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October Refreshments

Beverage
Marcia Kurtz
Treats
Vicki Hildibrand
Glenda Sill
Doris Jean Ludlow

CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

October 2024

18-19..... Men's Tour to Wilson, KS.....Steve White
28..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th.....7:00PM



November 2024

7..... Coffee & Donuts for Men.....Tom Ruggles
8..... Newsletter Deadline...sheorr@sbcglobal.net.....Sheila Orr
25..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th.....7:00PM



December 2024

7..... Club Christmas Party...Mosley Street Melodrama.....Stuart/Ellerman



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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-September 23, 2024

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

NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS – **Kathy James** introduced her sister, Rosalie Schreiber, who was visiting from KC and some new members, **JR** and **Louise Remy**.

SUNSHINE REPORT - **Donna Hileman** gave an update on **James Sharp**. **Barb Phye** gave an update on **Al Hildibrand**.

MINUTES (August 26, 2024) - **Jim Nungesser** moved that the minutes be accepted. **Jim Broadhead** seconded. Motion carried.

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

WICHITA AREA CAR CLUB COUNCIL - **Stuart McNeal** reported that there are several upcoming car shows.

CORRESPONDENCE - None.

PAST TOURS/ EVENTS - **Don Grabendike** led a tour to the Tank Museum and to Braums on Sept. 7, for Model A Ford Day. There were 18 Model A's and 2 modern cars in attendance.

FUTURE TOURS/EVENTS - *Coffee & Donuts* - Next coffee and donuts at **Tom Ruggles** will be Thursday, Oct. 3rd. **Jack Hezlep** is requesting Model A's at the car show for the *100th Anniversary of the Derby Historical Society Building* that originally served as a school. Date of the event is 10/12/24 from 10am -2pm. Lunch is being provided. **Tom Ruggles** announced that **Steve White** from Great Bend is planning the *Men's Tour* for 10/18 and 10/19. The destination is Wilson, KS to view the Union Pacific Railroad engine (Big Boy No 4014). The group will meet at McDonalds at 53rd and Meridian. The tour will depart at 8:30am. (recently changed to 8AM). **Tom** will lead the group to Great Bend and **Steve White** will lead the group for the remainder of the trip. **Gina McNeal** and **Claudia Ellerman** are planning the *Model A Club Christmas Party* for 12/7/24 at the Mosely Street Melodrama. Sign ups are currently being taken. They will continue through the November meeting. *All Fords Day* car show will be Sunday, Oct. 6 from 9am -3pm at Sedgwick County Park in Wichita.

OLD BUSINESS - DUES- **Frank** reminded members that club dues need to be paid in Oct. **NEWSLETTER ISSUES** - **Kathy James** reported that members were asked to determine if an emailed version of the newsletter would work for them versus a mailed copy? As a result, the club was able to reduce the number of mailed copies from 53 to 23, thus eliminating 30 mailed copies. This represents a savings of \$1050 - \$1290 annually. **Linda Kibbe** assisted with identifying member's needs as they renewed their membership. Thank you all for reviewing what works for you.

NEW BUSINESS - Officers were elected: President - **Frank Chenoweth**, Vice President - **Rick Speck**, Treasurer - **Claudia Ellerman**, Secretary- **Kathy James**, Member at Large - **Richard Kibbe**.

APPRECIATION DINNER - Hog Wild BBQ was served at tonight's Appreciation Dinner Meeting. A silent auction was held for the Hubly cars donated by the Kottas. Funds raised will be used for a brick in their honor. **Rick Speck** held a drawing for prizes.

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

Submitted by **Kathy James**, Secretary

Editors Notes

A nice time was had by all at our Annual meeting and Appreciation Dinner in September. Our officers remained the same with exception of member at large, which **Richard Kibbe** took over those responsibilities. Thanks to all of our officers! We are entering the busy months of October through December. The club has announced a Christmas Party on December 7th. As I write this, the Men are gearing up for their annual Men's Tour on October 18th-19th.. Weather is cooling down—get your A's out and drive!! Happy Fall!

Sheila Orr
Editor



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Welcome to Fall. In my opinion, the best part of the year. When I was younger it was a time to hunt, now it is my favorite time to drive the "A".

The past month was kicked off with a tour led by **Don Grabendike** to the Tank Museum here in Wichita on International Model A Ford Day. Most did not know about this museum. It was interesting, and we finished off the tour with a trip to Braums. All tours that end at Braums are good tours.

The annual Meeting for the Wichita A's was a Bar-B-Q dinner. After our dinner there were exceptionally nice door prizes donated by **JoAnn Bruce**. There were several happy recipients of those. There was also a silent auction of the collector cars donated to the club by Eileen Caspers, **Lawrence and Lenette Kottas** daughter. The funds from the auction were used to purchase a brick at The Gilmore Automobile Museum in memorial to Lawrence and Lenette. The additional funds were added to the club brick headlight to be used for the next purchase.

October will be a busy month, All Ford's Day, October 6, Derby Historical Society Building's 100th Birthday, October 12 and A Men's Tour to see Big Boy Locomotive in Wilson Ks. Hope to see all driving their A's.

Last but not least, I want to thank **Gary Hileman** and **Gil Adams** for nominating the slate of officers for the next year. All officers for the past year agreed to serve another year except **Barry Plunkett** whose term expired "Member at Large for two years" this year. Thanks to Barry for his service to the club. **Richard Kibbe** was elected to fill the two year member at large position for the next two years. Thanks to all the officers for your service.

Frank Chenoweth

President

Refreshment Sign-up

I will have a sign-up sheet for the 2025 Refreshments at the October Meeting. The Club provides the coffee and paper goods. I am asking that one club member sign-up to provide another drink with a bag of ice and three members bring cookies or another finger food. If you would like to sign-up for a particular month or have questions, please call **Brenda Broadhead** at or email Thank you **Brenda Broadhead**

Congratulations

Congratulations to these members that have received recognition for MAFCA membership:

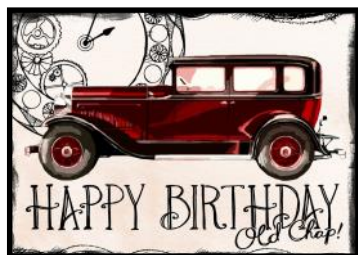
John & Susan Stone-40 years
Tom & Dawna Ruggles- 30 years



DUES WERE DUE OCTOBER 1 – HAVE YOU PAID YOURS??

Only **55%** of Club Members have paid their **2025** dues. To pay your dues, send \$25 to: Wichita A's, PO Box 25, Wichita KS 67201. (For an ad in the newsletter send \$25 to same address. If you are in doubt whether you have paid or not, check with **Linda Kibbe** (Membership Chairman).





Announcements

Sympathy

Our sympathies go out to **Roger** and **Bonita Graham**, in the loss of their grandson, **Garrett Fairleigh**.

Also sympathy goes out to **Sue** and **Larry Cushenbery** in the loss of Sue's brother, **Bob Kreager Jr.**

Thank You

Thank you to all who sent cards and kind words of sympathy for the loss of my brother, Bobby! Your kindness is much appreciated!

Larry & Sue Cushenbery

New Members

J..R. & Louise Remy

Sam Robison

David & Lori Joyal

Rob & Rosa McHenry

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Stu Tomlinson
- 3 Don Grabendike
- 6 Susan Stone
- 8 Sheila Orr
- 10 Dave Burke
- 15 Richard Sanchez
- 17 Nancy Brown
- 19 Kathy James
- 20 Linda Kraus
- 25 Deb Hamlin
- 25 Ruby Scharping
- 27 Claudia Ellerman
- 29 Ed Giesen

MAFFI BRICK COLECTION

The starting balance in the headlight was \$138.10. At the September meeting, \$78.00 was collected. The balance in the headlight is \$216.10.

Denny Ellerman



There was \$225.00 collected from the Silent Auction. \$150.00 will go towards purchasing a brick in honor of Lawrence & Lenette Kottas. The other \$75.00 will be put in the headlight.

We sincerely appreciate all the calls, cards and food that we received after the death of our grandson, Garrett Fairleigh. It's nice to have friends at a time like this.

Thanks,
Roger and Bonita Graham



2024 Refreshments



October

Beverage
Marcia Kurtz

Treats
Vicki Hildibrand
Glenda Sill
Doris Jean Ludlow

November

Beverages
Alan Orr

Treats
Greg Rau
Jane McLaughlin
Don & Terry
Grabendike

December

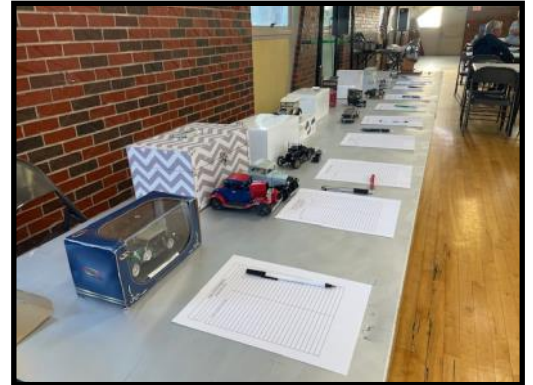


Newsletter Deadline

Friday, November 8, 2024
Sheila Orr
sheorr@sbcglobal.net or
316-207-8878

Annual Meeting and Appreciation Dinner

The Annual Meeting and Appreciation Dinner was held on Monday, September 23, 2024. After our meeting we had an appreciation dinner which was catered by Hog Wild. Members brought a side or desert! We also had a Silent Auction for the car collection of **Lawrence** and **Lenette Kottas**. A brick will be purchased for the Gilmore Museum in their honor. Thanks to everyone!



Collection of cars from the Kottas' family that were auctioned.



Donated cars for the Silent Auction!



Always plenty of food when we have our dinners!



ALL FORDS DAY

The Early V-8 Ford Club held an “All Fords Day” at Sedgwick County Park. We had 10 Model A’s attend. **Randy Frazer** drove his grandfather’s Roadster from Arkansas City, KS. It was a beautiful day for showing all the cars. Our club made a donation to the Early V-8 Ford Club of Wichita, which all donated proceeds will be given to the Kansas food Bank.

Linda Kibbe



Claudia and Denny Ellerman



Jim Broadhead, Jim Clark and Stuart McNeal



Richard Ashford, Richard Kibbe, Davie Moore and Eric Weninger

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Eric Weninger's dad's AA truck called Big Red!



Dean Feller



Ray Hoffmans and his roadster!



Eric Weninger and Richard Ashford



Stuart McNeal, Jim Nungesser & Richard Kibbe



Linda and Richard Kibbe

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FUTURE EVENTS

Coffee & Donuts



Men's Coffee and Donuts will resume on November 7, 2024 at **Tom Ruggles** garage located at . Time is from 8AM to 10AM. Come join the group and learn how to maintain your Model A and have great fellowship along the way!

Any questions, call **Tom Ruggles** at



Model A Christmas Party

The Wichita A's Christmas Party will be held on December 7th at the Mosley Street Melodrama. The show is Die Hard Candy Christmas. Doors open at 6PM. Dinner is served from 6:15-7:15 and the show begins at 7:50. The dinner is served buffet style. Dessert and alcoholic beverages will be an extra charge. Cost for members is \$15.00. Cost for non-member guests is \$45.00. There will be a sign up table at the meeting.

Gina McNeal and Claudia Ellerman



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MAFFI MINUTE

Model A Friends,

I usually write this message from my kitchen table in Wisconsin, but this message is about as close to live as you can get: I'm at Hickory Corners at the Model A Museum on the eve of Model A Days 2024!

The Trustees, friends and family ---and the Grape A's Model A Club-- have been working out at the museum all day to get everything ready for tomorrow (setting up tables, tents, moving cars, cleaning and polishing). It's a bittersweet excitement because we usually work next to Trustee and Grape A member, Jerry Morrissey, who lost his battle with cancer a few short weeks ago and we miss him so much! He always headed up this day, so to not see his cheerful face is difficult.

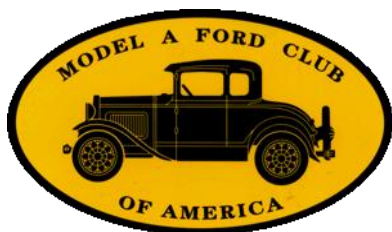
But, on a brighter note, the attached photo is the expansion in progress. It's great to see what's happening after a year of fundraising! (Many thanks to all of you!) And, because it's the eve of Model A Days and the bus won't be unveiled for 24 hours, I'll have to wait with that picture until next month, but if you've been following the progress on Facebook, you know she's a beauty now.

Drive those A's and mark your calendar for next year's Model A Days (third weekend in September, the 19th and 20th of 2025), so you can see the museum expansion for yourself!

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee, Secretary



National Model A Clubs



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



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Garden City, MI 48315

<http://modelarestorers.org>

U.S. Membership Cost: \$50

TECH ARTICLE

Found in the June 2022 Issue of the Script News

10 Commandments of Safety in Working on Your Model A

by John Castenbader Model "A" News, July August 2016

What you must think about while working on our Model A. Accidents do happen and many are out of our control. Being careful and properly ensuring your safety is the primary consideration while working on your antique. As you get more experienced your chances of being careless can increase. Here are some safety considerations:

1. Hazardous fumes and fluids Since you are working in an environment of gasoline fumes, battery acids, oils, radiator anti freezes be careful not to smoke, generate sparks, get the chemicals onto your skin and into your mouth or eyes. Make sure that the work area is well ventilated. A fire extinguisher nearby would also be a good protection if something ignites.
2. Electrical shocks-When working on electrical parts, use insulated tools, disconnect the battery connections, don't touch or take apart electrical connections like the coil, distributor, lights while the engine is running or electrical circuits are activated.
3. Jacking it up - When jacking up the car make sure that the emergency brake is activated. Don't use a board or wood block between the car and the jack because it has a possibility to slip out and let the car fall.
4. Use jack stands - When you want to crawl under the car ,use jack stands built for more than the car's weight and make sure that they are firmly in place on a level surface. Do not crawl under while the car is running because caustic liquids and vibrations can create hazards.
5. Hot engine & fluids - If the car engine has been running, let it cool before you work on it. Besides hot engine parts, the internal fluids can also be very hot for a longer period of time. Cracks in the engine and leaks in the gaskets and hoses can release fluids harmful to your eyes, nostrils, skin and other body parts. They are also poisonous if swallowed.
6. Tools & sharp objects - Using some tools and working with and/or at sharp objects can cause cuts and bruises. Broken glass is another potential hazard. If that happens have the wound cleaned and protected against infections immediately.
7. No wearables - Wearing jewelry, rings, watches, clothing with loose hanging parts can also cause injuries. Protective glasses will also keep flying objects and caustic fluids out of your eyes.
8. Have a companion - Have someone working with you or standing nearby. If something does happen they can help you and/or call for help if necessary.
9. Recognize your knowledge and skills Know the limits of your knowledge and abilities. Get help from someone with more skills and expertise if what you have to do is beyond those capabilities. Lifting, bending, pulling, twisting, grabbing, crawling underneath can all cause injuries.
10. And finally USE COMMON SENSE. Don't drink alcohol or use medications which limit your mental ability. Stay focused on what you do and hesitate if there is a question on how to proceed. Save the beer for the celebration when it's finished and is working.

ERA FASHION

Daytime Purses

Leather purses were commonly carried for daytime wear. These examples feature styles including underarm envelopes, zippered pouches, patent leather, tooled leather and calfskin. Other leather purses may have been made of exotics such as ostrich, alligator or snakeskin.



LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

2024 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

October 25-26, 2024.....	Sedgwick County Street Rodders Swap MeetHutchinson, KS
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2024 -2025 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

December 11-14, 2024.....	MAFCA National Awards Banquet , hosted by Utah Valley Model A Ford Club, Salty A's, & Beehive A'sSalt Lake City, Utah
April 11-13. 2025.....	2025 MARC Membership Meet.....Nashville, IN
June 15-20, 2025.....	2025 MARC National Meet.....Gettysburg, PA
June 16-20, 2025.....	2025 National Tour hosted by Dallas Model A Ford Club.....Waynesboro, VA
May 31-June 7, 2026.....	2026 National Convention hosted by Blue Mountain A's.....Pendleton, OR

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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 \$50.00 per year. A business card advertisement in this newsletter is \$25.00 per year.