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

Next Meeting
Monday
February 26, 2024

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President's Message

Happy February everyone !

February is here and the days are getting warmer and longer. With that being said lets start dusting off our A's and get ready for some great tours that are planned and other events that are in the works for all of us this year.

Also as some of you may remember from January's meeting we let everyone know that Joyce Tweedy had been selected by MAFCA for the news letter of the year merit certificate. On January 31 myself, John Smeltzer and Fran Coleman presented the certificate and a prayer plant to her at her office to show our appreciation for all she does for us. Without her amazing talent with the newsletter our gears would not turn like they do.

Thank you again Joyce from all of us at the club for all your hard work and dedication.

Let's continue to engage in the club and our A's and passion for what we do and make this year a success.

President Andy Dugan

Thank you to John and Andy and Fran for coming to the office and delivering the certificate in person and the lovely plant. I was stunned. Jim Bernard volunteered to edit the newsletter many years ago and as his secretary, I got volunteered to help. It's been a great experience and I have enjoyed getting to know the members through emails and phone calls.

Joyce Tweedy



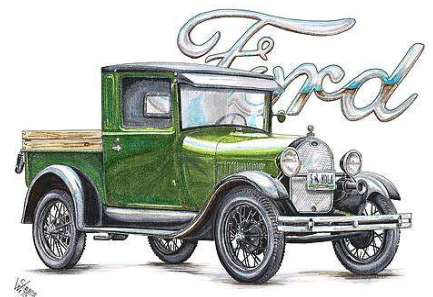
Andy Dugan and Joyce Tweedy



John Smeltzer and Joyce Tweedy

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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.

Plain Ol' A's Keychain

Yours **FREE** with every \$5 donation to the Model A Youth Scholarship Fund. - Contact John Smeltzer at a meeting, event or by email.



Sunshine Report

Happy February! Spring is in the air, although that may change tomorrow. Hope everyone is doing well and get out and enjoy the sunshine if you can!

This past month, a get-well card was sent to Vicky and Bruce Mills as they continue to deal with health challenges. Both Vicky and Bruce are in good spirits: Vicky is working on building her strength back up from her hospital stay and Bruce continues to work with specialists at KU.

Get well cards were also sent to Georgia Bianche and Deb Hills. Georgia is recovering from hernia surgery and Deb was recovering from an illness.

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers and send good wishes their way.

Touring season is right around the corner. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Ahooga On!

Deborah Smeltzer
913-526-6977

January 2024 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on January 29, 2024 at the Masonic Hall. President Andy Dugan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Guests and New Members-Cat Coyne and Jo were at the meeting.

Minutes-The minutes were approved as published in The Plain Dealer.

Treasurer's Report-The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Sunshine Report-Deb Hills was ill. Georgia Bianchi had hiatal hernia surgery. Vicky Mills is doing home therapy. Bruce Mills is undergoing chemotherapy.

Ladies' Night Out-We will eat at Johnny's Tavern on February 12.

Seminars-No seminars are planned.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

- February 17 Union Station Lego exhibit
- March 17 Leavenworth Parade
- April 24-27 Tour to Salina, Concordia, Abilene, and Manhattan
- June 23-29 National Meet in New Mexico

Car Shows-No car shows are currently planned. Andy has been checking online for shows.

Webmaster-Joe is working on the vendor list.

Christmas Party-The room has been reserved for the next Christmas party.

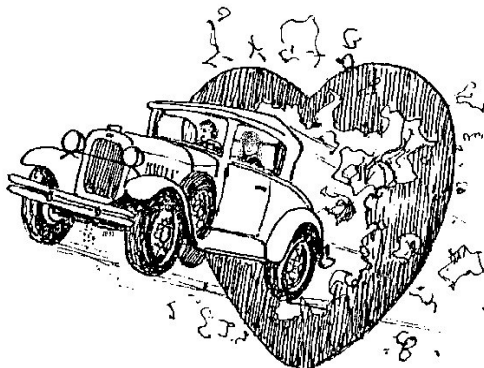
Picnic-Locations for the next picnic are being explored.

Other Business-An inquiry was made regarding possible electronic payment of dues. It is time for members to renew their membership. Andy is going to bring a suggestion box to future meetings.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by Ross Warnell and Dennis Burks.

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Nancy Hess
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Treasurer's Report - January 2024

Income

Dues	\$325.00
Dues with printed Newsletters	\$245.00
Newsletter ads	\$140.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$710.00**

Expenses

GoDaddy.com (Web Site Fee)	\$275.88
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$275.88

Interest **\$1.86**
\$1.86

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

2024

Feb. 26 th	Keith & Kathy Nesbitt John & Deborah Smeltzer
Mar. 25 th	Bill & Deb Hills Ed & Millie Jankowski
Apr.	Bill & Bernice Lindley Ken & Fran Coleman



February 3 Vicky Rosebery
 February 6 Theresa Read
 February 18 Andy Dugan
 February 18 Chris Steffens



February 14 Art Allen & Carletta Beeson Allen

2024 Ladies Night Out

Pick a month you would like to sponsor Ladies Night Out.

Ladies Night Out 2024 Sponsor Sign Up

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

Valentine's Day Cards

According to Hallmark, approximately 145 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged industry-wide (not including packaged kids' valentines for classroom exchanges), making Valentine's Day the second-largest holiday for giving greetings cards.

In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France Australia, Denmark and Italy.

Hallmark founder J.C. Hall began selling Valentine's Day postcards in 1910.

As postcards declined in popularity, Hallmark added greeting cards to its line in 1912. Valentines were added to the company's inventory in 1913.

Hallmark began printing its own greeting card designs in 1915. The company's first Valentine's Day cards appeared on store shelves in 1916.

Hallmark's first greeting cards in 1915 were printed text and line images made from steel die engravings. A hand-fed press would produce between 500-700 cards per hour. The images were then hand-painted, with each artist adding a color.

Silk-screen and airbrush techniques were later added.

(From the Hallmark Corp. Website)



Tours 2024

April 24-29th. Salina Hub Tour. We are finally going to do the tour that Theresa Guenther had planned before Covid hit. We will spend three nights at Salina. While in Salina we will tour the Rolling Hills Zoo, The Garage Auto Museum, and the National Orphan Train Museum in Concordia. Then we will travel to Abilene to tour the Eisenhower Presidential Library. From Abilene we will spend the night in Junction City or Manhattan. On the way home we will tour the Midwest Dream Car Collection. I will have a signup sheet at the March meeting.

May- Model A Youth Month. I am working on a plan for us to do something with kids.

June- National Convention in Ruidoso, NM. We have 6-7 couples planning to go. If you would like to go, see me for information.

July- Lenexa 4th of July Parade

If you have ideas for tours, please let me know.

Thanks,

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

2024 Calendar

- February
 - 17- LEGO Exhibit at Union Station
 - 26 POA Meting
- March
 - TBD Tour of A&M Powder Coating
 - 17 Leavenworth St. Patrick's Day Parade
 - 25 POA Meeting
- April
 - 22 POA Meeting
 - 24-28 Salina Hub Tour
- May
 - 27 POA Meeting and Picnic
- June
 - 23-29th 2024 MAFCA National Convention
 - 24 POA Meeting
- July
 - 4 Lenexa Parade
 - 22 POA Meeting



Jim's Tech Tips

"Preventing Problems with the Starter Switch Rod"

The Starter Switch Rod passes through the firewall and screws into the Starter Switch. You step on the head of the rod to start the car.

You will find that today's reproduction rods screw quite easily into and out of the switch. This can be nice when you are assembling things.

But I have found on more than just a few cars the engine vibration can cause the rod to unscrew itself and back out of the switch. You hit a bump and the rod drops down and makes contact with the post on the starter switch, where the battery cable connects. Yikes! That's a direct short to ground, with a LOT of amps behind it.



So you want to make the rod a bit harder to turn when installing it in the switch. Add a small drop of blue thread locker to the rod before you screw it in, or gently tap the threads a little with a hammer to deform them and make them harder to screw in and out.

Another simple solution, if you are not doing a car for Fine Point Judging (because it is not how the switch was originally done), is to add a 5/16" nut to the threaded end of the rod before screwing it into the switch. When you have the rod where you want it (desired button height inside the car, etc.) use that nut as a jam nut and lock the rod to the switch. It will not back out while driving, but you can easily undo it when you need to take it apart.

Whichever approach you choose, you will have more trouble-free miles if you get ahead of this potential problem. Until next time...

Have a Model A Day!

Jim Cannon

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.

WANTED: Model A front end "toe in" Tool. Yes, I forgot who borrowed it. Please let me know.
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**PLAIN OL' A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB
NEW AND RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Last Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

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Spouse: _____ Email: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Has any of the above information changed since the last Roster? _____

Model & Year of Model A's: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____

Are you interested in Touring? _____ Seminars? _____ Need Help with your Model A? _____

Are you a member of MAFCA? _____ MARC? _____ How long have you owned a Model A? _____

_____ Renewal dues are \$25.00 per year (**DUE BY DECEMBER 31**) and include an email version of the newsletter.

_____ Include a hard copy of the newsletter in addition to the email version with my membership renewal for **an additional annual charge of \$10.00.**

_____ New Member (dues are \$13.00 plus \$1.00 for each month remaining in the year).

_____ New Members may include **an optional .85 cents per month** for a hard copy of the newsletter along with their free email copy.

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

Birthdate(s) (MM/DD) _____

Anniversary Date (MM/DD/YY) _____

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

Bob Hess, Treasurer

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Please be sure to include your email address.

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