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CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

January 2026

26..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th & Tour Planning..... 7:00PM



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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– November 24, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE- President **Mike Jame** called the meeting to order and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES (October 27, 2025). - **Gary Hileman** motioned to accept the minutes. **Ray Hoffman** seconded. Motion carried.

SUNSHINE REPORT -**Frank Chenoweth** said that **Rick Speck** is having back issues.

NEW MEMBER/GUEST - **Ron Moore**, a new Model A Club member from Derby, attended tonight's meeting. He has a 1930 Model A Coupe.

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

MARC & MAFCA REPORT - **Brenda Broadhead** is looking for someone to take over the MARC & MAFCA reporting position. **Gina McNeal** will be the new representative.

WICHITA AREA CAR CLUB COUNCIL - **Stuart McNeal** reported that the officers for WACC remain the same however, there is a new president, Bill Lindsey and a new Vice President, Jeff Lewis for the Mustang Car Club. There will be a Mustang Car Show in Salina, KS in October 2026. There were 290 cars at the Douglass car show. There is some fan fair for students looking for car clubs to donate to schools for instruments.

CORRESPONDENCE - Thank you notes were received from the Broadhead family and from the Museum of the Kansas National Guard for the contribution made in **Jim Broadhead's** memory.

TOURS & EVENTS - **Mike James** stated that the Elk Falls Outhouse Tour had 15 Model A's and 1 modern car and 29 people in attendance. There were 23 outhouses and the members were given the opportunity to vote on the ones that they liked best.

UPCOMING TOURS/EVENTS -

MEN'S COFFEE at **Tom Ruggles** will be Thursday, Dec. 4th from 8am - 10 am.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY - **Gina McNeal** announced this year's Christmas party to be at the Prairie Rose in Benton, on Saturday, December 6th. **Gina** said that dinner will be from 5-7pm followed by a show by the Western Diamond Wranglers. Sign-ups will end after tonight's meeting. .

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - **Barb Phye** announced this year's luncheon is at the NICHE (National Institute for Culinary and Hospitality Education) on December 12th from 11am - 2pm. This is the WSU culinary school. Cost is \$5 for members and \$32 for guests. Sign-ups will be accepted until December 1st.

NEW YEAR'S DAY TOUR - being planned by **Don Grabendike**.

NEW BUSINESS - **Mike James** reminded the members that there is no newsletter and no meeting in December. January is tour organizing month. **Mike** stated that he and **Kathy** will miss the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS - None

REFRESHMENTS - Provided by **Claudia Ellerman, Jane McLaughlin, Gina McNeal and Linda Kibbe**. Still needing someone to sign up for January treats.

PROGRAM - **Stuart** presented a program on old Model A's.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by **Kathy James**, Secretary



President's Message



Bob Luczun's 1929 Model A Cartoon Truck as featured in Driving Line.

I am fascinated by history and as a Model A owner, I am particularly fascinated by Model A history. Recently I was “Googling - Model A Cartoon” and came across a series of pictures of a 1929 Model A Truck that had been airbrushed painted with cartoons. Featured in Ripley’s Believe It or Not auto magazine, Marking the entrance to New York Comic Con on Barrett-Jackson TV show, this revelation was totally new to me. I am sure that many of you who have been in the Model A hobby for years may be familiar with the Cartoon Model A Truck, but for me it was totally new!

Exciting to see and interesting to indulge my curiosity and read multiple articles about a Cartoon Truck I had never seen or heard about. Now you are probably asking yourself “What has this President’s Message got to do with our club?” Will I will leave you with a quote from Henry Ford to ponder as your start 2026: “Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.” Sooo - for all you Model A Folks, keep learning, keep going and join in on our Model A club endeavors for 2026. STAY YOUNG!

Mike James, President

Editor's Notes

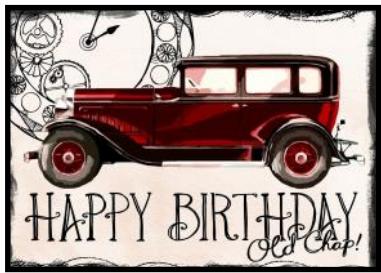
I can't believe it is already 2025!! As I get older the time seems to slip up on me. The Christmas parties were a success and enjoyed by all. Then we had a great day for our New Years Day tour. The weather was more than perfect, lots of members showed up for the lunch and tour and we had a history lesson from Don Grabendike on East-bourough! That was a win, win situation. Look forward to the new year with lots more Model A experiences and fun.

January is our Tour Planning for the year of 2026! Please come with your ideas!!!!

If any one in the club has any experience with programming a new newsletter, please reach out to me. We are loosening our Publisher program before end of this year. I don't have any experience with programing a new publication. Don't know if anyone is interested in taking over the editor job or helping program a new publication. If so, please contact Sheila at 316-207-8878 or email at sheorr@sbcglobal.net.

Sheila Orr, Editor

Calling on all Model A Mechanics! I am in need of someone from the club to provide Tech Tips each month for the newsletter ! Please, you do not want me to be giving advice on how to fix a Model A!!!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Max Brown
- 2 Ruby Moore
- 12 Mike Hildibrand
- 19 Orpha Evers
- 19 Bonita Graham
- 20 Bob Beaver
- 20 Sherry Hendersen
- 21 Richard Giordano
- 24 Dawna Ruggles



MAFFI BRICK COLECTION

Balance from the October meeting was \$168.00 At the November meeting, \$11.00 was collected, making the new balance of \$179.00.

Denny Ellerman



Newsletter Deadline

Friday, February 6, 2026
Sheila Orr
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Announcement's

NEW MEMBERS

Dakota Bennett

Ron Moore

Tour Planning is this month!
 Come with your great ideas for a tour!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Bob Beaver** for his 40 year membership to the Model "A" Restorers club!



We have had several members who have been ill since our last meeting. Please keep them in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Our Sympathy goes out to **Bob Giesen**, in the passing of his wife, **Judy**. Also, thoughts go out to **Ed and Kim Geisen** as Judy was their stepmom..

Our sympathies go out to **Scott McGuinty** and **Judy Hill** on the passing of his mother, **Joyce McGuinty**.



2026 Refreshments



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 Tom Cornwell
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 Frank Chenowith
 Donna Hileman
 Debbie Greiving

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 Brenda Broadhead

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 Alan Orr
 Terry Grabendike
 Doris Jean Ludlow

Past Tours

A Good Look at an Outhouse in Elk Falls



Saturday, November 22, 2025, found 29 Wichita A members, 15 Model A cars and 1 modern heading southeast to Elk Falls, Kansas for the 30th Outhouse tour. Beginning in 1996 during a brainstorming session of "The Friends of Elk Falls Association" the group was seeking an idea to promote their small community (108 people in 2024). One person in the group commented as a joke, "well we have a lot of outhouses in town" and the idea of the Outhouse Tour was born. Now thirty years later it attracts people from all around Kansas and beyond, to visit Elk Falls and vote for their favorite theme decorated outhouse.

With 30 years of experience behind it, the town now boast that it is the "Outhouse Capital of the World."

Our Model A's arrived in Elk Falls late morning and drove our motor cars to the United Methodist Church hall for an early lunch. Providing a generous helping of chicken noodles over mashed potatoes, a serving of green beans with a roll, drink and desert for \$8 (eight dollars) per person, Elk Falls provided a lesson in unparalleled value! Recharged after our drive to Elk Falls, each attendee received a 30 year Outhouse Button, voting ballot and outhouse map. With 23 outhouses on display our members fanned out around the town to visit each house and vote for the best Number One & Number two (no pun intended) outhouse in Elk Falls. With outhouse names as: Dearly Depotted, Elk Falls Scenic Overlook, High Plains Floater, Little Potty on the Prairie and Turdy Yrs of Outhouses the competition for the coveted "Outhouse Throne

Award," a chamber pot trophy, is fierce with uniquely decorated outhouses filled with puns



Pink Family Pee

The Pink family outhouse display was filled with photos and captions providing numerous humorous puns for natures callings.



Our own **Gil Adams** demonstrated how one might enjoy the go while perched on the throne display captioned: ELK FALLS SCENIC OVERLOOK. (The outhouse entry actually included binoculars to allow one to multitask while on the go!)

“POTTY ON THE PRAIRIE” featured a sunflower pathway to a Kansas theme decorated outhouse. With kerosene lantern, square hay bale, hedge apples, straw hat - this entry was purely Kansas.



While the Outhouse tour and contest was the primary attraction, the Elk Falls Open house also featured the following: Elk Falls Car show, “Beyond Reach” BlueGrass Band, Quilt show, Community Market, Elk Falls Pottery and more.

BEYOND REACH BLUEGRASS BAND performed 3 sets during the 30th Outhouse Tour.

The Elk Falls experience personifies that one person’s idea can make a difference. Beginning as a “lighthearted joke” said in jest, the small town of Elk Falls has elevated their little community from obscurity and created a life-line with its annual event.

As we start 2026 and our tour planning for the year ahead, we should keep in mind the success that Elk Falls has experienced from their small group meeting 30 years ago. Sometimes the most quirky thing is the most inspiring thing which is the most interesting thing. Drawing inspiration from Elk Falls Outhouse tour, next time you visit the loo try to conjure what might hold an interest for our Model A group to explore. We will look to each one of you for inspiring trips in 2026.

Mike James

Christmas Party



The Model A club Christmas party was held on Saturday December 6th at Prairie Rose Chuckwagon Supper and Ranch in Benton. Club members and guest, a total of 54, enjoyed Bite Me barbecue for dinner. The Diamond W Wranglers performed on stage after dinner was served and the musical entertainment did not disappoint! It was a fun and festive evening of delicious food, socializing and enjoyable music. A great time was had by all.

Gina McNeal



Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Eighteen ladies attended a Chef's Table Experience at the NICHE (National Institute for Culinary and Hospitality Education) Envision Bistro on December 12.

We were treated to an excellent meal and informative talks by the director, John Michael, and two student culinary chefs. They appreciated having the opportunity to practice on us and we definitely enjoyed the efforts of their work.

Barb Phye



First Tour of 2026

FIRST TOUR 2026

Weather:

Sunny, light clouds

Wind, 3 mph out of the north

Temperature, 40 degrees at the start and 51 degrees at the end

Attendance:

18 Model A Fords, 1 Plastic look-alike, and 1 yellow VW

35 fun-loving soles

Tour route:

Eastborough Village



After lunch at one of Oklahoma's finest restaurants, we had a leisurely tour through the winding streets of the quaint English styled village. There was some discussion about how this day might have been one of the nicer days for the First Tour.

Don Grabendike, Tour Leader







Coffee & Donuts



Coffee & Donuts for Men will be held Thursday, February 5th from 8 AM to 10AM at Tom Ruggles garage,

Tom Ruggles



MAFFI Minute December 2025



Happy Holiday Season, Model A'ers! Hope everyone is staying warm and that your cars are either tucked away for the winter or still enjoying the cooler air. I know I've been enjoying taking my A out in the snow.

Earlier this month, John Marshall, our Executive Director, sent out the Holiday Donation Letter, which is a great opportunity to stay involved by giving back to the museum. Don't forget that we also have a store where you can purchase MAFFI merchandise, located under the "Store" tab at maffi.org.

One of the coolest things about the museum is that it's constantly in motion. Dan Cargo and Jerry Dennany are always tinkering or moving cars around, with the help of the amazing volunteers from the Grape Country A's. If you visit the "Cameras" tab on maffi.org, you can see all the holiday decorations and even catch a glimpse of some of our newest additions.

The trustees also met in November to start shaping some exciting ideas for the museum. While it's a bit early to share details just yet, there are some great things in the works, and we're looking forward to unveiling more as plans come together in the months ahead. Keep on motoring, and have a Happy New Year!

John Grossheim

Trustee and Secretary, MAFFI

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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Garden City, MI 48315
<http://modelarestorers.org>
U.S. Membership Cost: \$50

Tech Tip & ERA Fashion



Tech Tips For Your Model A



Copied from Charter Oaks August 2019

MOST COIL PROBLEMS DUE TO NEGLECT

(Model A Service Bulletins, pp140-141)

An examination of coils sent in by dealers as alleged defective material frequently show that the trouble experienced was entirely due to failure on the part of mechanics and owners to keep the bakelite insulator on the coil clean (see Fig. 749). After cleaning and scraping the insulator at the factory, the coils invariably check 100%.

When dust and moisture are allowed to accumulate on the insulator, it sets up a path for leakage of the secondary current to ground instead of permitting the current to go on to the distributor and spark plugs.

At first, dust and moisture on the insulator may cause only a slight miss in the engine. Eventually it causes the engine to misfire continuously or cut out entirely, thus creating the impression that the coil is dead. As previously stated, this is due to the secondary current passing along the moisture and grounding on the metal case on the coil. In following this course, the current gradually forms a carbon path that resembles a crack in the insulator (see Fig. 750). By cleaning

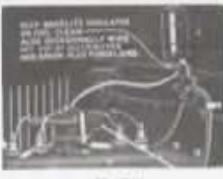


Fig. 749

the insulator and scraping off the carbon with a sharp knife, the coil will again operate satisfactorily.

Instruct your mechanics and also make certain that owners understand the importance of keeping the coil insulator, also the spark plug porcelains, and the top of the distributor clean. Any foreign matter around the electrical insulation allows leakage to take place and cuts down the amount of current delivered to the plugs.

Another common cause of coil troubles is the failure of owners when shutting off the engine to push in on the cylinder of the Electrolock sufficiently far to permit it to snap back into the locked position. If the breaker points are closed when the lock is not all the way in, it permits the current to flow through the coil, causing overheating and consequent damage to the coil.

Make certain that every owner understands that when shutting off the engine it is necessary to push the lock all the way in until it snaps back into the locked position.

—Editors Note: Thanks to John Hulstrom for finding this Bulletin! The situation described here is exactly what I first diagnosed as "carburetor problems" and then "leaking manifolds" with my Model A Fordor. I changed my coil with its corroded insulator, and no more problems!



Fig. 750

Hair Partings



Diagonal back parting



Natural crown parting



Natural crown parting

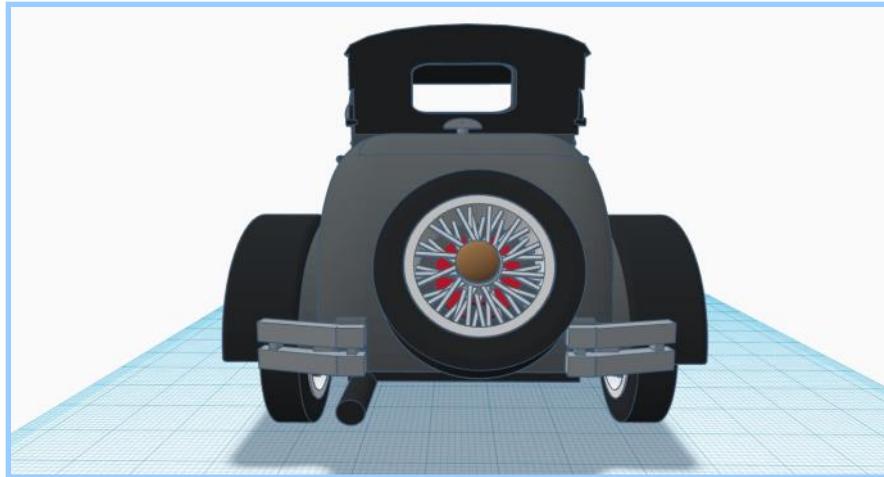
Used to create the illusion of width to crown and back of head.

It would be extremely difficult to create a hairstyle when working against the natural crown parting. Working against the natural parting would cause problems in getting the hair to fall smoothly or to hold the setting.

LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

2026 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| March 6-7, 2026..... | Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity..... |Wichita, KS |
| April 23-25, 2026..... | Pate Swap Meet Texas Motor Speedway.. |Fort Worth, TX |



2026-2027 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

| | | |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 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 |
| June 13-18, 2027..... | 2027 MAFCA National Tour..... |Durango, CO |

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month except December

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KS at 7 PM

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I am in need of someone from the
club to
provide Tech Tips each month for
the newsletter ! Please, you do not
want me to be giving advice on
how to fix a Model A!!!**

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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 September 30). 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.