking at the country side and listening to the engine. She knows how the car should operate. When I pull into a gas station, I turn the gas tank valve off just in case the needle valve may hang open. Some times after getting gas I drive off a little ways and the car quits! First thing I think is vapor lock! The engine builds up a lot of heat under the hood while sitting still in the gas station. As I start to get out of the car Charlene will say, "Is it getting gas? Did you turn on the gas valve?" Her knowledge of the car has saved me a lot of trouble shooting time. On a club tour, if the guide car makes a wrong turn! She informs me immediately so that I can react. Modern cars have computers and diagnostic equipment on them. In our Model A I am just as well equipped, I have Charlene!

## MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

# MAY

- 1 Cheryl Jackson
- 3 Harold & Virginia HELTON
- 5 Mitchell DuVall
- 6 Greg & Sheryl HOYLE
- 7 Donald & Loretta HOUSE
- 10 Chuck & Joan REAM
- 12 Allen & Barbara CRAEFORD
- 13 Steven Resier
- 16 Chris DuVall
- 17 Darlene DeCamp
- 18 June Chesser
- 19 Alan Schmidt and Jamie Slack
- 21 Phil & Lara JUDKINS
- 23 John Adams
- 24 Bob & Bobbi KENDALL
- 27 David Lonsdale
- 30 David & Carol HAYES



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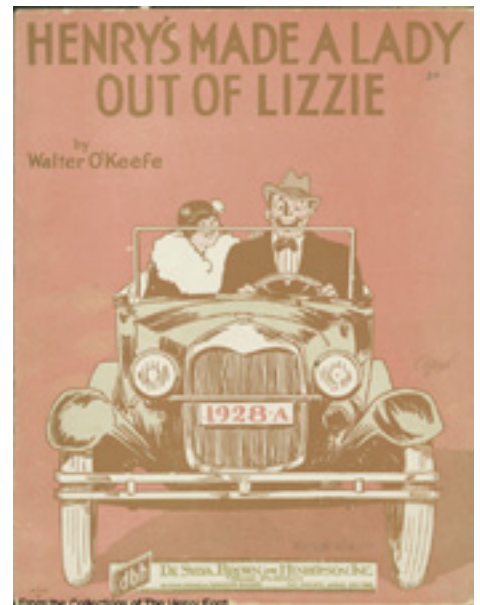


## SUNSHINE REPORT

Call Connie Hudson with concerns at 918 269-7240

## Trivia Answers

1. 1903
2. 55-65 mph
3. True
4. Walter O'Keefe
5. 1913



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## Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon



### Installing New Radiator Hoses

Heat takes a toll on the radiator hoses, especially the upper hose. The radiator hoses on a Model A can be a pain to install, particularly the lower ones with the pipe. Here are a few tips I have picked up to make the job easier.

Use a lubricating non-hardening sealant inside the hose ends to make it easier to slide them on to the engine and radiator necks, and easier to move them around when you need to. The best one that I have found is called Hylomar AF (I get it from W.W. Grainger). A thin coating inside the hose helps it slide around when installing, and will also make it easier to remove in the future.

On the lower pipe, install one short hose on each end of the pipe and secure each with a clamp. Estimate where you want the hoses to be, but be prepared to move them later after a trial fitting. Slide the hose end first on to the radiator outlet at the bottom and slide it far forward. Then work the other end's hose over the cast iron water inlet and slide up. Feel through the hose to find the bead on the inlet and clamp on the engine side of the bead. Then tighten the clamp at the radiator.

The upper hose uses a similar technique. Slide the hose first down on the cast iron engine gooseneck. Carefully work the other end over the radiator inlet and slide it up. Then position the hose clamps near the end of the hose and tighten them.

Do not over tighten the hose clamps, especially the ones on the radiator. If you do, you can buckle and crush the thin brass, and you will cut into the hoses. You should not have to make the clamps too tight if you use some sealant. Start out with them just snug and then only tighten more if coolant drips from the hose when the system is full. After driving a few times, go back and check the clamps, snug them up a bit if needed.

That's it! Have a Model A Day! Jim



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# THE CAR THAT STARTED IT ALL

By Chris DuVall

During part of high school, my dad owned a 1931 Model A Coupe. I don't remember ever riding in it much less driving it. As a result, I never had that much interest in it. I was young, and I liked my Harley and Mustang. We frequently went to car shows, and I remember we always looked at the Model A Fords that were there. They were normally old sedans or coupes that weren't very well restored, and they barely made it from their trailer to their spot in the show. My dad sold the Coupe while I was in high school, and he probably thought his Model A days were behind him. I know I did.

It's now the summer of 2010, and I'm one year away from graduating from The University of Arkansas. I don't have a clue what was on my mind, but I assure you it wasn't Model A Fords. Out of nowhere, Dad found a 1930 Cabriolet for sale on eBay out in North Carolina. So, we were off on a sudden adventuresome road trip! My dad threw in his old copy of the Clymer "Model 'A' Album", and we were off. While I wasn't driving, I started thumbing through the Clymer book, and I was amazed. I had no idea the motorcars came in so many different body styles! I found the below factory photo of a 1930 Cabriolet, and I began to study it.



I fell in love. I remember examining the flowing body lines over and over. Best of all, it was a convertible (every car I have ever owned has been a convertible). I didn't know those existed! The worst part about the trip to North Carolina was that we ended up not purchasing the car.

Later that same summer, the widow of an old friend agreed to sell her Cabriolet to Dad, and he took off to Arizona without us! Mom and I flew out to meet Dad in Phoenix on Saturday, and we began to drive

back with him. I was so anxious to start messing with the car that the drive back seemed to take forever, but we finally made it. It only took Dad about 30 minutes to get the car running, and I drove it over to the house where Mom took this photo. It was my first time to drive a Model A Ford.

The more we worked on it and the more I drove it, the more I fell in love with this car. It was simple enough for me to learn how to work on it. It was fun working on it, but I really fell in love with driving the car. To me, it's a much more authentic motoring experience than a modern car. Soon we got new tires and wheels, and I could really start driving it!



We soon joined the Model A Club, and that created even more reasons to drive the car! At the end of the year for the 1,000 miles contest, some people asked, "Where does he go?" Truthfully, I was just off for a drive! It didn't matter where to! Of course, falling in love with one Model A naturally leads to the purchasing of more. Later that year, Dad purchased the Tudor sedan we drive frequently now. Then in 2014, I purchased my first, a 1931 DeLuxe Roadster. I own three Model A's now, but my Dad's 1930 Cabriolet will always be the Model A that started it all.





# WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THE PANDEMIC?

taken from the May 2020 edition of *The Flying Qual*

Club newsletters are the most important way to communicate with one another. In this time of social distancing you need to find ways to keep the contacts strong.

Here are some suggestions that might help us all make it through these trying times.

## Sunshine:

Most clubs have a Sunshine Column. If you don't have one yet, get it started. This column should provide information about club members who are ill or undergoing an operation. Usually, it provides a means of giving a boost and often encourages others to send cards or communicate with those club members.

## Social:

Our clubs serve as social gatherings as well as car clubs. However, now we don't have the opportunity to get together and converse. Contact your club members and find out what they are doing with all this free time. Some of my club members sewed masks, others baked. I played the bagpipes (no one stands next to a bagpiper unless it's another bagpiper). Pictures work the best along with captions.

## Activities:

Other things that are helpful would be inclusion of recipes. They should be easy. Many of the news services note the increase in baking and the absence of yeast. Make spaghetti sauce that you can freeze for use later. Ask members to share a recipe. Are you reading more and enjoying it too? Include some titles of books that club members are reading.

You could get an interesting discussion group together if you share a book title on a monthly basis. Fiction as well as non-fiction titles are great. You might want to avoid titles that are political in nature.

## Touring:

This is something we all miss dearly. While you are social distancing, you can spend some time getting your car in shape. You can also get club members to participate in a club driving award program. You need to pledge about 800 miles per year.

But the thing we miss the as much as driving

is exploring new places and, of course, eating a meal together. We are blessed (and cursed) with computer technology. This is one occasion when it may be beneficial. What would you like to see or where would you visit if you had the chance? You can visit various locations using webcams such as the following:

- <http://www.earthcam.com>;
- [http://www.earthcam.com/USA/massachusetts/boston/?com=boston\\_hd](http://www.earthcam.com/USA/massachusetts/boston/?com=boston_hd);
- <http://www.earthcam.com/USA/california/sanfrancisco/?cam=rowingclub>.

You can take virtual trips to museums and art galleries such as the following:

- [www.Museumofflight.org/explore](http://www.Museumofflight.org/explore);
- [www.travelandleisure.com/atractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours](http://www.travelandleisure.com/atractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours);
- [www.etour.com/Smithsonian](http://www.etour.com/Smithsonian) Online;
- [www.artnet.com](http://www.artnet.com); or
- [www.etour.com/find\\_now](http://www.etour.com/find_now).
- Martha Stewart recently posted tours of 12 famous museums ([www.marthastewart.com](http://www.marthastewart.com)).

You can explore using Google Earth. You can pick a destination, Mesa Verde for example, and enjoy pictures that other people have posted. You could plan a trip with multiple destinations. If you like the idea of traveling, you can go to YouTube and type in a destination. You can take a trip on Highway 49 in California or a trip through Yosemite Valley or a trip to Four Corners in Arizona. You could visit the Grand Canyon or Arches or Yellowstone. You could even travel back in time and visit Los Angeles in the 1930's or San Francisco in 1900.

And when you are all finished, you can share your experience with fellow club members on the telephone while enjoying lunch at home.

See you down the road.....soon.

Tom Jeanes  
MAFCA, Chapter Coordinator



# ABOUT THE TULSA MODEL A FORD CLUB

## CHAPTER #8231 OF THE MODEL A CLUB OF AMERICA (MAFCA)

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 \$30 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.

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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 - 8:30 a.m., 1st Saturday of each month, location to be announced
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