

# Chatter & Clatter



65 IN 2025 CELEBRATION

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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, October 4, 2025 at 7 pm

## REFRESHMENTS



We will be having an ice cream social at the October meeting. Members are welcomed the bring treats



Mary Stevenson	5th
Susan Pozehl	7th
Bill Jurey	14th

## "EAT OUTS"

### FIRST TUESDAY BREAKFASTS

Oct. 7th Stauffer's, 5600 S 48th St. Meet around 9 am.

### Thursday Dinner Cruise

OCT. 30th, Ginger, 6055 Apples Way. Meet at the restaurant at 5:30. Please make reservations with Jeff Thomas by 5 pm on Wednesday, Oct. 29th. 402-421-3961 (H), 402-450-2509

## Happy Anniversary

Glenn & Margaret Manske	1st
Andrew & Rachael Kean	5th
Harv & Judy Jecha	26th

## FUTURE 2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

- Oct. 3.....UNL Homecoming Parade. Parade is at 6 pm. They would like us to arrive around 4:30. Staging area is east of the Lied Center. Enter from 12th Street off of Q Street.
- Oct. 10.....Sevannah Pines Car Display, 3:30-6:30 pm. 3900 Pine Lake Rd.
- Oct. 25 .....Cars & Coffee at Speedway Motors, 599 Oak Creek Dr. Free admission to the museum if you bring your specialty vehicle.
- Nov. 16.....Veterans Parade, 2 pm, downtown Lincoln



## SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Gayle Hanshaw at 7:00 pm. There were no visitors present. Sixteen members were present. Gayle shared the September birthdays and anniversaries.

**August Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting were printed in the September newsletter. There was one correction- Bess Streeter Aldrich's home is in Elmwood, not Ashland. The minutes will be filed as amended.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Buckley stated the ending August bank account balance is \$5661.09 and the savings account balance is \$3722.73. There was income of \$9.00 (car pool) and expenses of \$15.60 (newsletter) in August. There were no bills presented. Dick Waechter presented a check of \$25 which was won by the club at the Wilbur Czech Festival for first place in the antique car division. Motion: Jerry Waechter – that the August Treasurer's Report be approved as reported. Second: Deb Thomas. Motion carried.

*Gayle paused the meeting for 10 minutes so members could get food and then eat during the meeting. This allowed members to leave right after the meeting to get home and watch the Cornhusker football game.*

### **Committee Reports:**

**General Interest** – Nancy Hanshaw reported there will be two activities in September: a trip to Bess Streeter Aldrich's home on September 18 and an afternoon at James Arthur Vineyards on September 21. She also remind members to be thinking of items to donate for the November White Elephant auction.

**Activities** – Shawn Kean stated there would be an Ice Cream Social at the October meeting.

**Dinner Tours** – Jeff Thomas announced the September Dinner Cruise would be to Toast in Fallbrook.

**Parades and Tours** – Dick Waechter stated there are several community car events upcoming. Club events include: October 3 (Homecoming Parade); October 10 (Savannah Pines 3:30-6:30).

There were no reports from the following committees: History, Membership, Sunshine, Car Council, Communications, Tech Seminars, and Ads.

### **Special/Ad Hoc Committees:**

**65 in 25 Celebration** - Gayle stated there are still 65 in 25 shirts available. He will be getting samples of the drone photos so members can order them if they are interested. The Celebration committee will be getting together to do a follow-up meeting and write a report on the celebration, as well as an article for the Restorer magazine.

**Christmas Party** – Gayle reported this year's Christmas party will be held at the church and focus on the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club. There will be an Ad Hoc committee appointed with Gayle as the chair, to plan the party as well as putting together a list of former members to be invited to the party. More about this at the October meeting.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Operations Manual** – Gayle indicated that the Operations Manual is still in draft form and needs to be formally adopted. It is being reviewed and will be presented at a future meeting.

**Model A Reviver's Group** - Gayle stated he and Jeff Meier have been helping John Seawell on his 1930 Tudor but they still need help. If you are interested in volunteering, please let them know.

**Parades & Tours Coordinator** - Dick Waechter has indicated he would like to retire as the coordinator. Don Cook has volunteered to take over. Dick, Don and Gayle will be meeting to get this accomplished.

### **New Business:**

**Nominating Committee:** Gayle announced Jeff Meier, as incoming 2026 President, will be chairing Nominations Committee. Jeff asked for volunteers to run for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer as well as the Board (2 members needed). The slate of officers must be presented at the October meeting and the election will be in November.

### **Car Pool:**

Dick Waechter was the winner of the car pool (\$6.50).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Hanshaw, Acting Secretary

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE....**

### **65 IN 2025 CELEBRATION WRAP-UP**

The planning continues around a proposal to have a wrap up event of the Cornhusker Model A Club's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to include all current members, especially our more senior members, as well as past Club members. When and/or where to hold such an event has not been decided.

The 65th Anniversary Certificate and the Celebration Banner will continue to be displayed at the membership meetings. There also will be pictures for folks to request to get copies of. And, the project to offer keepsake items of the Celebration is still in the works.

Janet Jeffries has done research to identify the folks who founded the Club originally in 1959 and then obtained a MAFCA Charter in 1960. She presented that during the evening banquet at the 65th Anniversary Celebration and will be invited to do that again at the Christmas party.

We have a list of the Past Presidents, but, there are many past members who in one way or another contributed to the Club remaining relevant all of these years. They deserve to be recognized. An ad-hoc committee will be asked to compile a list and suggest ways to recognize them. Let me know the names of past members you remember.

Keep wearing the Celebration shirts. There are still numerous opportunities remaining this year to advertise the Anniversary, to include, the Veterans' Day Parade in November. Get those slumbering Model A's running and let's surpass the 14 cars we had in the Parade last year.

### **UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER**

Jeff Meier, current Vice President, will automatically ascend to President of the Cornhusker Model A Club in 2026, and, Board Member, Don Cook, returns for the second year of his two year term. All other positions for 2026, including: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Board Members for two year terms are open for election at the November meeting.

A duty of the Vice President is to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee, so, Jeff is looking to recruit candidates for election to the Board of Directors. He has a candidate for each of the Vice President, Treasurer, and one Board Member positions, thus, still needed are candidates for Secretary and a Board Member.

Actually, all of the five open Board of Director positions are open for nominations. So, let Jeff know if you are interested in being a candidate for election, and or, will nominate someone else, with their permission, of course. Nominations may also be made at the meetings. In addition to the Board positions, consider offering to Chair any of the several committees. Let Jeff know.

### **NOVEMBER MEETING WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

Start gathering items for the White Elephant silent auction event at the November membership meeting. Monies received from the auction will be donated to one or more charitable organization(s).

### **CAR COUNCIL BOOKS**

Books are still available. Come to the meetings and get a book or more. Have them in the Model A to hand out to car fans whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself.

A note on the number of books printed: This year there were 13,000 books printed. This truly was way more than was needed, for there will likely be 1,000 books thrown away. The Car Council Directors have stated that a number closer to 12,000 books will be printed in 2026.

There is room in the book for additional advertising, so, if you hear of anyone or any organization with an interest in reaching out to the automotive community, be it their hobby or avocation, for sure get them a book.

### **OTHER HAPPENINGS**

Ford Motor Company will be, in November 2025, relocating its "Ford World Headquarters" to a new 2.1 million -square-foot building 3 miles down the road in Dearborn, Michigan. Ford has been in its current building, dubbed "The Glass House" since 1956. The new building will be part of a larger campus to be known as "Henry Ford II World Center".

Henry Ford II (nicknamed "Hank the Deuce"), son of Edsel Ford and grandson of Henry Ford, was serving in the Navy during World War II when, in 1943, his father Edsel, President of Ford Motor Company, unexpectedly died. Grandfather Henry, although in poor health, inserted himself as President.

Ford Motor Company's factories were so critical in the support of United States' war efforts. Henry fell ill and was unable to manage the company, so, the Roosevelt administration released Henry Ford II from duty and brought him home to become a Ford vice president. After what amounted to a crash course in industrial management, Henry II succeeded to the presidency in 1945 at the age of 28.

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**Speaking of Ford happenings**, the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) in Hickory Corners, Michigan, is starting to plan a huge 4 day celebration for in 2028 to observe the 100th anniversary of the introduction of the Model A.

There will, in all likelihood, be a bus trip from Nebraska planned. The MAFFI Model A Museum is definitely a bucket list destination. Details are yet to be announced, but, the event will probably occur in the 2nd - 3rd week timeframe in September, 2028. **Start making plans!**

**BEWARE OF PHISHING SCAMS LIKE THIS**

I have been informed by several members of the Model A Club over this past year who have received emails similar to the one below. These are totally bogus, especially this one appearing to come to me from my own email address.

I trust no one fell victim to this phishing scam and I hope the scoundrels have moved on. The following is retyped from the original email. The sender mistook Linda's gender.

*"Hi Gayle,  
I'd like to know if you're available. Linda needs to pay a vendor today, but he doesn't have Zelle, Venmo, or PayPal. Please let me know if you can help me pay with any of these platforms. It's an association expense program and it's urgent. Linda will send reimbursement check if you can help. Please get back to me as soon as you receive this message.  
Best regards!  
Nancy Hanshaw"*

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## James Arthur Vineyard Tour



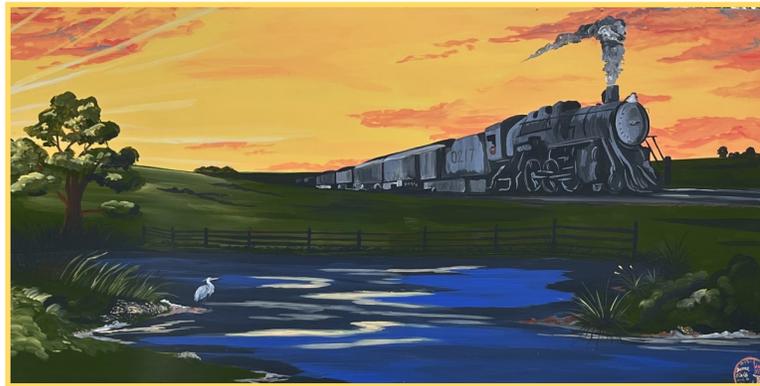
September 21 was a beautiful outing to JAV. We had a great time - the wine was delicious, the music was wonderful and the weather couldn't have been nicer! Enjoying the festivities were Dick & Jerry Waechter, Bill & Linda Buckley, Gayle & Nancy Hanshaw, and Gary Horn.

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*Special thank-you to Nancy Hanshaw for providing the photos and information from the Bess Streeter Aldrich and James Arthur Vineyard tours.*



Driving their 'A's to Elmwood on Sept. 18 to tour the Beth Streeter Aldrich home were Gary Horn, Jeff Meier and Gayle & Nancy Hansha. The mural on the left is located downtown. The three below are part of a new mural at Bess's home.



Beth Streeter Aldrich was born in Cedar Falls, IA. In 1909 she moved with her family to Elmwood, NE where it became the location for many of her stories. She received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree in literature from the University of Nebraska in 1934 and was named into the Nebraska Hall of Fame in 1971. In 1946 she moved to Lincoln to be closer to her daughter.

## OCTOBER MAFFI Minute

(Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.)

Model A Hobbyists,

The air is just “electric” at the Model A Museum in Gilmore! You can feel the energy of Model A Days: the biggest and best yet! The Thursday evening ribbon cutting is sold out! The Friday evening dinner is sold out, and the Delta Hotel (host hotel) is sold out, but there are other hotel options in the area. Also, your time to enter the Sweepstakes for the 1928 Phaeton is running out; you need to enter by October 19, 2025. Like a traditional phaeton, this open car has no side windows, providing an open-air driving experience. Unlike a Ford Model A roadster, the Phaeton has four doors, allowing passengers access to the back seat. With an open design, the Phaeton was not as commonly purchased as other Model A body styles, so wouldn't it be fun to win this car? Go to the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. page and click on Expansion and then Sweepstakes to be routed to enter. And lastly, my term on the board as a Trustee is up and John Grossheim, a young Model A Trustee, will be taking over as the Secretary for the MAFFI Board. He's from Ohio and his enthusiasm bubbles over for this hobby. I know you will look forward to his MAFFI Minute each month!

My term is up as a Trustee, so next month you will hear from John Grossheim instead of me, I have enjoyed interacting with you, my new Model A friends! Thank you for being wonderful folks and for your support of the Model A Ford Foundation

Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

## SYMPATHY



Thomas S. Drbal Jr.

SEPT. 2, 1936 – SEPT. 18, 2025

*Tom and his wife, Jan, were past members of the Cornhusker Model A Club. They went on many of our tours. Those of us who knew him probable remember him bringing his little dog, Toby, with him on our tours. Our Sympathy to Jan.*

Thomas S. Drbal Jr., age 89, of Lincoln, NE, passed away on Thursday, September 18, 2025. He was born on September 2, 1936 in Garland, NE. Thomas was a lifelong resident of Lincoln, Nebraska where he owned Central/Drbal Heating and Air. He was a proud member of several car clubs in Lincoln. A celebration of life will be held Friday, October 3, 2025 at 10:00 AM at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home, 6800 S 14th St, Lincoln, NE 68512. Memorials are in the care of the family for future designation.

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