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August Refreshments



- Carolyn Nungesser
- Bonita Graham
- Linda Kibbe
- Kim Giesen
- Peggy Chenoweth

Club Tours & Meeting Schedule

August 2009

- 24.....Early Bird DinnerGolden Coral, 616 S. Ridge Rd.....5:30 PM
- 24.....Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM
Program - Slide show of MARC National Meet, Merrillville, IN
- 28-31.....KC Truman Tour.....Hoffmans, Beavers & Kibbes

September 2009

- 9.....Newsletter Deadline.....editor@wichitaas.com.....
- 26.....Marion Antique Tour & 2nd International Model A Day..... Ellermans, Straubs, Hilemans
- 28.....Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM

October 2009

- 4.....All Fords Day @ Camp HiawathaReeves, Clark
- 7.....Newsletter Deadline.....editor@wichitaas.com.....
- 24-25.....Mens Tour..... Ruggles, Cushman
- 26.....Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM

November 2009

- 23.....Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM
Program: Charity Auction

December 2009

- 5.....Ladies Christmas Brunch.....Graham, Praeger, Kottas
- 12.....Christmas Party.....McLaughlin, Guinty, Kottas

NO CLUB MEETING

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Wichita A's Club Minutes

The Wichita A's meeting was called to order by **President Ed Giesen** on July 27, 2009 with 96 members present.

New members were **Robert** and **Cindy Mowat**. No guests present.

A motion was made by **Wayne Orr** to accept the minutes as printed in the Rumbleseat Review . It was second by **Doug Schoemaker**.

Motion passed.

Treasurer Jim Clark gave the financial report.

Sunshine Lady Bonita Graham reported that **Dick Foote** is doing better, **Kim Grabendike** is improving, **Johnnie Roberts** is feeling better, **Eilene Cox** received good news regarding her health, **Vera Little** passed away, **Lavina Schroeder** has had surgery and **Lavonne McLaughlin** is home after minor surgery.

Correspondence consisted of "Thank You" mail from Shiners, Make a Wish, and **Lavonne McLaughlin**. A letter from **Phillip Gonsler** regarding parts for sale was read.

Ed Giesen reported on Senior Resource Fair to be August 21 and an Sedgwick Historical Society event.

Doug Schoemaker had no new news for the Wichita Area Car Club Council.

Kerry Steffens let club members know of the 2010 MARC National Convention, June 14-18th. He made available a flyer with hotel lists. **Kerry** had no report for MAFCA.

Bonita Graham told of the benefit to be held for the young girl, who was burned.

Old business was a report given by Ed Giesen on "July 4th Parade & Picnic" and the "Automobilia

Midnight Madness" to where **Wayne Orr** won first place with his 1959 Ford convertible.

New business covered the Tanganyika Wildlife Park Tour being held on August 1st by **Barb Phye** and the Kansas City Truman Tour by **Linda Kibbe** which is a 4 day weekend held before Labor Day week-end. Do bring your lawn chairs.

Bob Bruce reported that Mires Tools Co. is selling parts September 19.

Roger Graham reviewed update on buzzer installation on the Model A cars and his Model A starter incident.

Doris Jean Ludlow inquired about having an ice cream social during the latter part of September on a Sunday evening. It's a GO!

Ed Giesen stated **Tony Pezzola** of Friends University would like to have about 6 cars for Homecoming on September 26th.

Tom Ruggles has a tour for Mcpherson, KS to attend, "When Pigs Fly" on August 29.

Dale Hellar reminded members of shirts and hats for sale with pricing.

Ed Giesen shared news of Plain Ol' A's Model A Ford Club having a 2011 Midwest Regional Meet June 5-11 of 2011 at Olathe, KS.

Ed Giesen told members our Swap Meet is a definite, "GO" as planned.

Refreshments provided by **Tony Pezzola** of Friends University who heads up the Food Department. Sorry, no left over cake.

Jim Broadhead and **Dennis Ellerman** shared the program for a slide show of High Country Tour at Breckenridge, CO.

Meeting was adjourned.

Lenette Kottas
Secretary

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Announcements

September Birthdays

- 4 Pat McHenry
- 5 Bill Shearer
- 5 Mariann Weninger
- 6 Esther Stoss
- 9 Joyce Knapp
- 10 Bill Brooks
- 10 Larry Cushenbery
- 10 Leroy TenBarge
- 15 Bob Phye
- 17 Marvin Hamlin
- 19 Floyd Long
- 20 Richard Seltman
- 20 Dottie Schoemaker
- 21 Lavina Schroeder
- 23 Al Albers
- 24 Tim Straub
- 27 Jim Clark
- 27 Jeannie Cole
- 27 Morene Havercroft
- 28 Carol Cox
- 28 Terry Grabendike
- 28 Joyce Guinty
- 28 Jane Hellar
- 29 Steve Grabendike
- 29 Tom Waite

Newsletter Deadlines

- Wednesday - September 9, 009
- Wednesday - October 7, 2009

2010 Dues are Due By October 1st.

The 2010 Membership Form is included in the August Newsletter and will also be available at the Club Meeting. There are some new questions on the form so please fill one out to turn in with your dues. --
Susan Stone

New Members

- Mowat, Robert & Cindy
-
-
-
- 2- '28 Coupes '28 AA Truck

New Address Update

- Bill Bosserman
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-
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Congratulations!

Dale and Morene Havercroft have a new Granddaughter, Keaton Dale Miller, born July 30th in Denver CO

New Phone Numbers

- Hawthorne, Charles & Vinita
- Charles C:
- Vinita C:
-
- Ludlow, Darrell & Doris Jean
-

September Refreshments

- Doris Jean Ludlow
- Duane Gosch
- Kathleen Paxton
- Ruth Anne Praeger
- Sandy Titus

October Refreshments

- Judy Hill
- Joyce Guinty
- Donna Hileman
- Lavina Schroeder
- Vicki Hildibrand
- Linda Boivin

President's Note

September is the election of officers. At this point of time, the open positions are the Vice President and club newsletter Editor. Now is the time to step forward and support the Wichita A's Model A Ford Club and volunteer.

Dues are due by October 1st. There are new questions being asked on the Membership form. We are asking everyone to please fill the new form out and send it in with your club dues. You will find the form in this newsletter, or there will be plenty of forms available at the club meeting.

Please continue to wear your name badges at all club functions and keep driving your car as much as possible.

Ed Giesen, President

Editor's Note

Well, when it happens, it happens. Richard and I took his camera to the Automobilia Midnight Madness, downtown and we took a lot of pictures.. I noticed, at the end of the evening, the camera stated the card had been re-formatted. After arriving home, I put the card in the computer and found I didn't have any pictures from the Automobilia event. The word "Reformatted" can raise your blood pressure.

September brings the election of club offices and people volunteering to fill the Committee Chairperson positions. I have had the pleasure of being the newsletter editor for several years and it is a very rewarding and worthwhile endeavor for the club. Anyone with basic computer knowledge who would be willing to take on this responsibility should give me a call or contact any of the club officers.

Sincerely
Linda Kibbe, Editor

Tech Talk



If It Ain't Broke Don't Fix It or, Don't "Fiddle" With It

On the way to the World Meet in Addison, TX, last year one small group of Model A'ers stayed overnight in Sulphur, OK.

After eating a Mexican dinner close to our motel, the group retired to the parking lot to do minor maintenance chores on the cars. As I fetched something from my spare parts box, I noticed my Nu-Rex, ignition spark coil polarity tester. It was only natural that I show it to the other guys and explain its purpose,

In theory the Model A ignition has a specific polarity that makes the engine perform to its maximum specification. Over the years and dozens of parts changes the polarity has often been inadvertently reversed. The polarity depends on the coil's primary winding, battery connections and their relation to the secondary (high voltage) winding.

According to Nu-Rex, improper spark polarity can produce:

- Hard Starting
- Uneven idle speed
- Low engine power
- Missing at high speed

I have a hard time believing that any of these symptoms are solely caused by reverse polarity, but if you should have one or more marginal components, either ignition or fuel, then reverse polarity may compound the problem.

I had just tested the polarity on my town sedan a few weeks prior to the Texas trip and found it to be reversed. So, **Bob Bruce** was next likely guy to test the Nu-Rex Sparklite on his phaeton, and sure enough it, was reversed. To correct the polarity it is necessary to remove the two outer coil wires, open the terminal box and re-route the wires to the opposite side of the coil, which is what **Bob** did. It wasn't broke but we sure fixed it!!!!!!

Next morning we joined another bunch of Wichita A's club members in Southern, OK. And, headed on to Addison as a group. Addison is a suburb of Dallas and has heavy traffic. We were on a multi-lane feeder road headed for the headquarters hotel and the **Bruces'** car stopped dead at a busy intersection.

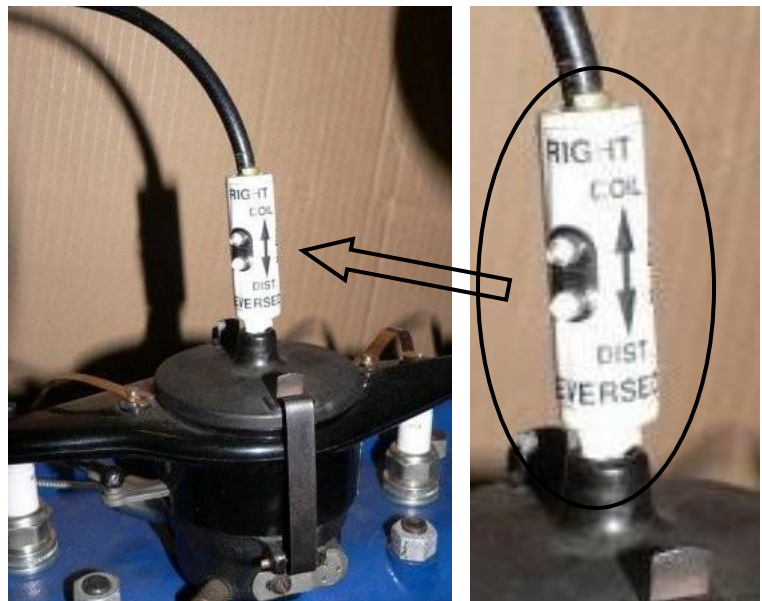
Cars were whizzing by on both sides and the whole line of Model A's were stopped, "dead in the water". **Dale Havercroft** then took charge. He managed to exit his spot towards the back of the line, drive forward and back up to the **Bruce** car and attach his tow rope. The whole group, following **Dale** proceeded thru a somewhat complicated route and pulled up in front of the Intercontinental Hotel. With what seemed like hundreds of people looking on, the

car was diagnosed and found to have a loose connection on one side of the coil.

Bob and Joan went thru a lot of stress and trauma that day, all because of my idea to fix what wasn't broke. Believe it or not they still speak. RG



Troubleshooting **Bruces'** car in front of the Intercontinental Hotel



Sparklite Ignition Polarity Tester.

Start engine:

Flashing LOWER light, Coil Polarity REVERSED

Flashing UPPER light, Spark and Polarity OK

Future 'A' Tours and Events

Kansas City & Truman Tour



August 28 - 31st

We will leave at 7:00 AM from McDonalds, 115 W. Central, Andover, KS. For those who want breakfast they are open at 5:00 AM for breakfast.

Members of the "Heart of America Model A Ford Club" are joining us on the tour in Kansas City. They are extending their gracious hospitality to us by providing us a tail gate BBQ at the Drury Inn parking lot Saturday evening.

If you have room to bring your lawn chairs, please do for the BBQ!

Questions? Call **Beavers @** or **Kibbes @**

Mires Tools Co Inc Sale



September 19th

There are two places to meet:

1st: 8:00 AM: Spear's Restaurant located at 4323 W Maple, west of West St. Come and join other club members for breakfast. This is a "buy your own" breakfast.

2nd: 10:00 AM at Mires Tools located at 4330 Esthner Ave., located 2 blocks south of Harry St. and 2 blocks west of West St.

Sign up at the Aug meeting or call:

Bob Bruce

THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERONE

Friends Homecoming Parade



September 26th

We need 6 cars preferably convertible. There would be a driver and 2 passengers riding.

Need to lined up at 4pm and the parade ends at 5:30pm. At the end of the parade there will be a buffet that will be **FREE** to all parade participants. If drivers bring their wife that's fine too. if we get more than 6 cars that is fine too they can just ride in the parade maybe putting a VP in the car.

Please contact me at home @ or my office @ I know the Marion Tour is on this day so keep that in mind.

Tony Pezzola

Derby Historical Museum Open House

October 10th

The Derby Historical Museum will hold an open house Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They would like to have some Model A's (and other old cars) for display at the event.

Refreshments will be available and, of course, access to the museum.

Anyone interested or wanting additional information may contact:

Don Arnold or Jason Crippen

Marion Antique Tour and Second International Model A Day

September 26th

It's the Second International Model A Day, so let's get those Model A's out on the road. The tour is still in the planning stages, but plans so far include a stop to see the alpacas in Peabody, lunch at Marion Lake, and shopping for antiques in Marion.

We'll have all the details at the August club meeting and in the next newsletter.

Price will be \$5.00 for club members and \$15.00 for guests.

Sign up at the August meeting or call:

Denny & Claudia Ellerman at

Gary & Donna Hileman at

Tim and Becky Straub at

Ice Cream Social - Ludlows

Sunday, September 20th

7:00 PM

The Ludlows are having an Ice Cream Social at their new home located at

There will be a sign up sheet at the August meeting for you to bring a choice of either an ice cream freezer full of ice cream or a dessert.

Questions: Call Ludlows

Past Tours and Events

Tanganyika Wildlife Park

On Sunday, August 2nd, the Wichita A's visited the Tanganyika Wildlife Park in Goddard. The weather turned out perfect.

A box lunch was provided following the tour of the park.

We want to thank **Bob** and **Barb Phye** for organizing this fun filled afternoon and **Eric Weninger** for bringing the pop wagon.!



A hot Rhinoceros heading to the water hole.



Bob & JoAnn Bruce enjoying the afternoon.



John and Susan Stone



Terry Grabendike



Don Grabendike & Eric Weninger

Frank and Peggy Chenoweth

Frank and **Peggy** were born and raised in Broken Arrow, Ok.

Frank's first car in the fifties was a 39 Nash Coupe. It was a really nice car that hadn't been "used up" and it served him well. It gave him the feeling of freedom that a young man's first car tends to do and he started courting **Peggy** in the Nash. After a couple of years it was getting difficult to get parts for the car so he traded it for a Buick. The Buick with its center mounted and swept back antenna reminded **Peggy** of a roach and she didn't much care for the car, so **Frank** didn't keep it very long.

Frank eventually earned his degree from the University of Tulsa and the young married couple moved to Cleveland, Oh, where **Frank** landed a job with NASA.

The **Chenoweths** lived in Cleveland for 8 years. Frank really liked his job, but the couple didn't care for living in Cleveland. Their parents were also aging to the point where the couple wanted to move back west. In 1971 **Frank** took a job with Beechcraft and they moved to the Wichita area.

Frank began to have recurring recollections of the 39 Nash Coupe and had hopes of finding another. At one point he spotted a 40 Coupe setting by a garage on South Broadway and stopped to ask if it was for sale. The owner replied emphatically, no, and chewed Frank out for even asking.



Chenoweths' Coupe on the street in, Miami, OK.



Frank & Peggy Chenoweth with their 31 Coupe

Frank also joined the Nash Club of America. But, the Club officials have advised him that the chances of finding a 39 or 40 coupe are slim to none.

In 1998 an old friend **Gary Sheneman** from Oklahoma came to stay with the **Chenoweths**, while **Gary** being a "car guy" attended our swap meet. **Frank** dropped **Gary** off at the Coliseum on his way to work and was astounded by all of the activity in the area. So, when he came to pick up **Gary** that evening he came into the meet to look around.

This was a life changing event for the **Chenoweths**. No, he didn't find the Nash Coupe that he was seeking, but he saw a 31 Model A Coupe that he couldn't resist. He describes it as "that appeal that Model A's have". He came back the next morning, bought the coupe and as he was driving it out, **Richard Kibbe** approached him about joining the club. Nine years later **Frank** was chairman of the Swap Meet. The **Chenoweths** have been on many tours, attended Regional Meets and even attended one National Meet.

If, **Frank** ever finds that 39 Nash Coupe, we hope that he maintains his interest in the Model A. **Frank & Peggy** have been a great addition to our club and are always willing to step forward and help out. RG

2008 - 2009 Swap Meet Schedule

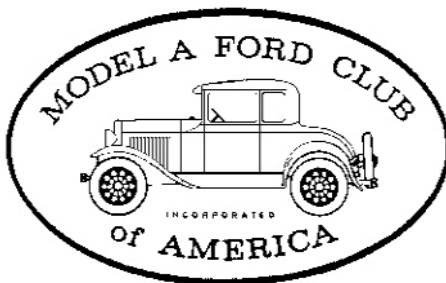
September 19-20, 2009.....	Ararat Shrine Swap Meet at Wolds of Fun.....	Kansas City, KS
	http://www.araratshrine.com/swap/	
October 7-10, 2009.....	Hershey Swap Meet.....	Hershey, PA

2009 Parade & Car Shows

October 10, 2009.....	Maize Fall Festival Parade and Car Show	Maize, KS
	www.maizelionsclub.com	

2008 - 2011 Future Regional & National Model A Meets

September 20-23, 2009.....	MARC National Tour.....	Charlottesville, VA
December 3-5, 2009.....	MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting.....	Waukesha, WI
April 9-11, 2010.....	MARC Membership Meet, Sycamore A Region.....	Terre Haute, IN
June 7-11, 2010.....	Meadowlark A's Regional Meet.....	Omaha, NE
June 9-13, 2010.....	Texas Tour - Fort Worth Model A Ford Club.....	Granbury, TX
June 14-18, 2010.....	MARC National Meet,	French Lick, IN
June 19-27, 200.....	150th Anniversary Pony Express Model A Tour.....	St. Joseph, MO- Sacramento, CA
August 1-6, 2010.....	MAFCA International Meet.....	Vancouver, BC, Canada,
December 8-11, 2010.....	MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting.....	Colorado Springs, CO
2011.....	Plain Ol' A's Regional Meet.....	Kansas City, KS



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