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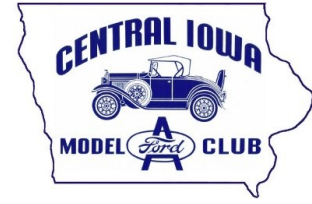
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## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

### Jerry & Faylene Kluver

Pictured above is Jerry and grand-daughter Katie Kluver in the Ankeny Summerfest parade in July. You may have seen Jerry giving out food samples or in the garden department of the north Ankeny HyVee. Jerry & Faylene have been members of the club since 1995. Katie can be seen in the rumble seat of their 1930 Tudor. They also have a 1949 Chrysler according to the roster.

## UPCOMING CLUB “A”VENTS



- 08/04/2025, Monday, Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, Perkins, 714 SE Oralabor Road, Ankeny, IA.
- 08/06/2025, Wednesday, **State Fair Parade**, 5:00 PM for cars and drivers, Des Moines Capitol. Contact Dan Graber if you plan to participate, phone 515-707-4738, email [DandSGra-ber@gmail.com](mailto:DandSGra-ber@gmail.com).
- 08/10/2025, **Sunday, Club Meeting and Picnic**, 1:00 PM, Jester County Park, Shelter #2, 12130 NW 128th Street, Granger, IA 50109. Bring your own picnic lunch and drink.
- 08/14/2025, **Thursday, IHOP Breakfast**, 8:00 AM, 2402 SE Delaware Ave., Ankeny, IA.
- 08/28/2025, **Thursday, Social Night**, 6:00 PM, Inside Scoops, 2410 SW Birch Dr. Ankeny, IA.



09/07/2025, **Sunday, Club Meeting and Annual BBQ**, 1:00 PM, Location to be determined. Club will provide grilled burgers, bratwurst, and chicken. NOTE: The meeting is scheduled earlier than usual to not conflict with GAMARAI preparations.

- 09/08/2025, Monday, Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, Perkins, 714 SE Oralabor Road, Ankeny, IA.
- 09/11/2025, **Thursday, IHOP Breakfast**, 8:00 AM, 2402 SE Delaware Ave., Ankeny, IA.
- 09/15-19/2025, **GAMARAI** to NE Iowa, see t-shirt page.



## UPCOMING CLUB “A”VENTS CONTINUED

10/06/2025, Monday, Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, Perkins, 714 SE Oralabor Road, Ankeny, IA.

10/09/2025, **Thursday, IHOP Breakfast, 8:00 AM, 2402 SE Delaware Ave., Ankeny, IA.**

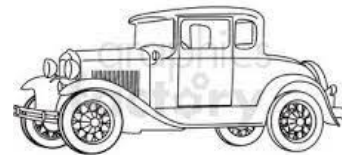
10/12/2025, **Sunday, Club Meeting and Potluck, 1:00 PM, Ankeny First United Methodist Church, 206 SW Walnut Street, Ankeny** Club will be providing ice cream with fixings for sun-daes. Bring a dish to share – entrée, salad, vegetable, or a dessert that goes with ice cream.

10/18/2025, **Saturday, Courthouse Driving Tour** to Newton, Grinnell, Marshalltown, and Nevada. Note: We will also be driving through the Veteran’s Home while in Marshalltown. More details to follow.

10/23/2025 **Thursday, Social Night, 6:00 PM, To be determined**



### Club Tours



Wednesday, August 6, 2025 - Iowa State Fair Parade

August 15-16 2025 **Iowa Model A Days in Amana**

**Event Host:** Hawk A Model A Club

**Feeder Run:** Willie Priaulx

Friday is the feeder run from Altoona and the local tour around Amana followed by a welcome reception. Meet-up at 9:30, Hy-Vee parking lot, 108 8<sup>th</sup> St, Altoona, IA. Leave at 10:00.

Friday night lodging: Hotel Millwright in Amana, (319) 838-5015.

Saturday is the main IMAD event, 100+ Model A’s on display plus a Tech Session and Ladies Tea. \$10 registration.

August 15-18, 2025 - Marty Green’s South Dakota – Wyoming Tour

Sunday Sept 7th, 2025 1:00 PM **Annual Cherry Glen Cookout**

September 15-19, 2025 **GAMARAI**

[Save The Date](#)

Saturday October 18, 2025 **Fall Color Courthouse Tour**

**Tour Hosts:** Kevin Szcodronski

[Fall Colors, Courthouse Tour, Marshalltown Veterans Home](#)

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## Ford Then and Now: Ford Summer Vacation Homes by Curt Carlson

Summer has always been my favorite season. Summer always meant a change of pace, no school, sweet corn, watermelon, more time with family and travels to somewhere new. I wondered how Henry Ford spent his summer vacations and found some stories you may find interesting.



### **Then:**

Henry Ford valued hard work, but he also valued his time away from work. He loved nature and exploring, so it's no surprise that he would go fishing on vacation. One place he frequented was an outdoor club, the Au Sable Trout and Game Club, near Grayling Michigan. He stayed in a fine lodge, the Douglas Hotel, built by a lumber baron. The lodge was about 200 miles from Dearborn, but the trip wasn't too bad if you owned your own rail car, as Henry did. The rail car made it easy to bring friends along as well.

In 1915 as a reward to himself for the early success of his company, Henry built a vacation "cottage" on 10 acres on the shore of Lake Huron, near the town of Port Huron. The home was only about 70 miles from Dearborn, so it was easily reached by car, boat or train for a weekend of escaping the heat of the city. Ford was encouraged to sell the property in 1929 for concerns of crimes against wealthy people as the Depression worsened.

In the 1920s, Henry really wanted to join an exclusive hunting and fishing club, the Huron Mountain Club. The Club was limited to 50 members and they jointly owned 20,000 acres of pristine wilderness in the Michigan upper peninsula, along the shore of Lake Superior. The only way to get in to the club was for a member to die and the surviving family wanting to sell the membership. Clearly, a long waiting list to join. As the story goes, the state of Michigan was building a highway just south of the Huron Mountain Club property. Henry bought major sections of land on both sides of the proposed highway and successfully lobbied to get the highway project cancelled. Henry was allowed to join. He had his famous architect, Albert Kahn build a significant log "cabin" in the Huron Mountain community. This home was Clara's favorite vacation home. Henry was able to keep tabs on business with four sawmill operations and two mining operations nearby.

### **Now:**

The Au Sable river is still a popular trout fishing area in Michigan and the Douglas Hotel has been restored and operates as Fuller's North Branch Outing Club. Fun to visit there sometime. The Harbor Beach Cottage still exists and is privately owned. I read that a Model T club included a drive by on a tour.

The Huron Mountain Club is still extremely private and exclusive. The Ford "cabin" still exists but is privately owned. The nearby Ford sawmills and mines are long gone.

<https://askus.thehenryford.org/researchguides/faq/375309>



**Ford's vacation places**

Upper right: Huron Mountain Cabin

Middle: Harbor Beach Cottage

Lower: Fullers Noth Branch Outing



## Tech Tip by Willie Priaulx

When it's time to replace or repair your starter, you may want to consider a Modern Starter Drive. The Original Bendix Spring Drive has some known issues, as anyone who has fished the sheared off spring bolts out of the bell housing can testify. Many of these problems have been resolved as automotive technology improves over the years.

To help with the installation of the Modern Starter Drive, the club has added a new tool to our Specialty Tools collection. **Club tools are available for loan to any Central Iowa Club member.**

Modern Starter Drive



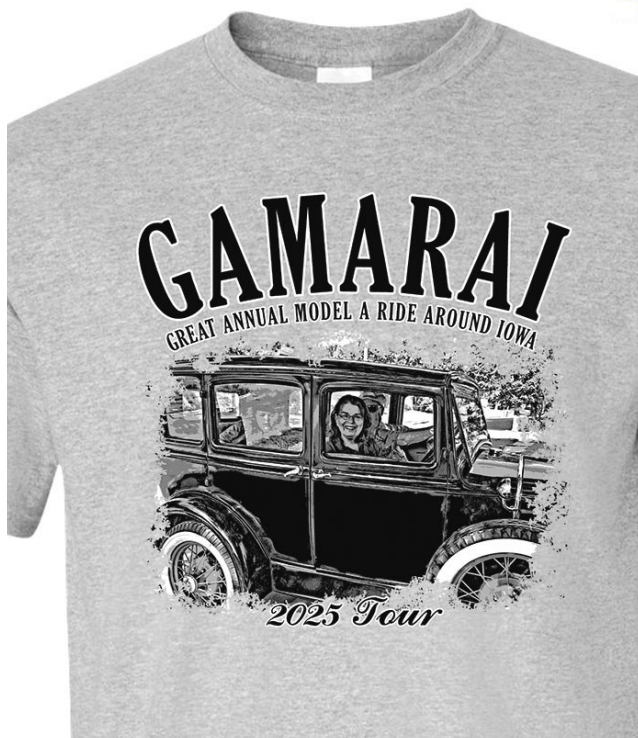
Original Bendix Spring Style



### New Tool – July 2025

Modern Starter Drive Spring Compressor Tool.

The spring compressor makes installing the modern starter drive easier. It will compress the drive spring and hold the retaining collar back while you set the mounting screw, without needing all 3 hands.



2000  
SPORT  
GREY



This is the t-shirt for this year's GAMARAI. The picture is Doris O'Malley in their Model A. Some of us not planning on going on the tour have expressed interest in purchasing the t-shirt. If you would like to order one, the cost is \$15. There are two styles, traditional and ladies cut. I need to know which one you would like and size S, M, L, XL, XXL, or XXXL. The t-shirt is blue this year. Send your size, style and \$15 for each shirt to **Tom Jamison**, 6640 NW48th St. Johnston, IA 50131. I need it by August 15 as that is when I need to turn in the order.



Club members chat on the square in Prairie City after touring the Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge in July.

## FOR SALE, WANTED OR TRADE

Members place your free ad here by contacting Kay Huntimer @ (kayhuntimer@gmail.com)

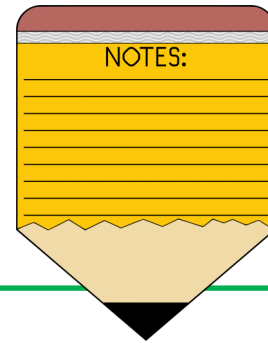
Non-members ads may be placed for \$25 fee. Ads will be shown for 3 months and removed unless you notify Kay to renew.



**For Sale:** 1929 Ford 2dr. Owned 67 yrs, selling due to Dave's age. Good condition ; runs well. Driver, not show. Dual side mounts; steel trunk on extended bumper. \$ 8250 **Dave Berkeman** 515-473-1690

**FOR SALE:** 32 center crossmember modified to fit "A" frame-\$400:  
"A" frame with 32 crossmember fitted in- \$500:  
"A" transmission rebuilt by Paul Couch(never used)-\$300:  
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## Central Iowa Model A Club Minutes

July 13, 2025

We met at Easter Lake on a pleasant day at shelter #4 that overlooked the lake with 26 in attendance.

Scott Lang, president, called our meeting to order as everyone was finishing up their picnic lunch. Margie Lamb provided grace.

Tom Jamison addressed the group to discuss the possible purchase of a wood graining kit. The board had discussed this on July 7th at their Board meeting where it passed by a narrow margin. Several members brought up pros and cons of this \$400 kit as we learned more about how it would be used. A vote was taken with the members present and decidedly passed.

Kevin discussed upcoming club events including:

- Reminder to contact Dan Graber if you want to be in the State Fair parade on August 6th.
- Remaining July events: Driving tour to Neil Smith Refuge on the 19th and Social Night on the 24th
- August events: meeting on the 10th, breakfast on the 14th and Social Night on the 28th.

Tom talked about GAMARAI on September 15-19 and the need to get your registrations submitted. Hotel Winneshiek is completely booked so you will need to call the second hotel listed, Fairfield Inn and Suites, if you haven't made your reservations yet. If you are not going on GAMARAI but would like a T-shirt, let Tom know before August 1st. The meeting adjourned around 2:45 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Holly Szcodronski, Secretary

Check out the site at:

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

The website is always open without a password, but if you'd like to view the current and past newsletters, the club roster, or meeting minutes, you'll need to visit the "Members Only" section.



The password is: **roadster**

And don't forget — we've got a growing Facebook Group where members post pictures, share stories, and stay in the loop (It's a great way to keep the "Model A" conversations rolling between meetings.)

☐ [facebook.com/groups/cimaafc](https://facebook.com/groups/cimaafc)

## Secretary Notes

Holly Szcodronski

Hard to believe that summer will soon be winding down. There is however, time to take in warm weather club activities which include:

--August 28, Social Night at Inside Scoops in Ankeny

--September 7, Annual club BBQ and meeting at Cherry Glen, Saylorville

--September 15-19, GAMARAI traveling to NE Iowa

--September 25, Social Night at Dairy Queen in Ankeny

--October 18, Driving Tour to see Fall colors and courthouses in Newton, Grinnell, Marshalltown and Nevada  
**Hope to see you at one of these club activities.**



Ankeny Summerfest Parade: R to L David Richards, Randy Hans, Joe Lamb, Kevin & Holly Szcodronski, Zach, Jerry & Katie Kluver.

## Selecting the Correct Spark Plug

Q: What do you recommend for a set of new spark plugs for a Model A? I currently have Champion C16C spark plugs. They seem to be doing fine, but I'd like to carry a spare set.  
- Kevin Szcodronski

A: The original show quality spark plug still available is the Champion 3X, three-piece plug.  
\$50 / \$32 each. The only reason to pay this much for a spark plug is for authenticity.

Champion also makes 2 one-piece plugs for the Model A in 2 heat ranges.  
These are substantial, nice looking plugs, but not original.

Champion W18 (Hot) - \$12 / \$8

Champion W16Y (Cool) - \$12 / \$8

Low-cost options.

Autolite 3076 - \$7 / \$3

Motorcraft TT10 - Discontinued



Willie Prialux  
Tech Coordinator

I can't find the Champion C16C number you are using. That may be an older W16 equivalent. What most A drivers choose, and for your driving style, I'd recommend the hotter W18.

It depends on how the car will be driven as to what heat range should be used. I suggest the W18 plugs in stock and modified Model A engines. If you plan on long trips at continued high speed or racing at full throttle, then a cooler plug like the Champion W16Y would suit your needs. But, the W16Y may be too cold for average use with stop-and-go driving and could run the plugs black and sooty.

All of these plugs are readily available and have the large 7/8" base.

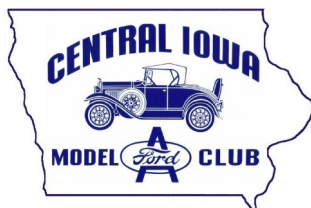
I see NO reason to use a smaller 14mm "modern" plug with an adapter.

Prices shown: *Model A supplier* (Birdhaven) / *Auto Parts store* (O'Reilly)

- Willie

**Gary Turner** sent in the photo on the right for our enjoyment. He recently sold the 29 Tudor on the left to his neighbor. Gary had it 55 years. He still owns the coupe at the gas pump. They are shown at the restored Sinclair station in his little town of Ellston, IA with a population of 20+.





## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL IOWA MODEL A CLUB

All news items, articles of interest, photos and want ads are to be submitted by the **20th of each month** to Kay Huntimer  
[kayhuntimer@gmail.com](mailto:kayhuntimer@gmail.com)

Membership dues are \$25 annually Please submit to: Beth Graber 6430 NE 8th Ct. Des Moines, IA 50313 Dues entitle members and families to: Club Privileges\* Monthly newsletters\* Free want ads\* All Club meetings\*

The Central Iowa Model A Club is regional and affiliated with: Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and

Model A Restorers Club (MARC) We encourage membership in both National Clubs. Applications for membership are located on the website for all 3 clubs.

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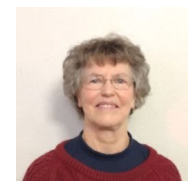
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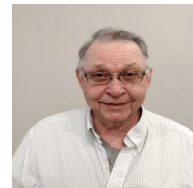
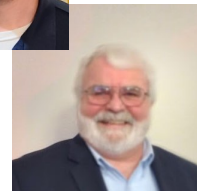
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