

# Scuttlebutt

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Thank you to Phil and Kaye for hosting our Sooner Model A Club's 'Tune-up Day' in October. It was a beautiful day and a lot was accomplished to get our cars up to date and running. We are especially thankful to Greg Hoyle and Phil Wolfenbarger for all their hard work and expertise. Thanks also to Sheryl and Kaye for cooking the hot dogs, and to all the ladies for laying out such a wonderful spread for our lunch. It was better than any restaurant.

At our regular meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>, Greg gave a great demonstration about Model A distributors. Once again, thank you to the members who provided the food. As you know we are an "Eating Club that Drives Old Cars." This was evidenced again at Eischen's Restaurant where we had twenty-six very hungry people attending on a Saturday to enjoy the fabulous chicken.

On 22 October, we visited the Mansion Senior Living Center in OKC where our Model A's competed with many other vintage cars. Terry and Judith Joy won the "People's Choice" trophy. The staff of Mansion's served everyone a wonderful lunch of hamburgers and all the fixings, plus "Elvis" provided the entertainment. We all were able to leave, luckily. They decided not to keep any of us as residents because we were able to drive our cars away.

The Fall Tour to Branson, sponsored by the Tulsa Model A Club, was a huge success. The shows and weather were wonderful. We look forward to seeing all of you at our future events.

Don Mitchell, President

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**Meeting November**

**November 13, 2022**  
**2:30 pm**

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

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**NOVEMBER REFRESHMENTS**

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**REMINDER**

**2023 Dues** are due by the end of the year. Still only \$20.00 per year. Pay at the club meeting or on PayPal or mail with form on the last page.

## 2022 ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

(Subject to Change)

**“Let the good times roll in your Model A”**

### November 2022

- 1**      6:30pm      **Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 4-6**                   **Lake Murray State Park** - Hosts: Dallas Model A Ford Club  
Don Mitchell and Chuck Dusenbery will be leading a group to the lake.
- 12**      9:30am      **Veterans Day Parade** - Blanchard, lineup at 10th & Main in Blanchard
- 12**                   **Lunch after parade**– Location and time TBD
- 13**      2:30pm      **Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC  
This is the Beans and Cornbread meeting. So far, we have volunteers (including Kaye Sage, Greg Hoyle, Vonnie Meritt, Helene Astafan, Pat & Nolen Morgan, Jim Yates, Karen Dusenbery, and Marilyn Mitchell) bringing Beans, Cornbread, Taco Soup, Chicken and Noodles, Mexican Meatballs, Salmon Patties, and Desserts.
- NOTE: We will be collecting for the Christmas Party @ \$5.00 per person and 2023 Club Dues @ \$20.00 per family.**

### December 2022

- 1**      11:00am      **Bubba’s for Lunch** - 6212 SW 3rd St, Oklahoma City
- 1**      3:30pm      **Bubba’s for Dinner** - 6212 SW 3rd St, Oklahoma City  
We have been “invited to either lunch or dinner or both and stay all day”
- 3**      10:00am      **Cowboy Christmas Parade** - Stockyards, OKC, Line-up 9:00am  
[Cowboy Christmas Parade | TravelOK.com - Oklahoma's Official Travel & Tourism Site](https://www.travelok.com/oklahoma-official-travel-tourism-site)
- 3**                   **Lunch after parade**– Location and time TBD
- 6**      6:30pm      **Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 11**      6:30pm      **Christmas Party** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC  
Catered dinner, \$5.00 per person for members, and the Club will pay the difference.  
Dirty Santa gift exchange, limit of \$10 to \$15

### January 2023

- 3**      6:30pm      **Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 24**      7:00pm      **Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC  
**First meeting of the New Year with the change to the 4th Tuesday evening.**  
**Refreshments will be provided by the 2023 Board.**

### SAVE THE DATE

- 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**

Joe and Helene Astafan have both been ill with Covid and they are recovering at home. Kerry and Wanda Steffens have both been ill with Covid and they have recovered. Greg Hoyle has had knee surgery. DeWayne Owens has suffered a cracked hip. Claude Blackwell is not feeling well. Tom and Carla Holcomb expect to feel better soon. Please pray for all of these and their families. We hope everyone will recover quickly.

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](mailto:sage.LK1@cox.net)

**November 2022 Birthdays**

3 - Stephen Lark	12 - Judee Lyon	28 - Mike Campbell
3 - Brad Yarbrough	13 - Tim Neall	28 - Tom Douglas
3 - Cia Campbell	19 - Carla Holcomb	28 - Tory Brust
4 - Marvin Mellage	21 - Ricki Sullivan	29 - Debi McClendon
5 - Randy Bratcher	21 - Joe Astafan	29 - Debbie Robinson
8 - Carolyn Yarbrough	22 - Jeanie Neugebauer	30 - K. Lee Meritt
10 - Ray Callan	23 - Marilyn Clark	
12 - Don Chesser	25 - Linda Smith	

**November 2022 Anniversaries**

3- Randy & Teresa Bratcher	21 - Gene & Aggie Cochrane	27 - Steve & Mary Davis
19 - Jeffrey & Patricia Turner	25 - Fred & Carolyn Selensky	

**December 2022 Birthdays**

5 - Bill Lyon	12 - Nancy Williams	18 - Kerry Steffens
5 - Donna Skidmore	15 - Tom Holcomb	20 - Darrell Robinson
9 - Don Ayers	15 - Mary Lyon	

**December 2022 Anniversaries**

1 - William & Marilyn Crouch	16 - Ken & Tory Brust	23 - Mike & Sharlotte Campbell
5 - Bill & Mary Lyon	19 - Fred Ayers & Marilyn Clark	31 - Bob & Linda Stine

**DISCUSSIONS OF THE BOARD**

The Christmas Party is on December 11th at 6:30pm. There will be a catered dinner, and we'll have the Dirty Santa gifts, and maybe a collection for charity. We are hoping that Santa Claus will be there. The board has decided that there will be a cost of \$5.00 for members, and the Club will pay the difference. If you have not already signed up, you can do so at the November club meeting.

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 all the members.

Vonnie has reported that she can now special-order merchandise on an on-demand basis. Please contact Vonnie Meritt to place an order.

Board meetings are being 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 next year. If you have any suggestions, please attend the board meetings or contact a board member.

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. 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 (Refreshment & Hospitality). If anyone would like to take advantage of these volunteer opportunities, please let us know.

The Sooner Model A Club meetings are changing to the fourth Tuesday of the month in 2023, starting with the January meeting on January 24th, 2023. The meetings will start 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	

**Welcome to New Members in 2022**

Monte & Barbara McHendry  
 313 E. Buffalo St, Fairmont OK 73736  
 Monte 580-541-6572, Barbara 580-541-1590

Terry & Judith Joy  
 2608 NW 151st St, Edmond OK 73013 405-653-2505

Randy & Teresa Bratcher  
 1101 Antler Ridge, Tuttle OK 73089 479-462-6512

Don & Becky Sable  
 1706 W Wilshire, Oklahoma City 73116 405-234-0243

## THOUSAND MILE CHALLENGE

For several years the Sooner Model A Club has challenged the members to drive their Model A's one thousand miles each year. If you have more than one Model A, it would be the total of all Model A's you own. The website of the Sooner Model A Club has a place for you to enter the information on each car, including the odometer reading for a specific month.

If everyone would just make two entries a year for each car owned, one in January and one in December, the system would provide an accurate way to determine who met the Challenge. Please try to make those entries at the end of December.

If assistance is needed, please contact Chuck Dusenbery at 405-613-3901.

## WESTERN DAYS PARADE, MUSTANG

September 10, 2022

Picture by Don Mitchell



## QUOTATIONS OF HENRY FORD

“If sometimes we seem to live in a time of little men, it may be only because there are so many big men that greatness does not seem unusual.”

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

## THE NEW BURTZ BLOCK ENGINE

by Kerry Steffens

Greg Hoyle built up and installed the new Burtz engine in my 1929 Model A Ford. Greg completed the build, except for the oil pump, in May 2022. Did not receive the oil pump until after the regional meet last June. The inserted engine I was running lost a main bearing on the way back from the regional meet in Olathe Kansas. Greg also installed the Mitchell transmission and overdrive along with the Ken Davis air conditioner. A lot of work in a short amount of time. The motor was built using all new parts and the Burtz 5 bearing cam. The engine has standard valves. I had not received the Burtz head, so a borrowed Snider 5.1 head was installed. Kept the Tillotson carburetor as I still have the original Autolite waffle manifold heater on the car.

Greg drove the car to the October club meeting, where I picked it up and drove home with the new configuration. Other than wash the car and load it for the joint Sooner and Tulsa Model A club trip to Branson, nothing else was done to the car. Greg had the car completely road worthy.

Gassed up in Guthrie and met with fellow club members at Braum's at I-35 and Highway 33. We headed east toward Tulsa. The first thing I noticed was how quiet the motor was. Greg put in the Dan McEachern matched gear set that I purchased from Dan. I was told metal gears might add objectionable motor noise. No noise and the motor simply didn't have any vibration. I noticed that my rear view and side mirrors were solid, and I had no problem using them. I also noted a change in choke usage. Normally I held the choke for 3 or 4 motor cranks and then release. This flooded the engine. Now I release the choke on first turn over. The 0-10 pound oil presser gage was replaced with a modern gauge. The oil pressure now runs 25 and up to 30 lbs. on high revs.

The one thing I do not like is the clutch. I put in a new V8 clutch and throw-out bearing. The foot pressure is twice what my previous V8 clutch was. This caused a problem I had later. The motor is more solid coming off from a dead stop. Not quite as fast as my original engine and transmission, but a stronger smoother feel. When pulling a load on steeper grades, I did have low level vibration rattles that I didn't have before. Not from the motor, but from the car itself. Understand, I now have air, a new transmission, and an overdrive which I have not experienced before. I believe the vibration was coming from some area of close tolerance. For the most part there was no internal or external noise. That you get used to right away.

I noticed that I could use overdrive once I got to 40 mph and above. Not sure what my gas mileage was, but it seemed better than normal as I used the overdrive whenever I could. Motor-wise all I could tell was a drop in rpms and no vibration or motor strain was noted. It was nice on the steeper hills as all I had to do was shift the overdrive in low and it seemed like I had plenty of power without shifting out of third gear. Going to Branson we used the air. Wanda hit the AC water drain with her foot and got a foot full of water. We made a quick stop and corrected that.

After stopping at the Hotel, we drove to the Landing. I was having trouble getting the transmission in gear. Once we parked, I could not shift gears. Greg to the rescue. He found nothing wrong but had me depress the clutch while he watched. The clutch pressure was so strong that I thought it was released, but it was not. I simply was not pushing the clutch far enough down to shift gears. A problem I was not expecting to have.

Everything was going well until the afternoon when we were supposed to meet at the Branson Belle for dinner and entertainment. We made a stop to shop at the Branson Craft Center for lunch. The starter would not engage. The starter assembly is what broke apart. Called Greg at the Hotel and he secured parts from a member of the Tulsa group and headed my way. As Greg put on the new parts, I retrieved the bolt and lock clamp from the bell housing. We were on our way in a short time.

On the way home, we all left as a group. After about 60 miles, we dropped off for a pit stop. We missed the group on the other side of Siloam Springs, Ark. As we were already past where the group stopped for lunch, we drove on to Tulsa. We got on the Indian Creek Expressway to bypass downtown. Here I kicked it up to 60 mph until we arrived at I-44. I-44 was very tense because of the 80-mph traffic. At the I-44 and Highway 33 exit we got off and headed for home. Motor ran great and no problems. The perfect end to a great trip.

**ROCK CAFÉ, STROUD**  
**September 24, 2022**  
Pictures by Ken Corder



# TUNEUP DAY at PHIL'S GARAGE

## October 8, 2022

Pictures by Jerry Phillips



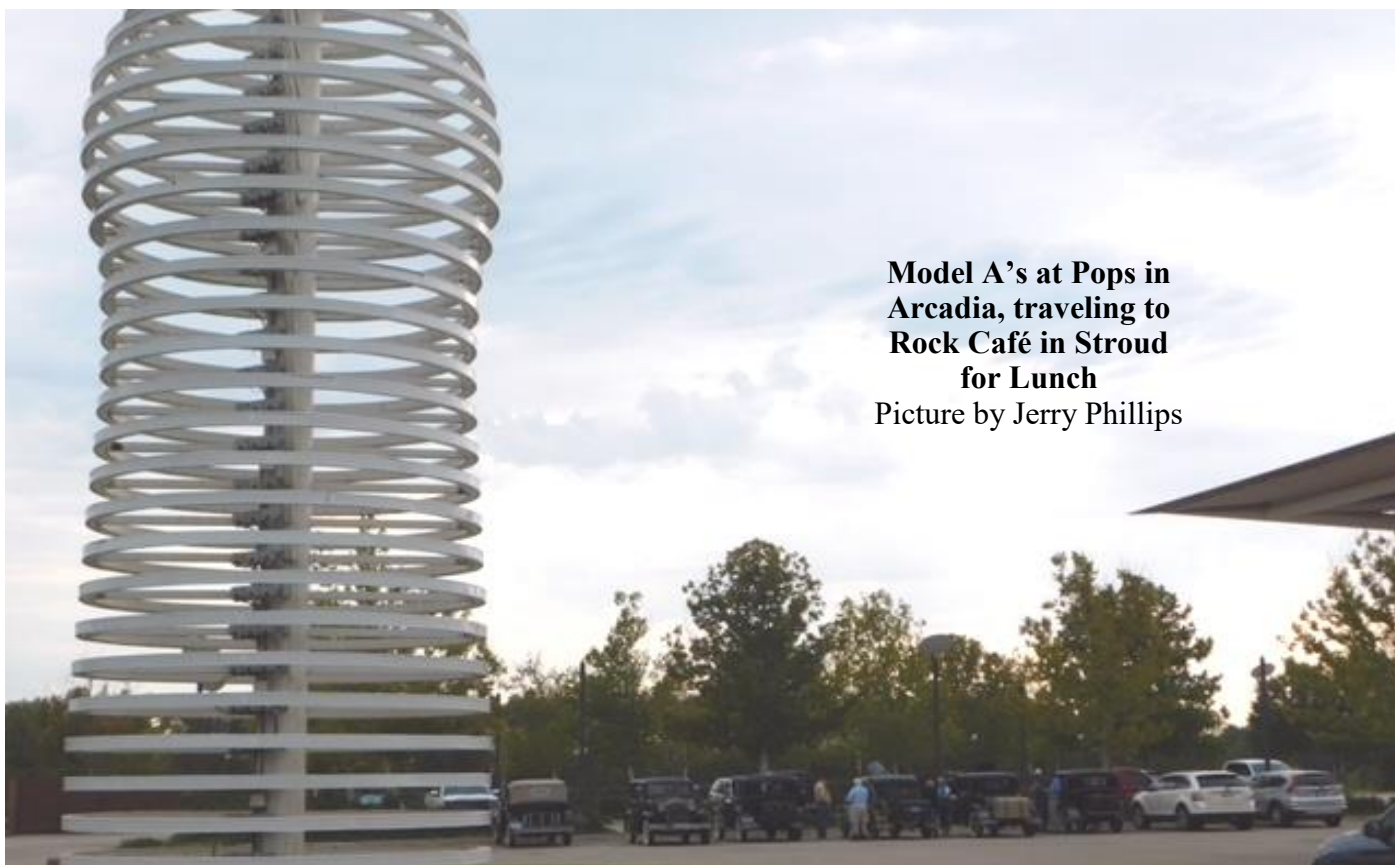


## OCTOBER CLUB MEETING

October 9, 2022

Picture by Helene Astafan

It was a nice sunny day for the October club meeting. There were 27 people at the meeting and Greg Hoyle did a presentation about distributors. As usual, there was plenty of good food to eat.



**Model A's at Pops in  
Arcadia, traveling to  
Rock Café in Stroud  
for Lunch**

Picture by Jerry Phillips

### FALL TOUR, BRANSON October 13-16, 2022



Video (by Rich Robinson) of Model A's on the way to Dixie Stampede show:  
<https://share.icloud.com/photos/0beWnhwW7rwUQRSKc89gbNE6g>  
Video (by Rich Robinson) of Sam Slavens and Teresa DeCamp in the Branson Belle show:  
<https://share.icloud.com/photos/0e95bAnzbnO1Acc-L01qv5hw>

# MANSIONS SENIOR LIVING, OKLAHOMA CITY

October 22, 2022

Pictures by Ken Corder

The Model A of Terry and Judy Joy won first prize at the Mansions Car Show. The event included lunch and a lot of visiting with our Model A friends.



### EISCHEN'S CHICHEN, OKARCHE October 29, 2022

We all had a good time at Eischen's Chicken, eating fried chicken with our Model A friends. Some of our newest members also made the trip to Eischen's. It was wonderful to meet them and have them join us in the fun. Some of the newbie's even drove their Model A. We had 26 people and 11 Model A's.



### LAKE MURRAY TOUR November 4-6, 2022

Twelve Sooner Model A Club members joined the Dallas Model A Ford Club at Lake Murray for the Lake Murray Tour. The first day of the tour included tornados along with dark clouds, torrential rain, and the early closing of the Choctaw Cultural Center. None of the Model A group had accidents but they were all around us and resulted in the closing of the big bridge over Lake Texoma, traffic delays, and detours. Eventually, we arrived at the Lake Murray Lodge via the back roads. It had turned much colder, but there was a campfire and good food and interesting people. After a busy and very tasty breakfast on Saturday, we enjoyed our visit to the Greater Southwest Historical Museum, then we drove to Davis for fried pies, and then visited the Forgotten Wheels Museum on the way back to Lake Murray. Forgotten Wheels has an additional building now and lots of very interesting treasures. Some of us came home with some of the treasures. Saturday night featured more good food, another campfire, games, and music. It was warmer so more people were out. We enjoyed the tour with our new Dallas Model A friends, and the weather was perfect for the drive home on Sunday. The picture in the right corner below, taken at the

Greater Southwest Historical Museum, shows the building of Lake Murray, and is that a Model A in the middle of it? The next three pages are the complete and totally true and unfiltered story of the weekend, by Jim Talkington of the Dallas Model A Ford Club.



## **SYNOPSIS OF A TOUR**

### **Or What you missed by not going on the Lake Murray Tour**

Submitted by Jim Talkington

In August 2021 the DMAFC had a tour to Lake Murray that included a Saturday night cookout under the pavilion. It was a lot of fun, but it was extremely hot. It was so hot that one of our members (my name here I won't mention) kept going out into the lake to cool off. That trip was so much fun that the idea of a return to Lake Murray came up. "Let's do it in the Fall, we said, it will be fun, we said." That put the wheels in motion and soon Trish had blocked rooms and cabins for Nov. 2022. Since southern Oklahoma is basically my backyard I again offered to plan and lead the driving portion of the tour. At this time, I thought since the DMAFC is going to Oklahoma why don't we invite the Oklahoma clubs to join us, and I sent invitations out. The Sooner A's immediately responded, "we will be there." In the meantime, the wonderful restaurant at Lake Murray lodge closed due to a dispute with the state of Oklahoma, so that meant that with the nearest food being 12 miles away we would cookout both nights. With no breakfast available either, I knew that we could not start off with hungry model A'ers, they get grumpy and mean, so I started looking for nearby restaurants that could accommodate me and 47 of my best friends. Needless to say, in a small town like Ardmore no restaurant was willing to offer a reservation for 48 people on a Saturday morning so I picked the Prairie House knowing that they had a lot of seating, good food, and plenty of staff to handle a large group, and we would take our chances.

Jean and I drove around looking for places to visit and things to see, checking out the status of all the roads, and I prepared a detailed tour guide trying to make it as good as the ones I had used and seen on previous tours with the DMAFC that were prepared by one of our members (I won't give out her name but her initials are N.C.). So, all set and ready to go five days before the tour, the weather forecast predicted a chance of rain showers. Two days before the tour the forecast turned into what the weatherman called, "the perfect storm, severe thunderstorms, hail, high winds, and possible tornadoes. Now, being a retired airline pilot, I have had several decades of dealing with weather delays and diversions and that knowledge came in very handy the night before the trip. I consulted with Arlen and together we decided to proceed to MG's, look at the weather, and decide then whether to proceed as planned or divert to the west towards Lake Murray where it looked like it should be clearing by late afternoon.

We all arrived at MG's Burgers slightly ahead of schedule with only light rain and nothing severe happening in the area. Wonderful burgers, pie, and cake were consumed and off we went towards the Choctaw Cultural Center, our next stop. Fred Shiefer's car did not want to start but he opened the hood, performed some magic, and it fired right up, and off we went. Five miles into that leg and Fred's car suddenly dies at an intersection. At about the same time I learn that Dell Rice, who is driving his modern pickup since Wanda's A has not yet fully recovered from the accident in Palestine, is also having some sort of mechanical difficulty. Five minutes later I learn that Fred is running again, and Dell has wandered off to O'Reilly's auto to find out what the red warning symbol in the dash means.

We pull into the Choctaw Cultural Center about 10 minutes behind the group from Oklahoma and back into our parking spots, which were reserved for us thanks to the efforts of Carol Ayers, who is our unofficial representative to the Choctaw Nation, and head inside in a light rain. Once inside we meet Ryan, who is to be our guide through the center, and start our tour. He starts the tour and then takes us into a round room to see a video that gives an insight into what the Choctaw people have gone through. Before the video ends, we are informed that we are in a tornado Warning, that means that an actual tornado has been sighted in our area, take cover immediately. It turns out that the room that we are in is the designated tornado shelter for the center and everyone in the building is escorted into the room. We spend the next hour and 15 minutes in that room watching the video over and over (4 ½ times), wondering if our cars in the parking lot are still there or not. The warning gets lifted but then the Center announces that it is closing in 30 minutes, so we complete a brief tour and head out to our cars (still there), we fire up and head west on our planned route to Lake Murray where radar indicates the skies are clearing.

As we approach the Roosevelt bridge to cross Lake Texoma, we notice flashing lights and a line of stopped cars, no traffic is moving forward. We sit there for 15 minutes, not knowing what is happening so Jean gets on social media and learns that there has been a bad wreck on the bridge, and it is expected to be closed for 3-4 hours. Time to make a U turn, I know another way to get across the lake. We get started on our diversion and immediately encounter a semi jackknifed across our 2 lanes. We get around him and proceed on our new route which will take us through Brown, Ok. (pop. 0). We turn west at Brown and for the next 30 miles drive in intermittent heavy rain and strong crosswind to arrive at Lake Murray 1 ½ hours late, to find that the rain has stopped, and the temperature has dropped 20 degrees. We check in and soon head down to the pavilion where Arlen, Trish, and Billy have the fire and grills going and the burgers cooking despite the darkness (the sun has already set), and cold blustery conditions. Here I am approached by a militant group, led by Sheryl Burk, demanding that we get fried pies on Saturday's drive. We vote as a group on the matter, and I throw the next day's plans out the window and promise a new route that will involve fried pies. PS, I voted in favor of the pies also. The wimps, like me, eat and return to the warmth of the lodge while the hardy souls throw another log on the campfire and sit around it for, I don't know how long. (Remember: "Let's have a cookout in the fall, they said. It will be fun, they said.")

Saturday morning, I wake up around 5:30 and start planning a new route that will involve fried pies and perhaps BBQ at Smokin' Joe's Rib Ranch. At 7:00 I go to take a shower only to discover there is no hot water, some rooms had no water at all. Here it is a little over an hour to line up for departure and no water. The hardy souls, who sat by the campfire the previous evening didn't have a problem since they all took a bath when they got back to their rooms to wash off the smoke. The water problem was soon fixed, and we were able to shower and get out to the parking lot just in time for our 8:30 departure for breakfast. Once again, Fred's car does not want to start, so we delay our departure for 20 minutes, till he gets going and we head out to refuel on our way to breakfast. At the gas station we pulled in only to find that the gas pumps are extremely slow (pumping about 1 gal. per minute), so another delay to get everyone fueled up.

We arrive at the restaurant with our 18-car procession only to find there are 9 available parking spaces, it looks like they are very busy, and we might not get in. Trish and Pat Buckmeyer go in to put our name on the waiting list, while the rest of us are searching for parking. The hostess asks, "How many in your party?" About 34 was the answer. The hostess responds, "It will be about 10-15 minutes. 5 minutes later we were all seated at three large tables, WOW! Thank you, Prairie House. The food was great but due to the large group that we brought in, it took a while for all of us to get served. It is now almost 11 am and we are running about 2 hours late, so I ask the group," do you want to go to BBQ then get fried pies or fried pies then BBQ?" One of our DMAFC members, Cathy Shade, who was on her first model A tour, showed outstanding leadership when she replied, "Fried pies, BBQ, then fried pies." Sheryl Hoyle, of the Sooner A's, responded with their club's motto, "drive 2 hours then eat." Here, I would like to suggest to our board of directors that they consider adopting this motto at their next meeting. Off we went to gather at the museum then we headed out to Arbuckle Fried Pies.

The fall colors were in full bloom on our drive along winding roads to Arbuckle Fried Pies which skirted the north edge of the Arbuckle mountains. We arrived at 1:30 pm, decided it would be too late to eat pies, BBQ, and still be able to enjoy our fajita cookout at 5pm, so we skipped the BBQ, went to Forgotten Wheels Museum, just a couple of miles up the road, and headed back to Lake Murray. PS, Garland and Sheryl were seen leaving Arbuckle Fried Pies with a small Arkansas suitcase, presumably filled with fried pies.

(Definition: Arkansas suitcase—a cardboard box or used Walmart bag.)

We arrived back at Lake Murray around 4pm, rushed down to the pavilion where the fajitas were cooking, and the campfire was burning. The weather was great, the food was great, and we all got to enjoy a lovely Oklahoma fall afternoon. We were entertained by Chuck Horn playing guitar and singing, we had a brief quiz to see how much the Texans knew about Oklahoma, and how much the Okies knew about Texas, and then we watched Callie Evans literally decimate Michael Anderson in the clown bike competition. Dessert appeared just after sundown and once again the hardy souls migrated to the campfire for I don't know how long.

In spite of the fact that all the planning went out the window after the first three hours due to the tornado that came very close to us, the rain, the wind, the cold, the darkness on Friday night, the crowded restaurant, the reroute on Saturday (to accommodate fried pies), and the few minor breakdowns, it turned out to be a wonderful trip. It was great making new model A friends with the Sooner A group; they are a wonderful bunch. So, if anybody says, "let's have a cookout in the fall, it will be fun", count me in. Thanks Arlen and Trish for all the planning and hard work you put in to make this happen.

(Certain persons and events depicted in the above account may be fictional as I learned from my daddy not to ever let the truth interfere with a good story.)





During the Veterans Day parade in Blanchard three years ago, my Model A broke down and I pulled over. After the group of teenagers went by in a Chevrolet and yelled "You should have got a Chevy," a group of Girl Scouts came by and handed me a paper sack.

Inside the sack were several cookies and a card that said "Thank you for your service to our country." and it was signed "Girl Scouts." It also had cute little star-stickers on it.

The card came home with me and I put it on the refrigerator next to the pictures drawn by the grand-daughters. The card is still on the refrigerator and I still smile when I look at it.



A picture of the card is copied here so you can smile too.

- 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.

The complete article is available on the MAFCA website at  
[Microsoft Word - Glenn Johnson Rev.doc \(mafca.com\)](#)

*The following article appeared in the April 2009 issue of the Sparton, the Hangtown A's newsletter.  
 Written by Glenn Johnson, who has a long history serving MAFCA.  
 Glenn presented this subject matter at the 2002 MAFCA National Convention.*

At the Hangtown A's March meeting, I gave a short tech talk about how I detail my Model A. I brought along many of the cleaning and polishing products that have used over the years with good results. I went over all of these products rather quickly so was asked to write them into an article for the Sparton news letter.

**WARNING! THE MOST IMPORTANT INGREDIENT IN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING IS ELBOW GREASE. THE YOUNGER, THE BETTER.**

**ENGINE – PAINTING & CLEANING**

When I'm having a new engine built first I have the block and the head chemically stripped to remove all rust and other gunk inside and out. I have all of the other external parts sandblasted.

**ENGINE PAINTING ON BARE STEEL OR CAST IRON**

Prime everything except the exhaust manifold with one coat of red Rust-oleum primer #7769, either brush or spray.

Mix Ford Engine Green out of Rust-oleum paint with this formula:  
 2 parts hunter green #7738, 1 part royal blue #7727, and 1 part black #7779

I use Rust-oleum paint because it is very durable, heat resistant and, once dry, will not come off if you clean it with a solvent based cleaner

If some of your cad plated nuts and bolts have become tarnished or stained, touch them up with Rust-oleum aluminum #7715

Paint the sandblasted exhaust manifold and muffler with VHT #SP104 flat gray VHT exhaust paint is heat resistant up to 1500 degrees.

**CLEANING AND MAINTAINING YOUR ENGINE**

After a week or longer tour, especially if some of the tour has been in the rain, I cover my distributor and carburetor with plastic bags and spray the whole engine with Simple Green. Mush it around with a paint brush and into all the tight spots to loosen the dirt and grease. Then rinse with a hose.

Blow off the excess water with your air hose and then spray everything with WD40.

Wipe everything dry with paper or terry cloth towels. Your engine will be beautiful again.

**RADIATOR**

Your radiator is the most visible part of the front of your car. If it looks stained and dingy mask your radiator shell and headlight bar. Throw some old blankets or drop cloths over your hood and front fenders and spray can the front of your radiator with a light coat of semi flat or semi-gloss black enamel. A light coat will not affect the efficiency of your cooling system and a clean, black radiator will make your whole car look better.

For more information about Era Hats, see MAFCA website at [MAFCA - Era Hats](#)

# Era Hats

April 12 - Suggested by [Mary Carlson](#) of North Vancouver British Columbia Canada, this page will present photos of MAFCA members sporting era hats, either "the real thing" or era image.

If you have a photo of you in your era hat, please send it in to [The Webmaster](#) for inclusion on this page.



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Houston, Texas **NEW**



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Santa Clara County, California



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