

# THE PLAIN DEALER

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The Club meets  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:30 p.m.  
Shawnee Masonic Lodge  
11109 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, Kansas

Next Meeting  
Monday  
January 25, 2021

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## President's Message

Welcome to 2021!  
Thanks to Justin for his service to this organization. His dedication and can-do attitude as club president have led us through many successful and fun event-filled years. I aspire to his example of leadership though perhaps NOT his endurance.

Thanks also to last year's Board of Directors (Bob, Nancy, Bruce, Ken and Theresa) and our Committee Chairpersons (Ken, Chuck, Jim, Bruce, Vickie, Bob, Deborah, Larry, Theresa, Bill, Justin and Fran). It takes a great team to keep this club vibrant!

As the newly elected club president, I am grateful for the confidence you've shown by giving me this responsibility. I will do my best.

Everyone should join me in also thanking the board and the committee chairs for serving in 2021. They will be relied upon to keep me, and this club, chugging on down the road between the ditches.

This year promises opportunities to emerge from the beneath the cloud cover of Covid caution and into the bright sunshine of friends and Ford-filled fun. Get Ready!

I will carry-on Justin's traditional closing....AHOOGA on!

- John Smeltzer, President

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### Newsletter by Email

It's my understanding that the Board decided that the newsletter will be sent out ONLY BY EMAIL unless a member does not have an email address. If you have any questions about this, contact John Smeltzer or one of the Board members.

- Jim Bernard, Editor

### Renew Your Membership

Don't forget to renew your membership. The form is on Page 9 of the newsletter. It is important that the Club has your current information, especially your email address.

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January 2021			A HAPPY NEW YEAR		1	2
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## Newsletter Articles

Information for the newsletter should be sent to Joyce Tweedy. Her email address is [jtweedy@swansonbernard.com](mailto: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<sup>th</sup> 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> There are pictures posted from the Fall Foliage Tour and the HyVee Car Show, along with some previous events.

## Detroit/Windsor Tunnel Story

On November 1, 1930, the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel was dedicated, as President Herbert Hoover turned a "golden key" in Washington, DC that rang bells in both cities to mark the opening. An engineering wonder, it is the only underwater tunnel for automobiles that crosses an international border in the world.

Used by 12,000 cars and trucks every day, the tunnel is jointly owned by the Cities of Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Drivers travel just under a mile 75 feet below the surface of the Detroit River, surrounded by 574 lights, 80,000 cubic yards of concrete, and 750 tons of reinforced steel. One of the most elaborate ventilation systems ever developed pumps 1.5 million cubic feet of fresh air into the tunnel every minute.

- Motor Cities National Heritage



Photo of the first car to use the tunnel in 1930.  
(from the *Detroit News* archives)  
Some said it was a Model A!

courtesy of *The Script A News*, published by the Script A Region, MARC

**Treasurer's Report - December 2020**

Beginning Balance 11/30/2020		\$15,680.29
Checking Balance	\$2,483.11	
Income		
Dues	525.00	
Renewal Ads	75.00	
Raffle Income	46.00	
TOTAL INCOME		+ 646.00
Expenses		
December Newsletter	50.16	
Website Renewal - 1 year	239.88	
MAFCA Youth Award	46.00	
Joyce Tweedy	200.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		- 536.04
Money Market Account		
Beginning Balance	\$12,432.10	
Interest Payment	1.05	
Total Money Market Balance		\$12,433.15
Ending Balance 11/30/2020		\$15,791.30

Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer

**Tech Talks**

Beginning with the February 2021 meeting there will be brief 15 minute tech talks regarding some of the very basic maintenance required to have a well running Model A.

The February presentation will discuss the proper adjustment of the carburetor float, the fit of the carburetor throttle shaft fit and adjustments of idle and mixture.

- Ed Jankowski

**Dean Weller's Sweetheart of America**

George Rifford shared with the club a video he received from the MAFFI Museum which highlighted Dean Weller's Sweetheart of America Model A. In case you missed my email, the link to the video is: <https://youtu.be/QaKa-0EVihs>.

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**Tours - 2021**

I hope everyone had a Good Holiday Season and stayed healthy and safe.

As your new full-time Tour Director I know I have big shoes to fill as Theresa did a great job for many years. With your support and help, I hope to be able to do as good a job but it may take me a few years to get there. The one thing that I learned last year as Co-Director was to find places for "potty" stops when I plan the tour routes.

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 January 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.

Our first event will be a Tune-Up day on April 10th at the clubhouse in Shawnee.

On April 24th we will take a tour to Louisburg, Kansas, to the Cedar Cove Feline Conservation & Sanctuary and come back to Spring Hill for a picnic at Veteran's Park.

At this time I don't have any ideas for other tours. If you have an idea for a tour let me know and I will start a list of places for us to go. I know Theresa still has two tours she had planned for 2020 that hopefully we can work into our plans for 2021.

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 [bill.hills.sh@gmail.com](mailto:bill.hills.sh@gmail.com).

Happy Model A motoring,

- Bill Hills

# MAFFI Newsletter Minute

December 2020

## A Message from our MAFFI President:

Closing out the year 2020, we realize many things we planned for our hobby could not take place. However, throughout this time, we also accomplished a number of good things including spending more time with our families. We also made some nice additions and improvements in our Museum. To list a few... we added an interactive chassis exhibit, the America's Sweetheart Roadster and improved our interactive start display. We brought in three First Responder vehicles and will continue to display these vehicles throughout 2021. We added to our era fashion exhibits by acquiring new mannequins complete with era fashion attire. Special collections including Ford Dealer records, Jim Beam Model A decanters, header clocks and additional tools were added to our displays. Next year we will be adding several new donations to our Museum including a 1931 Woody Station Wagon. We also created videos, which will be rolled out on our website, showcasing our museum and several displays.

Due to the cancellation of Model A Day, we had a significant shortfall in income. However, many clubs and individuals have made contributions to help offset some of this loss. For this, we extend our great appreciation!

From all of the Trustees and myself, thank you for all of your support and many happy wishes for this holiday season.

Best Regards,

John Begg, President  
Model A Ford Foundation

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## Traveling Along the Model A Highway

Picture from the MAFCA site.



## Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

Ford originally used a fine mesh brass screen at the top of the glass fuel strainer bowl that's mounted to the Model A firewall. The bowl gives a place for water to settle into (water is heavier than gasoline) and a place for dirt and rust particles to collect.

The screen also keeps these particles from traveling down to the carburetor (where you have another screen!). With all these screens, I think Ford knew that gasoline supplies at the time were prone to contamination (more than today).



Many people have started to install a small pleated paper filter element in the glass bowl instead of the brass screen.

I'm not so sure it's needed; I think the brass screen is enough. The Model A has no fuel pump, it relies only on gravity feed, and I'm concerned about adding another restriction to the fuel flow.

But IF you use one of these paper filters, you need to know that the rust, dirt, etc. is trapped **INSIDE** the paper element, not on the outside of it like you'd think. Therefore, you can be collecting a lot of junk inside the filter, plugging up the filter element on the inside, and not even know it. One day, you lose all your power and the engine really acts like it is starving for fuel. You thought you would see the rust and dirt collect on the outside of the filter... but you don't. Surprise! (I hate surprises!)

So, if you are going to use these pleated paper filters, get into the habit of replacing them regularly, maybe once a year, since you can't see how dirty they are inside. And carry a spare filter and gasket with you in the car. It's a pretty easy thing to swap out in a parking lot. Kind of messy, but it can be done without tools. Use some disposable gloves and you won't smell like gas for the rest of the day.

That's all for now. Keep driving, help each other out, and Have a Model A Day! Jim



# 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.

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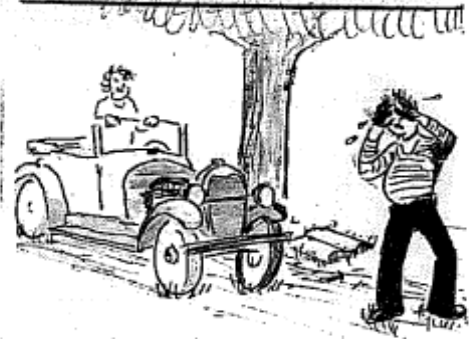
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AND LOOKED UPON THE DASH  
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YOU'RE ONLY OUT OF GAS

Dean

## If you haven't yet

Many MAFCA members have already renewed for 2021 - thank you to all who've done so!

Membership brings many benefits as we all know, and our dues are the main source of the income that enables them. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, this is the time to make that happen! And thank you.



Renew your 2021 membership today

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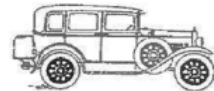


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First: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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
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