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The Club meets
the 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Shawnee Masonic Lodge
11109 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, Kansas

Next Meeting
Monday
January 23, 2023

President's Message

It is January.

Time for reflection on the past year, honest self-examination and then commitment to achievable improvement. One of my New Year's resolutions include "Don't procrastinate." I have fallen short of the mark already. I am already 2 days past the deadline for submitting this message to the editor of our newsletter. If you're not reading this, then Joyce has less patience than I had hoped.

We have a whole year of fun and interesting Model A activities to fill up this new year. Some are already planned but the calendar is largely open for now. Come to a meeting and share your ideas for the POAs. Jump in to help make them happen. Get involved.

There! Since I have not let my wandering mind fill this space with useless ramblings, at least one of my resolutions has been kept…this month. I can hear Joyce saying, "Was that so hard?"

Happy New Year! Ahoooga 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.

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.

Sunshine Report

Happy New Year to you and yours! Hopefully your new year is off to a good start.

No get well or sympathy cards were sent in December.

I hope everyone is enjoying this milder weather. Stay safe and healthy!

Deborah Smeltzer, Sunshine Chair

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.

November 2022 Minutes

A short meeting was held on December 4, 2022, at the Christmas party at Embassy Suites. President John Smeltzer called the meeting to order.

Tours-Bill Hills announced the planned tours for 2023:

- January 19 Lunch with te Heart of America club a Garozzo's
- January 21 Breakfast at Golden Corral

Plaque-Ed Jankowski presented John Smeltzer with a plaque for his service as president for 2022.

Nancy Hess, Secretary

January 3	Nancy Hess
January 3	Bob Arnold
January 5	Delores Goodrich
January 9	Vicky Mills
January 9	Toni Warnell
January 10	Deborah Smeltzer
January 16	Terri Burton
January 19	Joann Arnold
January 23	Bob Van den Berghe
January 24	Lea Van den Berghe

Thank You!

Thank you everyone for the generous Christmas gift. It is very much appreciated. I enjoy preparing the newsletter and getting to know some of the club members.

Joyce Tweedy

Treasurer's Report - December 2022

Income		
Dues	$250.00	
Newsletter Ad	125.00	
Dues & Newsletters	73.00	
TOTAL INCOME		$448.00
Expenses		
Go Daddy.com Website	263.88	
Postage	1.68	
Christmas Party Refunds	123.72	
Oct. Nov. Dec. Newsletter	72.42	
MAFCA Insurance	75.00	
Gifts	700.00	
Embassy Suites	1,904.05	
TOTAL EXPENSES		- 3,140.75
Interest		$2.02

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.

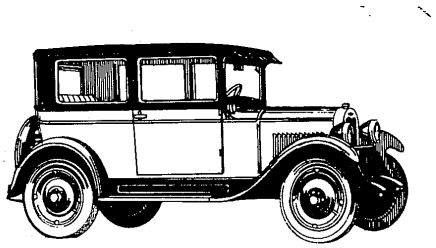
If you cannot serve, please contact Fran Coleman (913-481-6658; fcole61@gmail.com).

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



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.

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 Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 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.

In February we will met at the Kansas City Jazz and Negro League Baseball Museums, 18th and Vine. I will have a sign-up sheet with more information at the meeting on the 23rd.

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

Bill Hills
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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 11-12	Sunflower Swap Meet in Wichita. You can find more information at kssunflowerswapmeet.com.
March 12	St Patrick's Day Parade- Leavenworth
March 27	POA Meeting
April 24	POA Meeting
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
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

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

... AND SHE WAS JUST LIKE HECTOR

by John Hart

This car's not for sale, stranger —
I'M GONNA FIX IT UP SOMEDAY!

My Model A experience started in 1948 when I bought a 1930 Tudor from my Uncle Fred Hart. It didn't have any upholstery, just gunny sacks over the seats. It did have windows until the day I was showing her off. You know how people like to kick tires and see how the doors fit. Well, one of my friends decided to see how to doors closed. When he slammed the door, the old plate glass fell in pieces. Watch out! Junkyard, here we come. Next thing to happen, I was trying to speed shift and lost a tooth of second gear. Back to the junkyard for a transmission. I think I traded that Model A in on a '34 Ford with a cracked block ... but that's another story.

In 1951 I was working in a filling station in Lenexa (the old DX station.) Jim Keltner was a regular customer. He always came in for a gas and check the oil and tire pressure in his 1931 slant windshield town sedan. He had a new engine in her and a new black paint job. it had 16 inch whitewall tires. He called it "Hector".

Jim and I became friends and he asked me if I would like to get into a sprinkler fitter apprentice program. I did and in 1989 I retired with thirty-eight years in that trade.

I later rode to work with Jim in "Hector". Old Hector made a lot of trips from Lenexa to the Sunflower Ammunition Plant and to all parts of Kansas City ... Kansas and Missouri. Jim traded her off in 1955 and I often wonder who got old Hector and if she ended up in good hands. I wish there was a genealogy on old cars.

Then in 1992, my neighbor, Ed Kluber, came driving into my drive in his 1929 roadster pickup. It really looked sharp. For the people who don't know me very well, I get excited pretty easily. So I really started asking questions. Where did you get it? How much did it cost? Are there any more around? I have never seen one like this pickup before. I'll let Ed tell his own story later. But in our conversations, I found out from Ed that Jerry Winterscheid, who runs Winterscheid's Auto Parts, has a Model A that he kept in storage, but would not put a price on it. I went in to the auto parts store and asked jerry if he would sell me his Model A, or at least put a price on it. he said he would talk to his wife and for me to call him the next day. He told me I could go up to Bill Browning's old building in town and take a look at it. I did. What do you think? There it was ... a 1931 slant windshield, but with a poor paint. It had only 42,300 original miles. The tires were new in 1973. She had a repaired left rear finder with red primer. All the tools and jack were under the front seat and a set of tire chains under the rear seat. Was I in love? Yes! She was just like Hector.

But, since women last longer than men, I decided that this Model A is a she. She is also good to look at and built to last.

As I told you, I get excited really easy. I had just sold my 1978 Cessna 152 airplane and had some fun money burning a hole in my pocket. (Watch out, Jerry. You are going to sell that car to me!)

I called Jerry the next day and told him that he sure would make and old man happy if he would sell her to me. He said his wife told him he didn't have to sell it, that it was up to him. Finally, I told him, "I'll give you xx dollars for her." He again said he would have to talk to his wife. He called me back and said "you got her." Was I happy? Yes!

Jerry told me some of her history. Jack Tawney bought her new from a Paola dealership. At that time he was the janitor at Paola High School and lived so close to the school that he usually walked to work and left the car in the garage. He only drove her on weekends and holidays. Jack died in 1959 or 1960.

Mr. Tawney always took the car to the filling station where Jerry Winterscheid worked to have the oil changed and have it greased. After his death, Mrs. Tawney asked if anyone at the filling station would be interested in buying the car. That is how Jerry bought her. He was the second owner. In 1963, he parked her in the school parking lot and one of the Minden girls ran into her and bent the rear fender. He had to have it straightened out. In those days they used lead in the body work. He put her into storage in 1973 and only got her out for a spin on the Fourth of July.

Mollie, my wife, and I took her on our first tour to Powell Gardens. We had some heating problems, so I had to take the radiator off and have it roded out. (But that's another story!)

After much deliberation, I decided she deserved a new paint job. After inquiring around who would do a good job, I took her to Charlie Gilliland. Since he worked with other Model A's and classic cars I thought he would do a good job. I chose dark maroon and black with a red pin stripe and red wheels.

Mollie and I look forward to taking many more tours with the Plain Ol' A's. Everyone is so friendly and helpful and always seem to have such a good time when we are all out together.

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Delbert Felts 1928 - 2022

Delbert Felts, was a long-time member of the Plain Ol' A's, passed away on Monday, December 12, 2002.

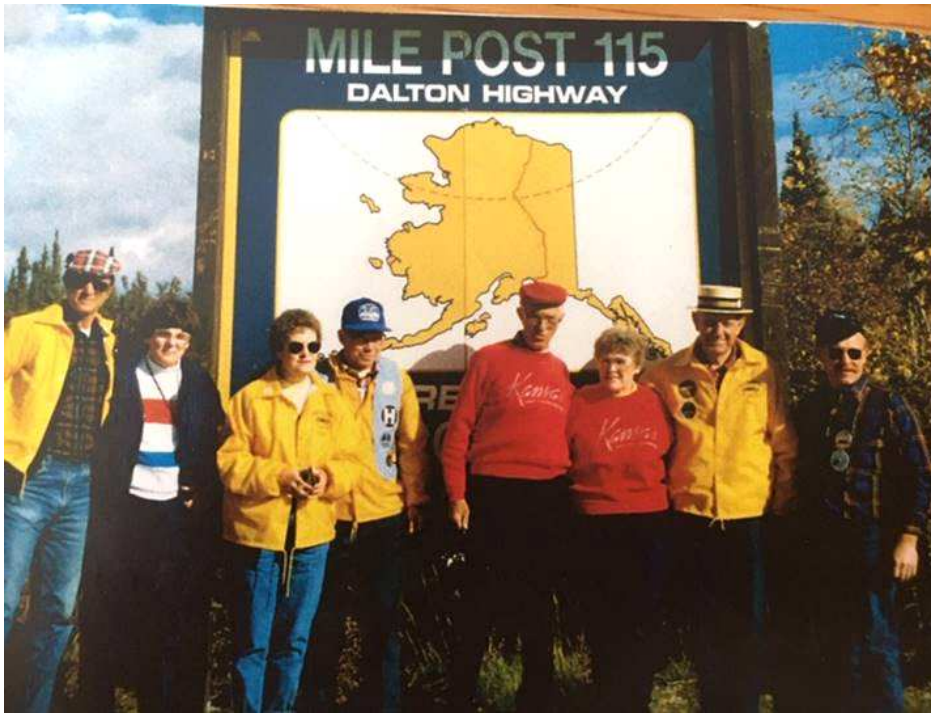
Delbert Max Felts, 94, of Tonganoxie, Kansas, passed away Monday, December 12, 2022, at his home. Delbert was born November 29, 1928, on a farm near Salem, Arkansas to Bernard and Leona (Fleming) Felts. The family moved to Oskaloosa, Kansas in 1938 and Delbert graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1947. The family moved to Tonganoxie, and he attended the University of Kansas. He married Glenna West in 1955 in Ottawa, Kansas, she preceded him in death in 1991. They had three daughters. Delbert married Janet Angell in 1994 in Lawrence, Kansas. Delbert served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps in Germany during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. He worked at DuPont Cellophane plant in Tecumseh, Kansas and retired in 1958. After retirement Delbert worked as a court bailiff at the Douglas County District Court for six years. Delbert was a very sweet and calm person. A lover of all things peanut butter and was known for his white "bunny tail" goatee and sporting a driving cap. Delbert had a lifelong interest of antique cars, especially Studebaker's and Model A Fords. In 1988 Delbert and his wife, Glenna, joined a group of others to drive their model A's to the Arctic Circle. He was a member of several car clubs, including the Lawrence Antique Automobile Club, where he was made great friends and memories on car tours throughout the country. He and Janet loved to travel and went on many trips all over the United States, Canada and places in Europe. Delbert was a member of the Tonganoxie American Legion Post 41, the Kaw Valley Studebaker Club and Tonganoxie United Methodist Church.

Delbert is survived by his wife, Janet Angell, of the home; daughters Barb Humm, Ottawa, KS, Pam Patrick, Lawrence, KS, and Janet King (Greg), Chicago, IL; stepson Jack Angell (Christy), Tonganoxie, KS; stepdaughter Jami Angell-Burke (Andy), Tonganoxie, KS; sister Norma Gallagher, Norman, OK; brother-in-law Bill West (Bev), Ft. Collins, CO; grandchildren Andrew Humm (Emily), Ottawa, KS, Jeff Cooper, Lawrence, KS, Sara Humm (Matt), Columbia, MO, Alex King (Jess), Naperville, IL, and Kellie Rossenrode (Roy), Lawrence, KS; step-granddaughters Samantha Angell, Tonganoxie, KS, and Sydney Angell, Tonganoxie, KS; great-grandchildren Emma, Hannah, Harvey, Harrison and Addison.

Delbert was preceded in death by his parents, wife Glenna, son-in-law Ken Humm, son-in-law Mike Patrick and brother-in-law Calvin Gallagher.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions in his name to Tonganoxie American Legion; Tonganoxie United Methodist Church; and Douglas County Visiting Nurses. Contributions can be made in care of Quisenberry Funeral Home.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.



A picture of the group on the 1988 tour to the Arctic Circle at the 115 mile mark on the Dalton Highway.

Left to Right: George & Marceil Lauppe, Billie & Delbert Aye (deceased), Delbert & Glenna Felts (deceased), Gene Wentworth & Dave Ryan

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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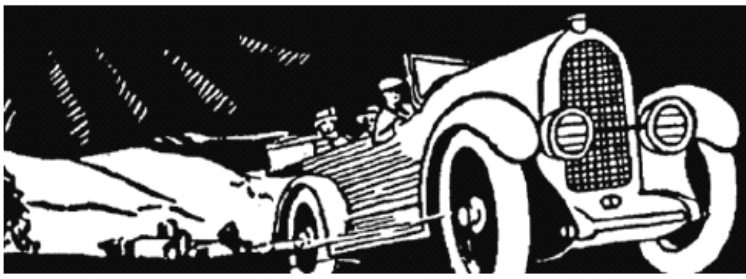

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Last Name: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

First: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Spouse: _____ **Email:** _____

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 (<u>DUE BY DECEMBER 31</u>) 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 <u>an additional annual charge of $10.00</u>.**

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

_____ **New Members may include <u>an optional .85 cents per month</u> 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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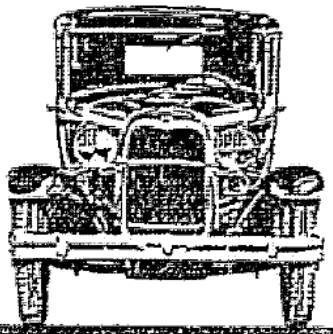

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