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October Refreshments

- ♦ Vicki Hildibrand
- ♦ Linda Cushman
- ♦ Glenda Sill
- ♦ Barb Phye
- ♦ Mike James



CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

October 2015

26..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th7:00 PM



November 2015

7..... Mennonite Thanksgiving Dinner / Yoder.....Waller

10..... Newsletter Deadline..... editor@wichitaas.com.....Linda Kibbe

23..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th7:00 PM



December 2015

5..... Ladies Christmas Luncheon..... Ellerman/Ruggles

13..... Club Christmas Party.....Adams/Kibbes



January 2016

12..... Newsletter Deadline..... editor@wichitaas.com.....Linda Kibbe

25..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th7:00 PM



February 2016

5-6..... Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity.....Park City, KS

20..... Bunco Party.....Minisa Park

28..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th7:00 PM



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WICHITA A'S MEETING

September 28, 2015

The Wichita A's monthly meeting was called to order by Vice President, **Randy Frazer**. **Michael Dromey** was introduced as our newest member. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer, **Rex Kraus** reported on the club's finances. **Bonita Graham** reported that **Bo McHenry's** brother had passed away and **Bob Bruce**, a member since 1968 had also passed away. **JoAnn Bruce** thanks everyone for driving their Model A's to **Bob Bruce's** memorial. **Steve Boivin** is improving and **Eric Weninger** stated that his Dad, **John**, now has the services of Hospice and was being moved to Park West for a few days.

Brenda Broadhead stated that there was nothing to report from MARC and MAFCA. She also noted that a sign-up sheet was being passed to sign up for refreshments for 2016.

There was no report from the Wichita Area Car Council.

Tom Ruggles reported that the Sunflower Charity Swap Meet did not have a board meeting this month and that the Men's tour was cancelled but would be rescheduled in the spring.

The semi-annual Ice Cream Social was a success with 50 people and several Model A's in attendance according to **Doris Jean Ludlow**. She stated that there was plenty of ice cream and desserts and a nice evening.

Gil Adams relayed the message for **Jim Clark** that there would be sandwiches and soda for those that attend the "All Ford Day" to be held at the Salvation Army Camp on

October 4th.

The International Model A Ford Day" tour led by **Don Grabendike** had 9 Model A's and joined the remainder of the club for **Bob Bruce's** funeral service.



The announcement was made by **Randy** that Club Dues are due October 1st and are \$25.00.

Gary Hileman encouraged everyone to take advantage of the Shingles shot which is available.

Jim Broadhead moved and it was 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 carried. **Bonita Graham** was voted to replace **Fred Hilger** on the board as the member-at-large.

Randy Frazer announced the up-coming day tour to Moundridge and there was still time to sign up for the tour which will be on October 17th. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Following refreshments provided by **Francis Grady**, **Randy Frazer**, **Ruth Goodman**, **Trudee Harshfield**, **Peggy Chenoweth**, and **Brenda Broadhead**, **Randy Frazer** provided a video for the club on "Replacing Brake Drums and Shoes".

Meeting adjourned

The next meeting will be October 26th, 7:00 P. M.

Joanna Adams, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Claudia and I were in New Orleans during the September club meeting and it seemed really strange missing my first Wichita A's meeting in years. I want to thank Vice President **Randy Frazer** for doing such a fine job filling in for me. I am told by several that it all went well. I understand that **Bonita Graham** was elected Member at Large and I know she will make a positive impact on the board for the next two years. I would like to thank **Fred Hilger** for his contribution to the board for the last

two years. **Fred** was very helpful in making the big decisions the board has faced recently.

Fall is here and with it comes the usual pleasant Model A driving weather. Check the schedule in this newsletter and join us. If it's a nice day and you need something at the store consider taking the A out for a spin. You'll have an extra good time meeting folks because you chose the A.

Denny Ellerman, President

Note From The Editor

It is very hard to believe that Christmas is only a couple of months away as we waiting for fall weather to arrive. Richard and I are looking forward to a few more days of driving our Model A with the windows down before the cold weather hits.



This is the first announcement I will make for the May meeting of 2016. There are 5 Mondays that May. Our Club Picnic and meeting will happen on the 4th Monday, 23rd of May at Watson Park. Memorial Day weekend falls on the following weekend, 28-30th of 2016.

Happy Halloween everyone!

Linda Kibbe, Editor

The Wichita A's meet on the 4th Monday of the month except December. 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 unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

FUTURE TOURS AND EVENTS

Ladies' Christmas Brunch

December 5, 2015



The Ladies' Christmas Brunch will be on Saturday, December 5th from 9 -11 a.m. We will meet at Color Me Mine at 2441 N. Maize Road for brunch and a ceramic painting party. You will get your own ceramic piece to paint which will be glazed and fired. The cost is \$10 per member and \$20 per guest. Due to space limitations, we are limited to 45 ladies, so be sure and sign up early. We can't wait to see how creative the Model A ladies can be.

Claudia Ellerman and Dawna Ruggles



Club Christmas Party

December 13, 2015

The Model A Club Christmas Party will be held at the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon at 15231 SW Parallel St, Benton KS on Sunday, Dec. 13th starting at 12:00 noon, for those that want to be there early. At 1:15pm you will be seated and served at 1:30pm. After your meal you will be entertained by the Prairie Rose Rangers. This will end at approximately 4:00pm.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the October meeting.

Cost for club members: \$25

Cost for nonmembers: \$35

Children ages 3-12: \$10 Children will be entertained with a movie while the program is in progress.

Gilbert & Joanna Adams:

Richard & Linda Kibbe:

Please Note: The deadline for signing up for the Club Christmas Party is during the **October club meeting**. The rest of the seats will be released back to the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon.

2016 MAFCA National Convention



**Mile High Country Colorado
is waiting for you...**

When: June 19-24, 2016

Where: Loveland, Colorado

Why: For a Great Model A Time in the Rocky Mountain State

Hosted By: Model A Ford Club of Colorado

Registration forms will be available in the January-February 2016 issue of "The Restorer" and on the website in January 2016. You can visit the following web sites for information.

Web Site: <http://www.milehighcountry2016.org/index.html>

Tours: <http://www.milehighcountry2016.org/tours.html>

Seminars: <http://www.milehighcountry2016.org/seminars.html>

Hubley Derby: http://www.milehighcountry2016.org/Hubley_Derby.html

Hotels: <http://www.milehighcountry2016.org/Hotels.html>

Contact: ModelA2016@gmail.com

Mennonite Church Thanksgiving Dinner



The Mennonite Church Thanksgiving Dinner is being held at Yoder-North on **November 7th**.

Cost: Adults \$11

Children 6 and under free

Children 7-12 \$6

You will pay at the door.

We will leave from Menards at 3660 N. Maize at 11:00 AM.

Don & Donna Waller

2016 MARC National Meet

When: June 25-July 1st

Where: Perrysburg, Ohio

Hosted By: Sweet Sixteen A's

Web Site: See more at: http://model-a-ford.org/calendar/cat_ids~5/#sthash.op4JqFve.dpuf

Registration Forms: The registration forms will be in the next *Model "A" News*.

PAST TOUR

Ice Cream Social



We had 50 members at the Ice Cream Social. There were 7 varieties of ice cream, ice cream toppings, and many delicious desserts. I tried all of the ice creams and lots of the desserts, which all

were very good.

All the Model A's driven to our house did not get counted but the neighbors sure enjoyed looking at them. The evening was very successful.

Thanks for all who made it great.

Darrell & Doris Jean



Donna and Don Waller enjoying Darrell's collections.



Charlie and Scott Guinty enjoying the outdoor weather.



Bill and Grace Brooks soaking in a little sun.



Just a few of the many Model A's.

All Ford Day



On October 4, 2015 approximately 20 Model A's made it to the "All Ford Day" celebration at the Salvation Army Camp. The weather was beautiful without the normal Kansas breeze.

Jim & Lylia Clark brought plenty sandwiches and drinks for the club members to enjoy.

This turned out to be a very kick back and relaxing day.

Right: **Eric Weninger** checking out the food while **Jean & Dave Burke** are talking to **Jim Nungesser**.



Francis Grady, Larry Cushenbery and Roger Graham.



Roland Dickey and Linda Kibbe sharing notes.



Chris Cushman and Jim Broadhead enjoying the weather.

REMEMBERING ROBERT BRUCE



Robert, Bruce, 1932-2015

Bob and his Wife **JoAnn** joined the Model A Club in 1968 and have been active members ever since. **Bob** served as President in 1970. He was also Swap Meet Chairman in the nineties.

Bob was raised on a farm near Mt Vernon, Illinois and met **JoAnn** while going to school there. After graduating in 1951, the job market in Mt Vernon was practically nil but he was able to land a job at Boeing in Wichita. In 1952 **Bob** thought it was inevitable that he would be drafted with the War going on in Korea. He didn't want to go to the Army so he enlisted in the Air Force. The couple were married in 1952 while **Bob** was stationed at Biloxi, Mississippi. In 1956 **Bob** was discharged from the Air Force and was able to get his job back at Boeing, so this determined their location for the rest of their years. Over the years **Bob** took many classes and courses and worked his way up to an Illustrator Draftsman in the Engineering Dept. They joined the Pilgrim Congregational Church in 1958 and became very respected members. One lady at **Bob's** funeral described them as Pillars in the Church.



Bob & JoAnn Bruce with their 31 4DR Phaeton.

Their first Model A was a 29 coupe purchased in 1965. **Bob** added a rumble seat to accommodate their daughters **Debbie** and **Karen**. About 1980 or so Bob purchased a 31 S/W Fordor which he restored with the help of **Wes Ellis** another early club member with restoration skills. In the nineties He decided that an open car would be "cool" so he purchased a 29 Roadster from **Larry Menges**. In 2007 he had the opportunity to purchase a rare 31 4DR Phaeton from **Merv Criser** and sold the other two Model A's.

Over the years the **Bruces** attended many regional and national tours. Some of the locations included, Milwaukee, St Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Vail, Breckenridge, and Dallas to mention a few. The longest tour was the World Meet in Vancouver, BC, in 2010. They drove the Model A to all events except the first one in 1970 when they took the coupe with a tow bar behind their station wagon.

Last December **Bob** was diagnosed with Leukemia and his Doctor thought it could be cured with several months of chemo. All signs were improving until August when he also contacted Shingles. He just couldn't conquer both diseases and passed away September 14th.

The **Bruces** were well respected in the club and community as evidenced by the large crowd at the funeral. There were 21 Model A's driven at the request of **JoAnn**.

Bob was always good natured and willing to help anyone be it Model A repairs or other tasks. He will be fondly remembered well into the future.



A few of the 21 Model A's at the Memorial.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



November Birthdays

1	Margi Hackenholz
2	Mary Jane McNeil
3	Don Grabendike
3	Debbie Harvey
5	Dale Hancock
6	Sylvia Shearer
6	Susan Stone
7	John Reynolds
8	Ali Bohannon
8	Sheila Orr
9	Peggy Chenoweth
9	Taylor Merrill
9	Wallace Wade
10	Dave Burke
11	Nancy Slater
15	Richard Sanchez
17	Howard Lumbert
18	Eric Broadhead
20	Linda Kraus
25	Deb Hamlin
27	Claudia Ellerman
29	Ed Giesen
29	Mike McNeil

New Member

Michael & Jennifer Dromey

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Augusta KS 67010

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M.....
'28 Tudor

Roster Update

Ron Little

.....
Parsons KS 67357

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'30 coup3, '31 Cabriolet,
Late '31 Cabriolet



Steve is doing really good, now that we have the GI bleed stopped. The new Chemo treatment is working, his PSA dropped around 500 points. It has not dropped like that with any other treatment. Other than the broken foot keeping him down, he is doing good.

We want to say thanks to all the prayers and cards from you guys. You are the best ever!!! Love you guys and miss you all,

Steve and Linda Boivin

Dear Model A Friends,

There are not enough words to say thank you for all the caring and support you gave Bob during his illness and for driving Bob and I along with the other escort A's to his memorial service. It was truly a celebration.

JoAnn Bruce and family.



I'm looking for a nice unre-stored 30/31 Model "A" Windshield frame for my coupe.

Marvin Hamlin

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Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Tuesday, January 12 2016

editor@wichitaas.com or

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For Sale

Two each, nice 21 inch accessory chrome plated tire covers and a genuine Ford rear spare tire lock made by FOX (It is in the judging standards). Will sell one or both tire covers.
Contact **Jim Broadhead** at:

Refreshment Sign Up

Thank you to those that signed up on the 2016 Refreshment list. There are a lot of open spots so you will have another opportunity at the October meeting to sign up to provide refreshments during 2016. We have enough club members that no one should need to bring refreshments except once a year.

Thank you,
Brenda Broadhead



REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

November 2015

- ♦ Rex Kraus
- ♦ Jim Clark
- ♦ Alan Orr
- ♦ Fred Hilger
- ♦ Marcia Hillman

January 2016

- ♦ Rita Hoffmans
- ♦ Nora Meyer
- ♦ Orpha Eyres
- ♦ June Hall
- ♦ Ruth Anne Prager

Tech Talk

TAIL PIPE CLAMP TOO TIGHT??

We wrote an article about this subject several years ago, but with so many new members the last few years it probably needs to be repeated. The common misconception is that the tail pipe clamp should be really tight to keep it from rattling. NOT SO!!!

The tail pipe clamp where it secures the pipe to the frame should be just a little more than finger tight. As the exhaust manifold heats up and cools off, it needs to be able to physically move a slight amount. If the tail pipe clamp is tight this movement is not possible and over a period of time the stress on the cast iron manifold will cause it to distort and sometimes crack.

The correct fastener for this purpose is a fine thread bolt with castellated nut and cotter key. These are available from most Model A parts suppliers.

A good way to accomplish this setting is to support the muffler with a floor jack and then remove the exhaust pipe clamp at the manifold. Then lower the jack very slightly and you can adjust the tail pipe clamp to the point where it is secure and the tail pipe will barely slide back and forth in the clamp. The castellated nut will allow you to make very slight adjustments and when the cotter key is installed it will stay in place, and usually there is no rattle.

We find no evidence that Ford Motor Company was aware of this problem during the Model A production years. They were aware of the distorted and manifold crack problem and in 1931 improved the manifold with a reinforcing web on the exhaust outlet.

Shortly after Model A production ceased they must have discovered that the exhaust pipe and muffler shouldn't be rigid to the manifold and added flexible mounts to support the pipe on the subsequent models. This was carried on in later years and was common to all makes of cars.



On a recent hot day we tried to measure the movement of the tailpipe by scribing a mark on each side of the tail pipe clamp and driving about 20 miles at highway speed. After returning we tried to measure the movement of the tailpipe and it was hardly enough to measure but was somewhere between a 1/16 and 1/32 inch, none the less important. It was surprising to us that the movement was forward rather than rearward. RG

This 'n That

AS I AGE, I REALIZE THAT....

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini- vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound!
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
10. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.
11. When the kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".
12. At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY JANUARY 17, 1929

Popeye makes 1st appearance, in comic strip "Thimble Theater"

Popeye made his first public appearance on January 17, 1929, in Elzie Segar's then nine-year old comic strip, Thimble Theater, which originally revolved around Olive Oyl's family. From the minute he walked into the comic strip, Thimble Theater, and muttered his famous "D'ja think I'm a cowboy" line, Popeye the Sailor Man captured the hearts of millions of fans around the world. Popeye was just a sailor then without any heroic shade. Later the character of Popeye became so popular that the entire comic strip started to revolve around this sailor-man. Then, Thimble Theater changed into the comics of Popeye where Olive Oyl became Popeye's sweetheart. After Elzie Segar's death in 1938, a number of writers continued the comic strips of Popeye.

Popeye made the jump to the silver screen in 1933 in a Betty Boop cartoon entitled "Popeye The Sailor" from the Fleischer Studios. Popeye's theme song, titled "I'm Popeye The Sailor Man", composed by Sammy Lerner in 1933 for Fleischer's first Popeye the Sailor cartoon, has become forever associated with the sailor. In 1937, spinach capital Crystal City, Texas, erected a statue to honor Elzie Segar and Popeye for their positive influence on America's eating habits, making Popeye the first cartoon character ever immortalized in public sculpture. Interestingly, Popeye's spinach obsession began in Thimble Theater but became an indispensable plot device in his later animated adventures. The spinach growers credited Popeye with a 33 percent increase in U.S. spinach consumption and saving the spinach industry in the 1930's.

The controversy of Spinach remained for decades. The most popular concept is it was actually the forbidden wide 'marijuana'. However recent research also reveals that Spinach may be an herb with somewhat muscle boosting qualities, obviously not like the incredible strength of Popeye. However, whatever be the spinach is, the concept of eating spinach and then beating the villains away has managed to retain its popularity for over 80 years. Many consider Popeye a precursor to the superheroes who would eventually come to dominate comic books.

<http://mukundsathe.com/2015/01/17/this-day-in-history-17-jan-1929-popeye-makes-1st-appearance-in-comic-strip-thimble-theater/>

Reference:

<http://www.historyorb.com/day/january/17>

<http://popeye.com/history/>

<http://popeye.org/popeye/history-of-popeye>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popeye>

ERA FASHIONS

L'ECH DE PARIS



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Paris Simplifies Elaborate Lines

Although the first impression of the newest afternoon frocks is one of an increasing air of simplicity about them. Hemlines dip much less than formerly, and however complicated the flares and fluttering ends may look, they are achieved by cut that is as simple as it is clever.

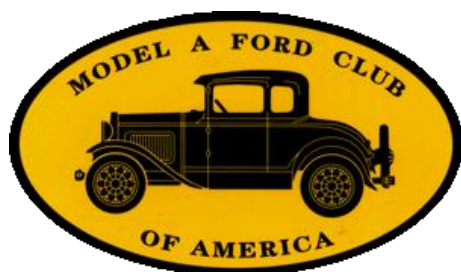
No. 5507 The effect of a handkerchief collar knotted on the shoulder is repeated in a novel crossed girdle that ties in a bow at the side above a front flaring skirt.

No. 5501 A novel one-sided treatment is featured in a frock that has a wide swathed girdle draped at the side to accent a side flare on the skirt, and a one-sided scarf collar.

No. 5491 The new soft pliable velvets lend themselves admirably to a frock that has a slightly bloused bodice and a skirt with a side flare edged with three narrow ruffles.

Copied from December 1928 issue of the McCall's Magazine.

NATIONAL MODEL A CLUBS



MAFCA

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La Habra, CA 90631-5515
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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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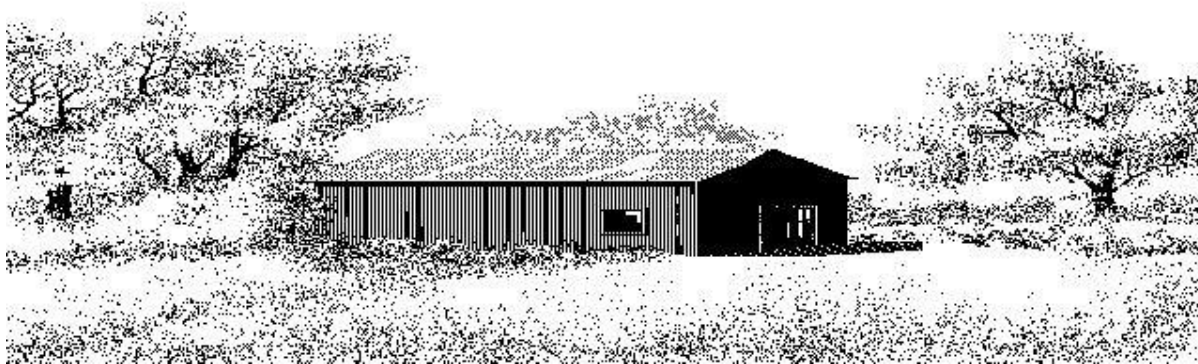
6721 Merriman
Garden City, MI 48315
<http://modelarestorers.org>
U.S. Membership Cost: \$40

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

LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

2015 –2016 SWAP MEET SCHEDULE

October 24-25, 2015....	16th Annual Swap Meet by Sedgwick Street Rodders.....	.....Hutchinson, KS
February 5-6, 2016.....	2016 Kansas Sunflower for Charity Swap Meet at KS Pavilions.....	.....Park City, KS
March 17-18, 2016.....	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet.....	.....Chickasha, OK
April 28-May , 2016....	Pate Swap Meet.....	.....Fort Worth, TX
May 11-14, 2016.....	Chickasha Spring Swap Meet.....	.....Chickasha, OK
June 14-18, 2015.....	Petit Jean Swap Meet.....	.....Petit Jean, AR
June 25-26, 2016.....	Swap Meet Fremont.....	.....Fremont, NE
July 7-9, 2016.....	Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet.....	.....Iola, WI



2015 - 2017 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

December 2-5, 2015.....	MAFCA National Awards Banquet.....	.....Medford, OR
April 7-9, 2016.....	MARC Membership Meet.....	.....Flint, MI
June 19-24, 2016.....	2016 MAFCA National Convention.....	.....Loveland, CO
June 25 - July 1, 2016.....	MARC National Meet - Sweet Sixteen Region.....	.....Perrysburg, OH
September 19-22, 2016.....	MARC National Tour Hudson Valley Region.....	.....Newburgh, NY
December 5-8, 2016.....	MAFCA National Awards Banquet.....	.....Reno, NV
June 5-9, 2017.....	Omaha Regional Meet.....	.....Omaha, NE
September 10-17, 2017	MAFCA National Tour - Pacific Northwest Tour.....Lions Gate Model A Club



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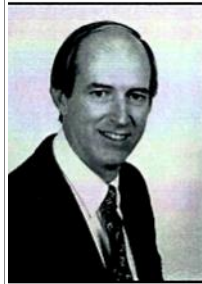


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 There is no club meeting in
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February 5-6, 2016

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 (I-135 and 85th St. N off Exit 17)
 Park City, KS

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