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Beverage
 Jeannie Speck
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 Sheila Orr
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CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

November 2023



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

December 2023



3..... Club Christmas Party Prairie PinesJames

9..... Women's Christmas Party.....Phye & Ludlow

January 2024



1..... New Years Day Tour.....Grabendike

5..... Newsletter Deadline...sheorr@sbcglobal.net.....Sheila Orr

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

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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 Board Meeting Meeting-Monday, October 23, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT – Frank Chenoweth, Claudia Ellerman, Barry Plunkett, Judi Sharp, James Sharp (via telephone), Kathy James

CALL TO ORDER – President **Frank Chenoweth** called the meeting to order.

THANK YOU – **Frank** thanked the board members for their service to the Model A Club. .

REVIEW THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FROM MEMBERSHIP Roster - **Frank** stated that he had reviewed the committees in the membership roster. He spoke with each individual listed as the responsible person for the committee and all agreed to continue their service in their current capacity; however, **Bonita Graham** has shared that she would like to be replaced in giving the sunshine report. The role of the historian was discussed.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – **Claudia** presented the annual financial report. **Claudia** mentioned that the original letter from the IRS assigning the club an employer identification number can not be found. **Judi Sharp** will check the historical information in her possession. **Kathy James** will also look further in the secretarial information. **James Sharp** and **Claudia** will remain on the checking account. **Claudia** presented the meeting dates for 2024 and will schedule the meeting room accordingly. **Claudia** will take care of the taxes in January 2024.

HISTORIAN/VIDEO TAPES – Historical information was further discussed. **Judi** and **Claudia** both have boxes of information. **Kathy** has old minutes. **Frank** has the video tapes in his possession. **Kathy** will check to see if she can locate the Club's record retention policy.

NEWSLETTER - Concern was once again expressed regarding the costs of printing and mailing of the newsletter. Some nonmembers are receiving the newsletter and some club members are getting their copies of the newsletter both via email and mail. **Frank** will contact **Sheila Orr** for more information on costs associated with the newsletter.

BYLAWS – **Frank** recently received a copy of the bylaws. **Kathy** located a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Sunflower Model A Club and will send a copy to **Frank**.

MARC AND MAFCA – Dues were discussed. Members of the Model A Club Board are to be members of both MARC and MAFCA. The club will pay board members dues if requested (most board members choose to pay their own dues to these organizations). **Barry** will provide his membership numbers to **Kathy** and **Kathy** will pass them on to **Claudia**. .

Submitted by **Kathy James**, Secretary

Note from the President

Hello,

A large thank you to **Bonita Graham** for her support and work in many areas for the Wichita A's. My understanding is that she and Roger were very instrumental in forming the Wichita A's and has been an active participant for approximately 50 years. Bonita has requested to be relieved of her duties as the sunshine Lady for the club. She has done an excellent job and kept us informed of those members who are sick or have passed on. Thank you, Bonita.

Barbara Phye has agreed to take over those duties. Barb can be reached at the following:

Thanks to Barbara for accepting this very important responsibility.

Frank Chenoweth
President

Wichita A's Model A Club Meeting– October 23, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE – President, **Frank Chenoweth**, called the meeting to order and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS – None present

SUNSHINE REPORT – **Bonita Graham** stated that there is no report this month. **Bonita** requested that someone in the club take over the Sunshine report. She has been in this position for many years. Please let her know if you are interested.

Frank Chenoweth shared that **James Sharp** is doing better right now and he attended board meeting via telephone.

MINUTES (Sept. 25, 2023) – **Jim Nungesser** moved that the minutes be accepted. **Jim Broadhead** seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT– **Claudia Ellerman** gave the treasurer's report.

CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence has been received. **Frank Chenoweth** announced that there were 2 Model T pictures at the front table that **Doris Jean Ludlow** is offering to anyone who wants them .

PREVIOUS TOURS OR EVENTS – ALL FORDS DAY – **Frank Chenoweth** reported that approximately 20 cars attended the event. It was a beautiful day.

FUTURE TOURS OR EVENTS – **MEN'S TOUR** - **Tom Ruggles** reported that 26 guys and 21 cars will be participating in the Men's Tour to Great Bend on October 27th-28th. Those participating will meet at McDonalds on 53rd street and Meridian and will leave at 8am. The 2 guys coming from Great Bend and the one from Ellinwood will meet the Wichita group in Arlington, KS. A lunch stop will be made in Seward, KS. **COFFEE AND DONUTS NOV. 2** – **Tom Ruggles** announced that the next coffee and donuts will be on November 2 starting at 8am. The plan is to have a steam car present.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY - **Kathy James** announced that the club Christmas party will be at Prairie Pines again this year on Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 5:45pm. Deadline for signing up is Wednesday, Nov. 8th. Cost is \$15 for club members and \$44 for guests. If you wish to participate, turn in your check by Wednesday, November 8th to either Mike or Kathy James. **LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** – **Doris Jean Ludlow** and **Barb Phye** are in the process of planning the luncheon . **Barb Phye** announced that the luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9th from 12 noon to 2pm , at the Sewing Museum in Wichita. Finger foods will be served. More information will be forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – **Brenda Broadhead** announced that the refreshment sign up sheet is available for 2024 refreshments.

PROGRAM – **Rick Speck** is on a river cruise, so he coordinated tonight's program with **Mike James**. A short video on *The Last Model A* was shown.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned by **Frank Chenoweth**.

Submitted by **Kathy James**, Secretary

Editor's Notes

Can't believe the year is coming to an end! Reminder we do have two Christmas parties. One for the members at Prairie Pines and one for the Ladies at the Sewing Museum. No meeting in December!! Then off to start a New Years Day Tour on January 1. Keep your touring ideas in mind for the yearly planning committee.

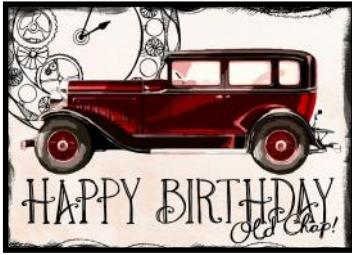
Here is hoping everyone has a glorious Holiday and will be back to join the Wichita A's for the New Year!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Sheila Orr
Editor



Announcements



- December Birthdays**
- 1 Becky Krahl
 - 2 Jim Broadhead
 - 4 John Vsetecka
 - 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
 - 25 Larry James
 - 26 Gilbert Adams
 - 30 Jack Hezlep

ROSTERS for 2024 will be printed January 2, 2024. If you are going to move or have any updates to your address or phone numbers, please call **Linda Kibbe** at or email at

- January Birthdays**
- 1 Chris Cushman
 - 3 Janet James
 - 5 Marcia Kurtz
 - 6 Jeannie Rau
 - 6 Lynda Cushman
 - 9 Mike James
 - 9 Randy Frazer
 - 16 Eric Seiler
 - 16 Jeannie Speck
 - 18 Julie Gier
 - 19 Dave Dreiling
 - 22 Joshua Schmitz
 - 28 Lylia Clark



MAFFI BRICK COLLECTION
 There was a balance of \$61.55 after the August meeting. We collected \$23.00 in the Headlight from the October meeting. Total is now \$84.55.
 Denny Ellerman



DUES WERE DUE OCTOBER 1 – HAVE YOU PAID YOURS??
 FYI: If you haven't paid your 2024 dues, this November newsletter will be your last newsletter. To pay your dues, send them to: Wichita A's, PO Box 25, Wichita KS 67201. If you are in doubt whether you have paid or not, check with **Linda Kibbe** Membership Chairman) at the next meeting.

Refreshments



Newsletter Deadline
 Friday, January 5, 2024
Sheila Orr
 sheorr@sbcglobal.net or
 316-207-8878

November	December	January
<p>Beverage Jeannie Speck</p> <p>Treats Sheila Orr Greg Rau Claudia Ellerman</p>		<p>Beverage Marcia Kurtz</p> <p>Treats Rita Hoffmans Gina McNeal Claudia Ellerman</p>



WICHITA A's MODEL A CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

Fifty seats have been reserved for the Wichita A's Model A Club Christmas Party at Prairie Pines Playhouse Mystery Dinner Theatre (4055 N. Tyler Road in Maize, KS) for Sunday, December 3rd, 2023. The doors to the theatre will open at 5:15pm. Please check in to the theatre by 5:45pm. Let them know at the reception desk that you are there for the Model A Christmas Party and you will be escorted to your seat. This is a ticketless show so no need to bring confirmation or receipts with you. The show will start at 6pm and will conclude around 9pm. Doors open at 5:15pm but The Old Barn Christmas Shop next door will be open from 5pm to 5:45pm so come early for complimentary cider and holiday shopping before the meal. Dinner is served throughout the show starting with salad at approximately 5:45pm. We must be seated by that time so that we can indulge in a delicious 3 course meal consisting of salad, turkey, ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, dinner roll and a choice of dessert (cheese cake or chocolate fudge cake), coffee/tea/soft drinks. Alcoholic and specialty drinks will require an additional charge (**you will be responsible for any alcoholic or specialty drink plus your bar tip.**) The cost of this event includes a \$2 tip for your servers; however, feel free to leave additional monies for their service. If you have any questions, please call **Kathy James** at or **Mike James** at . **No refunds after Wednesday, November 8th.**

Women's Christmas Party

We will have a tour of the Sewing History Museum and afterwards a finger food buffet on December 9 from 12 to around 2 PM. The museum is located at 1230 N. Waco. Parking is scarce so please double (or triple) up on rides. We will also be allowed to park at the church parking lot about a half a block south of the muse

This year we are going to collect items for nursing home residents. Such as:

No skid socks

Books & coloring books

Lotions

Shawls or blankets

Puzzles

Candy bars-for Bingo prizes

Large print crossword puzzles & word search books

Knitting supplies

Sign up at the November meeting, or call **Doris Jean Ludlow** or

Barb Phye at

The cost is \$10 per member \$25 for guest Must be signed up and paid by Nov. 27th meeting

Christmas Party



Men's Coffee and Donuts



The next Coffee and Donuts will be at **Tom Ruggles** garage, on Thursday, December 7 from 8-10 AM. We have something interesting planned, but the Ottaway Toledo steamer will be a hard act to follow.

See you then, **Tom Ruggles**

New Years Day –First Tour of 2024

FIRST TOUR 2024

The first tour of 2024 will begin at Delano's 1220 W. Douglas Ave., just west of Seneca. Plan to arrive at 11:30 am. There will be a short driving tour following the meal. You do not need to make reservations, just drive your 'A' and have a great time!

Don Grabendike, Tour Leader

Men's Coffee and Donuts-October 5, 2023



About 30 guys attended the Nov. 2 Coffee and Donuts event at my place. The theme this month was "heat". In addition to the lure of hot coffee and free donuts, most were there to observe the process of lighting the fire to build pressure to power a steam car. Although this is not a Wichita A's event, many members of the club attended, in addition to members of the local region of the Horseless Carriage Club of America and several unaffiliated old car guys. It was an unusual opportunity to learn about an aspect of early car history that few of us ever get close to. There was also a demonstration (failed, then successful) on heating and installing the ring gear on a Model A flywheel, which had the included bonus of cooking and eating sausages. Lesson: Never let a good fire go to waste, or get out of control.

The subject of the exercise was the 1901 Toledo steam car owned by **Jerry Ottaway**. The car was restored over 60 years ago by his father, **Herb Ottaway**, and Jerry has maintained and driven it for many years. He explained the process of lighting the pilot and main burner, monitoring water level, and how the controls operate, all with two fire extinguishers at the ready. While the pressure was building he recounted stories about the real risk of fire in operating a steam engine. Once operating pressure was achieved, which took about a half-hour, several of those attending got a first-time-ever ride in the steamer.

Tom Ruggles

Men's Tour

Friday, October 27, looked like a good day for Model A driving, and it was. About a dozen Model A's headed from Wichita that morning to join a smaller group at Carolyn's Essenhaus in Arlington KS for some of their wonderful pastries. We met our tour leader there, Steve White of Great Bend KS, who led the group to Greater Metropolitan Downtown Seward KS for lunch at Mom's Café, where we met up with shiny-brand-new members **John Vsetecka** of Great Bend and **Harry Whiting** of Ellinwood, both on their first tour with the Wichita A's.

From there, John took the group to the Santa Fe Trail Center near Larned KS. In addition to touring the museum complex on our own, some heard a great presentation on the operation of a Case 75 hp steam tractor of 1918 vintage which John is licensed to operate and is owned by local collector **Richard Friedeman**. Then it was off to Great Bend for motel check-in and dinner.

A smaller group followed our hosts to **Friedeman's** building where John explained the workings of a Stanley Steamer and demonstrated its operation with a display engine. Then Mr. Friedeman gave rides in one of his two Stanley Steamers. Overnight the weather outlook turned negative with a cold and windy morning, and our planned air show was cancelled in favor of a tour of the new and warm-inside Cheyenne Bottoms Visitor Center. The last official stop was in Stafford KS for lunch and an abbreviated tour of the Stafford County Museum and car collection, as the weather turned rainy and all headed for the barn. After miles of rainy driving and even some ice on the windshield, a few could not resist another stop in Arlington for hot coffee and pie.

A total of 24 members participated in the tour with 15 Model A's. One experienced a blown head gasket, one a dead battery with requisite push-starts, and one a thrown fan belt, but only one police encounter. Big thanks to **Steve White** for the tour planning and **John Vsetecka** for assistance.

Tom Ruggles



Mom's
Café in
Seward
for lunch.



Santa Fe Trail Museum



Santa Fe Trail Center



Steam Car!



Cheyenne Bottoms



MAFCA News

2024 MAFCA National Convention

The 2024 MAFCA convention will be held in Ruidoso, New Mexico. The selected hotel for the event, MCM Elegante, has already filled up-no room left! Taking matters into consideration, we booked a room at the Best Western Pine Springs Inn, 111 Pine Springs Dr., Ruidoso, NM. The Ellerman's and Kibbe's have similar arrangements at the same hotel.

Particulars:

Conventions is from June 23-29, 2024

For additional information, you can go to the MAFCA website and perform a search for the 2024 National Convention and will be directed to an information site providing limited information on the convention.

Alternatively, <https://www.southwestadventures.com> has some information available.

I know this is early notice as we have not even had our 2024 planning meeting yet but thought it was best to get ahead of possible issues with room availability as well as possible cost increase.

Kathy and I are planning on leading a tour to the National Convention in Ruidoso.

Regards, **Mike James**

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

MARC

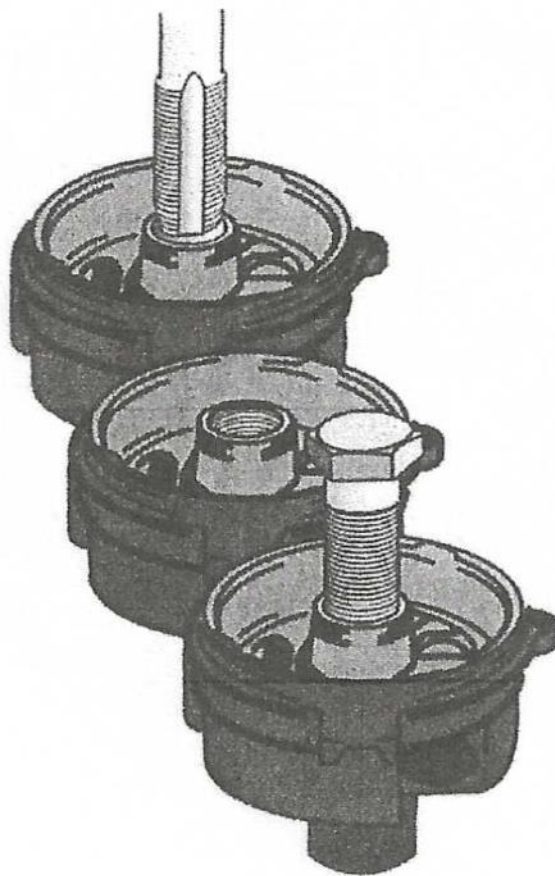
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TECH ARTICLE

Contributed by Jim Broadhead, Technical Editor

BUSHING REMOVAL

If you do not have a bushing removal tool and you need to remove a bushing from a distributor, water pump, oil pump, etc., here's a neat trick. Use a tap to tap threads inside the bushing. Screw a bolt into the bushing and tap it out from either end with a rod and hammer.



Submitted by Tom Lewis

Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

ERA Fashion

Buying and Preserving Fur Coats



C "Best wearing Muskrat!" Shawl collar stands high or drops down in a cape effect. Crepe satin lining. Sears Fall/Winter 1930

D All wool broadcloth coat with Vicuna collar and cuffs. "Fine, soft bushy fur. Resembles Fox. One of the most desired fur trimmings!" Sears Fall/Winter 1930

Drying Wet Furs. If the surface of the fur is damp, the fur should be combed lightly with the flow of the fur. It should then be allowed to dry slowly where there is good circulation of cool air, after which it should be beaten lightly and shaken. If water has soaked the leather, the garment should be sent to a reputable cleaner for proper treatment.

Hanging Furs. When hanging fur coats between wearings, be sure to use sturdy, padded, wide-end coat hangers. Narrow wire coat hangers are quite likely to pierce the skin simply from the weight of the coat itself. Fur scarves should be laid out flat on a shelf in their moth bags to prevent tails and feet from being caught or tangled in other clothing and damaged.

When you buy a vintage fur garment, you are making a purchase that you hope will last for some time. These pointers will help you to understand the care required, to maintain your cherished purchase for an extended life.

LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

2024 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

March 1-2, 2024	Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity.....	Wichita, KS
March 15-16, 2024	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet 2024.....	Chickasha, OK
April 25-27, 2024	Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway www.pateswapmeet.com ..	Fort Worth, TX
June 12-15, 2024	Petit Jean Swap Meet.....	Petit Jean, AR
October 8-11, 2024	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet.....	Hershey, PA



2023 –2024 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

Nov 30-Dec 2, 2023.....	MAFCA National Awards Banquet.....Santa Maria, CA
April 4-6, 2024.....	2024 National Membership Meet.....Joliet, Illinois
May 21-23,2024.....	2024 National Tour.....Berlin, Ohio
June 23-20, 2024.....	MAFCA National Convention hosted by Santa Maria A's.....Ruidoso, New Mexico
July 15-18, 2024.....	2024 MARC National Meet.....Asheville, North Carolina

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