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FEBRUARY REFRESHMENTS



- Brenda Broadhead
- Brigitte Baggs
- Eric Broadhead
- Ruth Goodman
- Arley Bennett

CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE



February 2012

27..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM
Program: Tour Planning by Don Grabendike

March 2012

13..... Newsletter Deadline..editor@wichitaas.com.....
26..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM

April 2012

10..... Newsletter Deadline..editor@wichitaas.com.....
12-15... MARC Membership Meet.....Perrysburg, OH
26..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th7:00 PM

May 2012

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

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WICHITA A'S MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2012

The 297th meeting of the Wichita A's was called to order on January 23, 2012 by President, **Jim Broadhead**.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the last newsletter.

Our newest member, **Ella Broadhead**, baby daughter of **Eric and Leslie Broadhead** made her first club debut and **Randy Frazer** was again in attendance.

Dawna Ruggles gave the treasurer's report for **Ray Harshfield**.

Vicki Hildibrand passed around the upcoming swap meet food sign-up sheets.

Thank-you notes to the club were shared. **Bonita Graham** reported that the **Praeger's** have been blessed with a new great-grandson. **Doug Schoemaker's** mother passed away and the **Sharps** have lost their father. **Ray Harshfield's** son has had brain surgery.

There were no other reports or new busi-

ness items. **Don Grabendike** and **Bob Titus** reported on the New Year's Day tours.

After a break for refreshments provided by **Rita Hoffmans, June Hall, Roy Goats, Lenette Kottas**, and **Nora Meyer, Frank Chenoweth** led the planning discussion for the up-coming swap meet. After that discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Announcements and dates to remember:

Registration for the Iowa Regional Meet from June 11-15 is now found online

Next Regional Meet Planning session at

Kibbe's Feb. 13, 7:00

Post Swap Meet Potluck and Bunco Party, Feb. 18, Kiwanis Park Bldg., 6:00

Next club meeting Feb. 27th, 7:00

Dawna Ruggles

Reporting Secretary

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to everyone that helped make the 37th swap meet a success! The rain Friday did not slow anyone down and we are so thankful that there was no snow or ice.

Don Grabendike will have the tour- planning program at our February meeting. If you have some ideas about tours let Don know. The tours we go on also need leaders so please think about getting together with a friend and leading a tour.

The Post Swap Meet Potluck Supper and Bunco Party will be at Kiwanis Park at 6PM on February 18th. Come join us to celebrate another successful meet.

With the beautiful weather we have had this winter there is no reason for you not to be out driving your Model A.

Jim Broadhead,
President

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Amazing how each month I wonder what I'm going to write about, but not this time. The other day I received the Flint Hill's Touring A's newsletter via email. I understand it is their first newsletter. The club is located in Topeka, KS.

I was really impressed with the formatting the editor, Betty Jo Hoadley, applied to her newsletter. She really did a great job. I then realized I was in a rut and needed to step up my game. For better or worse, you will notice changes that were made in this newsletter.

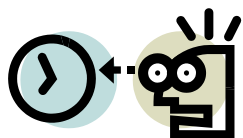
The Post Swap Meet Party is being held this Saturday and due to the newsletter deadline I will cover it with pictures in the March issue.

Linda Kibbe
Editor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2012 Birthdays

3-1 Frank Chenoweth
 3-1 Jim Nungesser
 3-2 Dale Havercroft
 3-3 Carolyn Nungesser
 3-5 Ed Hakenholz
 3-5 Claudette Laurie
 3-8 Merv Criser
 3-8 Ray Mauck
 3-10 Gary Cox
 3-10 Barbara Moore
 3-11 Gary Agard
 3-13 Ken Meyer
 3-14 Wayne Orr
 3-14 Charles Schuman
 3-15 Jerry Allen
 3-16 Arley Bennett
 3-16 David Moore
 3-16 Vickie Wempe
 3-19 Clarence Howland
 3-19 Doris Jean Ludlow
 3-21 Roger Graham
 3-25 Steve Boivin
 3-25 Ira Hall
 3-25 Lana Waite
 3-28 Bob Titus
 3-29 Earlene Foote
 3-30 Janice Wilson
 3-31 Don Arnold
 3-31 Richard Ashford
 3-31 Naomi Wollmann



Newsletter Deadline

Tue., February 14, 2012
 Tue., March 13, 2012

Sympathy



Prayers for **Jim & Judi Sharp** in observance of the death of his Father, **Leonard Sharp**.

Prayers for **Doug Schoemaker** and Family in observance of the death of his mother.

On The Mend

Bert Courtright had knee replacement surgery on Jan 11th. He and Virginia have now resumed their morning walks at Towne West Square

Thank you!

To the Wichita A's
 Thank you so much for the beautiful floral basket I received during my recent hospital stay. The flowers were wonderful, as are all the Wichita Model A's.

Thanks again.

Barb Phye

To The Wichita Model 'A' Club
 Thank you for your generous contribution to the memorial fund at Dad's church.

Mom and Dad enjoyed the friendships of those in the club and I certainly have enjoyed the times I attended the Saturday morning breakfasts with him.

Sincerely
 Murray Cox

For Sale

1931 5-Window Coupe Model A

It has a new motor, radiator, front end and new Firestone whitewall tires. It is all steel.

\$9,500 – \$10,000

Simon Salazar

cell:

home:

31 S/W Town Sedan

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Bill Garrett

Home:

5 19" Goodyear whitewall tires and tubes. Approx. 3500 miles, good condition.

\$250 for all.

Mark Clark

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Refreshments

March

Claudia Ellerman
 Dawna Ruggles
 Becky Straub
 Kat Gleeson
 Donna Hileman

April

Nancy Slater
 Grace Brooks
 Sandy Titus
 Kay & Linda Lumbert
 Corky Armstrong/Agnes Stamm

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUE

New Members

James & Jean Titus

.....
Wichita KS 67212

Richard & Cheryl Wunder

.....
Olathe KS 66061

Frank & Yanti Wyant

.....
Rockledge FL 32955

.....
'30 Fordor

(Frank is currently in Wichita working at Learjet.)



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John Weninger

****FUTURE TOUR****



FOR GET ME NOT TOUR

Dodge City Ks

April 13-15, 2012

13th: The tour will include a stop at Greensburg to tour some of the new building and to have lunch.

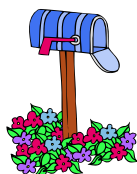
14th: Dodge City for a tour of a new Dairy Farm then on to Ingalls KS to visit the Santa Fe Trail Museum. After lunch then we will return to Dodge City.

15th Leave Dodge city heading home stopping at the Big Basin Prairie Preserve and St Jacobs Well. We will then travel to Ashland to visit the Harold Krier Museum. After lunch we will head on to Wichita.

Cost per member \$15 non member \$60

Contact the **Travel Lodge Motel** for reservation. Cost is **\$49.99 plus tax**. Continental breakfast is provided. It has been newly renovated. Please make reservation by march 30th and after that they can't promise a room.
Phone # 620-227-2125

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New Address

Peters, Lloyd 'Pete' & Rheta

.....
Pittsburg KS 66762-3664

Model A's

Recently Purchased

- ♦ Darrell Ludlow purchased a 1929 Ford Coupe.
- ♦ John Stone purchased a 1931 S/W 4dr.
- ♦ Roy Goats purchased a 1931 S/ W 4dr parts car

PAST ACTIVITIES & TOUR

2012 SUNFLOWER SWAP MEET



A picture of the swap meet taken from above the Pavilion 1 office.
Photo taken by Wanda Steffens



Judy Hill and Pat McHenry waiting to take renewals.
Photo taken by Wanda Steffens



Bill and Grace Brooks selling good stuff.
Photo taken by Wanda Steffens

In my opinion we had a great Swap Meet . Thanks to all of the club members who made it great. It is always fun and renew old friendship and make new ones. The pavilion folks were great to work with and the weather was Perfect (beautiful on Move in day, and rainy on Friday so people could not do anything outside.)

It has been reported that there were over 20,000 people attending the swap meet. Thanks for all the help.

Frank Chenoweth



Chris Cushman is hard at work.

Photo by Roland Dickey



Kerry Steffens, Lawrence Kottas and Scott Guinty looking very happy while being in charge of the doors in the car barn.
Photo taken by Wanda Steffens

Continue next page:



Ed & Bob Giesen working very hard. Photo taken by **W. Steffens**



MASH ambulance even showed up in the car barn.
Photo taken by **Linda Kibbe**



Swap Meet Chairman **Frank Chenoweth** is talking to **Roland Dickey**.
Photo taken by **Linda Kibbe**



31 S/W Fordor for sale.
Photo taken by **Linda Kibbe**



Wallace Wade is hiding among the tires he is selling.
Photo taken by **Wanda Steffens**



Pizza Party held after swap meet.
Photo taken by **Linda Kibbe**

SPECIAL INTEREST

TIRE MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE MODEL A

Most of the new cars today come equipped with a tire monitoring system. A light on the dash indicates when your vehicle has a low tire. Believe it or not a system of sorts was available for the Model A although it was a little more mechanical.

The system included a spring action device that is secured between the tire and wheel and sounds off with a snapping noise when a tire becomes low on air pressure, a signal for the driver to stop. The bulge in the sidewall would emit a "snap" with each rotation of the tire. The "snapper" reminds us of the clicker toys from our youth that would snap with finger pressure.

The system was manufactured right here in Wichita by, Simpson Manufacturing Co. at 307 W. Douglas. This 300 block today is the location of the, Century II Convention Center Plaza.

Now the interesting part: We had never seen or heard of such an item until about 10 years ago, when **John Stone** was searching around on e-Bay and found an offering for a set of Simpson Snappers for bid. The picture illustrated the original box with the Wichita name and address on it. The item was located in New Jersey. The price was reasonable so John purchased the set and added it to his collection of interesting items.

Just this month another set is being offered for sale on eBay in Indiana but the price is not so reasonable.

We decided to research the Simpson Company that made the "Snappers". After several clicks on Google we were directed to a January 1930 edition of *Popular Mechanics Magazine*, page 139. On that page was a small advertisement, for the "snappers". They were trying to solicit salesmen and distributors and you could send for a free sample. We are wondering if the "snappers" that are showing up on eBay are the unused samples that folks have found in the belongings of their ancestors. And we are amazed that Google led us to a small ad in an 82 year old magazine, page 139. What will the future bring? RG



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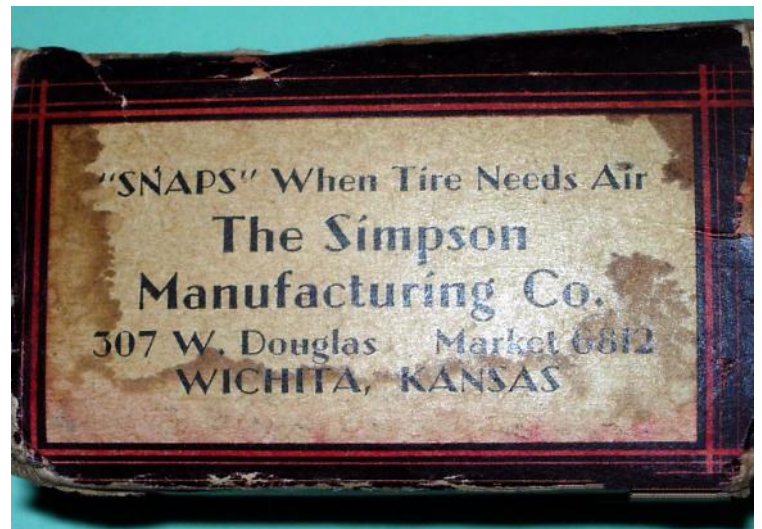
Name

Address

Size of Tire

Simpson Manufacturing Co.
Dept. H. 307 West Douglas, Wichita, Kan.

Ad in Jan. 1930 Popular Mechanics



Original Box

Continued Tire Monitoring System for a Model A



Mounting Instructions



Snappers, Flex when tire is low.



Position on wheel

2012 Club Rosters



Club Rosters will be handed out at the February meeting and those not picked up will be mailed. PLEASE check your information and let me know if there are any corrections. Roster updates will be in future newsletters so you can keep your roster up to date. There will be extra rosters at the March meeting.

IF you move, please let me know so I can keep your newsletter going to the correct address.

– Susan Stone

P.S. We have updated our Wichita A's 'club e-mail list'. We send out information that may come up between newsletters and club meetings. If you would like to be on this list or you would like to be taken off the list, just call or e-mail Linda Kibbe editor@wichitaas.com or Susan Stone membership@wichitaas.com. This is not the same as the 'e-mail the newsletter' list. If you are not receiving the newsletter via e-mail and would like to, please respond to either of the above. It is a great way to read the newsletter – all in color AND you will receive it several days earlier than printed one you get via postal mail.

ERA FASHIONS



6527

6533

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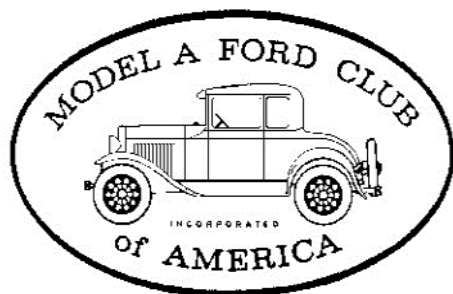
No. 6527. A simple design ideally suited to the use of prints. The sleeves are in the capelet fashion and the shaped seaming of the draped skirt gives youthfully slender lines.

No. 6533. Again the cape-fichu comes into play on a chic afternoon gown. The yoke effect on the skirt repeats the line of the capelet. In a smart new contrast combination.

No. 6535. The light-bodice and dark-skirt combination is one of the newest ways of introducing contrast. Also new is the short raglan sleeve that flares in capelet manner.

Copied from the May 1931 issue of McCall's magazine.

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**The Wichita A's Model A
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members to join both
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MARC
6721 Merriman
Garden City, MI 48315
U.S. Membership Cost: \$38

LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

2012 SWAP MEET SCHEDULE

Feb 17-19.....	Conroe Swap Meet.....	.....Conroe, TX
Feb 24-26.....	WCAAC Decatur Swap Meet.....	.....Decatur, TX
March 15-16.....	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet.....	.....Chickasha, OK
March 15-17.....	Norman Spring Swap Meet.....	.....Norman, OK
April 14-15.....	Ararat Shrine's Swap Meet.....	.....Lee's Summit, MO
April 26-19.....	Pate Swap Meet.....	.....Fort Worth, TX
May 4-6.....	Lawrence Swap Meet.....	.....Lawrence, KD
May 10-12.....	Chickasha Spring Swap Meet.....	.....Chickasha, OK
June 12-16.....	Petit Jean Swap Meet.....	.....Petit Jean, AR
June 23-24.....	Swap Meet Fremont.....	.....Fremont, NE
July 12-15.....	Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet.....	.....Iola, WI
August 17-19.....	Springfield Swap Meet.....	.....Springfield, MO
September 15-16.....	Ararat Shrine's Swap Meet.....	.....Lee's Summit, MO
September 19-22.....	Petit Jean Fall Swap Meet.....	.....Petit Jean, AR
October 3-6.....	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet.....	.....Hershey, PA
TBA	Chickasha Antique Auto Club Swap Meet & Car Show.....	.....Chickasha, OK
October 25-27.....	Fall 2012 Norman Swap Meet.....	.....Norman, OK
October 27-28.....	Sedgwick Street Rodders Swap Meet, KS State Fairgrounds.....	.....Hutchinson, KS
November 2-4.....	Conroe Swap Meet.....	.....Conroe, TX

2011 - 2014 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

April 12-15, 2012.....	MARC Membership Meet.....	.....Perrysburg, OH
June 11-15, 2012.....	Central Iowa Model A Ford Club Regional Meet.....	.....Altoona, IA
June 11-15, 2012.....	MARC National Meet.....	.....Oshkosh, WI
June 18-22, 2012.....	MAFCA National Convention.....	.....Marquette, MI
September 16-19, 2012.....	MARC National Tour.....	.....Chattanooga, TN
April 11-14, 2013.....	MARC Membership Meet.....	.....Charlotte, NC
June 17-21, 2013.....	Wichita A's Regional Meet.....	.....Wichita, KS
June 24-28, 2013.....	MARC National Meet.....	.....Lexington, KY
July 14-18, 2014.....	MAFCA National Convention.....Tacoma, WA
2014.....	Tulsa Model A Club Regional Meet.....Tulsa, OK



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