

THE PLAIN DEALER

Official Publication of the Plain Ol' A's

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August 2023

The Club meets
the 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Shawnee Masonic Lodge
11109 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, Kansas

Next Meeting
Monday
August 25, 2023

www.plainolas.com

President's Message

It is August.

"Back to School" is underway. Being far removed from having school-aged children and even further distant from being a school-aged child, this season holds no memories of dread for me.

I was no Huck Finn. I had no unstructured days of unsupervised summer-time activity. There were always deadlines and rule-wielding adults pushing me toward some far-distant goal of excellence. Going back to school just meant wearing long pants and socks.

My parents trudged through the snow uphill both to, and from, the coal mines where they worked during the summers of their youth. They wanted that same experience for me. They figured it would instill a strong work-ethic and likely ensure excellence.

Summer snow and child-labor had largely been outlawed before my birth but I had plenty of fences to whitewash...and patio furniture to paint...and lawns to mow...and gardens to weed...and bushes to trim...and windows to wash...and...and...and... Later much of this was replaced by more glamorous summer jobs such as table busing, more grass cutting, or unloading semi-trailers of tires or fiberglass insulation. There was no rafting down the river or chasing neighborhood "hot chick," Becky Thatcher around in caves. The work-ethic took hold and so did the fiberglass. I itched all through college. Not excellent but on my way.

I expect that all of us still face deadlines and have someone urging us toward some few remaining unmet claims on excellence. They prod because they care that we aren't yet as perfect as we can be. We respond to their prodding good-naturedly because we want them to continue to care.

OK...point time. What's the point of this? What does this have to do with Model A's?

The "point" of this story is that you, and your Model A, can be excellent. Keep at it. Many of you are already there. Recognize that this is a journey toward an imagined destination of perfection. You can get very close but there will always be something else to fix...or adjust...or tweak. This keeps you engaged. This is perfect.

Ahoouoga On!

- John Smeltzer, President

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Newsletter Articles

Information for the newsletter should be sent to Joyce Tweedy. Her email address is jtweedy@swansonbernard.com, or snail mail, 4600 Madison, Ste. 600, Kansas City, MO 64112 or phone Joyce at 816-410-4613.

The deadline for submission of articles is the 8th of the month.

Sunshine Report

Happy August! I hope everyone is having a fabulous summer and that you have been able to get out and enjoy some of the relatively nice days we have had this summer.

Vicky Mills reports that she is slooowly getting better and that Bruce is taking good care of her. Please keep them both in your thoughts!

Please send me an email or call if any cards need to be sent. I look forward to seeing you at the August meeting!

Deborah Smeltzer, Sunshine Chair

Thank you to Deborah Smeltzer for sharing her Chewy Chocolate Chip Cookie Recipe. She writes

"This recipe is from John's sister, "Aunt Janie" and have been the family's favorite chocolate chip cookies for many years."

They sound delicious. Enjoy!

Chewy Chocolate Chip Cookies

2 cups + 2 Tbsp all-purpose flour
 1/2 tsp baking soda
 1/2 tsp kosher salt
 1-1/2 sticks (12 Tbsp) unsalted butter, melted & cooled until warm
 1 cup light brown sugar
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 large egg + 1 egg yolk
 2 tsp vanilla
 1 to 1-1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
 1-1/2 cups sweetened dried coconut
 1 cup toasted sliced almonds

1. Whisk flour, baking soda and salt together; set aside.
2. Mix butter & sugars thoroughly. Add eggs and vanilla and beat until just combined.
3. Add dry ingredients and beat on low speed until just combined.
4. Stir in chips, coconut and almonds.
5. Roll scant 1/4 cup dough into ball. Break into two pieces; rotate 90 degrees and with jagged edges up form ball again. Leave 2 1/2" between each cookie dough ball.

Bake 15-18 minutes at 325 degrees on parchment paper. Cool on baking sheets.

July 2023 Minutes

The July minutes were not available for publication.

Treasurer's Report - July 2023

Income

Newsletter Printing & Postage	\$20.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$20.00

Expenses

Newsletter April, May & June	\$135.18	
TOTAL EXPENSES		-\$135.18

Interest **\$2.02**

Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer

Refreshments

The paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, tablecloths and cups are available at the Lodge. Please remember to check supplies at the preceding meeting.

If you cannot serve, please contact Fran Coleman as soon as you can. (913-481-6658; fcole61@gmail.com). Thank you, everyone for helping!

Fran Coleman

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

Aug 28th	Darrell & Deb Enloe Janet & Dennis Cawley
Sept 25th	Steve & Julie Woerdehoff Robert Montgomery
Oct. 23 rd	Dave & Sue Ryan Harvey & Vicky Rosenberry
Nov. 27 th	Ron & Theresa Guenther Alan South & Georgia Bianchi
December - Christmas Party	
<u>2024</u>	
Jan. 22 nd	Ross & Toni Warnell Dennis & Debbie Burks
Feb. 26 th	Keith & Kathy Nesbitt John & Deborah Smeltzer
Mar. 25 th	Bill & Deb Hills Ed & Millie Jankowski

Ladies Night Out 2023 Sponsor Sign Up

January	
February	Smeltzer, John & Deborah
March	Coleman
April	Hills
May	Picnic
June	OPEN
July	Hess
August	Alan South
September	Mills
October	Guenther
November	OPEN
December	Christmas Party

August Ladies' Night Out

August 16 at 6:30pm

Sponsored by Alan South

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
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Close to 1-35 and 119th Street

Please let Alan know you are coming
913-909-4444 cell email aes6363@yahoo.com.

Tours 2023

I am working on the second half of the 2023 calendar. I am working with Chuck Lewis from the HOA Club on several tours for the rest of the year.

August 12th we have been asked to come back to Ensor Park and Museum for their 100 anniversary of the radio station. The anniversary event will start at 4:30 with tour of the buildings, a Morse Code Workshop, and Antique Tractors and Farm Implements. At 6:30 there will be a Bluegrass Band. The park is planning to have food available

August 19th the HOA club has invited us to join them at the Shatto Dairy. We will meet them there at 10-10:30 for a tour of the dairy and then go to lunch.

September 2nd- See the invitation in the newsletter.

September 16th is International Model A Day. Andy Dugan will lead a tour to the AG Hall of Fame and Wyandotte History Museum. You will meet at the Walmart at K7 and Santa Fe in Olathe @ 8:00 and leave @ 8:30. Lunch to be determined

Cedar Lake Village Car Show is October 5th. See info in newsletter.

Turner Barn Car Show October 7th.

Fall Color Tour will be October 21st to the New Amelia Earhart Museum in Atchison .

Trunk or Treat will be October 28th at Gateway Classic Cars.

We will do a cold weather tour in November. I'm still working on where to go.

If you have ideas for tours or places to see Please let me know.

Thanks,

Bill Hills
bill.hills.sh@gmail.com
913-406-2085

Help Us Celebrate

Bill and Deb Hills Invite you to take a Model A trip out to Spring Hill to help them

Celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

September 2, 2023,

noon to 4:00,

at the

Spring Hill Community Center

Race Street

Spring Hill, KS 66083

We are planning a lunch.

Please RSVP by August 18

Bill (913-406-2085 or bill.hills.sh@gmail.com) or

Amanda (913-709-8063 or mandyinkc77@gmail.com)

2023 Calendar

- August 12 Ensor Park and Museum 100th Anniversary
- August 19 Shatto Dairy
- August 28 POA Meeting @ 7:00

- September- 2 Dean Weller Memorial Classic Car Show 11:00 - 4:00
- September 2 See invitation in newsletter
- September 16 International Model A Day - See tour article for planned tour
- September 25 POA Meeting @ 7:00

- October 5 Cedar Lake Village Car Show
- October 7 Turner Barn Car Show
- October 22 Fall Color Tour to Atchison
- October- 23 POA Meeting @ 7:00
- October 28 Trunk or Treat @ Gateway Classic Cars

- November Cold Weather Tour - Date and location to be determined
- Nov.- 27 POA Meeting @ 7:00





Dave Ryan August 5
 Ron Guenther August 7
 David Collis August 17
 Eddie Griggs August 19

George & Cathy Hess August 2
 Ron & Theresa Guenther August 17
 Darrell & Deb Enloe August 20

Henry Takes a Ride On His First Automobile.

The Quadricycle was the first automobile built by Henry Ford. It was built in 1896 and powered by ethanol. It had a two-cylinder engine and developed a whopping four horse power. It was driven by a chain, and the transmission had only two gears - first for 10 MPH, and second for 20 MPH. It did not have a reverse gear.

*From the Script A News
 Published by the Script "A" Region, MARC*





Dean Weller Memorial Car Show & De Soto Days Festival

From the website:

Dean Weller Memorial Car Show with over 11 Classifications AND ADDITIONAL Special Awards which are not Class Specific

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For more information on registering for the car show, the web site is: <http://desotodays.com>.

Cedar Lake Village Car Show

Cheyenne Dains, Wellness Director of Cedar Lake Village, has invited the Plain Ol' A's to participate in the 3rd Annual Cedar Lake Village Car Show on Thursday, October 5th, from 2 - 4 p.m. Members of the Plain Ol' A's have participated in this car show in the past.

Like the previous years, this car show will be just for fun and a great social event for the residents of CLV and the community. It will be completely free for participants and for those attending. They will not have any prizes or judges, just a good time.

If anyone would like to bring their car to the car show, please email Cheyenne Dains, at cdains1@good-sam.com.

The address and phone number for Cedar Lake Village is:

Cedar Lake Village
 (913) 780-9916
 15325 S. Lone Elm Rd.
 Olathe, KS 66061.

Bulletin Board

Place notices and advertise items for sale. No charge for members and other individuals selling their own items. The Club has voted to include ads from other local Model A Clubs. ***Items will run in three issues, unless renewed or canceled. Date of first insertion is in parenthesis.***

Commercial Business ads are: business card size - \$25.00 per year; quarter page size - \$35.00 per year; and half page size - \$50.00 per year. Fees for commercial ads includes a free subscription to the Club's monthly newsletter, The Plain Dealer.

For Sale: Lynn Lackey has extra parts as follows:

- Bell housing
- Stock head
- throw out bearing holder
- transmission mount brackets 1930
- Spare tire holder
- rear spare tire cover
- bumper brackets
- throttle linkage
- Brake rods
- horn button and rod
- spark & throttle control rods

Contact Lynn Lackey - 913-515-9385 (7/23)

For Sale: New Model A Parts all for \$450:

- 2 complete modern shock conversion kits
- 1 standard roadster top with window
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Contact Earl Lohuis 913-449-8073 (7/23)



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IF YOUR LOVE OF THE MODEL A EXTENDS INTO THE DIGITAL WORLD THEN WE COULD USE YOUR HELP. PLEASE CONTACT ME AT CHAPTERCOORDINATOR@MAFCA.COM OR DIRECTLY AT 405 812 8131 OR ANY CURRENT BOARD MEMBER IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS POSITION.





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La Habra, CA 90631-5515



MAFFI Museum Expansion

After several months of planning the word is finally out. The following information was posted on the MAFCA web page on July 15, 2023.

"The Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI) museum at the Gilmore Auto Museum complex in Hickory Corners Michigan is planning an expansion of the existing Model A museum. The museum opened in 2013 and is filled to the brim with Model A vehicles, exhibits, and interactive displays. More room is needed for additional vehicles and exhibits."

Please visit the MAFCA web page to read the remainder of this article. Do not skip the link information.

This expansion will be paid in its entirety by donations. More on this will reach MAFCA and MARC membership in the coming months.

Happy motoring,

Mike DuBreuil
MAFFI Board of Trustees
Secretary

PLAIN OL' A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB NEW AND RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

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_____ Would you be willing to serve refreshments at a membership meeting?

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Please send this application and your check payable to Plain Ol' A's to:

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