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Shawnee Masonic Lodge
11109 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, Kansas

Next Meeting
Monday
June 27, 2022

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President's Message

It is June.

I am writing this in advance. Unless the world ends tomorrow, our regional meet is finally underway. I am there and much too busy having fun. I expect many of you are here with me. I'm certain we will have stories we can tell about tours, games, dining, prizes, excitement, camaraderie, and a whole lot of Model A stuff. It ain't Vegas but there may even be those stories which have to "stay in Olathe." (If there are none, I will invent some.)

Something I don't have to invent is deep gratitude The Plain Ol' A's owe to Ron Guenther for pulling this event off. He has been chairing the planning and execution of the 2022 Midwest Regional Meet for 3 years. That timeline was forced upon us by the pandemic. Despite the delays and rework, Ron held on to the vision and drove this thing across the finish line. His enthusiastic leadership and unwavering dedication to the mountain of details has made this a success that the club can be proud of for many years.

Of course, there are many others who have contributed time and treasure...planners, volunteers, and donors. Your selfless generosity has been inspiring. I can't mention all of your names in the newsletter but do know that this event could not have been such a hit without you.

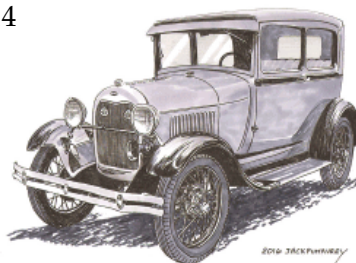
Let's do it again. Maybe Ron will be ready in 4, or 5, more years???

Ahoooooga On!

John Smeltzer, President

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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.

MAFCA Membership

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

Sunshine Report

I hope everyone had a chance to come by the Regional Meet this past week. Such a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends from other clubs and see all the beautiful cars!

There were no get well or sympathy notes sent in May. Please let me know if any notes or cards need to be sent out in June!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the one of the many upcoming events this summer.

Deborah Smeltzer, Sunshine Chair



Shawnee Town 1929 Chicken Dinner

It was a common practice for Shawnee citizens in the 1920's to visit family and friends on a Sunday afternoon and share a fried chicken dinner. It even made the local newspaper "gossip" column!

Feast yourself on a fried chicken dinner just like Grandma used to make on Wednesday, June 15th at 5:30pm at Shawnee Town 1929. We'll gather for a summer meal on the lawn (rain location is Town Hall) and enjoy music by the Kansas City Ukesters and a vintage car display by the Plain Ol' A's Model A Ford Club. Classic ice cream sundaes bar included!

This event is \$14 per person and pre-registration is required. Call (913)248-2360 or reserve your spot online!

May 2022 Minutes

A short meeting was held at the picnic on May 30, 2022. President John Smeltzer called the meeting to order.

Guests and New Members-Bob Arnold was as the picnic.

Minutes-The minutes were approved as published in The Plain Dealer.

Treasurer's Report-Bob Hess gave the treasurer's report.

Sunshine Report-There was nothing to report.

Ladies' Night Out-There is nothing to report at this time.

Tours-The following tours are being planned:

June 2-9	Regional meet
June 18	Tour to Overland Park Arboretum
July 4	Lenexa parade
July	Board meeting and breakfast
Sept.9-11	Tour to Nebraska.
October	Tour to Fort Leavenworth

Car Shows:

June 15	Shawnee Town
June 16	Cedar Lake Village
June 25	Olathe Ford
August 19	Nelson Atkins Museum

Refreshments-Refreshments will start at the June meeting.

Regional Meet-The regional meet is scheduled for June 2-June 7. Help is needed with the car games.

National Meet-There is group going to the national meet.

Name Tags-Name tags have been made for those who requested them.

- Nancy Hess, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - May 2022

The May Treasurer's Report will be published in the July issue of *The Plain Dealer*.

Refreshments

Plain Ol's A's will be resuming refreshments in July.

The paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, 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).

Fran Coleman

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

2022

July	Ken & Fran Coleman Alan South
August	Dennis & Debbie Burks Mike & Nancy Clayton
September	Leland Daise & Sue Long Harvey & Vicky Rosenberry
October	Andy Dugan Ron & Theresa Guenther
November	Eddie & Marilyn Griggs Bob & Nancy Hess

2023

January	John & Deborah Smeltzer Ed & Millie Jankowski
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Bob & Delores Goodrich	June 1
Walter & Mary Ann Jones	June 3
Ed & Millie Jankowski	June 10
Bruce & Vicky Mills	June 12
Henry & Joanne Kahler	June 20
Troy & Jill Musson	June 24
Keith & Kathy Nesbitt	June 26
Mike & Nancy Clayton	June 27

James H. Bernard	June 8
Lynn Lackey	June 8
Bob Pettit	June 8
Fran Coleman	June 11
Ed Jankowski	June 16
Sue Long	June 22

2022 Calendar

June 12-17	National Convention- Kerrville, TX
June 15-	Chicken Dinner at Shawnee Town- 5:00
June 16	Cedar Lake Village Car Show- 2:00- 4:00
June 18	Smell the Flowers Tour to the Overland Park Arboretum. See tour article for more info
June 25	"All Ford Show"- Olathe Ford- 9:00- 3:00
June 27	POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
July- 4	Lenexa 4th of July Parade- more info to come
July 23	Board Meeting and Club breakfast- 9:00- Golden Corral, Olathe
July 25	POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
August 22	POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
September 9- 11	Nebraska tour with Northwest club
September 26	POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
October- 24	POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
November- 28	POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
December	POA Christmas Party- TBD



MAFFI Newsletter Minute -May 2022

Model A Day Days, September 16-17, at Hickory Corners are rapidly approaching. If you haven't made your plans for this event yet, there is still time. You can register for the special events that will have limited participation and/or require payment of fees on the MAFFI Website (www.maffi.org) under Model A Days or the Gilmore Website under "Events". Also, be sure to read the articles in both the May/June MAFCA, The Restorer and MARC Model A News.

If you have done it all and think there is nothing at the museum that you haven't seen before, try this, camping at the Gilmore. There is nothing like the experience of walking around the buildings at dusk. With very little imagination you are walking a street in Anytown, USA in 1930. It's not crowded. A word of advise, shoot pictures from a stable position. Your camera shutter will be very slow and unless the camera is stable the pictures will be blurry. If you get it right, the photos will be breathtaking in the moonlight.

- Mike DuBreuil, MAFFI, clubcontact@maffi.org

Tours

We had a great turn-out for the picnic on Memorial Day. The weather was great so after the picnic we had about ten cars that went for ice cream in Bonner Springs. DQ needs a bigger parking lot as we had it full.

The Regional starts on Thursday, June 2nd. Hope to see many of you there.

Several of our club members will be traveling to Texas for the National Conference after our regional in June.

On June 18th I've planned a "Smell the Flowers Tour" to the Overland Park Arboretum. We will meet at 9:30 at the McDonald's at 135th and Quivira and leave at 10:00. After our visit to the Arboretum we will have lunch at Mi Ranchito in Stanley. I had several people sign up at the picnic. If you would like to go, please call or email me and I will add you to the list.

The Lenexa 4th of July parade is back on!!! The parade starts at 10:00. We will meet at 8:30- 9:00 in the Costco parking lot and have a police escort to the parade. I have a meeting with the Lenexa Parks and Rec Committee on June 23rd to get more information. We will have lunch at Zarda's after the parade. I had a signup sheet at the picnic and will have it at the June 27th meeting.

John has scheduled a board meeting for July 23rd at Golden Corral in Olathe. We will have another club breakfast that day at 9:00. I will have a signup sheet at the June club meeting.

The Northwest club is planning another tour to Nebraska in September. Here is the information from their website;

Nebraska Tour September 9, 10, & 11, 2022. Planning is still in the early stages, but we had so much fun last year, we're doing it again! We're going back to Brownville, Nebraska and the surrounding area for some interesting stuff we missed last time, and some that we just want to see one more time! Final destinations and details are being worked on, but the rooms at the hotel are now available for booking.

Call Jody ASAP at 816-225-7680 to start the reservation process!

Several club members have contacted me about tours. I am working with them to see if we can make them happen. Also the Heart of America club has invited us to participate in some of their tours. It sounds like they have some interesting places to visit. Hopefully we will be able to attend some of them.

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

Bill Hills
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913-406-2085

Cedar Lake Car Show

(Note from Cheyenne Dains)

Hello all!

Thank you again for participating last year in our first annual car show. It was such a great time and would not have been possible with out all of you wonderful car owners.

Just a reminder our 2nd Annual Car Show is Thursday, June 16th from 2 to 4 pm. This is just a fun car show for you all to show off your cars, have a fun time hanging out and getting to mix and mingle with other car lovers. We have so many residents who love cars and I know they are so excited for this event.

If you are wanting to bring your car up next Thursday please send me an email and let me know!!

Thank you so much and I hope you can be a part of our 2nd Annual Car Show.

Cheyenne Dains
Wellness Director
Cedar Lake Village
(913) 780-9916
15325 S. Lone Elm Rd.
Olathe, KS 66061

NOTE: REPLY TO Cheyenne - No reply to Ken or Justin required.

Car Shows

Annual Fried Chicken Dinner at Shawnee Town 1929

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 5:30-7pm (Car Show Starts at 5 PM). Tickets are \$14 per person and registration is required. Please call by June 13th at (913) 248-2360 to RSVP.

[Note from Hannah Howard, Shawnee Town 1929: Just reaching out ahead of our annual Fried Chicken Dinner on June 15th! We're excited to have the Plain Ol' A's back again. We'll have the gates open by 5:00pm so they can line up their cars. Please remind your members that we'll need an RSVP so we reserve enough seats and order enough chicken! ??

Thanks so much!

Hannah Howard | Curator of Education | Shawnee Town 1929

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2nd Annual Cedar Lake Village Car Show

Thursday, June 16th from 2-4pm. Cedar Lake Village 15325 S. Lone Elm Rd., Olathe, KS 66061. POA Member Charles Losh lives here. Please call Cheyenne Dains at (913) 780-9916.

Clinton State Park Car Show

Saturday, June 18th from 10am-3pm. Prairie Clover Campground, 798 N 1415 Rd., Lawrence, KS 66049. \$15 per vehicle pre-register or \$20 day of registration. Proceeds help fund the park's ADA trail, Kid's Fishing Pond, and other park attractions.

Olathe Ford "All Ford Show"

Saturday, June 25, 2022 Olathe Ford "All Ford Show" 9AM-3PM. \$20 per vehicle to benefit Harvesters. More details at <https://www.olatheford.com/all-ford-show.htm>

Art Deco Exhibition Event at the Nelson-Atkins

Sunday, July 17, 2022, 4-8pm (Cars must be in place before 3pm) More details following a walk-thru meeting in June with the event coordinator Karen Griffin.

Wheels & Dreams Car, Truck & Bike Show at Shawnee Town 1929

Sunday, September 11, 2022 1-4pm. \$20 per vehicle.

History on Tap - The Harlem Renaissance at Shawnee Town 1929

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 7pm (Car Show Starts at 6:30 PM). Please call (913) 248-2360 to RSVP and let them know you are bringing a car.

Our History on Tap series returns this fall with musician and historian Lem Sheppard of Humanities Kansas, who takes us into the booming, experimental period in American history known as the Harlem Renaissance! This iconic movement exposed the world to the arts and culture of African Americans, but it was also a time of struggle for civil rights and social equality. Using jazz, blues, spirituals, and poetry, Sheppard's presentation spans the 1920s and explores the contributions of Kansas artists involved in this unique moment. Brewery TBD

Trunk-or-Treat HyVee Car Show

Saturday, October 29, 2022 10 AM - 2 PM HyVee 18101 W 119th St, Olathe, KS 66061

Justin Read

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The Prez Sez...

June 2022

It is hard to believe that June is upon us. This month many of us are heading to our National Convention in Kerrville, Texas. I know that you are preparing your A's for the drive, please make sure you have a well-prepared car, adequate spares, cell phone, National Roster, and a roadside assistance Card. Last year on our trip across the country, all of these came in very handy.

A call to your insurance carrier to make sure you have adequate coverage is a wise idea too. I am looking forward to meeting all of you at the meet. It is not too late to register, go to www.mafca.com.

I am proud to announce that our new MAFCA Mission Statement was approved at our April 30th Board of Directors meeting. Thanks to Dean Potter and his team for this effort.

MAFCA Mission Statement 2022

The Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) seeks to bring people together worldwide interested in collecting, restoring, maintaining, and driving the Model A Ford vehicle manufactured between 1928 and 1931. Our members' interests range from blue ribbon restorations designed for judging to all aspects of Model A Ford history, including fashions and traditions of the Model A Ford Era, touring and social events.

You still have time to submit your name as a candidate for election for the 2023-2024 Board of Directors. If you have a love for the Model A and a desire to serve at the National Level, I urge you to submit your application. More information at www.mafca.com. The deadline is June 17th.

I am happy to announce the new Volume 10 edition to the "How to Restore Your Model A" Series is coming shortly. This will be the first edition printed in color. Many thanks to Les Andrews and his team. Please watch for an announcement on our website and Facebook page.

As always, I am happy to help you. Please feel free to send me an email at president@mafca.com.

Happy Motoring, Jay McCord

Jim's Tech Tips

"Mounting Wheels"

I know that my Dad reads these Tech Tips, so today's is a special shout out to him, who taught me this Tip for mounting wheels when I was about 12 years old. Thanks, Dad!

Start with a classic X-style lug nut wrench. If you don't already have one, mine is 20" across and works quite well.

Place the wheel/tire next to the vehicle, leaning it against the hub and brake drum you plan to mount it on. Adjust the jack so that the wheel needs to be lifted an inch or two onto the studs.

Now slip two of the tire iron arms under the tire, one arm to the left of where the tire touches the ground, and the other arm to the right. Grab one of the tire iron arms that is pointing out toward you, and lift the tire up with one hand while you guide the wheel to hang on a stud or two with the other hand.



Hold the wheel in against the drum while you lower the lug wrench and use that free hand to start a lug nut on one of the studs. Once you have that lug nut started, you can let go of the wheel and start the rest of them. Use the tire iron to run them all in snug, then lower the jack and tighten them all again.

This Tip is not just applicable to mounting a wheel/tire on a Model A. It works on pretty much any vehicle: car, truck, trailer... In fact, the larger and heavier the wheel/tire is that you are putting on, the bigger help this is.

So in the shop or out on the road, use a simple tire iron to help you lift a wheel up into place and hold it there while you start the lug nuts.

Until next time, Have a Model A Day!
Jim

From: Doug Zimm, Little Rock, Arkansas
Illustrated by John Pratt, Urbana, Illinois

O-Ring to Protect Upholstery

I GOT THIS SIMPLE IDEA from a friend of mine – Bobby Roy, who lives in Ola, Arkansas.

Behind a finish washer for upholstery, use a #78 O-ring under the washer as a backup to keep from cutting into the material. I have put this idea to use with good results.



#78 O-Ring

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Memorial Day Picnic

Thank you to Georgia McCrabb Bianchi for sharing her pictures on Facebook.





Tour to Read Farm

Thanks to Justin Read for sharing some of his pictures of the tour on Facebook.



Thanks to John Smeltzer for finding this old story and the one on page 12 and sharing with the Club.

This story from Bob and Mary Lobner was originally printed in The Plain Dealer November 1992.

ALL FIRED UP

By Bob and Mary Lobner

Mary and I were invited by my brother Don to go to the 1990 Omaha Regional Model A car show. Don was in the process of restoring his 1931 Model A Fordor sedan, so we made the trip in our Aerostar Ford Van. We enjoyed the cars so much that we decided we wanted our own Model A. We decided on a 1929 Model A Sport Coupe belonging to Dean Weller.

Dean completed restoring the car July, 1983. I received a log from Dean that covered the maintenance, parts and accessories, car shows and parades attended from July 1983 to September 1990 when we purchased the car. Dean won several trophies at various car shows.

We purchased the car from Dean on September 6, 1990 and won second place at the Olathe Car Show on September 7, 1990. September 25, 1990 we joined the Plain Ol' A's. The Desoto Days 1990 Car Show was next ... we won First Place. At the Lathrop Antique Car and Tractor Show we won Second Place. With several other club members we traveled to the Pikes Peak Classic. We traveled 1,000 miles by way of Nebraska and Wyoming. We won Third Place at the regional show.

A week after the Pikes Peak Classic all of our good luck went out the window. On my way home from my brother Don's house my car caught fire. I got out of my car to check the water in the radiator. While I was filling the radiator I noticed smoke coming from the engine compartment. I raised the hood and saw that the engine was on fire. The paper air filter located next to the exhaust pipe had become saturated with gas which caught fire, melting the in-line plastic fuel filter.

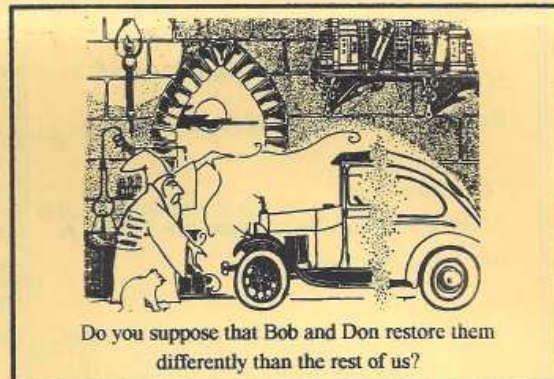
When the car was restored the air cleaner was replaced with a K&N Hi-Flow Air Cleaner. The air

cleaner is advertised by E.S.C. Industries in the *Restorer* magazine. The air cleaner was mounted above the exhaust pipe. The fuel filter was replaced with a metal filter.

With the help of my brother Don and his son Mike, the car was restored in nine months. The chassis had to be removed from the frame, so the car was completely dismantled and reassembled. All of the parts that were not original equipment were replaced. The car was painted Niagara Blue and Duchess Blue with Straw Yellow wheels.

Don completely rebuilt the engine. The crankshaft and other moving parts were balanced. New pistons, rods, valves, water pump, and components were installed. With the new metal valve stems, windshield wiper, carburetor, shocks and shackles, top and tires, the car was ready for the MAFCA National Convention in Dallas.

In June, 1992, we traveled with five other members to the MAFCA National Convention in Dallas. Our



1929 Sport Coupe won Second Place in the Touring Class. In the 1992 Lenexa Parade, a corvette took first place, we came in second with our 1929 Model A.

Since we have purchased the car it has been a real joy for Mary and me. We have met many new friends and acquaintances through the Plain Ol' A's and have traveled to many new and interesting places.

This story from Jim Bernard is from the August 1993 Plain Dealer with a bonus of the list of the club members from 1993.

THE PLAIN OL' A'S MEMBERS

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Bowling, Paul & Paulin	913 321-5393
Brady Jr., Ben & Carol	913 267-2818
Britt, Ken & Marie	913 681-5699
Butler, Bud & Vivian	816 453-2747
Carr, Russell & Roma	816 587-0386
Clark, Lloyd & Ginny	913 782-9876
Cooper, Glen & Hazel	913 764-4130
Cooper, Ron & Irene	913 268-6015
Craig, Bob & Vivian	913 631-4109
Davidson, Jim	913 268-7079
Felts, Delbert	913 843-6236
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Hart, John & Mollie	913 294-5885
Hess, George & Cathy	913 268-7003
Hess, Robert & Nancy	816 941-4101
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Lobner, Don & Lois	913 441-4649
Lohuis, Earl & Shirley	913 788-9871
Long, Bill & Joan	913 631-5614
McCloud, Robert & Beatrice	913 897-3795
McNary, Duane & Carol	913 649-2176
Miller, Warren & Bessie	913 432-2249
Morris, Neil & Betty	913 888-5392
Nelson, Stan & Ann	913 362-1325
Pearson, Bob & Barbara	913 764-6637
Pheffer, Paul & Beverly	913 894-1367
Ramel, James & Norma Jean	913 642-5798
Ravenscroft, Bertha	913 236-4670
Ravenscroft, Jerry	913 236-4670
Reeder, Doug & Margie	913 856-5679
Rhodes, Jim & Phyllis	913 631-9011
Rinearson, Dave & LeAnne	913 764-8965
Schons, Mark & Joanne	913 651-2303
Schubert, Bud & Sue	913 422-5636
Shelton, James & Rita	913 829-5810
Swigert, Bob & Joyce	916 726-6272
Thompson, Claude & Linda	913 897-4004
Turek, Steve & Diane	913 764-5462
Wantland, Dan & Dorothy	816 741-4526
Watkins, Earl & Peggy	913 888-8203
Weigand, Kurt & Clara	913 242-5983
Weller, Dean & Delores	913 585-1313
Williams, Howdy & Alma	913 381-8248

OLD CAR FEVER

by Jim Bernard, Jr.

My interest in "old cars" goes back to when I was a teenager in the 1960's. I had always been fascinated by the old cars, and I liked the way they looked ... their lines were more interesting than the then-current models. I enjoyed the old silent Laurel & Hardy movies (some of which I collected over the years), and as you know Laurel & Hardy and their buddies were hard on cars, and one or more cars would be destroyed in a typical movie. Also, my grandfather probably passed on some "Ford blood" since he'd sold Fords, including the T's and A's before retiring and selling his Ford dealership in 1956.

As a 16 year old with time on my hands (but no money!) my best friend and I would scour the want ads for old Fords, and often go look at what was for sale. I also remember wandering around the old car "graveyard" behind Rick's. With no money, we would only dream of owning and driving an A.

When I graduated from law school and started earning a living, I felt I had "disposable income" which would allow me to pursue my interest. I bought a 1926 Model T Roadster and had a lot of fun tinkering with it. (I converted it back to six volts, among other things.) Unfortunately, the T couldn't get around the block without overheating and the engine dying and refusing to restart, so it generally sat in storage. All I had were frustrations.

Around four years ago, I met Harold Windsor, from Richmond, Missouri, after a parade in which he drove a Model A he had restored. I told him about my T problems, and eventually I had him come to Kansas City and haul the T back to his shop for evaluation and possible repair.

Harold, quite the salesman, convinced me I should "swap" the T (plus some money) for a car he had just finished restoring. After some talking, thinking and negotiation, I had purchased a "modern" car ... a 1930 Tudor. I understand this was the last A he restored, since Harold died several months later.

The Tudor proved to be reliable (something my T never would be) and my wife even liked it! The first day I had it, my then four-year old sat in the back seat as I drove, too fast, around Meyer Circle, and he went from one side of the car to the other. My wife said "no more rides for him until you get seat belts," which I now have. I have enjoyed working on my car, although I have been reluctant to tackle some projects for fear of less than satisfactory results (like removing and repairing a leaky gas tank.)

Joining the Plain Ol' A's was certainly a great move on my part. The people are all friendly, the tours interesting, and there's always someone willing to lend a hand, a tool, or give some free advice. I couldn't be happier with my A or my club, and look forward to many years of both!

Bulletin Board

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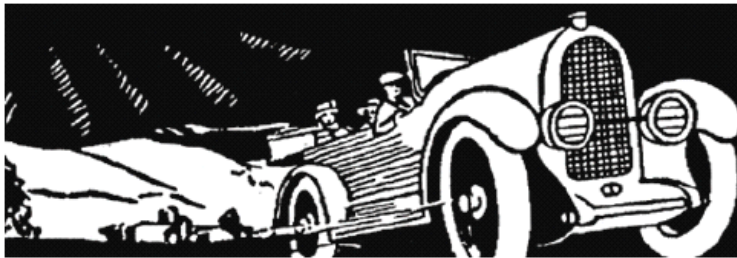


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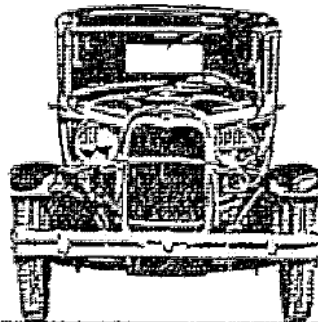
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