

THE PLAIN DEALER

Official Publication of the Plain Ol' A's

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May 2025

The Club meets
the 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m
Monticello Community Historical Society
23860 W 83rd Street, Shawnee KS 66227

Next Meeting
Memorial Day Picnic
May 26, 2025

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President's Message

Well the April showers we've been having will hopefully bring May flowers as they say.

Hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for summer and some tours in the A's. With the warmer weather I hope to see you soon as we start our spring tune ups and summer tours until then keep well and safe and keep engaged in our passion for the A's.

Happy motoring.

Your President,

Andrew Dugan

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Memorial Day Picnic

The May 26th Memorial Day picnic will be held from 11:00 - 3:00 at shelter house "C" in Wyandotte County Park. It is across the street from the Wyandotte County Historical Museum.

We will take a short trip for ice cream after the picnic.



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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.

Thank You!

My thanks to the club members for the generous gift. It is greatly appreciated.

This is your newsletter, so if you have anything you would like to contribute such as pictures of your Model A or pictures from a club event, stories, jokes or trivia, please let me know. My contact information is above.

Joyce Tweedy

Sunshine Report

Hi everyone! I hope you have had a chance to get out and enjoy the fabulous weather.

This month a card was sent to JB Hodgden, who has been in the hospital. Please keep JB and his family in your thoughts.

I hope everyone is well and look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic later this month!

Deborah Smeltzer

913-526-6977



April 2025 Minutes

The Plain Ol' A's met on April 28, 2025, at Monticello Historical Society. 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 is contacting potential new members.

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

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

Sunshine Report-Bruce and Vicky Mills and Delores Goodrich are doing well.

Tours-The following activities are being planned:

May 2-3 Lawrence swap meet

May 10- Ensorfest

May 26 Picnic

June 14 Tour

July 4 Parade

An alternative date for the tune-up day is being planned

Car Shows-Tallgrass Creek car show is being considered for June. Also, Andy is looking into a possible car show at Monticello Historical Society.

Ladies' Night Out-A host is needed for June.

Webmaster-Joe has fixed the problem with the calendar.

Next Meeting-We will have a men's raffle and a women's raffle and a period for members to talk.

Club Property-We will get a locked cabinet for club property to keep at the meeting location.

Picnic-We will have our picnic at the same location as last year. We will bring our own food.

Refreshments-Refreshments were provided by Joe and Joanie Nicholas and Ken and Fran Coleman.

Nancy Hess
Secretary

2025 Ladies Night Out

We have openings available for anyone who would like to sponsor a Ladies Night Out in 2025. Select a month and let Ken and Fran Coleman know so they can put you on the list.

Refreshments

Paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, tablecloths, and cups are provided.

If you are not able to serve, please contact Steve Woerdhoff at 913-449-2229 or steves_skiing@yahoo.com soon as you can. Thank you, everyone for helping!

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

2025

May	Memorial Day Picnic
June 23	Open Open
July 28	Keith & Kathy Nesbitt Reed Partridge

Ladies Night Out *2025 Sponsor Sign Up*

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

Tours 2025

National Weather Service Tour. This was a very interesting tour. We learned how airlines get their weather forecast clear across the country.

Tune-up Day was cancelled twice. We held it on May 9th at the Monticello Historical Society (our new meeting house) 23860 W 83rd Street, Shawnee, Kansas 66227.

Ensor Fest May 10th 12:30- 5:00. 18995 W 183rd Street, Olathe, KS. This is a car show our club has been participating in for several years. Besides touring the facility there will be live music and a food truck. We can have lunch/dinner there or go to K&M BBQ after the show.

Meet and Greet the Model T Ford May 17th at the Kansas City Automotive Museum, 15095 West 116th Street, Olathe, KS 66062 from 8am- 12:00 pm. This is free to the public. This is a good chance to see Model T's up close and learn the differences between our modern (Model As) cars and that of the cars that came before ours.

Club picnic is May 26th at Wyandotte Park. I am looking for a place to go for ice cream after the picnic.

June Tour. While I'm gone to the National Tour, Ken Coleman is going to put together a short local tour to put some miles on the cars on June 14th. Ken has not determined a starting point yet. If you are interested in going, please let Ken and Fran know at 913-481-6654.

Lenexa 4th of July Parade. I hope to have our meeting location and other information for the June tour article. Being I will not be at the June meeting, I will ask Ken or Andy to pass around a sign up sheet. I hope we have great weather and a big turn out this year. As always we will be going to Zarda BBQ after the parade.

I am looking for ideas for a July tour if anyone has a suggestion. Being it will be HOT, I hope we can find somewhere to go that will be inside.

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



Harvey Roseberry	May 16
Justine Collis	May 25
Bob Montgomery	May 27

Al & Linda Prothe	May 8
John & Deborah Smeltzer	May 15
Bob & Nancy Hess	May 17
Bill & Lorrie Carter	May 20
Dick & Mary Knapp	May 27

2025 Calendar

May

- 2-4- Lawrence Swap Meet
- 10 Ensorfest 25- noon- 4:00
- 17 Meet & Greet the Model T Ford - 8:00 - Noon at Kansas City Automotive Museum
- 26 POA Picnic & Meeting

June

- 14 Short Tour. More info to come.
- 15-22 National Tour
- 23 POA Meeting

July

- 4 Lenexa 4th of July Parade
- 28 POA Meeting

August

- 25 POA Meeting

September

- 22 POA Meeting

October

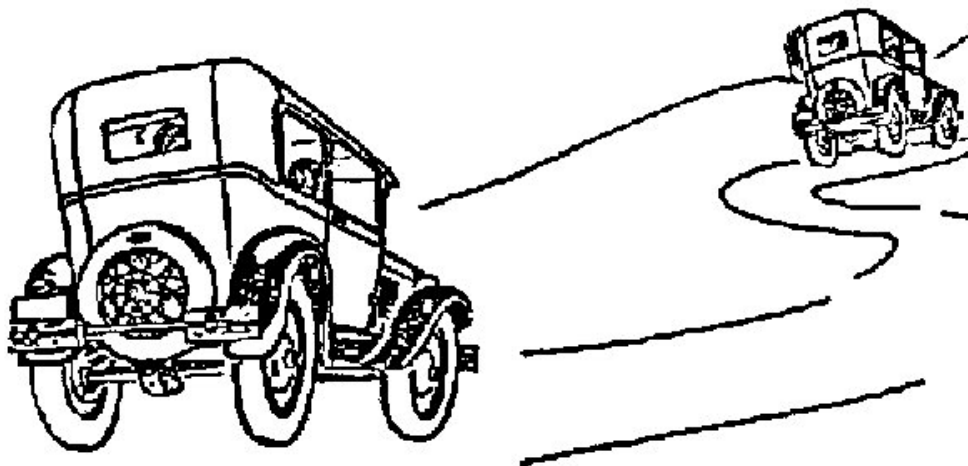
- 27 POA Meeting

November

- 11 Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade
- 24 POA Meeting

December

- TBD POA Christmas Party





MEET & GREET: THE MODEL T FORD

May 17, 2025 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

At the Kansas City Automotive Museum

FREE to the public

Donations will be appreciated and will benefit the Museum.

This is an interactive experience and will be located outside so you will be able to get a rare hands on chance to learn how the T is operated and maintained. Bring the family, take pictures, see and hear the cars run and drive, owners available to answer questions.

Come see what it was like to:

- Have a car without wheel brakes, gas pedal, or gearshift
- Hand crank the engine
- Use Acetylene to light your headlights
- Learn about an engine with no oil, water, or fuel pump
- Learn about an ignition system that uses Alternating Current A/C
- Sit Behind the wheel and learn about the 3 famous pedals

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Kansas City Automotive Museum
913-322-4227 | KansasCityAutoMuseum.com
15095 West 116th Street in Olathe, KS 66062

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MODEL A FORD YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

April 10, 2025

Bob Hess
Plain O'L A's Model A Ford Club
12731 Cherry Street
Kansas City, MO 64145

Dear Bob:

On behalf of the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc. Board of Directors, I would like to thank you and the members of the Plain Ol' A's for their donation of \$250.00.

This contribution will be combined with others to award scholarships to the children and/or grandchildren of Model A Ford Club of America or Model A Ford Restorers Club members. With the ever-increasing cost of a college education and the tightening of credit, these scholarships are needed now more than ever.

Again, thank you for supporting the youth of our great hobby.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jo Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jo Johnson, Treasurer
Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Cc: Heather Smith, President

375 High Head Road
Harpwell, ME 04079

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.

Model A's For Sale

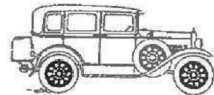
For Sale: 1930 fordor 2 window sedan. 1990s Bockelman restoration. 4 speed OD trany, 12v conversion with alternator; electronic ignition; Otwell heater manifold; aux. head, tail, signal & backup lights; Snyder rebuilt brakes with ci drums; newer wheels powder coated; CB radio; seat belts; rear window blind; frt mtd tool box, and more. It's a driver, we drove it to Kalamazoo MI and Des Moines IA with the POA's, but we are done touring. Keeping the coupe for local driving. \$20,000. Eddie Griggs call/text 816/383-1964 (St Joseph, MO) (3/25)



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From the May 2010 Plain Dealer

Tech Tip for May 2010

If you haven't had a Bendix bolt break off yet you most likely will, eventually. It will end up in the flywheel housing and if not removed it can wind up jamming the flywheel or ring gear, thus locking up the engine. One method to remove the broken bolt is to attach a small magnet to a piece of flexible wire or tubing. Remove the starter and fish the magnet and wire into the flywheel housing and try to pull the bolt out. This usually works. If not then remove the flywheel inspection plate located between the flywheel housing and oil pan. Remove the three bolts holding the inspection plate to the flywheel housing and slide the plate off. It's a tight fit. Fish around with your magnet and see if you can pull the bolt out that way.

Once you retrieve the bolt you will next have to repair the Bendix. These are special bolts and tabbed washers. They can be ordered from your favorite Model A supply house. I also have them in my inventory. There are two sizes. A smaller 5/16-24 bolt and a larger 3/8-24 bolt. The smaller ones are usually the ones that brake. You will have to have the correct size to make the repair. There are two different styles of bolts in the set. Replace them both while you are at it. Bend the tab on the washers up against the head of the bolts to keep them from turning.

If you are on 12 volts using a 6 volt starter the chances of breaking these bolts is much higher. It is almost certain if your Bendix uses the smaller bolts. A little preventative action here is a good idea. Inspect your Bendix. If you have the small bolts consider replacing the Bendix with the type with the larger bolts or better yet install one of the newer barrel style type starter drives. Both are also available from your favorite Model A parts house.

Happy motoring!

-- Bob Hess



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**PLAIN OL' A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB
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Spouse: _____ Email: _____

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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? _____

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_____ 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.

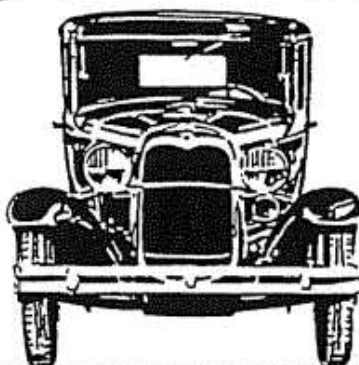
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