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MARCH REFRESHMENTS

- ◆ Brenda Broadhead
- ◆ Brigitte Baggs
- ◆ Eric Broadhead
- ◆ Kat Arnold
- ◆ Donna Hileman

CLUB TOURS & MEETING SCHEDULE

March 2011

- 26.... Garage Tour.....Adams / Kibbe
- 28.... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.7:00 PM
 Program: License Plates by Fred Hilger

April 2011

- 2..... Day Trip to Zenda, KS.....Chenoweth/Bruce
- 9-15... MAFCA National Tour, Natchez Trace Trail.....Nashville, TN
- 12..... Newsletter Deadline. editor@wichitaas.com
- 16-17.. Men's Tour Claremore, OK.....Cushman/Hammar
- 25..... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N....7:00 PM
 Program: Film on Restoring a 29 TudorBy David Anderson

May 2011

- 7..... McPherson Car Show.....Stones x2/Giesens
- 14.... Around Town Poker Run Tour.....Stones/Grahams
- 23... Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N....7:00 PM

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WICHITA A'S MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2011



President **Jim Broadhead** called the 287th meeting of the Wichita A's to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 25, 2011 with approximately 90 members present. The following new members were recognized: **Gary & Norma Agard, Tyler Hart, Milton & Sharon Hessefort, and Jan Luth & Terry Powell.** **Eric Baggs** moved and it was seconded and passed that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as printed in the last newsletter. **Ray Harshfield** gave the treasurer's report.

Information on the Midian Car Show, the MAFCFA Restoration Guidelines, and other notes were shared. **Bonita Graham** reported that we had a healthy month and that all those mentioned in the Sunshine report last month were doing well this month. There was no MARC/MAFCFA report given. **Doug Shoemaker**, WACC representative, reported on the Big Chill Car Show and Lake Afton's All Wheel's Day.

Old Business: No attendance numbers are available yet for the swap meet but we declared another success this year. **Barb Phye** reported that about 50 folks attended the post swap meet Bunco party. **Claudia Ellerman** reported that she is currently filling key positions for our Jubilee meet, scheduled from June 17-21, 2013 at the Airport Hilton. A Jubilee organizational meeting is schedule at the **Kibbe's** for March 7, at 7:00 p.m. **Chris Cushman** reported on the Men's Tour; scheduled for April 16-17 in Claremore, Oklahoma.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss

A 15-minute break was called with refreshments provided by **Becky Straub, the Weningers, Claudia Ellerman, Dawna Ruggles, and Beverly Schneider.** After the break, **Richard Kibbe** conducted the yearly touring scheduling. Our next club meeting date will be March 26th. The meeting was adjourned.

Dawna Ruggles
Secretary



NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tour planning was discussed at our February meeting and it sounded like there were some very good ideas and members willing to lead.

I am really disappointed, that due to my surgery, I will not be able to attend some of the spring Model A Club Tours.

Get those cars out and running so you can enjoy the club tours.

Jim Broadhead
President



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Did you notice there are 5 Mondays in the month of May? Our May club meeting will be held on the **23rd of May.**

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The other day I received an email from **Mike Youngblood**, the editor of the Central Iowa Model A Club Newsletter. He had emailed their club's newsletter and also mentioned that the web site links and email links were active in the newsletter. While reading the newsletter, using Adobe Reader, you were able to click on the web or email link and email that person or go directly to the web site from the newsletter.

I immediately emailed **Mike**, asking him for instructions on how to make my newsletter links active. He emailed the instructions on how he does it. After reading his instructions I realized I had been doing it all along. Dah.....! I just never noticed our newsletter already had active links. (I have always been a day late and a dollar short.)

You will find our previous emailed newsletters have the same capabilities as Mike's newsletters. I will now underline the links so you can better recognize them as links to someone's email or a web site.

Thank you **Mike** for your assistance!

Linda Kibbe
Newsletter Editor



FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

ZENDA TOUR

April 2nd

In Zenda, KS the Geo. W. Ultch Lumber Co was built in 1902. **Beulah** and **Woodrow Graber** and family opened a restaurant in the building in 1993. The old shelves now hold antiques and interesting objects, the racks built for bolts and plumbing items now hold wine bottles, and the old Mosler safe sits in its accustomed place.

Let's take a trip to Zenda. We will be leaving from _____ at mid to late afternoon on April 2, 2011.

It will be about a two hour drive. We will have a meal and then a two hour drive home.

There will be more details and a sign-up sheet at the March meeting. Those who have gone in the past can testify to the quality of the food and the good time we had.

We are sorry we didn't get all the details worked out before the newsletter deadline.

Chenoweths & Bruces



MENS TOUR TO CLAREMORE, OK

April 16 & 17th

Meet and depart McDonalds on E. Kellogg, east of Greenwich Rd at 7:00 am sharp. If you want breakfast come early.

A sign-up sheet will be at the March 28th meeting.

We will be staying at the **Hampton Inn** in Catoosa, OK. (20) **rooms are blocked till April 1, 2011**. These rooms are (2) queen beds double occupancy and the cost is \$95.00 per night + tax. The room comes with hot breakfast in the morning. Also, there is a casino across the street for those interested. When you **call, 918-739-3939**, tell them you are with the Wichita A's,

Please make your reservations early.

The cost to attend the tour will be \$10.00 due at sign up.

Questions call **Chris Cushman** at:

Cell: or Home:

MCPHERSON COLLEGE'S 12th ANNUAL C.A.R.S. CLUB CAR SHOW

Saturday, May 7th

DID YOU KNOW??

- McPherson College is the only accredited institution in the world that offers a four-year bachelor's degree in automotive restoration?
- The program was established in 1976 through the generosity of local entrepreneur Gaines H. "Smokey" Billue, and continues today with the support of car enthusiasts which include Jay Leno?
- The recently renovated Templeton Hall is a 33,000-square-foot facility is equipped with specialized equipment and tools to support the unique curriculum of the auto restoration program?
- You can enroll in summer workshops on various topics of automotive restoration?
- The College Car Club can put a Model T together in less than 10 Minutes?

Come check it out on **SATURDAY, MAY 7** when they host **AN OPEN HOUSE AND CAR SHOW!!** We will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the Kwik Shop at 37th & Ridge (S of the 96 bypass) and return home later in the afternoon. You may register (Fee: \$10) your Model A at the Club Meeting. -- **Stones x2 & Giesens**

AROUND TOWN POKER RUN

Saturday, May 14th

How is your LUCK?



Or



Here's how it works: We will meet at a Westside location and pick up 4 cards along the way to Downtown Wichita. Your 5th card will be drawn before you begin your tour of the Sedgwick County Museum. Afterwards, you may check out the Shops in Delano along with Delano's new Antique Mall. And, then, we'll find somewhere to eat about 2:00 pm – and award the PRIZES for the BEST Poker Hands!

Cost is \$5 per person. (Guests - \$15). Sign up at the Club Meeting or call **Grahams** or **Stones**.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE GREAT RACE?

Remember when the Great Race went across America every summer? Our Club would try to go to the nearest overnight and watch the vintage cars come in after a long, hard day of 'on-the-clock' racing and listen to the stories of their trip across the states. **Ken Paxton** was on one week of the last race that went through TX.

Since those years, The Great Race itself has had a couple new owners and hit hard times. There have been some regional events using the Rally Master, **John Classen**. One Regional Event is Sugar Valley Rally out of Scottsbluff NE. The **Kibbes** entered this 3 day event a couple times. Another one that is part of the Vintage Car Rally Association (VCRA) is led by **Rex Gardner** out of Grove, OK.

This year THE GREAT RACE has a new owner, COKER Tire Company has revived the race and it is called 'Coker Tires presents the Hemmings Motor News Great Race'. Under the leadership of **Corky Coker**, the new and improved Great Race is ready to start a new chapter with the 2011 event. It will travel from Coker Tire Company's headquarters in Chattanooga, Tennessee (June 11) to the Hemmings Motor News headquarters in Bennington, Vermont (June 17). Over 1,000 miles of driving will take participants of The Great Race through the Appalachian Mountains and into the beautiful Green Mountain National Forest of Vermont.

(Yes, the yellow roadster from the DQ in LaGrange GA is going to be running in the race! We wish **Taylor & Judy Merrill** the best of luck and fun!)

For more info: www.greatrace.com and www.vintagecarrally.com

S Stone





ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2011 Birthdays

- 3 Tara Chuber
- 3 Terry Kalp
- 4 Robert Anderson
- 6 Ray Harshfield
- 7 Ray Hoffmans
- 12 Fred Hilger
- 12 Richard Schneider
- 14 Louanna Cushenbery
- 14 Kim Grabendike
- 15 Marcia Criser
- 15 Gary Hileman
- 17 Brenda Broadhead
- 21 Rita Hoffmans
- 21 Carolyn Valerius
- 22 Jeff Dewey
- 24 Carol Diaz
- 26 Bert Courtright
- 26 Joyce Dudeck
- 27 John Masters
- 28 Dean Goodman
- 28 Judy Garrett
- 28 Charlie Guinty
- 29 Norma Agard

New Members

- Gary & Norma Agard
.....
Augusta KS 67010-2213
.....
'29 Pickup

- Tyler Hart
.....
Wichita KS 67208-4301
.....
'30 Tudor

- Paul & Tina Partridge
.....
Peabody KS 66866-9832
.....
'28 Pickup

- Jack & Vicky Wempe
.....
Lyons KS 67554
.....
'30 Fordor

April 2011 Refreshments

- Sue Johnson
- Kathleen Paxton
- Ruth Goodman
- Trudee Harshfield
- Orpha Eyres

May 2011 Refreshments

- Nora Meyer
- Roy Goates
- Jane McLaughlin
- Eileen Cox

Newsletter Deadline

- Tue - April 12, 2011
- Tue. May 10, 2011

2011 CLUB ROSTERS

Club Rosters were handed out at the February meeting and the rest were mailed. PLEASE check your information and let me know if there are any corrections. Roster updates will be in future newsletters so you can keep your roster up to date. There will be extra rosters at the March meeting.

IF you move, please let me know so I can keep your newsletter going to the correct address.

Susan Stone

P.S. We have updated our Wichita A's club e-mail list. We send out information that may come up between newsletters and club meetings. If you would like to be on this list or you would like to be taken off the list, just call or e-mail **Linda Kibbe** editor@wichitaas.com or **Susan Stone** membership@wichitaas.com. This is not the same as the 'e-mail the newsletter' list. If you are not receiving the newsletter via e-mail and would like to, please respond to either of the above. It is a great way to read the newsletter AND you will receive it several days earlier than the printed one you get via postal mail.

2011 TOUR SCHEDULE

March 26, 2011	Garage Tour	Adams/ Kibbe
April 2, 2011	Day Trip to Zenda, KS	Chenoweth /Bruce
April 16-17, 2011	Men's Tour to Oklahoma	Cushman/ Hammar
May 7, 2011	McPherson Car Show	Stones x 2/Giesens
May 14, 2011	Around Town Tour Poker Run	Grahams/Stones
June 5-11, 2011	Plain Ol' A's Regional Meet	Overland Park, KS
June 12, 2011	All Wheels Day	Clark
July 4, 2011	Derby Parade & Picnic	Derby Group
July 9, 2011	Automobilia Moonlight Car Show	E Giesen / JD Stone
August 27, 2011	McPherson When Pigs Fly In and BBQ	Ruggles
September 2-5, 2011	South Central Oklahoma	Beaver/Kibbe
September 18, 2011	Ice Cream Social	Ludlow
September 24-25, 2011	Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty	Houchin/Ludlow
October 2, 2011	All Ford Day	Adams
November 12, 2011	Around Town Tour	Grabendike
December ??, 2011	Club Christmas Party	Broadhead/Baggs

2013 REGIONAL MEET NEWS

We're off to a good start with the planning for the 2013 Meet. Thanks to all who attended the first planning meeting and/or volunteered to head a committee. We accomplished more than I thought we would at the first meeting.

We have activities for all the days penciled in. We have to check on some things to see if they are doable and have other ideas to take the place of any we aren't able to do. Some of the activities we have planned are a Grand Tour to the Tallgrass Prairie National Reserve, a visit to the Sedgwick County Zoo, a trip to the Air Museum, and a night at the drive-in theatre. Of course we'll have plenty of food, Men's Seminars, the Ladies Luncheon, Hubley Derby, Car Games, and more.

We still have openings for people to plan the Ladies Luncheon, Car Games, Welcome Party, Youth Activities, and other things. So, if you're interested

let me know, and I'll be happy to sign you up.

We're asking for suggestions for the official name for the meet. You may bring your suggestion to the meeting or send an email to me or **Linda Kibbe** before the meeting. The planning committee will meet again on April 11th to pick the winner and then we'll start putting a logo together.

Francis Grady has agreed to make the trophies again and has asked everyone to bring small Model A parts to the meeting so he can get started. I can't wait to see what **Grady** and his helpers put together.

I'm really excited about the plans we've made so far. Any suggestions or ideas on how to make this a great meet are welcome and appreciated.

Claudia Ellerman

This 'n That

SWAP MEET PARTY RECIPE



Chewy Cherry Bars

Dawna Ruggles

Crust

1 pkg. white cake mix 3/4 C softened butter

Combine cake mix and butter. Beat on low speed until well blended. Press firmly into a 13X9" greased cake pan. Bake at 350 10-12 minutes or until lightly golden.

Filling

2 eggs	1 C packed brown sugar	1/2 tsp. almond extract
2 Tbsp. flour	1 tsp. baking powder	1 C flaked coconut
1 C chopped drained Maraschino cherries		1/2 C chopped pecans/walnuts

In large bowl beat eggs, sugar, & extract until smooth. Stir in flour & baking powder & mix well. Stir in coconut, cherries, & nuts. Spread evenly over warm crust and bake 25-30 min. longer or until well set & golden. Cool completely on wire rack.

Frosting

1/4 C softened butter	1/2 tsp. almond extract
2 C powdered sugar	3-4 Tbsp. light cream

In small bowl beat butter & extract until smooth. Gradually add sugar and cream, beating until smooth and creamy. Spread over cooked filling. Chill until frosting is firm & then cut into bars.

WARNING !



TRAILER PEOPLE

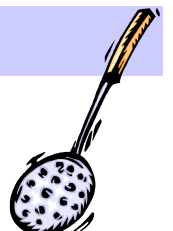
The law is passing out fines for not having trailer lights. I know of two guys that each got a \$140.00 fine. No matter what size the trailer is, it must have turn signals, tail lights and stop lights.

The law also states that there must be two tie downs for each axle. If you have your Model A on a trailer, you better have two straps or chains on the front axle and two on the rear.

The Wizard

IS THIS YOURS?

Left at the Bunco party, a long handle Erco Stainless stirring spoon. Also a Gold Standard Stainless made in Japan, serving spoon, gray with square flowers on the handle.



Doris Jean Ludlow

TECH TALK



MODEL A FORD HEAD TIGHTENING

One maintenance area on the Model A that is often overlooked or neglected is the torque pressure on the head bolts.

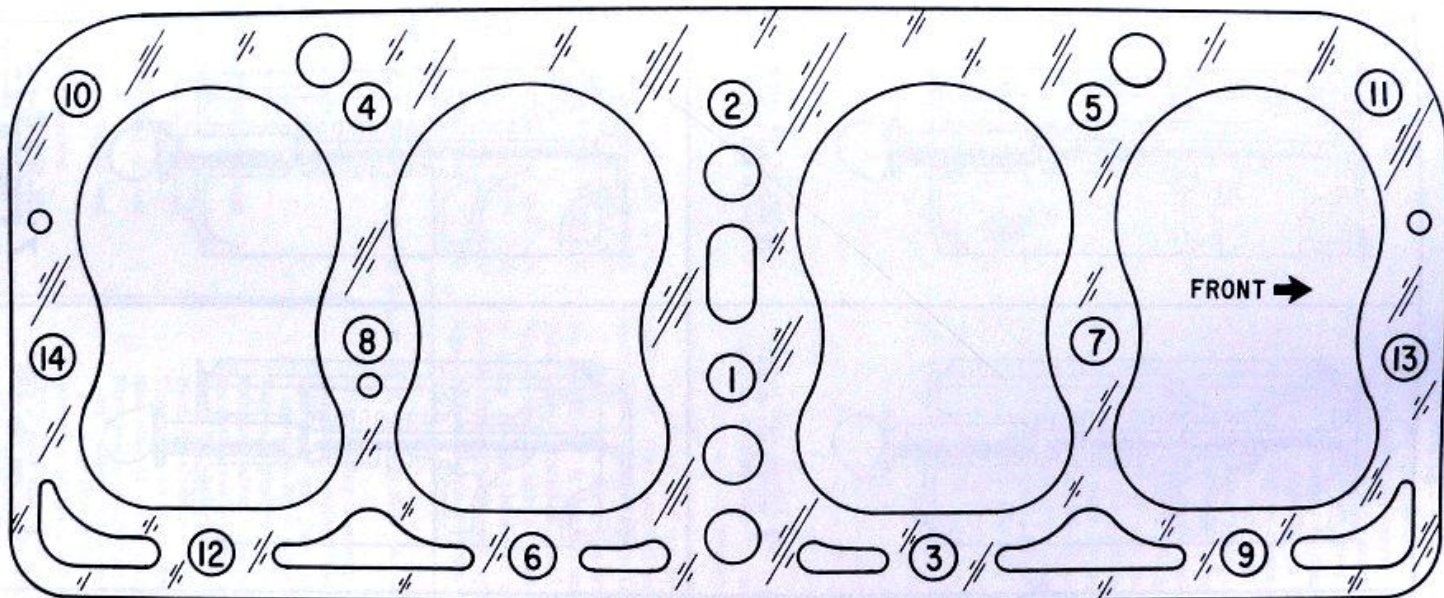
If you purchase a Model A, it is a good idea to torque the head bolts early on, no matter what the seller might have told you about the engine.

Assuming that the car has a stock head and original head gasket, copper or steel, the head bolt torque on each (14) should be 55 foot pounds. It is the usual practice of rebuilders, to torque to this specification. As the engine heats and cools the gasket will often compress a slight amount. If left unattended the head gasket can leak internally or externally. Whether it's a new car to you or a freshly rebuilt it is recommended that you torque each bolt in the sequence shown in the diagram below. This will give you the best performance by retarding compression leaks.

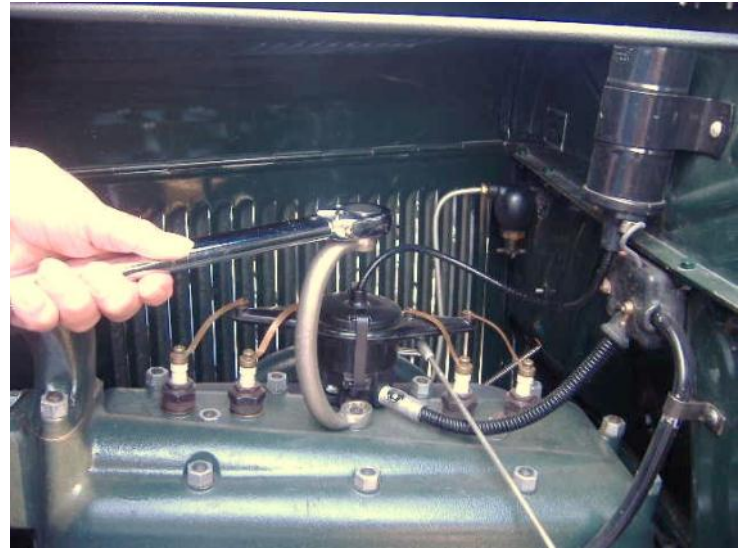
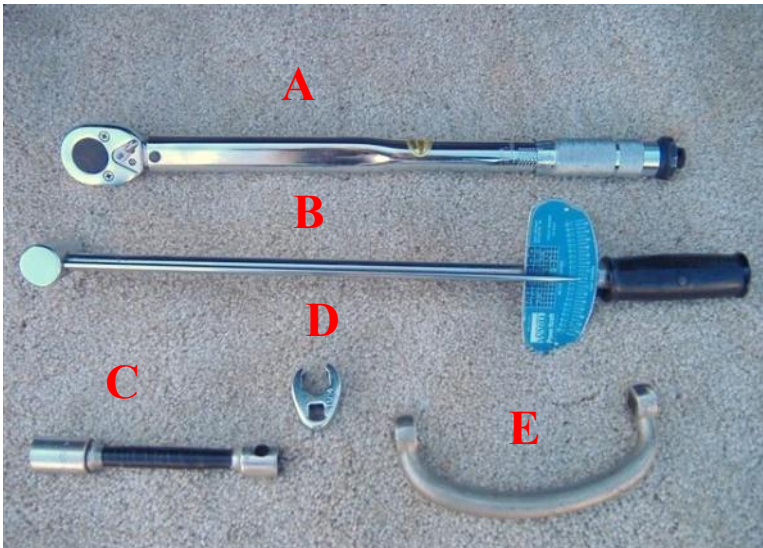
Use extreme caution when torquing bolts #11 & #13. These secure the water neck. The ears on the neck can break easily. As a matter of fact thousands have been broken over the years. The problem arises when the gasket on the outlet is too thick. As the sides are pulled down the neck tries to flex and breaks. The original gasket was very thick and lined with asbestos. Not many mechanics discovered the cause although some of the old timers would insert a "gofer match" fore to aft, under each ear before tightening and this would alleviate the problem. Although thick gaskets are still available it is best to find or make one no thicker than .010". Or a **better** solution is to use no gasket and run a thin bead of RTV gasket compound on the surface.

When replacing a head or gasket it is best to torque the first round in sequence to about 40 foot pounds and then step up to 55, after you have warmed the engine up for 5-10 minutes.

If you are installing a new high compression head with the recommended modern head gasket, then the procedure changes slightly. The initial procedure and the follow-up, calls for the engine to be cold when torquing. Instructions should come with the gasket.



TORQUE WRENCHES AND ATTACHMENTS



- A. Standard “clicker” style torque wrench is the most adequate as it “clicks” when the desired setting is reached. This wrench is available from Harbor Freight for \$10-\$25 depending on sale prices. On March 15th their on-line catalog listed the sale price at \$9.95. Professionals would probably buy a much more expensive tool but this one is accurate for Model A maintenance.
- B. Beam type wrench was used for many years and was the most economical, although to day it is usually \$25 or more. This type is harder to use as your view angle may not give you an accurate reading.
- C. Standard 6” x 1/2” socket extension with 11/16” socket wrench. This will work on all the head bolts except #1 which is next to the distributor. The only way to access #1 with this attachment is to remove the distributor.
- D. Crows Foot type wrench, 11/16”. This will tighten #1 head bolt but be sure to find a semi-wrap around style such as this one. The straight open end style can give false readings if the tips spread. which can happen under high pressure.
- E. Cylinder Head Wrench. 1/2” socket receptacle on one end and 11/16” box end on the other. This was designed for getting around obstructions and reaching into restricted areas. **Works well on the Model A.** Snap on the torque wrench and go, #1 and all of the others. At one time there were several manufacturers of this tool but has long since been discontinued. To find one you can keep an eye out at swap meets and flea markets. **Dennis Ellerman** recently found one at the monthly flea market in Wichita. The only other source is a current production unit being made by: Mike’s “A” Ford-Able Parts of Maysville, GA. Their number for the item is; is T6064T and the price is \$19.95. 1-888-TRY-MIKE (879-6453)

2011 - 2014 FUTURE REGIONAL & NATIONAL MODEL A MEETS

March 24-27, 2011.....	MARC Membership Meet.....	St. Augustine, FL
April 9-15, 2011.....	MAFCA National Tour.....	Nashville, TN
June 5-11, 2011.....	Plain Ol' A's Regional Meet.....	Overland Park, KS
June 27-July 1, 2011.....	MARC National Meet.....	San Diego, CA
September 20, 2011.....	International Model A Day.....	International
December 1-4, 2011.....	MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting.....	Santa Rosa, CA
April 12-15, 2012.....	MARC Membership Meet.....	Perrysburg, OH
June 11-15, 2012.....	Central Iowa Model A Ford Club Regional Meet.....	Des Moines, IA
June 11-15, 2012.....	MARC National Meet.....	Oshkosh, WI
June 18-22, 2012.....	MAFCA National Convention.....	Marquette, MI
September 16-19, 2012.....	MARC National Tour.....	Chattanooga, TN
June 17-21, 2013.....	Wichita A's Regional Meet.....	Wichita, KS
June 24-28, 2013.....	MARC National Meet.....	Lexington, KY
July 14-18, 2014.....	MAFCA National Convention.....	Tacoma, WA
2014.....	Regional Meet.....	Tulsa, OK



April 9-15, 2011 Nashville, TN

2011 SWAP MEET SCHEDULE

April 9-10, 2011.....	Ararat Shrine's Swap Meet (101 SW Oldham, Route 50 & 291)	Lee's Summit, MO
Apr 28 - May 1, 2011.....	Pate Swap Meet (TX Motor Speedway)	Fort Worth, TX
May 6-8, 2011.....	Lawrence Swap Meet.....	Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS
May 12-14, 2011.....	Chickasha Spring Swap Meet (adjacent Grady Fairgrounds).....	Chickasha, OK
Jun 14-18, 2011.....	Petit Jean Swap Meet (Petit Jean Mountain).....	Petit Jean, AR
Jun 25-26, 2011.....	Swap Meet Fremont - 25th Annual - Christensen Field.....	Fremont, NE
Jul 10-17, 2011.....	Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet.....	Iola, WI
Aug 19-21, 2011.....	Springfield, MO Swap Meet (Ozark Empire Fairgrounds).....	Springfield, MO
Sep 17-18, 2011.....	Ararat Shrine's Swap Meet (101 SW Oldham, Route 50 & 91)..	Lee's Summit, MO
Sep 21-24, 2011.....	Petit Jean Fall Swap Meet (Petit Jean Mountain).....	Petit Jean, AR
Oct 5-8, 2011.....	Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet.....	Hershey, PA
Oct 13-15, 2011.....	Chickasha Antique Auto Club Swap Meet & Car Show.....	Chickasha, OK
Oct 22, 2011.....	Sedgwick Street Rodders Swap Meet, KS State Fairgrounds....	Hutchinson, KS
Oct 29-31, 2011.....	Conroe Swap Meet (Montgomery County Fairgrounds).....	Conroe, TX

Era Fashion



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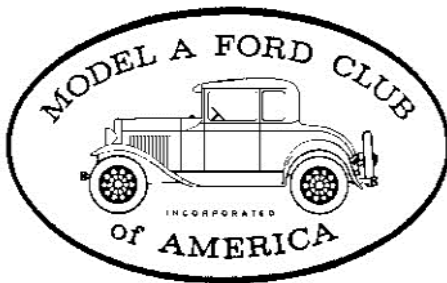
TAKING CHANCES

"Left my Ford in Central Park yesterday while I went through the Museum and when I came out, I found it all shot to pieces."

"How was that?"

"Why, the squirrels had eaten all the nuts off of it."

NATIONAL MODEL A CLUBS



MAFCA
250 S. Cypress St.
La Habra, CA 90631 - 5515
U.S. Membership Cost: \$40

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



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