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February 2023

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

Next Meeting
Monday
February 27, 2023

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President's Message

It is February.

Procrastination is hanging over me like the grey winter weather. This is the 2nd month in a row that I am slow to get this item to the newsletter editor on time. What to write about?

Valentine's day? ...wrote about that last year.

Groundhog's Day? ...wrote about that the year before.

Super Bowl? ...hmmm. KC Chiefs Coach Andy Reid does have a restored 1928 Model A. We should try to figure out how to invite him to join us.

President's Day? ...presidents don't seem to be held in the same elevated and universal regard as they were when we were younger.

Long ago every kid used to consider whether they might want to be president someday. As most of us grew older and wiser, we came to recognize that it is a big job to keep things rolling along... and the job is bigger and harder than it used to be. Unwavering attention and unflagging enthusiasm for the task is necessary. An appetite to take on big challenges and fix things is also a must. New issues pop up and old problems come back. New issues might require new info or seeking out different approaches. Solving old problems that had been inadequately addressed previously is often even more challenging.

So you punted on the idea of becoming president ...and devoted yourselves to restoration and maintenance of 90 year old cars. You see the parallels. But unlike the president, please know that your efforts are appreciated by EVERYONE. Without exception, people are thrilled to see your Model A and inspired by your willingness to take on such a challenge.

Who knows? Maybe some youngsters will even consider a Model A in their future...maybe even a future president.

Ahoooooga On!

John Smeltzer, President

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Monthly Meeting Time Change

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.

2023 Club Officers

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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.

Ladies' Night Out

Ladies' Night Out in February will be sponsored by John and Deborah Smeltzer.

Date: February 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Place: Johnny's Tavern
13131 Shawnee Mission Parkway
Shawnee, KS 66216

It's not too late to join in the fun! If you wish to attend and have not yet signed up, contact Deborah Smeltzer at 913-526-6977 or email

deborah.smeltzer@gmail.com.

Deborah Smeltzer

Sunshine Report

Spring is right around the corner....at least I keep telling myself that!

In January, a condolence card was sent to Lea Crim. Lea's sister, Helen Palmer, passed on January 14, 2023. A condolence card was also sent to JB and Anne Hodgdon for JB's brother, Bob Hodgdon, who passed on January 14, 2023. A condolence card was also sent to the family of Delbert Felts, a long-time member of the Plain Ol' A's, who passed away on December 12, 2022. Please keep these members in your thoughts during this difficult time.

A "sending good vibes" card was also sent to Don & Lois Lobner for fun to wish them well, let them know that we are thinking of them, and miss seeing them at the meetings and other Model A events.

Finally, Millie Jankowski will be having a knee replacement on Wednesday, February 15th. Keep Millie and Ed Jankowski in your thoughts that day and send "good vibes" that the procedure goes well.

Let me know if any cards need to be sent in February....Happy February to all!

Deborah Smeltzer, Sunshine Chair

January 2023 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on January 23, 2022 at the Masonic Hall. President John Smeltzer called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Guests and New Members-No new members or guests 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.

Donations-A thank-you letter was received from the Youth Scholarship Fund.

Sunshine Report-Delbert Felts died. Lee Crim's sister and JB Hodgdon's brother died.

Ladies' Night Out-We will eat at Johnny's Tavern on February 15.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

- February 18 Jazz and Negro Leagues Baseball Museum
- March 12 Leavenworth Parade
- June 11-16 Regional Meet, Breckenridge CO
- July National tour

Car Shows-- Justin Read no longer wishes to serve as chairman. Andy Dugan volunteered to take the job.

Website-The calendar has been moved to the public page.

Meeting Time-Beginning with the April meeting, meetings will begin at 7:00 PM.

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

Bonding for Treasurer-Deborah will get price quotes.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by John and Deborah Smeltzer and Ed and Millie Jankowski .

Nancy Hess, Secretary

June 11-June 16, 2023

The information about the High Country Tour 2023 can be found on the MAFC of Colorado website. Go to MAFCA.com, click on the chapter info and then on Colorado to find their website. They have the registration form, agenda and hotel information there.

Treasurer's Report - January 2023

Income

Dues	\$300.00	
Dues & Newsletters	\$175.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$475.00

Expenses

MAFCA Youth		
Scholarship	\$256.00	
Masonic Lodge	\$400.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		- 656.00

Interest

\$2.01

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; fc Coleman@gmail.com).

Fran Coleman

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

2023

February	Joe & Joanie Nicholas Ken and Fran Coleman
March	Ross & Toni Warnell Keith & Kathy Nesbitt
April	Bob & Donna Pettit Bill & Deb Hills



Tours

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. We had a great outing with the Heart of America Club during Kansas City Restaurant Week. We had over 40 attendees.

We had a good turnout for the Breakfast at Golden Corral. It was great to see folks we hadn't seen in a while.

On February 18th we will met at 10:00 at the Kansas City Jazz and Negro League Baseball Museums. After we tour the museums we will go to lunch at Arthur Bryant's BBQ. I have a signup sheet started. If you weren't at the last meeting to signup and would like to go Please call me (913-406-2085) or email me (bill.hills.sh@gmail.com).

On March 17th is the Leavenworth St. Patrick's day parade. I hope to have more info at the next meeting.

I have been working with Chuck Lewis from the Heart of America Club on tours and events. We are coming up with some interesting ideas for places to see. I will keep you informed of what we are doing.

If you have ideas for tours or places to see Please let me know.

Thanks,

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

2023 Calendar

- February 15 Ladies' Night Out - Johnny's Tavern
- February 18 Jazz and Negro League Baseball Museums
- February 27 POA Meeting

- March 11-12 Sunflower Swap Meet in Wichita. You can find more information at kssunflowerswapmeet.com.
- March 17 St Patrick's Day Parade- Leavenworth
- March 27 POA Meeting

- April 24 POA Meeting @ 7:00

- May 22 POA Meeting
- May 29 POA Picnic

- June 11-16 Regional Meeting in Breckenridge, CO. You can find the registration info at MAFCC.org.
- June 26 POA Meeting @ 7:00
- June 29 The 2023 Great Race will stop in Emporia for lunch.

- July 4 Fourth of July Parade - Lenexa
- July 16-21 National Tour- Indiana/Michigan
- July 24 POA Meeting @ 7:00





Vicky Rosenberry	February 3
Theresa Read	February 6
Andy Dugan	February 18
Chris Steffens	February 18



Art Allen & Carletta Beeson Allen February 14

Maffi Newsletter Minute

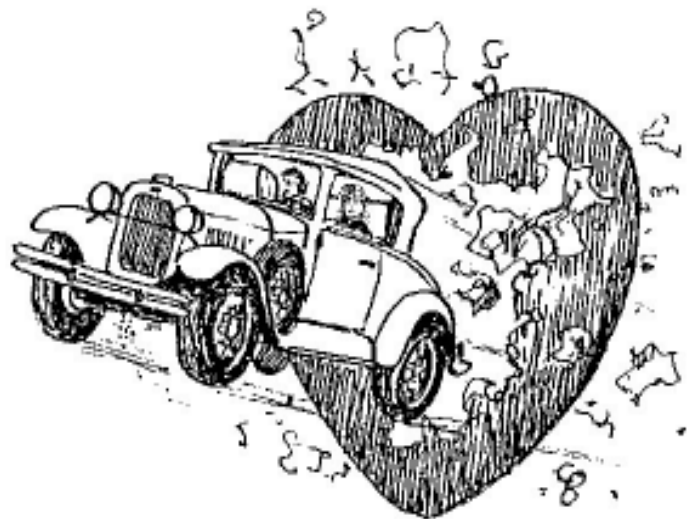
So... it is well established... you have a deep interest in the Model A Ford, and likely much more of the Antique & Classic Car Hobby. If you have not experienced the incredible automotive displays at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI, home of the Model A Ford Museum, you should really put it on your 'bucket list'! The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI) was established in 1986 to preserve the historical significance of the Model A Ford automobile. This was very successfully accomplished by the building of the Model A Museum at The Gilmore. The displays there are updated frequently, giving you a fresh experience each time you visit. And many of our exhibits are interactive and provide an immersive experience for viewers, young and old alike.

If you are already a member of MAFFI, we thank you for your support. But for those who have not yet joined, please consider the many benefits. First, all paid members and spouses are granted free admission all year to the Gilmore Car Museum campus, which, in itself, is worth the price of annual membership. You can also get copies of original Ford factory photos, articles to share in your local newsletter, and find samples and detailed information on original Upholstery Materials and Model A Advertising. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and can borrow videos on a variety of Model A related topics.

The operation of the Model A Museum is funded totally through generous donations and member dues. That's right, one of the most important benefits of belonging to MAFFI is that you are financially supporting the Museum and related programs, allowing you and others to enjoy these benefits for years to come. I sincerely hope that you will join our ranks. You can get all the information you need on the MAFFI website, www.maffi.org.

You can also support your museum through monetary donations, as well as gifts of vehicles, parts, tools, era fashions and other related items. [MAFFI is a 501(c)(3) charity; donations are tax deductible.] 100% of every donation goes towards operating the Foundation and Museum. What a great way to become a part of the heritage of this special automobile, the Model A Ford!

Joe Fox, President - MAFFI



Another Blast from the Past from the July 1992 Plain Dealer.

MODEL A'S I HAVE OWNED

By Delbert Felts

I grew up in Oskaloosa, KS, graduated in 1947. At that time new 46 and 47 model cars were around in increasing numbers but there were still a lot of pre-war cars on the road including Model A's.

My first Model A was a 1929 coupe that I bought from a farmer for \$35.00 in 1945. This car had been setting under a tree for a while. It did not run, it needed tires which were rationed, and the body was starting to get surface rust. The interior must have been serviceable as I don't remember doing anything to it. I overhauled the engine in "Shop Class" at school. I painted the car with a brush, bought new Wards tires the first day after the war rationing stopped. This A was a very dependable car for high school.

I became interested in old cars in 1961 during the centennial year of Kansas statehood. During 1961 there were many parades and pageants. There was a parade in Ottawa that summer with a lot of old cars. After watching the parade I knew I wanted to get in the old car hobby.

The second Model A I owned was a 1931 Tudor bought in the fall of 1961 in Lawrence. The price was \$90.00 and had to be towed home. All it needed to run was a battery and clean the gas tank. Neighbor kids had put tree buds in the gas tank. After getting two fenders straightened, a different manifold and some cosmetic work, the A made a serviceable family collector car. My A wasn't as nice as most of the other cars in the Lawrence Antique Car Club, so I decided to sell it and use the money to fix up a 1929 Studebaker which I still have.

I learned of the Model A movement and The Plain Ol' A's through Dean Weller. I was getting interested in Model A's and visited the club a few times when I heard of the upcoming Alaska Trip for A's. Glenna and I decided the trip was something we would like to do but the big problem was we didn't have a car. We started looking and bought a 1931 Model 160B Town Sedan in Sept. 1967 from Warren McWilliams of Harrisonville, MO. This was a restored car and all it needed was some minor things done to it. Probably the biggest job was to put in adjustable valve lifters. The plan was to sell this car after we drove it to Alaska in 1988. We did make the Alaska trip with very little trouble and decided to keep the car after we got home. Alternator / regulator problems and 3 inner tubes were the biggest problems plus the usual overheating, ignition, and carburetor problems.

The Model A is the first car I think of when I want to drive an antique car. I keep it ready to run year around. I could use it in an emergency for a second car if necessary. Good lights, good brakes, and turn signals make it easy to drive in town. I like being around Model A's and Model A people. Needless to say, I plan to be in The Plain Ol' A's and the Model A hobby for a long time.

Thank You!

Bob Hess shared the thank you notes he received from Harvesters and the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund.



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January 2, 2023

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Dear Friend,

I want to thank you for your recent gift to Harvesters. Your gift is helping families like *Amy's.

Amy and Mark are raising their two young children, Adam, 2, and Camille, 4, near Kansas City. Mark works hard at a local warehouse to provide for the family while Amy cares for the little ones. She loves being able to spend so much time with them, but she's anxious to get back to work when they're old enough for school.

You see, Mark's income can't always stretch to cover the family's expenses. Amy wants to fill their table with balanced meals — she says Camille and Adam are good about eating their vegetables, especially broccoli. Unfortunately, healthy fresh produce is often out of their budget.

That's why Amy's so glad she found out about Bishop Sullivan Center, a member of Harvesters' hunger-relief network near her home. She loves being able to pick up her kids' favorite fruits and vegetables at the pantry — and she's truly grateful for your support.

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**Name changed to protect privacy*

Gratefully,

Stephen Davis
Harvesters President & CEO

P.S. Your donation will feed twice as many neighbors this season! Thank you for responding to the matching gift challenge. For more ways to get involved in the fight against hunger, visit www.harvesters.org.

Donation Date: 12/14/2022
Donation: \$200.00
Tax Deductible Amount: \$200.00

If you have questions about your donation, please call donor services at 877-353-6639.

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MODEL A FORD YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

January 10, 2023

Bob Hess
Plain O'L A's Model A Ford Club
12731 Cherry Street
Kansas City, MO 64145

Dear Bob:

On behalf of the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc. Board of Directors, I would like to thank you and the members of the Plain O'L A's for their donation of \$256.00.

This contribution will be combined with others to award scholarships to the children and/or grandchildren of Model A Ford Club of America or Model A Ford Restorers Club members. With the ever-increasing cost of a college education and the tightening of credit, these scholarships are needed now more than ever.

Again, thank you for supporting the youth of our great hobby.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jo Johnson, Treasurer
Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc.

375 High Head Road
Harpwell, ME 04079

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.

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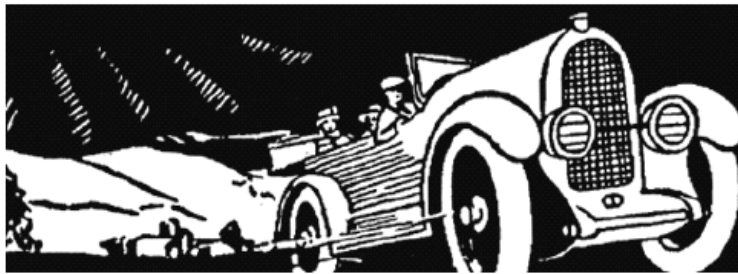


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Last Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
 First: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Spouse: _____ Email: _____
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 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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) _____

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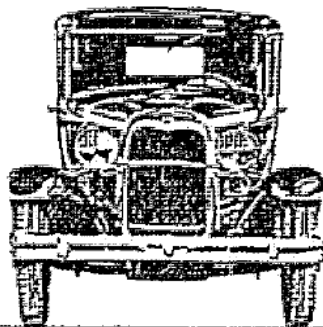
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