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

Next Meeting
Monday
June 28, 2021

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President's Message

I gotta tell ya ...I am amazed!

As usual, the regular monthly meeting in May was moved to coincide with the POA Annual Memorial Day Picnic. In consideration of Covid caution, this event was planned months ago as a BYOPicnic event. The club would not be responsible for bringing food, drink, plates, napkins...nothing. As a result, there was no sign-up and so we had no idea of possible attendance numbers.

As Memorial Day weekend elapsed, it became apparent that weather was going to be a problem. Ed Jankowski had booked the park shelter in Desoto but, for whatever reason, he had made NO arrangements for sunny and pleasant weather. Sure enough, the weather was cold and rainy. While cursing Ed, I scanned emails and text messages for mentions of cancellations. None came.

On the drive to the park Monday morning, Deb and I made guesses about attendance. When we arrived, there were six. We made 8. Fifteen minutes later, there were twenty or so. We started the meeting when attendance grew to 30. By the time the meeting was over, our group had swelled to at least 40!

Folks weren't coming because they had committed, or paid, or expected a fabulous meal. They weren't coming because they wanted to show off their cars. Only 2 old cars were present. They weren't coming to watch me drive a monthly meeting ...though that can be amusing in a "monkey-at-a-piano" sort of way. Nope. They came because they treasure the friendships and cherish the memories they've made with this club. They don't want to miss out on making more.

This demonstration of what makes our club great is the "silver lining." Thanks Ed!

- 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.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2581927338560371>
There are pictures posted from the Fall Foliage Tour and the HyVee Car Show, along with some previous events.

MAFCA Membership

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

Sunshine Report

It was fun to see so many members at the Memorial Day picnic! Both Georgia Bianche, who is recovering from knee surgery, and Bruce Mills, who is continuing treatments, were able to join us at the picnic. It was great to see them both along with all the other members!

There are lots of club events happening in June - check out the calendar and we hope you can join in on one or more of the events!

Please send your news, happy or sad, to Deborah Smeltzer at Deborah.smeltzer@gmail.com or call Deborah at 913-526-6977.

Deborah Smeltzer



May 2021 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on May 31, 2021, before the picnic. President John Smeltzer called the meeting to order.

Guests and New Members-No guests or new members were present.

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

Treasurer's Report-The treasurer's report was postponed until the June meeting.

Sunshine Report-Georgia Bianchi was present after knee replacement surgery.

Ladies' Night Out-Ladies' night out will be discussed at the June meeting.

Newsletter-Bill Hills had the plaque for Jim Bernard. A picture of the members with the plaque will be taken and sent to Jim, and he will be given the option of receiving the plaque in person or having it sent to him.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

June 4-Car show at Cedar Lake Village

July 3-Possible tour and picnic

A possible tour in June is being considered. Details will be put in the newsletter.

Car Shows:

Cedar Lake Village-June 4, 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

Shawnee Town-June 16, July 31, September 12, October 13

HyVee-June 12, August 7, October 30

Christmas Party-The Christmas party will be held at the Embassy Suites on December 5; gift exchange.

Regional Meet-Ron has received the contract from the hotel.

Business Cards-John passed around a prototype for the business cards.

Refreshments-The issue concerning refreshments at future meetings will be discussed at the June meeting.

Nancy Hess, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - May 2021

Income

May Interest	\$1.06	
TOTAL INCOME		\$1.06

Expenses

B.E. Tek Computers (club laptop camera repair - used in JSC online meetings)	\$62.79	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$62.79

Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer

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 Olathe located at 10401 South Ridgeview Rd. (just south of the intersection of HWY-10 and Ridgeview Rd. 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 mail your choice of entrée 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 22, 2021**

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

- Ed Jankowski



HyVee Car Show

The HyVee at 119th and Ridgeview in Olathe has ask us to participate in their car celebration this weekend. HyVee has sponsored a NASCAR and an INDYCAR this year and wants to have car-themed events thought the race season. Please let everyone know about the event this weekend and tell them to bring their car as ALL makes and models are welcome. The car show will be in the parking lot in front of the Market Grill entrance (east side) from 10 AM to 2 PM. Lunch is provided via gift card.

There will also potentially be car shows at this location on Aug 7th and Aug 21st (more details to follow). The October 30th Trunk or Treat is confirmed.

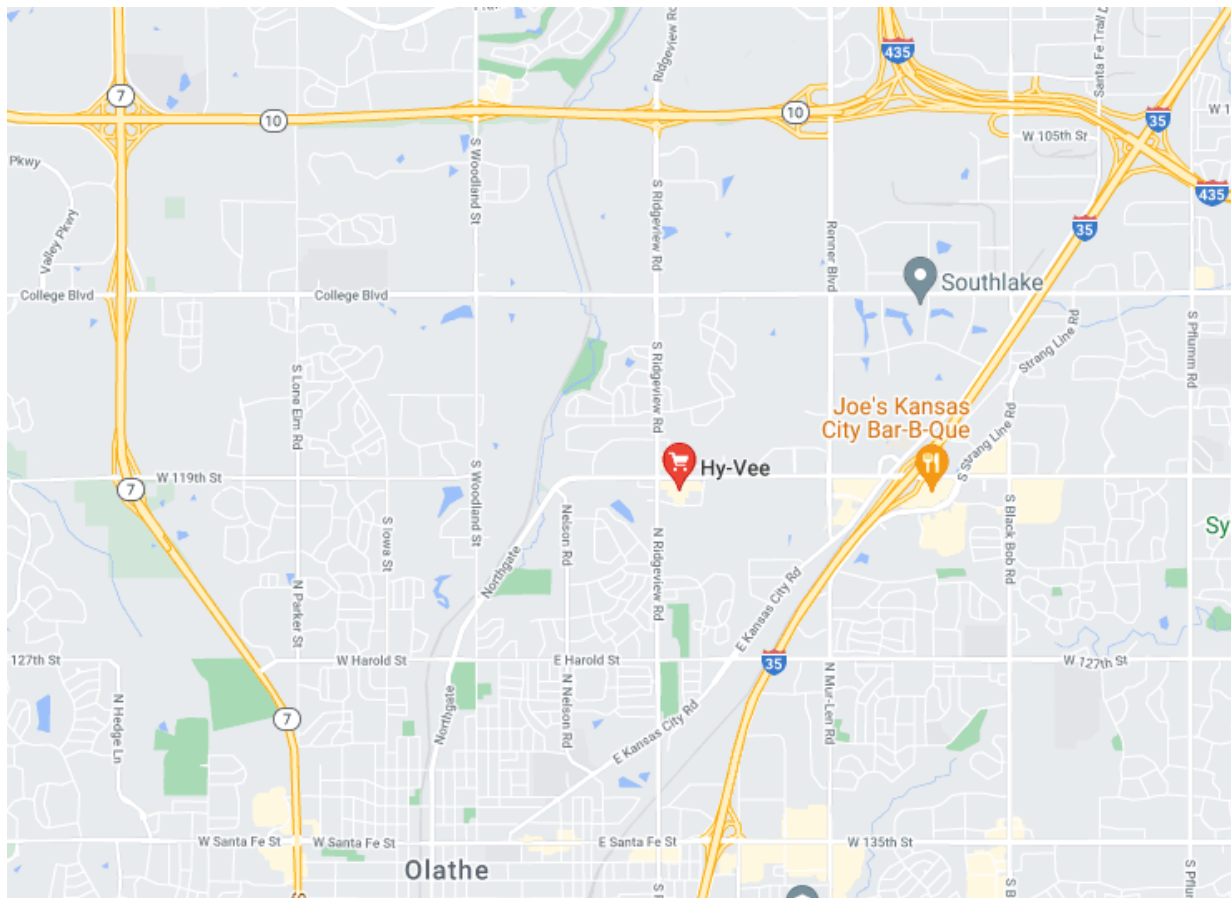
Address: 18101 West 119th Street, Olathe, KS 66061

On the southeast corner of W. 119th Street & Ridgeview, one mile west of 119th and I-35.

Justin Read

onsitetechn@mac.com

816-547-8608 cell



Shawnee Town Fried Chicken Dinner, Ice Cream and Model A's Car Show

Shawnee Town will hold their annual Fried Chicken Dinner car show on Wednesday, June 16th from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Please be sure to call Shawnee Town at 913-248-2360 to make reservations and tell them you are bringing your Model A. A \$10/person donation is suggested for this event. Reminder: Shawnee Town has graciously agreed to help the Plain Ol' A's out during the Regional meet and our support in their events is greatly appreciated by the Club and Shawnee Town. Please come early (around 5 PM) to get set up for the car show before dinner is served at 5:30.

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Tours

Ice Cream Run #2. On June 19th we will meet at the McDonalds in Olathe at 12:30. McDonalds is at South Harrison Street (K7) and South Hamilton Circle. We will leave McDonalds at 1:00. We will wander through the countryside and end up in Spring Hill for ICE CREAM. This will be a short tour lasting a couple of hours. If you plan to go on this tour call me at 913-406-2085 or email me at bill.hills.sh@gmail.com and I will add you to the sign-up sheet.

Being the **4th of July** Parade has been cancelled we will have our own parade in Lenexa. The Lakeview Village Parade will be July 3rd at 10:30. We will line up starting at 10:00 a.m. in the south parking lot of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. The church is at W. 92nd Street and Park Street in Lenexa. We will parade through the Lakeview Village complex. After the parade we will go to Zarta BBQ for lunch for anyone who feels safe doing so. I will have a sign-up sheet at the June meeting or you can call me at 913-406-2085 or email me at bill.hills.sh@gmail.com to sign-up for the parade. Thanks to Bill Carter for suggesting this and making the arrangements.

I do not have a tour planned for July. If anyone has any suggestions Please let me know.

Bill Hills

MAFCA You Caption It

From the MAFCA website - You Caption It. Last Month's picture and some of the captions.



Just a little lower boys, all I want washed are the wheels"...David Adair

"If you think this one's big, you shoulda seen the one that got away!"... Jack Gardner

Aching Universal Joint? Just soak in ice-water for an hour each day...

Stan Johnson

Can you give me a lift... Joanne Colgate

Crossing the river when the bridge is out... Emma Block and Brian C.

He said I would get the hang of it when I bought the car... Ted Kafer

We don't need no stinkin bridge!... Arnold C. (Australia)

Plain Ol' A's Calendar 2021

June 12	HyVee Car Show 14955 W. 151 st Street, Olathe, KS 66062, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
June 16	Fried Chicken Dinner, Ice Cream & Model A's- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm, Old Shawnee Town
June 19	Tour - Ice Cream Run #2
June 20-25	MAFCA National Tour
June 28	POA Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
July 3	Lakeview Village Parades
July 4	Lenexa 4th of July Parade- Cancelled.
July 10	Board Meeting
July 26	POA Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
July 31	Car Demo: Old Shawnee Town 1929's Automobiles- 10:00 am-12:00 pm
August 23	POA Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
September 12	Wheels & Dreams Car, Truck & Bike Show- 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
September 27	POA Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
October 2	Turner Barn Car Show- Time to be determined.
October 13	History on Tap- Immigration: Through a Modern Lens- 7 PM Old Shawnee Town
October 25	POA Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
October 30	HyVee Car Show - 10:00 am
November 22	POA Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
December 5	POA Christmas Party



Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,

Mechanic's Gloves are Great!

I resisted wearing mechanic's gloves for many years when working on my old cars. I didn't think I needed them. Let me tell you, I was wrong! They are great!

I found a pack of 15 pair of work gloves on Amazon for \$10 last year, and I am now a believer. They are branded "Grease Monkey". They are red woven gloves that have dipped the fingers and palm into a rubbery polymer that gives grip and protection. You can use them and when they get too greasy, dirty, or torn up, you throw them away and don't feel too bad, because they're only 75 cents a pair.



They help me grip things better, they keep my hands cleaner, the open weave does not make my hand sweat too much, and I am now avoiding a lot of the scrapes, cuts and bruises that I used to get when working on my cars. I do have to remove them for very fine work, but for most of my wrenching, they really help.

And after using them for a year now, I have another low-tech Tech Tip for you: Take a black marker and draw a 3" to 4" line up the back of the left glove every time you pull a new pair out of the package. When you grab a pair off the bench or out of a toolbox to put on, You will quickly spot that black line up the back of the left glove and get the gloves on the right hand the first time. (Lefts and rights look identical at first glance.)

For 75 cents, you'll throw a pair in each car, in your toolbox, and out in the tool shed. What a deal! Until next time,

"Have a Model A Day!"
Jim

MAFFI Newsletter Minute May 2021

Our Annual Model A Day is fast approaching and since our last year's event had to be postponed to this year, all of our displays are already in place, just waiting for your arrival! We talk a lot about all of the beautiful cars that are on display in the Museum but did you know that there are many era fashions that are also on display year round. Our museum fashion director, Linda Morford does such an excellent job of keeping these displays fresh and ever changing. This year we have changed out a couple of our mannequins to wear our First Responder outfits.

If you have been to the museum in the past, you may have noticed "Dolly" donning her lovely vintage housedress and apron. This year, Dolly has been transformed into Nurse Dolly. Her uniform is thanks to a find by Executive Director, John Marshall and the beautiful cape came from Julie Kluttz, of the MARC Fashion Committee. Don't worry, she will have white shoes by Model A Day!

Officer Delaney was once our Good Humor Ice Cream man. He now proudly wears an authentic Police Uniform also donated by John Marshall.

Our fireman (yet unnamed) is wearing a complete era fireman's outfit thanks to Ken Ehrenhofer. I was there when they were dressing this guy and let me tell you, it's not easy putting those boots on a mannequin! A hole needed to be cut in one of the boots in order for it to fit onto the stand. Fire boots were not meant to be cut into!

Hopefully you will be able to make it to Model A Day September 18th, to see these wonderful displays in person. For more information go to our website at: maffi.org. Start making your plans now, it's gonna be great!

See you in September!!

Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee
clubcontact@maffi.org



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.

For Sale at Grandpa's Garage, DeSoto

I have sold 15 cars, but still have 14 cars for sale.

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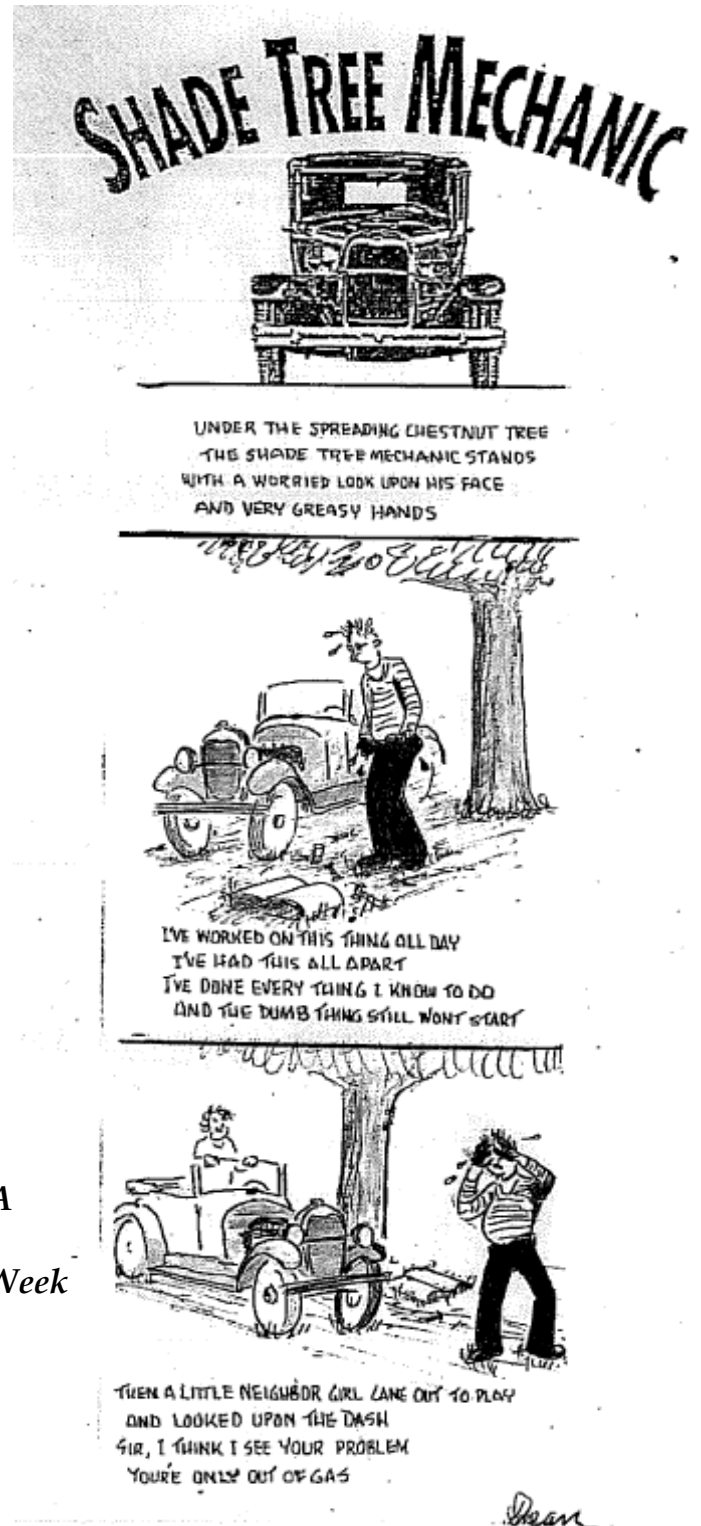
For Sale

My Dad was an avid Model A owner and restorer. He passed away in 1998. He had a huge quantity of Model A car parts both large and small stored in his garage. My Mom recently decided to sell her house in Elkhart, KS, and move into assisted living. She asked me to move Dad's Model A parts to Olathe where I live and sell them. Unfortunately, I do not know their value.

Dave Coen
785-623-3757
dcoen3@gmail.com
(6/2021)



MAFCA
Photo
of the Week



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)

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Tillotson Carburetors

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Rebuilding Model A Differential

(new)

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Yokahama Model A

Picacho Peak Hill Climb 2000

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Mid American Regional

Mafca Regional meet 89

Mafca Regional Meet 87

OLD Cars, Creston 35 ford,

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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 \$13.00 plus \$1.00 for each month remaining in the year)

_____ Renewal (dues are \$25.00 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

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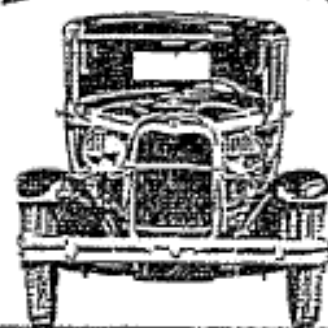
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