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### MARCH REFRESHMENTS



- Claudia Ellerman
- Dawna Ruggles
- Becky Straub
- Kat Gleeson
- Donna Hileman

### CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE



#### March 2012

- 13..... Newsletter Deadline..editor@wichitaas.com.....
- 24..... 3rd Annual Zenda Tour.....Bruce/Chenoweth
- 26..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM
- Program: Frank Chenoweth with a DVD of the Swap Meet

#### April 2012

- 8..... Newsletter Deadline..editor@wichitaas.com.....
- 12-15... MARC Membership Meet.....Perrysburg, OH
- 13-15... For Get Me Not Tour to Dodge City.....Weninger-Shearer
- 26..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th .....7:00 PM

#### May 2012

- 5..... McPherson College Car Show.....Stones
- 21..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM

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## WICHITA A'S MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2012

Vice President, **Chris Cushman**, brought the 298<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Wichita A's to order at 7:00 on February 27, 2012. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the last newsletter. **Bob Titus** announced that his brother, **Jim Titus** is our club's newest member. **Ray Harshfield**, treasurer, gave an updated financial report. **Bonita Graham**, our Sunshine Lady, reported that **Bert Courtright**, **Barb Phye**, and **Bob Hay** had joint replacements and are doing well. **Otto Praeger** will have a joint replacement.

Old Business: **Claudia Ellerman** announced that the next 2013 Regional Meet meeting would be April 9<sup>th</sup>. **Frank Chenoweth**, 2011 swap meet chairman, reported an estimated 20,000+ folks attended this year's swap meet- a smashing success! **Tom Ruggles** is the 2012 swap meet chairman. **Brenda Broadhead** reported the Bunco winners of the Post Swap Meet party and believed that they fed 58 members that night. She

suggested that future post swap meet activities be held at the Minisa building for convenience. Thanks go to the **Hoffmans** for helping with this party. **John Stone** shared a piston problem with the club.

New Business: **John Weninger** discussed the upcoming Dodge City tour scheduled for April 13-15, and **Frank Chenoweth** reminded all of the March 24<sup>th</sup> Zenda Lumber Yard tour. 2012 membership roster books were distributed. A big "thank you" to **Susan Stone** for this endeavor.

After a 15 minute break with refreshments provided by **Brenda Broadhead**, **Brigitte Baggs**, **Eric Broadhead**, **Ruth Goodman**, and **Arley Bennett**, tour director, **Don Grabendike** led the yearly club touring planning session. The next club meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup>. Meeting adjourned.

**Dawna Ruggles**, reporting secretary

### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is now here!!! The first tour of the season is over and another is coming in April.

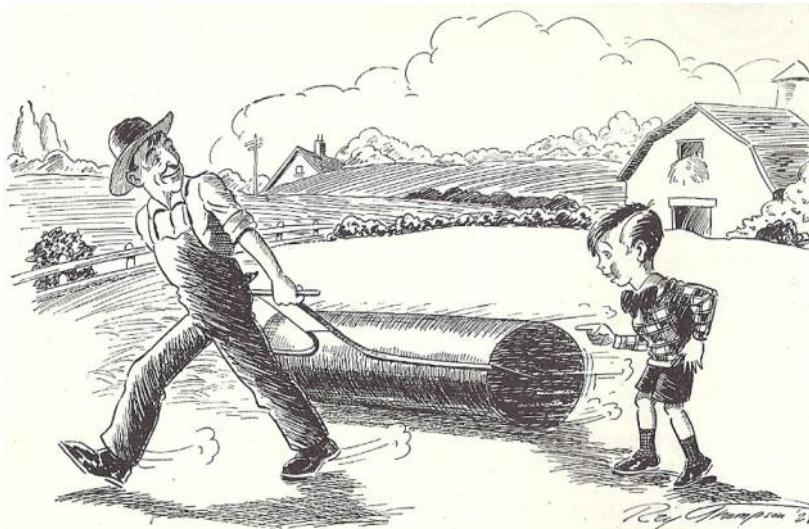
Don Grabendike told me he had a good response on tour planning at our February club meeting. There were good ideas and members that volunteered to be leaders.

It is a big advantage to have a CB Radio in your car on club tours. If you have not installed a radio now would be a good time to get that done.

When on the road leave plenty of room between cars so that others can pass and at the same time keep the car in front and back in sight.

We have lots of fun on the club tours so if you have not been on one sign up.

**Jim Broadhead**,  
President



City Lad (boastfully)—"I know what that's for, Uncle Pete—you're goin' to raise mashed potatoes, aintcha?"

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I made a change in the newsletter deadline for the month of April. I will be working on the newsletter early so Richard and I can participate in the tour to Dodge City, KS. Please make a note that the deadline has been moved to Sunday, April 8th.

**Linda Kibbe**  
Editor



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



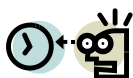
## April 2012 Birthdays

- 3 Terry Kalp
- 6 Ray Harshfield
- 7 Ray Hoffmans
- 12 Fred Hilger
- 12 Richard Schneider
- 14 Louanna Cushenbery
- 14 Kim Grabendike
- 15 Marcia Criser
- 15 Gary Hileman
- 17 Brenda Broadhead
- 21 Rita Hoffmans
- 21 Carolyn Valerius
- 22 Jeff Dewey
- 24 Carol Diaz
- 26 Bert Courtright
- 26 Joyce Dudeck
- 27 John Masters
- 28 Dean Goodman
- 28 Judy Garrett
- 28 Charlie Guinty
- 29 Norma Agard



## New Members

Bill & Landa Moore  
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 Iuka KS 67066  
 .....  
 '31 Coupe



## Newsletter Deadline

Tue., March 13, 2012  
**Sun.**, April 8, 2012



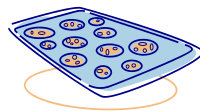
## Wanted

I have a 1931 s/w 4 door and in need of a passenger front door, passenger rear door, front & rear fenders, and a windshield frame. (Maybe a rough parts car?). Also need a rear bumper spreader bar for a 1930 A. Does not need to be perfect.

**Bill Yardley** .....

## Sympathy

Prayers for Kim & Ed Giesen and Family in observance of the death of Kim's Grandmother, Adeline Abrahams.



## Refreshments

### April

Bev Grant  
 Kay Lumbert  
 Linda Lumbert  
 Sandra Titus  
 Corky Armstrong/Agnes Stamm

### May

Trudee Harshfield  
 Susan Stone  
 Carol Allen  
 Norma Agard  
 Nor Masters



## Roster Updates

Roy Goates  
 New Phone: .....

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Gene & Charleen Bosserman

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Wichita KS 67203

Phone: .... G: .....

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Phone: .....



## Living Estate Auction

### Dodge City, KS

Friday, March 30th and Saturday March 31 at the 4-H building on Park Street in Dodge City Ks. Viewing: Friday noon to 2 PM Sale Starts Friday at 2 PM.

Saturday at 10 AM. Old automobile 1928 roadster model A, Model A parts, antiques and collectibles, & tools.

To view sale bill go to

[www.kirkbrosauction.com](http://www.kirkbrosauction.com)

## FUTURE TOURS

### 3rd Annual Zenda Tour

We have finalized the trip to Zenda on Sat. Mar 24, 2012.

We will be **leaving** from the McDonalds / Sam's parking lot on West Kellogg at 12:00 noon. There will not be a lunch stop. We will be leaving at noon sharp.

We will go to the Eagle Valley Raptor Center for a tour. This tour will take approximately 1 ¼ hours. Be sure to bring your camera. He always has some interesting things to see and do.

After the tour we will be leaving for Zenda. We are scheduled to eat at 4:00 pm. This should get us home without a lot of night driving. He has requested we give him a final count on which meal you want, by Monday, Mar 19th. You have a choice of either a sirloin steak or a grilled chicken breast. Both meals will include the salad bar, a baked potato and either coffee or tea. The club will be paying for the dinner. If you want drinks or pop please pay for them separately. Please call or email Bruce's or Chenoweth's with your selection of meal before Monday Mar. 19th.

Once dinner is over you are free to leave for the drive home at your convenience. I will leave last so no one is left stranded ( we will be stranded together).

The cost is \$5 per person.

Bob and JoAnn 733-9433  
Frank and Peggy 620-584-6834



### FORGET ME NOT TOUR

**Dodge City Ks**

**April 13-15, 2012**

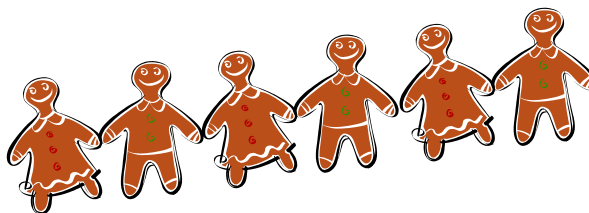
**Cost** per member \$15 non member \$60

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.**

We will be **leaving** from Mac Donald's at **21st and Maze Rd** at **7:00 AM**. Please come early if you want to eat breakfast.

**....GRAVEL ROADS ON THIS TOUR....**

Contact **Glorinda Shearer** at 620-225-1610 or **John Weninger** at 316-832-1002



**Save The Date**  
**Fourth of July Parade in Derby**  
**More details later.**

### Ladies and Gentlemen

We still have a few openings on the cookie signup sheet. If you have not signed up to bring cookies in 2012, we have two openings in July, one in September and one in November. The list will be available at the meetings. Thanks for helping out.



# PAST ACTIVITIES & TOUR

## Post Swap Meet Party

The Post Swap Meet Party was held on February 18<sup>th</sup> at Kiwanis Park. There were about sixty that enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner and forty-four that played Bunco.

High Man was Lawrence Kottas, Low Man was Gary Agard and they both received a gift card for Harbor Freight.

High Woman was Bonita Graham and Low Woman was Lenette Kottas and they received a gift card for Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Ray & Rita Hoffmans

Jim & Brenda Broadhead



*Scott & Charlie Guinty conversing with Darrell Ludlow and Lawrence Kottas.*



*Joyce Guinty thinking about attacking the cake Judy Hill is cutting.*



*Claudia Ellerman selecting a very healthy choice of food.*



*Janice & Ed Wilson getting ready to play Bunco with Bob & JoAnn Bruce.*



*Lawrence & Lenette Kottas looking to see if they rolled a Bunco.*



*Claudia Ellerman and her sister, Marcia Hillman are tallying up their score.*



*Party is over and now for the clean up!*



# SPECIAL INTEREST

## THIRTY FIVE YEARS AGO

In 1975 several members of the Sunflower Model A Club went on a Mens' Tour (also referred to as "A Juncker Tour") in east Central Kansas. They camped out at Busby Corner in Elk County. Busby is the sight of an abandoned school and an artesian well that supplied them with water to drink, wash, bathe? And etc.



Left: *Is that a turtle on the top of the pickup?*



*Jim Broadhead and unknown person washing dishes.*



Left: *Larry preferred to sleep in the pickup and not be subject to intruding coyotes.*



*Francis Grady, resting on his longhorn pickup.*



*Dividing up the find of parts'at the Beaumont Hotel.*



*Rest Stop in a ghost town.*



## Speedy delivery

**When Grover Smith dawdled, his son took matters into his own hands - and foot.**

Story / Dale Smith, Auburn, California

Country Extra November 2011

The income from G.V. Smith Dairy of Lone Pine, California-named for my father, Grover-was a good part of our livelihood. But since Dad also worked full time for the Los Angeles department of water and power, Mom, my brother Don and yours truly helped by delivering milk all over town in our Model A pickup.

One Sunday, Mom burst out of the house shouting about the attack on Pearl Harbor. Soon enough, Don went off to serve, and I became Dad's main man at the dairy. Instead of delivering milk to many customers, we began selling it in bulk to Willis Dairy, south of town. And every day, I faced something that truly irritated me.

You see, Grover Smith was not a fast driver.

A 10-mile round trip doesn't sound so bad unless you're the one riding along, exhausted from a long, hard day, with no other thought except crawling into a comfortable bed. Ole Grover just pattered along at a painfully slow pace, one arm draped lazily over the wheel, eyelids low, calmly taking in the scenery over the dashboard.

He drove me nuts.

Around this time, I saw a movie, *The Chase*, in which a gangster rigged his gas pedal so he could operate it from the backseat. He would take over the car,

tearing around the streets, to the horror of the driver. That gave me an idea.

I took a piece of baling wire and made a loop at one end for my foot. Then I threaded it strategically around the choke and linkage so that, when I pulled up on the wire, the accelerator went down. I was in business.

That night, I waited until we got halfway out of town. Then I slowly lifted my looped foot-and sure enough, we began moving faster. I snuck a look at Dad, but he continued staring out into the night. Encouraged, I held my breath and pulled harder. The gas pedal hit the floor, and Dad jolted to attention. He grabbed the hand gas lever, but nothing happened. Then he hit the spark advance, and the backfire was breathtaking.

*Zoom!* We bounced past the entrance to Willis Dairy, Dad hollering while I turned purple, stifling a good hard laugh. Slowly I let off my accelerator wire, and we coasted to a stop.

I didn't touch that wire the whole ride home, but my invention had a surprising result. Our little joyride made Dad wary every time he climbed behind the wheel. He never quite got up to a speed I would have liked, but we no longer dawdled along at a pedestrian's pace.



## WICHITA A'S TOURS -- 2012

February 18	Post Swap Meet Party & Bunco	Broadhead/ Hoffmans
March 24	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Zenda Tour	Bruce/ Chenoweth
April 13,14,15	For Get Me Not Tour to Dodge City	Shearers/ J Weninger
May 5	McPherson College Car Show	Stones
May 19-20	Men's Tour	Cushman
June 2	Towns Around -You've never known existed	Sharps/
June 10	All Wheels Day	Clark/ Ellerman
June 11-15	Central Iowa/ Regional Meet	
June 11-15	MARC National Meet / Oshkosh, WI	
June 18-22	MAFCA National Meet / Marquette, MI	
July 4	Derby Parade & Picnic	Hilemans & Derby Group
July 6-7	Ponca City Fly-in	Lampe/ Shumard
July 14	Automobilia Moonlight Car Show	J Stone/ E Giesen
August 18-25	Yellowstone Bus Tour	Ludlows/ Hileman
August 24,25,26	Black Top Nationals	
September 3	Zenda Centennial Parade	McHenry/
October 7	All Ford Day	Ellerman/ Clark
October 13-14	Abilene	Titus/ Sanchez
November 3	Haysville Farm	Bob & Janet Hay
December ??	?? Ladies Christmas Luncheon	
December ??	?? Club Christmas Party	
<b>2013</b>		
January 1	First Tour of 2013	The Wizard
February 16	Post Swap Meet Party & Bunco	



## AL HAMMAR'S PANEL DELIVERY



Very authentic restoration. Gold leaf lettering.



Large rear doors for utility.



**Al Hammar** with his panel delivery.

**Al** has owned several antique cars including a Model T and a Maxwell, over the years, but has recently gravitated towards a Model A Collection. He has a 29 Roadster, 31 Pickup, 30 Coupe, and a 31 Cabriolet.

He also has a 32 B Pickup with a Riley overhead valve setup. And he has a passion for Cushman Motor Scooters of which he has several.

Recently **Al** was looking at Model A's on eBay and he noticed a 28 Panel Delivery being offered by a dealer of Classic Cars in New York. **Al** was attracted to it since it was "something different", so he entered a bid. After placing the winning bid he had it shipped from New York to Wichita.

The truck was very nicely restored, probably several years ago as evidenced by the lacquer paint on the fenders. Who ever restored it went by the book as far as original details are concerned, metal valve stems & etc.

The unique attribute of the truck, is the original bill of sale that came with it. It was sold new in Prosperity, South Carolina on 12/26/28. The sale price was \$425, and an unknown vehicle was traded in with an allowance of \$200, for a trade difference of \$225 which was settled with cash.

The last registered owner of the truck, was Abbotts' Premium Ice Cream of Conway, NH. It also has a Ma. Inspection Sticker on the windshield. The question is, where has the truck been for the last 80 plus years, and how did it get from S. C. to the upper New England area? So far we have been unable to locate the whereabouts of: R E Allen and Son Professional Engineers that is stenciled in gold leaf on the sides.

Oh well, **Al** now has a collection of 5 different Model A body styles.

*Original bill of sale on following page.*



Continue: Al Hammar.....

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Address <b>Little Mountain, S. C.,</b>	Date Delivered	192	
Delivered to <b>Same</b>		12/ 26/28	Invoice N° 261
Salesman <b>Matthews.</b>	Terms—NET CASH	New or Used	<b>New</b>

ARTICLE	PRICE	AMOUNT
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Motor No. <b>2581114</b>	\$ <b>425 00</b>	
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Tax Reimbursed Manufacturer		
Gas, Oil & Grease		
EXTRAS: (Itemize)		
Carrying Charges		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF THIS INVOICE</b>		\$
By Used Car Type <b>Cm. Dept.</b>	\$ <b>200 00</b>	
By Cash .....	<b>225 00</b>	
By.....Notes of \$.....Each (Payable to: )		
By		
By		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF SETTLEMENT</b>		\$

Original bill of sale from 83 years ago.

## COMPOUND PROBLEM???

One of our members was out driving his freshly restored Model A on a nice spring day. In the afternoon traffic as he approached a busy intersection it died. "Dead in the water", so to speak. After he tried repeatedly to restart it he got out and attempted to push it into a nearby parking lot. Fortunately a couple of guys recognized his problem and helped him push.

He knew that his gas gauge had been sticking so he decided it must be out of gas. He then went into the nearby auto store and purchased a gas can and walked to the corner station to get some gas. He

walked back, put in the gas and it started right up. He then drove back to the station to put in more gas so he would have plenty to get home. As he exited the station it was running good, but back in the street it died again!!! Once again some good Samaritans helped him push it off the street.

What was he to do? He decided to "phone a friend". The friend suggested that the gas valve might be shut off. Was that the problem? We don't know but he made it home ok. RG





## ERA FASHIONS

### Scallop and button their way to chic



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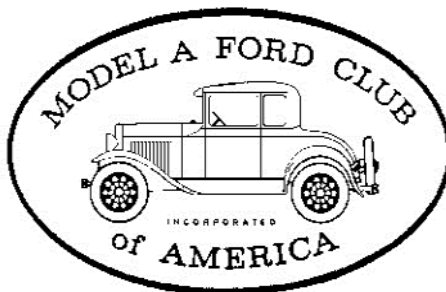
No. 6521. (Blouse). The blouse wardrobe is not complete without a waistcoat which is especially striking in plaid as shown here. The front comes to a point and the back wears a buckled belt.

No. 6518 (Skirt). The skirt that accompanies the blouse features a yoke effect that extends into full-length panels back and front. Buttoned closings are shown on both sides. In opaline yellow.

No. 6530. Scallops are the chic thing on the sports frock as demonstrated in the model illustrated above. A scarf-plaid in this case and exceedingly smart-slips and under buttoned revers in front.

*May 1931 issues of McCall's Magazine*

## NATIONAL MODEL A CLUBS



**MAFCA**  
250 S. Cypress St.  
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**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  
U.S. Membership Cost: \$38

## LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

### 2012 SWAP MEET SCHEDULE

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





June 17-21, 2013

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February 1-2, 2013

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