

# THE PLAIN DEALER

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June 2025

The Club meets  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:00 p.m  
Monticello Community Historical Society  
23860 W 83rd Street, Shawnee KS 66227

Next Meeting  
Monday  
June 23, 2025

[www.plainolas.com](http://www.plainolas.com)

## President's Message

Happy June everyone!

June is here and so are the warmer temps. This month should be a good one for the club. We have a good size group heading out to West Virginia on the 13th for the national and for those staying closer to home we also have a great tour coming up on the 14th hosted by Ken & Fran Coleman. Hope to see you all there. As for the group heading to the national we hope you have a great and un eventful trip and can't wait to hear about it upon your return.

Until then let's keep motoring on and enjoy each day to its fullest.

Your president

Andrew Dugan

## June 14 Tour

Come join us for a driving tour on Saturday, June 14th!

We will be touring around the city visiting numerous parks.

The tour is a follow type tour. No roads are over 45 MPH.

The starting point will be Shawnee Mission Park at 9:30 am. Come in the entrance at Renner Rd and 79th St. As you enter the park you will see the Visitor's Center which is being remodeled. Take the road to the right and shortly around the corner is a small white building with a sign stating it is the temporary Visitor's Center. We will meet in the parking lot adjacent to the building.

We will be touring around the city visiting parks for about 2 hours and will end up for lunch at Winstead's at 10711 Roe Ave, Overland Park, KS.

Please let Ken and Fran know if you would like to come. [Kcoleman555@gmail.com](mailto:Kcoleman555@gmail.com) or 913-481-6654.



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## Newsletter Articles

Information for the newsletter should be sent to Joyce Tweedy. Her email address is [jtweedy@swansonbernard.com](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**HENRY "A" SEZ...**



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NEXT RAINSTORM. IT'S MINERAL FREE  
AND GOOD FOR YOUR RADIATOR!

## Sunshine Report

Hi everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well and have taken your cars out in between all the rain showers we have had recently. Despite the cold weather and rain, a fair number of members braved the weather to attend the picnic and six Model A's braved the weather too! Work has been very busy so I haven't had a chance to check in on any members. Please let me know if you or anyone you know in the club is not feeling well and we will make sure to send a card. Thank you all for being my ears and eyes for the club!

Deborah Smeltzer  
913-526-6977



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## 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

June 23	Andy Dugan Steve Woerdehoff
July 28	Keith & Kathy Nesbitt Reed Partridge
August 25	Bill & Debbie Hills Open
September 22	Open Open
October 27	Alan South & Georgia Bianchi Lance & Terri Burton

## 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



## Tours 2025

**Club picnic** was May 26th at Wyandotte Park. For a cool day we had a good turnout. Most drove their modern cars.

**June Tour.** While I'm gone to the National Tour, Ken Coleman is going to put together a short local tour to put some miles on the cars on June 14th. Ken has not determined a starting point yet. If you are interested in going Please let Ken and Fran know at 913-481-6654.

**Lenexa 4th of July Parade** We will meet in Structura's parking lot- 9635 Widmar again this year to get our cars ready for the parade at 9:00. You can get to Structura from Pflumm and 96th Terrace. The parade starts at 10:00 and they want us in line by 9:45. I will not be at the next club meeting, so Ken Coleman will have the sign-up sheet. Hopefully we will have a great turnout this year so we beat the Corvette club out. We will go to Zarda BBQ after the parade.

**July 26th.** I am planning a tour for this day. More info to come.

I am looking for ideas for a August tour if anyone has a suggestion. Being it will be HOT, I hope we can find somewhere to go that will be inside.



Five cars braved the rainy forecast and joined about 30+-POA members to attend the Memorial Day Picnic at WYCO Park. Thank you to whoever shared the picture on Facebook.

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



Jim Bernard	June 8
Bob Petitt	June 8
Fran Coleman	June 11
Ed Jankowski	June 16

Ed & Millie Jankowski	June 10
Bruce & Vicky Mills	June 12
Henry & Joanne Kahler	June 20
Keith & Kathy Nesbitt	June 26
Mike and Nancy Clayton	June 27

## 2025 Calendar

June

- 14 Short Tour. More info to come.
- 15-22 National Tour
- 23 POA Meeting

July

- 4 Lenexa 4th of July Parade
- 26 Tour. More info to come.
- 28 POA Meeting

August

- 25 POA Meeting

September

- 22 POA Meeting

October

- 27 POA Meeting

November

- 11 Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade
- 24 POA Meeting

December

- TBD POA Christmas Party



The following is the reprint of a story submitted by Bob Craig, a former member of the Plain Ol' A's. This story was originally printed in the June, 2005 issue of The Plain Dealer.

## Model A's and Me

My first car was a Model T for which I paid \$13.00. This had been a very nice original car when the previous owner bought it, but, unfortunately, he caught the top on the barn door and in an unwise action he cut the body off just behind the cowl and made a wooden platform to cover the rest of the chassis. Needless to say, the body I paid .75 cents for at the town dump was not nearly as good. That car lasted about a year before it threw part of a main bearing bolt through the side of the pan. That was the end of that Model T for me.

My next car was a 1930 Model A coupe (\$70.00). I drove it about a year before finishing college and moving to Ft. Worth, with it, to take a job there. That was of course a real improvement over the T and it made many trips between Ft. Worth and Denton (also known as Little D). It came to grief in Dallas (Big D) when it tied at an intersection with a fire department official who was apparently racing home for supper (no lights or siren).

I acquired a 1935 Chevy in 1971 and after some ten years decided I had had it long enough and told Jim Shanks I wanted to put it in his auction when he left Union Station. He suggested I bring the car down to his museum right away, which I did. We discussed my reserve price and much to my surprise he told me to bring the title down the next day!

I told Jim I sort of would like a Model A but had waited too long 'til prices got away from me. He said maybe not and proceeded to sell me a 1931 roadster from his floor. After another ten years or so and many trips to Colorado and other surrounding states, Vivian informed me that she had had her hair blown (and been soaked) enough and we should have windows if I wanted her to continue touring with me.

I set my sights on a Victoria since they are sort of out of the ordinary (of course I have wished many times I had gotten a slant windshield Fordor which were not all that hard to come by then). Anyhow, I found ads for two Vickies, one in Pennsylvania and the other in North Carolina. Since we were going east for Christmas, I got to see both of them and chose the one in Carolina. This car has certainly served us well, some 33,000 miles in the past thirteen years, with the most serious road trouble being a broken fan belt which I replaced at the next little town.

With the fun and luck I have had with Model A's, it is easy to see why they are called "America's Sweetheart." I still have a soft spot for Model T's, though.

Bob Craig

## MAFFI Minute

Model A'ers:

The Model A Museum Expansion is moving along nicely. We do have a temporary closure from May 16 until June 1, 2025 to finish up the flooring/coating.

In the meantime, get your next visit to the museum on your calendar and make your reservations (go to MAFFI.org and click on Model A Days).

The Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Souvenir Gift is Thursday evening, Sept. 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

" Model A Days are September 19 & 20, 2025 so get your room reserved to stay for the weekend. It promises to be a really exciting event, especially this year!

" And don't forget to enter the Sweepstakes for a chance to win the 1928 Ford Model A 4-door Phaeton! (Maffi.org and then click on Expansion).

Thank you for supporting the hobby we all love! 'Tis the season to drive those cars nationwide!

Cindy Ellenbecker

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## 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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## Model A's For Sale

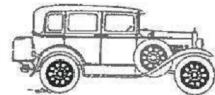
**For Sale:** 1930 fordor 2 window sedan. 1990s Bockelman restoration. 4 speed OD tranny, 12v conversion with alternator; electronic ignition; Otwell heater manifold; aux. head, tail, signal & backup lights; Snyder rebuilt brakes with ci drums; newer wheels powder coated; CB radio; seat belts; rear window blind; frt mtd tool box, and more. It's a driver, we drove it to Kalamazoo MI and Des Moines IA with the POA's, but we are done touring. Keeping the coupe for local driving. \$20,000. Eddie Griggs call/text 816/383-1964 (St Joseph, MO) (3/25)



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

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### 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? \_\_\_\_\_

Model &amp; 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? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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).

\_\_\_\_\_ 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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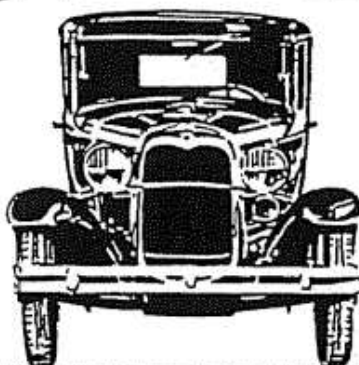


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