



THE RUMBLE SHEET

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BOB STINE

Hello all Tulsa Model A Ford Club Members. I hope this message finds all of you and your families in spectacular health in body and mind. As we start March 2026 you all know warmer weather is coming upon us soon. With this being said, now is the time to take a good "look see" at your Model A's and make sure that these Magnificent Machines are road worthy. Now is the time to start putting some miles on your Model A's and showing them off to the rest of the world so you can be recognized next January 2027 and receive proudly your One Thousand (1,000) Miles or Over TMAFC Mileage Award. My personal goal is to drive my Model A and AA more this year than last year, and I challenge all of you to follow my lead.

Our club was asked early in January of this year to provide a Model A vehicle for a New Student "Open House" event at the Tulsa Technology Broken Arrow, OK campus which took place later on in January. I am proud to say that this Tulsa Tech. Campus, which by the way is an automotive Campus, was so impressed with your club that they have asked us to participate again in their 2026 Ford Show on March 27. Your club is providing, as of this writing seven (7) different Model A models and one (1) Model T for this event by a few consciences club members. I encourage those of you who can to come out and see this event.

You can look forward to "TMAFC "Safety Checks" this year to take place before the Tulsa's Route 66 Capital Cruise, the Spring Tour and finally the Fall Tour at locations in the North and in the South if you so want to participate in. In addition starting in April you can look forward to participating in club events such as events following breakfasts, during the week day trips, Saturday day trips, one of which will be meeting-up with The Sooner Model A Club for lunch, also an Ice Cream Social, River City Players Show, and Play Day.

In conclusion, I just want to make a brief comment that has been recently heavy on my heart. As your President I feel it is my responsibility and concern that all club members respect each other and enjoy our fellowship together. Remember our common denominator is the Ford Model A. I adamantly beg you to use extreme caution when confronting another club member with a personality conflict. Please be cognizant of the feelings of others and act accordingly.

As Always, Thank you for the Privilege of being your President.



"If everyone is moving forward together, than success takes care of itself" Henry Ford."

Henry Ford

*See you in your "A"
Bob Stine*

Ford actually addressed this issue in the first generation of the part. Below is a photograph of the first-generation brake wedge parts.



Look at that large hole in the middle of the wedge! Also notice the cam on the stud is smaller than the later style and round. This design effectively created a floating braking system for the front brakes. In other words, once the wedge was pushed down far enough that one shoe contacted the drum, you could continue to apply pressure to ensure the second shoe also made contact. It's really an ingenious system. If you look closely, you can actually see the "Ford" script on the wedge. These parts were only used on very early cars, and as a result are extremely rare today.

So, if the early system was floating, why would Ford change to a non-floating system? As the shoes wore, the driver was able to push the brake down farther and farther. Eventually this led to the possibility of the wedge working itself sideways inside the drum. When this happened, it would lock up the drum. Additionally, it was very difficult to remove the drum after this happened. So, Ford had to change to a less clever solution for the brakes.

If you're out in your garage, and you happen upon a set of early brake wedges please don't throw them out!

Dad and I have been having lots of fun continuing to restore yet another Model "A" chassis. The Phaeton chassis we were working on is complete and waiting on the paint and body guy now. Wish me luck that it turns out well! Brakes are an important part of the restoration that can often be somewhat overlooked. The stock system works great, but it is really a "sum of the parts" system. If one or two items is worn, it really shows in performance. Below is a photo of the brake wedge found on most Model A's. This is the second generation design of this particular part.



These work great; however, if the shoes are not perfectly aligned within the drum, there is a chance you will only be using one of the two shoes for stopping. Believe it or not,

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At February's General Meeting, Jackie Dunn, TMAFC Treasurer, presents Guest Speaker Mike Bender a gift for his "New York to San Francisco Along the Lincoln Highway In a Model T" presentation.



Why is corned beef strongly associated with Irish cuisine and widely eaten on St. Patrick's Day, served alongside cabbage and potatoes or the mixed cabbage-potato dish called colcannon?

Beef was historically scarce in Ireland and, as a measure of wealth in ancient Irish society, it was not widely eaten because it was prohibitively expensive; a St. Patrick's Day meal in good times was instead likely to involve Irish bacon, a kind of ham, in a culinary culture that favored pork over other meats. In America, however, Irish immigrants found that beef was abundant and inexpensive, and they discovered as well that their Jewish neighbours in New York and other immigrant centers ate corned beef—its texture similar to that of Irish bacon—along with the eastern European staples of cabbage and potatoes. The connection between Irish consumers and kosher butchers and the ready availability of beef both helped install corned beef as an Irish American tradition.

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Model A Ford Club of Tulsa General Membership Monthly Meeting Minutes January 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Bob Stine with 33 members present. Kent Washburn led the Pledge of Allegiance and Don Reed led the prayer.

Treasurer Dunn presented the Treasurer's Report. Tim moved that the report be accepted, Sam seconded the motion and it passed.

With no objections to the November meeting minutes as published in the Rumble Sheet, Tim Bodine moved that they be approved, Sam Slavens seconded, and they were.

Linda Stine presented the Sunshine Report that Don Chesser continues to recover from knee surgery.

Jackie Dunn announced new members Don and Liz White and Bob McCormick. She also announced that our Club membership now stands at 107.

Guest present was program presenter, Mike Bender.

No Model A's were reported purchased or sold but new member Don White is shopping.

Linda Stine announced that Valentines Gift Bags had been prepared and distributed to all the ladies present.

President Stine announced that Audrey Martin had asked that she be replaced on the Board of Directors and, following the Club bylaws, said Board has selected Linda Stine to serve Audrey's unexpired term – through the end of calendar year 2027.

Diane Rinkenbaugh announced that planning for the monthly Ladies Luncheons has been distributed amongst the ladies and the monthly organizer will be responsible for communicating the time and location. The March 10th luncheon will be at the Owasso Bricktown Brewery at 11:30 AM. Diane suggested that those coming from the South, take the 86th Street North exit and drive the last mile north to 96th Street North on Garnett Road to avoid all the street construction on 96th Street North.

Upcoming Club events were announced:

Roger Johnson announced that we have been invited to participate with the Will Rogers Model A Club Special Route 66 Centennial Celebration kickoff event in Claremore on February 27th. Contact Roger at (918) 629-6177 if you wish to participate. The plan is to meet at the Hudson's at 4 PM and drive our Model A's from there to Claremore. The event starts at 5 PM and plans to be finished by 7 PM.

March 7th breakfast @ Reasor's: 41st & Peoria. Then we will drive our Model A's to Sophian Plaza, once an upscale hotel and now upscale condominiums. The Sophian Plaza is also celebrating their 100th anniversary.

In the main lobby, Michael Wallis, author of many Route 66 books and the voice of the Sheriff of Radiator Springs in the movie: CARS, will make a presentation and review of his most recent book on Belle Starr. We will complete the outing by photographing our cars in front of the Sophian Plaza for their promotional and our use.

March 26 -27th: Tulsa Technology Center is hosting a Ford car and truck show and they are asking for nine Model A's to display overnight in a very secure location. Bob Stine displayed his AA there recently. Bob currently has eight volunteers so needs one more.

April 21st General meeting: Annette Murray will speak about the "Women of Route 66".

The Spring Tour to Enid, hosted by the Oklahoma City Sooner Model A Club is planned for April 23 – 26. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table.

May 19th General Meeting: Hubley Races

May 30th Route 66 Centennial Parade: Register individually online. \$15 per Model A. Although participants must sign up online and pay their entry fee, Jackie has created a signup sheet so we know how many and who to expect. It was recommended that we find a location near the parade marshaling location at the Tulsa Fairgrounds to gather and drive together to the Fairgrounds. John Rinkenbaugh, chairman of this event, will make such a plan.

This year, the "Ice Cream Social" at Joanna Cooper's will be on June 27th.

There is a signup sheet for the July 11th River City Players event in Tahlequah.

The Board of Directors has selected October 15 – 18th for the Fall Tour and are strongly considering Grand Lake.

The Christmas Party will be at the Country Cottage in Locust Grove. Bob has secured the venue and we will enjoy the large dining room to ourselves so as not to be disturbed.

The evening's program was titled "Sea to Sea in a Model T", a slide show with videos presented by Mike Bender, who drove his Model T from Lower Manhattan to San Francisco with many an experience along the way including a full engine overhaul and an axle shaft replacement! What an adventure. Mike wants to do it again without all the fanfare...and schedule.

President Stine called for a motion to adjourn, such was made by Tim Bodine and seconded by Sam Slavens and so we did at 8:20 PM.

John Rinkenbaugh, Secretary & Scribe



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
February 27	Will Rogers Model A Club Special Route 66 Centennial Celebration Kick Off Event	Contact Rodger Johnson, 918.629.6177 for more information	8:30 a.m.
March 7	Breakfast	Reasor's 3915 South Peoria, after breakfast drive to The Sophian Plaza Park Towers, 1500 South Frisco, Tulsa, for lecture from resident/author/historian Michael Wallis and A Photo Shoot to commensurate 100 years of the Sophian Plaza Park Towers	8:30 a.m.
March 17	General Meeting	Hardesty Library, Frossard Auditorium No Speaker	7:00 p.m.
March 26 and 27	Broken Arrow Ford Show	Tulsa Technology – call Bob Stine for details – 918.829.6555	
March 26, 27, 28	Annual Duncan Pre-War Swap Meet	Duncan, OK, Stephens County Fair Grounds, 2002 South 13 th – 580-606-9397	
April 4	Breakfast	The Big Biscuit, 8920 South Memorial Drive, Tulsa, after breakfast 35-minute drive to Mike Fuller Auto & Gas Museum, 26 North Broadway Avenue, Inola, OK – 918-906-5192	
April 21	General Meeting	Guest Speaker Annette LaFortune Murray, Women of Route 66	7:00 p.m.
April 23-26	April Spring Tour	Enid, OK sponsored by Sooner Model A Club	



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Tulsa Model A Ford Club



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Don and Liz White
Bob McCormick





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CAPITAL CRUISE ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL PARADE PATCHES FOR SALE

by John Rinkenbaugh

A commemorative embroidered Patch has been designed in conjunction with the upcoming Capital Cruise. The purpose of the patch is to demonstrate our pride in Tulsa and Route 66 centennial and as a fundraiser. The patch diameter is 2.75 inches. The patch can be sewn or ironed on. We selected a patch so as not to have to limit it to a garment style, size or color and to avoid the cost and lead time of special order garments.

To keep the cost reasonable, we need to order at least 51 patches at a cost of \$7 each. We intend to sell them for \$10 each to generate funds for the Club. We currently have pledges to purchase 26 patches. We need to sell at least 36 to break even. Selling this minimum doesn't generate any funds for the club but it does prevent a loss.

If you haven't signed up already, or you wish to increase a pledge you've already made, please text or email John Rinkenbaugh at (918) 978-3935, jrink77@outlook.com. As soon as we get a pledge to buy 10 more patches, we will order them and may have them at the March meeting.



Tulsa Model A Ford Club presents ...

Mr. Michael Wallis

Guest Speaker

Mr. Wallis is a three-time Pulitzer finalist who authored "Route 66: The Mother Road," along with a couple of dozen other great books. "Cars", animated film series, features his distinct voice as the Sheriff of Radiator Springs.

**Saturday,
March 7, 2026
11:00 a.m.**

Mr. Wallis will speak to the Club about Route 66, his new book, and the history of the Sophian Plaza over the last 100 years.



Sophian Plaza

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Photos to be taken of our Model A Cars in front of the Sophian Plaza as part of the Plaza's 2026 Centennial Celebration. Club will gather in the Lobby of the Sophian for the venue.



Members can meet after Club Breakfast at Café in Reasor's Grocery at E. 41st St. and Peoria Avenue, at 10:00 a.m., to **CARAVAN** to the Sophian Plaza.

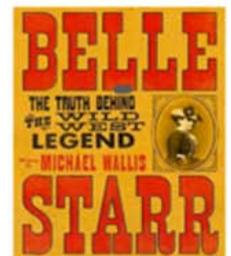
OR

Members can meet club at the Sophian Plaza (Downtown, 1500 South Frisco Avenue, near E. 15th Street and Harvard) at 11:00 a.m.



CLUB CONTACT FOR EVENT

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- Michael Wallis, "BELLE STARR"

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FLASHBACK





Men's Monthly Coffees

Marvin's - 8:30 a.m.
 >1st Tuesday
 McDonald's - 8:30 a.m.
 >2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesday
 Bob Stine's - 8:30 a.m.
 >3rd Wednesday



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BIRTHDAYS

- 12 Sheryl Hoyle
- 14 Robert Stine
- 15 Mitch DeCamp
- 20 Robert Bullard
- 22 David Hayes
- 24 Bill Harris
- 29 Scott Case

(no anniversaries)



Ladies Luncheon

Bricktown Brewery

11909 East 96th Street North, Owasso

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 11:30 a.m.



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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.

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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