



# WICHITA A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB

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### January Refreshments

- ♦ Helen Louise Beaver
- ♦ Orpha Eyres
- ♦ Nora Meyer
- ♦ Rita Hoffmans
- ♦ Terry Grabendike

### CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

#### January 2015



26..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th .....7:00 PM  
Program: Swap Meet Review - Tom Ruggles

#### February 2015



6-7..... Sunflower Swap Meet, Kansas Pavilions.....Wichita A's  
21..... After Swap Meet Bunco Party.....Wichita A's  
23..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th .....7:00 PM

#### March 2015



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

#### April 2015



9-12.... MARC Membership Meet .....Joliet, IL  
27..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th .....7:00 PM

#### May 2015



18..... Club Meeting Picnic.....Location to be determined.

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## WICHITA A'S MEETING

November 24, 2014

President **Dennis Ellerman**, called the November meeting of the Wichita A's to order. There were no guests or new members present at this meeting. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the news-letter. Motion passed.

**Rex Kraus**, Treasurer gave a financial report. Sunshine Lady, **Bonita Graham** reported that **Kim Giesen's** brother and also **Lawrence and Lenette Kottas'** daughter had passed away. Also, she reported that **Kim Grabendike** was better and **John Weninger** was being moved to a Rehab Center.

There was no report for MAFCA nor a report for the Wichita Area Council meeting.

**Dennis** reminded members that Club dues are past due.

**Don Waller** reported that 47 people attended the turkey dinner at Yoder. **Linda Bolvin** reminded the ladies of the upcoming Christmas Party on November 29<sup>th</sup>. **Chris Cushman** announced that the Christmas Dinner would be at the Double Tree on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The New Year's Day Tour with **Don Grabendike** will begin at 11:30 A.M. at the Riverside Café. **Tom** reminded members to sign up for the work areas for the upcoming Swap Meet in February.

**Dennis** reminded members to sign up for cookies for 2015. The refreshments for this evening were furnished by **Roy Groates, Fred Hilger, Jane McLaughlin, Sheila Orr and Judy Sharp**.

The McCurdy Auction Company again this year called our annual charity auction. Thanks again to **Wayne Orr** for scheduling the McCurdy Auction auctioneers.

The next meeting: January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Meeting adjourned.

**Joanna Adams**, Secretary

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the November newsletter I requested that everyone bring quality items for the charity auction and non-perishable food items. The generous response was heart-warming. A total of \$2567.00 and 480 pounds of food went to the charities we had selected. I am so proud to be a member of this club.

January 26<sup>th</sup> is a very important meeting.

**Tom Ruggles** will be in charge of the program portion of the meeting answering questions and telling us about any important changes in the swap meet. It will be your best opportunity to sign up for any vacant work places. As always, it is very important that everyone join in the fun and do their part.

Every member has received a letter explaining the sale of the swap-meet. The purpose of the letter was to ensure that everyone received accurate information and to avoid the inevitable distortions of the rumor mill. As stated in that letter, there will be a representative of the Sunflower Charity Swap Meet at our January meeting. He will have an opportunity to tell us about his group and their plans for the new swap meet. He will also be prepared to give the Wichita A's membership "first chance" at renting a space in the 2016 Sunflower Charity Swap Meet. During negotiations for the purchase of the swap meet I requested that the word "Sunflower" be included in the new name to honor the Wichita A's members who worked during the forty years of the meet. I pointed out that this was our primary source of income, and they offered the refunding to the club treasurer the money spent by club members for up to forty rented spaces. This meeting will be your best chance at having a space for 2016.

**Dennis Ellerman**, President

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Information for the Midwest Regional Meet on June 8-12, 2015 is on the following web site: <http://www.2015regional.com/> You can download the registration form, etc. For club members who do not have access to a computer please call me prior to the January meeting and I will give the information to you at the meeting.



Several days ago, I emailed out the information and registration form covering the 52nd Texas Model A Tour, which takes place June 11-14, 2014. For those who do not have access to a computer and wanting a registration form, please call me prior to the January meeting and I will give you the information at the club meeting.

Linda Kibbe, Editor

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.

FYI

### MARC Driving Awards

The Model A Restorers Club has a Driving Awards Program available to MARC members only. The award recognition begins at 2,000 miles and the second award level is 5,000 miles. The participant receives a round blue plaque with the first mileage level and a replacement mileage tab is awarded thereafter. If you are interested in participating, read more about the program on the Model A Restorers Club web site under Driving Awards or contact Brenda Broadhead. The car registration and mileage for 2014 needs to be turned in by February 28, 2015.

**Brenda Broadhead** .....



### 2015 CLUB ROSTERS at CLUB MEETING & SWAP MEET

2015 Club Rosters will be handed out at the January meeting and the Swap Meet. To pick yours up at the Swap Meet, go to the P-1 Office. The ones that are left after the swap meet will be mailed. PLEASE check your information as printed 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 is a page available for New Member listings. 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 this list, let Linda Kibbe or Susan Stone know. This list is not the same as the 'e-mail the newsletter list'. If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please respond to Linda or Susan. It is a great way to read the newsletter – all in color AND you will receive it several days earlier than the printed one you get via postal mail.



## Ladies Christmas Luncheon



## Club Christmas Party



**Orpha Eyres** laughing at her husband, **Ron**, holding a singer in his arms.



**Ray Hoffmans** giving us a little entertainment.



**Joanna & Gilbert Adams, Dale Hellar, and Linda & Rex Kraus**



**Denny Ellerman** announcing the program.



**Bob Giesen, Ray Harshfield, June & Norm Hall and Bob & JoAnn Bruce.**



# First Tour 2015



Guess who's Model A showed up on the tour!



A little freezing rain happened during the tour.



Twenty two Model A's were driven on this tour.



**Don and Terry Grabendike** drove their roadster, with the top down, again this year.



Over flow of club members went to another restaurant.

## STEVE MC LAUGHLIN'S MODEL A EXPERIENCE

### PART ONE

**Steve** was raised on a farm near Clearwater, Ks. The farm was on a dirt road and the School Bus couldn't pick-up him and his sister when it rained as the bus would slide off in the ditch. So, in 1952 **Steve's** dad bought a 30 Model A Tudor from the local barber for \$50. **Steve** learned to drive the Tudor (while still in grade school!!!) He would drive his sister and himself to the gravel road where they would meet the bus, and return home in the evening. He had no trouble holding the Model A on the mud road as it would follow the ruts with no problem.

A couple of years later, **Steve** got his license so he drove the Model A to high school for the first couple of years before he got a newer car. The Model A was used extensively around the farm and it got to the point that it wouldn't stay in high gear. He then fashioned a stick to jam between the lever and the dash to hold it in. At one point the engine was really "tired" and wouldn't run anymore. They found someone in town that had a Smith Air Compressor conversion on a Model A engine so they bought it, took the compressor head off and installed it in the Tudor. After many years the Model A wouldn't run any longer so they parked it in a cattle shed for several years. Then one day the wind blew the shed away. They pulled the Model A to a shelter belt where it sat for another 20 or so years.

After high school, **Steve** left the farm and moved to Anthony, Ks, where he started his lifetime vocation, selling farm machinery and heavy equipment. He always intended to restore the Model A, but time passed and after 17 years he moved to Greensburg where he purchased the John Deere dealership. In 1981 while going through a divorce his ex-wife thought she should be entitled to ½ the value of the Model A. **Steve** called Leon White in Argonia and asked him to go and appraise the Model A and then load it up, take it to Argonia and restore it.

After a few years the Model A was restored and in 1997 **Steve** moved to Cheney where he and his wife **Jane** live today. As time went by and **Steve** started to drive the Model A, he met **Don Grabendike** who recruited him for membership in the Wichita A's.



**Steve's** 30 Model A after resting in a shelter belt for over 20 years.



Continue: Steve's Model A

At one time **Bob Phye** did some work on the A and **Steve** started to drive it more and more.

After many tours and miles, the Tudor was starting to get tired again, so in 2011 he had the Model A Medic restore it again. This time he added a "B" engine with a Miller Over Head Valve conversion. He also added an F150 Ford transmission with overdrive. This time it was painted Washington Blue and Riviera Blue.

Over the last 10 or 12 years **Steve** also collected, not 1, but 2, 31 Model A Convertible Sedans, Model, 400A. But that's a story for next issue. Look for **Steve McLaughlin, Part Two**. RG



Same Model A after 1st restoration in the eighties.



Steve with 30 Tudor after 2nd restoration in 2011.

## Henry Ford Quotes

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.

Read more at <http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/henryford132651.html#AyPMoflFAOsmRXJ5.99>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## February Birthdays

2-4 Sally Wendt  
 2-5 Dick Foote  
 2-6 Darrell Ludlow  
 2-9 Shirley Todd  
 2-11 Mary Lou Beskett  
 2-12 Russel Guthrie  
 2-12 Mike Hildibrand  
 2-12 Charles Slater  
 2-13 Bill Edmonson  
 2-19 Orpha Eyres  
 2-19 Bonita Graham  
 2-20 Bob Beaver  
 2-20 Ray Tackett  
 2-23 Linda Boivin  
 2-23 Charlie Pillar  
 2-24 Dawna Ruggles  
 2-25 Brenda Cowan  
 2-26 Garry Mahoney  
 2-26 Steve Shepherd  
 2-28 Ruth Goodman  
 2-28 Bea Robertson

## Hospitality Info!

Are you planning a club event with a meal involved?

You do not need to purchase the following supplies: paper plates, plastic ware, napkins and coffee, etc., for the meal. **Doris Jean and Darrell Ludlow**, are our Hospitality persons, and have these supplies available for our club activities.

They are only a phone call away to help you with your meal planning.

## Charity Auction Results

The following is the results of the charity auction. There was a total amount collected of \$2,567.00.

Breakdown was as follows:

Camp Hope	\$1,293.00
Share the Season	614.50
Carpenter Place	659.50

**Ed Giesen** reports he delivered about 480 pounds of food to The Lord's Diner!

## Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, February 10, 2015  
 Tuesday, March 10, 2015

## REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

### February 2015

- ◆ Brenda Broadhead
- ◆ Brigitte Baggs
- ◆ June Hall
- ◆ Dawna Ruggles
- ◆ Claudia Ellerman

### March 2015

- ◆ Linda Boivin
- ◆ Joanna Adams
- ◆ Donna Hileman
- ◆ Kat Gleeson
- ◆ Vickie Scroggin

## Sympathy

Prayers of sympathy for **Dennis & Lavina Schroeder** in the observation of the death of **Dennis'** brother.

Prayers of sympathy for **Kim & Ed Giesen** and family at the observance of the death of **Kim's** Brother.

## Thank You

Thank you for the cards and phone calls with get well wishes during my procedure.

**Richard Kibbe**

Thank you for your prayers during this difficult time. I really appreciate your thoughts and prayers with the loss of my brother Sean.

**Kim & Ed Giesen**

## For Sale

I have a used luggage rack that fits a 1930 Model A. Will sell for a reasonable offer.

Dennis Dye

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# ERA FASHIONS

## FRENCH VIEWS OF DAYTIME SIMPLICITY



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6234

6241

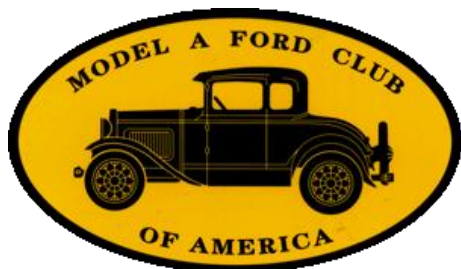
No. 6235. A girdle draped at one side of the waist accents the graceful lines of the flaring skirt which wraps around and falls in a long point at the side.

No. 6234. Princess lines are attractively varied by a bib collar shaped to repeat the lines of the skirt peplum which crosses over and curves up in the front.

No. 6241. A tailored frock with a fitted bodice and slightly flaring skirt adds the soft detail necessary to the new fashions in a jabot at one side of the neckline.

*Copied from the September 1930*

## NATIONAL MODEL A CLUBS



**MAFCA**

50 S. Cypress St.  
La Habra, CA 90631-5515  
[www.mafca.com](http://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.



**MARC**

6721 Merriman  
Garden City, MI 48315  
<http://modelarestorers.org>  
U.S. Membership Cost: \$38

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

## LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

### 2015 SWAP MEET SCHEDULE

February 6-7, 2015.....	Final Sunflower Swap Meet, Kansas Pavilions.....	.....Wichita, KS
March 19-20.....	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet.....	.....Chickasha, OK
April 30-May 3.....	Pate Swap Meet.....	.....Fort Worth, TX
May 1-3.....	Lawrence Antiques Automobiles of America Swap Meet.....	.....Lawrence, KS
May 7-9.....	Chickasha Spring Swap Meet.....	.....Chickasha, OK
June 16-20.....	Petit Jean Swap Meet.....	.....Petit Jean, AR
June 27-28.....	Swap Meet Fremont.....	.....Fremont, NE
July 9-12.....	Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet.....	.....Iola, WI
October 7-10.....	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet.....	.....Hershey, PA
October 15-17.....	Chickasha Swap Meet.....	.....Chickasha, OK



### 2014 - 2017 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

April 9-12, 2015.....	MARC Membership Meet.....	.....Joliet, IL
June 7-12, 2015.....	MAFCA National Tour.....	.....Lobsters & Lighthouses of Maine
June 8-12, 2015.....	Central Midwest Regional Meet.....	.....St. Joseph, MO
June 21-26, 2015.....	Canadian MARC National Meet.....	.....Niagara Falls
June 19-24, 2016.....	2016 MAFCA National Convention.....	.....Loveland, CO
2016.....	MARC Membership Meet.....	.....Open
2016.....	MARC National Meet.....	.....Open
September 19-22, 2016.....	MARC National Tour Hudson Valley Region.....	.....Newburgh, NY
2017.....	Regional Meet.....	.....Omaha, NE



## MAFCA NATIONAL TOUR

June 7-12, 2015  
Lobsters and Lighthouses of Maine

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## CENTRAL—MIDWEST MEET

June 8-12, 2015

St Joseph, MO

June 8-12, 2015

Host: Northwest Missouri  
Model A Ford Club



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## MARC NATIONAL MEET

June 21-26, 2015

Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Host: Canadian MARC



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## MAFCA NATIONAL

CONVENTION

July 19-24, 2016

Loveland, CO

Host: Model A Ford  
Club of Colorado

## MARC NATIONAL MEET

June 25-July 1, 2016

Perrysburg, OH

Sweet Sixteen Region

## Wichita A's Club Meeting

Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th. N

Meeting Starts 7:00 PM

4th Monday of each month  
No Meeting in December



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