

# THE PLAIN DEALER

Official Publication of the Plain Ol' A's

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December 2024

The Club meets  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:00 p.m  
Tomahawk Ridge Community Center  
11902 Lowell Ave., Overland Park, KS 66213

Next Meeting  
Monday  
January 27, 2025

www.plainolas.com

## Meeting Location

The January 2025 meeting of the Plain Ol' A's will be held at:  
Monticello Community Historical Society  
23860 W 83rd Street  
Shawnee KS 66227

## Time to Renew

It's time to renew your Club membership for 2025. Please fill out the registration form on the last page of this newsletter and mail it to Bob Hess. It's very important you fill out the renewal form so that the Club has your current contact information. Also, all club members are entitled to an electronic copy of the monthly newsletter, but the Club is also offering the option of receiving the newsletter by mail. Renewals should be mailed to Bob Hess at the address on the renewal form on the last page of the newsletter.



From the editor:

I've enjoyed editing the Plain Ol' A's newsletter this year.

If anyone has anything they wish to share in the newsletter such as stories, pictures of your cars, events, an ad, etc., please contact me.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Joyce Tweedy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2025						
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\*Possible Restaurant Week Dates

## 2024 Club Officers

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Director	John Smeltzer	913-638-7032	js5200ks@gmail.com

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Refreshment Coord.			
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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.

## Welcome New Member

Carol Tucker  
3914 W 74th St.  
Prairie Village, KS 66208  
913-362-7884 (H)  
913-271-4832 (C)  
Email: [hhtucker@aol.com](mailto:hhtucker@aol.com)

Looking to purchase a Model A

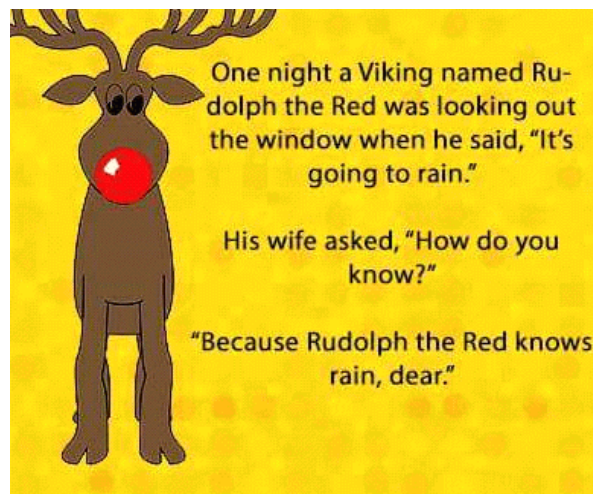
## Sunshine Report

Delores and Bob Goodrich are settling in their new home at Alto Senior Living. They are both doing well, taking physical therapy classes, and working on staying strong. They said to say hello to all and that they miss seeing all their friends.

Nancy Marcus is also doing well and is working on recovering from her injuries. Nancy reports that she is in good hands - her doctor is working on developing a physical therapy plan and Chuck has been taking good care of Nancy at home.

Happy Holidays to all and wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

Deborah Smeltzer  
913-526-6977



### November 25, 2024 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on November 25, 2024, at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center. President Andy Dugan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Guests and New Members-New member Carol Tucker was 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-Sue Ryan and Nancy Marcus were injured in falls. Alan South had surgery.

Seminars-No seminars are planned.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

January-Restaurant week

Club breakfast

February-Possible tour

June 15-22-National tour

Car Shows-None are planned.

Ladies' Night Out-Months available are June, September, and November.

Webmaster-Joe has been tracking visitors to our website and Facebook.

Meeting Location-We will meet at Monticello Historical Society in January.

Officer Elections-The following officers were elected for 2025:

President Andy Dugan

Vice-President Steve Woerdehoff

Secretary Nancy Hess

Treasurer Bob Hess

Christmas Party-The Christmas party will be held on December 8 at Embassy Suites. Information is in the newsletter.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by Dennis and Debbie Burks and Keith and Kathy Nesbitt.

Nancy Hess, Secretary

### December 8, 2024 Minutes

A short meeting was held on December 8, 2024, at the Christmas party at Embassy Suites. President Andy Dugan called the meeting to order.

Plaque- Steve Woerdehoff presented Andy Dugan with a plaque for his service as president for 2024.

Meeting Location-We will meet at Monticello Historical Society in January.

Sunshine Report-Nancy Marcus is doing rehab.. JB Hodgdon is in the hospital.. Bob and Dolores Goodrich are doing well in assisted living.

Tours-Let Bill Hills know if you are interested in participating in restaurant week in January.

Nancy Hess, Secretary

### Treasurer's Report - October 2024

Income

New Member Dues \$25.00

Total Income \$25.00

Expenses

Tomahawk Ridge

Community Center Rent \$60.00

Total Expenses - 60.00

Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer

### Refreshment Coordinator

Plain Ol' A's is looking for a Refreshment Coordinator.

Duties: Organizing volunteers to provide refreshments from a list provided by the Treasurer.

By the 8th of each month, email an article to Joyce Tweedy for the newsletter.

Email the families providing the refreshments for the month. Later in the month, follow up with the families. Individual families are to let you know, as soon as they can, if they are unable to provide the refreshments. If needed, rearrange the schedule.

Providers have been scheduled through March 2025.

Bring to the monthly meeting a small box of necessary supplies.

### Refreshments

The paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, tablecloths, and cups are provided.

If you are not able to serve, please contact Andy Dugan at 816-548-7436 or [andug125@gmail.com](mailto:andug125@gmail.com) as soon as you can.

Thank you, everyone for helping!

Andy Dugan

### Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

2025

Jan. 27 John & Deborah Smeltzer  
Bill and Deb Hills

Feb. 24 Ed & Millie Jankowski  
Ron & Theresa Guenther

Mar. 24 Bill & Bernice Lindley  
Dennis & Janet Cawley

## 2025 Ladies Night Out

We have openings available 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	
April	Bill & Deb Hills
May	Picnic
June	
July	Alan South
August	Bob & Nancy Hess
September	
October	Ron & Theresa Guenther
November	
December	Christmas Party

## Fay Birkman



Longtime Plain Ol' A's member, Fay D. Birkman, 86, of Shawnee, Kansas, passed away Monday, December 2, 2024 at the University of Kansas Hospital.

Fay was born March 4, 1938 in Enid, OK and had lived in the Kansas City area since 1970. She was an active member of Bethany Lutheran Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 1/2 years, Don in 2014. She is survived by two children and their families, Jeff and Donna Birkman and granddaughter Erica Ellis (Michael), Carolyn and Kreg Stonestreet and grandsons, Joshua and Matthew, her brother, Lyle Holtzen and family and numerous nieces and nephews.

The visitation was held December 6 and with burial in the National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas.



### Do you think you know Christmas Carols?

Try your hand at these popular Christmas carol titles, now slightly reworded in "government-ese."

1. Move hitherward the entire assemblage of those who are loyal to their beliefs.
2. Listen, the celestial messengers produce harmonious sound.
3. Nocturnal time span of unbroken quietness.
4. Small municipality in Judea, southeast of Jerusalem.
5. Exalted heavenly beings we have perceived by our auditory mechanism.
6. Diminutive masculine master of skin-covered percussionistic cylinders.
7. May the omnipotent supreme being grant you ecstatic respite, personages of the male gender.
8. Proceed forth declaring upon a specific geological alpine formation.
9. Royal person nominative plural of a triumvirage of oriental potentage.
10. In awe of the nocturnal time span characterized by religiosity

#### Answers

1. O Come All Ye Faithful;
2. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing;
3. Silent Night;
4. O Little Town of Bethlehem;
5. Angels We Have Heard on High;
6. Little Drummer Boy;
7. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen;
8. Go Tell It On The Mountain;
9. We Three Kings;
10. O Holy Night!



Art Allen	December 2
Darrell Enloe	December 7
Mary Ann Jones	December 10
Don Lobner	December 11
Ken Coleman	December 12
Bill Hills	December 12
Lois Lobner	December 13
Sue Ryan	December 14
Mike Clayton	December 30
Bill Carter	December 31
Mary Montero	December 31

Bob & Joann Arnold December 28



**Tours 2024**

**Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year**

We will start 2025 with Kansas City Restaurant Week January 10- 19th. I am planning on doing lunch on Wednesday 1/15 or Thursday 1/16. I am trying to find out how many are interested in going so when I contact the restaurants I will have a head count to see if the restaurant has room for a group. If you are interested in going, please email me- [bill.hills.sh@gmail.com](mailto:bill.hills.sh@gmail.com)- so I can add you to the list. Once I figure out what restaurant we will be going to, I will have Ken Coleman send out a signup email.

February 1<sup>st</sup> we will have a club breakfast and board meeting. We will meet at Golden Corral, 13440 S Black Bob, Olathe at 9:00. I will have a signup sheet at our next meeting, January 27th. If you are not at the meeting and would like to go, please contact me.

We have already started making plans for the National Tour next June. We have several club members signed up to go. If you would like to join us Please let me know and I will get you the information on what we have planned.

Thanks,

Bill Hills  
[bill.hills.sh@gmail.com](mailto:bill.hills.sh@gmail.com)  
913-406-2085

## 2025 Calendar

- January  
 10-19 KC Restaurant Week  
 27 POA Meeting
- February  
 1 POA Breakfast at Golden Corral  
 24 POA Meeting
- March  
 17 Leavenworth St. Patrick's Day Parade  
 24 POA Meeting
- April  
 TBD Tune-up Day  
 28 POA Meeting
- May  
 26 POA Picnic & Meeting
- June  
 15- 22 National Tour  
 23 POA Meeting
- July  
 4 Lenexa 4th of July Parade  
 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

# FOR XMAS

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## The Night before Christmas



'Twas the night before Christmas, the clock struck eleven. Everyone else was in bed; they'd be up long before seven. Milk and cookies for Santa, carrots for the reindeer. Set out for the visitors they hoped would soon be here. I turned off the lights as I walked through the house, chuckling as I thought of the proverbial mouse.

I looked out the window into the bright starry night, and grumbled as I saw he'd forgotten the garage light. I put on my coat, boots, mittens and hat. You can bet in the morning he'd hear about that. I walked to the garage, and as I got near, some movement and a voice inside I could hear.

I crept to the window and scraped off the frost. Looked inside to see some elves and, of course, Santa Claus. Elves on the running board, trunk and spare, I stood still, couldn't move, didn't dare. I listened as he spoke to them, smiling as he did. He talked about the Model A, his car when he was a kid.

"This vehicle is a piece of the past, this standard Fordor car, it made the world a smaller place, so men could travel far. This car gave every man a chance to step beyond his home. To leave his land, his town, his state, and go and go where he would roam. It opened up the world to every man, this little Model A Ford. The average man could buy this car - he couldn't afford an L-29 Cord.

"This car you see here, this chicle and copra drab Model A. Is sixty-four years old, if it's even a day. It is cared for and loved by the family who lives here, who get pleasure and enjoyment with it, all through the year. It makes my heart glad and me, happy to see, that a simple thing can be a joy to a family."

He shined the motometer and patted the hood, then he commented, "Even the body is framed with wood." He gathered his elves and went to his sleigh, and went off of the roof, up, up, up and away. I walked back to the house and went up to bed, with the vision of Santa Claus still in my head.

I dreamed of Santa and elves all night. And woke the next morning to the sounds of delight. The children were up, down by the tree, looking at their stockings to see what they could see. The carrots, milk and cookies were gone, the pace was clean, Santa, his elves and reindeer had made the scene.

There was a note from Santa to all the family "Merry Christmas to all, and save a ride for me!" they all looked puzzled, wondering what did this man? As I smiled to myself, my eye had a gleam. I knew what he meant, that wonderful man. Model A Ford people have fun, as no one else can.

- The Running Board  
Northwestern Connecticut A's



## MAFFI Minute

Here's wishing you a wonderful holiday season and please share the messages below with your clubs and Model A friends:

The Model A Museum will be closed from January 1 through 26, 2025 for expansion demolition and the Gilmore's renovations. The first half of the month, the wall between the current Model A museum and the expansion is coming down so exhibits and vehicles have to be moved. The 2nd half of the month, the Gilmore grounds will be closed because Gilmore is redoing flooring. Everything should be back open beginning January 27, 2025.

This month I'm sharing the President of the Model A Ford Foundation's message:

*Dear Model "A" Owners and Hobbyists,*

*Thank you for your continued support of The Model A Ford Foundation Museum, located on the grounds of The Gilmore Car Museum. Through your membership and donations, we have been able to establish a world class museum exhibiting displays of vehicles, era fashions and memorabilia associated with the Ford Model A.*

*The Model A Ford Foundation is in the process of expanding our museum another 8,400 square feet. This expansion will allow several more vignettes, a Learning Center Garage, and restrooms to be added for your enjoyment. The Foundation's income primarily comes from annual membership dues, the selling of museum items such as bricks, proceeds from our annual Model "A" Days and from club and individual donations. We ask that you consider giving an additional gift to help us support The Museum. Your gifts allow us to continue supporting our hobby with one of the best museums anywhere in the world.*

*All of us associated with the Model A Ford Foundation wish you and yours well this Holiday Season. Thank you again for your generous donations.*

*Best Regards,  
John Begg, President*





## Model A's For Sale

Chuck Marcus has a distant relative who is trying to help this individual sell off his collection. Anyone interested can follow-up.

I got a call from Paul Harrill and said he knows a guy in Texas who has a number of cars in a large building that they want to sell to folks who would take good care of them. If someone is interested in these cars Paul will put them directly in contact with the owner. Paul sent me an email with pictures of two Model A's that are attached. He also sent another email with a different view of the Model A's which I will send in another email. He also sent me pictures of some early Lincolns which I will send you in another email.

According to Paul -the owner just wants to sell them I think if he hears a reasonable bid, and knows the car is going to someone who will respect it like his Dad did when they owned them. I doubt if there will be any super deals but he has been watching and if he doesn't get any bids they will be going to 'Bring a Trailer' but he would prefer to sell to people who will love them. All cars are very high quality, have been stored in climate controlled garages under their own car covers. They're in the process of getting fresh gas in them and making sure the batteries are charged and ready to go.

Paul's phone number is (214) 557-0637.

- Chuck Marcus



1930 Model A

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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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- Provide Digital Copy of *The Restorer* (email required): Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- I give MAFCA permission to publish my name and contact information: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### **Benefits of Membership in MAFCA**

- The Restorer Magazine, 6 issues per year and a digital edition.
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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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# SHADE TREE MECHANIC



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