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to everyone! I hope you enjoyed your holidays as much as we have. The Board met on Tuesday December 6th and we are in transition and working on 2023. Chris DuVall, Connie Hudson, and Jeanne Washburn are the Board Members that are leaving after completing two years service. They did a truly outstanding job and we are all most appreciative of their hard work. In addition to me, as your new President/Treasurer, also serving on your board, are Don Reed Vice President, Rodger Johnson Secretary, Rich Robinson and Sam Slavens.

Congratulations to Robert Bullard on his selection as the new President of MAFCA for 2023. Robert and his wife Elaine have been long time members of our Tulsa Club and Robert is the perfect man for the job.

I have been in contact with our Committee Chair Persons, thanking them and asking that they continue in their great work. Bobby and Cheryl Jackson would like someone to relieve them on refreshments for a year to allow them time to travel. So, we are looking for a volunteer.

Sam Slavens has made our reservations for the January 7th breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Owasso. Rich Robinson has scheduled our February breakfast at Egg It On Café in Broken Arrow.

As a reminder, if you have not paid your club dues, now is the time. After the first of the year we will begin planning the Spring Tour and will get that information out to our respective clubs as soon as we have specific details that we can share. The plan is to put some miles on these Model A's, so we welcome all your ideas for places to go and things to do.



*Kent*



# Join Us For Breakfast

January 7, 2023 - 8:00 a.m.

Black Bear Diner - Owasso

9039 N 121st East Avenue

(Smith Farm Shopping

Center) Between 86th

Street N and 96th Street N,

west side of Hwy. 69



February 4, 2023 - 8:00 a.m.

Egg It On Cafe - BA

1131 South Aspen (145th)

**Business Meeting**  
January 17, 7:00 p.m.  
Hardesty Library



*Vi Jalapeños Grill in Collinsville.  
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*January 10th, 2023, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.*

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# THE FINER POINTS

By Chris Duval

I finally seem to be making quite a bit of progress on the 400-A with lots of help from Dad. Recently, we were able to pass one of the big milestones of restoring a car: installing the motor into the frame. The motor and frame for my car are a numbers matching set from June 1931, and they have been separated for at least the 38 years Jim owned them. So, it felt like a big deal to finally reunite them. Since Jim owned this car for so long, he was able to collect a lot of new old stock parts. The parts I ran across recently are the two center bumper clamps. There are two since all 400-A's came with front and rear full length bumpers as standard equipment.



The above photo shows the two clamps. They are stainless steel-clad clamps. Originally, they would have been polished to a bright luster just like the bumper clamps. This style was used from 1930 through the end of production. They were most likely a service item for a long time because they seem to pop up fairly often at swap meets. Don't get me wrong though... they are by no means a common find. I found one at the National meet, but did not find any at Model "A" Day if that gives you any indication of rarity.

Let's continue to look at the first photo. The standards state the recesses were painted blue. Obviously, these were painted blue at the beginning of their life. I find it interesting to determine how Ford painted these. It's very easy when we're restoring a car to be over or under critical of our own work. In the case of clamps, it would be easy to assume the paint has to be perfect in the recess, but if you look closely, you can see that it is not. The edges of the paint are not necessarily perfectly straight, and on the right clamp, it looks like not quite all of the upper recess was painted.

After all, Ford produced at least 2.1 million of these clamps to install on production cars made in 1930 and 1931. That does not include when these were sold as service items!

Since the paint doesn't have to be perfect, does that mean the stainless steel doesn't have to be perfect either? Unfortunately, that is not the case. Upon examining the front and the side, it's easy to tell there are not any cracks or dents in the stainless. Those were crimped on by a press, and each one would have exactly matched the one before.

The next photo shows a side view of the clamp including the backing plate, lock washer, and nut. From this view point, you can see some of the details judges look for in the hardware. The nut is an original with a single chamfer on the outer side, and a washer side on the inner side. Additionally, the lock washer is original, and you can clearly see the knurling and square edges. Both the lock washer and nut should be raven finish. The backing plate should be black enamel (glossy black).



The next photo provides a view from the back. It's clear to see the back edges of the stainless were not polished. Why would they? No one can see them!

*(Finer Points continued on next page)*

**BREAKING NEWS:  
ROBERT BULLARD ELECTED AS  
NEW PRESIDENT OF MAFCA!**

Just wanted to let you all know that our very own Robert Bullard has been elected as the new President of MAFCA for 2023! Robert attributes his Board election to the members of the Tulsa Model A Ford Club and sends his thanks to all! Congratulations, Robert!



*(Finer Points continued)*

Also, the back of the clamp and the stud are painted with black enamel paint. Additionally, it's plain to see there is not any pitting in the metal.

Sadly, I ran across these items while looking for something else. Since I'm not quite ready for them, I had to put them back into storage. Wish me luck that it won't be too long before I actually need them!

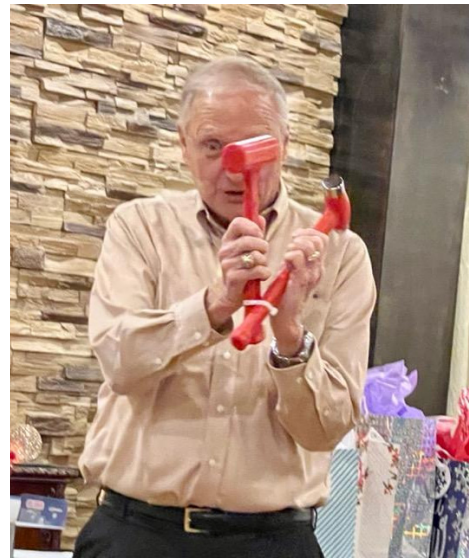
January 3, Tuesday  
8:00 a.m.  
Coffee,  
conversation,  
donuts  
Marvin's shop



January

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- 2 **OLLIE HARRIS**
- 4 **KEITH JONES**
- 6 **TERESA DECAMP**
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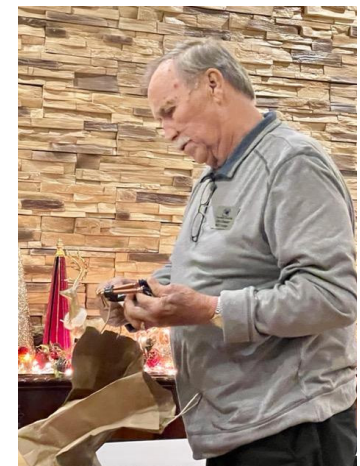




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Christmas Party





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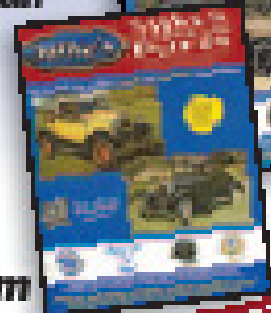
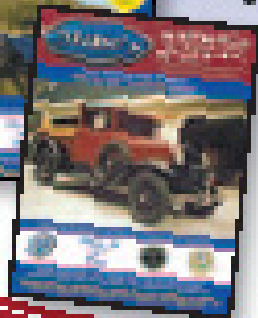
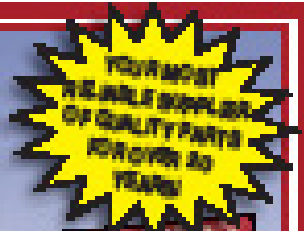
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This is the official publication of the Tulsa Chapter of Model A Ford Club of America. This monthly newsletter is mailed to members, prospective members, advertisers and editors of similar publications. It's purpose is to keep you informed of what 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.

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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
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