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March Refreshments Beverage
Doris Jean Ludlow

Treats
Dawna Ruggles
Kathy James
Vicki Hildibrand

CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

March 2024



- 23..... A Floral Delight in Sedan.....
- 25..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W. 13th..... 7:00 PM

April 2024



- 4..... Coffee & Donuts for Men/ Ruggles Garage..... Tom Ruggles
- 5..... Newsletter Deadline...sheorr@sbcglobal.net..... Sheila Orr
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May 2024



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- 2-5..... Big Kansas Road Trip..... James
- 3..... Newsletter Deadline...sheorr@sbcglobal.net..... Sheila Orr
- 18..... A Club Picnic..... McLaughlins
- 20..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park 704 W 13th..... 7:00 PM

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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 February 26, 2024

The February 26, 2024 Meeting of the Wichita A's Club was called to order with the Flag salute at 7:00 pm by President **Frank Chenoweth**. **Barb Phye** reported that several of our members had been in and out of the hospital recently. **Don Grabendike** shared the story of the month. Following **Brenda Broadhead's** request for folks to sign up for refreshments, the meeting was temporarily adjourned for our guest speaker. **Rick Speck** introduced **Lisa Teachman**, the meteorologist from Channel 3, who spoke about tornadoes and other weather events in our area and brought the KSN Storm Tracker car for us to view.

Following the program and refreshments (provided by **Trudee Harshfield, Barb Phye, Brenda Broadhead**, and **Jane McLaughlin**) the meeting resumed. **Barry Plunkett** moved, it was seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the newsletter. An updated treasurer's report was given by our President. Correspondence from McPherson College and the Derby Foundation was shared. **Roger Graham** being our eldest club member was presented with the MAFCA 60th year club award. **Stuart McNeal** announced that the Wichita Area Car Club had scheduled a car show in September and that the Lake Afton event will be June 9th. He also reported that the Shriners would be auctioning off a car.

Doris Jean Ludlow reported on the Ladies Christmas Luncheon and **Don Grabendike** summarized the Past Presidents' Day Dinner. **Stuart McNeal** reminded the club of the March 23rd "Floral Delight" tour coming up. Participants need to meet at 8:00 am at the McDonalds in Andover. **Jack Hezlep** requested old car participation for the Derby Library's 100th Birthday on October 12th from 10 am to 2 pm. **Rick Speck** reminded the club of the upcoming Michigan Gilmore Museum Bus Trip.

Meeting adjourned.

Dawna Ruggles
Substitute Secretary



A Beautiful evening for the Model A Meeting in February!



Roger Graham accepting the club award for MAFCA 60th club award.

Presidents Notes

Spring is here. Time to get the A out and check it over, give it a grease job and change the oil if it needs. Get ready to tour. Hope all are planning to go to Sedan on March 23 to visit Sedan Floral and the Emmett Kelly Historical Museum. Promises to be an interesting tour.

Thanks to **Rick Speck** for the interesting and informative program at the February meeting presented by **Lisa Teachman**. With spring in Kansas all the weather information we get is important. Be sure to come to the meeting on March 25 to see what Rick has in store for us.

If you have not signed up to go "Fly a Kite" in April, make sure you sign up at the March meeting. Last year was a lot of Fun. **Don Grabendike** found kites which were quite easy to assemble and the easiest flying kite I ever tried to fly. Not that I am a kite expert.

Happy motoring on the tours and hope to see you at the March meeting.

Frank Chenoweth, President

P.S. Mark **May 20, 2024**, on your calendar. This will be the date of our May meeting. Memorial Day falls on the Fourth Monday.

Vice-Presidents Notes



We have a Special Guest Presenter for the March Wichita Model A Club Meeting. **Jason P. Roach**, Chief of the Consumer Protection Division of the Sedgwick County District Attorney Office, will be our special guest speaker. Jason will be talking to us about how to protect ourselves from deceptive and unconscionable acts and practices from scammers who aim their activities at seniors.

Also, there will be a free raffle for some Model A Things and some other cool stuff.

Rick Speck, Vice-President

Editors Notes

Spring is upon us! Looking forward to getting out and Touring and enjoying the Model A. There are several trips coming up to join in and learn about the Model A and it's members. We have some great programs lined up by **Rick Speck** this year! So come join in the fun and comradery!! Hope you had a great St. Paddy's Day and Easter will be here soon.

Sheila Orr, Editor



Note the meeting in May will be early, May 20 due to the holiday!



Announcements

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dean Feller
- 6 Ray Harshfield
- 7 Ray Hoffmans
- 8 Gina McNeal
- 12 Fred Hilger
- 14 Butch Wilkinson
- 15 Gary Hileman
- 17 Brenda Broadhead
- 21 Rita Hoffmans
- 22 Jeff Dewey
- 24 Carol Diaz
- 29 Tara Grabendike



MAFFI BRICK COLLECTION

The starting balance in the headlight was \$110.55. At the February meeting, \$12.00 was collected. The balance in the headlight is \$122.55.

Denny Ellerman



MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGE

JoAnn Bruce



Newsletter Deadline

Friday, April 5, 2024
Sheila Orr
sheorr@sbcglobal.net or
316-207-8878

2024 Refreshments



March	April	May
Beverage Doris Jean Ludlow	Beverage Linda Kibbe	Beverage Marcia Kurtz
Treats Dawna Ruggles Kathy James Vicki Hildibrand	Treats JoAnn Bruce Debbie Rice Carolyn Nungesser	Treats Trudee Harshfield Donna Hileman Bonita Graham

FUTURE EVENTS AND TOURS

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:
 (call or Text) **Kathy James** - Cell: or **Mike James** Cell: or,
 email:

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, April 4th from 8 to 10 AM. Come join us! Address is

Go Fly "A" Kite

GO FLY "A" KITE
SUNDAY April 21st
2:00 PM

DEPART Parklane Shopping Center
 812 S. Oliver
 North end of parking lot

We will tour to High Park in Derby, KS. There will be a sign-up sheet at the
 March meeting. Adults will be \$5.00 per kite, children will be free. Round up
 your grand kids and have some windy fun.

Donald Grabendike



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 - Cell: call or text
Email:

Mike James - Cellcall or text
Kathy James - Cell: call or text
Email:

Past Tours and Events

A Presidents Day

Don Grabendike headed the Presidents Day dinner at Spears Restaurant on February 19th! All past and present President of the Wichita A's Club were honored with a presentation and dinner. A big Thank You to Don for organizing this event!



Guest Speaker- Lisa Teachman



Our program for February was given by **Lisa Teachman**, the Chief Meteorologist from TV Station KSN3. Lisa gave a very interesting talk about weather in Kansas and how they forecast. She also brought along the KSN Storm Tracker van that they use to observe storms and are able to broadcast from the vehicle. Thank you so much **Lisa Teachman**, a great program!

Lisa Teachman, Chief Meteorologist for KSN



MAFFI MINUTE

The Trustees are already planning Model A Days 2024! So far it looks like a candidate for the First Start Event (barn find which hasn't been run in a few decades) has been located. And, the report from the Gilmore Auto Museum is that one of the Event Centers will be finished in time for Model A Days, which will be nice for our Model A visitors. Other news is that Model A's donated to the museum to be sold for the Model A Museum Expansion are getting checked over and repaired so they are roadworthy to sell. Our hardworking team of volunteers devotes Thursday evening to getting the Model A's in "sale ready" shape.

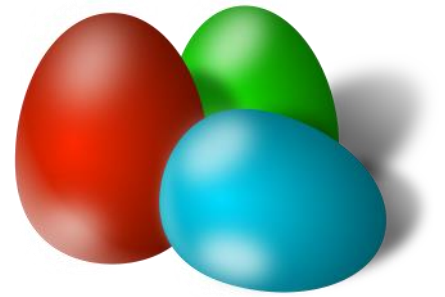
1. One Model A Tudor (1929) is on the sales floor already.
2. Another 1928 Tudor has had Trustees and friends repairing brakes, gas gauge, and a gas tank, to name a few, so it should be ready shortly
3. A 1929 Fordor Blindback is also in the queue for roadworthiness work.
4. And there are two 1928 Phaetons that we anticipate will be available to sell in the coming months.

Please contact **Jerry Dennany**, jerrydennany@gmail.com or **John Begg**, jwbegg@gmail.com for information about these cars or if you have a vehicle you would like to donate to be sold for our expansion fundraising program.

Many of you have been following our Save the Bus project (school bus) and although the bus has taken longer than we anticipated, things are coming along nicely now. The sides are up and all 4 fenders have been installed as well as the bumpers. There's lots of sandblasting, and just plain sanding and priming going on now. Things are getting exciting at Save the Bus Headquarters!

As always, we appreciate your support as we move forward with fundraising. It's all of you that make the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Museum so awesome.

Cindy Ellenbecker, Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. Trustee/Secretary



National Model A Clubs



MAFCA

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

The Wichita A's Model A Ford Club encourages members to join both National MARC and 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: \$50

TECH ARTICLE

The 2024 Touring season is starting and here is a list of suggestions for your Model A Tool Kit. Model A's are fun to travel in but so seem to have issues that arise. Check out www.wichitaas.com for more tour tips and tools that are handy to have.

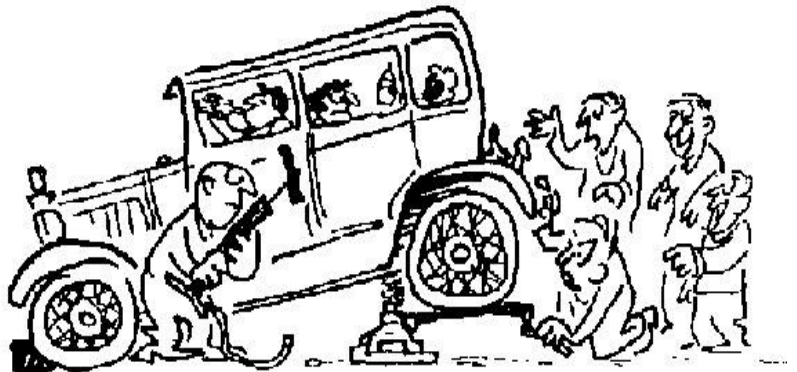
Have a Great Time touring in your Model A!!

LOCAL TRIPS

- Assorted Hand tools
- Spark Plugs
- Gallon of Water or Anti-Freeze
- 3 in 1 oil
- Carburetor (Tested in advance)
- Plug Wires
- Distributor(Tested and timed on car)
- Feeler Gauge
- Distributor Body, Cap, & Rotor
- Ammeter
- Tire Gage
- Rags a& Rolls of paper towels
- Towels
- Electrical Tape
- Condenser
- Axle Key
- Points
- Rear Axle Shim
- Cut Out switch
- Cotter Pin Assortment
- Coil (New or Tested Used)
- Tow Rope
- Assortment Lightbulbs (Headlight & Tail-lights)
- Distributor Cam Wrench
- Exhaust Clamp
- Fire Extinguisher
- Lug Wrench
- First Aid Kit
- Test Light
- Hand Cleaner
- Fuses
- Flashlight

LONGER DISTANCE TRIPS

- Quart of Oil
- Fan Blade
- Fan Belt
- Water Pump (Rebuilt or Tested)
- Timing Gear
- Manifold Gasket
- Rain-X
- National Model A Club Roster
- Timing Gear Nut Wrench
- Generator (Tested)
- Small Container of grease
- Head gasket
- Grease Gun



ERA Fashion

Copied from A Book of Fashion Facts page 293

Rings For Men and Women



Diamonds and Sapphires



Marquise and Emerald Cut Diamonds



Diamond Cluster Ring



Diamond and White Gold



Signet Ring



Diamond and Sapphire Cocktail Ring



Sardonyx and Marcasite



Romany Style

Two rings in one. Ring on left reversing from cameo to onyx and diamond. Ring on right reversing from cameo to semi-precious stones and diamond.

LOCAL AND NATIONAL CALENDARS

2024 SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

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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