

# Chatter & Clatter



65 IN 2025 CELEBRATION

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## August 2025

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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, August 2, 2025 at 7 pm

### REFRESHMENTS



Snacks for the August meeting will be provided by Joan Taylor, Judy Jecha and Deb Thomas.

### "EAT OUTS"

#### FIRST TUESDAY BREAKFASTS

Aug. 5th Stauffer's, 5600 S 48th St. Meet around 9 am.

#### Last Thursday Dinner Cruise

Aug. 28th Tico's, 317 S 17th St. Meet at the restaurant at 5:30. Please make reservations with Jeff Thomas by 5 pm on Wednesday, Aug. 27th. 402-421-3961 (H), 402-450-2509

### AUGUST EVENTS

- Aug. 3.....Czech Parade in Wilber. Leave from Shell Station at Hi Way 77 & Saltillo at 10 am.
- Aug. 8.....Messiah Car Show. 1800 S 84th St, 10 am - 1 pm. Pot luck lunch provided by ladies of the church.
- Aug. 15.....Iowa Model A Day, Amana, IA
- Aug. 24.....The Lexington Car Display, 5550 Pioneers Blvd, 11 - 1 pm
- Aug. 30.....Cars & Coffee at Speedway Motors, 599 Oak Creek Dr. Free admission to the museum if you bring your specialty vehicle

### Happy Anniversary

Loren & Valda Davidson	4th
Shawn & Patrick Kean	5th
Myron & Barb Smith	8th
Tim & Theresa Colliton	18th
Steve & Susan Pozehl	30th



Beth Otto	5th
Steve Pozehl	6th
Valda Davidson	7th
Gayle Hanshaw	7th
Jason Nider	8th
Deb Wachter	10th
Judi Cook	15th

### NEW MEMBER

Please welcome our newest member, John Bergan. He has four 1929 Model A's: A Roadster, Closed Cab, Tudor Sedan and Roadster Pickup.

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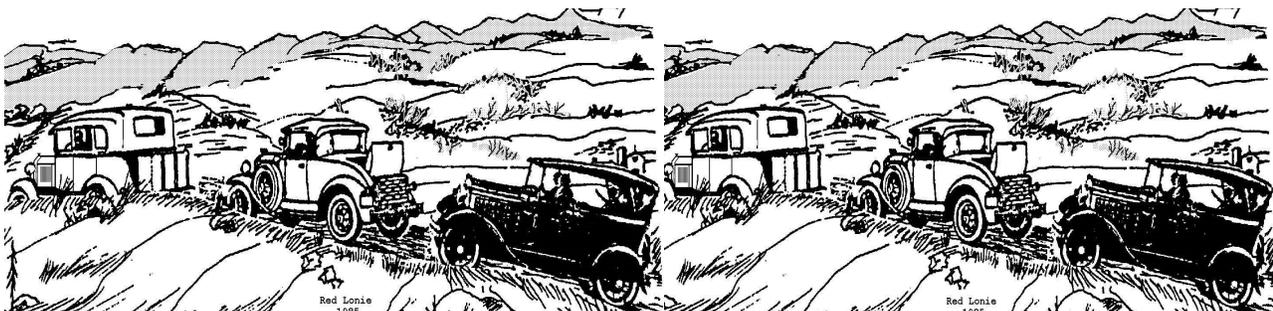
## FUTURE 2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Oct. 3.....UNL Homecoming Parade

Oct. 10.....Sevannah Pines Car Display, 5:30-7:30 pm. 3900 Pine Lake Rd.

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



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE....

### **65 IN 2025 CELEBRATION**

Anniversary Celebration on June 28, 2025, is now in the history books. It was definitely a monumental day in the storied past of the Model A Club. Especially so, because, the Club had not ever fully celebrated any previous milestone anniversaries. Which, would have included a personal presentation of an "Anniversary Certificate" to the Club by an official of MAFCA. I was soundly quizzed, when President in 2013, by the MAFCA Chapter Coordinator, for not having done so for the Club's 50th Anniversary in 2010. I made a promise to make up for that in the future.

Promise made, promise kept. And, as they say, timing is everything. We were honored at the Celebration evening event when new fellow Cornhusker Model A Ford Club member and MAFCA Board Member Sherry Winkinhofer officially presented the 65th Anniversary Certificate from MAFCA. That, though, almost did not happen.

Sherry had agreed, several months prior, to make the presentation at the Celebration. Well, life sure can sometimes get in the way. She was scheduled for knee surgery, expecting it to be after the Celebration. But, heck no, she was informed a week before the Celebration that the surgery was going to be on June 25, just three days before the Celebration. I was bummed when she told me she would not be able to make the presentation, only to become happy as a Lark when she told me on Friday she was doing exceptionally well and would do the presentation after all. Thanks a bunch Sherry!

There were twenty three Model A's shown at the event. Cornhusker Club members showing their Model A's were: Gayle and Nancy Hanshaw, Jeff and Kelly Meier (2 cars), Bill and Linda Buckley, Dick and Jerry Waechter, Harvey and Judy Jecha, Bob Callaway, Gary Horn, Dave and Nancy Alder, Don and Marcia Borcher, Dean and Margaret Mays, Angie Hejl and Jim Otto. There was one Model A from the Meadowlarks Model A Club while the rest were individuals not affiliated with a Model A Club. The farthest away Model A came from Steele City, NE, 79 miles one way.

The Celebration was held in conjunction with Speedway's June Cars and Coffee event, which drew reportedly, an approximate 1,100 hot rods that day. A good number of those folks ventured over to look at the Celebration Model A's, which, for some, probably represented original versions of their current hot rods. And, there were numerous members of the Cornhusker and Meadowlark Clubs who came just to see the cars.

Due to various reasons, maybe including the temperature, several cars left early before a scheduled overhead drone picture was taken. Even though only fourteen cars were available when the picture was taken, it turned out good and will be part of the article submitted to the Restorer Magazine.

Note: Let Gayle know if you would like a copy the picture.

Celebration attendees were entertained with Model A era music sung by Janet Jeffries and Marci Hanshaw, each excellent talents, from the car trailer stage specifically set up for them. The Celebration banner was also displayed above the stage.

Following the picture taking, activities moved inside of Speedway's Museum of American Speed with a resumption of the several non-driving Model A related games presented during the day and during the banquet. Prizes were presented to the winners.

Janet had done research to identify the folks who founded the Club originally in 1959 and gained a MAFCA Charter in 1960. She presented that during the evening banquet.

Following the banquet meal, it was a win-win for every person at the banquet who had a car at the Celebration. Door prizes equal to or greater in value than the total entry fee paid for the Celebration were handed out.

The evening was capped off with the presentation of the MAFCA Certificate, which will be displayed, along with the Celebration Banner at the membership meetings.

As Chair of the Celebration Committee, my heartfelt thanks are extended to everyone who worked on the committee and/or participated at the Celebration.

And, of course, we are most appreciative of the Speedway folks, Clay Smith, et all, for the opportunity to hold our Celebration on the Speedway Campus.

Marci Hanshaw is most deserving of a big "atta girl" for not only her singing entertainment but even more so for her efforts to help kick start the planning and preparation process by giving of her time to create the Celebration flyer and the Registration form.

The post Celebration phase to evaluate how things went as well as writing the wrap-up story remains to be completed. It is being planned around busy Summer schedules. *(continued on next page)*

## WHAT'S NEXT AFTER THE 65 IN 2025 CELEBRATION

I am going to propose that the Cornhusker Model A Club hold a wrap up event to recognize especially our more senior members, who couldn't or didn't come out to the Celebration. And, let's include past Club Members who in one way or another contributed to the Club remaining relevant all of these years.

Nick Vocasek, the feller who took the drone pictures, has the equipment and capability to make various kinds of keepsakes using the Celebration logo. He has mentioned Items such as key fobs, cork and stone coasters, drink cups, etc. I have asked him to make some samples and I will present them at a meeting for Model A Club members to look and feel and order. He also is checking into whether he can source blank radiator badges and then laser the logo into them. They would look cool affixed to the front of radiators for everyone to see. These would be similar to what is offered from MAFCA.

Keep wearing the Celebration shirts. Let's continue shooting for Blue Outs like we did at the Lincoln Municipal Band Concert in Antelope Park. Also, stay tuned. Jeff has been mentioning something about "66 in 2026". Maybe he will be proposing a new tradition of a simple annual activity to observe the Cornhusker Model A Ford Club's anniversary each year going forward.

Jeff is also Chair of the Nominating Committee, so, he is looking to recruit new members to the Board of Directors. Give him a shout and tell him you'll throw your hat into the ring for election to the Board and would be willing to get involved and help with planning an anniversary event.

## CAR COUNCIL BOOKS

Books are still available. Come to the meeting and get a book or two. I handed out a number of them at the Camp Creek Threshers show, so, I know there are still people who have not yet gotten a book. In fact, almost to my surprise, there were folks who had not ever heard of "the book".

*Gayle*



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# INDEPENDENCE DAY IN SEWARD



Celebrating Independence Day in Seward has been an annual event for many years. Showing their 'A's in the car show were Dave Allder, Dick Waechter, Bob Callaway and Bill & Linda Buckley. Joining Dick, Bob, and the Buckleys for the afternoon parade were Jerry Waechter, Loren & Valda Davidson, Gayle & Nancy Hanshaw and Dean & Margaret Mays. Awards at the car show in the Model A category were 1st Place to Bill & Linda Buckley and 2nd Place to Bob Callaway.



# Baily Point



July 11th - We displayed our 'A's at Baily Point. Enjoying our time there were Gayle & Nancy Hansharw, Dick Waechter, Jeff Meier, Bill & Linda Buckley, Steve Pozehl, Glen Manske, and Margaret Mays. Dick gave one of the residents a ride in his 'A'.



## 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

# Sumner Place



July 15th - Spending a Tuesday morning at Sumner Place were Bill & Linda Buckley, Dick Waechter, Jeff & Deb Thomas, Gayle Hanshaw, and Margaret Mays.

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Gary Horn showed his '31 Tudor at 2 events in July. On July 13th he received 3rd Place at the Pride & Performance Show in Brainard. At Dewight on July 20 he received 1st Place at the Bohemian Car Show. Congratulations

## Members....

If you attend a car show 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

# Wheels and Notes-A Night of Classic Cars and Live Music



July 20th-The Lincoln Municipal Band entertained club members at Antelope Park on a warm, humid evening. Members displaying their 'A's were Bill & Linda Buckley, Dick & Jerry Waechter, Jeff Meier, Loren & Valda Davidson, Gayle & Nancy Hanshaw, and Margaret Mays.



## How I Preserved My Model A by Dave Alder

In the July newsletter Dave told us how got his AA Truck, below is part two: The Preservation

### **Start Up**

Maybe it's a guy thing, but the day after I got it home, I just had to see if I could make it run. I pulled the plugs, squirted some oil in the cylinders and cranked it over by hand a few times to get things lubed up a bit. The radiator was still full and the oil level was good, too. After cleaning and resetting the points, I hung a small gas tank from the roof, hooked up a battery and gave it a whirl. After a little bit of coaxing it fired up and actually ran. Not well and with lots of smoke and smell but – IT RAN! A small step in the right direction but wow that felt really good.

### **Sizing Things Up**

Over the next few days, I took a good long look at the truck. I could tell that for the most part it was solid. The only place there was any rust-through was at the very bottoms of the doors. The roof, interior and floor boards took a pretty good beating during the 10 years it sat in the pasture and the mice had their way with the seats to the point that the springs were beyond saving. The wood sills under the bed would need to be replaced and the floor of the bed had been replaced with various pieces of plywood. A plus was that the metal bed strips were in good shape and virtually all of the 96 low-profile carriage bolts, washers and nuts for them were still there.

### **Preservation vs. Restoration**

I've always been drawn to anything that is still in original condition so I decided that this would not be a restoration to make it look new again but rather one that would hopefully show some of its history. While my restoration left the truck looking more original than restored, I pretty much have had every nut, bolt, bearing and seal apart on the truck. I prefer to call it a "preservation" rather than "restoration." About the only thing I didn't do myself was the engine. Herm Kohnke in Clare, Iowa rebuilt it and he did a great job. I'm fortunate the truck still has the original engine.

### **Wood**

The front and side boards of the bed were original, but the end gate was gone. After a couple years of searching, I found a dilapidated barn with wood that was a good match that I used to re-create it. The hardware for the end gate I got from Neil Wilson. After cleaning the original wood and strengthening it where necessary with a combination of liquid wood hardener, hidden pins and screws along with a little bit of two-part epoxy putty here and there, I gave it a few coats of boiled linseed oil and turpentine to give it back some moisture and preserve it.

### **Metal**

Johnsons Paste Wax was used to protect and preserve the patina of the metal. While the finish is fairly straight forward it does take a considerable amount of time and effort. Plus doing it can be downright dusty at times. I think I have put more time into the wax finish on my truck than I would have if I had just stripped it down and painted the truck, especially since I not only did the exterior of the truck but also the frame, axles and underside of the truck.

### **Preserved for Tomorrow**

Our AA Truck sure is fun to get out and the road and drive. It is preserved the way I like. It will remain a solid vehicle for more years to come. People often ask me how many miles per gallon I get and I tell them I don't know, but I sure do get a lot of smiles per mile. We enjoy owning it and has become a part of our family.

*(If you would like to read the entire article which was in the 2017 January/February issue of the Restorer, let Margaret know and she will send you an email with the article.)*



## **AUGUST MAFFI Minute**

(Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.)

This month I thought I'd share a bit of the history to be found in the museum at Hickory Corners, where the very first Model A is housed --to whet your appetite to visit and see ALL the history found there along with the completed museum expansion. Model A Days are September 18-20, 2025. Join us!!

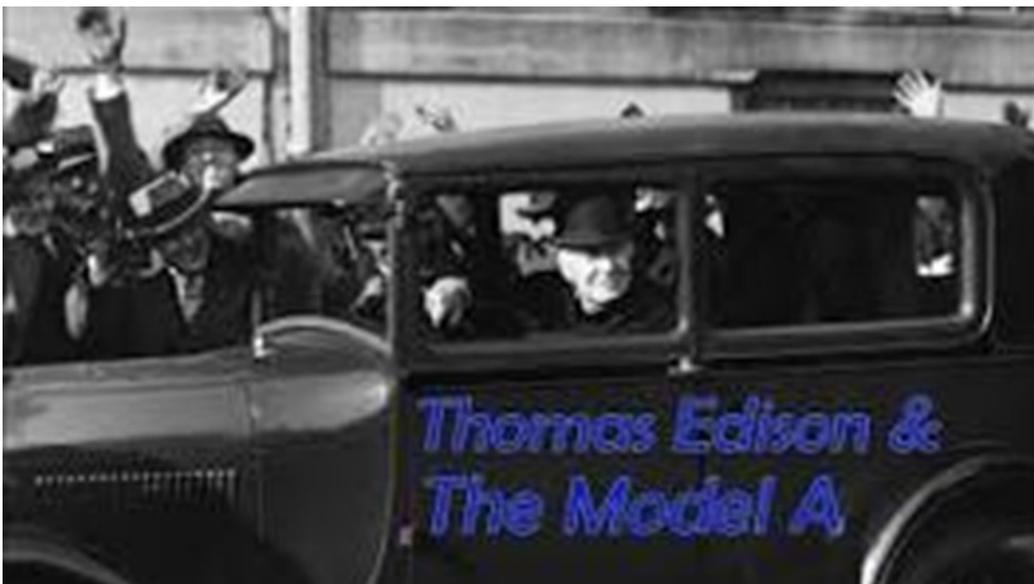
"The first Model A " Serial Number: 1, 1928 Ford Model A Tudor changed to a Phaeton Motor: 4 Cylinder, 201 CID, 40 HP Brakes: Mechanical Transmission: 3 Speed Manual non synchronized Body: Ford Motor Company Maximum Passengers: 5 6 Volt Battery w/positive ground Tire Size: 450-21 Fuel Capacity: 10 Gal. Gasoline Weight: 2,212# Cost new: Gift

This car is the first 1928 Ford Model A produced. It was assembled on October 20, 1927 and given to Henry Ford's best friend Thomas Edison. It was originally a Tudor Sedan and Thomas preferred an open car. Henry had the Tudor body replaced with a Phaeton body. Outside door handles were not produced for the early Model A cars. With the existing changes to the car, a restoration process was never attempted. Photos of Henry stamping number 1 on the engine are available.

Henry Ford told Thomas Edison that his name would always be with the Ford name and in the logo for Ford, the cross in the letter F forms a letter T in the distance. The swirl on the end of the cross forms the top of the letter E with the letter O forming the bottom of the letter E.

Model A Days are September 18-20, 2025. Join us!!

Cindy Ellenbecker  
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