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September Refreshments



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

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Club Tours & Meeting Schedule

September 2009

- 26.....Marion Antique Tour & 2nd International Model A Day..... Ellermans, Straubs, Hilemans
- 28.....**Early Bird Dinner has been canceled until further notice.**
- 28.....Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM
Program - Model A Magazine Ads presented by Linda Kibbe

October 2009

- 4.....All Fords Day @ Camp HiawathaClark
- 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

- 4.....Newsletter Deadline.....editor@wichitaas.com....
- 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 IN DECEMBER**

January 2010

- 28.....Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM

February 2010

- 5-6.....Sunflower Swap Meet, Kansas Coliseum.....Park City, KS
- 22.....Club Meeting at Minisa Park, 704 W. 13th N.....7:00 PM

Wichita A's Club Minutes

The 271st Wichita A's meeting was called to order by President **Ed Giesen** on August 24, 2009 with 83 members present.

Guests were **Ron Moore, Ken Nichols, John Walker, Dave Aldag** and **Dan Hagenbuch**. No new members present.

Motion was made by **Wayne Orr** to accept the minutes as printed in the Rumbleseat Review. It was second by **Richard Sanchez**. Motion passed.

Treasurer **Jim Clark** gave the financial report.

Sunshine Lady **Bonita Graham** reported that **Doris Jean Ludlow** is recovering from surgery, **Clarence Frazer** passed away. We were told the fund raiser, that was held for the young girl, burned victim, was successful.

Correspondence read by **Ed Giesen** which was "Thank You" notes from **Dick Foote, Doris Jean Ludlow**, family of **Vera Little** and a letter from McPherson College stating appreciation of the donation to the Restoration Department.

Doug Schoemaker gave a report regarding the Wichita Area Car Council Club and various car show activities.

Kerry Steffens did not have a report for MARC and MAFCA.

Old business was **Barb Phye** reporting on the Tanganyika Wildlife Tour with 90 members attending. **Bob Bruce** reminded members about Mires Tool Company parts sale, September 19, 2009.

New business was **Helen Louise Beaver** giving a

report about the Kansas City/Truman Tour August 29-31. **Tom Ruggles** gave a report about When Pigs Fly Tour August 29, 2009. **Ray Harshfield** talked about a car show taking place August 29, 2009. **Darrell Ludlow** announced a signup sheet is available for the Ice Cream Social on September 20, 2009. **Ed Giesen** reminded members about the Friends University Home Coming Parade taking place September 26, 2009. **Dennis Ellerman** reported on the updates of the Marion Antique Tour and 2nd International Model A Day September 26, 2009. No report by **Don Arnold** regarding Derby Historical Open House in October. **Frank Chenoweth** talked about our Swap Meet in February 2010.

Ed Giesen reminded members the September meeting is election of officers. There are positions to be filled.

Ed Giesen reported on members who had years of membership with MARC. These are the members with 25 years: **John Weninger, Ray Hoffmans, Bob Beaver** and **Roger Graham**. With 30 Years: **Robert Giesen**. With 35 years: **Jim Broadhead**.

Refreshments were served by **Carolyn Nungesser, Bonita Graham, Linda Kibbe, Kim Giesen** and **Peggy Chenoweth**.

Kerry Steffens presented the program which was a slide show of the MARC National Meet at Merrillville, IN. Meeting then adjourned.

Lenette Kottas, Secretary

Wichita A's Board Meeting Minutes

Wichita A's Board Meeting was held on 9-10-09 with **Ed Giesen** President, presiding with **Jim Broadhead** Vice President, **Jim Clark** Treasurer, **Lenette Kottas** Secretary, **Gary Hileman** Past President. Non voting members in attendance were **John Stone** Swap Meet Secretary, **Frank Chenoweth** Swap Meet Chairman, **Susan Stone** Membership Roster, **Linda Kibbe** Newsletter Editor, **Richard Kibbe, Lawrence Kottas** and **Darren Schuster** computer enhancement developer.

Wichita's A's website situation was discussed. Motion was made by **Jim Broadhead** and second by **Gary Hileman** to have **Darren Schuster** de-

sign the Web site and maintain it. It was determined **Ed Giesen** President, **Linda Kibbe** Newsletter Editor and **Susan Stone** Membership Roster Chairman are the contact people to request an update to the web site.

After discussion it was decided to cancel the monthly Early Bird Dinner activity.

Frank Chenoweth presented the latest news regarding the Model A's Swap Meet situation. The County needs to decide who is going to manage the facility.

Lenette Kottas
Secretary



President's Note

It seems like only yesterday that I started as the president of our fine club. Now we are coming to the close of our fiscal year and we will have elections of officers at the September club meeting. So far all of the elected officers have volunteered to take on another year with the exception of our treasurer, **Jim Clark**. **Bert Courtright** has volunteered to take Jim's place. We will accept nominations for all elected offices and then vote on all of the candidates that have been nominated.

There are several committee head openings that are available and I would like to see some new names in some of the committee slots. There are also a lot of opportunities for service to the club at our upcoming swap meet. Our chairman **Frank Chenoweth** is busy making plans for the swap meet and is going to need everyone's help to make it a success.

I am looking forward to the upcoming events and hope that each of you will take time to put more into the club and enjoy the club even more.

Ed Giesen
President

Editor's Note

I'm pleased to announce that I have accepted the responsibility as the newsletter editor for the next year. I have enjoyed doing it the past years and was concerned about our travel schedule for 2010 and being able to fulfill my responsibilities with a monthly newsletter.

I may choose to combine the July and August 2010 newsletter. If I do this, we will rely on our email service to send out pertinent information. Those without computers will have to rely on the gossip mill.

Linda Kibbe
Newsletter Editor

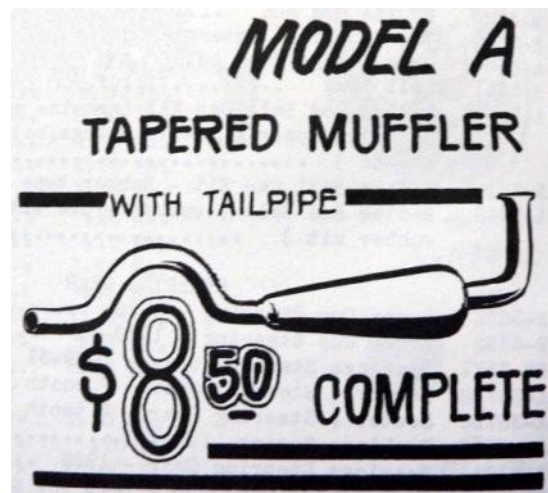
MARC Anniversaries

35 Years
James Broadhead

30 Years
Robert Giesen

25 Years
John Weninger
Ray Hoffmans
Robert Beaver
Roger Graham

Model A Muffler

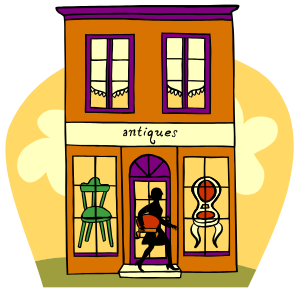


Guess the year that this was published in the Ford Parts Obsolete (LA Calif) catalog.

Hint: Richard Nixon had not yet served as US President.

Answer on page 8

Future Model 'A' Club Tours and Activities



Marion Antique Tour & Second International Model A Day

September 26, 2009

September 26th is "International Model 'A' Ford Day" and a perfect time to join us for the "Marion Antique" tour. We will be traveling in two groups. The west group will leave the McDonalds at 61st and I-35 at 8:00 a.m. The east group will leave the McDonalds in Andover at Central and Andover Road at 8:00 a.m.

It is important that we leave on time so that we will be positioned near the beginning of the Old Settler's parade, which starts at 11:00 am. You are not required to drive in the parade. Tossing candy during the parade is allowed, if one chooses too.

After the parade we will travel to the Marion county lake for lunch. After lunch we will return to Marion where there are antique shops and storage buildings filled with such interesting items as an aogah horn, a few Model 'A' parts as well as some petroliana items such as a White Eagle concrete bird, signage, and gas pumps. Our antique host, **Dennis Maggard**, makes frequent trips to Wichita. He has assured me that delivery to Wichita is not a problem if you buy something that will not fit in your Model 'A'.

In honor of "International Model 'A' Ford Day" we will also be driving to Canada, (Kansas that is). If you missed signing up at the August meeting, it's not too late. Call **Dennis Ellerman** to sign up for the west group or **Gary Hileman** (.....) to sign up with the east group.

Come join the fun in your Model 'A' on "International Model 'A' Ford Day".

All Fords Day

October 4, 2009

All Fords Day will be October 4 at Camp Hiawatha. The location is 1601 W 51st. N.. This is in the area of 53rd and the Little Arkansas River. Food and drink will be supplied.

Sign up at the meeting or call **Jim Clark**



Ladies Christmas Brunch

December 5, 2009

A new twist on our traditional Ladies Christmas luncheon this year. We are having a 'BRUNCHEON' instead of a luncheon. We will meet at the CUP AND SAUCER, 4935 W. Central at 9:00 AM, on December 5, have brunch, some time for shopping in the antique shop associated with the tea room, and be finished by 11:00AM.

Lenette Kottas has arranged for a guest speaker, **Suzanne Tobias**, who will speak on the lighter side of life. Her topic is, "The Days are Long, but Life is short- Keep laughter in your life."

As this is a small tea room, seating is limited; therefore we ask that **MEMBERS ONLY** sign up to attend. Guests will be included IF space becomes available.

Sign up will begin at the September meeting and continue through the November meeting, depending on available space.

Cost is \$5.00 for members. Should guests be included cost will be \$20.00 each.

For information contact

Bonita Graham

Parades * Car Shows * Open house

Friends Homecoming Parade



September 26th

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

Need to line up at 4 pm and the parade ends at 5:30 pm. 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 10, 2009

The Derby Historical Museum will hold an open house, Saturday, October 10th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. 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**

Maize Fall Festival Parade and Car Show



October 10, 2009

Maize Fall Festival Parade and Car Show Oct. 10th. The Festival has a full schedule of entertainment and is bigger than ever. Come and join in the fun. We have a booth for a membership drive and a lot of great food. Parade applications can be printed from the Maize Lions Club web site. www.maizelionsclub.com, as well as other festival information.

Richard & Connie Craft

South Central Fall Festival

October 10, 2009

Fire Fighters Museum and Lincoln Park
1300 S. Broadway
Parade, Oct. 10th, 2PM

ANTIQUÉ FIRE TRUCK AND CAR PARADE

Model A's and other antique cars are requested to line up at the south side of the Wal-Mart parking lot, Pawnee & Broadway at 1:30 PM. Parade will proceed north on Broadway and end at the Museum. Admission to the museum is free during the festival. Free hot dogs and pop in the park.

Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will be held Sun. Oct 11, 1:30 PM at the Memorial Plaza next to the Museum.

Arkalalah Parade

October 31, 2009

We have been invited to participate in the Arkalalah parade, Sat Oct 31, 2009, in Arkansas City, KS.

The parade begins at 2:00 pm.

Anyone interested can contact:

James & Judi Sharp (day) or
..... (evenings)

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Home Coming Parade

Sat. Oct. 24th, 9:30AM

You need to assemble on east side of square, Alva, Ok. This is a large parade that has been in existence well over 40 years

Past Tours and Events

Truman Tour to KC

You couldn't have asked for better weather than what we had during our tour, the last weekend of August, to Kansas City. Yes, some wore jackets! Friday was a day of travel to Kansas City with a lunch stop in Williamsburg, KS and a rest stop at Louisburg Cider Mill.

We visited the Truman Library, Jackson County Historical Society Jail, and some toured the Truman home on Saturday.

Late that afternoon the Heart of America Model A Club of Kansas City, MO threw us a tailgate party at the motel. We found they really know how to put on a "First Class" BBQ. They brought their gas grills, hamburgers, hotdogs and all the trimmings for an excellent BBQ. We had a good time eating and catching up on all the gossip. A very talented couple provided us with entertainment following the meal.

Sunday, we were given an impressive, behind the scenes, tour of the Kaufman Stadium. After lunch at the World War I Memorial Museum, we were given a tour of the Museum and tower by a very informative tour guide.

On Monday, **Dean Weller** and his wife welcomed us with warm hospitality at "Grandpa's Garage". We were very impressed with his hard work he had done on his collection of cars. The rest of the day was spent driving home. LMK

Right:

They entertained us with musical entertainment.

Photo taken by Rick Speck from the Heart of America Club

Bottom: Model A conversation before the meal.

Photo taken by Nancy Clayton from the Heart of America Club



Tailgate BBQ at our motel.

Photo taken by Rick Speck from the Heart of America Club



All photographs on this page were taken by Kerry and Wanda Steffens



Scott Guinty getting warmed up doing his stretches as Al Hildibrand is working on his push ups.



A bit of history being shared with us at the Jackson County Historical Society Jail.



Judy Hill, Jane McLaughlin and Morene Havercroft



Vicki Hildibrand demonstrating to us how to fold a fan belt.



Wanda Steffens at World War I Memorial Museum.



Left: Kerry Steffens standing at the standing room only located at the right field area of the Kaufman Stadium, just below the Party Deck.

Right: Dean Weller, Norm Hall and Don McLaughlin at Dean's garage.



Margo Ready to Tour

Gene Bosserman sold his late 31 Tudor, the Green Hornet, to a buyer from Arizona in 2005. He had owned it for about 10 years and had driven it a lot.

By Swap Meet time '07 he decided that he couldn't live without a Model A and started looking around. He connected with **Leroy Ten TenBarge**, who told him about the 30 Tudor basket case that he had for sale. **Gene** went to **Leroy's** place in Walton to look at it and imme-

diately made the purchase. He hung it back together to bring it home and then took it back apart.

Gene did extensive mechanical work and modifications to the engine. It still needs upholstery and an aooah horn. Paint looks good from a galloping horse, but Margo is ready to tour.

Margo was named for the lady ornament on the radiator cap. RG



30 Tudor followed Gene home and mama said he could keep it.



Margo is now ready for the open road.

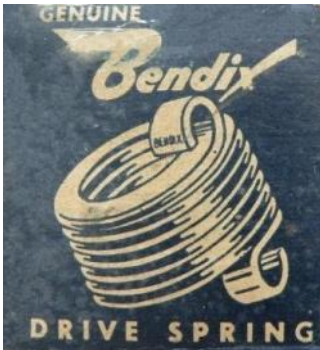


Answer: 1964. Model A Mufflers go for \$200.00 in 2009.

Tech Talk



Bendix Starter Drive



In 1910, Vincent Bendix invented and patented the Eclipse Bendix starter drive for the purpose of engaging an electric motor to start a gas engine. His timing and design couldn't have been better. Until that time, starting the motorcar was by hand crank.

The 1914 Chevrolet, "Baby Grand" was the first production car to use the Bendix Starter Drive, and it was shortly adapted to all American produced cars and dominated the market for many decades. It was so successful that the name Bendix (Eclipse prefix was seldom referred to) became generic for starter drives in general. Bendix went on to build over seventy million drives.

When the Model A was introduced in 1928, Henry Ford equipped his cars with the competitive Abell starter drive. By, Oct 28 the Abell type drive was obsolete and production was switched to 100% Bendix. Dealers could get the Bendix replacement for an exchange price of \$3.00. They were to sell it to owners for an exchange price of \$4.50, never admitting the deficiency of the Abell unit but told the customer that the Bendix drive would give them smoother and quieter operation. Although the service bulletins say that the switch to the Bendix drives was in October 28, I think that it was probably much earlier. The company was probably slow to admit that the Abell drive was a mistake. I've been going to swap meets since 1965 and I've never seen an Abell starter drive. Since almost

500,000 cars had been manufactured by Oct. 28 one would expect to occasionally see one. Or, maybe there was a 100% failure rate.

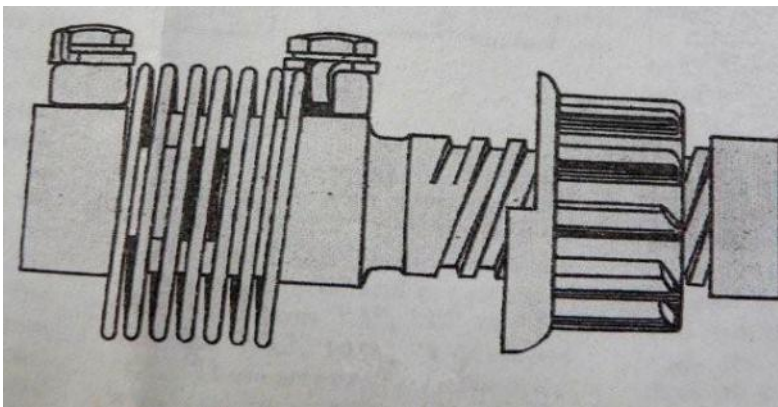
Word to the wise: Many Bendix drives resembled the ones used by Ford, but other makes that engaged the starter on the other side of the car had a spring that was wound opposite of the Ford spring. Thousands of these springs were on the market as it was an often needed replacement. One of our members, not knowing any difference, installed the wrong spring on his Model A. When he pushed the starter, the spring unwound and made quite a commotion in the starter cavity. RG

Bendix Drive Springs

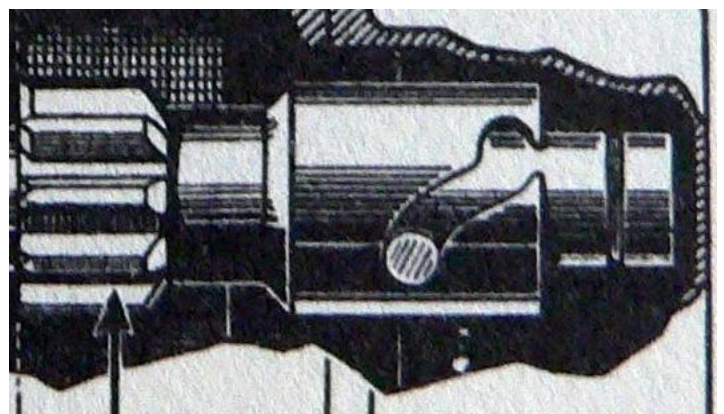


Model A Spring

Non Model A Spring (on the right) If you have one of these in your spare parts stock you may want to throw it away or at least paint it red.



Bendix starter drive used after October 1928



Abell starter drive used on early 28 Model A's

Announcements

October Birthdays

2	Dick Price
2	Wes Voth
5	Harold Erwin
5	Jeremie Hildibrand
8	Ruth Ann Hall
9	Carol Allen
9	Robert McLaughlin
9	Jim Newhouse
11	Dave Crockett
11	K. Verdou Parish
12	Carl Houchin
14	Anthony Johnson
16	Dennis Anderson
16	Bo McHenry
16	Judy Merrill
17	Steve Wendt
18	Beverly Gibson
18	Richard Kibbe
19	Dale Hellar
19	Barb Phye
19	Sandra Romans
21	Dennis Schroeder
22	Ron Cole
24	David Beaver
24	Pamela Kirk
24	Steve McLaughlin
26	Linda Kibbe
27	Kim Giesen
30	Wanda Steffens
31	Lawrence Kottas

Deepest Sympathy

Our hearts go out to **Randy Frazer** and family for the loss of his grandfather, **Clarence Frazer**. **Clarence** was a longtime member of the Wichita A's. He went to several regional meets with us.

2010 Dues are Due By October 1st.

The 2010 Membership Form is included in this 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

Roster Update

Dick & Becky Price, Jr

.....
.....
.....
'30 Woodie

Early Bird Dinner Canceled

The organized dinner before the club meetings has been canceled.

For Sale

Early 28 Model A differential complete, with drums, radius rods and spring. \$100.

Dave Moore,

October Refreshments

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

November Refreshments

Wanda Steffens
Nancy Reeves
Hazel Roberts
JoAnn Bruce
Ruth Anne Praeger

Newsletter Deadlines

Wednesday - October 7, 2009
Wednesday-November 4, 2009

Wichita A's Web Site

Wonder what's happening with our web site? Our webmaster, **Darren Schuster**, is hard at work building the Wichita A's web site. In the next few weeks you will see the new design.

You can now check out the 2010 Swap Meet Flyer at www.wichitaas.com. It has been uploaded on the temporary web page for your viewing.

You will be notified as soon as the web site is finished.



1931 Model A Tudor For Sale Halmark Custom 3-door Trailer



Ground up restoration, new paint & new interior.

Bob Janzen
(Contact newsletter editor)
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Era Fashions



6146 6251 6245 6250 6221 6244

No. 6146. A little girl's suit has a separate tuck-in blouse, a skirt with inverted pleats front and back, and a jacket with a short shoulder cape.

No. 6251. A knotted collar adds a note of contrast to a boy's suit, simply made with short trousers and a separate blouse trimmed with tucks in front.

No. 6245. Short trousers attached to straps over the shoulders and a blouse scalloped at the front closing form an attractive suit for a small boy.

No. 6250. A French detail of a girl's frock is a separate front panel, stitched down over the yoke and collar, and falling loose over the skirt in front.

No. 6221. A shoulder cape divided in the centre back makes a coat simply cut on straight lines and belted at the waist smart as well as practical.

No. 6244. A new diagonal neckline with a contrasting strap lends a note of originality to a boy's suit consisting of a separate blouse and short trousers.

Copied from September 1930 issue of McCall's Magazine

2008 - 2009 Swap Meet Schedule

October 7-10, 2009.....	Hershey Swap Meet.....	.....Hershey, PA
October 15-17, 2010.....	Chickasha Antique Auto Club Swap Meet.....	.....Chickasha, OK
	http://www.chickashaautoswapmeet.com/	
February 5-6, 2010.....	Sunflower Swap Meet.....	.....Wichita, KS
	www.wichitaas.com	
March 18-19, 2010.....	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet.....	.....Chickasha, OK
	http://www.pwsm.com/	

2008 - 2011 Future Regional & National Model A Meets

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, 2010.....	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
June 5-11, 2011.....	Plain Ol' A's Regional Meet.....Kansas City, KS

WICHITA A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB – 2010

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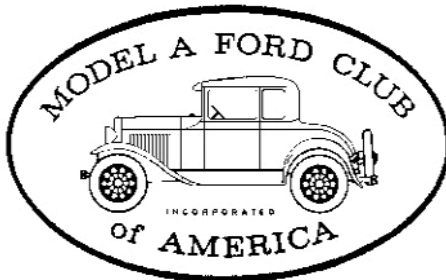
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 4th Monday of the month
 (Unless Otherwise Noted)
 Time: 7:00 PM

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