

THE PLAIN DEALER

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January 2024

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

Next Meeting
Monday
January 22, 2024

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President's Message

Happy New Year everyone !!!

As we start this new year I just want to say thank you to the club and all its members for electing me to be its new president for 2024.

I look forward to serving you in the new year and getting out enjoying our A's together. We have some really good tours and shows coming up this year as well as some other things in the works.

Look forward to seeing you all at the January meeting.

Ahooga On !

- Andrew Dugan , President.

Restaurant Week

Being our planned Restaurant Week outing with the HOA club was cancelled, I went out and looked for restaurants for us to go to. After checking with several restaurants to see if they could handle a group, here is the restaurant I chose.

District Pour House and Kitchen
11101 Johnson Drive (next door to where we meet)
Shawnee, KS 66203

We will meet at 11:00 on January 18th for lunch. Lunch is \$20 + tax and gratuity.

Please let me know if you would like to attend and how many by the end of the day next Sunday January 14th. I need to give the restaurant a head count on Monday.

Please email me or call or text.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2024						
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7	8 ★ <small>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</small>	9	10	11	12	13
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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25	26	27	28	29		

Time to Renew

It's time to renew your Club membership for 2024. Please fill out the registration form on the last page of this newsletter and mail it to Bob Hess. It's very important you fill out the renewal form so that the Club has your current contact information. Also, all club members are entitled to an electronic copy of the monthly newsletter, but the Club is also offering the option of receiving the newsletter by mail. Renewals should be mailed to Bob Hess at the address on the renewal form on the last page of the newsletter.

2024 Club Officers

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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 New Year!

I hope everyone is well and had a fabulous holiday season and New Year.

I haven't had a chance to write any cards or call anyone recently with all the holiday to-do's, so please let me know if cards need to be sent. My plan is to get back on track this month. ??

Again, hope everyone is well. Stay warm and safe during this cold weather!

Ahooga on!

Deborah Smeltzer
913-526-6977

Thank You!

My thanks to the club for the generous Christmas gift. It is very much appreciated.

Joyce Tweedy



January 3	Nancy Hess
January 3	Bob Arnold
January 5	Delores Goodrich
January 9	Vicky Mills
January 9	Toni Warnell
January 10	Deborah Smeltzer
January 16	Terri Burton
January 19	Joann Arnold
January 23	Bob Van den Berghe
January 24	Lea Van den Berghe

Treasurer's Report - December 2023

Income

Dues	\$250.00	
Dues with printed Newsletters	\$105.00	
Newsletter 1/4 page ad	\$50.00	
Raffle & Name Tag	\$39.00	
Transfer from Money Market	\$1,800.00	
Interest	\$ 1.88	
TOTAL INCOME		\$2,245.88

Expenses

Oct. Nov. & Dec. Newsletters	\$85.00	
MAFCA Dues	\$75.00	
Embassy Suites Christmas Party	\$2,008.23	
USPO Postage Stamps	\$28.23	
Office Supplies	\$7.73	
Donations	\$1,488.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$3,692.19

Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer

Mnemonic

Thirty days has September,
 April, June and November.
 Unless a leap year is its fate,
 February has twenty-eight.
 All the rest have three days more,
 excepting January,
 which has six thousand,
 one hundred and eighty-four.

Brian Bilston

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	
<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

Tours 2024

I am working on 2024 tour items. If you have suggestions of places to go Please let me know. Here is what I'm looking at so far:

January 12-21st is KC Restaurant Week. Our outing with the HOA club was cancelled, so our group will be going to the District Pour House and Kitchen for lunch on January 18. Please see page 1 of this newsletter for details.

April/May - We are finally going to do the tour that Theresa Guenther had planned before Covid hit to the Orphan Train Museum. I am working with Theresa to come up with a date and schedule.

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

June - National Convention.

Bill Hills
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2024 Calendar

January

- 12-21st KC Restaurant Week
- 18 Lunch at District Pour House and Kitchen
- 22 POA Meeting

February

- 26 POA Meeting

March

- 17 Leavenworth St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 25 POA Meeting

April

- 22 POA Meeting

May

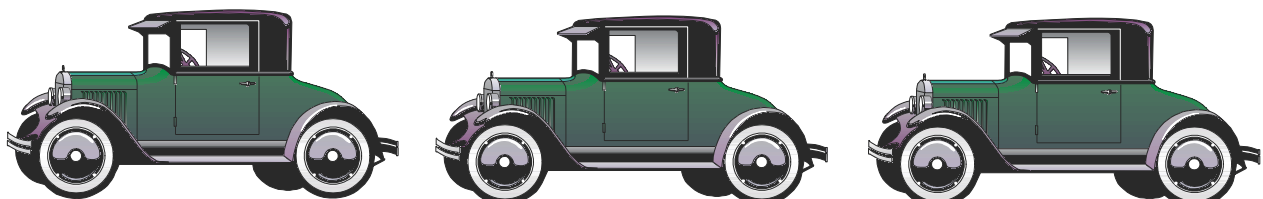
- 27 POA Meeting and Picnic

June

- 23-29th 2024 MAFCA National Convention
- 24 POA Meeting

July

- 4 Lenexa Parade
- 22 POA Meeting



Reprinted from the May 2005 Newsletter.

Model A Regional Meets

By Ron and Theresa Guenther

We have been in the Model A hobby for over twenty years, and we still get excited when June rolls around. Every June there is a Model A Regional Meet held somewhere in the Midwest area. As we were filling out our registration form for this year's regional in Colorado Springs, we got to reminiscing about other regionals we've attended.

We bought our first Model A ('29 Roadster) in 1982 in Norton, Kansas. Going to Norton and picking up the roadster is another story in itself, but we won't get into that right now.

Shortly after getting our roadster, our friends, Dave and Sue Ryan, talked us into going to Omaha for our first of many regional meets. We were reluctant to try and drive our new Model A all the way to Omaha but Dave kept telling us that the roadster would make it, so we packed it up and off we went. We met Dave and Sue early in the morning and drove to Platte City where we met up with Bob and Joyce Swigert. Dave was right all along, our roadster made it with flying colors. After experiencing our first regional meet, we were hooked.

We have attended regionals where it rained most of the week, or when the temperature stayed in the 100's all week. The different types of weather conditions we've encountered have never kept us from having a good time, though. We have met some of the best people in the world (Model A'ers) while attending regional meets. We have formed some long lasting friendships with not only the folks we've traveled with, but with folks from other clubs too. We have seen families grow up, and we have lost a few good friends along the way.

As our family grew, the need for a bigger car became apparent (no room in a roadster for us, two kids, grandma, and luggage), so the hunt began for a four door sedan. We bought our four door from a guy in Omaha (another good story), and restored it in 1988-1989.

Museums, lakes, parks, state capitols, train trips, boat trips, and seminars (men's and women's) are just some of the activities we've done while attending regionals. All of these adventures always include lots of eating and conclude with a banquet on the last night.

Part of the fun of regionals is "kicking tires" in the parking lot of the hotels in the evening. There is always someone's Model A to stick your head under the hood of. Open the hood on a Model A and you are guaranteed to draw a crowd.

One of the most memorable regionals we've have ever attended was the Colorado Springs trip in 1993. The highlight of this trip was the drive to the top of Pike's Peak. We thought this would take all day, but to our surprise, it took only about four and a half hours round trip from the hotel. The Colorado folks had a "How to drive Pike's Peak" seminar the night before our trip up the mountain. They told us that on the trip down the mountain if you used your brakes more than 10 times you were doing it wrong. Our kids started counting, and we used ours only 7 or 8 times, so we guessed we did it right.

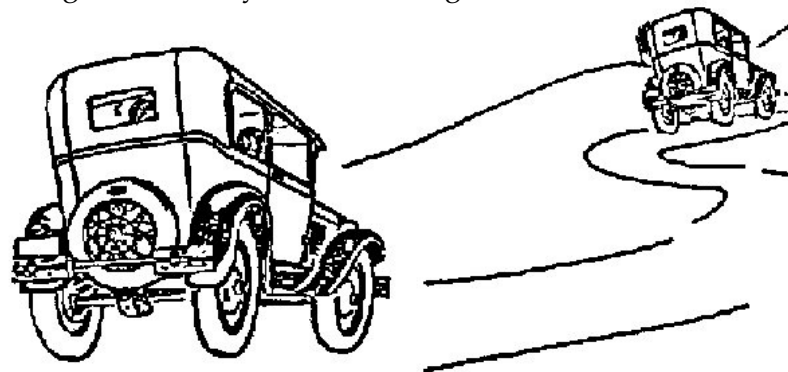
In all the years we've been attending regional meets, our groups have only had one car that did not return home under its own power. We've had some breakdowns along the way, but we've always made it safe and sound.

This years regional slogan is "Relive the Journey", and we are planning to do just that.

If you have never been to a regional meet, plan on attending one. If you haven't been to one in several years, "Relive the Journey".

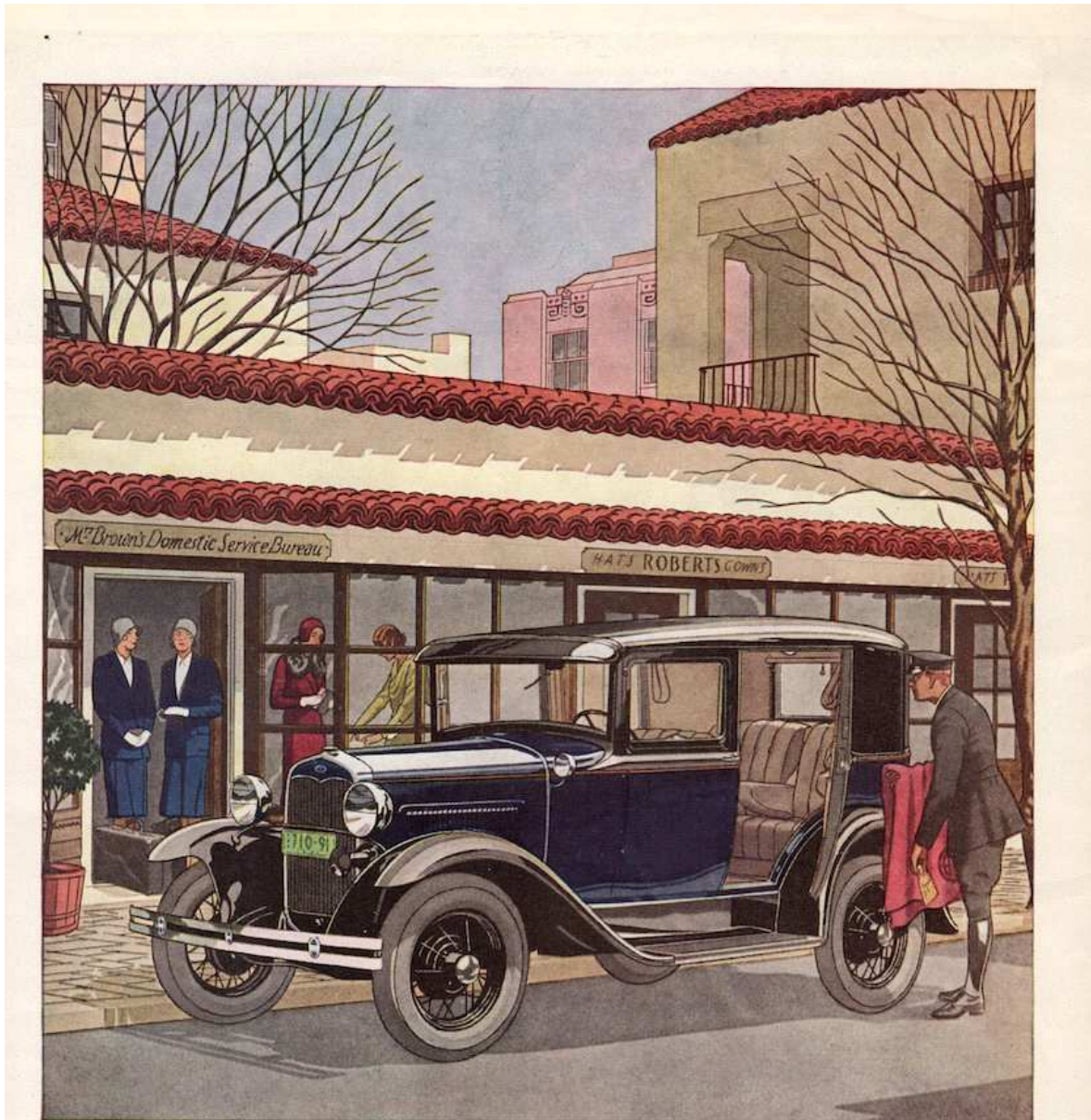
It's time to wake up our Model A's and get them ready to start touring.

"Pikes Peak Or Bust 2005".



Vintage Ford Ad

This ad is from the February 1931 Literary Digest and was submitted to the MAFCA collection of vintage ads by John Lavoy.



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THE BEAUTY of fine upholstery gives charm and distinction to the interior of the new Ford De Luxe Sedan.

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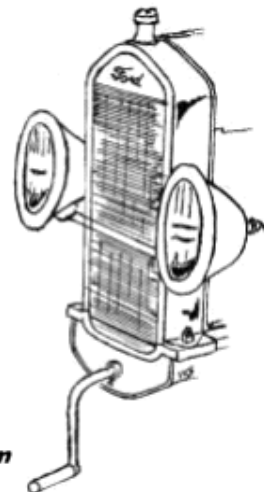
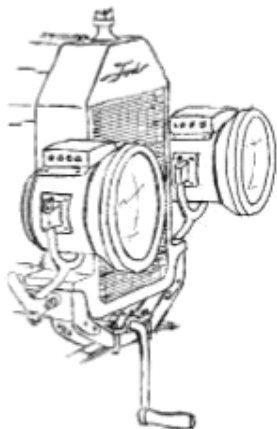
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Model T Ford Winter Clinic

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January 19 & 20, 2024

McPherson College - Templeton Hall

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McPherson, Kansas

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Friday, January 19

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM - Meet & Greet at Host Motel (*Hospitality Room closed during dinner*)

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM - NOTE: Change of venue - "No Host" BBQ Buffet at The McPherson Museum, 1111 E. Kansas Ave., McPherson, KS (Museum is only open for us)

Saturday, January 20

7:30 AM - Doors open. \$10 Registration - payable at the door. Coffee & Donuts, Model Ts on Display, Tour McPherson College Auto Restoration facilities

Morning Session

Starting at 8:30 AM - Model T Ignition Systems - Larry Azevedo

What to Take with You on a Long-Distance Tour - Mike Bender

Noon to 1:00 PM - Lunch on your own - (Many restaurants nearby)

Afternoon Session

History & Restoration of an Original 300 cu.in. Ford Model T Racer - Rob Heyen

McPherson College Student Presentation on his Long-Distance Travels in a Model T

Ending approximately 3:00 PM

Accommodations

Host Motel - Hampton Inn McPherson

200 Centennial Dr.

McPherson, KS 67460

(620) 480-2990

Mention the "Model T Ford Club" to receive a discounted room rate.

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For further information contact: Chris Paulsen Ph. (316) 648-7887

Email: cp7254@hotmail.com

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Of the Model T Ford Club of America



Bulletin Board

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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.
Ken and Fran Coleman

For Sale:

All new parts were purchased from Snyder's Antique Auto Parts:

Block was bored to 80 thousands over standard
new rings

new pistons (balance on digital analytical balance)

new stainless steel valve and two piece valve guides (valves and guides ground and fitted)

main bearing and rods poured with new babbit and line bored, pins fitted (Paul' rod and bearing) (Rods balanced on digital analytical balance)

new adjustable tappets

new head studs and nuts

new valve springs

Crank journals 10 thousands under (NAPA)

Block boiled, bored and surfaced (NAPA)

Block water jackets pressure tested SEPT '23 - no cracks

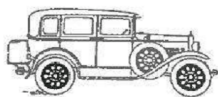
Included is an assembled short block with an engine pan without a head. All side panels, pipe and timing covers installed without gaskets

\$2800.00

Contact Ed Jankowski at 785-690 -7170 home or 402-676-6951 cell (10/23)

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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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 - Email: _____
- I give MAFCA permission to publish my name and contact information: Yes ___ No ___

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- www.mafca.com, our official website, Email newsletters, Flying Quail flyingquail@yahoo.com and MAFCA on the Road mafca_ontheroad@yahoo.com
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- *The Coupe Book, Tudor Book, The Victoria Book*
- *Mechanics handbook Vol. I, Vol II and the Trouble Shooting Guide by Les Andrews*
- *Model A Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards*
- *Model A & AA Paint & Finish Guide and the New How to Restore Your Model A Vol 10*



Mail Application to:
Model A Ford Club of America
250 S. Cypress St.
La Habra, CA 90631-5515





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

Last Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

First: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Spouse: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

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

12731 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64145

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