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## January 2019

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## January Refreshments

### Beverage

Brenda Broadhead  
Cookies or Treats  
Rita Hoffmans  
Sheila Orr  
Dave Dreiling  
Bob Broeckelman

## CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

### January 2019

28..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th..... 7:00 PM  
Program: Tour Planning-Don Grabendike.....

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**Don't forget to bring your food donations this month that will be given to Bread of Life- Gil Adams will be collecting and distributing**

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

There will not be any Minutes this month as we held our Annual Christmas Party in lieu of the Novembers Meeting!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 2019 New Year greetings to all. Like fine wine from a good vintage year, our Model A Fords increased in vintage appeal as they all turned one more model year older at the stroke of midnight on December 31, 2018. As we look back the 88 to 91 years our Model A's have been around, I often ponder if Henry Ford ever envisioned into the future that his Model A would become such an iconic machine.

Our new year started with a great tour to downtown Wichita Old Chicago followed by a Model A drive to several established and long lived business enterprises near the downtown area. The history lesson provided by our own Don Grabendike revealed that many of the business establishments were operating when our Model A's came into existence. Indeed, it is not to hard to imagine that many employees back then drove a Model A to commute to their place of work.

Speaking of the future, commuting and envisioning, it is time to ponder 2019 Model A Tours! Please bring your dates and ideas to the meeting as we all gather to plan another year of Happy Model A'ing.

**Mike James**, President

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year to everyone!! Hope everyone joined in on the New Year Day Tour, it was a great beginning and much fun had by all! Please plan on attending the January meeting, bring your ideas for Tours and activities for this year. Let's make our Wichita A's Club remain strong and have fun along the way. I would encourage anyone with articles, information for the club, submitting tech articles or sharing your knowledge of Model A's with the club, please contact me at [editor@wichitaas.com](mailto:editor@wichitaas.com) or call me at . Also, share your time or cooking skills by signing up for the monthly refreshments. There is always a way to get involved, no matter what !

**Sheila Orr**, Editor

## 2019 CLUB ROSTERS AT CLUB MEETING

Many Thanks! To **Rex Kraus** for completing the Roster and electronically sending it to Fast Print! Thanks also to **Linda Kibbe** for updating the ads. The 2019 Rosters will be handed out at the January 28 Club meeting. The ones that are left after the club meeting will be mailed. PLEASE check you information as printed and let me know if there are any corrections. Roster Updates will be in future newsletters. If you move or change your email address, please let me know so I can keep your newsletter going to the correct address-**Susan Stone**

P.S. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please contact **Sheila**, **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.

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 'club list' or you would like to be taken off this list, let one of us know. **Sheila Orr** () **Linda Kibbe** () or **Susan Stone** () If you have something to send out, send it to one of these e-addresses.

## Wichita A's Board Meeting-January 10, 2019

### PRESIDENTS NOTE

**Mike James**, President of the Wichita A's, held a board meeting on January 10, 2019 at the Wichita Advanced Learning Library. The meeting started at 6:00 PM with the following board members and club members in attendance:

Board Members:

**Linda Kibbe, Dawna Ruggles, Claudia Ellerman, Gary Hileman, Gilbert Adams**

Club Members:

**Jim Broadhead, Sheila Orr, Richard Kibbe, Bonita Graham, Roger Graham, Bob Phye, Barb Phye, Donna Hileman and Denny Ellerman.**

Purpose of the meeting:

1. Discuss meeting space availability and cost;
2. Explore other potential options to enhance club revenues.

I shared with members in attendance the decline in membership numbers from the year 2000 to date as provided to me by **John & Susan Stone**. The club has had a decline of 160 members (approximately a 57% drop).

Our current meeting situation, Minisa Park with a monthly charge of \$180.00 was pointed out with the following alternatives provided: Advanced Learning Library, Alford Branch Library or Evergreen Branch Library. Prices for these facilities range from \$25.00 to \$75.00 per meeting. Because of parking, meeting time change requirements, non availability of kitchen space, the board did not want to pursue a change.

The second item of discussion was Club Banking. I made a suggestion to move accounts from Equishare Credit Union to CrossFirst to avail club savings of a higher certificate of deposit rate (1.51% vs. 3.1%). A brief discussion on this item was held but due to CrossFirst being on the east side of town and the burden of moving the accounts, no action was taken. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.

**Mike James**, President

### SECRETARY NOTES

The Wichita A's board met on January 10, 2019 at the Wichita Main Public Library. All board members (except **Randy Frazer**) and several club members were present. President **Mike James** called the meeting to order. **Claudia Ellerman** moved, **Gilbert Adams** seconded and it passed to waive the reading of the minutes from the last board meeting.

President **Mike James** proposed to the board moving the club's meeting place and moving the club's CD's in an attempt to save money.

Besides the two suggestions presented by **Mike**, the board and members discussed possibly cutting newsletter costs, club members taking more financial responsibility for tour expenses, and charging larger entry fees when it becomes our turn to plan and run the next Regional Meet.

It was the consensus of the board to leave things as they are right now with the exception of perhaps looking over the printing and mailing of the newsletter. The board was most impressed and grateful with the amount of work that our President accomplished in getting ready for this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned,  
**Dawna Ruggles**, Secretary



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### February Birthdays

- 2 Max Brown
- 4 Sally Wendt
- 5 Dick Foote
- 6 Darrell Ludlow
- 12 Mike Hildibrand
- 14 Kathy Schwab
- 19 Orpha Eyers
- 19 Bonita Graham
- 19 Shorty Hayes
- 20 Bob Beaver
- 20 Ray Tackett
- 23 Linda Boivin
- 24 Annette McCurdy
- 24 Dawna Ruggles



### Sympathy

Our sympathy to  
**Garry & Lynda  
Jensen** at the  
observance of the  
death of her Father  
(in November)



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### NEW MEMBERS

**Luke & Traci Headley  
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Wichita, Ks 67203



### MAFFI Brick Collection



We did not have a club meeting  
in November so our balance remains  
\$70.77!

**Denny Ellerman**

### THANK YOU

We appreciate the honor of having a  
brick donated in our name to the  
Model A Museum at the Gilmore  
Museum. It is one of our favorite  
places!

Thank you!

**John & Susan Stone**

### 2019 Refreshment Sign Up

Thank you to all that signed up to help  
with refreshments in 2019. The first two  
months are full but the rest of the year  
there are several open spots. If you enjoy  
eating the refreshments. It is not hard to  
help provide one time during the year.  
Stop at the store on the way to the meet-  
ing and pick up some cookies or a gallon  
of tea or punch and some ice to share  
with the other club members. The club  
provides coffee and paper goods. If you  
have any questions please call **Brenda  
Broadhead** at or

### Newsletter Deadline

Friday February 8, 2019  
**Sheila Orr**  
editor@wichitaas.com or  
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### Refreshment Committee

**January 2019  
Beverage**  
Brenda Broadhead

**Cookies or Treats**  
Rita Hoffmans  
Sheila Orr  
Dave Dreiling  
Bob Broeckelman

**February 2109  
Beverage**  
Claudia Ellerman

**Cookies or Treats**  
Orpha Eyres  
Marcia Kurtz  
Bill & Karen Loveland  
Dawna Ruggles

**PLEASE**

**SIGN**

**UP!**



## Club Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party was held on Monday, November 26, 2018 at the Minisa Park Shelter House. We had approximately 69 people who attended. Our newly installed President, **Mike James**, led us in song, The lyrics to Model A Jingle Bells! A delicious meal catered by When Pigs Fly was served. Then we were entertained by a Dirty Santa exchange gift! Someone received the HORSES!!! A great time had by all. Thanks to **Dawna Ruggles**, **Linda Kibbe** and **Sheila Orr** for arranging the party.



Watching the gift table before the party!



**Dawna Ruggles** keeping all the Dirty Santa gifts in the correct areas!



**Susan Stone and Claudia Ellerman**  
Keeping an eye on the gifts!



**Jeannie Cole, Bonita Graham, Sue Cushenbery, Lylia Clark, Rita Hoffmans and Barb Phye** enjoying the Holiday conversations!



**Debbie Rice, JoAnn Bruce, Jane McLaughlin and Kathy James**



**Bob Phye, Richard Kibbe and Alan Orr.** Wondering what these three are up to!!

## Christmas Party (continued)



**LOOKING  
FESTIVE  
AT THE  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY!**



**Ray & Trudee Harshfield, Eric Weninger and Roger Graham!**



**Mike and Kathy James** leading us  
in song!



Beware for next year-  
**Claudia Ellerman  
and Jim Broadhead**  
Were the **PROUD**  
Winners of the travel-  
ing horses!





## Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 7 there were 28 ladies attending the Ladies Christmas luncheon at Olive Garden in Derby. We had Cathleen Timmermeyer from Birthline come to visit with us regarding how her parents started Birthline over 40 years ago. She told of the guidelines that they follow to help women of all ages with pregnancy. "A" Ladies brought a car load of gifts and \$150 for items needed instead of a white elephant gift exchange. A Good time for all.

*Donna Hileman and Judi Sharp*



**Marcia Kurtz, Melanie Adams and Joanna Adams.**



Our "A" Ladies enjoying conversation before our meal



**Orpha Eyres** and guest speaker, Cathleen Timmermeyer



**Susan Stone** visiting with another long time member, **Ruth Anne Praeger.**



It was great to see long time member **June Hall** at the luncheon. Also pictured is **Rita Hoffmans.**

*If you have items you would like to donate to Birthline- they are located at 339 N. Seneca-Phone 316-265-0134*

Ladies, we received a thank you from Birthline thanking us for all the lovely baby items and cash given to them from the Wichita A's Ladies!



**JoAnn Bruce, Debbie Rice and Donna Waller** enjoying themselves!

## PAST TOURS

### FIRST TOUR 2019-NEW YEARS DAY



#### COULD THIS BE DON & TERRY IN 1929???????

*Picture from The Ford Model "A" "As Henry Built It" -second Edition page 87*

We had a beautiful day for the First Tour. By the time we finished lunch the temperature outside had warmed up to 23 degree. There were 34 people, riding in 17 Model A's and one pretty V8, that braved the cold to learn about 8 companies that are located in the Wichita core area that had been in business for over 60 years. Oh, by the way, the story is true. Don and Terry left home with out cell phones, money and GAS!

*Submitted by Don Grabendike*



Our old Cars in Old Town and eating at Old Chicago on New Years Day!



What is this beautiful car doing by the side of the road?



Some people REALLY like to brave the cold!



**Ed Giesen** was kind enough to let us in out of the cold to hear about the businesses we were going by.  
Thanks to B & B Electric Motor Co.!



As always, **Don Grabendike** and his wife **Terry**, gave us a great New Years Tour full of historic information. Thanks to you



## MAFFI Newsletter Minute January 2019

“Happy New Year from the Board of Trustees at MAFFI! We hope you had a great 2018. Reflecting back, we are very pleased with the progress and additions made to the museum over the course of the year. During 2018, through donations, we added 10 vehicles and an elaborate tool display to our collection. In addition 3 vehicles were placed on loan to the museum. We have a partnership with NATMUS in Auburn, Indiana in which 4 Model A vehicles and a cutaway chassis are on display in a vintage gas station environment. Our balance sheet improved and we remain debt free. Model A Day at the Gilmore saw the largest attendance to date and we were grateful to have Tim Kelly’s Town Car and Town Car Delivery collection on display.

For 2019 we are working on a new theme for our annual Model A Day at The Gilmore. We also plan to have new displays completed in our showroom and service garage as well as an educational display showing the inner workings of a Model A chassis. Thanks to all that made 2018 such a success and help support the museum as we jump into the New Year!”

Thank you,  
Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee  
[clubcontact@maffi.org](mailto:clubcontact@maffi.org)

### MAFCA NATIONAL MODEL A TOUR



You can now register now for the National Model A Tour hosted by Canyonlands Special Interest Group. Registration materials available at [Canyonlands2019@yahoo.com](mailto:Canyonlands2019@yahoo.com), [https://modelafordclub.wixsite.com/2019canyonlands\\_tour](https://modelafordclub.wixsite.com/2019canyonlands_tour)

Revised dates:  
October 6-10, 2019

Kanab, UT



**MARC membership form on line at:**  
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**MAFCA membership form on line at:**  
[https://mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca\\_new\\_member=yes](https://mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca_new_member=yes)

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

# Tech Talk

## Overlooked Model A Lube Points

By Dick Wyckoff

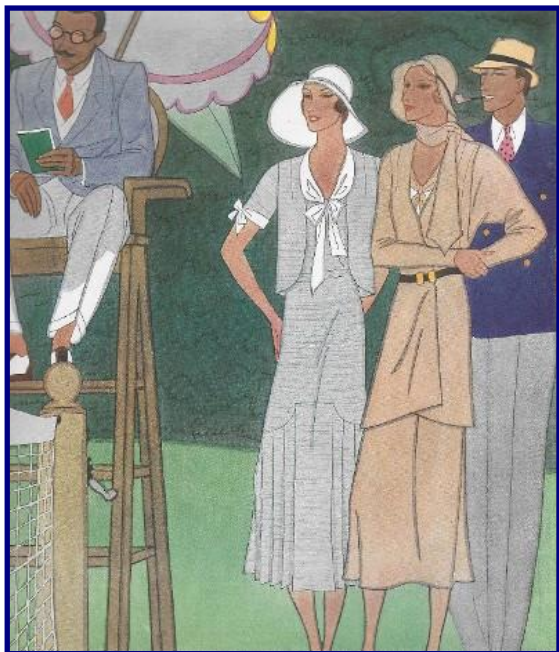
Like most Model A drivers, I try to lube all the fittings specified in the lube charts at the appropriate interval. However, there are several others locations that are not mentioned that I think should be visited on occasion. I have listed 12 but there are probably more depending on the body style you own, truck, sedan, convertible, etc. I use 3-in-1 oil because it is convenient, but any oil would probably work fine.

- \*Leading the list are the hood hinges. There are three rods inside the formed sheet metal hinges that rarely get any attention. It takes some effort to get to the openings in the hinges from the underside. You have to come from left and right sides to get all the openings.
  - \*While we are working on the hood, how about a couple drops of oil in the hood latches. They are exposed to the weather and rarely if ever get any attention.
  - \*While under the hood, a drop of oil in the spring-loaded ends of the spark and throttle rods. They wear too.
  - \*Moving to the vehicle cab, there are some forgotten locations there too. One that comes to mind is the bushing where the throttle control rod and the spark control rod go down the steering column just behind the steering wheel. On the '28-'29, the bushing is very easy to locate. It is slightly hidden on the '30-'31. Just a drop of oil there and you will be surprised how easily the control rods move.
  - \*Simple locations while in the cab are the door hinges and door latches. Perhaps a little oil on the door stop wouldn't hurt either.
  - \*Also in the cab, a little graphite lube in the ignition key might make things work easier. No oil here.
  - \*While I don't have a seat adjustment on my cars, I think some lube (your choice) on the screw mechanism and the track would be in order.
  - \*The upper windshield hinge is tough to get at. Perhaps WD-40 or a silicone spray lube could work.
- We have to get under the car for a couple more lube locations.**
- \*Clutch linkage needs to be lubed. A couple drops where necessary will do.
  - \*How about the emergency brake mechanism? We have the linkage itself and the pawl mechanism, both need a drop or two.
  - \*Probably one of the most used pivot points that never get attention are the clevis pins at the end of the brake rods. They get used every time we use the brake. A drop of heavier, engine oil would work well here.
  - \*The last on my list is the seldom used trunk or rumble hinge. A drop wouldn't hurt.
  - \*Not mentioned is the window crank mechanism. That would require removal of door panels thus not easily accessible.



## ERA FASHIONS

### WITH THE PARIS-POPULAR FROCK AND JACKET TEAM



No. 6430. The curved cut of the jacket repeats itself in the upward turn of the pleated skirt flounce. The collar ignores the back of the frock and starts at the shoulder seam.

No. 6403. Paris poses the jacket with dolman sleeve and diagonal closing over a yoked skirt and tuck-in blouse. One end of the matching fabric scarf slips through a tailored slot.

Copied from the February 1931 issue of the McCall's Magazine.

6430      6403

*Submitted by Linda Kibbe*

## National Model A Clubs



### MAFCA

250 S. Cypress St.  
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[www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)  
U.S. Membership Cost: \$50

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



### MARC

6721 Merriman  
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<http://modelarestorers.org>  
U.S. Membership Cost: \$45

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

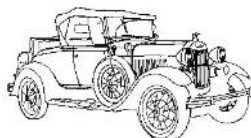


## LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS



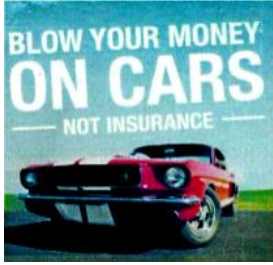
### 2018-2019 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

March 8-9, 2019.....	44th Annual KS Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity.....Century II	.....Wichita, KS
March 14-16, 2019.....	Norman Swap Meet, Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 615 E. Robinson.....	.....Norman, OK
March 15-16, 2019.....	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet.....	.....Chickasha OK
April 24-28, 2019...	Spring Carlisle Swap Meet..... <a href="http://www.carsatcarlisle.com">www.carsatcarlisle.com</a> .....	.....Carlisle, PA
April 25-28, 2019.....	Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway... <a href="http://www.pateswapmeet.com">www.pateswapmeet.com</a> .....	.....Fort Worth, TX
May 9-11, 2019....	Chickasha Spring Swap Meet... <a href="http://www.chickashaautoswapmeet.com">www.chickashaautoswapmeet.com</a> .....	.....Chickasha, OK
June 11-15, 2019.....	Petit Jean Swap Meet.....	.....Petit Jean, AR
July 11-13, 2019.....	Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet.....	.....Iola, WI
August 16-18, 2019....	Ozarks Antique Auto Club Swap Meet.....Ozark Empire Fairgrounds.....	.....Springfield, MO
October 2-5, 2019.....	Fall Carlisle Swap Meet.... <a href="http://www.carsatcarlisle.com">www.carsatcarlisle.com</a> .....	.....Carlisle, PA
October 9-12, 2019.....	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet.....	.....Hershey, PA



### 2018-2019 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

Feb 28-March 3, 2019....	MARC Membership Meet...Live Oaks Region.....	Richmond Hill (Savannah), GA
June 10-15, 2019.....	Central Iowa Model A Club Regional Meet.....	.....De Moines, IA
August 4-10, 2019.....	MARC National Meet...Sweet 16 A's Region.....	.....Dearborn, MI
October 6-10, 2019.....	MAFCA National Tour...Canyonland Special Interest Group..	.....Kanab, UT
June 1-5, 2020.....	"Fords "A" Plenty In 2020" Midwest Regional Meet.....	.....by Plain Ol' A's



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**Wichita A's Club Meeting**

Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th. N

Meeting Starts 7:00 PM

4th Monday of each month except  
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 Memorial Day holiday.

There is not a club meeting in the  
 month of December.



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By the  
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**August 4-10, 2019**

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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 September 30). 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.