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September 2025

The Club meets
the 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m
Tomahawk Ridge Community Center

Next Meeting

Monday

September 22, 2025

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President's Message

Happy September!

Just wanted to say hello and hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the cooler weather. We have some great things happening in September and October as far as get togethers and tours. Please take note in the newsletter and hope to see you at one or more events soon. Until then enjoy time with friends and loved ones and happy motoring.

Your president

Andrew Dugan

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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.

HENRY "A" SEZ...



THE EASY WAY TO ADD WATER TO THAT "HARD TO GET AT" BATTERY IN YOUR MODEL "A," IS WITH AN ORDINARY TURKEY BASTER.

Sunshine Report

Happy end of summer!

Hope everyone was able to get out and about during the glorious weather we had in late August. John and I were able to go on several early evening Model A drives before Labor Day weekend, which is one of my favorite ways to enjoy a summer evening after a long day of work.

No cards were sent in August. Please let me know if any cards need to be sent in September.

Enjoy these last few days of summer!

Deborah Smeltzer
913-526-6977

Minutes - August 25, 2025

The Plain Ol' A's met on August 25, 2025, at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center. President Andy Dugan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Guests and New Members-No guests or new members were at the meeting. John has made contact with a prospective new member.

Minutes-The minutes were approved.

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

Sunshine Report-There was no sunshine report.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

September 13	Mystery tour and lunch
October 2	Cedar Lake Village car show
October 4	Turner Barn car show
October	Fall color tour

Car Shows-

October 2	Cedar Lake Village car show
October 1	Adrian car show
October 4	Turner Barn car show

Ladies' Night Out-We will eat after the tour on September 13.

Webmaster-Joe is investigating getting a certificate for a higher Google rating..

Meeting Location-We will be meeting at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center for the remainder of the year.

Program-Andy had a trivia contest.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by Bill and Deb Hills and Steve Woerdehoff.

Nancy Hess, Secretary

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

2025

September 22 Deborah & John Smeltzer
Lance & Terri Burton

October 27 Alan South & Georgia Bianchi
Andy Dugan

November 24 Lance & Terri Burton
Ron & Theresa Guenther

December Christmas Party

2026

January Open
Open

September Ladies Night Out and Mystery Tour

September 13th is International Model A Day. I have a Mystery Tour planned. We will meet at McDonalds (Harrison/ K7 & Hamilton Circle) at 10:00 and leave by 10:30.

Also we will do September's Lady's Night Out that day. You will need to sign up for the tour to do LNO. I hope you will drive your Model A but modern cars are OK.

If you didn't sign up at the last meeting and want to attend Please contact me- 913-406-2085 or bill.hills.sh@gmail.com.

Thanks. Hope to see you on the tour,

- Bill Hills

Ladies Night Out 2025 Sponsor Sign Up

January	Lance & Terri Burton
February	John & Deborah Smeltzer
March	Ken and Fran Coleman
April	Bill & Deb Hills
May	Picnic
June	
July	Alan South
August	Bob & Nancy Hess
September	Mystery Tour
October	Ron & Theresa Guenther
November	Andrew & Christine Dugan
December	Christmas Party

Refreshments

Paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, and cups are provided by the Club. If you are not able to serve, please contact Steve Woerdehoff at 913-449-2229 or steves_skiing@yahoo.com soon as you can.

Thank you everyone for helping!

- Steve Woerdehoff

Tours 2025

September 13th is International Model A Day. I am planning a mystery tour. We will meet at the McDonald's in Olathe (Harrison/K7 and Hamilton Circle) at 10:00. This will also be Ladies' Night Out for September as we will end our tour at a restaurant.

October 2nd the 5th Annual Cedar Lake Village Car Show. This year, the event will take place on Thursday, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

The Cedar Lake Village Car Show is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your vehicles and connect with fellow car enthusiasts in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. "It also gives our Residents an amazing opportunity to enjoy a car show in their own backyard! Whether you own a classic car, a modern marvel, or something in between, we welcome you to participate again in this fun-filled event. Please note that this is a non-competitive event with no prizes - just a chance to share in the joy of cars and camaraderie."

To help us ensure a fantastic experience for all attendees, we kindly ask that you RSVP by September 30th. Please RSVP by to Cheyenne at cdains1@good-sam.com , if you have any questions feel free to email those over as well.

October 4th Turner Barn Car Show. More info to come. We will go to the Gardner Airport for breakfast before going to the car show

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

2025 Calendar

September

- 13 International Model A Day
- 22 POA Meeting

October

- 2 Cedar Lake Village Car Show
- 4 Turner Barn Car Show
- 27 POA Meting

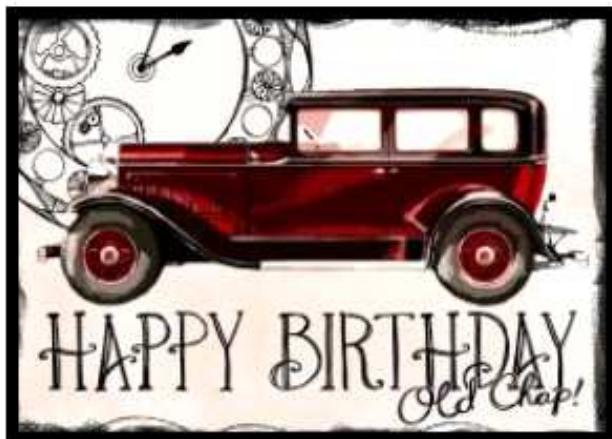
November

- 11 Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade
- 24 POA Meeting

December

- TBD POA Christmas Party





Lynn Lackey
Cathy Hess
Joe Nicholas
Ross Warnell

September 2
September 7
September 25
September 29

Deb & Bill Hills
Dennis & Debbie Burks
Eddie & Marilyn Griggs
Jim & Stacy Bernard

September 1
September 3
September 3
September 6

September Calendar - *from Almanac.com*

- September 1 – the first Monday of the month – is Labor Day. Canadians also observe Labor Day.
- September 7 is Grandparents Day this year. Honor your grandparents today – and every day!
- September 11 is Patriot Day, held in honor and remembrance of those who died in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.
- September 17 is Constitution Day. This day celebrates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, which occurred on September 17, 1787 (just five years before the founding of The Old Farmer's Almanac, believe it or not!).
- September 21 is recognized as the annual International Day of Peace. Observances range from a moment of silence at noon to events such as peace walks, concerts, and volunteering in the community.
- September 22 marks the start of fall! This year's Autumnal Equinox occurs at 2:19 P.M. EDT. On this date, there are approximately equal hours of daylight and darkness.
- September 23 starts Rosh Hashanah, a Jewish holiday that marks the beginning of the new year.
- September 29 is Michaelmas. Michaelmas is an ancient Celtic "Quarter Day" which marked the end of the harvesting season and was steeped in folklore.
- September is National Happy Cat Month
- September 11: National Hug Your Hound Day
- September 13: Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day
- September 19: International Talk Like a Pirate Day
- September 24: National Punctuation Day

Folklore for the Season

- Heavy September rains bring drought.
- September dries up ditches or breaks down bridges.
- Married in September's golden glow, smooth and serene your life will go.
- If the storms of September clear off warm, the storms of the following winter will be warm.
- Fair on September 1st, fair for the month.

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.***

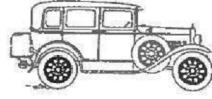
Commercial Business ads are: business card size - \$25.00 per year; quarter page size - \$35.00 per year; and half page size - \$50.00 per year. Fees for commercial ads includes a free subscription to the Club's monthly newsletter, *The Plain Dealer*.



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MAFFI Minute

August 15, 2025

We're 5 weeks away from Model A Days at Hickory Corners, MI. Are your reservations made? We hope so. This will be the grandest event yet!

The Model A Ford Museum has always been a treat for our hobbyists. Whether you've been there before or are planning to go this year, this visit will be extra special because of the completed expansion! The museum used to be able to showcase 30 vehicles; now all the vehicles that the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. owns are in one building! Production years, 1928 through 1931, as well as a variety of body styles from Tudors to Phaetons -- Pickups to Firebricks and a City Bus ---and more-- are on display. There is a larger variety of interactive exhibits and vignettes to put visitors right back in the era of the vehicles.

If you would like a sneak peek at the museum, go the www.maffi.org and click on the camera links for a live view: There's Expansion Bay 1, Expansion Bay 2, and Expansion Entrance along with a live view of the rest of the museum.

And, for those of you planners, get this on your agenda. Save the dates September 12-16, 2028 for the 100-year anniversary of the Model A: 1928-2028! There will be driving tours offered by each of the national organizations, MARC and MAFCA and activities galore for all 5 days.

I know there's no such thing as too much fun, but we're pushing the envelope!!

Cindy Ellenbecker
MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

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○ Email: _____
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Mail Application to:
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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 MAFCA? _____ 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) _____

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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Please be sure to include your email address.

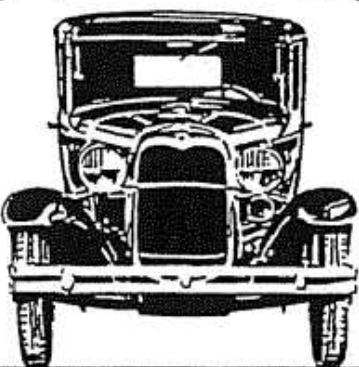
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