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Dear Sooner Model A Club,

We hope all your Holidays were good. We had a very busy November and December. Thank you to all of our members who participated in the various activities. Some of the notable events were:

At the November Club meeting Sheryl Hoyle gave a wonderful presentation and a trip down memory lane about the houses in 1928 – 1931 and the ‘modern’ conveniences of the “ICE BOX.” Sheryl also explained how you could order a house from Sears or Montgomery Ward and build it yourself. Everything was precut and all the directions were included. There were many homes sold that way.

Then Phil Wolfenbarger scheduled our show of cars for the ‘End of Prohibition’ at Bubba’s restaurant. Bubba’s provided free lunches and dinners to all participants. We had a great turn out and wonderful food.

The Blanchard Veteran’s Day Parade on November 12th had seven cars and we were #3 in the lineup. We have never been that close to the front of any parade. The Stockyard parade on December 3rd was a cold day but we had a very good turnout of seven cars.

Thank you to Sheryl Hoyle and Kaye Sage for arranging the Club’s Christmas Party. A great time was had by all and I heard some good comments about using the round tables. It was ideal for visiting and eating Earl’s smoked turkey, sliced brisket and pulled pork with all of the trimmings. Where can you go today for some great food and a good time for only \$5.00? Chuck Dusenbery did a great job of restoring the original Sooner Model A Club Charter and wooden frame, which was displayed at our Christmas party.

Just a reminder that the club dues are \$20 and due by 31 January 2023. If you have not paid your dues by then your name will be removed from the list because it is time to make a new directory.

The board is planning the 2023 activities and will welcome any new ideas or suggestions for club activities. We have planned a trip to the ‘CHICKEN SHACK’ at 11:30 on Saturday the 21st, at 212 East Highway 66, Arcadia. This is about one block beyond the Round Barn on Rt 66. We hope to have more lunch/dinners get togethers.

Don Mitchell, Sooner Model A Club President

JANUARY REFRESHMENTS
 Provided by 2023 Board

Volume 56, Issue 01
2023

Meeting January

January 24, 2023
7:00 pm

Will Rogers
Garden Center
3400 NW 36th St
Oklahoma City OK

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2022 ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

(Subject to Change)

“Let the good times roll in your Model A”

January 2023

- 3 6:30pm Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 21 11:30am Chicken Shack** - 212 E. Route 66, Arcadia
east of Pops and the Round Barn, on south side of road
- 24 7:00pm Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC
Refreshments will be provided by the 2023 Board.
First meeting of 2023 with the change to the 4th Tuesday evening.

February 2023

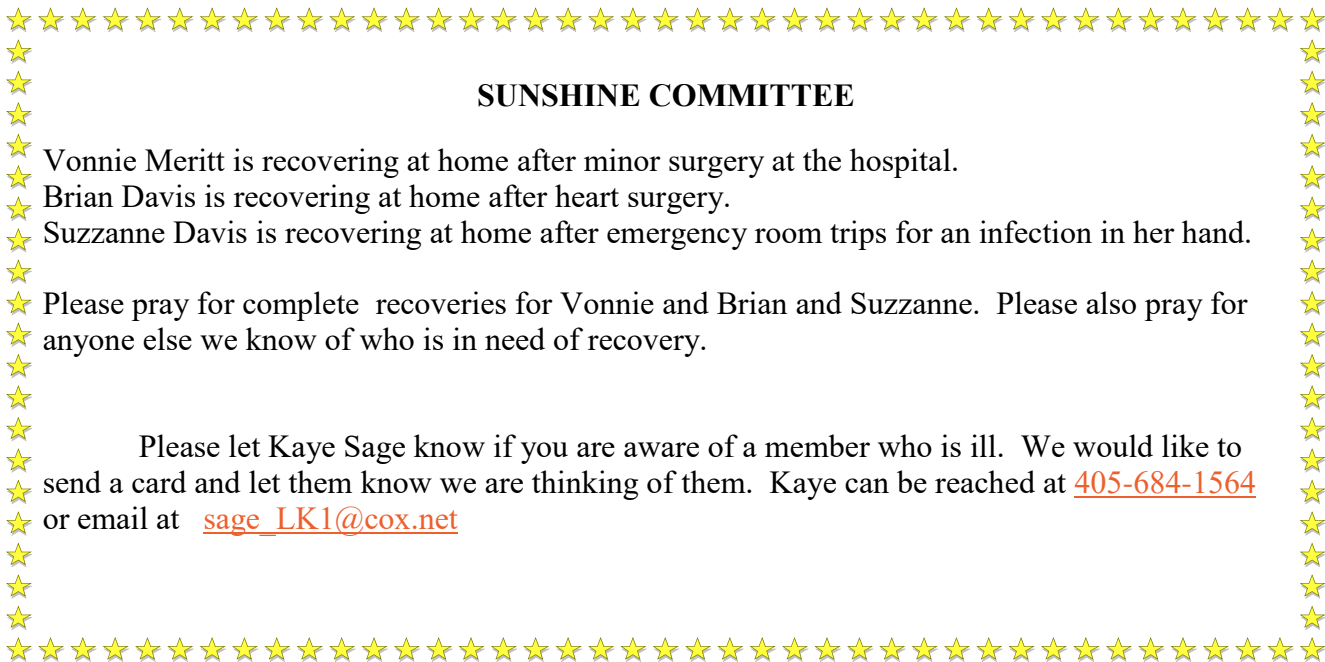
- 7 6:30pm Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 19 2:00pm Bubba’s** - 6212 SW 3rd St, Oklahoma City
- 28 7:00pm Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC
Guest Speaker, Herb Magley, Retired Geologist, will give a presentation of rocks in general and the Rose rock in particular.
Refreshments will be provided by Club members.
Second meeting of 2023 with the change to the 4th Tuesday evening.

March 2023

- 7 6:30pm Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 28 7:00pm Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC
Refreshments will be provided by Club members.

SAVE THE DATE

- May 4-7, 2023 Spring Tour to Coffeyville KS:** Hosted by Tulsa Model A Ford Club
Holiday Inn Express, Coffeyville, \$89.99/night: Model A Club rate
620-808-3319, deadline April 15th
- June 11–16, 2023 Midwest Regional Meet,** Breckenridge, Colorado
- June 24, 2023 9am-5pm Antique Tractors and Cars,** Robbers Cave State Park
- July 16-21, 2023 MAFCA National Tour,** Indiana & Michigan
- June 16-22, 2025 MAFCA National Tour,** Charlottesville, Virginia



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Vonnie Meritt is recovering at home after minor surgery at the hospital.
 Brian Davis is recovering at home after heart surgery.
 Suzzanne Davis is recovering at home after emergency room trips for an infection in her hand.
 Please pray for complete recoveries for Vonnie and Brian and Suzzanne. Please also pray for anyone else we know of who is in need of recovery.

Please let Kaye Sage know if you are aware of a member who is ill. We would like to send a card and let them know we are thinking of them. Kaye can be reached at [405-684-1564](tel:405-684-1564) or email at sage_LK1@cox.net

January 2023 Birthdays		
1 - Brian Davis	13 - David Johnson	18 - Betty Jones
3 - Miranda Kelley	14 - Jock Campbell	22 - Mike Maxwell
3 - Bill Lewis	15 - Monty Hampton	26 - Mark Jones
10 - Jill Russell	17 - Marilyn Crouch	29 - Sharlotte Campbell
12 - Robert Wagner	18 - Ken Pesmark	

January 2023 Anniversaries	
1 - Kurt & Billie Grieshofer	22 - David & Karen Swain

The Sooner Model A Club meetings have changed to the fourth Tuesday of the month in 2023, starting with the January meeting on January 24th, 2023.

The meetings will begin at 7:00 pm.

The complete dates for 2023 are as follows:

January 24th	May 23rd	September 26th
February 28th	June 27th	October 24th
March 28th	July 25th	November 28th
April 25th	August 22nd	

2022

HIGH MILEAGE RECOGNITION

1st Place: Greg & Sheryl Hoyle 9,345 miles
2nd Place: Jim & Vicky Yates 5,220 miles
3rd Place: Chuck & Karen Dusenbery 3,547 miles

5,000 MILE PATCH RECIPIENTS

Greg & Sheryl Hoyle
Jim & Vicky Yates

1,000 MILE PATCH RECIPIENTS

Joseph & Helene Astafan
Chuck & Karen Dusenbery
Terry & Judith Joy
Don & Marilyn Mitchell
Kerry & Wanda Steffens
Robert & Linda Stine

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



DISCUSSIONS OF THE BOARD

The vote for the 2023 board was decided at the September club meeting. The 2022 Interim Board will remain in their same positions for 2023. Congratulations to the 2023 Board. We all appreciate your service, and the board appreciates the unwavering support of the members.

Vonnie has reported that she can now special-order merchandise on an on-demand basis. She also has the capability to embroider your name on the shirts and she has the 55th year patches available. Some of us have already ordered some of the shirts and they look really good. Please contact Vonnie Meritt to place an order.

Board meetings in 2023 will continue to be held at Johnnie's Restaurant in the Village. The address is 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave). Everyone is welcome at the board meetings, on the first Tuesday of each month (except December) at 6:30pm. Guests are also welcome at all meetings and events. The Board is asking for recommendations for Sunday events and drives on the occasional Sunday for this year. If you have any suggestions, please attend the board meetings or contact a board member.

The Board has arranged for us to have lunch at the Chicken Shack in Arcadia on January 21st. (Some people said it is better than Eischen's.) We are also making a return to Bubba's 33 on February 19th, and we will be paying for our own food this time. There were a lot of comments about what a great time and wonderful food at Bubba's when we were there in December to celebrate the end of prohibition.

Appreciation was expressed for the Christmas party, set up by Sheryl and Kaye, and for the great work that Jim is doing on the website, and for the wonderful and informative presentations by Sheryl. There was some discussion about other great presentations that are being planned for the club meetings this year. It is really impressive that we have so many talented people in the club who are willing to share their experience and expertise with us.

WebMaster Jim is still working on updating the website. PayPal is set up for payments. Clicking on the link "Join the Sooners" will take you to the page to register, and PayPal is listed. Clicking on "PayPal" will result in a page to pay, not only with PayPal, but also with some other options, including the credit card payment. Feel free to use it to pay 2023 dues, if you wish, or we can also send out an invoice for payment on PayPal, if you prefer doing it that way.

Speaking of dues, the deadline for payment of dues was at the beginning of the year, but it has been extended to January 31st. A new directory is in the planning stages and we will be accepting updated pictures at a future date. If you have any questions, please contact a board member. All board members and their phone numbers are listed on the front page of the Scuttlebutt.

There are still two committee duties available (Hospitality, Refreshments). If anyone would like to take advantage of these volunteer opportunities, please let us know.

QUOTATIONS OF HENRY FORD

"I will build a motor car for the great multitude...constructed of the best materials, by the best men to be hired, after the simplest designs that modern engineering can devise...so low in price that no man making a good salary will be unable to own one-and enjoy with his family the blessing of hours of pleasure in God's great open spaces."

Ref: Quotations of Henry Ford, APPLEWOOD BOOKS Bedford, Massachusetts

January 2023



Happy New Year to everyone! I am pleased and delighted to serve as MAFCA's President for 2023. I love the Model A hobby and I consider owning and driving a Model A as a great honor. To my knowledge, I can't think of another car club celebrating ownership of 90+ year old cars that can drive their cars with the frequency and abandon with which we enjoy our Model A's. For instance, I've driven my Model A over 27,000 miles in the past three years and I have yet to pass a Chevrolet from the same era. We are blessed to have the "car bug" from arguably the most serviceable and drivable car of the 1920-30's era.

Many of you who live in the northern United States have put your cars away for winter storage or at best can only drive them on select days. However, if you live in the southern United States like I do the period from January to April offers some great opportunities to get the "A" out and drive it. Usually, this time of year we enjoy cool days (better for the car and passengers), blue skies and low humidity. This makes for great touring days wonderfully better than our typical summer days. If you live in an area that allows winter touring, by all means get your car out and about. Doing so provides a great release from your daily routine.

For the last two years I've served as MAFCA's Chapter Coordinator. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading all the newsletters sent to me each month and seeing all the great events the Chapters have hosted. I'm convinced after this experience that the strength of MAFCA is due to the many great Chapters we have. I believe that the visibility and fellowship provided at the member level is what drives the success of MAFCA. The fact that we have such a broad presence across the country will drive our success into the future. Anybody who has honked their "ah-oo-gah" horn in a crowd and witnessed the overwhelming smiles, hand waving, shouts of excitement and joy knows what a great car we have as the ambassador of our hobby. So, get out there and share it. You'll be amazed at the new friends you'll make.

See You Down the Road, Robert Bullard, 2023 MAFCA President

- For Sale!** 1931 Model A Pickup, 1929 Modified Open-Cab Model A Coupe.
Call Virjean Ogle at 405-640-5993.
- For Sale!** 1929 4 door Briggs Deluxe.
Call Tom Marcotte at 405-684-7248 or 405-895-7445.
- For Sale!** 1929 AA 1-1/2 ton flat-bed stake truck; VIN A3946780, mostly complete, needs some transmission work, rewiring, tires, etc, \$7,900.00.
Call Rob Wagner, 405-990-4100.
- For Sale!** 1928 Model A Roadster, Excellent Condition.
Call Bob Baird, 405-641-0277.
- For Sale!** 1930 Model A Coupe. Restoration in progress. New tires and restored frame.
Call Mike Maxwell, 405-826-2504, for additional information.
- For Sale!** Model A Coupe project car. Includes two additional engines.
Call Kevin McDonald, 405-375-5804.

**VETERANS DAY PARADE
Blanchard
November 12, 2022**



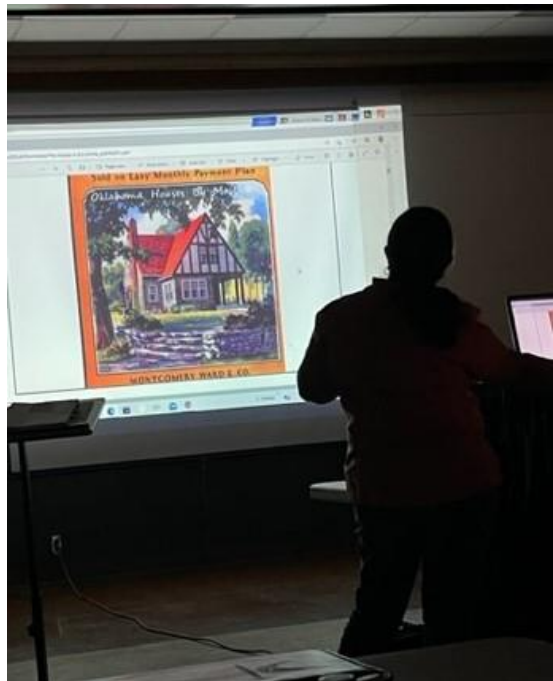
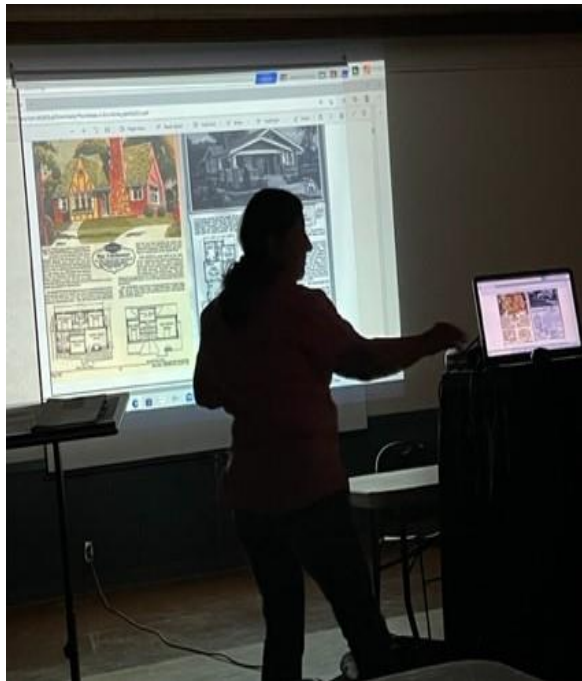
The Sooner Model A Club was third in the lineup at the Veterans Day parade on this beautiful day in Blanchard.

Thanks to all who participated. It was very cold that day but we had plenty of sunshine. We were bundled up and had a good time.



NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING
Sheryl Hoyle presentation
November 13, 2022

The November meeting featured Sheryl Hoyle presenting a slide show about Model A era homes. The presentation by Sheryl was very informative and entertaining, as usual with a Sheryl Hoyle presentation. The refreshments for the Beans and Cornbread meeting included much more than beans and cornbread. There was plenty to eat and everyone enjoyed Sheryl's presentation. There were thirty of us at the meeting and some of us even drove our Model A's.



**BUBBA'S 33
Oklahoma City
December 1, 2022**

The Sooner Model A Club was invited to lunch and/or dinner at Bubba's 33 in Oklahoma City to celebrate the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, which eliminated the 18th Amendment that created the famous Prohibition Era. The 21st Amendment was ratified on December 5, 1933, ending Prohibition. The lunch was wonderful, and we had great service by the staff at Bubba's. Seven Model A's and 17 people enjoyed lunch, and then seven Model A's and ten people were there for dinner. After lunch, the Model A of Terry and Judy Joy would not start, which gave all the guys an opportunity to make repairs in the parking lot, their second favorite activity. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and the food was wonderful.



STOCKYARDS CHRISTMAS PARADE
Stockyards City
December 6, 2022



CHRISTMAS PARTY
Will Rogers Garden Center
Oklahoma City
December 11, 2022



HAPPY NEW YEAR



This fabulous picture was taken at Roosevelt’s Restaurant in Tulsa.

Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Towing your Model A on a Trailer



There will be times when you need to transport your Model A on a trailer. Here's a tip on trailer loading to help you tow safely.

When the car is loaded on the trailer, the tongue weight of the trailer on the trailer hitch (on the back of your car or truck) should be between 10-15% of the total weight of the combined "trailer+Model A". If you load the trailer with less than 10% of the weight on the hitch, the trailer will sway as the speed increases, which is very dangerous. Over 15% can put too much unnecessary load on the back of your tow vehicle, which can take weight off of your front wheels (needed for steering and braking)- which is also not good.

How do you know the weight of your "trailer+Model A"? I took my car on the trailer to my local feed store where they have a scale. Many truck stops also have scales. I parked the loaded trailer on the scale, disconnected my truck, and moved the truck off the scale. They charge a small fee to give you the weight. Once I had that total weight, it was easy to calculate 10% and 15% of that. For example, if your "trailer+Model A" is 4,200 pounds, your Target Tongue Weight is 420 to 630 pounds, call it 525.

Once you know the Target Tongue Weight that you are shooting for, how do you know what the actual tongue weight is when you put the Model A on the trailer? You can figure it out with a ruler or tape measure. Go to a building supply store (like Home Depot) with your tow vehicle and no trailer. Measure and record the distance between the bottom of the trailer hitch and the ground. Now start loading 80# bags of dry concrete mix into your car trunk or truck bed until you have loaded your Target Tongue Weight. (I had a helpful young guy at HD load them in for me.) The exact load is not critical, but it must be above your 10% number. Now measure and record the distance between the bottom of the trailer hitch and the ground again. Once you have those 2 numbers, you can ask the helpful/ad at the store to unload all those bags and put them back! Thankfully, you only have to do this exercise one time.

With these 2 measurements, before and after the load was added, you can quickly figure out the change in height above the ground when you have your Target Tongue Weight on the back of your tow vehicle. This CHANGE in the height of your trailer hitch is the HITCH DROP that you need to get when you load your Model A on the trailer. Before attaching the trailer to your tow vehicle in the future, measure the height of the trailer hitch above the ground. Now attach the trailer and load your Model A on it. Pull the Model A forward on the trailer until your trailer hitch has dropped by your Target Hitch Drop. You can roll the Model A forward and backward a bit on the trailer to get the amount of drop that you are shooting for. Now tie the Model A down in this position on the trailer and be confident that you have enough, but not too much, tongue weight on your trailer hitch.

I have marked on my trailer the best spot to load a Model A to get the target tongue weight and hitch drop. When I put them on the mark, the tongue weight is correct.

*For more tips on safe towing, check out the following web site:
<https://www.curtmfa.com/towing-safety>*

Let's be careful out there, and Have a Model A Day!

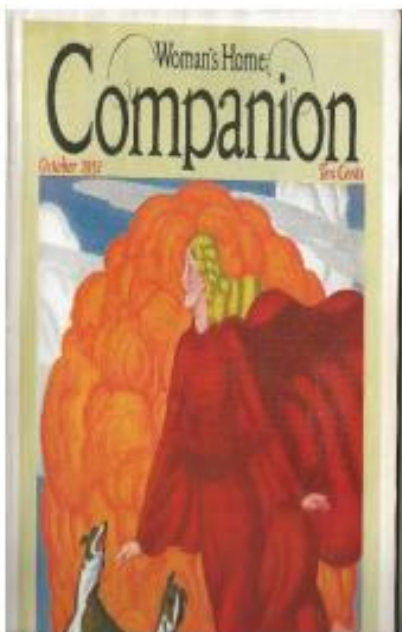
Jim Cannon



Never Leave Home Without Them

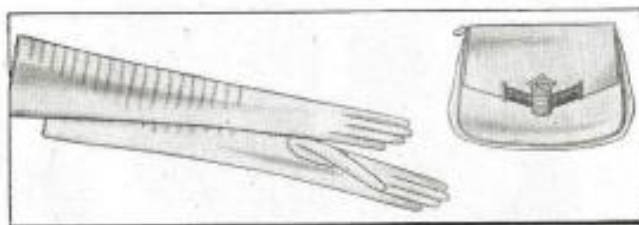
By Diann Eason. Era Fashion Committee Chairperson

Additional research and review found a second source of documentation, *Women's Home Companion* October 1931, showing late afternoon gloves without gores.



The Bag and the Glove

Accessory ensembles



White subtle gloves trimmed with fine pin tucks and worn wrinkled over the arm make an attractive though not necessary addition to the evening ensemble.

A white satin purse is effective with a variety of evening costumes. This one has a smart touch of color in its ornament of carved coral and rhinestones.

Following the Era Fashion Committee's policy for documentation review and acceptance as objective evidence, the Era Fashion Committee, April 2020, approved changes to the Fashion Guidelines, 2015 edition to include a sentence referencing the possibility that gloves without gores may be worn with a late 1930-1931 late afternoon and evening ensemble. The approved additions to the Fashion Guidelines 2015 edition will appear in a Fashion Addendum to be published by early 2021.

The Era Fashion Committee strongly recommends all fashion entrants in MAFCA Fashion Judging present documentation to support using gloves without gores as Coordinated Apparel in the Judging Room.

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COFFEE AND CARS

Coffee and Cars started as a client appreciation event and has grown to be the largest monthly gathering of car enthusiasts across the great state of Oklahoma!

All makes, models, cars, trucks, and bikes, etc. are welcome.

Oklahoma City:

Coffee and Cars
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Yukon:

Coffee and Cars Yukon
(aka Yukon Nights Cruise In)
3rd Saturday of Each Month
6pm-9pm
Plaza at Stone Mill
2121 S. Yukon Parkway
Yukon, OK 73099



Norman:

Coffee and Cars
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MODEL A YEAR _____ **BODY STYLE** _____ **RUNNING?** _____

DUES - \$20.00 PER YEAR/PER FAMILY

Dues can be mailed to the address above, paid in person at one of our events, or paid on the Sooner Model A Club website: Join The Sooners - The Sooner Model A Club Of Oklahoma



**SOONER MODEL A CLUB
P.O. BOX 83192
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73148**

The **SOONER MODEL A CLUB** is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Model A Ford Club of America. All correspondence for the club should be sent to the above address. General Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the months of January thru November. Meetings commence at 7:00 pm, and are held at Will Rogers Garden Center at 3400 N.W. 36th Street in Oklahoma City. All members are welcome to attend the club's Board Meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at a location designated by the President and advertised in the Scuttlebutt. Membership dues are \$20.00 per year.

The primary requirement for membership shall be an interest in the objectives of the organization and a desire to participate in its activities. Actual possession of a Model A Ford is not a necessity. A member must be of good character as to be of benefit to the club, its functions and activities. An active member must be a member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). MAFCA dues are \$50.00 per year, and can be paid here: [Model A Ford Club of America \(mafca.com\)](http://Model A Ford Club of America (mafca.com))