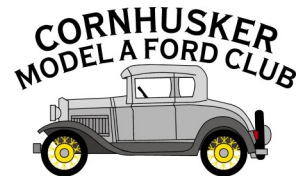


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65 IN 2025 CELEBRATION

**MAY 2025**

[www.cornhuskermodela.org](http://www.cornhuskermodela.org)

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

Next Meeting  
Saturday,  
May 3, 2025  
at 7 pm

## REFRESHMENTS



Snacks for the May meeting will be provided by Shawn Kean, Joan Taylor and Dave & Nancy Alder.

## "EAT OUTS"

### FIRST TUESDAY BREAKFASTS

May 6th, Stauffer's, 5600 S 48th St.  
Meet around 9 am.

### Last Thursday Dinner Cruise

May 29th, Napoli's S. 48th, 5571 S 48th St.  
Meet at the restaurant at 5:30. Please make reservations with Jeff Thomas by 5 pm on Wednesday, May 28th.  
402-421-3961 (H), 402-450-2509

## 2025 EVENTS

May 23-24th..Wheel Hub Live at Speedway Motors Museum

June 5th.....Pemberly Place Car Display, 11-2 pm

June 13.....South Lake Village Car Display, 9-11:30

June 15-22...MAFCA National Driving Tour of the American Civil War

June 18-21st..Speedsters Reunion

June 28th.....65 in 2025 Celebration

July 4th.....Independence Day in Seward

July 15th.....Sumner Place Car Display, 10:30-1 pm

Aug. 3rd.....Wilber Czech Days Parade

Oct 3rd.....UNL Homecoming Parade

Nov. 16th.....Veterans Parade, 2 pm



Glen Manske	12th
Judy Jeha	16th
Angie Hejl	16th
Cheryl Klein	29th

## Happy Anniversary

Jenn & Nick Heetderks	17th
Jeff & Deb Thomas	31st



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## *PRESIDENTS MESSAGE...*

**SWAP MEET** The number of vendors selling at the 2025 Rocky Manginelli Swap Meet was down some from previous years, as was the number of buyers. There no doubt are multiple reasons, of which, age may well be a key factor contributing to a declining interest in the old cars. The per car entry fee was increased from \$5 to \$10 this year, so, that might have reached a price point for the more casual old car buffs and kept some from coming. But, still, thanks to the efforts of 20 Cornhusker Model A Club members, the Club earned 5½ shares of the Swap Meet profits, totaling \$2,105.50. A good year by any measure. Reminder: Car Council Books will be available at upcoming Club meetings.

**BREAKFAST MEETING** Thanks to all who brought food and the 26 Club members in attendance, the annual breakfast was a success. And, a special thanks is given for the extraordinary efforts by Shawn Kean and the rest of her family, Patrick, Andrew, Rachel and Vincent for preparing the scrumptious casseroles. Moving the breakfast to the Fourth Presbyterian Church worked out good. There was, though, a little extra excitement during the breakfast. Dick Waechter, having recent hip surgery experienced a momentary lapse of consciousness as he prepared to eat. Out of caution, 911 was called and Dick was transported to the hospital for evaluation. The diagnosis was that he had some internal bleeding and his dip stick indicated he was a couple of quarts low on oil. After adding some fresh oil to bring the oil level back up to the full mark and a few days in the hospital, Dick went home to continue learning to walk with his new hip.

**65 IN 2025 CELEBRATION** Promotion of the Celebration in the Restorer magazine has generated some inquiries, including an email and another 72 minute phone call from retired Nebraskans living in Tucson, Arizona. They will be attending the MAFCA National Tour in Waynesboro, Virginia, the week before and stopping in Lincoln on their way back home. Three new Celebration Committee members have been added and are participating in the planning of games to be offered during the Celebration. Hubley racing is gaining interest and the Tucson folks indicated they plan to bring one. How many Cornhusker Model A Ford Club members have Hubleys? Let me know. Flyers are being distributed via email to individuals and hand delivered to businesses along with seeking door prizes. A Certificate of Insurance for the Celebration was requested from MAFCA and has been received for presentation to Speedway Museum personnel. Registration is open and a form is available on the website. Celebration shirts that have been ordered are waiting to be picked up and/or available at the May membership meeting,. There are an additional 4 shirts available for purchase, 1 (S), 1 (M), 1 (L) and 1 (XL). Get' them, wear them, and plan for being in the once in a lifetime planned drone overhead picture of a big **65** comprised of Model A's and Model T's at the 65 in 2025 Celebration! Contact Gayle with questions, ideas and / or to order shirts.

**LINCOLN VETERANS DAY PARADE** Mark your calendars for **November 16, 2025 @ 2:00 PM** for the Veterans Parade. Pictures of the Cornhusker Model A Ford Club members cars in the 2024 Parade are displayed on the Veterans Parade website: <https://lincolnveteransparade.org> The 2025 Lincoln Veterans Parade is celebrating the 250th birthday for the US Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. To go along with the Parade, there is a "Poster Art Contest" with monetary prizes. Deadline for submission of entries for the contest is **June 6, 2025**. Details are available on the website.

*Get involved, get those Model A's ready to roll. If you need help, ask for help. Join your fellow members at the meetings and community events, of course wearing your **65 in 2025 Celebration** shirts, and help the **Cornhusker Model A Ford Club** celebrate this memorable 65th Anniversary Year!*

*Gayle*



## **APRIL MEETING MINUTES**

The April Cornhusker Model A Meeting was called to order on the 5th by President Gayle Hanshaw at 10:14 a.m. at the Forth Presbyterian Church following our annual breakfast. The delicious food was prepared by the Kean families. Thank you to them. There were 25 members in attendance.

The secretary's report was filed as printed. It was noted that the club met at Lee's Restaurant at 5:30, not 5:00. Linda Buckley gave the treasurer's report. The beginning checking account balance: \$4,443.39 and the ending \$4,454.88. The beginning and ending account balance for savings was the same as last month: \$3,716.09. The following bills were presented. \$91.85 by Shawn Kean for paper products and cutlery for the year and \$42.98 by Andrew Kean for eggs for our breakfast. Joan Taylor moved the bills be paid; Janet Jeffries seconded and the motion carried. Shawn said she does not have the exact amount she paid for the supplies for breakfast, but it will be close to \$366.07.

Gayle Hanshaw said the audit of the books was laborious. It was completed by Don Cook, Shawn Kean, Linda Buckley and himself. He suggested we include the check number when refunding people for a bill. Discussion was held. Since we only have one checking account it isn't necessary. Glen Manske moved we accept the financial report. Jeff Meier seconded, and the motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Membership: Deb Thomas reported John Seawell renewed his membership and Jeff Thomas said he has sold his Roadster.

Activities: Those volunteering to bring treats for next month's meeting are Dave and Nancy Alder, Joan Taylor and Shawn Kean said she will also bring something.

Car council/swap meet: Bob Callaway said he has not yet received any information about profits from the Swap Meet.

Ads: Bill reported nothing new.

Calling/sunshine: Rachel said she would send a card to Richard Waechter as he was not well and left the meeting early.

Dinner runs: Jeff Thomas reported we will be going to Napoli's on 48<sup>th</sup> and Hwy 2 on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Parades/tours: Don Cook said he is considering taking over this duty as Dick Waechter asked that someone else step up.

Tech talks/seminars: No report.

History: No report. However, Janet did ask if we should have some type of handout at our 65 in 25 celebration. Gayle said there are plans to have a display board set up.

Newsletter/Communications: No report.

General Interest: Nancy Hanshaw asked if there is any interest in rescheduling the dinner at Carmela's. There was enough interest that she will work on a date.

Old Business: 65 in '25: The liability form requested by Speedway has been applied for at MAFCA. Jeff Meier has the Pizza Kitchen in Milford lined up for the evening dinner. Nancy said we will probably play a Model A bingo game indoors. Gayle said the entertainment will be provided by Janet and Marci. Linda said our expenses have been \$1,264.09, mostly for shirts and business cards and income as been \$1,005.56.

Twenty of our members worked either one or both days of the swap meet.

Gayle said he can't attend the Kimmel Orchard event in Nebraska City and asked if anyone would take that responsibility. Bill Buckley agreed to do it. We will be leaving at 8:30 from the gas station on Nebraska Parkway.

New Business: Gayle said he has been working on a couple of Model A's for members and would like to see more activity in the Revivors Group.

Shawn said there is food left over from breakfast and asked that people take what they want.

Carpool: None today.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Taylor, reporting secretary.

## Tech Tips.....

The shaft that runs from the upper shaft to the oil pump drive gear can be hard to remove from the hole in the head down into the block. What works well, if the shaft is not rusted or frozen in, is to take two six-inch blade screw drivers and insert them into the slot in the shaft. Turn the screwdrivers opposite directions to create the wedge and lift the shaft out of the hole. It is quick, easy and no need to buy that ultra long needle-nose pair of pliers .

**TECH TALK:** Article from Secrets of Speed Magazine April 2025 issue.

### **Why You Should Never Use Distilled Water In Your Cooling System by Rislone Coolants company.**

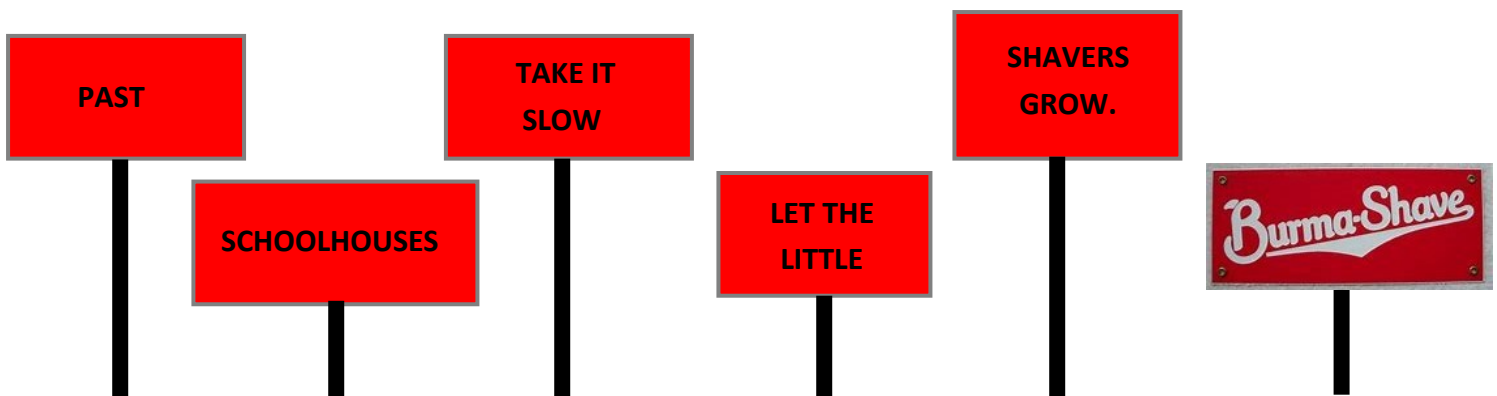
Many people have "heard" that distilled water is the best water to use in a cooling system. This is **wrong!** While it is certainly true that distilled water's purity prevents electrolysis and scale/deposit formation, it unfortunately comes with a potentially very damaging side effect. During the distillation process, water is vaporized into its gaseous phase, so all of its impurities are left behind. These impurities include a number of minerals, including "calcium" and "magnesium," the two components of water "hardness."

The water is then condensed back into its liquid phase, so the resulting liquid is pure water - in fact, some of the purest water on earth. But the problem is that when water is distilled, or "stripped", of its minerals and impurities, the resulting solution is composed of chemically imbalanced "ions." This leaves distilled water "ionically hungry," so it will actually strip electrons from the metals in a cooling system as it attempts to chemically re-balance itself. As it chemically removes electrons from the metals of cooling system components, distilled water eventually does extreme damage that could lead to cooling system failure.

So what is the answer? **Softened water.** During the water softening process, the same impurities and minerals are removed from water as during the distillation process - but with one very important distinction. Rather than STRIPPING the impurities from water, softening EXCHANGES the impurities with a sodium ion. The resulting solution is chemically and ionically balanced, making softened water very stable, very pure, and non-threatening to cooling system metals.

There seems to be a perceptual issue with regard to the usage of softened water in cooling systems by auto enthusiasts. Many mistakenly believe that because salt is added to water softeners, then softened water must contain salt, a substance of course known to be very corrosive. Nothing could be further from the truth. The salt you add to a water softener is NaCl, or sodium chloride. During the softening process, only the sodium ion is exchanged into the water. Therefore, softened water does NOT contain corrosive salt. Soft water lacks most of the impurities of tap water, meaning it is far less conductive (i.e. less damage from electrolysis) and will not form deposits (i.e. less possibility of overheating). However, if you use **Hy-per Lube Super Coolant**, you don't need to use softened water. Hy-per Lube Super Coolant contains molybdate, a form of the semi-precious metal "molybdenum," which is proven to be extremely effective in preventing galvanic action and electrolysis - regardless of what type of water is used. Hy-per Lube Super Coolant also contains polymer dispersants which keep water hardness in solution, thus preventing the formation of insulative scales and deposits. So regardless of whether you use softened water or tap water, you need not worry about these issues when you use Hy-per Lube Super Coolant. (Rislone Co.)

[\(https://rislone.com/blog/cooling/why-you-should-never-use-distilled-water-in-your-cooling-system/\)](https://rislone.com/blog/cooling/why-you-should-never-use-distilled-water-in-your-cooling-system/)





## How I Got My Model A

### **My Courtship with a Model A Ford by Ed Taylor**

It all started in the 60s, my High School years. I had a buddy that lived on east Vine Street. His neighbor to the west opened his garage one day, and there sat the most beautiful thing I had ever seen. A 1929 restored Model A Roadster.

Fast forward to some time around the end of my high school years. This same friend and I found a junk yard on west South Street, by Gooch's Mill. In this junk yard there was a 1930 Model A frame with a body but no front end or engine. Just what a future Hot Rodder needed, right? Well, I drug it home and sat it behind my folks garage. After a short time, Uncle Sam sent me a letter and said he would give me a free haircut. After a few months in the service, I received a letter from my folks, my dad gave the 'A' to the garbage man. So much for a kid's Hot Rod dream.

Then after buying a house, with a mortgage, marriage and changing jobs etc. I found a Model A for sale in the newspaper (remember those?) It turned out to be a 1929 two door sedan that the seller had intended to hot rod but never got to it. So, Model A number two. We literally brought home the A in boxes. After moving to our second home, I decided I was either going to sell it or restore it. As you can guess, I restored it.

After many sore backs and busted knuckles, my two door was completed. I loved the car as much as I did Joan (just don't tell her that, OK?)

On one of our outings a fellow started waving at us to pull over. I thought he was upset about my driving to slow (possibly the first ever road rage). It turned out to be Jack Waltman, a member of the Cornhusker Model A Club. He invited us to join the club. Several years after enjoying the 29 on tours and club functions another member, Al Greise, had a 30 roadster for sale. When I purchased it, thinking I could get our son Charlie interested in Model A's, I had him drive it home. When we pulled in the driveway, I looked at him and said "Charlie, some day this will be yours." He looked at me and said "Good, I'll sell it and buy a Porsche."

Joan, being the controlling woman she is, made me sell the 29 to buy the Roadster. To this day I don't know if I would be happier if I got rid of Joan and kept the 29.

In closing, it seems that a lot of Model A's are being purchased by other members of our club.

**Andrew, start saving your money because at some point my Roadster will be for sale.**



## MAY MAFFI Minute

(Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.)

The Ford Model A Museum at The Gilmore, Hickory Corners, Michigan is the world's largest museum dedicated to the Ford Model A thanks to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. Inside you will find the very first Model A ever produced, which was a gift to Thomas Edison. The Museum is filled with every "body style" Model A you can imagine, a Model AA school bus, and a plane!!!

The museum expansion is well underway, but we still need to outfit the interior of the addition. You can be a part of preserving history and supporting the museum by:

1. Buying a plaque: For \$200, a donor will receive a plaque mounted on a museum wall segregated by year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) showing their vehicle, name, home area and vehicle body style. For more information on the "My A Program", please contact: Val Maron at 847-951-5858 or [TheMyAProgram@gmail.com](mailto:TheMyAProgram@gmail.com) (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Expansion, then Donation, then My "A".)
  2. Entering the Sweepstakes to win a 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton. For more information on the Sweepstakes, please contact Jarrod Williams at [jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com](mailto:jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com) or copy and paste this address :  
<https://www.tapkat.org/model-a-ford-foundation-inc/eE6e35?promo=MAFFIWS20>  
(Entries start at \$25.00)
  3. Buying an engraved brick paver for the museum canopy (\$150). Your 4" X 8" brick will have the message you write in the blocks below laser engraved into the brick, making a message that will last for a lifetime. (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Store)
  4. Buying a T-shirt, hat, mug and more depicting our museum at [ModelATShirts.com](http://ModelATShirts.com), and with each purchase that you make, 10% is donated to the museum.  
(Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Store.)
  5. Becoming a MAFFI member—only \$35.00 annually (Website: [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org), then Membership)
- Thank you for helping to keep Model A history alive and for driving those Model A's!

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI 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](mailto: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. Also, if you attend a car shown or other events with your Model A, and I'm not there, please send me information so I may include it in the newsletter. I would appreciate the location and date. If you take pictures, email them to me too. Margaret



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




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## FREE MAFCA MEMBERSHIP

Once again the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) is offering a Free 1st Year Membership for 2025. In order to qualify, you must be a member of a MAFCA Chapter and have never been a member of MAFCA. Interested new members can obtain the application form Deb Thomas or Margaret Mays.

The Lone Star Model A Ford Club of Georgetown, Texas is Hosting the 62nd Annual Texas Tour at the Silos in Giddings, Texas this June 12th-15th and their largest Raffle item is a Model A Ford Engine shown in the AD below. Arlin Bohn from the club has asked me to share the information. Any questions please call Arlin at 512-508-2704.



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