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November 2023

The Club meets
the 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Shawnee Masonic Lodge

Next Meeting
Monday
November 27, 2023

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President's Message

It is November.

Halloween is gone. Thanksgiving is on the way. Temperatures are dropping. Leaves are falling. Clocks rolled back an hour and darkness crowds out our daytime. Winter is near.

You've seen it before...many times. Your Model A's have been around some 90 Novembers. In November 1933 alone, these cars witnessed many significant events occurred which shaped the 20th century and affect us still. (I've outlined a few from Wikipedia below.) Other Novembers had equally important events.

So...take advantage of these remaining temperate days to get your car out and about. It will provide an excellent photo op. You and your Model A in the midst of these wonderfully colored leaves should be captured for Christmas cards...or even better, The Plain Dealer ...or maybe future generations. Go make some history!

Ahooooga On!

- John Smeltzer, President

November 1933 events from Wikipedia

- 11/04/33 Sally Rand, who had attained fame doing the suggestive "fan dance", announced that she was giving up her signature routine.
- 11/09/33 - As part of his New Deal programs, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 6420-B, creating the Civil Works Administration, an organization designed to create jobs for more than 4 million of the unemployed.
- 11/11/33 The first dust storm in the "Dust Bowl" swept through South Dakota and stripped away almost all of the loose topsoil by the end of the first day, and making the skies black by the second day.
- 11/12/33 Voters in Germany overwhelmingly approved Adolf Hitler's decision to withdraw from the League of Nations.
- 11/14/33 Italy's Prime Minister Benito Mussolini, "abolishing at one stroke the ancient Italian parliamentary system", dissolved the Chamber of Deputies and turned over legislative power to the "National Guild Council" as part of plans for a "Corporate State".
- 11/17/33 U.S. President Roosevelt announced the recognition of the Soviet Union, and the appointment of William C. Bullitt as the first American Ambassador to the U.S.S.R.
- 11/18/33 The Japanese Army began a 16-day battle with Korean nationalists in the Yanji region, on the border between China and what is now North Korea;
- 11/22/33 Gangsters Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were both wounded in an ambush set up near Sowers, Texas, by the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, but escaped.
- 11/27/33 A break in the Lindbergh baby kidnapping case was realized when a teller at a New York City bank came across one of the gold certificates that had been part of the ransom money delivered to the kidnapper. The teller would later be a witness against Bruno Hauptmann when he was put on trial.
- 11/29/33 Vernon C. Miller, 37, American gangster who had led the "Kansas City massacre" on June 17, was found murdered near Detroit.



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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

Well, after cold rainy weather in late October, my fingers are crossed that we have several good weeks of fall weather left here in the Kansas City area for November as I am way behind in my fall chores. The gardens still need a good raking out, bulbs need to be planted, and the holiday lights need to be hung at the Smeltzer house. We also want to drive the "A" up for the Leavenworth parade this weekend. All of these things are a lot more fun to do when the sun is shining!

As shared at the October meeting, Bob Arnold was expected to stay at KU Med a couple more weeks to fully recover from heart issues. Get well cards were sent in October to let him know that we were thinking of him and keeping him in our thoughts.

Please continue to also keep Bruce and Vicky Mills in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to navigate health issues. Get well cards were sent to them both in October.

If cards should be sent to any other members, please let me know.

Lots of events still going on, so there is still time to get the car out. We hope to see you at the Leavenworth parade, an upcoming meeting or the Holiday Party in December. Until then, Ahooga on!

Deborah Smeltzer
913-526-6977

Please Welcome New Members:

Charles & Charlotte Wilkes
770-652-4786
Email: caw-1@att.net
6800 West 156th Street
Overland Park, KS 66223
1931 Tudor

October 2023 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on October 23, 2023 at the Masonic Hall. President John Smeltzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Guests and New Members—No guests or new members 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—Vicky Mills is still not feeling well. Bob Arnold is hospitalized with heart issues.

Ladies' Night Out—We will eat at Cinzetti's on November 15.

Seminars—No seminars are planned.

Tours—The following activities are being planned:

October 28 Trunk or Treat at Gateway Classic Cars

November 4 Strawberry Hill Museum

November 11 Leavenworth Parade

Car Shows—The following shows are being considered:

October 28 Trunk or Treat at Gateway Classic Cars

Webmaster—Joe was not present. He is working on the vendor list.

Future Regionals—We have no additional information.

Christmas Party—The Christmas party will be held on December 3 at Embassy Suites.

Officer Elections—Elections will be held at the November meeting. The nominating committee includes Alan South and Ron and Theresa Guenther. They presented the following slate of candidates:

President Andy Dugan

Vice-President Steve Woerdehoff

Secretary Nancy Hess

Treasurer Bob Hess

Refreshments—Refreshments were provided by Dave and Sue Ryan and Harvey and Vicky Roseberry.

– Nancy Hess, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - October 2023

Income

Dues & Newsletters	\$60.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$60.00

Expenses

July, August, September		
Newsletters	\$76.77	
TOTAL EXPENSES		-\$76.77

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; fc Coleman@gmail.com).

Thank you, everyone for helping!

Fran Coleman

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

Nov. 27th Ron & Theresa Guenther
Alan South & Georgia Bianchi

December - Christmas Party

2024

Jan. 22nd Ross & Toni Warnell
Dennis & Debbie Burks

Feb. 26th Keith & Kathy Nesbitt
John & Deborah Smeltzer

Mar. 25th Bill & Deb Hills
Ed & Millie Jankowski



Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 3, 2023, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Olathe at 10401 S. Ridgeview Road (just south of the intersection of Hwy -10 and Ridgeview Road).

2024 Proposed Officers

President	Andy Dugan
Vice-President	Steve Woerdehoff
Secretary	Nancy Hess
Treasurer	Bob Hess

November Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out is November 15th at Cinzetti's, 7201 West 91st, Overland Park, Kansas.

Please arrive by 6:00

Andy & Christine Dugan
816-548-7436

Voting will be at the November 27 meeting.

Tours 2023

We had a good turn out for the Fall Color Tour on October 21st to the New Amelia Earhart Hanger Museum. We had 20+ people attend and several drove their Model A's. The museum is very interesting. If you haven't been there, it is worth the trip. We went to Pete's Steakhouse for lunch. It is a great place to eat.

Trunk or Treat on October 28th at Gateway Classic Cars was cancelled because of weather.

Our Cold Weather Tour on November 4th to the Strawberry Hill Museum and Cultural Center was well attended. We had 20 people attend and 5 of us drove Model A's. We had a good lunch at Rosedale BBQ.

Leavenworth Veteran's Day Parade is November 11th. We'll meet at McDonald's at 9:00 a.m. and leave for the staging area at about 9:30 a.m. Looks like the weather will be good.

The Veteran's Day Parade is the end of our formal driving season but that doesn't mean you can't get your car out on a nice day and take it for a ride. Of course there is always winter maintenance to be done to get your car ready for next year's driving season. I have a couple of items to do this winter.

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- KC Restaurant Week. I'm working with Chuck Lewis from the HOA club to come up with a place to go.
- 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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913-406-2085

2023 Calendar

- Nov.- 27 POA Meeting @ 7:00
- December 3 POA Christmas Party





Lance & Terri Burton November 1
 Harvey & Vicky Roseberry November 8
 Doug & Diane Belt November 15
 Ken & Fran Coleman November 20

Lance Burton November 5
 Deb Hills November 8
 Anne Hodgdon November 10
 Dennis Burks November 11
 Mary Knapp November 27
 John Smeltzer November 28

The Literary Digest for March 29, 1930



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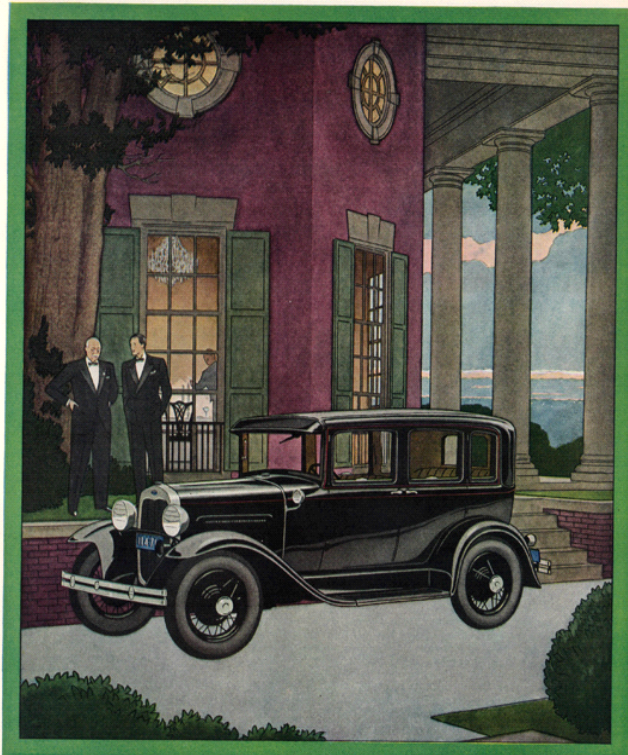
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The Literary Digest for March 29, 1930



THE NEW FORD TOWN SEDAN Distinguished by its beauty of line and mechanical excellence. Among its features are . . . fully enclosed internal expanding four-wheel brakes, four Houdaille double-acting hydraulic shock absorbers, Triplex shatter-proof glass windshield, 55 to 65 miles an hour, quick acceleration, reliability, economy and long life. A distinct forward step is the use of Rustless Steel for the head lamps, radiator shell, hub caps, coat finish strip, tail lamp, and other exposed metal parts. It will not rust, tarnish, corrode or scale in any weather and will retain its bright brilliance for the life of the car.

Reprinted from the April 2005 Plain Dealer.

Are They Not Wonderful!

In the spring of 1946 I graduated from high school. I was going to help on the farm that summer then go to college in the fall. Some of you may remember the old country schools. Mulberry was 2 ½ miles from my parent's farm. The school board came up and asked if I would go to summer school that summer and then teach their school that fall. My grandmother was also teaching a country school so she and I got a room together down at Emporia and attended college. Wouldn't the young people today be excited about doing that?

September came and I drove my Dad's 1929 Model A PU to teach 9 students in 7 grades, carry in the water, sweep the floor, build the fire and scoop snow in the winter. Oh yes, we had the path out back and a little lean-to for the students to tie their horses. Wasn't that exciting for a 17 year old? It was a good 8 months and I earned \$1800, which almost paid for my 1st year of college. It was a good time. I loved the kids. They worked so hard and knew if they got their lessons done in good time about once a week we would do something special like an extra recess, a hike in the woods, maybe even pile into the PU and go to a neighboring school for a softball game one afternoon.

After marrying Herman Spacek (a Ford & Chevy man), I lived and worked in Homeport; saved my allotment checks until he was discharged and bought a deep freeze and a new car (my choice). We ordered the 1956 Dodge from my dealer cousin who gave us some discount. My parents were Mopar people and we still are. I did let Herman pick the style and all that stuff men know about. It was beautiful and he became a Mopar man.

Herman went back to his job at Goodyear but was a little lost because he got off at 3:00 and had nothing to do but play with the first baby. One day he drug home a Model A and worked under the shade tree until it was time to paint it then built a shed big enough to hold it. It wasn't long until he came home with 2 more. He fixed up a 2-door for him and the guy up the street to drive to work. Wasn't long until we moved to Rossville and built a house with guess what? A nice big garage workshop. By then I was driving the 2-door for a second car when he drove the Dodge to work. This poor lady driving around and taking the 3 little ones to the doctor, etc in that old car.

Wasn't long until he drug home an Airflow; the biggest mess I had ever seen. Thought it should have gone on to the dump. He decided there were too many A's so he wanted something more rare. We sold the A's because we couldn't afford to keep them all. One weekend we got a sitter for the kids and drove the coupe to Wisconsin and traded it for a 1928 Studebaker and drove it home the next day. Now we had an old car for touring and fun and could haul all the kids.

No matter what kind of old cars he bought, Herman always wished he had kept a Model A. So many nice memories, trips, picnics, rides out in the boonies, taking a baby for a ride to put it to sleep at night, etc. Now after 4 years of being married to Mike (5 Fords/2 Chevy's) I've divided Herman's cars among Candy, Doug, and Lou.

So back to Model A. I really enjoy Mike's and also the Model T we share. I always wondered why people thought them so great, now I know. The antique touring hobby gives us a chance to see many parts of the country we wouldn't see otherwise, but the greatest joy is seeing old acquaintances and meeting new friends. After the 1st of the year we are ready for another antique car tour. We called some of our friends the other night just to visit and make sure they are going to some of the same tours that we have planned. I can't think of another way that I would like to vacation. It's really the people that make this world so great.

- June Unrein

MARCEIL LAUPPE

KANSAS HOME CARE AND HOSPICE ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

Marceil Lauppe was awarded a well deserved award recently. She was accepted into the Kansas Home Care and Hospice Association Hall of Fame!!

Marceil Lauppe is officially a member of the Kansas Home Care and Hospice Association Hall Of Fame! What a great way to honor a lifetime career at the Visiting Nurses Association. She is one of those people who has truly changed countless lives, thanks to her contribution and to visiting nurses, and yet does not expect anything in return. She is a true humanitarian and is the most caring person you will ever meet.

CONGRATULATIONS, MARCEIL !!!

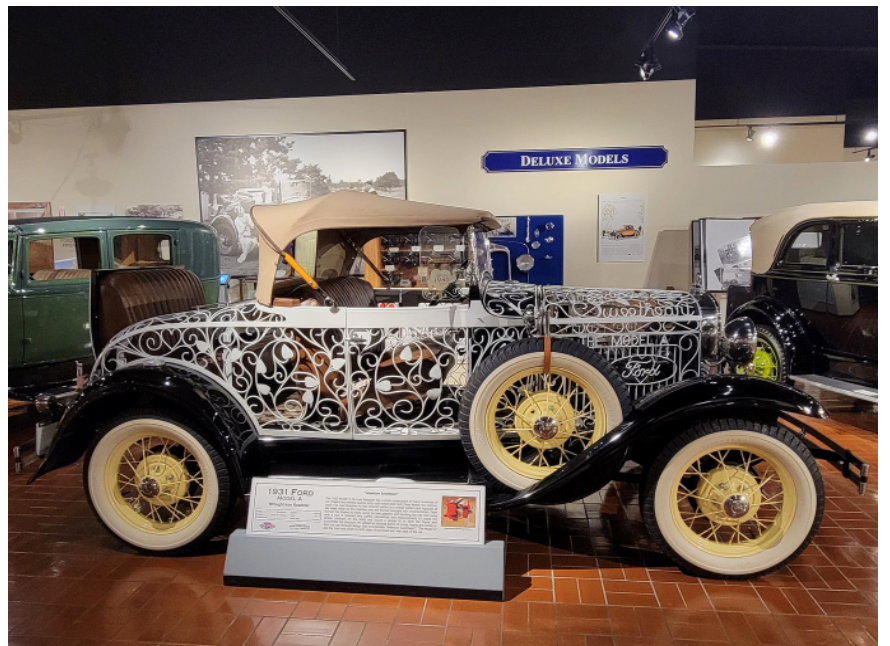


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America's Sweetheart

Keith and Kathy Nesbitt recently visited the Gilmore Car Museum in Michigan and shared pictures on Facebook of Dean Weller's America's Sweetheart Roadster.

Thanks for the pictures.



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:

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

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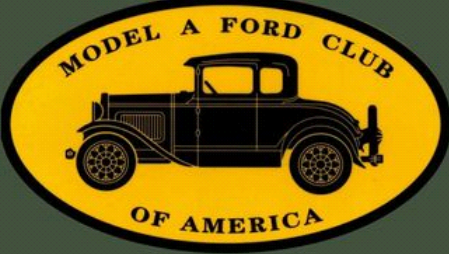
Wheels Powder Coat

\$15,000

Contact Jim Davidson - (913) 402-2077 (9/23)

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Mail Application to:
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250 S. Cypress St.
La Habra, CA 90631-5515





Some Fun (Strange?) November Dates:

November is Banana Pudding Lovers Month – who knew? Here are some more wacky celebrations to look forward to:

- Nov. 1 National Cook for Your Pets Day
- Nov. 6 Zero-Tasking Day
- Nov. 9 National Scrapple Day
- Nov. 16 National Button Day
- Nov. 21 World Hello Day
- Nov. 23 Fibonacci Day -(for those who don't know - like your editor!) November 23 is celebrated as Fibonacci Day because

when the date is written in the mm/dd format (11/23), the digits in the date form a Fibonacci sequence: 1,1,2,3. A Fibonacci sequence is a series of numbers where a number is the sum of the two numbers before it. For example: 1, 1, 2, 3...is a Fibonacci sequence. Here, 2 is the sum of the two numbers before it (1+1). Similarly, 3 is the sum of the two numbers before it (1+2). So Happy Fibonacci Day! Or for the rest of us Happy Thanksgiving! You can celebrate both on the same day!

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

Last Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

First: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Spouse: _____ Email: _____

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

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

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_____ 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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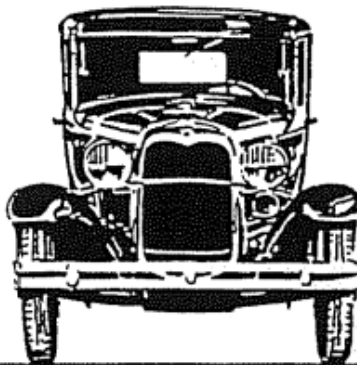
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