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October 2025

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

Next Meeting
Monday
October 27, 2025

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President's Message

Happy October!

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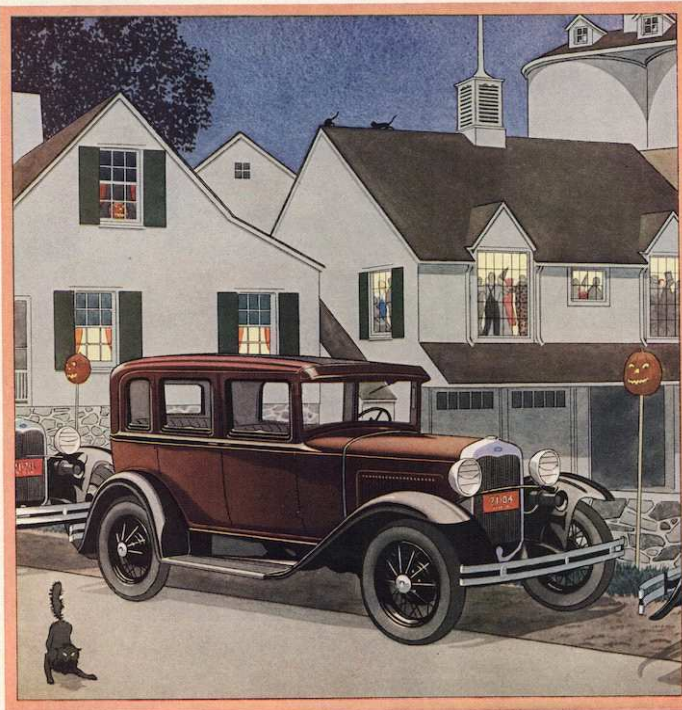
Colors That Match the Season's Mode

AMONG the features of the Ford car is the privilege of selecting from a variety of beautiful colors. These colors are rich in tone and are changed at frequent intervals, in keeping with the season's mode. Frequently you will find that one of Fashion's newest shades, or a harmonious blending of it, is available also in the Ford car.

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November 1930 Good Housekeeping

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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.

Time to Elect Officers

The Plain Ol' A's By-Laws require us to elect Officers every year. If you are interested in being President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, please send your nomination to one of the Election Committee members by November 15th. The election will be at the November Club Meeting.

Thanks,
Election Committee
Lance Burton
Ron Guenther
Bill Hills
Alan South

Sunshine Report

Happy end of summer!

Hope everyone was able to get out and about during the glorious weather we had in late August. John and I were able to go on several early evening Model A drives before Labor Day weekend, which is one of my favorite ways to enjoy a summer evening after a long day of work.

No cards were sent in August. Please let me know if any cards need to be sent in September.

Enjoy these last few days of summer!

Deborah Smeltzer
913-526-6977



Minutes - September 22, 2025

The Plain Ol' A's met on September 22, 2025, at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center. President Andy Dugan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Guests and New Members-No guests or new members were at the meeting. John has made contact with prospective new members.

Minutes-The minutes were approved as published in The Plain Dealer.

Treasurer's Report-The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Sunshine Report-Art Seifert died.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

October 2	Cedar Lake Village car show
October 4	Turner Barn car show
October 18	Fall color tour
November 11	Leavenworth parade

Car Shows-

October 2	Cedar Lake Village car show
October 4	Turner Barn car show

Ladies' Night Out-We will eat at Metropolitan Steak House on October 15.

Webmaster-Joe was not at the meeting.

Christmas Party-The Christmas party will be held on December 14. Andy is exploring a location for the party.

Nominating Committee-Nominating Committee members are Bill Hills, Ron Guenther, Alan South, and Lance Burton.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by John and Deborah Smeltzer and Lance and Terri Burton.

Nancy Hess, Secretary

October Ladies Night Out

Date: October 15 at 6:30
Sponsors: Ron and Theresa Guenther
Place: Metropolitan SteakHouse
1501 Metropolitan St
Leavenworth, KS 66048

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	Mystery Tour
October	Ron & Theresa Guenther
November	Andrew & Christine Dugan
December	Christmas Party

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

2025

October 27	Alan South & Georgia Bianchi Andy Dugan
November 24	Lance & Terri Burton Ron & Theresa Guenther
December	Christmas Party

2026

January	Open
	Open

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



Tours 2025

September 13th. We had two Model As and two modern cars for International Model A Day and the mystery tour.

October 2nd. We had several club members attend the 5th Annual Cedar Lake Village Car Show.

October 4th. We had 14 cars at the Turner Barn Car Show. This was their 5th annual car show and it has grown to one of the largest prewar car show in the country.

October 18th. We will have a Fall Color Tour. We will meet at the Quik Trip at 7621 W. 159th Street (159th & Foster), Overland Park at 9:30 and leave by 10:00. We will have lunch at the Frog Pond in Peculiar. If you haven't signed up and would like to attend, please contact Bill Hills.

November 11th. Leavenworth Veteran's Day Parade. This is one of the largest Veteran's Day Parades in the country. I will have more information at the October meeting. Hopefully we will have great weather for the parade.

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

2025 Calendar

October

- 2 Cedar Lake Village Car Show
- 4 Turner Barn Car Show
- 18 Fall Color Tour
- 27 POA Meeting

November

- 11 Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade
- 24 POA Meeting

December

- TBD POA Christmas Party



Fall Color Tour - October 18

On October 18th we will do a Fall Color Tour. We will meet at the QuikTrip at 7621 W 159th Street (159th & Foster) in Overland Park. We will meet at 9:30 and leave by 10:00. We will have lunch at the Frog Pond in Peculiar. If you didn't sign up at the last meeting and would like to attend, please let me know.

Thanks,
Bill Hills
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Christine South October 7
 Georgia Bianchi October 15
 Al Prothe October 19
 Bob Hess October 30
 Carletta Beeson-Allen October 31

Ross & Toni Warnell October 2
 Joe & Joanie Nicholas October 7
 Steve & Julie Woerdehoff October 15

Jim's Tech Tips
"Refueling With a Gas Can"

Sometimes I find it more convenient to go get 5 gallons of gas with a gas can for my Model A than it is to drive down to the gas station with the car to fuel it up.

But a 5-gallon can full of gas weighs over 30 pounds, and lifting it up to the gas cap on the Model A and controlling the can's spout as it enters the gas tank (without spilling gas all over the place!!) can be a real challenge. Even with a helper to guide the spout into the tank as you go, it can be a mess.

My brother turned me on to this tip (thanks, Kevin!): For about \$20, you can purchase a small battery powered fuel transfer pump that will put the gas into your car in about a minute or two. This little thing is amazing!



You rest the gas can on the splash apron and fender (put a towel under it) and put the pump body into the gas can. Hold the pump outlet inside the gas tank filler opening with one hand and switch on the pump with the other hand. In no time at all the gas can is empty and you switch the pump off. Carefully remove the pump outlet from the tank and point it up to prevent fuel in the hose from dripping on your car. It's that easy, and a one-person operation.

On a car with side-mount spares, you can rest the gas can on the spare tire and hold it there, instead of resting on the splash apron and fender. It works just the same.

As an added bonus, you can quickly pump most of the old fuel OUT of a Model A gas tank with this pump, and into a 5-gallon gas can, if the need arises. I have done that, too.

Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*
 Jim

Arthur "Art" F. Seifert

December 17, 1943 – September 6, 2025

Arthur "Art" F. Seifert, a man whose drive was matched only by his love of cars and family, took his final lap on September 6, 2025. He was 81.

Born in Battle Creek, Michigan, on December 17, 1943, Art was the youngest of four children in a preacher's family, where faith, community, and a strong work ethic shaped his life. His first business venture was a newspaper route, run with enough determination to buy a Zündapp Bella motor scooter. Decades later, as a COVID project, he restored a 1958 Bella scooter to near-perfect condition, bringing the story full circle.

At Lakeview High School, he was a natural leader, serving as class president both junior and senior year before joining the United States Air Force, where his skill and ingenuity led him to serve as Aide to the Air Force Chief of Staff.

Following his service, Art built a remarkable 32-year career with Hallmark Cards, retiring in 2002. His work in both domestic and international sales, retail merchandising, and brand management took him across borders and into boardrooms, always with the same focus on quality and creativity that defined Hallmark. Colleagues knew him as someone who approached business with sharp strategy and genuine warmth.

Cars remained a lifelong passion. For their 10th wedding anniversary, his wife, Jean, surprised him with a black 1939 Studebaker President, similar to the one he drove in high school. He delighted in sharing its history and cherished it as a symbol of craftsmanship, love, and partnership.

Though driven in his professional life, Art valued family and friends above all. He was a devoted husband to Jean for 59 years, proud father of three (Amy/Grant, Peter/Keri, and Rusty/Tricia), and doting grandfather of four (Carolyn, Libby, Ella, and Carter). He treasured time spent with family, and his legacy will live on through the values he instilled and the love he gave so freely. As Art (and Art's mom) would say, "Life is Good."

Art participated in a multiple myeloma clinical trial and was grateful for the excellent care he received from Dr. Abdallah and his team at the University of Kansas Cancer Center. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the U.S. Myeloma Innovations Research Collaborative (USMIRC) by check payable to "USMIRC" to: 2200 W 36th Ave, Unit 3640, Kansas City, KS 66103, or give online at www.usmirc.org/donation.

Donations may also be sent to Lenexa United Methodist Church at www.lenexaumc.org/give/.



We Are Losing A Trusted Supplier

Ken and Fran Coleman shared the following article.

I wanted to reach out to the community at large and share some sad news. After almost 50 years in the business Bratton's Antique Auto Parts has decided to close their retail operations.

There were multiple factors involved in making this decision and I will take some time below to outline them.

1) We have lost the lease on our building at 1606 Back Acre Circle. The current owners of the building received an unsolicited offer on the building that was too good to pass up. The new owner's take possession of the property at the end of October. Bratton has tried to extend the lease with the new owner's but they need the property for their own business. They have offered us an option to lease back the building until December 31, 2025. Debbie and I have been looking for a property to move the business to for several months, but we have not been able to find a suitable property.

2) Since the end of COVID, we have seen a substantial decline in revenue and a massive increase in overhead expenses (insurance, taxes, utilities...). Both of these situations caused us to let all of our reaming employees go back in July of 2024. Debbie and I have been doing everything here with just the two of us since then. We have decided that we need to rebalance our lives 50-60 hours over 5-6 days a week working just does not allow any time to go out and enjoy our lives. If anything, we have all learned since COVID is that life is too short and we need to make the best of everyday.

3) With the reduction in staff, it is all Debbie and I can do to just keep basic parts in stock, and process the orders. Debbie and I just cannot give our customer the quality of service that Bratton's has been known for since the mid 1970's, and that is not how we want the business to be run.

4) By closing our retail operations, it will allow us the time and energy to focus on making the high quality parts that we have always provided to the hobby. The parts that Bratton's has made will continue to be made through a new company and will only be sold through our network of dealer's.

We have spent the past couple of months quietly shopping Bratton's around to various buyers who we felt had the capital needed to continue the production of the parts. Unfortunately, we have been unable to reach a suitable agreement with any potential buyers. We did this quietly because we did not want to cause any undue stress or panic to the hobby, or the other vendors selling Model A parts.

Going forward we will begin the liquidation process for the retail inventory. Starting in the next couple of days and weeks you will notice the following things.

1) As we sell out of parts we will no longer be re-ordering them, so what is on the shelf is what is on the shelf, and when the bin box is empty, it is empty.

2) We will begin to reduce the prices on our retail inventory. These reductions will be shown our website and we will be offering across the board discounts on the prices listed on the website.

3) We ask that if you have a gift certificate stashed away that they be used by the end of October 2025. After that, they will no longer be valid.

4) We have removed all drop ship items from our website and catalog. This was done out of respect for our vendors. We do not want to cause any additional burden or stress on them, but offering their products at a much lower price than they are selling them at.

This decision has been months in the making, Debbie, and I feel it is the best for us as well as the hobby in general. Between the two of us, we have been in the business for over 55 years collectively. In those years, we have made many friends that we now consider as family. Debbie and I have many fond memories of our children running around the shop, and the journey's we took all over the country in our Model A. This business and the hobby in general has given us way more than we ever expected or deserved. We have been truly blessed by our time in the business. We offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to our customers and friends for the past 50 years of support.

Jeff Kichline
Bratton's Antique Auto Parts

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.***

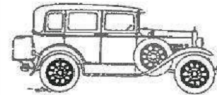
Commercial Business ads are: business card size - \$25.00 per year; quarter page size - \$35.00 per year; and half page size - \$50.00 per year. Fees for commercial ads includes a free subscription to the Club's monthly newsletter, The Plain Dealer.



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MAFFI Minute

September 15, 2025

Model A Hobbyists,

The air is just "electric" at the Model A Museum in Gilmore! You can feel the energy of Model A Days: the biggest and best yet! The Thursday evening ribbon cutting is sold out! The Friday evening dinner is sold out, and the Delta Hotel (host hotel) is sold out, but there are other hotel options in the area.

Also, your time to enter the Sweepstakes for the 1928 Phaeton is running out; you need to enter by October 19, 2025. Like a traditional phaeton, this open car has no side windows, providing an open-air driving experience. Unlike a Ford Model A roadster, the Phaeton has four doors, allowing passengers access to the back seat. With an open design, the Phaeton was not as commonly purchased as other Model A body styles, so wouldn't it be fun to win this car? Go to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. page and click on Expansion and then Sweepstakes to be routed to enter.

And lastly, my term on the board as a Trustee is up and John Grossheim, a young Model A Trustee, will be taking over as the Secretary for the MAFFI Board. He's from Ohio and his enthusiasm bubbles over for this hobby. I know you will look forward to his MAFFI Minute each month!

Cindy Ellenbecker
MAFFI Trustee/Secretary



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Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____

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_____ 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

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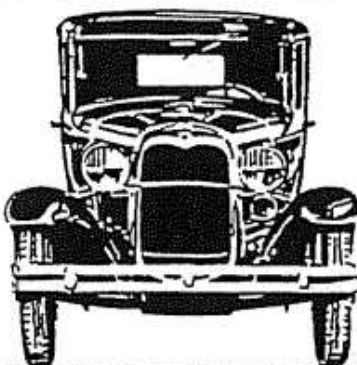
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