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January 2026

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

Next Meeting
Monday
January 26, 2026

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President's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone's new year is starting off well. The weather has been pretty nice and extended the driving season a bit. With the start of the new year it brings some changes to the club as well. At our meeting on January 26th we will be celebrating Nancy and Bob Hess for their dedication to the club over the years as our secretary and treasurer as they pass the torch on to the new appointees of those positions. Please join us and have cake and refreshments to celebrate them.

Your club president,
Andy Dugan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2026						
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February 2026						
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Ladies Night Out

There is no January Ladies Night Out. We will be going to Johnny's Tavern in Shawnee on Feb. 18, We will be there at 6 PM, at 13131 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Shawnee, KS 66216. Sign up at our January meeting. If you wish to sponsor a LNO outing during the rest of the year, please sign up at the meeting or contact Ken Coleman at 913-481-6654 or kcoleman555@gmail.com.

Ken and Fran Coleman

Thank You

Thank you to the members of the Club for the generous gift. It is very much appreciated.

Joyce Tweedy



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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

Hoping everyone's year is off to a great start and that you have been able to get out and enjoy the unseasonably warm weather.

I am sad to share that Nancy Marcus' mother passed away this past Saturday on January 2, 2026. Nancy recently shared with me that her mother, who was 101 years old, lived in Minnesota, and until just a few years ago, had lived on her own on the family farm. A sympathy card has been sent to Nancy and Chuck on behalf of the club. Please keep their family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Deborah Smeltzer
913-526-6977

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

Plain Ol' A's Refreshments

2026
January Andy Dugan
 Steve Woerdehoff

February John and Deborah Smeltzer
 OPEN

March OPEN
 OPEN

April OPEN
 OPEN

2026 Calendar**January**

9-18 KC Restaurant Week
26 POA Meeting

February

14 Arabia Steamboat Museum
23 POA Meeting

March

13-14 Race Track Adventure II- Oxford, AL.
If you want information on this, please contact Bill Hills
17 Leavenworth St. Patrick's Day Parade
23 POA Meeting

April

27 POA Meeting

May

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

June

22- POA Meeting

July

4 Lenexa 4th of July Parade
27 POA Meeting

August

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

Happy New Year

January- KC Restaurant week is January 9th- 18th. If you didn't contact me by January 3, it is too late. I made restaurant reservations on January 7 and the restaurant won't let me add people.

February 14th we take our sweeties to the Arabia Steamboat Museum. The museum is closing next November so I thought we should visit it one more time. We will meet at the museum at 10:00. The museum is at 400 Grand Blvd, Kansas City, MO. We will go to lunch at Garozzo's Ristorante- 526 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Missouri when we are finished at the museum. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting or you can contact me if you want to go.

May/June - MAFCA National Convention- Pendleton, Oregon

October 10- 17- Route 66 in Illinois. Plans are being made for this tour. If you are interested in going Please contact me.

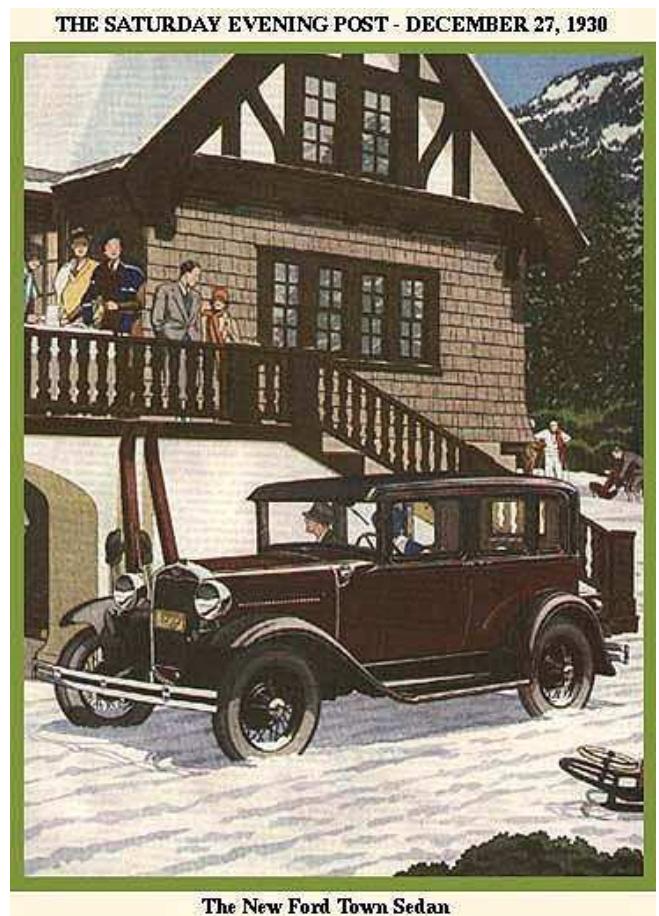
June 13-18, 2027- National Tour in Durango, CO

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

Bill Hills
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January 3	Nancy Hess
January 3	Bob Arnold
January 5	Delores Goodrich
January 9	Vicky Mills
January 9	Toni Warnell
January 10	Deborah Smeltzer
January 16	Terri Burton
January 19	Joann Arnold
January 23	Bob Van den Berghe
January 24	Lea Van den Berghe



Blast from the Past - A reprint of an article written by former member Bob Craig from the May 1992 issue of *The Plain Dealer*.**MY MODEL A'S**

by Bob Craig

I got my first Model A ... a 1930 Coupe ... in 1941 while still in college. About a year later I went to work for the U.S. Weather Bureau in Ft. Worth, Texas. That next year the Model A served me well ... many weekend trips home to Denton (35 miles, northeast) as well as to work and also to school at TCU for part of that summer.

That Model A came to grief in March 1943 when I tied at an intersection in Dallas with a fire chief who was probably late going home to dinner. At any rate he wasn't exhibiting emergency signals, just driving fast. I sure wanted to collect damages, but we don't "fight city hall" and win. Incidentally, when I went to Ft. Worth to work, my dad made me buy liability insurance ... \$17 per year! The insurance company told me to settle, for each party to fix his own car, after I got a letter from the city claiming that they couldn't be sued. I sold the car for \$35.

I have been interested in old cars at least since World War II, and maybe before, especially Model T Fords. In 1971 I finally realized that I had better get started if I was ever going to "get into old cars". My first venture was a nice original 1935 Chevrolet Master Deluxe Sport Sedan that I paid \$675 for. We drove that car many miles with the Horseless Carriage and Vintage Chevrolet clubs, the longest trips being to Colorado Springs and to Lake Itasca, Minnesota. The trip up Pikes Peak in this Chevy was much more difficult than in the Model A, 15 years later. It boiled all the way and almost gave up on the last switchback!

In the fall of 1983 when Jim Shanks was closing his museum at Union Station, I decided the Chevy's wood body was getting pretty creaky and it might be time for a change. I took it down to put in Jim's auction a couple of weeks early, with what I thought was a hefty reserve. Jim asked if I wanted to wait for the auction or should he sell it if he could. The next day he called and told me it was sold and to bring the title down! He still made me pay a whole month's rent for one day of storage!

While making idle chitchat, I mentioned to Shanks that I wouldn't mind having a '30 or '31 Model A Roadster, but I had watched them price themselves out of my range. Being the consummate salesperson that he is, he had me tour the museum with him and sure enough there was a black (I thought) drab-looking roadster that needed some detailing.

After a couple of days of soul-searching, dickering, and pleading with Vivian, I drove the roadster home. In sunlight we discovered that it was very dark brown instead of black and after having it striped and the wheels painted it didn't look as stodgy as I first thought.

That year (1983) the Metro Antique Auto Club and the Early V-8 Club had their Christmas parties together since both clubs needed help to fill a hall. Late arrivals at the party who sat across the table from us introduced themselves ... Bob and Joyce Swigert! He wasted no time getting me over to see his cars the next day and signing me up in the fledgling Plain Ol' A's and MAFCA.

Vivian and I made many trips in the Model A Roadster, seemingly usually in the rain: Lake Geneva with the Swigert's in 1985, Colorado Springs with a group of enthusiasts in 1991, and two one-week tours of Colorado and New Mexico after towing the Model A out there.

I never knew that there were as many things that could go wrong with a car as did during my eight years with that Model A, but apparently they all got fixed, or at least enough of them, and usually by me. There was only once that we didn't get home under our own power. A front wheel bearing froze and we had to be towed from Cameron, MO., my own fault, of course.

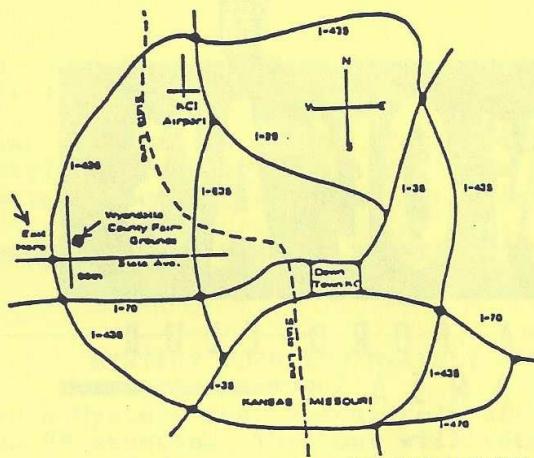
For several years we have been looking for a Model A Victoria (affordable) and finally we found one last December. Much as I hated to, I let the roadster be bought so now, hopefully, we are embarking on some less wind and rain blown touring. It will really take some doing to make it more enjoyable than our eight years and seventeen thousand miles in the roadster.

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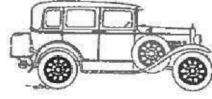
Commercial Business ads are: business card size - \$25.00 per year; quarter page size - \$35.00 per year; and half page size - \$50.00 per year. Fees for commercial ads includes a free subscription to the Club's monthly newsletter, *The Plain Dealer*.



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MAFFI Minute

December 2025



Happy Holiday Season, Model A'ers! Hope everyone is staying warm and that your cars are either tucked away for the winter or still enjoying the cooler air. I know I've been enjoying taking my A out in the snow.

Earlier this month, John Marshall, our Executive Director, sent out the Holiday Donation Letter, which is a great opportunity to stay involved by giving back to the museum. Don't forget that we also have a store where you can purchase MAFFI merchandise, located under the "Store" tab at maffi.org.

One of the coolest things about the museum is that it's constantly in motion. Dan Cargo and Jerry Denney are always tinkering or moving cars around, with the help of the amazing volunteers from the Grape Country A's. If you visit the "Cameras" tab on maffi.org, you can see all the holiday decorations and even catch a glimpse of some of our newest additions.

The trustees also met in November to start shaping some exciting ideas for the museum. While it's a bit early to share details just yet, there are some great things in the works, and we're looking forward to unveiling more as plans come together in the months ahead.

Keep on motoring, and have a Happy New Year!

John Grossheim

Trustee and Secretary, MAFFI

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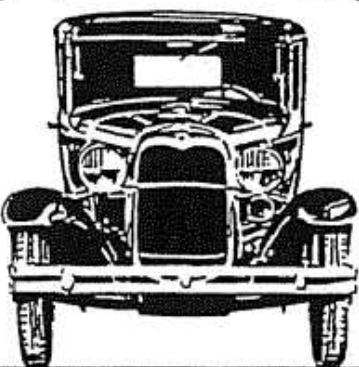
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