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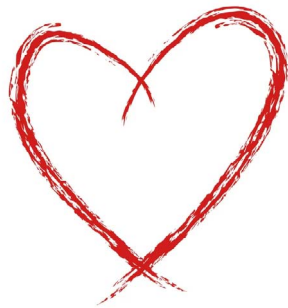
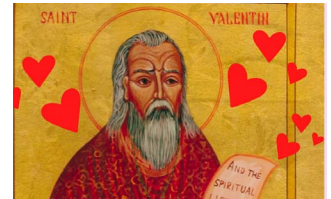
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We all know that this holiday is named after its patron saint, St. Valentine. Given that limited amount of knowledge, I decided to do a little research for myself. I ended up getting knee deep in some Pagan fertility festival (Lupercalia). If that wasn't enough, turns out that there was more than one possible Saint Valentine martyred by the Roman Emperor Claudius II. It just kept getting worse, with too much information. So, it is very nearly Valentine's Day, today in Oklahoma, and for our purposes, we plan to celebrate this very special holiday when we meet together at our General Meeting on February 20th. This does not relieve you of your obligations on the 14th. We are blessed with some very special ladies and we need to let them know how much we love and appreciate them.

Breakfast will be at the Apple Barrel in Owasso, followed by an opportunity to drive our cars, weather permitting. The board is planning a pretty active schedule this year. Steve Reiser and Harold Helton are very good about keeping our calendar current. Please remember the calendar is kind of a living document, so it gets updated often with additions and changes.

Steve is also in the process of preparing our 2024 Directory. We have a number of folks that have not paid their dues for this year, and they will not get to be in the directory if they are not current. Also if you do not have a current photo in the directory, or would like to replace your current photo with one that makes you look younger, please email it to Steve Reiser. Steve also needs to have you check to confirm that all your contact information is correct.

Planning for spring tour is underway by the Sooner Club in Oklahoma City. They are currently estimating that it will be sometime around April 20th or 27th. I will pass along the specific details as soon as they become available. I am personally getting anxious to go driving, and my Model A is ready to go touring, as soon as she knows she won't have to get out in the bad weather.



Kent

THE FINER POINTS

By Chris DuVall

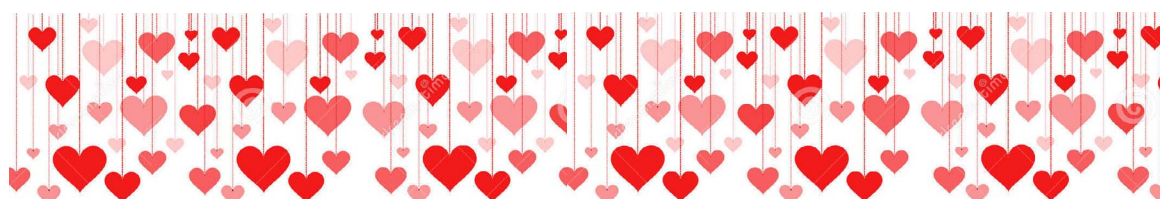
It's been busy so far this year, but I have still managed to squeeze in a bit of Model "A" time here and there. In fact, I have continued working on my original and unrestored August 1928 Roadster. I am hoping to show this car at the MARC national meet in Ashville, NC later this year. Whenever I'm working on my motorcars, I am always comparing them. When looking at my driver 1928 Roadster, the bumper clamps say "Ford". Of course, the clamps on that car are reproductions. Is anyone really surprised? Ha! Below is an example of a pair of originals. These clamps were only used as rear clamps from the beginning of production through May of 1928.



As you can see, the recessed areas are very shallow. When Ford redesigned the early clamps the increased the depth of the recessed area. In the photo at the top of the next column, you can see how much deeper the recess is. The recess was shallow on both the front and rear clamps in early 1928.



This photo is an odd ball that you don't run across every day: An early Canadian rear bumper clamp! Notice how the only recessed area is around the "Ford" script. Who knows this may be the beginnings of a new car for me!





by Roy Cail

Come join the celebration of Valentines Day (a little late but well worth celebrating) and our lovely ladies. Our program for the evening will be performed by the “Reflejos Flamencos” playing a variety of Flamenco music and dance. Our own Johnny Beard (member of the club for many years) and his daughter Lexi plus Lexi’s husband and a singer will round out the group. We are very excited and honored to have them take time to perform for our Club.

For the ladies we have a nice little surprise that you can take home and enjoy with your Valentine. Valentine’s is a special day, and we hope you can join us for a fun filled evening of entertainment.

STRANGE BUT TRUE...

This is the skull of an ancient Roman Martyr named Valentine which resides in the Rome, in the church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin. Whether or not it’s the skull of the martyr who inspired Valentine’s day is a matter of some debate, to put it mildly. Bound up in this debate is the unexpected history of one of the world’s most curious holidays.



Depending on who’s counting, there are between 12 and 14 Saint Valentines, including a Spanish hermit and a woman – Valentina. Turns out, it was a pretty common name during Late Antiquity. As far as anyone can tell, the Saint Valentine of Valentine’s Day was one of two guys preaching the good word in Rome in the third century. One of these two was martyred on February 14th 269, thus giving us the date for his eponymous day.

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NUTS & BOLTS

by Ken Brust

The January cold weather has slowed down most of us from driving our old cars as we waited out the cold and snow sitting inside by the warm fire. I continued to thumb through old issues of Restorer Magazines and found an interesting 1963 article about the series of letters used by Henry Ford for his various models.

What Happened to Model “U” Ford?



We don't know the answer to this question but in thinking about it, Henry had followed the alphabet through the Model T, starting with the first Model A back in 1903, skipping a letter here and there but turning out an R, S, and T without a miss. Logically, the next should have been Model U. It would have been a pitchman's dream. Ford sales people could have had a field day with phrases like, "Model U . . . the car for you!" Or perhaps, "Model U --- true blue and forever new!" Better yet, he could have conceivably called it the Model 4U, indicating the number of cylinders while lending even better pitch to the ad copy!

Had Mr. Ford continued with a U, then V (which he did), and somehow managed a W, then his experimental X engine which had been kicked around the Ford shops since 1922 could have been brought into play. Accomplishing this, it would have been a simple matter to finish the series with a Y --- for Y-block engine --- and finally a Z, timed to coincide with his retirement.

What prompted the reversal that destroyed the logical sequence is left to conjecture. It has been

expressed by some that Henry Ford felt he had completed his own cycle of engineering achievement so he retired with another Model A in order to launch his son Edsel on a second family cycle of successful automobiles. What do “U” think?

Several of us follow various posts on the Tulsa Model A Ford Club page on Facebook. I recently posted what I thought was an interesting article on a 1934 Ford Brewster

Town Car Cabriolet. I know, it isn't a Model A but it certainly is an interesting looking motorcar with a pretty impressive Rolls Royce lineage. Mitchell DuVall does an excellent job of administration for our club's post. MAFCA also has a page on Facebook so I invite those who don't follow those posts to try them out.

Happy Trails



2023 1000 MILE PROGRAM RESULTS

by Roy Cail

The results are in for those participating in the 2023 1000 Mile Program. We had 19 achieving 1000 miles or greater. Greg and Cheryl Hoyle drove the most miles in 2023, driving 15,855 miles. Mitchel and Melody DuVall and Bobby and Cheryl Jackson rounded out the top three spots with 5,174 and 4,104 miles respectively. Congratulations to all those achieving 1000 miles and especially to our top three. Total miles driven by all participants was 52,876.

1000 Mile Club for 2024

If you did not participate in 2023 and want to participate in 2024 please email me (rcail102244@gmail.com) your beginning odometer reading(s). Some have already submitted their readings to which, I say thank you.

2023 Miles per participant:

1.	Greg and Cheryl Hoyle	15,855
2.	Mitchel and Melody DuVall	5,174
3.	Bobby and Cheryl Jackson	4,104
4.	Robert and Elaine Bullard	4,064
5.	Sam and Carina Slaven	3,437
6.	Bob and Linda Stine	2,282
7.	Russ and Sandy Shuler	1,874
8.	Rich Robinson	1,684
9.	Charles and Karen Dusenbery	1,868
10.	Andy and Jackie Dunn	1,473
11.	Ken and Tory Brust	1,428
12.	Tim and Linda Bodine	1,374
13.	Chris and Julianna DuVall	1,369
14.	Kent and Jeanne Washburn	1,312
15.	Marvin and Linda Mellage	1,207
16.	Ralph and Connie Hudson	1,155
17.	Dan and Terri Ulberg	1,150
18.	Jerry Conrad and Linda Ochs	1,036
19.	Roy and Barbara Cail	1,030

We have been tracking mileage for the past 13 years. Below are the results by year:

• 2010	18 (1000 miles or greater)	• 2017	18 (1000 miles or greater)
• 2011	14 (1000 miles or greater)	• 2018	20 (1000 miles or greater)
• 2012	15 (1000 miles or greater)	• 2019	20 (1000 miles or greater)
• 2013	18 (1000 miles or greater)	• 2020	12 (1000 miles or greater)
• 2014	21 (1000 miles or greater)	• 2021	19 (1000 miles or greater)
• 2015	19 (1000 miles or greater)	• 2022	15 (1000 miles or greater)
• 2016	19 (1000 miles or greater)	• 2023	19 (1000 miles or greater)



First
TMAFC
Breakfast
of 2024



Calendar of February Events

February 1 - 3

3/Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Model A Breakfast - Apple Barrel

14002 East 116 Street North, Owasso, OK

February 4 - 10

6/Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.

Coffee at Marvin's

8/Thursday, 11:30 a.m.

Ladies' Luncheon

Olive Garden, 2033 Utica Square

February 11 - 17

14/Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.

Model A Board Meeting

Hardesty Library

HAPPY
Valentine's
day



February 18 - 24

20/Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Model A General Meeting

Hardesty Library

Valentine's Special - Johnny Beard Flamenco Dancers



MARCH

2-Model A Breakfast - 8:30 AM, Silver Skillet

8228 East 61st Street, Tulsa

5-Coffee at Marvin's - 8:00 AM

6-Model A Board Meeting - Pending,

Hardesty Library - 1:00 PM

14-Ladies' Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Linda Mellage

19-General Meeting - Hardesty Library - 7:00 PM

Tom Sewell - Alternative Fuels

APRIL

2-Coffee at Marvin's - 8:00 AM

2-Model A Board Meeting - Hardesty - 1:00 PM

6-Model A Breakfast - 8:30 AM

11-Ladies Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Linda Mellage

16-General Meeting - Hardesty Library - 7:00 PM

Michael Grogan, Fox 23

20-Spring Tour - Sooner Club -

Either 4/20 or 4/20 - Pending

JUNE

26-29-National MAFCA Convention, Ruidoso, NM

Southwestern Model A's

JULY

20-Ice Cream Social - Joanna Cooper's

Linda and Marvin Mellage

AUGUST

3-River City Players - with Thunderbird Club

1:00 p.m. - Rock n Roll Show, Tahlequah, OK

DECEMBER

11-14- National Awards

Banquet, Salt Lake City, UT

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 **SUNSHINE Report** by Ken Brust

During this new year, I have been asked to help keep the club updated on everyone's ups and downs. In order to be successful with this task, I will very much need your help and support. If you are under the weather or know of other members dealing with health or emergency issues, please let me know.

Two who I've talked with this year are Rich Robinson and Pat Elsberry who both had short hospital stays. I'm pleased both are doing much better now.

However, I am sorry to report that Faith Bond passed away on January 15. I spoke with James and extended our club's sincere condolences to him and family. Please keep James in your thoughts and prayers. Everyone stay well and please let me know if you or others you know are having difficulties. Many thanks.

Ken Brust 918-728-1900

*Faith
Bond*



*March 14, 1949
January 15, 2024*

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*Olive Garden
2033 Utica Square
Thursday February 8th, 11:30 am.*

 **February**

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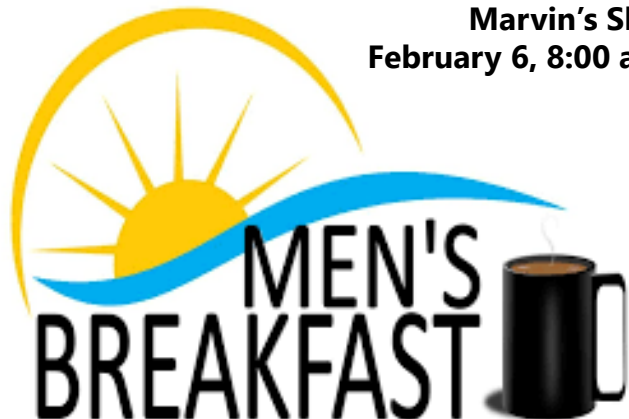
- 5 Tim Bodine
- 6 Vi Curtis
- 7 Johnny Beard
- 12 Cerina Slavens
- 13 Don Curtis
- 15 Kendall Sutter
- 17 Bobbi Kendall
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- 28 Chuck Ramsey
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**Coffee & Donuts
Marvin's Shop
February 6, 8:00 a.m.**



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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.

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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