



Wichita A's Model A Ford Club


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## June Refreshments



- Judi Sharp
- Helen Beaver
- Virginia Courtright
- Ruth Anne Praeger
- June Hall

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## Club Tours & Meeting Schedule

### June 2010

28.....Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM  
Program: Video on "Road Side Trouble Shooting"

### July 2010

3.....4th of July Derby Parade & Picnic **on Sat the 3rd** .....McHenry's  
10.....Automobilia Moonlight Car Show.....E. Giesen, J.D. Stone  
14.....Newsletter Deadline....[editor@wichitaas.com](mailto:editor@wichitaas.com).....(316) 838-3452  
26.....Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM

### August 2010

1-6.....MAFCA National Meet.....Vancouver, British Columbia  
22-27....."Wisconsin Wonders" Bus Tour.....Kottas  
23.....Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM  
28.....When Pigs Fly - McPherson.....Ruggles

### September 2010

15.....Newsletter Deadline....[editor@wichitaas.com](mailto:editor@wichitaas.com).....(316) 838-3452  
18-19.....Cheyenne Bottoms - Great Bend.....Sharps, Stones  
27.....Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM

### October 2010

3....."All Fords Day"  
15-17.....Fall Foliage Tour, Joplin, MO Area.....Beavers, Kibbes

## Wichita A's Club Minutes



The Wichita A's Club meeting was held on May 24, 2010. President Ed Giesen called the meeting to order with 94 members present.

Motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in the Rumbleseat Review by Bonita Graham which was second by Wayne Orr. Motion passed.

No guests were present. New member Ken Robertson received his free issue of the "Restorers" magazine..

Treasurer Bert Courtright gave the financial report for the past month.

Sunshine Lady Bonita Graham reported the passing of Charles Hawthorne and Erick Baggs father. Correspondence was given by Ed Giesen of auction flyers and a '31 car for sale. The MARC Newsletter Award for Continuing Excellence was presented to Linda Kibbe. The club members do give much appreciation/credit to Roger Graham and Linda Kibbe for their hard work and time to make the newsletter to what it is in it's outstanding rating.

No report available for MAFCA and MARC from the Steffens. The Wichita Area Car Council report was given by Doug Schoemaker. The club is financially sound. No advanced reserved space will be held at the All Wheels Car Show. Members were reminded of the Delano Parade.

Old business reviewed was Manhattan Tour by Gary Hileman, Garage Tour by Eric Weninger and Basement Church Ladies Show by

Doris Jean Ludlow.

New business was about All Wheels Day, MARC National Meet, A Key to Model A Fun Regional Meet at Omaha, July 3<sup>rd</sup> Parade at Derby, Automobilia Car Show and McPherson Tour.

Refreshments served by Sandy Titus, Rita Hoffmans, Kat Arnold, Trudee Harshfield and Carol Allen.

Program presented by Don Grabendike regarding "How To Cheat On Henry's Lady".

Meeting then adjourned.

Lenette Kottas, Secretary

## Note from the President

Summer is here and it appears that we are finally done with the rain. Now we can move on with some real car fun.

I know that there are a lot of different shows and events coming up that we can participate in. I will be with a group at the Automobilia Car Show in Old Town on July 10th, and don't forget the 4th of July parade in Derby. Due to the 4th being on Sunday the Parade will be held on Saturday the 3rd.


Plans are also moving forward on the regional meet. Look for announcements of chairpersons for the event at the July meeting.

Thank you for your continued support of our great club and hobby.

Ed Giesen  
President

## Note from the Editor

We are really getting anxious to leave for Vancouver! Getting ready for a month long Model A trip is exciting and mind boggling.

I have to remember the Roadster only holds so much **STUFF** and we do have a lot of **STUFF**. I have made a list of items to take and things I need to do before leaving. Will I think of everything before we leave? I have yet to leave town and not forget something. Our son, Lane, most likely will receive his usual phone call from us, before we reach Hutchinson. 

There will only be one newsletter published covering the months of July and August. The mailing of this newsletter will be sent prior to the July meeting.

I am going to need all the help I can get from you guys. I would really appreciate it if you could get your information to me ASAP. I will begin working on the newsletter right after the June club meeting. If you are doing a tour during August thru October, the information needs to be printed in the July-August issue.

The newsletter deadline is Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. After that time, if anything comes up, contact Susan Stone or I and we will email club members the information.

Linda Kibbe  
Editor

# Future Activities & Tour

## Great Times in Great Bend Tour

### Sept. 18th & 19th

Some of the highlights will include: a tour of Cheyenne Bottoms and the new Wetland Education Center, a tour at the Barton County Historical Museum & Village, a dinner catered by Hudson Cafe and a twilight tour of the B-29 Memorial Plaza. We plan to travel the Scenic By-Ways as much as we can to and from Great Bend.

We'll be staying at the Best Western Angus Inn, 2920 10th Street, Great Bend, KS. Their phone number is 620-792-3541. Choices of rooms range from \$67.95 to \$63.95.

When you call to make your reservation, be sure to ask for the block of rooms reserved for the Wichita Model A Tour.

We'll have a sign-up sheet at the June meeting. COME JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!!!

James & Judi Sharp and John & Susan Stone



## July 3rd Derby Parade and B-B-Q

Parade theme: "Honoring our Fallen Heroes."

Lineup is at 9:15A.M. Line up at the Derby High School Football Field (Madison & Woodlawn) at 9:15.

Parade is at 10:00 A.M. The parade route has changed due to repairs on Madison St., however the field is still accessible on Madison.

Following the parade hamburgers & hot dogs will be barbecued at the McHenry farm: 5900 E. 91st So., Derby.

Bring your lawn chairs.

Cost: Members \$5.00, non members \$8.00. Deadline to sign up: June 25th or at the June meeting.

Questions: McHenrys: 788-2201, Hilemans: 788-5183

## Wisconsin Wonders Bus



This is a village bus tour that leaves on August 22nd and returns on the 27th of August.

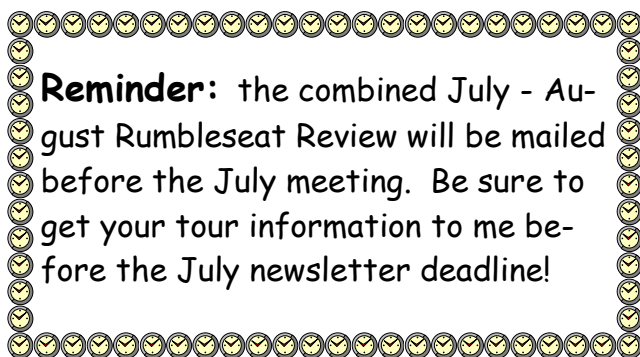
The deadline for signing up is July 1, 2010. We need to know by then if you plan to go on this trip. This is a good time to let others do the driving for us and we enjoy the air conditioned Coach.

Also remember, the balance of the money is due by July 1st!

Any questions please call 620-896-7177. Village Charter Phone number is 316-721-4455.

Thank you.

Lawrence & Lenette Kottas



**Reminder:** the combined July - August Rumbleseat Review will be mailed before the July meeting. Be sure to get your tour information to me before the July newsletter deadline!

# Announcements

## July 2010 Birthdays

- 2 Lois Bowman
- 5 Ruth Kalp
- 7 Gene Bosserman
- 7 Don Short
- 9 Sandee Beskow
- 10 Jean Burke
- 11 Betti Brooks
- 11 Richard Craft
- 11 Robert Harvey
- 11 Tom Ruggles
- 12 Brian Slater
- 15 Ruth Grady
- 17 Margaret Dixon
- 18 Denise Ashford
- 20 Larry Andra
- 20 Ves Cox
- 20 Gene Lentz
- 22 John Davis
- 22 Mike Wilson
- 23 Pat McLain
- 24 Dea Corns
- 24 Johnnie Roberts
- 25 Don Shearer
- 25 John Stone
- 25 Marc Wendt
- 26 Sue Crockett
- 27 Verla Howland
- 27 Kenneth Schumaker
- 28 JoAnn Bruce
- 28 Becky Price
- 29 Francis Grady
- 30 Henry Ford

## Sympathy

### Faye Broker Passes

Faye passed away, May 28<sup>th</sup> after a long illness. She was 84. Rex & Faye were Charter Members of the A-Bird Model A Club established in 1964. She was the last survivor of the Charter Members. Rex passed away in 2005.

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### Hazel Lutz Passes

Hazel passed away early this month at the age of 87. Hazel and her husband, Ivan (Bud) were club members for many years until Bud passed away in 2001. Their son, Galen was also a club member and passed away prematurely in 2005

## Congratulations

Charles and Glenda Sill are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on the 26th of June.

## For Sale

AA truck flat bed for 28 -30 years measures 74 in. with and 98 in. in length. Needs restoration. Make offer.

John Weninger

832 1002 or 648 6589

## July 2010 Refreshments

Tony Pezzola brings Sheet cakes

## August 2010 Refreshments

Linda Kibbe

Bonita Graham

Doris Jean Ludlow

Kim Giesen

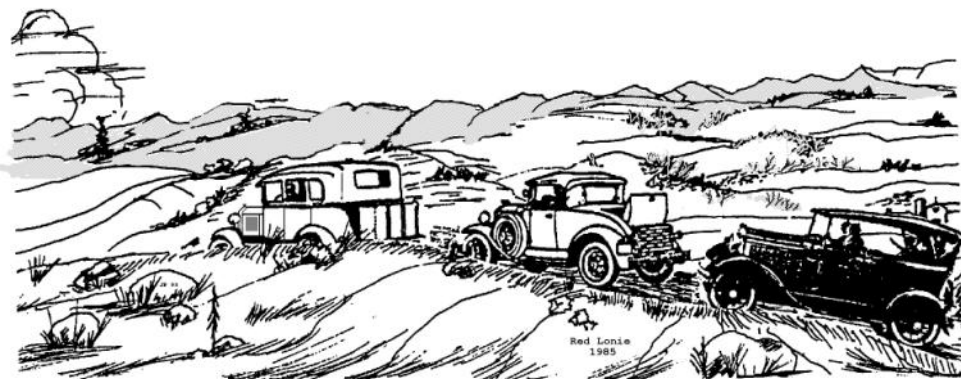
Carolyn Nungesser

## Newsletter Deadline

Wed - July 14, 2010

August - No Newsletter

Wed - September 15, 2010





# Past Activity

## Garage Tour Follow-Up May 15, 2010

The tour started out on a very wet and cool Saturday morning from Mc Donald's Restaurant at K-96 and Rock with about 75 people in attendance. Due to the poor conditions, we had about a 50/50 split of Model A's and modern cars.

Once we broke up into three groups, it was off to see some exciting places.

I think it was raining the hardest just as the groups were leaving the starting point but it didn't seem to matter. After each group finished the tour they all made their way to The Model A Medic's place where we all had a great BBQ lunch. Overall, despite the weather, the tour went off without any major problems.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my group tour leaders-- Ray Hoffmans, Roger Graham, and Richard Kibbe. Also, those who graciously opened up their places so we could tour through them to see what was going on --- Merv Criser, Dick Price, and Ron Eyres. Without these people this type of tour would be impossible to put on!

Thanks Again!!

Eric Weninger  
The Model A Medic



**Merv Criser** pointing out something to **Ron Cole**.



**Ron Cole** and **Dick Price** remembering the old days. I was told they have known each other for years.



**Merv Criser's Toy Truck Shop**



*Right: A Woody at  
**Dick Price's** garage.*



## Continue Garage Tour



**Ron Eyers** showed us a 1929 Tudor he is restoring.



**Dick Price** gave us a tour of his garage.



**Dick and Earlene Foote** enjoying the BBQ.



**Bert Courtright** and **Dennis Anderson** heading inside for the BBQ.



**Merv Criser , Dick Price & Ron Cole**



## TURN OFF “DA BUBBLE MACHINE”

When Don & Bill Shearer of Dodge City restored their Model A's (3) they didn't have the benefit of a glass shop to cut and install the glass. So, they ordered the glass from their parts supplier and installed it themselves.

The windshield glass was a little tricky to slide down in the rubber channel, so, they applied dish washing detergent, to make the channel extra slippery and the glass slid right in.

So, “what's the problem”? After restoration and driven in a rain storm bubbles start to appear on the edge of the glass and blow into the cab. This was particularly noticeable in the coupe and pickup when numerous bubbles were blowing about.

Lawrence Welk doesn't have anything on the Shearers except he could turn his bubble machine off. RG



2008-0608-0001JPG. **Don Shearer** and his “bubble machine”

## KISSIN' KOUSINS



**Grahams' Model A Pickup** --- **Crisers' Model B Pickup.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Continental Baking Company altered the course of bread forever in 1930 when it introduced sliced Wonder Bread. Sales were slow at first as suspicious consumers were slow to accept a pre-sliced bread, but convenience overruled apprehension and soon everyone wanted sliced Wonder Bread on their dinner table.

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June 24, 1930 - 1st radar detection of planes, Anacostia DC

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Jun 24, 1930 - Ground is broken for construction of Cleveland Stadium



**Left: Wanda Steffens** was caught holding up a sign in Manhattan.

**Right: Francis Grady** has restored 10 Model A's in the last 40 years, but now stepped up to a 40 Ford pickup



## Tech Talk



### A TALE OF TWO HINGES

Written by Bob Russell

*This article was copied from the April 2010 issue of "The Road Runner", which is a newsletter from the Northwest Missouri Model A Club.*

While removing my rumble seat lid for refinishing I noted that one of the lid hinges had been previously broken and re-welded. Evidently the heat from welding had warped the hinge considerably (photo 1) requiring that shim washers be added to facilitate alignment. This is where "The Tale..." starts.



I ordered a set of aftermarket replacement hinges from a prominent mid-west supplier. Upon receiving these hinges which were made in China I noted that the bottom mounting flange on the hinge (photo 2) was warped so bad that it would not sit flush on the rumble lid without using washers which as far as I was concerned was not acceptable. Now comes the "dumb" part of this tale. I succumbed to the "Bigger Hammer Theory" of mechanical repair. If some of you are not familiar with the "Bigger Hammer Theory" it is where a large force, supplied by the "bigger hammer" is applied to an immovable object to make it fit which almost always results in the objects destruction. This is what happened to my new replacement hinge.



Not to worry – I will just order another set of hinges (from another supplier this time) knowing that the odds of receiving two bad sets of hinges in a row are almost impossible. Well the impossible happened. The second set of hinges (also imports) was just as bad if not worse than the first. Upon discussion with the supplier I returned this set of hinges to him.

After thinking about this for awhile I called a certain supplier on the east coast who has a stellar reputation for quality (I won't mention his name but it starts with a B). He assured me that the hinges that he supplies are made in the USA and he would not hesitate to put them on his own car. With this assurance I ordered a set (I might add at over twice the cost of the imported hinges) from him. Upon receiving them all I can say is – Excellent! They are much better made and the casting quality is much better than that of the imports plus they fit the rumble lid like a glove (photo 3).



One big lesson that I learned from this exercise is that "cheaper is not always better" and in the case of the Model A you usually get just what you pay for.



## Era Fashion



3309

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### The Crushed Neckline Is Youthful

3309 And besides, it is flattering and much a part of this vogue for softness. Here it is quite a simple V, crushed into a soft bow like those on the duffs. The high waistline is made easy to wear by the dip of the pointed corsage, front and back. Four-piece flared skirt.

### A Frock Without A Waistline

3367 Especially good for difficult figures is this frock with underarm gores that help to fit it on one's own individual curves. And the absence of any waistline helps. The uneven hem is flattering and correct for formal afternoon frocks. Short ruffled sleeves and contrasting flat neckline.



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### It Is New And Wearable

3375 You will find this frock easy to wear because it has a bloused back, making the higher waistline more becoming, and a cleverly cut hipline with plaited skirt. The little tabs match the collar and cuffs. Three-quarter sleeves.



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### It Has A Certain Tailored Dignity

3377 If you want a tailored frock that you can also wear this fall, you will like this one with one-piece front and back and a sort of rickrack closing that relieves its plainness. It has a contrasting collar and matching cuffs, button trimming especially good, and plaited skirt.



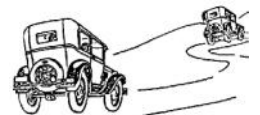
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### It Has Cross-Over Closing

3379 And, therefore, with its bloused back it is very wearable and flattering. The curved up yoke-line with its slight crushing under the bow is also softening and the skirt has a flare and slight dip. The collar which continues to the waistline, is, like the cuffs, of lace.

*Copied from the August 1930  
issue of the Delineator*

## 2010 - 2012 Future Regional & National Model A Meets



|                          |                                      |                             |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| August 1-6, 2010.....    | MAFCA International Meet.....        | .....Vancouver, BC, Canada, |
| December 8-11, 2010..... | MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting..... | .....Colorado Springs, CO   |
| June 5-11, 2011.....     | Plain Ol' A's Regional Meet.....     | .....Kansas City, KS        |
| 2012.....                | Central Iowa Regional Meet.....      | .....Des Moines, IA         |

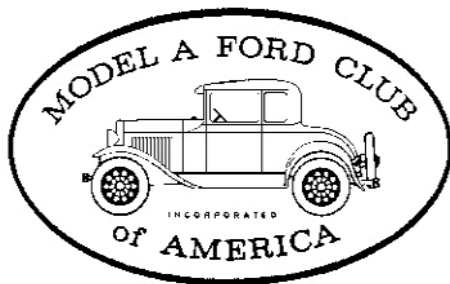
## 2010 - 2010 Swap Meet Schedule

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| Jul 8-11, 2010.....  | Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet.....                            | Iola, WI         |
| Aug 20-22, 2010..... | Springfield, MO Swap Meet (Ozark Empire Fairgrounds).....     | Springfield, MO  |
| Sep 18, 2010.....    | Hunting Country Swap Meet, Downtown Alva.....                 | Alva OK          |
| Sep 18-19, 2010..... | Ararat Shrine Swap Meet (101 SW Oldham, Route 50 & 291) ..... | Lee's Summit, MO |
| Oct 6-9, 2010.....   | Hershey Region Swap Meet.....                                 | Hershey, PA      |
| Oct 15-19, 2010..... | Chickasha Antique Auto Club Swap Meet & Car Show.....         | Chickasha, OK    |
| Oct 23-24, 2010..... | Sedgwick Street Rodders Swap Meet, KS State Fairgrounds ..... | Hutchinson, KS   |
| Oct 29-31, 2010..... | Conroe Swap Meet (Montgomery County Fairgrounds).....         | Conroe, TX       |



## 2010 Car Shows

|                    |                                       |             |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| July 10, 2010..... | Automobilia's Moonlight Car Show..... | Wichita, KS |
| Oct 9, 2010.....   | Maize Fall Festival CAR Show.....     | Maize, KS   |



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