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## CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

### July 2023



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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—May22, 2023

The June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting of the Wichita Model A club was called to order by President **James Sharp** with the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked the club for their concern and encouragement during his current health procedures. **Bruce and Eleanor Herrington** were recognized as new members. **Jim Broadhead** moved and it was seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. Treasurer **Claudia Ellerman** gave an updated financial report. **Stuart McNeal** presented an updated report on the Wichita Car Council. Sunshine Lady, **Bonita Graham** gave an updated report on the membership and mentioned that she and **Roger** had just celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Jim Clark** reported that about a dozen cars attended the Lake Afton Car show and **Claudia Ellerman** reported on the past Breckenridge trip. **Don Grabendike** invited club members to come and watch the Great Race on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. **Jim Broadhead** reported that **Francis Grady** was selling all his Model A parts and his 31 Roadster. Anyone wishing to check out the sale, needs to call Grady for more information. **Gary Hileman** updated the membership on the Derby 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and luncheon. Thanks go to **Jack Hezlep** for helping provide the location and luncheon. Automobilia Car Show is scheduled for July 8th **President James Sharp** reminded the club that election for officers is coming up at the September meeting and if anyone would like to serve as an officer of the club next year, they need to give **James Sharp** a call. A catered meal will be served that evening. The evening's program was presented by **Richard Speck** on Brick Roads. Due to computer problems, however, the program will be rescheduled at a later date.

Meeting adjourned.

**Dawna Ruggles**, Substitute Secretary

## President's Report

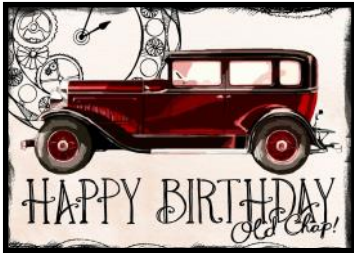
July is here and it has been typical July weather. Our club has been active since the last meeting. The "Great Race" was at the end of June and we wish to thank **Don Grabendike** for arranging for us to gather and view the event. We also wish to thank the **Gary & Donna Hileman** for coordinating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Derby. We are looking forward to hearing about these events at our July meeting .

September is our annual meeting. We will have a meal in conjunction with the meeting. Election of officers will be at the September meeting. If you would be interested in being an officer, please let one of the current board members know. A nominating committee has been appointed to present a slate of officers. If you are approached and ask to serve as an officer, please give it your consideration.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the July meeting, Monday July 24, at Minisa Park.

Your President  
**James Sharp**

# Announcements



## Roster Correction

Corrected phone numbers for **Bruce Herrington** and **Eleanor Youmans**

**Bruce \*\*\***  
**Eleanor \*\*\***

## Anniversary



Congratulations to **Gary and Donna Hileman** on their 60th wedding Anniversary. They celebrated on July 15, 2023!

- ### August Birthdays
- 1 Kim Perry
  - 2 Dennis Ellerman
  - 9 Vicki Hildibrand
  - 10 Jerry Wilson
  - 11 Sue Cushenbery
  - 13 Connie Naab
  - 14 Mike Perry
  - 18 Donna Hileman
  - 23 Roger Grube
  - 26 Sharon Short
  - 26 John D Stone
  - 28 Ron Naab
  - 29 Donna Waller
  - 30 Bob Giesen

### MAFFI BRICK COLLECTION

There was \$21.10 collected in the Headlight from the June meeting. Total is now \$125.25

**Denny Ellerman**



## Wichita A's Web Site

Do you want to view the pictures from past tours or read past newsletters? You can view it at the Wichita A's web site. Just go to: [Wichita A's Model A Ford Club \(wichitaas.com\)](http://Wichita A's Model A Ford Club (wichitaas.com)) . Also make sure you checkout the Links to see other Model A Clubs web sites.

Are you interested in joining MAFCA, MARC, MAFFI or Wichita A's, you will find their forms under Membership Forms.



## Refreshments



### Newsletter Deadline

Friday, August 11, 2023  
**Sheila Orr**  
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July	August	September
<b>Beverage</b> Sheila Orr	<b>Beverage</b> Carolyn Nungesser	<b>Appreciation</b>  <b>Dinner</b>
<b>Treats</b> Barb Phye Dawna Ruggles Kathy James	<b>Treats</b> Frank Chenoweth Sheila Orr Susan Stone	

## High Country Tour



**"A" Place To Be In '23**

**Save the Dates - June 11-16, 2023**

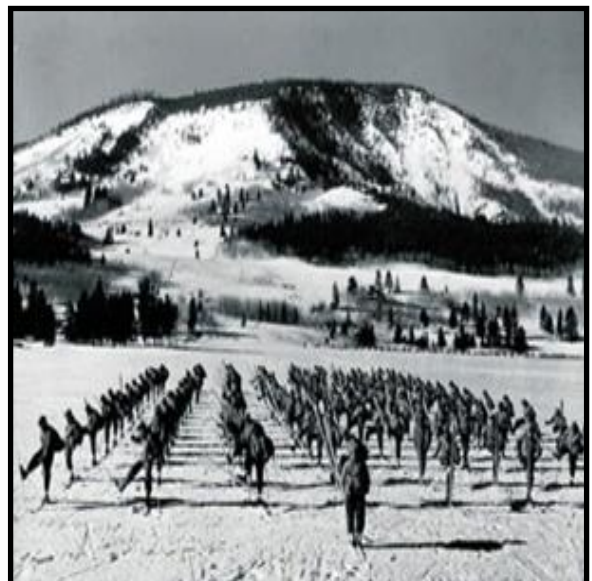
**Hosted by the Model A Ford Club of Colorado**

**Registration and Hotel Information coming in January**

The Model A Ford Club of Colorado hosted the 2023 Regional Meet in Breckenridge, Colorado. With an elevation of 9,600 feet above sea level, the meet lived up to its name "High Country".

The Wichita A's had 14 attendees with five Model A's representing our club. Entire attendance was estimated at 122 cars with close to 300 people. In total, 17 states (AZ, CA, CO, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, MA, MO, MT, NE, OK, TN, TX, UT, WY) and one couple from New Zealand were represented. Accommodations, meeting rooms, parking lot games were held at the Beaver Run Resort. BIG FACILITY, but very nice.

The meet kicked off the week of activities with a short evening presentation on Sunday, June 11 by Flint Whitlock titled "Skiing Off to War with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division." Mr. Whitlock is a Denver based author who has written 17 books and also a guest lecturer on Viking cruises and tour guide for European battlefields. Not having any knowledge of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division I walked away from the presentation in awe of the soldiers who volunteered to be a part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. Training at high altitude for war in the mountains, learning to snow ski, carrying 100lb. back-packs, sleeping, eating and living in the cold at high altitude – wow! Camp Hale was built specifically for the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division and we had an opportunity to see the camp remains as we scaled the mountain in our Model A's on a trip later in the week to Leadville.



10 mountain division soldiers training at Camp Hale for WWII

With the end of WWII, several of the 10th Mountain Division soldiers returned home and started many ski areas that are in use today.

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Monday, June 12 provided our first mountain road test challenge. Leaving Breckenridge, we drove ten miles to the summit of Hoosier Pass. The pass is 11,542 feet high! With tight switchbacks and substantial grades, our Model A's were duly tested. Beautiful view but cold and cloudy. Reaching the top we descended the mountain to Fairplay. At an elevation of 9,953 feet, the town is the fifth highest incorporated place in the State of Colorado.



Wichita A's share dinner together at the 1st evening welcome dinner



**Kathy James** tries her hand at rolling a ping pong ball down a tape measure into a hole and earn millions of play money.

On Monday evening, June 12, our host provided a welcome party with buffet dinner and carnival games that allowed players to earn millions of play dollars and spend the millions later in the evening on auctioned prizes.



Tuesday, June 13 provided a Summit County Scavenger Hunt. Participants in the scavenger hunt drove a total of 55 miles on a journey of discovery. Stops included the Breckenridge Troll, Barney Ford Museum, Valley Brook Cemetery, Frisco, Dillon, Arapahoe Ski Basin and Loveland Pass Summit. Along the way, participants collected a card at each stop that told about the attraction. On the back of each card was printed a portion of the High Country tour emblem so that once the tour was completed the participant had a finished emblem. Very creative!

Tuesday evening entertainment consisted of “Celebrating 50 Years of the Hubley Derby.” Unbeknownst to me was the fact that the Hubley Derby originated at the 1973 Colorado High Country Tour held in Vail, Colorado. Originally created as an event for kids 7 to 15, the Hubley was so popular that two years later the race was opened to adults. (Hmm – we are all just big kids)!



Hubley Derby Track ready for racing



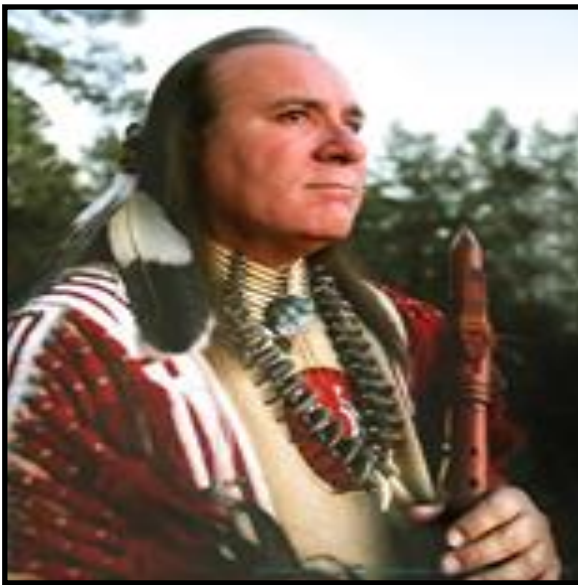
As originally designed, kids were the 1st to participate in the 1973 Hubley Derby. Above is a pic of 2023 kid participants.

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Our own **Dennis Ellerman** provided insight on speedometer restoration. **Stuart McNeal** acted as **Dennis'** assistant during the disassembly process.

Wednesday, June 14 provided two technical seminars; Speedometer Restoration with our own **Dennis Ellerman** presenting and Looking for Trouble with **Steve Becker** and **Jim Huff** presenting. For the ladies, Era Fabric Fashion Fun with **Sherry Winkinhofer** and Take Home a Gnome provided a day of learning and craft. Our evening program was titled "Reflections at Sunset" and featured **Eric Many Winds Herrera** whose heritage includes Blackfeet Indian. **Mr. Herrera** wove Indian heritage story into playing a variety of wooden flutes. He provided an approximate 45 minute performance and ended the program with his own rendition of Amazing Grace. Very moving and well done !



**Eric Many Winds Herrera** with his wooden flute.



**Sherry Winkinhofer** provided an informative seminar on Era Fabric Fun.

Thursday, June 15 brought on the Big Drive – Breckenridge to Leadville Loop. The round trip distance was 116 miles with our Model A's climbing three mountain passes above 10,000 feet; Vail, Tennessee and Fremont. We had a beautiful scenic drive through the mountains as we drove through Frisco, the gold & silver mining town of Minturn, Red Cliff Bridge, and crossed the Continental Divide. Arriving in Leadville (elevation 10,152 ft) we enjoyed lunch in the highest incorporated city in the United States .

The evening entertainment was provided by many club members from the Colorado Model A Club who presented “The Do’s and Don’ts of Era Etiquette”. The spoof on manners during the Model A era was based on a 1930 edition of “Standard Etiquette for All Occasions.”

Friday, June 16 was the final day for the High Country Tour. The Colorado Club set up four driving games; Goin Fishin, Save the Cow Bell, Gold Nugget Toss and “A” Drink Sir, provided several opportunities for Model A drivers and passenger to prove their Model A driving skills and have some competitive fun. Friday evening provided music by **Jim Calm** (a retired music teacher) performing music from the past on an electric keyboard and standup comedian, **Nancy Norton** (a retired nurse), winner of 2021 Best of the Fest Show with Jay Leno, 2019 Champion of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Seattle International Comedy Competition and host of other comedy accolades. Nancy was very entertaining and provided a great ending for the Colorado High Country Tour.

Reviewing our week in Breckenridge, we conquered five mountain passes (Vail, Loveland, Hoosier, Tennessee and Fremont). We visited several mountain towns including Vail, Keystone, Frisco, Dillon, Minturn and Fairplay. We learned about the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division which trained at Camp Hale near Minturn, learned about the Hubley Derby history, participated in two technical seminars for the men and the Colorado Club provided two equally interesting seminars for the ladies.

Wow! A lot of activity and learning opportunity in a short period of time. My drive home provided me with time to reflect on the week and I am convinced that had I had a Model A Ford when I was about 12 or 13 I would have had a greater appreciation for weather science, history, geography – ugh, pretty much everything being taught in school. Who knows, I might have been my class valedictorian! I am convinced more than ever, the Model A brings out the best!

Happy motoring – ahooga!





Additional Pictures of High Country Tour-provided by Stuart McNeal



# GREAT RACE

14 or so people showed up for THE GREAT RACE

After dining at The Monarch we took a short walk to the east side of River Front stadium where we stood in the shade to watch the cars come in. It was a beautiful Kansas evening and everyone had a good time.

**Don Grabendike**



1918 American La France Speedster



1916 Hudson Hillclimber



1930 Ford Model A



Glenda Sill and Rita Hoffmans



Stuart McNeal enjoying the race!

# Fourth of July Parade

Derby Fourth of July Parade 2023 was fun and warm. There were about 20 cars in the parade. Thanks to Jack Hezlep for getting the Derby Library which had AC and indoor restrooms. It is always nice to see or Model A friends.

**Donna Hileman**



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Meal table being set up by **Donna** and **Gary Hileman**, our hosts



**Doris Jean Ludlow** and **Barb Phye** visiting

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**Stuart and Gina McNeal**



**Bob Phye with Don Waller**



**Doris Jean Ludlow and Donna Waller**



**Randy and Julie Frazier**



**Eric Weninger with Jack Hezlep**



**Tom and Dawna Ruggles**

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**Gary Hileman, Eric Weninger and Jack Hezlep**



**Richard Kibbe and Dennis Ellerman**



**John and Marcia Kurtz**



**Ron & Orpha Eyres with their son Kevin & his daughter Bella from CA.**



**Gary and Donna Hileman with Frank Chenoweth**

# Coffee and Donuts

Tom Ruggles and Ron Eyres demonstrated Ron's procedure for cleaning a gas tank. He put detergent and nails inside the gas tank. He then strapped it to a tractor tire, which was jacked up off the floor. He then rotated the tank back and forth so the nails could scrape the inside of the tank. This also resulted in the opportunity to clean the garage floor. Richard Kibbe believes this is a good procedure to clean the tank so he is saving up to buy a tractor.



## Future Events

### Coffee and Donuts



Coffee and Donuts will be held at **Tom Ruggles** home , \*\*\*\*\*. \*\*\*\*\*. The **men's** only event will take place on Thursday, August 3 from 8 to 10 am. They always have a learning experience for your Model A's!

**Tom Ruggles**

### Motorcycle Cannonball Ride

The ride will be coming to Augusta on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Cannonball is only open to bikes built prior to 1933. All motorcycles must be original with no modern modifications except for those done for safety. These riders are tough. They will leave Virginia Beach, Virginia, and travel over 2000 miles to Oceanside ,California. Arrangements have been made with the Twisted Oz Motorcycle museum in Augusta for special parking for our old cars. I will have more information at the July meeting. You can visit their Webb site for the history of the ride. [www.motorcyclecannonball.com](http://www.motorcyclecannonball.com)

**Don Grabendike**

### Editors Notes

A full newsletter this time , so I will take a space where I can find it! Alan and I have had a busy summer so far, a family reunion at Table Rock for the Orr family. Quite the group!!! Now we are taking off to see Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. Along the way we plan a trip to the MAFFI Model A Museum before going North to Mackinaw Island and a few other places. We will be back in time for the July meeting, so hope to see you there.

Many activities have been going on and looks like we are planning many more tours and activities for members to participate in.

Whatever you decide to do this summer, have fun –see you soon.

**Sheila Orr-Editor**



## MAFFI Newsletter Minute

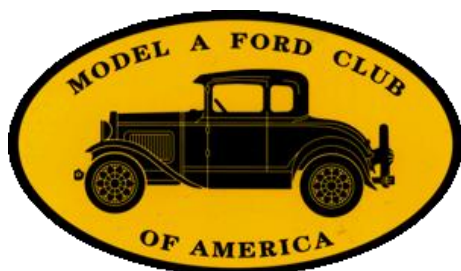
Not everything at the Hickory Corners Model A Museum is about preparing for Model A Days. During the second week of May, a crew consisting of MAFFI Trustees and volunteers worked hard for four days moving and parking Model A's around the Gilmore complex and the local area for multiple photos. During that time, Model A's were carefully removed from the museum building and the "C Barn" to be positioned around the Gilmore campus. Additionally, some of the cars were taken off-site and parked at other country setting locations that included a hops farm, an old church, and a lake. At the end of each day the cars were returned to their homes only to be taken out the following morning to repeat the process.

While the MAFFI Trustees and volunteers were doing this, a photographer, John Lacko, from **Hemmings Motor News**, was taking pictures. By all accounts there were probably more than 2500 pictures taken.

This flurry of activity was for the purpose of helping **Hemmings Motor News** create their Model A calendars for 2024 and 2025. These calendars will be on sale in October of this year and next year. They will be available through **Hemmings Motor News**. This calendar, dedicated to Model A's, is one of 8 different calendars that **Hemmings Motor News** sells each year.

Happy motoring,  
Mike DuBreuil  
MAFFI Board of Trustees

## 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

### CLUTCH PEDAL FREE-PLAY

Have you checked your clutch pedal free-play lately? This is the first movement of the pedal where there is only a little resistance. According to Ford this is supposed to be 3/4" to 7/8" and can readily be adjusted by screwing the clutch link in or out of the trunnion.

The important thing is that you have 3/4" free-play, for without any, it has the same effect on the clutch and engine as riding the clutch pedal with your foot.

You should not have your foot on the clutch pedal except when you are in the act of shifting gears.

What does riding the clutch pedal do to your clutch and engine you may ask?

Simply this: riding the clutch pedal keeps a constant pressure on the clutch assembly and on the engine crankshaft as well as unnecessarily spinning the throw-out bearing. This could result in premature wear on the clutch faces and throw-out bearing.

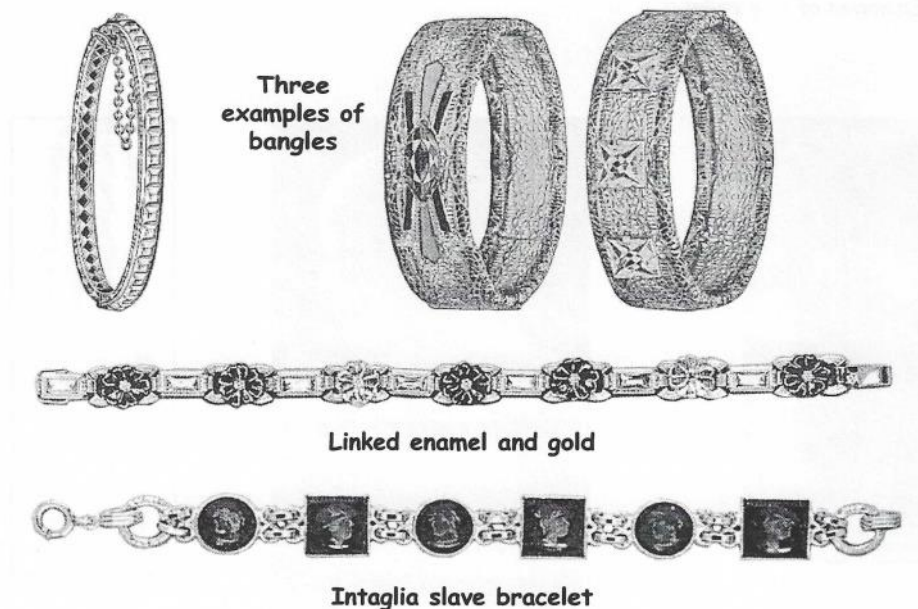
Even more serious, it may force the lubrication out of the rear main bearing babbitt thrust face causing the premature wear of the babbitt, resulting in end play of the crankshaft and damage to pistons, rings and other critical parts.

Contributed by Technical Editor, **Jim Broadhead**

## ERA Fashion

### Bracelets

Bracelets included bangle, link and flexible styles. They were fashioned to be worn as a daytime or evening accessory, and were made of precious, semi-precious or inexpensive materials. With the design of sleeveless dresses, women were often inspired to wear several at a time.



## LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

### 2023 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

October 1, 2023	All Ford's Day SHOW-N-SHINE	Wichita KS
October 3-6, 2023	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet	Hershey, PA
March 15-16, 2024	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet 2024	Chickasha, OK
April 25-27, 2024	Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway <a href="http://www.pateswapmeet.com">www.pateswapmeet.com</a>	Fort Worth, TX



### 2023 –2024 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

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
April 4-6, 2024.....	2024 National Membership Meet.....	.....Joliet, Illinois
May 21-23, 2024.....	2024 National Tour.....	.....Berlin, Ohio
June 23-20, 2024.....	MAFCA National Convention hosted by Santa Maria A's.....	.....Ruidoso, New Mexico



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This publication is mailed or emailed to members, prospective members and editors of similar publications prior to monthly meetings. Meetings are usually the fourth Monday of the month. Members may publish antique car related ads only for free of charge which includes items wanted, items for sale, or items for trade. We invite members to submit articles containing technical Model A information and other interesting tidbits for publication in this newsletter. Items to be published must be submitted to the newsletter editor by deadline shown in the calendar. Wichita A's membership dues are \$25.00, per year (October to September30). MAFCA dues are \$50.00 per year and MARC dues are \$45.00 per year. A business card advertisement in this newsletter is \$25.00 per year.