

Scuttlebutt

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Happy March to Everyone,

At our February club meeting, we had a very interesting geological talk on rocks by Herb Magley. He talked about the rose rock, which is only found in Oklahoma, and he had many cool looking rock samples, which we were able to look at in detail and handle as much as we liked. And what about those gold nuggets.

I hope everyone is doing well and surviving the winter blues. Spring is coming and the cold weather should be going away. It will be warming up soon and we can get our Model A's out to drive around and see the sights.

We are looking forward to our next meeting, where we will have Model A Bingo after the business meeting.

It was a great turnout at Bubba's on 19 February.

There were ten Model A's and lots of people at the Stockyards City St Patricks Day parade on 11 March. We are always so impressed with the great crowds at the parades in Stockyards City.

We are looking forward to another fabulous Sunday event on Sunday, 19 March at Incredible Pizza on NW Expressway. These Sunday afternoon get-togethers are a good time to get the Model A's out.

Don Mitchell, President

MARCH REFRESHMENTS

Provided by Nolen & Pat Morgan, Carla Newton, Karen Dusenbery, and Drinks by Phil Wolfenbarger

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Meeting March

March 28, 2023
7:00 pm

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

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ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

(Subject to Change)

“Let the good times roll in your Model A”

March 2023

- 7 **6:30pm** **Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 11 **10:00am** **Stockyard City St. Patrick’s Day Parade.** Line up on Exchange Avenue (east of Pennsylvania Ave) at 9:00am. Lunch after the parade at **Bunny’s Onion Burgers**, 1023 S Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City.
- 19 **2:00pm** **Lunch** at Incredible Pizza. 5833 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City
- 28 **7:00pm** **Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC
Refreshments will be provided by Nolen & Pat Morgan, Carla Newton, Karen Dusenbery, and Drinks by Phil Wolfenbarger.
Model A Bingo will be played after the business meeting.

April 2023

- 4 **6:30pm** **Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 15 **9:00am** **Tune Up Day at Phil’s Garage.** More information coming soon.
- 22 **12:00pm** **89er Parade, Guthrie OK** - Line-up at 10am. The parade begins at the corner of Capitol St and Oklahoma Ave, travels down Oklahoma thru downtown Guthrie, to 2nd St, turn left at the Post Office to Harrison and turn left, return to the Masonic Temple.
- 25 **7:00pm** **Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC
Refreshments will be provided by club members.

May 2023

- 2 **6:30pm** **Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 4 - 7 **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; Registration Form on Page 5.
- 23 **7:00pm** **Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC
Refreshments will be provided by club members.

Every Monday morning, club members meet at **6:30am** for **breakfast at Braums**, 4104 NW 39th Street, Bethany, OK. Everyone is invited and the discussion ranges from repairing your car to what the weather is going to be for the next scheduled event. Please stop by and add your two cents. No charge for opinions.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sheryl Hoyle, Rich Robinson, Ken Brust, and Kaye Sage have been ill and are currently recovering. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

Please also pray for those of us who are battling cancer and other serious diseases, and 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

March 2023 Birthdays

1 - Helene Astafan	7 - Paul McNutt	22 - Gary Clonts
1 - Billie Grieshober	12 - Sheryl Hoyle	30 - Terry Joy
2 - Ed Foust	14 - Bob Stine	30 - Pat Marcotte
5 - Teresa Bratcher	16 - Karen Swain	31 - Barbara McHendry

March 2023 Anniversaries

1 - Terry & Judy Joy

The Sooner Model A Club meetings were changed to the fourth Tuesday of the month in 2023.

The meetings are at the Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, Oklahoma City, at 7:00 pm.

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

Welcome to New Members in 2023

Chuck & Sheila Gibson, 6901 132nd Ave SE, Noble OK 73068, 405-872-5064 or 405-306-1668
 Neal & Susan Wood, 12801 E Maguire Rd, Noble OK 73068, 405-473-8189 or 405-317-1469
 Jeff & Angie Griffin, 2204 Union Ave, Seminole OK 74868, 405-435-4341
 Thomas Prothro, 11752 SW 18th St, Yukon OK 73099, 209-769-9932
 Cliff & Cathy Wicks, 3708 N Ridgewood Dr, Midwest City OK 73110, 845-389-3314

We are all looking forward to meeting you and enjoying your participation in the club activities.

**Minutes of the Club Meeting
February 28, 2023**

February 28, 2023 Sooner Model A Club, Will Rogers Gardens, Oklahoma City, OK

Meeting was called to order by President Don at 8:00 p.m.
Prior to the business meeting of the club the program on geology was presented by Herb Magley. He brought lots of rocks and fossils for the club members to examine. It was a very interesting program.

Due to the length of the program, the business meeting was modified.

Secretary Vonnie did not read the minutes of the January meeting since it was cancelled due to bad weather.

Treasurer Jerry gave his report. Motion to accept his report was made. Motion carried.

President’s Report- Don thanked the board members for providing the refreshments.

Vice President Phil gave a report of the upcoming club events.

Editor’s Report-Chuck asked if anyone had information for the newsletter to please send it to him.

Web Master’s Report -none given

Sunshine Report- Kaye had nothing to report.

Merchandise Report

Old business - none reported

New business – none reported

Door prizes were given

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

The minutes will be published in the Scuttlebutt rather than being read at the meeting. Any corrections may be emailed to the Secretary Vonnie. Her email address is Meritt73@gmail.com

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
Nov 30 - Dec 3, 2023	MAFCA Awards Banquet, Santa Maria, California
June 23-28, 2024	MAFCA National Convention, Ruidoso, New Mexico
June 16-22, 2025	MAFCA National Tour, Charlottesville, Virginia

**Tulsa Model A Ford Club
PO Box 33348
Tulsa, OK 74135**

**Spring Tour Registration – Coffeyville, KS
May 4-7, 2023**

Name _____ Spouse/Passenger _____
Address _____
Email _____ Cell# _____

Holiday Inn Express Coffeyville 1-620-808-3319 \$89.99+tax per night.
Ask for the Model A Club rate. Breakfast included. 30 rooms blocked until
April 15th. Call to reserve your room as soon as possible.

	<u># of Persons</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
Thursday Dinner on your own		
Friday Tours (May 5) Brown Mansion & Dalton Museum	\$16	_____
Friday Lunch (May 5) on your own		
Friday dinner (May 5) on your own		
Saturday Lunch (May 6) on your own		
Saturday Dinner (May 6) Coffeyville Country Club	\$26	_____
Registration fee per person	\$10	_____
	Total	\$ _____

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Tulsa Model A Ford Club
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DISCUSSIONS OF THE BOARD

Board meetings in 2023 are continuing to be held at Johnnie's Restaurant in the Village. Johnnie's 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 at 6:30pm. Guests are also welcome at all meetings and events. It is a very informal board meeting. We enjoy the food and joke around and take care of the club business.

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.

There was some discussion about lodging availability for the tractor show in June at Robbers Cave. The lodge at Robbers Cave is currently under construction and reservations will not be available until after the remodeling is completed, and a date for completion was not yet available. A follow-up call to the lodge in mid-March revealed that the construction is not scheduled to begin until the middle of April, and they are not taking reservations until after the remodeling is completed. The closest town is Wilburton and the lodging is very limited there, so we may be looking for lodging in the MacAlester area. We are still monitoring the situation and will let you know when there are updates.

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.

A new directory is in the planning stages and we are now accepting updated pictures. Please send pictures to the Editor at soonermodelaclubnews@gmail.com, or you can mail them to the mailing address, or bring them to the club meeting. The email address (soonermodelaclubnews@gmail.com) is relatively new, and it is the email address from which the Scuttlebutt and reminders will be sent. Please add it to your directory to prevent your email server from rejecting it.

The information about the Spring Tour is on page 5. We have been informed that the itinerary, which will be available soon, will have additional cost-free events. The events on the registration form is only for those we have to pay in advance. Please fill out the form and mail it, with payment, to the Tulsa Club, and make your reservations at the Holiday Inn Express in Coffeyville Kansas as soon as possible. We are planning to have a wonderful time there and hope you can join us. Please drive the modern car if you are concerned about the status of your "A", and we will have fun anyway.

There are still two committee duties available (Hospitality, Refreshments). If anyone would like to take advantage of these volunteer opportunities, please let us know. If there are any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact a board member. All board members and their phone numbers are listed on the front page of the Scuttlebutt.

QUOTATIONS OF HENRY FORD

The most closely organized groups and movements in the world are those which have been the least friendly to the people's progress and liberty.

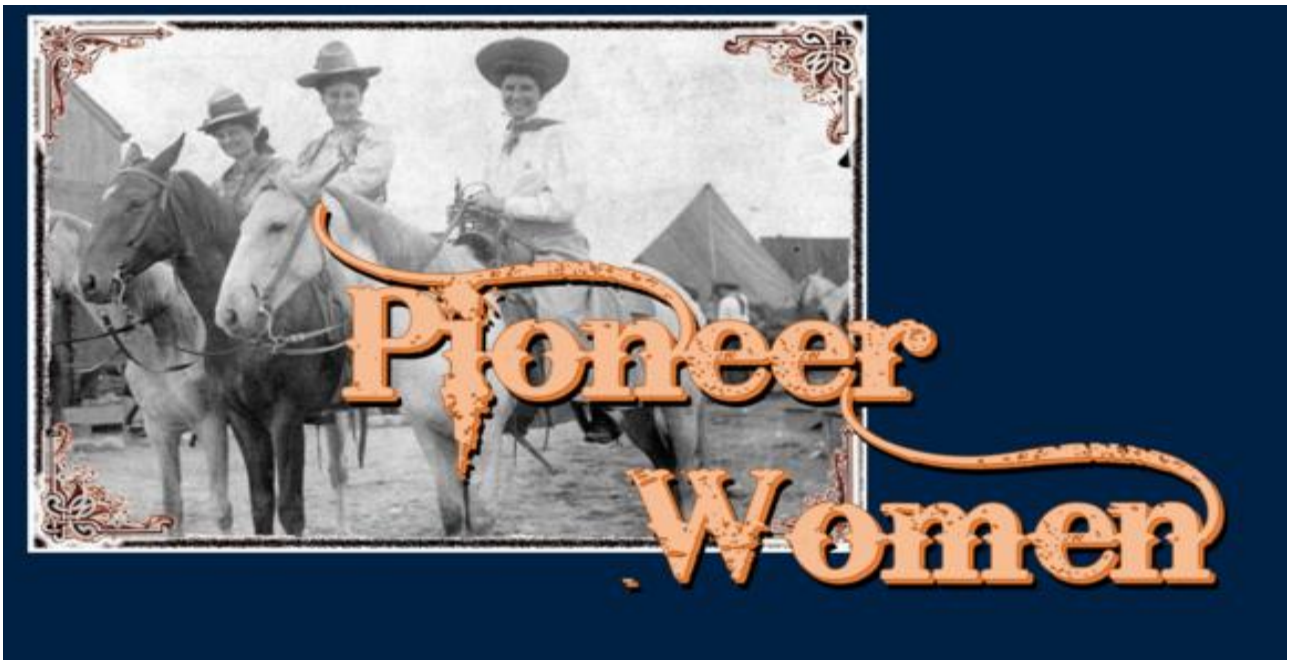
Ref: Quotations of Henry Ford, APPLEWOOD BOOKS
Bedford, Massachusetts

**'89ers Parade
and Celebration**
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**Oklahoma's oldest and largest parade begins
on Saturday, April 22nd at Noon!**

89er Parade - Line-up at 10am: Capitol Street, west side of Masonic Temple
The parade begins at the corner of Capitol St and Oklahoma Ave, travels down Oklahoma thru downtown Guthrie, to 2nd St, turning left at the Post Office to Harrison and turning left, returning to the Masonic Temple.



2023 '89er PARADE THEME



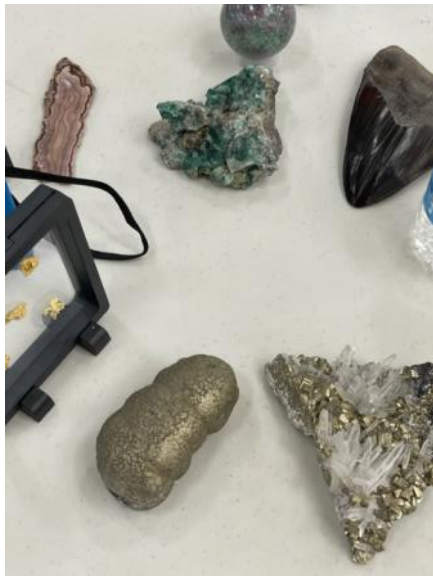
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Call Mike Maxwell, 405-826-2504, for additional information.
- For Sale!** Model A Coupe project car. Includes two additional engines.
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- For Sale!** 1931 Model A Ford 4 Door in excellent condition. Pictures available. Contact Celeste Price . 405-382-8858

**BUBBA'S
Oklahoma City
February 19, 2023**



**Club Meeting
Herb Magley, Guest Speaker
February 28, 2023**



STOCKYARDS CITY ST PATRICK DAY PARADE

Stockyards March 11, 2023

Parade at Stockyards, ten Model A's were there. Crowd was excited and enthusiastic. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

After parade, Lunch at Bunny's Onion Burger, great food with Robotic Delivery.



Jim's Tech Tip Identifying Your Carburetor

When ordering parts or looking up adjustment specs for your carburetor, it is important that you identify which one you have. Below are 4 of the most common carbs used on a Model A with the gasket sets they use, which gives you a feel for the shape of the casting and bowl. Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!* Jim



Zenith Model A



Tillotson Model A



Marvel Shebler Model A or B



Zenith Model B



Laundry In the Model A Era

By Patricia Menz, Sacramento Capitol A's

In our car club we talk about the cars and we talk about era clothing, but we do not talk about cleaning our clothing. I have a book written in 1931 about laundering and dry cleaning. The book was published by the Woman's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences. After reading this book, I see that laundry is laundry. We still have to sort, wash, dry, iron and fold our clothes. However, during the Model A era, it was a lot of work. The process took the better part of two days and could be downright dangerous. They did not have the conveniences that we have today.

When Is Wash Day?

A famous poem says that Monday is laundry day. The book says that Tuesday was becoming more popular. Monday was the day to prepare for the washday: put the house in order, remove stains, mend and sort the clothes.

Setting Up the Laundry – The Equipment

In most homes the laundry was done in the kitchen or in an adjoining room. Sometimes the laundry was in the basement. No matter which room was used, it needed to be well ventilated, well lit and have access to hot water.

Washing Machines and Tubs

There were several types of washing machines. Basically they were washing tubs with a lid and a device inside to agitate the clothing. They could be cranked by hand or have a motor powered by electricity, gas or water. The 1931 Sears catalog advertised an electric washer for \$50.00 to \$65.00 and a gasoline one for \$89.50. A hand activated machine sold for \$16.00. To put this in perspective, the Model A era was during the Great Depression, when the average annual income was \$1850.00. That is about \$36.00 a week. I suspect that most homes used the hand cranked model. The wash tub with a wash board was still available, as well as a hand held suction plunger or agitator.



The washing machine tubs needed to be cleaned by hand with soap and water. If the tub was copper, a mixture of vinegar, salt and kerosene was used. In our modern era we use a tub cleaning agent and the washer cleans itself.

Soap

Detergent as we know it today was not invented until 1933. A laundress needed to be a simple chemist. Soap used for laundry needed to be flaked, so that it could be dissolved in water. It could be purchased already flaked. If flaked soap was not available, bar soap was flaked by



using a soap flaker. The picture at left shows a basic hand-cranked soap flaker. The soap was dissolved in hot water and whipped to a foam. Soap jelly could also be made by mixing flakes, water and borax. This mixture was heated on the stove. Soap beads were new on the market in the Model A era. They were supposed to dissolve in water instantly. A laundress also needed to be familiar with bluing, starch, acids, alkalis and how to soften water.



Clothes Washing

After soaking, washing the clothes with soap was the next step. Then, they had to be rinsed two or three times. The washing machines of the era didn't have a rinse cycle. The water would have to be emptied and refilled each time. After washing and between rinses, the clothes were put through a ringer; either electric or hand cranked.

Clothes Drying

For the most part clothes were hung to dry outdoors or inside on racks during inclement weather. There was a clothes dryer patented in 1892, but it basically was a ventilated device that sat on top of a stove with a hand crank. The type of dryer we use today was not sold until 1938.



Irons and Ironing Boards

Ironing boards were similar to the ones we have today. The picture at right shows a typical three-legged board. A sheet of asbestos could be used to hold the hot iron when it was not in use during the ironing process.

There were a wide range of irons available. They came in different sizes and were used for different purposes. It



was suggested that if only one iron was purchased, it should weigh between six to eight pounds. Regulating the temperature of the iron was also more difficult than it is today.

Irons were heated through different means: gas, electric, gasoline/kerosene and charcoal, or the old fashioned cast-iron model that was heated on the stove. The gas iron is pictured below at left; the electric iron at the right. With all of these types, except for the electric iron, drafts could be a problem because they could fan the flames and cause a fire. The gasoline irons were sold from 1930's through the 1950's. If a house did not have gas or electricity, the self-contained gasoline iron was an alternative.



Steam irons for the home were not available until 1950. In the Model A era, the wrinkles in clothes needed to be removed by other means. After the clothes were dry, they had to be dampened by sprinkling them with water. Then they were rolled up to wait to be ironed.

As we wear our period clothing, especially reproduction and era image, we should be grateful that at the end of the day, that we have more cleaning options and modern technology to more quickly and easily clean our clothes. They will be ready for another day without having to deal with the hazardous and time-consuming process used almost a century ago.

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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 \(mafca.com\)](#)