

Scuttlebutt

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GREETINGS TO ALL Model A'ers,

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving as well as a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Since there will be NO December Scuttlebutt or meeting, I want to thank the Board members and everyone who helped make this past year a very good year for our Sooner Model A Club.

At our October Club meeting, we had the drawing for the 6-volt battery donated by Paul McNutt and it was won by Steve Davis. Also, at the meeting, Steve Davis donated two tickets for the Oklahoma City Polar Express train ride on Friday, 10 November. The tickets were auctioned off and eventually won by Jim and Gayle Keene. Thank you to everyone for making these events beneficial to the club.

Vice-President Phil Wolfenbarger had his 3-D printing machine working overtime and has created some very nice Model A car name tags with your First name on it which is large enough to see. These are for sale at \$5.00 each, of which Phil is donating all the proceeds to the club. This is a great bargain for these very nice name tags. The sign-up sheet for the name tags will be at the regular club meetings.

The October Club meeting had the very informative and entertaining movie, "Stop On a Dime." It told you everything you would want to know about brakes, and more. Thank you, Vonnie Meritt, for providing it and thanks to Ken Corder and Phil Wolfenbarger for setting up and running the show.

In December, we have the Stockyards Christmas Parade on Saturday, 2 December with line-up at 9 AM. On Thursday, the 7th of December, we show our Model A cars at Bubba's restaurant from 11:30 to 2:30. A free lunch is included at Bubba's. The Christmas Party is Sunday, the 10th of December, at 2 PM at the Will Rogers Garden Center. Earl's will cater the dinner again and we will play Dirty Santa. If you want to play Dirty Santa, bring a wrapped gift costing no more than \$20.00, and people can pick any wrapped gift they want or take one from someone else. The cost is \$25.00 per person for the Christmas party. We need to have the final payment and count by the November 28th Club meeting. So, bring your checkbook to the November Club meeting to pay for your 2024 dues and the Christmas party.

DON'T FORGET –

THE JANUARY CLUB MEETING IS SUNDAY, 21 2024 AT 2 PM.
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Don Mitchell, President

November Refreshments
Beans and Cornbread and other goodies - provided by:
Greg & Sheryl, Terry & Judy, Jim & Gayle, Jerry, Steve,
Marilyn, Nolen & Pat, Carla, Helene, and Kaye.

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Meeting November
November 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”

November 2023

- 7 6:30pm Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 11 10:00am Veterans Day Parade** - Blanchard
Line-up at 9:30am on Main St, across from the church
- 28 7:00pm Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC
Beans and Cornbread provided by club members
- 30 - Dec 3 MAFCA Awards Banquet**, -Santa Maria, California



December 2023

- 2 10:00am Cowboy Christmas Parade** - Stockyards City, OKC
Line-up 9:00am on Exchange Avenue east of Pennsylvania, facing westbound
- 5 6:30pm Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 7 11:30 - 2:30pm Car Show & Free Lunch - Bubba’s 33**, 6212 SW 3rd St, OKC
(between MacArthur & Rockwell, North of I-40)
- 10 2:00pm Christmas Dinner and Dirty Santa** - Dinner catered by Earl’s, \$25 per person
Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC

January 2024

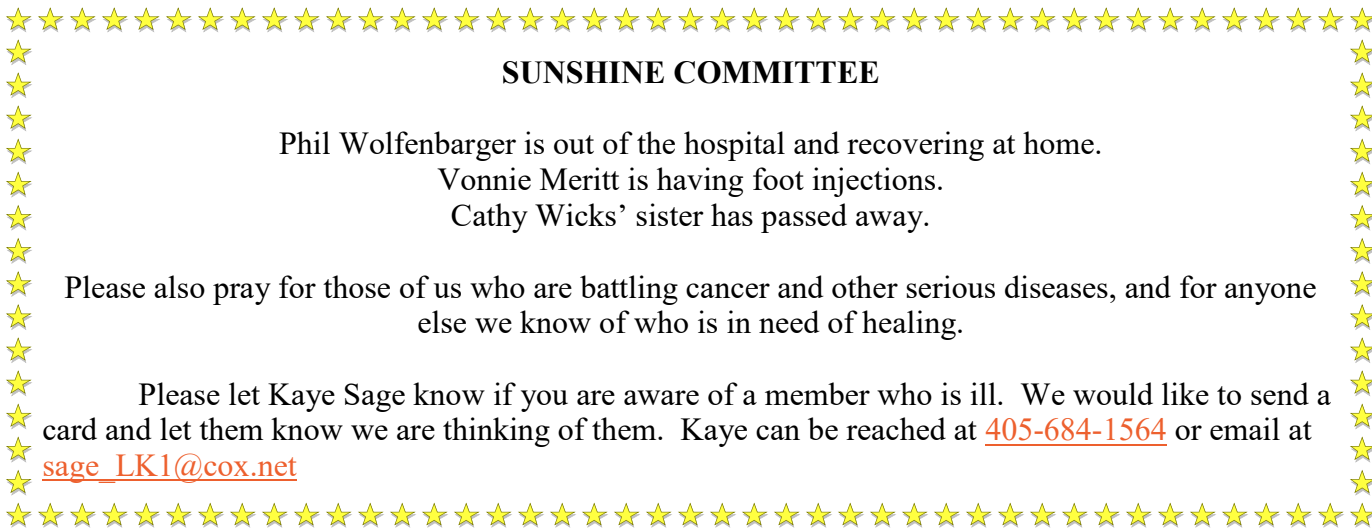
- 2 6:30pm Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 21 2:00pm Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC
Refreshments will be provided by the 2024 board.

First meeting of the New Year with the change to the third Sunday of the month.


The annual dues are now due. If you have not yet paid dues, please send \$20.00 with the renewal form on the last page.


The **1,000 Mile Challenge Program** is now available on the Sooner Model A Club web page. If you entered your mileage last year, all you have to do is enter your final mileage for 2023 and I will compute the number of miles you drove for 2023. If you are entering your mileage for the first time, enter your final mileage for 2023 and in the remarks box enter your beginning mileage for 2023. Contact Chuck Dusenbery at 405-613-3901 for questions concerning the 1,000 Mile Challenge Program.

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

Phil Wolfenbarger is out of the hospital and recovering at home.
Vonnie Meritt is having foot injections.
Cathy Wicks' sister has passed away.

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

November 2023 Birthdays

05 - Randy Bratcher	19 - Carla Holcomb	28 - Tom Douglas
11 - Ray Callan	21 - Ricki Sullivan	29 - Debi McClendon
12 - Al Lock 111	21 - Joe Astafan	30 - Kay Lee Meritt
12 - Judee Lyon	28 - Mike Campbell	
13 - Tim Neall	28 - Tory Brust	

November 2023 Anniversaries

03 - Randy & Teresa Bratcher	19 - Jeff & Patricia Turner	27 - Steve & Mary Davis
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December 2023 Birthdays

01 - Sheila Gibson	15 - Tom Holcomb	27 - Monte McHendry
05 - Donna Skidmore	18 - Kerry Steffens	

December 2023 Anniversaries

01 - William & Marilyn Crouch	22 - Cliff & Cathy Wicks	31 - Bob & Linda Stine
16 - Ken & Tory Brust	23 - Mike & Sharlotte Campbell	

Minutes of the Club Meeting October 24, 2023

October 24, 2023: Club Meeting; Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Don. 27 members were present.
- The drawing for the 50/50 pot was held and Kaye Sage won the pot. Harley Davis won the raffle for the battery. David Swain won a door prize. Stephanie Davis won a door prize.
- The minutes of the previous meeting were published in the Scuttlebutt. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as published. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's report was presented by Jerry. Motions were made and carried to accept the report.
- President's report: Don suggested having an impromptu auction to raffle off two train tickets for the Polar Express train ride on November 10th, donated by Steve Davis to benefit the club. After some excited bidding, Sheryl Hoyle won the bid for the tickets, which she then turned over to Jim and Gayle Keene. Don expressed appreciation to Steve for donating the tickets, and also to everyone who participated in the bidding.
- Don passed around the refreshment signup sheet for food volunteers. The November meeting will be the annual beans and cornbread dinner, and lots of people signed up to bring a variety of foods.
- Don discussed the Christmas party on December 10th. Earl's will be catering a traditional Christmas dinner. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, and the deadline for payment is November 28th. We will play the Dirty Santa gift exchange/game. Please bring a wrapped gift with the maximum value of no more than \$20.00. There was discussion about whether to have men and/or women gifts, and it was decided that we would have men gifts and women gifts and gifts that would be applicable to either gender.
- Upcoming activities: Nov 7th Board Meeting; Nov 11th Veterans Day parade in Blanchard. Don said to call him if anyone wants to caravan. Don and Chuck and Jim will meet in Edmond, as usual, and travel south to Highway 37, and will stop along the way for others to join. Nov 28th is the next club meeting; December 2nd is the Stockyards Christmas parade. Let Don know if you'd like to caravan to the Stockyards.
- Sunshine Report: Vonnie is having problems with her foot and is taking injections.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Following the meeting, refreshments were enjoyed. After refreshments, we watched the Model A movie, "How to Stop on a Dime" which was provided by Vonnie. The movie's topic included how to adjust your brakes, but a lot of other information was included, and at the end of the movie, the girl agreed to get in the Model A with the guy, after he persistently asked her to several times. Not only was the movie informational, it was also very cute.

Minutes of the Board Meeting November 7, 2023

November 7, 2023; Board Meeting; Johnnie's, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC

President Don Mitchell -Present
Secretary Vonnie Meritt -Present
Editor Chuck Dusenbery -Present
Director David Swain -Absent

Vice-President Phil Wolfenbarger -Absent
Treasurer Jerry Phillips -Present
Web Master Jim Yates -Present
Director Greg Hoyle -Absent

- Members in attendance: K. Meritt, Marilyn Mitchell
- Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Don
- Minutes of the last meeting were published in the October newsletter. Motion was made to accept the minutes as published in the Scuttlebutt. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's report: Jerry shared a print-out of his report. Starting balance as of September 30, 2023, \$2321.86 with an ending balance on October 31, 2023, was \$2307.11. PayPal account \$256.43. Cash on hand \$197.25. CD \$7771.91 for a Grand total \$10532.70. Chuck reported that he had made a payment for dues through the website to see if it works, so his dues are paid for 2025. Motion was made by Jim to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Chuck; motion carried.
- Don reported that the battery raffle was won by Steve Davis and the Polar Express train tickets were awarded to Jim and Gail Keene.
- Upcoming events: Nov 11th Blanchard parade; Nov 28th Club meeting- Beans and Cornbread; Dec 2nd Stockyard Parade; Dec 5th Board Meeting; Dec 10th Christmas Party; Jan 2nd Board Meeting; Jan 21st Club meeting 2:00 pm. This is the first monthly meeting after being changed back to the third Sunday of the month.
- Don reported that there will be a gift exchange by playing Naughty Santa. The gifts can be either male and female gifts this year. Gift value should not exceed \$20 limit and gag gifts are encouraged.
- Sunshine committee-Don reported that Vice-President Phil is in the hospital and is recovering. Cathy Wicks sister has passed away.
- Webmaster Jim reported that there have been some changes on the website and he has added a link to add your mileage for the 1000 mile patch.
- New Business-none
- Editor Chuck reported he is working on the upcoming edition of the Scuttlebutt. Mileage reports need to be entered on the website, or anyone can call Chuck for assistance.
- Old Business-Don reported that the movie "Stopping on a Dime" was well received by the attendees at the October meeting.
- Motion to adjourn was made by Jim and seconded by Jerry; motion carried to adjourn.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

QUOTATIONS OF HENRY FORD

“There is no failure except the failure to serve one’s purpose.”

Ref: Quotations of Henry Ford
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Bedford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE AND TIME CHANGES FOR 2024

The Sooner Model A Club meetings were changed to the third Sunday of the month in 2024. The meetings are at the Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, Oklahoma City, at 2:00pm.

January 21st	April 21st	July 21st	October 20th
February 18th	May 19th	August 18th	November 17th
March 17th	June 16th	September 15th	

Please enter the new dates on your 2024 calendars.

2024 Board

President: Don Mitchell
Secretary: Vonnie Meritt
Editor: Chuck Dusenbery
Director: David Swain

Vice-President: Phil Wolfenbarger
Treasurer: Kay Meritt
Web Master: Jim Yates
Director: Joe Astafan

Board meetings are at Johnnies, 2652 W Britton Rd, OKC, first Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Welcome to New Members in 2023

Chuck & Sheila Gibson, 6901 132nd Ave SE, Noble OK 73068, 405-872-5064, 405-306-1668
 Neal & Susan Wood, 12801 E Maguire Rd, Noble OK 73068, 405-473-8189, 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
 Al & Michele Lock, 5804 N Meridian Pl, Oklahoma City OK 73122, 405-421-4998
 Mark & Terri Burton, 1452 NE 9th St, OKC, 405-231-4306, 405-250-8366
 James & Gail Keene, 519 Manel Ave, Chandler OK 74834, 405-240-4392, 405-240-2503
 Bill Thompson, 2329 NW 113th Pl, OKC 73120, 405-209-5297

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

MANSIONS CAR SHOW Oklahoma City October 14, 2023



VETERANS DAY PARADE Blanchard November 11, 2023



CANADIAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
El Reno
September 16, 2023
Pictures by Ken Corder



CZECH PARADE
Yukon
October 7, 2023
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FALL TOUR
Guthrie & OKC
October 8-11, 2023
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- For Sale!** 1930-31 Coupe/Cabriolet front seat spring cushion assembly. \$150.00 (Seat Spring Assembly only) Call Terry Joy at 405-653-2505
- 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
- For Sale!** 1929 Phaeton 4 Door. Car is located in Edmond, OK. Contact Megan Payne, 512-608-3369
- For Sale!** 1920 Tudor and 1928 RH Drive Phaeton. Contact Mark Ayers 405-496-4883

Tech Q&A - Accessories

Ford dealers sold many accessories for the Model A, including authorized Ford accessories and those from third parties. On this page are just a few of the many accessories that were common when the Model A was new.

Ford Authorized Accessories are described in detail in the "*Model A Restoration Guidelines & Judging Standards*" published jointly by MAFCA and MARC.

Authorized Ford Accessories

Air Gauge -
Round Dial



Air Gauge
Cylinder Style



Junior
Style
Motometer



Sportlite



Quail
Radiator
Ornament



Air Gauge
Cylinder Style
Introduced 1931



Non-Ford Accessories

None yet. Please send contributions to [the Webmaster](#).

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Review the MAFCA website, mafca.com, for various types of technical articles.

Whoopee Trousers: Young Men's Style or Mere Catchphrase?

By Laurie Elliott, Santa Clara Valley Chapter

The ad in a M.W. Savage Co., Spring/Summer, 1931 catalog really caught my eye as both the header at the top of the page and the drawing of the center model who was wearing rather wild pants held a banner that used the word "Whoopee." A song began playing inside my head:

*"Another bride, Another groom, Another sunny honeymoon,
Another season, Another reason, For making whoopee."*

The song, usually referred to as "Makin' Whoopee!" is a jazz/blues song popularized by Eddie Cantor, published and released in November 1928 and appeared in the musical play "Whoopee!" that same year. A movie version of the play was made in 1930. The song has been recorded by numerous artists from Rudy Vallee to Cyndi Lauper, and appears in many movies and TV shows, including Sesame Street where Cookie Monster croons his version, "Eating Cookie." Clearly this song was popular, but I doubt the suggestive "whoopee" in the song means the same thing as the "whoopee" in the ad, which is defined by Webster's as a cry of joy or excitement. Perhaps the ambiguous meaning was part of the appeal by savvy copywriters.

The "Whoopee Style" Ad

By today's standards, these trousers look pretty tame, but in the Model A years of 1928-1931, they were downright imaginative. The ads were mostly aimed at young collegiate men or high schoolers with waist sizes 28" through 36".

The variety of trouser features are shown in the page at left. Some slacks had extended waistbands which may or may not have been shaped, and many had the "new" taller waistbands of 2-3". The text reads, "No belt, no suspenders needed." An adjustable strap and buckle in the back allowed for easy fitting. The 22" wide pant legs were almost always cuffed. Exclusive silk embroidered emblems might be offered near the right pocket.

The pants were made of all wool, wool and cotton blends, or unspecified fabric content, in



plain weaves, stripes, tweed or herringbone designs. Colors were grey, tan, medium brown, navy blue, and blue grey.

Sometimes very unusual or colorful pants weren't even identified with the words Whoopee Style. Take a look at the two pair in the ad pictured at right in M.W. Savage Co. Spring & Summer 1931. Very similar trousers (but with 19" wide cuffs) also appeared in 1928's National Bella Hess Co.'s Summer Sale catalog. "Collegiate cut," "Fancy," "Snappy," and "Swagger" are words used to enhance the product descriptions.



Similar pants offered in sizes 6-16 years, and 27"-32" waists, may have had elastic waistbands or elastic waistbands in the back with a plain front. Many listings for young men's or boy's styles such as these models state, "Just like big brother's!" but not, "Just like Dad's!" Hmmm, I wonder why?



"Whoopee" pants for boys or girls in blue denim with red stitching, or in combinations of red and blue fabric were numerous. There were also examples that were a bit more subdued, but colorful compared to solid fabric with matching color stitching. Overalls and playsuits, stressed durability and were offered in children's sizes. The overalls and denim pants in the ad at far left, came in sizes for boys and girls up to age sixteen years.

All three of the examples above are from M.W. Savage Co. Spring & Summer 1931. Why are so many of my examples from this particular catalog? This catalog just happened to have illustrations in color or with arrangements that copied easily.

COFFEE AND CARS

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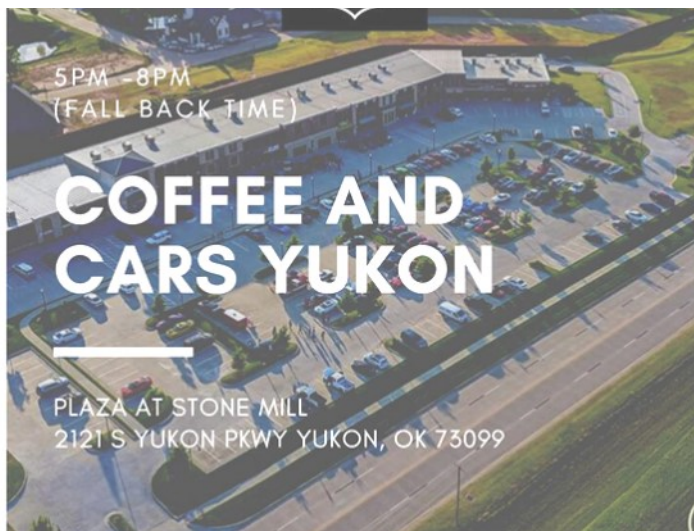
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MODEL A YEAR _____ **BODY STYLE** _____ **RUNNING?** _____

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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:

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SOONER MODEL A CLUB
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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))