

# THE RUMBLE SHEET

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is definitely in the air and I am guessing that Bob Stine brought the cold temperatures back with him from up north. The weather was incredibly beautiful for the fall tour this year. I don't know how they managed it but they did. All the guided tours were first class and everyone had a great time. I'm looking forward to what they come up with for their spring tour.

A few cars were able to make it to the Haskell fly-In. Our thanks go out to Jan Hamm and Roy Cail for making that happen. And, thanks to everyone that made the trip to the Fly-In, it was a great opportunity to show our cars and advertise our club.



Remember that the tickets for Cheryl Jackson's quilt are on sale through the club for \$10.00 per ticket. It was so very gracious of her to donate her quilt as a fund raiser. You must be present to win. The drawing will be held at our annual Christmas Party on December 2nd in Locust Grove. Jeanne Washburn

has the sign-up sheet for the Christmas Party and collecting \$22.00 per person. At our general meeting in November, we will be voting on two new members for the Board of Directors. These new members will replace Don Reed and Rodger Johnson who will come off in January. The board will choose new officers at their meeting in December.

*Kent*



# THE FINER POINTS

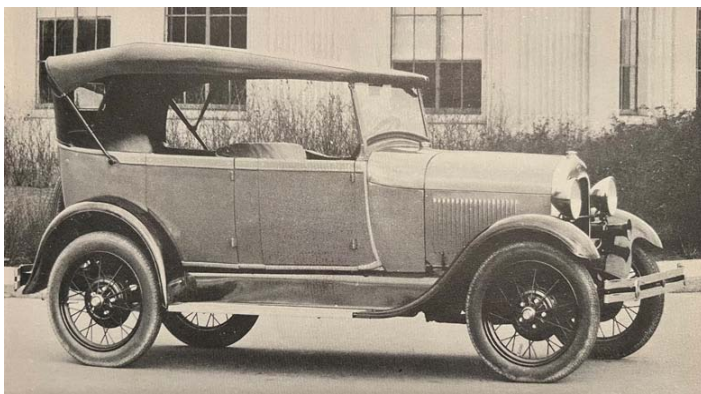
By Chris DuVall

Since Dad and I recently purchased a few parts, I have had the pleasure of going through them over the past several weeks. It's been a lot of fun going through boxes and pulling out goodies. One item that has been of interest to me for quite some time is the body plug for Phaetons. Most Model "A" enthusiasts know about the saddle and straps utilized when the top is down on Phaetons, and they tend to just leave them in place all the time even if the top is up. However, upon examining the below factory photo, you may notice that the saddle and straps are not present. Additionally, it is filled with something that appears to match the body. This puzzled me for a several years.



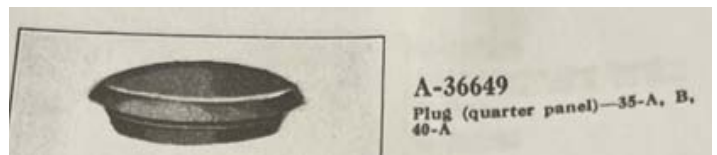
Through being involved with Fine Point, I met Rick Nance. Several years ago, he restored a 1928 Phaeton and received the Henry Ford Award. As I was looking at his car, I naturally sought out the plug. They were painted body color and made of rubber. No wonder all of the phaetons are missing them! Rubber doesn't normally last 90 years! Rick had his custom made, and from a pattern he borrowed from a now deceased friend.

This gave me something to look for at swap meets since I now knew what to look for! Well my friends, it's been three years of swaps, and no luck. I have found out more information over the years, such as the part number: A-36649. Unfortunately, no one reproduces them since few people seem to even know they existed.



I know what you're thinking... what kind of weirdo looks that closely at an old photograph? Ha! So, it's obviously a plug. Well, I began scouring the Judging Standards looking for information on this plug. Is it rubber or brass, painted or plated? To my surprise, it is not mentioned at all. What I did find out is that the top rest saddles and top hold down straps are accessories on all Standard Phaetons. I guess this means if you were too cheap to purchase the saddles and straps, Ford just expected you to let your top bounce up and down on the spare tire. I can't imagine letting it do that! Obviously, Ford would not have just left an empty hole in the side of the body in anticipation of the customer possibly purchasing this accessory. It must have been plugged!

Since I couldn't find any definite information, I purchased some stainless body plugs at a local hardware store and called it good enough for now. Below, you can see my Phaeton with them installed.



At Hamilton, there was a Phaeton entered in the unrestored class, and to my surprise, it still had the original plugs installed. *continued on page 3*



## THE FINER POINTS CONTINUED. . .

Circling back to my opening, as I was sorting through parts the other day, I opened a small box labeled "Wiper", and I almost couldn't believe my eyes. There were two small rubber Phaeton body plugs inside. Years of searching, and I finally found them!



So, that takes care of the Standard Phaetons, but what did DeLuxe Phaetons use. The saddles and straps were standard equipment for DeLuxe cars. So, was there originally a body plug? The answer is yes. Below is a photo of a pair of original body plugs. These plugs were made to last; however, they are just as rare if not rarer than the rubber plugs, and they are highly sought after by those who own a 180-A. So, let's please keep it our little secret that I have a pair.



Just to prove to you that these plugs are legitimate, I'll leave you with a factory photo of a DeLuxe Phaeton with the top up and the plugs installed. It's highly visible just below the belt line at the back of the car. Remind me some other time, and I'll tell you just why the rear fenders on a DeLuxe Phaeton will only fit a DeLuxe Phaeton.

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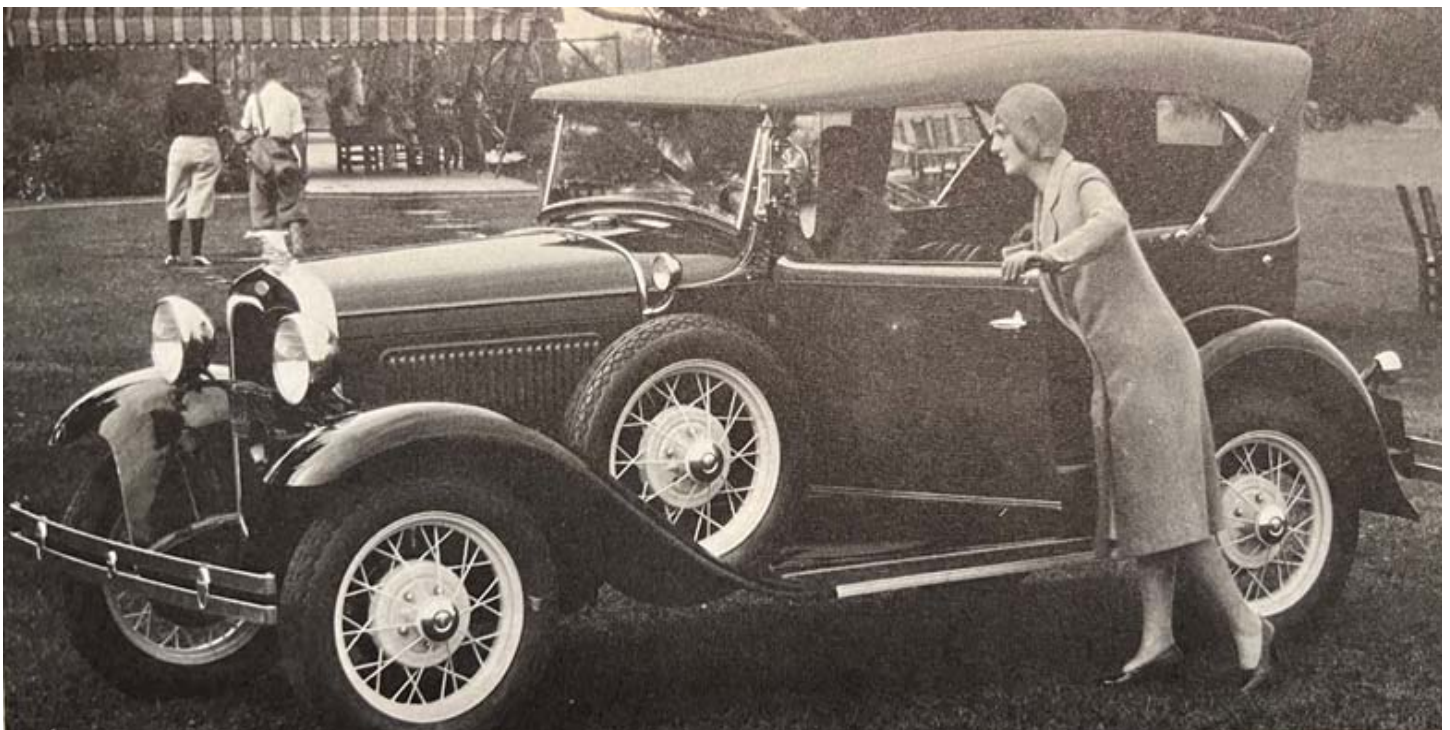
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# NUTS & BOLTS

by Ken Brust

November is already here! How did that happen? Well then, Happy Birthday to the Marine Corps and remember Veterans Day!..... Chris noticed some beautiful Duesenberg motorcars driving around Tulsa recently. We had heard they would be in town but I flat missed seeing them. Darn! We do hope to visit Doug Pray soon over in Broken Arrow to see his operation and maybe see his latest barn find. It is a rare Doozie!.....The Fall Tour was extremely interesting with all guided tours through some very fascinating places. Well Done to the Sooner Club. The airplanes at Tinker were exciting to see and Jackie Dunn was thrilled to see the B1 bomber for which she was responsible for buying the canopy glass for the entire fleet. Kudos, Jackie!.....Still going through old MAFCA Restorer Magazines and came across an article about Tulsa's 1997 Regional. See if you remember any of these past club members. Many will remember Barbara and George James and Hugh Dawson. Happy Trails to all.

## Happy Trails



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Right: Jim and Melissa Spawn (with their faithful runningboard companion) from Kansas City, Missouri pose with their 1930 DeLuxe Coupe.



Above: Bandana scarf dresses worn by host club ladies for the welcome party.



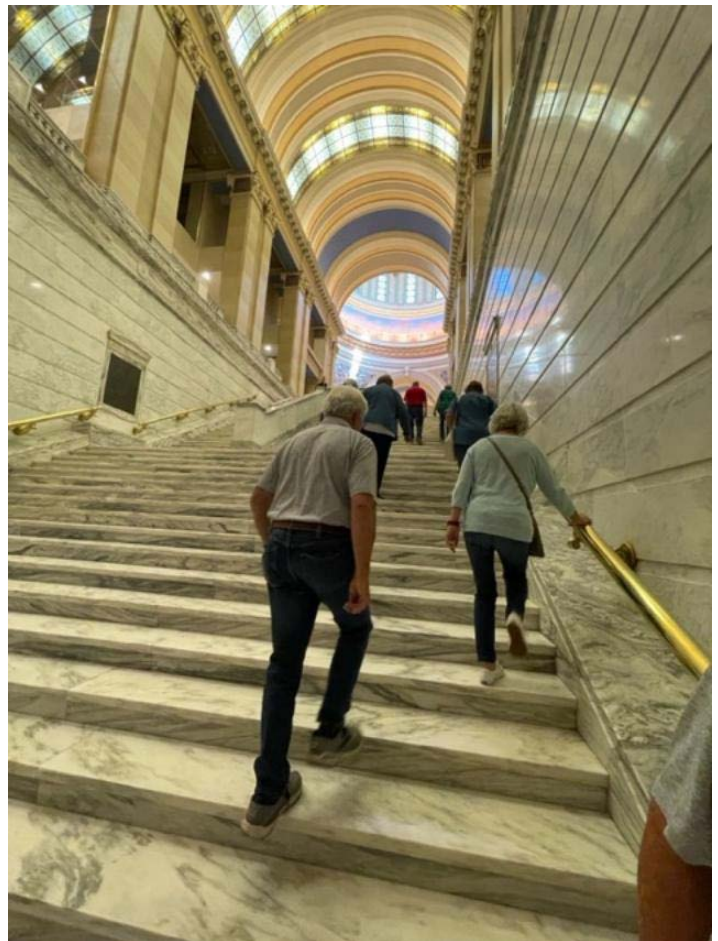
Right: Ruth and Hugh Dawson from Tulsa, Oklahoma with their 1929 Special Coupe.



FALL TOUR  
GUTHRIE MASONIC TEMPLE



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# Calendar of November Events

## November 1-4

4/Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Apple Barrel Cafe  
14002 East 116 Street North, Owasso  
Driving Tour to Collinsville and  
Cherokee Cemetery after Breakfast

## November 5-11

7/Tuesday, 8:00 a.m., Marvin's

9/Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Ladies' Luncheon  
Rib Crib BBQ  
17365 Lynn Riggs Boulevard, Claremore

10/Friday, 9:00 a.m., Veteran's Day Parade  
Claremore, OK

## November 12-18

NO EVENTS

## November 19-25

21/Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., General Meeting  
Hardesty Library - Vote on New Board Members

23/Thursday, Happy Thanksgiving



## December

2/Saturday, 1:00 p.m. Model A Christmas Dinner,  
Country Cottage Restaurant, Locust Grove  
6270 South Highway 82  
\$22 per person, Dirty Santa Gifts - \$15-\$20 maximum  
Drawing for the Cheryl Jackson Quilt





 **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.

**Russ Shuler**                      **Jan Hamm**  
**Cheryl Jackson**

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.



**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1     Debbie Johnson
- 4     Marvin Mellage
- 9     Scott & Cindy CASE
- 11    Dwayne Tucker
- 12    Don Chesser
- 12    Jessie Reed
- 13    Tim Neall
- 14    Dan & Terri ULBERG
- 21    Ricki Sullivan
- 25    Kenda Reiser
- 26    Andy & Jackie DUNN
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- 28    Tory Brust

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**November-**Virginia Harris and Jeanne Washburn.  
**December-** Jeanne Washburn and Linda Mellage



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# MEETING MINUTES

The general meeting was held on 10/17/2023 at Hardesty Library, Tulsa. Regular club business and reports were presented and accepted by members in attendance. New members were again introduced, and the Sunshine report was discussed. President Washburn discussed the old business, the Fall tour, and the Haskell Airport trip. The weather was excellent, and reports from those in attendance claimed a wonderful time at both events. New Business included the nominations for board members to replace outgoing members. Roy Cail and Tim Bodine accepted nominations. The voting on the new board members will be at the General Meeting on 11/21/2023. Remember the club breakfast for November and a short tour on 11/4. The remaining discussion centered around the remaining events ending with the Christmas Party on December 2. Please get your tickets ASAP for the quilt raffle at the Christmas Party. As always, it is essential to read and mark on your calendars the events from the Rumble Sheet. The night ended with our annual baked potato dinner; special thanks to all who provided items and cooked.

Secretary, Rodger Johnson.



MEN'S COFFEE

Marvin's on Tuesday, 11/7, 8 am



ANNUAL BAKED POTATO DINNER AND MEETING



# FALL TOUR - STATE CAPITOL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



## FALL TOUR OKLAHOMA LAND RUN STATUES

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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
- Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday of each month, Charles Hardesty Library, 8316 East 93rd Street, Tulsa

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