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Treats
Randi Williams
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Dale Hellar

CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

August 2026

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



September 2026

3..... Coffee & Donuts for Men.....Ruggle
11.... Newsletter Deadline... sheorr@sbcglobal.net....Sheila Orr
25-27 "A" View of Nicodemus & Their Dusty Past...James
28... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W 13th.....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 Minutes – July 27, 2026

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

MINUTES JUNE 22, 2026 - **Rick Speck** motioned to accept the June minutes and **Greg Rau** seconded. Motion carried.

NEW MEMBER/GUEST – **Chris and Tammy Greiving** have joined the club. Chris is the son of Ron and Debbie Greiving.

SUNSHINE REPORT – **Ron Greiving** shared that **Gary Hileman** will be having a cardiac procedure and **Jack Hezlep** will be moving to North Platte, Nebraska.

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

BREAKDOWN REPORT – **Frank Chenoweth's** Derby parade breakdown and **Richard Kibbe's** recent breakdowns were shared.

MARC & MAFCA REPORT – No report

WICHITA AREA CAR COUNCIL– **Mike** shared that the Board agreed for our club to sponsor the Lake Afton Car Show for 2027.

CORRESPONDENCE – **Kathy James** reported that 4 thank you notes were received: one from **Doris Jean Ludlow** for the MAFFI brick in honor of her and **Darrell**; one from Compassion for the donation made in **Roger Graham's** name; two from the Model A Ford Foundation for the donation made in **Don Waller's** name and for the purchase of a brick in **Stuart and Gina McNeal's** name.

PAST TOURS/EVENTS –

- **PBS TOUR** – **Mike James** reported that 13 Model A's and 2 moderns attended the PBS tour. Twenty-nine people toured the facility and 24 dined at the Doo-Dah Diner.
- **LITTLE TRAIN IN THE COUNTRY** – **Don Grabendike** coordinated this 1 mile and 20 minute scenic train ride through the country on 7/25/26. Approximately 30 club members and 10 train workers and their families attended the event. Don grilled hot dogs and organized the meal.

UPCOMING TOURS/EVENTS –

- **MEN'S COFFEE** -at **Tom Ruggles** 8/6/26.
- **HARVEY COUNTY PARADE** – 8/8/2026 **Stuart and Gina McNeal** are coordinating. Sign ups being taken now. Dinner will follow the parade at Genova's Italian Restaurant in Newton.
- **GREAT PLAINS TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM & WICHITA TOY TRAIN MUSEUM** –
On 8/22 **Stuart and Gina McNeal** have scheduled this tour. Signs ups being taken now. Cost \$10 members and \$30 Guests.
- **HISTORIC KS HERITAGE MODEL A TOUR - NICODEMUS** – Sept. 25-27, 2026. Planning is in progress by **Mike and Kathy James**. Cost and hotel information will be forthcoming.
- **MAFCA National Tour** – June 13-18, 2027, in Durango, CO. Registration opens 8/1/26 and is limited to the first 500 participants. Google 2027 MAFCA National Tour.

OLD BUSINESS - Reminders: **Magnetic Signs** for Model A can be purchased for \$75.25. See **Claudia** if interested. **Logo Envy** at 355 S. Pattie has The Wichita A's logo. You can purchase a shirt, vest, etc. and have logo embroidered for \$9 - \$10. **Tour Guidelines** are available if you are interested in leading a tour. See **Kathy James**. **MAFFI Brick Bank** – by the treats is used to collect funds to recognize members of our club and to support the Model A Museum in Hickory Corners.

REFRESHMENTS - Pizza provided by Model A Club. **Claudia Ellerman** provided drinks, **Linda Kibbe, Dawna Ruggles, Kathy James** provided treats.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: **Kathy James**, Secretary

August 2026 Presidents Message

One of the remarkable things about the Model A is that it was never finished. From 1928 through 1931, Ford engineers made hundreds of small improvements-many so subtle that owners never noticed them. Many of the changes improved reliability, safety, comfort and ease of maintenance while preserving the character of the car we enjoy today.

As we gather this August, we are reminded that our own club works much the same way. We may not make headline-worthy changes, but every meeting, every tour, every helping hand in someone's garage and every new member who joins us makes our club a little stronger. Like Ford's steady improvements to the Model A, it's the small things, done consistently that keep our hobby thriving nearly a century later.

Enjoy the cooler mornings, longer days, safe touring and the fellowship that makes owning a Model A so rewarding.

Mike James, President

Editor's Corner

You might notice some differences in the newsletter this month. We had to change programs as Microsoft Publisher is going away in October! So be patient as I am trying a new one! Thanks to Linda Kibbe for all her help in getting this together.

Been really hot this month-we still have tours and events planned, just be careful to plan ahead and drink lots of water! Fall will be here before we know it-PLEASE HURRY!!

Thanks to all who plan the tours and meetings-there is always plenty to do with this club.

Sheila Orr Editor



Route 66 Monthly Fact – The Roadside Attraction Boom started with Route 66. Giant fiberglass figures, trading posts, teepee motels, and oversized dinosaurs were invented to lure travelers off the highway, creating a uniquely American roadside culture.

The Model A/dinosaur photo was taken during the summer of 2013 along Route 66 in Arizona. I traveled with my brother Pat in his '29 Model A on a 1900 mile adventure. As this month's fact suggest, we were lured off the highway by a couple of dinosaurs!

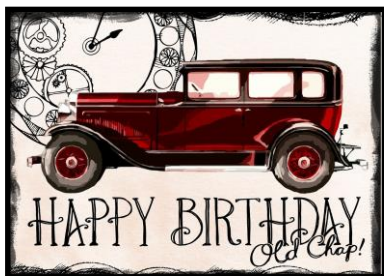
Mike James

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 also 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 and/or sent in the mail IF NO updates – use the short version.

Thanks – Linda Kibbe (membership)



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kevin McWhorter
- 4 Pat McHenry
- 4 Sue Seiler
- 8 Tom Cornwell
- 10 Larry Cushenbery
- 15 Bob Phye
- 17 Marvin Hamlin
- 18 Michael Halfman
- 21 Melissa Giordano
- 27 Jim Clark
- 28 Terry Grabendike
- 29 Steve Grabendike
- 30 Maria Hildibrand



MAFFI BRICK COLLECTION

We had \$20.00 in the headlight after the June meeting. Amount collected in the July meeting was \$10.00. Balance is now \$30.00.



Denny Ellerman

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, September 10, 2026
Sheila Orr
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 316-207-8878

Announcement's

New Members

Chris & Tammy Greiving

NEW ADDRESS

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FOR SALE



1931 Model A Coupe-\$10,000
 Older Restoration
 Converted to 12 Volt with turn signals.
 Would make a good touring car!
Gil Adams

1945 John Deere LA

Runs great! New rear tires, good tires up front., cleaned out fuel tank, fresh starter & carburetor rebuilt Grandkids runabout \$4.000
Mark Shelly



THANK YOU

On behalf of my mom, **JoAnn Bruce**, Thank you for all your warm birthday wishes.

At one point she became tearful with joy remembering all of you, her longtime friends, and all the Model A trips.

Happy touring to you all.

Debbie Rice

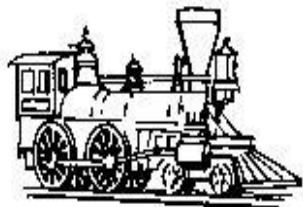
2026 Refreshments



August	September	October
Beverage Gina McNeal Treats Randi Williams Debbie Greiving Dale Hellar	Appreciation Dinner	Beverage Kathy James Treats Melanie Adams Dale Hellar Glenda Sill

FUTURE TOURS & EVENTS

“A” Train Big and Small



Please join us for a tour of some local museums in Wichita with a nice lunch afterwards.

I plan to meet at the Braum's ice cream store near Seneca and Douglas (201 S. Seneca) at 8:30 AM on August 22nd. We will leave and proceed down Douglas to Mead Street. We will park up on top in the parking lot above the Union station Plaza where we will tour the Transportation Museum. The next stop will be on Laura street where we will enjoy a tour of the Toy Train Museum. After the Museum adventures, we will move up Washington street to B & C Barbeque for lunch.

The fee for the tour will be \$10 for members and \$30 for non-members. This should be a very easy and relaxing tour with an opportunity for a tasty lunch and conversation

Stuart & Gina McNeal

“A” View of Nicodemus and Their Dusty Past



Join the Wichita A's for a three-day journey through the heart of Kansas history. Travel scenic highways in your Model A as we visit historic landmarks, celebrate our heritage, and enjoy good roads and great companionship.

HISTORIC KANSAS HERITAGE MODEL A TOUR

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026



TOUR INFORMATION
 Open to all Model A Fords and drivers.
 Pre-1931 vehicles encouraged.
 Hotel information and detailed itinerary will be provided to registered participants.
 Plan fuel stops approximately every 90-100 miles.

*Preserving
the Past...
Driving into
the Future*

TOUR LEADS
 Kathy James (cell)
 316-734-2884
 Mike James (cell)
 316-253-1414
 Sign up at the meeting, by phone,
 or by email: KMKJames@gmail.com

Good Roads • Great Friends • Kansas History

Coffee and Donuts



Coffee & Donuts for Men will be held Thursday, September 3rd, from 8AM to 10AM at Tom Ruggles garage

Ton Ruggles



WICHITA A'S - 2027

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PAST TOURS & EVENTS

"A" Little Train in the Country



What a beautiful day in Kansas! It wasn't too hot, certainly it wasn't too cold, and when it came time for lunch there were plenty of hotdogs and shade to go around. We had twelve beautiful Model A Fords, four modern cars of various colors and one pretty yellow bug. It was hard to get an exact head count but based on the number of hotdogs that disappeared we had over forty in attendance, 30 club members and ten plus railroad workers. Prior to our arrival **Randy Rayer**, the railroad superintendent, assembled a line crew to repair the track that had been washed out by high water the week prior. He didn't say just how much manpower and hours were spent but based on all the new rock on the roadbed it was a bunch of work. On the day of our tour Randy scheduled two trains to carry our group of adults, that had fun acting like children on a school field trip, on a twenty-five-minute ride in the country. Once the first train pulled away from the station the second train sounded its horn, and the conductor shouted out "all aboard" and away they went. At each bend and crossing the engineer sounded his horn to warn any car or pedestrian of the pending danger coming down the line. Like any good Model A tour there were delays but none that a fast-acting line crew couldn't quickly take care of. To those guys a train derailment was not much more than a flat tire on an old Ford.

Many thanks go out to Randy and his train crew and **Jerry Ottaway** for knowing about such a wonderful Little Train In The Country and his part in planning this great tour. **Don Grabendike**

Coffee and Donuts in August

Coffee and Donuts at Ruggles garage. The August gathering of Men had a magnaflux demonstration and block crack repair. Very interesting program.

Richard Kibbe



Harvey County Parade

On a warm August afternoon, several club members gathered at the McDonald's restaurant at 53rd street north and Meridian for an adventure to Harvey county. Our trip took us up old highway 81 to Newton Kansas to meet up with the Harvey County Parade folks. The trip went without incident, and all cars made it with no problems. Except for one missing Wichita Model A Club magnetic sign. {which was later rescued by our club president}.

We participated in the parade in fine Model A fashion with many spectators expressing their appreciation for our vintage automobiles. Needless to say , I'm quite sure we were indeed the stars of the show. The pace was very leisurely so our cars had no problems keeping up although our clutches might have a different story to tell.

Following the parade, all participants enjoyed a wonderful Italian dinner at Genova's Italian restaurant in Newton Kansas. With full bellies and wonderful conversation our group adjourned to make our way home before dark.

Stuart McNeal

Pictures on following page



Kathy James & Stuart McNeal



Jeannie Speck & Claudia Ellerman



Claudia kissing what????



Alan Orr & Gina McNeal



Linda Kibbe & her pet possum



Claudia & Denny Ellerman

The group eating delicious food
at Genova's!

Rick Speck

LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

2026 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

October 6-9, 2026.....	Hershey Swap Meet.....	Hershey, PA
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2026-2027 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

December 10-12, 2026....	National Award Banquet.....	Cincinnati, OH
June 13-18, 2027.....	2027 MAFCA National Tour.....	Durango, CO

MAFFI Minute

July/August 2026



Hope everyone has had a great summer! Model A Days are quickly approaching. If you have not been, Model A Days is a great time to come see the museum, and experience all that the Gilmore has to offer!

Model A Days runs September 18th and 19th at the Model A Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum's Campus in Hickory Corners, Michigan. We will be featuring the Secrets of Speed Society with Model A Speedsters and seminars on Saturday! Plus, the largest Model A swap meet and plenty of time to catch up with friends!

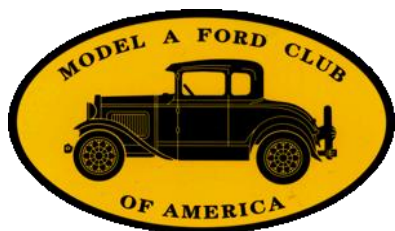
Please make sure you check out the sweepstakes this year for the fantastic 1930 Fordor Sedan, and the other flash sale items!

Keep on motoring!

John Grossheim

Trustee and Secretary of MAFFI

National Model A Clubs



MAFCA

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La Habra, CA 90631-5515
www.mafca.com
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Garden City, MI 48315
<http://modelarestorers.org>
U.S. Membership Cost: \$50

TECH TIP

Walt's Old Time Tech Tip

Walt Jones, Tech Director

Original article was found at sbemyard.com, and was written by Marco Taltteras

Technical Tip - Model A Overheating

Model A overheating seems to be an increasing problem in recent years. Although the intent of this page is to emphasize something that has nearly faded into obscurity, more common issues will be touched on briefly.

Let me start with the common issues in order of frequency and significance

1. **Radiator** - There are multiple problems encountered in this area. Seventy years of corrosion buildup in the engine block will rarely be cleaned adequately during an engine rebuild. Particles continually dislodge within the water jackets and work their way to the top of the radiator and block tubes. Back flushing the system will remove most of the recent deposits.

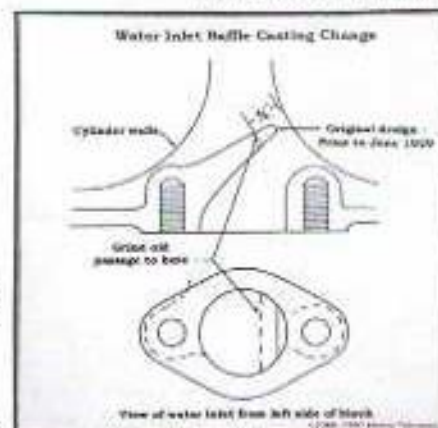
Loose radiator cooling fins dramatically reduce the effectiveness of the radiator. The fins were originally attached to the tubes with solder. Anywhere the fins are loose on the tubes, the heat cannot dissipate from the tube to the cooling fins.

Don't be fooled by flow testing! Flow testing your radiator as suggested in several publications will only confirm **EXTREME** problems. You can block more than 1/3 of the cooling tubes on an original radiator and pass the flow test. The reason for this is the lower water outlet of the radiator is the restrictor. It is designed to limit the speed the water travels through the tubes. More time in the tubes equals cooler water.

2. **Ignition timing** - There are generally two problems in this area. First, modern timing gears lack the deep impression required to easily locate top dead center (TDC) of piston #1 with the timing pin. This can easily be corrected with a 1/4" drill or countersink bit prior to installation. I've heard a few creative methods for doing it later and containing the timing gear chips created during the process, but can only recommend removal of the front timing cover to be sure the correct location is drilled and the chips contained.

Second, as simple as it is to properly set the timing on the 'A', I find that very few people set it correctly. Most of those with years of experience are fortunate to get within a few degrees, but this is usually adequate to avoid overheating.

3. **Fuel mixture** - Running with the fuel adjustment too lean will also contribute to overheating.



Water inlet baffle changed mid-1929

Year/Model	Tubes	Fins
1926-29 models	94 round tubes in four rows*	Six fins per inch (all)
early 1930 "AA" truck	132 oval tubes in four rows	
1930-31 models	102 oval tubes in three rows	
late 1930-31 "AA" truck	136 oval tubes in four rows	
*Most common of three types		

NOTE: Retarded timing and lean mixture will only **CONTRIBUTE** to overheating. When these conditions are present the car will provide sluggish performance.

4. O.K., now for the obscure! As shown in the drawing at the top of the page, there is a baffle cast into the block to direct much of the water to the rear of the engine before being drawn forward by the water pump. It originally had a small passage to allow a small portion of the cooled water to flow directly towards the front to cool cylinders 1 & 2. In early-mid 1929 the size of this passage was nearly doubled in size to 5/8" wide to improve overall cooling. Following this change, service letters were sent by the various branches to their dealers. This included instructions to grind the baffle to the new dimension when complaints of overheating were received and all the usual checks were made. I've done this with a small pneumatic grinder and rotary file. It provided some gain in overall cooling.

ERA FASHION

WEDDING WEAR



- A. This fine lace and georgette chiffon bridesmaid dress is appropriate for a daytime wedding. A wide satin ribbon is tied just below the normal waistline.
- B. This variation on the Robe de Style is made of different shades of taffeta. Scallops are formed at the bottom of the bodice and skirt.
- C. A dress suitable for a maid or matron of honor is made of satin and georgette. The close-fitting hip line is achieved by the girdle of shirred satin edged with bands of crystal and rhinestone embroidery.
- D. The silk chiffon and lace dress for this bride features a straight skirt with vest-like bodice that fastens at the hip in front. A long veil completes the ensemble.

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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.