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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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What a great turn out at the Haskell Airport on June 6th. A great big thank you goes out to Jan Hamm for arranging our visit. It was fun to get everyone together for a short cruise that included free donuts and airplanes! It turned out to be a perfect day with 15 Model A's participating. It was great to see the cars lined up and on the road.

Our next get together will be for breakfast on July 18, 2020 at the Apple Barrel Restaurant located at 3806 S. Elm Place in Broken Arrow. They have agreed to host the group starting at 8:30 a.m. If you feel comfortable in dining out, please join us. We will try to have a short meeting and we will be presenting certificates to all of the owners of a 1930 Model A. As you know the library is closed to groups until the end of the year. We are open to suggestions on a meeting place, so please call me if you think you might know of a place.

Unfortunately, everyone is still dealing with the Pandemic and we are unable to schedule most activities. With the strict rules on Nursing Homes, we have decided to postpone the ice cream social at the home of Joanna Cooper. With the new peak in cases in Oklahoma, Joanna must be very careful to not expose herself or her patients at this time. We are hoping to reschedule this event at a later time this year.

The good news is the Fall Tour is scheduled for October 8 – 11 for Fort Smith and the Talimena Drive.

Should be a fantastic couple of days with lots of scenery and who doesn't like a train ride. The registration form is attached, so make your reservations soon. Also, don't forget about Model A Day on September 19th. They host a swap meet in Hickory Corners along with several seminars. It's a great way to support the new Model A museum.



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Stay safe, Mitchell



OWNERSHIP OF OUR 1930 MODEL-A'S

by Marvin & Linda Mellage

We have owned and enjoyed three 1930 Ford Model-A's. A Tudor, a Fordor, and a Pickup. Each of which has given us lots of enjoyment and memories.

We purchased our first 1930 Model-A a Tudor in 1987. The owner said it was a good dependable car but insisted on following me for the five-mile city drive to our house. Glad he did because it stopped running twice and almost had a flat tire. The families first reactions varied. Linda said, why? Our 14-year-old daughter said it was

too old and she was never riding in it. Our 11-year-old son thought it was the neatest car ever made and was ready to go for a ride. We began using it for short errands and usually made it home without mechanical problems, but not always.

It went with us when moving to Houston, TX. But our kids opted to stay in Broken Arrow. It was then we joined The Houston Model-A Club and began really enjoying the benefits of Model-A ownership and fellowship with other Model-A owners. We drove this car in our daughter's

wedding. I retired in 1999 and the Tudor and us moved back to Broken Arrow and joined the Tulsa Model-A club. We sold the Tudor in 2003.

We purchased our second 1930 Model-A a Fordor in 2002. It was drivable, but we had agreed to do a complete ground up, frame off restoration in my new shop. In 2000 we became the proud grandparents of four grand babies. And they and their parents all lived and still do within five miles of us. What better reason to restore a bigger Model-A? In 2004 the completely restored Fordor was finished and it went on its first club tour. All went well, except it rained the entire day. We drove this car in our granddaughters

wedding. We are still driving the car and have put over 30,000 miles on it. But it has gone through several dependability and comfort upgrades. Our children and grandchildren still enjoy riding and sometimes driving it.

We purchased our third 1930 Model-A a Pickup in 2004. It was not drivable but showed a lot of character and potential. After the first trip to Stillwell, OK looking at it, I told Linda NO WAY would we buy it. After my second trip looking at it, I told Linda we could buy it, get it running, and sell it. After my third trip looking at it, we bought it, washed it, got it running, and are still have it. Fortunately, I never told Linda how long before we would sell it. So far, we



have been driving it for 16 years. And now our oldest grandchild Mckade has been driving and enjoying it.

Over the past thirty three years Linda and I have had our three 1930 Model-A's in 15+ weddings, chauffeured our children and their friends to proms and dances, entered lots of car shows, won a few trophies, enjoyed countless Model-A tours and functions, and driven Model-A's an estimated 60,000+ miles. We have met and enjoyed the friendships of countless Model-A owners and friends. And we look forward to continue enjoying the benefits of Model-Aing for many more years.

THE FINER POINTS

By Chris DuVall

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the beautiful weather we've been having. These golden summer days seem to be made for Roadsters. Has everyone seen the below ad for the 1930 Roadster? "Short are the miles and pleasant because of its alert and sprightly performance, its safety and its easy-riding comfort... Many months of glorious motoring

await your beckoning." Do you think the copywriters had any idea these Model A Fords would present their owners with 90 years of glorious motoring when they wrote this copy? Each time I jump in one of these wonderful motorcars, I fall in love all over again. Isn't the sound the transmission makes as it winds up in second gear simply marvelous?

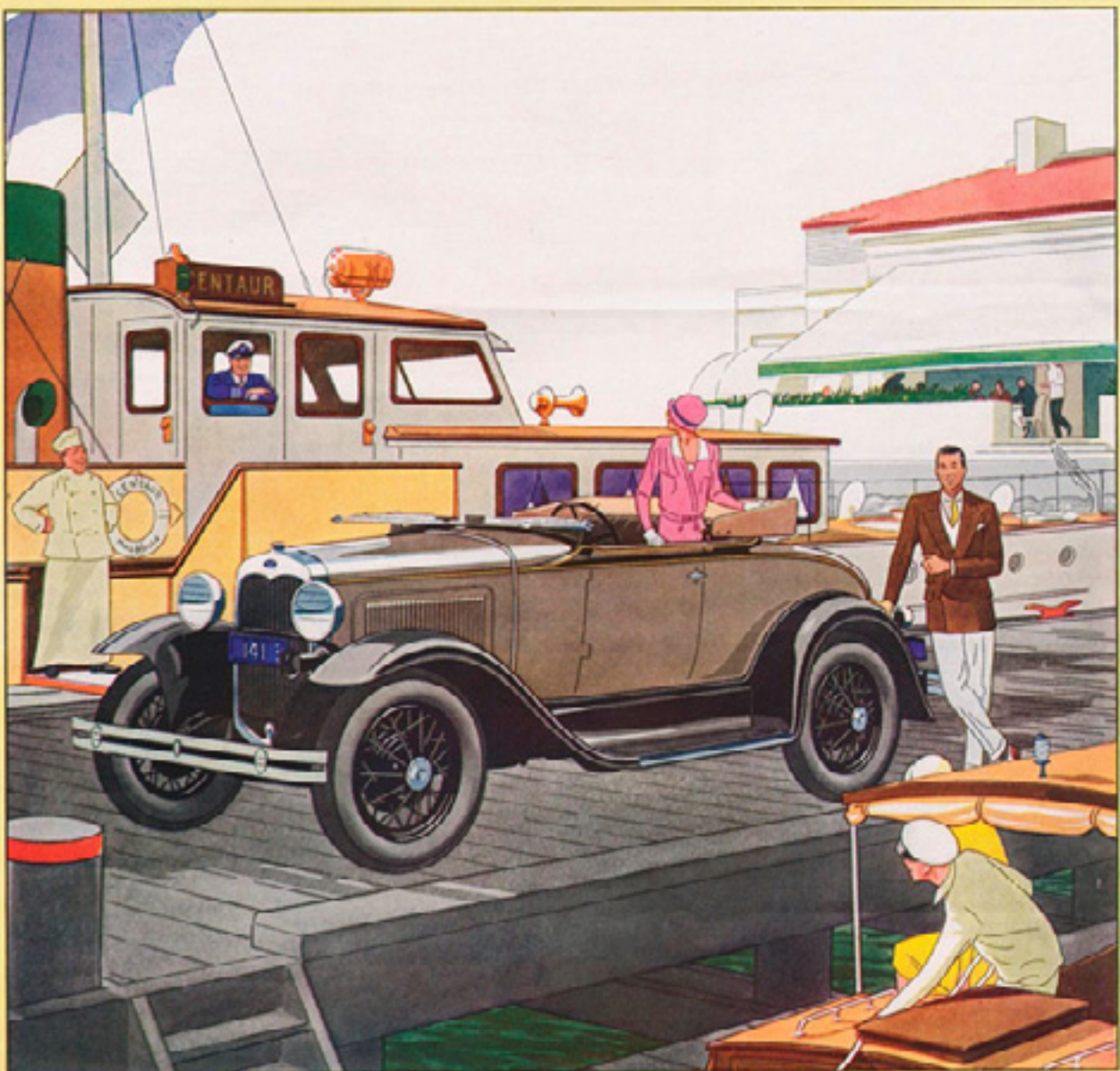
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MCCALL'S MAGAZINE AUGUST 1930

A joyous car for golden summer day

MANY are the delights of the Ford Roadster these golden summer days. Short the miles and pleasant because of its alert and sprightly performance, its safety and its easy-riding comfort.

And what a joy it is to travel along the way with the top down, the blue sky overhead and the fresh, cool air brushing a rosy glow upon your cheeks! Rare indeed the woman who has not hoped that some day such a car might be her very own. That dream, long cherished, may now come true. For the Ford Roadster, with all its beauty of line and mechanical excellence, is most conveniently priced. Many months of glorious motoring await your beckoning.



THE NEW FORD ROADSTER

Speaking of the transmission causes me to think of the undercarriage. There were so many changes to the undercarriage throughout production that the Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards (RGJS) devotes a full 22 pages to the subject, and that doesn't even include the information for VE28 and E28 cars!

Years ago, it seems everyone believed Henry Ford just painted everything glossy black on the undercarriage. Perhaps it was because their cars were so caked up with grease, they appeared black, or maybe it was just because it made the restoration process easier. The Judging Standards Committee has put hours of research in over the years, and since have determined nine different finishes that existed on the Model A undercarriage: Aluminum, Satin Black, Semi-Gloss Black, Gloss Black, Cadmium, Ford Engine Green, Raven, Unfinished, and Zinc.

Can you believe they had three different black paints? Some continue to be skeptical, but it makes sense to me. Some parts such as the frame were dipped and then baked with a quick drying black paint. While other parts like the battery support were dipped with slower drying black enamel (the same paint that was used on the fenders). Additionally, other parts were just left unfinished because it saved Henry Ford the price of the paint. Whereas, more critical parts such as brake actuating parts were cadmium plated so they would last longer. For judging, the undercarriage is one of the hardest sections to judge, and it's worth a whopping 35 points out of 500. You can afford to have a couple of items be the wrong finish, but if you start to have a lot, you can lose points fast!

Obviously, 22 pages were of parts and finishes is too much to cover in one article, but below is a wonderful photograph of my dad's L28 Roadster front end. Incidentally, this front end passed with flying colors through judging. You can clearly see the unfinished drag link end and various unfinished nuts. You can also see cadmium plated grease zerks. How about the semi-gloss axle and the glossy black shock



link? I could go on and on with the details, but what's the saying? Something about a picture being worth a thousand words?

I'll leave you with this, a Model A with an undercarriage that is well maintained and painted all black can drive just as well as a car that is authentically restored with all the hardware the correct finish. I spend a lot of time running back and forth between where I'm painting parts and the RGJS to research finishes! However, I strive for my cars to become more authentic with each thing I do to them. I'm lucky enough to own several of these cars, and eventually I want to get to the point where I can honestly tell people it's "original" when they ask me at a gas station.

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Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	TIME
July 14.....	Ladies' Lunch, The Nut House, 26677 South Highway 66, Claremore.....	11:30 a
July 18.....	Breakfast/Short meeting, Apple Barrel, 38806 South Elm Place, Broken Arrow	8:30 a
July 18.....	Ice Cream Social Postponed	
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
September 19	Model A Day, Hickory Corners, Kalamazoo, Michigan	
October 3.....	Breakfast.....	8:30 a
October 8-11	Fall Tour, Fort Smith and Talimena Drive	
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

Jan Hamm
Haskell, OK
918-482-3004

June 22, 2020

From the Haskell Airport!

Many thanks for sharing your beautiful cars with us this month. There is a large screen mounted on the airport wall with running shots of the cars, including close-ups of the hood ornaments. It is showing every Saturday morning to watch as you enjoy free coffee, donuts, juice and whatever "shows up". The best time to arrive is between 8:00 a.m. until about 9:30 a.m.

Come one and come all to enjoy the mix of planes and cars as they show up at the airport on Saturday morning!

Many thanks from all of us!



**MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

JULY

- 2 Laurie Morris
- 3 Ed & Diane FOUST
- 3 Rocky & Mary Jane SIMMONS
- 4 Jim Strode
- 7 Harold & Ruby MISNER
- 7 Nancy Forcum
- 7 Diane Foust
- 9 Elaine Bullard
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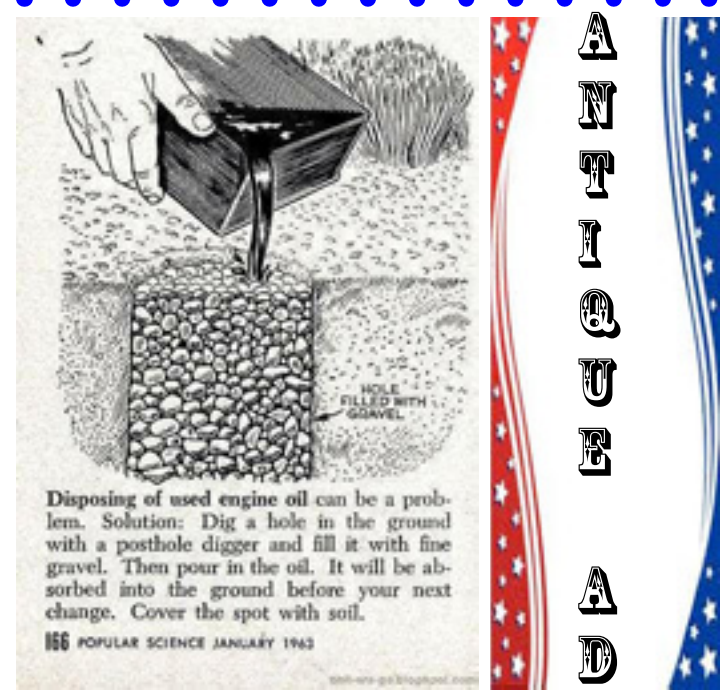
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NUTS AND BOLTS

by Ken Brust

For those of us who were awaiting the 2020 Great Race scheduled to pass through Sapulpa on June 22, it has been rescheduled for August 24. Mark your calendars now and let's welcome the racers at noon at the Route 66 Auto Museum.

Mr. Leake, who operated the popular Leake Auto Show and Auction, recently passed way. Our club helped with the Leake Auction for several years. Fair winds, Mr. Leake.

Have you ever wondered why American drivers sit on the left side of the car and drive on the right side of the road? In 1792, on its newly established turnpike, Pennsylvania required buggy or wagon drivers to keep right. About a decade later, New York became the first state to mandate right-hand travel on all public highways. As automobiles became more common at the turn of the century, safety became an issue. Many cars had the steering wheel on the right-hand side because it was easier for the drivers to keep an eye on the ditches and the sides

of narrow bridges. That changed with the Ford Model T, which moved the steering wheel to the left. The 1909 brochure cited two benefits: letting a passenger exit at the curb and giving the driver a better view of oncoming traffic. Other automakers were inspired to follow suit when the Model T quickly became the best-selling car of the era. Thanks, Henry!

This corona virus has changed everyone's plans over the past few months and continues to challenge us all. Some of my friends had a trip planned in June to California to visit Jay Leno's Garage and the Petersen Automotive Museum. Very disappointing but we hope to go again next February. Both have incredible car collections which you can Google to check out. Stay healthy and wear your mask!



2020 Fall Tour to FORT SMITH & TALIMENA DRIVE Registration Thursday, October 8, 2020 – Sunday October 11, 2020

Name(s): _____

Model A or Modern Car? (Circle one) Cell Phone: _____

Make your hotel reservation at **Fort Smith Hampton Inn – (479)452-2000 - \$84.00 plus tax per night. Fort Smith Hampton Inn, 6201-C, Rogers Ave., Fort Smith, AR 72903. Thursday & Friday only - To get discount rate; state "Sooner Model A Club". Rate available only to Sept. 15**

Friday, 9 October.

Do you plan to go on the A & M train ride to the Boston Mountains; Yes ___ No ___ **(\$54 per person – to be collected with registration. Box lunch & drink included)**

Do you plan to go to the Judge Parker's Court; Yes ___ No ___ (Nat'l Park Pass needed – (Senior pass can get up to 4 people in on one pass)

Dinner on your own



Saturday, 10 October.

Tour Fort Chaffee Museum; "Elvis slept there". Yes ___ No ___
(No charge but donations accepted)

Depart for Fort Smith Harley Davidson Motorcycle Dealership for viewing & Lunch provided by them.
(Maxie Crouch's son runs the Dealership)

PM – Drive to Queen Wilhelmina Lodge to stay Saturday night.

(479)394-2863. Say Sooner Model A Club Rate is from \$95 to \$105 plus tax depending on the view & size (king or queen). Till 15 Sept. Queen Wilhelmina Lodge, 3877 Hwy 88 West, Mena, AR 71953.

Dinner & breakfast at Queen Wilhelmina on your own.



Sunday, 11 October. – Drive Talimena Drive and on to HOME. Have a safe trip. Thank you,

In order for us to get an accurate count, please complete the registration form no later than Tuesday, Sept 15, 2020. You must return the registration form to be eligible for any of the wonderful door prizes.

Please return registration form to:

Sooner Model A Club, PO Box 83192, Oklahoma City, OK 73148

Any Questions, contact;

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NOTE: If you plan on going on the A & M Train Ride, please include \$54 for EACH person on your registration. Make your check out to SOONER MODEL A CLUB

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 \$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
- Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday of each month, Charles Hardesty Library, 8316 East 93rd Street, Tulsa

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