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### October Refreshments

- ♦ Glenda Sill
- ♦ Randy Frazer
- ♦ Vicki Hildibrand
- ♦ Lynda Cushman
- ♦ Jane McLaughlin

### CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

#### October 2014



- 17..... Men's Tour..... Hilger
- 27..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th .....7:00 PM
- Program: 2014 In Review by Kibbe's

#### November 2014



- 1..... Mennonite Thanksgiving Dinner/Yoder..... Waller
- 11..... Newsletter Deadline...editor@wichitaas.com.....
- 24..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th .....7:00 PM
- Program: Annual Charity Auction
- 29..... Ladies Christmas Luncheon.....Boivin, Hill

#### December 2014



- 6..... Club Christmas Party.....Cushmans
- No club meeting in December!!!!!!**

#### January 2015



- 1..... First Tour of the Year.....Grabendikes

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## WICHITA A'S MEETING MINUTES

**September 29, 2014**

President **Chris Cushman** called the meeting to order on September 29, 2014 at Evergreen Community Center. Treasurer **Alan Orr** reported on the current financial status of the club. Our Sunshine Lady, **Bonita Graham**, requested prayers for the following: **Roger Grube** who's having knee replacement soon, **Otto Praeger** who's been moved to the rehab center, **Dave Stone** as he continues to fight cancer and the **Cushenbery** family on the death of **Verlyn Cushenbery**.

**Richard Kibbe** summarized the Washington/ Belleville tour. **Gary Hileman** highlighted the Gilmore Museum Bus Tour, and **Don Grabendike** reported on International Model A Ford Day.

**Chris** reminded the club of the October 5<sup>th</sup> All Ford's Day at Camp Hiawatha. **James Sharp** invited all to attend the Balloon Festival at Columbus Kansas on October 10-12, and **Tom Ruggles** discussed the October 17<sup>th</sup> Men's Tour.

President **Chris** thanked the club members for their support during his presidency. **Jim Broadhead** moved and **Wayne Orr** seconded that the following slate of officers be approved for the coming year: President- **Dennis Ellerman**, Vice President- **Randy Frazer**, Secretary- **Joanna Adams**, and Treasurer- **Rex Kraus**. Motion passed. **Linda Kibbe** was voted to replace **Richard Kibbe's** board member-at-large position. New swap meet flyers were distributed.

Following refreshments provided by: **Sue Johnson**, **Francis Grady**, **Eilene Cox**, **Wayne Orr**, **Ruth Goodman**, and **Peggy Chenoweth**, **Jim Broadhead** provided a video for the club on "Stopping on a Dime" about the brake system on a Model A.

Meeting adjourned

**Dawna Ruggles**, Secretary

## AUGUST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to begin this note by thanking **Chris Cushman** for serving as our president for the last two years. I'm sure everyone in the club agrees that **Chris** did a great job.

**Dawna Ruggles** as club secretary and **Alan Orr** as club treasurer also deserve a great big "Thank You" for the hours which they dedicated in service to the club. A special "Thanks" to **Jim Broadhead** for his service for the last six years. It is my hope that everyone in the club will take a moment to personally thank each of them for their fine work. I look forward to working with the new board in the coming year.

We have a few new challenges coming our way and I would appreciate all input from the club membership. If you have any ideas for the future of our club please share them with a board member. The strength of the Wichita A's comes directly from the dedication and participation of the membership.

Now is a good time to hop in the Model A for a short trip as fall weather is upon us and temperatures are mild.

**Dennis Ellerman**, President

## BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**October 27, 2014**

The Wichita A's board meeting will be held following the October club meeting at Minisa Park.

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The Wichita A's will hold their annual "Charity Auction" again this year. It will take place after the November business meeting.

If you have not paid your club dues, they are past due. If you want to keep your membership status active, you need to pay them now.

Don't forget you can always visit our web site for updated information on past newsletters, past tour pictures, membership forms and upcoming events.

Linda Kibbe, Newsletter Editor

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. Other meeting changes will be published in the newsletter prior to the scheduled meeting. The meetings are held at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th, Wichita, KS. Meeting time is 7:00 PM.

# Future Tours and Activities

## Annual Charity Auction

November 24, 2014

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

There will be discussion held during the October meeting as to which charities will be chosen.

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.

## Mennonite Thanksgiving Dinner

November 1, 2014

Highlights of this tour will be a home cooked dinner, with an assortment of home made pies. It is all you can eat.

Sign up sheet is at the October meeting.

Cost \$5.00 per member and \$15.00 per visitor.

Meet at Menards parking lot at 3660 North Maize Rd at 12:00PM on Sat November 1, 2014.

Questions: Call **Don Waller** .....

## Ladies Christmas Luncheon

November 29, 2014

The luncheon will be at the Rose Hill Senior Center, 217 E Silknitter St, Rose Hill, KS at 11:30 AM. It will be catered by Louis' Café.

Cost: \$ 10.00 per club member

\$15.00 per non club member.

Questions: Linda Boivin ..... or

Judy Hill .....



Will **Francis** ever get this engine finished?

## 40th Annual Sunflower Swap Meet

February 6-7, 2015

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Sunflower Swap Meet is coming up, so start thinking about a volunteer spot for yourself. Signup sheets will be available at the October club meeting. This will be the last swap meet for our club, so let's make it a good and memorable one.

Call **Tom Ruggles** for information, .....

# This 'n That

## Refreshments & How It Works

This information is for those who are new to the club and want to know what to do when you volunteer to bring refreshments. You bring approximately 5 dozen purchased or home baked cookies to the meeting, if you prefer to bring another type of finger food that would be great. You do not have to be there to serve.

Five people sign up each month and between the five of you someone elects to bring a bag of ice and someone else, if they so choose, can bring tea or another type of drink. The club provides the coffee and upon arrival one of you will start the coffee pot before the meeting begins.

I have a few openings left on the refreshment signup sheet for 2015. The months that are full are January and August. I will have the signup sheet at the October meeting, please call if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Brenda Broadhead .....

### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

#### November 2014

- ♦ Dale Hellar
- ♦ Fred Hilger
- ♦ Judi Sharp
- ♦ Sheila Orr
- ♦ Roy Goates

#### January 2015

- ♦ Helen Louise Beaver
- ♦ Orpha Eyres
- ♦ Nora Meyer
- ♦ Rita Hoffmans
- ♦ Terry Grabendike

## MARC Anniversaries

### 40 Years

Broadhead, James

### 35 Years

Giesen, Robert

### 30 Years

Beaver, Robert  
Graham, Roger  
Hoffmans, Ray  
Weninger, John

### Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, November 11, 2014  
Tuesday, January 13, 2015

## CLUB DUES WERE DUE OCTOBER 1

Wichita A's Club dues were due October 1 (and Late December 15). There was a form in the August & September newsletters and there is one on the Wichita A's club website: [wichitaas.com](http://wichitaas.com). You may pay at the meeting or mail your dues to the club address on the form. Please fill out a form – This year you need to mark how you would like to receive your newsletter and then, IF no more updates – put your name on it and write "Same".

Thanks!– Susan Stone, Membership  
Chairman

## Why We Are Quitting The Sunflower Swap Meet?

We know a lot (and I mean a lot) of people are and will be disappointed that the 40<sup>th</sup> Sunflower Swap meet will be the final one. The Wichita A's have enjoyed doing it even though it was a lot of work. Now as the club gets older it was decided to pull out of sponsoring it. Volunteers have started to be a problem so it is best to quit doing it.

We did hope someone would step forward but the facility will not be guaranteed for 2016. That is the final blow for its continuation.

Now all that being said, we have heard rumors that a couple people are trying to find a place to have a swap meet and we believe a swap meet will take place in 2016, but, it will be in a smaller facility. I'm sure at our meet, word will be out as to the plans of the other people.

We are glad that you have enjoyed the annual event and we too are sad that it is going away but with the loss of the facility it is just time. It really is as much a social event as a swap meet.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## November Birthdays

1 Margi Hackenholz  
 3 Don Grabendike  
 3 Debbie Harvey  
 5 Dale Hancock  
 6 Sylvia Shearer  
 6 Susan Stone  
 7 John Reynolds  
 8 Ali Bohannan  
 8 Sheila Orr  
 9 Peggy Chenoweth  
 9 Taylor Merrill  
 9 Linda Moore  
 9 Wallace Wade  
 10 Dave Burke  
 11 Nancy Slater  
 15 Tom Corns  
 15 Richard Sanchez  
 16 Heather Neumann  
 17 Howard Lumbert  
 17 Randy McIntosh  
 18 Eric Broadhead  
 19 Lynn Andrews  
 20 Linda Kraus  
 25 Deb Hamlin  
 27 Claudia Ellerman  
 28 Marilyn Nye  
 29 Ed Giesen



## Sympathy

Prayers of sympathy for **Louana Cushenbery** and **Larry & Sue Cushenbery** at the observance of the death of her husband and **Larry's** brother, **Verlyn Cushenbery**.

Prayers of sympathy to **Ron Boyd** and family in the observance of the death of **Ron's** wife, **Sondra**. They were previous members of the Wichita A's club.

Prayers of sympathy to **Fred & Mary Hilger** at the observance of the death of **Mary's** sister, **Pattie**.

Prayers of sympathy to **Mary Ann Stone**, **John & Susan Stone**, and **John D. & Meghan Stone** at the observance of the death of **David Stone**, **Mary Ann's** husband, **John's** brother, **John D.'s** uncle.

## For Sale

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1929 Model A – 2 door  
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 right fender mount spare  
 tire (new) with tire co-  
 vers. Exterior rear mount-  
 ed trunk, chrome, excel-  
 lent. New battery. \$9,500  
 Lois Johnson  
 Home.....  
 Cell.....

## New Member

Ryan & Vickie Scroggin  
 .....  
 Derby KS 67037  
 .....  
 '29 Deluxe Roadster

## Thank You

To all of you Model A folks who so generously showed your kindness and support to us during Otto's recent surgery. You are special people who know how to show support and caring in so many ways. The flowers, cards, visits and general outpouring of caring was amazing. Thanks to all of you for being there for us when we needed it most.

**Otto & Ruth Anne Praeger**

Thank you so much for the all the cards, phone calls, thoughts and prayers. It was very helpful for us to have your concern and support during our loss of **Verlyn Cushenbery**.

**Louana Cushenbery, Larry & Sue Cushenbery**

Thank you to our great Model A  
 friends for the many kind expression of sym-  
 pathy at the loss of my sister, **Pattie**.  
**Fred & Mary Hilger**

# Past Tours and Activities

## Michigan & More Wichita A's Bus Trip

Twenty-six Wichita A members recently enjoyed an eight day bus tour to Dearborn, Michigan and many points between here and there. We enjoyed a wide variety of activities and attractions. We enjoyed lunch and a cruise on a stern-wheeler, several car museums, a pickle factory, Kitchen-Aid manufacturing plant, wooden cooking utensil plant, Indianapolis Speedway Museum, Kellogg Manor, Henry Ford Museum, and Greenfield Village. The big attraction was the day we spent at Gilmore Museum. We enjoyed the Model A celebration that day. There was a large number of Model As in attendance as well as a swap meet. The Model A Museum was a hit with everyone.

Quite a few Model A parts were purchased and made the bus trip home. The Gilmore is a great automotive museum. John and Susan Stone donated a Model A generator tester to the museum. Gary Hileman donated three service manuals to Gilmore Research Library. Don Waller won a high compression head in a drawing from the Secrets of Speed Group. The trip was great fun with great friends.

**Gary and Donna Hileman**



**John Stone** restored this K R Wilson, Model A & T generator tester and donated it to the Model A Museum. It weighs about 100 lbs. **John** was able to carry it on the bus and a museum worker picked it up at our hotel. The museum already had a plaque engraved and put the unit on display immediately.



**John & Susan Stone**



We found the Wichita A's brick on the walkway to the museum. We also found bricks of Wichita A's members, **Kibbes, Ruggles and Stones**.



This Good Humor Ice Cream truck was not in the museum but was on the grounds the day we were there. It was a real "crowd pleaser". The driver was dressed in an all white uniform.



The Model A Ford Museum was in the planning stage for over 25 years and opened this year on the Gilmore Museum Complex. This is a beautifully groomed 90 acre tract near Hickory Corners, Michigan.

**Thieman Tractor.** Nearly 80 years ago, the Thiemen brothers of Albert City, Iowa had a modern practical idea, recycle. They manufactured kit tractors that farmers could power with Model A car engines no longer being used. The ability to purchase a tractor kit for half

price, \$300-\$400 was particularly popular during the Depression. 1,600 to 2,000 were made between 1931 & 1941 when the War effort shut them down. This restored example was on display the day we were there.





## INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD DAY

September 27, 2014

**Don and Terry Grabendike** organized and led the tour to Florence Kansas where we visited the Fred Harvey House. Everyone had lunch in El Dorado before returning home.



Model A's driving on International Model A Ford Day.



Cars lined up in front of the Harvey House.



Jeremie Hildibrand is ready to begin the trip.



Lonnie & Arley Bennett enjoying the front porch.



Don & Terry Grabendike visiting with Scott Guinty.



Richard Sanchez, Lonnie Bennett, Alan Orr and Eric Weninger.



*Past Tour and Activity continue:*



**June Hall, Judy Hill and Linda Boivin**



**Al Hildibrand, Jim Nungesser and Francis Grady** eating lunch the club provided.



**Joanna & Gilbert Adams and Roger Graham** found out the running board makes wonderful chairs.

## ALL FORD DAY

You could not ask for a more perfect day with the weather at the Salvation Army Camp Hiawatha. The normal Kansas winds didn't even blow. A lot of Wichita A's club members showed up to look at all the Ford cars and get caught up on the local gossip.



**Norm Hall, Chris Cushman, Francis Grady and Eric Weninger** looking like they got caught with their hand in the cookie jar.



**Ray Hoffmans, Larry and Sue Cushenbery** enjoying the beautiful day.



## Balloon Festival/Columbus, KS

On Oct. 10th, 21 Model A's, 4 modern cars and 50 people left Derby and headed toward Columbus, KS for the annual Hot Air Balloon Festival. We made several interesting stops during our 3 day trip. Some of the highlights included a tour of the Sedan Floral Greenhouse, the Carona Depot & Train Museum, Circle's Pecans & The Moline Plant, an abandoned limestone quarry. As always, we ate lots of good food and enjoyed great fellowship.

A big "THANK YOU" to Randy Fraser for putting the packets together and setting up the four groups and group leaders. Roger & Bonita Graham and Richard & Linda Kibbe assisted Randy and the Sharps. We couldn't have done it without your help!

James & Judi Sharp



Model A's lined up on a rainy day.



The first stop was made at the Sedan Floral Greenhouse in Sedan.



The rain did not stop the parade in Columbus, KS



St. Aloysius Church ruins of 1902 Church destroyed in 1982 by lightning at Greenbush.





**Frank Chenoweth** comes prepared with his gas can on the back of his Model A so he can make sure he gets to the train on time. This picture was taken at the Carona Depot & Train Museum.



**Roger Graham and Don Grabendike** enjoying the museum.



**Randy Frazer** came prepared to do a little shopping at the Circle's Pecans store.



**Rita Hoffmans, Glorinda Shearer and Pat McHenry** standing on the bridge at Elk Falls, KS.



**James Sharp, Judi Sharp, Sue and Bob Johnson** checking out the Circle's Pecans store.



Model A's driving through the Moline Plant and abandoned limestone quarry.



## ERA FASHIONS

### FROCKS THAT GO TO THE SMARTEST PARTES.



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 curved 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 neckline.

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 the November 1930 issue of the McCall's magazine.*

## NATIONAL MODEL A CLUBS



### MAFCA

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[www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)  
U.S. Membership Cost: \$40

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

### 2014-2015 SWAP MEET SCHEDULE

October 16-18.....	Chickasha Swap Meet.....	.....Chickasha, OK
October 25-26.....	Sedgwick Street Rodders Swap Meet.....	.....Hutchinson, KS
February 6-7, 2015.....	Final Sunflower Swap Meet, Kansas Pavilions.....	.....Wichita, KS

### 2014 WICHITA A'S SCHEDULE

October 17.....	Men's Tour.....	Hilger
November 1.....	Mennonite Thanksgiving Dinner/Yoder.....	Waller
November 29.....	Ladies Christmas Luncheon.....	Boivin/Hill
December 6.....	Club Christmas Party.....	Cushman

### 2014 - 2017 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

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.....	Central Midwest Regional Meet.....	.....St. Joseph, MO
June 21-26, 2015.....	Canadian MARC National Meet.....	.....Niagara Falls
June 19-24, 2016.....	2016 MAFCA National Convention.....	.....Loveland, CO
2016.....	MARC Membership Meet.....	.....Open
2016.....	MARC National Meet.....	.....Open
September 19-22, 2016.....	MARC National Tour Hudson Valley Region.....	.....Newburgh, NY
2017.....	Regional Meet.....	.....Omaha, NE



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