

# Chatter & Clatter



Official Publication of the Cornhusker Model A Ford Club

**FEBRUARY 2026**

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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  
Febr. 7, 2026  
at 7 pm.

## REFRESHMENTS



Snacks for the Feb. meeting will be provided by the 2026 Board Members - Gary Horn, Gayle Hanshaw and Rc Blackledge.



Alan Embury	1st
Deb Thomas	8th
Margaret Mays	10th
Dianne Elliott	22nd

## "EAT OUTS"

### FIRST TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Feb. 3, Stauffer's, 5600 S 48th St.  
Meet around 9 am.

Thursday Dinner Cruise  
Will resume in March..



Don & Marcia Borchert 4th

## SAVE THE DATE

- Feb. 7th.....Ground Hog Celebration,  
(See next page for info)
- Feb. 26th.....Valentine Dinner at Carmella's  
(see next page for info)
- Mar. 8th.....Swap Meet at Event Center
- May 31st.....MAFCA National Meet,  
Pendleton, Oregon

## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members.

Bill & Judi Madron  
414 Elizabeth Ln  
McCook, NE 69001  
308-340-8476  
[wrmadron@outlook.com](mailto:wrmadron@outlook.com)  
They have a 1930 Black Town Sedan





# Valentine Dinner

Share a fun and romantic evening with your sweetheart! Join Gayle and I as we host a Cornhusker Valentine Dinner at Carmela's Wine Bar and Bistro; 4141 Pioneer Woods Drive on Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 pm. The evening will include delicious food and drinks as well as games and prizes.

There will be a select menu for us which includes a choice of:

Lasagna (Italian sausage, ground beef, ricotta, mozzarella, marinara, parmesan, basil and grilled bread)

Boursin Topped Sirloin (8 oz. certified Angus steak, red wine demiglace, herbed Boursin cheese, fingerling potatoes and asparagus)

Chicken Juliette (Parmesan encrusted chicken breast, parmesan cream sauce, herbed tomatoes with basil whipped Yukon golden potatoes and sauteed green beans)

Fig Salmon (8 oz. Chilean wild caught salmon, spinach butternut risotto, and sauteed farmer's vegetables)

You can include salad, soup or dessert for an additional charge: house salad, butternut squash soup or lobster bisque OR cheesecake, Raisin & Pecan Bread Pudding or Better Than Sex Cake.

Please sign up at the February meeting. You may also call or text Nancy at 402-304-1280 or email at nchanshaw@gmail.com.

The Cornhusker Model A Club will be touring to the **Unadilla Ground Hog Day festivities on Feb. 7.** The weather forecast for Sat Feb 7 is Mostly Sunny with a High of 49.

## Unadilla Ground Hog Day Festivities Schedule

- 9:00 .....Village Community Center (Library) opens.
- 10:00 ..... Program on WWII North Platte Canteen by "Humanities Nebraska"
- 11:00 - 1:00 .. Lunch at the Methodist Church
- 12:00 ..... Meat Locker Closes
- 1:30 ..... Line up for the Parade at Dan's Tire Shop
- 2:00 ..... Parade



For those planning on going to Unadilla:

1. We will have a Cornhusker Model A Club entry in the parade.
2. Meet at the service station at 87th and Old Hwy 2 (Nebraska Parkway) by **9:00 am on Saturday, February 7** and we will caravan to Unadilla.
3. Let Gayle know via (email) **vghanshaw@aol.com** or (phone) **402-570-8623** by **Friday evening, February 6**, if you are going to caravan with the group and we will wait for everyone to get to the station before we leave.

## 2026 Cornhusker Model A Ford Club Board of Directors & Committees

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### FEBRUARY MAFFI Minute

(Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.)



Happy New Year, Model A'ers! As we roll into another year, we find ourselves one step closer to our beloved cars turning 100 years old, which is pretty incredible to think about. The Board met in January to begin planning for the year ahead, including early discussions around Model A Days, along with ideas for upcoming exhibit changes and continued growth of the museum.

While things may seem quieter during the winter months, the museum remains very active behind the scenes. Winter is an important time for maintenance, organization, and preparing exhibits and vehicles for the year ahead. The volunteers of the Grape Country Model A's have been instrumental in this work, generously donating their time and skills. Leader of Fleet Maintenance Dan Cargo and Museum Manager Jerry Dennany, in particular, continue to provide invaluable leadership and hands-on support throughout the off-season.

Keep on motoring,

John Grossheim Trustee and Secretary, MAFFI

## Cornhusker Model A Club January Meeting Minutes

Date: January 3, 2026, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, Ne

The January meeting of the Cornhusker Model A Ford Club was held on Jan. 3, 2026. It was called to order at 7:00 PM by Jeff Meier, President. 20 people were in attendance. January birthdays and anniversaries were announced and congratulations extended.

A motion was made by Shawn Kean and seconded by Barb Smith to approve the November minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Bill Buckley.

### Checking

November 30,2025  
Income: \$1194.00  
Expenses: \$ 325.24  
Balance: \$6413.35

December 31,2025  
Income: \$ 476.00  
Expenses: \$1693.80  
Balance: \$5195.55

### Savings

December31,2025  
Income/Interest:  
Expenses:  
Balance: \$3726.08

Ed Taylor moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Janet Jeffries. Motion carried.

Bills were submitted by Margaret Mays for postage and printing for \$50.96, for MAFCA Insurance /Liability for \$75.00. and by Shawn Kean for coffee for \$15.99. Barb Smith moved and Debbie Thomas seconded that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Debbie Thomas reported that there are no new members. Debbie is resigning as membership chairman for the coming year.

Sunshine: Rachel Kean reported via phone that a sympathy card was sent to the Smith family. Rachel is willing to continue leading this committee.

General Interest: Nancy Hanshaw was not present, so no report.

Activities: Shawn Kean is willing to continue as the Activity's Chairman.

Car Council: Dick Waechter said there will be a meeting in January. The Swap Meet is coming up in March; more workers are still needed. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year for it being held at the Event Center.

Parades/Car Shows: The Unadilla Parade will be held on Feb. 7.

Historian: Janet Jeffries mentioned a new addition to the museum in Crete. She will look into the possibility of a Cornhusker Model A display that could be set up temporarily there.

Christmas Party: Everyone seemed to enjoy the Christmas party being held at the church this past year. However, some people liked the idea of returning to a restaurant, with a bar, being served by a waiter, and dressing up more. Myron Smith made a motion that we hold this coming year's party at the church again. Patrick Kean seconded the motion. The motion was defeated. Shawn Kean will call Misty's to check on their availability for next December.

Breakfast Meeting: Shawn suggested having the breakfast meeting in April as a potluck at the church. Ed Taylor moved, and Janet Jeffries seconded, that we accept this idea. Motion carried.

Advertising: Bill Buckley is willing to continue as advertising chairman. Please let Bill know if you have any suggestions regarding possible future advertisers.

Revivers Group: Gayle Hanshaw said that John Seawell now has his car running.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board needs to get together to work on a budget for 2026.

A question was raised about the cost of maintaining our website. Janet Jeffries will check into this.

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(January minutes continued)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Directors will bring treats for the February meeting.

Janet Jeffries brought a copy of the Crete newspaper. An article featured Nancy Hanshaw and her extensive collection of Santas. Gayle Hanshaw mentioned that Sherry Winkinhofer is involved with the publication of a Model A Newsletter/Activities pamphlet for youth. This would be available upon request.

CAR POOL: The car pool was won by Linda Buckley.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Buckley, Secretary



FREE MAFCA MEMBERSHIP



Once again the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) is offering a Free 1st Year Membership for 2026. 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 Jeff Meier or Margaret Mays.

**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





(Below is a partial copy of an article that was in the July 18th Journal Star.)

## Sisters adopt both the town of Humboldt and its newspaper



COURTESY PHOTO

Sherry Winkinhofer, from left, Sharla Sitzman and Katie Schlund stand outside the Humboldt Standard's office. The weekly newspaper was established in 1882 and has been published from the same building since 1921.

Richardson County gives shape to Nebraska's southeast border like the essential corner piece in a jigsaw puzzle. Take the piece away, and the puzzle isn't complete. Not whole. Not right.

That's exactly how sisters Sharla Sitzman and Sherry Winkinhofer feel about the Humboldt Standard, the town's weekly newspaper that was established in 1882 and has been published from the same building in Richardson County since 1921.

So when the call came for Sitzman and Winkinhofer to save the paper from disappearing, the retired women knew they had to say yes.

"I was in the right place at the right time to be able to pick it up and save the paper, because after 140-some years, you don't want to see it go down the drain," Winkinhofer said. "It's important to people."

## SNOWMAN JOKES

\*What does a Snowman eat for breakfast?  
Snowflakes.

\*Where do snowmen get the weather report?  
From the Winternet.

\*Why did the snowman turn yellow?  
Ask the dog.

\*What did the police officer say when he saw the snowman stealing?  
Freeze

\*Why didn't the snowman go to the party?  
He had snow-one to go with.

\*What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum? A meltdown.

\*What kind of money do snowmen use?  
Cold, hard cash.

\*How do you scare a snowman?  
Get a hairdryer.

## COLD WEATHER JOKES

\*How cold is it? It's so cold, the polar bears are wearing jackets.

\*How cold is it? It's so cold, even the teenagers are wearing jackets.

\*How cold is it? It's so cold, the statues are shivering.

\*How cold is it? It's so cold I opened the refrigerator fridge door to help warm the house.

How cold is it? It's so cold that the cows are producing ice cream.

\*How cold is it? It's so cold, we didn't clean the house, we defrosted it.

\*How cold is it? It's so cold, people are eating ice cream to warm up.

\*How cold is it? It's so cold, people look forward to getting a fever.

\*How cold is it? It's so cold, we have to use plastic silverware. People were walking around with spoons stuck to their tongues.

\*How cold is it? It's so cold, the police told a robber to freeze, and he really did.



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