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

Next Meeting
Monday
October 25, 2021

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President's Message

It is October so, "Boo to you."

The tour to Wetmore, Kansas, and the Spring Creek Classic Car and Truck Museum on September 25th was really very nice. The weather could not have been better so the decision to postpone from late August due to excessive heat was a good one. The museum was well stocked with beautiful cars. No Model A's on the tour had serious mechanical challenges. Everyone had fun. Nothing short of free gasoline could have made it more delightful.

Then there is the tour to the Turner Barn Car Show in Gardner, Kansas. That was supposed to happen on early in the month but the car show organizers postponed it to October 23rd. Explanations ran from forecasts of rain to Covid. Our Tour Director says we already have a large number of participants signed up. If this follows the pattern we had with our Wetmore experience, we could be in for something very special. I'm not promising anything like free fuel but the lunch will be (if you sign-up soon with Bill Hills). SO c'mon along! ...and, just in case, bring an empty gas can.

Ahoooooga 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, 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.

Facebook

Plain Ol' A's is now on Facebook: Search For "Plain Ol' A's" and request to join the Private Group.

MAFCA Membership

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

Refreshments

It was decided at the July meeting, that at this time, the club will not restart refreshments at the monthly meetings. This will be readdressed at the November meeting.

- Fran Coleman

Sunshine Report

A get-well card was sent to Lea Crim in late September.

Starting in January, we will be publishing monthly birthdays and anniversaries in the monthly newsletter! The annual registration form will ask for your birth date (month and day only!) and your anniversary date. Please share this information when you register so that your friends in the POAs can help you celebrate your special days!

Please send your news, happy or sad, to Deborah Smeltzer at Deborah.smeltzer@gmail.com or call Deborah at [913-526-6977](tel:913-526-6977).

Deborah Smeltzer



September 2021 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on September 27, 2021 at the Masonic Hall. President John Smeltzer called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Guests and New Members-Frank Kent and Troy Muuson 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 and Fran Coleman have been ill. Lee Crim had knee surgery. We will show birthdays (month and day) and anniversaries in the newsletter. The membership application will have spaces for this information.

Ladies' Night Out-We will eat at Metropolitan Steakhouse on October 20 at 6:00 PM.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

October 2 - Turner Barn car show; go for breakfast at Gardner airport before the show

November 11 - Leavenworth parade

Car Shows:

October 2-Turner Barn; lunch provided

October 3-Lawrence car show

October 14-Brookdale car show

October 30-Hy Vee car show

Christmas Party-The Christmas party will be held at the Embassy Suites on December 5; gift exchange. Deadline to sign up is November 22.

Refreshments-Refreshments will be discussed at the January meeting.

Webmaster-The website has been updated with events and pictures.

Regional Meet-The next planning meeting will be held on October 13 at 7:00 PM. We can tour the hotel after the Christmas party

Newsletter-We will offer printed newsletters by mail for \$10.00 per year starting with the January 2022 edition.. A change to the application to include this option to be added to the October and all future Newsletters Honorary members can receive a printed copy for free if they wish.

Nominating Committee-The election of 2022 officers will be held in November. John appointed the following members to the nominating committee:

Alan South

Justin Read

Ed Jankowski

Board Meeting-The board meeting will be held on October 9 at 9:30 AM at the Masonic lodge..

Seminar-Ken Coleman gave a seminar on carburetors.

- Nancy Hess, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - September 2021

Income

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|---------------|
| September Interest | \$1.03 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | \$1.03 |

Expenses

| | | |
|-----------------------|--|---------------|
| No Activity | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | \$0.00 |

Ending Balance 9/30/2021 \$1.03

Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer

October Meeting Tech Talk

The tech talk for the October meeting will be presented by Bill Carter. The subject will be lubricates. Bill has quite a background in automotive lubricants and will share his knowledge at the October 25th meeting.

- Ed Jankowski

October Ladies' Night Out

Ladies Night Out will be October 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Steak House in Leavenworth.

Sign up at the September meeting, or call Ron or Theresa at (913) 682 - 2545.

- Ron Guenther

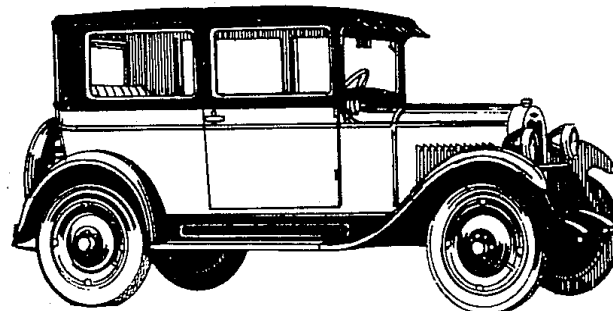
Turner Barn Car Show

Rescheduled to October 23

The show is October 23rd from 10:00- 2:00. The address is 19805 S Moonlight RD, Gardner, Kansas (Moonlight and 199th street). Lunch will be provided. They have advertised the show in Hemmings magazine. It is for pre- 1942 vehicles so it should be a large show.

I will work on a plan for a short tour before the car show so we can meet and go to the show as a group.

- Bill Hills



Plain Ol' A's Calendar 2021

- October 13 History on Tap- Immigration: Through a Modern Lens- 7 PM Old Shawnee Town
- October 14 Brookdale Independent Senior Living Center, 6101 W. 119th St., Overland Park, KS 66209; Car Show 1-3 PM
- October 23 Turner Barn Car Show- 10:00- 2:00. Lunch will be provided - **Rescheduled from October 2.**
- October 25 POA Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
- October 30 HyVee Car Show - 10:00 am
- November 11 Veterans Day Parade, Leavenworth, KS
- November 22 POA Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee and Deadline to sign up for the Christmas Party
- December 5 POA Christmas Party

Car Shows

- October 13 History on Tap - Immigration: Through a Modern Lens 7 PM at Old Shawnee Town; Car Show 6:30 PM - 8 PM (Please call Shawnee Town and make a reservation, letting them know you are bringing a car (913) 248-2360.) The presentation by José Faus brings together the dynamics of immigration told through the lens of visual art and poetry. It showcases an interactive exploration of a personal journey from the heart of Colombia to the heart of the United States, exploring the conundrum of belonging in unfamiliar surroundings while straddling two different cultures and narratives.
- October 14 Brookdale Independent Senior Living Center, 6101 W. 119th St., Overland Park, KS 66209; Car Show 1-3 PM (Bob Goodrich has friends that live here.) The Mid-America Chevelle Club will be at this event as well. Arrive around 12:30 so we can have the cars parked by 1 PM. Food and drinks provided. Onsite Contact: Alecia Evans (913) 221-5026
- October 23 Turner Barn Car Show 19805 S. Moonlight Rd. Gardner, Kansas 66030 - 10 AM - 2 PM (Contact: Bill Hills)
- October 30 HyVee Car Show 18101 W 119th St, Olathe, KS 66061 - 10 AM - 2 PM. Onsite Contact: Peggy Dirks (913) 206-5615?

2021 Plain Ol' A's Annual Christmas Banquet

As we return to normalcy the club directors felt it appropriate to schedule the club's annual Christmas banquet and gift exchange. December is a ways off and a majority of people have been vaccinated for the virus. The proper protocol will be taken at the banquet based on directions at that time. The banquet will be at a new venue, The Embassy Suites in Olathe located at 10401 South Ridgeview Road (just south of the intersection of HWY-10 and Ridgeview Road interchange) on December 5, 2021. A banquet room has been reserved from noon to 3:00 P.M. The plated lunch buffet will be promptly served at 12:30 P.M. Entrees will be citrus crusted chicken breast, seasonal risotto and smoked maple mustard jus for \$29.00 and Scottish salmon, local grain risotto, and caper-raisin emulsion for \$33.00. They will include a 3 bar house salad consisting of spring greens, tomatoes, carrot, cucumbers, ranch and balsamic dressing and a New York cheesecake dessert with fresh whipped seasonal garish.

Please use the form on page 13 to select your plated entree for the Christmas Banquet and send the form along with your check to Bob Hess **no later than November 22, 2021.**

A detailed notice regarding the gift exchange will follow prior to the banquet date.

- Ed Jankowski

Tours

We had two great tours in September with great turn out for both. We visited some great museums, saw some great towns and parks, drove some great roads, saw a lot of corn fields, and had a great stay in Brownville Nebraska. If you are looking for a weekend get-away I recommend checking out The River Inn Resort.

October- The Turner Barn Car Show was cancelled and rescheduled for the 23rd from 10:00- 2:00. Turner Barn is at the corner of 199th street and Moonlight road, south of Gardner. Lunch will be provided. We have 40 people and 20cars signed up.

Being the car show was rescheduled, we will combine our Fall Color Tour with the drive to the barn. We will meet at the Walmart on the west side of Olathe (Santa Fe & Hwy 7) at 8:30/ leave at 9:00 for a short tour on the way to Turner barn, We will go past Olathe and Garner Lakes on the tour. After the car show it is a short drive to Spring Hill for Ice Cream for anyone that would like to go.

On the 30th we have a Car Show at HyVee (119th & Ridgeview) from 10:00- 2:00. This is the Halloween show so decorate your cars.

November- The Leavenworth Veterans Day parade is on the 11th. This is a large parade with great turnout. Hopefully the weather will be nice so we can get the cars out and attend the parade.

Deb and I will be out of town for a few days so Theresa Guenther is working on a Cold Weather Tour.

The November tour will be our last for 2021. I hope you will get your cars out on a nice day and drive them over the winter.

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

Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Exercise Mats for Comfort

I picked up a set of 6 foam exercise mats, about ½" thick and 2 feet square, at a yard sale a few months ago. I think I paid about \$5 for them. They have interlocking edges that allow you to join them to make larger mats.

These things have proven to be wonderful to sit on or kneel on, any time I need to work on something low on the car. I will join 2 or 3 of them and lay under the car on them. They are also very comfortable to stand on in front of a work bench.



I have seen these mats sold in a set of 6 on Amazon and similar places for about \$25. They are also sold in ¾" and 1" thicknesses. If you can't find them easily near you at a yard sale, that is another option. Either way, they are well worth having on hand.

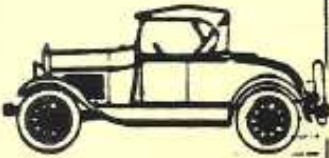
Be comfortable! Have a Model A Day! Jim

OUR MODEL A'S

Bob and Delores Goodrich

I bought my first Model A in 1972. I became interested in Model A's and learned of a gentleman living near Neosho, Missouri who owned a Model A coupe. He was using it to haul coal and fence posts in the trunk. He had moved to Neosho from Colorado, where he had used the Model A to herd sheep. He had many interesting experiences to tell about this Model A. I purchased the car for \$250.00 and drove it twenty miles to my dad's farm ... and started making repairs. Fortunately my dad had owned and restored several Model A's and Model T's, so his knowledge was appreciated, and I was pretty much the "gopher guy." When it was completed we brought it home and enjoyed short trips and taking our children and their friends on picnics and fishing at Shawnee Mission Park.

In the meantime, I really had my eye on a pretty little 1928 Roadster owned by an elderly couple in Arkansas. I remember the history of this car even when I was six years old. My parents owned a grocery store and gas station ten miles north of Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The couple would drive in to buy groceries and I would help my dad fill the car with gas pumped from the old type gas pump. He always wanted to buy their car. Even after moving to Wheaton, Missouri he still kept in contact. By this time the car was parked in a barn and driven less frequently. One day 44 years later, the lady called, saying, "I'm 90 years old and my children won't let me drive anymore. Do you still want the 28 Roadster?" Needless to say it didn't take long to drive down and get the little beauty.



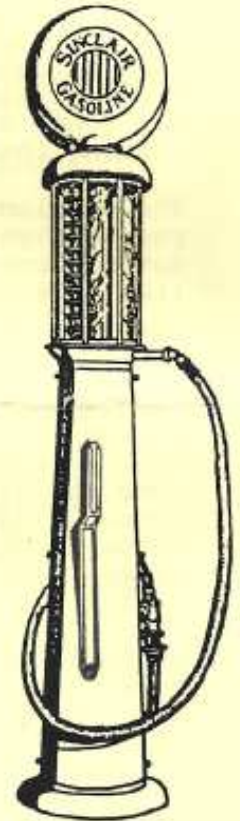
Bob Swigert had invited us to join The Plain Ol' A's, telling us about all the wonderful people. After visiting we totally agreed. At the time we joined, the club was smaller with about 25 members. Since I wasn't an expert on Model A's, I also needed the

comfort of being around those who were. We enjoyed the experience of short trips, parades, and escorting Ronald McDonald's grand openings. We also enjoyed escorting the Lenexa Sr. King and Queen in the fourth of July parade, as has been our custom for the last fifteen years.

In 1988 a gentleman from Pittsburg, Kansas called, saying he was looking for a 1928 Roadster and had heard about ours and would we be interested in selling? After making a quick call, I verified that "The Ultimate" had just become available, a 1931 Deluxe Roadster. So we said good-bye to the "little yellow Roadster," and started all over again.

I don't have a lot of history on my present 1931 Deluxe Roadster. It belonged to Mr. Holmes, the funeral director at Monett, Missouri. He passed away living five cars to his son, who really wasn't interested in antique cars. The son remembered it was purchased in Tulsa, Oklahoma as a basket case and was rebuilt in Monett, Missouri.

We have enjoyed driving in the American Royal Parade the last three years and many other parades with the car club. We especially enjoy taking the grandchildren on trips to the park and for special events. We had a wonderful trip to Colorado. It was great fun putting the top down and breathing the fresh air, however, I did put the top up when driving up Pikes Peak! That air was a bit too fresh!



**The Plain Ol' A's Model A Ford Club Annual
Holiday Banquet**

Sunday, December 5, 2021

The Embassy Suites - Olathe
10401 South Ridgeview Road
Olathe, Kansas
Lunch will be served at 12:30 P.M.

Entrees

Citrus Crusted Chicken Breast
Seasonal Risotto and Smoked Maple Mustard Jus:

Scottish Salmon
Local Grain Risotto and Caper-Raisin emulsion

All plated lunches are served with water, iced tea, coffee, artisan roll and
butter, chef's selection of vegetable and salad

Dessert

NEW York Cheesecake

Form and money must be received by Bob Hess by Monday, Nov.22nd

Entree Selection: Chicken _____ \$29.00
Salmon _____ \$33.00
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Member and spouse _____

Phone: _____

Make Your Check payable to Plain Ol' A's Model A Ford Club

Mail To:
Bob Hess
12731 Cherry Street
Kansas City, MO 64145

Don't forget we will have a gift exchange. \$10.00 Limit

Southeast Nebraska Tour Recap - My First Model A Tour

By John Smeltzer

Prologue

We heard that the neighboring club, the Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club, was planning a three-day tour of southeast Nebraska in early September. It would start in northeast Kansas. (Three state names and multiple compass points in the first paragraph should not concern the geographically challenged. It won't matter. Proceed without caution.) We wouldn't be crossing 3 whole states, but I confirmed that this would cover nearly 450 miles along the Missouri River. Yep, not going to happen. Our Cabriolet just celebrated its 90th birthday. Congratulations! Decision made. Done.

I was overridden by my wife, Deborah. I had never been on a multi-day Model A tour while she was the old pro. She had spent her teens protesting thousands of such trips in a '31 Woody Station Wagon to the deaf ears of her parents. Now she promised that we would have fun. I was as perplexed by her change of heart as I was by her disregard of my thin experience repairing automobiles. I did what any other cautious husband would do. I accepted her logic, signed up for a AAA membership ...and caved.

Other preparations included checking our wills and saying goodbye to family, friends, pets, people I owed money ...anyone who might report our disappearance to the authorities. I read some about Lewis and Clark's "Journey of Discovery." They also had an adventure traveling up this river. Since no paddles were provided in the standard Ford equipment, the often-cited metaphor resonated with ominous foreboding. We left early on Friday morning.

Travelogue

These stories usually contain a travelogue of place names and sightseeing destinations. I'm sorry to have included some of that directly below. I'll make it brief, but feel free to skip past the bullets below.

- " Julian - contained an excellent restored 1930's gas station.
 - " Brownville - very quaint. The town name could be a reference to the river.
 - " Auburn - a lovelier shade of Brownville.
 - " Nebraska City was exactly that ...except maybe a bit smaller than "city" would suggest. For me, the windmill factory museum was the highlight.
 - " Indian Cave Park - No Indian. No cave (It was out of order). However, the park was big and very well kept.
 - " Scenery - river and prairie images which rivaled the best Thomas Hart Benton paintings. Very nice.
- Thanks for your patience. Now onto the unexpected, the human drama, the good, the bad, and the ugly.

The good

Our overnight accommodations were on a riverboat in Brownville. It was a nod to the historic traditions of this majestic vessel that the boarding procedures did not include TSA scans or pat downs. Of course, being firmly anchored to shore, hijacking was out of the question. It could float just in case the river rose. This was billed as a convenience to everyone avoiding the widening effects of life vest fashions. The riverboat was nicely appointed and very comfortable.

The tour included a Saturday evening dinner cruise on "The Spirit of Brownville," an adjacent boat capable of navigation. We were treated to a fine meal and, afterward, the sights and smells of the river. Our arrival back at the dock was signaled by a very agitated calliope.

The bad

The calliope is a very loud steam driven organ. It ranks right up there on the list of most dreaded musical instruments with the bagpipes, the bowed-handsaw, the cat-hammer, and Yoko Ono. Calliopes are inextricably associated with old merry-go-rounds and riverboats.

A bit about merry-go-rounds. Merry-go-rounds were first imagined in the 14th century by the Italian poet, Dante. He imagined a misery-filled future for the wicked doomed to the inner rings of hell. His design was unworkable. The merry-go-round, so envisioned, did not make it to reality until someone placed a calliope in its center. This made

all the difference. The calliope would start-up and folks jumped at any quick path to safety. When the horses were spoken for, panicking adults, and even children, would even throw themselves onto the backs of galloping ostriches... lions... tigers... bears. Their fate was sealed as their speeding mounts would then cruelly orbit ...never gaining any distance from the cacophony. Their screams of despair were drowned out by the unceasing toots and howls.

Introduction of the calliope to riverboats had a similar impact but the screams were drowned out by actual drowning. The tormented jumped overboard. The calliope's continued presence upon riverboats was surely responsible for a significant loss of passenger traffic and the rise of the railroads.

It was no surprise then that, back on our docked cruise boat, there was a mad scramble to escape when that infernal contraption sounded off. A swarm of hornets could not have had a more instantaneous effect. Thankfully, no passengers or hands were lost in the evacuation of the decks. I imagine burials at sea are less than somber when the bottom is mere feet away and the departed are barely so.

The ugly

One car was running poorly, died, and started gushing gas onto the ground. This was a very dangerous situation. There could have been a fire or even EPA sanctions. Somebody whipped out a carburetor float to slap in there. All good. Everyone got back on the road.

An extremely nice Fordor almost had a wheel fall off. A cotter pin had sheared and the axle nut then spun off. The axle key was mangled as it worked out of the keyway. A replacement cotter pin was quickly found. No problem. But the key? Out of the bazillion parts in a Model A, somebody, with the preparedness of an Eagle Scout, had intentionally packed this random item. The wheel was reassembled. The lug nuts were tightened. Off we went.

Other mechanical complaints came from a Tudor. It would not start. Many willing mechanics descended unrestrained and started working it over. There were so many hands under that hood that I'm sure they were in a cycle of undoing and re-doing the work of someone right next to them in the scrum. They're heroic guys who know far more than me, but I am grateful no one was struck with appendicitis while on the roadside. An appendix should really only have to be removed once.

The patient pulled through and started-up. After 10 miles the Tudor again died and, again, would not restart. Many of the pit crew, unwilling to be the last guy to touch it before it went on the trailer, stayed back. I was shocked by my first available glimpse under the hood. I'd heard of fixing things with baling wire and chewing gum but thought that was exaggeration. The coil was actually suspended from the radiator braces with baling wire. Honest to gawd baling wire! It was necessary because a bracket for the replacement coil was not on hand. Whatever the issue, it was not resolved with the coil. The car was pushed onto the trailer for some later diagnostic procedures. It was time to roll on.

Epilogue

Yada, yada, yada...and then we slid into home on Sunday afternoon. Safe! So what did I take away from this experience?

There were many "auto prepare" lessons for me. Bring the Les Andrews books and a wide selection of parts. Experienced hands and the parts you did not pack will always be offered but, just in case, be nice to the guy hauling the trailer. And finally, when necessary, be open to innovation (i.e., remember to bring baling wire and duct tape). Even Lewis and Clark recognized car show judging standards are secondary to survival.

I also came to recognize some broader truths. Southeastern Nebraska is beautiful in September. Good gin is hard to find there so pack it. Our Cabriolet was capable of more than I expected. My wife knows what she is talking about. We had fun.



Videos Available to Our Members

Most available on VCR
and some on DVD
 Roadside Troubleshooting
 Jewelry of the Model A Era
 How To Stop On a Dime
 Gennin Along
 Carbs & Carbos
 Flasher (turn signals)
 Timing the Ignition
 Tillotson Carburetors
 Dial D for Distributor
 Electrical Seminar '87 Hargrave
 Rebuilding Model A Differential
 (new)

Other Model A Titles
 Kansas City (Movie)
 2000 Hillclimb Weston
 Yokahama Model A
 Picacho Peak Hill Climb 2000
 The New Ford Model A
 Ford Motor Co. 1928
 1995 Great North American Race
 Mid American Regional
 Mafca Regional meet 89
 Mafca Regional Meet 87
 OLD Cars, Creston 35 ford,
 87 reg, Atch Flyin

Other Cars
 1935-36 Fords
 1932 V8
 Ford at the Races

 See Ken Coleman 913-631-2752

There's a new video in the library: "Rebuilding Model A Differential"

Carl Bohland's Auto Wash Bowl

Carl Bohland patented the auto wash bowl in 1921. His idea was that cars would drive into a large, concrete bowl filled with water. After a couple of times around the bowl, the cars would be clean. Or, at least, cleaner.

Back in this early age of motoring, roads were often unpaved and muddy, and that mud would get caked on the underside of the car and the wheels - but a spin in the nifty Auto Wash Bowl took care of that.

Customers paid 25 cents to an attendant who strapped a protective rubber cover over the radiator. Patrons would then enter the bowl via a ramp and drive their cars around and around the bowl at a speed of about 10 miles per hour. The ridges in the concrete would vibrate the car and the water, creating a sloshing action that helped wash away all the mud from the chassis and wheels. The whole process took about 3 or 4 minutes.



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 information, contact Jim Bernard, Jr. at 816-410-4610.

Wanted:

From Deborah Smeltzer:

Looking for an original 1930 Model A title for my father, Dick Knapp. He spent time during the COVID lockdown building a Model A Speedster and the car is almost ready for the road. He would like to title the car as a Model A and is looking for an original 1930 Model A title. Any model will do and will pay a reasonable price. You too can say you had a hand in this project! Please contact him directly if you have any ideas on where to find an original title: Dick Knapp, 479.586.0070 (cell) or LTCKnapp@gmail.com (7/21)

For Sale: Dave Ryan has model A motors for sale.

Head and pan are still on the block. Condition unknown \$250.00 each. Cell 913-683-0546 email suewhoks@hotmail.com (9/21)

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