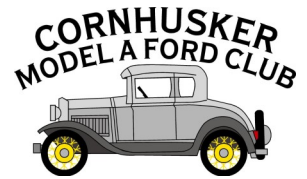


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The Club meets the 1st
Saturday of the month at
Fourth Presbyterian Church
5200 Francis St, Lincoln, NE

Next Meeting
Saturday,
April 6,
at
Hy-Vee on N 84th

APRIL BREAKFAST MEETING

Our annual breakfast meeting will be on April 6th at the Hy-Vee at 1601 N 84th St. Breakfast begins at 9 am with the business meeting to follow. The room we will be in is on the second floor. After the meeting we will be touring over to Elmwood to the Beth Streeter Aldrich Museum.

"EAT OUTS"

FIRST TUESDAY BREAKFASTS

April 2nd, Stauffer's, 5600 S 48th St.
Meet around 9 am.

LAST THURSDAY DINNER CRUISE

April 25th. Napoli's, 5571 S 48th St. Meet at the restaurant at 5:30. Please make reservations with Jeff Thomas by 5 pm on Wednesday, April 24th.
402-421-3961 (H), 402-450-2509

STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND (SAC) MUSEUM TOUR

The Cornhusker Early Ford V8 Club is inviting the Cornhusker Model A Ford Club to join them for a tour and lunch at the SAC Museum on Thursday, April 11, 2024. Hopefully the weather will be nice so folks can drive their old cars. They are meeting at the McDonalds Restaurant parking lot in Waverly at 8:30 AM and departing at 8:45 AM. Of course, anyone wishing to eat breakfast at McDonalds may arrive earlier. Arrival at the museum will be around 9:30 AM. The cost of admission is \$12 each, plus lunch at the museum. Doug Swanson of the V8 Club will be leading the tour. Give Doug a call at 402-430-3334 if you have any questions. Walt Meier, who has been restoring airplanes at the museum since it's inception and will be retiring soon, will be the museum tour guide. If you are going, let Gayle Hanshaw know at vghanshaw@aol.com or 402-570-8623

President's Letter

April is on it's way and everyone is looking forward to getting their Model As on the road! We'll be having our Annual Breakfast meeting on Saturday, April 6 at the Hy-Vee on 1601 North 84th from 9:00 until 11:00 am. Please let Shawn Kean know if you will be attending. According to the weather report - it looks like we'll have good weather then and if that's the case, we'll be taking a drive after the meeting to Elmwood for a tour of the Bess Streeter Aldrich home. It's a beautiful home and the tour guides have lots of stories to share about the family. Let me know if you are interested in going along with us.

We're planning several fun events during the summer and if you have suggestions about things to include on our calendar, please let me know. Our club is only as good as we all make it!

Nancy

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SAVE THE DATE...2024 EVENTS

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| April 6th | Club Breakfast Meeting at Hy-Vee |
| April 11 | SAC Museum Tour with V-8 Club |
| May 15th | Villa Marie Car Display |
| June 7th | Southlake Village Car Display |
| June 9-13 | HCCA Midwest Regional Tour, Dyersville, IA |
| June 23-29 | MAFCA National Convention |
| June 30th | Rebels Car Show, Pioneers Park |
| July 4th | Independence Day Parade & Car Show, Seward |
| Aug. 17th | Iowa Mode A Day, Amana, IA |
| Sept. 20 & 21 | MODEL A DAYS at the Gilmore Car Museum |

Tech Tip

A very simple solution to the problem of chipping the paint on your hood when latching the hood with the hood handles is to cut four 1" to 2" lengths of fuel tubing. Slide the tubing over the rolled lower edge of the hood and secure in place with a dab of silicone.

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MARCH MEETING MINUTES

The March Cornhusker Model A Meeting was called to order on the 2nd by President Nancy Hanshaw. There were 24 members in attendance. The February minutes were corrected to reflect the seminars that are to be put on by Omaha members was reported by Nancy Hanshaw, not Nancy Alder.

Linda Buckley gave the treasurer's report. The beginning checking account balance: \$4,981.17 and the ending is \$5,104.65. Beginning savings account balance: \$3,594.68 and ending \$3,598.78. Jerry Waechter made a motion to accept the report. Deb Thomas seconded and the motion carried. Shawn Kean submitted a bill for \$42.85 for supplies. Barb Smith moved the bill be paid, Jerry Waechter seconded and the motion passed.

Committee reports

Membership: No report.

Activities: Shawn Kean said there is a sign up sheet for the April meeting which will breakfast at Hy-Vee on 84th & Holdrege.

Car council/swap meet: Dick Waechter said he needs help at 6:00 in the morning at the swap meet for vender collection.

Ads: In Bill Buckley's absence Linda reported he has a total of nine ads so far.

Calling/sunshine: Rachael reported cards were sent to Bill Buckley, Dave Alder, Nancy Alder and Becky Schuerman. Becky had surgery on her ankle and Bill had a four vertebra fusion on February 21st. He is now at South Lake Village for rehab. Dave and Nancy have both had shoulder surgery.

Dinner runs: Jeff Thomas said we will be going to Lee's Chicken in March.

Parades/tours: Dick suggested could do a tour around a lake and then have lunch on March 16th. It was suggested we tour to the Bess Streeter Aldrich home in Elmwood following our April breakfast meeting. We will be touring to Villa Marie on May 16th.

Tech talks/seminars: Howard Dinker of the Meadowlark club in Omaha will do a seminar at our May meeting.

History: No report.

Newsletter: Margaret said she had some issues of some people not receiving the newsletter. She asked that if you do not have it by the Monday prior to the meeting, please let her know.

General Interest: Nancy Hanshaw said everyone who attended the dinner at Carmela's had a good time.

Old Business

1. Gayle Hanshaw said the committee for the 65 in '25 celebration has five members. They will meet on the last Monday of the month at noon at Stauffer's café. He has talked to Speedway motors about doing something at their facility.
2. Nancy Hanshaw said the Omaha club has 40 people signed up for the tour to Hickory Corners
3. Name tags were again discussed. The rectangular name tag cost \$9.50. The ones in the shape of Nebraska are \$14.00. The MAFCA tags are gold in color at no cost to our club. Jerry suggested we give a new member the MAFCA name tag and when they attended meetings and activities we will order them a name tag in the shape of Nebraska. Joan Taylor moved we do as Jerry suggested, Barb Smith seconded and the motion passes.
4. Gayle said the 10 millionth Model T was shipped out east to be rebuilt and it will be driven back across the country. It is slated to arrive in Blair Nebraska on June 11th.

New Business

1. Nancy said the Omaha club would like to do some combined activities. They will be going to Model A Days in Amana Iowa. The town Kolona is an Amish Community about 35 miles from Amana. There were a few members showing interest.
2. Andrew said the David City Bone Creek Museum will be moving into the old Ford Building some time in November. It is an Ag related museum and would an interesting tour.
3. Loren entertained us with a few jokes

Car Pool: Bob Callaway.

Myron Smith moved the meeting be adjourned; Andrew Kean seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Taylor, reporting secretary.

THIS & THAT, miscellaneous info...

If any member has items for sale or looking for parts, please send your request to heinz56@neb.rr.com and I will include it in the next newsletter I send. If any member has a tech tip they would like to share, you can email that to me too. Deadline to submit information for newsletters is the 20th of each month, however, if you know that you will be sending information after the 20th, please let me know by the 20th and I will save space for you. Margaret

April MAFFI Minute

(Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.)

Through the generosity of Donna Lewis, former MAFCA President and MAFFI Trustee, "Betsy", a 1930 Ford Model A has been donated to help raise funds for the expansion of the beloved Model A Ford Museum. The car remains in the same condition as restored by Red Grow in the 1950's. Enjoy driving "Betsy", your newest Model A, to your next cruise-in or car show. This is a truly historical vehicle, once owned by a MAFFI Hall of Fame inductee.

"Betsy", became famous as the best Model A in the world. The Ford Model A has gathered 32 top place trophies in the 34 shows which the car was entered. That includes two national shows in 1957 and 1962. Overall, the car won 39 trophies. It is said that Red Grow's car, "Betsy", was an inspiration at the time. It drove many people to do their best in restoring their own car. This urge to do the best restoration possible, developed the need for more information about how to a better job. As a result, the Judging Standards evolved. We can thank Red Grow and the MAFCA founders for their vision.

In 1967, Red sold "Betsy" to a Ford car dealer named Dave Grubbs for \$5,000, an unheard-of price in those days. As a result, Dave Grubb placed the car in a glass cage centered in his dealer showroom. Now, you have a chance to own "Betsy" by entering a Sweepstakes through our website, <https://www.maffi.org/index.htm>, or scan the QR code and receive 20% more tickets for your Donation, available at checkout!"

Happy Motoring,
Cindy Ellenbecker,
MAFFI Trustee-Secretary



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| Adam Brosz | 2nd |
| Dick Waechter | 12th |
| Matt Waechter | 12th |
| Theresa Montag | 16th |
| Bob Zetocha | 17th |
| Jenn Heetderks | 26th |
| Andrew Kean | 28th |
| Nancy Allder | 30th |
| Becky Schuerman | 30th |



Happy Anniversary

Harry & Laverne Johnston 30th



SWAP MEET



Except for the wind, March 3rd was a near perfect day for the 50th year of the Rocky Manginelli Memorial Swap Meet. Helping this year either Saturday or Sunday were Robert Callaway, Richard Waechter, Gary Horn, Terry Elliott, Matt Waechter, Gayle Hanshaw, Jeff Thomas, Brian Herbal, Randy Scdoris, Harry & Laverne Johnston, Ed Taylor, Bill Hershberger and Don Cook.



From Days Gone By....

FIVE STATES IN 1929 ABOLISHED SPEED LIMITS

Maximum speed limits were abolished in five states in 1929, while 12 states raised the limit, with the objective of speeding up traffic, according to reports received by the California State Automobile Association. Kansas, Tennessee, Vermont and Wisconsin prescribe a speed that is "reasonable and proper", in effect this means that speed is not to be considered prima facie evidence of reckless driving, and such cases will be considered on their merits.

With improved highways and added safety qualities in motor cars, the tendency throughout the country has been to speed up traffic, and each year finds the legislature of various states fostering proposals to abolish maximum speed laws.

SPEED LIMITS INCREASED

States which increased their speed limits by action of the legislature during 1929 are: California, from 25 miles per hour to 40; Delaware from 30 to 35; Minnesota, from 35 to 45, Nebraska from 35 to 45; Nevada, from 45 to 50; New Mexico, from 35 to 45; Ohio, from 35 to 45; Pennsylvania, from 35 to 40; South Dakota, from 25 to 40; Texas, from 35 to 45, and Virginia, from 35 to 45.

A total of 11 states do not prescribe maximum speed laws. These are Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The limits in other states range from 20 miles an hour in Massachusetts, to 50 miles per hour in Nevada, with the majority of states placing the limit at between 35 and 45 miles an hour.

From "The Evening News, San Jose, California, Wednesday, August 27, 1930"

Bess Streeter Aldrich

Bess Streeter Aldrich was a noted Nebraska author. She began writing when she was in high school and won a Ladies' Home Journal sponsored contest in 1911 for her story, "The Little House Next Door." She continued to submit stories to magazines such as McCall's and Harper's Weekly. She would be paid around one hundred dollars for her stories. Her stories were usually placed in the Heartlands/Plains and focused on pioneer history.

Bess, her husband and their children moved to Elmwood in 1907 after her husband bought the American Exchange Bank. She used the city of Elmwood, often by another name, in her stories and published her first book in 1924. Her husband died unexpectedly in 1925 and she was now responsible for supporting herself and her four children. She continued writing until her death in 1954,

Some of her more popular books include *A Lantern in Her Hand*, *A White Bird Flying*, *Miss Bishop*, *The Lieutenant's Lady* and *Journey Into Christmas*. It's interesting to note that even though her books were written in the 20s, 30s and 40s; they are still very readable today. She was an excellent writer and storyteller!

Nancy Hanshaw provided the above information.

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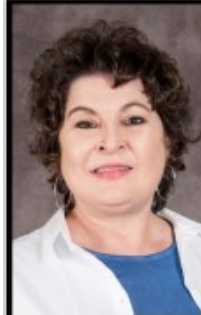
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INVITATION FROM THE MEADOWLARK MODEL A FORD CLUB

Let's Fill The Bus to Gilmore!

The Meadowlark Model A Club invites members of the Cornhusker Model A Club to join us for a motor coach trip to the Gilmore Car Museum, September 19-22, 2024. The Gilmore Car Museum is North America's largest auto museum and home to MAFFI's Model A Ford Museum. The featured event is "Model A Days", a two day celebration of the Ford Model A held annually at the sprawling 90 acre complex in Hickory Corners, Michigan. Other partners in the complex feature the Cadillac and LaSalle Club Museum; the Classic Car Club of American Museum; the H. H. Franklin Club Museum; the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum; the Museum of the Horseless Carriage; and the Pierce-Arrow Museum.

The Model A Days theme for this year's celebration is open cars – roadsters, roadster trucks, cabriolets, phaetons and 400 As. Special events include a swap meet, live music, technical and fashion seminars and more! Our goal is to fill a 56 passenger luxury motor coach so that the per-person transportation cost will be reasonable. The anticipated \$215.00 cost includes admission to the two-day event, driver gratuity and driver accommodations.

Our nightly accommodations will be at the Best Western Plus Kalamazoo Suites in Kalamazoo, Michigan where a special rate of \$115.44 (double occupancy) has been arranged. This includes king or queen options with a full breakfast and all hotel amenities. (Each participant should schedule their own rooms at 1-800-780-7234 and ask for the Meadowlark Group Rate.)

To sign up for this exciting trip, please call Ed Nickell at 402-618-0628
 or email edwardnickell51@gmail.com.