

THE PLAIN DEALER

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May 2026

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

Next Meeting
Memorial Day
May 25, 2026

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President's Message

Hope everyone is doing well. Just a quick reminder that our Memorial Day Picnic is coming up May 25th. I hope to see everyone there to enjoy the day. We plan to each at 12:00. We will be having a Raffle during the picnic as well as a short small meeting as well. The address and time is below.



Memorial Day Picnic
Wyandotte County Park , Shelter C
N 126th St & State Avenue
Bonner springs , KS 66012

See you all there!

Your club president ,
Andy Dugan

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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.

Sunshine Report

Happy May!

I hope everyone is getting out and about to enjoy the beautiful weather.

Earlier this month, a get well card was sent to Mike Clayton, who was briefly hospitalized with respiratory issues. Nancy reports that Mike is home and is doing well.

Hope to see everyone later this month at the POA annual picnic on Memorial Day!

Deborah Smeltzer
913-526-6977

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

May 25 2026

Memorial Day Picnic

June 22 2026

Bob & Nancy Hess

Open

July 27 2026

Keith & Kathy Nesbitt

Justin Read

August 24, 2026

Darrell & Deb Enloe

Jeff Goff

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

Minutes - April 2026

The Plain Ol' A's Club met on April 27, 2026, at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center. President Andy Dugan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Guests and New Members - John Smeltzer requested a list of outstanding members. He also reported that he has business cards that may be handed out to prospective members.

Minutes - Minutes of the March 23, 2026 meeting were approved as published.

Treasurers Report - The Treasurer's reports for February and March were read and approved.

Sunshine Report - A card was sent to Mike Clayton. Tours - Bill Hills reported that the Tune Up Day was attended by 12 gentlemen and 4 ladies. They worked on various cars and received information about other important items. Bill is working on a tour to the Kansas Museum of History for June 27th. He is also preparing for the Lenexa 4th of July Parade. A sign-up sheet was passed for Ensor Fair on May 9th.

Car Shows - Andy talked about various car shows that have happened and are going to happen in various locations. These included June 7th the All Ford Show which will be held at Shawnee Mission Ford in Shawnee. Also, he mentioned the largest continuous car tour in Tulsa, OK May 30th.

Ladies' Night Out - The June Ladies' Night Out will be hosted by Bob and Nancy Hess.

Webmaster - Joe Nicholas reported that in the last 12 months our public Facebook website has been visited by 1178 people. In the last 30 days it has received 85 visits. Also, the Facebook website for members only has 46 members.

Other Business - Old Business - None

New Business - Andy would like members to let him know of seminars that they would like to present or seen presented.

Raffle - No Raffle tonight. There will be a large raffle at the Memorial Day Picnic.

Refreshments - Refreshments were provided by Ron & Theresa Guenther and Bill & Debbie Hills. Next month will be the Memorial Day Picnic.

Dave and Sue Ryan presented a talk and slide show about Dave's trip to the Arctic Circle. It was a long and exciting once in a life time trip.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Fran Coleman, Secretary

Ladies Night Out 2026 Sponsor Sign Up

January	
February	Ken & Fran Coleman
March	Andy Dugan
April	John & Deborah Smeltzer
May	Picnic
June	Bob & Nancy Hess
July	Bill & Deb Hills
August	Alan South
September	OPEN
October	Ron & Theresa Guenther
November	Jeff and Carrie Goff

The Meaning of Roses

Red: Love, passion, respect, courage

Yellow: Joy, friendship, freedom

Pink: Happiness, gratitude, appreciation, admiration

Creams: Thoughtful, charming, gracious

Orange: Admiration, fascination, enthusiasm, desire

White: Innocence, purity, secrecy, reverence

- From Better Homes & Gardens



2026 Calendar

May

- 1-3 Lawrence Swap Meet
- 9 Ensorfest
- 25 POA Picnic & Meeting
- 31 thru June 7- MAFCA National Convention

June

- 22 POA Meeting
- 27 Kansas Museum of History

July

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

August

- 22 Mystery Tour
- 24 POA Meeting

September

- 10-13 Air Capital Car Tour. If you want information on this, please contact Bill Hills
- 12 International Model A Day
- 28 POA Meeting

October

- 3 Turner Barn Car Show
- 10- 17 Route 66 in Illinois
- 26 POA Meeting

November

- 11 Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade
- 23 POA Meeting

December

- TBD POA Christmas Party



Tours 2026

Tune-up Day. We had a good turnout for Tune-Up Day. Seven Model A's, 12 guys and 3 ladies.

Ensorfest Car Show is **May 9th** from 12:00- 5:00. They asked us to be there at 11:30 to line the cars up. They are getting several car clubs showing up for this event. I believe we have been doing the event from the first so it would be nice to have a good turnout this year. Ensor Park and Museum is at 18995 W 183rd Street, Olathe. I will have a signup sheet at the April meeting.

Kansas Museum of History in Topeka tour will be **June 27th**. They have reopened after doing a couple of years remodel. I will have more info coming. We will drive over in the morning and back in the afternoon. We will meet at Wagners Classic Cars, 741 E Front St, Bonner Springs, KS at 8:00 and leave by 8:30. I will have a signup sheet at the May meeting/picnic.

Lenexa 4th of July Parade. Being this is our 250th anniversary of the country, I hope we can get a great turnout for this parade. We will meet in Structura's parking lot - 9635 Widmar - again this year to get our cars ready for the parade at 9:00. You can get to Structura from Pflumm and 96th Terrace. The parade starts at 10:00 and they want us in line by 9:45. We will go to Zarda BBQ after the parade. I will have a signup sheet at the May and June meetings.

May/June - MAFCA National Convention- Pendleton, Oregon.

Mystery Tour. August 22, 2026. More info to come.

October 10- 17- Route 66 in Illinois. Plans are being made for this tour. **If you are interested in going, please contact me.** I want to have planning meetings / emails to keep everyone that is interested up to date. So far here is what we have planned:

Oct. 10th we will drive to St. Louis area and spend the night.

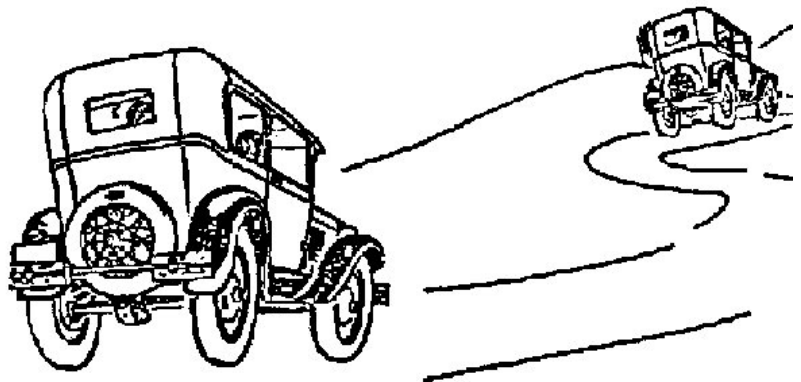
Oct. 11th we will go to the National Transportation Museum, drive down to the Arch, cross the river and spend the night in Edwardsville, Il.

Oct. 12th we will head north on Route 66.

June 13-18, 2027- National Tour in Durango, CO

If you have suggestions for outings for 2026 Please let me know.

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





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

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

Some Strange Street Names in the USA

Tater Peeler Road in Lebanon, Texas

The intersection of Count and Basie in Richmond, Virginia

Shades of Death Road in Warren County, New Jersey

Unexpected Road in Buena, New Jersey

Bucket of Blood Street in Holbrook, Arizona

The intersection of Clinton and Fidelity in Houston, Texas

The intersection of Lonesome and Hardup in Albany, Georgia

Farfrompoopen Road in Tennessee (the only road up to Constipation Ridge)

Divorce Court in Heather Highlands, Pennsylvania.

Psycho Path in Traverse City, Michigan

No More Victims Road in Jefferson City, Missouri

Kangaroo Court in St. Louis, Missouri

Daiquiri Lane in St. Louis, Missouri

Gravy Train Lane in Topeka Kansas, Topeka

Ford's Quadricycle - from The HistoryChannel.com

At approximately 1:30 A.M. on June 4, 1896, Henry Ford test drove his Quadricycle, the first automobile he ever designed or drove. Ford was working at the Edison Illuminating Company in Detroit at the time that he began building the Quadricycle. He had reportedly seen an article on the gasoline engine in the *American Machinist* while in the company of friend and fellow engineer Charles King. In King's recollection, Ford claimed: "I want to build one of these." Ford employed the help of his friends in the Detroit engineering community to build an internal combustion engine on his kitchen table. It is important to note to what extent Ford was a visionary and an organizer. He was an engineer, of course, but he didn't, by any means, accomplish his engineering feats alone. Men like King, along with a slew of other engineers, volunteered their time to Ford's projects. King provided Ford with a whole crew of workers who labored in the makeshift machine shop Ford had constructed in his garage behind his Bagley Avenue residence in Detroit. Ford even convinced his neighbor, Felix Julian, to donate his half of the shed to the cause. King was building his own vehicle at the time and actually preempted Ford in testing the horseless carriage in March of 1896. Ford followed King's carriage's test-run on his bicycle. Ford did make one major innovation in building his first vehicle: his decision not to attach an engine to an existing carriage but rather to construct a four-wheel body based on the principles of bicycle manufacturing. Ford completed his Quadricycle early in the morning on this day in 1896. He couldn't wait to test the invention. Only one of his associates, Jim Bishop, was present at the time of the vehicle's completion. In all of his enthusiasm in getting the car together Ford failed to consider that his contraption was wider than the doors of the shed in which he built it. He and Bishop set upon the door and adjacent walls with axes in order to hack an entrance sufficient for the Quadricycle. The 500-pound, two-cylinder vehicle came to life in the alley behind Ford's house. Ford drove it down Bagley Avenue to Grand River Avenue, to Washington Boulevard, where the Quadricycle stopped. Bishop and Ford pushed the automobile to the Edison plant where they replaced a nut and spring that had come loose. The next month Henry drove his vehicle to his father's farm to show it off. His father apparently walked around it cautiously. Later he expressed his doubts to one of his neighbors: "John and William [Henry's brothers] are alright, but Henry worries me. He doesn't seem to be settled down and I don't know what's going to become of him." Little did his father know that his son Henry would do just fine for himself!



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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:

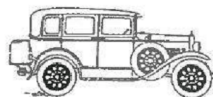
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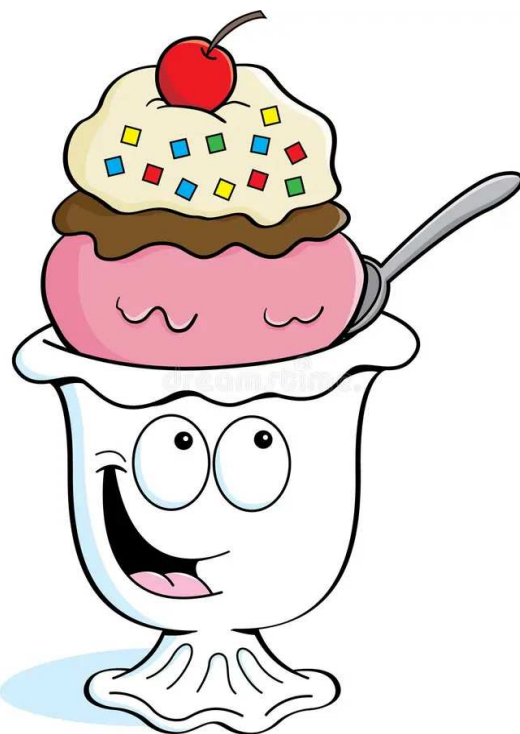
What causes an "ice cream headache"?

An ice cream headache is triggered by a sudden change in temperature that occurs in your mouth when you eat something cold.

On a hot day when you eat a snow cone, the cold crushed ice that touches the top of your mouth and initiates a nerve reaction that swells blood vessels in your head. The nerve center on the roof of your mouth overreacts to the cold temperature of the snow cone and tries to heat your brain. This swelling of blood vessels is what causes an ice cream headache, or what is more commonly known as "brain freeze" or "frozen brain syndrome."

Luckily the intense stabbing pain in your head usually lasts only for about 30-60 seconds.

30% of the human population suffers from these excruciating headaches. The best way to avoid getting an ice cream headache is keep the chilled foods or beverages you eat on the side of your mouth, away from the roof of your mouth.



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