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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is August in Oklahoma, and the time of the year when I so much look forward to September in hopes of a cool down. We began our month of August with a trip to Tahlequah to see the River City Players. It was a nice drive and a fun trip even though it was a bit stormy, but it was nice and cool indoors and those talented kids always put on a great show.

Several attended the annual Will Rogers Fly-In, on another stormy day, but everything turned out nice and they enjoyed the planes and all the festivities.

We have moved our September breakfast to the second Saturday of the month because of the holiday weekend on the 2nd. It is scheduled for Saturday (9-9-2023) at 9:00 AM, and will be at the Black Bear Diner, 9026 E. 71st Street, Tulsa.

Jan Hamm and the Haskell Flying Club will be having a fly-in at the Haskell airport, Saturday October 14, 2023. They have invited the Model A's to join them for lunch and show our cars at this event. Jan will be leading this event and she will need a list of those who plan to attend. Please contact her at 918-482-3004. Tickets for Cheryl Jackson's quilt are on sale through the club for \$10.00 per ticket. If three tickets are purchased, you get one additional ticket for free. You must be present to win. Tickets for the drawing can be purchased through Jeanne Washburn (918-693-2912). The drawing will be held at our annual Christmas Party on December 2, 2023.

Remember to set aside October 8th thru October 11th for Fall Tour. The Oklahoma Sooner Club will plan the tour and they always do a first class job. They are arranging guided tours of the Masonic Building in Guthrie, The State Capitol in Oklahoma City, and the Cowboy Hall of Fame.



Due to early morning storms, the Bodines were the only members to take their Model A to the Fly-in. Their roadster got lots of attention!



Kent

THE FINER POINTS

By Chris DuVall

I don't know about you, but nothing reinvigorates me quite like a MARC national meet! They do, however, seem to go by too quickly. Over the years, we have made quite a few good friends at the national meets who love the Model "A" just as much as we do. It's fun to meet up with them, but nothing beats the swap! Ha! I've come to realize that if you are looking for a very specific part, you probably won't find it. However, you will find LOADS of other stuff you definitely need!

At this year's swap, I found an original pair of fluted lenses with the script at the bottom. Since I recently purchased a 1928 car with the incorrect lenses on it, I decided these would be perfect. The fluted lens was used from BOP through February 1929 when the switchover to the new "TWOLITE" lenses occurred. The earliest lens had the Ford script at the top. The story goes that Edsel insisted the script be moved to the bottom so it would no longer resemble the lens used on the Model "T". My lens is the later style with the script at the bottom which is perfect for my September car.

Let's zoom in on the details so we can view the Ford script more closely. The actual script itself is difficult to photograph; however, take a look to the bottom left of the script. Do you see the "A - 13060"? That is the original part number. In fact, this number is still in use today if you order from Snyder's (they have to pay a licensing fee to Ford to be able to use their part numbers - how crazy is that? 90 years later and Ford is still making money on the part number!).

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NUTS & BOLTS

by Ken Brust

With the Will Rogers Fly-In once again in our rearview mirrors commemorating Will's and Wiley's fatal crash in 1935 and as Kim Sutter continues her research on her grandmother's long drive around America in a Model A years ago, I thought this little story about Amelia's drive across the country might be appropriate for our newsletter, even though she didn't drive a Model A Ford.

After her parent's divorce in 1924, Amelia, her mother and sister, Muriel, decided to relocate from California to Massachusetts. Muriel went ahead by train to begin summer classes at Harvard and established a home near Boston. Amelia and her mother remained behind in Los Angeles for a time. This was when Amelia bought her Kissel. She did not like the idea of traveling by train across the country and thought that the car excursion would be second only to her dream of flying across the continent. She often called her car the "Kizzle," but later referred to it as the "Yellow Peril." The name seemed quite apt. Those who knew her said she was quite the speedster around town. Amelia confessed that she learned how to fly before she learned how to drive a "motorcar." Amelia and her mother left Los Angeles for Boston in May, 1924, traveling through Sequoia, Yosemite, Lake Louise and Banff. They drove across Canada and arrived in Boston 6 weeks later. Considering the condition of roads at that time and the rarity of mechanical help, especially in the more remote areas, this was a daring adventure covering 7,000 miles and covering the car with tourist stickers. Cross-continental travel by automobile was still a novelty, so Amelia and her mother were continually stopped by people and asked many questions. She found the bright yellow car, unremarkable in Los Angeles, drew lots of attention across the country. "The fact that my roadster was a cheerful canary color may have caused some of the excitement. It had been modest enough in California, but was a little outspoken for Boston, I found!"

This makes our Fall Tour down to Oklahoma City pretty much seem like a walk in the park, eh?
Happy Trails to You!

1923 Kissel Speedster(Gold Bug)



Owned by Amelia Earhart

1923 Kissel Speedster
Model 45 "Goldbug"
6 cyl. -- 41 hp
Owned by Amelia Earhart
1924-1929



Calendar of September Events

September 2-8

5/Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Nominating Committee for two new board members

Hardesty Library

September 9-15

9/Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Model A Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.

Black Bear Diner

9026 East 71st Street, Tulsa

14/Thursday, Ladies' Luncheon

Catoosa Lodge

2036 South Miller Lane, Unit D

September 16 - 22

19/Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

General Meeting

Hardesty Library

September 23 - 29



October

NO MODEL A BREAKFAST

8-11 - Fall Tour, Sooner Model A Club, OKC

14/Saturday, Fly-In - Jan Ham, Haskell Airport

Lunch includes Model A Club

17/Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. General Meeting

Hardesty Library- Board Nominations

November

11/Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Veteran's Day Parade

Claremore

21/Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. General Meeting

Hardesty Library, Voting on Board Members

Baked Potato Dinner

December

2/Saturday, 1:00 p.m. Model A Christmas Dinner,

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 **SUNSHINE Report** by Roy Cail

Again, this year Linda Mellage is assisting me with the Sunshine program. We would appreciate your assistance in letting us 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 not able to reach me please call Linda Mellage at 918-629-2978. As a Club, we want to provide any support we can.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers.

- Rich Robinson, Cheryl Jackson, Ellen Brewer

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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September 14, Thursday 11:30
Catoosa Lodge
2036 South Miller Lane, Unit D

September

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Rodger Johnson
- 2 Kent & Jeanne WASHBURN
- 2 Dianne Siegfried
- 10 Audrey Morgan
- 11 Dave Palmaier
- 13 Hastings Siegfried
- 15 Jeanne Washburn
- 19 Chuck & Carolanne MAHAN
- 20 Bill & Sue HARRIS
- 21 Ralph & Connie HUDSON
- 30 Don & June CHESSER

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September- Connie Hudson and Jeanne Washburn.

October- Celinda Burton and Corina Slavens.

November- Virginia Harris and Jeanne Washburn.

December- Jeanne Washburn and Linda Mellage

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Did you try typing in the number on their website? If you did, you probably noticed what came up first is the “TWOLITE” lens rather than the fluted lens. Actually, the fluted lens carries the part number A-13060-AR. Why is that? Clearly the “AR” is not present on this original lens. To answer this question, we need to delve into the smart numbering system Ford developed. The preceding “A” tell us the part is a Model “A” part. Next, the numbers tell us which part we are looking at. All parts related to lamps fall under the 13000 series parts. As we already discovered, headlight lenses are 13060.

As stated earlier, Ford replaced the fluted lens with the “TWOLITE” in early 1929. So, are “TWOLITE” lenses given the part number A-13061? No way! That part number is already taken by the lens retainer clips. So, Ford added a suffix “AR” to the part number: Style “A” and Replaced “R”. So, the fluted lenses end up with the part number A-10360-AR, and the “TWOLITE” lens was given the

part number A-13060-B (Snyder’s apparently got lazy and left off the “B”).

Oops, it seems I have stumbled into one of the greatest controversies of our hobby. Since my September car originally had lenses that were later designated “AR” by Ford, does that mean my car is an “AR”? Certainly, a September car isn’t what most people think of when they think of an early “AR” car. In fact, September would be considered Late 1928 (L28). The fact is that Ford didn’t really differentiate between Model A’s the way we do. However, they did differentiate between parts for service, and that is all the “AR” means.

Let me prove it to you by examining the emergency brake lever: A-2780. There are three different styles of brake lever used on the Model “A” Ford: The earliest is the “Pistol grip” A-2780-AR, the second is the push button in front of the gear shift A-2780-BR, and the third is to the right of the gear shift A-2780-C. If a car has the pistol grip style, used through January 1929, then one might call the car an

“AR”, right? By January 1929, nearly 1 million Model “A” Fords had been produced, or around one fifth of total production. So, I’m not sure that would qualify as an “early” car which is what most people mean when they say “AR”. Also if your car has the second style used in 1929, would you call your car a “BR”? Ha!

All kidding aside, the term “AR” really is just a parts designation. I believe it’s fine to extend the meaning to refer to early 1928 cars. Just don’t be surprised if someone quotes Inigo Montoya to you by saying, “You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means.”



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FALL TOUR 2023

OCT 8 – 11

HOST: SOONER MODEL A CLUB

October 8, Sunday -Arrive at the **Hampton Inn, 300 Meline Drive, Edmond OK. 405-428-4540** (Note, Real Gas is sold at the 7/11 Gas Station in the hotel entrance area.)

October 9, Monday -**Line-up at 8:45, depart at 9AM** for the Masonic Lodge in Guthrie.

Masonic Lodge Tour cost is \$5.00 per person. Masons are free.

Tour Starts at 10:00AM. 1419 N Walnut St., Guthrie. 405-282-1281

-Lunch at **Simone's Café in Guthrie.** Pay on your own. 223 S. Division, Guthrie. 405-293-9363

-**Depart Simone's for Territorial Museum Tour** in Guthrie. Cost is 10.00 person for a Guided Tour. **Tour starts at 1:30 PM.** 406 East Oklahoma Ave, Guthrie. 405-282-1889 (Note Collect Cost Chuck & Don)

-After the tour there will be time to visit the many antique shops in Guthrie from Division Street to the Railroad Tracks. Return to the hotel in Edmond. Dinner will be on your own.

October 10, Tuesday -**Line-up at 8:45, depart at 9AM** for the **State Capital Tour** in Oklahoma City. 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. 405-521-6813

Tour Starts at 10:00AM.

-**After the Capital Tour, depart for the Land Run Monument,** one of the world's largest Bronze Sculptures featuring 45 heroic figures of the land run. Located at the South End of the Bricktown Canal. Entrance is at 200 Centennial Ave, just off Reno Ave between Bass Pro Shops and Residence Inn Hotel.

-After you view the **Land Run Monument,** we will travel to the **Golden Corral Buffet & Grill** for lunch. 1501 S Sooner Rd, Del City. 405-739-0566. Pay on your own.

-After lunch we will drive to the **Tinker AFB Air Park** to view many of the aircraft that were assigned to Tinker. NOTE: **We must depart for the next tour at 1:30 PM.**

-**Depart for the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum Tour in Oklahoma City is schedule to start at 2:00 PM Cost is \$10.00 per person.** 1700 Northeast 63rd, Oklahoma City. 405-478-2250 (Note: Collect Cost Chuck & Don)

- Return to the hotel after this tour. Dinner is on your own.

-**Don will hold an informal meeting at the hotel on Tuesday night after dinner at 8:00 PM** to provide an overview of the tour and open the floor for any suggestions of the Spring Tour for 2024.

October 11, Wednesday -Depart for home.

SOONER MODEL A Fall Tour Registration
Sunday, October 8, 2023 – Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Name(s): _____

Model A or Modern Car? (Circle one) Cell Phone: _____

Make your hotel reservation at **Edmond Hampton Inn – (405) 844-3037**

Edmond Hampton Inn 300 Meline Drive, Edmond, OK. 73034. Sunday, Mon & Tues night only

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Monday, October 9. – State number of people in Yes or No spot.

Do you plan to go to the **Masonic Lodge Tour** in Guthrie? Yes ___ No ___ (**\$5 per person – to be collected with registration.**) Masons Free. Lunch is planned for **Simone’s Café**.

Do you plan to go to the **Territorial Museum Tour** in Guthrie”. Yes ___ No ___ (**\$10 per person – to be collected with the registration.**)

Dinner on your own.

Tuesday, October 10.

Do you plan to go to the **State Capital Tour**? Yes ___ No ___ (Entry is free).

Depart the State Capital for the **Land Run Monument**, one of the world’s largest Bronze Sculptures featuring 45 heroic figures of the land run. After the land run, drive to the **Golden Corral Buffet & Grill** in Del City for lunch. After lunch, drive to the Tinker AFB Air Park to view many of the aircraft that were assigned to Tinker.

NOTE: Departure time for the next tour is 1:30PM.

Do you plan to go to the **National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum Tour**?
Yes ___ No ___ (**\$10 per person – to be collected with the registration.**)

Dinner will be on your own.

Don will hold an informal wrap up meeting at the hotel on Tues night after dinner at **8:00 PM** to provide an overview of the tour and open up for any suggestions for the 2024 Spring Tour.

Wednesday, October 11. Have a safe trip home. Thank you.

In order for us to get an accurate count, please complete the registration form no later than September 8, 2023. You must return the registration form to be eligible for any of the wonderful door prizes. Please return registration form to: Don Mitchell, 512 Ridge Rd, Edmond, OK 73034

Any Questions, contact:

Chuck Dusenbery (405) 613-3901 OR Don Mitchell (405) 830-2932
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NOTE: If you plan on attending all the tours listed above, please send \$25.00 for EACH person on your registration. Make your check out to **SOONER MODEL A CLUB**

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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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