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

Next Meeting
Monday
October 24, 2022

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President's Message

It is October.

60 surveys have been submitted out of 147 possible. I've shared some numbers and will share more. Here's an interesting finding.

- 13 respondents have held officer role in the club (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Board Member)

This startled me. Because of the large number of respondents with a long membership tenure (10-20+ years), I expected there would be a larger pool of former officers. But I get it. Some have health issues or other serious situations to consider. Others have desperately little uncommitted time. I don't want to let anyone off the hook, but I must.

Then there are the others. I understand their hesitation. They think being a club officer is thankless time-consuming hard work. They suspect It's a BIG DEAL. It is not. Let's break it down,

- Thankless? This is so very wrong. I have heard nothing but praise and gratitude for whatever effort the leaders put into this club. Every time you participate in club activities, they draw a huge helping of satisfaction. I thank them. Many others thank them. (If you don't, then start!)
- Time-consuming? Not true. Of course, each of the officers put in some time. It varies from position to position...and month to month. Ask them. The folks in officer roles of the club would be happy to explain the amount of time they put in. (Some of them like to inflate their devotion, so be skeptical. I find it helpful to start by dividing their answer by 2.)
- Hard? Hardly. The board members must offer advice. The secretary must stay awake at meetings and take notes. The treasurer must add and subtract. The vice-President must plan the Christmas party and hope that I don't die or get impeached. I'm pretty sure anyone could do my job. The hardest thing I must do is write this monthly blurb.

The reward for taking on an officer role in the club is being able to take some degree of credit for sustaining this vibrant and active club. That is the real BIG DEAL!

The take-away is this. Officer elections are coming up in November. I have appointed a nominating committee of Ron Guenther, Alan South and Bruce Mills. They are building the slate of candidates for publication in the November newsletter. Please consider stepping-up if you are called to fill a position or, better yet, contact them and let them know you wish to be a candidate. Please contact me, or any of the current or former officers, if you have questions about these roles.

Ahoooga 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.

MAFCA Membership

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



Sunshine Report

A get-well card was sent in September to Ken Coleman, who was under the weather the week after the POA's tour of southwest Nebraska. Ken is feeling much better now and both he and Fran were at the September meeting.



A sympathy card was also sent to the Guenther family for their nephew who passed away. Please keep them in your thoughts as they navigate this difficult time.

Now that the cooler weather has arrived, we hope you will be able to join us at one of the many POAs events planned for October.

Take care and stay well!

Deborah Smeltzer, Sunshine Chair

September 2022 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on September 26, 2022, at the Masonic Hall. President John Smeltzer called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Guests and New Members-New members present at the meeting were Dennis and Janet Cawley, Reed Partridge, and Bob and Joann Arnold.

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

Treasurer's Report-The treasurer's report was approved as read. The regional account will be closed, and the funds will be moved to the money market account.

Sunshine Report-Ken Coleman was ill, and Theresa Guenther's nephew died.

Ladies' Night Out-We will eat at the Metropolitan Steak House on October 19.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:
 October 1 Turner Barn car show. We will eat breakfast at the Gardner airport preceding the tour.

October 22 Tour to bee farm.

Car Shows:

- October 1-Turner Barn
- October 6-Cedar Lake Village
- October 29-Hy Vee

Website-Joe is working on our website. Some areas will be available only to members

Name Tags-Name tags are available for those who requested them.

Christmas Dinner-The entrees will be salmon and chicken. An application will be put in the newsletter.

Cruise Nights-Some members have expressed an interest in cruise nights. There are established cruise nights for those who are interested.

Nominating Committee-We will hold an election for 2023 officers at the November meeting. John selected the following members for the nominating committee:

- Alan South
- Ron Guenther
- Bruce Mills

Raffle-A raffle was held.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by Harvey and Vicky Roseberry, Leland Daise, and Sue Long.

Nancy Hess, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - September 2022

Income

TOTAL INCOME \$0.00

Expenses

July, August, Sept Newsletters \$57.39

Kansas Secretary of State

(Update Registration Rept.) \$20.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$77.39

Interest \$1.15

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

2022

October Andy Dugan
Ron & Theresa Guenther

November Eddie & Marilyn Griggs
Bob & Nancy Hess

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

October Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out in October will be Sponsored by Ron and Theresa Guenther.

Date: October 19 at 6:30 PM

Place: Metropolitan Steak House
1501 Metropolitan Ave.
Leavenworth, KS 66048

The Little House across from the Big House

If you wish to attend and have not signed up yet, contact Ron & Theresa at (home) 913-682-2545 or (cell) 913-775-0405.

Tours

From what I hear everyone had a good time on the Nebraska tour with the Northwest club despite rain all day on Saturday and a few hiccups.

We had a good turn-out for the "Smell the Flowers Tour" to the Overland Park Arboretum. The weather was very nice and the arboretum didn't have a big crowd. The biggest hiccup of the day was getting into McDonald's. Next time I will try to find a meeting location that doesn't require driving around the block several times to find the entrance.

We had 13 cars show up for the Turner Barn Car Show. This show has grown every year that we have been going. There were many great vehicles to look at. Most everyone started the day with us at the Gardner Airport for breakfast. The weather was great although it was hot sitting in the sun. A few of us went for ice cream after the show.

Theresa Guenther has planned for us to go to a Honey Bee farm on October 22. We will be going to the "Back To Nature Farms Apiary & Farm Store", LVCO Rd 30 & Kissinger Rd, Tonganoxie. We will meet at the McDonald's in Bonner Springs (K7 & Kansas) at 9:00 and leave at 9:30. After the tour of the farm we will go to lunch somewhere. If you haven't signed up to go contact Theresa or me and we will add you to the sign-up list.

October 29th we will have a Trunk or Treat Car Show at the HyVee in Olathe for 10:00- 2:00. The HyVee is at 119th and Ridgeview.

I am working on a tour for the first part of November but haven't decide what to do yet. If anyone has a suggestion please let me know.

The Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade will be Friday Nov 11th. We'll meet at McDonald's at 9:00 a.m. and leave for the staging area at about 9:30 a.m. We'll go to Arby's in Lansing after the parade.

Several club members have contacted me about tours. I am working with them to see if we can make them happen.

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

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

2022 Calendar

- October 22 Honey Bee Farm Tour- see tour article for info
- October 24 POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
- October 29- Hyvee Trunk or Treat Car Show

- November- TBD tour
- November 11 Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade
- November 28 POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee

- December- 4 POA Christmas Party



Car Shows

The last car show of the year is the Hy-Vee Trunk-or-Treat event.

The Hy-Vee Car Show is Saturday October 29, 2022 from 10 AM to 2 PM. The show will be at the Hy-Vee store located at 18101 W. 119th Street Olathe, Kansas. (119th & Ridgeview). This show will be part of Hy-Vee's Fall Festival Halloween event, with a trunk-or-treat at the car show.

Hy-Vee will provide candy for the trunk-or-treat and lunch for those bringing a car to the show. Attending this show has been a club tradition over the years. It has always been a great fun show. Hope to see you there.



Justin Read

Christmas Party

The Plain Ol' A's annual Christmas Banquet and gift exchange will be held on December 4, 2022, from noon to 3:00 P.M. at the Embassy Suites in Olathe. Embassy Suites is located at 10401 S. Ridgeview Road (just south of the intersection of Hwy -10 and Ridgeview Road). The following entrees have been selected based on voting by the membership.

- Scottish Salmon \$33.04
- Grapevine Smoked Chicken \$30.93

The above prices include a 23% service charge and 11.73% taxes. Meals will include a 3 bar house salad consisting of spring greens, tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, ranch and balsamic dressing and a New York cheesecake dessert with fresh whipped seasonal garnish. The plated lunch buffet will be promptly served at 12:30 P.M.

The gift exchange will be held following the meal. Gifts should be \$10.00 items. As usual we will have fun will the gift exchange and enjoy the day with our fellow club members.

Please mail your choice of entree with a check payable to the Plain Ol' A's Model A Ford Club to Robert Hess, 12731 Cherry, Kansas City, MO 64145 no later than November 21, 2022.

There is a form on [Page 8](#) of this newsletter.

Ed Jankowski

The Introduction of the Model A

The new Ford was a completely different car that did not carry-over any parts from the Model T. It was lower and sleeker than the Model T and had beautiful bodylines that were the direct influence of Edsel Ford's styling ideas. While it still used a four cylinder, similar to the Model T, the Model A was more powerful and smooth and was capable of 55 to 65 mph. It came with Triplex shatterproof safety windshield and hydraulic shocks, both a first for Ford and unheard of in the low-priced field. It was also the first Ford to carry the famous blue oval logo and the first car assembled at the new Rouge manufacturing complex. As for the name, Henry Ford said that the car was so new and different that they would "wipe the slate clean and start all over again with Model A."



Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford with 1928 Ford Model A

Introduced to the public in December 1927, the 1928 Model A was an immediate sensation. Some 10 million people viewed the new vehicle in the first week. The crowds gathered in such numbers that many cities needed to send police to help direct traffic around those who lined up to see the new Ford. While enthusiasm and demand were high, production lagged. The newly installed assembly line for the Model A at the Rouge was not up to full capacity until the middle of 1929, when they were able to produce 9,000 units a day.

From the Ford Motor Company Website



October 2 Ross & Toni Warnell
 October 10 Joe & Joanie Nicholas
 October 15 Steve & Julie Woerdehoff
 October 26 JB & Anne Hodgdon

October 7 Christine South
 October 15 Georgia Bianchi
 October 16 JB Hodgdon
 October 19 Al Prothe
 October 22 Bob Goodrich
 October 30 Bob Hess
 October 31 Carletta Beeson-Allen

Jim's Tech Tips

"Infrared (IR) Thermometer Guns"

These little IR thermometer guns are amazing. I use mine to check coolant temperature at the outlet of the engine, look for cool spots on radiators, check tire sidewall temperatures, and to see if all of my brake drums are at about the same temperature after a hard brake (to confirm even braking action at each wheel).

If you are going to get a reliable, consistent, and reproducible reading with these guns, you need to understand a bit about how they work. When you aim the gun at something and press the button to read the temperature, the gun reports to you the average temperature of everything within its "Field of View".

Field of View

The meter's field of view is 12:1, meaning that if the meter is 12 inches from the target, the diameter of the object under test must be at least 1 inch. Other distances are shown in the diagram below. Make sure that the target is larger than the unit's spot size. The smaller the target, the closer you should be to it. When accuracy is critical, make sure the target is at least twice as large as the spot size.



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If you want to read the temperature with a spot circle diameter of 3/8" (a very handy size), you must hold the gun 6" from the object. I have seen some guys hold the gun several feet from a radiator hose and not understand why the reading is so low; their 3" diameter spot circle includes a lot of cool air on either side of the radiator hose. Get in the habit of holding the gun up close to the object for the best readings.

Some guns have a laser pointer built in that helps you see where the temperature readings are being taken. The laser does not read the temperature, it just helps you see where the reading is from. You have to visualize the spot circle size, depending on how far the gun is from the object.

I hope this helps you get more out of your IR thermometer. If you don't have one, they are handy to have around the shop and on the road.

Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*
Jim

Another Blast from the Past from the July 1993 Plain Dealer.

Bees, Bees, Bees !!

by George Lauppe

Our enclosed car hauling trailer was purchased in 1973 from its builder, Donald Skidmore of Knob Noster, Missouri. He had constructed several trailers to haul farm machinery prior to constructing our trailer, in which he planned to use to haul his Model A and T Fords. It had sat in his farm barn for four years lacking only electrical wiring for completion, due to a disagreement over auto insurance.

His knowledge of trailer construction was inadequate as the trailer whipped, when loaded, several times. The first serious time was in 1974 when loaded with furniture as we moved from east of Lawrence to our present home south of Lawrence. The tow vehicle, our 1973 Mercury Station Wagon, was full of items but some space was available in the trailer. Marceil, our daughter, her friend, my sister and her husband all climbed into the trailer for the ride to our new house. Going down a long sloping hill it whipped all over the road, scaring them, as well as me, the driver.

The next scare we had was about ten years later on our way to a fall mystery tour in Topeka. That time on the Stull Road, it whipped us around in the road so badly that it turned us around in the road and got ahead of the Mercury Station Wagon. That near wreck caused minor damage to the Liberty, which was tied down in the trailer.

After many months of talking to many individuals and research, I learned that two-thirds of the trailer length must be in front of the axle and ten to fifteen percent of the gross loaded weight must be on the tongue. My trailer axle was in the center of the length and there wasn't ten percent of the weight on the tongue.

Since determining the cause of the whipping the trailer tongue has been lengthened two feet and two hundred and fifty pounds of dead weight added under the tongue. Absolutely no whipping now.

About five years before the above incident we were also on our way to a fall mystery tour in Topeka via U.S. Highway 40 when a passing motorist informed me that the trailer was on fire. When I stopped, smoke totally engulfed the trailer. The hydraulic brake was not releasing the brakes, which were, needless to say, overheated. After disconnecting the brake fluid line and releasing the brakes, they were too hot to work on, so we parked the trailer in a small roadside park east of DuPont Road, backed the Liberty out of the trailer and drove it on to Topeka in time for the Mystery Tour. We had a friend with us who still reminds us of the time we hauled the Liberty part way to Topeka and drove it the rest.

About a year after the near wreck on Stull Road we were on our way to the annual Air Capitol Tour via I-70 near Junction City when a left wheel came off of the trailer. It passed us and crossed the median and north bound lanes, with two cars miraculously missing it, and out into a farmers milo field. We

never did find it.

July '90, while on our way to the "Trail of Tears" headquarters in Guthrie, Oklahoma, a left trailer tire blew out while driving on the Kansas Turnpike near El Dorado. Examination revealed all the tread was worn off of the inside half of the tire. That blowout required backing the Model A Ford out of the trailer and driving to the El Dorado Turnpike exit for help. The worn tire indicated that the trailer axles had been bent recently.

After many conversations and advice on straightening trailer axles, I learned of Mike's Frame Shop on East Sixth Street in Topeka. So I made an appointment to have the axles straightening while on the trailer.

Normally I park the trailer in the garage with the Liberty in it. However, it sat outside for a year while I was repairing a universal joint on the Liberty. After hooking to the trailer in preparation for axle straightening in Topeka, I decided to check the brake fluid in the trailer's hydraulic brakes. Removal of the break cover revealed a large wasp nest. A shot of Real Kill took care of them.

In Topeka, I parked on a side street near Mike's shop until appointment time. Mike apparently always moves trailers into his shop. He pulled the Suburban and trailer onto sixth street and stopped to back into the shop. When he started to back the trailer, the brakes locked. I was not aware he would back in so I had not put the auto-lock pin in place. To get the brakes to release I started pounding on the brake mechanism on the tongue which caused a lot of noise, since the trailer was 100% steel.

Suddenly Mike's helper, who was standing near the trailer tongue, started running and yelling. About five seconds later Mike also ran off. From about a quarter block down the street Mike yells "BEES, BEES, BEES!!" I stopped pounding on the brake to see wasps swarming from under the tongue and started swatting at them with my gloves. There were two many to fight off so I joined Mike and his employee down the street.

Mike repeated several times, "I'm not working on your trailer with bees under it." So, what does the trailer owner do with his trailer and Suburban sitting in the middle of Sixth Street with many mad wasps flying around it and mad motorists honking and shouting while trying to get around and Mike's refusal to work on the trailer??

I sure did not want to drag it back to Lawrence with bent axles. Finally Mike suggested I take it to a car wash on S. California Street and try to wash them out with hot soapy water. That suggestion sounded like it was worth trying. When the wasps calmed down I went to the car wash as suggested. The wasps nest was not under the tongue but rather back under the trailer bed with at least a dozen wasps still clinging to it. The hot, soapy water took care of them.

WHAT NEXT???

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

Sunday, December 4, 2022

The Embassy Suites - Olathe
10401 South Ridgeview Road
Olathe, Kansas

(Just South of the Intersection of Hwy. 10 and Ridgeview Road)

The plated lunch buffet will be promptly served at 12:30 P.M.

Entrees

Scottish Salmon - \$33.04

Grapevine Smoked Chicken - \$30.93

Meals will include a 3 bar house salad consisting of spring greens,
tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, ranch and balsamic dressing.

Dessert

NEW York Cheesecake with Fresh Whipped Seasonal Garnish

The above prices include a 23% service charge and 11.73% taxes.

Form and money must be received by Bob Hess by Monday, Nov.21nd

Entree Selection: Salmon _____ \$33.04
 Chicken _____ \$30.93
 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

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: 1929 Model A Standard. Engine rebuilt. 12 volt system.

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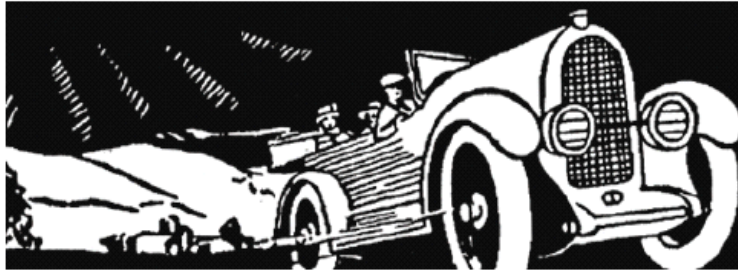
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I grant MAFCA permission to publish my name and contact information. Yes _____ No _____

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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) _____

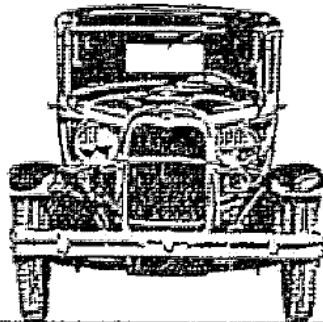
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Bob Hess, Treasurer
 12731 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64145
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