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

Next Meeting
Monday
February 28, 2022

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President's Message

It is February and Valentine's Day approaches. Be prepared! It is time to do something nice for those rusty old hulks out in your garages...and I do mean your spouses... specifically those cover-all clad wielders of wrenches.

These mechanics... these restorers... these maintainers... fret and sweat over these beloved old cars like nobody else would. They spend crazy amounts of time and money on them when others would walk away. They don't lust after newer models though they may be flashier or require less attention. They're faithful to the Model A. It's true love.

It speaks to their character. They are proud of their personal history with these cars. How they found 'em. How they broke 'em. How they fixed 'em. The adventures they had in 'em. They eagerly look forward to next chapters and waive away, as inconsequential, any continuing sacrifice. Others may think they're nuts, but they entertain no suggestion of ending their commitment.

SO...if character counts, these same grease monkeys have a similar endearment and dedication to you. They will do whatever it takes to make you happy. They are in it for the long run. It's true love.

Go buy them a Valentine. Give them a big kiss. Jump in the Model A with them for a ride.

Ahoooooga On!

John Smeltzer, President

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Thank You

My thanks to the Club for the generous Christmas gift. I would like to say that I will use it wisely, but that probably won't happen. I will, however, enjoy it. Thanks again.

Joyce Tweedy

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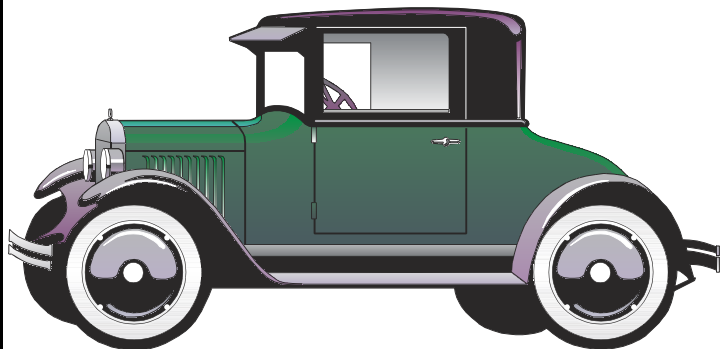
Newsletter Articles

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.

Facebook

Plain Ol' A's is now on Facebook: Search For "Plain Ol' A's" and request to join the Private Group.



MAFCA Membership

There is a membership form to MAFCA in the back of the newsletter for anyone who is interested.

Refreshments

Refreshments will resume at the January meeting.
- Fran Coleman

What's In A Name?

- A group of finches is called a charm.
- A group of frogs is called an army.
- A group of geese on the ground is called a gaggle; a group of geese in the air is a skein.
- A group of goats is called a trip.
- A group of hares is called a husk.
- A group of kangaroos is called a mob.
- A group of owls is called a parliament.
- A group of rhinos is called a crash.
- A group toads are called a knot.

From the Book of Useless Information
Noel Botham & The Useless Information Society.

January 2022 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on January 24, 2022 at the Masonic Hall. President John Smeltzer called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Guests and New Members-No guests or 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-Georgia Bianchi, Joe Nicholas, and Charles and Sherry Helwig have been ill.

Ladies' Night Out-None are being planned.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

- February 19, 2022-Club breakfast at Golden Corral.
- March or April, 2022-Possible tour
- April, 2022-Tune-up day

Swap meets will be added to the calendar as dates are learned.

Car Shows - No dates known at this time.

Regional Meet-The next planning meeting will be held on February 9 at 7:00 PM. The registration form is on the website. T-shirts will be maroon in color. Door prizes and raffle items are needed.

Bottle Jack Stabilizer-There are some available for \$10.00.

Tune-Up Day-The members discussed the possibility of having a second tune-up day.

Raffle-A raffle was held.

- Nancy Hess, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - January 2022

Checking Balance		\$3,280.09
Income		
Dues	\$700.00	
Hard Copy Newsletters	40.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$740.00
Expenses		
MAFCA Insurance	\$ 75.00	
DeSoto Parks & Recreation	25.00	
MAFCA Youth Scholarship	110.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$21000
Interest		\$1.06
		Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer

Sunshine Report

A sympathy card was sent to Chuck and Nancy Marcus as Chuck's mother, Virginia, passed away on Wednesday, January 26th. Virginia lived in California and had been very ill for many years.

Get well cards were sent in January to Georgia Bianchi, Ron Guenther, and Joe Nicholas.

I'm still working on building the birthday or anniversary list for the club. If you had a birthday or anniversary in February and I missed it, please let me know and I'll make sure your special day is added to our list!

Stay safe and healthy!

Please send your news, happy or sad, to Deborah Smeltzer at Deborah.smeltzer@gmail.com or call Deborah at [913-526-6977](tel:913-526-6977).

Deborah Smeltzer

February Birthdays



February 3 Vicky Roseberry
 February 6 Theresa Read
 February 18 Andy Dugan

The February birth stone is amethyst. The amethyst was thought to produce strength and clarity, as well as a protection from harm. The word "amethyst" is derived from the Greek word amethystos, meaning "not drunk" or "a remedy for drunkenness." The Ancient Greeks believed a person could drink all night and remain sober if they had an amethyst on their person. It was believed to keep those who wore it clear headed and quick witted in battle and business affairs.

The birth flowers of February are violets and primroses. The violet has been thought to symbolize modesty, faithfulness, everlasting love, innocence, remembrance. The primrose is one of the first blooming flowers of spring. In ancient times it was thought to provide protection, safety, and love.

POA's 2022 Regional Meet

We are about three and one half months away from the start of our Regional Meet to be hosted at the Embassy Suites in Olathe. We have a planned a full week of activities to include local tours to the Johnson County Museum, Mahaffie House, World War I Museum, and the Grand Tour to Ottawa.

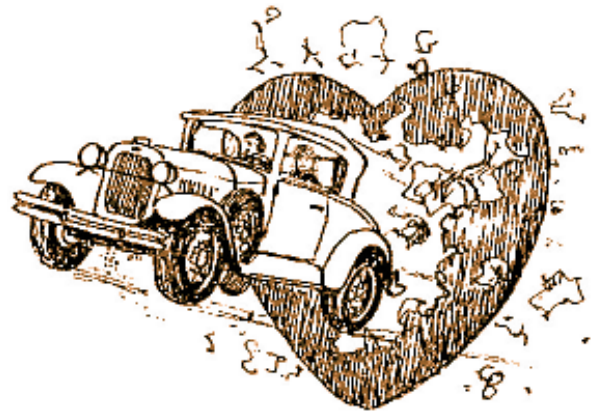
We will not be able to make this meet a success without the help of our club membership. We are looking for help for each day's activities and will be posting a sign up program soon, so I encourage each and everyone to sign up where needed. We are also asking for donations of raffle items for the hospitality room. Please do not donate items that you wouldn't like to receive yourself. The raffle items help to hold the cost of hosting a meet down.

Get on line and sign up to attend or help where needed. If you have any questions, let me know.

Ron Guenther, Meet Chair
(913) 682 - 2545

2022 Calendar

- February 19 POA Breakfast- Golden Corral- Olathe
- February 28 POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
- March- 11-12 Sunflower Swap Meet- Wichita
- March 17 Leavenworth St. Patrick's Day parade
- March 28` POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
- April 2 Blow the Dust Off Tour- TBD
- April 23 Tune-Up Day- 10:00- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
- April 25 POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
- May- 23 POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
- June- 2-7 Regional Meet- Olathe, KS
- June 12-17 National Convention- Kerrville, TX
- June 27 POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
- July 25 POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee



Tours

We will have a club breakfast on February 19th at 9:00 at the Golden Corral, 13440 S Blackbob Road, Olathe. A Board Meeting will be held after breakfast. If you haven't signed up for the breakfast Please call or email me so I can get you on the list.

The Leavenworth St. Patrick's Day parade is March 17th. More info when I get it.

We will have a "Blow the Dust Off Tour" on April 2nd. I will have more information in the March news letter.

Tune-up Day will be April 23rd at 10:00 at Masonic Lodge, Shawnee. If you need help with your car this will be a good time to get help. If you can bring your car great but if not there will be someone there that can answer your questions.

The Regional Committee will be needing help the first weekend in June putting the event on. If you can help, please let Ron Guenther know.

I know most of us may be doing winter maintenance on our cars (I'm still working on doors on the sedan) but if your car is drivable, try to get it out on nice days and take a ride.

Please let me know if you have ideas for a tour.

Bill Hills
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Originally printed in The Plain Dealer July, 1992. Claude Thomson was a member of the Plain Ol A's for many years and was the Treasurer of the Club from 2003 to 2008.

Thanks to John Smeltzer for finding this old story and others and suggesting they be reprinted for our enjoyment.

The Little Ford That Could

by Claude Thomson

It was a February day in 1943 or 1944. The temperature was about twelve degrees below zero and had been for several days which was not unusual for North Central Missouri in February. My grandfather decided this would be a good time to tow home an old John Deere tractor he had purchased from the estate of a deceased farmer who had lived nearby.

My grandfather, my uncle and myself (age 12) drove to the field where the tractor had sat since the previous fall. We were driving a two year old Chevrolet pickup. We intended to tow the tractor from the field to my grandfather's farm about six miles away. I don't know the vintage of the tractor, but it was one of those models with steel lugs on the rear wheels, and, of course, the lugs were frozen very solid into the ground. No amount of effort on our part or on the part of the pickup could break the tractor loose from the frozen ground. Pickup trucks have never been noted for traction at the rear wheels. Attempting to start the tractor was out of the question. As many old timers will remember, the method of starting John Deere tractors of that vintage was to turn by hand a large flywheel at the side of the engine until it fired and began to run. The oil in that tractor was like glue. After a couple of hours we gave up and started home.

On the way home my uncle decided we would return the next day better prepared to move the tractor. "This time we will drive the Ford." The Ford was his regular driving car, a 1929 Model A Tudor Sedan. The Model A had sealed beam headlights, a galvanized metal top, a Southwind gas heater, and sixteen inch disc wheels with extra wide tires. Otherwise the car was just as Henry made it. When we returned we brought along an axe and a long metal pry bar. Using the axe we chipped away the frozen ground around the wheels of the tractor, and with the pry bar, we picked away at the frozen ground under the tractor wheels. The time had arrived to put the Model A to the supreme test. A chain was hooked to the front axle of the tractor and around the rear axle housing of the Model A.

It was really time to see what the Ford was made of. There was smoke from the tires, smoke from the exhaust . . . lots of smoke from the exhaust. The windows rattled until I was certain they would shatter. The windshield popped open. The noise from that galvanized top was unlike anything I had ever heard. The Model A was being called on to perform a task it was never intended to do. The bouncing and shaking was unbelievable. It was reminiscent of a tin can tied to the end of a string being jerked around. True Model A buffs know the rest. We were successful in breaking the tractor loose from the frozen ground. We towed the tractor out of the field and onto the road.

At this point I literally begged to be allowed to steer the tractor as it was being towed home. While my uncle and grandfather basked in the warmth of the Southwind heater, I was freezing on the old tractor and bouncing as never before as the steel lugs barely scratched the frozen gravel road. On the trip home I kept hoping we would meet other cars, so I could be seen "in control" of the old tractor. As we turned into the driveway at my grandfather's farm, I was wishing the tractor had a horn, so I could call attention to our accomplishment. I am certain the Model A possessed a feeling of pride as it pulled the tractor up the driveway past the much newer Chevrolet pickup. Can anyone imagine using your Model A in this manner today?

To this day when I see a '29 Tudor at a meet or show, I ask myself "could it be?"

Happy Model-a-ing.

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: Two project cars.

Early 1928 Model A four door phaeton. Very good body and doors. and many extra parts for restoration. Early 1928 with not outside door handles.

1931 four door slant window. Very nice rust free body. Contact Don Graves in Omaha, Nebraska, Home phone 402-453-7166, Cell 402-659-1815. (2/22)

For Sale: Lois Vaille's , 1931 Ford Victoria Leatherback. It has always been garaged. She is asking \$25,000.00. Lois can be reached at 913-631-1139.

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- V-W Gas Door
- Centech Fuse Panel
- Custom Dash
- C-B Radio
- Posies Rear Spring
- Third Stop Light
- Tinted Glass



For Sale: 1930 Tudor, 53,000 miles, numbers matching engine and body, '83 Ford 4-speed overdrive w/26%, F100 steering box, \$20,500. Contact Ed Muntz, 913-449-5742. (12/21)




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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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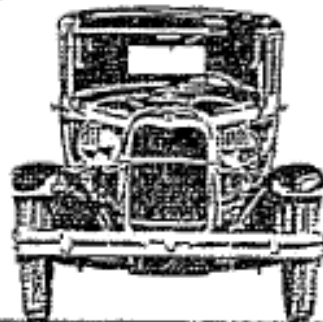
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