

THE PLAIN DEALER

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April 2024

The Club meets
the 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.
NOTE NEW MEETING PLACE

Next Meeting
Monday
April 22, 2024

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President's Message

Happy April everyone. Hope the nicer weather and warmer temps is inspiring you to get out the A's and do some motoring around. We have some great things coming up from Bill Hills and the tours he has put together, along with a tune-up day in the works and a youth day. As some of you know, we have lost the normal use of the club's meeting place with its pending property sale. We have some options in the works and are going to try them out and see what the best fit for the club. Please look in this month's newsletter for the place and address for the April 22nd meeting.

Keep engaging our passion for the A's and I'll see you soon.

Thanks!

Your president,

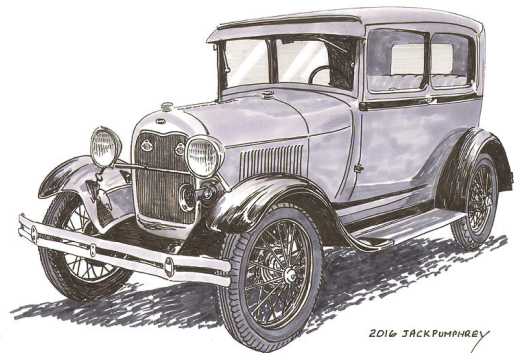
Andy Dugan

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Note: Change of Address for Meeting

The address for April's new meeting place is:
The Meadowlark Meeting Room
Matt Cross Community Center
8101 Marty St., Overland Park, KS 66204



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2024 Club Officers

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|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
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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.

Plain Ol' A's Keychain

Yours FREE with every \$5 donation to the Model A Youth Scholarship Fund. - Contact John Smeltzer at a meeting, event or by email.



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Sunshine Report

Hi everyone!

It looks like spring has FINALLY arrived! I hope everyone has been able to get out and enjoy the sunshine, the fresh air, and all the fun flowers popping up everywhere!

I have been out of town on several trips in the last month, so have no "new" news for the Sunshine report this month. If you know of anyone that is under the weather, please let me know and I'll be sure to reach out to them.

Thanks!

Deborah Smeltzer
913-526-6977

Memorial Day Picnic

The Memorial Day picnic will be held on May 27 at Wyandotte County Park.

- Andy Dugan



©Gooseberry Patch

March 2024 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on March 25, 2024 at the Masonic Hall. President Andy Dugan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Guests and New Members-No new members were 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-There was no news to report.

Seminars-No seminars are planned.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

April 24-27 Tour to Salina, Concordia, Abilene, and Manhattan

May 4 Youth day

May 11 Ensor Park Ensorfest

June 23-29 National Meet in New Mexico

July 4 Lenexa Parade

Car Shows-

June 6-9 Shawnee Days

July 14 Great American car show

September Cedar Lake Village car show

September Shawnee car show

Webmaster-Joe was not at the meeting.

Meeting Location-We will meet next month at Matt Ross Community Center at 8101 Marty.

Picnic-- The picnic will be held at Wyandotte County Park on May 27.

Christmas Party-The Christmas party will be held on December 6 at Embassy Suites.

Other Business-The Omaha club is putting together a bus tour to the Gilmour Museum in September.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by Bill and Deborah Hills and Ed and Millie Jankowski.
Nancy Hess
Secretary

Model A Tune-Up Day

Tune-Up day will be at the club house in Shawnee on April 20th at 10:00. We will find some place to have lunch when we finish. If anyone has a suggestion where to have lunch, please let me know.

Bill Hills

Treasurer's Report - March 2024

Income

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Dues | \$85.00 | |
| Dues & Newsletters | \$250.00 | |
| Advertisers | \$120.00 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | \$455.00 |

Expenses

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| OP Parks & Recreation (Rental Meeting Room) | \$60.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | \$60.00 |

Interest

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| \$1.87 | \$1.87 |
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Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer

Refreshments

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

If you are not able to serve, please contact Fran Coleman as soon as you can. (913-481-6658; fc Coleman@gmail.com). Thank you, everyone for helping!

If anyone did not sign up to provide drinks or snacks and they would like to, you also may contact Fran Coleman. Thanks!

Fran Coleman

| <u>Plain Ol' A's Refreshments</u> | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <u>2024</u> | |
| Apr. 22 | Bill & Bernice Lindley Ron & Theresa Guenther |
| June 24 | Dennis & Janet Cawley Cort Miller & Karen Garber-Miller |
| July 22 | Darrell & Deb Enloe Bob & Nancy Hess |
| Aug. 26 | Harvey & Vicky Roseberry Steve & Julie Woerdehoff |
| Sept. 23 | Dennis & Jennifer Moore Ken & Fran Coleman |
| Oct. 28 | Alan South & Georgia Bianchi Ross & Toni Warnell |

Ladies Night Out

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2024
 6:30 P.M.
 Sponsors: Bill Hills
 Phone: 913-406-2085
 Place: Jumpin' Catfish
 1861 S. Ridgeview,
 Olathe, KS

2024 Ladies Night Out

Pick a month you would like to sponsor Ladies Night Out.

Ladies Night Out 2024 Sponsor Sign Up

| | |
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| January | ----- |
| February | Smeltzer, John & Deborah |
| March | Coleman |
| April | Hills |
| May | Picnic |
| June | OPEN |
| July | South |
| August | OPEN |
| September | OPEN |
| October | Guenther |
| November | OPEN |
| December | Christmas Party |

Gillmore Museum Trip

The cutoff date for signing up for the bus trip to the Gillmore Museum in MI by the Meadowlark Model A Ford Club of Omaha will be April 21, 2024. If The Meadowlark Model A Club has the 56 committed riders for the bus trip at that date they will require a \$150.00 per person deposit no later than May 11, 2024. This will allow them to proceed with the remaining preparations for the trip. Should there be less than 56 committed riders on April 21, 2024 the trip will be cancelled.

Questions can be directed to Ed Jankowski at 785-690-7170 or emjank1626@gmail.com.

2024 Calendar

- April
 - 17 Ladies Night Out
 - 22 POA Meeting
 - 24-28 Salina Hub Tour
 - 27 Belger Art Center Tour
- May
 - 3-5 Lawrence Swap Meet
 - 4 Model A Youth Month
 - 11 Ensorfest
 - 18 Plattsburg Car Show
 - 24 Ripple Glass Tour
 - 27 POA Meeting and Picnic
- June
 - 23-29th 2024 MAFCA National Convention
 - 24 POA Meeting
- July
 - 4 Lenexa Parade
 - 22 POA Meeting



Tours 2024

April 20 Tune-Up Day at the Club House in Shawnee. We will meet at 10:00. After we get done with repairs, we will find some place to have lunch. If you have a suggestion where to have lunch Please let me know.

April 24-29 Salina Hub Tour. We are finally going to do the tour that Theresa Guenther had planned before Covid hit. We will spend three nights at Salina. While in Salina we will tour the Rolling Hills Zoo, The Garage Auto Museum, and the National Orphan Train Museum in Concordia. Then we will travel to Abilene to tour the Eisenhower Presidential Library. From Abilene we will spend the night in Junction City or Manhattan. On the way home we will tour the Midwest Dream Car Collection. I will have a sign up sheet at the March meeting. Here are the hotels I chose for this trip; Fairfield Inn Salina 785-515-5333 for the nights of April 24- 26th. Comfort Inn Junction City 785-762-4200 for the night of April 27th.

April 27 The HOA Club has invited us to Belger Art Center, 2100 Walnut, Kansas City, MO at 11:00. The Center has some of the most interesting works of art in the KC area. Mr. Belger was the founder of the HOA Club. After the tour lunch will be at Jack Stack BBQ- about 4 block from the center. If you are interested in going Please contact Chuck Lewis at 913-205-9884. They need a solid head count for the tour.

May 4 Model A Youth Month at Lance Burton's, 1009 Linda Lane, Raymore, MO. We will get started at 10:00. We will be working with scouts again this year. I will be meeting with Andy to finalize a plan but hopefully it will be similar to last year. Andy and I can use help with this so Please let us know if you can help.

May 11 Ensorfest. The folks at Ensor Park and Museum invited us out again this year for their yearly event. There will be tours of the farm stead, old farm equipment, Ham Radios, Blue Grass Music and a food truck. I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting or you can contact me if you want to go.

May 18 The City of Plattsburg, MO is dedicating a Mural on the side of the old Tinnen Motor Co building showcasing elements from the Jefferson Highway era. The Tinnen Building was a Ford Dealership in the early 1900s. Plattsburg has invited local Model A Clubs and Model T Club for a car show. I will have to find out what time it starts as the email I have does not state a start time. I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting or you can contact me if you want to go.

May 24 The HOA club has invited us to tour the Ripple Glass Recycling Center, 1642 Cyrstal Ave, Independence, MO. The tour will be at 10:30. I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting or you can contact me if you want to go.

June National Convention in Ruidoso, NM. We have 6-7 Couples planning to go. If you would like to go see me for information.

July Lenexa 4th of July Parade. I have us signed up and will have more info later.

If you have ideas for tours Please let me know.

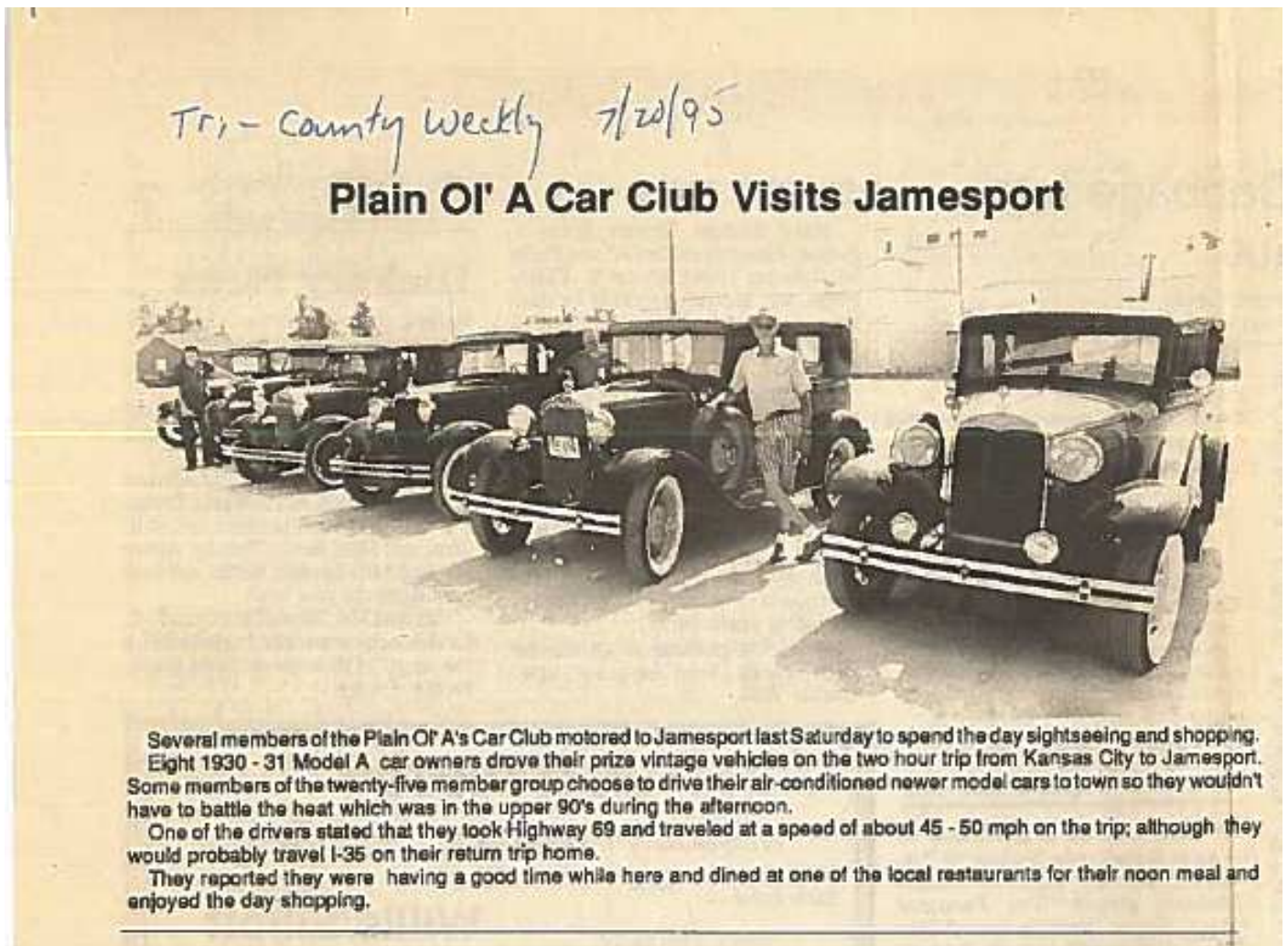
Thanks,

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



Theresa Guenther April 3
 Doug Belt April 8
 Steve Woerdehoff April 15
 Harvey Roseberry April 16
 Deb Enloe April 17
 Bruce Mills April 19
 Millie Jankowski April 26
 Billie Aye April 28
 Dick Knapp April 29
 Daniel Montero April 29

Daniel & Mary Montero April 14
 Dave & Sue Ryan April 15



George and Betty Rifford

George's introduction and interest in automobiles started at a very young age from his father, George Jr. His father loved automobiles, and how they worked. He was always concerned with the proper maintenance of the automobile. He taught George at a very young age every part of the automobile, and would quiz him to make sure he knew and understood its function. He taught George the importance of maintenance and how to maintain the automobile.

At about this time or shortly thereafter there were two teenage boys who lived across the street from George's family. Mainly one, Doug "Goose" Smiley also had a love for automobiles. Doug was restoring a 1929 Model A Tudor at the time and George was helping Doug whenever he could. This family with the two young teenagers whose Mother also happened to be George's 4th grade teacher looked after George and treated him as one of their family or a younger brother. George adapted very well since he came from a family of siblings being two sisters. Doug "Goose" loved working on automobiles, and George was always his helper, go-for, hold this while he would tighten something. Once in awhile the two brothers would look at each other, look at George, nod, grab him and take him in the house upside down and give him what they called 'A Swirlie'. Also being an ornery youngster, George would sometimes sneak, or happen to quietly walk into the basement where "Goose" and his girlfriend were, back then it was called "necking". They caught him and they grabbed him, put on lots of red lipstick and kissed him all over his face. He went running home, down the stairs to his room. When he streaked through the house his Mother, who saw the red and thought he had been in a fight or accident, came running downstairs to see the lipstick which was an extra embarrassment to George.

As George grew older his love for automobiles was still there and he then was actually helping along with learning the techniques to changing the body style, restoration of the automobile. In High School George and a buddy restored a 1923 T Roadster. They restored it not to original but to catch the eyes of girls. This is the story he tells of how they used a 16 gallon beer keg for a gas tank. It was a cool car! They called it their "chick wagon".

Then George grew up.....His real yearning was to own a Model A. In 1998-99 when Betty started working at Huhtamaki Packaging Company (Sealright Packaging) in De Soto, Kansas. One day when George came out to De Soto to take Betty to lunch, they were driving through the small town of De Soto and saw this building that had a sign 'Grandpa's Garage' and looking through the windows they could see numerous antique automobiles. They ventured, turned the door knob and walked inside. A very nice gentleman by the name of Dean Weller came out to say hello and talked with them and showed them all of the antiques he had either built or restored. His kindness and meticulous restoration never left George's mind. He would venture over to talk to Dean many times after that. On that first day and times after George saw this one automobile that he fell in love with and kept telling Betty that he wanted to own one just like that one. Finally one day, Betty told him to ask Mr. Weller if he would like to sell it. So George ventured over to De Soto and when he finally asked Dean about it, he had sold it. George was so disappointed, as he had his eye on that one automobile for over a year. Dean asked George if he was seriously thinking of buying one like the 1931 Model A Roadster Deluxe he had and of course his response was YES. Dean happened to have a friend who had one for sale and gave George the name and number of Don Tallman. George promised Betty he was only going to go over and look at it. Yeah Right! George went over first and then we both went to look at it. It was love at first sight and it was the very same 1931 Roadster Dean had restored.

We really enjoy our 1931 and our two little Granddaughters, Paige (7) and Hailey (3) love to go riding in it. When it is announced we are going to go for a ride in the Model A, they associate going for a ride with going to Silas and Maddy's Ice Cream in Olathe. They even ask Grandpa to go for a ride. We have had so much fun taking it out for a ride. Young or old, it brings a smile to everyone's face, a honk, a wave or a thumbs up. A great conversation starter at the Ice Cream store, Gas Pump and the Valvoline Oil Change shop. The Valvoline Shop does not charge George for changing the oil. They say it is privilege to change the oil on a vehicle that age.

We haven't made to very many of the club meetings or outings, but we do cherish the friendships we have made with the club and enjoy all of the members.

Keep on Driving the Old "A"!

George and Betty Rifford

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MAFFI Minute

Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy", a 1930 Ford Model A has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the beloved Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the same condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950's. Enjoy driving "Betsy", your newest Model A, to your next cruise-in or car show. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee.

"Betsy", became famous as the best Model A in the world. The Ford Model A has gathered 32 top place trophies in the 34 shows which the car was entered. That includes two national shows in 1957 and 1962. Overall, the car won 39 trophies. It is said that Red Grow's car, "Betsy", was an inspiration at the time. It drove many people to do their best in restoring their own car. This urge to do the best restoration possible, developed the need for more information about how to a better job. As a result, the Judging Standards evolved. We can thank Red Grow and the MAFCA founders for their vision.

In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubbs for \$5,000, an unheard-of price in those days. As a result, Dave Grubb placed the car in a glass cage centered in his dealer showroom. Now, you have a chance to own "Betsy" by entering a Sweepstakes through our website, <https://www.maffi.org/index.htm> , or scan the QR code and receive 20% more tickets for your Donation, available at checkout!"

Happy Motoring,

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.

Wanted: 1928-29 complete radiator suitable for re-coring, in fair condition.
Ken Coleman 913-481-6654 call or text. (4/24)

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Motor/Frame Number - Match
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\$15,000
Contact Jim Davidson - (913) 402-2077 (3/24)



For Sale: rebuilt model A engine. All new parts from Snyders. Engine is assembled except for the head to allow view of cylinders and to hoist it. Following are all new pistons and rings, valves, valve springs, valve guides, head studs, two piece front pulley and nut, adjustable tappets. Poured and line bored, crank journals turned 10 thousandths, block and head have been milled. . Assembled with new gaskets and can be turned over with a craftsman breaker bar. Head is an original head in excellent condition. Block was pressure tested in October '23 with no cracks.
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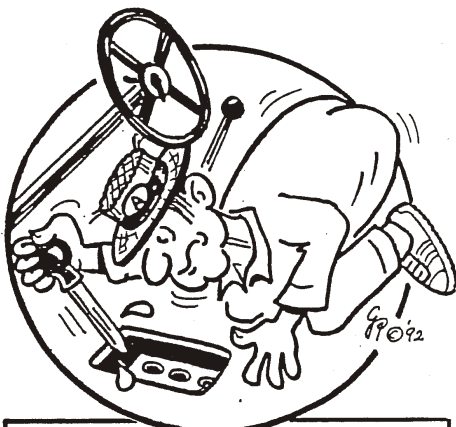


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 - Email: _____
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Model A Ford Club of America
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**PLAIN OL' A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB
NEW AND RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Last Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

First: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Spouse: _____ Email: _____

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? _____

_____ 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

12731 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64145

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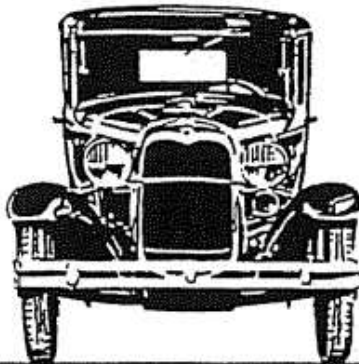
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