

THE PLAIN DEALER

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December 2020

The Club meets
the 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Shawnee Masonic Lodge

Next Meeting
Monday
January 25, 2021

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President's Message

December is the time of year when we celebrate the holiday season and all the joys we have encountered throughout the year. I would like to extend my thanks to all of you for helping us make it through the last year, and I hope you enjoyed the friendship and fellowship as much as I have. Next month the new Board of Directors/Officers will meet to set the 2021 agenda and a calendar of events for the year. I hope that the Board of Directors/Officers will be able to bring you several club events to participate in throughout the year (despite the ongoing pandemic situation). It has been a great 5 years as your President and I know John is going to do a great job!

FYI: We are looking for a Historian for 2021, if you are interesting in taking pictures and documenting events on behalf of the Club, please let me or another board member know.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the events along our Model A's path next year! Now without further ado, I give everyone one last AHOOGA on!

— Justin Read, President

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RENEWAL NOTICE

Don't forget to renew Membership for 2021. Mail your renewal form to:

Bob Hess
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Kansas City, MO 64145
Renewal Forms are on page 11.

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BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

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2021 Club Officers

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Webmaster	OPEN		

Newsletter Articles

Information for the newsletter should be sent to Jim Bernard, Jr. His email address is jbernardjr@swansonbernard.com, or snail mail, 4600 Madison, Ste. 600, Kansas City, MO 64112 or phone Jim at 816-410-4610 or Joyce at 816-410-4613.

The deadline for submission of articles is the 8th of the month.

MAFCA

MAFCA, the Model A Ford Club of America, encourages national membership. There is a membership form in the back of the newsletter for anyone who is interested.

Facebook

Plain Ol' A's is now on Facebook: Search For "Plain Ol' A's" and request to join the Private Group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2581927338560371> There are pictures posted from the Fall Foliage Tour and the HyVee Car Show, along with some previous events.

Roster Change

Tom Balas has a new address:

14480 Aurora Lane
Basehor, KS 66007.

December Trivia

Did you know???

- December always begins with the same day of the week as September.
- December's flower is the narcissus or holly.
- December's birth stones are turquoise, lapis lazuli, zircon, topaz (blue), or tanzanite.
- December in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to June in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa.
- The name is from the Latin decem for "ten". December was the tenth month in the Roman calendar until a monthless winter period was divided between January and February.

Minutes - November 23, 2020

The Plain Ol' A's met on November 23, 2020, at the Masonic Hall. President Justin Read called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Guests and New Members-No guests or new members were present.

Minutes-The minutes were approved as published in The Plain Dealer, with one correction. Only members who have E-mail will pay an extra \$5.00 to have the newsletter mailed to them.

Treasurer's Report-Bob Hess gave the treasurer's report. The balance is \$15,032.76.

Sunshine Report-JB Hodgden is in the hospital. Bruce Mills' cancer has come back.

Ladies' Night Out-There will be no ladies' night out for the remainder of the year.

Tours-Theresa Guenther will no longer serve as tour director. She will be replaced by Bill Hills. Tour plans will be published in the newsletter.

Car Shows: Car shows being considered for 2021 are Shawnee Town, HyVee, Turner Barn, and City Market.

Other Business-Justin thanked members who volunteered during 2020. The club needs a new historian.

Donations-The following donations were approved:

Masonic Lodge	\$300.00
Joyce Tweedy	\$200.00
MAFFI	\$100.00
MAFCA Youth Scholarship	\$46.00

Nominating Committee-The following members were elected as officers for 2021:

President	John Smeltzer
Vice-President	Ed Jankowski
Secretary	Nancy Hess
Treasurer	Bob Hess
Directors	Justin Read Ken Coleman Theresa Guenther

Refreshments-There were no refreshments. We will not have refreshments for the remainder of the year.

Nancy Hess
Secretary



Treasurer's Report - November 2020

Beginning Balance 10/31/2020		\$15,032.76
Checking Balance	\$2,803.78	
Income		
Dues	720.00	
Renewal Ads	100.00	
TOTAL INCOME		+ 820.00
Expenses		
November Newsletter	54.12	
GoDaddy WEB Page	119.37	
TOTAL EXPENSES		- 173.49
Money Market Account		
Beginning Balance	\$12,431.08	
Interest Payment	1.02	
Total Money Market Balance		\$12,432.10
Ending Balance 11/30/2020		\$15,580.29

Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer

If My Body Were a Car

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a new model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull . . . but that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus, and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things, even in the best weather. . .

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed.

My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But the worst of it ---

Almost every time I sneeze, cough, or laugh . . .
- either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

Central Iowa Model A Club Newsletter

Be Careful of What You Say -

An elderly gentleman . . .

Had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman was back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my Will three times!"

MAFFI Newsletter Minute November 2020

Give a Brick for Christmas!

Since 2011, when we first started raising money for the construction of the Model A Museum, over 2000 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of your favorite Model A'ers, Model A clubs and regions. We have room under the gas canopy at the Museum for about 17 more bricks but we will be opening up a new area very soon so there will be plenty of space for future growth. So how about ordering a brick for a loved one for Christmas. A personalized brick would make a great gift for that parent or grandparent who really doesn't 'need' anything and of course, it would benefit the Model A Museum as well. If your Model A region or club doesn't yet have a brick at the Museum, now would be a good time to do that as well. Use the brick order form in this month's issue of the 'A' Preserver to order your engraved brick or copy and paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.maffi.org/WSContent/Download/BuyABrickDonation.pdf>

It will be in place at the Museum by September 19, 2021

Merry Christmas and thank you,

MAFFI Board of Trustees

Christmas Cards

Henry Cole, an Englishman, was too busy to write personal greetings for Christmas 1843. Cole hired artist John Calcott Horsley to design a ready to be sent card.

The hand-colored card Horsley designed was lithographed on stiff, dark cardboard and featured adults and children raising wine glasses in a toast. The first Christmas card also had various religious symbols. Sprigs of holly symbolized chastity, while ivy symbolized places God had walked. Feeding and clothing the poor were also encouraged on the card's cover. Under the picture was written "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Printed in an edition of 1,000, Horsley's card was sold in London stores. Only one of those cards exists today.

Two reasons for the initial popularity of Christmas cards are given. The custom may have caught on because greetings could be mailed for a penny each in 1843, London. The other reason is attributed to a scandal with Horsley's design. A family, surrounded with religious symbols, holding glasses of wine, offended some. The controversy is thought to have helped promote Cole's idea.



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

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. For information, contact Jim Bernard, Jr. at 816-410-4610.

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I still have 17 of the 29 cars for sale.

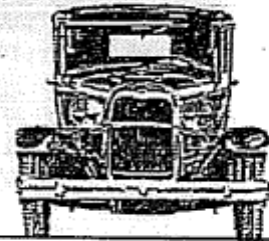
Always open on Tuesday mornings or call to schedule an appointment.

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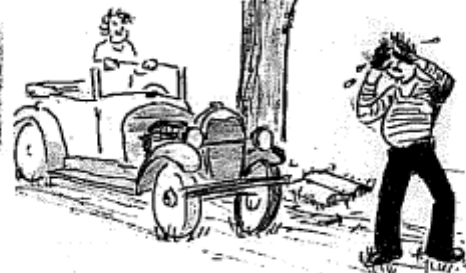
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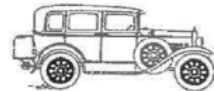


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Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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? _____

_____ New Member (dues are \$13.00 plus \$1.00 for each month remaining in the year)

_____ Renewal (dues are \$25.00 per year and DUE BY DECEMBER 31)

_____ Would you be willing to serve refreshments at a membership meeting?

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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