

Scuttlebutt

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Hope for April Showers

We all hope to have some rain but not severe enough to interfere with our touring in our Model A's. I know Jim Yates and Chuck Dusenbery are hard at work in getting our new Sooner Model A website up and running. They have put in many hours to get this done. Thank You!

Phil and Kaye have again graciously volunteered their garage at 9 AM for a tune up day on Saturday, 15th April. They will also provide a Hot Dog lunch. We hope to see everyone there to have their Model A checked and we look forward to visiting with everyone. Then the next Saturday, the 22nd of April, we have the Guthrie 89er Parade, which is always fun. This is followed by our regular club meeting on Tuesday at 7 PM on the 25th of April where we plan to watch a very interesting movie.

The first weekend of May is our annual Spring Tour to Coffeyville, Kansas, on May 4-7, sponsored by the Tulsa Model A Club. It would be nice to see as many Model A's as possible at one or all of these events. This is a good time of the year to get your Model A out on the road.

Please let me or any Board member know if you like the variety of programs that our monthly meetings are having. We are open for all suggestions. We are trying to make sure we have something for everyone. This also goes for tours and our visits to interesting places.

Don Mitchell, President

APRIL REFRESHMENTS

Provided by Sheryl Hoyle, Jerry Phillips, Helene Astafan, Jim & Vicky Yates.

Drinks provided by Judy Joy.

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Meeting April

April 25, 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”

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.** 7601 NW 30th, Bethany
- 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, 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.

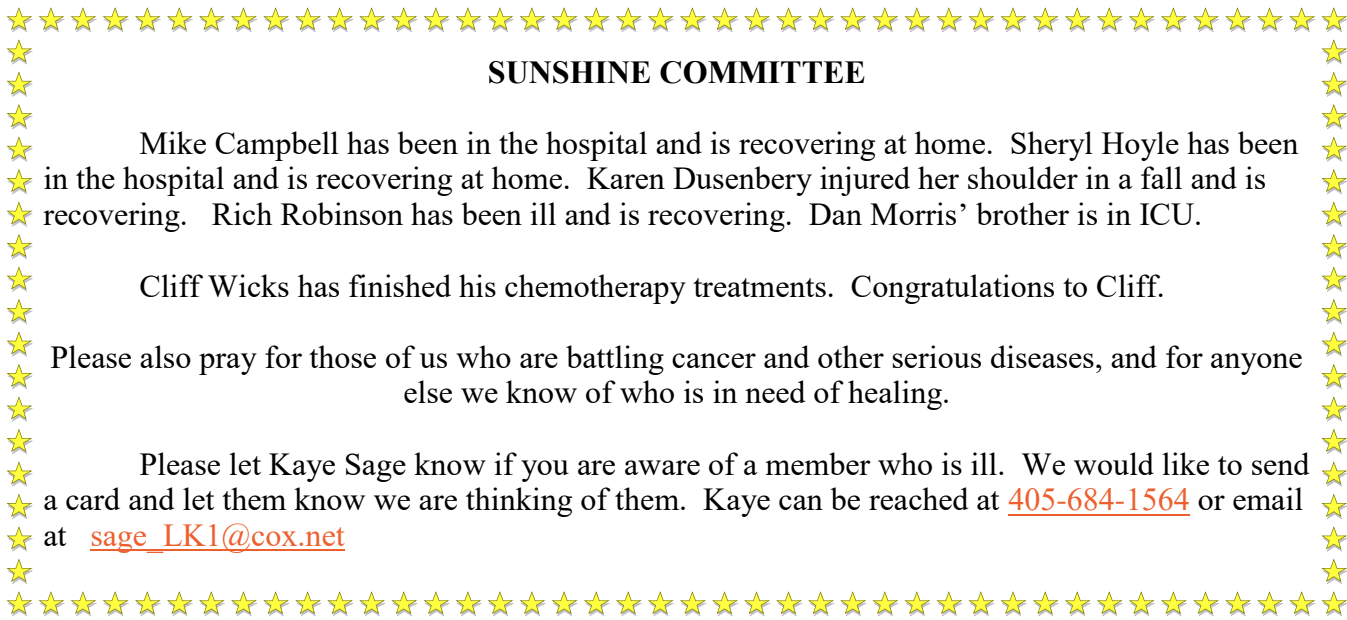
May 2023

- 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.
Contact Chuck and/or Don if you would like to travel with a group; they will depart Pops in Arcadia at 9:00am on May 4th. Bring a two way radio if you have one.
- 23 7:00pm Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC
Refreshments will be provided by club members.

June 2023

- 6 6:30pm Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 11–16 Midwest Regional Meet,** Breckenridge, Colorado; info at mafca.com, calendar
- 24 9am-5pm Antique Tractors and Cars, Robbers Cave State Park**
- 27 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

Mike Campbell has been in the hospital and is recovering at home. Sheryl Hoyle has been in the hospital and is recovering at home. Karen Dusenbery injured her shoulder in a fall and is recovering. Rich Robinson has been ill and is recovering. Dan Morris' brother is in ICU.

Cliff Wicks has finished his chemotherapy treatments. Congratulations to Cliff.

Please also pray for those of us who are battling cancer and other serious diseases, and for anyone else we know of who is in need of healing.

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

April 2023 Birthdays

2 - Mary Jane Simmons	10 - Clifton Hill	15 - Becky Sable
3 - Connie Douglass	11 - Jeffrey Turner	19 - Kurt Grieshober
4 - Phil Lyon	13 - Karen Dusenbery	28 - Vonnie Merirr
6 - Terry Trego	13 - Angie Griffin	29 - Pat Morgan

April 2023 Anniversaries

8 - Dan & Laurie Morris	20 - Gary & Ricki Sullivan
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The Sooner Model A Club meetings were changed to the fourth Tuesday of the month in 2023.

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
March 28, 2023**

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

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Phil at 7:00 p.m.

Total of 24 members present. Since there were some new members, Phil asked that everyone give a brief introduction.

Secretary Vonnie reported that the minutes from the Feb. meeting were published in the Scuttlebutt Newsletter. Minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Jerry gave his report. Motion to accept his report was made by Greg and seconded by Joe. Motion carried.

President's Report- none given due to his was absent.

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. Also he needs pictures for the new directory.

Web Master's Report – the new website is currently under construction.

Sunshine Report-

Merchandise Report -Kay reported that we now have tag toppers available for sale.

Old business - none reported

New business – none reported

50/50 pot- was won by Nolan.

Door prizes were given.

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

Following the meeting refreshments were served and the members played Model A Bingo which was created by Vonnie.

Any corrections of the minutes may be emailed to the Secretary Vonnie. Her email address is Meritt73@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

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	\$ _____

Kent Washburn
Tulsa Model A Ford Club
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Itinerary
Spring Tour: Coffeyville, Kansas
May 4 – 7, 2023

Thursday – May 4

Travel to Coffeyville, Kansas
Check in at Hotel – 3:00 p.m.
 Holiday Inn Express
 701 Northeast Street
 Coffeyville, KS
Dinner on your own

Friday – May 5

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast at Hotel
8:45 a.m. – Line up and depart - Brown Mansion guided tour and photo op.
Followed by Dalton Museum guided tour
Lunch on your own
1:45 p.m. – Line up - Max Williams' car collection – 3408 W. 1st - Coffeyville
Dinner on your own

Saturday – May 6

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast at Hotel
Optional tours on your own:
Cemetery drive - Dalton graves
Little House on the Prairie Home – 2507 CR, 3000 RD, Independence, KS
Cherokee Casino – 1506 US-169 South, Coffeyville
Lunch on your own
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Aviation Heritage Museum – 2002 N. Buckeye St, Coffeyville
6:00 p.m. - Dinner - The Coffeyville Country Club – 1322 N. Inglewood, Coffeyville
 Prime Rib
 Soft drinks and coffee
 Dessert

Sunday – May 7

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast at the hotel
Depart for home

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 is still discussion about lodging availability for the tractor show in June at Robbers Cave. The lodge at Robbers Cave is currently under construction and reservations are not available until after the remodeling is completed, and a date for completion was not yet known. 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. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

The new website project is still in process. Webmaster Jim is in deep discussion with the programmers and expects to have the new website built soon.

Vonnie 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, or take a look at them at the club meetings.

A new directory is in the planning stages and we are now accepting updated pictures. Please send pictures to the Editor at soonermodelclubnews@gmail.com, or you can mail them to the club mailing address, or bring them to the club meeting.

The information about the Spring Tour is on page 5. The Itinerary is on page 6, and includes not only the tours that we needed advance payment for, but also the optional tours that do not have a fee associated with them, although donations are usually accepted. The events that are listed on the registration form are only for those events for which payment is required 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. Don is leading a group to Coffeyville, and will meet at Pops in Arcadia at 9:00am on May 4th.

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 industrial value of leisure as a promoter of the consumption of goods, and thus as a stimulant to business have been proved. People who have more leisure must have more clothes. They must have a greater variety of food, more transportation, more service of various other kinds. If we should come to a five-day week the result would be beneficial to industry and commerce. Instead of business being slowed up because the people were "off work," it would be speeded up because they would consume more in their leisure time than in their working time."

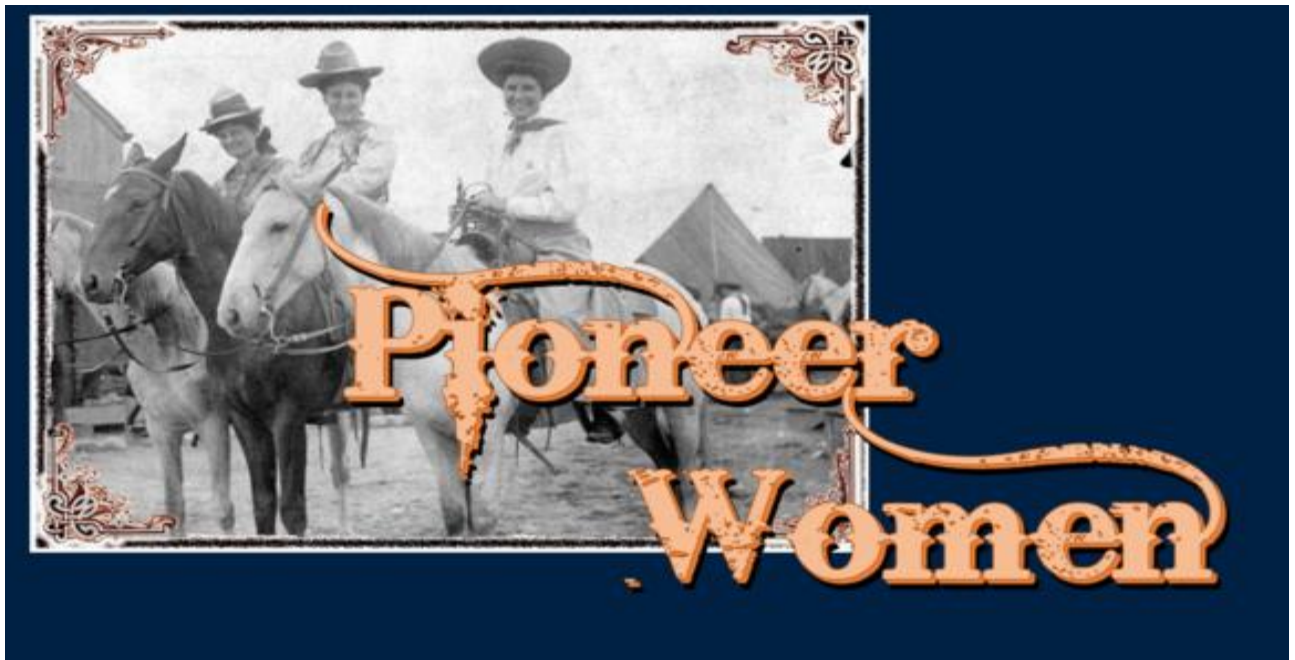
Ref: Quotations of Henry Ford, APPLEWOOD BOOKS
Bedford, Massachusetts

**'89ers Parade
and Celebration**
In Historic Guthrie, Oklahoma

Sponsored by American Legion LeBron Post #58 and The City of Guthrie, Oklahoma

**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

MAFCA Photo of the Week



- 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.
- For Sale!** 1928 Model A Roadster in pieces. Frame, body, engine, 2 transmissions, and several "New Parts". \$4,000 OBO. Pictures available. 580-306-8624
- For Sale!** 1931 Model A Ford 4 Door in excellent condition. Pictures available. Contact Celeste Price . 405-382-8858

**INCREDIBLE PIZZA
Oklahoma City
March 19, 2023**

It was a wonderful day for the drive to Incredible Pizza in the Model A. Not too hot or cold, and luckily not too windy. There were eight Model A's that made the drive and about 27 people.





Don M. with his Wisconsin breakfast of Waffles and Mint Ice Cream.



Nolen M. with his niece and grand-nieces at the Stockyards St Patricks parade in Stockyards City.



TUNE-UP DAY
Phil's House in Bethany
April 15, 2023

The wind was howling and blowing every direction at once, but the Model A's came out anyway. It was tune-up day at Phil's house. Many thanks go out to Phil and Kaye for hosting the event, to Greg and Phil for working on the cars, to Sheryl's dog Hank and Linda's dog Millie aka Scooter for the great entertainment, and to everyone involved in the wonderful lunch. There were nineteen or so people there, and lots of Model A's received adjustments. There are a few pictures here, and more to come next month.



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.curtmfg.com/towing-safety>*

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

Jim Cannon



JUNE BRIDES

By Harriet McNeill



With the June wedding season approaching, here is what a bride needs before the wedding, as suggested in *McCall's*, 1931.

For each bed, four sheets, six pillowcases, one pair blankets, one comforter. Also, one dozen bath towels, eighteen face towels, eight guest towels, one dozen wash cloths, two bath mats, one dozen dish towels, six glass towels, table cloths, tea cloths or place mats, large or medium size napkins, tea napkins, bureau covers, doilies, dusters, etc. The custom was that if the girl could afford it, she was to bring into the marriage enough of the household linens to start the running of a new house or apartment. She could have had embroidered sheets to dozens and dozens of table napkins, but the bride could also start comfortably with items from the above list.

Personally, for clothing, especially underthings, the bride was to have enough to last at least six months to a year. She needed not less than: four sets of underwear, four nightgowns, six pairs of stockings, three good pairs of shoes (two day and one evening), one kimono/negligee and slippers, twelve handkerchiefs, two morning dresses. Also a good suitcase was needed and maybe a trunk for going away AND enough loose cash in her purse so she did not have to ask for money on the very first day of the wedding trip.



Gifts were always sent to the bride, and if they arrived after she left for her honeymoon, they were opened by her mother and recorded in the "bride book" so the gifts could be acknowledged promptly upon her return.

The wedding dress and bridesmaids' dresses were to be simple and youthful unless the wedding was in the evening, then they would be conservative evening dresses. I thought it interesting that if you were married in your going away dress, you would only have a maid of honor who would wear a street dress and hat.

The most practical thing was consideration of expenses. The bride's family and the groom's family were responsible for certain expenses just as they are today. One note---there was no mention of a rehearsal or rehearsal dinner.

The word for the day was:

Don't start your life's greatest venture with nerves and body below par.

COFFEE AND CARS

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Yukon:

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3rd Saturday of Each Month
6pm-9pm
Plaza at Stone Mill
2121 S. Yukon Parkway
Yukon, OK 73099



Norman:

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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 \(mafca.com\)](#)