

THE PLAIN DEALER

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October 2020

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

Next Meeting
Monday
October 26, 2020

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President's Message

Fall is officially here and the colors are just beginning to show. The weather is having its usual ups and downs as it always does this time of year. There are only a few more events on the schedule this year to get the car out and about (Shawnee Town - History on Tap, Fall Color Tour, Hy-Vee Car Show, and Veteran's Day Parade). Then it will be time to put the Ol' A in the garage for all those projects that are just begging to be done. Getting ready for the next season seems like a never ending task (or maybe a never beginning task in my case). Check out the calendar of events and join in on the fun.

I want to let everyone know about some motions passed at the last meeting regarding membership dues and the newsletter. To help balance the budget there will be 2 changes for next year:

1. Dues will be \$25 per year.

2. Newsletters will only be provided via email. The Club will no longer mail paper copies to members via USPS. This year we sent 66 copies via USPS mail to members, only 5 of these 66 did not have an email address listed. With all of that in mind, please make sure we have the most current and best email address for you.

Speaking of dues, they are due before the end of the year. [Renewal form on last page.]

With COVID-19 state, county, and local mandates still in place, we will be holding a monthly membership meeting this month (October 26 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. Face masks are required, per the local and state 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. 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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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 at 816-410-4610 or Joyce at 816-410-4613.

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>

Welcome New Members

Patricia and Leland C. Pennington, Jr.
 2433 South 65th Street
 Kansas City, KS 66106
 913-579-4426 (His cell)
 913-579-4273 (Her cell)
 Email: bluegrass48@gmail.com
 1929 Tudor



Minutes - September 28, 2020

The Plain Ol' A's met on September 28, 2020, at the Masonic Hall. President Justin Read called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Guests and New Members-New member, Leland Pennington was present.

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

Treasurer's Report-Bob Hess gave the treasurer's report. The balance is \$15,236.10.

Sunshine Report-Deborah Smeltzer will be our new sunshine chairperson.

Ladies' Night Out-There will be no ladies' night out for the remainder of the year.

Tours-The following tours are being planned.

October 17 Tour to the Arboretum

November 11 Leavenworth parade

The Model T club has invited members to attend their tour on October 10. Members who wish to attend should contact the Model T club.

Shawnee Town Events-Dates for Shawnee Town events are as follows:

October 14 History on Tap; Revolution

Car Shows:

October 31 HyVee car show

Other Business-Members voted to increase dues by \$5.00 per year. The newsletter will be E-mailed to all members except those who do not have E-mail. If members wish to have the newsletter mailed to them, they can pay an extra \$5.00. We will not have a Christmas party this year.

Regional Meet-The regional meet will be held at Embassy Suites at a date yet to be determined.

Refreshments-There were no refreshments. We will not have refreshments for the remainder of the year.

Nancy Hess
Secretary

Treasurer's Report - September 2020

Beginning Balance 8/31/2020	\$15,236.10
Checking Balance	\$1,552.09
Income	
New Member Dues	12.00
TOTAL INCOME	+ 12.00
Expenses	
September Newsletter	58.74
TOTAL EXPENSES	- 58.74
Money Market Account	
Beginning Balance	\$12,429.00
Interest Payment	1.02
Total Money Market Balance	\$12,430.02
Ending Balance 9/30/2020	\$15,190.38
Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer	

Car Shows

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

October 14 Shawnee Town History on Tap - Revolution! (6-8:30 pm) \$5/person RSVP at 248-2360

October 31 HyVee Car Show 18101 W 119th St, Olathe, KS 66061 (10-2)

Hy-Vee Car Show

The Hy-Vee Car Show is Saturday October 31, 2020. The show will be at the Hy-Vee store located at 18101 W. 119th Street Olathe, Kansas. (119th & Ridgeview) This show will be part of Hy-Vee's Fall Festival Halloween, with a trunk or treat at the car show.

Hy-Vee will provide candy for the trunk or treat AND LUNCH for those bringing a car to the show. Attending this show has been a club tradition over the years. It has always been a great fun show. Hope to see you there.



Calendar of Events

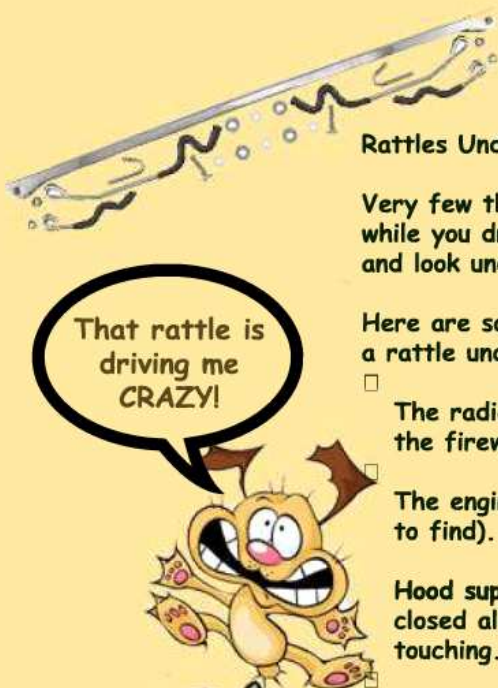
- Oct. 14 Old Shawnee Town - History on Tap
 Oct. 17 Fall Foliage Follow the Leader Drive to Turner Barn & Orchard's
 Meet: McDonald's, 133rd & State Line Rd at 10:00 a.m., leave 10:30 a.m.
 Bring lawn chairs and a picnic lunch
 Oct. 31 Hy-Vee Car Show, Olathe, 119th & Ridgeview, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Nov. 11 Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade, Meet: McDonald's, 4th St at 9:00 a.m.
 Leave at 9:30 a.m., parade at 10:30 a.m.
 Nov. 14 -- Cold Weather Tour CANCELLED until Spring

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.

Jim's technical tip

by Jim Cannon,



Rattles Under the Hood

Very few things are as annoying as a persistent rattle under the hood while you drive your Model A. Of course it stops when you pull over and look under there!

Here are some things that I have found over the years can sound like a rattle under the hood:

- The radiator support rods. They come loose at the radiator or at the firewall.
- The engine pans. Just one loose bolt/nut can rattle like crazy (hard to find).
- Hood support/prop brackets. The ones that "fold in" will rattle if closed all the way; open it back up $\frac{1}{2}$ " to separate the halves from touching.
- Brake rods. Jiggle them by hand. You may need to install some of the oversize clevis pins to tighten things back up, or replace the return/anti-rattle springs.
- Tools and things under the seat. (I found a large screwdriver once in my side curtain pan, way in the back, that was causing a rattle that I chased for 2 years!)

I hope this helps you track down that annoying rattle. In a future Tech Tip, I will cover potential sources of other annoying noises in your car. Until then, "Have a Model A Day!" Jim

Tours

Fall is here and prime touring and car show season. Our September tour to the Kauffman Gardens in Kansas City had seven cars participate. After donuts at the Krispy Kream on Shawnee Mission Parkway we headed east past the Plaza to Rockhill Road and the garden. The garden is located just north of UMKC and we enjoyed the beauty of fall flowers and the tranquility.

After visiting the garden Bill Hills led us up Broadway to MO 9 into Parkville for a picnic lunch next to the Missouri River at Platte County Riverfront Park. I forgot how nice the drive north on Broadway is with its architecture and parks. It turned out to be a nice day for a fall tour.

Our tour, Saturday, October 17th, will head south along the Missouri/Kansas line through Louisburg, then back up old Metcalf to the Turner Barn and Orchards at 199th and Moonlight outside of Gardner. We had originally planned to end up at the JOCO Arboretum on 179th Street. We changed destinations because we were invited to display our cars at the Turner Barn. We'll eat our picnic lunch at the historic barn. Bill Hills will lead us from Louisburg past Hillsdale Lake to the barn site. By then the colors should be perfect to enjoy.

As most of you all know by now, I'm passing the torch to Bill Hills at the end of the year. This will be my last tour as Tour Director, and I hope that many of you that have toured with me will join me for the day. So join us on Saturday, October 17th at McDonald's, 133rd and State Line Road at 10:00 a.m. We'll leave at about 10:30, and don't forget to bring lawn chairs and a picnic lunch. Hope to see you there. Next month I will reflect on some of our past tours.

We'll end the year with the Hy-Vee car show, October 31st at the Hy-Vee, 119th and Ridgeview from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. November 11th is the Leavenworth Veteran's Day Parade. This is one of the largest parades in the region, with normally about 200 entrants. We'll meet at the McDonald's on 4th St (just north of the VA) at 9:00 a.m. and leave for the staging area on Walnut at about 9:30 a.m. Hopefully it won't be cancelled because of the Pandemic.

I had originally planned a Cold Weather Tour to the Lewis and Clark at CGSC, Ft Leavenworth to visit Foreign Officers Gift Display. Because of COVID-19, the college is closed to visitors until their Spring classes resume. I'll get with Bill to set up a date for this tour.

Let's get our cars out for one our final events of the season.

Hope to see you soon.

Happy Model A'ing!

Theresa Guenther, (913) 682-2545

Dean Weller's 95th Birthday Party

Dean Weller's 95th birthday was celebrated with a surprise party on September 22.



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RENEWAL NOTICE

It is time to BEGIN sending your 2020 Membership Renewal FORMS to:

Bob Hess
12731 Cherry
Kansas City, MO 64145
Renewal Forms are on page 11.

PLEASE FILL OUT A RENEWAL FORM EVEN IF YOUR INFORMATION HAS NOT CHANGED.

BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS



Pictures of Dean's party courtesy of Tom Strongman

10th Annual Model A Day

AS ALL OF YOU KNOW BY NOW, 2020 HAS BEEN A VERY UNUSUAL YEAR AND IT HAS FORCED A REEVALUATION OF ALL OF OUR NORMAL ACTIVITIES. MOST OF THE MODEL A GET TOGETHERS FOR THE YEAR HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AND IT HAS LEFT A VOID IN OUR LIVES AS WE HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW SUCH GREAT PEOPLE IN THE HOBBY. MODEL A DAY AT THE GILMORE WAS ALSO CANCELLED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL MODEL A HOBBYISTS. OUR THEME FOR THIS YEARS EVENT WAS FIRST RESPONDERS WHICH IS VERY APPROPRIATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW AND THIS THEME WILL CARRY OVER TO NEXT YEARS EVENT.

EACH YEAR MODEL A DAY GENERATED ROUGHLY ONE THIRD OF THE MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION, INC(MAFFI) OPERATING BUDGET WHICH INCLUDES OPERATING THE MODEL A MUSEUM AT GILMORE. WITH THE CANCELLATION OF MODEL A DAY WE HAVE A SHORTCOMING OF OPERATING INCOME FOR 2020. WE HAVE COME UP WITH A GOAL OF \$30,000 TO SATISFY THIS SHORTFALL.

WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE COULD COME UP WITH A WAY FOR ALL OF THE NATIONAL CLUB(MARC AND MAFCA) CHAPTERS TO PARTICIPATE AND IN DOING SO WOULD MAKE EACH CLUB'S OUTLAY REASONABLE. THERE ARE OVER 250 MAFCA CHAPTERS AND OVER 175 MARC CHAPTERS ALONG WITH SOME INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS. IF THE GOAL WAS SET TO HAVE EACH CLUB PUT FORTH \$100 WE WOULD EASILY ACHIEVE THE GOAL. WE WOULD THEN COME UP WITH A NOBLE WAY OF RECOGNIZING THOSE CLUBS THAT HELPED TO GET US THROUGH THIS TOUGH TIME BEFORE NEXT YEAR'S EVENT.

THERE WILL BE MULTIPLE WAYS FOR CLUB'S TO PARTICIPATE. WE WILL HAVE IT SET UP ON OUR WEB PAGE ALONG WITH SENDING OUT EMAIL BLASTS TO ALL KNOWN CLUB CONTACTS. ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL TRY TO PROMOTE ON BOTH CLUB'S FACEBOOK PAGES AND IN THEIR NATIONAL MAGAZINES WITH A GOAL OF HAVING CONTRIBUTIONS SENT IN BY THE END OF THE YEAR. INDIVIDUALS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AS WELL IF THEY WISH.



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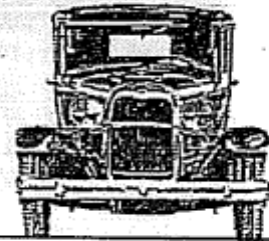
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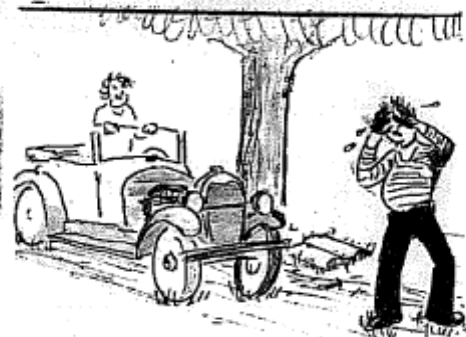
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_____ Would you be willing to serve refreshments at a membership meeting?

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

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