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June 2020

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

Next Meeting
Monday
June 22, 2020

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President's Message

The month of June brings us several days to take note of. We honor our flag (Flag Day) on the 14th and our fathers (Father's Day) on the 21st. The first day of Summer (Solstice) is on the 20th this year. This month brings us the ability to enjoy the Model A during longer and mildly warmer days of the summer season.

With COVID-19 state, county, and local mandates easing up, we will be holding a monthly membership meeting this month (June 22 at 7:30). If you are high risk or do not feel comfortable joining us, please feel free to stay home. The Club will implement social distancing by removing tables and setting up pairs of chairs 6 feet from other pairs. Families / households will be required to sit together. Refreshments will not be provided (feel free to bring your own if you wish). The Club will wipe down frequently touched surfaces beforehand and will have hand sanitizer available for your use. We recommend you wear a mask, but it is not required (per the local mandates). If you have questions or concerns, please contact one of the Club Officers listed on page 2. I look forward to seeing you there.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Lenexa Community Days parade on July 4th has been cancelled this year. Instead they will be hosting a Porch Parade, see details later in the newsletter on page 4. The Porch Parade is not an official Club event, we are just listing it as event of interest for anyone wanting to participate in it on your own. Also, the Zarda's lunch on July 4th has been canceled because the restaurant will not be open at that time. At this time the Shawnee Town History on Tap event is still listed as scheduled for July 8th, be sure to contact Shawnee Town to make reservations (and tell them if you are bringing your old car).

The Plain Ol' A's Board of Directors wants to promote safe and legal gatherings of Club members during tours, car shows, meetings, and other events. We are working hard to find ways to create the safe Club camaraderie that we all enjoy with our fellow Model A enthusiast. We weigh the financial and social liabilities as a whole during this process. We want to remind everyone that official Club tours have been put on hold until further notice. If you participate as a group in unofficial events or tour like activities, you are doing so as individuals and not as Club members. The Plain Ol' A's would not be responsible or liable in case of accidents, injury, or sickness in events or tours not approved by the Plain Ol' A's Board of Directors. If you wish to meet and/or drive your cars in such unofficial events, please do so responsibly, safely, and at your own risk. Now with all the legal stuff out in the open... You are free to do unofficial events as individuals, just not as a Club. With everyone's support and understanding, we will persevere. Please stay safe and keep the faith. Now without further ado, I give everyone a 6-car length AHOOGA on!
— Justin Read, President

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The deadline for submission of articles is the 8th of the month.

MAFCA

MAFCA, the Model A Ford Club of America, encourages national membership. There is a membership form in the back of the newsletter for anyone who is interested.

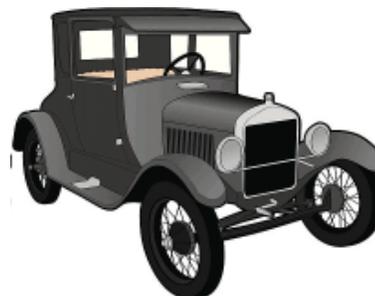
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2581927338560371>

2020 Sponsor Sign Up Ladies' Night Out

July	South
August	Hess
September	Guenther
October	Mills
November	Smeltzer
December	Christmas Party

Notice: The July newsletter will be sent out a few days late because of a scheduling conflict.. The newsletter will go out the week of July 13.



Treasurer's Report - May 2020

Beginning Balance 4/30/2020		\$13,399.09
Checking Balance	\$234.62	
Income		
JOCO Parks Picnic Refund	548.50	
TOTAL INCOME		+ 548.50
Expenses		
May Newsletter	55.30	
Bank Service Charge	10.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		- 65.30
Money Market Account		
Beginning Balance	\$13,923.45	
Interest Payment	\$ 1.18	
Total Money Market Balance		\$13,925.77
Ending Balance 5/31/2020		\$13,883.47

Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer

Fun Facts for Flag Day - June 14

- Flag Day was invented by a school teacher, nineteen-year-old Bernard J. CiGrand. He spent over 50 years writing in support of making Flag Day a national holiday. Congress made it official in 1949, 17 years after his death.
- Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th, because that was the day that Congress officially recognized the flag as the flag of the United States in 1777.
- June 14th, 1775 is the date that Congress formally authorized the enlistment of soldiers into what was then called the Continental Army.
- The colors of the flag represent valor (red), liberty and purity (white), and justice and loyalty (blue).
- There have been 27 official versions of the American flag, each with a different amount of stars.
- Betsy Ross was a seamstress who made clothes for George Washington. In June, 1776, Washington approached her to make the first American flag.

Calendar of Events

- June 22 Plain Ol' A's Meeting Membership Meeting (See the President's Message - Page 1)
- July 1-4 Lenexa Community Days Porch Parade (See email from Lenexa Parks and Recreation - Page 4)
- July 8 Shawnee Town History on Tap - Topic Broadcasting the Twenties (6-8:30 pm) \$5/person RSVP at 248-2360

Future calendar of events are on hold until further notice.

All event days and times may be subject to change. If you would like to schedule a tour or event, please allow 6 - 8 weeks notice, due to our newsletter coming out in the middle of the month and meetings at the end of the month. To schedule a tour or car show, call Theresa or Ron Guenther (913) 682-2545 or email www.ronsaresto@yahoo.com, or talk to us at a POA meeting.

Car Shows

All events are considered tentative due to the current COVID-19 situation and host organization decisions.

- July 8 Shawnee Town History on Tap - Topic Broadcasting the Twenties (6-8:30 pm) \$5/person RSVP at 248-2360
- July 25 Shawnee Town Inside a Car demonstration 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- August 19 Shawnee Town Notable and Notorious People of the 20s - Women's Suffrage (6-9 pm) \$FREE\$ RSVP at 248-2360
- Sept. 6 Shawnee Town Wheels & Dreams Car, Truck & Bike Show (1-4 pm) \$20/car in advance
- Sept .27 Art of the Machine Car Show - River Market KCMO (10-2)
- October 14 Shawnee Town History on Tap - TBD (6-8:30 pm) \$5/person RSVP at 248-2360
- October TBD HyVee Car Show 18101 W 119th St, Olathe, KS 66061 (10-2)

Tours

After months of cancelled club activities, I'm looking forward to two things: getting a haircut, and getting back together with our Model A friends at the June 22nd meeting. We are going to have a meeting with adjustments made to protect us from COVID-19 the best we can (see President's Message in this issue). We'll also discuss future club tours during the meeting. With COVID-19 restrictions easing up, (hopefully we won't have new outbreaks), we'll plan a Mystery Tour or a scenic drive for August. Hopefully we'll have more details by July about tours.

With the chaos in the world and around us, I'm looking forward to taking my mind off it and get back into our Model A. Ron is just about finished with the engine in our '30, and we'll soon be ready to get it out and about. Since I haven't been in it since he had the engine work done, I'm anxious to hear it run.

As I write this, we've been thinking about how we should have been hosting the Regional Meet this week. Each day of the week we were talking about what we missed out on. The weather certainly would have been great for the event. Let's pray we'll be able to host it in 2021. All of the planning was complete before the "Stay At Home" was issued. Really hated to have nearly two years of planning and prep go up in smoke before we could execute it. Hopefully the planning committee will be able to get together soon and get things going for 2021.

We hope to see you all soon at the upcoming meeting or out and about in your Model A's.

Be sure to keep wearing your masks and stay well.

Happy Model A'ing!

Theresa Guenther, (913) 682-2545

Porch Parade

Email from Lenexa Parks and Recreation

(This is not an official Plain Ol' A's event, but an event of interest that we thought Club members would like to participate in individually).

Dear Lenexa Parade Friends,

I hope you are doing well. This message is being sent to you because you were the contact for our Lenexa Community Days Parade in 2018 or 2019. I'd like to share an update regarding our plans for the parade this year.

Since it is not yet safe to gather in large crowds for festivals and parades due to COVID-19, Lenexa Parks & Rec has come up with a fun, new way to celebrate Independence Day. Our traditional hometown parade will be replaced this year with the Community Days Porch Parade.

The Porch Parade is a reverse parade where residents, businesses, churches – any organization with a physical address in Lenexa that can be viewed from the street – are invited to register and then decorate their porch, front yard, driveway, storefront, etc. to fit the parade theme, "There's No Place Like Home" or a patriotic July 4 theme. The city will include registered entries on our interactive map and invite the public to go on their own self-guided tour of the festive decorations July 1 through 4.

As with our traditional parade, entries will be judged and awards will be announced (a sign indicating the award will be posted at the winning entries, and award winners will be announced on the city website).

For the first 100 entries, we will also provide a free commemorative Porch Parade official entry yard sign (Parks & Rec staff will post the signs in front of registered entries on July 1).

I hope many of you will join us for this new way of celebrating and showing our community spirit. Those of you who do not have a physical address in Lenexa or cannot participate as an entry this year, we hope you'll join in the fun by going on your own self-guided tour of the Porch Parade. Then, we look forward to celebrating with you in person next year when it's safe to gather again for the traditional parade.

For Porch Parade details including rules and registration, please visit www.lenexa.com/parade. Let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Wishing you a healthy and enjoyable summer.

Susanne Neely

Recreation Supervisor

Community Days Parade Coordinator

Lenexa Parks and Recreation

913-477-7131 – direct

18th All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet

Hello Ford Friends,

This year has been challenging to say the least. We are planning to hold out 18th Annual All Ford Car Show on September 12th. I am attaching our Car Show Poster, Entry form, and Flier for our wonderful Grand Prize Raffle. As Always, the proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund at the Allan Hancock Foundation for students in the Industrial Technology Department. We are hopeful that you will enter your car. This Grand Prize Raffle will be held even in the event the show is cancelled. Tickets are available at our website, www.santamariamodelaclub.com. Just hit the BUY TICKETS Button

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Class will be determined by show officials (see reverse). Ask if you have any questions.

Signature Required Here

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Editor's Note: Although this is in California, we were asked to run it, and I thought some might be interested in the raffle and scholarship fund.
- Jim

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Saturday, September 12, 2020 — 9 am-3 pm
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 - Class 5: Ford/Lincoln/Mercury-Original Vehicle 1932-1947
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 - Class 7: Ford/Lincoln/Edsel/Mercury-All Except Mustang/Cougar/Truck-1948-1973
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 - Class 9: Mustangs/Shelbys/Cobras 1965-1973
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 - Participant's Choice Award for Best of Show
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Big Problem, Little Fix

I'd never thought to check the gas cap.

By Tim Jones

RECENTLY, A PROBLEM with our 1931 Town Sedan caused me a lot of concern. For no apparent reason, our car would overheat or start to misfire. Then it would run just fine for awhile, then again start misbehaving. I checked all of the obvious causes that I could think of, but it didn't occur to me to check my gas cap.

I'm writing this because I believe our car's problem may be very common. The problem is caused by missing or blocked gas cap vent holes. Over time, those little holes can become blocked with corrosion and debris.

This will create a slight vacuum in your gas tank as you drive, causing your car to starve for fuel. Running lean can cause other problems like overheating, lack of power, and running rough or misfiring.

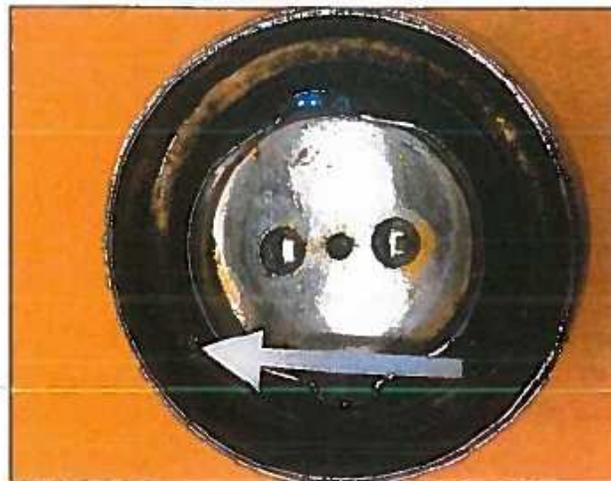
SINCE MODEL A'S DON'T HAVE a fuel pump, the system relies on gravity to get the gas from the tank to the carburetor. As that gas is consumed by the engine, the fuel that leaves the tank must be replaced by air entering the tank. Otherwise, it creates in the tank a negative pressure or a slight vacuum. For this reason, Model A's require a vented gas cap. It allows air to enter the tank as the gasoline is used.

The 1928-'29 gas caps are threaded. There are various vent hole patterns on the underside of the cap. But the concept is always the same with vent hole(s) on the underside in the center of the cap and more elongated vent holes on the outer edge. All these holes go into a small chamber under the cap's dome.

The 1930-'31 caps are not threaded, but have small tabs that secure the cap to the gas tank. Sometimes it's hard to see the vent holes, so look under the gasket. If you don't see a hole, drill one. (Don't drill all the way through, just into the inner chamber.)

RECENTLY A CLUB MEMBER was having problems on his '31 Coupe similar to what I'd experienced. I suggested we check his gas cap.

As it turned out, the center vent hole had not been properly drilled by the manufacturer. The hole did not go



Check for dirty or corroded vent holes.

completely into the center chamber, so there could be no air flow into the tank. This was not the first time I'd seen a 1930-'31 gas cap that was missing its vent holes.

His car had been overheating, missing, using large amounts of water, and lacking power on hills. As a test, we simply loosened the gas cap — and the car ran great. He got a drill and fixed the vent hole. Ever since, his Coupe has run fine.

His car had been overheating, missing, and lacking power.

You may also notice that if you have a fuel vent problem, the more full the gas tank, the sooner you experience the problem of engine misfiring and lack of power. If your tank is lower on fuel, it may take several miles before the vacuum in the tank becomes sufficient to restrict the flow of gas. (You may not realize you have a problem if you typically drive only short distances.)

HERE'S WHAT I SUGGEST. Inspect your gas cap to make sure it has vent holes and that they are not blocked with debris or corrosion.

- On the 1930-'31 cap, there should be one small hole on the underside near the center and another one, also on the underside but outside of the gasket toward the edge. The holes need to go into the little chamber under the cap's outer dome. I had to enlarge the holes on mine to about 1/8" to shake and blow out all of the rust. I think the larger hole will be less likely to rust shut again.
- On the 1928-'29 cap, use a piece of wire or a safety pin to clean out the holes around the perimeter, then blow them out with compressed air.
- Add "check gas cap vent holes" to your servicing checklist. ☹

Tim Jones is a past President of the Sacramento Capitol A's. He and his wife, Jeanne, live in Roseville, California. They own a 1931 Slant Window Town Sedan.



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.***

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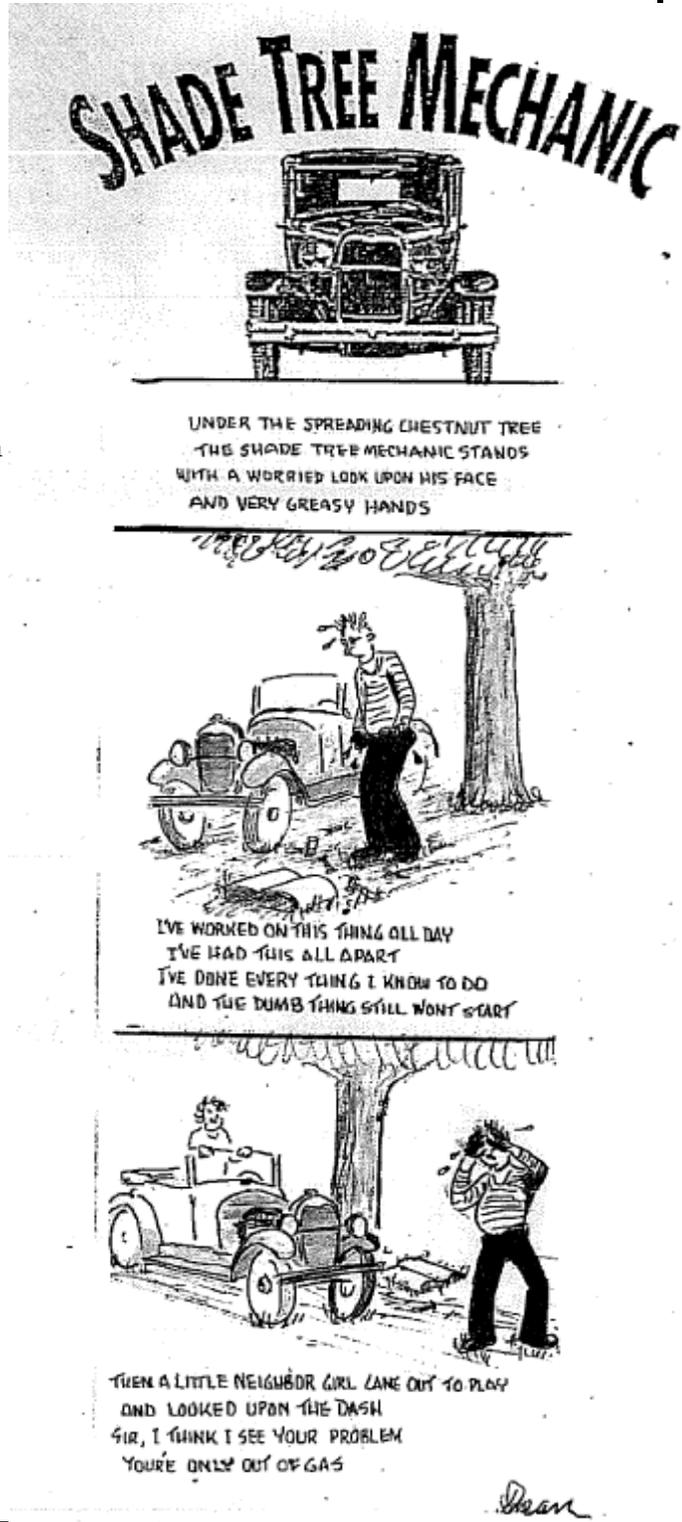
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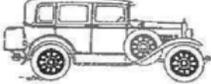


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 1 - Back Issue of *The Restorer*
 1 - MAFCA Lapel Pin
 1 - MAFCA Decal
 1 - Name Badge
 Only \$10 extra



Return this form and payment to:
 MAFCA
 250 South Cypress Street • La Habra, CA 90631-5515

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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? _____

_____ New Member (dues are \$8.00 plus \$1.00 for each month remaining in the year)

_____ Renewal (dues are \$20.00 per year and **DUE BY DECEMBER 31**)

_____ Would you be willing to serve refreshments at a membership meeting?

Please send this application and your check payable to Plain Ol' A's to:

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

Do you want your newsletter sent to you by email _____ or by regular mail? _____

If by email, be sure to include your email address.

Email: _____

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