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

Next Meeting
Monday
January 23, 2023

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President's Message

It is December.

The Plain Ol' A's Holiday Dinner Party was on the 4th. Many of us participated. If you weren't there, we missed you so plan better next year. The venue was festive. The food was delicious. The white elephant gift exchange was exciting and without the typical unnecessary roughness or the interruptions of timeouts for video review. It was a great time. We owe Ed Jankowski our thanks for putting this event together.

As usual, all the ladies were well put together. If MAFCA came with photographers to cover our event for a layout in "The Restorer," they were ready.

I was impressed by how well the men were dusted off and shined up. When we expect to arrive without crawling underneath a misbehaving Model A, we men do our best. Shower - check. Shave - check. Jackets, ties, socks - check, check, check. There was no such photo shoot. There should have been. Capturing this group of guys on film in this state might rival photographic evidence of "Big Foot."

Of course, there were outliers. Ron Guenther showed up in a gaudy Christmas-print suit, and Bill Hills wore an equally outrageous reindeer sweater. (If these two had a contest, no winner was declared.)

As I took in the scene, something washed over me. What was it? Nausea? It would be a reasonable guess, but no. Déjà vu? No. A premonition? Not quite. More like a vague feeling of expectation. The image of these guys had sub-consciously triggered a sense of something heading our way. I recall from my youth that Boy Scouts cite extra-furry squirrels as a harbinger of harsh winter weather. Apologies to Ron and Bill for the comparison, but this is not too different. Be prepared!

But who am I talking to? The POAs could teach Scout Masters about preparedness. When faced with the unexpected, I've seen us pull out all manner of obscure tools and parts for roadside repairs. We know alternate routes when tours get lost or run into freshly tarred roadways. Some of us can even reach back into our vast experience to instruct the newbies like me how to use regular household items like SuperGlue or Preparation H to fix a flat or make a fanbelt stop slipping. (note: Be careful which item you return to the medicine cabinet.) "Be prepared" is not the right message for this audience. There's nothing in it for us.

But something is definitely coming. There's something in the air. Can you feel it? Instead, let's go with a take-away message of "Be good for goodness sake." There's a challenge for you...and change can be a good thing. We can share stories next year about how that worked out.

Season's Greetings! Ahooooga On!

Ahooooga On!

John Smeltzer, President

Time to Renew

It's time to renew your Club membership for 2023. 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.

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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.



Sunshine Report

I hope everyone is staying healthy. Several cards were sent this past month:

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Jim Spawn. Jim was a founding member of the Plain Ol' A's Model A Club, served as an editor of the Model A Ford Club of America's Restorer magazine, and was inducted into the Model A Ford Hall of Fame in 2021. Jim passed away in late October 2022.

Last Friday, Lance Burton's daughter, Lana, unexpectedly passed away at her home. A card has been sent to Lance and Terri. Please keep them both in your thoughts during this difficult time.

A get well card was sent to Harvey Roseberry, who had been hospitalized for a few days. Harvey is now home and is on the mend.

Lastly, a get well card was sent to Jody Layne, who has had complications from hip surgery that she had in late September. Jody is a member of the Heart of America and the Northwest Missouri Model A clubs and led the Nebraska tours in the fall of 2021 and 2022.

Please send good thoughts to these members. Wishing everyone a festive holiday season and a happy New Year!

Deborah Smeltzer, Sunshine Chair

November 2022 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on November 28, 2022 at the Masonic Hall. President John Smeltzer called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Guests and New Members-New member Frank Kent 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.

Donations-The following donations were approved by the membership:

- Joyce Tweedy--\$500.00
- Masonic Lodge--\$400.00
- Harvesters--\$200.00
- Youth Scholarship Fund--\$256.00

Sunshine Report-Dorothy Haggard and Jim Spawn died. Dave Ryan's sister died. Harvey Roseberry and Sue Long are hospitalized. Jody Layne had a hip replacement.

Ladies' Night Out-There will be no ladies' night out in December. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the January meeting.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

- January 21 Breakfast at Golden Corral followed by a board meeting
- February Negro Leagues Museum and Jazz Museum
- March St. Patrick's Day parade
- June 11-16 Breckenridge Regional Meet
- July 6-21 National tour in Michigan and Indiana\
- July or August Truman Library

Car Shows--None planned

Website-Joe is working to synchronize calendars.

Name Tags-Name tags are available for those who requested them.

Christmas Dinner-The dinner will be held on December 4 at the Embassy Suites. We will eat at noon, followed by our gift exchange.

Nominating Committee-The following officers were elected for 2023:

President	John Smeltzer
Vice President	Andy Dugan
Director	Steve Woerdehoff
Treasurer	Bob Hess
Secretary	Nancy Hess
Directors	Ed Jankowski
	Ken Coleman
	Steve Woerdhoff

Meeting Time-The membership voted to move the monthly meeting start time to 7:00 PM starting in April, 2023.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by Bob and Nancy Hess and Eddie Griggs.

Nancy Hess, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - November 2022

Income

Dues	\$435.00
Newsletter Ad	25.00
Christmas Party	705.92
Cash (12.00 Name Badge fines, \$120.00 Jack, \$92.00 Raffle)	<u>224.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,389.92

Expenses

Go Daddy.com Website	\$30.00
Refund, Gayle Henshaw	
Regional	<u>90.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	- \$120.00

Interest

\$1.95

Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer

Refreshments

The paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, tablecloths and cups are available at the Lodge. Please remember to check supplies at the preceding meeting.

If you cannot serve, please contact Fran Coleman (913-481-6658; fcole61@gmail.com).

Fran Coleman

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

2023

January	John & Deborah Smeltzer Ed & Millie Jankowski
February	Steve & Julie Woerdehoff Joe & Joanie Nicholas
March	Ross & Toni Warnell Keith & Kathy Nesbitt
April	Bob & Donna Pettit Bill & Deb Hills

Officer Election Results

Officer elections were held at the monthly meeting on November 28. The following slate of candidates from the Nominating Committee were unanimously elected to serve in 2023.

- President - John Smeltzer
- Vice President - Andy Dugan
- Treasurer - Bob Hess
- Secretary - Nancy Hess
- Director - Ed Jankowski
- Director - Ken Coleman
- Director - Steve Woerdehoff

Join me in thanking the members of the Nominating Committee.

- Alan South
- Ron Guenther
- Bruce Mills

Over the next year, please consider stepping up to fill one of these roles ...or any other positions responsible for sustaining this vibrant and active club. It is important!

Monthly Meeting Time Change

During the New Business segment of the monthly meeting on November 28, a discussion regarding the 7:30pm start time of the monthly meetings took place. No one present could recall a rationale for why that start time was originally adopted. Many attendees were in favor of something earlier. The following motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Starting in April 2023, all Plain Ol' A's monthly membership meetings will start at 7:00 pm. Until then, we will continue to meet at 7:30 pm and get the word out to membership.

Welcome New Members

Frank & Marsha Kent
 (913) 707.3403
 Email: kcfireguy@gmail.com
 2627 S. 72nd St.
 Kansas City, KS 66106
 1929 Tudor

Robert Montgomery
 913-980-8278 (cell)
 Email: bob@montgomeryandcompany.com
 107 W. Cedar
 Olathe, KS 66061
 1929 Fordor
 1930 Roadster

January Events

Our first outing for 2023 will be with the Heart of America Club during Kansas City Restaurant Week. On Thursday January 19th, we will meet at Garozzo's Ristorante, 526 Harrison St, Kansas City, MO at 11:00 for lunch. I will be sending an email out and would like you to contact me so I can sign you up. Please let me know if you want to go by January 12th as we need to give the restaurant a head count. You can email me (**bill.hills.sh@gmail.com**) or call me (**913-406-2085**). Hope to see you there.

Our second outing will be January 21st for breakfast. We will meet at Golden Corral, 13440 S Black Bob, Olathe at 9:00. There will be a board meeting after breakfast. There is no sign up for this event, just show up and have breakfast.

- Bill Hills

Tours

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Now that 2022 is about over I have started planning for 2023. Look at the 2023 calendar that I have started to see what is planned so far. I hope you will be able to join us.

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I hope to have more events on the calendar by our January meeting. If you have ideas for tour, please let me know.

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

2023 Calendar

- January 19 KC Restaurant Week at Garozzo's in KC with Heart of America Club
- January 21 POA's Breakfast at Golden Corral
- January 23 POA Meeting

- February 18 Jazz and Negro League Baseball Museums
- February 27 POA Meeting

- March 12 St Patrick's Day Parade- Leavenworth
- March 27 POA Meeting

- April 24 POA Meeting

- May 22 POA Meeting

- June 11-16 Regional Meeting in Breckenridge, CO
- June 26 POA Meeting

- July 4 Fourth of July Parade - Lenexa
- July 16-21 National Tour- Indiana/Michigan
- July 24 POA Meeting





December 28 Bob & Joann Arnold

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

Passing of a President - Jody McEntee

Jody McEntee a past president of our POA chapter, has passed away and will be missed.

JOSEFINA MCENTEE OBITUARY
August 3, 1947 - November 29, 2022

Kansas City, Missouri - Josefina (Orozco) McEntee of Kansas City, MO went to heaven on November 29, 2022. She was born and raised in Chanute, KS by Teresco & Delores Orozco, the 5th of 5 children. She graduated in 1975 from Penn Valley School of Nursing where she began her career in Emergency Room Nursing and Life Flight Nursing. She completed a Nurse Practitioner program in Omaha, NE in 1981, specializing in Emergency Medicine. In 1990 she became the co-owner of Cascade Health Services. She retired in 2009 to enjoy her lake home, Model A Club activities, family and friends.

She met her husband, Robert (Bob) McEntee, in 1968 and married May 15, 1970. They have one son; Eric Joseph.

She leaves behind her husband, Bob McEntee, of 52 years, her son; Eric; Sister Mary Mendoza, Sister Margarita Waller and Margarita's husband; Stanley. Her parents and her two brothers, Samuel and John, preceded her in death.

There will be a celebration of life for family and friends on December 14, 2022, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church located at 1800 Mo-150, Lee's Summit, MO, with visitation starting at 10:30 and a mass scheduled at 11:30. Burial will be for the immediate family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, 4200 S 4th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048 OR Children's Mercy Hospital, 2401 Gilham Road, Kansas City, MO 64108. Thank You.

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Another Blast from the Past from the February 1993 *Plain Dealer*.



MODEL A STORIES

By Neil Morris



The year was 1945 when I bought my first Model A. It was a 1931 Tudor with a practically new engine that ran real nice. The front cross member was broken. A weld wouldn't hold because the break was hard to get at. I had trouble keeping the radiator from leaking.

The roads that we drove on were dirt and gravel. The only paved road was the fifty-six mile stretch of Kansas-156 between Jetmore and Garden City. We lived about six miles north of Kalvesta, Kansas, about half-way between Jetmore and Garden City and north of Dodge City.

One Sunday afternoon, three other boys and I had been out hunting rabbits. Since I was low on gas, a friend with a 1939 Chevy offered to give me a push. Now this old car of mine was hard to steer. I told him not to push me too fast because I had a hard time keeping it in the road. He just laughed and said he would take it slow. He got me going down the road faster than

the car would steer. The car was out of control. It rolled over with the four of us in it. The car righted back on its wheels without much damage. The top was torn a little, the headlights were pointing toward the sky, and a jack hit one of the boys in the back of the head. I was thankful no one was seriously hurt and that a gun didn't go off. I later sold the car to a couple of farmers who wanted to put grayhounds in it and chase coyotes.

In 1948, I came to Kansas City to work at Clark's School Bus Service at Johnson Drive and Lamar. Mr. Clark had a 1931 Model A Roadster sitting on the showroom floor. The car was painted a lot like Ken Britt's ... blue with yellow wheels. He had it fixed up for his son who never drove it. It sat there and the engine froze up. The bus mechanic had taken out the plugs and put in kerosene in the holes. Eventually the engine broke free and we got it started. It ran pretty nice but leaked oil out of

the rear main. I bought the car, had side curtains made for it and drove it to Topeka. I just about froze on that trip. I had this Roadster until spring and sold it to Bill Campbell.

The 1930 Fordor Sedan that I have now was bought from a guy who lived south of 85th on Brooklyn. It was green with yellow wheels but had had lots of different colors of paint. The body was in good shape with no rust and not beat up. We got it in 1986 but it sat for two years before Ralph Haggard helped me get it going. We took it to Monett, Missouri, to have the top wood put on. It was a long process with a lot of mistakes. If I had to do it over again I would buy one ready-made. I haven't done anything to the rest of the car ... the engine, transmission, or the rear end. The odometer showed 62,000 miles. It's fun to drive.

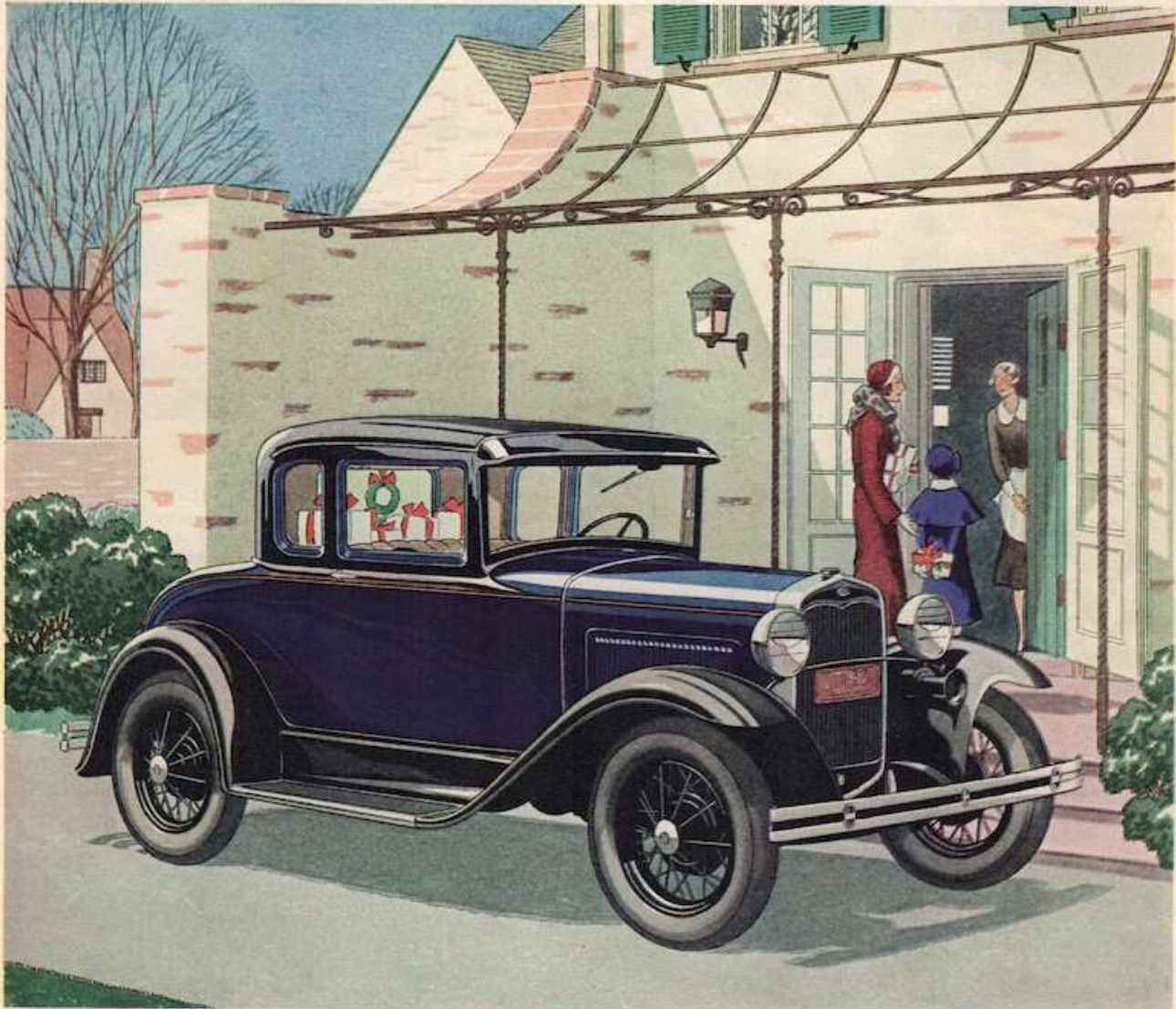
I'm glad I found the Plain Ol' A's and I thank all of you for helping me with the things that I can't do.

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The Farmer's Wife, December, 1930

A Treasured *Gift* at Christmas Time



DREAMS will come true in many homes this Christmas. For there, among the holiday gifts, will be a gleaming new Ford. From Dad to Mother. Or from Mother and Dad to Son or Daughter.

Not a gift for the day only, but one that will be treasured through the year. A practical, useful gift that will bring countless

happy hours and shorten the miles to friends and distant places.

Illustrated above is the new Ford Coupe. There are many other body types to select from, in a variety of beautiful colors. A choice of mohair or Bedford cord upholstery is offered in the Town Sedan, the De Luxe Sedan, and the De Luxe Coupe.



From the Model A Ford Club of America Website

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 Sale: Our member Bob Goodrich has decided to sell a real cream puff, his 1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster 40-B Dlx for a very firm \$25,000

- 20,400 miles on a complete restoration
- Body color-Stone Brown, belt-Stone Deep Gray, wheels-Tacoma Cream
- Twin side-mount spares with chrome mirrors
- Good title and matching numbers
- Lebaron Bonney top and side curtains
- Powder coated wheels with, white wall tires
- 12 volt system with cut-out, distributor with modern points
- Mitchell Overdrive, alternator, CB radio
- Manifold heater, tow bar
- Extra carburetor, distributor and starter
- Contact Bob @ 913 888-4943 or 816-536-6938 (11/22)



For Sale: 1929 Model A Standard. Engine rebuilt. 12 volt system.

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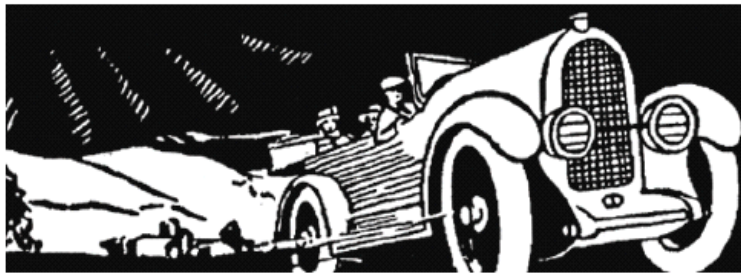


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 250 S. Cypress St.
 La Habra, CA 90631-5515



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**PLAIN OL' A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB
NEW AND RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Last Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
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 Spouse: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____
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Has any of the above information changed since the last Roster? _____

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Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____

Are you interested in Touring? _____ Seminars? _____ Need Help with your Model A? _____

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_____ 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).

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

Birthdate(s) (MM/DD) _____

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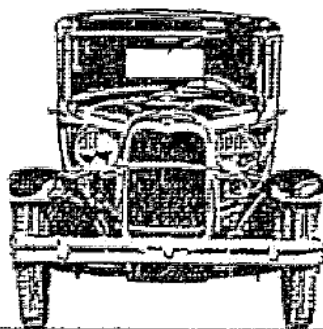
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