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29	30	NEW YEAR'S EVE				

October Refreshments Beverages
Vicki Hildibrand

Cookies or Treats
Glenda Sill
JoAnn Bruce
Debbie Rose
Vicki Hildibrand

CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

October 2019

28..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th-7:00PM
Program: Model A Parts Identification-Tom Ruggles

November 2019

2..... Mennonite Thanksgiving DinnerWaller's
8..... Newsletter Deadline...editor@wichitaas.com.....Sheila Orr
25..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th.....7:00PM

December 2019

7..... Ladies Christmas Luncheon..... Hildibrand/James
14..... Club Christmas Party.....James

NO CLUB MEETING IN DECEMBER

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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.

Wichita A's Meeting Minutes September 23, 2019 Minisa Park

President **Mike James** called the September monthly meeting of the Wichita A's to order with the flag salute. **Wayne Orr** moved and it was seconded and passed that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved as printed in the club's newsletter. Treasurer **Claudia Ellerman** presented the treasurer's report and Brenda Broadhead requested that the membership sign up for refreshments for the upcoming year. Sunshine Lady, **Bonita Graham** reported that **Otto** and **Ruth Ann Praeger** need our prayers for their current health issues.

Don Grabendike summarized the International Ford Day tour where the **Sharp's** won 1st prize, and **Doris Jean Ludlow** reported on the club's Ice Cream Social.

The following activities are being planned: All Ford Day-October 6th (**Jim Clark**), Men's Tour October 18th-19th (**Tom Ruggles**), Yoder Thanksgiving Dinner-November 2nd (**Don Waller**), and the Ladies Christmas Luncheon—December 7th (**Kathy James** and **Vicki Hildibrand**).

Yearly elections were held and the following members will be serving the club beginning in October:

President-**Alan Orr**
Vice President-**Linda Kibbe**
Secretary-**Judi Sharp**
Treasurer-**Claudia Ellerman**
Member at Large-**Bob Broeckelman**
Returning Member at Large-**Gilbert Adams**

Following refreshments provided by **Jane McLaughlin**, the **Chenoweth's**, **Helen Louise Beaver**, **Randy Frazer**, and **Terry Grabendike**. **Gary Hileman** then presented a program on Kansas Highways.

Meeting adjourned
Dawna Ruggles
Exiting Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the elections in September, I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be President of our Wichita A's organization. I will try to fill the obligations as our ensuing past Presidents have.

Want to especially thank past President **Mike James** for his leadership this last year and will try to keep the Club going strong.

We started the month with a well attended 'All Ford's Day' and looking forward to the Men's Tour coming up. Never know the agenda for this tour, but with **Tom Ruggles** leading the tour, it will be interesting and informative.

With Fall now upon us, take advantage of the nice weather and get out and drive your A!

President
Alan Orr

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

If you have not paid your 2020 dues, now is the time! **Susan Stone** will be working on the new rosters for members. You can contact her at ————Can't believe it is October already! Plans under way for the remainder of 2019 with Thanksgiving and Christmas Parties! Also, your new Board has met and starting plans for next year. If you have any ideas for touring or club activities, please contact a board member. Love to hear your input! By the time you get this newsletter, the men's tour should be under way and a couple more activities this year to get your car out and enjoy the Fall weather. HAPPY FALL!

Sheila Orr
Editor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Birthdays

- 3 Don Grabendike
- 3 Debbie Harvey
- 6 Edsel Ford 1893
- 6 Sylvia Shearer
- 6 Susan Stone
- 8 Sheila Orr
- 9 Peggy Chenoweth
- 9 Taylor Merrill
- 10 Dave Burke
- 15 Richard Sanchez
- 17 Nancy Brown
- 17 Steve Wendt
- 19 Kathy James
- 20 Linda Kraus
- 25 Deb Hamlin
- 27 Claudia Ellerman
- 29 Ed Giesen

MAFFI Brick Collection

After the September Meeting, the balance was \$22.31.

Denny Ellerman



You are encouraged as members to nominate your choice of a living or past member to be recognized.

Congratulations

To **Francis & Ruth Grady!**
They have been nominated to have a brick in their honor placed at the Gilmore Museum!



ROSTER UPDATES

Phones

Dean & Julie Gier
316-

Jim & Judi Sharp

No landline

Jim: 316-

Judi: 316-

Board Meeting-October 8, 2019

The Wichita A's Board of directors met at the home of President **Alan Orr**. All current board members were present.

The minutes of the previous board meeting (1-20-19) were approved as read. A current treasurer's report was approved as presented. MAFI Bricks were discussed and the secretary was instructed to send in an application for a brick in honor of **Francis & Ruth Grady**. The board reviewed guidelines for money allowances for tours and memorial gifts. It was discussed and decided that an additional meeting in May was needed for business purposes since no business is conducted during the picnic in May.

The meeting was adjourned by President **Alan Orr**.
Judi Sharp, Secretary

Refreshment Committee

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, November 8, 2019
Sheila Orr
editor@wichitaas.com or
316-

**October 2019
Beverage**
Vicki Hildibrand

Cookies or Treats
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Brenda Broadhead

Cookies or Treats
Brenda Broadhead
Terry Grabendike
Bonita Graham
Arley Bennett

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



FUTURE EVENTS

MENNONITE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thanksgiving Dinner-Saturday, November 2nd

We will meet and leave at **11 AM** sharp on **November 2nd** from the south parking lot of St. Theresa's Hospital on West 21st St just past 135th St West.

We will go from there to tour St. Mark Catholic Church and Cemetery located in Colwich, thanks to **Gregg Rau's** suggestion. After the tour we will proceed to the Thanksgiving dinner at Journey Church located about a mile north of Yoder on the East side of Yoder Road.

Cost will be **\$12.50 each** to be paid at the door. After the dinner the tour is over and you are on your own.

You can sign up next month so we will have a number to plan for.
Thanks **Don and Donna Waller**



LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

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WHEN: Saturday, December 7th

WHEN: La Galette French Café and Deli
1017 W. Douglas
Wichita , Ks

TIME: 11AM-1:30PM

COST: \$10

SIGN UP & MENU SELECTION: October and November meeting
Vicki Hildibrand PH: 620—**Kathy James** PH: 316-

PARKING: There is a parking lot behind the café that can be entered via the alley. There is also street parking at the end of the block behind the café and on the side streets as well.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY: This year, we selected the TREEHOUSE, as the charitable organization that we wanted to support. This is a non profit organization that assists economically challenged moms and children with basic necessities and educational needs. Donations to support this organization are appreciated. A list of items needed will be available at the sign up table at the October and November club meetings. If you have any questions, please direct them to **Vicki Hilibrand**.



CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Planning is under way for a special Wichita A's Festive Christmas Celebration

When: Saturday, December 14th

Where: 200 S. Walnut, Wichita, Ks (Delano district– downtown Senior Center)

Time: 1:00PM to 3:30 PM

Dress: Christmas colors (Christmas sweaters, Christmas attire)

Cost: \$12.00 for club members, \$25.00 for non member

Note: Meal will be catered, we **will not** be doing the gift exchange this year

Signup: October & November meetings

Questions: Call Mike or Kathy James —
Cell Ph:



***Life is too short to be anything but happy.
Falling down is part of Life...
Getting back up is Living...***



**“Anyone who stops learning is old whether at 20 or 80
Anyone who keeps learning stays young”
*Henry Ford***

INTERNATIONAL FORD DAY

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On September 21st, the Wichita A's drove to Valley Center to take part in a rally. There were a total of 4 different groups of cars going 4 different directions throughout Valley Center. Following the rally everyone drove to the city of Sedgwick for lunch at the Cy's Hoof @ Horn restaurant. Don announced the winners of the rally. **Lonnie & Arley Bennett** came in first place, **James & Judi Sharp** came in second place. Both winners had never participated in a rally before! The last place went to **Steve McLaughlin**. He received a drooping sunflower to take home to Jane, who didn't make the trip. Thank you to our tour leaders **John Stone** and **Don Grabendike** for a great day.

Submitted by Linda Kibbe



Fearless leaders, **Don Grabendike** and **John Stone**!



Group shots of members on the International Ford Day Tour!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The weather was perfect for our Club Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 22nd! We had a great turn-out of 13 Model A's and about 50 people! The Ludlow's were gracious to open up their home and garages for us to enjoy an evening of gathering with members and also enjoying the array of ice cream and desserts! So yummy! A Big Thank you to the **Ludlows!**

To everyone who came to the Ice Cream Social and brought Ice cream and desserts—Thank you. It was a very enjoyable evening! Thank you—**Doris Jean and Darrell Ludlow**



Barb Phye making sure food is in order!



Host Darrell Ludlow in his easy chair visiting with “the guys”.



Wayne Orr finding the perfect table to enjoy his ice cream!



Ladies corner!! **Brenda Broadhead, Helen Louise Beaver, Rita Hoffmans and Bonita Graham**.

PAST TOURS & EVENTS

ALL FORD DAY

All Ford's Day was held at Sedgwick County Park on Sunday, October 6th! We had a nice attendance with approximately 25 members and 15 cars. The weather held out for us and made for a comfortable fall day. A big thank you to **Jim Clark** for organizing this and to **Denny Ellerman** for preparing hot dogs and brats for lunch



Alan Orr with grandson **Cooper**!



Denny Ellerman preparing our lunch!



Linda and Richard Kibbe and **Larry Cushenbery** enjoying their time at All Fords Day.



Could be trouble!

MAFFI Newsletter Minute October 2019

Model A Day 2019 was a success with many Unique and Original vehicles depicting our theme for this year. We had over 250 cars that came for the day and all enjoyed the Model A Museum as well as the many other museums on the Gilmore Campus.

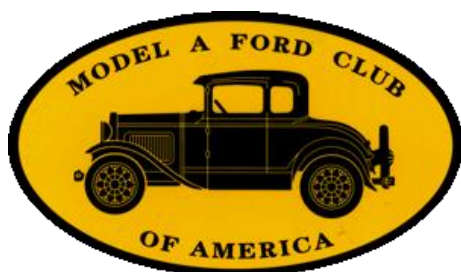
Our Board of Directors had their annual meeting on Thursday prior to Model A Day and have laid the groundwork for a Strategic Plan to keep the museum interesting and entertaining for years to come. Our wish is for each and every one of you to come visit the museum. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you have not already done it, please renew your membership today and consider a year end monetary gift to our Endowment Fund which will ensure our museum will be there for generations to come.

Visit our website: www.maffi.org and follow the link to Membership. We now offer PayPal for your convenience.

Thank You,
Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee
clubcontact@maffi.org



National Model A Clubs



The Wichita A's Model A Ford Club encourages members to join both National MARC and MAFCA Clubs.



MAFCA

250 S. Cypress St.
La Habra, CA 90631-5515
www.mafca.com
U.S. Membership Cost: \$50

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

MARC

6721 Merriman
Garden City, MI 48315
<http://modelarestorers.org>
U.S. Membership Cost: \$45

Tech Talk

MODEL "A" TIRE TIPS

Model "A" Tire Tips

The next time you install new Tires on your "A" always install new Inner Tubes. It greatly cuts down on chances of a flat tire in the future. Make sure to use a tube liner, (Duct tape works good) and make sure your Rims are smooth and not rusty to prevent chafing. Paint or Powder coating works best. The best Inner Tube for 30-31, 19 inch Tires are Tractor Tubes. They are cheaper than the ones the Model "A" suppliers sell, they have much thicker rubber and last longer. They can be purchased at most Tire Stores. Check your Tire Pressure often, to maintain 35 PSI. When they get low the Tubes move around and chafe, causing a flat tire.

If you have a side mounted Fender "DO NOT" buy the widest width Tires because they are too wide for the wheel well. You have to let the Air out to remove the tire in case of a flat. "NOT GOOD". In this case carry a tire Pump.

When you remove your old Tires, inspect the Rims for cracks, the 28-29, 21 inch are the worst for this condition. If found weld or replace it. "DO NOT" weld if there are more than one or two cracks, they will be crooked. Also check the lug nut holes for an oversize condition as they can cause a loose wheel. A Dime is a good gauge, it should not go through. If it does, install repair washers under the Lug Nuts. They are carried by all of the Model "A" suppliers.



Jim Broadhead

MODEL "A" BY THE MILLIONS

The first Model "A" was built December 2, 1927. Production was far behind the demand the first half of 1928, but 818,734 Model "A's" were produced that year. The million marks were reached as follows:

One Millionth....February 4, 1929

Two Millionth....July 24, 1929

Three Millionth....March 12, 1930

Four Millionth....October 1, 1930

*Five Millionth....April 14, 1931

*Does not agree with figures released by Ford archives in 1955.

The best year, of course, was 1929 when nearly two million (1,951,092) were produced. Production figures show that 5,017,486 is the total number produced.

These figures were printed in the "Ford Field" magazine in 1945, and were sent to use by Mr. Murray Fahnestock.

It was estimated at the time (14 years after production) that there were at least 3,000,000 still in use. Mr. Fahnestock writes that, "although no definite figures seem available, there are about 300,000 Model "A" Fords in the U.S. with about 280,000 registered for state licenses and in actual use."

-MARC News, January/February 1965

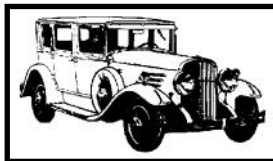
ERA FASHIONS

- A. A wool mixed coat favored by railroad workers, chauffeurs, and outdoor workers. The large storm collar gives extra protection against the weather.
- B. A practical and useful coat made of duck material and lined with a heavy blanket fabric.
- C. A heavy moleskin cloth coat lined with sheep skin. The coat features a double breasted and belted front design.

Uniforms and Work Clothes

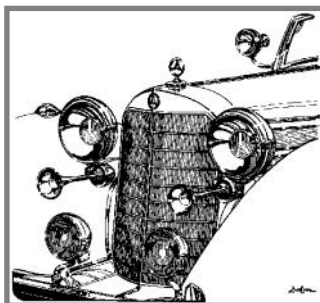
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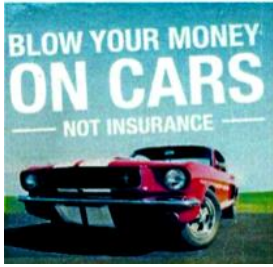
October 25-26, 2019.....	Sedgwick Street Rodders Swap Meet.....KS State Fairgrounds
March 13-14, 2020.....	45th Annual KS Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity.....Century II	.....Wichita, KS
March 20-21, 2020.....	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet.....	.....Chickasha OK
April 22-26, 2020.....	Spring Carlisle Swap Meet..... www.carsatcarlisle.com.....	.....Carlisle, PA
April 30-May 2, 2020.....	Pate Swap Meet, TX Motor Speedway... www.pateswapmeet.com.	.....Fort Worth, TX
May 7-9, 2020.....	Chickasha Spring Swap Meet.. www.chickashaautoswapmeet.com.	.....Chickasha, OK
June 16-20, 2020.....	Petit Jean Swap Meet.....	.....Petit Jean, AR
July 9-11, 2020.....	Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet.....	.....Iola, WI



2019-2020 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

Dec.2-5, 2019.....	MAFCA Nat'l Awards Banquet 2019.....	.....Claremont, CA
April 2-4, 2020.....	2020 Membership Meet, Swan Lake Resort-hosted by Highland A's Region.....	.....Plymouth, IN
May 31-June 5, 2020.....	"Fords "A" Plenty In 2020" Midwest Regional Meet.....	.....by Plain Ol' A's
June 1-5, 2020.....	2020 MARC National Meet hosted by Nickel A Region.....	.....Oshkosh, WI
June 21-26, 2020.....	MAFCA's 2020 Convention/host hotel YO Ranch Hotel.....Kerrville, TX

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**And Club Christmas Party
 December 14, 2019**

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Wichita A's Club Meeting

Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th. N

Meeting Starts 7:00 PM

**4th Monday of each month except
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**There is not a club meeting in the
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