

THE PLAIN DEALER

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July 2025

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

Next Meeting
Monday
July 28, 2025

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President's Message

Happy July everyone!

July is here and it's gotten started with a bang with this heat. Hope everyone is staying cool. We will be meeting at the Tomahawk Ridge Community Center until we find a more permanent location. We're on the hunt again so if anyone knows of anywhere please let me know. Until then, keep motoring on and engaging in the hobby of the Model A and enjoying family and friends.

Your president

Andrew Dugan

Lenexa July 4th Parade



Photo by Ken and Fran Coleman and shared on Facebook



Photo by Steve Woerdehoff and shared on Facebook

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July 2025						
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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.

This Month in History, July 19, 1942

Henry Ford had collaborated with famed agricultural chemist George Washington Carver to developing methods that could turn crops like soybeans and peanuts into gasoline, paints, and even plastics. On July 19, 1942, Carver officially joined Ford to develop artificial rubber from plant sources as part of the war effort. After trials with sweet potatoes and even dandelions failed, they finally succeeded using the weed goldenrod. We still benefit from their research as our modern corn-based ethanol production is based on some of their early findings.

The History Channel

Sunshine Report

Happy summer and hope everyone had a fabulous 4th of July holiday!

We had a great turnout at the Lenexa 4th of July parade this year followed up by lunch at Zarda BBQ. An "ahooga" good time was had by all!

Sympathy cards were sent to the family of JB Hodgdon, who passed away on Friday, June 13, 2025. JB will be missed by all and many sympathies to the family. Please keep JB's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

A get-well card was also sent to Bob Hess, who was in the hospital after returning from the MAFCA National Tour in late June. Nancy reports that Bob is doing much better now!

Stay cool!

Deborah Smeltzer
913-526-6977

2025 Ladies Night Out

We still have openings for anyone who would like to sponsor a Ladies Night Out in 2025. Select a month and let Ken and Fran Coleman know so they can put you on the list.

Ladies Night Out 2025 Sponsor Sign Up

January	Lance & Terri Burton
February	John & Deborah Smeltzer
March	Ken and Fran Coleman
April	Bill & Deb Hills
May	Picnic
June	
July	Alan South
August	Bob & Nancy Hess
September	
October	Ron & Theresa Guenther
November	Andrew & Christine Dugan
December	Christmas Party

Refreshments

Paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, tablecloths, and cups are provided.

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!

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

2025

July 28	Keith & Kathy Nesbitt Reed Partridge
August 25	Bill & Debbie Hills Steve Woerdehoff
September 22	Open Open
October 27	Alan South & Georgia Bianchi Open
November 24	Lance & Terri Burton Open
December	Christmas Party

July Ladies Night Out

Date: July 16 2025

Time: 6:30

Sponsors: Alan South and Georgia
Phone: 913-681-2483

Place: Cinzetti's Italian Market
7201 W. 91st St. Overland Park 66212

If you plan to attend and have not signed up yet,
please let Alan know.



WHEN WORKING UNDER YOUR
MODEL "A"—KEEP THE DOORS
CLOSED—TO PREVENT THIS PAIN IN
THE HEAD!

Tours 2025

June Tour. Ken Coleman cancelled this tour for June 14th. Ken has rescheduled the tour for July 12th.

Lenexa 4th of July Parade. We had 10 cars for the parade and a room full of people at Zarta. Although it was a warm/hot day, it was a great parade.

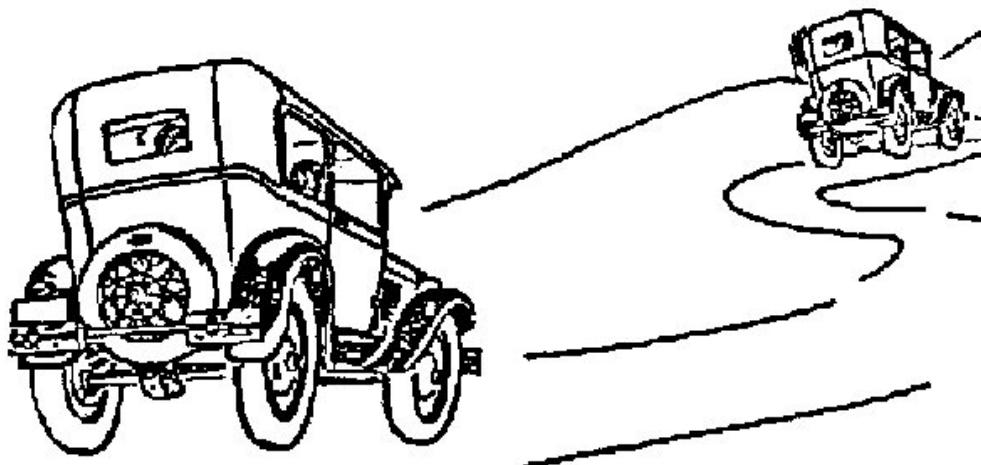
July 12th. UPDATE - THIS TOUR HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

I am looking for ideas for an August tour if anyone has a suggestion. Being it will be HOT I hope we can find somewhere to go that will be inside. I am thinking August 16th or 23rd. More info to come.

Bill Hills

bill.hills.sh@gmail.com

913-406-2085





Keith Nesbitt	July 6
Alan South	July 9
Joanie Nicholas	July 12
Stacy Bernard	July 23
Justin Read	July 24
Leland Daise	July 27

Bob & Lea Van den Berghe	July 3
Bob & Donna Pettit	July 22

2025 Calendar

July

4 Lenexa 4th of July Parade
28 POA Meeting

August

16 or 23 Tour to be determined
25 POA Meeting

September

22 POA Meeting

October

27 POA Meting

November

11 Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade
24 POA Meeting

December

TBD POA Christmas Party



POA has been asked to join HOA on 8/15 at 10AM

The Aviation Institute is a school just west of Royals Stadium which teaches and certifies students to repair and maintain airplane engines. Old car guys will enjoy seeing the tools used with aircraft engine maintenance, and we will do this on a weekday so that we can see students doing classwork.

If you have a grandson, granddaughter, niece (yes, lots of girls are going into the aircraft maintenance field), nephew, or whatever, that doesn't really want to go to college and enjoys using their hands, BRING THEM! Aircraft mechanics are well-paid, and those who get the various certifications, get jobs all over the planet.

Where? Aviation Institute, 4100 Raytown Road, Kansas City, MO 64129

When? Friday August 15, 2025

Time 10:00am

Cost? Free

Lunch at Dagwood's after the tour. All of you know about Dagwood's on Southwest Boulevard in Kansas City, Kansas. They recently opened a second location in Raytown, and we're going to check it out!
Dagwood's, 6204 Raytown Trafficway, Raytown, MO

Please RSVP by Wednesday August 13 to anyone below,

Bill Hills 913-406-2085

Bob Pressly 816-591-9846

Chuck Haber 816-590-0660

Chuck Lewis 913-205-9884

Mike Herbeck 816-832-7276

John Brewster "JB" Hodgdon

John Brewster (JB) Hodgdon was called home by his Lord and Savior on Friday, June 13, 2025. JB was born in Kansas City, Kansas on October 16, 1936, to Amy and Bruce Hodgdon, and grew up in Johnson County, Kansas. For the past eighteen years, JB and his wife Anne have made their home in Lenexa, Kansas. JB attended Shawnee Mission schools, then two years at the University of Missouri Kansas City, and he graduated with a degree in Business from the University of Kansas in 1959. JB was a proud member of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), and he was included in the 1958-59 edition of Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities.

Hodgdon Powder Company was founded by JB's father in 1947, and JB liked to tell people that he worked in the family business from day one, which is true. JB, then 10, and his little brother Bob, age 8, weighed and packed one-pound bags of gunpowder for sale while sitting on the basement floor or at the kitchen table. As teens and adolescents, they learned so much by working part time at the office or summers at the "Magazine" where the powder was canned, packed, and shipped. After college, they each became full-time employees and business colleagues of their dad, and they eventually led the day-to-day operations of Hodgdon Powder Company and grew the business exponentially. JB became the "face" of Hodgdon Powder and loved to travel to all the trade shows, and to meet with distributors all over the country; in other words, he loved to be out among the people. JB never knew a stranger, and he remembered everyone! He developed a keen interest in international business, and it has grown steadily through the years and continues to prove it was a great idea. For many years, JB served as Hodgdon Powder's President and Chairman of the Board until a succession plan was enacted in 2017 which created a restructured fiduciary Board of Directors, of which JB was a member until his retirement on 12/31/24 when he became Chairman Emeritus. JB spent several years mentoring his granddaughter Amy Hodgdon Meyer, whom he chose to take his seat on the Hodgdon Board, and he had great confidence in her abilities.

JB enjoyed a lifelong passion for hunting and shooting. His home and the Hodgdon Powder executive offices are filled with his many trophies taken all over the world on hunts and safaris.

For many years, JB loved competitive skirmish shooting twice a year in the North-South Skirmish Association as a member of Harlan's Light Cavalry, a historically documented unit. In tribute to the Civil War, each unit wears replicas of its actual uniforms; and the competition, both individual and team, is shot with Civil War era firearms and artillery from revolvers to cannons. But it wasn't just a shooting competition; it was camping together at Ft. Shenandoah, outside Winchester, VA for five days of nonstop fun with our unit, which became one big family. It was eating together outdoors in our team pavilion, with late nights by the campfire. The camaraderie was extraordinary, and the memories are indelible.

JB was a devoted member and supporter of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), which represents the businesses in the shooting sports industry. He was also a lifetime benefactor member of the NRA, a life member of the Kansas State Rifle Association and a member of Safari Club of America, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, and the National 4-H Shooting Sports. JB was deeply devoted to supporting youth involvement and education in the shooting sports through his work with Philmont Scout Ranch, Scouting America's National High Adventure Base in Cimarron, New Mexico. JB was a long-term member of its Board (known as the Ranch Committee), and he and his wife Anne, through their charitable foundation, helped to enhance Philmont's ability to support our nation's next generation of hunters and shooters with a focus on safety.

For JB's lifelong professional devotion to the shooting sports industry, he was inducted into the National Shooting Sports Foundation Hall of Fame in 2020. He was also a co-recipient with his brother Bob of the NRA's Golden Bullseye Pioneer Award in 2009. Also in 2009, JB received the Shooting Industry Academy of Excellence Award.

JB also had a passion for classic cars from the 20's through the 50's. He enjoyed searching for 'classic finds' so much he started a small side business to do so. About one hundred cars remain, and an auction is being planned for their sale.

JB was a proud and devoted father to his four sons who survive him, Phil Hodgdon (Rita), Jason Hodgdon (Brandi), Drew Hodgdon (Victoria), and Nick Hodgdon. He is also survived by his beloved wife Anne, his stepson Brian Whitfill, his stepdaughter Andrea Whitfill, grandchildren Amy Hodgdon Meyer (Justin) and Paul Hodgdon (Michelle), Luke Whitfill, Joseph Whitfill, Reece Dickerson, and seven great-grandchildren.



MAFFI Minute

The Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) Trustees and Executive Director would like to send a big shout out, "THANK YOU" to all the hobbyists who have supported this expansion effort. Without you, this project wouldn't have happened; you preserved history and made it possible to have a fabulous historical learning experience available for years to come!

Several Trustees, the Executive Director, the Grape A's Club, and friends of each gave up Memorial Day weekend to move cars, clean up, and set up vignettes-- to get the museum expansion one step closer to being fully finished. It's looking good, and we can't wait for the ribbon cutting in September.

The expansion allows for more vignettes of the era (see the attached photos: Dustbowl vignette, school house vignette ---complete with bus in the background). There will be period correct murals on the exterior of the building (see sample attached), a working garage, and so much more. You need to come to Model A Days, September 19th & 20th to see for yourself

how awesome his museum has become ---thanks to all our wonderful hobbyists!



Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary



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*.

Estate Sale

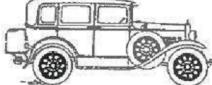
of Dale and Anna Bruewer. Dale had a Model A for decades. There are a few parts, it looks like a complete, maybe an old rebuilt?, motor and a block. The address is 3701 N. 155th in Basehor. Parking will be at the Baptist Church diagonally from the the house. This is about 1/ a mile north of 15th and Leavenworth road on the east side of the street. There is a glass ware and lots of die cast cars, tractors etc. July 17, 18 and 19th 9 am to 5 pm.



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

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 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? _____

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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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Please be sure to include your email address.

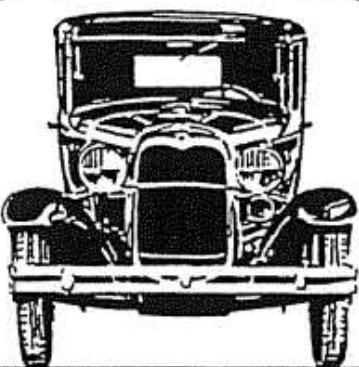
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