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**August Refreshments**  
**Beverage**  
 Carolyn Nungesser  
**Treats**  
 Frank Chenoweth  
 Sheila Orr  
 Susan Stone

## CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

### August 2023

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



### September 2023

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 9..... Ellenwood Tunnels.....James  
 14..... Motorcycle Cannonball Ride.....Grabendike  
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**Don't forget to pay your membership dues!**

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

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER** – Vice President, **Frank Chenoweth**, called the meeting to order and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**VISITOR** – **Don Grabendike** introduced **Tom Cornwell** to the group. **Tom** has been on some trips with our club. Welcome **Tom!!**

**MINUTES (June 26, 2023 )** – **Rick Speck** motioned to approve the minutes. **Dawna Ruggles** seconded. Motion carried.

**STORY OF THE EVENING** – **Don Grabendike** shared his story of the evening.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS** – **Kathy James** read a thank you letter from the Model A Ford Club of Colorado, thanking the Wichita Model A Club for their donations for the 2023 Colorado High Country Tour. Thank you to **Claudia Ellerman** for putting together a Kansas Basket and **Dawna Ruggles** for donating a beautiful Rose Blossom Quilt for the event. **Frank Chenoweth** announced that there are some *RESTORER’S* magazines at the front table for visitors to take home. **Dennis Ellerman** reported that there is currently \$125.25 in the headlight for a brick. Suggestions are needed for the next recipient.

**WACC REPORT** – No report

**SUNSHINE REPORT** – **Bonita Graham** reported that **Gil Adams** had been in the hospital and was expected to be dismissed in a day or two. **Donna Hileman** shared that **James Sharp** is currently hospitalized in Kansas City.

**PAST TOURS** – **Gary Hileman** reported that approximately 20 cars participated in the Derby 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The weather was good and a box lunch was enjoyed by attendees at the library. **Don Grabendike** reported that 12-14 people attended The Great Race. It reported that there were a lot of cars and a lot of people at the AUTOMOBILIA car show. This may be the last year for that show.

**FUTURE TOURS** – **Mike James** announced that the Ragtime Event has been cancelled but sign ups are being taken for the Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Ellinwood Tunnel Tour with lunch at the Wolf Hotel. Cost is \$18 per person. **Don Grabendike** announced that the Motorcycle Cannonball is on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> in Augusta, KS. More information will be forthcoming.

**OLD BUSINESS** – none.

**NEW BUSINESS** – **Frank Chenoweth** announced that **Francis Grady** still has a lot of car parts for sale. The Dove Estates Car show in Goddard on 183<sup>rd</sup> St. is on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Members **Butch Wilkinson** and **Bruce Herrington** shared their Model A stories.

**PROGRAM** – **Rick Speck** presented a program on the BRICKS OF KANSAS.

**REFRESHMENTS** – Refreshments were provided by **Sheila Orr, Barb Phye, Dawna Ruggles and Kathy James.**

**ADJOURNMENT** –**Frank Chenoweth** adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by **Kathy James**, Secretary

## Editors Notes

It has been a busy and HOT summer! In July , Alan and I drove to Michigan on vacation. First place we visited was the Gilmore Museum . We were not aware of how the complex was set up. Each building is a different type of car and each car club or organization runs their particular building. The Model A building is set up nicely and even had a car from Kansas along with parts donated by members of our club. Outside are many of the bricks our club and others have donated. We found several of them along with Alan’s dad, Wayne having a brick there. Glad we went and Michigan is a beautiful state!

**Sheila Orr**, Editor



**If anyone is interested in receiving the newsletters from other Model A Clubs please let Sheila Orr know at sheorr@sbcglobal.net or 316-207-8878**

## President's Report –August 2023

The annual meeting of the Wichita A's will be held in September 2023. One of the main items of business will be election of officers. We have a nominating committee that is working on a slate of officers. The committee consists of the following individuals: **Alan Orr, Susan Stone, Gary Hileman and Judi Sharp**. If you are interested in serving as an officer or on the board please contact one of the above named individuals. I would encourage you to consider serving in this leadership role. I have personally served as Club Treasurer, and Club President. Serving in a leadership role gives you a great understanding of the workings of the club.

As we did last year, we will have a meal in conjunction with our annual meeting. Please watch the newsletter next month for details of the gathering. Plan to attend as it will be a chance to share a meal with club members and attend the annual meeting.

I wish to give you a quick update on my health condition. On July 24, I was readmitted to Saint Lukes hospital in Kansas City for 11 days. Judi and I both tested positive for Covid a week earlier, and my kidney did not like that nasty virus. My kidney went into rejection, so in addition to Covid we had to deal with that issue.

Life is Good!! My care team was able to treat the Covid, and reverse the Kidney Rejection. I am back home in Derby, being very careful and smart where I go. The team told me this is starting over at ground zero. I did realize from this experience that I am highly susceptible for infection and need to be extra careful. For these reasons I will not be attending the Club Meetings for several months, as I cannot afford to let my guard down.

I know that our club will be in good hands with our vice president **Frank Chenoweth**.

Your President

### CLUB DUES ARE DUE OCT 1!

**Wichita A's Club dues are still just \$25 per family! They are due October 1 (and late December 15).** There is a form in this newsletter and also on the Wichita A's website: [wichitaas.com](http://wichitaas.com). You may pay at the meeting or mail your dues to the club address on the form.

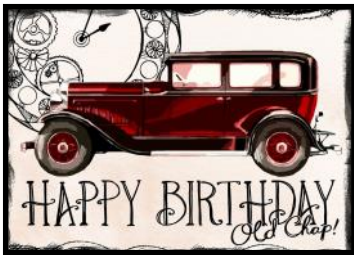
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Saturday September 16, 2023  
1240 N Hoover Rd, Sedgwick, KS 67135 (316) 772-5198

# Announcements



## Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the cards we received and for everyone who attended our 60th anniversary party. You all made our celebration special. Thanks again.

Gary and Donna Hileman

## New Member

Tom Cornwell

- September Birthdays**
- 4 Pat McHenry
  - 8 Tom Cornwell
  - 9 Sue Seiler
  - 10 Larry Cushenbery
  - 15 Bob Phye
  - 17 Marvin Hamlin
  - 18 Michael Halfman
  - 21 Eric Schoenecker
  - 26 Michael Vaughter
  - 27 Jim Clark
  - 27 Jeannie Cole
  - 28 Terry Grabendike
  - 29 Steve Grabendike
  - 30 Maria Hildibrand
  - 30 Karen Price

## For Sale

### Car Trailer For Sale

Flat bed-no upper rails. Tandem axles, Electric Brakes and lights. Professionally built by a structural steel manufacturer . Custom built for my Model A, so it pulls well. Only pulled 5,000 miles. Priced at **\$2500.00**  
**Call Don Grabendike at**

**Model A Parts for Sale**  
I have all kinds of Model A Parts For Sale  
Please call **Francis Grady** at Or

Hello, My Name is **Janine Waite**, I'm the Daughter in law of the late **Tom Waite**. Tom was a member of your club for many years. Our family would like to invite any of Tom's friends from the Model A club to a celebration of life we are having for him on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 11AM to 2PM at Stearrman Airfield 14789 SW 30th ST. Benton, KS. We will be providing apple pie( Tom's favorite), and appetizers. Tom passed away on August 14, 2022. We are planning a celebration in memory of Tom and would be honored if some of his friends from the Wichita A's can come. We'd love to have those who can make it bring their Model A's if they wish. We plan on having Tom's Model A also. Any questions call .  
Thanks, **Janine Waite**

**1930 Model A Truck**  
Looking for help selling a 1930 Model a Truck. Friend passed away in Lawrence, KS. Have all parts and pieces and many extras. Thank you.  
**John Topping at**

**MAFFI BRICK COLLECTION**  
There was \$27.50 collected in the Headlight from the July meeting. Total is now \$152.25  
**Denny Ellerman**



## Refreshments



**Newsletter Deadline**  
  
Friday, September 8, 2023  
**Sheila Orr**  
sheorr@sbcglobal.net or  
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August	September	October
<b>Beverage</b> Carolyn Nungesser	<b>Appreciation</b>  <b>Dinner</b>	<b>Beverage</b> Brenda Broadhead
<b>Treats</b> Frank Chenoweth Sheila Orr Susan Stone		<b>Treats</b> Glenda Sill Doris Jean Ludlow Donna Hileman

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**WICHITA A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB – 2024**

(Oct.1 thru Sept. 30)

**ALL CLUB DUES** (Oct.1 thru Sept. 30) are **\$25.** \_\_\_\_\_ **NEW** or \_\_\_\_\_ **RENEWAL**

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## Future Tours

### Ellinwood Tunnels and Lunch at Wolf Hotel

**When:** Saturday, September 9, 2023

**Tour Leads:** Kathy James –  
Mike James –

**Sign Up at meeting** or by calling or email: kmkjames@gmail.com

**Where:** Meet at McDonalds – (53<sup>rd</sup> & Meridian)  
2616 West 53<sup>rd</sup> St. North  
Wichita, KS

**Departure Time:** 8:00 AM

**Cost:** \$18.00 per club member (guest \$33.00 per person)

Ellinwood's Underground Tunnels allow visitors to walk some of the original passageways while tour guides share early prohibition and entrepreneurship stories in the area. You will see antique relics of the past found deep within the tunnels. The town's early residents used the tunnels for refuge during WWI, to possibly bootleg alcohol during Prohibition, and to support cowboys and families traveling through the area by providing services to them. In today's vernacular, the Ellinwood Tunnels are the ultimate "man cave".

In 1894 John Wolf built The Wolf Hotel as an addition to the Delmonico Hotel which stood just north of the building which is now the Sunflower Bank parking lot. The addition added several rooms to the Hotel along with a new lobby, underground stores and the Bank of Ellinwood. The Bank was the last to open due to intricate tile work being laid. The lobby sat on the east side of the building and the bank sat on the west. Downstairs, which was part of the underground tunnel system that ran through Ellinwood, was the Drummer's room and Joe's Snack Counter. The downstairs changed many times over the years, becoming Weber's Sample Room, the local library, a gym, and an underground bar and card room. The downstairs still houses the very first air conditioner in Barton County. The Sunflower dining room, added in 1924 by Fred Wolf (John Wolf's son) was a prestigious restaurant that attracted people from many places with its amber lighting and wheat shock columns. In the early 80s, the hotel functioned as an antique store and was sold to Christopher McCord in 2013 with the vision of returning it to its former glory.

## Motorcycle Cannonball Ride

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

We will depart from 21<sup>st</sup> and Andover Rd. at 12:30 and drive to Augusta for lunch. The motorcycle museum will have group parking for us near the TWISTED Oz Museum. We need to let them know, by **Monday the 11th**, how many spaces to reserve.

Please call **Don Grabendike** .



There will be **NO** Coffee and donuts in **September or October** due to travel schedules!

**Tom Ruggles**

## MAFFI Newsletter Minute-Museum Expansion

After several months of planning the word is finally out. The following information was posted on the MAFCA web page on July 15, 2023.

***“The Model A Ford Foundation (MAFFI) museum at the Gilmore Auto Museum complex in Hickory Corners Michigan is planning an expansion of the existing Model A museum. The museum opened in 2013 and is filled to the brim with Model A vehicles, exhibits, and interactive displays. More room is needed for additional vehicles and exhibits.”***

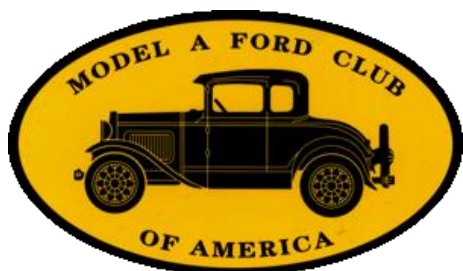
Please visit the MAFCA web page to read the remainder of this article. Do not skip the link information.

This expansion will be paid in its entirety by donations. More on this will reach MAFCA and MARC membership in the coming months.

Happy motoring,  
Mike DuBreuil  
MAFFI Board of Trustees  
Secretary

Thank you,  
Charles M (Mike) DuBreuil, MAFFI Trustee  
[clubcontact@maffi.org](mailto:clubcontact@maffi.org)

## 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  
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U.S. Membership Cost: \$45



MAFCA is seeking a volunteer to take over the position of Webmaster.

This person must have general knowledge of web infrastructure as well as a background in HTML editing using applications such as Dreamweaver.

Experience with PHP, CSS, and SQL, as well as other scripting languages, along with SFTP, will be helpful as well. Training with our current platform will be provided by interim webmaster Rick Black.

If your love of the Model A extends into the digital world, we could use your help. Here is an opportunity to contribute to the hobby you enjoy.

If you have an interest in volunteering for this position, please contact me at [chaptercoordinator@mafca.com](mailto:chaptercoordinator@mafca.com) or directly at 405-812-8131-or any current board member.

*Will Langford, 2023 Chapter Coordinator/Web Liaison*

## TECH ARTICLE

### FAN BELT

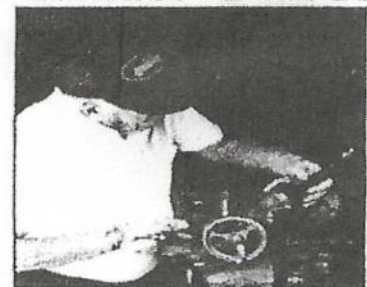
Did you know that Model A fan belts are now being sold in different lengths? Yes, some are so short you cannot even pry them onto the pulleys with a pinch bar; and others are so long, that when you adjust them the belt will rub a hole in your lower radiator hose.

Even the Gates #700 should be checked for proper length.

When adjusting the tension of your fan belt, tighten it only enough that it will not slip on the pulleys. If your generator is charging 10 amps, your belt is tight enough.

A belt that is too tight will wear out or frazzle prematurely, and furthermore will damage generator and water pump bearings.

### Patent Cures



**Red E. Power**

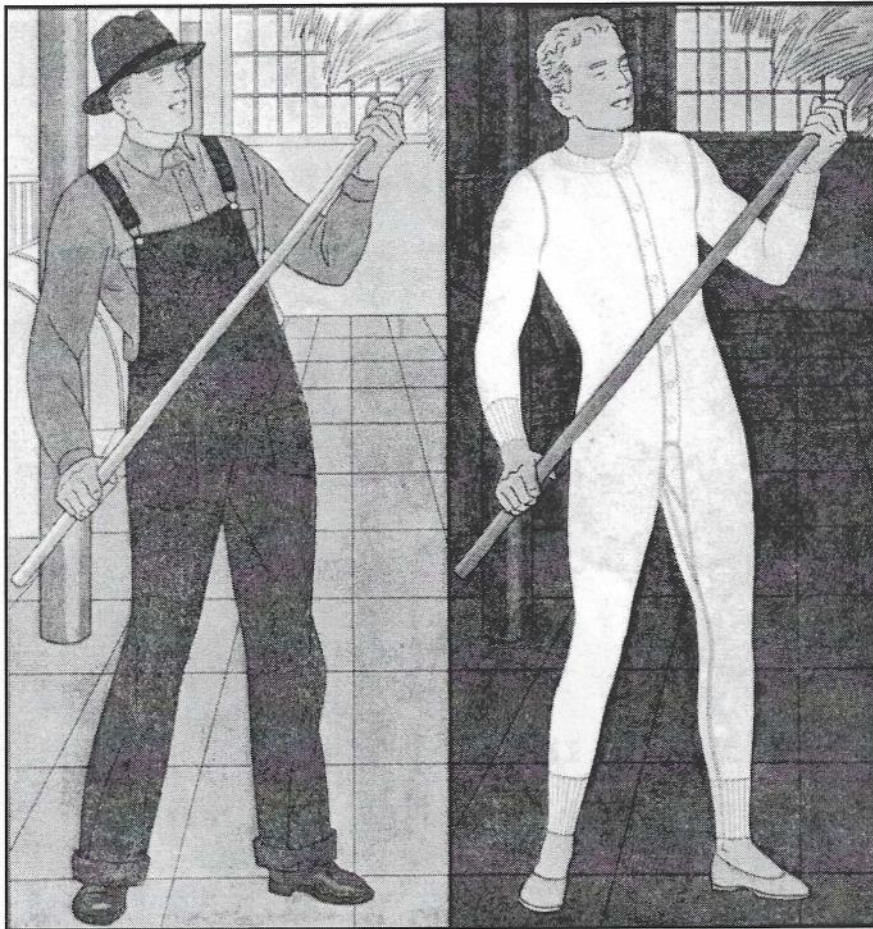
*Contributed by Jim Broadhead, Technical Editor*



## ERA Fashion

### Lingerie and Undergarments

In contrast, the men's undergarments were essentially the same as in previous years. Men in all walks of life wore short and long union suits, also known as "Long Johns". For the man who wanted a cooler undergarment, lightweight cotton sleeveless union suits were made. Boxer briefs and undershirts were available and look much like today's underwear. The fabrics used were wool, silk, rayon, cotton, and blends that usually included cotton. The styling elements for teens resembled the same design as adult fashion. Children's underwear and lounging attire was styled much like the adults, with styling changes made for the very young.



## 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

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.....	MARC 2024 National Membership Meet.....	.....Joliet, Illinois
May 21-23, 2024.....	MARC 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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- Tour Chairman**, Don Grabendike  
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- Webmaster**, Darren Schuster

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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.