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November Refreshments

Beverage

Claudia Ellerman

Treats

Terry Grabendike

Gina McNeal

Claudia Ellerman

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CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

November 2022

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

December 2022

4..... Club Christmas Party.....Ruggles
10..... Ladies Christmas Brunch.....Phye, James, Orr
17..... Christmas Tree Farm Tour.....James

REMINDER NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

January 2023

1..... New Years Day Tour.....Grabendike
6..... Newsletter Deadline...sheorr@sbcglobal.net.....Sheila Orr
23..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th.....7:00PM

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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– October 24, 2022

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER – **James Sharp** called the meeting to order. He congratulated **Rick and Jeannie Speck** on their recent marriage. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES (Sept. 26) – Motion was made to approve the minutes. It was seconded and carried.

TREASURERS REPORT – **Claudia Ellerman** gave the treasurer's report. Taxes have been filed.

COMMUNICATIONS – The Brashear family sent a thank you note for the club's memorial contribution.

MARC and MAFCCA – no report.

REFRESHMENTS – Brenda is passing a sign up sheet around. Please sign up.

SUNSHINE REPORT – **Bonita Graham** reported that **Fred Hilger** had a quadruple bypass. **James (Jim) Spawn** passed away this morning. **James Sharp** is on the kidney transplant list. Please keep him in your prayers.

PAST TOURS – HUTCHINSON SWAP MEET - **Mike James** reported 20 people participated in the tour on Friday, October 21st and they stopped at The Barn in Burrton for lunch. ALL FORD'S DAY – around 17 Model A's attended this event.

UPCOMING TOURS – MEN'S TOUR - **Tom Ruggles** reported that 18 men have registered for the Men's Tour on October 28th and 29th. They will leave at 8:30am from McDonalds on 47th and Broadway.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – **Dawna Ruggles** is coordinating the Christmas party this year. It will be held on Sunday, December 4th at Prairie Pines. Be in your seat by 5:45pm. Must register to attend by November 1st.

COFFEE AND DONUTS – **Tom Ruggles** reminded the members that coffee and donuts will be at his house on Thursday, November 3rd from 8am – 10am.

LADIES CHRISTMAS BRUNCH – **Barb Phye, Sheila Orr and Kathy James** are coordinating the ladies Christmas brunch this year. It will be held on Saturday, December 10th at 10:30am at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Club member cost is \$10 and guest cost is \$20. A donation drive for the Gerard House is being held. Their wish list is available at the sign up table.

GRANNY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT – **Linda Kibbe** reported that **Don Grabendike** will be leading a tour to the Granny basketball fundraiser on November 13th at 3:30pm. The Granny's will be playing the YMCA

MEETING – **James** gave a summary of the tonight's board meeting. We will continue to bank at the current banking institution. Club meetings will continue to be on the 4th Monday of every month in 2023. The Club picnic will be held in May and will be separate from the May club meeting. **Gil Adams** will work with **Denny Ellerman** to coordinate the MAFCA brick recommendations. Tour guidelines will remain unchanged (\$15 a day per member up to 3 days). Memorial contributions for members will continue to be \$50. An appreciation dinner will be held again in 2023. A \$100 donation will be given to the McPherson College Restoration Program. We need a new membership chair since **Susan Stone** is stepping down. The cost of printing the newsletter and mailing it out continues to be concern. We are spending more on the mailing and printing of the newsletter than we take in on monies collected for club dues. Current options are receiving the newsletter by email or by mail.

NEW BUSINESS – **Frank Chenoweth** arranged tonight's program on Safety for Seniors. Deputy Navaris was the guest speaker. If we have any suggestions on programs let **Frank** know.

Kathy James, Secretary

Board Meeting October 24, 2022

Members Present – **James Sharp, Frank Chenoweth, Claudia Ellerman, Gil Adams, Barry Plunkett, Alan Orr, Kathy James.** The meeting was called to order. New board members **Frank Chenoweth**, VP, and **Barry Plunkett**, Director, were welcomed and each member of the board introduced themselves and their position. The minutes were reviewed and approved. **Claudia** reported that the 2022 taxes have been filed and monies to the State for corporation filing have been made. CD rates were discussed. Claudia will check to see if there are better rates available. The costs of printing and mailing the newsletter are a concern. We are spending more on the printing and mailing than we are collecting in dues. Treasurer report was approved.

The banking institution for the club will remain unchanged. **James** and **Claudia** will continue to be on the checking account for signature. Club meetings dates for 2023 were reviewed and verified. The picnic will be held separately from the regularly scheduled meeting. **Gil Adams** volunteered to be the board representative who will coordinate the brick fund with **Denny**. The tour guideline (that the club pays \$15 a day for a maximum of three days) will remain unchanged. The club will contribute \$50 towards memorials for current club members. The appreciation dinner will continue. **James** requested that suggestions for a new membership person to replace **Susan Stone** be given to him.

A donation of \$100 will be given to the McPherson College Restoration program. A \$100 donation will be contributed to the next ALL FORDS DAY. MARC and MAFCA dues were discussed. The club will pay for membership dues to national organizations that requires board members to be members (some board members decline and pay their own dues).

Kathy James, Secretary

President's Report

Notes from your president

The November meeting will be the last meeting of the Wichita A's for 2022. We do not have a meeting in December. We participated in many activities during the year. The Club Christmas Party and Ladies Christmas Luncheon are planned for the month of December. Hopefully many will be able to attend these events. I wish each of you a Happy Holiday Season.

As the midterm elections have just been completed, I did some research regarding Henry Ford and politics. I found the following information very interesting....

In 1916, Ford won the Republican presidential primary in Michigan without even campaigning. Many Americans wished to see Ford in the White House. In preparation for the 1924 election, his supporters established Ford-for-President clubs all over the nation.

For his part, Ford was not interested in running. "I don't think any man should run for president," he said in 1916, and no one could persuade him otherwise.

Jim Sharp

President

Editor

Another year is about to end-getting ready for all the hustle and bustle of the Holidays! Don't forget we have NO meeting in December but have the Christmas Party and Ladies Luncheon. Hope to see you there. Don will do his annual New Years Day Tour-info in the newsletter. Have a great Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Sheila Orr

Editor



MEMBERSHIP

WICHITA A'S MEMBERSHIP POSITION

I would like to take this time to thank **Susan Stone** for all the long hours and hard work she has done serving as our Membership Director. She has done a fantastic job of keeping all of us organized for 33 years! I have volunteered to take over the membership duties as Susan desires to relinquish these responsibilities.

Linda Kibbe

Announcement's



December Birthdays

- 1 Becky Krah
- 2 Jim Broadhead
- 11 James Sharp
- 12 Joyce Moore
- 14 David A. Moore
- 15 Al Hildibrand
- 15 Bryan Pearce
- 17 Darcy Beaver
- 18 Kerry Steffens
- 19 Meghan Stone
- 22 Eilene Cox
- 26 Gilbert Adams
- 30 Jack Hezlep

January Birthdays

- 1 Chris Cushman
- 5 Marcia Kurtz
- 6 Jeannie Rau
- 6 Lynda Cushman
- 9 Mike James
- 9 Randy Grazer
- 15 Carl Brandt
- 16 Jeannie Speck
- 18 Julie Gier
- 19 Dave Dreiling
- 22 Joshua Schmitz
- 28 Lylia Clark
- 29 Lonnie Bennett

FOR SALE



Asking \$17,500
Recent restoration
Bill Loveland
316-

MAFFI BRICK COLLECTION

There was \$17.39 collected in the October meeting, so the balance is \$99.38

Denny Ellerman



SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers go out to **Barb and Bob Phye** in the recent death of her sister, **Keela Kay Englert**, who lived in Oklahoma.

NEW MEMBERS

Becky Krah
'31 A Truck

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to **Rick and Jeannie Speck** who were recently married in October!!

NEW ADDRESS
Gilbert Adams

Thank you to everyone that signed up on the 2023 Refreshment List. The first part of the year is filled up!

Brenda Broadhead

New Phone:
Jim Clark

No Landline..

Refreshments



Newsletter Deadline

Friday, January 6, 2023
Sheila Orr
sheorr@sbcglobal.net or
316-207-8878

November

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Treats
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January

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Linda Kibbe

Treats
Rita Hoffmans
Greg Rau
Orpha Evers

PAST TOURS

Sedgwick County Hot Rodders Swap Meet

Friday, October 21, 2022 arrived with clear blue sky's and a cool morning for our one day outing to Hutchinson, Kansas Fair Grounds swap meet. Our group assembled at the 53 & Meridian McDonalds for a planned departure at 8:00 AM. Twenty club members, nine Model A's (one of the A's was heavily modified and easily mistaken for a 1943 Ford) and two modern cars made the journey. The Sedgwick County Hot Rodders provided the Model A club with up front parking.

A few pictures from our day provide the story of our group outing.



Scott Guinty looks on as **Richard Kibbe** selects paint products for his current Model A makeover.



Donna Hileman, Barb Phye, Linda Kibbe & Kathy James making plans to see the "arts &



Stuart McNeal discovers limited edition Model A from the 1994 Flatlander Jubilee

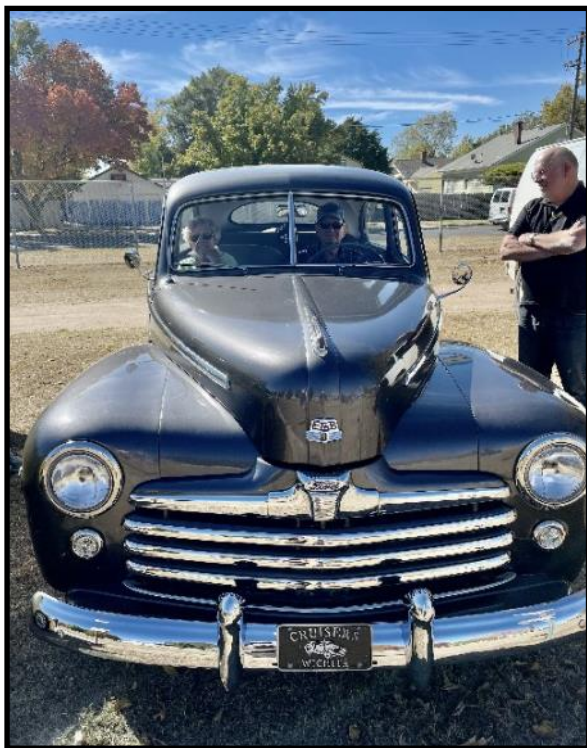


Jim Nungesser observing fellow club member **Frank Chenoweth's** swap meet find.

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Model A Preferred Parking at the Hutchinson, Kansas State Fairgrounds.



Club member **Gary Moore** admires **Jim & Brenda Broadheads** heavily modified Model A Ford.



Model A's at The Barn in Burton, Kansas. Great Lunch and

Contributed by **Mike James**

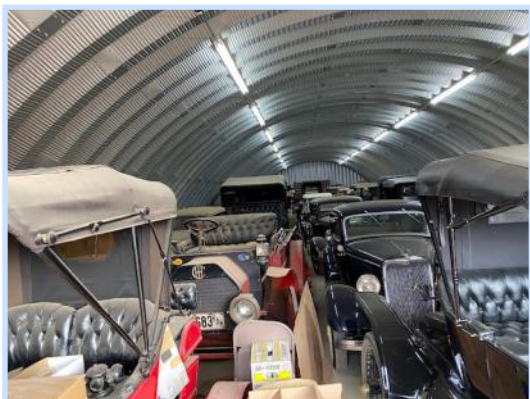
Men's Tour

The 2022 Men's Tour visited destinations in southern Kansas and northern Oklahoma on October 28-29. 18 members and 1 guest drove 16 Model A's plus one fat-fendered Ford and an early Mustang. **Ed Larson's** farm near Milan was the first stop, with a huge collection of everything mechanical to see. Next was the Warbird Museum at the Enid Woodring airport. After an overnight stay at the Cherokee Inn with dinner and breakfast, it was on to Pond Creek for a visit to **Marvin Bules'** old hardware store collection and his round barn. Final stop was at **Kevin Bushnell's** collection of cars from 1907 to 1970, plus a Reeves steam tractor. He prepared a great lunch for all the guys, with smoked ribs and links. Beautiful driving weather for the whole trip and no car problems.

Tom Ruggles



Ed Larsen's farm in Milan.



Warbird Museum in Enid, OK





On to Pond Creek
with **Marvin
Bale's** round
barn



Lunch at **Kevin
Bushnell's** place
which had a car
collection and
Steam engine!



FUTURE TOURS AND EVENTS

Christmas Tree Farm & Lunch



Save the Date

Saturday, December 17

What: A Day Trip to Christmas Tree Farm and lunch at Stearman Field Bar & Grill

Details to follow

Tour Leaders: Kathy & Mike James

Coffee & Donuts



Coffee and Donuts at Tom Ruggles garage on Thursday, December 1 and Thursday, January 5, 2023, 8-10 AM. All antique car guys are invited. Bring your antique car problems. -3234.

Tom Ruggles

New Years Day Tour

First Tour 2023

The first tour of 2023 will begin at NuWay Burgers, 1416 W. Douglas Ave. Plan to arrive at 11:30 AM. There will be a short driving tour following the meal. Be sure to bring your First Tour Card. Those driving their Model A will have their cards punched. If this is your first tour, you will receive a card. You do not need to make reservations, just your "A" and have a great time!

Don Grabendike
Tour Leader



drive

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Demise at the Department Store... 5 Shopping Days Until Murder

It's just days before Christmas and Dullards Department Store is a frenzy of holiday activity. As stress levels go up, up, up, the unexpected blizzard comes down, down, down. Who will live to shop another day and who will see their credit limit slashed...for good.

45 seats have been reserved for this year's Christmas gala at the **Prairie Pines Playhouse** (4055 N. Tyler Road in Maize, Kansas) on Sunday, **December 4th**. This is a ticketless show so no identification at the door is required. Just tell the Maitre D that you are a member of the Model A Club. Doors open at 5:15 but their next-door Christmas barn opens at 5:00 with holiday shopping and a complimentary cider. We must be seated before the dinner salad is served at 5:45. The rest of the dinner will be served throughout the show. It consists of sliced smoked turkey, sliced smoked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and a dinner roll. Choose cheesecake or chocolate fudge cake for dessert. Coffee, tea, and soft drinks are included in the ticket price. Alcoholic and specialty drinks will be an additional charge. A vegetarian meal of vegetable lasagna is available.

This is just a reminder for those who have already paid !

Any Questions contact Dawna Ruggles

Ladies Christmas Brunch

Join us for the Ladies Christmas Brunch!

Saturday, December 10th at 10:30AM

Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 7901 W. 21st St. N

Cost is \$10 per person Guest \$20 per person

We have arranged to have a guest speaker from Gerard House, which is part of Wichita Children's Home. If you wish to donate a gift to Gerard House, a list of items needed will be provided at the sign up table in November.

We will be taking reservations at the November meeting.

Barb Phye, Kathy James & Sheila Orr
Barb PH: Kathy PH: Sheila PH:



MAFFI Newsletter Minute-September-October, 2022

As you will have read in the MARC *Model A News* and the MAFCA *Restorer* magazines by now the Model A Museum celebrated its 10th anniversary at Model A Days on September 16-17 on the Gilmore campus near Hickory Corners, MI. Those same magazines will have published the MAFFI Hall of Fame (HOF) inductees for the 2022 year. You, however, will probably not read any of the inductee's acceptance speeches.

Howard Minner's became the first person to make his HOF acceptance speech live at the MAFFI Annual Membership Meeting, using "ZOOM" and seen on a big screen television. Below are excerpts from his remarks that history buffs of the Model A hobby will find interesting:

"Two milestone events stand out and I'll make them very brief. Once MAFFI decided to establish a museum, two issues became an immediate focus.

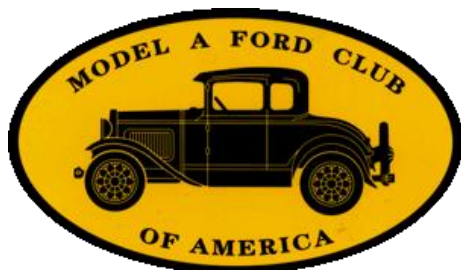
'The first was the obvious question of where the museum would be located. I ended up spending time with other Board members, personally visiting a number of possible sites. Among them the AACA Museum in Hershey, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, the Petersen in California, the Gilmore, of course here in Michigan and the Early V-8 Museum outside of Auburn, Indiana. The latter had been a prime consideration. But MAFFI Board members subsequently visited the Gilmore and agreed this is where we wanted to be.

'Thereafter, the question arose, what should our museum look like. I, along with Loukie Smith and Stan Johnson, came together and brought along pictures of various Ford dealerships from the Model A Ford era. By chance, I brought along a May 1929 article from a magazine called *Ford Dealer and Service Seal*. This was a private magazine for dealers and edited by Mary Bronstein. (Page 40) showed a front face view of a suggested medium size Ford dealership building. That drawing eventually won the day, and that is what you now see as the facade of our MAFFI Museum here at the Gilmore."

You now know, "the rest of the story".

Thank you,
Mike DuBreuil, MAFFI
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

ERA Fashion

Evening and Formal Wear



- A. Transparent velvet makes this evening wrap. Fur trims the cuffs, neckline, and hemline. The cape-like back is extremely chic. c. 1928
- B. A formal evening wrap of transparent velvet, lame, and fur are embroidered with chenille and metallic threads. c. 1928
- C. The effect of a series of pointed scarves has been achieved in the styling of this frock. Three shades of chiffon are arranged with a light banding around the hip. c. 1928
- D. This evening frock presents a variation of the draped skirt with a loose panel on the left side and gathered fullness on the opposite side. c. 1928

TECH ARTICLE

Walt's Old Time Tech Tip

Walt Jones, Tech Director

Two Helpful Tools

by Tom Endy 2022

Found in the June issue of "The Quail Tale."

A Model A runs better when the battery polarity to the coil is correct. Back in the old days, the polarity was detected with a lead pencil. It was great sport for high school auto shop teachers to demonstrate to the class how it was done, then hand the pencil to the class clown and have him try it.

Today there is a device available that will tell the polarity a lot easier and with little chance of an electric shock. It plugs into the top of the distributor, start the engine and one of two LEDs will be lit indicating correct or incorrect polarity.

If the polarity is incorrect it is a simple matter of swapping the two coil primary wires around. Bratton's sells the device, part number 17140, \$27.95.

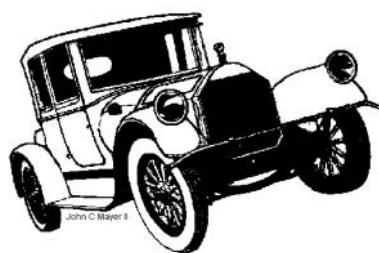
I purchased one a number of years ago and at a club function we checked about 20 Model A's and found about half had the polarity reversed and the owners were not even aware of it.

The other handy device indicates the health of the ignition system. What is desired is a strong healthy spark. This device plugs into the top of the distributor the same as the other device.

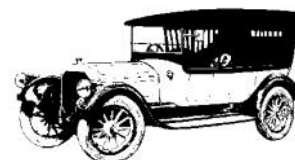
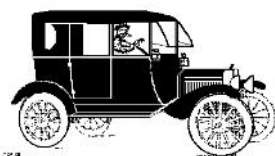
Start the engine and move the slider inside the device down and observe the spark leaping across the gap. You should be able to move the slider all the way down to the bottom with the engine continuing to run and with a long spark.

Bratton's sells the device, part number 17150, \$19.95. If you think you are not getting spark to the top of the distributor, an easy test is to move the slider down about 1/16 of an inch and hit the starter with the ignition turned on and if you are getting spark you will be able to see it jumping the gap.

A wooden stick is supplied with the device to move the slider. Don't try to do it with anything metal. These are both good tools to have in your traveling tool bag under the seat. A trouble light and a by-pass cable are also good things to have along.



Contributed by **Jim Broadhead**, Technical Editor



LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

2023 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE



March 17-18, 2023	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet	Chickasha, OK
April 28-30, 2023	Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway www.pateswapmeet.com	Fort Worth, TX
May 11-13, 2023	Chickasha Spring Swap Meet www.chickashaautoswapmeet.com	Chickasha, OK
June 14-17, 2023	Petit Jean Swap Meet	Petit Jean, AR
October 1, 2023	All Ford's Day SHOW-N-SHINE	Wichita KS
October 3-6, 2023	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet	Hershey, PA



2022-2023 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

December 5-8, 2022.....	MAFCA National Awards Banquet.....Golden, CO
April 14-16, 2023.....	MARC Membership Meet.....Bay City, Michigan
June 11-16, 2023.....	Midwest Regional Meet.....Breckenridge, CO
July 16-21, 2023.....	MAFCA National Tour.....Indiana & Michigan
July 30-August 4, 2023....	MARC National Meet.....Hamilton, Ohio

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This publication is mailed or emailed to members, prospective members and editors of similar publications prior to monthly meetings. Meetings are usually the fourth Monday of the month. Members may publish antique car related ads only for free of charge which includes items wanted, items for sale, or items for trade. We invite members to submit articles containing technical Model A information and other interesting tidbits for publication in this newsletter. Items to be published must be submitted to the newsletter editor by deadline shown in the calendar. Wichita A's membership dues are \$25.00, per year (October to September30). MAFCA dues are \$50.00 per year and MARC dues are \$45.00 per year. A business card advertisement in this newsletter is \$25.00 per year.