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Meeting

February 18, 2024

2:00 pm

Will Rogers

Garden Center



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Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.

It is that time of the year when we can expect some nice days to get our Model A's out on the road. We plan to have a checkup day on Saturday, March 23rd at Phil's house. Greg will be there to diagnose and oversee what needs to be done. No major work like oil changes, head gaskets, or major brake work will be done that day. It will be an opportunity to check our cars for summer driving. Phil is going to supervise and advise.

On Sunday, our February 18th meeting will feature a Burtz-Block set up by Greg Hoyle.

A Saturday morning tour is planned for the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine. The tour will be on Saturday, 24 February at 9 AM. The address for the Shrine is 700 SE 89th Street in Oklahoma City, west of Interstate 35 on SE 89th St. We will meet at the Shrine, and I have requested Tour Guides. The tour should last 1 to 2 hours. Then we can go to lunch.

On 16 March, we have the Stockyards St Patrick's Day parade. This is a fun parade and maybe afterwards we can go back to Bunnies Onion Burger and see the Robot deliver our food.

April 25 to 28, the Spring Tour is planned with the Tulsa Model A Ford Club to go to Fort Sill and see some of the Historic landmarks, as well as Geronimo's grave site and the U.S. Army Artillery Museum. On day two, we will drive to the Wildlife Refuge and Holy City Chapel; then on to Frederick, where we will have lunch and learn more about the Abernathy Boys.

On Saturday, May 11th, the Tulsa Model A Ford Club invited us to join them at the Gathering Place. More information about this will be coming soon.

February Refreshments

Drinks by Jim & Gayle.

Take care, and we hope to see everyone soon.

Don Mitchell, President

3400 NW 36th St **Oklahoma City OK** 2024 Officers President: Don Mitchell 405-830-2932 Vice-Pres: Phil Wolfenbarger 405-210-5198 Secretary: Vonnie Meritt 405-262-3354 Treasurer: Kay Lee Meritt 405-262-3354 **Chuck Dusenbery** Editor: 405-613-3901 WebMaster: Jim Yates 405-812-8982 Directors **David Swain** 405-613-1430 Joe Astafan 405-737-1876 Committees Membership: Joe Astafan 405-737-1876 Sunshine: Kaye Sage 405-684-1564 Provided by Helene, Cliff & Cathy, Terry & Judy, and Merchandise: Kay Lee Meritt 405-262-3354

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE (Subject to Change) "Let the good times roll in your Model A"

February 2024

- 66:30pmBoard Meeting Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)182:00pmClub Meeting Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC
- Refreshments will be provided by Helene, Cliff & Cathy, Terry & Judy, and Drinks by Jim & Gayle. Greg Hoyle will have the new Burtz engine for Model A's on display at the meeting.
- 249:00amBlessed Stanley Rother Shrine 700 SE 89th St, Oklahoma City (West of I-35)
Tour guides, museum, video presentation, and gift shop. Lunch afterwards.

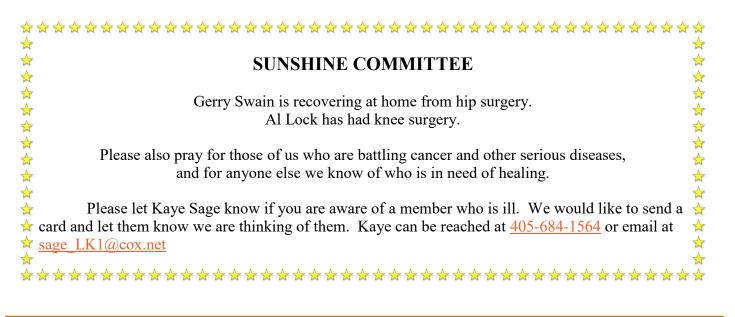
March 2024

- **5 6:30pm Board Meeting -** Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 1610:00amSt. Patrick's Parade Stockyards City, OKCLine-up 9:00am on Exchange Avenue east of Pennsylvania, facing westbound
- 172:00pmClub Meeting Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC
Refreshments will be provided by Carla, Helene, Bob, and Drinks by Jerry.
- 23 9:00am Tune-Up Day Meet at Phil's for Model A checkup. 7601 NW 30th, Bethany This will be ONLY a minor inspection. Oil changes will not be performed, nor any major overhaul. Phil and Greg will be available for advice and suggestions.
- 23 11:30am Lunch at Swadleys Rockwell and 39th St, OKC

April 2024

- 2 6:30pm Board Meeting Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 20noon89er Parade Guthrie, Lineup on Capital Street, near Masonic Temple
Theme: Honoring Military Families Strength, Commitment, Sacrifice
Lunch afterwards
- 21 2:00pm Club Meeting Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC Refreshments will be provided by Helene, Kerry & Wanda, Cliff & Cathy, and Drinks by Judy.
- 25 28Spring Tour Lawton, OK Home of Geronimo
Call Hampton Inn, 2610 NW Cache Rd, for reservations, 580-355-8200
Sooner Model A Club is the code for \$119.00 rate

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.



February 2024 Birthdays			
04 - Ken Corder 11 - Cliff Wicks 13 - Pam Williams	15 - Ralph Baker 15 - William Crouch 19 - Eva Huey	21 - Mike McClendon 22 - Don Mitchell	

	February 2024 Anniversaries	
29 - Jeff & Angie Griffin 10 - Dan & Janet Miller	22– Ron & JoEllen Blissit	28 - Gary & JoAnn Clonts

MEETING DATE AND TIME CHANGES FOR 2024

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

Please enter the new dates on your 2024 calendars.

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

There is not a December club meeting, but we will have a Christmas party. The date and location, and other details, will be determined at the board meetings. 2023

HIGH MILEAGE RECOGNITION

1st Place: 2nd Place: 3rd Place: Greg & Sheryl Hoyle Jim Yates Terry & Judy Joy 15,855 miles 4,850 miles 2,811 miles

1,000 MILE PATCH RECIPIENTS

Greg & Sheryl Hoyle Jim Yates Terry & Judy Joy Bob & Linda Stine Don & Marilyn Mitchell Chuck & Karen Dusenbery Cliff & Cathy Wicks Joe & Helene Astafan

SAVE THE DATE

May 4, 2024	Armed Forces Day Parade - Del City Theme: Duty. Honor. Country.		
May 11, 2024	Gathering Place - Tulsa, with the Tulsa Model A Ford Club		
June 23- 29, 2024 <u>https://v</u>	National Convention - Riudoso, New Mexico www.mafca.com/downloads/Events/2024 Convention Registration.pdf		
Fall, 2024	National Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague		
Dec 11-14, 2024	National Awards Banquet - Salt Lake City, Utah		
Dec 15, 2024	Christmas Party - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC		
June 16-22, 2025	National Tour - Dallas Model A Ford Club, Waynesville, VA		
May 31-Jun 7, 2025	National Convention - Blue Mountain A's, Pendleton, OR		

Minutes of the Club Meeting January 21, 2024

January 21, 2024: Club Meeting; Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC

- Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Don.
- The minutes of the previous meeting were published in the Scuttlebutt. Motion was presented to accept the minutes as published. Motion carried.
- Jerry and Kay visited the bank to do the transfer of bank authorization from Jerry to Kay, and the transfer was successful.
- The treasurer report was approved as reported.
- Don reported that Phil is still making name tags for the club. The cost is \$5.00 per name tag. Appreciation was extended to Phil for making the name tags on his 3D printer.
- Don reported that the visit to Bubba's went very well. We had eight Model A's parked in front of Bubba's and lots of people stopped to look at the cars and ask questions. There were 15 of us who enjoyed the lunch. Bubba's was very busy with their event to celebrate the End of Prohibition, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Thank you, Bubba's 33.
- Don reported that the Christmas party was also a good time, with lots of food, and it was a lot of fun playing Dirty Santa. He suggested that we have the 2024 Christmas Party at our regular meeting place on December 15th, the third Sunday.
- Upcoming events include the Board Meeting at Johnnies on February 6th, Club Meeting at the Will Rogers Garden Center on February 18th, Board Meeting at Johnnies on March 5th, St. Patrick's Parade in Stockyards City on March 16th, Club Meeting at the Will Rogers Garden Center on March 17th, and the 89er parade in Guthrie on April 16th.
- Editor Chuck reported that the 1,000 mile challenge resulted in eight winners, with Greg & Sheryl taking the top spot at 15,855 miles. Certificates were handed out to the participants.
- Chuck announced that we will be participating in the Armed Forces Day parade in Del City on May 4th, for the first time.
- Chuck reported that some of us are going to the MAFCA Convention in Ruidoso June 23-29, and to start planning for it, if going. Planning is underway for the Spring Tour April 25-28; we are staying at the Hampton Inn in Lawton, and so far we will be visiting Geronimo at Fort Sill, the Artillery Museum, and the Abernathy Boys Museum in Frederick.
- Don announced that if anyone has any ideas for weekend drives or additional tours, please talk to Chuck or Don. There was discussion about visiting the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine and the Shrine in Prague, and also discussion about which roads we might take to get to Lawton, and the conflict of having the Spring Tour on the same dates as the Pate Swap Meet in Fort Worth, which was considered unfortunate; however, it is a short drive to Fort Worth from Lawton for anyone who wants to attend both events.
- WebMaster Jim reported that the website is now working properly, as there was some trial and error in getting the 2024 table on the website updated.
- Sunshine Report: Gerry Swain is at home recovering from hip surgery, and Al Lock has had a knee replacement.
- Visitor James Keene, son of Jim and Gayle, was welcomed.
- 50/50 pot winner was Carla Newton.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.
- Following the meeting, we had refreshments, and then we played Poker Bingo, which was a lot of fun, and there were prizes handed out for the winners.

Minutes of the Board Meeting February 6, 2024

February 6, 2024; Board Meeting; Johnnie's, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC

President Don Mitchell -Present Secretary Vonnie Meritt -Present Editor Chuck Dusenbery -Present Director David Swain –Present Vice-President Phil Wolfenbarger –Present Treasurer Jerry Phillips -Present Web Master Jim Yates -Present Director Greg Hoyle –Present

- Members in attendance: Helene Astafan, Karen Dusenbery, Marilyn Mitchell, Cliff Wicks
- Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by President Don.
- Treasurer's report: Kay presented the January treasurer's report. Beginning balance as of \$2215.90, checks written \$823.55, total deposit \$57.42, Checking account ending balance \$1449.77. PayPal beginning balance \$312.96, dues received \$37.82, ending balance is \$250.78. Total cash on hand is \$136.25. CD's \$7771.91. Grand total \$9820.71. He reported that 38 members have paid as of 02/06/2024. He reported who had paid for their ads. He also paid \$183.00 for a year's rent for our USPS box. Phil made motion to accept, and Chuck seconded. Report was accepted.
- Secretary minutes were published in the Scuttlebutt. A motion was made by Joe and seconded by Chuck to accept the minutes as published. Motion carried.
- Don reported on the upcoming events.
- Feb. 18th Regular club meeting, Will Rogers Garden Center on NW 36th and Portland. Greg will do a presentation.
- Feb. 24th at 9:00am we will have a guided tour of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine.
- March Board meeting 6:30pm at Johnnies Charcoal Grill on Britton Road. Those who want to eat dinner usually arrive between 5:30 and 6:00pm.
- March 16 is St. Patrick's Day Parade
- March 17th Regular club meeting 2:00pm
- March 23 Tune-up Day 9:00-11:30am will be at Phil's in Bethany, Greg will help with checking the cars. The group will have lunch at Swadley's in Bethany at noon. This not a major overhaul event.
- April 2 Board meeting at Johnnies Charcoal Grill on Britton Road 6:30pm
- April 21 Regular club meeting 2:00pm
- April 25 thru 28, 2024. Spring tour will be in Lawton and tours will be at Fort Sill and Fredrick OK. Hotel has a block of rooms that have been reserved.
- May 7th Board meeting 6:30pm
- May 19th Regular Club Meeting 2:00pm
- June 4th Board Meeting 6:30m
- June 23-28 the National Convention will be held in Ruidoso, NM
- Date to be determined in the fall to tour the Shrine in Prague of the baby Jesus.



THE LAST MODEL A FORD

The last Model A Ford to be manufactured rolled off the assembly line on December 7, 1933. This picture was featured December 7, 2023 in the section called "This Day in Automotive History, on the website <u>automotivehistory.org</u>.



Ford Model A production

On this day in 1931 the last Ford Model A rolled out of a Detroit auto plant. Ford introduced the Model A introduced to consumers on December 2, 1927 as the replacement to the Model T, which had been in production for 18 years. The new vehicle sold one million units in just over a year, and hit two million only five months after that. Henry Ford initially resisted developing a new model to replace his beloved Model T, but pressure from his son Edsel and dropping sales figures eventually led him to give in. Edsel led the design team, although Henry would still take most of the credit for the car after it proved successful.

MAFCA Photo of the Week

We want your Model A Photo!

Please describe your car's year and model, and your city and state in an email to <u>AoftheDay@mafca.com</u>

Don't forget to tell us who is in the photo and where it was taken.

Photos that are at least **250KB** in size work the best.



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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 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". \$2,500 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!	1930 Tudor and 1928 RH Drive Phaeton. Contact Mark Ayers 405-496-4883

CHRISTMAS PARTY Will Rogers Garden Center, OKC December 10, 2023 Pictures by Ken Corder











Jim's Tech Tips "Difficult Steering"

Many Model A owners find their car hard to steer when parking or maneuvering at low speed. After you confirm that there is oil in the steering gear box (not grease), the tires are all inflated to 35 psi, and everything on the front axle has been properly greased, you are left with the most likely cause: The spindle bolt (kingpin) "thrust bearings" are defective or they are not shimmed up properly to support the weight of the car. You can confirm this by using a floor jack to take some weight off the front wheels, and then see if the steering effort is drastically reduced. If it is, the problem is the bearings.

To correct this, you need to remove everything from the spindles to get to the kingpins and remove them. See Les Andrews' Red Book, starting on page 1-209, for directions. The illustration below comes from later in that section.

Clean the thrust bearing and replace it if it does not turn smoothly or shows any signs of wear. Pack the bearing with grease before reinstalling.

When reassembling, you need to test fit the spindle with the kingpin fully locked in place with the locking pin. Temporarily leave the large felt seal and metal washer off of the bottom of the spindle for this. Start with the number of shims previously used, then add 1 shim at a time until very little or no vertical movement of the spindle is felt on the kingpin. It can take up to 4 shims to compensate for wear.

At some point, adding a shim may jam up the spindle, making it hard to turn on the kingpin. If it does, take that last shim out, reassemble, and confirm that the spindle again moves easily, as it should. Now reassemble the spindle on the axle with the felt seal and the cupped metal washer installed between the axle and the bottom part of the spindle (the metal cup touches the axle, the felt touches the spindle). The added thickness of the felt seal may temporarily make the spindle a bit stiff turning on the kingpin, but it will quickly flatten out and move smoothly when you drive.

Now reinstall everything that attaches to the spindle, install the brakes, maybe use this as an opportunity to clean and repack the wheel bearings, then install the drums and the wheels. Grease all of the fittings well. Go for a test drive, enjoy the easier steering, and *Have a Model A Day!*

Jim

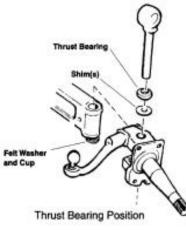


















Stepping Out in Style: Distinguishing the Model "A" Era Lady's Shoe Heel By Lynda Davis, Dallas and Fort Worth Model A Clubs

Now more than ever, Model A era reproduction shoes for ladies are readily available at our favorite stores. Nostalgic fashion modes arose after a series of Depression-era films, such as *The Artist* (2011), *The Great Gatsby* (2013), *Boardwalk Empire* (2010-2014), and *Downton Abbey* (2010-2015), encouraged a new generation of vintage fashion enthusiasts. In the wave of these films, access to reproduction wear increased. Retailers specializing in vintage fashions are popping up in the U.S. and Europe. Companies such as American Duchess (the images to the right, taken from their website, illustrates their historical accuracy), Miss L. Fire, and dance-shoe companies offer era-correct shoes. However, each era fashion enthusiast must do his or her own research to vet each fashion purchase. This article focuses on recognizing Model A era shoe heels and matching heel height to the complementary dress-hem length.



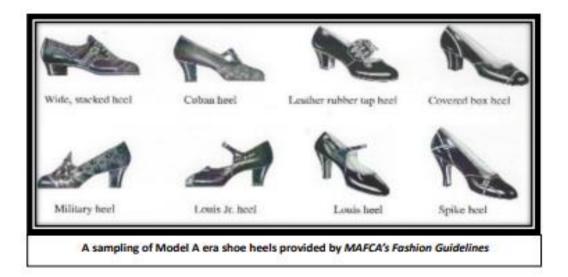
Many of us recognize the typical Ladies' Model A era shoe; however,



distinguishing the "competition worthy" heel may be more difficult. Modern ladies' shoes

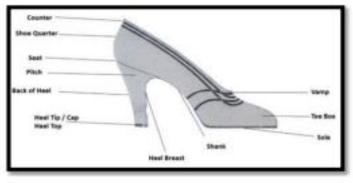
may have "the look" of our era; however, the heel is not always accurate. For instance, the figure to the left shows a shoe currently available by a major manufacturer. Its tall, rectangular heel is significantly dissimilar to the Model A era heels illustrated in the below figure found in the MAFCA

Fashion Guidelines. While the top portion of this pair conforms to the era's T-Strap appearance, wearing them in a competitive venue will result in points lost. If you purchase a pair of modern shoes with an era look but without the era heel, wearing them for fun is always an option.



Model "A" Era Lady's Shoe Heel

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Anatomy of the Model "A" Era Shoe

While this article defines popular Model A era heels, distinguishing one style from another can be difficult. As the MAFCA Fashion Guidelines states, "[T]hough there were several types of heels, they are not always identified the same by different manufacturers" (3E2). Indeed, when researching primary sources from 1928-1931, one will often see the heel names used interchangeably. Knowing the proper names for heels is less important than recognizing their look.

Therefore, to help Model A era fashion enthusiasts find period-correct shoes, this article covers the characteristics of some of the most popular shoe heels for women—such as the Cuban, Military, French / Louis, and Spike heels.

The Cuban Heel:



THE TUDOR—Paris approves highly of trim, slim step-ins like the Tudor. It's fashioned of supple black Zephyr kid delicately perforated around the edge and trimmed with a saucy tailored bow of genuine black and white Rajab lizard, Covered spike Cuban heel.



Around the mid-1920s, the Cuban heel began to dominate ladies' shoe fashion, surpassing the long-popular, hourglass shaped Louis heel. By April 1927, the fashion magazine <u>Vogue</u> reports famed New York shoe designer A. J. Cammeyer's plans to make Cuban heels "the key-note of his walking shoes."

Common in western wear, the Cuban's square heel (usually made from stacked leather or wood, sometimes covered in material) has a straight front or breast. (See image "Anatomy of a Model "A" Era Shoe.) However, the backline slopes gradually—along with

the sides-towards the heel's cap. There is a bit of a curve that the Military heel lacks. This style

makes the heel suitable for both work boots and dressy fashion shoes (Dyer 6). Indeed, Vogue reports that both Saks-Fifth Avenue and I. Miller planned to offer Cuban-heeled shoes in styles for both day and evening and in varying heights—Saks introduced two heights and I. Miller introduced three: low, "designed primarily for comfort"; medium, for walking; and a high-heel, which Vogue called a "dizzily high... heel that has been gaining ground."



Model "A" Era Lady's Shoe Heel

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The complete five-page article is available on the MAFCA website: Distinguishing the Model "A" Era Lady's Shoe Heel (mafca.com)

COFFEE AND CARS

Coffee and Cars started as a client appreciation event and has grown to be the largest monthly gathering of car enthusiasts across the great state of Oklahoma! <u>All makes, models, cars, trucks, and bikes, etc. are welcome.</u>

Oklahoma City:

Coffee and Cars Oklahoma City 1st Saturday of Month 8am-11am Chisholm Creek Western and Memorial (Cross Street) 13230 Pawnee Drive, Oklahoma City, 73114

Yukon:

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

Norman:

Coffee and Cars Norman 2nd Saturday of Each Month 8am-10:30am It is held at: Crest foods. 1421 24th Ave NW, Norman Norman, OK 73069







Midwest City:

The Cruise In for Coffee Car & Bike Show is held the third Saturday of each month, April through October. This family-friendly event is held in Town Center Plaza on SE 29th Street between South Air Depot Boulevard and Midwest Boulevard. Sponsored by the City of Midwest City; this event is free and there are no entry fees. Sure to please enthusiasts of all ages, come out and browse all makes of new and classic cars and motorcycles.



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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:				

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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 3rd Sunday of the months of January thru November. Meetings commence at 2:00 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 actual possession of a Model A Ford is not required. The primary requirement for membership shall be an interest in Model A's and The Sooner Model A Club, and a desire to participate in club activities. Visitors are always welcome to attend any of the club activities.

The Sooner Model A Club recommends membership in the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). MAFCA dues are \$50.00 per year, and can be paid here: <u>Model A Ford Club of America (mafca.com</u>)