

# THE RUMBLE SHEET

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As we finish up one year and begin another, let's take some time to reflect on what we enjoy most about our club.

What activities do YOU most enjoy? What events do YOU prefer to attend? When do YOU like motoring in your Model "A"? At the January general meeting, the board is going to ask these questions of YOU, and we want to hear your responses. In fact, we may lock the doors until we hear from everyone! Ha! In all seriousness, the membership is what makes this club possible, and we need each and every one of YOU! On a side note, those who do not vote do not have a right to complain. Additionally, Roy Cail will be presenting the 1,000 miles club winners!

Recently, your board met for the first time, and we have already tentatively lined out several activities for the year. However, we want the membership to bring forth ideas as well. This is not a five person show, and we cannot do it all on our own! Our first event for the year will be Breakfast on January 8th at 8 AM. I know it's early, but this time was chosen to accommodate the restaurant's Saturday crowd. If we're being honest, we can all admit that we're up by 6 AM anyway, right? The location is the Silver Skillet at 61st and Memorial. Weather permitting, YOU may have a chance to win a prize if you drive your Model "A". I hope to see everyone there!

I would like to thank the previous board members, Mitchell DuVall and Ollie Harris, for their time and dedication over the last two years. Kudos on a job done! (Seinfeld reference for those not in the know.) I would also like to welcome Rodger Johnson and Don Reed onto the board for the next two years. As you've

probably guessed, I will be the President for 2022. (I was five minutes late to the meeting. Ha!) Don Reed is the Vice President, Connie Hudson is the Secretary, and Jeanie Washburn is the Treasurer.

One of the great things about this club is the friendships that are developed along the way. As a result of these friendships, we truly do care about one another. Currently, the Sunshine position is vacant. This position is so important because it allows our friends who happen to be sick to know we care through the sending of cards and flowers. This position needs to be filled by one of YOU! Please consider volunteering and let either me or one of your board members know if you decide to volunteer.

If you have yet to pay your club dues, now is the time!

I, for one, am looking forward to a fun year with lots of motoring ahead. Let us all strive for a positive year!

President Chris DuVall









HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR



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# JANUARY

<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>REMINDER: Membership Dues Deadline December 31, 2021!!!</b> </div>						<p>1</p>  <p>Happy New Year!</p>
<p>2</p>  <p>Ollie Harris Cheryl &amp; Bobby JACKSON</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 - Breakfast Silver Skillet 61/Memorial 8:00 a.m.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Ladies' Luncheon Rib Crib, Owasso 8551 N 129 E Ave 11:30</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 - General Meeting Hardesty Library General comrad- ery, idea seeking</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Virginia Helton</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Teresa Strode</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Andy Dunn</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p>  <p>Sharon Lairmore Samantha &amp; Charlie RAMSEY</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p><b>FYI</b>          March, 2022 KS Sunflower Swap Meet, Wichita, KS          March 18-19, 2022 Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet Chickasha, OK          May 12-14, 2022 Chickasha Spring Swap Meet Chickasha, OK          June 2-7, 2022 Midwest Regional Olathe, KS          MAFCA National Convention Kerrville, TX</p>				



Prayer was said and pledge to our flag, no meeting, as the board had not been able to meet to update our coming year. We adjourned and every one was ready for Christmas Dinner.

After dinner we played dirty Santa and had a lot of fun and some played really dirty Santa, but it was all in good spirit. We had a very nice turn out for our dinner and a lot of good laughter.

### Sunshine Report:

- Mayleta Duncan was in the hospital for a colonoscopy. She will have more testing after the holidays pray all turns out well.
- Mitch DuVall is home and recouping from his hospital stay but doing a lot better every day.

Hope everyone is safe and has had a great holiday we are looking forward to a fun NEW YEAR. We know COVID is still with us and we hate to see you miss the activities so, wear the mask we don't mind and join us for the New Year. Instead of hugs we will do the fist bumps and call it a good hug.

God bless us one and all. Connie Hudson



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## 2022 Calendar

- February 1: Board Meeting Hardesty Library
- February 5: Breakfast at Café USA in Sapulpa
- February 15: General Meeting Hardesty Library
  - o Dessert Potluck
  - o Valentine's Day Games
- March 5: Breakfast at Hugo's in Claremore
- March 15: General Meeting Hardesty Library
  - o Judging the Model "A" Ford: A Category for Everyone
- March 18-19: Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet
- March 24-27: Spring Tour to Hutchinson, Kansas
  - o Presented by The Sooner Model "A" Club
- April 2: Breakfast TBD
- April 5: Board Meeting Hardesty Library
- April 19: General Meeting Hardesty Library
  - o Trivia Contest
- May 7: Breakfast TBD
- May 17: General Meeting Hardesty Library
  - o Movie Night
- June 4: Breakfast TBD
- June 2-7: Midwest Regional MAFCA Meet – Olathe, Kansas
- June 5-11: 2022 National MARC Meet – Morgantown, Pennsylvania
- June 7: Board Meeting Hardesty Library
- June 12-17: MAFCA National Convention – Kerrville, Texas
- June 21: General Meeting
  - o Program TBD
- July 2: Breakfast TBD
- July 19: General Meeting
  - o Program TBD
- August 2: Board Meeting Hardesty Library
- August 6: Breakfast TBD
- August 16: General Meeting
  - o Program TBD
- September 3: Breakfast TBD
- September 16-17: Model "A" Day – Hickory Corners, Michigan
- September 20: General Meeting
  - o Program TBD
- October 1: Breakfast TBD
- October 4: Board Meeting Hardesty Library
- October 4-7: AACA Hershey Swap Meet
- October 18: General Meeting
  - o Program TBD
- November 5: Breakfast TBD
- November 15: General Meeting
  - o Program TBD
- December 3: Breakfast TBD
- December 6: Board Meeting Hardesty Library
- December: Christmas Banquet at the Miller's

# The Finer Points

By: Chris DuVall

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and received lots of good new loot for their Model "A"! It is definitely the off season for swap meets, and I'm still dreaming of our first trip to Hershey last year. I continue to be blown away by the sheer volume and rarity of some of the parts. A friend of ours, Bob Martino, actually found an original open car aluminum rear window frame. If you didn't catch that, I said "aluminum." It's hard to express just how rare a frame like this is. Ford only used aluminum frames on open cars from the beginning of production through January 1928. By the end of January, only 0.36% of engines had been produced and stamped. Around 19% of Model "A" Fords were Roadsters or Phaetons in 1928. So, perhaps 3,200 of the first open cars would have had the aluminum frame. Rare! Bob is going to use the frame on his prototype Roadster he is currently building for Fine Point.

When it comes to the prototype car, I'm not sure how useful the Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards are! However, for the rest of us, it continues to be a great wealth of information. Even so, it does occasionally fall short in details when describing some parts. For instance, Area 12: Interior Trim has a lot of factory photos, but it can be difficult to glean the details of certain items such as door handles for open cars. The only detailed photos we have are actually drawings someone provided long ago on page 12-10. There were three variations of handles used throughout production on the open cars. The first style can be a bit hard to find, but I was able to find three pairs at Hershey. Perhaps not as good of a score as Bob's frame, but still excellent considering I only paid four bits a piece for them! Of course, they need to be re-nickled, but I think I know someone who can handle that. They were originally bright nickel-plated brass.



The above knob was used on open cars without exterior door handles which would generally be the 1928 models. The next two photos compare an original knob

to a reproduction knob. As you can clearly see, the reproduction would do the job, but it is not anywhere close to the look of the original.



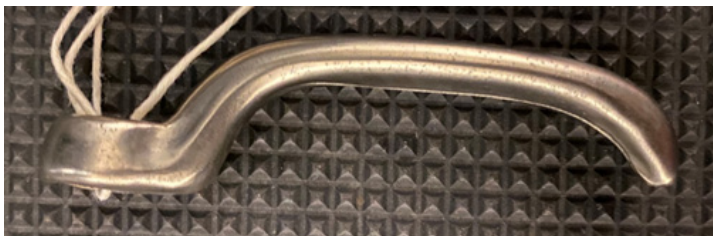
It seems to be a little fuzzy on when Ford actually changed over to produce the 1929 open car body styles; however, by at least December 1928, Ford had replaced the knobs with the new handles for the new 1929 bodies. The new style was used throughout the rest of production with only one change beginning in mid-1930. The handle on top is an original for 1929 through early 1930 that has been restored. As you can see, they were nickel plated whereas the reproduction on bottom is chrome.



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The next photo shows the side view of the two handles. Look how curved the right end is on the original and how stubby the end is on the reproduction. There is a reason for this. Beginning in mid-1930, Ford made the end stubby on purpose to allow more clearance between the handle and the door panel. Interestingly, this change was made before the introduction of the DeLuxe Roadster later in the year. They must have been planning ahead because the DeLuxe has a padded door panel that requires more clearance. Before the DeLuxe models were introduced, the door panels were vinyl wrapped cardboard without padding.

better than NOS, right? The original nickel plating is still in place although it could use a little polishing, and you can see what the original stubby end is supposed to look like. Additionally, you can see where the nickel cover was bent around an unfinished steel piece. I have seen original style handles that are stainless clad rather than nickel plated; however, the standards specify the handles were nickel plated. Perhaps the stainless ones were used at the very last of production or perhaps they were replacement parts.



Once installed, the reproduction handles look close enough that most would not be able to tell they are not original (unless they are installed on a "standard" car and there is a huge gap between the end and the door panel). Still there is one easy way to tell if a reproduction is installed. Originals are seamed on the back! In the next photo, the seam is clearly seen. More importantly, the judges will feel for the seam while judging. If they don't feel the seam, you get half points for your handle and that if you had it nicked instead of chromed!

If you have a Roadster or Phaeton, go check out your interior door handles to see if they are originals. If not, then dream about swaps until you're able to find them!



As I mentioned above, the last design for open car interior handles had the shorter stubby end, and I just happen to have an NOS one to show off. It doesn't get

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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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## 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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