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#### August Refreshments

- ♦ Linda Kibbe
- ♦ Bonita Graham
- ♦ Doris Jean Ludlow
- ♦ Judy Hill
- Carolyn Nungesser

#### **CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE**

#### August 2015



24..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th .......7:00 PM

#### September 2015



15	Newsletter Deadline <u>editor@wichitaas.com</u>	Linda Kibbe
20	Ice Cream Social	Ludlows
25-27	Men's Tour	Ruggles
26	International Model A Ford Day	Grabendikes
28	Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th	7:00 PM

#### October 2015



4	All Ford Day	J Clark
26	Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W 13th	7:00 PM

#### November 2015



7	Mennonite Thanksgiving Dinner / Yoder	Waller
27	Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th	7:00 PM

#### December 2015



5	Ladies Christmas Luncheon.	Ellerman/Ruggles

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#### WICHITA A'S MEETING

#### July 27, 2015

President **Dennis Ellerman** called the July 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 meeting of the Wichita A's to order at 7:00 P. M. Guests Bob and Karen Novak were introduced. New members Max Bahre and Shorty Hayes were introduced. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer, **Rex Kraus** reported on the club's finances. Bonita Graham, our Sunshine Lady reported the following: Bob Bruce is now taking Chemo medication orally for 30 days and getting a little stronger. **Dick Foote** is now at Wichita Avita Rehab Center and Steve Boivin is recovering after his stay in the hospital. **Bonita** thanked the club members for the support they received at the time of the Graham's daughter's passing.

Thank you notes were received from the Floyd Long family and the Alzheimer's Association as announced by Dennis.

Brenda Broadhead had no report for MARC and MAFCA. **Dennis** encouraged everyone to be sure and see Brenda's write-up in "The Restorer" and "Model 'A' News" magazines as he announced that she always did an excellent job. **Jim Nungesser** had no report from the Wichita Area Car Council. **Tom Ruggles** had no report regarding the Sunflower Charity Swap Meet.

**Dennis** took a vote from the club members to see if they would like a Christmas Party at the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon Dinner. There was enough interest to plan the event. It was announced that the cost would be \$25.00 per club member and a tentative date will be Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. More will be announced in the coming months.

Gary Hileman gave the report on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Derby. There were 28 cars in the parade and a lunch was

enjoyed at the Warren retreat. 63 people enjoyed the fried chicken meal.

Gilbert Adams reported on the three day tour scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> thru August 16<sup>th</sup> to Marysville, KS. He announced that there was now four openings to be filled. The tour will leave from McDonald's at Meridian and 53<sup>rd</sup> Street North at 8:00 on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a sign-up sheet for the ice cream social at the August meeting which the Ludlow's will host as announced by Doris Jean Ludlow. This will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Ruggles announced that the Men's tour would be September 25<sup>th</sup> thru the 27<sup>th</sup> and western Kansas would be the destination. The cost is \$5.00 plus lodging for the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to be in Liberal, KS.

Don Grabendike, who was not present at the meeting, will have information at a later date regarding the tour for International Model A Ford Day which is scheduled for September 26th.

It was announced by **Denny** that club dues will be due October 1<sup>st</sup> and membership was increased to \$25.00 per the

The evening's refreshment were provided by **Bev Grant**, Kay Lumbert, Linda Lumbert, Ruth Anne Praeger and Susan Stone.

Vice President, Randy Frazer presented a video for the evening program entitled "How to Change Timing Gears" Meeting Adjourned.

The next meeting: August 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P. M.

Joanna Adams

Secretary

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The end of August is drawing near and with that comes cooler weather. If your Model A is growing restless from hiding from the heat, start making plans now for adventures in the fall. September offers four club opportunities to get the Model A out of captivity. It's nice to go out in the garage to look at and tinker with our Model A's, but it's so much better to take a Model A for a drive and share them with everyone. I'm sure that we have all had the experience of answering questions and hearing the stories from people

we've met simply because we were driving the Model A.

If you haven't led a Club tour in a few years I would encourage you to consider showing the rest of us a point of interest that you've heard of. Visit with Don Grabendike our tour chairman extraordinaire. I'm sure he can give helpful hints to make it easy for you and enjoyable for all.

Denny Ellerman, President

The Wichita A's meet on the 4th Monday of the month with exception to the month of May and December. Due to Memorial Day Weekend in May, the meeting is held on the 3rd Monday of the month. 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.

#### **FUTURE TOURS AND EVENTS**



# Ice Cream Social Sunday, September 20, 2015



The **Ludlows** are having an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, 9/20/2015 at 6:00 PM.. Please bring lawn chairs, Ice Cream or desert. Table service will be furnished.

The address is 345 S. Milstead St., Wichita. If you are heading north or south on 119th St., turn on to Taft St., located south of Maple St., then turn left on Milstead St.

Information: Darrell & Doris Jean Ludlow

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#### Men's Tour September 25-27, 2015

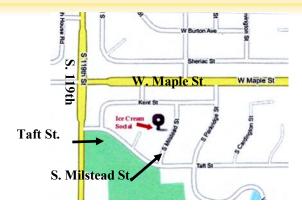


Tour will begin Friday morning and return Sunday afternoon. Leave from McDonald's in Goddard at 8:00 am and travel west to Meade, Liberal, Hugoton and who-knows-where else. Lots of old cars, trucks, tractors, airplanes and miscellaneous rusty stuff to look at. Some roads are guaranteed to be unpaved and have been known to be muddy.

Overnight Friday and Saturday nights at Days Inn in Liberal. Call 620-626-7377 for reservations and mention Wichita A's. Rate is \$80.99 per night plus tax.

This tour is arranged by Tom Ruggles and Steve McLaughlin. Cost is \$5.00 per member, meals and lodging on your own. You can call Tom at 316-258-3234 or sign up at the August meeting.

Tom Ruggles .....



#### **International Model A Ford Day**

Saturday, September 26, 2015

This year our tour will be a leisurely drive in the country. We will travel about 15 miles on dirt roads. There will be NO sign-up sheet, JUST SHOW UP. We will depart from the Sam's Club parking lot on west Kellogg at 8:00 AM.

Don & Terry Grabendike ......



#### Club Christmas Party December 13, 2015

The Model A Club Christmas Party will be held at the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon in Benton KS on Sunday, Dec. 13th starting at 12:00 noon, for those that want to be there early. There will be horse drawn rides, classic Christmas movies, a museum and gift shop. There is free popcorn and coffee during this time. At 1:15pm you will be seated and served at 1:30pm. This is an all-you-can-eat meal consisting of brisket, sausage, beans, roasted potatoes, biscuits, apple crisp and ice cream. After your meal you will be entertained by the Prairie Rose Rangers. This will end at approximately 4:00pm.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the August, September and October meetings with driving directions available if needed.

Cost for club members: \$25 Cost for nonmembers: \$35

Children ages 3-12: \$10 Children will be entertained with a movie while the program is in progress.

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Prairie Rose



#### Ladies' Christmas Brunch December 5, 2015

The Ladies' Christmas Brunch will be on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. We will meet at Color Me Mine at 2441 N. Maize Road for brunch and a ceramic painting party. You will get your own ceramic piece to paint which will be glazed and fired. The cost is \$10 per member and \$20 per guest. Due to space limitations, we are limited to 45 ladies, so be sure and sign up early. We can't wait to see how creative the Model A ladies can be.

Claudia Ellerman and Dawna Ruggles



#### **2016 MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

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**Hubley Derby:** http://www.milehighcountry2016.org/Hubley Derby.html

**Hotels:** http://www.milehighcountry2016.org/Hotels.html

Contact: ModelA2016@gmail.com

#### **2016 MARC NATIONAL MEET**

#### Attention all Wichita A's: "please note Denny's August 15th deadline"

The MARC National Meet for 2016 will be held in Toledo, Ohio June 27<sup>th</sup> thru July 1<sup>st</sup>. The event is being hosted by the "Sweet Sixteen A's" and I received a letter and a few raffle tickets from the club. They are trying to raise "seed money" for their national meet. The letter reads in part: "We will be raffling a rebuilt Model A engine (first prize) and a Model T style go-cart (second prize). Winning tickets will be drawn at the Banquet on Friday, July 1, 2016. Tickets sell for \$2 each or 3/\$5. We would like the members of your region to consider purchasing a ticket in advance to help us with some of our meet prep expenses."

I have confirmed that you need not be present to win, MARC membership is not required and that shipping or pick-up can be arranged. I presume that shipping would be at your expense not the Sweet Sixteen A's. I will accept verbal requests for the number of tickets you might like to buy until 12:00 noon August 15<sup>th</sup>. You can call my cell @....... or our home @ .... I will order the tickets and have them for delivery at the August 24<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

**Dennis Ellerman** 

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### **September Birthdays**

- 2 Karla Shepherd
- 4 Pat McHenry
- 5 Bill Shearer
- 6 Esther Stoss
- 10 Bill Brooks
- 10 Larry Cushenbery
- 10 Kent McIntyre
- 13 Debbie Grady
- 15 Bob Phye
- 17 Marvin Hamlin
- 18 Janice Zamecnik
- 21 Jackie Clark
- 21 Lavina Schroeder
- 21 Cory Unruh
- 23 Al Álbers
- 24 Sondra Kester
- 24 Tim Straub
- 25 Paula McIntyre
- 27 Jim Clark
- 27 Jeannie Cole
- 28 Terry Grabendike
- 28 Joyce Guinty
- 29 Tom Waite
- 30 Maria Hildibrand



## ROSTER UPDATE New Address

Otto and Ruth Anne Praeger

Wichita, KS 67226

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#### **Thank You**

Thank you guys for all the cards and calls and most of all your prayers. The best of friends and we miss you guys. Steve & Linda Boivin



#### Congratulations!

Jim & Lylia Clark have a new granddaughter, Zoe Grace Clark, born 7/21/15, 6 lbs 12 oz, 18". Parents are Zac and Meghan Clark.

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Robert & Karen Novak

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James & Janet Butler

Wichita KS 67204

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#### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

#### September 2015

- ♦ Francis Grady
- Ruth Goodman
- Randy Frazer
- Peggy Chenoweth
- Trudee Harshfield

#### October 2015

- Vicki Hildibrand
- ♦ Linda Cushman
- ♦ Glenda Sill
- Barb Phye
- ♦ Mike James

#### November 2015

- ♦ Rex Kraus
- Jim Clark
- ♦ Alan Orr
- ♦ Fred Hilger
- ♦ Marcia Hillman

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#### **Our Deepest Sympathy**

Prayers of sympathy for **Lea Ann Standrich** and family in the observance of the death of her husband, **Bob Standrich** on July 27th. He was a club member.



Prayers of sympathy for **Ann Toeppen** and family in the observance of the death of her husband, **Roger Toeppen** on July 14th. He was a former club member.

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Several of you knew **Harold Naber** from Peyton, CO. He visited our annual swap meets and attended our regional meets. In 2007, his granddaughter, who was 16 at the time, drove a Model A from back east to our regional meet. He attended our Saturday morning breakfast several times with **Wayne Orr**. He passed away on July 19, 2016.

We offer our sympathy to his wife, Velma and family.



#### For Sale

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#### **Newsletter Deadline**

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 Tuesday, October 13, 2015



I'm in the market for a Model A Ford. I prefer a 1930 or 1931. Here is my preference list (prioritized)

- 1) Any coupe with rumble seat 1930 -1931
- 2) Any Fordor 1930 1931
- 3) Any Tudor 1930 1931

I'm looking for a good solid driver - something I can tinker with from time to time. A real show car would probably be out of my price range.

I prefer something with correct colors for the model and year. A car that has been changed to 12 volts or has had the brakes changed to hydraulic brakes would be OK also.

I very much prefer a car already registered in Kansas. Thanks.

**James Butler** 

316 253 1127 (cell phone)

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I am looking for a distributer for a 1930 Model A. I want one I can rebuild.

**Dennis Dye** (316) 308-7075

#### **CLUB DUES ARE DUE OCT 1st!**

It is that time again! Wichita A's Club dues (\$25) are due October 1 (and Late December 15). There is a form in this newsletter and also on the Wichita A's website: wichitaas.com. You may pay at the meeting or mail your dues to the club address on the form.

As you renew this year, **Please Mark whether you would like your newsletter e-mailed and/or sent in the mail.** A lot of Members are opting for the e-mail version (all in color) or even just reading it on the website. With the e-mail option you get it several days before the snail mail one gets to your home. We have a terrific newsletter – just let us know how you would like to receive it!!

Also, update your info on the form & Make sure your name is on it! Thanks – Susan Stone (membership)

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(Oct.1 thru Sept. 30)

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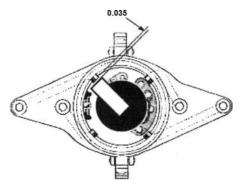
# Tech Talk

#### Rotor Gap - Just as important as point gap

It is amazing how much time we put into setting breaker point gap to tune our Model "A's" to perfection, yet almost always ignore the gap between the rotor tip and the contact points in the distributor body.

On the last seven Model "A's" I looked at, the alignment of the rotor tip and contact points were not only skewed, but also too far apart. Admittedly, the voltage of the spark at this point has been increased tremendously by the coil, but as we know, air is a terrible conductor and the larger the gap, the more voltage it takes to jump it. Let's save the voltage for the spark plugs.

First check alignment of the tip to contact point with the distributor cap off. Remove the spark plug wires from the distributor body so that they will not put any tension on the body, thus cocking it. The flat, angled rotor tip should be horizontally straight across from the contact point, not higher or lower. If the



center of the rotor tip is below the contact point in the distributor body, do not try to bend the tip up as this will either cause it to break off or will cause the rotor tip to not be parallel to the contact point. The solution is to cut some round shims, placing them inside of the rotor body between it and the cam screw until rotor tip alignment with the contact points in the distributor is correct. Remember to cut a notch in your shims to match the inside of the rotor body.

Next check the gap between the rotor tip and contact points on the distributor body. After years of polishing rotor tips and contact points, many of the Model "A's" I have checked had over a 0.060 gap. Try a new rotor and/or distributor body and bring the gap down to 0.035. This is where my "A" runs best at top speed. You can also build up the contact points with solder and then carefully file them back down to the correct gap. Rotors can still be bought through your local auto parts store as "Standard FD-15" or "NAPA SA3" for about \$1.80.

I hope these suggestions will help those who might be having top speed trouble or hard starting. That missing and sputtering may just be a 10-minute job to align and gap your rotor.

How to Restore Your Model A, Volume 7
- Grape Country A's

This was copied from the July 2015 issue of the Script "A" News.



#### **ERA FASHIONS**

#### L<sup>+</sup>ECHO DE PARIS



## SLEEVES DECIDE THE TYPE OF SUMMER SPORTS FROCKS

Sleeveless fashions offer a choice of different types in the new sports frocks. If one plays a great deal of tennis or wears little jackets to complete the sports ensemble, or if one's arms are very attractive with no sleeves whatever, the armholes of the sports frock are cut wide and emphasized by trimming bands. If one wants a frock for wear without a coat for every day and shopping as well as sports, one is smart in a sports frock with kimono sleeves.

No. 5666. Inverted pleats at each side supply fullness in a straight line frock with a suntan neck and short kimono sleeves.

No. 5688. Narrow bands trim the neckline, the armholes and the waistline of a tennis frock. The skirt is pleated at each side.

Copied from August 1929 issue of McCall's magazine.

#### NATIONAL MODEL A CLUBS



#### **MAFCA**

250 S. Cypress St. La Habra, CA 90631-5515 www.mafca.com U.S. Membership Cost: \$40 The Wichita A's Model A
Ford Club encourages
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: \$40

#### **LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS**

#### 2015 - 2016 SWAP MEET SCHEDULE

October 7-10, 2015	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet.	Hershey, PA
October 15-17, 2015	Chickasha Swap Meet.	Chickasha, OK
October 24-25, 2015	16th Annual Swap Meet by Sedgwick Street Rodders	Hutchinson, KS
February 5-6, 2016	2016 Kansas Sunflower for Charity Swap Meet at KS Pavilions	Park City, KS
March 17-18, 2016	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet	Chickasha, OK
April 28-May , 2016	Pate Swap Meet.	Fort Worth, TX
May 11-14, 2016	Chickasha Spring Swap Meet.	Chickasha, OK
June 14-18, 2015	Petit Jean Swap Meet.	Petit Jean, AR
June 25-26, 2016	Swap Meet Fremont.	Fremont, NE
July 7-9, 2016	Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet.	Iola, WI

#### 2015 - 2017 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

December 2-5, 2015	MAFCA National Awards Banquet	Medford, OR
April 7-9, 2016	MARC Membership Meet	Flint, MI
June 19-24, 2016	2016 MAFCA National Convention.	Loveland, CO
June 25 - July 1, 2016	MARC National Meet - Sweet Sixteen Region	Perrysburg, OH
September 19-22, 2016	MARC National Tour Hudson Valley Region	Newburgh, NY
December 5-8, 2016	MAFCA National Awards Banquet	Reno, NV
June 5-9, 2017	Omaha Regional Meet.	Omaha, NE
September 10-17, 2017	MAFCA National Tour - Pacific Northwest Tour	Lions Gate Model A Club

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Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th. N

**Meeting Starts 7:00 PM** 

4th Monday of each month except the month of May. No Meeting in December

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