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CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

October 2023



23..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th.....7:00PM
 27-28..... Men's Tour..... Ruggles/Steve White

November 2023



10..... Newsletter Deadline...sheorr@sbcglobal.net.....Sheila Orr
 27..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W 13th.....7:00PM

December 2023



3..... Club Christmas Party Prairie PinesJames
 Women's Christmas Party.....Phye & Ludlow

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No Meeting in December

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-September 25, 2023

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

NEW MEMBERS - **Mike James** introduced our newest member, **Harry Whiting**, from Ellinwood, KS . His wife's name is Page. Welcome Harry and Page!!

SUNSHINE REPORT – **Bonita Graham** stated that there is no report this month. **Frank Chenoweth** shared that **President James Sharp** is doing better now; however, his immune system is down.

MINUTES (August 28, 2023) – **Linda Kibbe** motioned to approved the minutes. Motion was seconded and carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE – On Saturday, 9/30/23 from 11am – 2pm, there is a celebration of life for **Tom Waite**, who passed in August of 2022. If you attend the celebration, please drive your Model A. Call 316-516-1248 if you have any questions.

PREVIOUS TOURS OR EVENTS –**Mike James** reported that the Ellinwood Tunnel and Wolf Hotel Tour had 28 people in attendance. There were 13 Model A's and 2 modern cars. It was a great tour.

Motorcycle Cannonball Ride – **Don Grabendike** reported that there were 8 Model A's and one Hudson at this 9/14/23 event. Very interesting tour of old motorcycles driving across the United States. The oldest one being a 1909 cycle. Lunch at Sugar Shane's took place prior to the tour and pie on the porch at the James' was held after the event.

FUTURE TOURS OR EVENTS – ALL FORDS DAY has been changed to Sunday, October 8. **Jim Clark** announced that the event will occur at Sedgwick County Park from 9am -3pm. It is a come and go event. Drinks will be provided for Model A Club members; however, the club will not provide food due to food trucks being at the event. **Tom Ruggles** announced that the Men's Tour to Great Bend will take place on October 27-28th. There are 24 people signed up for the tour. There are 20 Model A's expected. They are almost out of hotel rooms so you need to call and make your reservation today. **Tom Ruggles** will lead the Wichita A's from Wichita to Arlington, KS. **Steve White** will lead the group from Arlington, KS to Great Bend, KS. The group will meet at 8am on 10/27 at McDonalds at 53rd and Meridian. CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY - The club Christmas party was discussed. It was decided to hold the party at Prairie Pines again this year. **Kathy and Mike James** will coordinate the event.

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – **Doris Jean Ludlow** and **Barb Phe** will plan the ladies Christmas luncheon this year. Details will be forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS – Club dues are due October 1st. Checks should be mailed to the Wichita A's Model A Ford Club, PO BOX 25, Wichita, KS 67201. **Claudia** will pick them up from there.

NEW BUSINESS – **Mike and Kathy James** have been selected to have a brick placed in their honor at the MAFFI museum. Congratulation to Mike and Kathy.

APPRECIATION DINNER - An appreciation dinner was enjoyed at tonight's meeting. Vice President **Frank Chenoweth** expressed appreciation to the club members for their involvement in the Wichita Model A Club.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS for OCTOBER 2023 through September 2024.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee (**Alan Orr, Susan Stone, Gary Heilman and Judi Sharp**) for selecting the slate of officers this year. The slate includes: **Frank Chenoweth** – President, **Rick Speck** – Vice President & Program Chair, **Kathy James** – Secretary, **Claudia Ellerman** – Treasurer, **Judi Sharp** – Member at large. A motion was made by **Linda Kibbe** to accept the slate of officers. **Alan Orr** seconded. The motion carried.

PROGRAM – **Linda Kibbe** presented a great slide presentation of the club's past year's activities. Thank you Linda for putting the program together.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned by **Frank Chenoweth**.

Submitted by **Kathy James**, Secretary



Note from the President

I'm glad to have the opportunity to serve as President of the Wichita A's. I have enjoyed the twenty three years I have been a member and look forward to many more.

I want to thank everyone who helped me this last year as I tried to support James as he dealt with his health issues. I'm glad he is on the road to recovery and look forward to seeing him get back active in the club. He was very active last year even if it was from a distance. James planned the Appreciation Dinner, even to the point of bringing the food and arranging for the great slide show presented by **Linda Kibbe**.

During September we had two very interesting Tours. The Ellinwood Tunnel Tour and the Motorcycle Cannonball Run. Both were enlightening and interesting.

Early in October we will attend "All Fords Day" at Sedgwick County Park and later in the month we will be led on a Men's Tour to Great Bend by **Tom Ruggles** and **Steve White**. Both events should be a great time with good fellowship and opportunity to drive our Model A's.

I look forward to next year.

Frank Chenoweth
President

Note from the Editor

Welcome to all our new officers! I am sure it will be a great year. We all appreciate the time and energy you take to make our meetings informative and fun. Thank you.

Our last meeting was well attended and had great food. Thank you to all who provided food.

We had All Fords Day at Sedgwick County Park on October 8th. Perfect weather to get out and enjoy a ride in Model A and time to get acquainted with the members of our club. Men's Tour is coming upon October 27 and 28. Seems they always have a fun time! Then we will have a couple of Christmas parties in December!

Get out and ride in your A's!

Sheila Orr, Editor

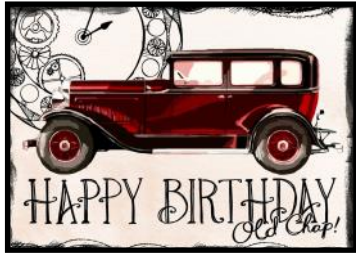


Membership Dues

DUES WERE DUE OCTOBER 1 – HAVE YOU PAID YOURS??

Only 66% of Club Members have paid their 2024 dues. To pay your dues, send \$25 to: Wichita A's, PO Box 25, Wichita KS 67201. (For an ad in the newsletter send \$25 to same address. If you are in doubt whether you have paid or not, check with Linda Kibbe (Membership Chairman). You can either email or call me at

Announcements



Roster Update

Parts For Sale

Address change:
Joshua Schmitz

Phone #: No home phone:
Bob & Helen Louise Beaver
B

- November Birthdays**
- 3 Don Grabendike
 - 6 Susan Stone
 - 8 Sheila Orr
 - 10 Dave Burke
 - 15 Richard Sanchez
 - 17 Nancy Brown
 - 19 Kathy James
 - 20 Linda Kraus
 - 25 Deb Hamlin
 - 25 Ruby Scharping
 - 27 Claudia Ellerman
 - 29 Ed Giesen

Model A parts for sale! I purchased Francis Grady's Model A parts. I would like to sell them. You can contact me at .

Thank you **Eric Seiler**

2024 Refreshments




I will have a sign-up sheet for the 2024 Refreshments at the October Meeting. The Club provides the coffee and paper goods. I am asking that one club member sign-up to provide another drink with a bag of ice and three members bring cookies or another finger food. If you would like to sign-up for a particular month or have questions, please call Brenda Broadhead

Thank you
Brenda Broadhead

New Member


Harry & Page Whiting

MAFFI BRICK COLLECTION
There was a balance of \$35.55 after the August meeting. We collected \$26.00 in the Headlight from the September meeting. Total is now \$61.55.


Denny Ellerman

Refreshments



October	November	December
Beverage Brenda Broadhead	Beverage Jeannie Speck	
Treat Glenda Sill Doris Jean Ludlow Donna Hileman	Treats Sheila Orr Greg Rau Claudia Ellerman	

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, November 10, 2023
Sheila Orr
sheorr@sbcglobal.net or
316-207-8878

FUTURE TOURS

Men's Tour

2023 MEN'S TOUR – FRIDAY, OCT. 27 AND SATURDAY, OCT. 28

The tour this year will be to the Great Bend KS area, hosted by member **Steve White**, including an air show, steam cars, steam engines, car collections, good food and maybe some rusty stuff. Meet at McDonald's restaurant at 53rd Street North and Meridian in Wichita on Friday morning, October 27, and be ready to leave at 8:00 am sharp. Total driving should be around 300 miles.

Overnight stay will be in Great Bend and the tour will wrap up with lunch in Stafford KS on Saturday. We will stay at the Baltzell Lodge, 705 E. Tenth St., Great Bend. Call 620-792-4395 and mention Wichita A's. Rates are \$55.06 single, \$66.53 double, taxes included. **Make reservations early** (hunting season will be here soon).

Sign up at the September or October club meetings, or mail to **Tom Ruggles**, 5702 N. Legion, Wichita 67204. Fee is \$15 per member, \$45 for non-member. This tour is for men only. Sign up deadline is the October 23rd meeting. Friday lunch and supper and Saturday lunch are included. Questions? Call **Steve White**, -Need to hitch a ride? Call Tom at

Men's Coffee and Donuts



There will be Coffee and Donuts on Thursday, November 2 from 8 to 10AM. It will be in **Tom Ruggles** garage at . Call **Tom** at with any questions.

Tom Ruggles

Women's Christmas Party

There will be a Women's Christmas Party in December. Details will be coming.....

Barb Phye and Doris Jean Ludlow

Christmas Party





WICHITA A's MODEL A CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023.

50 seats have been reserved for this year's Christmas party at Prairie Pines Playhouse Mystery Dinner Theatre (4055 N. Tyler Road in Maize, KS) on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023. This is a full evening of entertainment consisting of dinner and an awesome 80's Christmas mystery. Doors open at 5:15pm but come early because the gift shop next door opens at 5pm. We must be seated by 5:45pm, so that we can indulge in a delicious meal consisting of salad, turkey, ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, dinner roll and a choice of dessert, coffee/tea/soft drinks. Alcoholic and specialty drinks will require an additional charge. If you need a vegetarian meal, please let us know at the time you sign up.

The cost of the evening is \$15 per club members and \$44 for guests. Deadline for signing up is Wednesday, November 8th. **NOTE: We must have your check in hand by Wednesday, November 8th.** Sign ups will be taken at the October 23, 2023 meeting or starting immediately you can email us at . or call either **Kathy James** at or **Mike James** at . **No refunds after November 8th.**



Past Tours and Events

Cannonball Run



We had 8 Model A's and one Hudson in our tour of old motorcycles driving across the United States. The oldest one was a 1909 cycle. We had lunch at Sugar Shane's prior to seeing the cycles. Then there was Pie on the Porch at Mike and Kathy James after the event!

Don Grabendike was our tour leader



Mike James, Frank Chenoweth and Tom Cornwell



Stuart McNeal, Kathy James and Donna and Gary Hileman at Sugar Shanes!



Frank Chenoweth, Greg Rau and Don Grabendike are having pie on the Porch at James home!

Appreciation Dinner/Annual Meeting

As usual, our Annual Appreciation Dinner and Election of officers had a great turn out. The club provided the meat and vegetable. Members brought all sides and desserts. After the meal we had our election of officers. **Frank Chenoweth**, President, **Rick Speck**, Vice-President, **Kathy James**, Secretary, **Claudia Ellerman**, Treasurer, **Judy Sharp**, member at large. Following some recognitions, **Linda Kibbe** presented the programs which was photos from the past year. Enjoyable evening with lots of fellowship!



Jim Nungesser & Butch Wilkinson



Bonita Graham with Sheila & Alan Orr



Roger Grube & Roger Graham



Sheila Orr, Rita Hoffmans, Glenda Sills, Gina McNeal and Brenda Broadhead



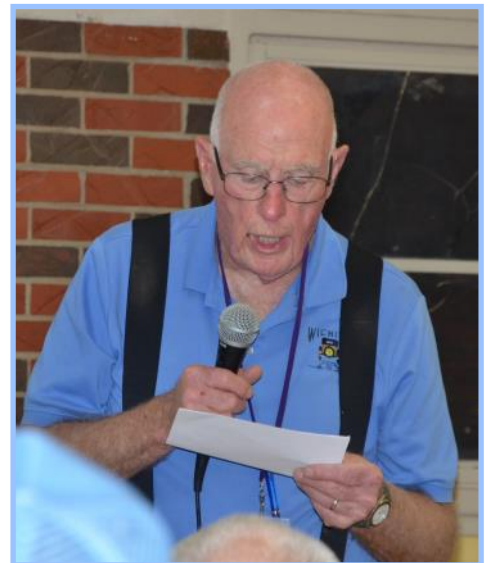
Trudee Harshfield, Susan Stone and Bonita Graham



Plenty of great food!



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Linda Kibbe presented the program this evening. Photos of the past year presented with a musical background. Thank you Linda!



President, **Frank Chenoweth**, presented appreciation to many members!

All Fords Day

The weather was great for the annual All Fords Day held at Sedgwick County Park. We had wonderful participation from our members, who brought their Model A's. A good time for everyone to enjoy the company of members and other Ford car owners. Thanks to **Jim Clark** for organizing!



Denny Ellerman, Eric Weninger and Eric Seiler



A group of our members doing their thing”!



Alan Orr, Stuart McNeal and Dave Moore



Jim Clark, Roger Grube and Ray Hoffmans



A beautiful day at Sedgwick County Park!

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Doris Jean Ludlow
and her daughter
watching over her
two cars for sale!

**Beautiful cars and a
beautiful day! Lots
of conversation!
What more can you
ask for!!**





MAFCA ANNOUNCES 50 YEAR AWARD PROGRAM

Each year one of the privileges for the Chapter Coordinator for MAFCA is to recognize those chapters who have achieved certain milestones in their history for their years of continuous operation. This is done by awarding a certificate of achievement designating that milestone. These are then delivered to each chapter to display. We are proud to announce a new program to enhance this.

This year by unanimous vote the MAFCA Board of Directors and in an agreement with MAFFI and the Model "A" Ford Museum we approved to begin recognizing those chapters who have achieved the high honor of 50 years of continuous membership in the Model "A" Ford Club of America in a special way. For those chapters an inscribed brick will be placed on behalf of MAFCA at the Model "A" Museum by the Model "A" Ford Foundation or MAFFI. This permanent enshrinement of this accomplishment will be on display 365 days a year to celebrate this high honor.

We cannot however just begin this recognition in 2023. We must also look back to past award recipients as well as look at our current winners. To do so 94 bricks will be ordered this year that will include all prior 50 year Chapter Longevity Award winners. This begins with our first chapter, the Bakersfield, California Club, as well as including the 2023 and 2024 winners which will be placed in time for the 2024 Model "A" Days celebration. Each year after a brick will be placed in honor of those 50 year chapters reaching this milestone. Those recognized in this sidewalk of 50 year Chapter Longevity Winners is meant to demonstrate their special place in MAFCA's history and their significance in the success of MAFCA.



It is our hope that with this permanent recognition and placement of these bricks, those MAFCA members and others who visit the museum, will feel the same sense of pride and accomplishment in these recipient's as the Model A Ford Club of America does.

Will Langford
2023 Chapter Coordinator

MAFCA News

WEBMASTER WANTED

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 or directly at 405-812-8131 — or any current Board member.

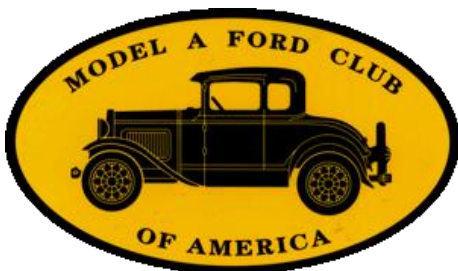
— Will Langford, 2023 Chapter Coordinator/Web Liaison



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National Model A Clubs



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



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La Habra, CA 90631-5515
www.mafca.com
U.S. Membership Cost: \$50

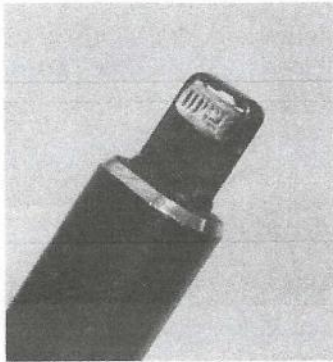
For membership information you can check MAFCA and MARC web sites.

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

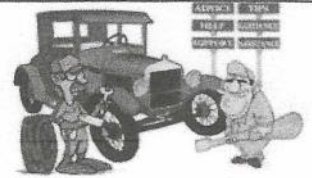
TECH ARTICLE

TECH FOR YOUR MODEL A FORD

TECHNICAL THOUGHTS... by Joe Fox



So, with all the accessories that we have that are charged via USB, many of us install a charging station in our Model A's. This has been covered before. But, one thing to remember... our A's are positive ground, and the negative terminal on the charging cable is the external metal part of the plug. This means that if the plug (while not plugged in) touches any metal on the car, you have a direct short and that's not good. Burned cables, blown fuses and even worse are possible. [Ask me how I know!] So be smart and get a cap to put on the metal part of the connector for when it is not plugged into your phone or other device. (Or... unplug the cable!)



Contributed by Technical Editor, **Jim Broadhead**

Cooler weather significantly lowers the air pressure in your tires (and hotter weather will increase it). Depending on the tire size, a 15 degree drop in air temperature can lower your tire pressure up to 4 pounds. That leads to increased tire wear and, in our Model A's, can make turning the steering wheel more difficult. Cooler now - check your pressures - modern and your Model A! The recommended pressure for your Model A is 35 lbs.

Copied from Script A, October 2023



What do you call an annoying pumpkin that does stupid stuff? A Jack-ass-o-lantern.

What happened to the man who didn't pay the exorcist? His house was repossessed.

What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman? Frostbite.

What do you call two witches living together? Broom mates

ERA Fashion

Women's Boudoir Shoes Satin, Leather, and Felt



LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

2023 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

March 15-16, 2024	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet 2024	Chickasha, OK
April 25-27, 2024	Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway www.pateswapmeet.com	Fort Worth, TX



2023 –2024 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

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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- Vice President**, Rick Speck
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- Secretary**, Kathy James
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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 September 30). 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.