

THE PLAIN DEALER

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May 2020

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

No May Meeting

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President's Message

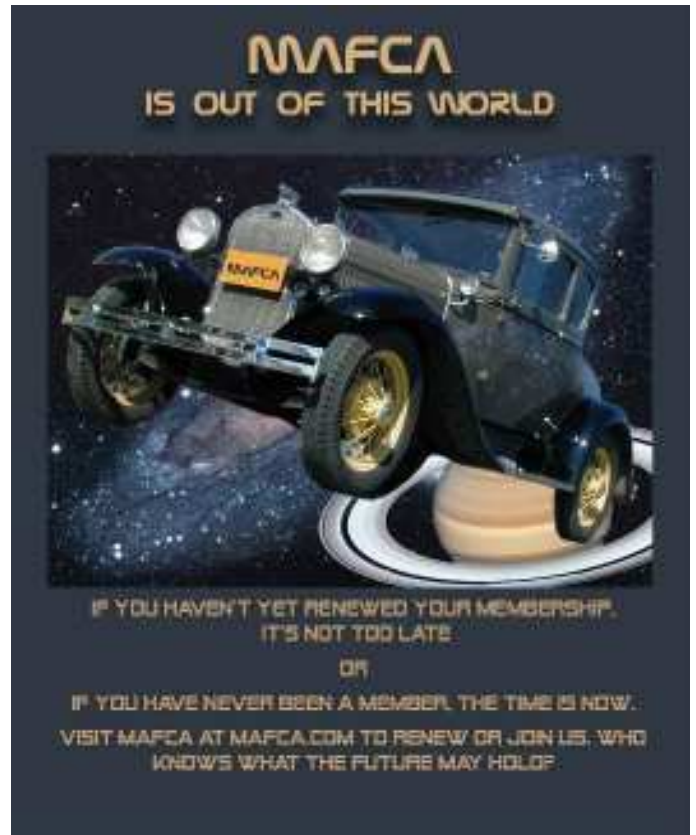
All the recent showers will hopefully bring us those promised May flowers. The weather has been great lately and gets us itching to get the cars back on the road. Please keep posting stories about your cars on the Facebook groups so we can share the love for the Model A with others. I know I have enjoyed seeing Plain Ol' A's members post pictures of engine repairs, car washes, and advice to others.

With the current status of local and state COVID-19 restrictions, the Club has decided to cancel events through the middle of June. Hopefully by the time you read next month's newsletter I will have more positive news on the upcoming events. The Memorial Day picnic and Shawnee Town May-June events have been canceled (not rescheduled). We weighed the financial and social liabilities as a whole during this process. With everyone's support and understanding, we will persevere. Please stay safe and keep the faith. Until we can safely meet again, I give everyone a 6 car length AHOOGA on!

— Justin Read, President

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Notice to All Members

All meetings, Ladies' Night Out dinners, tours, and the Regional Meet have been cancelled until further notice.

All May events have been cancelled, including:

- History on Tap Old Shawnee Town 1929 - May 13
- Memorial Day Picnic - May 25
- Fried Chicken Dinner Old Shawnee Town 1929 - June 17

2020 Club Officers

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Webmaster	OPEN		

Newsletter Articles

Information for the newsletter should be sent to Jim Bernard, Jr. His email address is jbernardjr@swansonbernard.com, or snail mail, 4600 Madison, Ste. 600, Kansas City, MO 64112 or phone Jim or Joyce at 816-410-4600.

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

MAFCA

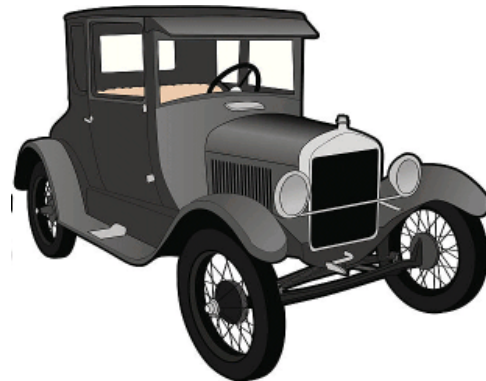
MAFCA, the Model A Ford Club of America, encourages national membership. There is a membership form in the back of the newsletter for anyone who is interested.

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>

2020 Sponsor Sign Up
Ladies' Night Out

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



Treasurer's Report - May 2020

Beginning Balance 3/31/2020		\$13,526.18
Checking Balance	\$294.73	
Income		
New Member Dues	17.00	
TOTAL INCOME		+ 17.00
Expenses		
April Newsletter	56.48	
Roster	79.30	
Bank Service Charge	10.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		- 145.78
Money Market Account		
Beginning Balance	\$13,923.45	
Interest Payment	\$ 1.14	
Total Money Market Balance		\$13,924.59
Ending Balance 4/30/2020		\$13,399.09

Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer

Welcome New Members:

Bruce & Suzanne Bureman
 10020 Tracy Ave
 Kansas City, MO 64131
 816-225-9622
 913-220-4771 Cell
 Email: sue_baker2151@yahoo.com
 29 Tudor

Roster Corrections:

Charlie Bernard has a new address:
 16209 Ballentine St.
 Overland Park, KS 66221

Leland Daise's Email Address is:
lelanddaise2016@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

All May activities -- CANCELLED

- May 31 - June 5 POA Regional Meet postponed to June 2021
- June 21-26 MAFCA National Meet, Texas Hill Country postponed to June 2022
- July 4 Lenexa Parade, TBA

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 TBD (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

As the "Stay-At-Home" restrictions are slowly being lifted, our thoughts are about future activities with friends and family. It looks like social distancing and face masks will be the new norm. This means creative ways to get together and get the A's out for a drive. It may be late June or July before we'll be able to do anything with the cars.

By the June newsletter we'll have something in mind for a scenic drive tour. It will definitely be a local tour and will involve food. What goes better with a Model A tour than food? That's one thing we do well is eat. I still hope we can put on an overnight tour for October.

We are ready to get out and drive our car. We just got it back from the mechanic with a practically new engine. No more knocking! It's ready to hit the road again.

Ron will be resurrecting the Regional Planning Committee in the Fall for the rebirth of our Regional Meet next summer. Once we get a date secured with the hotel, we can announce the date.

We hope that all of you have stayed well during this pandemic and no one you know has come down with the COVID-19 virus. Let's pray our world will get back to some form of normal in the next few months.

Wear your masks to keep you and me alive and well.

Happy Model A'ing!

Theresa Guenther, (913) 682-2545

MAFFI Newsletter Minute May 2020

What's new at the Museum you might ask? Well, in spite of the mandatory closure due to Covid19 the Board of Trustees have been working hard behind the scenes in anticipation of the 10th Annual Model A Day, September 19, 2020. There have been new projects underway to make the museum more enjoyable. We are hoping to have the Interactive Chassis up and running for Model A Day. A Vintage Post Card machine to go along with our Penny Machine will give you more ways to take home a souvenir of your day at the Museum. Recently some of our Trustees have been also working on a complete collection of Model A Jim Beam Bottles to have on display. Two new donations to the Museum are The America's Sweetheart (see article in The Restorer Mar/Apr 1998) and a Sears Tractor Conversion!



The response to the 2019 Model A Day Pins and the 20 Millionth Model A Pins have been great. If you didn't get your order in, contact Suzan O'Neale (oneale31@gmail.com). She will be able to let you know what is still available.

Make sure to get in your hotel reservations for Model A Day if you haven't done so. Our host hotel is the Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo. Call them directly to get our Model A Day room rate (269)385-3922. DO NOT CALL THE SHERATON 800 NUMBER! There are other hotels in the vicinity as well if the Four Points is sold out and also RV and camping areas.

Thank you for your continued support of MAFFI through your membership and donations!
Marsha Quesnel, MAFFI Trustee



25 Years Ago

Jim Bernard has been serving as the editor of The Plain Dealer for 25 years. I thought it might be interesting to take a look at what was reported in the May 1995 issue of the newsletter. -- Joyce Tweedy

Club Officers in 1995:

President	Richard Hubert
Treasurer	Debra Hubert
Vice-President	Earl Lohuis
Secretary	Don Birkman
Directors	Bill Johnston Bob Hess
Sunshine	Bertha Ravenscroft

Under Calendar of Events:

5/27	Atchison Fly-In
5/29	Memorial Day Picnic - Shawnee Mission Park, Shelter #8
6/10-11 +/-	Movie Shoot for 200+ Model A's - for Robert Altman's movie "Kansas City" which was released in 1996.
6/11	Wyandotte County Swap Meet (Heart of America Club)
6/19-23	High Country Tour - to Breckenridge, Colorado
July	Jamesport & Cameron Tour

From the 1995 Newsletter

Safety Never Gets Old

Ken Britt saw the following safety tips in an article written by Dan W. Chiles, M.D., Yorba Linda, California for Old Cars Weekly News and Marketplace and wanted to pass them on:

1. Always wear safety goggles when grinding, sanding, welding, hammering, working under cars, or performing any activity where a foreign body may be dislodged into your eye.
2. Never work under or in the direct path of a car with the engine running without being certain that the car can't be moved -- with help or by itself -- accidentally.
3. When working with solvents, gasoline, or any flammable materials, do so in a well ventilated area -- with no source of flame (pilot lights, cigarettes, torches, etc.) in proximity to these materials. Remember, gasoline is explosive and hot engines or exhaust systems should be carefully avoided if working on the fuel system.
4. Many substances used in auto restoration are toxic, caustic, flammable, or just plain messy. Always follow manufacturer's instructions when using these materials and always keep them away from children, pets and places where they may be accidentally spilled. Promptly dispose of all such waste products by an environmentally safe method.
5. Always use the correct tools for the task you are performing. Misuse of tools or trying to do something without the proper equipment frequently results in damaged parts, people, or both. It is usually safer and cheaper in the long run to farm out some jobs to a qualified professional when you aren't properly trained or equipped to handle them.
6. Never work under an improperly jacked up car, improperly suspended engine or other heavy components. Safe jack stands, lifts, hoists, engine stands, and dollies are mandatory for handling large and heavy objects.
7. Never be afraid to ask for help or advice from knowledgeable friends, acquaintances, or other hobbyists at old car events. I have found that most hobbyists are more than willing to assist, and have made many new friends by both asking for or providing help when necessary.
8. While most hobby activities are enjoyable and relaxing, occasionally something may be very frustrating or stubbornly resistant to our best efforts. Walk away and leave it alone for a few days and when you return to it your patience and endurance will be refreshed and you will be less likely to damage your self or your project.

Thanks for the tips, Ken!

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

12 Model A manifold heater covers,
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Approximately 50 old assorted jacks, \$5.00 to \$30.00

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My building is under Contract of Sale. I am planning an auction in 2020. You can come now and buy your choice that you may not get at auction.

Everything for Sale: Cars, Car Parts, Tools, Memorabilia and literature, etc. Come and browse.

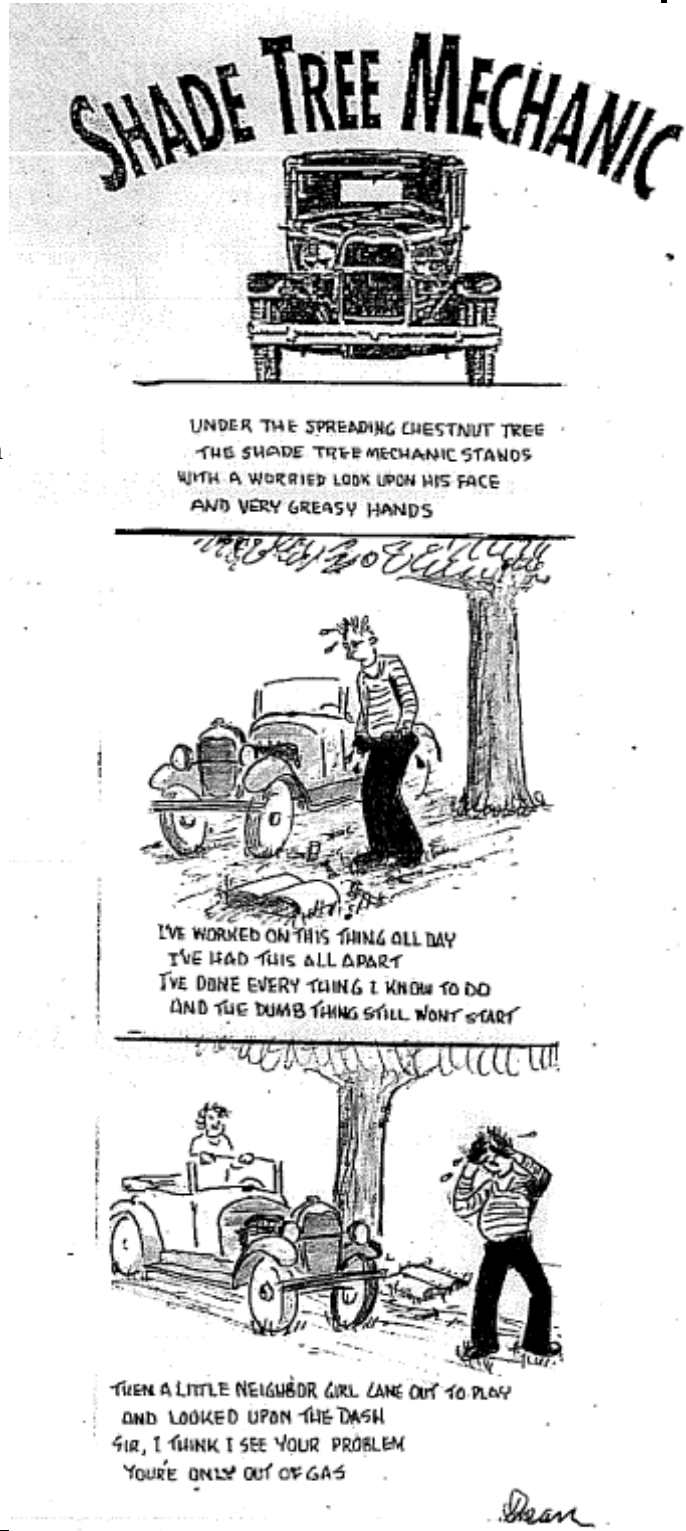
I still have 17 of the 29 cars for sale.

Always open on Tuesday mornings or call to schedule an appointment.

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913-585-1313 Home - please leave a message.

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 Flasher (turn signals)
 Timing the Ignition
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 Electrical Seminar '87 Hargrave

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
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 Mafca Regional meet 89
 Mafca Regional Meet 87
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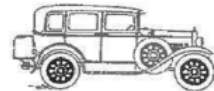


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Source: MAFCA Website

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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

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