

THE PLAIN DEALER

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The Club meets March 2021

the 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Monday Shawnee Masonic Lodge March 22, 2021

Next Meeting

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President's Message

March is here!

I have ventured from the house a bit more recently and noticed things are a bit more upbeat. The sun is returning to a more welcome course and the weather has been in the 60's. People are switching to Covid masks with brighter colors and floral prints like the upholstery on my granny's couch. Maybe it is the promise of an end point to the prolonged pandemic precautions which come with vaccines or maybe it is the passing of the truly brutal cold weather we endured in February, but I am energized.

I've cleaned out the garage, replaced my carburetor float valve, aired up the tires and ventured out in the Model A for a few short trial runs. It seems OK for now. Maybe some work on the fuel shut-off valve will be next and then an oil change. After that some attention is due to address the slamming required for secure doors. ... and then...and then ...and then.

I expect many of you have a similar bottomless punch list of action items. Get on it! Check out our calendar. There is a St. Pat's Day Parade in Leavenworth and a "Blow the Dust Off Tour" coming this month. Take advantage of the thaw and join us.

Regarding my further dive into car repair, be prepared to offer instruction or a patient ear when I am inevitably beyond my depth and call for help. I'll trade you for my mask with pink orchids.

Ahooooga On! - John Smeltzer, President

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Jim Bernard is moving to Colorado, so Joyce Tweedy (who has done the newsletter form around 25 years) will be the point person. Her contact information is in the list of committee chairs. - Jim

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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 8^{th} of the month.

President's Plaque

Justin Read accepting his President's Plaque.

Thanks to Nancy Hess for the picture.



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.

Sunshine Report

Update on Bill Mills

Bill wanted to let everyone know that his doctor has recently declared that Bill's cancer is once again in remission. For the time being, Bill will continue both treatments and participating in a clinical trial at KU Med. Please continue to keep both Bill and Vicky in your thoughts and prayers!

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

Thanks. Deborah Smeltzer

MAFCA Membership

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

February 2021 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on February 22, 2021, at the Masonic Hall. President John Smeltzer called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

<u>Past President</u>-John thanked Justin Read for his service as president and presented him with a plaque.

<u>Guests and New Members</u>-No guests or new members were present.

Minutes-The minutes were approved as published in The Plain Dealer, with one correction. Only members who have no E-mail will have the newsletter mailed to them.

<u>Treasurer's Report-Bob Hess</u> gave the treasurer's report. The balance is \$15,446.04. Six past members have not renewed. Bob will send the roster to Joyce at the end of the month. One advertiser has not renewed.

<u>Sunshine Report</u>-Delbert Aye passed away. Bill Carter has been hospitalized.

<u>Ladies' Night Out</u>-There will be no ladies' night out until further notice.

<u>Tours</u>-The following activities are being planned:

March 17 Leavenworth St. Patrick's Day parade

March 20 Tour for ice cream

April 10 Tune-up day

April 24 Tour to Cedar Cove Feline Conservation

and picnic in Spring Hill

Car Shows:

Shawnee Town: March 10, May 12, June 16, July 31, September 12, October 13

HyVee-October 30

<u>Picnic</u>-The picnic will be held in the park in DeSoto. Bring your own lunch.

<u>Christmas Party</u>-The Christmas party is uncertain at the present time.

<u>Regional Meet</u>-A planning meeting will be held tonight after the meeting.

<u>Technical Sessions</u>-Short technical sessions will be held at the end of some of the meetings. The topic will be announced in the newsletter.

<u>Driving Sessions</u>-Theresa Guenther will plan a lady drives a Model A driving session. She is still looking into this.

<u>Refreshments</u>-There were no refreshments. We will not have refreshments until further notice.

<u>Technical Session</u>-Ed Jankowski gave a short session on carburetors.

Nancy Hess Secretary

Treasurer's Report - February 2021

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Beginning Balance 1/31/202	1	\$15,446.04
Checking Balance	\$2,738.53	
Income		
Dues	376.00	
TOTAL INCOME		+ 376.00
Expenses		
Newsletter Refund	10.00	
President's Plaque	<u>49.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		- 59.00
Money Market Account		
Beginning Balance	\$12,434.21	
Interest Payment	.95	
Total Money Market Bala	ince	\$12,435.16
Ending Balance 2/28/2021		\$15,763.99
Submitted	by Bob Hess,	Treasurer

Memorial Day Picnic

This year the Plain Ol A's will hold their annual club picnic on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021 at the Miller Park pavilion in DeSoto Kansas. The pavilion has been reserved from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Due to the covid virus the present plan is for those attending to bring their own box lunch. The Harps grocery in DeSoto will be open on Memorial day and has a deli that serves hot food. Any changes to this and detailed directions to the park and grocery will be presented in the Plain Dealer in the future. For those of you who have attended Dean weller's birthday parties in the past this is the pavilion where they were held.

- Ed Kankowski

Tune-up Day 2021

Tune Up Day will be April 10th at the-Masonic Lodge, Shawnee at 10:00. Ken Coleman is planning on bring his equipment to check CBs, Toe-in adjustment, Points & Timing adjustments, and Carb adjustments. Coffee and donuts will be supplied.

If you are having car problems or want to check your adjustments this is the day to get plenty of help.

There will be a POAs Board Meeting when Tune-up day is finished. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- Bill Hills











Tours - 2021

With the COVID virus still going on my first responsibility is to keep our members healthy and safe so we will be following the state, county, and local mandates of wearing masks and social distancing by holding outdoor events and picnics as we did in 2020. We will not be holding our monthly breakfast or doing indoor gatherings such as going to Union Station. All of our events will be subject to change if the mandated restrictions do not allow them.

Here is what I'm planning for 2021 until it is safe for us to make changes that will allow us to do indoor events and have lunch in a restaurant. We will try to have a Saturday tour and picnic each month starting in April. If the weather permits we may try to have a driving tour at the end of March just to get the cars out of the garage.

Here is what is planned for March and April:

March 17	Leavenworth St. Patrick's Day Parade-Line up will be at 11:00 at 4th street and Choctan Street
	(Marten Chevrolet)

March 20 Blow the Dust Off Tour- We will meet at the Walmart on the west side of Olathe at 1:00 for a short tour for ice cream- weather permitting. We will leave at 1:30 for Eudora where we will stop at Dairy Queen before heading back through DeSoto.

April- 10- Tune Up Day- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee at 10:00.

Ken Coleman is planning on bring his equipment to check CBs, Toe-in adjustment, Points & Timing adjustments, and Carb adjustments.

April 10 POA Board Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee. This will follow Tune-up day.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

April 24- Tour to Louisburg, KS to The Cedar Cove Feline Conservation with a picnic at the Veterans Park in Spring Hill

I am working on the plans for this tour. Cedar Cove opens at 11:00 with tours every half hour and closes the doors at 1:30. I'm thinking we may have lunch first before going to Louisburg. More to come at the March meeting and in the April news letter.

May-31 POAs Picnic at Miller Memorial Park in DeSoto at noon with a tour for ice cream after. This

is a bring your own picnic.

June I have not come up with a tour yet. Several of our group will be going to the National

Tour so we will need to see how many who are at home are interested in a tour.

If you have ideas for tours or places for us you can contact me by phone or text at 913-406-2085 or email at <u>bill.hills.sh@gmail.com</u>.

Happy Model A motoring,

Bill Hills



Traveling Along the Model A Highway Joan Crawford Photo from Model A Ford Club of America

Plain Ol' A's Calendar 2021

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short tour for ice cream- weather permitting- more info to come.

March 22 POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee

April 10 Tune Up Day- Masonic Lodge, ShawneeApril 10 POA Board Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee

April 24 Tour to Louisburg, KS to The Cedar Cove Feline Conservation with a picnic at the Veterans Park

in Spring Hill

April 26 POA Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee

May 10 History on Tap- Before the Roar: America in the Wake of World War I, 7:00 p.m.,

Old Shawnee Town

May 31 POA Picnic/ Ice Cream Tour – Picnic will be at noon in DeSoto at Miller Memorial Park.

This is a bring your own picnic.

June 16 Fried Chicken Dinner, Ice Cream & Model A's- 5:30 pm-7:00 pm, Old Shawnee Town

June 19 Tour - TBD

June 20-25 MAFCA National Tour

June 28 POA Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee

July 4 Lenexa 4th of July Parade- TBD

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

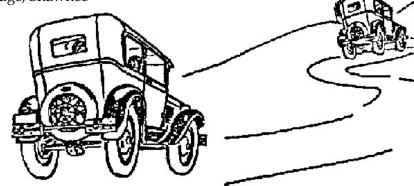
October 13 History on Tap- Immigration: Through a Modern Lens- 7 PM Old Shawnee Town

October 25 POA Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee

October 30 HyVee Car Show - 10:00 am

November 22 POA Meeting- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee

December POA Christmas Party-TBD



America's Sweetheart

The MAFFI Museum has posted another video of Dean Weller's car, America's Sweetheart. The video is titled "Rusty and America's Sweetheart." To find the video, copy the following link into your web browser:

https://youtube/FOXzO8Yq130

Or, if you can't find it that way, Google "Rusty & America's Sweetheart."

The final way to search for the video is to go to the MAFFI website and click on the videos button.

This video is a great look at Dean Weller's awesome creation.

Jim's Tech Tip

When installing a radiator, Ford's Service Bulletins reminds you:

DO NOT DRAW RADIATOR BOLT NUTS DOWN TIGHTLY



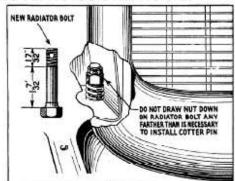


Fig. 764

When mounting a radiator do not draw the radiator bolt nuts down any farther than is necessary to lock the nut with the cotter key. If these nuts are drawn down tightly it compresses the radiator to frame bolt springs to such an extent that the flexible feature of the springs is defeated and damage to the radiator invariably results.

Recently the threaded end of the radiator bolt was reduced from 5/8" to 17/32" which makes it impossible to screw the nut down farther than the correct distance. See Fig. 764. However, as practically all cars are equipped with the former design bolts, constant care must be exercised when screwing down the radiator bolt nuts.

Good advice. My Tech Tip is this:

Before installing the radiator bolt, paint a thin white line across the end of the bolt to show the orientation of the drilled hole for the cotter pin. Later, when you are tightening the nut, it gives you a way to orient the drilled hole in the bolt "front to back" so that it is easy to slip the cotter key in and bend it over. Once the nut is on the bolt, it is hard to see the little hole and it can be very frustrating to put the cotter pin in.

I hope that helps get your radiator installed a bit faster and easier.

Have a Model A Day! Jim

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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, <u>The Plain Dealer</u>. For information, contact Jim Bernard, Jr. at 816-410-4610.

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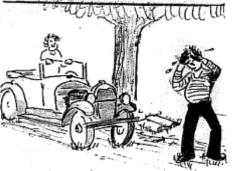
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How To Stop On a Dime

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Tillotson Carburetors Dial D for Distributor

Electrical Seminar '87 Hargrave

Other Model A Titles

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Picacho Peak Hill Climb 2000

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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



According to folklore, you get pinched on St. Patrick's day for not wearing green because green makes you invisible to leprechauns, and leprechauns like to pinch people.







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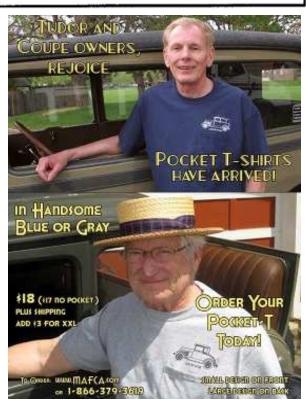
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Insurance Company: Policy #					
Are you interested in Touring? Seminars? Need Help with your Model A?					
Are you a member of MAFCA? MARC? How long have you owned a Model A?					
New Member (dues are \$13.00 plus \$1.00 for each month remaining in the year)					
Renewal (dues are \$25.00 per year and <u>DUE BY DECEMBER 31</u>)					
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					
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Kansas City, MO 64145					
	in Dealer, is sent once a month via email				
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