

# THE RUMBLE SHEET

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Wow! It's hard to believe the year is halfway over. We had a great time at the national MARC meet in Morgantown. The swap was amazing. Of course, we brought back a lot of items all of which we needed. At least that's what we tell Mom! Naturally, judging for Fine Point was a great experience again, and the jewel of the show was a 1929 Town Car (different from a Town Sedan). Hopefully, the car will be featured in the MARC magazine soon so you all can admire it also. Since we are still in the midst of those golden summer days, we continue to have fewer club activities. Nevertheless, we have several great events coming up.

First on July 2nd, we will drive to Rowan's in Stillwell for lunch. Breakfast is on your own beforehand. We will leave from our normal QT at 81st Street and HWY 51 at 9 a.m. sharp! On the way, we will take a slight detour to view the

oldest home in Oklahoma. Additionally, we will stop by to enjoy a piece of pie from Nancy's Pie Place on the way back. So, mark your calendars because you don't want to miss this tour!

On July 19, we will have a trivia contest. So, make sure you study up because nothing is off limits! Eternal glory is in store for the winner.

Make sure you stay cool during the heat, and I hope to see everyone at the next event.



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# July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Laurie Morris 
3 Rocky & Mary Jane SIMMONS 	4 Jim Strode  Gary & Susan HENDERSON 	5 - Men's Coffee, 8:00, Marvin's shop	6	7	8	9 Elaine Bullard 
10 Chuck & Lisa RAMSEY 	11 Celinda & Mel BURTON 	12 Ladies' Luncheon* John & Beverly BORNEFELD Connie Hudson 	13 	14 Rocky Simmons 	15	16
17	18 Jerry & Charlene SLOAN 	19 James Bond 	20	21	22	23 Virginia Harris Jerry Conrad 
24	25	26	27	28	29 Sandy Shuler 	30
31						*On the 12th: Ladies' Lunch, 1843 Restaurant, 124 S Broadway, Coweta, OK, 11:30 a.m.



# The Finer Points

By Chris Duval

As everyone knows, there is an endless number of things to debate on the Model "A" Ford. If one asks a question on Facebook, it is common to receive well over 100 opinions from only 50 people. If I had a dime for every time someone told me the Model "A" Ford only came in black, I'd be a wealthy man! If we can't rely on Facebook, what can we rely on? Luckily, we have the Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards. Undoubtedly, this is the most comprehensive guide for restoring a single model of car that exists on the market today.

Due to persistent rumors, incorrectly remembered facts, and just plain old misinformation, there seems to exist a certain amount of skepticism about the accuracy of the Standards. So, how do we know they are accurate? The first thing to remember is they are compiled by volunteers who love the Model "A" just as much as we do. Second, these volunteers spend their own time and money to travel to the Benson Ford Research Center to reference original documents and blueprints. These primary source documents are then reviewed by the Judging Standards Committee (the JSC) to determine if they qualify for entry into the Standards.

When Dad first purchased his January 1929 Roadster, it was an original unrestored car with only 56,000 miles on it. As you can see below, many, many years had passed since anyone had done anything to the engine on this car. If you look closely, you can see the letter "B" embossed on the head indicating a high compression head.

Obviously, we were not Fine Point people when we started the restoration of this motorcar; however, we wanted to put the car back exactly as it came. As a result, we restored the "B" head and installed it on the car.



Sometime later we decided to try for Fine Point with the restoration. This meant a lot of research to determine what was correct, and this was particularly challenging since we were already part way through the restoration. At some point, I was reading through Area 1: Engine Compartment thinking we should be good to go since we put it back the way it came. Right? Wrong! On page 1-2, the Standards indicate the "B" head was not available until April 1931 a couple of years after Dad's Roadster was produced. This fact is

also repeated in Area 16: Accessories. So, we believed the Standards and switch the "B" head to a standard head, and the rest is history on Dad's Henry car.

Nevertheless, how do we know the Standards are correct? Allow me to present two primary source documents that support what the Standards state. Below is part of a letter from the Chicago Branch of Ford Motor Company dated March 13, 1931. As you can see, they are specifying that only police departments are to be sold the model "B" head. Perhaps someone could have cheated and gotten a "B" head on their car before this date, but that certainly was not the intent of Ford Motor Company.





Ford Motor Company  
CHICAGO, ILL. CONTINUING OUR LETTER OF 3-13-31 SHEET NO. 2

In order to install this spring, it is necessary to move the rear spring front shackle bracket 1A-5775-A forward 12-3/8" using Spring Clips 1A-5705-B with 1A-5560-B Spring. We do not mean that this spring should be used without first carefully analyzing the situation to definitely ascertain the necessity of this softer spring action and to make certain that the load will not be too heavy for this particular spring.

HIGH SPEED CYLINDER HEAD

We find that our dealers are making innumerable requests for high speed cylinder heads without submitting sufficient bona fide evidence of the fact that they are to be used only for police work, and it will therefore, be necessary that we require each order for high speed heads, to be accompanied by a requisition of the police authority on the police department letterhead or requisition form.

Next is another letter from the Chicago Branch dated April 3, 1931.

Ford Motor Company

CHICAGO, ILL., April 3 1931

ALL CHICAGO BRANCH DEALERS

FACTORY AND GENERAL OFFICE  
DEARBORN, MICH.

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WEEKLY SERVICE LETTER

ENGINE TIMING

In checking complaints of poor gas mileage, or lack of speed in the Model A Car, we have found in practically every instance, these complaints are due to improper timing and incorrect spacing of the distributor points or spark plug point gaps. We have also found in questioning dealers' shop foremen, superintendents and mechanics, a general lack of knowledge as to the correct clearances for these settings. We, therefore, direct your attention to Page 342 of the February Service Bulletin, showing the distributor points as correctly set .018 to .022 and spark plug point gaps properly set at .035. It will be very much to your advantage to question your own shop men to determine whether or not they are familiar with this clearance and to further ascertain whether or not they know how to properly time a motor. It is very important in timing a motor that the distributor body be installed and that the rotor arm is opposite number one contact in the distributor body as outlined on Page 480 of the August 1930 Service Bulletin, and also on Page 346 of the May 1929 Service Bulletin. These instructions should be reviewed from time to time, as this will assist considerably in the rendering of good service.

HIGH COMPRESSION CYLINDER HEADS

Numerous requests have been received for the supplying of a high speed cylinder head for individual owner's use as well as for police work. We have in the past, however, preferred to supply these heads for police work only as when operating the car equipped with this head, the driver must exercise care in order to avoid an objectionable "pinging" noise. The engine also is not quite as smooth in general operation using this high speed head as with the standard head. We, therefore, felt that it would not be advisable to sell these heads generally to the public. We will, however, supply the high compression cylinder heads in special cases where an owner particularly desires it, and fully understands in advance, the above mentioned conditions and will take the necessary precaution to properly use the spark lever. The price effective immediately on A-6050-B High Compression Cylinder Head will be \$5.50 and the Gasket A-6051-B will be \$.35. Recommended labor charge for the installation of this head would be \$1.50 making a total charge to the customer of \$7.35. We want it distinctly understood, however, that the obligation is placed upon you in selling this head to impress upon the owner the above outlined conditions. It is also very important that care be exercised in properly timing the motor when installing this cylinder head.

**SunShine Report**

by Roy Cail

I would appreciate your assistance in letting me know of any medical issues you or other members may be having. You can reach me via email at: roycail@cox.net or cell number 918-906-0575. If you can not reach me please contact Linda Mellage a 918-629-2978. Linda has offered to help me when I am out of town. As a Club, we want to provide any support we can. Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers.

- Jan Hamm
- Teresa Strode
- Kent Brust
- Jean Washburn
- Kent Washburn

If I missed anyone my apologies. Again, if you know of anyone that is having difficulties please let us know so we can send them a card or flowers depending on situation.



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# 2022 Calendar

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## JULY

- July 2: Drive to Rowan's for lunch stopping at Nancy's Pie Place on the way back  
Leave from QT at 81st Street and HWY 51 in Broken Arrow at 9 a.m.
- July 12: Ladies' Lunch, 1843 Restaurant,  
124 S Broadway, Coweta, OK, 11:30 a.m.
- July 19: General Meeting - Trivia Contest

## AUGUST

- August 2: Board Meeting Hardesty Library
- August 6: Breakfast Apple Barrel, Highway 20, Owasso  
Tulsa Air & Space Museum Tour  
3624 North 74 East Avenue, Tulsa  
\$8 Seniors and Military
- August 20: General Meeting—Ice Cream Social  
Joanna Cooper's House at Noon  
Charlie's Chicken catered  
Bring homemade ice cream  
Signup sheet at July Meeting

## SEPTEMBER

- September 3: Breakfast TBD  
Potential Second Saturday Silents, 11 a.m.
- September 16-17: Model "A" Day  
Hickory Corners, Michigan
- September 20: General Meeting  
Advertising the Model "A" Ford
- September 24: Fall Social at the DuVall's in Tahlequah

## OCTOBER

- October 1: Breakfast TBD
- October 4-7: AACA Hershey Swap Meet
- October 13-16: Fall Tour Presented by Tulsa MAFC
- October 18: General Meeting - Program TBD  
Board meeting at 6:30 before general meeting

## NOVEMBER

- November 5: Breakfast TBD
- November 11: Veterans' Day Parade, Claremore
- November 15: General Meeting  
Chili Dinner - sign up to bring chili

## DECEMBER

- December 3: Broken Arrow Christmas Parade, 10 a.m.  
Ti Amo's, 1 p.m.
- December 6: Board Meeting Hardesty Library
- December 10: Catoosa Christmas Parade, 2 p.m.





Meeting called to order at 7:04 P.M.

Pledge to our flag by Don Reed and prayer given by Ken Brust. Roy Cail gave the Sunshine Report.

Treasure Report given and stands as read.

Welcome new Members Gary and Susan Henderson, first time guests Charlie and Leslie Van Tine, and to some longtime members Robert Parker and David Hayes.

Old Hemming magazines were donated by Mel if anyone is interested in them. Russ also brought water bottles for anyone who needed an extra one for the hot summer drives.

No breakfast in July due to the Fourth of July.

August 6 will be our next breakfast at Apple Barrel in Owasso then we will tour the Tulsa Air and Space Museum.

Some of our members did not receive an e-mail message reminder of meeting night. Please make sure you e-mail is correct in the directory.

Bill Knight was our guest speaker for the evening, and a really interesting talk on the car industry. Thank you Mr. Knight.

Meeting was adjourned

Minutes by Connie Hudson

## Bill Knight Updates Club on Auto Industry

by Ken Brust

Bill Knight has supported our club in various ways over the past several years. We had asked him to update us on Ford and the auto industry back well before Covid interfered with everyone's scheduling. But we finally were able to set a date with him to meet with us.

He walked us through the challenges not only Ford but all auto manufacturers are dealing with. There are the many environmental issues along which have introduced trends toward electric vehicles (EV) and admitted that things may not be resolved for several years. Chips are rare and expensive to make, battery materials are difficult to obtain, battery life needs to be greatly extended, charging stations need to be plentiful, supply chains need to be streamlined, environmental issues resolved, alternative energy issues still to be explored and various additional challenges still to be managed.

He noted that his dealerships operate totally different than before when Covid seemed to cause everything to go crazy. Where he used to have 40+ new vehicles for customers to touch and feel and to pick out a model, now he is fortunate to have four. Most sales are now ordered with specifics selected by the buyer after viewing models and options on electronic displays and then they play the waiting game. There doesn't seem to be any clear definition as to how long a wait might be for a new vehicle. Used vehicle prices have steeply climbed and are also difficult to find. But Bill said he is adapting to the many changes and is optimistic for the future, whatever it might end up being. He has driven the EVs and says they are very exciting. Quiet, balanced from front to back, lots of torque (but harder on the tires), less moving parts so easier to maintain. However, finding technicians to maintain these new, complex vehicles is a constant challenge and quite different from maintaining a Model A.

Everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed Bill's program. We complimented him for his presentation by presenting him with a certificate of appreciation. Bill has offered to host a car show or other activity at his dealership later this Fall for our Club when it is a tad cooler. He says he has "plenty" of space now!



*Bill Knight's presentation on direction of automotive industry and Ford*







## *June 2022 Flying Quail chapter Coordinator Article*

### *From the desk of 2022 Chapter Coordinator - Robert Bullard*

Things are starting to heat up in 2022 and I don't just mean the temperature. Good things are happening in MAFCA that will make our club better and stronger.

First, we have our first ever Chapter in West Virginia. The "Almost Heaven A's" was recently chartered as our first ever Chapter in West Virginia. A special thanks to Terry & Melanie Whittington, Ed and Katie Herrick, Bernard Mitchell, Patrick Fuller, James and Phyllis Bostic, Jim and Linda Layman, and Chris and Cindy Kappler for forming this Chapter. Good luck to you as you work to get the Chapter off the ground and functioning.

Secondly, the "Southwest Model A's" was formed as a Special Interest Group located in the Albuquerque, NM area. Special thanks to Raymond Gabaldon, John and Vicky Gibbs, Paul Caleca, Blaine Kukowski and Matt Araikes for forming this new SIG. In addition, they have started working on the details necessary to host the 2024 National Convention. Thanks for taking on hosting this significant event for MAFCA.

Lastly, a new MAFCA Chapter is being formed in the North Georgia and Western North Carolina area. Our other MAFCA Chapters in Georgia and North Carolina can be a 2+ hour drive from you, which makes it harder to join and participate with them. Now you will have a Chapter that can be much closer to you. As with any other MAFCA Chapter, the new group will be a family-oriented club to help Model A owners get to know other owners in the area.

Jim Cannon, who served as MAFCA's Technical Director for several years has volunteered to organize this new Chapter. Jim and his wife Holly live in Young Harris, GA. He brings his experience as a former President of the Houston Model A Restorers Club to help get the new chapter rolling. An organizational meeting will be held in the near future. For more information, please contact Jim Cannon by phone at 832-692-2288 or email him at [MAFCAJim@gmail.com](mailto:MAFCAJim@gmail.com).

Congratulations to those of you close to these new groups! There are hardworking people bringing new friends to your area. Join in and have "A" great time.





## Jim's Tech Tips

### "Mounting Wheels"

I know that my Dad reads these Tech Tips, so today's is a special shout out to him, who taught me this Tip for mounting wheels when I was about 12 years old. Thanks, Dad!

Start with a classic X-style lug nut wrench. If you don't already have one, mine is 20" across and works quite well.

Place the wheel/tire next to the vehicle, leaning it against the hub and brake drum you plan to mount it on. Adjust the jack so that the wheel needs to be lifted an inch or two onto the studs.



Now slip two of the tire iron arms under the tire, one arm to the left of where the tire touches the ground, and the other arm to the right. Grab one of the tire iron arms that is pointing out toward you, and lift the tire up with one hand while you guide the wheel to hang on a stud or two with the other hand.



Hold the wheel in against the drum while you lower the lug wrench and use that free hand to start a lug nut on one of the studs. Once you have that lug nut started, you can let go of the wheel and start the rest of them. Use the tire iron to run them all in snug, then lower the jack and tighten them all again.

This Tip is not just applicable to mounting a wheel/tire on a Model A. It works on pretty much any vehicle: car, truck, trailer... In fact, the larger and heavier the wheel/tire is that you are putting on, the bigger help this is.

So in the shop or out on the road, use a simple tire iron to help you lift a wheel up into place and hold it there while you start the lug nuts.

Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim

*Provided by MAFCA*

The first Tuesday of each month Marvin hosts the men coffee in his shop at 8:00 am. Some of the guys bring donuts but all seem to enjoying eating and discussing the latest news. After the first Tuesday the guys meet at McDonalds on 91st and Memorial at 8:00am.



July - Linda Ochs and Linda Mellage



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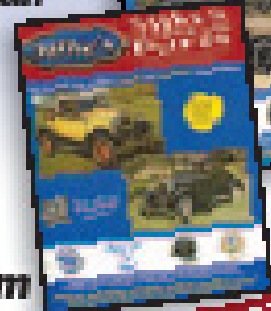
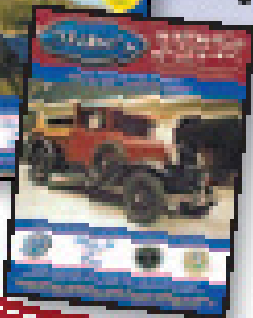
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# Branson, Missouri

Thursday, October 13- Sunday, October 16, 2022

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Reservations - **Comfort Inn at Thousand Hills**, 203 S. Wildwood Drive, Branson **417-335-4727**

\$95 (+tax) To receive the discounted rate, let them know you are with the Tulsa Model A Ford Club. We have reserved 30 double queen rooms.

Thursday, Oct. 13

Group Lunch, AQ Chicken	Pay the Restaurant Direct
Presley's Country Jubilee	Adult \$39.00 X Total # _____ = Total \$ _____
	Child \$19.50 X Total # _____ = Total \$ _____

Friday, Oct. 14

Riverwalk Shopping & Lunch on your own (Check out the Trolley Ride)

Branson Belle Show Boat, Dinner & Cruise

Adult \$60.00	X Total # _____	= Total \$ _____
Child \$37.00	X Total # _____	= Total \$ _____

Saturday, Oct. 15

Scenic Drive

Dolly Parton Dinner & Show

Adult \$59.00	X Total # _____	= Total \$ _____
Child \$32.00	X Total # _____	= Total \$ _____

Sunday, Oct. 16

Depart for home

**Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

We have negotiated special group pricing and reserved 50 seats at the dinners and shows, so please get your reservation in early. **The Reservation deadline is September 1, 2022.** We are required to give exact numbers and payments to the venues.

Please, return your registration & check to **Tulsa Model A Ford Club, P.O. Box 33348, Tulsa, OK 74135-3348**

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# 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.

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.

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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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