

THE PLAIN DEALER

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

Next Meeting
Monday
October 23, 2023

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President's Message

It is October.

Wowee! There are a number of great club activities coming right up. Two tours, a parade and a car show. The tours and the parade are just good fun but the car show is important.

Our vice-president, Andy Dugan, has been working with Gateway Classic Cars for quite a while setting up this car show opportunity. This event will draw good crowds of folks interested in vintage cars and so it will be a great way to expose our cars and our club to them. We should put our best foot forward, show up in force and be prepared to explain how fun, easy and affordable Model A's are. This is important to attract new members. This is important to keep our club vibrant.

On a similar note, the POA club officer elections will be here next month. Now is the time to throw your hat in the ring. I have reviewed my comments on this topic from a year ago. With a few edits, I believe they are still on target and have them included directly below.

Ahoooooga On!

- John Smeltzer, President

The following is excerpted & updated from the October 2022 issue of The Plain Dealer :

There are now 15 current members who have held an officer role in the club as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, or Board Member.

This startled me. Because of the large number of survey respondents with a long membership tenure (10-20+ years), I expected there would be a larger pool of former officers. But I get it. Some have health issues or other serious situations to consider. Others have desperately little uncommitted time. I don't want to let anyone off the hook, but I must.

Then there are the others. I understand their hesitation. They think being a club officer is thankless time-consuming hard work. They suspect It's a BIG DEAL. It is not. Let's break it down,

- "Thankless? This is so very wrong. I have heard nothing but praise and gratitude for whatever effort the leaders put into this club. Every time you participate in club activities, they draw a huge helping of satisfaction. I thank them. Many others thank them. (If you don't, then start!)
- "Time-consuming? Not true. Of course, each of the officers put in some time. It varies from position to position...and month to month. Ask them. The folks in officer roles of the club would be happy to explain the amount of time they put in. (Some of them like to inflate their devotion, so be skeptical. I find it helpful to start by dividing their answer by 2.)
- "Hard? Hardly. The board members must offer advice. The secretary must stay awake at meetings and take notes. The treasurer must add and subtract. The vice-President must plan the Christmas party and hope that I don't die or get impeached. I'm pretty sure anyone could do my job. The hardest thing I must do is write this monthly blurb.

The reward for taking on an officer role in the club is being able to take some degree of credit for sustaining this vibrant and active club. That is the real BIG DEAL!

The take-away is this. Officer elections are coming up in November. I have appointed a nominating committee of Ron Guenther, Theresa Guenther and Alan South. They are building the slate of candidates for publication in the November newsletter.

Please consider stepping-up if you are called to fill a position or, better yet, contact them and let them know you wish to be a candidate. Please contact me, or any of the current or former officers, if you have questions about these roles.

Ahoooooga On!

John Smeltzer, President

2023 Club Officers

President	John Smeltzer	913-638-7032	js5200ks@gmail.com
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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 October!

This is my favorite time of the year! There is nothing better than the cooler days and the glorious fall colors. I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather we have been enjoying.

Two get well cards were sent this past month:

- A card was sent to Bob Arnold, who has recently been admitted to KU Med with heart issues.
- A card was also sent to Vicky Mills, who continues to recover from back surgery.

Please keep both Bob, Vicky, and their families in your thoughts.

Hope to see you at one of the many events planned in October and November.

Deborah Smeltzer
913-526-6977

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2023						
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September 2023 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on September 22, 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.

Ladies' Night Out-We will eat at Metropolitan Steak House on October 18.

Seminars-No seminars are planned.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

- October 5 Cedar Lake Village car show
- October 7 Turner Barn car show
- October 21 Atchison
- October 28 Trunk or Treat at Gateway Classic Cars

November 4 Strawberry Hill Museum

November 10 Leavenworth Parade

Car Shows-The following shows are being considered:

- October 5 Cedar Lake Village
- October 7 Turner Barn car show
- October 28 Trunk or Treat at Gateway Classic Cars

Webmaster-Joe was not present.

Future Regionals-We have no additional information.

Board Meeting-We will have a board meeting after the meeting.

Christmas Party-The Christmas party will be held on December 3 at Embassy Suites. Andy will have information regarding the menu at the next meeting.

Officer Elections-Elections will be held at the November meeting. The Nominating Committee will include Alan South and Ron and Theresa Guenther.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by Steve and Julie Woerdehoff.

Nancy Hess, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - September 2023

Income		
	TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00
Expenses		
	TOTAL EXPENSES	-\$0.00
Interest		\$1.95

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

Oct. 23rd Dave & Sue Ryan
Harvey & Vicky Rosenberry

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



October Ladies' Night Out

October 18th at 6:30

Metropolitan Steakhouse
1501MetropolitaAve,
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Sponsored by: Ron & Theresa Guenther

Please let Ron or Theresa know if you wish to join:
Cell 913-775-0405 or home 913-682-2545.



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

Tours 2023

We had 6 cars at the Cedar Lake Village Car Show on October 5th.

We had 8 cars at the Turner Barn Car Show and Gardner Airport Breakfast on October 7th.

The Fall Color Tour will be October 21st to the New Amelia Earhart Hanger Museum, 16701 286th Road, in Atchison. We will meet at the Walmart (K7 and Santa Fe) in Olathe at 8:00 and leave at 8:30. We will be going up K7 and meeting other members on the way north. I have our tour of the museum setup for 11:00. I'm told the tour of the museum takes about an hour to hour and half. When we are done with the tour we will go to Pete's Steakhouse for lunch. If you haven't signed up to go, contact me so I can add you to the list.

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

We will do a cold weather tour on November 4th to the Strawberry Hill Museum and Cultural Center, 720 N 4th Street Kansas City, Kansas. The museum has set up a special tour for us at 11:00. We will meet at the club house in Shawnee at 9:30 and leave at 10:00. Hopefully the weather will be nice so we can drive our A's. I am trying to find a place for us to have lunch. If you have suggestions of a place that can hold 20- 30 of us, please let me know. I will have a signup sheet at the next meeting or you can contact me if you want to go.

Leavenworth Veterans 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. Let's hope for good weather.

If you have ideas for tours or places to see for 2024 Please let me know.

Thanks,



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

2023 Calendar

October 5 Cedar Lake Village Car Show
 October 7 Turner Barn Car Show
 October 18 Ladies' Night Out
 October 21 Fall Color Tour to Atchison
 October 23 POA Meeting @ 7:00
 October 28 Trunk or Treat @ Gateway Classic Cars

November 4 Cold Weather Tour - Date and location to be determined
 November 11 Leavenworth Veteran's Day Parade
 Nov.- 27 POA Meeting @ 7:00

December 3 POA Christmas Party





Ross & Toni Warnell October 20
 Joe & Joanie Nicholas October 10
 Steve & Julie Woerdehoff October 15
 JB & Anne Hodgdon October 26

Christine South October 7
 Georgia Bianchi October 15
 JB Hodgdon October 16
 Al prothe October 19
 Bob Goodrich October 22
 Bob Hess October 30
 Carletta Beeson-Allen October 31



Christmas Party - Save the Date!

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). There will be further details announced after the October 23 Plain Ol's A's meeting.

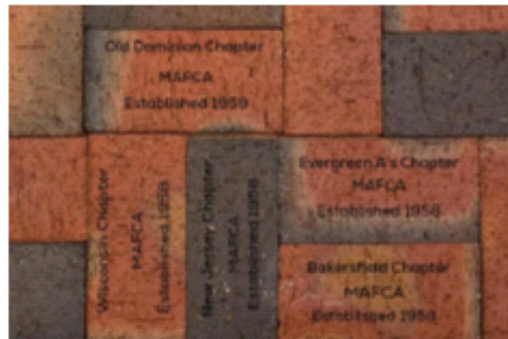


MAFCA ANNOUNCES 50 YEAR AWARD PROGRAM

Each year one of the privileges for the Chapter Coordinator for MAFCA is to recognize those chapters who have achieved certain milestones in their history for their years of continuous operation. This is done by awarding a certificate of achievement designating that milestone. These are then delivered to each chapter to display. We are proud to announce a new program to enhance this.

This year by unanimous vote the MAFCA Board of Directors and in an agreement with MAFFI and the Model "A" Ford Museum we approved to begin recognizing those chapters who have achieved the high honor of 50 years of continuous membership in the Model "A" Ford Club of America in a special way. For those chapters an inscribed brick will be placed on behalf of MAFCA at the Model "A" Museum by the Model "A" Ford Foundation or MAFFI. This permanent enshrinement of this accomplishment will be on display 365 days a year to celebrate this high honor.

We cannot however just begin this recognition in 2023. We must also look back to past award recipients as well as look at our current winners. To do so 94 bricks will be ordered this year that will include all prior 50 year Chapter Longevity Award winners. This begins with our first chapter, the Bakersfield, California Club, as well as including the 2023 and 2024 winners which will be placed in time for the 2024 Model "A" Days celebration. Each year after a brick will be placed in honor of those 50 year chapters reaching this milestone. Those recognized in this sidewalk of 50 year Chapter Longevity Winners is meant to demonstrate their special place in MAFCA's history and their significance in the success of MAFCA.



It is our hope that with this permanent recognition and placement of these bricks, those MAFCA members and others who visit the museum, will feel the same sense of pride and accomplishment in these recipient's as the Model A Ford Club of America does.

Will Langford
2023 Chapter Coordinator

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:

Block was bored to 80 thousands over standard
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new stainless steel valve and two piece valve guides (valves and guides ground and fitted)

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new adjustable tappets

new head studs and nuts

new valve springs

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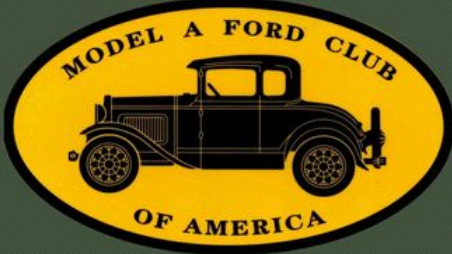
Wheels Powder Coat

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

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



October MAFFI Minute

Model A Days (Sept 15 & 16, 2023) were a resounding success! The weather was perfect -70 degrees-so all those open Model A cars that came to show themselves off for the theme this year had no trouble with the weather at the museum. In fact, the grounds were full of all types of Model A's driven onto the Gilmore grounds by hobbyists!

The "first start" Model A Coupe took just 43 minutes to start up after being abandoned more than 30 years and being in a flood up to the windshield. This year there were TWO first starts; the second was a truck (AA) and that only took a tad over 10 minutes to start up. There's no shortage of cracker jack mechanics at Model A Days.

The Model A school bus and Stake Bed truck were kept busy carrying passengers around the 90-acre grounds and riders had great fun smiling and waving. For the second year in a row, the Model A Driving school graduated a new batch of Model A drivers, so we can keep those inner tube tires rolling!

And there were lots of new Model A Ford Foundation Inc. red t-shirts and navy hoodies being worn by our loyal museum supporters. If you were there, you would know how much fun was had. If you didn't make it, pencil in your calendar for next year, September 20 & 21, 2024!

Happy motoring.

Mike DuBreuil
MAFFI Board of Trustees, Secretary

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Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____

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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).

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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

12731 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64145

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