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February Refreshments Beverage & Ice
Jack Hezlep

Treats
Frank Chenoweth
Donna Hileman
Debby Greiving

CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

February 2026

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

28..... Tour of Anchor Fabrication.....10AM

March 2026

5..... Coffee & Donuts for Men.....Tom Ruggles

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

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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.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Frank Chenoweth
- 1 Jim Nungesser
- 1 Rick Speck
- 3 Carolyn Nungesser
- 9 Bruce Herrington
- 10 Gary Cox
- 10 Barbara Moore
- 12 Eleanor Youmans
- 14 John Kurtz
- 19 Doris Jean Ludlow
- 21 Roger Graham
- 27 Page Whiting
- 28 Bunny Broeckelman
- 28 Bob Broeckelman
- 28 Eleanor Youmans
- 28 Amy Dreiling
- 31 Don Arnold
- 31 Richard Ashford

Announcements

NEW MEMBERS

Cole & Ruth Base
 1929 Roadster Project
 Looking for a RPU or truck cab for 1929 frame

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Hazel Roberts** who recently passed away. Hazel and her husband Johnny, were members of the Wichita A's in the past.



THANK YOU

Thank you for all the thoughts, cards and prayers. It meant so much that a group of Wichita A's could attend my Mom's services. The donation to The Model A Ford Foundation was a nice surprise. Thanks again.
The Guinty family

MAFFI BRICK COLECTION
 There was not a meeting due to snow and cold. The balance remains \$179.00.
Denny Ellerman



Tour Planning has been moved to this month! Come with your great ideas for a tour!!!!

2026 Refreshments



February	March	April
Beverage Jack Hezlep Treats Frank Chenowith Donna Hileman Debby Greiving	Beverage Brenda Broadhead Treats Alan Orr Terry Grabendike Doris Jean Ludlow	Beverage Ray Harshfield Treats Melanie Adams Blake Waller Brenda Broadhead

Newsletter Deadline
 Friday, March 6, 2026
Sheila Orr
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 316-207-8878

For Sale



For Sale
1931 Tudor Sedan
Completely Restored. Has Model B engine with new head. It has Wind Wings and a reproduced trunk in back.
Call **Bob Albert**
316



For Sale
1928 Model A 4 Door Sedan
Leather top
Contact **Jorge Martinez**
316-



Wanted

Wanted—Original outside mirror bracket for 1930-31 Model A or AA truck **Tom Ruggles** at 316-

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!!!

Future Tours & Events

Tour of Anchor Fabrication

What: Tour of Anchor Fabrication

Where: 2241 S. West St. Ct
Wichita, Ks 67213

When: Saturday, February 28th at 10 AM

Jorge Martinez
316-

Jorge Martinez has invited club members who are interested in touring Anchor Fabrication, formally "JR Custom Metal Products". Please meet in the parking lot at 10AM.

Coffee & Donuts



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

Tom Ruggles



At the Coffee and Donuts in February, **Dick Long** demonstrated the scale model replica he built of Henry Ford's original 4 cycle gasoline engine.

Dallas Model A Club Route 66



The Dallas Model A Club is hosting a tour of Historical Route 66 to celebrate the 100th year anniversary of this road. We can join them as a club (plans at this time are tentative) This starts and ends over Memorial Day weekend. Tour speed will be 45 MPH with planned stops.

I have proposed three groups depending on interest from the club.

Group one will leave Great Bend, Kansas and drive to Medicine Lodge, KS.

Group two will leave Wichita, KS and meet group one in Medicine Lodge, KS on May 22.

Group three can leave Wichita and meet group one and two in Edmonton, OK on May 23rd.

There will be a \$20 fee per car. This will cover a tour book and fees for the Dallas Model A Club. All meals and hotels are to be paid by participating members.

If interested please contact **Steve White** at 620- or email at Steve@modelaclub.com Tell me if you are interested and which group you would be driving with.

Steve White

Tulsa's Capital Cruise- Route 66

Mike James



MAFFI Minute

January 2026



Happy New Year, Model A'ers! As we roll into another year, we find ourselves one step closer to our beloved cars turning 100 years old, which is pretty incredible to think about. The Board met in January to begin planning for the year ahead, including early discussions around Model A Days, along with ideas for upcoming exhibit changes and continued growth of the museum.

While things may seem quieter during the winter months, the museum remains very active behind the scenes. Winter is an important time for maintenance, organization, and preparing exhibits and vehicles for the year ahead. The volunteers of the Grape Country Model A's have been instrumental in this work, generously donating their time and skills. Leader of Fleet Maintenance Dan Cargo and Museum Manager Jerry Dennany, in particular, continue to provide invaluable leadership and hands-on support throughout the off-season.

Keep on motoring!

John Grossheim

Trustee and Secretary of MAFFI

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

MARC

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

January 2026

MARC's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our completely restored website is alive at ModelARestorersClub.org (modelarestorersclub.org.) (If you have the link to the old website on your phone or computer, the old website will automatically connect to our new website). This upgrade marks an exciting step forward for MARC. Our new site uses modern technology to make it easier for members to:

- Browse national and regional events
- Renew memberships online
- Connect with other Model A enthusiasts
- Access club news and resources anytime — even on your phone

As our club continues to evolve, this new digital foundation helps us reach the next generation of Model A owners while staying true to our heritage.

Please take a moment to visit the new site and explore what's new. We welcome your feedback and ideas as we continue improving the online experience for everyone.

As some of you may have noticed on the MARC Facebook group, we advertised a special promotion to attract new members. If you have not been a member of MARC previously, you qualify for this promotion! Sign up for a MARC membership at the regular price of \$50 (12 months membership) and receive FREE editions of *Technically Speaking*, volumes one through thirteen, including shipping (while supplies last). AND if you want to purchase volumes fourteen and fifteen for an additional \$25 they will be shipped with the other volumes! Sign up on our new website by clicking join now. If you want to purchase the additional volumes you must call the office at 734-427-9050 within 48 hours of joining to qualify for free shipping.

Regions, please note that 2026 dues in the amount of only \$25 are now due. They can be paid by accessing our new website at modelarestorersclub.org, select Regions and the Region toolbar to take you to renew. Also, a reminder that most membership fees are due at this time of the year. Don't let your membership expire and miss an issue of the *Model A News*!

Circle your calendars now for July 12-16 and make your hotel reservations for the 2026 MARC National Meet in French Lick, Indiana. 894-241-8391. Driver Class judging standards have been updated and are available to download at modelarestorersclub.org. Plan to enter your Model "A" in the judging!



Tech Tip

Walt's Old Time Tech Tip

This article was originally found at <http://www.santaanitaas.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2OC-Distributor-Roadside-Seminar.pdf>

Distributor Roadside Seminar

by Tom Endy

A spare distributor:

On any long club tour, sooner or later one of the Model A's will pull over to the side of the road and up will come the hood. The first component to be attacked is the distributor, and it is probably the most likely source of the problem. For this reason it makes sense to carry a spare distributor with you that has been rebuilt with the points already set, and most important, **tested on the same running car**. It is a lot easier to swap out the distributor than to be standing along the side of the road fooling around trying to determine what's wrong with it and to attempt to change out numerous parts. You **do not** have to reset the timing as long as you do not disturb the cam screw and you are installing it in the same car it was tested on.

Distributor failure:

The three most likely things that tend to go wrong with a distributor are (1) the condenser failing, (2) the lower plate wire breaking or shorting, or (3) the point gap closing up.

The points:

The point gap should be the first thing to check and they can be easily set without changing the distributor. Points tend to close up as the rubbing block wears. This is especially true on a new set of points. The points will close up considerably during the first 100 miles, until a glaze is worn into the rubbing block. So if you just installed new points before starting out on the big tour, be prepared to have to reset them sometime soon. After that you only need to reset that at about 1,000-mile intervals. Points are set at .018 to .022, so be sure to carry a set of feeler gauges with you.

Henry's wayward wire:

The wire that connects the upper and lower distributor plates together is also prone to break and/or short out. The arrangement wasn't one of Henry's better ideas. The wire is supposed to be a very flexible 80-strand wire to be able to better withstand the constant movement imposed by the driver's use of the spark advance lever. Most distributors by now do not have the proper wire installed, and even with the proper wire, they will still eventually break due to the constant flexing. Be wary of the "modern" lower plates being offered by most suppliers. They will eventually fail (after about 1,000 miles) because of the constant sparking and erosion of the contacting parts. Bratton sells the correct 80-strand wire and is really the only best solution.

The condenser:

The condenser is usually the first thing everyone wants to replace. I have seen countless numbers of them replaced over the years, but I have only seen one that actually failed. Many years ago era condensers were susceptible to failure due to heat, and in the present day due to inherent poor quality. The

condenser is located in close proximity to the exhaust manifold where it is extremely hot under normal conditions. If your engine becomes over heated due to high ambient temperatures and/or running out of water, or driving around with the spark handle all the way up, you could do damage to the condenser. The poor quality of many condensers on the market is the bigger problem though. Look at the end of the condenser where the strap is attached. If it has a 1/4" round circle and is soldered on to the base of the condenser, don't use it. Temperatures can get high enough to melt the solder. Look for a condenser that has the strap stake welded on, they will have three small dots on the strap where it attaches to the base of the condenser. These are the better quality condensers. Bratton's Antique Auto stocks them.

Roadside distributor replacement:

It is never a good idea to break the torque on any one of the 14 head bolts as it can cause the head to warp and allow water to leak into the oil pan. Unfortunately Henry came up with a fool proof anti-theft scheme that works very well even in the modern day, but involves one of the head bolts. An armored cable from the ignition switch to the distributor protects the integrity of the wire carrying power to the points. The cable has a clamp around it and is bolted to the #8 head bolt making it difficult to remove the distributor to insert a hot wire. It is not a good idea to break the torque on the #8 head bolt either out on the road or in your garage. A prudent thing to do is to remove and discard the clamp and allow the cable to be free. You also need to put a spacer under the nut of the #8 stud to take up the space vacated by the clamp. The #8 stud is slightly longer than the other studs. With this arrangement it is an easy task to replace the distributor along side the road without risking creating more problems by inducing a warp in the head.

Distributor tools and support:

A couple of other items that are a must besides the spare distributor is a cam wrench, part number A12210-W. They sell for about \$1 at most any Model A Ford supply house. The other item is a small inspection mirror, like a dentist uses. After you think you have located the timing mark, check with your mirror to see if the hole in the timing gear is really on the mark. One last consideration is the type of distributor shaft installed. There are two types, a long shaft and two short shafts. My recommendation is to install only the short shaft when rebuilding a distributor. The short shaft requires that another short shaft of similar length be installed down in the engine block. The second shaft is easy to install; just drop it down the hole in the engine block and rotate it with a screw driver until it locks in the slot. The two-shaft arrangement provides some amount of U-joint action which is easier on the distributor shaft bushings. It's also a good idea to carry an extra short engine shaft with you (part number A12249). This is in case a fellow club member breaks down, he needs to borrow your spare distributor, and the one in his car has the long distributor shaft installed. You will also have to reset the timing if you install your spare on someone else's car.

ERA Fashion

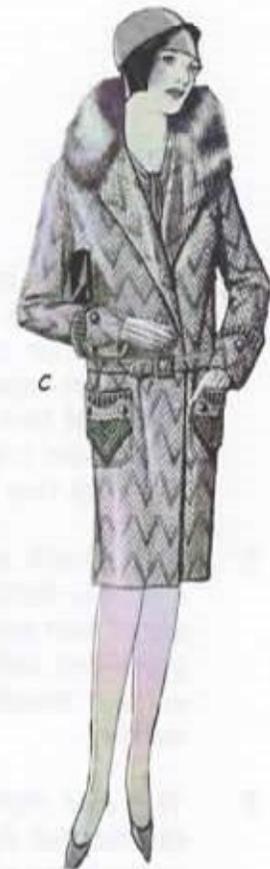
1929 Women



A. An all wool sport coat shown with long notched lapels and button trim on the pockets and cuffs.



B. Short wing-like capes take the place of sleeves in a becoming cape-coat.

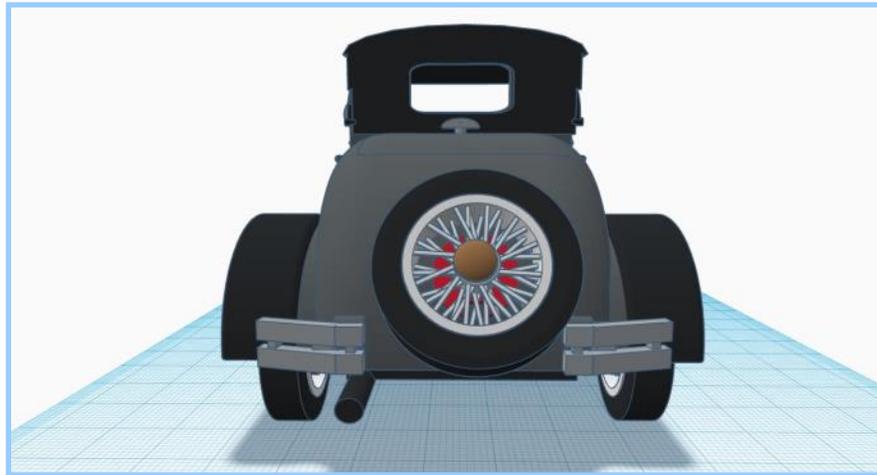


C. A coat suitable for spring and summer wear. Trimmed with moufflon fur, and accented with 2 button trim on the cuffs and pockets.

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 11-14, 2026.....	2026 MARC National Tour.....Finger Lakes, NY
July 12-16, 2026.....	2026 MARC National Meet.....French Lick, IN
December 10-12, 2026....	National Award Banquet.....Cincinnati, OH
June 13-18, 2027.....	2027 MAFCA National Tour.....Durango, CO

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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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