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**Refreshments**  
**Beverage**  
 Ray Harshfield  
**Treats**  
 Barb Phye  
 Brenda Broadhead  
 Jane McLaughlin

## CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

### February 2024



- 19..... A President Day..... Grabendike
- 26..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W 13th.....7:00PM

### March 2024



- 8..... Newsletter Deadline...sheorr@sbcglobal.net.....Sheila Orr
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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– January 22, 2024

**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** – **Greg Rau** introduced guest, **John Reentz**. John has a 1928 two door that he has had for a little over a year.

**SUNSHINE REPORT** – **Frank** reported that **Bob Phye** is having a pacemaker inserted this week. **James Sharp's** hernia repair went well and his next appointment for his kidney check up is in six months.

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

**MINUTES** (November 27, 2023) –**Jim Broadhead** moved that the minutes be accepted. **Rick Speck** seconded. Motion carried.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE** – **Kathy James** read a thank you letter that **Diana Grube** had sent to our club.

**MARC & MAFCA** – **Brenda Broadhead** encouraged attendees to join MARC and MAFCA. Their magazines has really good information in it.

**REFRESHMENTS** - **Brenda** also announced she is needing sign ups for April, May and June.

**WICHITA AREA CAR CLUB COUNCIL** – **Stuart McNeal** reported that there was a big car show last weekend. The problem is you now need to download an app to park at Century Two.

**PREVIOUS TOURS OR EVENTS** . **CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY** - **Kathy James** announced that 54 individuals signed up for the club Christmas party at Prairie Pines on Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was good food and good company. **LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** – **Brenda Broadhead** shared that **Doris Jean** and **Barb Phye** planned the luncheon at the Sewing Museum. They prepared the appetizers. The attendees enjoyed the event. **NEW YEARS DAY TOUR** - **Don Grabendike** shared that the tour was well attended with over 22 Model A's. A record turnout.

**OLD BUSINESS** – **Frank Chenoweth** thanked the members, who sent him information on the history of the club.

**NEW BUSINESS** –**CLUB CALENDAR** - **Don Grabendike** asked if members would be interested in putting together a car club calendar with our Model A's in it? He will bring a sample of what such a calendar would look like. Approximate cost would be \$12 for 20-25 calendars.

**MEN'S COFFEE AND DONUTS** - **Tom Ruggles** announced that the Men's Coffee and Donuts will be on Thursday, 2/1/2024. The topic will be zinc casting.

**PROGRAM** – **Don Grabendike** led the tour planning meeting for 2024.

**REFRESHMENTS** – Provided by **Marcia Kurtz, Claudia Ellerman, Rita Hoffmans and Gina McNeal**.

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

Submitted by **Kathy James**, Secretary



## Presidents Notes

Wow, where did the month go? One month of 2024 gone and one month closer to Model A driving. I need to apologize about the program for January. **Rick Speck** had a program planned about Hot Air Balloon and it was noted in the January Rumbleseat Review. Several were anticipating the program. Since we normally do the tour planning in January, Rick contacted his program, and they graciously delayed it to April. We look forward to that program. Thanks to Rick for his flexibility.

The January meeting featured the Tour planning led by **Don Grabendike**. Don also has an event planned for President's Day. It will have happened prior to you seeing the Rumbleseat Review. Hope all were able to attend.

What a surprising January we have had. A temperature swing of nearly 100 degrees. However, the week in the middle of the month provided some great days to get the A's out for a drive.

A bus tour is being planned to the Gilmore Car Museum at Hickory Corner, Michigan, and other Automobile museums along the way. Should be a busy trip but enlightening and good fellowship. See **Mike James** or **Rick Speck** for details. Cheers, See you at the February meeting.

**Frank Chenowith**  
President

## Vice-Presidents Notes



We have a Special Guest speaker for the February Wichita Model A Club meeting. **Lisa Teachman**, the Chief Meteorologist from TV Station KSN3, will be talking about weather awareness, climate conditions we should know about, and maybe the secret of how they forecast weather. Don't miss the month's interesting meeting presentation. See you there!

**Rick Speck**  
Vice President

## Editors Notes

Looks like several people have lined up some exciting tours for this year. If you have other ideas to share, please bring to the next meeting or call **Don Grabendike**. We have had a little break in the winter weather and I can say I am excited to see Spring. Hurry up! Ready to get the car out and put some miles on it.

Happy Valentines Day –Hope you had a great day!!

**Sheila Orr**-Editor



**GO CHIEFS**



# Announcements

## NEW MEMBER

Larry & Lee Ann Plunkett



## Thank You

- MARCH BIRTHDAYS**
- 1 Frank Chenoweth
  - 1 Jim Nungesser
  - 1 Rick Speck
  - 2 Dale Havercroft
  - 3 Carolyn Nungesser
  - 4 JoAnn Tackett
  - 9 Bruce Herrington
  - 10 Gary Cox
  - 10 Barbara Moore
  - 12 Eleanor Youmans
  - 14 John Kurtz
  - 15 Jerry Allen
  - 16 Dave C Moore
  - 19 Doris Jean Ludlow
  - 21 Roger Graham
  - 27 Page Whiting
  - 28 Bunny Broeckelman
  - 28 Bob Broeckelman
  - 28 Eleanor Youmans
  - 28 Amy Dreiling
  - 31 Richard Ashford

1/16/24

Model A members,

I want to Thank the A Club for the memorial gift given in Rogers name. He always enjoyed hanging out with his Guy friends and became very close to some during the years! I also want to thank everyone who drove their cars on that cold day of the funeral in his honor on the way to the gravesite! It was a beautiful way to honor him and so thankful for the added blessing. I'm also grateful for everyone who could make it to the funeral to support me and our children/grandchildren as they are also grieving. The loss of their dad and Opa! I'm thankful for spending almost a lifetime with Roger a wonderful husband and father of my children and my best friend! I miss him horribly as his passing was very unexpected. Please keep me in your prayers!

Sincerely,  
**Diane Grube**

We would like to thank all the ladies for the donations for the nursing home for Christmas. We had such an abundance of items, that we divided between two facilities. Cooperstone Assisted Living in Derby and Homestead Assisted Living and Memory Care on West Maple.. The items were much appreciated. Thank You-such generosity!

**Doris Jean Ludlow and Barb Phye**

## 2024 Refreshments




February	March	April
<b>Beverage</b> Ray Harshfield	<b>Beverage</b> Doris Jean Ludlow	<b>Beverage</b> Linda Kibbe
<b>Treats</b> Barb Phye Brenda Broadhead Jane McLaughlin	<b>Treats</b> Dawna Ruggles Kathy James Vicki Hildibrand	<b>Treats</b> JoAnn Bruce Debbie Rice Carolyn Nungesser

**MAFFI BRICK COLECTION**

The starting balance in the headlight was \$94.55. At the January meeting, \$16.00 was collected. The balance in the headlight is \$110.55

**Denny Ellerman**



**Newsletter Deadline**

Friday, March 8, 2024  
**Sheila Orr**  
sheorr@sbcglobal.net or  
316-207-8878



## A Floral Delight in Sedan



**When:** Saturday, March 23, 2024

**What:** Tour of Sedan Floral, Emmett Kelly Historical Museum, Lunch at Buck's, Aunt B's

**Where:** Meet at McDonalds, Andover, KS (115 Central Ave., Andover, KS)

**Time:** 8:00 AM Departure

**Cost:** \$10.00 per club member \$25.00 per person for non club members

Make Checks Payable to: Wichita A's Model A Ford Club

Cost includes donation to historical museum, lunch and dessert

**Tour Leads:** to sign up for tour: **Feb. 26, 2024 meeting** or;  
call or Text) **Kathy James** - Cel. Ph. or **Mike James** Cel. Ph. or;  
email:



Completing our tour of Sedan Floral, we will drive to the Emmett Kelly Historical Museum. The world famous circus clown known as "Weary Willie" was born December 9, 1898 in Sedan. The museum is located in the Sedan Opera House and has a display of memorabilia honoring their native son as well as items of local interest.

Leaving the Sedan Opera House, we will convoy to Buck's BBQ & Steakhouse for lunch and then parade over in our in our cars to Aunt B's Ice Cream Shop, Bakery & Coffee House for dessert.

## Coffee and Donuts



All Men are invited for Coffee and Donuts at **Tom Ruggles** Garage .  
The event is held the first Thursday of each month. The next event will  
be on Thursday, March 7th from 8 to 10 AM. Come join us! Address is

## Bus Trip to Michigan



# *Bus Trip to Indiana & Michigan to visit 5 different museums September 19-23, 2024*

*Estimated cost per person \$1,099.75 single room and \$788.75 for double occupancy*

History is the study of change over time. The introduction of the automobile to America dynamically altered life for all of us and sewed the seeds of change. For most of us, our parents and/or grand-parents were the first Americans to own a car. No longer restricted to the small farms, rural communities or large cities, the auto provided a means to travel great distances in a short period and forever changed their lives and our lives as the future generation.

The proposed bus trip to Michigan will provide us with the opportunity to look back at the early years of the automobile and reflect on our parents and grand-parents lives. It will provide all of us with the opportunity to ponder how much different would our life be today without automobiles.

On our bus trip we will be stopping at five different museums. Each stop will offer a unique view into our country's past. The first stop will be the Studebaker National Museum. Housed in a 55,000 square-foot facility the facility houses several objects designated as "National Treasures" including the carriage Abraham Lincoln rode to Ford's Theatre the night of his assassination as well as carriages used by Ulysses S. Grant, William McKinley and Benjamin Harrison. Adjacent to the Studebaker museum is the History Museum & Oliver Mansion. Completed in 1897, the mansion was built by industrialist J.D. Oliver (Oliver chilled plow fame). The 38-room Queen Anne Romanesque house and furnishings provide visitors with a remarkable look-back in time as the house and majority of furnishings are all original.

Telling the History of America through the Automobile is a core value of the Gilmore Museum. As our third stop on our bus adventure, The Gilmore is hailed as one of the top museums in the nation. The idea for the museum came from Donald Gilmore's wife Genevieve Gilmore. Located on 90 acres of land in southwestern Michigan in a small town known as Hickory Corners, the museum has over 190,000 square feet of exhibit space. The grounds feature numerous vintage structures including a restored and fully-functioning 1941 Silk City Diner (where we will plan to have lunch).

Our fourth, fifth and final stop of our bus trip will take us to Auburn, Indiana where we will visit The Early Ford V-8 Museum and Auburn Duesenberg Cord Museum. The Early Ford V-8 Museum focus is on products manufactured by Ford between 1932 and 1953. This is a museum that I hope to personally "click" with. Growing up in Albuquerque, New Mexico in the 1950's my mom, aunt and uncle shared a 1952 or 53 Ford (I was too young to distinguish the differences and no one is around to tell me). Although very young, I can still remember the pea-green Ford parked in-front of the shared house (note: everything was shared as no one had much money).



Kathy James' mom, Helen Blazek (left fender) with her sister Mary and brother John, enjoying a picnic lunch. Helen's dad had recently purchased a new 1933 Ford V-8 and took the family on a road trip from Kansas to Rowena, Texas.

Our last stop will be at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. Housed in the original Auburn Automobile Company showroom and company offices, the museum exhibits over 120 cars on three levels. Although priced out of the range for most people, the cars exhibited reveal the incredible technology for that period of time.

Hopefully you have been inspired by this short synopsis of our pending Indiana/Michigan bus trip. We have 16 seats remaining (as of February 4, 2024). We will have to turn in a final head count April 1, 2024 and will require a trip deposit at that time. Sign ups will continue at the February and March 2024 Wichita A's meetings or you can contact one of the following members:

**Rick Speck** - Cel. Ph. call or text

Email:

**Mike James** - Cel. call or text

**Kathy James** - Cel. Ph. call or text

Email

## A Presidents Day

Each year on President's Day the good people of the United States honor their past presidents. This year that day will be Monday February 19th and we are going to have a party. Rather than talk about a bunch of old fogies in Washington DC that we will never meet, we are going to talk about a bunch of old fogies that we do know. Our club will sponsor a dinner for its members at **Spear's Restaurant & Pie Shop. 4323 W. Maple St.** The meal will be served at **6:30 pm** in their private dining room. You will have a choice between smoked brisket or grilled chicken. All reservations must be in by **February 15th.** Join us for a walk down memories lane and learn the history of our club and honor the Presidents of the past. Make your reservations with **Don Grabendike.**  
or

## Past Happenings



### First Thursday's

Each 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, Tom Ruggles garage provides a great opportunity for a men's coffee & donut outing. Club members from The Wichita A's, The Horseless Carriage Club and others, convene at the Ruggles garage for fellowship, a cup of hot coffee, donut and a brief informative technical session. Thursday, February 1, 2024 provided attendees with the opportunity to learn the craft of sand casting. Richard Long demonstrated how to make a sand mold and pour molten zinc into a hole in the sand and create a scripted "*Wichita*" emblem.

**Mike James**



## Tour Sheet 2024

TOUR SCHEDULE 2024				
	DAY	DATE	TOUR	LEADER
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
	Mon	19	A President's Day	Grabendike
<b>MARCH</b>			A Floral Delight in Sedan	
	Sat	23		
	Sun	31	Easter	
<b>APRIL</b>				
	Sun	21	Go Fly "A" Kite Day	Grabendike
<b>MAY</b>				
	Th - Sun	2 thru 5	Big Kansas Road Trip	James
	Sat	18	A Club Picnic	
	M	27	Memorial Day	
<b>JUNE</b>				
	Fr - Sun	7 thru 9	A Cruise on The Mighty Mo	Ruggles
	Sun	?	All Wheels Day/ Lake Afton	
<b>JULY</b>				
	Th	4	Derby Parade	
	Sat	6	Automobilia Moonlight Car Show	
<b>AUGUST</b>				
	Sat	3	A Garage Tour in Salina	James
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
	M	2	Labor Day	
	Sat	7	International Ford Day	Grabendike
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
	Sun	6	All Ford Day	
	Sat-Sun	26 & 27	A Men Only Tour	Ruggles
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
			Ladies Luncheon	
			Christmas Party	



## MAFFI MINUTE

The Gilmore Auto Museum, the site of the Model A Museum, is open year around and at this time of year the museum has Sunday afternoon lectures at 2p.m. The website has a complete listing, but one that I found enticing is on February 4, "How to Buy and Sell Collector Cars".

However, if a trip to Hickory Corners, Michigan isn't in your January/February travel plans, you can still indulge in Model A hobby fun by visiting or re-visiting the maffi.org website. The website has 4 live streaming cameras to view the museum from your armchair. And, if you click the Media button, you can hear the audio recordings of original records developed in the Model A Era for salesmen's use in training and customer sales. They're fun to listen to!

If you're more of a visual person, there's a MAFFI You Tube site, also accessible from the website as well as Paul Shinn, the Model A Guy's You Tube site, accessible from the website.

And let's not forget the upcoming Valentine's Day. You do have a Model A that is your sweetheart don't you? Why not honor her (or him) with her/his picture at the Model A museum next to your name by getting involved in the "My A" program. It features a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing your vehicle, your name, your home area, and your vehicle body style. Details can be found under "expansion" on the maffi.org website.

And, as a bit of fun trivia let me leave you with this tidbit. One hundred and ten years ago, on Jan. 5, 1914, Henry Ford implemented a \$5 per day wage for his workers. But, workers soon found out they wouldn't immediately get the \$5 per day. Workers still made \$2.30 and were given a \$2.70 bonus if they followed all of the company's requirements. Here's how workers would be eligible:

- abstain from alcohol
- not physically abusive toward their families
- not take in boarders
- keep homes clean

contribute to a savings account

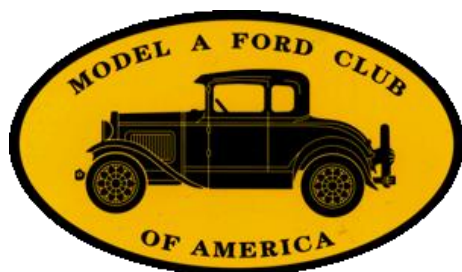
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A few of those requirements wouldn't be a bad deal today to require, would they!! Happy Valentine's Day Model A Hobbyists!

**Cindy Ellenbecker**, Secretary

Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Trustee

## National Model A Clubs



**MAFCA**

250 S. Cypress St.  
La Habra, CA 90631-5515

[www.mafca.com](http://www.mafca.com)

U.S. Membership Cost: \$50

The Wichita A's Model A  
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members to join both  
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MAFCA Clubs.

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

### Jim's Tech Tips

#### *"Ignition Misfires"*

We've all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburetor problem, but don't overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor.

Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So check it and increase the gap back to 0.020" if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak condenser.

Look at the rotor. Make sure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap, and is not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor.

Look at the underside of the distributor cap. Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.

Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for "carbon tracks" on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing. (See photo.) Replace if needed.



Until next time, *Have a Model A Day!*  
Jim

Contributed by **Jim Broadhead**, Technical Editor

## ERA Fashion

*From A Book of Fashion Page 82*



- A. Double layers of tulle form a shaped skirt gathered and joined to a snug bodice, double tulle forms the bodice and bolero jacket. c. 1928
- B. A straight bodice with a rounded neckline is accented by a draped bow at the shoulder and hip. Soft, graduated folds form a diagonal line of the skirt. c. 1928
- C. A simple rounded neckline sets off a very large, tiered bow at the hip. An applied flounce forms an interesting line, with folds of fabric in the front. c. 1928

## 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 <a href="http://www.pateswapmeet.com">www.pateswapmeet.com</a> ..	...Fort 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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[Wichita A's Model A Ford Club  
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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.