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The Club meets
the 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Shawnee Masonic Lodge

Next Meeting
Memorial Day Picnic
May 29, 2023

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President's Message

It is May.

A funny story happened on the Louisburg tour a few weeks ago. The weather was a bit overcast. It was perfect for the memorial services for long-time club member, George Lauppe. This drew away a fair number of regular tour participants and so our numbers were very limited that day.

We arrived at the Cider Mill and were approached in the parking lot by a younger man interested in the cars. We answered all of his questions and provided a very enthusiastic picture of the joys of Model A ownership. We even let him sit behind the wheel to try one on for size. He was impressed. All was going well. Then the inevitable...

"I've heard the joke that Henry Ford would allow you to get them in any color, as long as it was black...so I guess that is wrong." With a sweep of the hand toward our cars, he continued, "Did they have other colors than green?" Spinning around, I immediately understood his concern. All of the Model A's present were a shade of green...not one in a shade of brown, blue, yellow or red! I hadn't noticed.

It took me back to the first time I bought a car. I loved it but boy, oh, boy, did I ever notice how many cars identical to mine were around. Every one I encountered made mine less special.

It was crazy that I was having that same emotional response until I remembered that these cars really are special. Special ...to have survived 90-some years and still be on the road. Special ...for there really are just a relative few. Special ...because there were so many models and colors and accessories, no two are the same. Special ...because they trigger smiles and waves like no others.

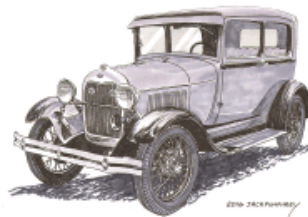
Take your special self out in your special car for a special time. Return the smiles. Wave back and don't spare the horn.

Just don't park next to me if your car is green.

Ahoogo On!

- John Smeltzer, President

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Change in May Meeting Date and Time

The May meeting will be held just prior to the Memorial Day picnic on May 29, 2023, at the Miller Park in De Soto, Kansas. Please try to arrive by 11:00.

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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.

Memorial Day Picnic

The Memorial Day picnic will be held on May 29 at DeSoto Park. Try and be there by 11:00 and it is bring your own lunch. During the lunch we will have a short meeting. After the lunch and meeting we will do an ice cream tour and grab a little dessert.

- Andy Dugan



Sunshine Report

Happy May!

Several cards were sent in late April and early May:

- Sympathy cards were sent to the family of long-time member, George Lauppe. A card was sent to George's wife, Marceil, and another card was sent to Austin Anders, grandson of George and Marceil. At the April meeting, Chuck Marcus led a moment of silence for George and his family and also shared that going forward, Austin is going to look after George's cars for him.

- A get-well card was sent to Georgia Bianchi, who recently fell and injured her tail bone. Please keep Georgia and Alan in your thoughts as Georgia recovers.

Hope you are able to get out and about and enjoy the spring weather we are having!

Deborah Smeltzer, Sunshine Chair

April 2023 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on April 24, 2022 at the Masonic Hall. President John Smeltzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Guests and New Members-Lanny Rake was 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. The current membership count is 81.

Sunshine Report-George Lauppe died.

Ladies' Night Out-There will be no ladies' night out in May.

Seminars-Handouts from the water pump seminar are available.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

- April 29-Craneworks factory tour
- May 13-Youth event
- May 29-Picnic at DeSoto park
- June 11-16--Regional meet in Breckenridge CO
- July 4-Lenexa parade
- July 16-21-National tour
- August-Possible tour to Truman Library

Car Shows-The following shows are being considered:

- June 17-Olathe Ford
- July 16-Great American Car Show at Liberty Memorial

Gateway Classics car museum wants car clubs to hold meetings there

Website-Joe is working on a vendor list for the website.

Bonding of Treasurer-Bonding is rather costly. John will check into an internal review process.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by Bob Pettit and Bill and Deb Hills.

Nancy Hess, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - April 2023

Income

Dues	\$70.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$70.00

Expenses

Newsletters - Jan., Feb. And March	\$67.83	
IRS Not for Profit Form 990-N Filing Fee	\$20.85	
State of Kansas Not for Profit Filing Fee	\$40.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		-\$128.68

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 (913-481-6658; fcole61@gmail.com). Thank you, everyone for helping!

Fran Coleman

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

June 26 th	Steve & Julie Woerdehoff Joe & Joanie Nicholas
July 24 th	Bill & Bernice Lindley Cort Miller & Karen Garber-Miller
Aug 28 th	Darrell & Deb Enloe Janet & Dennis Crowley
Sept 25 th	Bob & Nancy Hess Robert Montgomery
Oct. 23 rd	Dave & Sue Ryan Harvey & Vicky Rosenberry
Nov. 27 th	Ron & Theresa Guenther Alan South & Georgia Bianchi



Tours 2023

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

We had 4 cars for the April 22nd "Blow the Dust Off Tour" to Louisburg. We had a very nice lunch at Miss Bees and stopped by the Cider Mill on our way home.

We had many HOAs and POAs turn out for the Craneworks tour. Mr. Collis has very impressive collections at his office and home. Thanks Dave for the tour. Many that went on the tour also had lunch at Johnnie's BBQ.

May is Model A Youth Month. On May 13th we will join the Heart of America at Lance Burton's house to help the Boy Scouts with their Automotive Merit Badge. We have 25 Scouts that want to come if their parents are OK with it.

We have 7-8 members going to the Regional in Breckenridge, Colorado June 11- 16th.

June 29th the 2023 Great Race will stop in Emporia for lunch. I was thinking we could drive down to see the cars come in and have lunch. It is interesting to see all the different cars that compete in the cross country race. I will have a sign-up sheet at the June meeting for anyone who would like to go.

I have everything set up for the Lenexa 4th of July Parade. I will have more information at the June meeting and a sign-up sheet. As always we will be going to Zarda BBQ for lunch.

We have 4-5 members planning to attend the National Tour July 16-21 in Ind/Mich. There is still time to get registered if you would like to go.

On August 5th we will go to the Truman Library and Museum and have lunch. I am working with the HOA club on this tour. More information to come.

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

Bill Hills

bill.hills.sh@gmail.com

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May 30, 1868 Civil War dead honored on Decoration Day

By proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, the first major Memorial Day observance is held to honor those who died "in defense of their country during the late rebellion." Known to some as "Decoration Day," mourners honored the Civil War dead by decorating their graves with flowers. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

The 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances that had taken place in various locations in the three years since the end of the Civil War. In fact, several cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Mississippi; Macon, Georgia; Richmond, Virginia; Boalsburg, Pennsylvania; and Carbondale, Illinois. In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon B. Johnson, declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo--which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866--because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 19th century, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day, and after World War I, observers began to honor the dead of all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. It is customary for the president or vice president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. More than 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually. Several Southern states continue to set aside a special day for honoring the Confederate dead, which is usually called Confederate Memorial Day.

From the HistoryChannel.com

2023 Calendar

May 13 Youth Month at Lance Burton's
May 29 POA Picnic

June 11-16 Regional Meeting in Breckenridge, CO. You can find the registration info at MAFCC.org.
June 26 POA Meeting @ 7:00
June 29 The 2023 Great Race will stop in Emporia for lunch.

July 4 Fourth of July Parade - Lenexa
July 16-21 National Tour- Indiana/Michigan
July 24 POA Meeting @ 7:00

August- 5 Truman Library. More info to come
August 28 POA Meeting @ 7:00

September 25 POA Meeting @ 7:00

October- 23 POA Meeting @ 7:00

November 27 POA Meeting @ 7:00





Harvey Rosenberry May 16
Justine Collis May 25
Bob Montgomery May 27



Al & Linda Prothe May 8
John & Deborah Smeltzer May 15
Bob & Nancy Hess May 17
Bill & Lorrie Carter May 20
Dick & Mary Knapp May 27

May Trivia

The month of May is:

- Clean Air Month, created by the EPA and other health organizations
- National Bike Month
- National Arthritis Month (US)
- National Barbecue Month, In 1982 when the industry figured it was time to acknowledge that this is the time when 'the season' typically began.
- May's flower is the lily of the valley.
- May's birth stone is the emerald.
- May in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to November in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa.

George Lauppe

Long-time Plain Ol' s A's member, George Lauppe, passed away on April 10, 2023. Below is a reprint of his obituary from the Lawrence World Journal.com.

George passed away on April 10, 2023, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be held in Burden Cemetery on June 2 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a lunch meal at the Tisdale Methodist Church east of Winfield, Kansas.

George was born on January 2, 1935, in Winfield, KS, the son of Harold Omer and Ione Elizabeth (Ruggles) Lauppe. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sister, Darlene Hart, and brother, Dwain Lauppe.

He married Hazel Marceil Ring on December 27, 1955, in Burden, KS and she resides in Lawrence. Other survivors include his children, George/Monte Lauppe (Annette) and Sonya Anders (Dale), sister-in-law, Jaurene Lauppe, brother-in-law, Neal Hart, grandchildren, Shane Lauppe (Andrea), Craig Lauppe (Lindsay), Austin Anders, Aaron Anders (MiKayla), Augustus Anders, and great-grandchildren, Owen, Cora, Everly, Harper, Adam and AuRoara.

George enjoyed spending time with his family, teaching, woodworking, antique cars, and sharing stories with friends and family members. He passed on many of these skills to his family members.

George was raised on a farm near Burden, KS, attended the Silver Creek one-room grade school, was a Cowley County 4-H member, and graduated from Burden HS in 1953. He pursued higher education at Arkansas City Jr. College, BS degree in education from Southwestern College, and Masters from Pittsburgh State University. He served 10 years in the Army Reserves.

Working for other local farmers, George saved money for college. While attending Southwestern College, he worked the night shift at the Armour and Company in their creamery department. After completing his education, he took a position at Haskell High School, currently Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, where he taught Driver's Education, Drafting, Blueprint Reading, and worked in the Dean of Instruction's office for 28 years. After retirement, he worked as an appraiser for Douglas County for several years before his final retirement.

Restoring antique cars was George's passion. He helped restore the 1921 Milburn light Electric Car which is on display at the Watkins Museum of History in Lawrence, his 1917 Liberty, 1926 Chevy Coupe, 1929 Model A and a 1957 Chevy. George was a member of many car clubs, and his first club was the Lawrence Antique Automobile Club. He also was a member of the Topeka Regional Antique Automobile Club, Wichita Reg. Horseless Carriage Club, and Plain Ol' A's Model A Ford Club out of Kansas City. He enjoyed many car tours including driving his Model A to Alaska and back.

George and Marceil loved playing pitch, Chicken Foot dominos, and enjoyed eating with a group of friends for over 40 years. Vacations and traveling included many family reunions, plus trips to Hawaii and taking their entire family to the Rose Bowl parade for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Faith was always an important part of George's life starting out attending Tisdale Methodist Church and later becoming life members of the Lawrence First United Methodist church where he was an usher, attended adult Sunday school, and helped with many committees while making lifelong friends. If he thought he could help you with a kind word, a listening ear, or being generous he would.

The family suggest memorials in George's name to the Lawrence First United Methodist Church, Haskell Indian Nation University scholarship fund, Watkins Museum, or Visiting Nurses Association in Lawrence and may be sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 120 W. 13th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

Memorial services for George were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22, 2023, at First United Methodist Church in Lawrence, Kansas.



Another Blast from the Past

Thanks to John Smeltzer for another article from a past newsletter. The following article by Ed Kluber was published in the November 1993 issue of The Plain Dealer.

MY MODEL T EXPERIENCE

"An Ed Kluber Story"

I grew up in the small central Kansas town of Wilson during the depression. My father worked as an engineer at the municipal power plant and was previously an auto mechanic. (didn't Henry Ford do something like that? ed.) One day, when I was about ten or eleven, I was riding with my dad past the local dairy at the north edge of town. My dad pointed out an old truck parked next to a barn and told me it was a Model T truck that had been the city fire truck years before.

Dad bought the truck and pulled it to my grandmother's place at the edge of town (must have been the other edge. ed.). The truck was put into an old barn where I helped overhaul it. I was the go-fer during that time. It was interesting to learn about the use of a so-called hot-shot battery to start the "T". We would place four wood encased ignition coils behind my grandmother's kitchen cook stove to keep them dry.

After the truck was running I was allowed to drive it around the yard. This was easy since I only had to push the low or reverse pedals down to make it go. The seat was just a board on top of the gas tank and if I leaned back I could use the front of the truck bed as a backrest. This seems crude by later standards but it was so exciting then that it didn't matter. The truck was open cab with only the windshield for protection.

Several times dad and I would travel about fourteen miles into the country to get loads of wood for use in my grandmother's wood stove. I would get to drive part way sitting between my dad's legs. The wood was picked up at the bottom of a deep valley in the pasture. Coming up the steep rise, the truck would start to miss and backfire because the engine couldn't get gasoline by gravity feed from the tank. When this happened dad would just press the reverse pedal, turn the truck and back up the hill. What fun!

By the time I had learned how to crank the "T" to get

it started, I would ride by bicycle to my grandmother's, start the "T", and drive it out of the barn and around the yard in low and reverse and then back it into the barn. One afternoon I started the "T" and was standing watching the engine run when I noticed the brass nut holding the spark plug wire on the plug was loose. My dad had taught me to use only one hand when working around electricity, so I put one hand behind my back and grabbed the spark plug nut with the other. ZAP! I got shocked at my finger, elbow, and where my legs were touching the fender. I stood back and told myself that I was grounded on the fender and if I stood away from the fender and having rubber sole shoes, I'd be okay. So I bent over the fender and grabbed the plug again. ZAP! Shocked again. I was now confused about electricity so I put the "T" away.

Later my cousin, who was one and a half years older than I, came to visit and we were running the "T". It wasn't running quite right so my cousin said we should shut it off and take out a spark plug. I don't know what we were supposed to find. We took out the plug and the same brass nut that I had touched when I was shocked, fell into the spark plug hole. That worried me but my cousin said not to worry because it went into the water jacket and wouldn't hurt anything. We put the plug back in and started the engine. It ran terribly, so we shut it off and went home.

I thought about it for several days and then told my dad what had happened. He got a little excited. later we took the head off the engine and there was the brass nut stuck under a valve. We put the engine back together and it ran fine.

My dad then told me not to believe everything my cousin told me. Dad sold the truck later on and I learned to drive newer vehicles but I have never forgotten my experience with that model "T".

MAFFI Minute

Dear Model A'ers,

Model A Days are set for Friday and Saturday, September 15-16 this year. As always, it will be held at the Gilmore Museum Complex in Hickory Corners Michigan. It is not too early to book your hotel.

Information for the Host Hotel is available at the following location

Ford Model A Convention Block 2023
Delta Hotels Kalamazoo Conference Center
2747 South 11th Street Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009:
1-269-375-6000

Last Day to Book: Tuesday, August 22, 2023

\$129.00 USD per night (These rates are available from September 11-18, 2023.)

MAFFI Model A Days Events and Registration forms are available now on the Gilmore Website or by searching, "Gilmore Car Museum/Ford Model A Days". To participate in some activities this year you must preregistration by September 1, 2023.

Charles M (Mike) DuBreuil
MAFFI Trustee/Secretary
secretary@maffi.org



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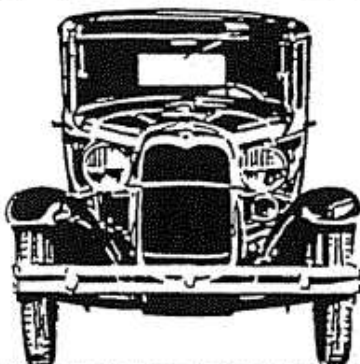
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