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November REFRESHMENTS

- ♦ Fred Hilger
- ♦ Linda Boivin
- Brenda Broadhead
- Brigitte Baggs
- ♦ Eric Broadhead

CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

November 2013



23 Outhouse Tour/Elk Falls	Guinty/Arnold
25 Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th	7:00 PM
Program: Charity Auction	

December 2013



4-8	MAFCA National Awards Banquet	San Antonio, TX
7	Ladies Christmas Luncheon	Kottas/Guinty
8	Christmas Picnic at the Museum.	Phyes

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No Club Meeting in December



January 2014



1	First Tour of the Year	Grabendikes
27	Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th	7:00 PM
	Program: Swap Meet Planning by Tom Ruggles	

February 2014



7-8	39th Annual Sunflower Swap Meet www.wichitaas.com	Wichita A's
22	After Swap Meet Bunco Party	Volunteer needed

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WICHITA A'S MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2013

President Chris Cushman called the October meeting of the Wichita A's to order and introduced new members, Ford Wisdom and Mike Avery. Guests present were Claire Morrison and Dennis DeMoure. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. Treasurer Alan Orr summarized the clubs current finances. Bonita Graham reported that Keith Dudeck and Roger Graham's sister have passed away. Ted Ackerman is recovering from a bad fall. Brenda Broadhead is our current MARC & MAFCA representative.

Members were reminded to pay club dues. The Ice Cream Social, Scott City Tour, International Model A Ford Day, and All Ford's Day activities turned out well. **James Sharp** summarized the Santa Fe Trail tour and **Tom Ruggles** reported on the Hershey Swap Meet. **Tom** also reminded the club membership to start thinking about our Sunflower Swap Meet coming up in February.

Our annual charity auction and food drive will be held following our regularly scheduled November meeting. A special thanks to **Wayne Orr** for procuring McCurdy Auction for us. The following charities were chosen this year: Maude Carpenter's (**Nora Meyers**), the Ronald McDonald House (Lynda Cushman), Shriner's Children Hospital (John Davis), and Operation Holiday (Wayne Orr).

Up-coming activities: November 1-Board Meeting at Chris Cushman's garage, November 2-Mennonite Thanksgiving Dinner at Yoder (Don Waller), November 23- Outhouse Tour to Elk Falls (the Arnolds), December 7- Ladies Christmas Luncheon at Larkspur (Lenette Kottas), December 8-Christmas Picnic at the Museum (the Phyes), and January 1-New Year's Day Tour (Grabendikes). Gary Hileman discussed the bus tour to Detroit sometime in September of 2014, and John Weninger described the Youth Restoration Scholarship Program and suggested that the club donate to this.

After a 15 minute break for refreshments provided by **Joyce Guinty**, **Lenette Kottas**, **Donna Hileman**, **Lynda Cushman**, and **Glenda Sill**, the **Kibbes** shared photos of 2013 in Review. Next meeting is November 25th. Meeting adjourned.

Dawna Ruggles Secretary

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



We had our annual Board Meeting November 1, 2013, please see report elsewhere in this publication.

We have one more outing for the month of November which will be the Outhouse Tour/ Elk Falls November 23rd. The details are in the Rumbleseat Review.

November 25, 2013 will be our Charity Auction so be sure to attend. Note to the guys; I have in my possession, a very nice Model "A" brass belt buckle. It is very old and in excellent condition. This will be auctioned off so bring lots of money to make a good bid.

We will have a very short business meeting so we can get started with the auction.

This will be our last President report for the year. December is our Christmas party and no publication. This

will be my last opportunity to wish you all a happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year

Vice President **Dennis Ellerman** will conduct January, February and March Club meetings. Weather permitting we will be back for the February Swap Meet.

I hope everyone has paid 2014 dues. We want to see your pretty faces next year.

Don Grabendike will have the first tour on New Year's Day. Sorry we will miss it but you don't have to.

November has 30 birthdays, happy birthday to all. I also want to wish a very happy birthday to the December bunch

Chris Cushman, President

Note From The Editor

Richard and I would like to wish you guys a happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Please remember, we <u>do not</u> have a club meeting in December and the next newsletter will be published during the month of January.

Linda Kibbe, Editor

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 Tuesday, February 11, 2014



WICHITA A'S BOARD MINUTES

November 1, 2013

President Chris Cushman called the November 1, 2013 Wichita A's Board Meeting to order. All board members were present.

Dennis Ellerman moved and **Richard Kibbe** seconded that taking nominations from the membership for the 2015 Board of Directors be announced in the July and August newsletter publications. Nominations from the membership are to be given in writing to President **Chris Cushman** at least one week prior to the regular September club meeting. All nominations are to have prior approval of the person nominated. Motion passed unanimously.

Alan Orr moved and Dennis Ellerman seconded that the board conduct a yearly review for rewarding those members doing an outstanding job for the club. Any or all appreciation awards to be given out during the Christmas Party. Motion passed unanimously.

Tour Chairperson, **Don Grabendike** requested that the board adopt "Guidelines for Tour Leaders" that includes the purpose of the tour, the responsibilities of tour leaders, the reporting process, and the financial responsibilities for the activities. This information will be made available to each tour leader prior to the event. The purpose of these guidelines is to make the tour leader's job a little easier. After some discussion by the board, **Dawna Ruggles** moved and **Dennis Ellerman** seconded that we adopt these guidelines. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion about where to take our donated food from the November charity auction was held. **Jim Broadhead** moved and **Dawna Ruggles** seconded that the food collected at the charity auction be taken to the Lord's Diner and any checks collected for the Food Bank be given to the Treasurer who would make sure that they be sent to the Food Bank. Motion passed unanimously.

The topic of supporting our youth through scholarship funding was discussed. **Alan Orr** moved and **Fred Hilger** seconded that the club retain more control over our giving by awarding support to local persons/charities thus gaining more local recognition and possibly younger members. Motion passed unanimously. The board does not discourage individuals giving to other scholarship funds, however.

Dennis Ellerman moved and **Richard Kibbe** seconded the appointing of **Orpha Eyres** as our auditor with **Fred Hilger** our board liaison. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer **Alan Orr** passed out our current (as of September) financial statement and answered the board's questions. Meeting adjourned.

Dawna Ruggles, Secretary

MAFCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2013 La Habra, CA

HIGHLIGHTS

New Restorer's Class Vehicle Judging Added

The Board approved the new Restorer's Class for additional vehicle judging. In this new class, the vehicles must meet the following requirements: the vehicle must be a Ford production body style, no fiberglass fenders or bodies, it must have a Model A front end and rear end, cannot have an open driveline, it can have hydraulic brakes, overdrive, halogen headlights and can run 12 volt. The concept is to get owners to enter their cars that otherwise would not be qualified to be judged. The point system starts with zero and goes to 450. This will be a "parking lot" judging and will not tie up the cars for a long time. This new class will be used at the Meet in Bend, Oregon on September 3-8, 2013.

New Model A Jewelry Available Soon. Watch The Restorer for information regarding new Model A jewelry such as pins, key chains, etc. that will soon be available for purchase through MAFCA.

Era Fashion Judges Selected. The Board has approved the EFC recommendation of **Brian Carlson** as Chief Fashion Judge for the 2014 National Meet in Puyallup, WA. The Board also approved the EFC recommendation of **Trudy Vestal** as Chief Fashion Judge at the 2014 NCRG Roundup in Santa Clara, CA.

Policy Updates Approved. The following policies have been updated: P3S24 – MAFCA Sanctioned Meets, P2S02 – Financial Reporting and Investment Policy, P1S02 – Media Advertising Policy, P3S20 and P3S20-A – Chapter/Special Interest Group/Region Registration / Renewal Form, P1S11 – Social Media Policy – This is a new policy.

Chapters Required to pay part of costs for their General Liability and D&O Insurance

Due to the ongoing cost increase of MAFCA's insurance, the Board has approved chapters will be required to pay \$75.00 upon registration or renewal as a MAFCA chapter. This amount will only cover one-half of the cost of the chapter insurance coverage charged to MAFCA annually.

Four Directors Declared Elected for 2013-2014. Membership Director Charles Cheshire declared four Directors elected for the 2013-2014 term. They are: **Happy Begg**, **Jim Cannon**, **Jill Sullins** and **Jerry Wilhelm**. Congratulations to these Directors.



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



To renew your club membership, pay \$20 at the next meeting or 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**. Email: membership@wichitaas.com

Refreshment List Openings

I would like to thank those who have graciously volunteered to bring cookies on the open dates I had posted in the last newsletter. I still have a few openings for 2014. If you have not signed up to bring cookies and want to, please contact me.

Thank you.

Call **Linda** ator email: editor@wichitaas.com



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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

The annual "After Swap Meet Party" is being held on February 22nd at the Minisa Park building. We need a couple of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help with seeing over the event, please contact:

Chris Cushman at

ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION

The club's annual charity auction and food drive will be held following the regularly scheduled November business meeting. Members are asked to bring non-perishable food items and "good" items to sell- no garage sale junk, please. McCurdy Auctioneers will be helping us again this year.

The charities chosen to receive our help are: **Carpenter Place-** a residential treatment home for girls in crisis. Their goals have expanded to include the family in the training and counseling of girls so that the family may be successfully reunited. **Ronald McDonald House-** a "home-away-from-home" for families so they can stay at little or no cost close by their hospitalized child. Family support is as powerful as the strongest medicine prescribed. **Shriner's Hospital-** a family centered hospital focusing on orthopedics, burn, cleft lip and palate, and spinal cord injury care. This hospital believes in allowing families to face the weight of illness together. **Operation Holiday-** This program distributes nonperishable food, food vouchers, and winter wear and blankets to low-income folks. Children also receive gifts through a partner-ship with the Toys for Tots program.

Cash or checks are accepted as payment for the auction. If paying by check, please be sure to make it out to the charity of your choice and NOT to the Model A club. So come on out and share the season with those less fortunate than ourselves.



Future Tours and Activities



Christmas Picnic at the Museum!!!!

Location: Museum of World Treasurers 835 E. 1st. Street, Old Town

Date: Sunday, December 8
Time: 2:00 PM----5:00 PM
Cost: \$10 Per club member
\$5 Kids less than 10 years
Free Kids under 3 years
\$25 Non club members

Bob & Barb Phye



Elk Falls Outhouse Tour

The 2013 Outhouse Tour is scheduled for November 23rd (weather permitting).

We will gather at the McDonalds at 47th Street South and Broadway. Plan to leave at 8:30 a.m. Come early if you want breakfast.

The route will be down K-15 to K-77 and turn left. Take the Winfield Lake road to Burden. Stop at the gas station for gas and restrooms. Continue on Highway 160 to Elk Falls.

Lunch is on your own. There is the Swinging Bridge Café in Moline or food is available in Elk Falls.

This is a no charge tour and you need not sign up.

If you want to get in one last warm weather tour and have some good old fashioned fun, this is it!

For more information call

Scott Guinty or Don Arnold



LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Location: Larkspur Bistro Banquet room

904 E. Douglas, Wichita

Date: December 7, 2013

Time: 12:00p.m.

Cost: \$10 club members

\$25 Guests (non club members)

Sign up sheet will be available during the club meeting in November.

Contact: Lenette Kottas

Joyce Guinty



FIRST TOUR 2014

The first tour of 2014 will begin at the Furr's Buffet, 1606 S Georgetown (near the Harry Street Mall).

Plan to arrive at 11:30 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. You do not need to make reservations, just drive your 'A' and have a great time!

Don Grabendike

PAST TOURS & EVENTS

Discover the Santa Fe Trail Tour

Photos taken by R & L Kibbe

22 Model A's, 2 modern cars and 47 people made the trip from Wichita to Larned, Ks where we began our trek along the Santa Fe Trail. Once again, Mother Nature provided some excitement for us in the form of a snow storm. The flakes were HUGE and so pretty!!! It was a learning experience for us all.

We toured the trail from Larned to Council Grove seeing and hearing about the trail from various tour guides along the way. I think we all have a greater appreciation for the generations before us that helped settle our great state.

At the end of 3 days, we clocked 507 miles in our trusty A's. **James & Judi Sharp**



Santa Fe Trail Museum in Larned, KS



Window iced up on way to Larned, KS



Above & Right: Ralph's Ruts





Above **Barb Phye** and below **Bob Phye** looking at the spring at Lost Spring Station on the Santa Fe Trail.





Driving our Models in an ice and snow storm was a new experience for some of us.

Continue: Discover the Santa Fe Trail



Ralph's Ruts



Norma Agard, Donna Hileman and Helen Louise Beaver in Council Grove.



Steve McLaughlin and Jerry Allen on the walking tour in Council Grove.



Mennonite Thanksgiving Dinner

Photos taken by Scott Guinty and Judy Hill.

Don Waller put together this tour for club members to drive their Model A's to Yoder. KS.

In Yoder, they celebrate a "Yoder Community Turkey Dinner on the first Saturday in November. It was an all-you-caneat Turkey dinner with all the trimmings: Turkey, home-grown corn, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry salad, dinner rolls, and homemade pies.

Rumor has it, everyone left with a full stomach.



Larry Cushenbery and Norm Hall leading the line to the food line.



Steve & Linda Boivin and Don Waller



Left: Wayne Orr & Joanna & GilbertAdams Right: Arley & Lonnie Bennett.

This 'm That

TOURING IN MODEL A'S

Clarence and Verla Howland, Emporia, Ks.

(members of Wichita A's)

Since our retirements 20 years ago, we have traveled in Model A's approximately 40,000 miles in the United States and Canada. We have driven in over 30 states and into Canada twice. Our tours have included driving the Mormon Trail, Pony Express Trail, Santa Fe Trail, Appalachian Trail, Natchez Trace Trail, Blue Ridge Mountain Parkway, Highway 66, Lincoln Highway, Mojave Desert, Pikes Peak, Rocky Mountains. UP of Michigan and several national parks. Often we are with others, but also drive on our own. Most of the time we use back roads and avoid Interstates. We tour with the National Model A Club and Colorado High Peaks Club.

We have driven in all types of conditions from an 8" snow blizzard in the Colorado Rockies to 108 degree temperature in the Mojave Desert. Be prepared for where you are driving. If you are planning on frequent travels in your Model A, you will need a little mechanical ability. If you can't time your Model A or change a spark plug, stay in town.

My Model A's are mostly original, except I have updated some safety features: seat belts, turn signals, 12 volt electronic ignition, halogen headlights, LED tail lights and stop light.

Get those Model A's out and drive! Your children will just sell them or send them to the crusher.

Editors Note: While in Colorado this summer, on a tour bus, Norm & June Hall saw several Model A's at one rest stop. Norm was surprised to recognize Clarence Howland to be one of the group. We called Clarence and asked for a report and this was his response. His advertisement is listed near the back of this publication. Thanks, Clarence & Verla.











MODEL A "DUALLY" PICKUP

Bud Valerius, one of our members from Manhattan, sent these pictures of his almost completed '31 Model A, 195A Express Body Truck. This truck has a 131 ½" wheelbase and reminds us of today's, "dually" pickups, so called because of the dual wheels on the rear and large box. Bud has always had an affinity for large Model A trucks most of which were limited production. Bud is also working on a 197A, 157" wheelbase Express Body Truck

Bud's son, **Brandon** restored a beautiful 1930 AA, Red Crown Gas Truck, which was featured on the front of **The Restorer** magazine in 1995.







NORMAN PERCEVAL ROCKWELL, 1894-1978

I have always been intrigued by **Norman Rockwell's** works of art and in particular his attention to minute detail. It's always a pleasure to revisit his works and examine all of the details. In studying the picture, Breaking The Home Ties, as seen on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post, September, 1954. I always wondered about the Model A Pickup in the background. It was hard to imagine how he did that by painting it since it is perfect in every detail, including the rusted out wheel well, rear wheel, body reveals & etc. So, I asked our son-in-law, **Rick Luther** who is a professional photographer and has studied **Rockwell Paintings**, for years. He offers the following theory which seems logical to me: Rick thinks that Rockwell was an illustrator as well as an artist, and photographed the pickup, perhaps in a barn setting and then painted in the characters. There is a style in the faces that carries through most of his works. Incidentally, the father figure reminds me of my late father-in-law, Oscar Woolery with his weathered complexion and Bull Durham tag hanging out of his shirt pocket. Love the details.

Rick also found the review that **Rockwell** gave this particular works several years after it appeared on the magazine cover. Obviously he knew something about Model A's. RG

Rockwell's review of Breaking The Home Ties:

I once did a cover showing a father seeing his son off to college. That year my three boys had gone away and I'd had an empty feeling, and it took me awhile to adjust without them. This poignancy was what I wanted to get across in the picture...I put a funny kind of suit on the boy because he was a ranch boy leaving home for the first time. I got most of my fan letters about the dog. You see the father couldn't show how he felt about the boy's leaving. The dog did."

The Ford Model A Pickup featured here was the rugged workhorse of farmers, tradesmen, and merchants in the country at the time. When Model A production ended in 1931, almost five million models had been produced by **Ford**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Birthdays

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

January Birthdays

- Chris Cushman
- 1 Deniece Ross
- 5 Brigitte Baggs
- 5 Marcia Hillman
- 7 Lvnda Cushman
- 8 Otto Praeger
- 9 Randy Frazer
- 15 Carl Brandt
- **Bonnie Tackitt** 16
- 17 Becky Avery
- 18 **Grace Brooks**
- Julie Gier 18
- 19 Mark Clark
- 19 Virginia Voth
- 21 Rheta Peters
- 27 Chady Atteberry
- Phyllis Madden 27
- Mary Ann Watson
- 27 28 Lylia Clark
- 29 Lonnie Bennett
- 30 Connie Craft
- 31 **Roy Goates**

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passed away last year and Fronzia is ready to sell them.

Phone:

Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to **Gary** and **Eilene** Cox on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Longevity Awards

MAFCA

30 Years: Little, Ron

McLaughlin, Steve/Jane

MARC

35 Years: Stone John G. 30 Years: McLaughlin, Steve

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE



January 2014

- Lenette Kottas
- Joyce Guinty
- Brenda Broadhead
- Brigitte Baggs
- Rita Hoffmans

February 2014

- Linda Boivin
- Vicki Hildibrand
- Orpha Eyres
- Sandy Titus
- Ruth Anne Praeger

March 2013

- Nora Meyer
- John Weninger
- Norma Agard
- Arley Bennett
- **Grace Brooks**

New Members

Mike & Beckie Avery

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M: B: 1929 Coupe

Ford Wisdom

Wichita KS 67212

Marvin H Bules

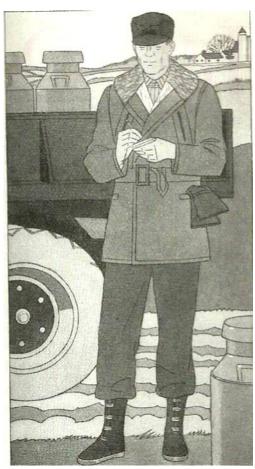
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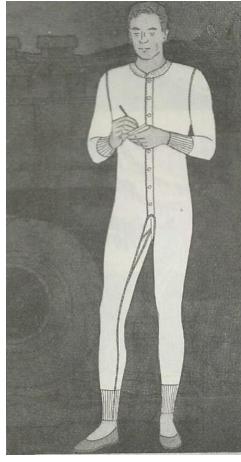
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Hanes advertisement copied from November 1929 issue of the "The Country Gentleman magazine".

NATIONAL MODEL A CLUBS



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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

2014 SWAP MEET SCHEDULE

February 7-8, 2014	Sunflower Swap Meet, Kansas Pavilions	Wichita, KS
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WICHITA A'S TOURING SCHEDULE

November 23	Outhouse Tour/Elk Falls.	Arnolds
December 7	Ladies Christmas Luncheon.	Kottas, J. Guinty
December 8	Club Christmas Party.	Phyes

2013 - 2016 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

December 4-8, 2013	MAFCA National Awards Banquet	San Antonio, TX
March 9-13, 2014	MAFCA National Tour	Texas Hill Country
April 3-6, 2014	MARC Membership Meet	St. Louis, MO
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
April 9-12, 2015	MARC Membership Meet.	Joliet, IL
June 8-12, 2015	Northwest Regional Meet	St. Joseph, MO
June 14-20, 2015	2015 MARC National Meet.	French Lick, IN
June 19-24, 2016	MAFCA National Convention.	Loveland, CO

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Meeting Starts 7:00 PM

4th Monday of each month No Meeting in December

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