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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to our new members: Bob and Linda Stine with their 1931 DeLuxe Tudor and Carla Newton with a 1930 Town Sedan. We are so glad you have decided to join us, and we are looking forward to getting better acquainted once the COVID situation improves.

Within the last month, some great activities have taken place starting with the October Breakfast during which Mel

Burton won the free breakfast.

Congratulations, Mel! We had a wonderful turnout to the Fall Tour with 44 people participating including three children. It was a beautiful drive with the fall leaves just starting to turn colors. All of us enjoyed a relaxing train ride, lunch at the Harley Davidson store, and a history tour of the Fort Smith National



Historic Park with the "Hanging Judge" Parker information. Roger Johnson saved the Sooner Model "A" Club by presenting those much needed door prizes from Oklahoma City!



Unfortunately, the COVID situation seems to be worsening. Therefore, after much thought and input from the membership the board has decided to cancel the November Breakfast, Men's coffee, and the Christmas Banquet.

However, we will continue to have our monthly Zoom meetings since we have had good participation in our calls

thus far. Zoom is a great way to stay connected in these trying times.

If you would like to serve on the board, please let us know as soon as possible. Those remaining on the board for 2021 will be Ollie Harris, Jeanne Washburn, and me. Chris DuVall has agreed to be nominated for next year. We need at least one more member to step up and help. Nominations will be approved at the next zoom meeting in November.

Additionally, the annual membership dues for 2021 are due, and they can be mailed to the Tulsa Model "A" Club.

Mitchell

THE FINER POINTS

By Chris DuVall

I think when we left off last time, Lassie had just discovered Johnny was in some sort of trouble down by the old well... oh wait, wrong story. Sorry about that. I think we were actually pondering the differences between a Standard Roadster and a DeLuxe Roadster. So far, we discovered DeLuxe Roadsters came into being as a direct result of slumping sales from the Great Depression. Therefore,

DeLuxe Roadsters did not exist before Mid-1930. Furthermore, these new motorcars came equipped with cowl lights, tan top material with new irons underneath, and shorter stanchions and windscreen. That's quite a few differences already, but let's dive right into material to see if there are any other differences. Let's take a closer look at the interior. This view allows us to see just how different the top irons are when viewed from inside the car. Also, look at how the main bow is much more vertical on the Standard providing much more head room. The trim appointments are strikingly different between the two models. Originally, the Standard used black-brown vinyl while the DeLuxe Roadster used two-tone tan Bedouin grain genuine leather. It's not just the material used though, have you also noticed how many more pleats the DeLuxe seat has than the Standard? The seat sides, door

panels, and cowl panels are covered in vinyl on both. The door panel on the

DeLuxe is padded with the nail heads hidden, and the Standard door panel is merely vinyl covered cardboard with a raised center pattern. The nail heads are clearly visible holding the panel on in the Standard. Due to the padded door panel, the inside door handles were redesigned to have a shorter end that would not drag. If you look closely at the DeLuxe photo, you can barely make out the corner of the cowl panel pocket that was standard equipment. The cheaper Standard model did not have these pockets. The DeLuxe car should have a carpet instead of a rubber mat. I find myself asking why I haven't purchased a carpet after over six years of owning my DeLuxe! The door check straps were thicker on the DeLuxe because the

DeLuxe Phaeton had such a heavy door. That's right, Ford used a Phaeton part on a Roadster! Okay, last subject for these two photographs. Standard Roadsters either have a black electric wiper motor or a black vacuum wiper motor; whereas, DeLuxe Roadsters always came with a Chrome plated vacuum wiper motor. Roy please forgive me for having the incorrect finish on my wiper for my DeLuxe!

Let's move a bit further back on the motorcars. This next section is easy. Standard Roadsters





generally came from the factory with a trunk rather than a rumble seat unless the car was a special order. Also, for those who do not know, those bars on either side of the rumble seat or trunk are called top rests. They are there for the top to rest on when folded down so it doesn't rub the deck. Although they are commonly used as grab handles when riding in a rumble seat, that was not their original intent, and they originally only appeared on Roadsters! All Model A's were shipped with a single rear tail lamp on the driver's side. Some late cars could have had two rear lamps using driver's side hardware for both. So, having two rear lamps does not make the car a DeLuxe (in spite of what the American Pickers say), but hey it's safer, right?



Let's move back along the driver's side of the car to look specifically at the left stanchions, and you'll notice something special about the DeLuxe. Both stanchions are stainless steel, but how about an extra mirror? Some of the mirrors were produced by Trico, and they could have had their emblem on the bracket. Like most of the other Model A Fords, the Standard only had one rear view mirror. Keen eyes may notice different attachment hardware for the lower stanchion, and those are year model differences. Additionally, all 1930-1931 Roadsters windscreens could fold flat across the cowl regardless of whether it was a DeLuxe or Standard.





One last point of comparison in my series of photographs is the windshield. Standard windshields are painted body color while DeLuxe are chrome plated.



There are a few other differences I have yet to mention. In 1930, the DeLuxe Roadster came with driver's side mounted spare tire, a deluxe style luggage rack, and full-length bumpers in the front and rear. In 1931 as sales were slumping, Ford replaced the side spare with a rear spare as standard equipment, and the deleted the luggage rack and full-length rear bumper. I've been told by someone on the Judging and Standards Committee that later in 1931 as sales continued to decline, they added back those three features although I do not have that in writing in any way. By the way, do you know how to tell if your side mounts are factory installed or dealer added? If the lower part of the bracket is riveted to the frame, most likely it was installed at the factory. Dealers would normally bolt the brackets to the frame if the customer desired a side mount. The typical Model A did not have side mounted spare tires, but they do look fantastic. I ran across the below letter online one day and found it very interesting.

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TULSA MODEL A



FORD CLUB 10/20/2020

7:00 TO 7:30 PM

The October general meeting was held online

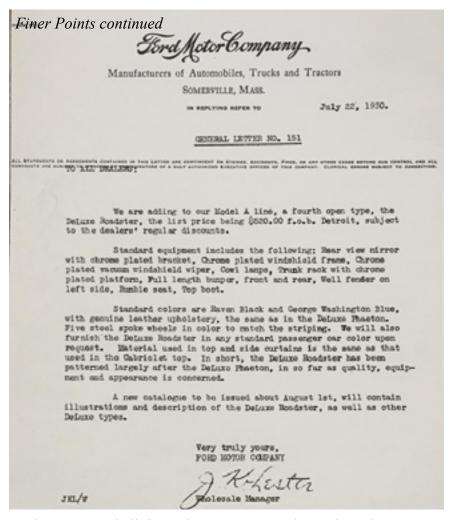
via Zoom, Club President Mitchell DuVall presiding. This was the Club's second Zoom meeting and 22 members logged in. We have had short club meetings and club breakfasts since July, as COVID-19 has closed Hardesty Library meeting facilities until after the first of the year.

Treasurer Report - Mitchell DuVall, club reported a bank account Balance of \$5435.68

Old Business The club breakfast was held at The Silver Skillet in Tulsa on October 3rd. Mel Burton won the free breakfast. Those participating in the McAlester Tour will be receiving their patch for participating in National Model A Day. The Fall Tour was a great success, though things got off to a rocky start with the Oklahoma City Club not being able to participate as planned our club managed 37 adults, 3 children and 20 cars.

The Sunshine Report includes well wishes for Roy Cail, recovering from stomach surgery and beginning cancer treatment. Harold Helton recovering from eye surgery and Bill Harris recovering from COVD-19.

New Business We welcome new members Carla Newton. Bob and Linda Stine and guest Brett Edgar. The Board is actively recruiting suggestions for New Board Members as current Board Members David Lonsdale and Andy Dunn finish their terms. Jeanne Washburn has agreed to carry on as treasurer next year and Chris DuVall will be joining the Board next year. At least one more board member is needed. The membership voted to cancel the November breakfast and the December Christmas banquet this year. The Men's Coffee is cancelled until next Spring. Parades the club participates in have been cancelled.



We have covered all the major components that truly make a DeLuxe a DeLuxe. If you have a quasi-DeLuxe, that's okay! Drive it and enjoy it! However, if you decide you'd like to make it more of a DeLuxe or more of a Standard, you now have a starting place. I still remember a tour guide in Miami one time telling us over and over, "Before starting, you have to know where I pick you up." (Yes, that's how he said it!) The same is true for Model A Fords! You now have new information that can allow you to move forward with your Roadster whichever way you'd like with confidence.

Gee whiz! I nearly forgot our predicament that lead to this whole thing... the photo in question from the Clymer album is in fact a 1931 DeLuxe Roadster. I've placed it below once again in all

its glory for your viewing pleasure because, for me, that's the stuff dreams are made of.



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: Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT AND LOCATION	TIME
November 7	Breakfast	8:30 a
November 10	Ladies' Luncheon, Home of Melody DuVall, 2307 Summerset Point, Tahlequah	11:30 a
December 5	Breakfast	8:30 a
December 12	Christmas Dinner	2:00 noon



Reminder

Member Fees

Due December 31

P.O. Box 33348 Tulsa, OK 74135-3348

Membership Renewal Form: Tulsa Model A Club 2021

\$30.00 Check #	Cash	Date Paid (mm/dd/yy)
Your Name		MAFCA Membership #
Spouses Name		Member Since (mm/yyyy)
Address		
E-mail		
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Model A Changes		

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

- 1 Debbie Johnson
- 4 Don Harper
- 4 Marvin Mellage
- 9 Scott and Cindy CASE
- 12 Don Chesser
- 12 Jessie Reed
- 14 Samantha Ramsey
- 14 Dan & Terri ULBERG
- 17 James & Faith BOND
- 18 Charles Sewell
- 19 Phil Judkins
- 19 Mery Snowden
- 21 Ricki Sullivan
- 25 Kenda Reiser
- 26 Andy & Jackie DUNN
- 27 Sam Slavens
- 28 Tory Brust



CLUB JACKETS, HATS AND MORE

If you are interested in purchasing clothing

items with the Club Logo, contact Kent Washburn 918-693-8504 or klwashburn@cox.net





SUNSHINE REPORT

Call Connie Hudson with concerns at 918 269-7240



Robert & Linda Stine

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Model-A car rolling chassis made in June 1930. Includes Model-A

December 1930 engine last ran in May 2006, clutch, transmission, rear end, and 16" rims. Has most of the chassis parts, the steering box and wheel, and pedals. Good for rebuilding or a parts donor. \$350.00 OBO.

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NUTS AND BOLTS

by Ken Brust In spite of the Covid threat, three couples made a trial get-away adventure

into southern Missouri to try out some country, hilly

backroads prior to the Fall Tour.
Two nights in Roaring River
cabins and driving more than 400
miles proved to be an ideal trip.
We drove through Oklahoma,
Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri
during our outing but were only in
three states. How could that be?

Our new radiator worked like a champ during the Fall Tour. What a great trip! Mel's flat tire plus three of us getting some

bad gas on the way home seemed to be the only real issues with our trusty steeds. Many thanks to Don and Chuck for doing all the detailed planning. It was unfortunate a group of the Sooner Club had to cancel due to possible Covid exposure, but we still had an enthusiastic group of 20 cars. The annual tours give us an opportunity to get better acquainted with various members who we don't see that frequently. Of course, during this crazy year, none of us have seen much of anyone! I especially enjoyed spending some time with Rodger and Debbie along with Alan and Barbara. What characters they are! Having Charlie, Sam and the kids with us really added some spice to our older

gang. And seeing our old friends, Robert and Elaine, made it a fun reunion for us all. Rocky and Mary Jane joined the group on Saturday. It was hard to imagine all the medical trauma Mary Jane had recently gone through because she looked great!



The Sooner

Club, per schedule, has responsibility for the 2021 Spring Tour, however, they have asked if we might want to try our tour to Coffeyville again in lieu of their doing another tour. Jerry, Linda, Tory and I have agreed we owe them, but no firm plans have been made as yet. No telling what the Covid situation will be like next year, so we will wait until after the new

year to discuss further. We did go ahead and block 35 rooms at the hotel for April 29-May 1, so we'll see how things play out.

Just a head's up for you who use Cox email. A Cox technician told me recently that Cox will

be eliminating email service beginning next year. Guess we best find another email service. Oh, and how did we only go through three states? We made a pit stop in Kansas, Oklahoma, on our way to Arkansas and then into Missouri but never made it into the state of Kansas!!

Happy Trails.

NEW FLASH!

Robert Bullard is elected to MAFCA Board!

The "send in by ballot date" has passed, the votes have been tallied, but not yet made known to the general public but, I WAS ELECTED! In spite of being advised that election on the first try is difficult and not to be expected, I appear to have overcome the odds and succeeded in no small part due to my unofficial, official regional "Campaign Managers". There is no question in my mind that without your support and communication efforts to your home clubs, regional groups, web postings and word of mouth support to other MAFCA members I would not have been elected. A special thanks for Roy Cail and Ken Brust for their email writing campaign to the Midwest Chapters and members. I know you guys went over and above reaching out to members throughout the Midwest. For all this support and all the extra effort I know you guys went through communicating your support throughout your own particular networks, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation.

I will count on you being my support group going forward. I don't know yet exactly what I'll be doing but the one thing I do know is that I will be your voice at the Board level. Let me know what you think would be good for MAFCA going forward and I will carry your thoughts to the Board. As I learn more about the Board, how it works and how I fit into the overall process I'll keep you guys posted.

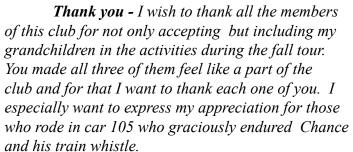
Thanks once again for your faith in me and your support within MAFCA.

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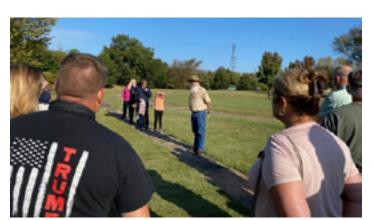








Sincerely, Chuck Ramsey







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FALL TOUR 2020















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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. It's 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.

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.

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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