

THE PLAIN DEALER

Official Publication of the Plain Ol' A's

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September 2022

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

Next Meeting
Monday
September 26, 2022

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President's Message

It is September.

57 surveys have been submitted out of 144 possible. If you haven't yet, it is not too late to submit one. Let me know if you're having trouble.

Review of these survey responses is just starting. More findings will be shared but some early numbers are below.

- 129 members with a tenure of more than 18 months were directed to the current member survey. Fifty have responded.
 - o 14% have been members for less than 3 years
 - o 22% have been members 3-5 years
 - o 14% have been members 6-10 years
 - o 28% have been members 11-20 years
 - o 22% have been members more than 20 years
- 18 members with a tenure of less than 18 months were directed to the recent member survey. Seven of them have responded. Five of them learned of the POAs through current members. One learned of us from MAFCA and one from our website. This suggests that we are our own best publicists. I encourage you to continue putting yourselves out there and promoting our hobby and our club.

Some new ideas for promotion submitted were to

- start some regular cruises to Sonic or other ice cream destination. No big planning would be involved. It could be the first Sunday or second Tuesday of the month...whatever. We just choose a destination, announce it at the meeting, print it in the newsletter, convene at the appointed time and place, eat ice cream ...AND engage anyone expressing interest
- invite media to cover some of our events. Invite them to ride along. We could merge this into some youth involvement by inviting a few high school newspapers to cover our event. This might build relationships for other opportunities with the youths or schools.

If you have already submitted your survey, it is never too late to share your ideas. Send them my way either in person or via email.

Ahooooo On!

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.

MAFCA Membership

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

Welcome New Members

Cort Miller & Karen Garber-Miller
14930 W 147th Street
Olathe, KS 66062
913-791-0173 (Home)
913-485-3619 (Cell)
cortjmiller@gmail.com
1929 Fordor (Under restoration)

Sunshine Report

No get-well or sympathy cards were sent in August, so I hope everyone is staying healthy!

Lanny Rake sent a thank-you card in August to thank the club members all for the kind thoughts on the loss of his mother and to share how much his mother had enjoyed riding in their Model "A".

COVID arrived at the Smeltzer house in late August and I was not prepared for it. After several days of bed rest, I am feeling much better and, fingers crossed, we are hopeful that we will be able to go on the upcoming Nebraska tour. John has remained well throughout and, aside from eating all the ice cream in the freezer, has taken good care of me and proven to be quite the capable caretaker!

With the cooler weather that September will hopefully bring, we hope you will be able to join your POA friends at one of the upcoming events planned for later this month!

Take care and stay well!

Deborah Smeltzer, Sunshine Chair



August 2022 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on August 22, 2022, at the Masonic Hall. President John Smeltzer called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Guests and New Members-There were no guests or new members at the meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report-The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Sunshine Report-Lanny Rake's mother died.

Ladies' Night Out-There was no information available for September.

Seminars-Ed discussed brake light switches.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

August 20 - Tour to Lawrence

September 9-11 - Nebraska tour

September 24 - Tour to the Arboretum. The membership voted to take this tour rather than a tour to St. Joseph.

October 1 - Turner Barn car show. We will eat breakfast at the Gardner airport preceding the tour.

October 22 - Tour to Fort Leavenworth. This is not yet finalized.

Car Shows:

September 3-DeSoto Days parade and car show

September 11-Wheels and Dreams

September 28-Shawnee Town

October 1-Turner Barn

October 6-Cedar Lake Village

October 29-Hy Vee

Website-Joe will check out security concerns regarding information on our website.

Name Tags-Name tags are available for those who requested them.

Christmas Dinner-Ed passed around survey forms regarding the menu choices for the dinner.

Survey-John reminded members to complete the on-line survey.

Bonding of Treasurer-Deborah is checking into bonding of the treasurer and will have details next month.

Meeting Location-We discussed possible alternative meeting locations, but no decision was made.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by Dennis Burks and Mike and Nancy Clayton.

Nancy Hess, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - August 2022

Income

New Member Dues	\$79.00
Club Merchandise Sale	\$25.00
USPO Newsletters	\$4.25
Advanced 2023 Dues	\$25.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$133.25

Expenses

Auto Owners Insurance	\$15.00
Jayhawk Trophy	\$43.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$58.00

Interest

\$1.06

Submitted by Bob Hess, Treasurer

Refreshments

The paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, tablecloths and cups are available at the Lodge. Please remember to check supplies at the preceding meeting.

If you cannot serve, please contact Fran Coleman (913-481-6658; fcole61@gmail.com).

Fran Coleman

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

2022

September Leland Daise & Sue Long
Harvey & Vicky Rosenberry

October Andy Dugan
Ron & Theresa Guenther

November Eddie & Marilyn Griggs
Bob & Nancy Hess

2023

January John & Deborah Smeltzer
Ed & Millie Jankowski

February Steve & Julie Woerdehoff
Joe & Joanie Nicholas

March Ross & Toni Warnell
Keith & Kathy Nesbitt

April Bob & Donna Pettit
Bill & Deb Hills

September Ladies Night Out

September Ladies Night Out is sponsored by Andy Dugan & Christine South

Date: Wednesday September 21

Place: Zarda Bar B Q

Quivera and 87th Street in Lenexa

Time: is 6:30 PM

Please let Andy & Christin know if you are coming at 816-548-7436 Andy, Chris 816-591-5511, or andug125@gmail.com

Dana Mecum

On Tuesday, September 27th, Dana Mecum, owner of Mecum Auctions (largest auto auction company in the world) will join our group at my car building. He is looking forward to visiting with you and maybe giving us some insights in the collector car market.

Tours

September 24th I've rescheduled the "Smell the Flowers Tour" to the Overland Park Arboretum. We will meet at 9:30 at the McDonald's at 135th and Quivira and leave at 10:00. After our visit to the Arboretum we will have lunch at Mi Ranchito in Stanley. Many of you signed up at the last meeting. If you haven't signed up and would like to go email or call me so I can add you to the list.

Turner Barn Car Show is October 1st from 10-2:00. One free Lunch will be provided per car. Earl informed me that October 1st is the Saturday for the Breakfast at the Gardner Airport. So we will meet at the Walmart in Olathe (Santa Fe and K7) and go out as a group. We will meet at 7:30 and leave at 8:00 to give us time to have breakfast before we need to leave the airport for Turner Barn. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting on October 26th.

Theresa Guenther could not get a hold of anyone at Fort Leavenworth for an October tour. We are working on another plan and hope to have more information at the next meeting.

Several club members have contacted me about tours. I am working with them to see if we can make them happen. Also the Heart of America club has invited us to participate in some of their tours. It sounds like they have some interesting places to visit. Hopefully we will be able to attend some of them.

Please let me know if you have ideas for a tour.

Bill Hills
bill.hills.sh@gmail.com
913-406-2085

2022 Calendar

- Sept. 24 Rescheduled- "Smell the Flowers" Tour to the OP Arboretum.
See tour article for more info.
- Sept. 26 POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
- October 1 Turner Barn Car Show. See tour article for more info
- October Fall color tour
- October 24 POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
- November 28 POA Meeting- 7:30 pm- Masonic Lodge, Shawnee
- December 4 POA Christmas Party



September 1 Deb & Bill Hills
 September 3 Dennis & Debbie Burks
 September 3 Eddie & Marilyn Griggs
 September 6 Jim & Stacy Bernard

September 2 Lynn Lackey
 September 7 Cathy Hess
 September 25 Joe Nicholas
 September 29 Ross Warnell

Christmas Party

As announced at the July general meeting, the Plain O' A's Model A club will again hold their annual Christmas banquet and gift exchange at the Olathe Embassy Suites. The banquet will be on December 4, 2022, from noon to 3 P.M. The Embassy has the following plated luncheon selections available. We must select Entrees prior to the banquet and therefore I am requesting you help me in that. Please review the following Entrees with their cost in order to be prepared to make your selection at the August general meeting.

CRUSTED CHICKEN BREAST	\$30.99
SCOTTISH SALMON	\$33.04
KC STRIP MEDALLIONS	\$37.73
GRAPEVINE SMOKED CHICKEN	\$30.93
BRAISED SHORT RIBS	\$37.65

Note the above prices includes a 23% service charge and 11.475% taxes.

Ballots for picking your Entree selection will be available at the August meeting for you to make your selection. Based on the ballots 2 or 3 selections will be made available for the banquet.

Make your Entree selection, mark your calendar, start looking for your gift for the exchange and be prepared to have a great time at the Christmas banquet on December 4th.



Ed Jankowski

Car Shows

September

History on Tap - The Harlem Renaissance at Shawnee Town 1929

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 7 PM (Car Show Starts at 6:30 PM). Please call (913) 248-2360 to RSVP and let them know you are bringing a car.

October

2nd Annual Turner Barn Fall Pre-War Car Show

Saturday, October 1st from 10 AM - 2 PM (Rain Date October 8th). This is a free event and lunch will be provided for participating car owners. RSVP by 9/26/22 at 913-558-6495. Location 19805 S Moonlight Rd, Gardner, KS. Club contact for this event: Bill Hills.

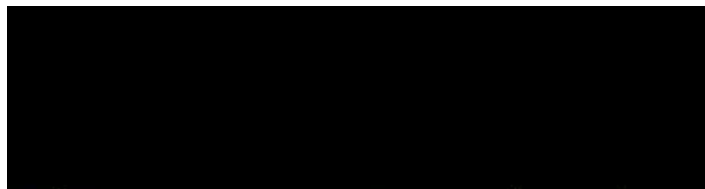
2nd Annual Cedar Lake Village Car Show

Thursday, October 6th from 2-4 PM. Cedar Lake Village 15325 S Lone Elm Rd, Olathe, KS 66061. POA Member Charles Losh lives here. Please call Cheyenne Dains at (913) 780-9916 to RSVP.

Trunk-or-Treat HyVee Car Show

Saturday, Oct 29, 2022 10 AM - 2 PM HyVee 18101 W 119th St, Olathe, KS 66061

Justin Read



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Story Submitted by Barry Herbert

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We sent a 1931 Model A sedan delivery, loaded with bath products on oak shelving, for a 6000 mile 6 month journey across the United States. We paid \$1800. for the Model A with 97,000. miles, The Model A was placed in the cosmetic departments of most department stores and outside many pharmacies. Hard to believe, but the old Model A traveled the distance without a problem. The driver of the Model A, Adrian Johnson, was given a salesman position covering southern California at the end of his 6 month tour.



After the success, of the journey, of the Model A sedan delivery we purchased two 1931 Model A panel trucks. One traveled up and down the East coast and the other the West coast. This is a story published in a newspaper.



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 Sale: 1929 Model A Standard. Engine rebuilt. 12 volt system.
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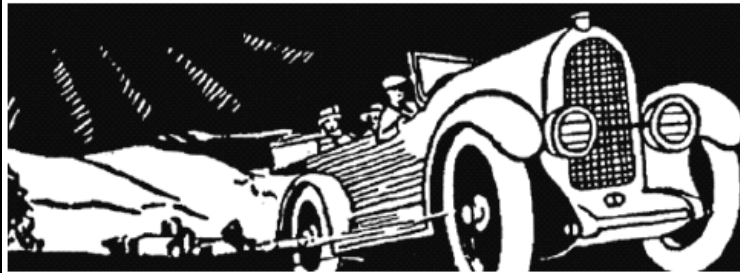
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**PLAIN OL' A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB
NEW AND RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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 MAFCU? _____ MARC? _____ How long have you owned a Model A? _____

_____ Renewal dues are \$25.00 per year (**DUE BY DECEMBER 31**) and include an email version of the newsletter.

_____ Include a hard copy of the newsletter in addition to the email version with my membership renewal for **an additional annual charge of \$10.00.**

_____ New Member (dues are \$13.00 plus \$1.00 for each month remaining in the year).

_____ New Members may include **an optional .85 cents per month** for a hard copy of the newsletter along with their free email copy.

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

Birthdate(s) (MM/DD) _____

Anniversary Date (MM/DD/YY) _____

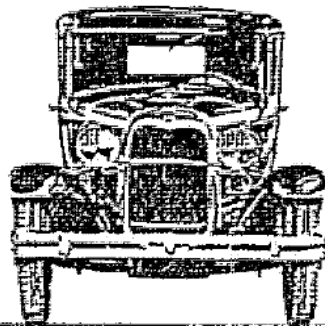
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