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### May REFRESHMENTS

- ◆ Glenda Sill
- ◆ Ron Cole
- ◆ Claudia Ellerman
- ◆ Dawna Ruggles
- ◆ Joanna Adams

## CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

### May 2014

- 18..... Poker Run.....Ellerman
- 19..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th .....7:00 PM
- Program: Club Member's Memories



### June 2014

- 3..... Newsletter Deadline...editor@wichitaas.com.....
- 8..... All Wheels Day.....Lake Afton
- 9-12.... Regional: Tulsa Model A Territory.....Tulsa, OK
- 18-20... Speedway Motors/Lincoln, NE tour.....Adams
- 21-27 MARC National Meet.....French Lick, IN
- 23..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th .....7:00 PM
- 27..... Newsletter Deadline...editor@wichitaas.com.....



### July 2014

- 4..... Derby Parade & Picnic
- 12..... Automobilia Moonlight Car Show
- 14-18... MAFCA National Convention/Puyallup, WA



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The Wichita A's meet on the 4th Monday of the month with exception to the month of May and December. Due to Memorial Day Weekend in May, the meeting is held on the 3rd Monday of the month. We do not hold a meeting during the month of December. The meetings are held at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th, Wichita, KS. Meeting time is 7:00 PM.



## WICHITA A'S MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2014

President **Chris Cushman** called the April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting of the Wichita A's to order. Speaker **Mike Berry**, Wichita Eagle's newspaper columnist for antique cars, was introduced as the program for the evening. Following the program, a 15 minute break was called with refreshments provided by **Trudee Harshfield, Mary Lou Beskett, Linda Lumbert, Beverly Grant, and Kay Lumbert**.

The meeting was again called to order and new members **Dennis DeMoure** and **Brad Johnson** were introduced as new members. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. Treasurer **Alan Orr** presented an updated financial report. Sunshine lady **Bonita Graham** reported that **Joyce Guinty's** sister, **Deanie Hancock's** sister, **Dawna Ruggles'** brother, and former member **Don McLaughlin** had all passed away.

Tour Chairman **Don Grabendike** reported on the Zenda tour and the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Garage Sale tour. **Gary Hileman** reported that more participants are needed for the September bus tour, and Vice President **Dennis Ellerman** explained the May 18<sup>th</sup> Poker Run.

The club was presented with a MAFCA certificate for 50 years as a chartered chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America, and once again Editor **Linda Kibbe** was awarded the MARC Award of Excellence for 2013 for our Rumbleseat Review. Congrats, **Linda!** **Gilbert Adams** reminded the club of the Lincoln, Nebraska tour- June 18-20.

Swap Meet Chairperson **Tom Ruggles** explained the changes for the 2015 swap meet, and led the club in a discussion of the future of the swap meet. There will be no Car Barn or outside trailer sales in 2015. The membership will be consulted about the discontinuation of the swap meet after 2015, sign-up sheets to be available and a vote will be taken at the May meeting with the Board to meet and make a final decision on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Sunflower swap meet name has been submitted for service mark registration with the State of Kansas.

Due to Memorial Day, the May meeting date will be the 18<sup>th</sup> and the program will center on members' old car stories.

Meeting adjourned.

**Dawna Ruggles**, Secretary

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Spring is moving right along. When we arrived back in early April I thought we may have jumped the gun and returned to soon. However, Kansas has proven if you don't like the weather stick around it will change.

Our activities director, **Don Grabendike**, has got us off to a good start, we now have two spring tours under our belt. The first was Zenda and the other was the "A" Garage sale tour. I have always been told that **Dennis Ellerman's** father-in-law has one of the biggest yard sales in Wichita and seeing is believing. We had a great time. **Don Grabendike** is always able to teach us Wichita history as well as coming up with interesting things to do.

May 18<sup>th</sup> we have the Wichita A's Poker Run, call **Denny Ellerman** if you haven't signed up to let him know you are interested in attending.

June 18-20 will be **Gilbert Adams** tour to Lincoln, NE. He needs you to pay and sign up at the May Club meet-

ing. Remember the Club meeting will be the 19<sup>th</sup> of May.

Also remember **Gary & Donna Hileman** are working on the Gilmore Museum tour. They still need more people to fill the bus. That tour is slated for September 18-25, 2014, they need an early head count to continue with the plans.

The May Club meeting is important if you want to give your input as to the future of the Sunflower Swap Meet. Remember, all the important slots are to be filled and we still have openings.

May is our 50<sup>th</sup> year as a Club and your Vice President, **Denny Ellerman**, has come up with an interesting program for us to participate in. This will be an opportunity to tell some history or humor associated with the Club and its membership.

We are celebrating 29 May Birthdays, Happy Birthday to you all and I wish you more to come.

**Chris Cushman**, President

## Note from the Editor

I will be very busy traveling during the months of June and July. **Richard** and I will be attending 3 different Model A functions. I need all your help in getting your articles to me ASAP for the June and July issues. If you have an upcoming event I would like to publish it in at least two issues of the Rumbleseat Review before it takes place. Please also note there are two newsletter deadlines in June which are listed on page 4 of this issue.

I have been asked several times how long I have been editor of this newsletter. I really didn't know the answer until I checked. I started in September 1997 until May 2002, (4 yr 9mo). I started again in October 2004 and will have completed 11 years this coming fall.

How do you turn off the bubble machine?



**Linda Kibbe**, Editor

# Future Tours and Activities



## **Tour to Lincoln, NE Museum of America Speed (Speedway Motors) and Lincoln In- dustries June 18-20, 2014**

May meeting will be the last time to sign up for the Lincoln Nebraska tour. You can call Gilbert Adams ..... ahead of time as this would help in final planning. This is a three day tour (June 18-20, 2014) as we will be visiting Speedway Motors Museum and Lincoln Industries. See you on the road.

Thanks,

**Gilbert Adams**



## **Wichita A's Poker Run May 18th**

Sunday, May 18th is the date for the Wichita A's Poker run. We will begin at the **Kiwanis Park** building, **5101 W 2<sup>nd</sup> street** at 3:00 pm.

**Denny Ellerman** .....

## **Bus Tour / Gilmore Museum / Dearborn**

If you are wanting to go on the bus tour Sept. 18-25 to "Michigan and More" call and get your reservations in at Village Tours (721-4455). It should be a great day Saturday, Sept 20 being at the Gilmore Car Museum with the celebration of Model "A" day.

If you have questions call : **Gary or Donna Hileman**. .....

*See page 7 for details.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## June Birthdays

- 1 Kelly Huscher
- 2 Aaron Frazer
- 3 Rex Kraus
- 3 Jack Shumard
- 4 Tonya Jordan
- 4 Glenda Sill
- 10 Duane Gosch
- 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
- 29 Ford Wisdom



## REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE



### June 2014

- ♦ Corky Armstrong
- ♦ Judi Sharp
- ♦ Pat McHenry
- ♦ JoAnn Bruce
- ♦ Duane Gosch

### July 2013

- ♦ Nora Meyer
- ♦ Helen Louise Beaver
- ♦ Rex Kraus
- ♦ Maria Hildibrand
- ♦ Nancy Fresh

### August 2014

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

## Sympathy



Prayers of sympathy for **Tom & Dawna Ruggles** in the observance of the death of **Dawna's** brother in Houston.

Prayers of sympathy for **Charles & Joyce Guinty** and **Scott Guinty & Judy Hill** in the observance of the death of **Joyce's** sister, **Scott** and **Judy's** Aunt.

## New Members

**Dennis DeMoure**

.....  
Wichita KS 67207  
.....

**Brad & Cheryl Johnson**

.....  
Andale KS 67001-9522  
.....  
'29 Tudor

## For Sale

Hi,

I'm Tony Ventris, in Stillwater, OK. I have some Model A coupe parts if some one needs them. I sold my car and don't need them. I have a rumble seat and more parts. Call .....

## Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, June 3, 2014  
Friday, June 27, 2014

## Thank You

**Tom** and I thank the club membership for the outpouring of cards, condolences, and prayers for our family at the passing of my brother, **Glenn Sparks** of Houston. We were touched by your kindness.

**Dawna Ruggles**

Thank you for the cards & prayers at the passing of my sister! This has not been a good year for us.

Thank You All,  
**Joyce & Charlie Guinty**





## Past Tours & Activities

### ANNUAL SHAKE DOWN TOUR TO ZENDA

April 26, 2014

With **Don Grabendike**, aka, The Wizard, in charge this year it was certain to be a different route than ever before to Zenda in SW Kingman County. And we could be sure that there would be interesting sights and history.

We left from the South Side of Wichita with the first stop being the DeBruce elevators near Haysville. According to the Wizard the DeBruce elevatory was the largest in the world up until the tragic explosion in 1998, that killed 7 workers. It's still very large.

Next was a rest stop at Casey's in Clearwater.

From there we continued west until we came to Viola where we crossed K42 and went straight north. Then we turned west on a paved road until we came to a "dog leg" curve to our right and then went west on a dirt road? We wondered, Now what is the Wizard up to? We soon found out when he led us into the Greenwood Cemetery and circled the cars around the graveyard.

As the Wizard beckoned us to one of the larger tomb-

stones in the middle, he then gave us a history lesson on **Clyde Cessna**, 1879-1954. The stone was modest but did have an airplane etching along with the name, Cessna. The Wizard then gave us a short but very interesting history on **Clyde Cessna**, facts that most of us had never heard before.

Here was an aviation pioneer who was partners at one time with other pioneers, **Walter Beech** and **Lloyd Stearman**. And he was buried in this rural cemetery without a house in sight. His name is on hundreds of thousands of airplanes world wide.

With our history lesson behind us we continued to Zenda and arrived at The Lumber Yard Restaurant, about an hour late, but it wasn't a problem. The staff was ready for us and served a choice of delicious steak or chicken.

By 6:30 we were ready to depart and drive back the 70 miles to Wichita. The Model A's scattered like chickens. Some went north through Kingman and the ones from the east, south and west part of Wichita went straight up K42.

There were a few problems with cars, including some flat tires. Points closing up and a timing gear failure that we heard of, but for the most part it was a very great shake down tour. RG



25 Model A's in front of The Lumber Yard Restaurant in Zenda.



Cessna, Aviation Pioneer, buried near the family farm in Kingman, County

### INTERESTING HISTORY OF ZENDA, KS

Rochester, Kansas, named for Rochester, Minnesota was first settled in the mid 1880's.

When A.T.& S.F. railway was built, the town moved to the present sight of Zenda and renamed, New Rochester. The name created much confusion since there were 28 other places named Rochester in the country. The wife of a Santa Fe conductor read the novel: *The Prisoner of Zenda* and thought the name was pretty. The post office officially changed the name on Oct 7, 1892. There are currently 3 other towns named Zenda. Zenda population, 123 in the year 2000.



The Wizard, **Don Grabendike** giving us our history lesson.

## "A" GARAGE SALE TOUR

### "A" GARAGE SALE TOUR Saturday May 3

We departed Twin Lakes shopping center in four different groups to visit a number of garage in four different locations of Wichita. Everyone met at Claudia Ellerman's father's sale following the other garage sales. From there we left as one group for Hometown Buffet for lunch. After lunch everyone displayed their \$1 purchase from a garage sale.

The weather was perfect. Don Grabendike did a wonderful job of putting this fun filled tour together.



The view from a Speedster.



No, **Randy's** beautiful Roadster is not for sale!



**Randy Frazer and Steve Boivin** checking out the sale.



**Susan Stone** showing her hat purchased for \$1.



**Don & Terry Grabendike** did it again with another fun tour!



## *Michigan & More* *Presented with the Wichita A's* **September 18 - 25, 2014**

**Day 1 L Springfield, IL**

Delve into the world of Henry Ford with a tour to where it all started, as well as to some of the best collections of automobiles and other Americana in the country. Drive into the Land of Lincoln today, with a stop for lunch in Kansas City.

**Day 2 CB, L Kalamazoo, MI**

Wheeled objects, from cars to tractors to clocks, are gathered in four buildings in Peoria, Illinois, at the **Wheels O'Time Museum**. Special features, newly added in 2013, include a large workshop where restoration projects can be observed, including the 1931 Peoria Ahrens-Fox fire pumper, and an antique Ford dealership, with Ford vehicles and memorabilia collected by local Ford clubs. Later this morning, board the **Spirit of Peoria** for lunch and a scenic, narrated cruise along the Illinois River with its beautiful bluffs and interesting history.

**Day 3 CB Kalamazoo, MI**

Spend today at the **Gilmore Car Museum**, one of the nation's top car museums. See over 300 vehicles, featuring everything from Model A's to Cadillacs, Pierce-Arrows to Duesenbergs, Studebakers to Chevrolets. On campus is the largest public museum dedicated to the Model A Ford. This 13,000-square-foot re-creation of a 1928 Ford dealership includes a service bay and gas pumps, as well as rare examples such as Thomas Edison's Model A, a school bus, mail truck, and tow-truck. This is truly a car-lover's paradise.

**Day 4 CB, L Dearborn, MI**

Michigan isn't just about cars. Explore the estate of the cereal magnate W.K. Kellogg at the **Kellogg Manor House**. This Tudor revival style mansion is beautifully situated and recently restored to its 1925 condition. After lunch, begin our journey into the world of Henry Ford and more at the **Henry Ford Museum**. Explore the national treasures and artifacts that have helped shape America, including Lincoln's chair and the Kennedy limousine. Spend the next two nights in Henry Ford's hometown of Dearborn.

**Day 5 CB, L Dearborn, MI**

Henry Ford's dream to be self-sufficient in his manufacturing process was realized when the **Rouge Factory** started production in 1915. A city in itself, it has seen many transitions, and is now a lean and flexible manufacturing plant where the new Ford F-150s are assembled. Learn its history during a factory tour this morning. At **Greenfield Village**, experience 300 years of history as the sights, sounds and sensations of America's past come alive. Take a look inside Edison's laboratory, or go for a ride in an authentic Model T. From Main Street to Work Farms, Liberty Craftworks to Railroad Junction, this will be a fun-filled celebration of the American experience.

**Day 6 CB, L Fort Wayne, IN**

Get a taste of American ingenuity at **Sechler's Pickle factory**, which began in 1914 and has expanded to offer 54 flavors of pickles! Lunch is followed by a tour of the **Whetstone Woodenware** facility, which started 25 years ago when John Whetstone made an unbreakable wooden spoon for his wife. The quality wooden kitchen products keep coming as skilled craftsmen transform US maple into these utensils. When **Warsaw Cut Glass Company** opened its doors in 1911, master glass artisan painstakingly hand cut each piece of crystal on belt-driven wheels. Free-hand design made each piece a true original. Today it is one of the last American facilities practicing the art of cutting glass. The technique and equipment have remained unchanged and so has the product.

**Day 7 CB Effingham, IL**

Travel to the charming town of Greenville, Ohio, this morning, home of the **KitchenAid Stand Mixer** since 1941. Visit the company's museum and take a factory tour to see the dedication and craftsmanship that goes into every KitchenAid Stand Mixer. For 50 years, the **Indy Hall of Fame Museum** has been recognized as one of the world's most notable museums dedicated to auto racing. Exhibits include the 1911 winner of the inaugural Indy 500 race, many other rare cars, equipment and methods used for timing the race over the years, and additional racing memorabilia. Visit this American original this afternoon.

**Day 8 CB, L Home**

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# Tech Talk

## NON ETHANOL GASOLINE

While eating at **The Lumber Yard** in Zenda, Kansas, **Bob Titus**, made the announcement to our members, that some of the **QT**, convenience stores, in the Wichita area are now selling non ethanol unleaded gas. It seems to be at the new **large** stores such as the one at Hillside and Kellogg, Broadway and Kellogg, also 47<sup>th</sup> and Meridian. There are other **large QT** stores under construction which we didn't have time to research. There is also a **CENEX** station in the 9500 block of W. Central that has been selling non ethanol unleaded gas for quite some time.

So why do we need non ethanol gasoline? If you've never had a problem then maybe you don't. But over the last 10-15 years as most all suppliers began adding up to 10% ethanol to their fuel, subtle problems have occurred that weren't major but nonetheless effected the performance of certain vehicles. This is especially true of Model A's and other vintage vehicles. In the summer of 2012 on our way back from Michigan we had major vapor lock problems. The only relief that we got was when we poured lots of Marvel Mystery

Oil, in with the gas. Then it happened again on a return trip from Norman, Ok. that same year.

The Friday before the recent garage sale tour, we filled up our sedan with non ethanol gas. Maybe it's our imagination but the car performed great the next day. It started instantly every time, It was really "peppy" and it started without choking even after setting a couple of hours.

Back to **QT**. Not all of the pumps had the non ethanol gas. It is the pumps with 4 buttons and this button is clearly marked, 087 in yellow and black. Also the pump handle is red. We assume that 87 is the octane rating. Beware that their Premium gas, which is 91 octane was the same price, \$3.73.9. But, the Premium has ethanol content.

Another thought, The Quick Trip Corporation, Headquartered in Tulsa is a Fortune 500 Company. They must know something about the demand for this gas. They haven't made very many mistakes. RG



E087 Button marked, No Ethanol. Also, pump handle is red.



The pumps are identified with this sign on the end of the islands.



## ERA FASHIONS

### New Feminine Frocks Favor Circular Cut



5695

5651

5604

5675

FEMININE frocks that suggest gracefulness and coolness are a favorite afternoon type every summer, but the newest ones arriving from France are entirely different from those of other seasons. In the place of the familiar dipping hemlines, and fluttering added panels, the suggestion of soft femininity is lent to the new models by circular cut, very simple in design and graceful in effect. This page shows four of the most successful ways in which circular cut is used, in an inserted front panel, in cleverly arranged flounces, in a side flare to accent a side flaring peplum, and also in a softly cascading wrap-around flare.

No. 5695. A pointed panel lends circular fullness to the front of a sleeveless frock bloused by a sash.

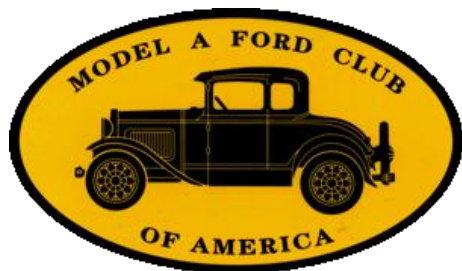
No. 5651 A soft fluttering type of frock is interpreted with a bow collar, a knotted sash and skirt flounces.

No. 5604. Overlapping tabs at the neckline and waistline are details of a frock with side flaring peplum and skirt.

No. 5675. The side treatment of a slender frock is accented by a wraparound flare on skirt and bertha collar.

*Copied from May 1929 issue of the McCall's Magazine.*

## NATIONAL MODEL A CLUBS



### MAFCA

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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  
<http://modelarestorers.org>  
U.S. Membership Cost: \$38

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

## LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

### 2014 SWAP MEET SCHEDULE

June 10-14.....	Petit Jean Swap Meet.....	.....Petit Jean, AR
June 21-22.....	Swap Meet Fremont.....	.....Fremont, NE
July 10-13.....	Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet.....	.....Iola, WI
August 15-17.....	Springfield, MO Swap Meet.....	.....Springfield, MO
September 12-14.....	Southwest Swap Meet, Wise County Sherriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds	.....Decatur, TX
October 8-11.....	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet.....	.....Hershey, PA
October 16-18.....	Chickasha Swap Meet.....	.....Chickasha, OK
October 25-26.....	Sedgwick Street Rodders Swap Meet.....	.....Hutchinson, KS
February 6-7, 2015.....	Sunflower Swap Meet, Kansas Pavilions.....	.....Wichita, KS



### 2014 - 2016 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

June 9-12, 2014.....	Tulsa Model A Club Regional Meet.....	.....Tulsa, OK
June 12-15, 2014.....	Texas Tour.....	.....Corsicana, TX
June 21-27, 2014.....	MARC National Meet.....	.....French Lick, IN
July 14-18, 2014.....	MAFCA National Convention.....	.....Puyallup, WA
September 21-24, 2014.....	2014 MARC National Tour, Tar Wheel A's Region.....	.....Cary, NC
December 3-7, 2014.....	MAFCA National Awards Banquet.....	.....Little Rock, AR
April 9-12, 2015.....	MARC Membership Meet.....	.....Joliet, IL
June 7-12, 2015.....	MAFCA National Tour.....	Lobsters & Lighthouses of Maine
June 8-12, 2015.....	Northwest Regional Meet.....	.....St. Joseph, MO
June 19-24, 2016.....	2016 MAFCA National Convention.....	.....Loveland, CO



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No Meeting in December

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