



# THE RUMBLE SHEET



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I was so pleased with the turnout for the Claremore Veterans Day Parade. It was the very best one that I have attended since being in the club. The weather was perfect, not a cloud in the sky, and to make things even better we were number nine in the lineup. We had twelve cars and a fantastic opportunity to visit with old friends, enjoy the kids, and thank all our fellow veteran brother and sisters.

It has only recently come to my attention that some of our members have had an encounter with law enforcement. Apparently, they were stopped by an officer as they were returning from fall tour. Come on Sam, Marvin, you must know that you have to play nice in Hulbert, Oklahoma. I sure wish I had gotten a picture of the two Model A's with a police cruiser behind them flashing all those pretty lights. What a missed opportunity that was.

We have again scheduled our annual Christmas Party to take place at the Country Cottage Restaurant. This year the cost is \$24.00 per person. That is for unlimited buffet and salad bar, drinks, private room, with taxes and gratuity included. They are located at 6750 S. Hwy 82 in Locust Grove. It will take place on December 14th at 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Jeanne has the sign-up sheet, and we will need to tell the restaurant how many are coming. This is a very special place with great food, a festive atmosphere, and a fun opportunity for us to be together and celebrate this Holiday Season. If the weather holds, it is a nice little drive for the Model A's, and if doesn't, there is nothing wrong with joining us in your modern car.

Our time on the board with The Model A Club has been a very special experience for both Jeanne and I. We want to thank all of you for making it so rewarding. Our special thanks to each and every one of you who have helped and contributed your time and energy to make all this happen. We look forward to this next year in anticipation of many more opportunities to travel and enjoy our time together with our wonderful friends. To each and every one of you have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



*Kent*

# THE FINER POINTS

by Chris DuVall

Wow! I cannot believe it is already December! How has the year gone by so fast? We have been working steadily on both the 400-A and the 1929 Special Coupe, and both are getting close to being complete. The plan right now is to show one of the cars next year at the MARC National Meet in Gettysburg. The last couple of articles have been about brakes. So, why don't we take a break from brakes this time?

Since I'm planning to take the 400-A to the upholstery shop soon, I figured it was time to assemble the legendary ashtrays. So, Dad and I did just that. There were only two body styles in the Model "A" lineup that came equipped with ashtrays: the high-class Town Car and the distinguished 400-A Convertible Sedan. Below are the individual pieces that make up one ashtray for the 400-A.



Three of the pieces are bright nickel plated: the knob and the two shell pieces. The metal insert is wood-grained to match the rest of the interior trim pieces. On the back of the shell is the manufacturer's logo: Grand Rapids Metalcraft.



Below is a photo of the assembled ashtrays. I don't know how you feel about them, but I think they're beautiful.



which includes plating, wood-graining, and assembling! Wow! I'm just glad I have my originals!

***I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Hopefully next year, we will have some completed motorcars!***

Every 400-A that rolled off the assembly line was equipped with two ashtrays. However, over the years the ashtrays have seemed to disappear. Today, they are exceedingly rare. In fact, they are so rare that if you don't have the ashtrays for your car then you will not find them. I would guess that approximately half of the remaining 400-A's do not have the ashtrays. Nevertheless, it's a good time to be a 400-A enthusiast because these rare items are about to be reproduced. The word on the street is they

will be indistinguishable from the originals. However, the catch is they will cost around \$1,000 a pair. Then, you have to finish them

## Nuts & Bolts



by Ken Brust

I want to thank everyone for welcoming our close friends from Iowa who joined us on the Fall Tour. Farmer John is such a shy and quiet fella, I was pleased you made him and Cathy both feel so welcome!! They loved the tour and all of you! .....Poor Sam had a trifecta on our Fall Tour. He had a flat tire, ran out of gas and then was pulled over by the law (along with Marvin) and given a warning! We always said in the Marines, Sam, when the going gets tough, the tough get going! And Sam continues to keep rolling! He, no doubt, drives his Model A fleet more than the average guy.....We had a total of three flats during the Tour with 23 Model A's. The hills, twisty turns and scenic drives made it a really nice Tour. Thanks to Kent and Tim for all of their work..... Instead of a Model A pickup, Lonnie has a very nice new '57 Chevy! ..... This will be my final Nuts and Bolts article as I was never really sure how many actually read my monthly ramblings. I'll bid farewell with an old piece I wrote just prior to our club's 50th anniversary.

*Happy Trails to You!*

### **My Introduction to the Tulsa Model A Ford Club**

Written by Ken Brust in 2018

My sister, Linda Ochs, and I, along with our brother, bought a 1930 Town Sedan for our dad after our mother suddenly died in 1996. Dad was a "car guy" living in Tulsa and, as a teen, had driven Model A's on trips to each coast from Oklahoma. He loved the "new car" and joined the other club here in Tulsa after meeting Phil Nethercot. He later became acquainted with Mark Riggins, Merv Snowden and several others and very much enjoyed his new association. My brother and I helped him install a second tail light so we could add turn signals. Then we added seat belts. We wanted him to be as safe as possible. He was 83 but in excellent health. However, a new love soon trumped his love

of his Model A and he married a neighbor lady who didn't much care for his old car. So the car sat in storage for almost a decade with very little attention until Tory and I retired and moved to Tulsa. Tory, Linda and I, with help from Mark Riggins, got the car street worthy again, named her "Ruthie" after our mom, and began driving it around Tulsa. I was friends with Johnny Wilkinson through our volunteer association at the Tulsa Air & Space Museum. Johnny had several vintage cars and he is the one who encouraged us to join the Tulsa Model A Ford Club. We joined in late 2006. Teresa Wilkinson and Johnny Beard were two of the earliest members we met along with Ralph Hudson who continued to help me tweak some minor issues with Ruthie. I clearly remember our first Saturday breakfast we attended since I had changed the oil the night prior. When gobs of oil were found under Ruthie after breakfast, I soon realized I had drained the transmission fluid and then added 5 more quarts of oil to the engine! How embarrassing!! Okay, so I'm not much of a mechanic!

Marvin Mellege took pity on me and helped me get new oil and fluid and I was soon ready to roll. Marvin earned a spot now as my chief mechanic!! Our first tour was the 2007 Tour to Bartlesville which we thoroughly enjoyed. We loved touring the back roads with other Model As. Over the past ten years, we have driven in almost every Spring and Fall Tour and have even led a couple of them. We've attended seven Regionals, served as host for our 2014 Tulsa Regional, and have attended the Blue Ridge Parkway National Tour as well as a Texas Tour. We had Ruthie's original interior all upgraded by Marvin who also converted her to a 12-volt system and added air conditioning. On one tour to Arkansas, I noticed how well Jerry Sloan's 3rd brake light helped indicate when he was braking and soon afterwards had an LED 3rd brake light installed. Many club members followed suit and now many of us have also incorporated LED lights for tail and cowl lights for better visibility. Tory and I have enjoyed the past dozen years or so and look forward to celebrating with the club its 50th anniversary. We hope we have several more tours to enjoy in Ruthie over the coming years.

*Happy trails to all.*



## MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Kent Washburn. Tonight

was Chili Dinner night. There were several different chili recipes to sample along with all the “fixins”, salads and desserts. As usual, the Chili Dinner was a total success. Thanks to all the chefs. After everyone had eaten their fill of excellent fare, the meeting continued.

The Treasurer’s Report was given by Jeanne Washburn. Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report was made by Mitch Duvall, seconded by Marvin Melage, and passed unanimously.

The Secretary’s Report as published in the Rumble Sheet was accepted with no concerns or objections.

Ken Brust presented the Sunshine Report with information and concerns regarding several members and families. John Rinkenbaugh’s daughter and son-in-law were involved in a bad car wreck this week. Anyone knowing of a member who is ill or injured please notify Ken with the information.

Guests Joel Johnson and Deanna were introduced. Joel is looking for a Model A pickup to buy.

Cars bought or Sold: A couple of new Model A’s were purchased by members.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Election of new Board of Directors members to replace Kent Washburn and Sam Slavens. Two nominations for the BOD were: Mrs. Jackie Dunn and Mr. John Rinkenbaugh. They were elected unanimously.

Lots of interesting events are coming soon, including:

- 3 December 2024 - Men’s Coffee at Marvin’s, 8:00 am.
- 3 December 2024 - Transition Board Meeting at Hardesty Library 1 - 3 pm.
- 7 December 2024 - Breakfast at Egg It On Cafe, 1131 S. Aspen, BA, 8:30 am.
- 14 December 2024 - Christmas Party at Country Cottage Restaurant 6750 S. Hwy 82, Locust Grove, OK. 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Don’t forget to bring presents for Dirty Santa.
- 18 December 2024 - Men’s Coffee at Bob Stine’s, 8:30 am.



**Country Cottage Restaurant**  
**6570 S. HWY 82**  
**Locust Grove, Oklahoma 74352**  
**1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

Dinner and Dirty Santa:

Unlimited Buffet to include a salad bar, main course chicken or beef, sides of vegetables and soups, and dessert. Coffee, tea, pop and water all included. We will be seated together with a room for 50 to 55 people.

Taxes, gratuity and room cost included.

Total cost = \$24.00 per person

Cost of Dirty Santa Gifts = max of \$15.00 to \$20.00

Drive your Model A or drive your modern car. Who knows what the weather will be. We just want to get as many of us together as possible to celebrate the season.

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Visit the Events Calendar on our website or in Rumble Sheet for more scheduled events. E-mail notifications with details will be posted to members prior to each event.

Be thinking about a destination for our Spring 2025 Model A Tour. Contact any BOD member with your ideas. Spring will be here before you know it. We need your input! Motion to adjourn was made by Marvin Melage and seconded by Jerry Conrad. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Tim Bodine



# Calendar of December Events

December 1 - 7

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

3/Tuesday, 1:00-3:00  
Board Meeting, Transition, Hardesty Library

7/Saturday, 8:30 a.m.  
Model A Breakfast  
Egg It On Cafe, 1131 South Aspen Avenue, BA

December 8 - 14

11/Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
Model A Board Meeting, Hardesty Library

14/Saturday, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Christmas Party, Country Inn  
6570 South Highway 82, Locust Grove

December 15 - 21

18/Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.  
Men's Coffee at Bob Stine's

December 22 - 31

Merry  
Christmas  
AND  
Happy New Year



## JANUARY

- 4 - Model A Breakfast
- 7 - Men's Coffee at Marvin's, 8:00 a.m.
- 7 - Board Meeting, Hardesty Library, 1:00 p.m.
- 15 - Bob Stine Coffee, 8:30 a.m.
- 28 - General Meeting, Hardesty Library, 7:00 p.m.

## FEBRUARY

- 1 - Model A Breakfast
- 4 - Men's Coffee at Marvin's
- 4 - Board Meeting, Hardesty Library, 1:00 pm.
- 18 - General Meeting, Hardesty Library, 7:00 p.m.



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John and Diane Rinkenbaugh's daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Zach, were in a bad automobile accident recently. Sarah is out of the hospital now and Zach is doing better.

The club sends its prayers and concerns to the two families and wishes Sarah and Zach both a speedy recovery. Also learned that Roy's chemo trial treatments every other week in Oklahoma City have now ended. Roy will resume chemo treatments here in Tulsa now.

Text/Call me at 918-728-1900.  
Stay safe!



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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 11:30**  
**WATERS EDGE WINERY**  
**116 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BROKEN ARROW**

**LADIES LUNCH**



### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Rodger & Debbie JOHNSON
- 4 Marvin Mellage
- 9 Scott & Cindy CASE
- 11 Dwayne Tucker
- 12 Beverly Bornefeld
- 14 Judy Tucker
- 16 Ken & Tory BRUST
- 16 Pat Elsberry
- 18 Kerry Steffens
- 21 Don & Jessie REED
- 23 J. Paul Gordon
- 26 Jane Lord
- 28 Roy Case
- 30 Roy & Barbara CAIL
- 31 Robert & Carol PARKER
- 31 Robert & Linda STINE



Coffee at Marvin's  
December 3, 8:00

Coffee at Stines  
December 18, 8:30





# 2025 Membership Renewal Form: Tulsa Model A Club

P. O. Box 33348 - Tulsa, OK 74135-3348

\$30.00 Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

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Model A Changes \_\_\_\_\_

## 2024 1000 MILE CLUB INFORMATION

by Roy Cail

For those who submitted (or participated in 2024) odometer readings for the 2024 1000 Mile Club program I need your final odometer readings no later than Monday, December 16. Our plan is to present the dash plaques at the January meeting.

If you have questions please contact Roy Cail at 918-906-0575 or rcail102244@gmail.com . Please submit your final odometer readings via email or in writing.

ps: It is important to meet the deadline of submitting your odometer readings if you want to receive a dash plaque.

## TULSA MODEL A FORD CLUB BREAKFAST DECEMBER 7, 2024

The December Model A Ford Club breakfast will be:

Where: Egg It On Café  
1131 South Aspen Ave.  
Broken Arrow

When: December 7, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

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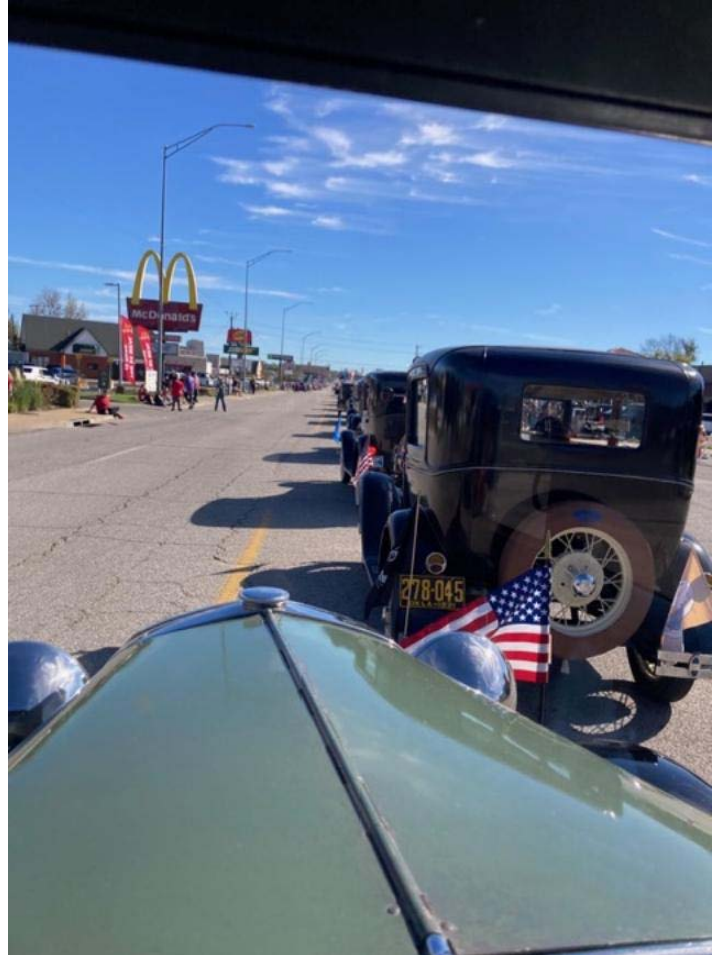
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# About the Tulsa Model A Ford Club

## Chapter #8231 of the Model A Club of America (MAFCA)

This is the official publication of the Tulsa Chapter of Model A Ford Club of America. This monthly newsletter is mailed to members, prospective members, advertisers and editors of similar publications. It's purpose is to keep you informed of what has taken place, scheduled activities and to promote fellowship among club members.

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.

Membership dues for the Tulsa Model A Ford Club are \$30 per family annually payable at the end of the year. Contact the New Member chairperson for new memberships and the Treasurer for renewals. The Tulsa Model A Ford Club recommends membership in the national MAFCA organization.

Members may advertise at no cost, non-business ads in the newsletter For Sale, Wanted or Trade section. Businesses may advertise with cost by the ad size, (business card size or 1/4 page) in the advertising section. The number of ads are restricted to space available in the Rumble Sheet. Contact the Advertising chairperson for details.

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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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