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CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

January 2024



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

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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– November 27, 2023

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

NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS – None present

SUNSHINE REPORT – **Barb Phye** reported that **Ed Giesen** had a knee operation followed with heart complications, but was dismissed from the hospital on 11/26/2023. **Roger Grube** passed away on Wednesday, 11/22/2023. Visitation is scheduled from 6pm -8pm on Tuesday, November 28th at Downing & Lahey Mortuary West. His memorial service will be on Wednesday at 1pm at Riverlawn Christian Church. **Diane Grube**, his wife, requested that any Model A Club members attending the memorial service drive their Model A. Diana asked if a couple of Model A's could be in the procession to the cemetery. **James Sharp** is doing better, but is now scheduled for a hernia operation after the first of the year.

MINUTES (Sept. 25, 2023) – **Jim Nungesser** moved that the minutes be accepted. **Rick Speck** seconded. Motion carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE – **Kathy James** shared that a thank you card was received from LADA Paws Rescue for the donation that was sent to them in memory of **Duane Schwab**. **Frank Chenoweth** shared that he had received the Flywheel from McPherson College and it contained an article about the college receiving a 2nd place award for its restoration on its 1953 Mercedes-Benzen 300 S Cabriolet in the Pebble Beach competition.

MARC & MAFCA – no report.

WICHITA AREA CAR CLUB COUNCIL – **Stuart McNeal** reported that there was a meeting last week and officers were re-elected. A car show is coming up in January at Century II.

PREVIOUS TOURS OR EVENTS – **MEN'S TOUR** - **Tom Ruggles** reported that 24 guys participated in the Men's Tour to Great Bend on October 27th-28th. The first day was great but the weather was not good on day two. **COFFEE AND DONUTS DEC 7th** – **Tom Ruggles** announced that the next coffee and donuts will be on December 7 starting at 8am at his shop. **CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY** - **Kathy James** announced that 52 individuals have signed up for the club Christmas party at Prairie Pines on Sunday, Dec. 3rd. There is a Christmas Shop by the dinner theater that opens at 5pm. You can have some hot cider and do a little shopping. Doors to the theater open at 5:15pm. Serving starts at 5:45pm so be in your seat. Let the greeter know that you are with the Model A Club. **LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** – **Doris Jean** announced that the Ladies Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9th from 12 noon to 2pm at the Sewing Museum in Wichita. Parking is limited so park on the south or north side of the museum. You can not park on Waco. Items for men and women in a nursing home are being collected at the event. **Doris Jean** showed a basket of items that she had picked up at the Dollar Store.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –HISTORY - **Frank** asked if anyone could provide the history of the Model A Club? **Bonita** stated it is in front of the cookbook. **Frank** asked if he could get a copy? **ALCOHOL** – **Frank** announced that after Board Review, the Model A Club will not pay for alcoholic drinks at Model A Club events. You will be responsible for paying for any alcohol ordered.

PROGRAM – **Rick Speck** showed videos on Model T conversion to snowmobiles.

REFRESHMENTS – Provided by **Jeannie Speck, Sheila Orr, Greg Rau** and **Claudia Ellerman**.

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

2024 Rosters

The 2024 Rosters are ready and will be distributed at the January meeting!

Linda Kibbe, Membership

Presidents Notes

Happy New Year. Hope all had a great Christmas and a safe New Year Eve. The club had a great Christmas party and I understand the Ladies' luncheon was very interesting and informing. Thanks to Mike and Kathy James for planning the Christmas Party and to Doris Jean Ludlow and Barbara Phye for planning the Ladies Luncheon. We had our first tour of 2024 led by Don Grabendike. It was cold but what do you expect in Kansas in January. We learned something about Wichita. Visited the Friends University and McCormick school. Amazing to think of the talent of the two young men who came to Wichita and left their mark in such a short time. Thanks Don. All were well attended.

As we enter the new year, our numbers are down. The oldest roster I have is 2004, which listed 231 families and our 2022 roster listed only 112 families. That is over a 50% reduction in membership. I'm sorry to say that we have lost a lot of those to death and the younger generation (including mine) are not interested in old cars. What might we do to generate interest in a great hobby which includes great people? If you know of someone who has an A or is interested in getting one, please invite them to the meeting. When we have visitors, welcome them into the group and make them feel at home.

I have no idea what the average age of the club is, but it would sure be nice to see more young faces at the meeting and on the tours. I enjoy hearing the "old timers" talk about the fun and experiences of the earlier tours when their kids traveled with them.

I look forward to the new year and the camaraderie at the meetings and especially on the tours. That is where we learn about each other and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

In 2024 enjoy and drive your Model A's.

Frank Chenoweth

President

Vice-Presidents Notes



We have a guest speaker for the January meeting who will be talking about hot air ballooning. Don't miss this presentation on a unique and colorful hobby. Hope to see you there!

Rick Speck
Vice-President

Editors Notes

Time of the year to start planning on any Model A trips you would like to go on! Bring your ideas to the meeting!

We had a great turnout for the New Years Day Tour! Cold but fun!

As I am writing this we are pretty much stuck in the house due to some snow but mostly very cold temps for the next week. Stay warm and safe!!!

Sheila Orr
Editor



Announcements



NEW ADDRESS

Larry and Sue Cushenbery

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our members that in 2023 had Anniversaries of belonging to MARC. These members were listed in the November-December 2023 Issue of Model "A" News.

- 45 Years
John and Susan Stone
- 40 Years
Steve and Jane McLaughlin
- 35 Years
Eric Weninger
- 30 Years
Richard and Linda Kibbe

- ### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
- 2 Max Brown
 - 2 Ruby Moore
 - 12 Mike Hildibrand
 - 19 Orpha Eyers
 - 19 Judy Giesen
 - 19 Bonita Graham
 - 20 Bob Beaver
 - 20 Raymond Tackett
 - 21 Richard Giordano
 - 24 Dawna Ruggles

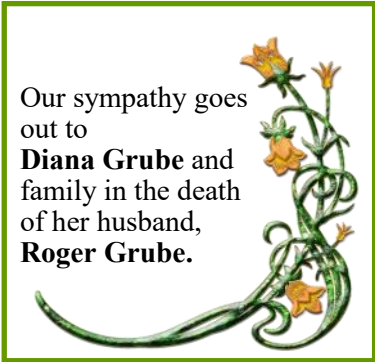
MAFFI BRICK COLLECTION

There was not a meeting in December, so the starting balance in the headlight is \$94.55.
Denny Ellerman

There are two National Clubs that if you own a Model A it would be advantageous for you to belong to. They are the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC). Both of them publish nice magazines with lots of articles and information that you would find helpful.

MARC Mileage Program—the Model A Restorers Club has a Mileage Program available to MARC members only. The award recognition begins at 2,000 miles and the second award level is 5,000 miles. The participant receives a round blue plaque with first mileage level and a replacement mileage tab is awarded thereafter. If you are interested in participating, the cost is one dollar to register your car. You can look at the Model "A" Restorers club website for information and forms. The chairman of the MARC Mileage Program is Betty Fisher at marcmileafe@comcast.net. If you have your car registered for the Mileage Program please contact me so I can send your mileage in for 2023.

Brenda Broadhead



Refreshments



January	February	March
Beverage Marcia Kurtz Treats Claudia Ellerman Rita Hoffmans Gina McNeal	Beverage Ray Harshfield Treats Barb Phye Brenda Broadhead Jane McLaughlin	Beverage Doris Jean Ludlow Treats Donna Ruggles Kathy James Vicki Hildibrand

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, February 9, 2024
Sheila Orr
sheorr@sbcglobal.net or
316-207-8878

Past Events and Tours

The Ladies Christmas Party was a huge success! We had Approximately 25 ladies attend. The Christmas event was held at the Sewing History Museum on December 9, 2023. Our host was Katrina Stockton, who founded and created the museum. The museum is located at 1230 N. Waco. As you can see in the photos, the house was completely filled with sewing machines and products used in the sewing industry. Very interesting! A big thank you to **Barb Phye** and **Doris Jean Ludlow** for hosting our group and for the great lunch following the tour!



Doris Jean Ludlow and her daughter visiting with Bonita Graham

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Thank you Barb and Doris Jean for the lovely luncheon!

Club Christmas Party

*Wichita A's 2023 Christmas Party
was held at the Prairie Pine Dinner
Theatre Playhouse*



December 3, 2023 provided a “Flash Mob” of Model A folks converging on Wichita’s west side for an evening of entertainment consisting of dinner and an awesome 1980’s Christmas mystery (who done it)! We had fifty-four club members sign up for our gala evening.



Arriving guest to the Prairie Pines Christmas tree farm were greeted by a photo from years past of a one-horse drawn trailer in front of the Prairie Pines Christmas Tree Farm barn. To most attendees (non Model A’ers) this was a quasi nostalgic image. Wichita A members dreamed bigger! A Forty horse “Model A” in front of the Prairie Pines Barn would be a more fitting – and picturesque – nostalgic image.

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Gina & Stuart McNeal



Jeannie & Greg Rau



Orpha & Ron Eyres with daughter Rona Starr (left)

The Prairie Pines Gift Shop is decorated to the hilt which provided a great opportunity for a Christmas photo.

Our evening dinner consisted of salad, turkey, ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, dinner roll and a choice of dessert, coffee/tea/soft drinks. Prairie Pines spreads out the service throughout the evening as attendees enjoy the live theater production making the evening an epicurean event. The end of the theater performance satisfied attendees with good food, great company and anticipatory excitement for the 2023 Christmas Season. Another successful ahooga experience by the Wichita A's.

Contributed by Mike James



New members **Harry and Page Whiting** and **Jim and Carolyn Nungesser**



Helen Louise and Bob Beaver



Cast from the Murder Mystery theater!

New Years Day –First Tour of 2024

FIRST TOUR 2024

The first tour of 2024 begin at Delano’s 1220 W. Douglas Ave. Just west of Seneca. We had an unexpected crowd of around 40 ish? So part of the group ate at Spangles and part at Delano’s! After lunch we met up as a group. There were 23 Model a ‘s and a couple of modern cars. We made our way through the neighborhood to Friends University and then on to McCormick School. Of course we had a history lesson or too along the way. Thank you to Don for our great tour!

Don Grabendike, Tour Leader



Donna Hileman holding the traditional sign!



Claudia and Denny Ellerman



The Nungesser's and Butch Wilkerson and Rubby Scharping



Alan and Sheila Orr



Hildibrands and Rau's

Off to Friend's University!





Our cars lined up and group shot in front of Friends University!



McCormick School

Happy New Year



Great group of cars today on our New Years Day Tour!

Men's Coffee and Donuts

Join the men for coffee and donuts at **Tom Ruggles** garage at t. Held on February 1 from 8 to 10AM. It is open to all guys who are interested in antique cars.



MAFFI MINUTE

Welcome 2024! Exciting changes are happening at the Model A Museum at Gilmore. And we are still gladly accepting contributions to the expansion as we grow our Model A Museum: Hint hint! (www.maffi.org and then click on Expansion to donate). Part of the Gilmore Auto Museum's mission and the Model A Museum's mission is to expand educational opportunities, so both organizations have their sights set on making the educational piece a part of all new additions.

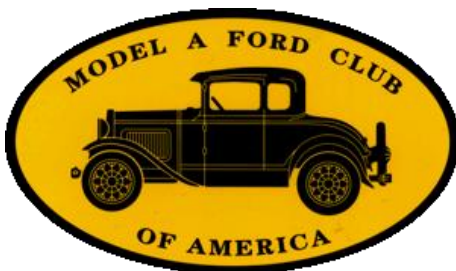
As well as our upcoming Model A Museum addition, the Gilmore Auto Museum is expanding in several areas too, so our timing at the Model A museum is perfect to join in the growth on the campus. The Gilmore is adding a pavilion with an entertainment stage, a three season building for events, and insulating and repurposing the Carriage House so it can be used for events. With three new event venues, the Gilmore museum realized it also needed to construct a picnic shelter, add restrooms, and upgrade/expand the outdoor food service. All of these changes are driven by the increase in the number of visitors to the museum; after all, America has long been known as having a love affair with its automobiles! The Gilmore Auto Museum, of which the Model A Museum is a part of, has become a vacation destination for automobile aficionados.

While you're in the New Year's resolution mood, make plans to visit Hickory Corners, Michigan this next year to see all the exciting things happening. The museum changes all the time, so there's always several new learning opportunities, great new exhibits, and fabulous cars to see.

Happy New Year,
Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary
Trustee, Model A Ford Foundation Inc.



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
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

Contributed by **Jim Broadhead**, Technical Editor

Maintaining Your Model A Horn

To keep the horn giving its best sound, there is a little maintenance involved. The instructions below are what Ford told the owners to do in 1928:

The Horn The quality of tone and length of service received from Ford horns depends entirely on the care they receive. To produce the most effective tone it is necessary that the armature revolves at a high rate of speed. The speed is possible only when bearings are properly oiled, and the commutator and brushes are kept clean.

Lubrication Once a month remove the motor cover located at the rear of the horn and place a few drops of oil in the groove at each end of the armature shaft. See "B," fig 463. Use light fine oil.

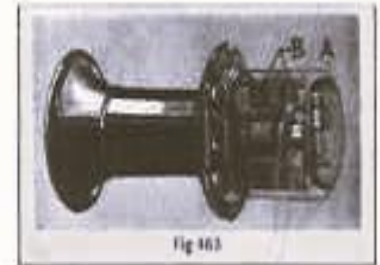
Care To clean the commutator, set the motor in motion by pressing the horn button. While the motor is revolving, hold a piece of fine sandpaper against the commutator until the commutator is clean. Next, with a small piece of wood (e.g., toothpick) clean the gaps between the commutator segments. Do not use metal when cleaning gaps. When turned with the fingers, the armature should revolve freely. Should it fail to operate examine the battery, the wiring, and the horn button.

Adjustment Turning the adjustment screw, see "A," fig 463, regulates the tone. Turning the screw to the right tightens the adjustment. Turning to the left loosens it. Regulate the adjustment until the desired tone is obtained.

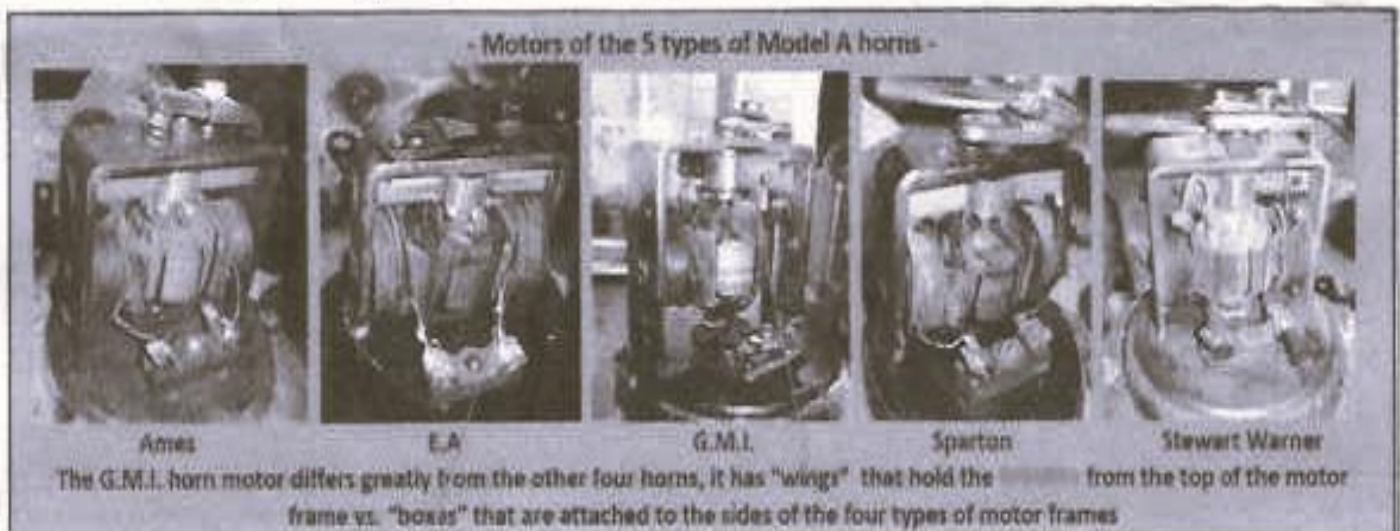
Source: Model A Garage [Editor's note: horns must also have a good ground at the headlight bar and the "A" must have a strong electrical system to work properly]

Horn Facts:

- There were five different horns manufactured for Model A's: Ames, E.A. Laboratories, G.M.I., Sparton, and Stewart Warner.
- Horns can be identified by the brand stamped into the motor base, horn cover, horn bell, or data plate (if the horn came with one from the factory); there are several other fine differences like size of the frame and shaft.
- **Caution:** the nut at the end of the Stewart Warner horn is a left-handed thread so to unscrew the nut you turn it clockwise (not counter-clockwise) which is opposite from what is usually done.



Brushes



ERA Fashion

Copied from A Book of Fashion Facts page 65



- A. Glove leather jacket with plain wool lining.
- B. Sheep lined coat trimmed with opossum.
- C. English flannel suit (coat and shorts).
- D. Llama polo coat.
- E. Boy's double breasted blue chinchilla overcoat with velvet collar.
- F. Horse hide leather coat, sheep lined with lamb collar.
- G. Double breasted blue chinchilla overcoat, flannel lined.

LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

2024 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

March 1-2, 2024	Sunflower Swap Meet for Charity.....Wichita, KS
March 15-16, 2024	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet 2024.....Chickasha, OK
April 25-27, 2024	Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway www.pateswapmeet.comFort Worth, TX
June 12-15, 2024	Petit Jean Swap Meet.....Petit Jean, AR
October 8-11, 2024	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet.....Hershey, PA



2024 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

April 4-6, 2024.....	2024 MARC Membership Meet.....Joliet, Illinois
May 21-23, 2024.....	2024 MARC National Tour.....Berlin, Ohio
June 23-29, 2024.....	MAFCA National Convention hosted by Santa Maria A's.....Ruidoso, New Mexico
July 15-18, 2024.....	2024 MARC National Meet.....Asheville, North Carolina

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