

Scuttlebutt

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Facebook Sooner Model A Club



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2025

Meeting
January 19, 2025
2:00 pm
Will Rogers
Garden Center
3400 NW 36th St
Oklahoma City OK

Dear Sooner Model A Club members,
Happy New Year. I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays and had your Christmas wishes come true. This is a new year with a new president and a new board for the Club. Vonnie, as Vice-President, has already arranged for a great tour at the Oklahoma Hall of Fame Gaylord Pickens Museum on January 25th, and lunch afterwards at The Mule. David is the coordinator for demonstrations at the club meetings, so please contact David if you would like to do a demo or want to suggest a topic for a demo.

At the November meeting, Joe and Chuck gave a terrific demonstration about the backup cameras they each have in their Model A's. Our tour at the 99's Museum of Women's Pilots, on a cold and windy day, had eight Model A's in attendance, and lunch at Bunny's was wonderful, as usual. The Cowboy Christmas parade, in December at Stockyards City, had 13 Model A's and the weather was perfect. While we were waiting for the parade to start, Jim had a flat tire that several of us, including me, participated in changing. Greg helped too, even though Hank had to be passed off to someone else temporarily. Luckily, Jim had a spare tire and didn't have to borrow one from Chuck. We went to Bubba's again on December 5th to help them celebrate the anniversary of the end of Prohibition. Many thanks go out to Greg and Sheryl and Don and Marilyn for setting up and decorating the tables for the Christmas party.

I am looking forward to serving as president, and I will need some help to make sure everyone who wants to participate will have their chance. The Club is very fortunate to have so many people who are willing to share their abilities, and I am looking forward to all of the adventures we will have in 2025.

I will doing a demonstration at the January meeting about the Model A body types, and I hope to see you there.

Phil Wolfenbarger, President

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405-653-2505

Refreshments in January will be provided by the
2025 board members.

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

(Subject to Change)

“Let the good times roll in your Model A”

January 2025

- 7 6:30pm Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 19 2:00pm Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC
Refreshments will be provided by Board Members.
- 25 10:00am Oklahoma Hall of Fame Gaylord Pickens Museum - \$3.00 per person**
1400 Classen Dr, OKC (The building was previously Mid Continent Insurance)
- 25 Lunch The Mule** - 1800 NW 16th St, OKC
Lunch after the tour of Gaylord Pickens Museum

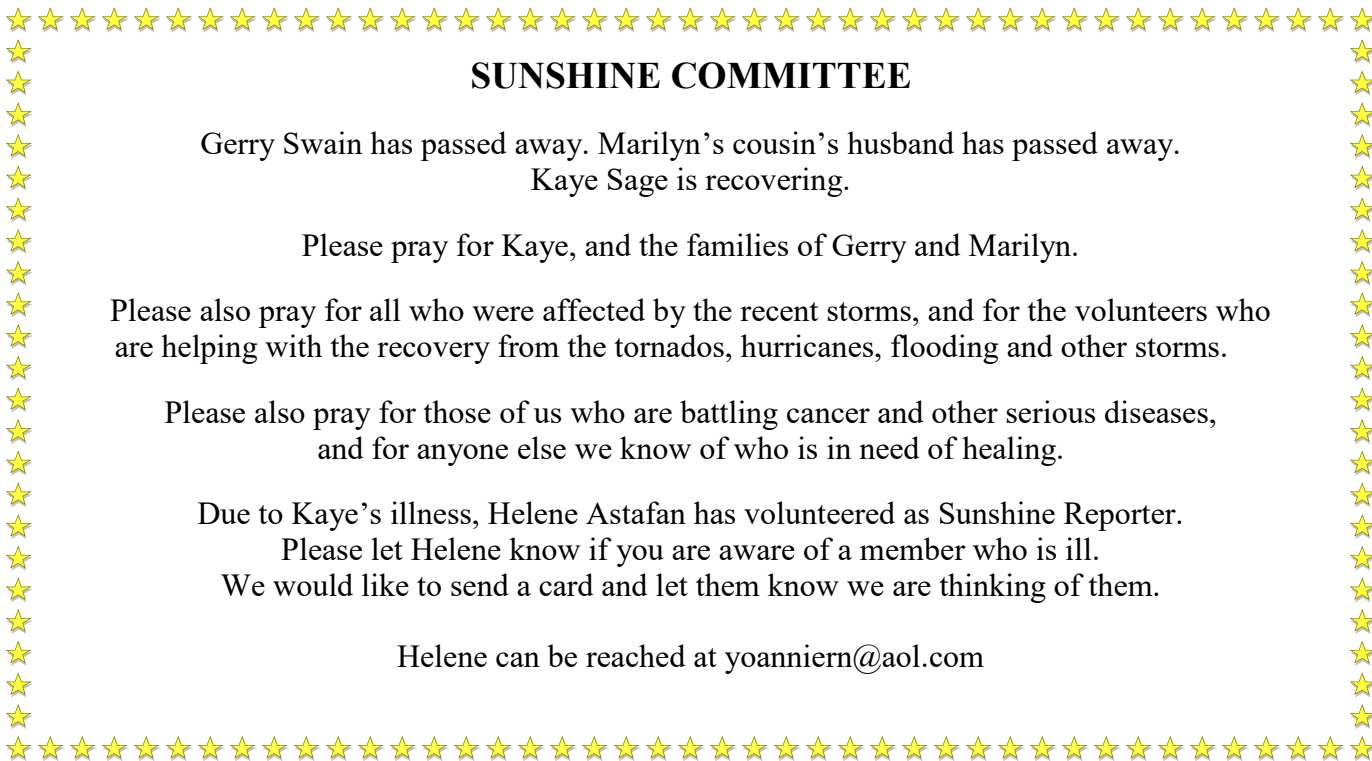
February 2025

- 4 6:30pm Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 16 2:00pm Club Meeting** - Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC
Refreshments will be provided by Club Members.

March 2025

- 4 6:30pm Board Meeting** - Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
- 15 10:00am St. Patrick's Day Parade** - Stockyards City, OKC
Line-up at 9:00am on Pennsylvania Ave, East of Pennsylvania Ave
- 16 2:00pm 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 McDonalds**, NW 39 & Portland, 3722 NW 39th Street. 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

Gerry Swain has passed away. Marilyn’s cousin’s husband has passed away.
Kaye Sage is recovering.

Please pray for Kaye, and the families of Gerry and Marilyn.

Please also pray for all who were affected by the recent storms, and for the volunteers who are helping with the recovery from the tornados, hurricanes, flooding and other storms.

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.

Due to Kaye’s illness, Helene Astafan has volunteered as Sunshine Reporter.
Please let Helene 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.

Helene can be reached at yoanniern@aol.com

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	12 - Rob Wagner 18 - Betty Jones 26 - Mark Jones 22 - Mike Maxwell	JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES
02 - Terri Burton 10 - Jill Russell 11 - Gayle Keene		01 - Kurt & Billie Grieshofer 22 - David & Karen Swain

2025 Meetings scheduled at	Will Rogers Garden Center	Meetings TBD
January 19 February 16 March 16 May 18	July 20 August 17 October 19 November 16	April June September Christmas Party in December

Reminder: 2025 Club Dues of \$20.00 were due by the end of 2024.

Dues of the Sooner Model A Club are still only \$20.00 per year per family, and were due by year-end. Please review the last page of the Scuttlebutt for the form and addresses for snail-mail, or make payment on the website at soonermodela.org (Join the Sooners).

For the convenience of members who have not yet paid, paypal invoices will be sent out the last week of March, after the Club Meeting.

MODEL A MILES DRIVEN IN 2024

Greg & Sheryl Hoyle	15,237
Cliff & Cathy Wicks	7,184
Kerry & Wanda Steffens	3,922
Jim Yates	3,720
Terry & Judy Joy	3,037
Steve & Loura Talley	3,034
Bob & Linda Stine	2,362
Joe & Helene Astafan	2,088
Chuck & Karen Dusenbery	1,925
Don & Marilyn Mitchell	1,897

1931 Deluxe Delivery Model A Ford of Greg & Sheryl Hoyle

Picture taken in parking lot of Will Rogers Garden Center



13 Model A's at 2024 Cowboy Christmas Parade



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS IN 2024

- Loren & Peggy Metcalf, Chickasha
- Steve & Laura Talley, Cameron MO
- David Reynolds, Oklahoma City
- Derral & Janet Estes, Newalla
- Joni Pyron, Edmond
- Eric & Leslie Broadhead, Oklahoma City
- Patrick & Barbara Hill, Oklahoma City
- Garry & Patricia Martin, Blanchard
- Lois Phillips, Oklahoma City

**This is the complete list of new members in 2024.
 Our newest member, Lois Phillips, joined at the end of December.
 We welcome you all to the Club and hope to see you at some activities.**

Fay Ray is shown here in a colorized photo with a terrific look in her 1928 Cloche hat. The image is taken from a Facebook group page administered by the Era Fashion Committee (EFC) of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), posted by Perry Jones (thank you!).

Comments were:

- Love that hat!!
- What a gorgeous hat!
- Trying to make a hat like this is on my wish list!
- Beautiful colorized photo of her!

Vina Fay Wray (September 15, 1907 – August 8, 2004) was a Canadian-American actress best known for her role as Ann Darrow in the 1933 film *King Kong*. Through an acting career that spanned nearly six decades, Wray attained international recognition as an actress in horror films. She has been dubbed one of the early "scream queens."



C. 1928 - BEFORE BEING KING KONG'S BRIDE

Vina Fay Wray (1907-2004), a beautiful Canadian actress, developed her career in the United States and gained international recognition for her portrayal of the leading female role in *King Kong* (1933)



Fay Ray c1928 "Marcel Wave" hairstyle

Fay Ray article was copied with permission from the Sullivan Trails A's MAFC Dec 2024 newsletter.

QUOTATIONS OF HENRY FORD

“If you make what they need, and sell it at a price which makes possession a help and not a hardship, then you will do business as long as there is business to do. People buy what helps them just as naturally as they drink water.”

Ref: Quotations of Henry Ford
APPLEWOOD BOOKS
Bedford, Massachusetts

Sooner Model A Club
2024 Spring Tour
Joint Tour with
Tulsa Model A Ford Club
Lawton, OK



Southwest Model A Club
New Mexico
2023 High Country Tour
Colorado

Minutes of the Board Meeting December 3, 2024

December 3, 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 Kay Meritt -Present
Web Master Jim Yates -Present
Director Joe Astafan –Absent

Members in attendance: Carla Newton, Marilyn Mitchell, Karen Dusenbery, Joni Pyron, and Roanna Nuenschwander,

- President Don called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Secretary minutes of the November board meeting were accepted as reported.
- Treasurer report was presented and accepted.
- Activities:
 - December 5th: Bubba's at 11:00 am. We have been invited to help Bubba's celebrate the anniversary of the End of Prohibition. Anyone who arrives in a Model A will have no charge for lunch. Bubba's has requested that we have a group picture before departing.
 - December 7th: Stockyards Cowboy Christmas parade begins at 10:00 am. We will line-up at 9:00am on Exchange Ave, east of Pennsylvania Ave. Lunch at Bunny's afterwards.
 - December 15th: Club Christmas party at 2:00 pm at Will Rogers Garden Center. 38 people are registered. Two checks are to be written, one for the meal and one for the tip. There was discussion about decorations and staging of the tables.
- Phil gave a report on Kaye's status. David reported that his mother, Gerry, has been in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Phil suggested that since we have so many new members that a program about the different body types of Model A's might be helpful. He volunteered to do this for the January meeting.
- Webmaster Jim reported that all is well.
- Editor Chuck reminded everyone about turning in their mileage for the 1,000 Mile program.
- Old Business: none to report.
- New Business: The January Board members will bring refreshments to the January meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Minutes of the Board Meeting January 7, 2025

January 7, 2025: Board Meeting; Johnnie's, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC

President Phil Wolfenbarger –Present
Secretary Carla Newton –Present
Editor Karen Dusenbery –Present
Director David Swain –Present

Vice-President Vonnie Meritt –Present
Treasurer Chuck Dusenbery –Present
Web Master Jim Yates –Present
Director Joe Astafan –Absent

Members in attendance: Don & Marilyn Mitchell, Terry & Judy Joy, Cliff Wicks, Joni Pyron, and Roanna Nuenschwander

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. President Phil thanked Don Mitchell for serving as president, and for doing a great job. There was a 31% increase of membership under Don's leadership.

Treasurer reports, by outgoing Treasurer Kay and incoming Treasurer Chuck, were presented and accepted as presented. For security reasons, we longer publish account information in the newsletter. If anyone has questions or would like to discuss the bank accounts, please contact Treasurer Chuck.

The 2025 board members will provide refreshments for the January meeting. Terry and Judy Joy are the refreshment coordinators. Please contact Terry and Judy for any questions about refreshments.

Karen is sending welcome packets to our new members. A suggestion was made to review the member list and contact people we are not acquainted with to welcome them to the Club. The newest member is Lois Phillips, who joined the Club the last week of December.

Discussion about the 2025 Dues resulted in the decision to send out PayPal invoices by the end of March, after the March meeting, for the convenience of those who wish to remain members but have not yet paid.

There is no news yet about the Spring Tour, the joint tour with the Tulsa Club. Tulsa also has a new board and is responsible for planning of the 2025 Spring Tour. Chuck and Don announced that they would like to continue planning the tours when tour-planning is our turn, which will be Fall 2025 and Spring 2026.

There has been a change at the Will Rogers Garden Center and we no longer have exclusive use of the meeting room there for our monthly meetings. The Garden Center has booked other events on our regular meeting day in April, June, and September. The monthly meeting in April would have been on Easter Sunday, and we would not meet on Easter anyway. We are planning other activities and/or days to meet in April, June, and September, and will provide more information via the Scuttlebutt and email notification.

David has volunteered to be the Demonstration Coordinator for the meetings at the Will Rogers Garden Center. Please contact David if you would like to do a demonstration or have a suggestion. Phil is doing a demonstration on the different body types of the Model A at the January meeting.

Some of the suggestions for activities include visits to Express Clydesdales at the Express Ranch in Yukon, Corners of My Mind in Weatherford, Pioneer Woman and Ben Nelson Museum in Pawhuska, and the Frontier Museum in Crescent. Contact Vonnie if there are any suggestions for activities.

Editor Karen requested pictures of member Model A's for the Scuttlebutt. Pictures can be sent to Karen.

President Phil has been coordinating the parades over the years and has agreed to continue to help. Please contact Phil if you have information about parades.

Upcoming activities include the Gaylord Pickens Museum tour on January 25th, Lunch afterwards at The Mule, and the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 15th in Stockyards City.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS

- 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 Modified Open-Cab Model A Pickup.
Call Virjean Ogle at 405-640-5993 or email virjeancogle@yahoo.com
- For Sale!** 1929 AA 1-1/2 ton flat-bed stake truck; VIN A3946780, mostly complete, needs some transmission work, rewiring, tires, etc, \$6,000.00. Call Rob Wagner, 405-990-4100
- For Sale!** 1929 Phaeton 4 Door. Car is located in Edmond, OK.
Contact Megan Payne, 512-608-3369
- For Sale!** 1929 Tudor and 1928 RH Drive Phaeton. Contact Mark Ayers 405-496-4883
- For Sale!** 1929 Model A Roadster, 1860 miles since restored,
Contact Leonard Ellis at 405-372-5690 for more information.
- For Sale!** 1930 Model A Fordor, runs and drives well, and
1928 Model A Roadster, street rod, 59AB block, 3/4 race, both located in Yukon
Contact Randall Sauter at 405-410-5589 for more information.

CLASSIFIED ADS ON THE MAFCA WEBSITE

MAFCA members may place FREE classified ads on the MAFCA web site.

mafca.com

Members must be HOBBYISTS and not involved in commercial sales.

Up to 3 Model A's may be advertised in any calendar year.

Additional ads may be submitted for \$40 each.

To review the MAFCA Media Advertising policy, click

https://www.mafca.com/members_only/policies/P1S02_Media_Advertising.pdf

Non-members may also place classified ads. The cost is \$50 per ad. Contact MAFCA Headquarters
at (562) 697-2712 Monday - Friday from 10AM to 4PM Pacific time.

They will accept your payment and give you an advertiser number.

Jim's Tech Tips

"Make and Carry a Temporary Gas Gauge"

Every now and then you will come across a car or truck with an inoperable gas gauge. For example, the float sinks. You don't want to go driving around without knowing how much fuel you have in the tank.

Here are some basic instructions that you can use to make a temporary gas gauge, to use until the gauge is repaired. It's not a bad idea to carry it with you, to use on your car or to help someone traveling with you.

Take a simple paint stirring stick, like they give away at a paint store, and measure up from the end to mark the place indicating a Full tank. From there, you can use a ruler to estimate the $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ levels. Score a line in the wood at these 4 places, and then darken each line with a black marker.

The gas tank changed design between 1928-29 and 1930-31. The '28-29 tank holds about 10 gallons, and the larger '30-31 tank holds about 11. That means that the distance to Full is slightly different between the two tanks.

I score and mark one side of the paint stirrer with the '28-29 height to Full of $7\frac{1}{4}$ ", and then mark off the quarters from there. Then I do the same on the other side of the stick using the 1930-31 height to Full of $8\frac{1}{2}$ ". Label each side. Now you have a stick that can be used on any year Model A.

To use it, remove the gas cap (and the screen in the filler neck, if the car has one) and just dip the stick straight down until you touch the bottom of the gas tank. Now lift it out and see where the wet gas level is on the gauge. It will be approximate, close enough to drive with some confidence, knowing you will have enough fuel.

I hope you never get stuck with an inoperative gas gauge, but if you do, now you can be prepared with this temporary stick gauge.

Have a Model A Day!
Jim Cannon



99's MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS Will Rogers Airport, OKC November 16, 2024



CLUB MEETING
Will Rogers Garden Center
November 17, 2024



COWBOY CHRISTMAS PARADE

Stockyards City, OKC
December 7, 2024



BUBBA'S 33

Oklahoma City
December 7, 2024



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will Rogers Garden Center
December 15, 2024
Pictures by Ken Corder



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will Rogers Garden Center
December 15, 2024



COFFEE AND CARS

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Chisholm Creek
Western and Memorial (Cross Street)
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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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MODEL A YEAR _____ BODY STYLE _____ RUNNING? _____

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 | Ford Model A Lovers](#)
 Email: soonermodelanews@gmail.com

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 usually 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: [Model A Ford Club of America \(mafca.com\)](http://mafca.com)