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February 2026

The Club meets
the 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m
Tomahawk Ridge Community Center

Next Meeting
Monday
February 23, 2026

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President's Message

Hello February!

Well, we have made it through the Polar Vortex and the below freezing negative temps. The weather is looking better and better with each passing week which means nice Model A weather is just around the corner. I hope everyone stayed warm and is doing well. I look forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting. We will have a special guest speaker, Dave Ryan, along with some special refreshments to celebrate Bob and Nancy Hess. Until then, Happy Motoring and stay safe.

Your club president,
Andy Dugan

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Ladies Night Out

Wednesday, February 18
Johnny's Tavern 6PM
13131 Shawnee Mission Parkway
Shawnee, KS 66216

Please let Ken Coleman know if you wish to attend by 2/16, 913-481-6654 or kcolemn555@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there.

Ken and Fran Coleman



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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.

Sunshine Report

Hope everyone is doing well and able to get out and enjoy the fabulous weather we have been enjoying. No cards were sent in January. If you know of anyone who needs a card, please let me know at deborah.smeltzer@gmail.com.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Deborah Smeltzer
913-526-6977

Refreshments

Paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, and cups are provided by the Club. If you are not able to serve, please contact Steve Woerdehoff at 913-449-2229 or steves_skiing@yahoo.com soon as you can.

Thank you everyone for helping!
- Steve Woerdehoff

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

<u>2026</u>	
February	John and Deborah Smeltzer OPEN
March	OPEN OPEN
April	OPEN OPEN

2026 Calendar

February

- 14 Arabia Steamboat Museum
- 23 POA Meeting

March

- 13-14 Race Track Adventure II- Oxford, AL. If you want information on this, please contact Bill Hills
- 14- Brookside St. Patrick's Parade
- 17- Leavenworth St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 23 POA Meeting

April

- 18 Tuneup Day
- 27 POA Meeting

May

- 1-3 Lawrence Swap Meet
- 9 Ensorfest
- 25 POA Picnic & Meeting
- 31 thru June 7- MAFCA National Convention

June

- 22 POA Meeting

July

- 4 Lenexa 4th of July Parade
- 27 POA Meeting

August

- 24 POA Meeting

September

- 10-13 Air Capital Car Tour. If you want information on this, please contact Bill Hills
- 12 International Model A Day
- 28 POA Meeting

October

- 3 Turner Barn Car Show
- 10- 17 Route 66 in Illinois
- 26 POA Meeting

November

- 11 Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade
- 23 POA Meeting

December

- TBD POA Christmas Party



Tours 2026

February 14th we take our sweeties to the Arabia Steamboat Museum. The museum is closing next November so I thought we should visit it one more time. We will meet at the museum at 10:00. The museum is at 400 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri.

The HOA Club has invited us to participate in the **Brookside St Patrick's Parade** with them on **Saturday, March 14th**. Line up will be at 1:00 at the KC United Church of Christ, 205 W. 65th Terrace. After the parade, they plan to go to Governor Stumpy's for lunch. Please RSVP to Chuck Lewis 913-205-9884 if you plan to attend.

Leavenworth St Patrick's Day Parade is March 17th. Line up will be at 11:00. I am checking to see where we will line up at and hope to have the info by next meeting. I will have a signup sheet at the meeting.

Tune-up Day will be April 18th at the Hills, 205 N. Main St., Spring Hill, Kansas, at 10:00. We will go to lunch after we are done. I will have a signup sheet at the March meeting.

Ensorfest is May 9th. I don't have anymore info at this time. They are getting several car clubs showing up for this event. I believe we have been doing the event from the first so it would be nice to have a good turnout this year.

I am planning a tour to the **Kansas Museum of History** for June or July. They have reopened after doing a couple of years remodel. I will have more info coming.

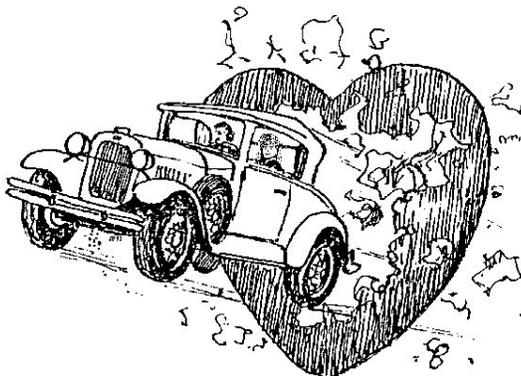
May/June - MAFCA National Convention- Pendleton, Oregon

October 10- 17- Route 66 in Illinois. Plans are being made for this tour. If you are interested in going, please contact me. I want to have planning meetings / emails to keep everyone that is interested up to date. So far here is what we have planned.

- October 10th we will drive to the St. Louis area and spend the night.
- October 11th we will go to the National Transportation Museum, drive down to the Arch, cross the river and spend the night in Edwardsville, Il.
- Oct. 12th we will head north on Route 66.

June 13-18, 2027- National Tour in Durango, CO

If you have suggestions for outings for 2026, please let me know.



Bill Hills
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913-406-2085

J.B. Hodgdon Auction

J.B. Hodgdon's auction will begin online around the end of February and will end on March 24th. There will be a preview day on March 21st at both our car building and at Mayo Auction's building in Belton, MO. We are auctioning off all his cars and car parts. Lots of Model A's and Model A parts! Those who are interested can sign up for auction updates here: <https://www.auctionbymayo.com/auction/jb-hodgdon-classic-car-auction-79579/details>

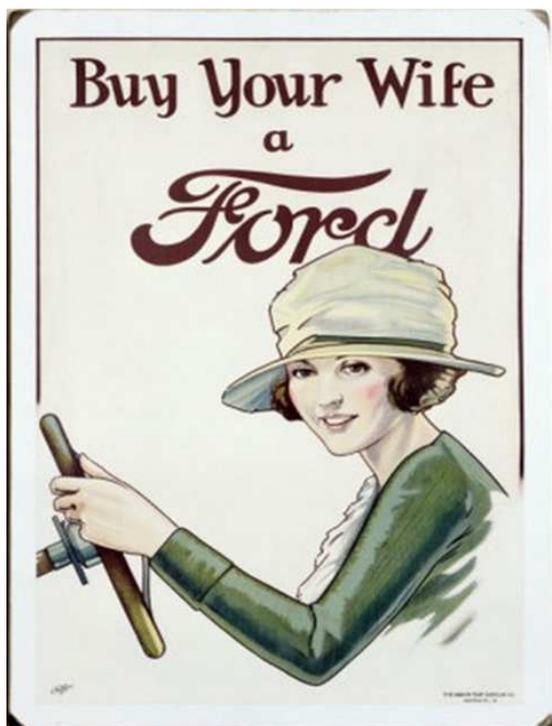
Brandi Hodgdon



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

Art Allen & Carletta Beeson Allen February 14

Shopping for Valentine's Day -



Jim's Tech Tip

Working Around Your Car's Battery

Whenever working on the electrical parts of your car, it is a good idea to de-energize everything to prevent an accidental short circuit. For example, one of the horn wires is "hot" all the time, so any time you do anything with the horn cover, it's a good idea to disconnect the battery. The same is true of the brake light switch and the wires inside the instrument panel in the car.

If you have a fuse on the yellow wire that comes off of the starter switch, just removing the fuse will do the trick. Or if you have a battery cut-off switch on the car, that will kill the power to everything.

But in many cases you need to disconnect the ground strap from the battery in order to make sure everything is without power. Perhaps you need to remove the starter cable, or the battery itself. Whenever you remove cables from the battery posts, it is a really good idea to cover the battery post with something to prevent accidental contact between it and the other battery post.

For example, if you dropped a wrench or other metal tool while working around or above the battery, it could land on top of the battery touching both posts. This will short out the battery, which can be a really big problem, resulting in a fire or perhaps the battery exploding acid all over.

When you buy a new battery for most cars today, they are sold with one or two small plastic caps over the battery posts. I see them in red and black plastic. If you go to your local auto parts store, the people there may even give you a few of these caps, if you ask.



I keep several of them in my box of battery-related tools and things, to put over the posts of any battery I am working around. It is easy to do and only takes a minute.

Take a minute to be safe. Enjoy! *And Have a Model A Day!* Jim

Bulletin Board

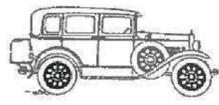
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MAFFI Minute

January 2026



Happy New Year, Model A'ers! As we roll into another year, we find ourselves one step closer to our beloved cars turning 100 years old, which is pretty incredible to think about. The Board met in January to begin planning for the year ahead, including early discussions around Model A Days, along with ideas for upcoming exhibit changes and continued growth of the museum.

While things may seem quieter during the winter months, the museum remains very active behind the scenes. Winter is an important time for maintenance, organization, and preparing exhibits and vehicles for the year ahead. The volunteers of the Grape Country Model A's have been instrumental in this work, generously donating their time and skills. Leader of Fleet Maintenance Dan Cargo and Museum Manager Jerry Dennany, in particular, continue to provide invaluable leadership and hands-on support throughout the off-season.

Keep on motoring!
John Grosshelm
Trustee and Secretary of MAFFI

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

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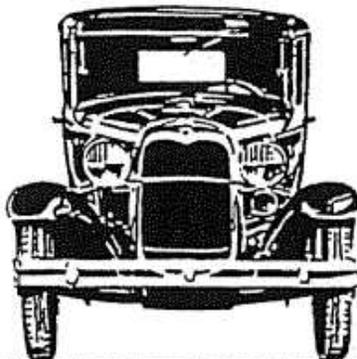
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