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65 IN 2025 CELEBRATION

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September 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, September 6, 2025 at 7 pm

REFRESHMENTS



Snacks for the Sept. meeting will be provided by Nancy Hanshaw and Margaret Mays,



Harry Johnston	4th
Dave Alder	8th
Myron Smith	10th
Barb Smith	13th
Jim Otto	16th
Roger Montag	23rd
John Bergan	24th
Dean Mays	27th
Terry Elliott	30th

"EAT OUTS"

FIRST TUESDAY BREAKFASTS

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

Thursday Dinner Cruise

Sept. 25th Toast, 570 Fallbrook Ave. Meet at the restaurant at 5:30. Please make reservations with Jeff Thomas by 5 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 24th. 402-421-3961 (H), 402-450-2509

Happy Anniversary

Dean & Margaret Mays 20th

FUTURE 2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Sept. 27.....Cars & Coffee at Speedway Motors, 599 Oak Creek Dr. Free admission to the museum if you bring your specialty vehicle.

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



Gary Horn took his 1931 Tudor to the Touhy National Car Show in Touhy on August 23rd. He received Third Place. Congratulations.

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

Audit Committee - Gayle Hanshaw, (see above)



August 24th-The Waechters and Hanshaws enjoyed the great weather and lunch at the Lexington!

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

The August Cornhusker Model A Meeting was called to order on the 2nd by President Gayle Hanshaw at 7:03 p.m. at the Forth Presbyterian Church. There were 25 members in attendance. Guest Byron Brinkhorn was introduced. The secretary's report was filed as printed.

Linda Buckley gave the treasurer's report. The beginning checking account balance: \$5,163.14 and the ending is \$5,652.69. The 65 in 25 account has been closed. Total income was \$2,008.45 and expenses were \$2,495.01. The total expense for our club was \$486.56. The beginning savings account balance: \$3,719.39 and the ending balance: \$3,722.73. Jeri Waechter moved the report be accepted; Joan Taylor seconded, and the motion carried. Margaret Mays presented a bill in the amount of \$15.60 for postage. Bill Buckley moved the bill be paid; Jeff Meier seconded, and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: A form was sent to John Bergan but he has not yet returned it.

Activities: Shawn Kean asked for volunteers to bring snacks for the September 6th meeting. Nancy Hanshaw and Margaret Mays will bring, and Shawn said she would also bring something.

Calling/sunshine: Rachel was not in attendance, but Richard reported Matt Waechter had knee surgery.

Dinner runs: Jeff Thomas reported we will be going to Tico's on August 28th.

Parades/tours: Dick Waechter announced our tour to Wilber Chek Festival will leave from the gas station at 14th and Saltillo at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday the 3rd. The Messiah Car Show in on the 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is a car show at Hy-Vee on August 16th There is a registration fee. Little interest was shown. We will be showing our cars at The Lexington on the 24th.

General Interest: Nancy Hanshaw asked if anyone is interested in going to the Bess Aldrich Home in Ashland. Several people raised their hands. She will see if they can accommodate us on September 11th or 18th.

65 in 25: We have received a banner signifying we are 65 years old. Gayle recognized the members who helped with this celebration Ed Taylor, Nancy Hanshaw, Judy Jecha, Linda Buckley, Jeff Meier, Janet Jeffries, Dave Allder Bob Callaway and R.C. Blackledge. (He failed to include himself) He also said the car display worked out okay even though there were fewer cars than anticipated.

No Reports from the following committees: Newsletter/Communications, History, Tech Talks, Ads, Car Council/Swap Meet

Old Business

Gayle Hanshaw said the "Operations Manual" needs to be finalized.

Gayle said the Model A Revivers Group consists of Jeff Meier, Don Cook and himself. They would like anyone who needs help with their car to let one of them know.

Don Cook said he will be taking over the arrangements for showing our cars at Retirement/Nursing homes. He asked for feedback on how many shows we would like to do per month. It was the opinion of most club members that we will do them as requests are received.

New Business

Bill Buckley suggested we have our Christmas Party at the church catered by The Pizza Kitchen in Milford.

Carpool: The carpool was won by Bill Buckley.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Taylor, reporting secretary



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE....

WHAT'S NEXT AFTER THE 65 IN 2025 CELEBRATION

The 65th Anniversary Certificate and the Celebration Banner will 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, as presented in the August Newsletter, is still in the works.

A proposal is in the works to have a wrap up event of the Cornhusker Model A Club's 65th 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.

Janet has done research to identify the folks who founded the Club originally in 1959 and obtained a MAFCA Charter in 1960. She presented that during the evening banquet at the 65th Anniversary Celebration. She also offered tidbits of Club historical trivia.

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. Can we surpass 14 cars in the Parade this year?

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 wherever and wherever the opportunity presents itself. I handed out a half dozen just recently at a machine shop in Bellevue.

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. It was stated at the August Car Council meeting that 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.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

Jeff Meier, Chair of the Nominating Committee, is looking to recruit new members to the Board of Directors. Let him know if you are interested in being a candidate for election at the November Membership Meeting. Consider, also, to offer to Chair any of the committees.

Gayle



Tech Tip

For those who do not have a voltmeter, for checking exact moment the ignition points open, a simple and reliable test light can be made from a six-volt bulb, two "alligator" clips and some stranded wire. The procedure is to solder a wire to the brass base of the bulb and another wire to the lead button on the bottom of the bulb. Connect the wires by means of alligator clips to the stationary and moving contact points system. The light will glow upon separation of the points and is easily seen due to its brightness.

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. 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

SEPTEMBER MAFFI Minute

(Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.)

We're 5 weeks away from Model A Days at Hickory Corners, MI. Are your reservations made? We hope so. This will be the grandest event yet!

The Model A Ford Museum has always been a treat for our hobbyists. Whether you've been there before or are planning to go this year, this visit will be extra special because of the completed expansion! The museum used to be able to showcase 30 vehicles; now all the vehicles that the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. owns are in one building! Production years, 1928 through 1931, as well as a variety of body styles from Tudors to Phaetons -- Pickups to Firetrucks and a City Bus ---and more-- are on display. There is a larger variety of interactive exhibits and vignettes to put visitors right back in the era of the vehicles.

If you would like a sneak peek at the museum, go to www.maffi.org and click on the camera links for a live view: There's Expansion Bay 1, Expansion Bay 2, and Expansion Entrance along with a live view of the rest of the museum.

And, for those of you planners, get this on your agenda. Save the dates September 12-16, 2028 for the 100-year anniversary of the Model A: 1928-2028! There will be driving tours offered by each of the national organizations, MARC and MAFCA and activities galore for all 5 days.

I know there's no such thing as too much fun, but we're pushing the envelope!!

Cindy Ellenbecker
MAFFI Trustee/Secretary



Driving in the Czech Days Parade on August 2nd were Dick & Jerry Waechter, Jim & Beth Otto, Gary Horn, Loren & Valda Davidson, Don Borchert, Marcia Borchert, Dean & Margaret Mays. The Cornhusker Model A received First Place in the Antique Car Division.

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