# Scuttlebutt

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Facebook Sooner Model A Club

Dear Sooner Model A Club members,

In my second month as president, I am still trying to express my appreciation for all of you, which includes everyone who makes suggestions for activities and makes the arrangements, and everyone who attends the activities, and everyone who reads the Scuttlebutt. If you are participating in the activities or looking at the pictures, you are involved in the club. It is always enjoyable for us to get together to celebrate our common interest in the Model A Ford.

Last month, we had a great tour at the Oklahoma Hall of Fame Gaylord Pickens Museum, and then we had lunch at The Mule in Midtown. It was very interesting to hear that Mr. Pickens and Mr. Gaylord were in some kind of contest of their own to have the biggest portrait and to donate the most money. The Mule was very busy and lots of people had the chance to enjoy looking at Model A's.

On Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, we have a tour scheduled at the Great Plains Cotton Gin in Minco, and lunch somewhere afterwards.

The Club Meeting is the day after, on Sunday, February 16th, and we have decided to have a Valentine Day theme and we will play Card Bingo after refreshments.

We are accepting ideas and suggestions for interesting tours and destinations, so let us know if you have any suggestions or would like to put on a demonstration of your choosing.

Phil Wolfenbarger President

> Refreshments in February will be provided by Helene, Wanda, Karen, and Jim & Gayle.



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Meeting

February 16, 2025 2:00 pm

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

# 2025 Officers

President: Phil Wolfenbarger 405-210-5198

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Refreshments: Judy & Terry Joy 405-653-2505

# **ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE**

(Subject to Change)

# "Let the good times roll in your Model A"

<b>February</b>	2025
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4	6:30pm	<b>Board Meeting -</b> Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
15	10:00am	<b>Great Plains Cotton Gin -</b> 905 State Highway 37, Minco Tour begins at 10:00am, and we'll have lunch somewhere afterwards
16	2:00pm	<b>Club Meeting -</b> Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC Refreshments will be provided by Helene, Wanda, Karen, and Jim & Gayle.

## **March 2025**

4	6:30pm	<b>Board Meeting -</b> 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	<b>Club Meeting -</b> Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St, OKC Refreshments will be provided by Club Members.

# April 2025

# We do not have a scheduled Club Meeting at the Will Rogers Garden Center in April.

1	6:30pm	<b>Board Meeting -</b> Johnnies, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC (east of May Ave)
19		Guthrie 89er Day Parade -
24 - 2	27	Spring Tour - Ponca City Holiday Inn Express, 2809 N 14th St, Ponca City, 580-762-3700 Group rate with Tulsa Model A Ford Club until April 3rd

**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**

Kaye Sage will be in the hospital and having surgery this month. Joe Astafan has been ill. Sheryl Hoyle's sister has passed away.

Please pray for Kaye and Joe and Sheryl's family.

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, 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.

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# **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 04 Ken Corder
- 07 Loren Metcalf
- 11 Cliff Wicks
- 13 Pam Williams

# 15 - Ralph Baker

- 19 Derral Estes
- 22 Don Mitchell
- 28 Teddy Leyba
- 28 Barbara Hill

# **FEBRUARY**

- **ANNIVERSARIES**
- 10 Dan & Janet Miller
- 22 Ron & JoEllen Blissit

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- 28 Gary & JoAnn Clonts
- 29 Jeff & Angie Griffin

# 2025 Meetings scheduled at

January 19, 2:00pm

February 16, 2:00pm

March 16, 2:00pm

April– no meeting scheduled

# Will Rogers Garden Center,

May 18, 2:00pm

June- no meeting scheduled

July 20, 2:00pm

August 17, 2:00pm

scheduled at this time October 19, 2:00pm

November 16, 2:00pm

3400 NW 36th St, OKC

September—no meeting

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

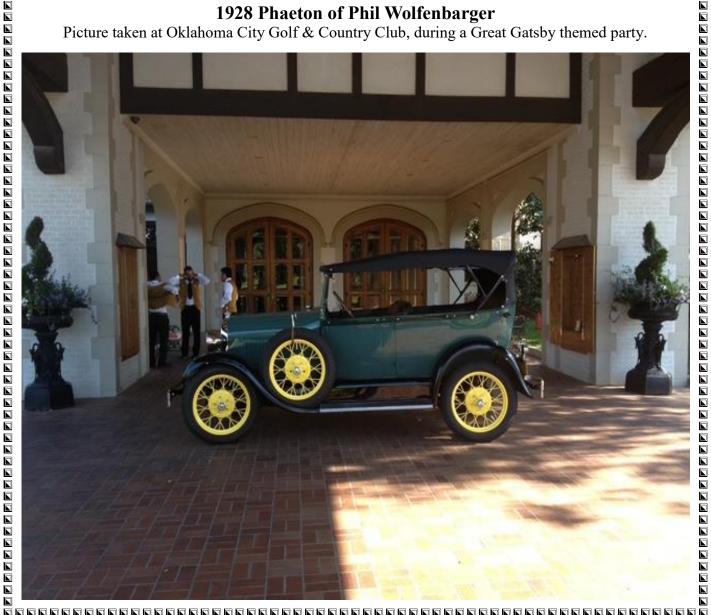
Dues of the Sooner Model A Club are still only \$20.00 per year per family, and were due by year-end. Please review the last page of the Scuttlebutt for the form and addresses for snail-mail, and payment on the website at soonermodela.org (Join the Sooners).

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

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# 1928 Phaeton of Phil Wolfenbarger

Picture taken at Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club, during a Great Gatsby themed party.



# SAVE THE DATE

May 17, 2025: Armed Forces Day Parade, Del City

June 12-15: Texas Tour, Giddings, TX

June 15-22, 2025: MAFCA National Tour, Virginia

July 4, 2025: Independence Day Parades in Bethany and Edmond

September 6, 2025: Western Days Parade, Mustang

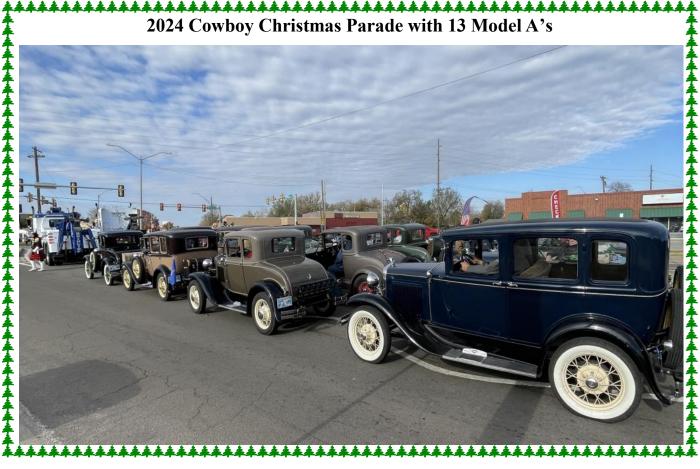
September 22-October 13, 2025: Route 66 Tour, Chicago to Santa Monica

Route 66 TourWebsite Link: Route 66 Tour - United States - Model A Ford Club of America

October 4, 2025: Czech Festival Parade, Bethany

November 8, 2025: Veterans Day Parade, Blanchard

December 6, 2025: Cowboy Christmas Parade, Stockyards City



Picture from the America in the 1930's Facebook page



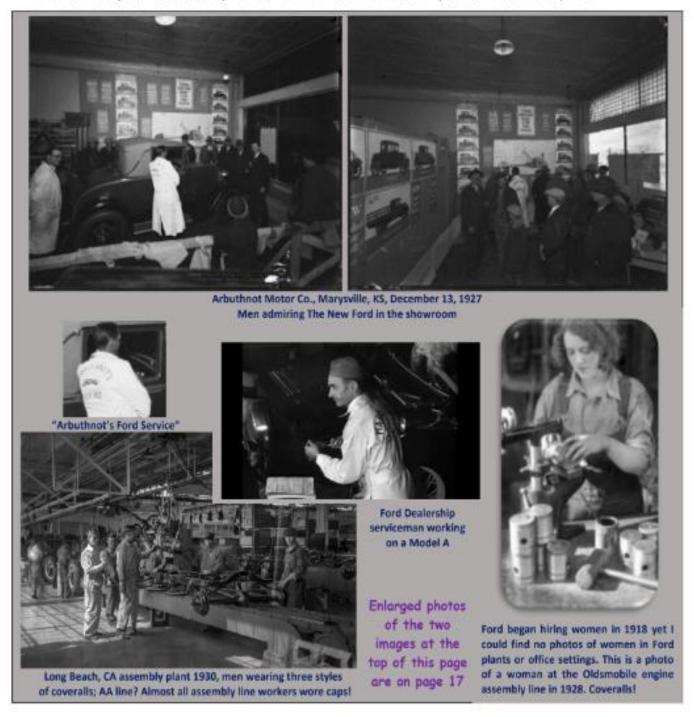
# STITCHES IN TIME



# Ford Fashion

By Your Editor

Do you remember the brown reproduction Ford shop coats sold years ago? They had a red Ford on the back. I couldn't imagine wearing one in my garage and spoiling it with grime, so I never bought one. Recently, I saw two photos of men in a Model A-era Ford dealership showroom. The men were photographed on December 13, 1927, looking at a new 1928 Model A Sport Coupe. Two men were wearing a white shop coat. Seeing the shop coats, I wondered if a dress code existed in Ford "A" era assembly plants, offices, etc. I searched yet never found any references to a dress code, but I did notice the fashion styles of Ford assembly workers in addition to the Ford dealership attire. Here are some photos.



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# TECHNICAL TIPS



# "Ignition Misfires"

# By Jim Cannon, former MAFCA Technical Director

We've all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburetor problem but don't overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor. Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So, check it and increase the gap back to 0.020" if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak

condenser. Look at the rotor. Ensure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap and not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor. Look at the underside of the distributor cap. Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.





Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for "carbon tracks" on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing. (See photo.) Replace if needed.

Until next time, Have a Model A Day!

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"Whether you think you can, or think you can't, you are right."

Ref: Quotations of Henry Ford APPLEWOOD BOOKS Bedford, Massachusetts

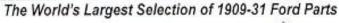


# Minutes of the Club Meeting January 19, 2024

January 19, 2025; Club Meeting; Will Rogers Garden Center

- The Club Meeting was called to order by President Phil at 2:03pm. Phil thanked Don Mitchell for serving as president for the last three years, and for doing a great job. Everyone there agreed with Phil, although Don was not present. Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves with brief descriptions of their Model A's. There were 28 people at the meeting, including the newest member, Lois Phillips, who moved here recently from Atlanta.
- Minutes published in the Scuttlebutt were accepted as published.
- Treasurer's report was given and accepted as presented. Motion to accept by Ken and seconded by Jim.
- Editor reported that the January Scuttlebutt is published and available online at soonermodela.org.
- Webmaster reported that all is well for the website.
- Certificates and patches were passed out to the recipients of the 1,000 mile club.
- Sunshine Report: Vonnie was under the weather. Sunshine Report notifications are now going to Helene Astafan.
- There was discussion about the January 25th driving day tour to the Gaylord Pickens Museum (Oklahoma Hall of Fame). Admission is \$3.00 per person. There is parking behind the museum. Lunch at The Mule, located at NW 16th and Indiana, is scheduled after the tour. Parking for The Mule is available on the street and in the parking lot of the Lyric Theater.
- Other tour information and events are published in the newsletter. Suggestions for tours are always welcome. Notify Phil or Vonnie with any suggestions you have.
- Send information about demonstrations to David Swain. David is accepting suggestions and volunteers.
- There was discussion about going to Ted Davis for a day trip, and there is also a car collection in Weatherford that may be scheduled for later in the year.
- The 50/50 pot was won by Kerry Steffens.

After refreshments, Phil gave a demonstration about the various body styles of the Model A Ford.





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# Minutes of the Board Meeting February 4, 2025

February 4, 2025: Board Meeting; Johnnie's, 2652 W. Britton Rd, OKC

President Phil Wolfenbarger - Present
Secretary Carla Newton - Present
Editor Karen Dusenbery - Present
Web Master Jim Yates - Present
Web Master Jim Yates - Present

Director & Demonstrations Committee David Swain - Present Director & Membership Committee Joe Astafan - Present Merchandise Committee Kay Meritt - Present

Sunshine Committee Helene Astafan - Present Refreshment Committee Judy & Terry Joy - Present

Also in attendance: Don Mitchell, Cliff Wicks, Joni Pyron, and Roanna Nuenschwander

- The Board Meeting was called to order by President Phil at 6:30pm.
- Minutes published in the Scuttlebutt were accepted as published. Joe made motion, Jim seconded.
- Treasurer's report was given and accepted as presented. It was decided that Paypal invoices would go out to unpaid members at the end of March.
- Editor reported on activities: Feb 15-Great Plains Cotton Gin, Minco, tour begins at 10:00am, Lunch afterwards; Mar 15-St. Patrick's Day Parade in Stockyards City; Apr 19-Guthrie 89er Day Parade; Apr 24-27-Spring Tour, Ponca City; May 17-Armed Forces Day Parade, Del City; Jun 12-15-Texas Tour, Giddings, TX; Jun 15-22-MAFCA National Tour, Virginia; Jul 4-Independence Day Parades in Bethany and Edmond; Sep 6-Western Days Parade, Mustang: Sep 22-Oct 13: Route 66 Tour, Chicago to Santa Monica; Oct 4-Czech Festival Parade, Bethany; Nov 8-Veterans Day Parade, Blanchard; Dec 6-Cowboy Christmas Parade, Stockyards City. The Spring Tour is being held in Ponca City, and we can make reservations at the Holiday Inn Express (580-762-3700) for \$129.00 per night. More information will be coming. Don has agreed to let the National Heritage Cowboy Museum use his car for display on February 22nd for the Green Tie Gala, to benefit Catholic Charities for the homeless.
- Webmaster Report: Jim reported we have a bill due and he will bring an invoice to be paid.
- Sunshine Report: Kaye is having surgery this month. Joe has been ill but is recovered.
- Due to the staffing decisions about not having our meeting room available on our meeting dates and the increased rates at the Will Rogers Garden Center, we may have to change the venue for meetings. Our April, June, and September dates were not available this year. Terry is going to check with his neighborhood clubhouse to find out if we can have the June meeting there. More information to follow.
- There is no demonstration scheduled for the February meeting, so it was decided that we would have a Valentine's Day theme and play Card Bingo. Send information about demonstrations to David Swain. David is accepting suggestions and volunteers for demonstrations.
- Phil began a review of the member list to determine if we should make phone calls to members that haven't been heard from to determine how everyone is doing. Joe volunteered to make some calls.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm

	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
	<b>Bob &amp; Linda Stine</b>	2,362
	Joe & Helene Astafan	2,088
	<b>Chuck &amp; Karen Dusenbery</b>	1,925
	Don & Marilyn Mitchell	1,897
Contact Chuck Dusenbery, 405-613-3901, to provide mileage, and for information about how to become a member of the 1,000 mile club.		

# FLASHBACK PICTURE OF FEBRUARY 2024 AT THE BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER SHRINE



# LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS

**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

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Contact Leonard Ellis at 405-372-5690 for more information.

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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.

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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.

# **CLUB MEETING**

Will Rogers Garden Center January 19, 2025

Phil brought along a chart showing Model A Body Types for his presentation at the January club meeting.







# OKLAHOMA HALL OF FAME GAYLORD PICKENS MUSEUM

Oklahoma City January 25, 2025











# **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!

All makes, models, cars, trucks, and bikes, etc. are welcome.

# **Oklahoma City:**

Coffee and Cars Oklahoma City
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Chisholm Creek
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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.



Enlarged Pictures from Page 6.

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# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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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: 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 held on the 3rd Sunday of the months of January thru November, unless the Garden Center has something else scheduled on our meeting day. Page two of the Scuttlebutt will list the scheduled meetings for the current month.

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 shown in the Scuttlebutt on page two, the activities page.

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)