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**August
Refreshments
Beverage
Melanie Adams
Treats**

Barb Phye
Glenda Sill
Donna Hileman

CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

August 2025



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

September 2025



4..... Coffee & Donuts for Men.....Tom Ruggles
5..... Newsletter deadline...sheorr@sbcglobal.net.....Sheila Orr
6..... BKRT Halstead, KS.....James
13..... International Drive Your Model A Day.....Grabendike
15-23..... "A" Ford Day at the Gilmore.....Kibbe
29..... Club Meeting & Appreciation Dinner at Minisa Park6:00PM
704 W. 13th.....

October 2025



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5..... All Ford Day.....
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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-July 28, 2025

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

NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS - **Jerry Ottaway**, **Blake Waller** and **Randi Williams**, recent new members, were in attendance. **Ron and Orpha Eyres** introduced their daughter from Australia and their granddaughter and her husband and baby, who were visiting from New Zealand.

SUNSHINE REPORT - It was reported that **Gina McNeal** had knee surgery and **Richard Kibbe** had eye surgery.

STORY OF THE MONTH - none

MINUTES (June 23, 2025) - **Jim Nungesser** moved that the minutes be accepted. **Jim Broadhead** seconded and the motion was carried.

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

WICHITA AREA CAR CLUB COUNCIL - **Stuart McNeal** reported that All Fords Day will not be at Sedgwick County Park this year. He will check to see where it will be held.

CORRESPONDENCE - **Frank** stated that if new club members join MARC their first year membership is free. You can read the magazine online. See Frank if interested in joining.

PAST TOURS & EVENTS - **Gary Hileman** reported that there were 15 cars and 35 people in attendance at the July 4th Parade in Derby. **Jack Hezlep** reserved the library for the pizza lunch.

FUTURE TOURS - The next *COFFEE AND DONUTS* at **Tom Ruggles** will be on Thurs., August 7th at 8am. *KANSAS AVIATION MUSEUM* - "A Night at the Speakeasy" on August 16 from 7-10 pm is requesting some Model A's for display and to give rides. Let **Frank** know if interested. **Stuart** asked that attendees be made aware that rides in a Model A are available. **Frank** will follow up.

BIG KANSAS ROAD TRIP - *HALSTEAD*, on Sept. 6th, 2025 is being organized by **Mike James**. Sign ups currently being taken. Halstead is only 22 miles away so it is a great one day trip to participate in a BKRT. *INTERNATIONAL FORD DAY* - **Don Grabendike** is planning a tour on Sept. 13th to Conway Springs. Sign ups will be taken at the August meeting.

OLD BUSINESS - *NOMINATING COMMITTEE* - **Claudia Ellerman**, **Stuart McNeal** and **Greg Rau** comprise the Nominating Committee this year. **Stuart** asked that if you are interested in being President or Vice President of the Model A Club to please notify one of committee members.

GREASE MONKEY AWARD - **Frank** presented **Jim Broadhead** with THE GREASE MONKEY AWARD that recognizes individuals who assist others with their Model A maintenance.

REFRESHMENTS - Provided by **Linda Kibbe**, **Melanie Adams**, **Tom Cornwell** and **Kathy James**.

PROGRAM - **Tom Ruggles** gave a presentation on the Big Ditch and Wichita flooding history.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by **Kathy James**, Secretary

President's Message

Good day to each of you. As we are in the midst of the "Dog Days Of Summer" I continue to work on the '31 Coupe getting it ready for the trip to "The Gilmore Museum". I now have 500 miles on the car and the biggest issue has been a shaking in the front end. Balanced the tire/wheels, checked all for straight.

Congratulations to **Jim Broadhead** for being named a Grease Monkey by the Model A Ford Club of America for being a help to others in the hobby. Jim had helped me find the problem with the shaky front end.

At the planning meeting for the trip to The Gilmore, it was discussed about a donation to The Model A Ford Foundation. For the past six months the board has been wrestling with this idea. There have been suggestions from \$200 to \$5000. The Board has come to a consensus of \$2000 to be donated to the Foundation. This will be presented to the membership for a vote at the august meeting.

Hope all are coping with the heat and see you at the meeting

Frank Chenoweth, President



Announcements

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Jim Broadhead** on being nominated for a founding member of the Grease Monkeys. Thanks to Jim for all his help!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

4 Pat McHenry
4 Sue Seiler
8 Tom Cornwell
10 Larry Cushenbery
15 Bob Phye
17 Marvin Hamlin
18 Michael Halfman
27 Jim Clark
27 Jeannie Cole
28 Terry Grabendike
29 Steve Grabendike
30 Maria Hildibrand

Congratulations also to **Mike James**! His article on the 2025 Big Kansas Road Trip was published in the Model "A" News magazine, July-August 2025 Issue. Located on pages 26-28. Great Job Mike!!

Thank You

New Members

MAFFI BRICK COLECTION

Balance from the June meeting was \$86.00. At the July meeting, \$28.00 was collected, making the new balance of \$114.00

Denny Ellerman



Thank you to the Wichita A's for nominating me to be a founding member of the Grease Monkeys. I have enjoyed helping others and passing my knowledge on about Model A's.

Jim Broadhead

Chris & Megan Tucker

2025 Refreshments



August

September

October

Beverage
Orpha Eyres

Treat
Gina McNeal
Terry Grabendike
JoAnn Bruce
Debbie Rice

Appreciation

Dinner

Beverage
Melanie Adams

Treat
Barb Phye
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Donna Hileman

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, September 5, 2025
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316-207-9978

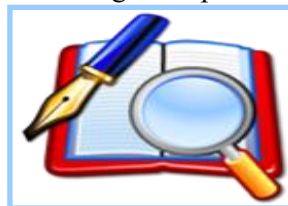
Editors Note

Just a reminder, that it is time to renew your membership with the Wichita A's! Included in the newsletter is the forms you can use. The small form if there are no changes in your updates. If updates are needed you need to use the long form.

In September I will have an earlier cutoff date for information in the September newsletter. We are going on the Model A trip to Michigan, so I will need to get information out before I leave on the 15th. Also a reminder that the meeting will be on the 5th Monday, as many members will be on the trip. The Meeting in September is the Appreciation Dinner. More information will be included in the next newsletter!

Hope everyone is having a great summer!

Sheila Orr, Editor



CLUB DUES ARE DUE OCT 1!

Wichita A's Club dues are still just \$25 per family! They are due October 1 (and late December 15). There is a form in this newsletter and on the Wichita A's website: wichitaas.com. You may pay at the meeting or mail your dues to the club address on the form. Please Mark whether you would like your newsletter e-mailed or sent in the mail.

Please note, we are trying to reduce the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. If you have been receiving the newsletter via USPS and are willing to receive the email version only, please make note of it on your Membership Form.

If there are no additional updates to your information, you can use the shorter version form.

Thank you! Linda Kibbe (membership)

WICHITA A'S – 2026

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RENEWAL

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P.O. BOX 25
WICHITA KS 67201

FUTURE TOURS**Big Kansas Road Trip**

What: BIG KANSAS Road Trip - Pop UP event

Where: Halstead, Harvey County KS

When: Saturday, September 6, 2025

Trip Leads: Kathy & Mike James

Email:

Ph. Cel: (K) (M)

Note: if you have never been on a BKRT event this is your opportunity. Halstead is just 22 miles away so this will be an up & back same day trip. You will need to bring a



lawn chair to participate in Marci Penner's stump speech & other events. The trip will include lunch and tour of the Halstead Historical Museum, Kansas Learning Center, Bobbi's Cutters, Riverside Park, Swinging Suspension Bridge, Interurban Railroad remnants and more!

Sign Up: August 25, 2025 club meeting or email/text, ph.



Coffee & Donuts



Men's Coffee and Donuts will be Thursday, September 4, 2025 at **Tom Ruggles** garage located at Time is from 8AM to 10AM. Come join the group!

Tom Ruggles



International Drive your Model A Day

INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR MODEL A DAY

Of all the days of the year September 13 must be the best day for touring in your Model A.

Dust off Henry's Lady and join us for a tour of Conway Springs where you will have an opportunity to visit a museum dedicated to the history of the area. After our tour we will have a short drive to a restaurant for the best burger in town.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the August meeting.

What day: Saturday September 13th
Departure time: 10:00
From where: 47th South and Broadway Northwest corner, (Dillons store)
Cost: \$5.00 per member \$10.00 per guest

Donald Grabendike (316)

Appreciation Dinner

At the Meeting on September 29th, there will be an Appreciation Dinner . The details are being worked out, so they will be announced at a later date! Just mark your calendar.

LET'S EAT!



MAFFI

We're 5 weeks away from Model A Days at Hickory Corners, MI. Are your reservations made? We hope so. This will be the grandest event yet!

The Model A Ford Museum has always been a treat for our hobbyists. Whether you've been there before or are planning to go this year, this visit will be extra special because of the completed expansion! The museum used to be able to showcase 30 vehicles; now all the vehicles that the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. owns are in one building! Production years, 1928 through 1931, as well as a variety of body styles from Tudors to Phaetons -- Pickups to Firetrucks and a City Bus ---and more -- are on display. There is a larger variety of interactive exhibits and vignettes to put visitors right back in the era of the vehicles.

If you would like a sneak peek at the museum, go the www.maffi.org and click on the camera links for a live view: There's Expansion Bay 1, Expansion Bay 2, and Expansion Entrance along with a live view of the rest of the museum.

And, for those of you planners, get this on your agenda. Save the dates September 12-16, 2028 for the 100-year anniversary of the Model A: 1928-2028! There will be driving tours offered by each of the national organizations, MARC and MAFCA and activities galore for all 5 days.

I know there's no such thing as too much fun, but we're pushing the envelope!!

Cindy Ellenbecker

MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

National Model A Clubs



MAFCA

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

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

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: \$50

MARC

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

July 2025

MARC's Gettysburg National Meet this year is now behind us. We had more than 300 registrations, many informative seminars, Special Interest Group meetings, tours, car judging and great food at the welcome party, grand tour and awards banquet. More details and plenty of pictures in the next *Model A News*. Thanks to Tom and Janora Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region for hosting this great event.

Also, don't forget that we have a special Finger Lakes tour in the pipeline for next May and another great National Meet scheduled for next July in French Lick Indiana. We expect both to be jam packed with fun filled activities so plan to attend. We still need Regions to step up and volunteer to host future events! Your Board of Directors will gladly help you plan a tour, meeting or a national event. Contact any MARC Director please

Remember that the online version of the *Model A News* is always available for viewing by the first day of every even month (February, April, June, August, October and December). Going forward, we will communicate availability on Facebook only.

Can you imagine that Adina Cloud, representing the French Lick Resort and a MARC member, won the 50/50 drawing at the closing awards banquet and then contributed the winnings to the Model A Youth Restoration Awards? Then, Tom Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region donated the other half: \$2,000 to MAYRA!

Remember that MARC has a special membership offer for youth, 18 -25, not living at home. FREE membership with a sponsor, digital MAN only, but all the other benefits of full membership. Contact the office for details. Let's get those young people signed up!



TECH ARTICLE



Removing Your Oil Pan Splash Pan *by Jim Zimmer*

Here's a neat trick I picked up from the internet on how to easily remove the splash pan from your oil pan. All you need is a short length of 2x4, a wood clamp and a large screwdriver.

Place the 2x4 over your oil pan and using the clamp inserted under the oil pump opening and over the 2x4, tighten the clamp and just use the screwdriver to apply a little pressure under the splash pan at the rear of the pan and it popped right up!



Contributed by Jim Broadhead,

ERA FASHION

Women's Work Wear 1928-1929



- A. A durable work dress with long sleeves and deep pockets. This dress is belted just above the hipline for comfort when doing household chores.



- B. An apron dress made of black sateen material with a tailored style collar, cuffs, and pockets trimmed with contrasting sateen. This dress is designed to cover up a dress worn underneath, or to be worn alone.



- C. A cotton broadcloth dress with a scalloped collar, two pockets, and a string belt.



- D. This porch dress is made of broadcloth and richly embroidered in a complementary color. The collar, cuffs, string tie, and pocket tops are a different color of broadcloth.

LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

2025 –2026 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

October 7-10, 2025.....	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet.....Hershey, PA
March 6-7, 2026.....	Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity.....Wichita, KS
April 23-25, 2026.....	Pate Swap Meet Texas Motor Speedway..Fort Worth, TX



2025-26 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

Sept 18-20, 2025.....	MAFFI 14th Annual Model A Days..... Hickory Corners, MI
Dec. 3-6, 2025.....	2025 National Awards Banquet...Gulf Coast Model A Ford Club.....Mobile, AL
May 31-June 7, 2026.....	2026 National Convention hosted by Blue Mountain A's.....Pendleton, OR
May 2026.....	2026 MARC National Tour.....Finger Lakes, NY
July 12-16, 2026.....	2026 MARC National Meet.....Finger Lick, IN

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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.