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**March Refreshments Beverage**  
 Ray Harshfield  
**Treats**  
 Doris Jean Ludlow  
 Debbie Rice  
 JoAnn Bruce

## CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

### April 2023



24..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W 13th..... 7:00PM

### May 2023



4..... Coffee and Donuts...5702 N. Legion.....8AM—10AM  
 4-7..... Big Kansas Road Trip.....James  
 12..... Newsletter Deadline...sheorr@sbcglobal.net.....Sheila Orr  
 21..... Club Picnic.....McLaughlin  
 22..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th..... 7:00PM

### June 2023



9..... Newsletter Deadline...sheorr@sbcglobal.net.....Sheila Orr  
 11..... All Wheels Day/Lake Afton.....  
 11-16..... High Country Tour in Breckenridge, CO.....Kibbe  
 26..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th..... 7:00 PM  
 29..... The Great Race at Old Town.....Wichita

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The Wichita A's meet on the 4th Monday of the month except December. We do not hold a meeting during the month of December. Other meeting changes will be published in the newsletter prior to the scheduled meeting. The meetings are held at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th, Wichita, KS. Meeting time is 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

## Wichita A's Model A Club Meeting—March 27, 2023

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER** – **James Sharp** called the meeting to order and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NEW GUESTS** – **Jim Nungesser** introduced **Butch Wilkerson**, a potential club member.

**MINUTES (February 27, 2023 )** – **Greg Rau** motioned to approve the minutes. **Alan Orr** seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT**– **Claudia Ellerman** gave the treasurer's report.

**COMMUNICATIONS**– **Mike James** (covering for **Kathy James**, Secretary) read thank you notes received from the **Alan and Sheila Orr** family and from the Trinity Presbyterian Church for the donations the club made in **Wayne Orr's** memory.

**MARC and MAFCCA**-no report.

**WACC REPORT** – **Stuart McNeal** is the new WACC representative. **Stuart** reported the WACC activities and put flyers made available at the WACC meeting on the head table for club members to review. The flyers included information on the upcoming Kansas White Way Car Run, the VCHS Auto Club Car Show, the Larry Lee Memorial Car Show and the Tulare Pre-War Swap meet & Automotive Jamboree.

**SUNSHINE REPORT** – **Bonita Graham** reported: **Ray Harshfield's** son passed away, **Frank Chenoweth** had a heart stent procedure, (but is doing well) and the **McLaughlins** recently had surgery

**JAMES SHARP KIDNEY TRANSPLANT** - **James Sharp** reported that he had one kidney removed and will have his transplant soon. He will miss the next meeting due to recovering from the anticipated transplant.

**PRESENTATION** – **James Sharp** presented **Susan Stone** with a Wichita A Model A Club jacket as a thank you for all her years of service (30 years) coordinating Membership for the club.

**PAST TOURS** – GARAGE TOUR- **Mike James** reported that 5 model A's and 9 people attended the Garage Tour in Salina followed by lunch at Martinelli's. GO FLY A KITE – **Frank Chenoweth** reported a number of members attended this activity. There were 10 kites in the air and 3 in the trees at Cessna Park. It was a fun day. Perfect for kite flying and enjoyed by all.

**UPCOMING TOURS** – PILGRIMAGE TO CARLTON – **Mike James** reported for **Don Grabendike** that sign ups for the Carlton Tour on April 1<sup>st</sup> are being taken. See Don Grabendike at the sign up table if you want to attend. Lunch will be served. BIG KANSAS ROAD TRIP (BKRT) – **Mike James** reported that the BKRT is being planned for May 4<sup>th</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup>. The counties being toured this year include Jewell, Republic and Smith Counties. More information will be forthcoming. Sign ups for the tour will be taken at the April meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS** – **James Sharp** reported that **Claudia Ellerman** received correspondence from the Southwest Model A club with a request for assistance with the 2024 shared MAFCA National convention. Claudia has a job list for club members to review if interested in helping with the meet.

**PROGRAM**– **James** announced that tonight's program will be presented by **Tom Ruggles**, who will share his knowledge on "Model A Headlights."

**ADJOURNMENT** – **James Sharp** adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by **Mike James** in **Kathy James** absence

The program for the March meeting was presented by member, **Tom Ruggles**. He showed the differences between different types of headlights and their performance. Thank you Tom



## President's Report –April 2023

### Presidents message for April 2023

Spring is finally here and the cooler weather is behind us. Now, if we can just get some moisture. The drought in Kansas seems to be continuing.

I understand that the club had a good time on the trip to Carlton. Linda Kibbe shared with the club an article that was in the Abilene newspaper. It is always fun to see articles written and published about our club.

**Mike and Kathy James** are hosting the Big Kansas Road trip May 4-7. Details will be provided along with a sign up sheet at the April Meeting. Also in May the **McLaughlins** of Cheney will be hosing the club picnic on May 21.

I wish to thank everyone for the cards and concerns shown during my recent surgery to remove my left kidney. The kidney transplant surgery is scheduled for April 17 in Kansas City. **Frank Chenoweth**, vice-president will be conducting the April meeting since I will be unable to attend.

Your President,  
**Jim Sharp**

## Editor

The sun is shining! Signs of spring are everywhere! Love it, time to plan your tours with your Model A's.

**Susan Stone**, our membership chairman forever, was presented with a beautiful jacket from our club. We really appreciate all you did for the group!

**Jim Sharp** will be having transplant surgery soon-we wish him a speedy recovery! **Frank Chenowith** will hold down the fort while you are healing.

**Brenda** will have the refreshment sheet to pass around at the April meeting, So be sure and sign up.

Sunshine and Summer are coming!

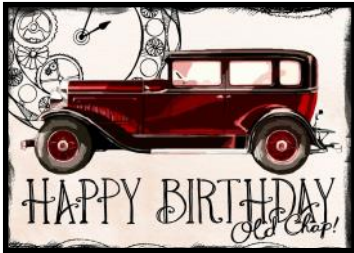
**Sheila Orr**  
Editor



**James Sharp** presented **Susan Stone** with a Wichita A's jacket for 30+ years as our Membership Chairman! Thank you Susan.



# Announcements



## Thank You

Many thanks to all the Wichita A's and the folks ( Rita & Brenda, &?) who were in on presenting me with the neat jacket! I have really enjoyed getting to meet so many new members and watching the membership grow from 118 in 1989 to 250 through the years. You have all been super to work with to get your dues paid! Also, thanks to **Linda Kibbe** for taking over and letting me retire!  
**Susan Stone**

We received so many cards expressing thoughts and prayers for us in the loss of our son Tyler. Thank you so much for thinking of our family. Tyler always enjoyed shopping at our swap meet and wanting to know what was going on with the club. Again, Thank you

**Ray and Trudee Harshfield**

- May Birthdays**
- 2 Julie Frazer
  - 3 Jane McLaughlin
  - 3 Ron Eyres
  - 8 Stuart McNeal
  - 9 Mary Hilger
  - 12 Eric Weninger
  - 14 Greg Rau
  - 15 Scott Guinty
  - 18 Don Waller
  - 22 Judy Hill
  - 25 Gary Moore
  - 26 Ron Little
  - 28 Steve White
  - 30 Judy Smith

## New Members

**Butch Wilkinson & Ruby Scharping**

## Refreshment Sign-Up

I will have the Refreshment sign up at the April meeting. Please check your calendar since there are several openings to provide treats or beverage from June thru November. Thank you to everyone that signed up during the first half of 2023. If you have questions please contact me at ---Thank you

**Brenda Broadhead**

**MAFFI BRICK COLLECTION**  
Mistake on balance last month, so \$38 collected in March. Total is now \$69.00  
**Denny Ellerman**



## Refreshments



**Newsletter Deadline**  
  
Friday, May 5, 2023  
**Sheila Orr**  
sheorr@sbcglobal.net or  
316-207-8878

March	April	May
<b>Beverage</b> Ray Harshfield  <b>Treats</b> Doris Jean Ludlow Debbie Rice JoAnn Bruce	<b>Beverage</b> Jane McLaughlin  <b>Treats</b> Bonita Graham Richard Sanchez Brenda Broadhead	<b>Beverage</b>  <b>Treats</b>  <b>Need to sign up!</b>

# FUTURE TOURS AND EVENTS

## Big Kansas Road Trip



### Wichita A's notice from Mike & Kathy James

The Big Kansas Road Trip (BKRT) begins on Thursday, May 4, and runs through Sunday, May 7, 2023. This year's BKRT covers the three counties of Republic, Jewell and Smith. Kathy and I did a driving tour of these three counties last week and discovered that a large wind turbine generator farm is in the process of being built and out-of-state workers have reserved the limited amount of lodging spaces. We were successful in securing several rooms but the proprietors are requesting we confirm the reserved accommodations. Accordingly, we would like to provide the necessary room confirmation responses by Thursday, April 13, 2023.

If you are planning on joining us for the 2023 BKRT please advise by text, phone or email. Again, no later than Thursday, April 13, 2023.

**Kathy James – Mike James**  
Email:

## Coffee & Donuts

Men's Coffee and Donuts at **Tom Ruggles** place will be held Thursday, May 4, 8-10 AM. Last chance swap meet. Bring parts you will want to give away or scrap. Address is **Tom Ruggles**



### MAGIC BROWNIE BARS

*One of my all-time favorite treats as a kid was magic cookie bars (also called Hello Dolly bars). This recipe combines all the same classic flavors in a brownie!*

—Mandy Rivers, Lexington, SC

PREP: 15 min. • BAKE: 35 min. + cooling • MAKES: 3 dozen

- 1 pkg. (17½ oz.) brownie mix
- 1 pkg. (11 oz.) butterscotch chips
- 2 cups sweetened shredded coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans, optional
- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 13x9-in. baking pan with foil, letting the ends extend up the sides of the pan; grease foil.
  2. Prepare brownie mix batter according to package directions. Transfer to prepared pan. Top with butterscotch chips, coconut and, if desired, pecans. Drizzle with milk. Bake until topping is light golden, 35-40 minutes.
  3. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Lifting with foil, remove brownies from pan. Cut into bars. Store in an airtight container.
- 1 BAR: 200 cal., 10g fat (5g sat. fat), 14mg chol., 91mg sod., 25g carb. (21g sugars, 1g fiber), 3g pro.

## Future Events

### Club Picnic



Recipe from **Judi Sharp**-also on Page5

### Chocolate Chunk, Caramel and Coconut Bars

#### Ingredients

- 1 package (16.5 oz.) refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough
- 1½ cups sweetened shredded coconut
- ¾ cup caramel topping
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chunks

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 13"x9" baking pan with foil; coat with cooking spray. Press cookie dough into bottom of pan.
2. Bake 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Sprinkle coconut over the crust; drizzle with caramel topping. Bake an additional 15-18 minutes or until caramel is bubbly and coconut is toasted. Sprinkle with chocolate chunks; cool completely on wire rack.

#### Nutrition Information

Per serving: Calories 100, Calories from Fat 45, Total Fat 5g (8% DV), Saturated Fat 3g (15% DV), Trans Fat 0.5g, Cholesterol < 5mg (1% DV), Sodium 60mg (2% DV), Carbohydrates 14g (5% DV), Dietary Fiber < 1g (3% DV), Sugars 7g, Protein < 1g, Vitamin A 0%, Vitamin C 0%, Calcium 0%, Iron 6%.

The Club Picnic will be held at **Jane and Steve McLaughlin's!**

**When:** Sunday, May 21, 2023

**Where)**

**Time:** 5:30- Eat at 6PM

Please bring a side dish or desert

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There will be **car games** prior to picnic. If you want to participate be there by **5PM**

## Past Event

### Coffee and Donuts



Coffee and Donuts where held at **Tom Ruggles** home on April 6th. They had a test run/drive on the Model A chassis! Thank you Tom

## Past Tours and Events

### “A” RETURN TO CARLTON

#### CARLTON KANSAS

APRIL 1, 2023

It was a beautiful day for a tour. We had ten Model A's and one V-8. The drive was rather uneventful with only three minor problems. Right off the bat one car decided that it didn't want to run quite properly so the owners returned home to exchange it for a modern car. Next, we made a brief stop to change a side mount for tire on the ground. It only had a flat spot on one side. While stopped it was discovered that about half of our group was missing so a cell call was made and all was well, the second group was moving towards Carlton. When we arrived in Hillsboro there they were. They had missed the first turn thus creating a short cut. After we topped off our tanks we once again headed towards Carlton.

Upon arrival at the Carlton City Building, we were greeted by four or five old cars, an old homemade tractor and over 30 of the local citizens. Following the usual hand shaking and tire kicking we were ushered into the building to partake of a wonderful lunch. You name it! It was there. We even had fresh homemade ice cream.

After lunch we gave Model A rides and then went down the road to the sign lot where we erected a new City sign. About two years ago someone stole the big sign that proclaimed, “In 1986 nothing happened here” and it was decided by several members that it needed a replacement to go with the nine yards signs that The Wichita A's have placed to commemorate our visits.

To show the appreciation by the town folks each couple received a framed photo of a previous tour and a coffee cup for each person that said, “IN 2023 SOMETHING HAPPENED HERE”.

If you missed this tour don't worry “we shall return”.

**Don Grabendike**

Tour Leader

**Thank you Carlton  
for your hospitality!!**



The whole town showed up for a prepared meal for everyone. Yummy food and hospitality!



The town of Carlton gave each Wichita A member a coffee mug and a picture of a previous visit with our Model A's.



Some of our members gave the townspeople rides in their Model A's and some were brave enough to let them drive their A's!!





Barb and Bob Phye

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Placing the new signs!



Model A's that visited Carlton, KS



All of the Model A members who attended are shown with all the signs they have placed in Carlton over the years.



# OH! GO FLY "A" KITE

## OH! GO FLY "A" KITE

SUNDAY MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>



In all the years that I have been flying kites I don't think there has been better wind for launching the flimsy little cloud dodgers. The weather was a bit chilly but once the kites were air born the discomfort was soon forgotten and everyone had a great time. **Doris Jean Ludlow** was nice enough to bring four of her grandchildren and that added to the entertainment. One boy got so good at keeping his kite aloft that he just laid on the ground and watched his kite dance about. When the event was over the final count was nine in the air and three in the tree

**Don Grabendike**

**Terri and Don Grabendike**

**Armstrong Drees** flying a kite while lying down.



**Bob and Barb Phye**

**Grabendike with Stan & Pam Ludlow** with their grandkids, **Abraham** (blue coat) and **Armstrong Drees**. This is **Doris Jean Ludlow's** son and great grandchildren!



**Frank Chenowith and Jim Nungesser**



**Richard Kibbe**

## MAFFI Newsletter Minute-April 2023

For starters, a little history of the Model A Foundation, Inc. In 1984, trustees of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) began to discuss formation of a foundation with tax-exempt, charitable status. By 1987, a separate organization, MAFFI was officially recognized, with the goal of building a museum dedicated to the preservation of the Model A Ford car and related items of the era. The foundation grew and developed plans to build, and finally settled on the Gilmore location. The current building was completed in the fall of 2012, and the Grand opening was held in May, 2013.

Membership has steadily grown, and MAFFI has not had an increase in dues since well before the Museum existed. However, the cost of operating the Museum has continued to rise. The MAFFI Board of Trustees, in careful consideration of all the facts, has voted to implement the following dues structure, **effective May 1, 2023**. Note that each membership includes the named member and spouse/domestic partner.

**Annual Dues - \$35    3 year membership - \$100    Lifetime Membership - \$500**

Please note that MAFFI is the only partner museum at the Gilmore that offers a Lifetime membership, and... we maintain the lowest annual dues on the campus. Consider the many benefits that MAFFI membership brings, in particular... Paid members enjoy free admission to the Gilmore Car Museum all year. This alone is worth the cost of dues. You can find all the benefits of membership on the MAFFI website, [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), where you can also join or renew and pay your dues using PayPal or your credit card. MAFFI membership is a great way to support this fascinating hobby!

Please watch here, on the website, and at the MAFFI Facebook page for information on the Model A Days, to be held September 15 & 16. It promises to be a great experience for the whole family again this year! Here's hoping that you will have a great year of enjoying the Model A hobby!

Joe Fox,  
President - MAFFI

You can go to this website [MODEL A FORD CLUB OF COLORADO-Home \(mafcc.org\)](http://MODEL A FORD CLUB OF COLORADO-Home (mafcc.org)) to view the registration information on the 2023 High Country Tour at Breckenridge, CO, this June. The registration is now open.

## National Model A Clubs



The Wichita A's Model A Ford Club encourages members to join both National MARC and MAFCA Clubs.



### MAFCA

250 S. Cypress St.  
La Habra, CA 90631-5515  
[www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)  
U.S. Membership Cost: \$50

For membership information you can check MAFCA and MARC web sites.

### MARC

6721 Merriman  
Garden City, MI 48315  
<http://modelarestorers.org>  
U.S. Membership Cost: \$45

# TECH ARTICLE

## Walt's Old Time Tech Tip

Original article was found at abarnyard.com, and was written by Marco Tahtaras

### Technical Tip - Model A Overheating

Model A overheating seems to be an increasing problem in recent years. Although the intent of this page is to emphasize something that has nearly faded into obscurity, more common issues will be touched on briefly.

Let me start with the common issues in order of frequency and significance

1. Radiator - There are multiple problems encountered in this area. Seventy years of corrosion buildup in the engine block will rarely be cleaned adequately during an engine rebuild. Particles continually dislodge within the water jackets and work their way to the top of the radiator and block tubes. Back flushing the system will remove most of the recent deposits.

Loose radiator cooling fins dramatically reduce the effectiveness of the radiator. The fins were originally attached to the tubes with solder. Anywhere the fins are loose on the tubes, the heat cannot dissipate from the tube to the cooling fins.

Don't be fooled by flow testing! Flow testing your radiator as suggested in several publications will only confirm EXTREME problems. You can block more than 1/3 of the cooling tubes on an original radiator and pass the flow test. The reason for this is the lower water outlet of the radiator is the restrictor. It is designed to limit the speed the water travels through the tubes. More time in the tubes equals cooler water.

2. Ignition timing - There are generally two problems in this area. First, modern timing gears lack the deep impression required to easily locate top dead center (TDC) of piston #1 with the timing pin. This can easily be corrected with a 1/4" drill or countersink bit prior to installation. I've heard a few creative methods for doing it later and containing the timing gear chips created during the process, but can only recommend removal of the front timing cover to be sure the correct location is drilled and the chips contained.

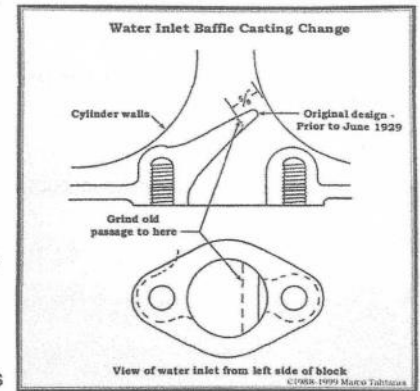
Second, as simple as it is to properly set the timing on the 'A', I find that very few people set it correctly. Most of those with years of experience are fortunate to get within a few degrees, but this is usually adequate to avoid overheating.

3. Fuel mixture - Running with the fuel adjustment too lean will also contribute to overheating.

Year/Model	Tubes	Fins
1928-29 models	94 round tubes in four rows*	Six fins per inch (all)
early 1930 "AA" truck	132 oval tubes in four rows	
1930-31 models	102 oval tubes in three rows	
late 1930-31 "AA" truck	136 oval tubes in four rows	
*Most common of three types		

NOTE: Retarded timing and lean mixture will only CONTRIBUTE to overheating. When these conditions are present the car will provide sluggish performance.

4. O.K., now for the obscure! As shown in the drawing at the top of the page, there is a baffle cast into the block to direct much of the water to the rear of the engine before being drawn forward by the water pump. It originally had a small passage to allow a small portion of the cooled water to flow directly towards the front to cool cylinders 1 & 2. In early-mid 1929 the size of this passage was nearly doubled in size to 5/8" wide to improve overall cooling. Following this change, service letters were sent by the various branches to their dealers. This included instructions to grind the baffle to the new dimension when complaints of overheating were received and all the usual checks were made. I've done this with a small pneumatic grinder and rotary file. It provided some gain in overall cooling.



Water inlet baffle changed mid-1929

Contributed by Tech Editor, Jim Broadhead

## ERA Fashion

### 1928 Wedding Wear

- A. This gown of panne velvet has a charming skirt, cut very short in the front and with a very long train that falls in two points. A band of tiny drops of crystal hold the flowing veil of tulle, the shoes are white satin.



- B. This beautiful dress is made of white panne velvet. The irregular skirt is full, mounted on a bodice by a wide girdle of pleats, a note that is repeated on the sleeves.

## LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

### 2023 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

April 28-30, 2023	Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway <a href="http://www.pateswapmeet.com">www.pateswapmeet.com</a>	Fort Worth, TX
May 11-13, 2023	Chickasha Spring Swap Meet <a href="http://www.chickashaautoswapmeet.com">www.chickashaautoswapmeet.com</a>	Chickasha, OK
June 14-17, 2023	Petit Jean Swap Meet	Petit Jean, AR
October 1, 2023	All Ford's Day SHOW-N-SHINE	Wichita KS
October 3-6, 2023	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet	Hershey, PA



### 2023 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

June 11-16, 2023.....	Midwest Regional Meet.....	.....Breckenridge, CO
July 16-21, 2023.....	MAFCA National Tour.....	.....Indiana & Michigan
July 30-August 4, 2023....	MARC National Meet.....	.....Hamilton, Ohio
September 15-16, 2023.....	12th Annual Model A Days at MAFFI Museum..	.....Hickory Corners, MI
Nov 30-Dec 2, 2023.....	MAFCA National Awards Banquet.....	.....Santa Maria, CA
June 23-20, 2024.....	MAFCA National Convention hosted by Santa Maria A's.....	.....Ruidoso, New Mexico



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**Tour Chairman**, Don Grabendike

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