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Note: May meeting is 1 week earlier due to Memorial Day.

MAY REFRESHMENTS

- ♦ Janice Wilson
- ♦ Norma Agard
- ♦ Lavonne McLaughlin
- ♦ Orpha Eyres
- ♦ Kathy Arnold

CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

May 2013



20..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th7:00 PM
Program: Gear Technology by Wayne Orr and Don Waller

June 2013



2..... Newsletter Deadline... editor@wichitaas.com
9..... All Wheels Day at Lake Afton..... Clark - Ellerman
16-21..... 'A's In The Wild Regional Meet..... Wichita A's
24..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th7:00 PM
24-28.... MARC National Meet..... Lexington, KY

July 2013



4..... Derby Parade & Picnic.....Derby Gang
9..... Newsletter Deadline... editor@wichitaas.com
14..... Automobilia Moonlight Car Show..... Giesen/ JD Stone
22..... Club Meeting: Tire Kicking & Pot Luck Picnic.....Watson Park

Please note the change of place for July Meeting!!!



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WICHITA A'S MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2013

President **Chris Cushman** called the April 22, 2013 meeting of the Wichita A's to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer **Alan Orr** updated the club on its finances. **Bonita Graham**, Sunshine Lady, reported that **Feryl Giesen** was doing better with her hip replacement, **Steve Boivin's** brother, Roger, is recovering from his accident, and that **Earlene Foot** would be in rehab soon to strengthen her knee after surgery. **Nora Meyer** thanked the club for the expressions of concern in the death of her mother.

The Zenda outing was summarized. **Claudia Ellerman** showed club members the Regional Meet license plates made by **Gary Hileman** and company, and requested that club members sign up to help with this meet. The early bird special rate for this meet will end on May 1. Regular pricing will be applied to the meet registration after that date.

Chris Cushman asked for interest in showing our Model A's at the Cambridge Market on either September 15 or 21. More information will be coming on that event. **Bob Phye** reported on the upcoming Salty Wood Nature Tour and

Dawna Ruggles explained the May 11th "Bridges of Cowley County" tour. **John Masters** will be organizing our July meeting to include a pot luck supper with a member's antique car show of other-than-model A's. This event is planned for Watson Park. **Don Grabendike** reported on Junction City's Memorial Day Bi-plane event.

Chris Cushman presented our newsletter editor, **Linda Kibbe**, with the Restorer's Newsletter Award. **Linda** has consistently produced a professional club newsletter and has received this award for more than 15 years!! We are so proud of her.

Following a 15 minute break for refreshments provided by **Ruth Goodman, Sue Johnson, Carol Allen, Jo-Ann Bruce, and Vicki Hildibrand**, a program on "The Evolution of the Model A Water Pump" was presented by **Roger Graham**.

Due to Memorial Day, the next club meeting will be on May 20th instead of the 27th. Meeting adjourned.

Dawna Ruggles, Secretary

APRIL 2013 PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The question everyone seems to be asking these days where spring is, we know the calendar says its spring but old Mother Nature just does not want to cooperate.

The "Salty Wood Tour" is now history and a great success thanks to the **Ludlows** and **Phyes**. We had 38 cars, the weather started out gloomy but by noon bright sunshine and warm temperatures.

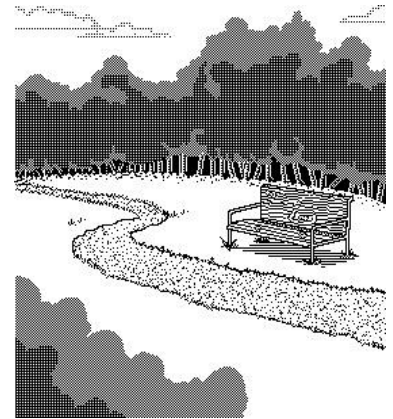
Mark your calendars for Saturday May 11, 2013 "Bridges of Cowley County" hosted by **Dawna** and **Tom Ruggles**.

The Chairperson's for the "A's In the Wild" held their meeting last week and everything is coming together quite nicely. We will have one more meeting to finalize all the events and activities and put the final touch to everything. These events take a great deal of time and planning to accomplish and I want to thank **Claudia Ellerman**, who is doing an outstanding job keeping us all focused on the mission. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Jim and Brenda Broadhead** for opening their home to us for all of the committee meetings.

We have lots of tours schedule for the coming year; these activities are what we look forward to doing this is what keeps us together. June 9th, 2013, is the "All Wheels Day" at Lake Afton, hosted by **Clarks** and **Ellermans**. It is always interesting to see the cars that show up at these events. It makes me wonder just how many old cars are sitting in garages and barns that we don't know about.

Just final reminders don't be left out in the wild. Come join us in June for the big A's In the Wild, event. There will be lots to see, lots to do, good eats and great fellowship. I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

Chris Cushman, President



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The Rumbleseat Review has won the "Award of Continuing Excellence" from the Model A Restorers Club. I would like to thank **Roger & Bonita Graham** and **Ron Eyres** for their contributions to the newsletter. They played a major role in receiving this award.

Linda Kibbe, Editor

ODE TO ALASKA

Starting in the early seventies **Larry Andra** would drive one of his Model A's to Alaska. Then he would sell the car and fly home. This worked out well for many years then there was a dip in the economy in the mid eighties and **Larry** had 2 Model A's in Alaska unsold. In the fall of 1988 his agent who handled the sales called **Larry** and said he was leaving Alaska for his native Nebraska. So, Larry needed to retrieve the cars, a Special Coupe and a Pickup. He enlisted his wife, **Alice**, her sister **Irene** and nephew **Edward**, to help with the task. They flew to Anchorage and after retrieving the cars, **Larry** and **Edward** prepared them for the return trip to Wichita. The tires were in bad condition and none were available. After 4 blowouts and 6 flats they were finally able to purchase some better tires in Vancouver. BC.

Alice wrote this poem on the return trip from Anchorage to Seattle.

ODE TO ALASKA (or 2 weeks from Anchorage to Seattle) (The Lost Poem (Or Lost Minds))

By: Alice Andra

Neither sleet, nor snow, nor rain will stay
A Model A Ford from going its way.

With 4 blowouts and 6 more flats
Bad Carburetor, cable and battery without zap.

A non-functioning wiper, a generator, failing brakes;
A cut-out, burnt points, no lights, FOR HEAVEN SAKES!

And inside, our choice of too cold or too hot,
A broken muffler—A BMW IT CERTAINLY IS NOT!

The door handles fell off, the fiberglass we inhaled,
With exhaust fumes and gas fumes, but onward we sailed.

Through 2000 + miles of ice, snow and rain,
With fog so darn thick.....Were we really all sane?

A slipping fan belt tightened with a piece of Yukon wood,
A pop can heater, gas cap lost off the hood.

Aluminum foil plugs, gas funnel made from trash,
Rocks thrown by logging trucks pit windshields with a crash.

Rubber bands held up windows, the windshields were mud
streaked,

Whatever they tell you, the trip's not for the meek.

The cars went down on mountain or vale,
And sadly therein lies many a tale.

Through blizzard and rain, in deep mud and snow,
We signaled the traffic, and hoped they'd go slow.

Like sentries in each direction at a distance we stood,
While the fellas were repairing as fast as they could.

And with a bear hiding behind every other tree,
Can you imagine how that frightened Irene and me?

The natives all knew that no cops were in sight
And passed us at will on our left — or our right!

Our bathrooms were pine accented with a natural décor
Surrounded by nature, how could we ask for more?

Long underwear, jeans, sweats, boots and caps,
Blankets and pillows to stuff in the gaps.

The stopover choices were easiest by far
You took what was there or slept in the car.

Any available room we didn't dare pass
Whether log cabin lodge, or trailers with sewer gas.

Extra tires tied on front, gas cans in the back,
We carried all the parts we could possibly pack.

A moose stood silently surveying the sight,
Then bolted the pickup with all of his might.

With "A" brakes and steering, imagine if you could,
The swerving and screeching when the moose cleared the
hood.

Like world weary travelers we went through the bush
And ended in Seattle with only 1 push.

Irene and I settled in the plane with a sigh
The comfort seemed great, would you want me to lie?
Smoked salmon in our luggage, (our clothes stayed with
the A's)

We thought we did great, and waited for praise.

But the fellas took off, away in a flash
And a quick goodbye wave from over the dash.

1500 more miles they needed to roll,
With Wichita, Kansas as the final goal.

So heed now my warning all maidens so tender
And marry not a man who leans on a fender

And checks out that car, for better or for worse,
No matter what happens, THAT Lady will come first!

FUTURE TOURS AND ACTIVITIES



Tire Kicking "Brand X" Pot Luck Picnic



The July meeting of the Wichita A's will meet on the 22nd with a pot luck picnic at Watson Park. The setting up will begin at 6:00 and eating will commence promptly at 6:30. Anyone having an antique auto other than a Model A (Brand X) is invited to bring it and show it off after the picnic as our program. Water, tea, and table service will be provided, so bring your favorite picnic food to share, maybe a lawn chair or two, and join us. And of course all Model A's are encouraged, too.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

Wichita A's July 2013 meeting
will be held at Watson Park!!!

'A' PLAY AROUND TOUR



Date: Saturday, August 10, 2013
Time: 8:00 AM Sedgwick County Park
Who: All ages are welcome.

This tour is for the young and old. We are going to tour playgrounds in Wichita and Augusta. The kids will have plenty of time to play. We will also stop to see the Veteran's Memorial Park in Wichita. Lunch will be provided at the Andover Central Park in an air conditioned building.

Sign Up: at the May meeting.
Cost: \$8 per adult \$5 for ages 12 and younger.
\$15 adult non club member
For Information Contact:
Beavers Kibbes



THE GREAT RACE -2013

The Hemmings Motor News GREAT RACE presented by Hagerty and Coker Tires will run from Saturday, June 22 to Sunday, June 30. It will go back and forth across the Mississippi River starting in St. Paul MN and finishing in Mobile AL!

Taylor & Todd Merrill have entered this year. We wish them a Super Race!!

See greatrace.com for more info.

A's in the Wild Update



The countdown has started. It is one month before the Regional Meet. The final preparations are being made, and the excitement is starting to build. Hopefully everybody has sent in their registration. If not, there is still plenty of time to join the fun.

I'm looking forward to all of the events. The committee has chosen great events to highlight Wichita and Kansas by including some of our favorite places in the area. The seminars will be fun and informative. I'm especially looking forward to seeing the "Birds of Prey" presentation by **Ken Lockwood**. And, of course, our Wichita A's President will present a seminar on Model A speedometers which is sure to please everyone.

I hope everyone will attend the Welcome Party. It's the time to reconnect with old friends and to make new friends. And, don't forget to visit the Hospitality Room during the meet. It's also a great place to meet new folks while enjoying a snack.

Everyone on the committee thanks all of the club members who have volunteered to help with the various committees. We couldn't do it without you.

There will be a limited amount of tickets to some events available at registration. So, if you didn't sign up for something, and decide you want to attend, you'll still have a chance to join in on all of the activities.

See you all in June.

Claudia Ellerman

ANNOUNCEMENTS



June Birthdays

- 1 Kelly Huscher
- 2 Aaron Frazer
- 3 Rex Kraus
- 3 Jack Shumard
- 4 Tonya Jordan
- 4 Glenda Sill
- 7 Lloyd Peters
- 10 Duane Gosch
- 11 Jeff Neuman
- 11 John Weninger
- 12 David Anderson
- 13 Helen Louise Beaver
- 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 Erickson
- 23 Diana Grube
- 24 Bob Johnson
- 24 Phil Ross
- 24 Sheryl Wilson
- 27 Gary Cowan
- 27 Judi Sharp
- 28 Bob Bruce
- 29 Rae Ellen Dickey
- 30 Keith Dudeck

Sympathy



Prayers of sympathy for Ed & Kim Giesen and Bob & Feryl Giesen at the observance of the death of Ed's Grandmother/ Bob's Mother.

Prayers of sympathy for John & Nor Masters at the observance of the death of Nor's sister, Virginia "Gini" McPheeters..

For Sale

1930 Model-A Ford Sports Coupe. Older ground up restoration, (37 yrs). Always garaged, 2600 miles. Some paint checking and peeling. (lacquer) \$12,500

Location , Kansas City Area
Interested? Contact **David Stone**

Contact editor for contact information

1915 Model-T Ford Roadster. Last year of all brass T's. Older ground up restoration, (35 yrs). Paint (enamel) is excellent, with only minor flaws. \$16,500

Location , Kansas City Area
Interested? Contact **David Stone**

Contact editor for contact information

For Sale

1931 Ford Peddlers Wagon : Clear Kansas title, parade quality, all original except solid oak wood body, starts, runs and drives ok, \$ 7500.00 or trade up or down for "A" coupe or roadster . Manhattan, KS.

Contact editor for contact information



Refreshments



Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, June 2, 2013
Tuesday, July 9, 2013

June 2013

- ♦ Kay Lumbert
- ♦ Linda Lumbert
- ♦ Bev Grant
- ♦ Nor Masters
- ♦ Jane McLaughlin

July 2013

- ♦ Barb Phye
- ♦ Nora Meyer
- ♦ Jane McLaughlin
- ♦ Trudee Harshfield
- ♦ Roy Goates

August 2013

- ♦ Bonita Graham
- ♦ Linda Kibbe
- ♦ Doris Jean Ludlow
- ♦ Judy Hill
- ♦ Carolyn Nungesser

PAST ACTIVITIES AND TOUR

Salty Wood Nature Tour

A very cool Saturday morning turned into a very nice afternoon and evening for the Salty Wood Tour to Hutchinson. Three groups toured the Cedar Wood Shop, the Reno County Museum and Dillon Nature Center. The last group that arrived at Dillon Nature Center had their Model A's used for a backdrop in the pictures taken of the prom couples dressed up for the evening event.

We had 74 members and guests at Carriage Crossing for a delicious evening meal complete with pie. Thanks to the leaders and everyone who went to make the tour a success.

Doris Jean Ludlow



Marcia Hillman checking out the cedar furniture at the Cedar Wood Shop.

Photo by Marcia Hillman



Darrell Ludlow & Richard Sanchez on break.
Photo by **Richard Kibbe**



A few Model A's
Photo by **Marcia Hillman**



Corky Armstrong & Agnes Stamm with **John Weninger** following close behind.

Photo by **Linda Kibbe**



Model A's at Carriage Crossing

Photo by **Richard Kibbe**

"A" PROM SEASON!

Maize South High School asked for a couple of Model A's to be present at their prom. They were using the 20's and 30's theme. **Bob & Barb Phye**, **John & Susan Stone** and **Richard & Linda Kibbe** drove their car to the prom. Pictures were taken and everyone seemed to be very impressed with the opportunity to have their picture taken with the cars.

While the Wichita A Club was touring Dillon Nature Center there were plenty of high school students present, having their prom pictures taken with a professional photographer. When they spotted our cars they were excited at using our cars for a backdrop.



Teachers (above) and students (below) posed with **John & Susan Stone's** A400.



Teachers posing in front of **Richard & Linda Kibbe's** 31 S/W Fordor with **Bob & Barb Phye's** 29 Coupe on the left.



Below left & right: At Dillon Nature Center I managed to get a couple of photos with the students using **Aaron Frazer's** Model A.



TECH TALK

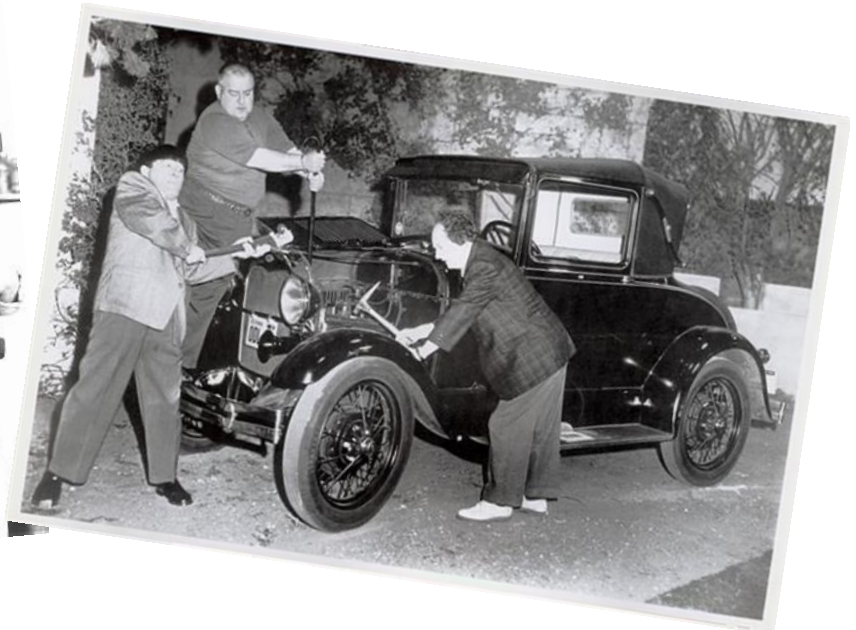
TIP FROM RON EYRES

Several years ago someone shared an idea with me that I have utilized on every restoration project since that time. It has proven to be quite effective and has saved me countless hours of scraping and cleaning baked on grease from engines, frames and accessories. Oven Cleaner is specifically designed to eat through baked on grease and cooking residue in your oven. Most of our Old Iron has baked on grease and oil, so it follows that Oven Cleaner would work on that as well.

I purchase the Bissel Brand of Oven Cleaner from BIG LOTS at a cost of 98 cents per can. For an engine, I spray a generous coat of oven cleaner, and then wrap the engine in plastic to keep the air from drying out the cleaner. I usually let it soak for a few hours, often overnight. Then use a pressure washer to blast off the loosened grease and grime. In many cases, it removes the paint as well.

For smaller parts, such as splash pans, air cleaners, etc. I place them in a BLACK plastic garbage bag and spray them generously. Fit in as many as the bag will hold, then seal it tightly. I place it outside in the direct sunlight so that the heat accelerates the cleaning action. After a few hours, I hit it with my high pressure water blaster. Again, most of the grease comes off along with the paint. I then go back and spray it again, sometimes three or four times until I have a part clean and shiny, ready for paint.

The Good Ole Days



ERA FASHIONS

The Autumn Mode Presents New Ideas



6156

6294

5352

6286

6214

No. 6156. Patch pockets on the blouse and slot pockets on the trousers are practical features of this serviceable suit.

No. 6294. A belted coat cut with a slightly flaring skirt acquires a new style distinction by an individual front closing.

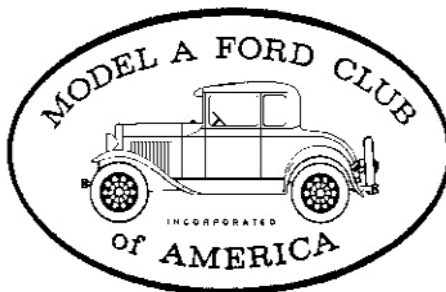
No. 5352. A boy's utility coat is designed on loosely fitting lines with raglan sleeves, a notched collar and slot pockets.

No. 6286. Large and small scallops are effectively used in a simple belted frock made with a very becoming cape collar.

No. 6214. A practical full length coat and a frock decorated with pointed seamings form a serviceable ensemble.

Copied from McCall's Magazine, issue October 1930

NATIONAL MODEL A CLUBS



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

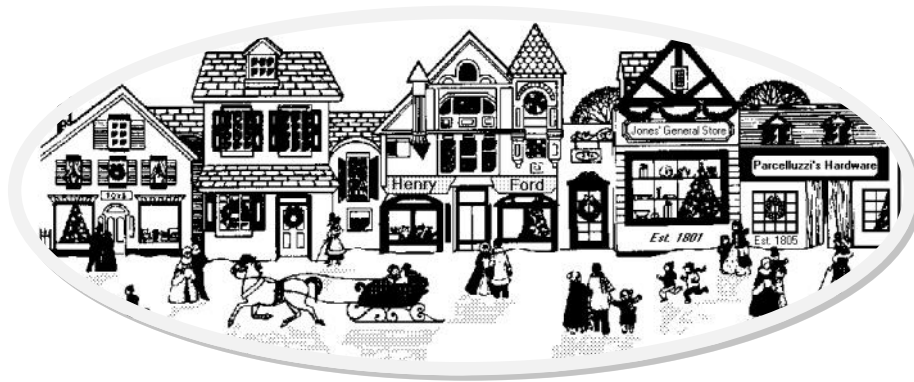


MARC
6721 Merriman
Garden City, MI 48315
U.S. Membership Cost: \$38

LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

2013 SWAP MEET SCHEDULE

June 11-15.....	Petit Jean Swap Meet.....	.....Petit Jean, AR
June 22-23.....	Swap Meet Fremont.....	.....Fremont, NE
July 11-14.....	Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet.....	.....Iola, WI
August 16-18.....	Springfield, MO Swap Meet.....	.....Springfield, MO
September 13-15.....	Southwest Swap Meet, Wise County Sherriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds	.....Decatur, TX
October 9-12.....	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet.....	.....Hershey, PA
February 7-8, 2014.....	Sunflower Swap Meet, Kansas Pavilions.....	.....Wichita, KS



2012 - 2014 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

June 5-9, 2013.....	Texas Tour.....	.....Round Rock, TX
June 17-21, 2013.....	Wichita A's Regional Meet.....	.....Wichita, KS
June 24-28, 2013.....	MARC National Meet.....	.....Lexington, KY
April 3-6, 2014.....	MARC Membership Meet.....	.....St. Louis, MO
June 9-12, 2014.....	Tulsa Model A Club Regional Meet.....	.....Tulsa, OK
June 21-27, 2014.....	MARC National Meet.....	.....French Lick, IN
July 14-18, 2014.....	MAFCA National Convention.....	.....Puyallup, WA
April 9-12, 2015.....	MARC Membership Meet.....	.....Joliet, IL
June 8-12, 2015.....	Northwest Regional Meet.....St. Joseph, MO
June 19-24, 2016.....	MAFCA National Convention.....Loveland, CO



June 17-21, 2013

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This publication is mailed 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 (new members) and \$20.00 (renewals), per year (October to September30). MAFCA dues are \$40.00 per year and MARC dues are \$38.00 per year. An advertisement in this newsletter is \$15.00 per year.