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As always Linda and I hope as I write this monthly message that you and your families are in good health, spirit and welfare. This month brings us a national historical and monumental event. And of course you already know that on July 4th. we will celebrate two hundred and fifty years of our country, The United States of America's Independence. The "Committee of Five" Thomas Jefferson, the principal author, with co- writers Robert R. Livingston and Roger Sherman. John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, together made several revisions before the Second Continental Congress ratified the declaration on July 04, 1776. What did this mean? "It meant that American people were going to assume among the powers of the earth, a separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them". A committee was then appointed to design and purpose a "seal for the United States of America". "This seal was to be an official expression of the sovereign authority Americans were fighting for in the War for Independence". "Charles Thomson, Secretary of the United States Congress was asked to take the recommendations of the three committees into account and submit a proposal for the Great Seal" which you see today.

For those who were not aware, Mr. Don Chesser of Holdenville, OK. and a long-time member of this club passed away Monday June 15, 2026. A Celebration of Life will be held on July 11, 2026 at 2 pm. at Wes Watkins Technology Center in the Seminar Center at 7892 OK. 9 in Wetumka, OK. 74883. 405-452-5500. Contact Marvin Mellage at 918-633-4875 to follow him in your Model A.

For those who participated in the Tulsa Route 66 Capital Cruise on May 30, 2026, I believe we did have fun driving the five and one half mile route on 11th. Street (Route 66) and driving past some estimated 100,000 spectators who were lined along the parade route and we set a new world record of 3,596 vehicles. This number would have been higher but unfortunately many vehicles were not allowed to participate and turned away.

There will not be a TMAFC breakfast on July 4th. Other activities that are planned for the month of July include seeing the River City Players in Tahlequah, OK. on July 11th. at 1pm. I will send out information as to where and what time we will meet and depart for Tahlequah, OK. We are planning on having lunch at El Zarape Mexican Restaurant at 701 E. Downing St. Tahlequah, OK. 74464. 918-456-0708 before seeing the River City Players perform. I would like to have another Club Breakfast on Saturday July 18 2026 at the Apple Barrel Café at 14002 E. 116th, St. N. in Owasso, OK. 74055- 918-553-6197 and have a High Hand Poker run afterwards. Remember June's High Hand Poker Run was rained out.

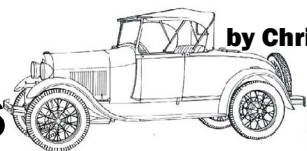
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“What’s right about America is that although we have a mess of problems, we have great capacity-intellect and resources- to do something about them.”

Henry Ford

Finer Points



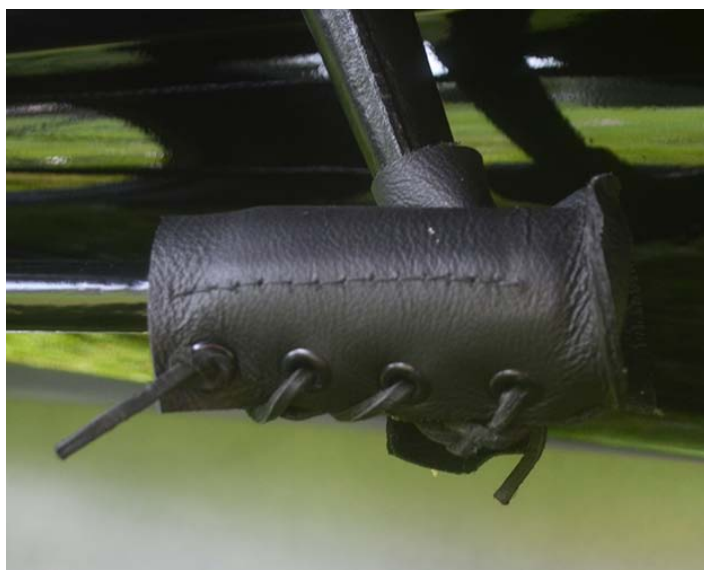
by Chris DuVall

Wow! I can't believe it's already late June. The MARC national is just a short time away, and we are busy finishing up loose ends on our February 1929 Special Coupe. Dad and I took a very short drive in it over the last weekend, and it really does ride and drive exactly how I imagine a brand new Model A would have. So, wish us luck that the car does well in judging!

Of course, there are lots of projects in the pipeline, and as I was going through a few parts, I came across the below NOS steering components for a very early 1928 Model A. What we mean by very early 1928 Model A is a Model A manufactured in either October, November, or December of 1927. There were a total of 3,995 Model A Fords assembled in the USA in 1927. That's not very many! Anyway, the below components were only used in 1927 with any leftover parts potentially being used in January or February 1928. For reference, the January 1928 Sport Coupe that we are currently restoring utilizes the second-generation steering parts.



Needless to say, it is very exciting to find the real McCoy for this rare part! As you may have noticed, there is not a provision for the rubber grease seal. This pitman arm predates that seal and uses a leather booty instead. Additionally, most pitman arms are installed with the ball toward the inside of the car; however, the first-generation parts are installed with the ball to the outside of the car (as picture above). Below are two photos of the first-generation parts as they would have been installed originally. These photos are from the Henry Award winning 1927 Prototype Roadster.



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President's message continued

As we continue into the summer months remember to try to at least drive your Model A's to Men's breakfasts as I am sure your cars would appreciate being driven on the streets. If there is something you would like to participate in please bring it to my attention and we will plan it. Congratulations to club members Lonnie Sherry and Don White for winning awards in their perspective classes at the annual Heros and Hot Rods Car Show hosted by the Thin Blue Brotherhood Foundation at Mark Allen Chevrolet in Glenpool, OK. on Saturday June 20th, 2026. I look forward to seeing you at any upcoming TMAFC events and as always thank you for the privilege of being your President.

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THE CAPITAL CRUISE

BY KIM SUTTER

I'm not an early morning girl. Truth be told, I prefer a late, slow morning and lots of coffee to fuel the day. But witnessing the world record breaking Capital Cruise of vintage vehicles and classic cars down Route 66 through Tulsa was worth getting up early for.

The alarm sounded at 4:30 on May 30th, parade day. I rolled out of bed, eager to find the perfect spot to set up a camping chair before thousands of spectators arrived to share the historic moment.

In the predawn darkness, I found a parking space behind Buck Atom's and set up my chair. The glowing neon sign and my iconic friend, wearing a cowboy hat with a rocket ship in hand, towered above me. I settled in, sipped a mug of steaming coffee and thought about the moment my Model A family would motor down the street. The parade's slice of vintage Americana would feature Tin Lizzies to modern muscle cars and everything in between.

A young man named Sam arrived and staked a claim next to me, setting out chairs for his friends and family. As the sun broke over the horizon and the sky turned blue, we chatted about the Guinness Book attempt and our shared love of classic cars. Equipped with a camera and long range lens, my new acquaintance stood ready to capture photographic memories of the cruise.

The gathering crowd's anticipation built when organizers announced the parade was underway. When the first cars came into view, my heart soared and I scanned the line for one car in particular. The lead line of dignitaries included Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor, Matt Pinnell, Tulsa's Mayor, Monroe Nichols, Derek Bieri, founder of the Vice Grip Garage, one hundred-year-old WWII veteran, Morris Neighbors, centenarian, Betty Lee Jones, and Bob Berghell, representing Cyrus Avery, Father of Route 66.

For me, the most important car in the line up was the Ford that held Michael Wallis, Route 66 historian, author, and the voice of the Sheriff in the Disney movie, *Cars*. The gorgeous green 1930 Cabriolet once belonged to my Model A Club friend, Roy Cail. That day it was being driven by its proud new owner, John



Rinkenbaugh and his wife, Diane. I tried not to let the tears spill over as I waved and shouted. What an honor to see Roy's dream car carrying Michael Wallis, driven by a friend in a history making parade. I'm sure Roy cheered them on from the best seat in the house!

Afterwards, lines of cars rolled by two or three wide in a veritable feast for the senses; engines revved, exhaust fumes curled, horns beeped, and American flags flew proudly in the breeze. Beauty queens, glamorous and glittering, waved from their seats, dogs sporting bandanas barked from open windows, and retro vibes flowed as bubble-blowing hippies flashed wide smiles and peace signs as they passed.

The amazing variety kept me smiling, waving and yelling from the sidelines while Sam clicked his camera and tried to keep up with the tide of cars flowing down the Mother Road.

Rusty farm trucks, flashy Firebirds, polished pink Cadillacs, hopped-up, souped-up show stoppers that popped off the pavement, groovy painted Beetle bugs and Volkswagen vans, open-topped Broncos, Chryslers, Thunderbirds, Camaros and curvy Corvettes, Chevys with fins, jeeps and dune buggies, aqua blue Bel Airs, sleek 1940s and 1950s beauties, red hot sports cars, modified hot rods, woody family station wagons, sunny convertibles and racing rust buckets filled the street.

Not to be outdone, Hollywood made a fabulous showing and brought back fond memories of my childhood and the magic of movie making. Herbie rode again, with multiple sightings of number sixty-three whizzing by. Tonka trucks and Hot Wheels cars, the who-ya-gonna-call Ghost Buster's vehicle, the Dukes of Hazard in their bright orange General Lee Dodge Charger, and silver-winged DeLoreans took me back



to the future. Jurassic Park jeeps and the Twister movie truck, with Dorothy strapped down in the back, made me want to run for the hills.

When the line of Model As finally rumbled down the street, I went wild! Unashamed and slightly out of control, I turned into a total fan girl and screamed as friends motored by in their automobiles. What a rush to see these beautiful old gals make history with their smiling owners behind the wheels, having the time of their lives.

Watching thousands of classic cars roll by with an estimated crowd of one hundred thousand people, including Sam and me, and witnessing the thrill of Tulsa's world record bid, stayed with me long after parade day. Tulsa broke the record at 3,596 cars, a happy outcome. But memories of the Model As honking their oogah horns and rumbling their way into the record book made me happier still.

> John and Diane Rinkenbaugh along with their grandson Landyn. The Rinkenbaughs had one of the Tulsa Route 66 Capital Cruise Grand Marshals, Michael Wallis, ride with them along the parade route.



>Waiting in line at the Expo Center before the start of Tulsa's Route 66 Capital Cruise.



>Small portion of the approximately 4,000 cars parked waiting to depart the Expo Center.



>John Bornefeld and his AA Flatbed Truck in the staging area at the Expo Center.

THOMAS EDISON AND HENRY
FORD WINTER ESTATES

by Pam Lundy

The first week of June, I took a trip to Ft. Myers, Florida where I planned to spend some time on Sanibel Island and Marco Island. To my surprise, I discovered Thomas Edison and Henry Ford had adjacent winter estates in the City of Ft. Myers and my hotel was just a few blocks away. I sent photos to Bob Stine and he asked that I share some in the RumbleSheet.

Mrs. Edison deeded the Edison property to the City in 1947 and in 1988, the Ford property and a Foundation were created to protect and preserve the properties. Public tours for both properties opened in 1990. The property has botanical gardens, a museum, a gift shop and and educational programs. It is a National Register Historic Site with 200,000 visitors annually.

Thomas Edison first came to Fort Myers in 1885. He was a well-known inventor in search of a warm escape from the cold northern winters. On his first trip to Southwest Florida he purchased more than 13 acres along the Caloosahatchee River. Edison returned to Fort Myers in 1886 with his new bride, Mina Miller Edison. For the next six decades the Edison family enjoyed their winter retreat. In 1947, Mina deeded the Estate to the City of Fort Myers. Nearly all of the furnishings in the Edison Main House and Guest House are original to the Edison family.

In 1914, Henry and Clara Ford, along with their son Edsel, visited Fort Myers at the invitation of Thomas Edison. They enjoyed the visit so much that two years later, Ford purchased the home adjacent to the Edison Winter Estate. The two-story riverfront home was built in the Craftsman architectural style.

The Ford's sold The Mangoes in 1945 to a private family who then sold the estate to the City of Fort Myers in the late 1980s.

The Ford Caretaker's Cottage was originally a garage and caretakers' residence. Today, visitors can enjoy light refreshments including locally made ice-cream and purchase unique books and gifts in the historic Ford Cottage Shoppe.



>Henry Ford Winter Estate - "The Mangoes" classic bungalow style. It features cedar-shingle siding, gabled metal roof and dormers with decorative beams, cypress ceiling and yellow pine moldings.

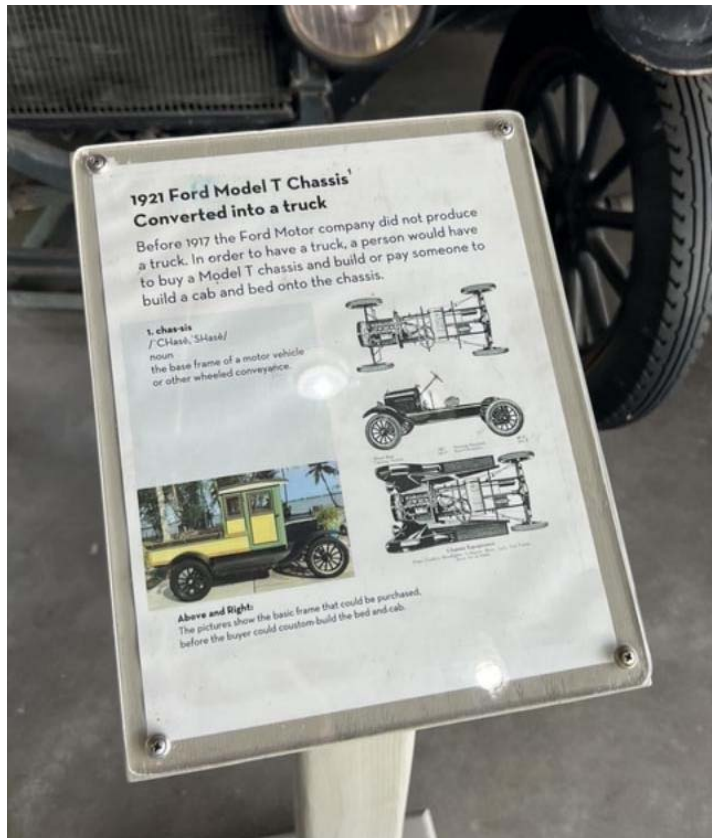
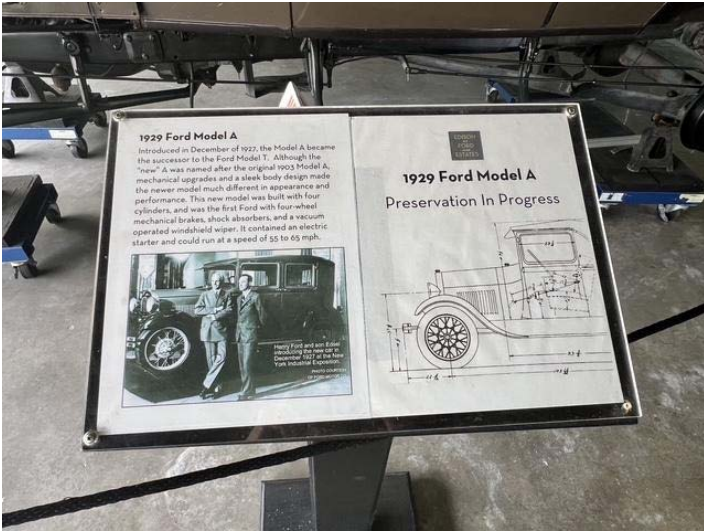
Ford and his engineers secretly developed the V-8 engine inside Edison's old Fort Myers laboratory.



>View from porch of the Edison home overlooking the Caloosahatchee River.



>Thomas Edison's estate and guest house.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
July 4	TMAFC Breakfast	No breakfast scheduled	
July 11	River City Players	Tahlequah - Leaving QuikTrip at Hwy. 51 and 81 st St. in Broken Arrow. Meeting Thunderbird Club at QuikTrip at Hwy. 51 and US 69 in Wagoner, OK. and proceeding to lunch at El Zarape restaurant in Tahlequah; River City Players Show	9:00 a.m. depart QT in BA; 10:00 depart QT in Wagoner; 11:00 Lunch; 1:00 p.m. River City Players
July 18	TMAFC Breakfast	Apple Barrel, 14002 East 116 th Street North; High-Hand poker to follow	8:30 a.m.
July 21	General Meeting	Hardesty Library, Roger Cornelison Magic Show	7:00 p.m.
August 1	TMAFC Breakfast	Café USA, 725 Mission Street, Sapulpa; Keith Jones leads visit to Bridge No. 18 at Creek Park, 13000 West Ozark Trail, Sapulpa	8:30 a.m.
August 18	General Meeting	Hardesty Library, Jim Hinkley, Route 66, remote/zoom	7:00 p.m.
August 21	Driller Game, Model A Mustang/Thunderbird Clubs	Driller Stadium, \$35 per person includes preferred parking close to gate if drive a Model A, Mustang, or Thunderbird. Driller baseball cap and all you can eat buffet. Seating along third baseline.	Arrive 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., game at 7:00 p.m. More info TBA
September 5	Bill Knight Ford Coffee and Donuts	Bill Knight's	8:30 a.m.
September 15	General Meeting	Hardesty Library, MARC Region General Membership vote to add to MARC to TMAFC Bylaws	7:00 p.m.
September 19	International Model A Day	Get out and drive your A!	
September 26	Play Day, Chili lunch with Silent Auction	Asbury Church, 6767 South Mingo Road	9:00 a.m.
October 3	TMAFC Breakfast	TBA	8:30 a.m.
October 10	TMAFC Safety Check	Sam Slavens	8:00-noon
October 15-18	Fall Tour	Grand Lake, OK	TBA
October 20	TMAFC General Meeting	Hardesty	7:00 p.m.
November 7	TMAFC Breakfast	TBA	8:30 a.m.
December 5	TMAFC Breakfast	TBA	8:30 a.m.
December 12	TMAFC Christmas Party	Country Cottage Restaurant, Locust Grove, OK, 6570 Highway 82,	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Looking Ahead – Seeking a Tulsa Tunnel Tour – more information to follow			



>June Breakfast at the Apple Barrel in Owasso.



>Ford Parts Warehouse in Broken Arrow at their monthly Customer Appreciation Barbecue. Pictured from left-to-right are John Bornefeld, Bob Stine, Lonnie Sherry, Don Curtis and Bill Oldaker. Not pictured was Don White. Bill Oldaker's son-in-law John Moore was the photographer.



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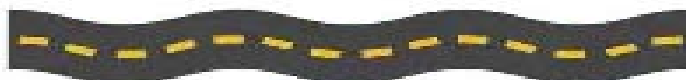
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Ladies Luncheon

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RSVP Hostess Linda Stine at 918-340-0440



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- 2 Laurie Morris
- 4 Jim Strode
- 9 Elaine Bullard
- 10 Chuck & Lisa RAMSEY
- 11 Melvin & Ceinda BURTON
- 12 John & Beverly BORNEFELD
- 12 Connie Hudson
- 21 Jon Lord
- 23 Jerry Conrad
- 23 Virginia Harris



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

SUNSHINE Report by Linda Stine

- Sam Slavens continues to recover from his back surgery and has been cleared to take short drives.
- A Sympathy Get Well Card was sent to June Chesser on behalf of the passing of Don.

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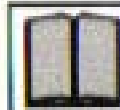
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Chapter #8231 of the Model A Club of America (MAFCA)

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. 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
- Board Meeting - 10:30 a.m., 1st 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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