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*The Monthly Newsletter of Queen City Model A Club, Charlotte NC*

*Dedicated to the Restoration and Preservation of the Model A Ford and we like to drive them too.*

**November, 2022**

## *The Prez Sez, Halloween?*

Year end is coming and it seems like things should be settling down a bit, but that is the opposite of what is happening. This is the time where we all need to be planning for the start of next year but before we do that, we have to hold elections of our new officers and finalize our plans for the Christmas party, the close-out event of this year.

Events already in the planning stage for 2023 include our annual Car Show at the White Home in Rock Hill, a spring Mystery Tour by the Phillips and Crosbys (didn't say where yet) a mountain trip, the Murray Mill Tour and a fall beach tour. We hope to have day trips like the ones to the Model A Brewery and the Apple festival in York plus a seminar or two. Working together making Model A repairs is always a fun activity in Jim Townsend's shop.

We made lemonade out of the lemons we were dealt when Hurricane Ian forced us to cancel, then change and delay our N. Myrtle Beach Tour. While our A's were left at home, most of us went to the beach to find good food, good lodging, and great fun with our friends. We might have left our Model A's at home but there was no doubt that the spirit of Queen City Model A Club was there and strong. It might be the cars that bring us together but it is the people that make us who we are. See you down the road, **Kalei**



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## 2022-23 Event Schedule

**October 18 (Tuesday) Meeting** at Town Tavern, 6 pm for 7 pm meeting, Brad and Jane Fisher Hosting.

**November 21 Meeting** at, Sports Page at 6 pm for 7 pm meeting, Matt and Nancy Gustafson Hosting

**December 3, Fort Mill Christmas Parade**, details to follow

**December 10, Harvey Hood Memorial Christmas Parade Tour**, Richburg/Fort Lawn, details to follow

**December Christmas Meeting** – See Below

**January 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting** at Golden Corral, 6 pm for 7pm meeting, Host needed.

**April 16 – QCMAC Annual Car Show at White Home in Rock Hill**

**Spring Mystery Tour** for April or May being planned by Danny Phillips and Paul Crosby

### **Golden Corral**

1025 E. Independence Blvd  
Matthews, NC 28105  
704/246-7568

### **Sports Page**

8400 Bellhaven Blvd  
Coulwood, NC 28216  
704/399-4417

### **Towne Tavern**

200 SC Hwy 160  
Fort Mill, SC 29708  
803/802-2340

Come Join Us  
Monday, December  
12 For our Annual  
Christmas Party! 6-  
9pm

**CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**



*John's Restaurants*  
*2002 Westinghouse Blvd*  
*Charlotte, NC*

*White Elephant gift -1 per couple*  
*Passing of the Gavel to new officers*  
*Buy in cost \$10 per person*  
*Reservations required -Check to Kalei Unea,*  
*9838 Fairway Dr, Chlt 28277*



## Meeting Minutes

The October 18th meeting was held at Town Tavern restaurant in Fort Mill. The hosts were Brad and Jane Fisher. The meeting was called to order by Kalei and the blessing was asked by Glenn Swann. There were 23 members in attendance.

The minutes of the September meeting were voted to stand as printed in the newsletter with the motion by Jim Townsend and a second from Geoffrey Leek.

Nancy Gustafson presented the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$5,937.82 in checking. Dues are slow coming in. Be sure you include your Membership Renewal form with your check with special attention to including your MARC number and any change in contact information.

Health and Happiness: Bertha Haack has volunteered to begin following up with members who are sick or who have special celebrations. Barbara Helderman has done this job faithfully for many years but is no longer able due to her health. **Wayne Helderman** suffered a stroke but seems to be recovering well. **Vann and Ola Mae Matthews** celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> with family, neighbors and friends and many members from Hornet's Nest Region of AACA and Queen City Model A Club. Congratulations.



Encouragement for the club was a report by Danny Foster on the purchase and work done on his 1930 Model A. with help from Jim Townsend, Kalei Unea. Danny also expressed his gratitude to the club for all the help and support shown by other members of the club.

Larry Long also gave a report of his restoration of his Model A.

**Christmas Party**, Monday, December 12, 5:30 - 9:00 at John's Restaurant, Westinghouse Blvd. Details in this newsletter. There will only be a \$10/person buy-in with QCMAC paying the balance. Alcohol cost will be the members responsibility. Reservations and pre payment of the \$10 fee are required.

Election of officers will be held at the November meeting. **Nominations** made during this meeting were:

**President:** Kalei Unea  
**Vice President:** Troy Dalsing  
**Secretary:** Carrie Swann  
**Treasurer:** Nancy Gustafson or John Haack



## Officer Elections for 2023

Election of officers needs to occur at the November meeting in order to make a smooth transition and allow the new officers to begin planning for the first meetings of the new year. Traditionally, the passing of the gavel takes place at the Christmas Dinner meeting. Kalei Unea has offered to accept nomination for the office of President for 2023. We need for those willing or wishing to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to have their names presented at the October meeting so that we are prepared for elections in November. Your attendance at the October and November meetings is most important because we will be selecting our leaders for the coming year. Please be there.

Likewise, it is important to recognize that dues for 2023 are to be paid by years end and that the Bylaws state that those who have not paid dues by January 1 will be dropped from the roster. The Bylaws also require all QCMAC members to be members of Model A Restorers Club (MARC). The Treasurer maintains the listing of MARC membership numbers and you are asked to complete the attached invoice providing that information. Please also list any changes in your address, telephone number or email address.



### **Queen City Model A Club 2023 Membership Renewal**

**RENEW Today! Your membership expires December 31, 2022**

**NOTE: You must also renew your MARC membership**

**2023 QCMAC Dues - - - - - \$25.00**

**Make checks payable to QCMAC and send to:**

Nancy Gustafson, treasurer  
Queen City Model A Club  
1102 Martha Drive  
Monroe, NC 28112-5144

**Please provide:** Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Model A Restorers Club Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Any change in your phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Any change in your email address \_\_\_\_\_

## **Murray's Mill Fall Festival 2022**

*By Carrie Swann*



On Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Ron and JoAnne Bryant and Glenn Carrie Swann went to the Lincoln County Murray's Mill Festival. Jim Townsend had planned to attend but, he failed to replace his aging battery so his car would not start.. With the two model A's from QCMAC and 2 others that were local along with 3 Mustangs, and early Chevrolet and several other vintage cars made up the car section of the festival. It was a beautiful day with sunshine and mild weather. We met and fellow shipped with other car enthusiasts. We found out that 3 of the car enthusiasts were members of the Horseless Carriage Club and had gone to Jim's shop when their tour was in Rock Hill recently. Participation was down from this normal tour due to preparation for the Beach tour the following weekend.

## **Beach Tour 2022 – Success or Failure ?**



The date for the tour to begin was September 30, 2022, the same day Hurricane Ian made landfall just 40 miles South of North Myrtle Beach and the weather prediction at our destination was for heavy rain, 85 mph winds and a tidal surge of up to 8 feet. Good judgment was used and we canceled departing in A's that day. But some of the hardy really wanted to go to the beach so an alternate plan was established for those wishing to go the day after the storm and in modern cars. Those of us willing were Claude Palmer and his two daughters, Heather and Karsen, Kalei Unea, Glenn and Carrie Swann, Troy Dalsing, Tom and Sandeep Berry with their tow boys, Walter and Oliver and Jim Townsend. We followed the same route as planned for the A's staying away from interstates. We stopped at McClouds Farm in McBee, SC where we had lunch, ice cream and visited the fine museum of cars and tractors as well as other antiques.

The picture on the previous page is of us at our Saturday night dinner in Calabash. Does it look like we are happy with our decision to brave the Hurricane? And we couldn't go on a model A tour without our Model A's. So we all took pictures of our cars so we could say we brought our A's.



I guess you could say we were a little goofy after enjoying the company of the group in our hospitality room. Note, Sandeep even had arranged for all to have a shirt commemorating the trip. The back has a map of our route to the beach. So to answer the question in the header of this article, the 2022 Beach Tour was a grand success even though Hurricane Ian changed our plans. Thank you Claude Palmer for being our leader.



## 1931 Women Styles



- A. A pointed neckline and lower sleeves are accented by the pointed hipline, all brought together with a belted waist accent.
- B. This cowl neckline dress falls softly to the hipline, with only a suggested waist.
- C. A modest semi-tailored dress is accented by a V neck lace inset, and a row of buttons on the sleeves.



## A Bit of History

*The first cross-country road trip in a car took 63.5 days. On May 23, 1903, Vermont doctor Horatio Nelson Jackson, along with his mechanic Sewall Crocker, drove down San Francisco's Market street, hopped on the Oakland ferry, and traveled east into the history books – the first U.S. Cross-country road trip was officially underway. This historical moment was born from a \$50 wager to see if Jackson could travel from San Francisco to New York in under 90 days. It's a wager easily won on today's 164,000 miles of paved highway, but in the early 20th century, most byways west of Nebraska were little more than dirt roads.*

The challenge was daunting, but Jackson accepted. He didn't head due east, which would have sent him straight into California's unforgiving desert, but instead traveled north into Oregon before making a sharp right turn into Idaho. That is where he picked up his second passenger, a pit bull named "Bud". Averaging only 71 miles per day in his Winton touring car on the rough western roads, Jackson also had few reliable maps to navigate his way across Idaho and Wyoming. However, once he and Crocker and Bud entered Nebraska, paved roads appeared with increasing regularity and the trio could cover 250 miles in a single day. Yet there were plenty of breakdowns, wrong turns, and other misadventures. The whole trip took 63 days, 12 hours and 30 minutes to complete- still well under the original 90 day bet. Jackson was greeted by cheering crowds as the group traveled down the Hudson river in New York toward their final destination. Finally at 4:30 am on July 26, 1903, the well worn Winton parked in front of the Holland House Hotel in midtown Manhattan. Jackson joyously honked his horn to announce their long awaited arrival.

## The Beach Police [fascinationstrrevintage.wordpress.com](http://fascinationstrrevintage.wordpress.com)

Swimwear, like many other aspects of American popular culture during the Jazz Age was also subject to a number of short-lived, usually ill-conceived fads. Some of the more imaginative novelty bathing suits introduced during the 1920's were made of badly chosen materials that ranged from rabbit fur to seaweed to wooden barrel staves. While never appropriate for actual swimming, these suits did generate a bit of extra notoriety and attention on American beaches.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the evolution of form-fitting swimwear also caused significant controversy during the 1920's. Directors of public beaches, resorts and county clubs implemented strict dress codes for which violations were punishable by fines and occasionally even imprisonment.

One news article: "these apologies for skirts endanger the morals of the children. The police must interfere and stop the outrageous proceedings." Louise Rosine said in 1921: "The city has no right to tell me how I shall wear my clothes. It is none of their darn business. I will go to jail first."

Regulations, along with the level of enforcement, varied from beach to beach. Typically, dress codes dictated that trunks or bloomers and skirts could rise no higher than so many inches above the knee, and sometimes female bathers were required to wear stockings, usually but not always rolled above the knee.

Some beaches and resorts actually hired beach censors to patrol the swimming area in order to maintain order among bathers and enforce dress codes. Chicago's Clarendon Beach even employed a woman as "beach tailor" who enforced women's dress codes by stitching up loose armholes and sewing longer, more modest skirts

onto too-short bathing suits. Men's swimwear was also regulated, but it seems that dress codes for men were enforced far less stringently than they were for women.



## MORE HISTORY

### Henry Ford, Einstein, and Rethinking How We Work

By Patrick Kelly - Published Feb 4, 2019

In January of 1914 Henry Ford announced to his board and the public at large of new changes he had decided on. Effective immediately, all assembly line employees would have their working day shortened from 9 hours to 8, and each person would see their daily pay rate double from \$2.50 to \$5.00. To say this was a shock would be an understatement. The board of directors thought he was crazy and actually tried to find a way to fire Ford, assuming this move would bankrupt the company. The competition thought it was great news, as they too assumed this would surely shutdown Ford. Henry Ford did it anyway.



On January 6, 1914, 10,000 men sought employment at Ford Motor Company's Highland Park Plant for the newly announced wage of \$5 per day. This postcard depicts the plant's 50,000 employees in the 1920s.

To understand why he made this drastic change you have to go back a few years before that decision. In 1909 Ford Motor Company was a leader in the new market of automobiles. They were producing 10,000 of Ford's Model T cars per year. As the years passed, demand grew. By the start of 1914 they were making well over 200,000 cars a year, each made by men on the assembly line. Though the company was growing, the profits were not. That was in large part due to its turnover issues.

At the start of 1913 Ford Motor Company had roughly 13,000 employees. Through the course of the year the company hired somewhere between 55,000-60,000 people. And yet when they reached New Year's Day of 1914 the total number of employees was 14,000. **They had to hire 55+ people to net just 1 person.**

A lot of people complain about the turnover issues occurring today, but I have to believe it is nothing like what Ford faced in those days. For Ford, this was a major issue. If someone walked off the assembly line, no matter what stage, production stopped for everyone. This became very

costly. Henry Ford realized he needed to solve this problem by thinking differently, so he brought forth his ideas for change.

It worked. At the end of 1914, a year after bringing the increased wages and shorter working day into his company, their turnover rate dropped to under 10% and they celebrated the most profitable year they had ever had.

**There is a great quote from Einstein who said:**

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them".

It's so simple, yet profound. Traditional thinking on Ford's part would have yielded a traditional answer to the problem: just keep hiring more people. Yet Ford recognized that a new radical idea must be tried to solve the issue at hand.

### First Assembly Line in 1913

The first moving assembly line at Henry Ford's Model T factory in Highland Park went into operation on Oct. 7, 1913, with 140 assemblers installing parts on chassis dragged across the floor with a winch and rope along a 150-foot line.



Henry Ford standing beside one of his vehicles.

In early January 1914 the rope was replaced with an endless chain, and Ford launched the \$5 work day, revolutionizing automotive production.

Ford was able to take the 3,000 parts of a Model T and divide the production into 84 steps performed by groups of workers along the line.

With the assembly line, Ford could make a Model T every 24 seconds, selling more than 15 million worldwide by 1927 - then half of all automobiles sold.



## Sweet Tooth Teasers

Southern Chocolate Cobbler- Prep time 5 min, cook time 35 min,

This is a classic dessert with a delicious brownie-like topping and a rich fudge sauce on the bottom. It is like a lava cake but so much easier to make.

Yield: 12 servings

Calories: 395 kcal

Author: Robyn Stone/ Add a Pinch

### Ingredients:

- ½ cup butter
- 1 ½ cup granulated sugar
- 3 Tblesp unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 cup whole milk
- 2 tsp vanilla extract

### Chocolate Cobbler Topping:

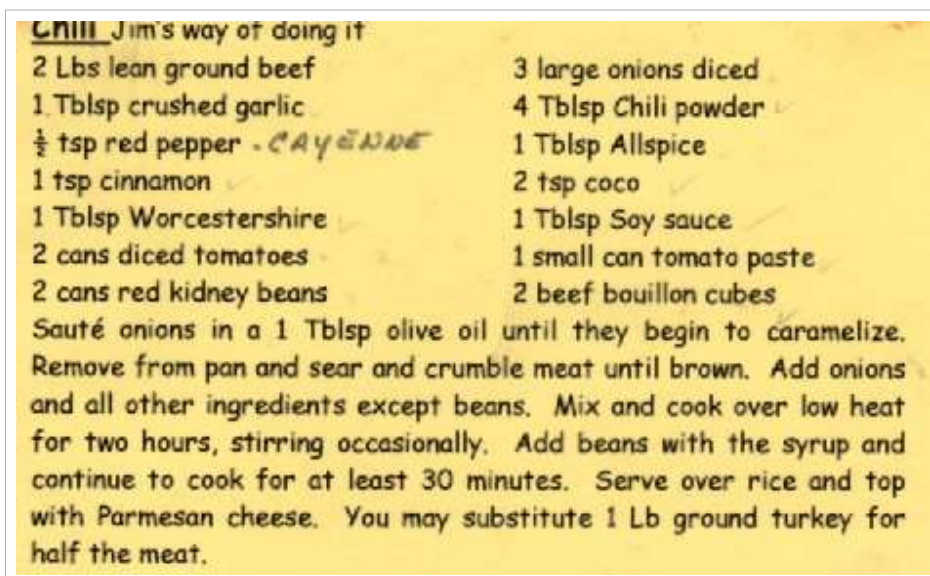
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 3 cups boiling water
- vanilla ice cream for serving

### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 deg F.
- Place butter into a 9 X 13 baking dish and into the oven to melt. Then, remove from the oven and set aside.
- Mix together the sugar, cocoa powder, flour, milk and vanilla extract for the batter. Spoon the mixture into the baking dish on top of the melted butter. DO NOT STIR.
- In a separate bowl, mix the topping sugar and cocoa powder. Sprinkle this topping mixture on top of the batter. Pour the boiling water over the topping. DO NOT STIR.
- Bake for 35-40 minutes or until the top is set. The bottom of the cobbler will still be a little loose. Cool for 15-20 minutes.
- Top with vanilla ice cream and serve.

*Reprinted from Santa Maria A's newsletter, Headlight Herald*

### Jim's Cincinnati Chili discussed at the November meetingmeeting



**CHILI** Jim's way of doing it

2 Lbs lean ground beef	3 large onions diced
1 Tblsp crushed garlic	4 Tblsp Chili powder
½ tsp red pepper - CAYENNE	1 Tblsp Allspice
1 tsp cinnamon	2 tsp coco
1 Tblsp Worcestershire	1 Tblsp Soy sauce
2 cans diced tomatoes	1 small can tomato paste
2 cans red kidney beans	2 beef bouillon cubes

Sauté onions in a 1 Tblsp olive oil until they begin to caramelize. Remove from pan and sear and crumble meat until brown. Add onions and all other ingredients except beans. Mix and cook over low heat for two hours, stirring occasionally. Add beans with the syrup and continue to cook for at least 30 minutes. Serve over rice and top with Parmesan cheese. You may substitute 1 Lb ground turkey for half the meat.

## Recent Happenings

Tom Berry bought this car for Sandeep on an on line auction. It was a solid A but not without problems. After performing work to make it roadworthy and safe, there was a limited amount of cosmetic work done to freshen it. Sandeep was honored with trophies including Best of Show at a recent All Ford show in Matthews. Among the restored Mustangs and hot rods, Sandeeps all original Model A stood out.



This was the sight from my hotel room at N Myrtle beach during the Beach Tour. What a difference a day makes! This was on Saturday, the day after Hurricane Ian hit.

The Roadster project looking pretty good after a complete rebuild. We are not completely happy with the in house engine rebuild and considering options like maybe installing the Burtz engine after it is built. The only other item needing to be done is to have the pin striping done. With that, Jim and Claude and Kalei came to terms where Jim is now the owner of the roadster. We had always said that it would be for sale unless one of us fell in love with it.



This is the engine block from Danny Foster's coupe. The engine had poor compression on one cylinder and we pulled it to do a valve job. When we dropped the pan to clean it and check the bottom end, we discovered Babbitt pieces in the pan. Further inspection found the rear main bearing cap Babbitt was breaking up. All other bearing surfaces looked good so we replaced and fit the rear bearing cap with one from our parts. That went well so we continued to replace worn valves and re-seat them. All engine parts were cleaned and painted. The manifolds have been resurfaced. Results look really good with the engine running smooth and quiet. Better still, smiles were on all our faces, especially Danny's.



Most of our evening dinner meetings draw few cars. Troy Dalsing thought this was a neat happening when Brad, Troy and Kalei parked together at the Golden Corral September meeting.

Recent new member Larry Epperly brought his '31 Slant window sedan in for a check up. This was his first road trip (only 15 miles or so) since purchasing it from a family member a year ago.. The car had been sitting for some time. We had cleaned the carb before but checked timing, set gas adjusting valve and idle and it smoothed out well. We found a burned out headlight and brake light and replaced. On test drive, steering and braking proved to be good. Except for the aged tires, Larry is ready for tours and driving his grand kids around. He has a nice model A and left with a smile.



## For Sale and Wanted

### For Sale By Geoffery Leek

516-319-6607 (cell) or 803-228-3427

1930 Model A Ford Cabriolet 68B

New Motor with high compression head (Schwalm's)  
New Top with Boot, New Carpet, Heater, Trunk, Car  
Cover (full), 6 volt Alternator, Seat Belts, Signal and Fog  
Lights, Assorted small parts and signs, Additional  
pictures available, Clear Title.  
\$21,000



### For Sale by Howie Hanson

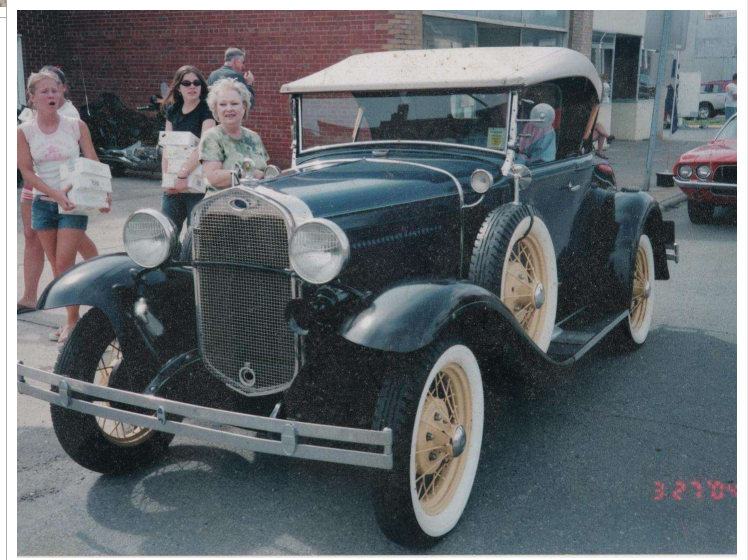
704/591-8547

1931 Tudor

- Rebuilt engine with few miles
- 12 volt conversion
- N C Title
- Selling due to health
- Sell for \$16,500 or best offer

### For Sale by Peggy Branch

Past QCMAC member wishes to sell her 1930 Deluxe Roadster after her husband , Larry, passed away several years ago. The car has been continuously garaged but driven little during the past several years. She is offering it for \$15,000. If interested, contact Peggy at [climbers@carolina.rr.com](mailto:climbers@carolina.rr.com) or 704/322-9226. The car is in Oakboro, NC



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\$200 without exchange

Contact Jim Townsend 828/964-3425  
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600 X 16 rims with four tires mounted. The rear are "Higher Profile" than the front. \$500.00.

Call Bruce Hyland at 704/488-6118, Charlotte, NC



## National Club Information

### Model A Restorer's Club (MARC)

Dues are \$50.00 per calendar year.

This includes a subscription to the *Model A News* magazine.



Send to: MARC, 6721 Merriman Road, Garden City, MI 48135

"MARC" membership is required of all members"  
Membership Application is online @

Website: [www.modelarestorers.org](http://www.modelarestorers.org)

### Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA)

Dues are \$50 per year which includes a subscription to:  
*The Restorer* magazine.

Send to: MAFCA  
250 South Cypress Street  
La Habra, CA 90631



Website: [www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)

### Model A Ford Foundation Inc (MAFFI)

Dues are \$25 per year which includes a  
subscription to: *The Preserver Quarterly*  
newsletter

Send to: 28 Peotone, IL 60468-0028



Application is online @ Website [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org)

You may join any of the above national clubs on line or download the application forms to join. When you join QCMAC, you **MUST** also join MARC and furnish your MARC membership number when renewing your membership to QCMAC.

### Bits and Pieces

- I used to do cartwheels. Now I tip over pulling up my underwear.
- I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes... So she hugged me.
- I thought growing old would take longer.
- Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons and electrons. They forgot to mention morons.
- Life is too short wasting time matching socks.
- Wi-fi went down for five minutes so I had to talk to my family. They seem like really nice people.
- Some people call me crazy. I prefer happy with a twist.
- My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said "No, we all seem to enjoy it."
- I really don't mind getting old, but my body is having a fit with it.
- Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.
- Measure once, Cuss twice.
- The worlds best antidepressant has 4 legs, a wagging tail and comes with unconditional love.
- If you are happy and you know it, it is your meds.
- I've reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.
- The officer said "You Drinking?", I said "You Buying?" We just laughed and laughed. I need bail money.
- A dog accepts you as the boss. A cat wants to see your resume.