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MAY REFRESHMENTS



- Nora Meyer
- Roy Goates
- Jane McLaughlin
- Eileen Cox
- Ruth Anne Praeger

CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE



May 2011

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

Program: "Water, Gas & Oil" presented by John Stone

June 2011

5-11..... Plain Ol' A's Regional Meet.....Overland Park, KS

12..... All Wheels Day.....Clark

14..... Newsletter Deadline..editor@wichitaas.com..

27-July 1. MARC National Meet.....San Diego, CA

27..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park.....7:00 PM

July 2011

4..... Derby Parade & Picnic.....Derby Group

9..... Automobilia Moonlight Car Show.....Giesen, E - Stone, JD

12..... Newsletter Deadline..editor@wichitaas.com.....

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

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WICHITA A'S MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2011

Vice President, **Chris Cushman**, called the 289th meeting of the Wichita A's to order on April 25, 2011, 7:00 p.m. New members **Bill and Karen Loveland** were present and **Lucio Martinez** was our only guest. **Kent McIntyre** is our other new member but he was not present. **Wayne Orr** moved and **Jim Nungesser** seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as printed in the April newsletter. Motion passed. Treasurer, **Ray Harshfield**, gave an up to date treasurer's report.

President, **Jim Broadhead**, presented to **Linda Kibbe** the Model A Restorer's Club "Newsletter Award of Merit" for her wonderful work on our monthly newsletter.

There were no Sunshine, MARC/MAFCA, or WACC reports.

Our Wichita A's Regional Meet has been titled "A's in the Wild". **Claudia Ellerman** can still use some additional help pulling this meet together.

Old Business: **Bob Bruce** reported on the Zenda Tour and **Chris Cushman** reported on the Men's Tour to Oklahoma.

New Business: **Susan Stone** presented MARC driving awards to **Bob Bruce, Richard Kibbe, Chris Cushman, Lawrence Kottas, Bob Beaver, Frank Chenoweth, Bill Shearer, and Eric Weninger.**

John Stone reported on the May 7th McPherson College Car Show and **Susan Stone** reported on the "Around Town Poker Run".

A count of participants was taken for

the June 5-11 "Plain Ol' A's Regional Meet.

Dawna Ruggles announced that the Ladies Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Mosley Street Melodrama on December 3rd. **Claudia Ellerman** is making reservations for that event.

A fifteen minute break was called with refreshments being served by **Sue Johnson, Kathleen Paxton, Ruth Goodman, Trudee Harshfield, and Orpha Eyres.**

After the break, member **David Anderson** presented his film on the restoration of his 29 Tudor.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 23rd. Meeting was adjourned.

Dawna Ruggles, Secretary

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It does not seem possible that another month has flown by. Thank you to Chris Cushman for filling in for the past couple club meetings.

For those of you, who are going to Overland Park for the Plain Ol' A's Regional Meet, I am sure you will have a great time.

All Wheels Day at Lake Afton will be on June 12th. We hope to see several of you there with your cars.

Jim Broadhead
President





ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 2011 Birthdays

- 1 Kelly Huscher
- 3 Rex Kraus
- 3 Jack Shumard
- 4 Tonya Jordan
- 4 Bobby Watson
- 4 Glenda Sill
- 7 Lloyd Peters
- 10 Duane Gosch
- 11 John Weninger
- 12 David Anderson
- 13 Helen Louise Beaver
- 14 Jason Mayginnnes
- 15 Mary Brashear
- 15 June Hall
- 18 Alan Orr
- 19 Lenette Kottas
- 20 Trudee Harshfield
- 20 Sharon Hessefort
- 21 Tom Dixon
- 21 Phyllis Reynolds
- 22 Sue Erikson
- 23 Diana Grube
- 24 Bob Johnson
- 24 Phil Ross
- 24 Sheryl Wilson
- 27 Judi Sharp
- 28 Bob Bruce
- 29 Rae Ellen Dickey
- 30 Keith Dudeck

New Member

Kent McIntyre

 Wichita KS 67209

 '28 Tudor

Bill & Karen Loveland

 Wichita KS 67204-3724

 '29 Tudor

Sympathy

Prayers of sympathy to Ron Schroeder and Dennis & Lavina Schroeder at the death of Ron's wife, Michelle.

Prayers of sympathy to Philip & Chris Knighton at the death of his Mother, Mary Katherine "Kate" Knighton.

Newsletter Deadline

Tue. June 14, 2011
 Tue. July 12, 2011

Wanted

1932 Ford 2 door sedan, top or top pieces and a Drivers door. Also useable front fenders for a 29 Model A Car.
 Bill Yardley

June 2011 Refreshments

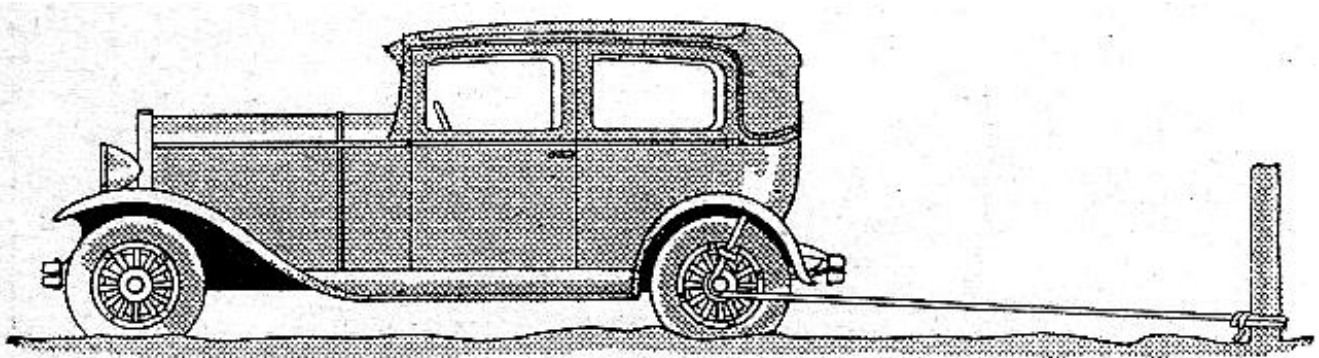
Mary Hilger
 JoAnn Bruce
 Arley Bennett
 Sandy Titus
 Nora Meyer

July 2011 Refreshments

Ice Cream Cakes will be furnished by Tony Pezzola.

August 2011 Refreshments

Doris Jean Ludlow
 Bonita Graham
 Linda Kibbe
 Carolyn Nungesser



When your car gets stuck in the mud or you run off the road, tie a rope round the top of the tire, bringing it straight down underneath the hub as

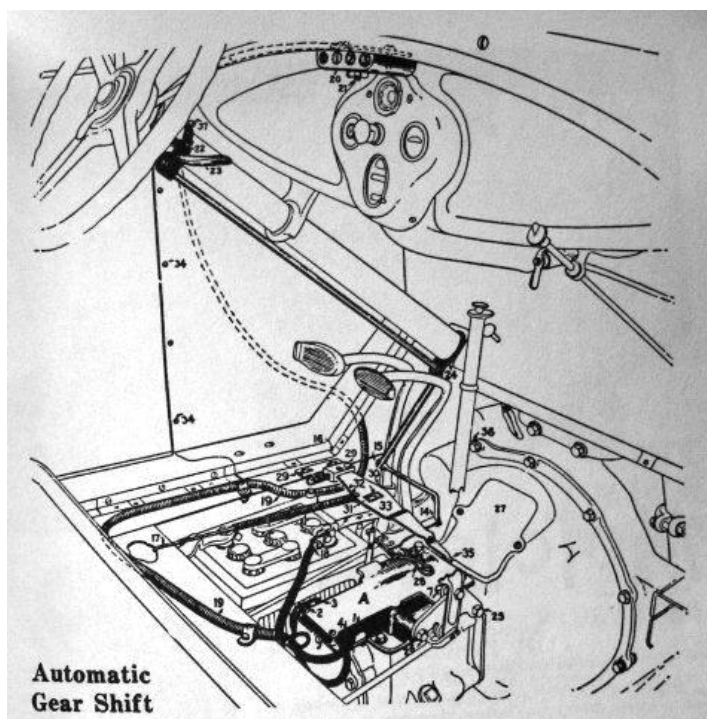
shown in the illustration. Then tie the rope to a post or a tree as shown and start to back the car. The rope winds around the hub and the car climbs out. H.D., Minnesota (Successful Farming, Nov. 1931)

SPECIAL INTEREST

AUTOMATIC GEAR SHIFT FOR THE MODEL A

The Cartwright Automatic Gear Shift Corp. of Indianapolis, In., introduced a kit in 1931 to change the Model A to what they called "Automatic Shift." The shift lever was totally eliminated and the shifting action was to be done with the clutch pedal. There was a small lever under the steering wheel to shift to neutral or reverse. We have never seen or heard of any of these in existence so we have to wonder how successful or troublesome they might have been?

As far as history books go GM was first with the automatic transmission which was offered on the 1940 Oldsmobile. RG



A new and amazing invention for Ford cars has been perfected by the Cartwright Automatic Gear Shift Corporation, 1450 East 19th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

This mechanical gear shift does away entirely with the lever assembly in the Ford, and operates from the clutch pedal in the same way as the clutch is now used before shifting gears with the gear lever. Over 90 per cent of the gear shifting is done by the clutch pedal alone. A convenient lever being placed immediately below the steering wheel for the tips of the fingers to operate when shifting into neutral or reverse.

Safety, one of the greatest words in automobile driving, it is claimed, is greatly increased by the Cartwright Automatic Gear Shift. The gear shift is operated entirely by mechanical action. There are no electric magnetic currents to get out of order. It is self lubricating and can, the inventor claims, be installed in two hours or less.

A convenient lighting system placed on the instrument board shows the gears the driver is in at all times. In other words, the gears are shifted automatically and the lighting system tells the driver in what gear he is.

FUTURE TOURS

South Central Oklahoma Tour

September 2-5, 2011

Mark your calendar for a **4 day** weekend tour over Labor Day Weekend. We will leave on Friday the 2nd of September and return home Monday, the 5th of September.

We will be taking a tour of old cars, Express Clydesdales Ranch, Fort Sill Historic Landmark & Museum, Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge & Visitor's Center, and Holy City of the Wichita Mountains. We will drive our cars up Mount Scott and tour the cobblestone buildings of Medicine Park, OK.

Please make your motel reservations before August 8th for the price guarantee. The blocked rooms with the guaranteed price will be dropped soon after that date. Ask for the rooms blocked under the name, "Wichita A's Model A Ford Club", for the reduced rate.

There will be a sign up sheet at the May, June and July meeting.

Cost for the tour:

\$15.00 per club member

\$40 per non-club member.

Best Western, Yukon, OK

Date: 9/2/2011

King/Dbl \$83.30 plus tax total \$95.15

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(800) 528-1234

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Date: 9/3/2011

King/Queens \$79.00 plus 13.85% tax

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Date: 9/4/2011

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Lake Afton Car Show

Sunday, June 12, 2011

The normal fun in the sun car show.

Food and beverage provided.

Sign up at the meeting or call

Jim Clark ,,,,,,,,,

Wichita A's Calendar

7/4/11	Derby Parade & Picnic
7/9/11	Automobilia Moonlight Car Show
8/27/11	McPherson When Pigs Fly In & BBQ
9/2-5/11	South Central Oklahoma
9/18/11	Ice Cream Social
9/23-25/11	Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty
10/2/11	All Ford Day
11/12/11	Around Town Tour
12/??/11	Ladies Christmas Luncheon
12/10/11	Club Christmas Party

PAST CLUB ACTIVITIES

Men's Tour

The men's tour was April 16 and 17, 2011. We had a total of 18 cars and 34 Model A men traveling to Claremore, OK to visit with **Otto Goins**. We spent the afternoon, with **Otto**, viewing his collection of parts and cars. When we left Otto's place he arranged a police escort to assist us to drive out of town.

We traveled another 12 miles to stay at the Hampton Inn in Catoosa, OK. Across the street from the motel was the Hard Rock Casino. Only one member of our club reported a profit from that visit.

The next day we traveled to Joe's Speed Shop in Ponca City, OK to visit with **Joe Casto**. **Joe** did a demonstration on making a drop axle for a Model A. Joe also reported he is able to inspect, repair and make corrections if you want to keep the axle original for your car.



Denny Ellerman and Wayne Orr looking at.....(hmm)



Otto Goins' restored air compressor.



Above: **Joe Casto** taking a break.

Below: **Otto Goins** storage.



Plenty of help fixing the gas leak.



Above: **Richard Kibbe** trying to catch his truck.

Below: **Ron Cole** takes a break.



MCPHERSON COLLEGE C.A.R.S. CLUB CAR SHOW



Above: Assembling a Model T
Below: Club members including **Marvin & Esther Stoss**



It was a beautiful day for a drive to McPherson! We had 11 A's and 22 Club Members from here go look over more than 250 classy cars. (Several other members joined us there.)

We watched five of the McPherson C.A.R.S. Club guys assemble a Model T in under 9 minutes! From the unique 1903 Packard Gray Wolf Racer, '35 Auburn, '39 Austin Bantam Roadster, '29 Franklin, the Model T with the barbed wire spark plug wires & the classic cars of the 60's to all the projects the students are working on, it was an interesting day!

Stones & Stones



Chris Cushman checking out the Packard.



FLYING A GASOLINE

A lot of club members have nicely restored gas pumps featuring popular brands such as Texaco, Standard Oil, Conoco, Sinclair and others.

We never saw the need to report on gas pumps until we saw the Flying A Gasoline pump recently restored by **John Stone**. Flying A should be appropriate for a Model A enthusiast because of the “A” we thought.

John never did have much interest in gas pumps until he discovered a National pump in the many “treasures” of his friend **Jerry Abplanalp**. This was a much different style than the Tokheim and Bennett pumps of the day.

It had curved glass towards the top of each side and did not normally come with a globe. This was a model A38 made in 1938 and production continued thru 1949.

John did some research and found that he could buy parts for the pump and Flying A Decals were available so he negotiated a trade with **Jerry** for some measuring equipment he had. **John** may have needed a diversion project from constant Model A engine work he does.

John stripped off the many coats of paint that was on the pump and found evidence that it had been used at a Vickers station and was also used for Fina, diesel #2. In the process of ordering parts he discovered that the vendor was supplying a Model A interior window crank for the crank handle that clears the pump reading. They were charging over \$20 for that item while the Model A part is under \$10. Fortunately he discovered this disparity before he ordered the expensive part.

The Flying A Gasoline trademark was created in 1932 after Getty Oil purchased the Tidewater



Petroleum Refining Company. The Flying A Brand was around until about 1970 when it was last used on the East Coast. If we correctly understand the long history of Flying A, Texaco now owns the remnants of the original company which was merged into their overall operation RG

TIP

When refueling, always put the gas cap in your pocket. This prevents the loss of expensive gas caps and possible paint damage from a falling cap.

HOFFMANS TRUSTY 29 PICKUP

Ray Hoffmans is one of a very few who still owns his first Model A, a 28 Roadster that his dad found in 1953. At 15 years of age, **Ray** had a restricted license and drove the roadster home from Manhattan. But, that's a story for another time.

The focus of this story will be **Ray's** 29 Model A Closed Cab pickup that he assembled in the early 80's. **Ray** had restored the Roadster while living in Denver in the 70's. After moving back to Wichita he joined the Sunflower A's and was active in the swap meet and other activities. Several guys were building what they called "junker pickups". They would find a pickup cab, then find all of the other parts, mostly not good parts but still serviceable. If any paint was applied it was a brush job. The object was to have an old truck for local tours but was never intended to look pretty or be used on long tours. And the cost was low.

Ray and Bo McHenry owned a couple of AA trucks in partnership. They really didn't have much enthusiasm for restoring them so **Ray** bought out **Bo** and decided to start a "junker pickup". Right off, he picked the best cab, hood, and radiator shell and bumper off the trucks. One truck had a double front bumper. It looked as if it was a production item, maybe built for some special truck use. Over the years people have referred to it as a cow catcher bumper, for obvious reasons.



"Cow Catcher Bumper"



Rita & Ray Hoffmans

Then **Ray** searched swap meets and other member's stock, to acquire a car frame, transmission and differential. He actually used a truck front end but had to convert the brake components to the smaller pickup/car size. The differential that he found had a 4:11 ring and pinion which he thought was too low geared so he bought a new 3:54 set which is considered high speed. This is one of a very few items on the pickup that was actually new. He picked the best, of the 2 engines he had, and did a \$90 overhaul on it which amounted to little more than a valve job.

Finally **Ray** had found everything except a pickup bed. At the swap meet in Wichita he talked to a vendor from Cimarron who said he had a bed. He said it was resting in a pasture but was pretty good. **Ray** made a deal with him and told him to bring it to the meet next year. Do you get the idea that **Ray** wasn't in a hurry? The vendor delivered it the next year and naturally it wasn't as good as described. Actually not near as good. The rear of the bed had been buried in the dirt. But **Ray** took it anyway. The rear "U" beam was beyond repair so a new one had to be installed and riveted in. No easy chore.

Ray decided to put a decent paint job on the pickup for fear that his wife **Rita** wouldn't want to ride in it. He sprayed it with two stage acrylic enamel. It came out good and still looks good today.

Sept. '85 and the pickup was finished. The first long trip, was an out of state trip. **Hoffmans** took the pickup on a club sponsored Labor Day Weekend tour to an annual celebration in Independence, Mo.

HOFFMANS TRUSTY 29 PICKUP continue:

Actually **Rita** liked the roll up windows after putting up with the wind and side curtains of their roadster all of those years.



Bootlegger? Not Really!

But, this was just the beginning. In 1986 they went to The World Meet in Geneva, Wisconsin. Then as years came and went the **Hoffmans** drove the pickup to St Louis and then not necessarily in this order, came Louisville, Kentucky, Vicksburg, Mississippi, Holly Beach, Louisiana, Galveston, Texas, Carlsbad & Roswell, New Mexico, all over Southern Colorado including Durango & Pikes Peak, South Dakota, Black Hills, Wyoming and Montana. Then back to Green Bay Wisconsin. In 2010 they took a 5,000 mile trip to the World Meet in Vancouver and added two Canadian provinces, Alberta and British Columbia, plus the states of Idaho and Washington. Total US states visited is now 18.

And the \$90 overhaul lasted almost 20 years. Preparatory to one trip, several years back **Ray** detected a knock in the lower engine area. He and **John Stone** took off the pan and replaced the #2 connecting rod without pulling the head. Then in '08 **Ray** pulled the engine and **John** did a complete overhaul on it. Still the same engine from 1985, but this time he added a high compression head. And the amazing part, after 72,000 miles, the pickup never ever quit them on the road. It did sputter a time or two in a heavy rain storm but dried itself out and kept going. **Ray** still runs the stock distributor, generator and 6 volt sealed beams, from an old stock kit he found.



Entering Kentucky one morning after crossing the Mississippi on a ferry



Far Western Kansas '08

Ray did have a "rash" of flat tires, for awhile. Two flats within 15 minutes and another later in the evening, near Colorado Springs one year. He finally determined that the tires had stiff sidewalls that didn't flex on steep banked curves and would pinch the tube. He took all of the old tubes he had accumulated and made liners to insert between the tubes and rims and the problem was solved. That was about 10 years ago. He has since installed a new set of Firestone tires with those old liners and has almost worn this set out but has never had another flat.

After more than 72,000 miles "Trusty Ole' Blue" is still ready to roll. RG

2011 SWAP MEET SCHEDULE

Jun 14-18, 2011.....	Petit Jean Swap Meet (Petit Jean Mountain).....	Petit Jean, AR
Jun 25-26, 2011.....	Swap Meet Fremont - 25th Annual - Christensen Field.....	Fremont, NE
Jul 10-17, 2011.....	Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet.....	Iola, WI
Aug 19-21, 2011.....	Springfield, MO Swap Meet (Ozark Empire Fairgrounds).....	Springfield, MO
Sep 17-18, 2011.....	Ararat Shrine's Swap Meet (101 SW Oldham, Route 50 & 91).....	Lee's Summit, MO
Sep 21-24, 2011.....	Petit Jean Fall Swap Meet (Petit Jean Mountain).....	Petit Jean, AR
Oct 5-8, 2011.....	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet.....	Hershey, PA
Oct 13-15, 2011.....	Chickasha Antique Auto Club Swap Meet & Car Show.....	Chickasha, OK
Oct 22, 2011.....	Sedgwick Street Rodders Swap Meet, KS State Fairgrounds....	Hutchinson, KS
Oct 29-31, 2011.....	Conroe Swap Meet (Montgomery County Fairgrounds).....	Conroe, TX

2011 - 2014 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

June 5-11, 2011.....	Plain Ol' A's Regional Meet.....	Overland Park, KS
June 27-July 1, 2011.....	MARC National Meet.....	San Diego, CA
September 20, 2011.....	International Model A Day.....	International
December 1-4, 2011.....	MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting.....	Santa Rosa, CA
April 12-15, 2012.....	MARC Membership Meet.....	Perrysburg, OH
June 11-15, 2012.....	Central Iowa Model A Ford Club Regional Meet.....	Des Moines, 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
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.....	Regional Meet.....	Tulsa, OK

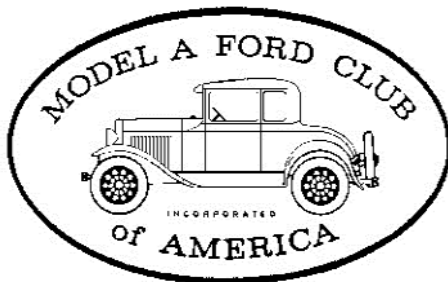
ERA FASHION



No matter what the predominating style in dresses seems to be at the moment, neat and carefully fitted undergarments are absolutely necessary. Even the most expensive and best fitting dress cannot hide the effects of ill-fitting and untidy foundation garments. Then of course the styles of today stress this point more than ever. Our all-in-one combination garment of this month is a perfect fitting model. This garment is always a favorite with the college girl since it simplifies packing, laundry, and closet space.

Successful Farming, November, 1931

NATIONAL MODEL A CLUBS



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