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### June Meeting

**Beverage**  
Brenda Broadhead

**Treats**  
Carolyn Nungesser  
Kathy James  
Susan Stone

## CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

### June 2022

27..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th.....7:00 PM

### July 2022

4..... Derby Parade.....Sharps/Hileman  
8..... Newsletter deadline...sheorr@sbcglobal.net.....Sheila Orr  
9..... Automobilia Car Show.....  
25..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th.....7:00 PM

### August 2022

5..... Newsletter Deadline...sheorr@sbcglobal.net.....Sheila Orr  
22..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th.....7:00 PM

### September 2022

9..... Newsletter Deadline...sheorr@sbcglobal.net.....Sheila Orr  
17&18... Octoberfest & Garage Tour.....Kibbe's  
26..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th.....7:00 PM

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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 Model A Club Meeting- April 25, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER** -The meeting was called to order by President, **James Sharp**.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**—**Jim Broadhead** led the club members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NEW MEMBERS & GUEST** -No new members or guests were present at tonight's meeting.

**STORY OF THE EVENING** - **Don Grabendike** shared a story of the evening.

**April 25th, 2022 MINUTES** - Amendment was made to the April minutes. **Alan Orr** made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - In **Claudia Ellerman's** absence, **Kathy James** presented the treasurer's report. Motion was made by **Greg Rau** to accept the report. **Frank Chenoweth** seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**— **Kathy James** reported that a letter was received from the Model A Ford Youth Restoration Award, thanking the Wichita A's for their donation. The organization requested help in identifying youth who are restoring their Model A's and letting them know about their program.

**MARC AND MAFCCA REPORT**— nothing new to report this month.

**WACC** - **Richard Kibbe** reported that All Wheels Day will be 6/12/2022 starting at 8am at Lake Afton. WACC was able to increase their revenue. In addition, 200 individuals joined their Facebook group last month. T-shirts are on order. They are \$20 up to size 1 x and \$23 for size 2 x. T-shirts must be sold for them to pay their bills. In the past, the Wichita A's have taken a tent out to the lake and ordered lunch for members attending the event. After discussion, it was decided that **Richard Kibbe** will contact **Jim Clark** to see if he will be coordinating this activity, as he has in the past.

**SUNSHINE REPORT**— **Bonita Graham** reported that **Lawrence Kottas** has passed and his funeral will be in Harper on Friday. Today there was a service for **Dick Foote**.

### **PAST TOURS**

.....**BIG KANSAS ROAD TRIP**—**Mike James** reported that 12 people participated in the BKRT 2022. There were 5 Model A's and 1 modern car. The highlight of the trip for him was the Lowell Milken Museum for Unsung Hero's. He will be writing an article for the June club newsletter that will share the details of the trip.

.....**MODEL A CLUB PICNIC**— **Steve McLaughlin** reported that the club picnic was held on May 22, 2022 at his and Jane's home. Approximately 40 people attended. There was good food and live music. Someone left a blue and white lawn chair. Please claim it if it is yours.

### **UPCOMING TOURS & EVENTS**

.....**LAVENDER TOUR**—**James and Judi Sharp** are planning a lavender farm tour by Winfield on Saturday, June 11. Reservations are currently being taken. Cost of the trip is \$5 per person. Participants will meet on the east side of the McDonalds on Rock Road in Derby at 9AM. The tour will include lunch. The Depression Glass Museum, the Train Museum and the quilt store in Wellington will be available for tour.

.....**MIDWEST REGIONAL MEET**—will be in Olathe, KS this year from June 2-7th. **Linda Kibbe** is collecting a list of members who plan on attending. **Ray and Rita Hoffman** will be leading this tour. Participants will meet at 8AM at the McDonalds on 53rd St. and Meridian. That group will swing by **Tom Ruggles**, who will be hosting the Men's Coffee and Donut group that day. The club members will view a couple of cars and then head to Kansas City.

.....**DERBY PARADE & PICNIC**—**Donna Hileman** announced that the Derby Parade would be on the 4th of July this year. Line up location has not yet been determined. Plans are to eat lunch at the church. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served.

### **OLD BUSINESS** -

..... **Brick at Model A Museum**— It was announced that enough money has been collected for another brick to honor a current or past member. Suggestions for the nominations can be put in the headlight at the snack table.

**NEW BUSINESS**— No new business was introduced.

**NEXT MEETING**— June 27th, 2022

**TONIGHTS PROGRAM**—**Bob Phye** organized a GEMS (items valuable to an individual) presentation. The presenters were **Max Brown, Joanne Bruce and Debbie Rice, Jim Broadhead, Gilbert Adams and Richard Giordano**.

**REFRESHMENTS TONIGHT**— were provided by: **Linda Kibbe, Donna Hileman and Brenda Broadhead**.

Meeting Adjourned,

**Kathy James, Secretary**

## PRESIDENT

Notes from your President.....

Summer is here and it is starting to warm up. We all have many activities planned, and I trust that some of those are with the Model A Club.

By the time you read this, we have had members attend the regional meeting in Olathe. We are awaiting a report from those in attendance to share their experiences. There was also a tour to a lavender farm near Winfield, KS. An upcoming activity is the 4th of July parade in Derby. There are all examples of ways we can fellowship with each other and enjoy our Model A's.

Our next meeting is June 27, and we will see you then.

**Jim Sharp**  
President

## Editor's Note

The heat is on! We just returned from the Regional Meet in Olathe, KS. The weather there was very nice and had a great time! The weekend after was the Lavender Tour and All Wheels Day at Lake Afton. The weather turned and it was HOT but still had a great time. Once again I am reminded what fun and helpful members we have in our club. Thank to all who have taken the time to help with our car "problems" and hopefully we are up and ready to go again. If you have not gone on a Tour yet or a meet –Come join us, always a good way to meet everyone in the group.

**Sheila Orr**  
Editor



# Announcement's



## July Birthdays

7 Don Short  
 10 Jean Burke  
 11 Tom Ruggles  
 12 Debbie Rice  
 15 Ruth Grady  
 22 Linda Hezlep  
 22 Mike Wilson  
 25 John G. Stone  
 26 Marc Wendt  
 28 JoAnn Bruce  
 28 Becky Price  
 28 Linda White  
 29 Francis Grady  
 30 Henry Ford

## MAFFI BRICK COLLECTION

After the May meeting, we have a balance of \$34.99. Claudia Deposited \$150 for the new brick.

Denny Ellerman



## Thank You

To our Model A Friends

Thank you for your cards and calls. **Carol** didn't always like the A, but she did like the club and it's members.

**Jerry, Jay and Cindy Allen**

## May Program



Thanks to the following members for bringing their "GEMS" To the meeting on May 23rd! It was a great program and gave us insight into members and what makes them special. Thanks to **Jim Broadhead, Gilbert Adams, Max Brown, and Richard Giordano!**

## Refreshments



## Newsletter Deadline

Friday, July 8, 2022  
**Sheila Orr**  
 sheorr@sbcglobal.net or  
 316-207-8878

June	July	August
<b>Beverage</b> Brenda Broadhead <b>Treats</b> Carolyn Nungesser Kathy James Susan Stone	<b>Beverage</b> JoAnn Bruce <b>Treats</b> Debbie Rice Stuart & Gina McNeal Nancy Brown	<b>Beverage</b> Nancy Brown <b>Treats</b> Doris Jean Ludlow Bonita Graham Bill Loveland





## PAST TOURS

"It was a gray, gloomy, drizzle filled morning as the vintage Ford cars arrived at the departure point." Like the start of an exciting mystery novel, the fourth annual Big Kansas Road Trip began shrouded in the mystique of low hanging clouds, light rain and mystery of places and people to be discovered in southeast Kansas. Destination for the 2022 Big Kansas Road Trip (BKRT) was Bourbon, Cherokee and Crawford counties. Five Model A's, one modern car and twelve individuals accepted the invitation to discover the hidden secrets of the three counties near our Oklahoma/Missouri boarder.



**BKRT 2022 Group Photo**



**Wichita A's tour Fort Scott, Kansas**

Day one found our group in Fort Scott for a visit to the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes. Our group learned of a Polish social worker, Irena Sendler who saved 2,500 Jewish children from certain death during World War II but went unrecognized until three girls from Uniontown, Kansas discovered her forgotten story. A moving tribute and a terrific museum where our group learned about extraordinary individuals who changed history yet were never recognized. Ft. Scott provided our group with a "Dolly the Trolley" 50 minute tour of historic Fort Scott and the National cemetery. We concluded day one with dinner at Dry Wood Creek Café located in one of the Victorian Lyons Twin Mansions built in 1872 for twin sisters

The second day of our travels found our Model A's parked at the historical Fort Scott. Established in 1842, (long before Henry Ford's birth in 1863), our cars became our conveyance to go back even further in time. Established to guard the "Permanent Indian Frontier," ironically, Fort Scott became one of the keys to unlock our young nations westward expansion and justification for Manifest Destiny (belief that US expansion was inevitable and justified). Bleeding Kansas, Civil War, Railroad Expansion – Fort Scott provided a condensed history lesson on steroids for our group. Our tour party moved on from historical Fort Scott to the Gordon Parks Museum. Born in Fort Scott in 1912, Gordon Parks was the 1st African-American photographer for LIFE magazine and the 1st African-American to direct a movie, "The Learning Tree." The museum houses Gordon Parks famous photographs and awards as well as furnishings from his New York apartment. A great tribute to a Fort Scott native.

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**Wichita A's visit Gordon Parks Museum**



**Lunch Stop in Arma, Kansas**

The Big Kansas Road Trip is not only about the historical sites in our state, but also the chance to experience the mom/pop stores and dinners hidden in small towns. High noon found our party motoring to Arma, Kansas and dining at La Mama Bere's Mexican restaurant. La Mama Bere's provided great food as well as an opportunity to share Model A camaraderie.

With lunch completed, our cars were well positioned to continue our historical drive and glean a little more Kansas history. Situated on the west side of La Mama Bere's restaurant and looking like any mundane road was the historical Jefferson Highway. Conceived in 1915, the Jefferson highway provided the first north-south hard-surfaced roadbed (gravel, rock, asphalt or concrete) that ran from Winnipeg, Canada to New Orleans, Louisiana. As our troupe proceeded south on the Jefferson Highway we were able to look out the driver-side window and view the Franklin-Arma, Kansas sidewalk. Built in 1936, the sidewalk joined the Franklin-Arma community and offered safe pedestrian passage for school kids between the two towns. The sidewalk spans 9,361 feet (1.7 miles) and is believed to be the longest sidewalk in the United States connecting two towns.



**Girard, Kansas history museum in former St. John's Church**



Southeast Kansas was rich in coal and zinc deposits. The mines afforded thousands of jobs that attracted workers from Europe. A stop at The Miners Hall Museum in Franklin, Kansas gave up the story and provided the historical significance southeast Kansas played in the state's development.

With Franklin in our rearview mirrors our crew headed to the obscure town of Girard, Kansas and the Girard History Museum. Housed in the former St. John's Episcopal Church, built in 1888, the museum building is on the National Registry of Historic Places. Girard was the home of Julius Wayland, founder of the "Appeal to Reason" – a weekly left-wing political newspaper.

We concluded our 2nd day with a Model A drive to Pittsburg, Kansas and group dinner at Chicken Annie's. Known for chicken diners, Crawford County is home to six (6) chicken dinning establishments! Established in 1934, Chicken Annie's is the oldest. Weirdly, Chicken Annie's is situated approximately six hundred feet from Chicken Mary's. A fictional story, *The Chicken Sisters* written by KJ Dell'Antonia, was inspired by the two restaurants. The book became a New York Times Best Seller and Reese's Book Club Pick

Day three of our Big Kansas Road Trip found our cars motoring to Pittsburg State University to walk the campus grounds and tour the University Veteran Memorial Amphitheater. With the "gorilla" as the school's mascot, our Model A members availed themselves of the opportunity of a group photo with a gorilla.



**Wichita A's pose with Pitt State gorilla mascot.**



**Wichita A's Photo op with Big Brutus**

With the sun shining and the opportunity for a Model A drive, our group pointed the cars in the direction of West Mineral, Kansas and home to BIG BRUTUS. Big Brutus is the nickname for the Bucyrus-Erie model 1850-B electric shovel used for strip mining. At a height of 160 feet, width of 58 feet, length of 79.5 feet, weighing in at 9,300,000 lbs. and painted bright orange, Big Brutus filled the windshield of our Model A's from several miles away. Started up in 1963 Big Brutus was active until 1974 when it was considered uneconomical. The Big Brutus museum personnel graciously allowed our group of Model A's to park the cars next to Big Brutus for a photo that gave a unique perspective on the machine's size.

P.S.: I calculated that you could build approximately 4,105 Model A cars from one BIG BRUTUS!

Leaving Big Brutus we had a short drive to Columbus, Kansas where we stopped at the Cherokee County Courthouse to view the Seth Thomas clock that graced the front of the building and a quick tour of the marbled entrance. We enjoyed lunch in Columbus and then headed out to Galena, Kansas for our final hours of touring.

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**Cherokee County Court House: Model A's on tour with Seth Thomas clock giving up the time of day for our visit.**

All of us are familiar with the infamous "Route 66." With only 11.27 miles of the famous highway passing through Kansas, it was imperative that we end our 2022 Big Kansas Road Trip by driving our Model A's on a portion of the highway that passed through Galena, Baxter Springs, Kansas and embrace the Route 66 spirit. We stopped briefly at a restored Kan-O-Tex filling station, dragged the main street in our Model A's and ended our Route 66 drive with a jaunt to Baxter Springs for a car show/arts & crafts fair.

As I reflect on the 2022 Big Kansas Road Trip, I am awed by the amount of history encapsulated in the southeast corner of our state. I have also garnered a greater appreciation of the difficulties encountered by early settlers. Many of us are only two or three generations removed from our European immigrant families that came to America for opportunity. Touring Fort Scott, Museum of Unsung Hero's, the Miners Hall Museum, etc., reminded me quickly how soon we forget the bleak conditions our ancestors faced in search of the American Dream. The 2022 BKRT also reminded me of the tenacity, dedication and ingenuity that made possible for our ancestors children's, children to live out the American dream that the immigrants sought. I am so appreciative! Seeing the USA in a Model A. We should all be so lucky.

*This article written and contributed by Mike James*



## PAST TOURS AND EVENTS

### CLUB PICNIC

The Club Picnic was held on May 22, 2022. A great turn out for our annual picnic held at **Steve and Jane McLaughlin's** home. The McLaughlin's had a surprise band play for us on the patio while we were waiting on the hot dogs! Thank you! It is always a great time to mingle and also taste everyone's pot luck. Yummy-thank you so much to the McLaughlin's!



A surprise band! What fun!



Our host, **Steve McLaughlin** cooking up the hot dogs!



A visit from long time member, **Wayne Orr**!



Listening to music on the patio.



As usual, lots to eat when you gather the Model A group.

## FUTURE TOURS& EVENTS

### 4TH OF JULY PARADE

#### Derby July 4th Parade

Sign up with  
**James and Judi Sharp**

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Or

**Gary and Donna Hileman**

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We will eat at the First Presbyterian Church after the parade. There is no charge but we need to know the number coming.



### OCTOBERFEST AND GARAGE TOUR

Our club is going to attend the Oktoberfest in Abilene, KS on Saturday, September 17th. On Sunday we will travel to Salina to visit "The Garage" at 1:00 PM. We will return home after visiting the Garage. This will be a two-day tour .

The hotel informed me they have another event happening the same day and I was lucky to block these rooms. They advised me you should make your reservation early so if more than 10 rooms are needed, they can book you for a room. Reservations must be made by August 21, 2022. The remaining rooms will drop off then.

I blocked 10 rooms at the Holiday Inn Express in Abilene, KS.

Group Rate: \$112.99 plus tax. Total \$134.18

Phone # 1(785) 263-4049

Mention you are from the Wichita A's Model A Club in Wichita

If you have any questions, please contact me.

**Linda Kibbe**

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# Living with an “A” Everyday

By Ryan Bendell

## Model A Everyday Part II

In the first part of this article, I explained why I bought my own Model A, a description of my car and the impetus for the goal of driving mine as my primary vehicle for an entire week this past March. Part II of is more of a log of what happened. I regret not taking notes daily during the period I am writing about. Some general notes were written contemporaneously but most of this days later. I am not a person who habitually “journals” daily. It is as accurate as I can remember.

Dateline: Wichita, Kansas, Monday, March 21. Got out of bed at 5 am and exercised but not as long as normal. I wanted to leave a few extra minutes to get to the office by Model A. No highway for me today. She started fine and warmed up while I fed my dogs. Ready to go and then an uneventful ride downtown.

As I was driving in the dark to work, I realized the windshield wiper was not working again. I decided with 100% rain in the forecast, I needed to address this issue. Otherwise, my A was running fine. Or as **Ron Eyres** has noted after helping me in the past with my car, “I have no idea why, but your car runs like a scalded cat.” A scalded cat with a rear main seal leak. Everything else I noticed that needed attention on my car was not mission critical for the upcoming week. For example, the odometer was stuck at 999 miles.

Just as the sprinkles started about 9:30 am, I went to O’Reilly’s and bought some RainX. My experience is that the stuff works great as long as the vehicle is moving about 35+MPH. Not exactly the sweet spot of speed for my A but the RainX plan is better than nothing. If I won’t have a wiper, I will attempt to deal with the rain another way.

I also expected to be getting wet the next couple of days. Sticking my arm out the window to signal turns is my procedure as I don’t have modern blinkers. I am pretty quick at lowering the window to do the old-fashioned arm and hand signals when I am indicating a turn but my shirt, coat, arm always get annoyingly wet in the rain.

I contemplated if hand signals are safe and recognized by modern drivers anymore? Do young drivers understand the hand signals for turning? Are hand signals taught in driver’s education? My kids know how to signal with their arms. But my boys can also all drive a stick shift.

Our business has two locations and I end up going back and forth between the locations sometimes multiple times a day. During the heaviest rainfall, I got in my A to drive to the other location and as we say, *it was all good till it wasn’t*.

She refused to start. Was the distributor wet? As I wrote earlier, I have the sides of my hood off, but the top two pieces of the hood are present. Hard to get wet up near the distributor from just rainfall as it had been sitting for a couple of hours when it failed to start. It was also mighty humid. Maybe it was that?

Since it was business reasons I was driving for, I wasn’t going to make people wait on me. I got in a modern truck and went to the other store. When I got back, I tried to start my A again and all I did was reduce the battery to a state of low charge. Now it was having trouble turning the engine over

An employee helped me push the A in a warehouse overnight to wait until tomorrow to start it. I did think back through the day and three or four people had asked me if it was my car while parked in the parking lot of our main store on Central. Sometimes they have a story about one they had or a parent drove. A lot of these were just used cars during the 1940s to the 1970s and they were driven that way.

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

I took a spare vehicle from work home on Monday night. It not only started but I drove on the highway to work in the morning at full legal speed. It was safe and dependable. Boring. A Nissan isn’t a Model A. I missed my A.

When I got to work the A started up after spending the night on the Battery Tender. I texted **Ron Eyres** and asked him to do a “house call.” He came by later in the morning and thought the distributor must have been moist from the humidity yesterday. He wiped it out, noting it was dusty and in addition he wiped off the coil tower, coil wire and the spark plugs, noting that all of them had a slight film of oil and dust. These issues combined with the humidity likely had an affect on the quality of the spark he remarked. After it started right up it continued to run reliably till later in the afternoon.

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Observed a guy admiring my vehicle in the parking lot. Then another fellow who thought it was a Model T, but I was gentle explaining why it is not *that* old!

I had to roll start it in the afternoon as the battery was low. When I got home, I put it on a Battery Tender overnight.

Wednesday, March 23

With a full charged battery, she started fine, and I drove to work this morning uneventfully. I had to go to a meeting on the east side of town and my A started and made it just fine. The battery did seem a little low each time. When I tried to start it to run between locations in the middle of the afternoon, the battery did not have enough to start it. I tried roll starting it, but I was not parked on a downhill, so I grabbed an employee and a truck and we pulled it to start it. When I got to the other building a forklift mechanic was cleaning up and I asked him to check the battery thinking it was weak. A quick assessment was that the generator was failing

Unfortunately, back to the spare Nissan Murano to go home. While I could roll start my Model A and leave on the trickle charger at night, I was worried about a bigger failure while driving back and forth to work and decided to leave it till the morning. If it died on the way home or in the morning, I might not be able to roll start it myself. I would have to call someone from work to rescue me and they are all busy. Would I be annoyed if an employee decided to drive a 90-year-old car to work for no good reason and was late for work? I called Ron and he said he would come by to confirm the generator diagnosis. Of course, Ron has a guy who can fix it.

Thursday, March 24, 2022

I have old fashioned sleep issues. Insomnia. Not sleep apnea that a machine can fix, I can't fall asleep or stay asleep consistently. My mind spins with worry about business, kids, community and more often than not things I regret about the previous day. Some nights are worse than others. After going to bed at 8:30 pm last night, I got out of bed at 4 am after only getting five hours of real sleep. So, 7.5 hours in bed and my sleep tracker indicated a total of five hours asleep. That is pretty good night for me recently as I have had several with just over three hours total.

One of the things on my mind was disappointment with myself. I was a quitter. Why did I not drive the A home yesterday? We don't live in miserably large and impersonable city such as Dallas. This is Wichita, KS. People are helpful. I am resourceful. I could have found help to roll start it if the battery was dead. It is a Model A; you make friends easily in an A.

As is said, quitting becomes a habit, and I don't want that habit. I already have too many bad habits. I reflected that I had not driven the A home because of safety concern. I drove a spare modern vehicle home because the battery was not charging properly. A failure would have likely been not more than an inconvenience. Not life or death. I should not have taken the easy way, which I did driving the spare Nissan home.

How to repent and remind myself- I don't like to be a quitter? I went back to driving the A- even with the potential of her not starting. If members of the Greatest Generation drove these as their only car- so will I. If it starts, I am driving it

Ron made a house call. The third brush in the generator was sticking. He reminded me that intermittent problem are hard to diagnose. He was skeptical that was all of the issue, but he lubricated the hinge point, and it seemed to be better. Then after reinstalling he had an idea that the cutoff might be the issue. The voltages on both sides were not the same. We needed a new cutout relay just to be safe. Eric at Model A Medic had one in stock. Ron will grab one tomorrow morning as he is beyond helpful. *You meet the nicest people while driving a Model A.* (Plagiarizing Honda motorcycle ad from the 1970s.)

In the meantime, I had an errand at the bank, and I drove my A. Problem-less trip. Got an approving look/ admiration by a couple of guys driving a 1974ish four door Cadillac Sedan Deville, with a big CB antenna. I liked their car. Reminds me of what my grandfather drove during the early 1970s. I would like a ride in their car. Old GM land yachts are interesting to me.

I would like to think that the car people respect other car people no matter the vehicle's genre. For example, I don't understand lowriders, but I respect those who love them. I welcome when a car I don't appreciate has a story and an explanation from the owner about what makes it special to them. I like to understand and I love a car story.

Then when I was ready to go back to the other building for an evening full of paperwork, she wouldn't start. I had been prepared with the battery issues this week and parked it on a downhill incline in the parking lot. By myself, I was able to get it going fast enough to bump-start her up.

After staying late trying to catch up on paperwork, I drove it home tonight to repent for my being a quitter last night. She ran fine and I put her on the Battery Tender again. Hopefully tomorrow will be a winner.

Friday, March 25, 2022

Started fine and drove to work in the dark again. Contemplated putting modern blinkers on her for safety reasons. Then discounted the thought. It is not my car's jalopy style. Then I thought about being safe. Getting rear ended in a Model A by a distracted driver would not be good. Not sure what to do here. Same thoughts I had on Monday morning when I was driving it downtown. Same thoughts no good solution.

Ron came by and dropped off the new cutoff. Since Ron was still recovering from back surgery and I was in a meeting, Ron watched as the forklift mechanic put it in for me then test ran to be sure everything was working properly, and it was.

#### Conclusion from the week.

Overall, I was sort of disappointed in the week. It was not just the car's fault. A lot of it was my short comings. The A let me down, but I let her down also.

I liked seeing people admire my car. Folks who asked me if it was mine always makes me feel good. I hope I brought a smile or a good memory to them when they noticed my car. My older brother says my religion is "nostalgia." He is sort of correct. I like history. I am a reminiscer. For about 20 years as an adult, I lived on the same street I lived on as a kid. Just in the house across the street from my childhood one. When we bought that house, my mom suggested I was trying to relive my childhood.

I do love my Model A. As I say, I own more cars than I need and less than I want but this is the only Model A I need right now. My A fills a void in my car life, and I love driving it. I sometimes think of it as analogous to pants. Sometimes I need to wear jeans, sometimes slacks and sometimes pajamas. Sometimes I need to drive my classic Chevrolet Blazer, sometimes my Buick convertible and sometimes a modern pickup. Different pants for different occasions and different vehicles for different occasions.

I suspect I will try to drive it again for an entire week in the future. From Part I, you may remember that the first time I dedicated a week to driving it exclusively, it ran flawlessly. I really want to get a perfect week again. Not just so I can brag about her reliability but my own weird sense of accomplishment. This combined with my being nostalgic about those who drove them daily when they did not have a choice of an air-conditioned pickup with 812 computer chips that are now on backorder.

As I write this, I was thinking about the future of my A. I have an old V8 flathead I bought several years ago. The engine was sitting in the dirt on a farm. Following a tune-up, the engine ran. It will need water pumps and more, but it ran. I have been contemplating sticking it in my A.

Since I am not restoring my car and my current engine will need to be rebuilt soon anyway (rear main seal leaks), I have contemplated sticking the V8 in it. I have never said a car had too much power. Highway speeds would be nice. The flathead's installation would beget the need for a different rear-end, transmission, brakes and more. My vision is that the car would be maybe a sleeper or hotrod-ish by someone in the 1950s on a limited budget. But still look like my jalopy Model A. While I like the idea of more power, will it ruin my A's charm?

If you have thoughts, ideas, input or maybe even better, parts or experience for this project, please let me know.

# ERA FASHIONS

## LINGERIE AND UNDERGARMENTS

### 1931 Women



- A. This slip is fitted through the bustline, waist and hips, with a slight flare to the skirt. It is trimmed with lace at the bodice and hem.
- B. These lounging pajamas feature a square neckline and a fabric belt that matches the pajamas.
- C. A square neckline, and a shadow panel with thin straps make this the perfect slip for day or evening.

Copied from page 184 of Book of Fashion Facts

## National Model A Clubs



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



### MAFCA

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[www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)  
U.S. Membership Cost: \$50

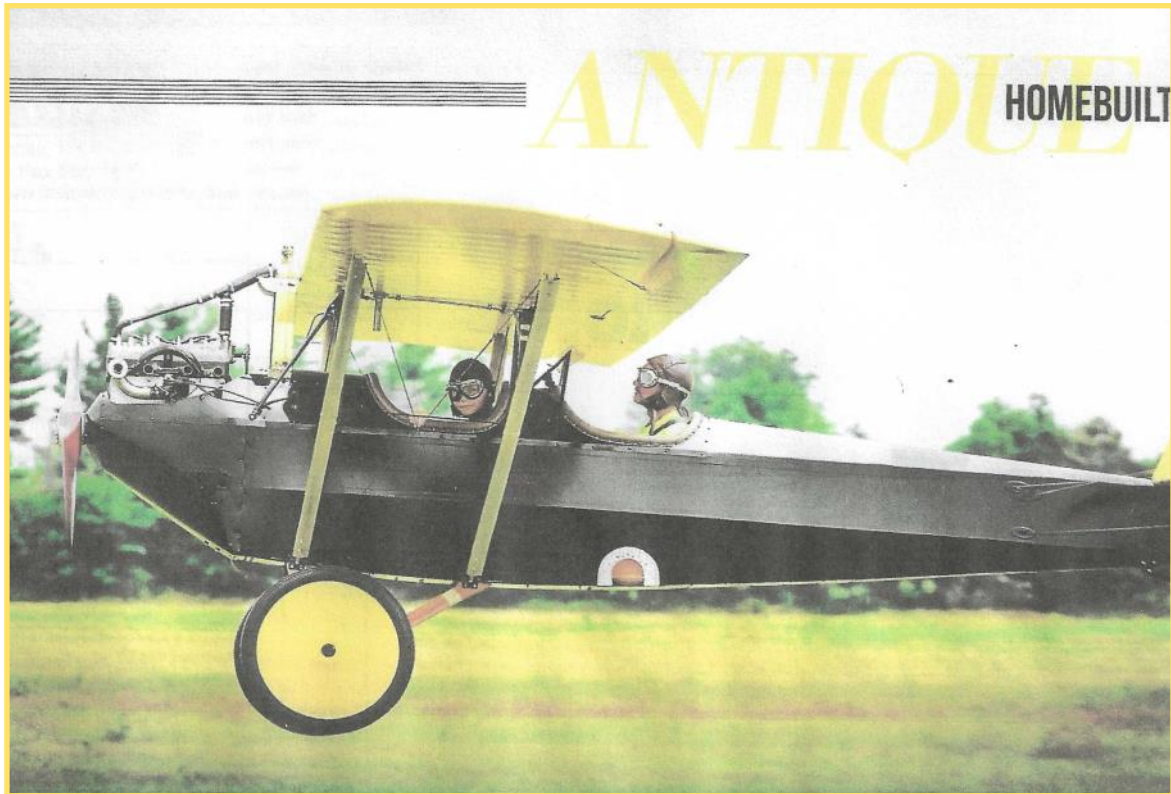
For membership information you can check MAFCA and MARC web sites.

### MARC

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



## TECH ARTICLE



1929 meets the new millennium: Dan Helsper's Pietenpol is technically a homebuilt, but it embodies so much period-correct technology that it could almost be seen as a reproductive or replica.

### PIETENPOL AIR CAMPER

It is impossible to talk about homebuilt airplanes of this era without paying homage to Bernard Pietenpol's immortal contribution to experimental sport aviation, the Air Camper. It's unknown how many have been built since its first flight in 1928, but it has to have been in the many hundreds, possibly thousands. In fact, the Pietenpol family is still selling plans and kits for the airplane over 90 years after that first flight, as is Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co. Subcomponents and add-on feature plans are available from various individuals.

Popularity of that magnitude can only be obtained when certain factors are present. The design must be easy to build, must fly as advertised, must have the "look" that appeals to people, and must have solid ongoing technical support. The Piet has all of that. Plus, almost every state has a Pietenpol association, which means that every builder has a bunch of other builders ready and eager to share their experiences and lend a hand. This makes an easy-to-build airplane even easier to build.

Piets have been powered with everything that can turn a prop—from Continental A-65s to Corvair six-cylinders. We even know of a scaled-up-Piet that's being powered by an all-aluminum Buick V-8 (215 cubic inches.) Bernard powered his with an artfully converted Model A Ford engine, which many still do today. Plans are available for both wood-truss and steel-tubing fuselages.

### THE FLYING AND GLIDER MANUALS: WINDOWS TO YESTERDAY

Whether you're thinking about building an older design or not, it's worthwhile to put all five of the reprinted manuals in your library. They do a great job of letting us see how far we've come and might even inspire you to build a Wayback Machine in the form of a vintage homebuilt. You wouldn't be the first.

Budd Davisson, EEA 22483, is an aeronautical engineer, has flown more than 300 different types, and has published four books and more than 4,000 articles. He is also a flight instructor primarily in Pitts/tailwheel aircraft. Vis-

## LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS



### 2022 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

June 15-19, 2022.....	Petit Jean Swap Meet .....	...Petit Jean, AR
July 7-9, 2022.....	Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet.....	.....Iola, WI
July 9.....	Automobilia Moonlight Car Show & Street Party.....	....Wichita, KS
October 2.....	All Ford's Day SHOW-N-SHINE,.....Sedgwick County Park	.....Wichita, KS
October 21-22.....	Swap Meet by Sedgwick Street Rodders.....	.Hutchinson, KS



### 2022-2023 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

August 17-19, 2022.....	MARC National Tour.....	.....Bark River, MI
September 16-17, 2022...	11th Annual Model A Day at MAFFI at Museum	.....Hickory Corners, MI
December 5-8, 2022.....	MAFCA National Awards Banquet.....	.....Golden, CO
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