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April Refreshments

Beverage

Joanna Adams

Treats

Susan Stone Carol Diaz Donna Hileman Sheila Orr

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CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

April 2018

21	Scavenger Hunt (Rain Date 4/23)	Adams
23	Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th	7:00 PM

May 2018

4	Newsletter Deadlineeditor@wichitaas.com	Sheila Orr
5-6	Great American Road Trip	James
5-6	Kansas White Way Highway	Hileman
19	Salina Car Museum.	Cushenbery
21	Club Picnic/Home of Steve & Jane McLaughlin	Sharp

June 2018

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3-8	Midwest Regional Meet	Springfield, MO
8	Newsletter Deadlineeditor@wichitaas.com	Sheila Orr
10	All Wheels Day/Lake Afton	Clark
16	Adams Party	Adams
24-30	MARC National Meet/A Dancin' In Branson	Branson, MO
25	Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th	7:00 PM

The Wichita A's meet on the 4th Monday of the month except December. We do not hold a meeting during the month of December. Other meeting changes will be published in the newsletter prior to the scheduled meeting. The meetings are held at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th, Wichita, KS. Meeting time is 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

WICHITA A'S MEETING MINUTES Minisa Park, March 26, 2018

President **Randy Frazer** called the March 26, 2018 club meeting to order. Bruce Evans was our only guest. **Gary Hileman** moved and it was seconded and passed to approve the February minutes as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer **James Sharp** updated the club on our finances. It was announced that **Jim Nungesser** has earned the 40,000 mile driving award but he wasn't present to receive it.

Bonita Graham reported that **Roger Grube's** mom had passed away. A card was passed around to sign for the **Schroders** and **Doris Jean Ludlow** thanked the membership for all the cards she had received for her birthday.

Jim Broadhead reported there were 20 cars on the Shake-Down Tour of March 24 and they had no major problems.

Future tours were discussed: Arched Cellar Bus Tour on April 7-8-Linda Kibbe, Scavenger Hunt on April 21-Gilbert Adams, White Way Highway Tour on May 5-6-Gary Hileman, the Great Kansas Road Trip on May 5-6-Mike James, and the Salina Car Museum on May 19th.

Following refreshments provided by **Barb Phye**, **Arley Bennett**, **Norma Agard** and **Glenda Sill**, **Jim Broadhead** presented a program on the Model A electrical system.

Announcement: The next club meeting will be April 23rd.

Meeting adjourned Dawna Ruggles, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you like a Varity in weather, then spring in Kansas has not disappointed! For those of us that went on the Arched Cellar Tour, we had snow, we had sunshine, we had rain, but most of all we had fun!! If you missed the fun don't be sad as there are many more opportunities coming soon to get out and enjoy the cars and fellowship that can only be had in a Model A Ford. Be sure to read the entire award winning newsletter so you don't miss any of the great activities coming up. We look forward to seeing you on the road soon, just be sure to pack snow shoes, a rain coat and a swim suit! Chances are you will need all three on any given trip. This is Kansas after all!!!

Best Regards,

Randy Frazer, President

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Touring season is in full swing and hopefully the weather will be warming up a bit! A big Thank you to Linda Kibbe and Richard too! They have both been very helpful while I am learning and also for articles they have contributed. Again, if anyone would like to share their knowledge, I would love to have a member write a Tech article for the Rumbleseat! It does not have to be every month, so please let me know if you are interested. Get your cars out and get ready to GOOOOOO!

Sheila Orr, Editor

ANNOUNCEMENTS



May Birthdays

- 2 Sue Johnson
- 3 Jane McLaughlin
- 3 Ron Eyres
- Mary Hilger
- 12 Eric Weninger
- 13 Garry Brashear
- 13 Tony Pezzola
- 14 Greg Rau
- 15 Scott Guinty
- 15 Ron Kester
- 16 Kat Arnold
- 18 Don Waller
- 19 Milton Hessefort
- 21 Kim Slater
- 22 Judy Hill
- 23 Jackie Barnes
- 26 Ron Little
- 26 Hazel Roberts
- 27 Shirley Albers
- 28 Karolyn Wendt

Thank you to our Wichita A's Family for the food, cards and attendance at our Mother, Dorothy Tuttle's Memorial Service after her passing. She always enjoyed attending the club

functions and the warm reception she received. Jim and Brenda Broadhead and family.

> Prayers of sympathy for **Bob** Giesen and Ed & Kim Giesen & family in observance of the death of Feryl Giesen (Bob's wife and Ed's stepmother).



WANTED

Model A parts wanted: Late 31 slant windshield dash rail Late 31 cowl band Contact: Shorty Hayes

Roster Update Aaron & Laura Frazer

McPherson, KS 67460-5805 A:



WANTED

If you have an extra 1930-31 deck lid Please contact: Gary Hileman at



MARC MILEAGE AWARD

Jim Nungesser received the MARC Mileage award for driving his 1931 Town Sedan 40,000 miles! Congratulations!!

MAFFI Brick Collection



March club meeting donations brought us to a current balance of \$99.91.

Denny Ellerman

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, May 4, 2018 Sheila Orr editor@wichitaas.com or



Refreshment Committee

May

Is

Club **Picnic** **June 2018 Beverages**

Judi Sharp

Cookies or Treats Judi Sharp Rex Kraus

Shorty Hayes Lenette Kottas

July 2018 Beverages Claudia Ellerman

Cookies or Treats

Trudee Harshfield Dale Hellar Michael Halfman Gil Adams

MARCH PROGRAM



The program for the 2018 March meeting of the Wichita A's featured Jim Broadhead providing attendees with an overview of the Model A electrical system. The program was well received as evidenced by the numerous questions and discussion following Jim's presentation. A special "shout out thank-you" is owed to Mr. Al Stanley with the Albuquerque Poco Quartos Model A club for loaning the Wichita A's his electrical system mock –up board.

FUTURE TOURS

Scavenger Hunt

If you would like to take part in the Scavenger Hunt please call Gilbert at 316-838-8420 by the 19th if you did not sign up at the meeting or show up at McDonalds's at 53rd & Meridian at 8:30. I would like to have a final count by the 19th.

Scavenger Hunt

When: April 21st (Rain Date April 28th)

Where: Meet at McDonalds at 53rd and Meridian at 8:30 Tour leads: Gilbert & Joanna Adams ph: Gilbert Adams will give you instructions on what to find

Meet back at Spears on West Maple at 1:00 for lunch and prizes. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes + plus participation

gift.

Lunch is on your own

Kansas White Way Highway

When: May 5-6 2018

Explore the Kansas White Way Highway-More information to come!

Tour Leaders: Hileman's at

Salina Car Museum

When: May 19, 2018

We will leave at McDonalds at 53rd and Meridian at 8:00 AM (come earlier if you want to have breakfast). Then off to

Salina. There is **NO COST** for the tour. Lunch on your own. Tour leaders: Cushenbery's ph:...... Clark's ph:

More information to follow

FUTURE TOURS

Big Kansas Road Trip

The Big Kansas road trip is fast approaching-May 5/6, 2018. The weekend will be an opportunity to experience the inaugural event organized by a group of tourism people and Kansas Explorers and follows on the last Kansas Sampler Festival. The Big Kansas road trip will be exploring the three counties of Barber, Comanche and Kiowa. The Wichita A's will add a degree of "old time festivity" to the weekend with visits planned at the following sites: Drive through the Gyp Hills, Medicine Lodge, KS Stockade & Carrie Nation Home, Wilmore Carousel, Big Well, Kiowa County Historical Museum, Twilight Theater and Fromme-Birney Round Barn

WHEN: Saturday/Sunday, May 5 & 6, 2018 Where: Meet at Phillips Filling Station K42

11012 W SE Blvd Time: Depart –7:30 AM

Trip Leads: Mike & Kathy James

Ph:

Hotel: Best Western Inn 515 W. Kansas Ave. Greensburg, Ks 670-723-2244

Reservation: Model A Club

Price: \$89.99 + tax = \$103.94 includes breakfast Big Kansas Road trip price: \$10.00 per person

Non-member price: \$25.00

Price includes: admission to Carry Nation museum, Picnic in Wilmore, Big Well Tour and more

Sign up's will be accepted through Monday evening at our regular scheduled club meeting, April 23, 2018



Come join us on the first ever BIG KANSAS ROAD TRIP And experience the Wilmore Kansas Carousel

IT'S PICNIC TIME!



WICHITA A'S PICNIC TIME

WHEN: MONDAY MAY 21, 2018

TIME: 6:00PM

WHERE: STEVE & JANE MCLAUGHLIN

CHENEY, KS

WHAT TO BRING: SIDE DISH OR DESERT AND LAWN CHAIRS

THE CLUB WILL BE PROVIDING THE HOT DOGS

Shakedown Tour





Before leaving Bonita Graham, Donna Hileman and Jeannie Rau enjoyed visiting!



Our leader, Jim Broadhead, giving instructions and checking his list.





Kauffman Museum director talking to our club.





Bob Phye & Richard Sanchez touring the museum.



Richard Kibbe standing in front of log cabin at Kauffman museum.



Mike Hildibrand & Eric Weninger at the museum.



The group enjoying dinner at Carriage Crossing! Jim Broadhead organized this fun filled 120 mile tour. We met at McDonalds at 53rd and Meridian before leaving at

9:30 am for our Shakedown Tour. In Newton, Ks we toured the Kauffman Museum which gave us the history of Mennonites coming to Kansas and their early life before and after arriving. From there we drove to Yoder to have lunch at the Carriage Crossing. There were approximately 41 people with 22 Model A's that drove on this tour. The weather was windy but otherwise

a perfect Model A day. No breakdowns were reported but **Bob Beaver** lost a bolt on his luggage rack on the way to McDonalds which he wired up to stay in place. JB & LMK

ARCHED CELLAR TOUR

On April 7th the cold weather played a big part in this tour but snow, rain, wind and sunshine did not stop 5 Model A's from driving on this tour. 7 modern cars also made the trip. We arrived at The Volland Store for lunch and were given a tour of an number of the arch cellars that the early German settlers constructed out of the native stone. Some people lived in them until they built their house. We toured several cellars, on private properties, around Alma, KS. After the tour we drove to Topeka for the night.

The following morning we toured Ron Lessman's Truckhenge at his farm in Topeka. He gave us a personal tour of his Truckhenge. Boathenge, the artwork he created on bed sheets, etc., and his Quonset house he built which measures 50' wide by 80' long and 24' tall. It is a 2 story 96,000 square feet building with the living quarters on the top floor and garage and storage are on the ground floor.

It started snowing when we left his place. The snow turned into rain on the way home. All the Model A's made the trip without any problems. LMK



5 Model A's made the trip.



Arley & Lonnie Bennet are doing a little shopping at the store.



Ray & Rita Hoffmans viewing the artwork at "The Volland Store".



Bus full for the tour.



Touring one of the many cellars.



Lenette Kottas painting her name on one of the boats.



Steve McLaughlin, Darrell Ludlow



Darrell Ludlow & James Sharp entering a cellar.

Truckhenge Quonset house.



Springfield Regional Meet

Information for the Springfield Regional Meet, June 3 - 8, is **now available on the website**, including the registration forms and events. In the event that you do not have access to a computer, please feel free to contact **Sheila Orr** at 207-8878 and I would be glad to print you a registration form. You can visit this web site: http://www.kcmodela.com for complete activities



A Short History of the Model A Ford

The year was 1926. Henry Ford's "Tin Lizzie" was getting old. It had been produced since October 1st 1908. There had been very few major changes to the car even though it did look quite different. With his son Edsel pushing to move past the Model T and design and build a "new Ford" the order was finally given on July 20, 1926 to start work on a new Ford, the "Model A", although that name had not been picked yet!

Henry made the last Model T on May 26, 1927. It was car No. 15,000,000. It is said Henry spent \$100,000,000 (Yes, 100 Million Dollars!) on the new car design and for retooling of the Rouge plant to build the new Model A. Quite a sum in the 1920's! The car contained over 6800 parts whereas the Model T only contained about 5000.

Model A No. 1 rolled off the production line Oct. 20, 1927 but public didn't see the car until Dec. 2, 1927. Unlike the Model T, the new Ford came in seven body styles and an amazing four colors!

The engine was an L-head 4 cylinder, 'cast en bloc' type. It had a 3-7/8" X 4-1/4" bore and stroke with a displacement of 200.5 cubic inches. SAE horsepower of 24.03 with brake horsepower rated at 40 at 2200 rpm. Typical gas mileage was between 20 and 30 mpg using a Zenith one barrel carburetor. It's a 103.5 wheelbase rode on 4.50 X 21" tires with a gear ratio of 3.77:1. The transmission was a 3 speed sliding gear unit with 1 speed reverse. The Model A had 4 wheel mechanical brakes and Houdaille, double action hydraulic shock absorbers with semi-elliptic front and rear transverse springs. Top Steel Spoke Wheels, Dash Light, Mirror, Windshield Wiper, Oil Gauge, Gasoline Gauge, Rear and Stop Light, Speedometer, Tools and Pressure Grease Gun.

The "Model A" Tool kit included with each car had the following items: Adjustable wrench, 2 open end wrenches, 2 tire irons, jack, pliers, screwdriver, tire pump, grease gun, combination spark plug wrench and head bolt wrench and instruction book which al fit into a Snap Pouch.

As for the price, the new Model A Tudor Sedan sold for \$495 with the Fordor bringing \$570 F.O.B. Detroit. For \$385 you could get a Roadster and \$395 would get you a beautiful Phaeton. At \$495, the new Ford Coupe was nice but for \$550 the Sport Coupe with a standard Rumble Seat was a hot seller.

MAFFI NEWSLETTER MINUTE

April 2018

There has been some recent redecorating in the Parts Department of the Museum. There had been a donation of 4 framed color drawings and John Marshall was inspired by those to recreate the "New" signs as seen in the photos. Once those were done, they were hung alongside the donated drawings, reframed and looking like the original pictures.

We are always striving to keep our museum fresh and new for those returning to the museum for another look and especially for those who are coming for the first time. If you have been thinking about a trip to the museum, why not make plans to join us for Model A Day, September 15, 2018. If you can't make it for Model A Day, the museum is open 7 days a week. Anytime you happen to be in the area, come by for a visit.

Thank you for your continued support of the Model A Ford Foundation by both item donation and monetary support.

Marsha Quesnel MAFFCA Trustee







2018 MARC NATIONAL MEET

Information for the 2018 MARC National Meet in Branson, MO, June 24-July 1, **is now** available on the website, including registration forms and events. In the event you do not have access to a computer, please feel free to contact **Sheila Orr** at 207-8878 and I would be glad to print you a registration form. You can visit this web site: www.modelarestorers.org for complete activities Those of you who receive the Model "A" News, from MARC, have an insert with the registration form.



MARC & MAFCA MEMBERSHIP

Want to join or re-new MAFCA or MARC online?

MARC membership form on line at: http://model-a-ford.org/?wpsc-product=membership MAFCA membership form on line at: https://mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca new member=yes

If you are not a member of MAFCA or MARC and would like to be, now is the time. We can get a free MAFCA brick for three memberships. Contact **Dawna Ruggles** for the forms and more information. Kill two birds with one stone-get a great magazine and help us honor one or our members by getting a brick.

Tech Talk

It Stalls at a Stop

by Tom Endy

This is a common complaint often heard from Model A owners. My experience has been that it has to do with the Zenith carburetor. On most forums numerous theories are offered; many of them contradictory.

Every once in a while I encounter a Zenith that defies being fixed so that it does not stall at a stop. It can be very frustrating. However, I think I may have hit upon the problem.

I recall attending a Zenith seminar years ago at a MAFCA meet conducted by Herman Reise, who was an old fellow since passed away, that knew quite a bit about Zenith carburetor restoration. He made a statement that stuck in my mind. He said that "there hasn't been a decent throttle plate produced in 50 years". Unfortunately he did not elaborate.

Occasionally I find a throttle plate where someone has filed a groove in it right where it approaches the hole in the throat of the carburetor for the idle circuit. I have never figured out why this is done. I think that doing this would upset the flow of the proper amount of air to the idle circuit.

Snyder's Model A catalog has an interesting statement concerning the reproduction throttle plate they offer. "Made of brass as original with correct angles on the edges. USA".

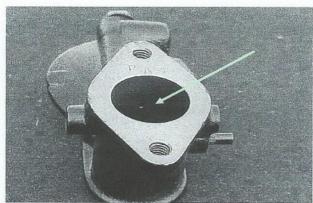
Recently I was rebuilding two Zeniths that road tested perfectly until I came to a stop, then the engine stalled. Nothing I did to the Zeniths resolved the problem. The float level was set to different heights a number of times, the throttle shaft was replaced, the throttle bosses re-bushed, the float replaced. The float valve was replaced with a Viton tip. Flow tested jets installed. All the passage ways were open. It was then I began to think about the throttle plate itself.

If the throttle plate does not close on the idle circuit hole in the throat properly it could adversely affect the flow of air to the idle circuit and the transfer from run to idle would be disrupted. Maybe old Herman was on to something. Maybe back in the J.C. Whitney days the Model A Kingdom was flooded with throttle plates with the angles not ground correctly, that has continued to the present day.

I ordered two throttle plates from Snyder and installed them in the two Zeniths that both stalled when coming to a stop. **Problem resolved!**

This was quite a revelation. It could be that there is a multitude of incorrectly ground throttle plates floating around, or it could be that some of the originals that have survived have become worn such that they do not close on the idle hole properly.

Whatever is the case, when rebuilding a Zenith I will be installing new throttle plates from Snyder. I suspect some of the other better suppliers, such as Bratton's, are offering the same throttle plate. However they don't say so in their catalog.



The small hole in the throat of the upper casting allows air to flow into the idle circuit when the throttle is closed. The throttle plate closes such that half of the hole just peeks above the closed throttle plate.

ERA FASHIONS

Smart Garments Are Hand Finished



1887 1888 1890 1885 1890 1886 1889

No. 1887. A frock for warm afternoons—charming in dotted swiss, organdy or crepe! Deeply pointed, the smocked neck terminates in pretty scalloped armholes.

No. 1888. The cunning fagoted yoke of rickrack braid is a chic part of this dainty frock with puff sleeves and a sash that ties smartly at the back.

No. 1885. A Russian smock with gay peasant crossstitch on the yoke and sleeves is an essential part of the smartest summer wardrobes.

No. 1890. Colored bias tape provides an effective trim for this belted sun suit that terminates in tiny bows. The brimmed had matches

No. 1886. Simple wool embroidery distinguishes this charming yoked smock. The high neck may be worn either open or closed.

No. 1889. This cunning puff sleeved creeper for the very young, is trimmed in simple applique, and has a smart brimmed bonnet to match.

Copied from the Summer 1931 Issue of the McCall Decorative Arts magazine.

NATIONAL MODEL A CLUBS



MAFCA

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The Wichita A's Model A
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members to join both
National MARC and
MAFCA Clubs.

For membership information you can check MAFCA and MARC web sites.



MARC 6721 Merriman Garden City, MI 48315 http://modelarestorers.org U.S. Membership Cost: \$45

LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS



2018 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

April 18-22,2018	Spring Carlisle Swap Meetwww.carsatcarlisle.com	Carlisle, PA
April 26-29, 2018	Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedwaywww.pateswapmeet.com	Fort Worth, TX
May 4-5,2018	Lawrence Swap Meet at Douglas Co. Fairgrounds	Lawrence, KS
May 18-19,2018	Sedgwick Street Rodders Swap Meet at Fairgrounds	Hutchinson, ,KS
May 10-12, 2018	Chickasha Spring Swap Meetwww.chickashaautoswapmeet.com	Chickasha, OK
June 12-16, 2018	Petit Jean Swap Meet	Petit Jean, AR
July 12-14, 2018	Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet	Iola, WI
August 17-19, 2018	Ozarks Antique Auto Club Swap MeetOzark Empire Fairgrounds	Springfield, MO
October3-7, 2018	Fall Carlisle Swap Meetwww.carsatcarlisle.com	Carlisle, PA
October 10-13, 2018	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet	Hershey, PA
October 18-20, 2018	Chickasha Fall Swap Meetwww.chickashaautoswapmeet.com	Chickasha, OK
October 26-27, 2018	Sedgwick Street Rodders Fall Swap Meet, Kansas State Fairgrounds	Hutchinson, KS
March 8-9, 2019	44th Annual KS Sunflower Swap Meet for CharityCentury II	Wichita, KS



2017-2018 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

June 3-8, 2018	Midwest Regional Meet-Heart of America Model A Club	Springfield, MO
June 24-29, 2018	MAFCA National ConventionNorthern CA Regional Group.	Reno Sparks, NV
June 24-July 1, 2018	MARC National MeetA Dancin' In Branson A's Region	Branson, MO
Sept 17-20, 2018	MARC "Mountain Memories National Tour"	Elkins, WV
Nov 27-Dec 1, 2018	MAFCA National Award Banquet	Tucson, AZ
March 1-3, 2019	MARC Membership MeetLive Oaks Region	Richmond Hill (Savannah), GA
June 10-15, 2019	Central Iowa Model A Club Regional Meet	De Moines, IA
October 7-11, 2019	MAFCA National TourCanyonland Special Interest Group	Kanab, UT

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This publication is mailed or emailed to members, prospective members and editors of similar publications prior to monthly meetings. Meetings are usually the fourth Monday of the month. Members may publish antique car related ads only for free of charge which includes items wanted, items for sale, or items for trade. We invite members to submit articles containing technical Model A information and other interesting tidbits for publication in this newsletter. Items to be published must be submitted to the newsletter editor by deadline shown in the calendar. Wichita A's membership dues are \$25.00, per year (October to September30). MAFCA dues are \$50.00 per year and MARC dues are \$45.00 per year. A business card advertisement in this newsletter is \$25.00 per year.