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### NOVEMBER REFRESHMENTS

- ♦ Ruth Anne Praeger
- ♦ Rex Kraus
- ♦ Francis Grady
- ♦ Joanna Adams
- ♦ Lynda Cushman



### CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE



#### November 2012

26..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th .....7:00 PM  
Program: Charity Auction



#### December 2012

1..... Ladies Christmas Luncheon.....Ludlow -Cushman  
8..... Club Christmas Party.....Phyes



### NO CLUB MEETING IN DECEMBER

#### January 2013

1..... First Model A Tour of the Year.....Grabendike  
28..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th .....7:00 PM  
Program: Swap Meet Planning held by **Tom Ruggles**



#### February 2013

1-2..... Sunflower Swap Meet at Kansas Pavilions.....Wichita, KS  
25..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th .....7:00 PM  
Program: Tour Planning held by **Don Grabendike**



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## WICHITA A'S MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2012

**Chris Cushman**, President called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

**Alan Orr**, Treasurer, gave a financial report. **Bonita Graham**, Sunshine Lady, reported that **Charlie Sill** was in attendance and that **Colby Liston** continues to do well. **Tom Ruggles**, Swap Meet Chairperson, gave a brief summary of the February Swap Meet, and requested volunteers for this year's supervisors.

**Bob Titus's** and **Richard Sanchez's** Abilene tour was declared a success.

**Don Grabendike** reminded the club about the 5<sup>th</sup> annual New Year's Day tour beginning at 11:00 AM at the AVI restaurant. **John Masters**, **Linda Kibbe**, **Claudia Ellerman**, and **Dawna Ruggles** were assigned to each choose a charity to receive donations from our auction in November. **Bob Hay** reported on the upcoming "Hay Farm Tour". **Doris Jean Ludlow** announced

the Veteran's Day Parade, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at Cheney. **Lynda Cushman** reminded us of the Ladies Christmas Luncheon on December 1st at the Rolling Hills Country Club. All members were reminded to sign up for the A's Christmas Party.

The Model A Ford Foundation extended the deadline for purchasing bricks. President **Chris Cushman** has the order forms. Our next club meeting and charity auction is November 26<sup>th</sup>.

During the break refreshments were provided by **Judy Hill**, **Joyce Guinty**, **Vicki Hildibrand**, **Glen-da Sill**, **Lenette Kottas** and **Pat McHenry**. For the program **Richard & Linda Kibbe** presented the Wichita A's 2012 Tours in Review.

Meeting Adjourned

**Dawna Ruggles**, Secretary

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Touring season is coming to an end and what a great season it has been. We want to thank our Tour Chairman, Don Grabendike, for all his efforts this past year. Don has agreed to continue as Tour Chairman in 2013 and we are looking forward to all the outings. The first tour for the New Year, will be January 1st, remember to bring your tour card so Don can validate (punch) it for you. I also want to thank all the others who have volunteered their time and work in putting on tours; we appreciate all that you do for this great organization.

A quick reminder of upcoming events. November meeting will be the Charity Auction, be sure to bring your items to sell and money to buy. Ed Giesen will bring his truck for us to fill with canned goods and non-perishable foods which we will donate to the Kansas Food Bank. Mark your calendars for the ladies Christmas luncheon and the club Christmas party.

The Swap Meet will be here in February, so be sure and allow time in your schedules to sign up and help.

Lynda and I will be at the Barrett-Jackson auction in Scottsdale, AZ in January. We will return in time for the Swap Meet. Dennis Ellerman, Vice President, will fill in.

**Chris Cushman**, President

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

F.Y.I. The "2013 A's in the Wild" Regional Meet registration form will be uploaded on the Wichita A's web site the first of January.  
[www.wichitaas.com](http://www.wichitaas.com)

It is time to start making your plans for doing a tour next year. The tour planning meeting is in February and we need to bring a lot of ideas for **Don Grabendike** to work with.

Remember, there is no meeting in December.

Happy Holidays everyone!

**Linda Kibbe** Editor

**Helen Louise Beaver** took this picture of **Norm Hall** while on the bus tour to Yellowstone Park last August. She caught Norm making sure everything fits. →



## "A'S IN THE WILD" 2013 REGIONAL MEET

The regional meet will be here before we know it. The dates are June 16-21, 2013. The meet committee has been working very hard to plan a great week for all you Model A folks. In keeping with our theme, "A's in the Wild", we have planned a tour to our world-class Sedgewick County Zoo. You will be able to spend a few hours or the entire day at the zoo, either just enjoying the company of your friends or exploring the many animal exhibits. All of the exhibits are great, but my favorites are the Gorilla Exhibit, Slawson Family Tiger Trek, and Cessna Penguin Cove.

The ladies' luncheon will continue the theme with a presentation by a lady who has made the trek to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro. It promises to be an informative and exciting talk. We have added a men's luncheon that will be held right before the men's seminars. No one will

want to miss the presentation from the owner of the "Eagle Raptor Center". All are invited to see these beautiful birds.

I'll write more about the other activities in the months to come. The registration form will be available on the Wichita A's website in early January. Plan to send in your registration early, and we encourage you to order your merchandise at that time. We will have very limited amounts of hats and shirts available at the meet.

We're looking forward to seeing you in June and we're excited to show you our city and state.

**Claudia Ellerman**

"A's in the Wild" Chair



## DUES WERE DUE OCTOBER 1 – HAVE YOU PAID YOURS??



**FYI:** If you haven't paid your 2013 dues, this will be your **LAST** newsletter. To pay your dues, for a renewal send \$20 to: Wichita A's, PO Box 25, Wichita KS 67201. If you are in doubt whether you have paid or not, check with Susan Stone.

**With the new Club by-laws taking effect, dues are still due on October 1 AND you have until to Dec. 15th to pay.**

This year the 2013 Roster will be printed in early January and handed out at the January meeting. Out of town members will be able to pick up their copy at the Swap Meet. Any left after that will be mailed out.

**IF** you have moved or are going to move or have any updates to your address or phone numbers, please call **Susan Stone** or email to [membership@wichitaas.com](mailto:membership@wichitaas.com) by January 1, 2013.

## WHAT IS A CHARITY AUCTION ALL ABOUT?



**November 26, 2012**

For many years the Wichita A's have held a Charity Auction for the program during the November club meeting. For old timers this is an event we look forward to in order to help our local charities. For new comers this is what is entailed. The auction is held following the November club meeting. The proceeds from the auction will be donated to three charities which will be selected by a committee for this year.

Admission to this auction is a donation of food (canned or dry goods), which is collected and donated to the Kansas Food Bank. We bring items we want to sell and we bid on and pay for items we win. Everyone brings item(s) like Model 'A' parts, household items, food or craft items to sell to the highest bidder.



When the auction is over, to whom and how do I pay? You keep track of your personal winnings and total up the amount you owe. You can pay cash or write a check to the charity of your choice. There will be someone, in the back of the room, who will collect and give the money to your designated charity.

Remember, **"JUNK" does not sell** or bring in money and valuable items bring in a lot of money.

This auction is a fun and entertaining social event that also benefits our local charities.

McCurdy Auction has graciously volunteered again this year to do the auction.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the officers of the club.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## December 2012 Birthdays

- 2 Jim Broadhead
- 5 Ruth Anne Praeger
- 7 Doris Gosch
- 11 James Sharp
- 12 Joyce Moore
- 13 Eric Baggs
- 13 Sharon Chansler
- 13 Thomas Grady
- 13 Deanie Hancock
- 14 David A. Moore
- 15 Al Hildebrand
- 15 Dave Laurie
- 15 Nor Masters
- 17 Darcy Beaver
- 17 Ken Broadhead
- 18 Kerry Steffens
- 19 Megan Stone
- 19 Socorro Wade
- 21 Harry Lee
- 21 Don McLaughlin
- 21 Jack Watson
- 22 Eilene Cox
- 23 Norm Hall
- 25 Gary Kirk
- 26 Gilbert Adams
- 26 Glorinda Shearer
- 29 Paul Chansler
- 29 Clarence Frazier
- 31 Bill Bowman
- 31 Roland Dickey
- 31 Jan Luth
- 31 Mark Newman

## January 2013 Birthdays

- 1 Chris Cushman
- 1 Deniece Ross
- 3 Ed Gibson
- 5 Brigitte Baggs
- 5 Marcia Hillman
- 7 Lynda Cushman
- 8 Otto Praeger
- 9 Randy Frazer
- 10 Julie Grier
- 13 Jimmy Brooks
- 14 Dwayne Green
- 15 Carl Brandt
- 16 Bonnie Tackitt
- 18 Grace Brooks
- 19 Mark Clark
- 19 Virginia Voth
- 21 Rheta Peters
- 27 Mary Ann Watson
- 28 Lylia Clark
- 29 Lonnie Bennett
- 30 Connie Craft
- 31 Roy Goates

## Thank You

Thanks again for the \$100 to help us with the "All Ford Day" show.

Wichita Early Ford V8 Club  
**Gilbert Adams**

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Thank you Model A friends for helping us celebrate our 60th wedding Anniversary.

Also for helping make the car parts sale a success. We could not have done it without your help.

**Bob & JoAnn Bruce**

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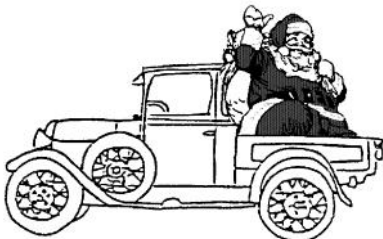
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Phone: ----  
or ----

## Roster Update

**Joe Sweeney**  
-----  
Wichita KS 67208- 2624  
Phone: ----

## New Member

**Vern Bulk**  
-----  
Riley KS 66531  
Phone: -----  
28 Sport Coupe



## Newsletter Deadline

**Tue., January 15, 2013**  
**Tue., February 12, 2013**

## Refreshments



### January 2013

- ♦ June Hall
- ♦ Joyce Dudeck
- ♦ Jane Hellar
- ♦ Rita Hoffmans
- ♦ Helen Louise Beaver

### February 2013

- ♦ Dawna Ruggles
- ♦ Claudia Ellerman
- ♦ Marcia Hillman
- ♦ Becky Straub
- ♦ Nancy Fresh

### March 2013

- ♦ Ruth Anne Praeger
- ♦ Arley Bennett
- ♦ Judi Sharp
- ♦ Richard Sanchez
- ♦ Susan Stone



# FUTURE TOUR & ACITVITIES

## Ladies Christmas Luncheon

**Saturday December 1, 2012**  
**12:00 PM**

The ladies will be meeting at Rolling Hills Country Club this year. The sign up sheet will be available at the club meeting or you can contact the following:

**Doris Jean Ludlow** -----

**Lynda Cushman** -----



*Merry Christmas*



## SUNFLOWER SWAP MEET

**When:** February 1-2, 2013  
Friday: 8:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.  
Saturday: 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

**Where:** Kansas Pavilions  
85th St. North & I-135  
Wichita, Kansas  
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## Wichita A's Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 8, 2012**

Cider & gossip at 6 PM  
Dinner at 6:30 PM  
Eberly Farms--1311 West 21st Street N.  
\$15 -members  
Children 5 and under -no charge  
Guests & nonmembers -\$30  
Sign up at Oct. or Nov. meeting, or call  
**Phyes**-----

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



## First Tour 2013

The first tour of 2013 will begin at the AVI Restaurant located in the Broadview Hotel 400 W. Douglas.

Plan to arrive at 11:00 am. There will be a short driving tour following the meal. Be sure to bring your First Tour Card. Those driving their Model A will have their cards punched. If this is your first tour, you will receive a card.

**Don Grabendike**

# PAST TOURS

## PICTURES TAKEN AT THE "ALL FORD DAY"



**Denny Ellerman** giving instructions



**Wayne Orr** and his sedan



**Bonita Graham & Linda Kibbe**



**Al Hammar** showing his sedan delivery



**Norm Hall** visiting **Judy Hill & Scott Guinty**



**Richard Sanchez** selling club merchandise

## PICTURES TAKEN AT THE "TOUR TO ABILENE"



**President Eisenhower's** home.



Cars parked at Cow Town in Abilene.



**Kerry & Wanda Steffens & Chris Cushman**



**Linda Kibbe** and **Chris Cushman**



**Mike & Maria Hildibrand** with their son.



**Larry & Alice Andra** at Cow Town



**Continue: Tour to Abilene**

Conversation in the motel parking lot.

**Chris & Lynda Cushman with the cowboys Bob Phye, Rita Hoffmans & Larry Cushenbery****PICTURES TAKEN AT THE "HAY FARM TOUR"****Bob Hay** showing us his farm equipment.

Farm Talk

**Bonita Graham & Don Grabendike** in the combine remembering the old days.**Bo & Pat McHenry****Ellerman's car** getting weighed**Janet Hay** performing while **Bob Hay** is singing to us, after lunch, in their garage.



# TECH TALK

## MODEL A HIGH COMPRESSION HEAD

Forty eight years ago I heard one of the charter members of the Wichita Club mention that he had a "Chrysler" head on his Model A, implying that it would run faster. I didn't ask questions or actually see the head but I was always curious how the name "Chrysler" fit in. Did Chrysler make a head for car made by their biggest competitor?

Over the years I heard the term a time or two but never actually saw one of these heads. Then last month, **Eric Weninger**, "The Medic", purchased a Chrysler head on e-bay and we were able to photograph it. It

does indeed have cast in the head, "Licensed by Chrysler Motors".

After extensive research on the Internet we learned that the combustion chamber in the head is of unique design and was patented by a British design engineer by the name of: Harry Ricardo. Apparently, Chrysler Motors paid Ricardo license fees to use the unique Ricardo combustion chamber in some of their engines. The manufacturer of the Model A head was actually Simmons, who had an agreement of some sort with Chrysler to use the Ricardo combustion chamber design. Maybe Chrysler had the exclu-

sive rights in the USA?

This head has a 6 to 1 compression ratio compared to 4.22 to 1 on the original engine. Snyder Antique Auto Parts currently offers a 5.5 to 1 head which seems to be ideal for improved performance without sacrificing engine life. The 6 to 1 ratio offers more performance but is not conducive to long engine life. It is more for the high performance "go fast" crowd.

Then there have been a few fellows who have adapted the 4 cylinder overhead valve setup from a 28 Chevy to a Model A. But that's another story for another time. RG



Head purchased on ebay. Note recessed spark plug holes.



Unique combustion chambers, patented by Ricardo. 6 to 1 ratio.



Simmons Super Power Head



## ERA FASHIONS

Frocks that go to the smartest parties.



6325      6327      6328      6323      6324

No. 6325. A crossed yoke heads a panel which is shaped to form a circular section providing fullness at the hem. Matching shorts accompany this frock.

No. 6327. The waistline of a frock is marked in front by a scalloped line and groups of shirrings, and in the back by a sash attached at the side seams.

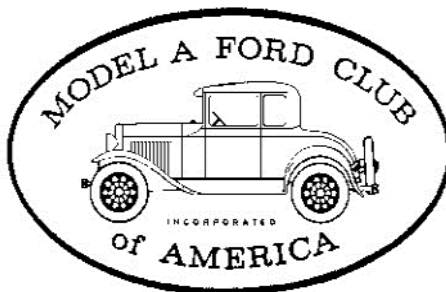
No. 6328. The curve line in which the skirt is joined to the top is repeated in a shaped band that suggests a bolero. A belt marks the waistline.

No. 6323. One-sided lines are smartly adapted to small fashions in a frock with circular skirt attached in a line dipping at one side, and a diagonal neck-line.

No 6324. A frock is slashed and shirred in front to suggest bloused lines and has a sash in the back. The circular skirt is joined on in a scalloped line.

*Copied from Nov 1930 issue of the McCall's Magazine.*

## 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.



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

## LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

### 2013 SWAP MEET SCHEDULE

|                      |   |                       |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| February 1-2.....    | Sunflower Swap Meet, Kansas Pavilions.....                      | .....Wichita, KS      |
| February 15-17.....  | Conroe Swap Meet.....   | .....Conroe, TX       |
| February 21-24.....  | WCAAC Decatur Swap Meet.....                                    | .....Decatur, TX      |
| March 21-22.....     | Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet.....                                | .....Chickasha, OK    |
| April 13-14.....     | Ararat Shrine's Swap Meet.....                                  | .....Lee's Summit, MO |
| April 25-28.....     | Pate Swap Meet.....   | .....Fort Worth, TX   |
| May 9-13.....        | Chickasha Spring Swap Meet.....                                 | .....Chickasha, OK    |
| 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      |



### 2012 - 2014 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

|                          |                                       |                         |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| December 9-12, 2012..... | MAFCA National Awards Banquet.....    | .....Charleston, SC     |
| April 11-14, 2013.....   | MARC Membership Meet.....             | .....Charlotte, NC      |
| May 5-10, 2013.....      | MAFCA National Tour.....              | .....Blue Ridge Parkway |
| 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      |
| 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.....        | .....Tacoma, WA         |





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