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If you were not there for this year's Ice Cream Social, you missed a great one. We had fifty-six people in attendance with our membership and our guests. That is the largest attendance for this event that I remember since I have been around. Marvin and Linda Mellage worked hard, and they did a wonderful job. Thank you so much, and big thank you to Joanna Cooper for hosting us once again. I love getting to see her cars, and she is such a special blessing.

There will not be an August breakfast as we will be joining The Thunderbird club (Saturday August 3rd) on a trip to Tahlequah, OK.

Lunch will be at 11:00 am, at the El Zarape (701 E. Downing, Tahlequah) restaurant. The River City Players Rock and Roll show starts at 1:00 pm. If you want tickets, they are \$11.00 per ticket, call Jeanne Washburn.

On Saturday August 17th, we will have a Play Day at Asbury Church (6767 S Mingo Rd) on the north parking lot, and in the Family Room. I have reserved the church for 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Marvin, with the help of a lot of volunteers will be running the games and Connie Hudson is making sure there will be lunch.

The Fall Tour has been scheduled for October 17th through October 20th. I traveled to Bentonville to find them in the process of cleaning up tornado damage and renovating a number of the activities we were planning to visit. Even our hotel is being renovated. I did not know that, so I will meet this week with the Fall Tour Committee to see if our plans need to be modified. As always we are open to all your ideas and I will get the word out as soon as I can. Stay cool, drink plenty of water, this is the hottest time of the year.



Kent

THE FINER POINTS

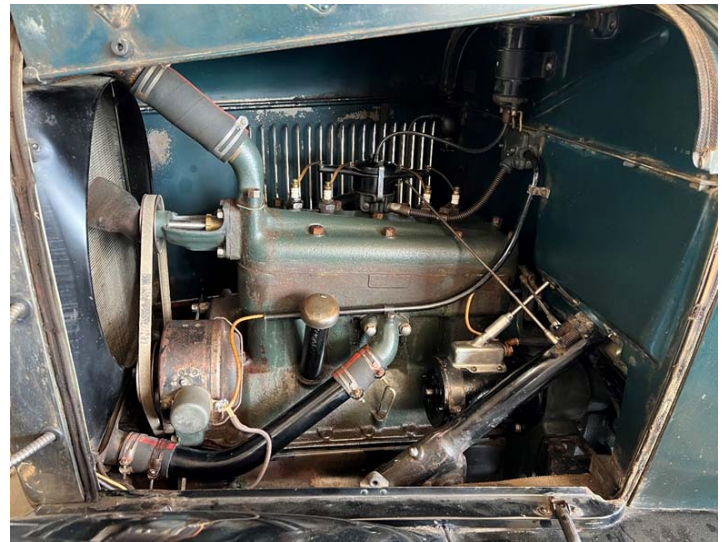
by Chris DuVall

We made it back from Asheville and gee did we have fun! Nothing reinvigorates me for Model A's like a national meet! I always enjoy the swap meet, and this year I found an original dealer poster for a 1930 Cabriolet.

This year, I entered my original and unrestored 1928 Roadster into Fine Point under the original category in the hopes of obtaining at least 250 points for the MARC of Originality. To me, nice original cars are fascinating because they show us how Ford actually assembled the cars (assuming they haven't been messed with too much). Since the cars are approaching 100 years old, original and unrestored cars are becoming less common. Especially cars that still sport their original paint. Original open cars are very uncommon, and open cars that still retain their original top and interior are rarer still. So, here she is in all her glory: my September 1928 Roadster with 30,000 original miles.

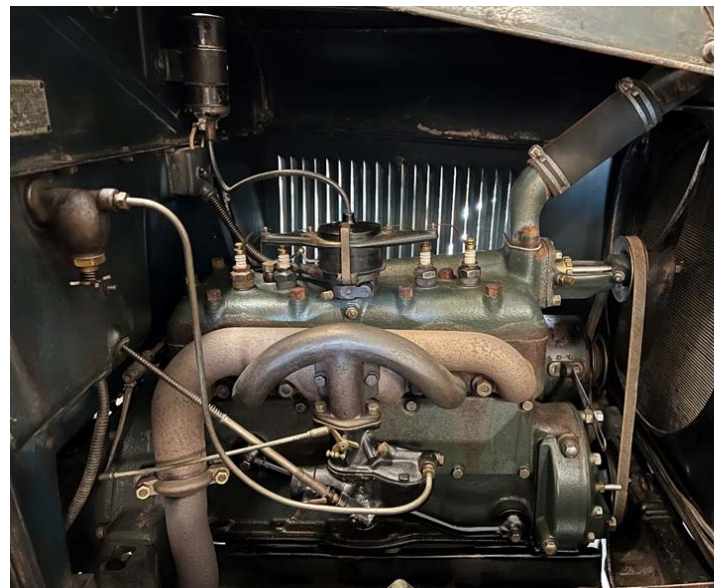


The best part about original cars are all the details we can see. So, let's take a look at the below photo of the driver's side of the engine. There are not any reproduction parts pictured here. What stands out to me first is the fan shroud used through 1928. Notice how the part does not look smooth on the side. That's because the shroud was stamped out and dipped in black enamel paint. Ford did not waste time eliminating the draw marks from the stamping process. Additionally, the generator with the cut out on the side is an early part as well as the early design starter switch. If you look closely, you can see the number "8 1 28" stamped into the gas tank signifying the date the tank passed inspection. Contrary to popular belief, that is not the date the car rolled off the assembly line. The motor was one of 3,602 motors assembled on August 3, 1928 at the Rouge factory.



Now, let's move to the passenger side of the engine compartment. From this view, you can see the solid motor mount at the front cross member. Additionally, the original tail pipe and the engine pan are both visible. Unlike later styles, the front of the engine pans attach to the front cross member.

You can also see how the first design muffler was curved to bend around the engine mount.



Looking at the front end, you can see the original finishes, and how it matches the Restoration Guidelines. Brake parts were generally dipped in black enamel before assembly. Clearly the backing plate has a different type of paint than the axle. My main goal with this car was to clean it and to ensure everything worked. For the original class of judging, you do not want to repaint parts as that can result in an "Over Restored" deduction. Isn't it amazing how much original paint has survived?

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Nuts & Bolts



by Ken Brust

In July the mens' Tuesday morning coffee gathering has added several miles and many smiles with some driving events following coffee. After solving most of the world's problems in Marvin's garage on the first Tuesday, we followed Lonnie over to Bellarose Senior Living Center where Rus and Sandy now live. It was really nice to see Rus and Sandy and to meet many of their new neighbors. We had 6 Model A Fords lined up for viewing and their neighbors were excited to see the old cars and reminisce some of their old times. Lonnie now drives Rus and Sandy's car and everyone liked the rumble seat. Another favorite was Marvin's pickup. The director had iced tea and cookies for us and, even in the heat, we enjoyed visiting and showing our cars to an interesting group. There were two ladies, aged 95 and 98, who really were a kick to talk with!

The next Tuesday morning we met at our normal McDonald's, 91st and Memorial, but invited the ladies to join us. After a quick breakfast and coffee, Andy led us all out to his house in Sapulpa. Jackie has been growing lots of tomatoes and Andy, in the past, always brought plenty for us guys to share. But now Jackie is taking her produce to farmers' market, so Andy comes empty handed these days. He always talked about all the work Jackie did on her raised beds and we decided we needed to go see her garden. We had 10 model As and several gals. The garden went on clear around to the back yard. It was a great visit and Jackie sent each of us home with some of her produce samples!!

We had previously talked about whenever we visit Jackie's garden, we need to go visit Harold and Ruby Misner who also live in Sapulpa. So after Andy's



house, we drove over to Harold's place. He and Ruby welcomed us and we had a nice catchup with them. Lonnie was driving their old coupe and they really got a thrill seeing it again and all of the fancy additions he had made. This coupe had originally been owned by club member Hugh Dawson. Hugh had named his Special Coupe "Sir Prize". Harold bought it from Hugh and then Rus bought it and now Lonnie, Rus' son-in-law, has it. Somehow it seems nice when the cars remain in the club. Ruby and Harold were super hosts



and truly appreciated us dropping by. Ruby sent each of us home with a home baked, cranberry nut roll. But we had a bonus stop yet to make. Lonnie also lives in Sapulpa

and he invited us over to see some of his vehicles. I think he only has nine, but what a group!! He has a 4-car garage with a double lift where he can park four vettes, although he only has three at this time. The gals loved Kelly's car which was a 2017 Alpha Romeo. Then out back he has another huge shop and garage where he has additional toys including a 1957 Chevy pickup, a miniature Model A parade car, a souped-up motor scooter and I don't know what else. His next vehicle is a Model A pickup so I think we need to help Lonnie find one! Many thanks to Andy, Jackie and Lonnie for making these two driving events a fun outing. I think we put some miles on our cars and some smiles on quite a few folks. I'm glad Harold Helton can join us in the summer since he is busy driving a school bus during school days.

The Wednesday morning following the Tuesday night club meeting, the men meet in Bob's garage in Collinsville for coffee and donuts. Some may not have heard that Bob now has a new (to him) AA truck. He even took it to a car show recently and won the top prize. Congratulations, Bob.

Happy trails to all.



Finer Points continued from page 2 - Next, we can take a look at one of the wheels. Obviously, the tire had to be replaced to make the car safe to drive. Everything else is original including the valve stem, short lug nuts, and early hub cap. The red centering line on the tire is how it would have come from the factory.



For its age, the interior is, in my opinion, in very nice shape. The tucks along the front corner of the cushion are very visible, and you can see the welting on the cushion was not raised up to the edge.



There are a few interesting features on the car such as this double French Gray pin stripe. Ford specified one stripe for the cars. Yet this one clearly has two. Maybe the line was moving slowly that day and the pin strippers got bored. This stripe pattern would most likely receive a deduction on a restored car because the typical Model "A" did not have it. This photo also provides a close up of the top grain material. The grain ran horizontal rather than vertical like most reproduction tops do.

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*August 8, 11:30 a.m.
Rib Crib, Sapulpa, 705 Mission Street.*



MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by President Kent

Washburn. Rodger Johnson returned thanks prior to the meal being served for the Ice Cream Social. The Treasurer's Report, was given by Jeanne Washburn. Motion to Accept was made by Jerry Conrad, second by Marvin Mellage, and passed unanimously. The Secretary's Report is published in The Rumble Sheet and was accepted with no concerns or objections.

Linda Mellage gave The Sunshine Report. Ken Brust is in the hospital with a staph infection. He hopes to get out this weekend. Cars Bought or Sold – Non reported

July Business:

July Board Meeting will be Thursday at 1:00 pm at The Hardesty Library

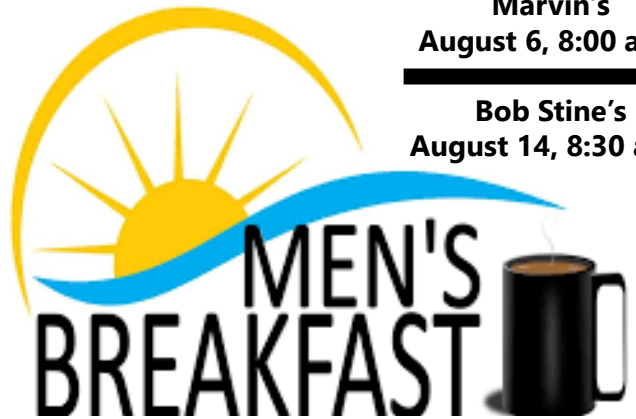
Future Business:

- August 3rd – River City Players with the Thunderbird Club
- August 10th - Will Rogers Fly Inn – Claremore, OK
- August 17th – Play Day – Asbury Church -8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- ** Oct 17th to Oct 24th – Fall Tour Bentonville, AR – Board Appointed Committee
- Culinary Arts – October / Thanksgiving – Roy & Barbara Cail
- Sep 14th - International Model A Day – Roy Cail
- Sep 17th – General Meeting Hardesty – Potato Dinner
- Oct 17 to Oct 20 - Fall tour 2024 – Bentonville, Arkansas is under further review. They are cleaning up tornado damage and renovating our hotel and several of the activities.
- December 11-14th – MAFCA National Awards Banquet – Salt Lake City
- Spring Tour 2025 -

Close out Meeting:

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting – Jeanne Washburn
Second – Marvin Mellage, Motion carried

Tim Bodine, Secretary



Marvin's
August 6, 8:00 a.m.

Bob Stine's
August 14, 8:30 a.m.





Finer Points continued from page 4 - It's also possible to see little details with this car such as how Ford only buffed the front of the bumpers leaving the top, bottom, and back dull.



So, I started off by saying I was hoping to receive 250 out of 500 points for the car. That is the threshold for the "MARC of Originality". The next threshold for original cars is 400 points for the "Award of Excellence". The Roadster scored 450 points! It was the highest scoring original car at the meet. Of course, it also passed the 14 points for blue ribbon judging and received the blue ribbon. Below is a photo of the two awards it received.



I hope you've enjoyed a few of the details of my car. It really is a time capsule and one of my absolute favorites. I'm thinking I'll keep it around for a long time. I'll leave you with one final closeup.



Of course, an open car would not be complete without side curtains, and this Roadster just happens to have a complete set. You can see how the curtains are made from strips of top material rather than one large piece with a hole cut out for a window like most reproductions are. Additionally, rivets are present to add strength to the curtains in wear areas. Some of the sections are thicker than others due to reinforcement being sewn in strategic places.

Calendar of August Events

August 1 - 3

3/Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
River City Players with Thunderbird club
Rock 'n Roll Show, Tahlequah

August 4 - 10

6/Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.
Men's Coffee at Marvin's

8/Thursday, 11:30 a.m.
Ladies' Luncheon
Rib Crib in Sapulpa, 705 Mission Street.

August 11- 17

14/Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.
Coffee at Bob Stine's

17/Saturday, 8:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Play Day and General Meeting
Asbury Church - 6768 S. Mingo Road
north parking lot & Family Room on 67th Street
Model-A driving games, walk up skill games, with free lunch and drinks. Plus, prizes for the game winners. But, best of all is the fun, comraderie, skill testing opportunity, and free food and drink.

Games Marvin & Linda Mellage 918 633-4875
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- Three Model-A driving games where the driver or passenger has a chance to test their skills.
- Three walk up games are planned where all are encouraged to test their game skills.
- Catered food
- If it rains, games and food move inside

August 18 - 30

NO EVENTS PLANNED



SEPTEMBER

14 - International Model A Day - Bill Knight Welcome
17 - General Meeting, Hardesty, Potato Dinner, Nominations for the Board
? - Eagle Reserve, Perkins, OK, Pending

OCTOBER

17 - 20 - Fall Tour, Bentonville, AR

NOVEMBER

11-Veteran's Day Parade, Claremore
19 - General Meeting, Hardesty, Chili Dinner, Board Member Voting
OSU IT Grand Buffet - Okmulgee

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SUNSHINE Report by Ken Brust

Linda Stine continues to heal from her broken hip thanks to dedicated nursing help from Bob. Roy continues with his chemo treatments every two weeks in OKC. And yours truly has been in hospital for almost two weeks dealing with a weird but serious staph infection in his arm. We all are very thankful for the amazing medical science at our service. Stay well and healthy! Call/text Ken Brust at 918-728-1900 if you or others might need a ray of sunshine!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Bobby Jackson
- 3 Dan Ulberg
- 5 Ken Brust
- 5 John Larimore
- 7 Diane Rinkenbaugh
- 8 Lonnie & Kelly SHERRY
- 10 Robert & Elaine BULLARD
- 12 Don & Vi CURTIS
- 12 Sam & Carina SLAVENS
- 12 Melody DuVall
- 13 Greg Hoyle
- 14 Harold Helton
- 15 Julianna DuVall
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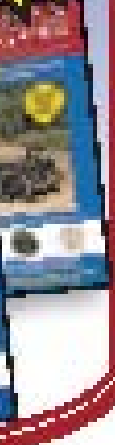
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Members are encouraged to submit articles containing technical or any club related information. Articles must reach the editor by the 5th of the month to insure publication in that month's newsletter. Articles received after that will appear in a following newsletter.

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Meeting Schedule

- Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m., 3rd Tuesday of each month at Charles Hardesty Library, 8316 East 93rd Street, Tulsa
- Breakfast - 8:30 a.m., 1st Saturday of each month, location to be announced
- Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday of each month, Charles Hardesty Library, 8316 East 93rd Street, Tulsa

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