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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Congratulations to Cheryl Jackson for winning the free breakfast at the Apple Barrel Café. The restaurant was a nice facility, and the room was large enough to social distance, as they allowed us to move the tables around if necessary. We had a nice breakfast along with some great suggestions for the club. Members who own a 1930 Model A received a certificate, as we are celebrating the 90th birthday.

We are beginning to add a few short tours and drives to our calendar and we hope everyone will participate when possible. We understand the Covid-19 restrictions and we are doing our best to work with them.

Ollie Harris has organized a tour of the Broken Arrow museum on August 15th at 11:00 a.m. along with a "bring your own" lunch to the Event Park at 12:15 p.m. Please, bring an entrance fee of \$2.00 in cash for the museum, which will be collected before we enter into the museum. They have given us a group rate and would like for us to pay as a group. If you prefer, you could also plan on visiting the Farmers Market before the museum as they open early.

Rev up those engines and let's all cruise to Cushing on August 22nd to the Fly-In Fair. We have attached the flyer to the newsletter. They have waived the \$5 admission fee for our group, and there are lots of activities for the whole family. We will leave from the Café USA, 725 S. Mission St., Sapulpa at 8:00 a.m. Please, let us know if you are planning on joining us.

Congratulations go to Chris DuVall whose 1929 Pheaton was on the front cover of the National July / August issue of the MAFCA Restorer magazine. Way to go, Chris!!

Don't forget the coffee every Tuesday morning at Hunter Park!

Mitchell



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THE FINER POINTS

By Chris DuVall

I'm guessing everyone has started using their air conditioners. I'm still having trouble with mine in the Roadster... it always seems to stop working when I stop at a traffic light. The other day I parked my DeLuxe Roadster next to another '30-'31 Model A, and I was shocked by how much more curved the front bumper is.

I've known for a while the front bumper braces were reproductions, but sometimes it just takes a direct comparison to realize just how wrong they are. The bumper on a '30-'31 Model A is supposed to be relatively flat. Ford did this to give the cars a more rugged and sporty appearance. The below photos show just how different the reproduction braces are from the originals especially how much more curved it is.

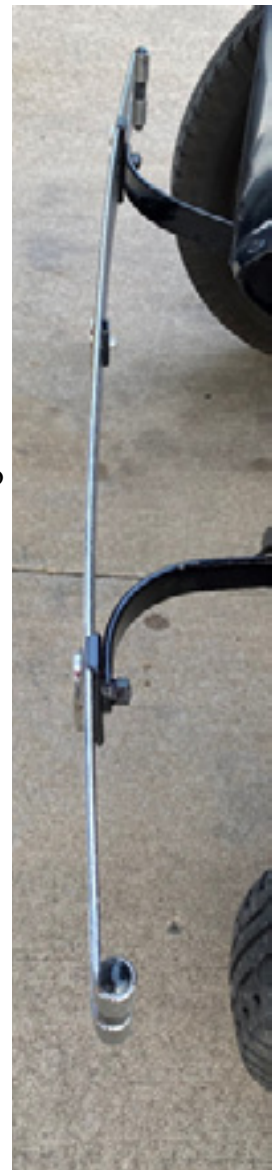


into them, but not always.) Additionally, the original brace holds the bumper well away from the tires. There should be at least four inches between the tire and the end of the bumper.

It only took about 30 minutes to change out the braces on my '31 DeLuxe. Believe it or not, this is the second time I've changed out bumper braces! My '28 Roadster had '31 braces on it when I first purchased it, and I picked up an original correct pair for the 1928 at Model A Day last year. In 1930 and 1931, the bumper arms were attached with special studs which were painted glossy black while the nuts and lock washers remained unfinished. Also, the back part of the bumper clamp, the backing plate, the heavy lock washer, and the nut were painted in black enamel.

The next two photos show the finished product. The bumper is wonderfully straight now just as it should be! Also, I have a rule on my cars: I do not put the hardware back on unless it is the correct finish. So, that added to the amount of prep time for getting this project going.

So, go out into the garage and look over your car a little more! Who knows maybe you'll figure out your bumper arms are correct, and you were one up on me this whole time and didn't even know it! You know what makes the Model A so fun? Merely the fact that it's a Model A so there is always something to be done.



Bumper arms were square on the front end from the beginning of production until early 1931 when rounded ends began



to appear. It is very common to see 1930 or before cars with 1931 bumper arms on them. The edges of the brace are more rounded on the original, and frequently a "C" is cast into them. (Original bumpers also tended to have a "C" cast

MY LATEST MODEL "A"

By Chris DuVall

Recently, I finally got the opportunity to purchase a February 1930 Roadster I've been dreaming about for about two and a half years. We refer to this body style as a "Standard" today; however, when it was new, the DeLuxe did not yet exist since it wasn't introduced until August of 1930. So, it is simply just a Roadster, and it is about as plain as it would have been when it drove off the factory floor some 90 years ago.

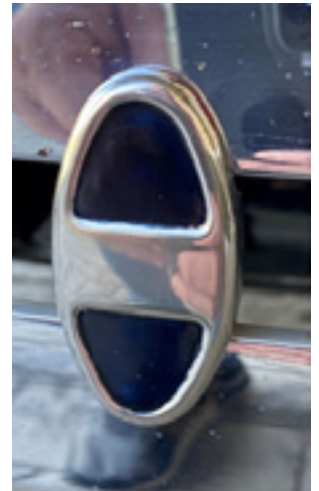
Over two and a half years ago in 2018, I bid on this car on eBay. Unfortunately, I was way outbid, and I figured that was the end of that. In September 2018, my parents and I went to our first Model "A" Day at the Gilmore museum. As usual, my dad and I scouted (can I say "scouted"?) out the parking lot of the hotel looking for nice cars. It was a bit dark, but we came upon this Roadster.

Looking it over in the dark, I told my dad that I was pretty sure this was the car I had bid on a few months back. The owner, Todd, wandered over and started talking to us. He was very nice and told us all about the car. Then, he mentioned it was for sale because the eBay buyer had backed out. My dad and I told him that I'd like to have the car, but I really didn't see how I could justify it since I already owned a 1929 Phaeton and a 1931 DeLuxe Roadster. Especially since Mom kept telling me there was, "no more room at the inn!" I dreamed about the car that night, and I looked it over really well the next day in the sunlight. It was really nice, but I still didn't see how I could make it work.

In 2019, we went to the MARC National Meet in Dearborn, and we participated in Fine Point Judging for the first time. We had a blast! Believe it or not, it was a family event! Even Mom got in there and helped us clean Dad's 1928 Roadster for the show before she scurried off for shopping. Around noon, we took a lunch break, and Dad and I sat at a random table. I looked across the table, and low and behold Todd was sitting across from us. I asked if the Roadster was still for sale. To my surprise, he said it was. We joked about how I really needed the car. By this time, I had purchased a 1928 Roadster despite the claims about there not being "room at the inn." Anyway, we finished lunch, and I tried to put the 1930 model out of my mind so I could finish judging the brakes on the fine point cars.

Around November of 2019, a random guy kept stopping by Dad's shop asking about buying my 1928 Roadster. I wasn't really interested in selling it to him since I had spent about a year transforming it from a run of the mill 1980's restoration to a nice reliable driver. After a couple of times of this guy stopping by, my dad finally said, "You know if you sell this car, we will have room for the 1930 Roadster." A light bulb went off, and I was ready to sell. First, I called Todd to ensure the 1930 was still available, and it was. I made up my mind... I was going to purchase this car.

Todd wanted me to wait until the snow cleared up a bit since he lived in Indiana. I was okay with that since in the meantime, we could sell the '28. Everything seemed to be going my way, but of course this is where things started to fall apart. The buyer for the '28 backed out, but that was alright. I didn't really need to sell it so long as I could convince my mom there actually was "room at the inn." I mean who doesn't want to own a Model A of every year model? The snow in Indiana, however, was a different story. Apparently, it just kept snowing which meant I was unable to go look at it again. *continued next page*

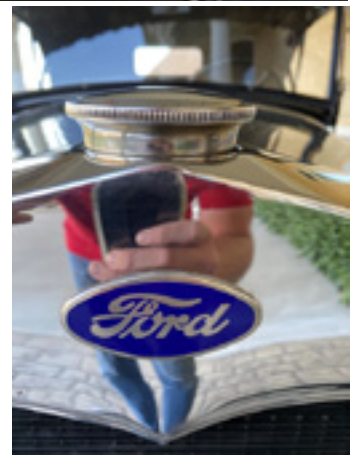


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Winter seemed to drag on and on while we slowly approached March. We were scheduled for a trip to Egypt, and I told Todd I would plan to come look at the Roadster in mid-March when I got back. If I thought my plans fell apart before, they really fell apart when the coronavirus hit. We made it back to America, but everything was locked down.

I kept in touch with Todd, but it seemed I would never be able to head north since everything remained locked down. I was starting to think I wasn't destined to own this particular Roadster; however, restrictions started to ease a bit in early May. I tentatively made plans to go north the last week of May when riots hit nearly every major city in the US. Finally, I made it up in mid-June. To be precise, we arrived three days before my birthday. Happy Birthday to me! I purchased the car despite Todd's wife not wanting him to sell it, and we were finally headed home!

The Roadster was restored in the early 1990's for fine point judging; however, it fell short of becoming a high point car due to some easily correctable small details. Nevertheless, the car is magnificent. What I like most about it is that it's still a Standard. No cowl lights. A trunk instead of a rumble seat. Standard windshield and top bows. The paint scheme is correct for the month and year: Black with Vermillion (Red) pinstripe. Additionally, the interior is correct with Black-Brown trim. Eventually, I hope to restore it as a fine point car, but in the meantime, I think I'll just have fun with my long-awaited Roadster!



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Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	TIME
August 1	Breakfast/Short meeting, Apple Barrell Cafe, 3806 South Elm Street, Broken Arrow..	8:30 a
	The Library has cancelled all meetings for the rest of the year	
August 11	Ladies Luncheon, Sweet Home Cafe and Bakery, 423 South Broadway, Coweta.....	11:30 a
August 15	Cruise to Broken Arrow Museum (\$2), followed by lunch in BA Event Park.....	11:00 a
August 22	Cruise to Cushing, (Swap Meet, Car Show, Fly-in, Arts & Crafts) from Sapulpa.....	8:00 a
	Cafe USA, 725 South Mission Street	
September 5	Fishing Derby	
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	
November 7	Breakfast.....	8:30 a
December 5	Breakfast.....	8:30 a
December 12	Christmas Dinner, Freddie's Steakhouse.....	12:00 noon



September 5, 2020

Harold & Ruby Misner would like to host the fishing derby, but they need your help!

The have requested a count of who will be going to the Derby by August 10th. If enough members respond with a "Yes, we are coming", then they will proceed with plans to host the Derby.

Please, let me know ASAP by e-mail

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Looking forward to a great time!

Mitchell



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- 1 Fred & Randi WIGHTMAN
- 1 Virginia Havill
- 2 Jerry Havill
- 2 Jerry Sloan
- 3 Dan Ulberg
- 5 Ken Brust
- 5 McKade Mellage
- 5 John Lairmore
- 10 Carla Newton
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TO MY TULSA FORD MODEL A CLUB MEMBERS

By Jerry Sloan

In January 2001, Charlene & I joined the Club. The fellowship with other Ford Model A enthusiasts was over whelming! I was restoring a 1931 coupe deluxe. Any time I needed advice or help all I had to do was ask for it. Through all these years the members not only showed concerns for my car, but for Charlene and me personally.

In August 2019 I had a knee replacement. In less than a year June 2020 I had foot surgery. I have missed out on the club activities for a year. But the Club members have kept our fellowship strong with phone calls and letters. I am doing very well on my foot surgery so far. The Doctor this week told me I can put my foot on the floor in the next week or two. He placed screws and staples in all my left foot joints. They should bound together so they will not bend. There was no cartilage between the bones. I thought I would tell you of one episode of my ankle fusion surgery.

When I woke up in the recovery room I had a boot type cast on. They told me not to take it off. It has six two inch wide belt straps holding it in place. There is a two inch wide steel brace rod on each side. They come from the foot plate to the top of the boot. The boot feels like it weights five pounds. At the front top part of the boot is a blue two inch half ball sticking out. I assumed it was a cushion for my leg to rest on. Charlene got me a little knee scooter. It lets me put my knee and leg on it. It is a great help going to the bathroom.

I was home about four days when my foot started hurting real bad! It felt like my foot was being squashed. I called the Doctor. The nurse told me I could loosen the belt straps a little to relieve some pressure from swelling. I kept loosening them for a week or so. Then one day I took the straps off and took my foot out of the boot. It felt good. But when I tried putting the boot back on, my foot wouldn't go all the way back in it! That's when I noticed the boot had a lining inside it. It was full of air. It was inflated so much I couldn't get my foot in to it.

That is when all my technical training as an Air Force trouble shooting B-47 Bomber Crew Chief and a Model 'A' shade tree mechanic paid off! I noticed almost completely hidden next to the two inch blue

cushion half ball at the front top of the boot, there was a little knob. I turned it. The air pressure went out of the boot. Wow! Now I can get my foot back into the boot. The problem was solved! The blue cushion pad was not a cushion pad; it is a push button air pump. Every time I laid my knee and leg on the scooter it was pumping air into the boot walls. I guess I should tell my Doctor he did a great job stitching up my incisions. The squashing from the boot air walls didn't pop the stitches loose! I now can control how much air pressure is in the boot. I hope I don't have any more surprises coming. I think I will tell the doctor they should explain to old people how to operate new high tech equipment when they put it on them. In a few months I hope to be able to physically fellowship with my Club members again.

Please keep praying for America and our leaders. Ask God to keep His protective hands over our families though this coronavirus pandemic.

Thank you.

Jerry Sloan



Roy Cail took this photo of the first men's coffee at Hunter Park on June 30th. The group has stayed about the same size over the past four weeks. Read more about the group in Ken's article Nuts and Bolts. Join us this week and make sure to bring treats so Harold can enjoy!



NUTS AND BOLTS

by Ken Brust

It was a sad day on July 9 when the funeral for Sgt. Johnson was held. He was the first Tulsa policeman killed in over 20 years and some of us witnessed the procession as it moved from the church to the cemetery. It lasted well over an hour with over ten miles of hundreds of police cars, motorcycles, fire trucks and ambulances from all over the state and some from other states! The streets were lined with thankful citizens bidding a final farewell. It left a huge lump in my throat. We cannot thank our police force enough for all they do to keep us safe. We all salute our club members who currently serve or have previously served on the BLUE TEAM. Thank you!

The Tuesday men's coffee group, which originally met at McDonalds, is now meeting on a group of picnic tables in a shelter at Hunter Park on 91st, midway between Memorial and Sheridan. Feel free to drop in around 8:30am. Benny, Sam, Rich and Harold have brought donuts and Jerry and I have treated with sausage rolls in the past. Bring your own coffee and a treat if you want. Jackie Dunn has been sending loads of her prize tomatoes with Andy to share and Carina sent a huge batch of cherry tomatoes recently with Sam which we all greatly appreciate. We had two gals ask us about our cars on a recent Tuesday morning who wanted their photos taken with the cars. Not sure what they might have been selling but they were interesting! It never fails to be entertaining!

It appears a ceramic wax finish is the latest fad as the Ramsey guys and Marvin lead the new trend with their really shiny Model A's. Charlie, don't forget your dump truck!!

A couple of our members have been undergoing new inserts. Rich and Donna have their

engine in Wichita getting inserts while Kent recently had a different type of medical insert installed in his internal system to help with his normal and necessary bodily flow. Good news is that Kent is now back to normal. Rich and Donna have another few weeks maybe to wait.



I know many of us are anxious to get on the road again with our cars. Even though most of us fall into the high-risk category for the coronavirus, I'm thinking we should be able to plan a day trip or two where we maintain social distances with masks when outside our cars. I read recently where Pryor is opening a new place called the Fat Toad Brew Pub. I can't recall the club ever going to Pryor. Bobby or Chuck, want to take the lead and let's do a drive-by to check this out for a future eating stop? Or, maybe a drive over to visit the Route 66 train village again where many of us bought bricks? I hear they have recently laid down a new batch of donor bricks and started work on the new depot. Whatcha think?

Our club fishing derby is tentatively scheduled for September depending on this virus situation plays out! I hear Rich and Donna even sneaked over to the fishing pond and got in some practice a few weeks ago. Many thanks to Harold and Ruby for providing this incredible fishing resort for our annual derby! I'm not sure it will happen or not but, if so, let's hope we can safely pull it off!



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:

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Any Questions, contact;

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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.

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