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Melanie Adams

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Dale Hellar
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CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

October 2025



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

November 2025



7..... Newsletter deadline..sheorr@sbcglobal.net.....Sheila Orr
22..... A Good Look at an Outhouse in Elk, Falls.....James
24..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th..... 7:00PM

December 2025



6..... Prairie Rose Chuckwagon-Christmas Party.....Gina McNeal

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Reminder-There will not be a meeting or a newsletter in December!

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 29, 2025

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.

SUNSHINE REPORT - **James Sharp** was recently in the hospital in Kansas City. He is still fighting an infection. **Don Grabendike** has been under the weather. **Glenda Sill** is going to therapy following knee surgery.

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2025 MEETING - **Jim Broadhead** motioned to accept the minutes. **Jim Nungesser** seconded. Motion carried.

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

MARC & MAFCA REPORT - No report.

WICHITA AREA CAR CLUB COUNCIL - **Stuart McNeal** said that he has updated the notebook with upcoming car shows. It is at the front table.

CORRESPONDENCE - The club received a thank you note from Andover United Methodist Church for the memorial contribution the club made in honor of **Kathy Halfman**.

PAST TOURS & EVENTS -

COFFEE AND DONUTS at **Tom Ruggles** has been postponed until further notice.

BIG KANSAS ROAD TRIP - HALSTEAD - **Mike James** reported that 21 Model A's and 2 modern cars, 35 members and 2 guests attended the BKRT to Halstead. Bobbi Cutters, a 3D printed cookie cutter company, was one of the most impressive stops for the day.

INTERNATIONAL FORD DAY-**Don Grabendike** led a group to Conways Springs for a museum tour and lunch.

"A" FORD DAY AT THE GILMORE MUSEUM IN MICHIGAN - **Frank** reported that 15 people, 7 Model A's and 1 modern attended the Michigan tour. A number of car challenges were experienced along the way but it was a nice trip logging approximately 2,000 miles.

UPCOMING TOURS/EVENTS -

ALL FORD'S DAY - October 11th at 39925 W. 39th St. S in Cheney. Food trucks will be available. It is part of the Souders Historical Farm Fall Festival.

WHEN YOU GOTTA GO, YOU GOTTA GO, the outhouse tour to Elk Falls, will be on 11/22. **Mike James** announced that sign ups will be at the October meeting.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY - **Gina McNeal** and **Claudia Ellerman** have planned for this year's Christmas party to be at the Prairie Rose at 15231 SW Parallel Rd, Benton, KS, on Saturday, December 6th. **Gina** said that dinner will be from 5-7pm followed by a show by the Western Diamond Rangers. Cost for members is \$15 and guests will be \$45. Wagon rides will be available, weather permitting.

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - **Frank** asked if one was being planned?

NEW BUSINESS - The Nominating Committee has presented the slate of officers for the upcoming year: President - **Mike James**, Vice President - **Stuart McNeal**, Secretary - **Kathy James**, Treasurer - **Claudia Ellerman**, Member at Large - **Eric Weninger** (2 year term). **Richard Kibbe** has one year remaining as member at large and **Frank Chenoweth** will serve as the Immediate Past President. **Alan Orr** made a motion to accept the slate of officers. **Jim Nungesser** seconded and the motion carried.

APPRECIATION DINNER - Club members participated in an appreciation dinner at tonight's meeting. **Frank** gave a shout out to the long term members who have been in the club since its beginning. There have been Model A Clubs in Wichita for 60 years. The A Birds (1965) and the Sunflower A's (1973) merged to become the Wichita A's in 1985. **Roger Graham** served as the first President for the Wichita A's Model A Club.

Submitted by **Kathy James**, Secretary.

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

Only **70%** of Club Members have paid their **2026** 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).

President's Message

Greetings,

Following an enjoyable visit to the Gilmore Car Museum in Michigan with fourteen fellow club members, we held an appreciation dinner to honor those instrumental in founding the Model A clubs in Wichita and maintaining leadership over the past sixty years. I would like to acknowledge **Don Grabendike**, who was not mentioned during the dinner, but who led the first tour involving both clubs and likely initiated their merger in 1985. Don has continued to be the our Chairman for many years. Special thanks are also due to **Roger Graham**, who served as president of both the original club and the merged Wichita A's.

Linda Kibbe expertly organized and led our tour to Gilmore. En route, we toured the Duesenberg/Cord Museum and, on our return, visited the Studebaker Museum; both were exceptional experiences.

Thank you to those who have agreed to and been elected for the upcoming two-year leadership term. It has been a privilege to serve as president for the past two years, and I look forward to supporting the club in other capacities as we continue to advance the Model A hobby in Wichita.

Frank Chenoweth, Outgoing President

Editors Note

It's been a busy end to summer for us. Trips in a bus, the lake and in September we were able to join the Wichita A's in a great trip to Michigan to visit the Gilmore Museum. We were able to see our name on a brick that the club donated. Thank you! Join in on a trip when you can, not only get the experience of the Model A touring but able to get to know the members of this club. Genuinely, very nice people!

Until next time-

Happy travels,

Sheila Orr Editor



Congrats to Sheila on her 2024 Award of Excellence from MARC!



Sympathy goes out to the family of **Jerry Allen**, member of Wichita A's. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



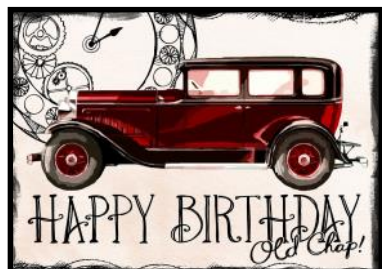
Jerry Allen 3/15 /40 – 10/01/25

Jerry was a member of the Wichita A's for over 25 years. During that time, he and his wife Carol went on many tours and were always excited to go down the back roads to see just what was on the other side. As the years went on and obligations at home increased, we saw less of his Ford on the club tours but that didn't mean that it was not on the streets of Wichita. Jerry would roll out the old Tudor for a spin to the grocery store or just drive to the millwork shop that bore his name. Jerry would say that it wasn't where you were going, that mattered, it was just going and how you got there! Every year he looked forward to the opening of the Farmer's Market where each week he would shop for fresh vegetables and of course stop and visit with the vendors he frequented.

I knew Jerry for over 50 years and found him to be a genuinely nice person, an honest and successful businessman, and a very dear friend.

Donald Grabendike

PS If you ever want to hear the story of how he came to own a Model A Ford just stop me and ask.



Announcements

Don & Terry Grabendike no longer have their home phone. You can reach Don at

For Sale

1928 Model A Ford Tudor for sale. I have owned this car since 2000. We toured with the Wichita A's for some time, and had a great time with the car, but the time has come to let someone else enjoy it. The car is an older restoration that shows wear. It runs and drives well. We installed a rebuilt engine (built by John Stone) in 2003, and it has gone about 4000 miles since. It also has a rebuilt powerhouse generator with a NOS armature and brushes, and a recently rebuilt carburetor, plus various other repairs and improvements. It has a Kari-Keen trunk. The paint isn't as good as it looks in the picture, and the interior shows wear. Overall, I would rate it as a condition 4 car. Easy restoration, or enjoy it as it is. Asking \$7000 OBO. Contact me for more pictures, or to see in person. **Robert Harvey** or



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Stu Tomlinson
3 Don Grabendike
6 Susan Stone
8 Sheila Orr
15 Richard Sanchez
17 Nancy Brown
19 Kathy James
25 Deb Hamlin
25 Ruby Scharping
27 Claudia Ellerman
29 Ed Giesen
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MAFFI BRICK COLECTION

Balance from the August meeting was \$133.00 At the September meeting, \$17.00 was collected, making the new balance of \$150.00.

Denny Ellerman



I will have a sign-up sheet for 2026 Refreshments at the October Meeting. The Club provides 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 e-mail

Thank you

Brenda Broadhead

2025 Refreshments



October

Beverage
Melanie Adams

Treats
Dale Hellar
Glenda Sill
Donna Hileman

November

Beverage
Claudia Ellerman

Treat
Jane McLaughlin
Gina McNeal
Doris Jean Ludlow

December

**No Meeting-
Christmas
Party**

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, November 7, 2025
Sheila Orr
sheorr@sbcglobal.net
316-207-8878

International Ford Day Tour

TOUR REPORT INTERNATIONAL FORD DAY

What a beautiful day with 12 Model A's filled with 23 happy tourists. After a short tour of the town museum, we went down the street to enjoy the best burger in all of Conway Springs.

Don Grabendike-Tour Leader



Pictures Courtesy of
Eric Weinger



International Ford Day Tour



Past Tours

Living the Dream by Mike James

Many of us dream of taking a once-in-a-lifetime-trip. Unfortunately, for the majority of people the trip remains a dream. Work issues, health issues, family issues, other commitments and in the case of Model A's - car issues etc., take a precedent over the lifetime wish trip. Driving to the Gilmore museum located in Hickory Corners, Michigan could be considered a dream trip. Driving to the museum in a Model A would make the journey a "living the dream" trip.

Living in Kansas gives our club members a distinct advantage for traveling anywhere in the contiguous forty-eight. With Kansas in the center of the United States, Kansas is half-way to everywhere! North, South, East or West, if you live in Kansas you are already half-way there! Accordingly, driving to the Gilmore Museum is a doable trip. Members of the Wichita A's, also are fortunate enough to have club members **Linda and Richard Kibbe** volunteer to plan and organize our own "trip of a lifetime." Having traveled to the contiguous forty-eight states in a Model A, the Kibbe's are experienced road trippers. Choosing the roads less traveled, the nightly hotels to stay in, gas stops etc., takes on a life of its own in trip planning. Our little group was blessed to have a couple willing to shepherd our five state crossing from Kansas to Michigan and back.

Our trip-of-a-lifetime began when the Kibbe's proposed a Model A drive to the Gilmore museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. For those not familiar with the Gilmore Museum, it is the holy grail for car museums. Exhibiting over 400 vintage vehicles in multiple buildings on a 90 acre campus, the museum is the largest automobile museum in North America. Making the Gilmore even more special is the fact that that one building, the Model A Ford Museum, is the largest museum in the world dedicated to the Model A. Making the 2025 trip proposal even more special was the fact that the trip would be planned for our group to attend Model A days (Sept. 19-20, 2025) and arrive to witness the ribbon cutting for the Model A museum expansion!

With months of planning behind us, day one of our trip to Michigan arrived on Monday, September 15. With good weather in the forecast, sunshine illuminating the roads eastward, our big adventure was to begin. We had seven Model A cars, one modern and fifteen Model A club members excited and ready to go.



1st night on the road to Michigan club members gathered to help Bob Phyes' 80th birthday.



Flat Tire change for Mike

If the word "omen" has any prophetic significance, our day one cast a shadow over our road trip. Not even out of the gate, one Model A broke the Bendix spring during engine start. A second Model A had an internal door lock spring break during first day travels requiring bungee ingenuity to hold the door shut, and a third Model A cracked the passenger window when the door was closed with force (thank goodness for laminated glass).



Richard Kibbe demonstrating the **Frank Chenoweth** improvised door lock with a green bungee chord

Undeterred, our group started day-two travels refreshed and excited. We convinced ourselves that the worst was behind us. Unfortunately, the word “omen” can portend good or bad. Sort of a “fifty-fifty” thing. We figured the bad omens got us on day one so we should be good. The good feelings lasted until the “spat-of-flats” jolted us back to reality. Two different cars experienced flats! Ugh! Tires were changed at the side of the road and our group continued the journey to Michigan.



Wichita A's on the road to Michigan

Day three came and without any ado, omen has clearly defined itself for our little group as “bad”! One of the Model A's does not want to go home to Michigan and has refused to start. Team bonding time as the men collectively huddle and decide on the next play. Using a test probe and deductive reasoning the group consensus is no spark to the engine and the coil wire was identified as the likely culprit. Coil wire changed and our lucky-7 Model A's were back on the road again. Destination - Auburn Indiana and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum (ACDAM).



Hmmm! Group effort to determine Model A no start!

Our group made it to our evening hotel stop in Auburn when one of the A's noted escaping air! Another Model A flat! On the bright side the air waited to make its escape until arrival at the hotel parking lot. What are the chances?

Day four arrived and we assured ourselves at breakfast that the bad stuff was over. The next couple days would be relished viewing beautiful museum automobiles and reminiscing about historical cars. Out the hotel door and any group aspirations to mimic the Indy 500 tradition of **“Gentlemen Start Your Engines”** were quickly squashed as a Model A refused to start! Another group huddles with club members, change of distributor and we got the errant engine started and departed for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum



Wichita A's at the entrance to the ACDAM

Housing over 120 cars, the ACDAM houses cars from the Art Deco era (early 20th century with a focus on luxury and opulence). Compared to the Model A Ford, the ACDAM cars were advanced. Like Ford, Duesenberg had an early model automobile also called “Model A.” The Duesenberg Model A car had a straight eight cylinder engine and hydraulic brakes. The 1920 price tag was \$6,500 and up, depending upon selected body style. The engine featured an overhead camshaft with four-valve cylinder head. Wow! I have always been impressed with the ingenuity of the Ford Model A but the cars at the ACDAM took that ingenuity to a new level.



Inside the ACDAM - "Opulent" is the word of the day



Bob and Barb Phye take Linda Kibbe for an imaginary ride at the ACDAM

We completed our stay in Auburn with a group lunch and then a beautiful drive to Battle Creek, Michigan which would become our home for the next two nights. We had no car issues during the drive, however, the original route planned turned into improvisation as our group leader discovered road closures. The tree lined roads of Michigan did not disappoint. Michigan is very scenic with lots of hills, lots of trees and lots of curves in the road. Traveling in Michigan was a contrast from driving in Kansas where the roads are straight, very few trees and you can see your destination miles in advance. In Michigan you might have a half-mile of future road visible.

Our group drove directly to Hickory Corners and the Gilmore museum to witness the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Model A museum expansion. The ribbon-cutting was held inside at the training center portion of the new addition. With standing room only the museum was filled with Model A enthusiasts from across the country. Our group of 15 Wichita A's members were elated to be able to help mark the occasion.



On the road in Michigan. Lots of tree lined



Ribbon cutting at the Model A Museum training Center

Friday, September 19th arrived with great weather and a beautiful drive from Battle Creek to Hickory Corners. Model A Ford Day's celebration was underway and our Model A cars were ushered onto the museum grounds with priority parking for Model A cars adjacent to the Model A museum. Our club president, Frank Chenoweth presented a check from our club to the Model A Museum for two-thousand dollars. A terrific way to help celebrate the museum expansion and commemorate our Model A journey to Michigan.



Kathy James shows she is ready for her Model A check-ride after attending the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Model A Museum!



It was standing room only at the Model A Museums 1st ever tech seminar

A large portion of the museum has been dedicated to a training area for teaching Model A folks the technical skills necessary for keeping our old cars safely on the road.. Many in our group took advantage of the opportunity to attend the first ever training presentation held at the new learning center. The technical seminar was titled "Logical Trouble Shooting of the Model A". Presented by Ken and Ron Ehrenhofer, these two brothers are the Click & Clack tappet Brothers for our Model A world! With wireless microphones, large LED television monitor and digital camera, our group experienced modern technology to explain the workings of a nearly one-hundred year old vehicle. Who would have ever thought? The seminar lasted two hours and provided a methodical methodology to trouble shoot a Model A. Great presentation in a great facility. Kudos to the Model A Ford Foundation for the great addition to the Model A museum.

Saturday, September 20th and the time had come to point our cars towards Wichita. Our group still had one more auto museum opportunity along our path. Located in South Bend, Indiana is the Studebaker National Museum. Housing an array of horse drawn wagons and buggies, Studebaker was one of the largest manufacturers of horse drawn vehicles. Enter the automobile and some of the Studebaker executives thought that the motorcar was a passing craze. Accordingly, the Studebaker museum presents a wonderful time-lapse of America as our country made the transition from horse and buggy to the automobile. This is a "must-see" museum for providing the historical perspective of just how quickly things and life change



The Wichita A's pile in a 1950 Studebaker Champ for a photo op while visiting the Studebaker Museum

With our bucket-list of museums filled, we continued our westward journey home. With only 775 miles from South Bend, Indiana to Wichita, Kansas our group planned an easy two and one-half day drive home. The trip would be easy-going; that was - until we tried to start the cars. Once again, we found one of the Model A's to be obstinate and refusing to go home. Hot-dog! We had an opportunity to use our newly honed trouble shooting skills! Gathered around the ailing car, test probes, multi-meters and an assortment of tools came out to diagnose and make the necessary repairs. Unfortunate for our little group, electrical issues can challenge the most experienced mechanic and we ended up changing the coil and distributor before we got the engine started and still unsure of what failed. Fortunately, between members we had the necessary supplies. The proverb "there's safety in numbers" (especially when driving old cars) holds significant truth.



Oh No! Not again. Wichita A's gather around a Model A to resolve a no start issue

Monday, September 22 was “Alleluia Monday” as all the Model A’s started! We had the opportunity to drive through some of the most beautiful roads in Missouri and areas where the Katy Trail as well as the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, and Route 66 crossed our roadway home. We were now riding in Model A bliss. Meandering through small towns, farmland and along the Missouri River our Model A windshield provided a continuum of unforgettable scenic views. “Model A bliss” for my wife and I was short lived, however, as we suddenly experienced a poor running engine, a sudden power loss, a then a loud back-fire. Anticipating the worst I fortuitously found a large parking area off the roadway providing refuge from traffic. Just as quick as the sudden engine power loss occurred the engine cleared itself and ran normal. I attributed the engine anomaly to dirt in my fuel but could not find any evidence to support my theory. Upon my return home I shared my story with The Model A Medic (Eric Weninger) and he corroborated my theory saying it was typical carburetor blockage and that the backfire cleared the debris. The engine performed flawlessly the remainder of the trip.

Our group motored on to Osage Beach, Missouri where we did a fuel stop and once more we had one of the Model A’s refuse to start. Oh-boy! Our little group was once again challenged to trouble shoot a no-start. With no definitive diagnosis, the decision was made to change the coil and distributor. Lady Luck shined on our group, the engine started and our group motored on to our last hotel stop located in Nevada, Missouri. Feeling a little downtrodden from our technical challenges during our adventure to Michigan, our spirits were lifted when an elderly gentleman and his wife approached our group as we pulled into our hotel parking lot. All smiles, the gentleman approached our group to inquire about our cars, where we were from etc. With all sincerity, the gentleman simply ended our conversation by saying -“your living the dream”!

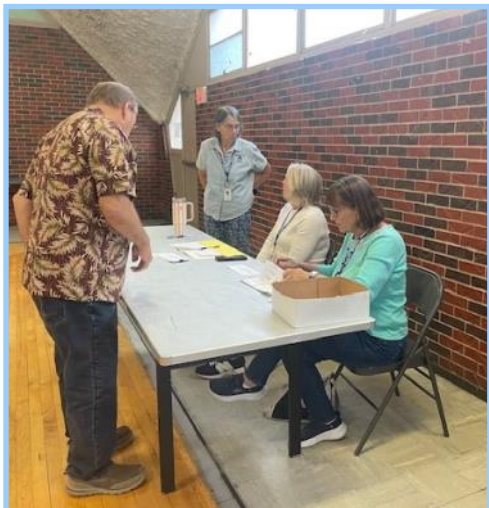
Tuesday, September 23 arrived with thunderstorms and heavy rain. Our Model A team enjoyed a great hotel breakfast and then it was time for “truth-or-dare” to see whose Model A would fail to start. Our group was not disappointed. We had one Model A in the lot that failed the liquid test. One of the wives noted that every morning was the same; one car would not start. Our little crew was beginning to feel like Bill Murray in the movie Groundhog Day where we were all forced to relive the same day over and over. Fortunately, a couple of dry towels to wipe the moisture out of the distributor and we quickly had the engine operating for our final trip leg home.

Having been on numerous Model A trips during the past ten years of my Model A clubbing, I was lamenting the number of technical challenges our crew experienced: broken Bendix, broken door latch, 3 flat tires, numerous no-starts, a battery failure, a leaky radiator hose and one cracked side window. As I reflected deeper I recalled an uncle of mine that reminisced about driving a Model A all over Missouri delivering baking products. I recalled many of the names of the Missouri towns that we passed through, he had driven through. Indeed, probably all of us had parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who actually drove Model A cars when the Model A was brand new. Remembering the historic road signs we saw for the Lewis and Clark trail and Route 66, I realized that thousands of folks traveled the same or similar routes and had a lot more difficult journey than we experienced. Reflecting further on the variety of museums we had just visited made me realize that even a hundred years ago there was a large disparity between the Duesenberg Model A and the Ford Model A. I also grasped the concept that it was not the Duesenberg Model A but the Ford Model A that made today’s numerous highways, historic Route 66, restaurants, Motels/Hotels throughout the country possible. It was the car for the masses not the car for the few that drove the change. The few technical challenges experienced on our trip to Michigan only accentuated the remarkable achievement brought to all of us through the Model A Ford. The elderly gentleman at our hotel stop in Nevada, Missouri was right. We are living the dream! Ahooga!

Thanks to **Mike James** for another well written article!

Appreciation Dinner & Election of Officers

On September 29th a Meeting was held for the purpose of electing new officers and also an Appreciation Dinner for all involved in the club. Hog Wild BBQ catered the event along with members bringing a side or desert. Great evening had by all. New officers will be President: Mike James, Vice-President: Stuart McNeal, Secretary: Kathy James and Treasurer: Claudia Ellerman. Members at large are Richard Kibbe and Eric Weniger. Thanks to all who have served as officers and contributed to make are club great!



Our outgoing
President,
Frank Chenowith



Future Tours & Events

Coffee & Donuts for Men



Coffee and Donuts will resume on Thursday, November 6th! Join us from 8 AM to 10AM at **Tom Ruggles** garage located at

Tom Ruggles



ELK FALLS OUTHOUSE TOUR

When: Saturday, November 22, 2025

WHAT: We are planning a "Model A Flash Mob" tour to Elk Falls, Kansas. Self proclaimed "OUTHOUSE CAPITAL OF KANSAS" the tiny town of Elk Falls (pop 108 - in 2024) will host over one-thousand visitors to wander through the outhouse grove and vote for the #1 outhouse. Past tours featured "Tomb of King Toot", "Crapper Barrel" and "Wipe Out". We will plan to have lunch in Elk Falls and help support the United Methodist Church. Elk Fall is 75 mile drive from Andover, KS . Same Day Tour.

Where: Plan to meet at the Andover, KS McDonald's, 115 Central Ave. Andover, KS

Departure time: 8:00 AM

What to Bring: lawn chairs

Sign up: Oct. 27, 2025 club meeting or txt or email

Tour Leads:

Kathy James - 316-Mike James: 316-

Email:

Cost: no charge for club members. Guest: \$20 each

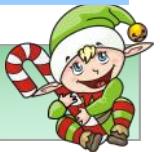


"Wipe Out"



"Tomb of King Toot"

Christmas Party



The Model A Club Christmas party will be at the Prairie Rose Chuckwagon Ranch in Benton on Saturday, December 6. Doors open at 5 . We will have dinner from 6 to 7. Bite Me barbeque is on the menu. You will have your choice of pulled pork or brisket along with a barbeque chicken leg, cornbread, cowboy beans, potato salad, a cookie and a non alcoholic beverage. After dinner beginning around 7 PM, the Diamond W Wranglers will perform a cowboy Christmas concert and Comedy show. Our group will be seated all together. Weather permitting, there will be wagon rides before the show. There will also be a mercantile store available for gift shopping. The cost per member is \$15.00. Non members are \$45.00. Sign ups will begin at the October and November meetings. Final count for reservations will need to be to Prairie Rose November 26, which means the last day to sign up will be at the November meeting. This will be a very festive evening ending around 9PM.

Gina McNeal

MAFFI

Model A Days was a great experience for all who attended! There were a total of 1100 people who attended and were able to see the ribbon cutting of the new expansion to the museum, including the Garage Learning Center. 210 model A's took over the Gilmore in support of the event as well as a registered 80 swap vendors at the swap meet making this the largest swap meet to date!

The ribbon cutting ceremony was led by John Begg, with former MAFFI President Stan Johnson, and Brad Minners (on behalf of former MAFFI President Howard Minners) cutting the ribbon.

While we may be finished with the expansion, there are plenty of ways to still be involved with the museum for continued projects such as the "My A Program" as well as the memorial bricks as well.

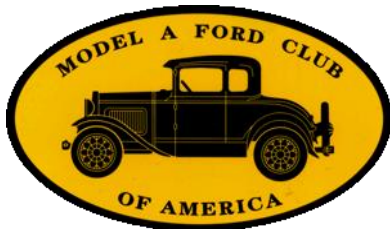
If you did not get a chance to get up to the museum or to see the expansion yet, you can still check out the expansion on maffi.org under the "Cameras" section of the website.

It was really cool to see our hobby come together to celebrate our beloved cars! I know the Gilmore is equally proud to be partnered with us.

Happy motoring!

John Grossheim
MAFFI Trustee/ Secretary

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: \$50

TECH ARTICLE*Contributed by Jim Broadhead,***Technical Tip—Winter Storage**

Fall is here and it is time to prepare your Model A for Winter.

CHECK YOUR COOLANT: If you run straight water in your cooling system, now is the time to drain it before it freezes. Much better Idea.. A 50/50 mix of water and anti-freeze is a safe way to protect your cooling system. It not only prevents freezing but also prevents corrosion

CHANGE THE OIL: Although your oil may look clean, it picks up combustion by-products that can damage the inside of your engine. Change the oil then run the engine up to temperature to ensure the new oil is distributed throughout the engine

TIRES: Some suggest over inflating the tires 5-10 psi to help reduce flat spots. Others like placing the car on jack stands. But make sure the suspension is not hanging, which puts the suspension under abnormal stress.

FILL THE GAS TANK: If it's not practical to drain it completely, or least use a fuel stabilizer. Then. With the car running, shut off the gas valve to remove most of the gas from the carburetor. (Don't forget to shut off the key!)

THE BATTERY: Using a battery tender/maintainer will make sure that your battery is charged and ready to go come spring.

THE EXTERIOR/INTERIOR: Clean the exterior and interior of your car. Make sure there is nothing on/in your car that may become permanent. A car cover is a great idea.

Just a reminder-

All new members qualify for a free 12 month MARC membership, digital Model A news.
Just call our office at:

734-427-9050. **Jim Zimmer**

ERA FASHION

Hair Styles

Men's hair styles did not change during the Model A era. It was generally worn short, and trimmed above the ear. If the hair was parted, it would be on the side or down the middle. Some men used a hair preparation to give the hair a shiny and slick appearance. Men sported mustaches and beards. Some trimmed smartly, others full and thick.

Women's hair styles varied during 1928-1931. Changes in styling followed the dictates of fashion. Following the movement toward equality for women, new freedoms such as the right to vote gave women confidence to change the longer hair styles worn for so many years. Women's hair was bobbed, cropped, finger waved, or worn in a chignon with spit curls on the side, just to name a few styles. In 1928-1929 the hair styles were generally short to accommodate those close fitting cloche style hats. As the hemlines fell in 1930-1931 the hair styles became longer. Hair was often worn with a roll at the back of the neck. Human hairpieces and human hair wigs were worn during the era.

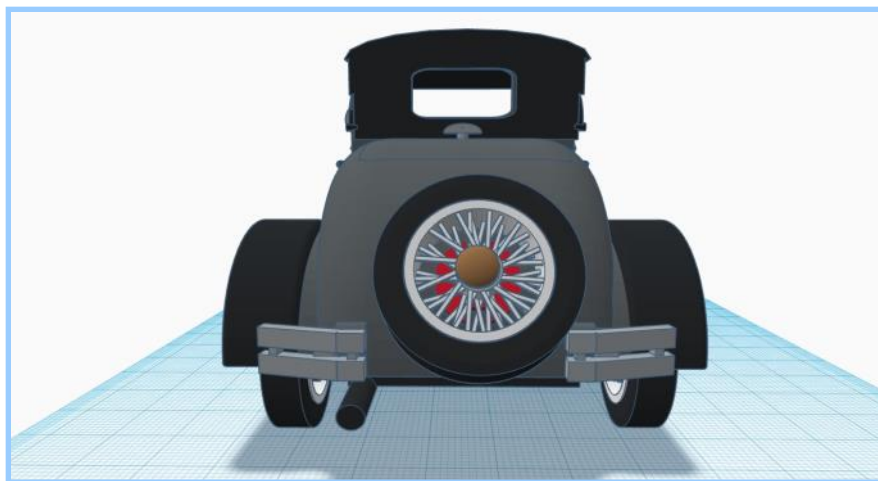
For young girls the bobbed hair style was popular. Longer hair was also worn often adorned with ribbons or colored hair clips. Boy's hair styles were similar to men's hair styles.



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