

# Chatter & Clatter



Official Publication of the Cornhusker Model A Ford Club

65 IN 2025 CELEBRATION

## July 2025

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

Next Meeting Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 7 pm

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

**NO MEETING IN JULY**

### "EAT OUTS"

#### FIRST TUESDAY BREAKFASTS

July 1st, Stauffer's, 5600 S 48th St. Meet around 9 am.

#### Last Thursday Dinner Cruise

July 31st, Texas Roadhouse, 6301 Apples Way. Meet at the restaurant at 5:30. Please make reservations with Jeff Thomas by 5 pm on Wednesday, July 30th. 402-421-3961 (H), 402-450-2509

### JULY EVENTS

- July 4th.....Independence Day Car Show and Parade in Seward. If going to car show, leave from Belmont at 8 am. The parade starts at 4 pm.
- July 11.....Baily Point Car Display 1-3 pm, 7208 Van Dorn St.
- July 12.....Ceresco Days Show & Shine and Parade
- July 15.....Sumner Place Car Display 10:30-1 pm, 1750 S 20th St,
- July 20.....Antelope Park Car Display, "Wheels and Notes-A Night of Classic Cars and Live Music". 7 pm



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|----------------|------|
| Francis Hejl   | 6th  |
| Loren Davidson | 7th  |
| Dawn Nider     | 13th |
| Dennis Bauman  | 16th |
| Jeff Thomas    | 19th |



### DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family of Bill Hershberger. He was a member of our club since 2017. Services were held on June 11, with burial at Wyuka.



### Happy Anniversary

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|-------------------------|------|
| Ed & Joan Taylor        | 6th  |
| Dave & Nancy Alder      | 6th  |
| Gayle & Nancy Hanshaw   | 7th  |
| Dennis & Phyllis Bauman | 13th |



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**65 IN 2025 Celebration** - Gayle Hanshaw, (see above)

**Audit Committee** - Gayle Hanshaw, (see above)

## 2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

July 4.....Independence Day Car Show and Parade, Seward

July 11.....Baily Point Car Display, 1-3, 7208 Van Dorn St.

July 12.....Ceresco Days Show & Shine and Parade, Ceresco. 4-9 pm. Free

July 15.....Sumner Place Car Display, 10:30-1 pm, 1750 S 20th St

July 20.....Antelope Park Car Display, 7 pm. Lincoln Municipal Band Concert, "Wheels & Notes-A Night of Classic Cars & Live Music".

July 26.....Cars & Coffee at Speedway Motors, 599 Oak Creek Dr. The last Saturday of June through Oct. Free admission to the museum if you bring your specialty vehicle

Aug. 3.....Czech Days Parade in Wilber-

Aug. 8.....Massiah Car Show, 10-1 pm, 1800 S 84th St,

Aug. 15.....IOWA Model A Day, Amana, IA

Aug 17 or 24.....The Lexington Car Display, 11-1 pm, 5550 Pioneers Blvd

Sept. 7- 11.....HCCA Midwest Tour, Menomonie, Wisconsin

Oct. 3.....UNL Homecoming Parade

Nov. 16.....Veterans Parade, 2 pm, downtown Lincoln

## *PRESIDENTS MESSAGE....*

**65 IN 2025 CELEBRATION** Hurray, the date of the Cornhusker Model A Ford Club's 65th Anniversary Celebration has arrived. As Chair of the Celebration Committee, I give a big shout out to the Celebration Committee members and thank them for the tremendous amount of time, effort and out-of-pocket expense over the course of this past year to make it happen.

Committee members include fellow Model A Club members: Jeff Meier, Ed Taylor, Nancy Hanshaw, Linda Buckley, Don Cook, Janet Jeffries Harvey Jecha, Judy Jecha, Dave Alder, R C Blackledge, Bob Calloway, Myron Smith and Joan Taylor.

John Klein, who is not currently a Club member, but, as a member last year participated early on. Marci Hanshaw, although not a Club member, deserves a big thank you for a super job of creating the Celebration flyer and, of course, along with Janet providing live singing entertainment for folks during the Celebration.

And, truly, this Celebration was to honor those individuals whose vision and attraction to the Model A, in 1959, founded the Cornhusker Model A Ford Club. Then, in 1960, the Club applied for and received a Chapter Charter from the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA).

The Cornhusker Model A Ford Club was the eleventh Model A Club to become a Chapter. World wide, there are currently 250+ Chapters with over 11,000 members. The Model A "Henry's Lady" is by far the world's favorite single automobile make and model collected today.

The Cornhusker Model A Ford Club has contributed significantly through the years to the local and regional collector car hobby. In the 1960's, the Club singularly hosted a swap meet at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds. I do have an original Swap Meet flyer found on the wall of an old garage formerly owned by Walt Jackman, an early Cornhusker Club member.

In 1971, Mel Alexander, founder of the Centennial Model T Club in Omaha, invited other Omaha area Clubs to join together as a group to share in the common enjoyment of collecting antique cars. Then, in 1972, the Cornhusker Club joined the group and the Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa Car Council (ENWICC) was created. The first Car Council Swap Meet was held at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds in Lincoln in 1974. They were held on Saturday due to the then common held belief that it was taboo to do so on a Sunday.

Rocky Manginelli came to Chair the Swap Meet, which, after his death at age 59, in 1979, was officially re-named the Rocky Manginelli Memorial Swap Meet.

Some ordered Celebration t-shirts remain to be picked up. At this point, there are 3 shirts available for purchase, 1 (S), 1 (M), and 1 (XL). Contact Gayle to purchase these shirts. Art/FX requires a minimum order of a dozen shirts, so, another provider, Harris Decals, has been found that will produce single t-shirts in the exact same material, albeit at a higher price. Although, they do offer a better price per shirt than Art/FX for an order of a dozen.

Keep wearing the Celebration shirts. There are plenty of Club activities yet this year to wear them. Let's shoot for a Blue Out on July 20 at the Lincoln Municipal Band Concert in Antelope Park, at which, the Cornhusker Model A Ford Club will be three exclusively invited Car Club for the evening.

**CAR COUNCIL BOOKS** Books are still available. Come to the meeting and get a book.

*Gayle*

# Pemberly Place



June 5th. Attending were Jeff Thomas, Bill & Linda Buckley, Dick & Jerry Waechter, Gayle Hanshaw, Margaret Mays, and Harv & July Jecha, who debuted their new "ride", a 1950 Custom Ford.



# The Lexington



June 8th - A cool rainy Sunday to display our 'A's. Braving the weather were Jeff & Deb Thomas with their 2 'A's, Harv & July Jecha, Dick & Jerry Waechter, Dave Alder, Bill & Linda Buckley, Margaret Mays, and Gayle Hanshaw.

# Southlake Village



June 13th - Spending a Friday morning at Southlake Village were Bill & Linda Buckley, Dick Waechter, Jeff & Deb Thomas, Gayle Hanshaw, and Margaret Mays.

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June 20th - Cancer Partners of Nebraska sponsored the fourth annual Classic Cars & Cornhole for Cancer at the April Sampson Cancer Center. It was a hot and windy evening with many of the attendees spending time in the lobby of the center, including Jeff Thomas and Bill & Linda Buckley.



# Grand Lodge at the Preserve



June 16th - We spent a lovely morning amongst the many trees providing lots of shade. Enjoying our time there were Dick & Jerry Waechter, Jeff Thomas, Bill & Linda Buckley, Steve Pozehl, Gayle Hanshaw, Don Cook, and Margaret Mays. Don drove his 1912 Model T and even gave a ride to one of the staff. What fun.



## FOR SALE

Transmission  
Head (it's decked)  
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Also available are a few odds and ends. All items can be seen at 3016 Crown Pointe Road.

For questions, call Bob Zetocha, 402-890-2573





## How I Got My Model A by Dave Alder

In December of 2010, returning from a morning of bow hunting, on a whim I decided to take some back roads to see if I could find some new hunting land. A few miles north of the village of Western, NE, I saw a place that looked like it might be a good candidate for hunting, so I decided to stop and ask for permission to hunt. As I was coming up the lane I saw a 1948 Ford F5 grain truck that looked as if it had been sitting for quite some time. So after chatting with the owners,



Robert and Janice Zoubek, far for awhile, I inquired about the grain truck. After looking at the truck and the owners said they would be willing to sell it, I decided that even though it was a nice truck and had potential for restoration, it was pretty big and at the time I just couldn't see it as being my first vehicle restoration. After telling Robert that I was going to pass on purchasing it, he hesitated for a moment and then said, "Well, I have a 1929 Model AA grain truck in the barn, would you be interested in that?" Of course I was interested! On the way to the barn, he told me the truck had been in the barn for 40 years and had not run in at least 50. There it sat in the corner, tucked in behind an old grain drill and covered with a very thick layer of dust. It was quite pretty. After looking over the truck, I went home and told Nancy about my unexpected find. She said "I think you should buy it". Boy, do I have a great wife! As this would be my first experience with Model A's, I got in touch with Neil Wilson in Colorado, who is the guru of Model AA trucks.

Getting the truck out of the barn was a bit of a challenge because that end of the barn had settled quite a bit. My father Dale helped with the recovery. We had to do a fair amount of digging to get the door open, along with two trenches for the front tires in order to get it low enough for the cab to clear the barn door header. After a couple hours of work, the truck was loaded and ready for the 50-mile ride back to Lincoln. I was rather nervous about getting the truck home because there was a big winter storm predicted to hit at the end of the day. The trip back went well. My youngest son, Scott, grabbed the hose and started getting 40-plus years of dirt and dust washed off. With daylight fading, the temperature dropping ahead of the storm and three very flat tires, there just wasn't enough time to get it unloaded before the storm hit. Trouble was the truck on the trailer was about 3" too high to fit under the door header to get into the shop. A quick solution to that problem was to let enough air out of the trailer tires to get it in. I will say I didn't get a whole lot of sleep that night.

Stay tuned. Coming next month- The Restoration.



My son, Scott, began the first attempt to clean the AA.



## JULY MAFFI Minute

(Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.)

The Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) Trustees and Executive Director would like to send a big shout out, **“THANK YOU”** to all the hobbyists who have supported this expansion effort. Without you, this project wouldn't have happened; you preserved history and made it possible to have a fabulous historical learning experience available for years to come!

Several Trustees, the Executive Director, the Grape A's Club, and friends of each gave up Memorial Day weekend to move cars, clean up, and set up vignettes-- to get the museum expansion one step closer to being fully finished. It's looking good, and we can't wait for the ribbon cutting in September.

The expansion allows for more vignettes of the era: Dustbowl vignette, school house vignette ---complete with bus in the background. There will be period correct murals on the exterior of the building, a working garage, and so much more. You need to come to Model A Days, September 19th & 20<sup>th</sup> to see for yourself how awesome his museum has become ---thanks to all our wonderful hobbyists!

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

## Hygiene Kit Donation Project

Recipients for this years donation will be Matt Talbot Kitchen and the Peoples City Mission. Our goal is 100 kits.

We need 100 of each of the following:  
1/2 gallon or 1 gallon size zip lock bag  
Toothbrush & toothpaste  
Dental Floss  
Comb  
Shampoo/conditioner  
Deodorant  
Washcloth  
Soap



Travel size for: Toothpaste, floss, shampoo/conditioner, and deodorant

We will gift the organizations any of the extras too!

Timeline:  
July 3rd - Identify donors/gather  
July 6th - Nancy makes purchases to fill any gaps  
By July 15th - Kits are ready  
By July 30th - Deliver kits



If you have any questions please call Nancy Allder. 402-416-7989

## JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The June Cornhusker Model A Meeting was called to order on the 7th by President Gayle Hanshaw around 7:00 pm at the Forth Presbyterian Church. There were 25 members in attendance.

The secretary's report was filed as printed.

Linda Buckley gave the treasurer's report. The beginning checking account balance: \$4,493.60 and the ending \$6,702.81. We had a total income of \$2,606.50 which included that from the swap meet of \$2,150.50. The beginning balance of the savings account: \$3,719.39, and the ending balance is \$3,719.39. Jett Thomas moved the report to be approved: Joan Taylor seconded, and the motion carried.

Shawn Kean presented bills from the April breakfast: \$90.73 and \$195.60 and Richard Waechter presented a bill in the amount of \$97.35 for the Seward parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Thomas moved the bills be paid; Bill Buckley seconded, and the motion carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Shawn asked for volunteers for food at the July meeting. Deb Thomas and Joan Taylor volunteered.

Car council/swap meet: Richard Waechter said there is a car show at the cancer center on south 40<sup>th</sup> street. Registration is \$25.00 and it is a fund raiser. Not much interest was shown in participating.

Sunshine: Bill Hershberger is considering putting himself on a waiting list for a heart transplant. Sherry Winkinhofer is having knee replacement surgery on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Dinner runs: Jeff Thomas they will be on vacation in June so there will not be a dinner run. July's dinner will be at Texas Roadhouse.

Parades/tours: Richard Waechter reported we will show our cars at The Lexington on June 8<sup>th</sup>, at South Lake Village on the 13<sup>th</sup> and The Grand Lodge on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We will also be going to Seward for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

### No Reports from the following Committees

Tech talks/seminars, History, Communications, Budget, General Interest, Membership, Ads  
65 in '25

\*So far, we have seven registrations.

\*Nick V will be there with the drone in the afternoon. His Dad is a volunteer at the museum.

\*The committee met at Speedway on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*Games will include a tire roll, wooden puzzle, creeper races and Model A bingo.

\*There are still some shirts available to be purchased.

\*The registration forms are ready to go.

\*Gayle and Don Cook are working on the car display and would like four additional people to help. Ed Taylor will be the point man at entry.

\*Jeff Meier said he and Myron and Barb Smith went to the Pizza Kitchen in Milford for a trial run on the food. He said it was good. Our meal will be at approximately 5:00 pm. He said he also talked with Lola's, a food truck featuring sandwiches.

\*Janet and Marci will provide entertainment.

Margaret Mays asked what time the picture will be taken by the drone. Gayle said he wasn't sure but assumed it will be between 3:30 and 4:00.

Old Business: Gayle Hanshaw said the Review Group is still working on Don Seawell's car. Don Cook has agreed to be the coordinator of car shows at retirement homes.

Nancy Alder said they would again like to do a personal hygiene drive to be given for the homeless. She asked for toothbrushes, dental floss, toothpaste etc.

New Business: Bill Buckley suggested we not have a July meeting since it follows the day of parade in Seward. He put it in as a motion; Joan Taylor seconded, and the motion carried.

Carpool: Bob Callaway won the pool again.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Taylor, reporting secretary.

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### **Tech Tip**

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