

# THE PLAIN DEALER

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July 2023

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

Next Meeting  
Monday  
July 24, 2023

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## President's Message

It is July.

The Independence Day Parade in Lenexa was grand. The Plain Ol' A's were the 3rd group from the front. We were looking our best...polished and shiny. We festooned the cars with all manner of red, white and blue. The parade started on time. Tons of people anxious for Model As were lining the streets. We rolled through and sometimes reached almost 5 mph. At this slow pace there was ample time to interact with spectators. We exchanged waves and "Happy 4th of July" greetings with many. Many shouted that they wanted to hear the funny horn.

Alas... our car's horn was silent.

In anticipation of the parade, I had dutifully oiled the horn days earlier. It had not worked properly since. I tried moving the adjusting screw in. No good. I tried moving the adjusting screw out. No good. I cleaned the commutator of the horn motor. No good. Then I took the whole horn apart and cleaned the pieces. No good. I ordered a few new parts and installed them. No good. A belch was the best as good as it got.

The parade attendees were polite. No invective or projectiles were thrown. They just smiled and looked past me weakly hoping the next parade entry, the Kansas Cat Fanciers, or some such exhibition, would not disappoint.

I've researched and tried many things since then. I found that I had been tightening the horn cover screw too much. This had impeded the free rotation of the horn motor. Now the horn works.

It's a long story just to confirm that I gotta screw loose. It seems to fit the profile of Model A folks.

Ahoouoo On!

- John Smeltzer, President



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## Newsletter Articles

Information for the newsletter should be sent to Joyce Tweedy. Her email address is [jtweedy@swansonbernard.com](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## Sunshine Report

A card was sent this month to Vicky Mills, who fell and injured her back on the drive to Breckenridge, Colorado for the Regional Meet. Please keep Vicky in your thoughts and send good vibes that her back heals quickly.

I hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July and that you have had a chance to get out and enjoy the relatively cool weather we have had this summer. Looking forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming Model A events scheduled this summer!

Deborah Smeltzer, Sunshine Chair

Anyone have any Chocolate Chip Cookie recipes they would like to share?

– Joyce Tweedy



### June 2023 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on June 26, 2023 at the Masonic Hall. Vice-President Andy Dugan 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-Ken Coleman had knee surgery. Chuck Marcus has been ill.

Ladies' Night Out-We will eat at Olive Garden on July 12.

Seminars-No seminars are planned.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

- June 29 Great Race stops in Emporia
- July 4 Lenexa parade
- July 16-21 National tour
- August 5 Truman Library
- August 12 Ensorfest
- August Shatto Dairy
- September 2 Hills' Anniversary
- October Atchison

Car Shows-The following shows are being considered:

- July 16 Great American Car Show at Liberty Memorial

Gateway Classics car museum wants car clubs to hold meetings there

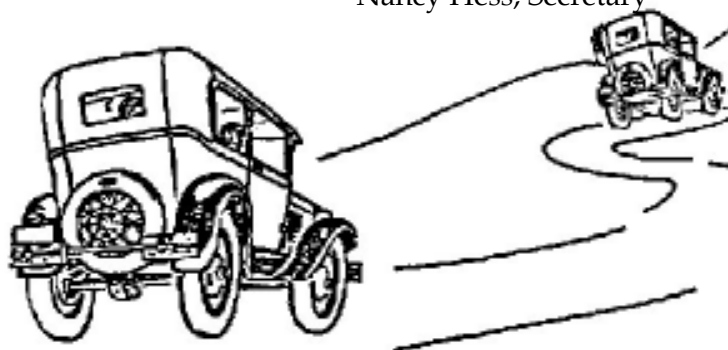
Website-Joe is updating the calendars.

Future Regionals-Omaha will host the next regional in 2024 or 2025. Clubs showed little interest in forming an official region. Further discussion will be held at the national tour.

Board Meeting-The next board meeting will be held on July 8.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by Joe Nicholas and Bill and Bernice Lindley.

Nancy Hess, Secretary



### Treasurer's Report - June 2023

Checking Balance on May 31	\$1,965.99
<b>Income</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
USPO Postage Stamps	\$12.60
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$12.60</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>\$1.95</b>

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 as soon as you can. (913-481-6658; [fcole61@gmail.com](mailto:fcole61@gmail.com)). Thank you, everyone for helping!

Fran Coleman

<u>Plain Ol' A's Refreshments</u>	
July 24th	Bob & Nancy Hess Cort Miller & Karen Garber-Miller
Aug 28th	Darrell & Deb Enloe Janet & Dennis Crowley
Sept 25th	Steve & Julie Woerdehoff Robert Montgomery
Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dave & Sue Ryan Harvey & Vicky Rosenberry
Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ron & Theresa Guenther Alan South & Georgia Bianchi

### Ladies' Night Out

The July Ladies's Night Out will be held Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30pm, at Olive Garden, 6750 W 95th Street, Overland Park, Kansas, 66212 (Metcalf and 95th Street ) and will be hosted by Bob and Nancy Hess.

## Ladies Night Out 2023 Sponsor Sign Up

January	
February	Smeltzer, John & Deborah
March	Coleman
April	Hills
May	Picnic
June	<b>OPEN</b>
July	Hess
August	<b>OPEN</b>
September	Mills
October	Guenther
November	<b>OPEN</b>
December	Christmas Party



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### Help Us Celebrate

Bill and Deb Hills Invite you to take a Model A trip out to Spring Hill to help them Celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

September 2, 2023,

noon to 4:00,

at the

Spring Hill Community Center

Race Street

Spring Hill, KS 66083

We are planning a lunch.

Please RSVP by August 18

Bill (913-406-2085 or bill.hills.sh@gmail.com) or

Amanda (913-709-8063 or mandyinkc77@gmail.com)

### Tours 2023

I am working on the second half or the 2023 calendar. I am working with Chuck Lewis from the HOA Club on several tours for the rest of the year.

We had 4 cars attend the Regional in Breckenridge, Colorado June 11- 16th. They had cool (Cold) weather and drove in snow from the pictures I received. From talking with Ron, it sounds like everyone had a good time.

June 24<sup>th</sup> Ensor Park and Museum Tour 18995 W. 183rd Street Olathe, Kansas. We had four POAs members and 5 HOA members meet for lunch and then toured Ensor Park. It is a very interesting place. We have been asked to come back on August 12. See info below.

We had 10 cars in the Lenexa 4th of July Parade. The parade was short this year as there were about 39 - 40 entries. We had a good turnout at Zarda BBQ for lunch.

We have 4-5 members planning to attend the National Tour July16-21 in Indiana/Michigan.

August 5th we will go to the Truman Library and Museum. We will meet at the Library at 10:00 and spend a couple of hours there. We will go to lunch at Court House Exchange at 12- 12:30. The HOA club will be joining us for this tour. I will have a signup sheet at the next meeting.

August 12th we have been asked to come back to Ensor Park and Museum for their 100 anniversary of the radio station. The anniversary event will start at 4:30 with a tour of the buildings, a Morse Code Workshop, and Antique Tractors and Farm Implements. At 6:30 there will be a Bluegrass Band. The park is planning to have food available. I will have a signup sheet at the next meeting.

August 19th the HOA club has invited us to join them at the Shatto Dairy. We will meet them there at 10-10:30 for a tour of the dairy and then go to lunch. I will have a signup sheet and more info at the next meeting.

September 2nd- See the invitation in the newsletter.

I need to find out the date for the Turner Barn Car Show.

Fall Color Tour will be to the New Amelia Earhart Museum in Atchison sometime in October.

We will do a cold weather tour in November. I'm still working on where to go.

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

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- Joyce Tweedy July 4
- Keith Nesbitt July 6
- Alan South July 9
- Joanie Nicholas July 12
- Stacy Bernard July 23
- Justin Read July 24
- Leland Daise July 27

- Bob & Lea Van Den Berghe July 3
- Bob & Donna Pettit July 22

### 2023 Calendar

- July 4 Fourth of July Parade - Lenexa
- July 12 Ladies' Night Out - Olive Garden
- July 16-21 National Tour- Ind/Mich
- July 24 POA Meeting @ 7:00
  
- August- 5 Truman Library. More info to come
- August 12 Ensor Park and Museum 100th Anniversary
- August 19 Shatto Dairy
- August 28 POA Meeting @ 7:00
  
- September- 2 Dean Weller Memorial Classic Car Show 11:00 - 4:00
- September 25 POA Meeting @ 7:00
  
- October Turner Barn Car Show - Date to be determined
- Fall Color Tour - Date to be determined
- October- 23 POA Meeting @ 7:00
  
- November Cold Weather Tour - Date and location to be determined
- Nov.- 27 POA Meeting @ 7:00



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### Dean Weller Memorial Car Show & De Soto Days Festival

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For more information on registering for the car show, the web site is: <http://desotodays.com>.



# 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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**For Sale:** 1930 Model A Boat tail Speedster. Souped up Model A engine, down draft carburetor, straight exhaust, no muffler, electric fuel pump, 12 volt battery, van folding seats with seat belts, a really fun car to drive, clear 1930 title, \$7900. Northwest Arkansas. This is the Speedster that was at our Regional Meet. We are moving to assisted living and I have lots of Model A parts for sale. Dick Knapp. 479-586-0070 (5.23)



**For Sale:** Lynn Lackey has extra parts as follows:

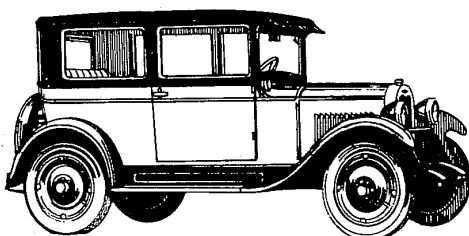
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- Stock head
- throw out bearing holder
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Contact Lynn Lackey - 913-515-9385

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  - Email: \_\_\_\_\_
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### **Benefits of Membership in MAFCA**

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Mail Application to:  
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250 S. Cypress St.  
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## July MAFFI Minute

Not everything at the Hickory Corners Model A Museum is about preparing for Model A Days. During the second week of May, a crew consisting of MAFFI Trustees and volunteers worked hard for four days moving and parking Model A's around the Gilmore complex and the local area for multiple photos. During that time, Model A's were carefully removed from the museum building and the "C Barn" to be positioned around the Gilmore campus. Additionally, some of the cars were taken off-site and parked at other country setting locations that included a hops farm, an old church, and a lake. At the end of each day the cars were returned to their homes only to be taken out the following morning to repeat the process.

While the MAFFI Trustees and volunteers were doing this, a photographer, John Lacko, from Hemmings Motor News, was taking pictures. By all accounts there were probably more than 2500 pictures taken.

This flurry of activity was for the purpose of helping Hemmings Motor News create their Model A calendars for 2024 and 2025. These calendars will be on sale in October of this year and next year. They will be available through Hemmings Motor News. This calendar, dedicated to Model A's, is one of 8 different calendars that Hemmings Motor News sells each year.

Happy motoring,

Mike DuBreuil  
MAFFI Board of Trustees  
Secretary

### 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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:

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