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March 2023

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

Next Meeting
Monday
March 27, 2023

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11109 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, Kansas

President's Message

It is March.

Deborah and I have committed to leave our comfort zone of limited drives around the area. We plan to attend the regional meet in Breckenridge, Colorado this summer so the recent temperate weather had me out in my unheated garage performing maintenance. I was replacing tires. I've never done that before. Not fun.

Thanks to some collusion between Ford and Goodyear, there are 6 tires. Two spares? Really? In the engineering world, this is called redundancy. Maybe I've been lucky. Maybe the roads are much better than they were in 1931 but I've never even had a flat. And thank goodness for that because any time there is a need to use one, these side-mounted spares must be fully deflated so that they can be wrenched free of the fenders where they reside. This means that at the point when I have a flat, I actually have 2 flats. Just in case, I take a bicycle pump with me ...a single bicycle pump. I don't pack a back-up. This is how I roll. Life on the edge in the Model A world, Baby!

This all speaks to planning, experience, and comfort zones. I plan for the possibility of a flat by carrying 2 spares, a jack, a lug wrench, a patch kit, a bicycle pump and a wife with the experience to use them. This provides me with a degree of comfort that a flat tire will not stand in my way. Others with different experiences and comfort zones have different plans when facing uncertainty. Some people have AAA memberships. Others have steel belted radial tires. Some folks wearing belts and suspenders join AAA, drive on radials and bring spares, tire pumps ...and spouses. It is all good. Do whatever you gives you the confidence to get out there and try something new.

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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 Ken & Fran Coleman, 913-481-6654, kcoleman555@gmail.com.

Date: March 22, Wednesday, 6:00 P.M.

Order at 6:30

Place: Jumping Catfish Seafood Restaurant
1861 S Ridgeview Rd at 151st St.
Olathe, KS, KS 66062 · (913) 829-3474
www.jumpincatfish.com

Sunshine Report

A condolence card was sent to the family to express condolences on the passing of Mike's mother, Mary Jane Clayton. Mary Jane was 100 years young when she passed away on February 27, 2022. Please keep the Clayton family in your thoughts.

Everyone who attended the Ladies' Night Out on February 15th had a chance to sign a get-well card for Millie Jankowski, who had a full knee replacement earlier that day. At the February monthly meeting, Millie's coach, Ed, reported that Millie has been faithfully doing her exercises and is on the road to recovery. We look forward to seeing Millie soon!

Hope everyone is well!

Deborah Smeltzer, Sunshine Chair

Welcome New Members

David & Justine Collis
1310 S. Lakeshore Dr.
Olathe, KS 66061

913-927-9895

Email: dwc@collisllc.com

29 Coupe, 30 Roadster, 30 Pick-up

February 2023 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on February 27, 2022 at the Masonic Hall. President John Smeltzer called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Guests and New Members-Bob Pettit was 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. 83 members have renewed. 15 have not yet renewed.

Sunshine Report-Millie Jankowski had knee replacement surgery.

Ladies' Night Out-We will eat at Jumpin' Catfish on March 22.

Seminars-A seminar on rebuilding water pumps is being planned for April 1.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

- March 17-Leavenworth Parade
- April 15-Possible tour
- May 13-Possible youth event
- June 11-16--Regional meet in Breckenridge CO
- June 24-Possible tour to Lakeview Village
- July-National tour
- July-Possible tour to Truman Library

Car Shows-The following shows are being considered:

- June 17-Olathe Ford
- June or July-Liberty Memorial

Website-Joe was not at the meeting.

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-This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Raffle-A raffle was held.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by Ken and Fran Coleman.

Nancy Hess, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - February 2023

Income

Dues	\$300.00	
Dues & Newsletters	\$140.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$440.00

Expenses

Auto Owner's Insurance	\$267.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		-\$267.00

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

Mar 27 th	Ross & Toni Warnell Keith & Kathy Nesbitt
Apr 24 th	Bob & Donna Pettit Bill & Deb Hills
June 26 th	Steve & Julie Woerdehoff Joe & Joanie Nicholas
July 24 th	Bill & Bernice Lindley Cort Miller & Karen Garber-Miller
Aug 28 th	Darrell & Deb Enloe Janet & Dennis Crowley
Sept 25 th	Bob & Nancy Hess Robert Montgomery

Brookside St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Club has received an invitation from the HOA's to the Brookside St Patrick's Parade will be this Saturday March 11. We line up our Model A's at 1:00 and the parade starts at 2:00. Our group number is 44 and remember that the roads get clogged up so try to arrive close to the 1:00 time frame. Be sure to decorate your Model A for this event and expect to have a great time!

After the Parade we will meet at Governor Stumpy's for food and fellowship.

President's Message cont.

What new Model A experiences do you want? It will be personal. Newbies have lots of unpassed milestones. Others have been around Model As for a long time but there's something.

First thing is committing personally to what you want to do. You have to figure this out for yourself. Some ideas are:

- drive in a parade
- repair something on your Model A that you've never taken on before
- drive somewhere specific you've never been in a Model A
- learn to drive a Model A
- take someone new with you to a Model A event
- teach someone how to drive or repair a Model A
- help plan/execute a club event
- participate in a car show
- attend a club social event
- go on a tour
- organize the club raffle
- something else?

I am going to collect your commitments to try for some new personal Model A goal at the next meeting. It doesn't have to be a big effort but it does have to be one which will provide you some sense of accomplishment. If you can't make it to the next meeting, email me with your new challenge. Then I will periodically quiz you on progress or solicit help for you. We could include progress updates in the newsletter. Maybe we can even come-up with awards. It will be fun. It could inspire others. I like hanging out with achievers.

Ahoooooga On!

John Smeltzer, President

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.

On February 18th 15 people met at the Kansas City Jazz and Negro League Baseball Museums. After the tour we went to lunch at Arthur Bryant's BBQ. If you haven't been to these museums it is worth the trip.

March 17th is the Leavenworth St. Patrick's day parade. Lineup is at 11:00, the parade starts at noon. We will lineup at 4th and Choctaw by the Henry Martens car dealership. 4th Street will be blocked off so come down 3rd Street to Choctaw.

April 22nd we will have a "Blow the Dust Off Tour" to Louisburg. We can have Lunch at Miss Bees and stop by the Cider Mill. I will have more info at the March POA meeting.

May is Model A Youth Month. On May 13th we will join the Heart of America Club at Lance Burton's house to help the Boy Scouts with their Automotive Merit Badge. See separate article for more information. I will have a signup sheet for help at the April POA 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



- 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 1 Water Pump Seminar

- April 15 POA Board Meeting
- April 22 Blow the Dust-Off Tour
- April 24 POA Meeting @ 7:00

- May 13 Youth Month at Lance Burton's
- 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

Model A Youth Month

MAFCA has designated May as Model A Youth Month. The Plain Ol' A's and the Heart of America clubs will hold a youth event at Lance and Terri Burton's home on May 13th. We are inviting Boy Scouts to come out to work on their Automotive Merit Badge from 10:00- 3:00.

Andy Dugan, who is involved with the scouts, has gotten us the requirements for the Merit Badge. We are limiting the attendance to 40 Scouts.

We will do training with the scouts, have car rides, and have a Hubley Derby. We will be serving hotdogs, chips, and drinks.

We will need your help for the day. Please bring your Model A and your Hubleys. I have asked the Scout to bring their Pinewood Derby cars if they have them to see if we can run them down the track.

Hopefully we will have a great day for this event.

Thanks.

- Bill Hills

Water Pump Seminar

The Plain Ol' A's Model A Ford Club will hold a seminar on water pumps on April1, 2023, from 10:00 AM to noon at JB Hodgdon's building located south of 83rd St and west of Hwy K-10. The address is 23803 W 83rd Terrace, Shawnee, Kansas.

The seminar is open to all. Ed Jankowski will share what he knows about the disassembly, cleaning, parts for rebuild and assembly of the Model A water pump. Anyone with experience in rebuilding a Model A water pump is also invited to share their knowledge also.. This will not be a hands-on rebuild but will provide information for that seminar to be undertaken in the near future..

If you are interested in attending please sign up at the March club meeting so the club can have enough donuts for all attendees.

- Ed Jankowski

Happy Birthday

Nancy Clayton March 6
 Marilyn Griggs March 16
 George Hess March 17
 Walter Jones March 30

Happy Anniversary

Justin & Theresa Read March 17
 David & Justine Collis March 29
 Andy Dugan & Christine South March 31

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

BRITTOY

Owners: Marie and Ken Britt

WOW!! What a beauty. That is one of the expressions we hear about our pride and joy, a beautiful Riviera Blue 1928 Roadster with Cream wheels.

We acquired her by being in the right place at the right time. While on a business trip to Nevada, Mo. in August of 1982 I saw a snazzy red Model A Pickup drive by. I asked about it and was told it belonged to the owner of the Country Kitchen Restaurant. I went there for lunch and while talking told him I was looking for a Roadster. He told me of a friend, Ray Tracy, near Des Moines who rebuilt A' engines and did other work on A's. I called Ray from the restaurant. He told me of a Roadster in a nearby town that he had worked on for 30 years that was for sale. He described the car. I told him if it was as he said I would take it. It was and I did.

We drove the car on nice days until April when I started disassembling it. My father had been a Ford mechanic in his early years and went to work for a Lincoln - Ford dealership in Denver in early 1928. He knew everything about Model A's even after all those years and was much help when I ran into trouble. I now have the Snap-On Tool Box he bought new in May 1928 along with many of his tools. Our family owned a 29 Tudor for some time and a friend and I bought a 1930 Tudor in 1944 while seniors in High School and drove it until we received our orders to report to the service later that year.

While looking for someone to answer my questions, I was told to call John Hargrave. He was very generous with his time and we had many long conversations over several months. I have always appreciated the help and encouragement he gave me even though we had not met.

The restoration of the chassis from frame up went along nicely. The engine was rebuilt in Holiday, MD and on January 7, 1984 the engine was started for the first time. **That was a thrill.** Ralph Haggard of the Heart of America club did the body work and painting. On Thanksgiving day of 1984 the car was complete with the exception of the top. By early spring the top was installed and we were ready to go.

Our first "show" was the Shrine Car Meeting at Blue Ridge Mall. It was also the first "long" trip on the Interstate. That wasn't a thrill. Since that time we have been in lots of parades and on lots of tours, including a trip to Breckenridge, Co. in 1989. We made it up Pikes Peak in 1991. Another thrill. We are heading for Texas in June for the MAFCA National Convention and are looking forward to seeing 800 or so Model A's in one place. It will also be a pleasure to attend the National to support John Hargrave as President of MAFCA.

Brittoy was restored mostly original but since that time some changes have been made, such as a 'Don Lobner' balanced engine and super water pump and an overdrive. All of these changes have added to the pleasure of driving her.

March 1992

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: Our member Bob Goodrich has decided to sell a real cream puff, his 1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster 40-B Dlx for a very firm \$25,000

20,400 miles on a complete restoration
Body color-Stone Brown, belt-Stone Deep Gray, wheels-Tacoma Cream
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Contact Bob @ 913 888-4943 or 816-536-6938 (11/22)

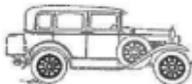



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**PLAIN OL' A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB
 NEW AND RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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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