

Meadowlark Model A Ford Club News

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President's Message

Meadowlarks -

Autumn has arrived. The mornings feel cool and crisp, the afternoons warm and sunny, and the trees are beginning to change color. The month of November will have some great days to be out and about in your Model A and I hope you will be able to do so!

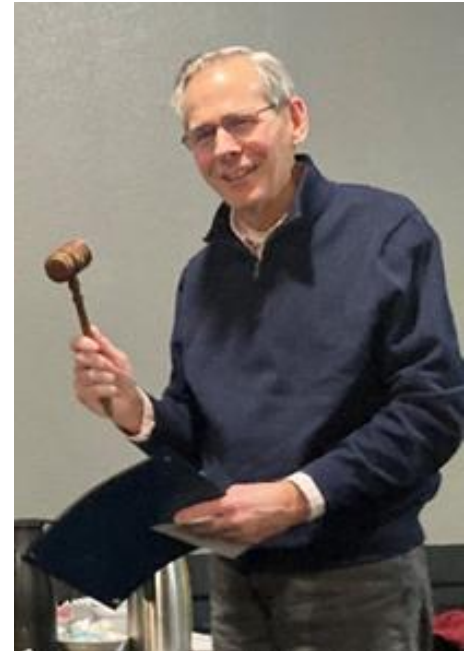
As you all know, November is the month we hold annual elections for the Board of Directors. Our nominating committee has recruited an excellent list of candidates for the open positions. Many thanks to Bruce Rima, Don Graves, and Howard Denker for their leadership in this area. By the way, it's not too late to run for a board position. Simply contact Bruce, Don or Howard to let them know.

Regarding voting, I want to

make you aware that the Board is recommending that our members approve several changes to the Club's Bylaws. The changes generally relate to board positions and the election process. Additional details are here in the newsletter, and I encourage you to read the details. We will vote on the proposed changes at our December general meeting.

I want to pass on some good news shared by Don Graves at our October board meeting. After an extended absence, our Vintage Wheels at the Fort car show is back for 2026! Don has been working with a new manager at the Douglas County Historical Society to make this a reality. The date will be August 8, 2026. Stay tuned for more information.

Don't forget that the location



for our November general meeting on November 8th will be at the Bennington Library as a result of a scheduling conflict at the Elks Lodge. Thanks to Jim Musel for making the arrangements.

Dave

The November Meeting is Meadowlark Election Time

Be sure to attend the meeting to vote for your choice of candidates to run the club in 2026. Thanks to our Nomination Committee, we do have at least one nominee for each position. These are the Nominees we have so far:

- Vice President/President-Elect
 - Dave Johnson
 - _____ It could be you
- Secretary
 - Corie Schnabel
 - _____ It could be you
- Board of Directors (we need to vote for 2)
 - Dave Uhrich
 - Rich Greubel
 - Ed Nickell
 - Bob Harty
 - Bob Nash
 - Steve Zikmund
 - _____ It could be you



DO NOT BE AFRAID to come to the November meeting. We have nominees. We just need voters. Of course, if you want to be nominated, it's not too late!

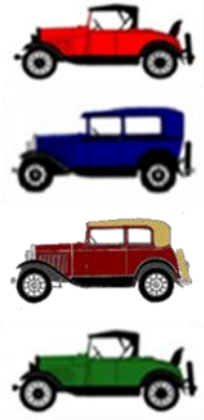
Dues are Due—December 1st
\$25 per year, late fee after December 1st \$5
Online newsletter is included.
Paper newsletter additional \$15/year
If you can't make it to a meeting, send to
Club mailbox shown on last page.

November

- ⇒ November 8 Second Saturday Soiree at Bruce Rima's Garage (see p. 3)
- ⇒ **November 8 November general meeting — at the Bennington Library—see below (our regular spot is not available)**
- ⇒ November 20 Mouth of the South (see p. 3)
- ⇒ November ?? November event of members' choosing
- ⇒ November 23 Board meeting

Looking ahead—these are some events to plan for in 2026:

- ⇒ January 10, 2026 Annual Banquet at Cascio's Steakhouse
- ⇒ March 8, 2026 ENWICC Swap Meet
- ⇒ May 2, 2026 Skills & Grilles Car, Truck, & Tractor Show
- ⇒ August 8, 2026 Vintage Wheels at the Fort



**General Meeting –November 8 –
6:30PM at the
Bennington Library**

Bennington Public Library
[11401 North 156th Street](#)



Looking Forward to the Annual Banquet on January 10, 2026

Cascio's Restaurant 1620 South 10th ST

Cocktails (cash bar) at 6PM, Dinner at 7PM

Reservation Form will be sent to members separately.

We need paid reservations by January 1 (preferably Dec. 20).

Refunds after January 1 only for exceptional circumstances.

Don't miss this celebration of 2025!



Tech Talk for November Meeting

It's that time of year when our tour season may come to a screeching halt due to the weather. So, we must plan on some winterizing of our favorite ride. There is a list of things that should definitely be done now and a few which could be done. We'll talk about the winterizing process and those that "could be done" items.

Also – News Flash! There is now an easy way to update those headlight sockets which are nearly worn out. I'll show you an option that you can purchase locally and update those sockets. No more need to buy those cheaply-made repos. And, I have an update on some good replacement parts that you will be interested in. Hope you can find time to make it to the meeting. DG



November Second Saturday Soirée

Let's hope for a pleasant day, because we are going a little further north for this Soirée. It will not be held at Don's shop this time. We are going to gather at Bruce Rima's heated (if needed) garage and set his Tudor body on the waiting running gear. We will then install the body blocks and bolt the body to the frame. This is not a difficult task if there are at least five to six helpers.

Plan to attend if you would like to see what is involved and maybe lend a hand. We will start at 9AM, so don't be late! Rima's address and directions to get there will be attached to the newsletter notification for members only. Please contact Don Graves or Bruce Rima if you have questions.



November Eat-Out Mouth of the South

Our Eat-Out on November 20th will be at Mouth of the South located at [16909 Lake Hills Plaza](#), Omaha, NE 68130 at 6:30 pm. The restaurant is located on the northwest corner of 168th and West Center Road - fronting on 168th Street.

Mouth of the South had 2 locations in Omaha - one downtown as well as the Lake Hills Plaza location. The downtown location has closed, and

the Lake Hills Plaza location has been expanded to accommodate larger groups.

The fare is 'cajun-inspired' and includes seafood, po-boys and other hearty classics. The menu can be found here: <https://order.toasttab.com/online/mouth-of-the-south-lakeside-hills-new-16909-lakeside-hills-plaza>. Dave Uhrich is the POC. Please contact him with any questions.

Editor's endorsement: When Mouth of the South first opened in Florence, I had one of the best hamburgers there that I have ever had. I've been sorry they moved clear out west, but it is probably for the best 😊

November Event — in the works

The board has identified some interesting options for an event but they want input from the members. We will discuss this at the October meeting. If you have a good idea, bring it!



Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash in Alaska with bush pilot Wiley Post, was one of the greatest political country/cowboy sages this country has ever known. Here is some of his cowboy humor:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
4. Always drink upstream from the herd.
5. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
6. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.



Upcoming Events (continued)

December Meeting/ Christmas Party

At Christmas time, we like to have everyone contribute to the treats at the meeting. So, plan to bring something like Christmas cookies or candy or even crackers and cheese, etc. And bring your own drink to go with it.

After our business meeting, we will bring back the Ah-ooga game. (a Model A version of BINGO that we developed for the 2010 Regional Meet). Be sure to plan to attend.



December Eat-Out

Please circle December 18th on your calendar for our December Eat Out. We will meet at 6:30pm at the Pacific Eating House, 1130 Sterling Ridge Dr. Omaha NE. We will have a reserved room and the restaurant has a Pacific Northwest vibe with full menu. This will be a nice time to recall this year's memories, share stories of holidays past and share plans for this year's holiday season! POC for this event is Ed Nickell, 402-618-0628.

Our Club Library has moved! Actually, our Club Librarian (Steve Zikmund) has moved and moved the library as well. He says "it's all here and on the shelves but not totally organized by dates yet."

So, if any member wants to go visit the library or even help Steve get it organized, be sure to give Steve a call and figure out the best time. The library has lots of good material.

If you don't know how to find what you are looking for in the library, be sure to check out the [Index of Technical Articles](#) which has been updated through January 1, 2025. It is published on the MAFCA site. This very helpful tool indexes technical articles in these publications:

- MAFCA - *The Restorer*, • MARC - *The Model A News*, • MdIAT - *Model A Times* • SknKn - *Skinned Knuckles*
- It's lengthy, but the good news is that it is searchable. We don't have all of these journals, but we do have most of *The Restorer* and a good share of *Model A News*.



If you are done driving your Model A (or Model As) for the year, be sure to send your odometer reading(s) to Dave Miller. He keeps track of each member's mileage. If you have driven the most miles in 2025, you might get to keep the traveling mileage trophy for the year! Members can get Dave's contact info on your club roster or see e-mail notification of newsletter.



[Here are some ways to support veterans.](#)

History Car Show at Central High

Several Meadowlarks participated in this education event on October 1. This is a description of the event from Doug Wilson, a member of the Centennial Model T Club:

"We had 6 Model T's, 7 Model A's, a '48 Plymouth woodie wagon, and a mid 60's Thunderbird convertible. All attending with cars were either part of the Meadowlark Model A Club or the Centennial Model T Club."

The Brichaceks brought their "in process" Fordor and invited the students to write on it. Photography by Dave Uhrich and Russell Brichacek.



Eat-out at Wave Bistro

October Eat Out at Wave Bistro October 16th was a fun time. We had 2 Model As driven and 19 club members who enjoyed the Asian and European-influenced dishes. They even had Linen table covers and with the multi-course fashion they almost ran out of plates. Just kidding but it seemed like we had new plates every couple of min. The food was really good and most wanted dessert but none of us had room. Several said they plan to go here again!

Those attending were Ed & Rena Nickoll, Bruce & Lori Rima, Rich & Joanne Greubel, Dave & Cindy Uhrich, El & Dot Gertner, Don & Janet Graves, Howard & Mary Denker, Don & Karen Noodell, Russell, Janell, and Devan Brichacek.

Howard and Don used some of the wait time to talk about Model A Parts. Thanks to Ed Nickell and the waiter for the photos.



Second Saturday Soirée on October 11 Those attending were Ed Nickell, Bruce Rima, Bob Barr, El Gertner, Bob Harty and his friend Chuck, Corie Schnabel, Don Chase, Don Noodell, Steve Zikmund, John Tefft, Bill Haire, Howard Denker, Jerry Kotlik, Dave Uhrich, Tim Colliton, Rich Greubel, Jeff & Carter Graves, and Don Graves.



Goal: Put Bob Harty's Fordor back together.



How many Meadmarks does it take to . . .



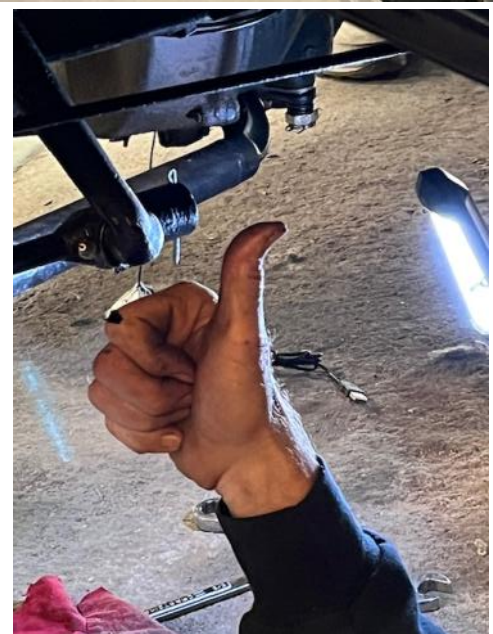
Don & Corie checking on her pretty Roadster.



This is better than watching a movie!



Thanks to Ed Nickell, El Gertner, and Bob Harty for bringing donuts. And, thanks to Ed Nickell, Dave Uhrich, and Jeff Graves for photography.



October General Meeting

Lots of important topics were discussed, including the upcoming elections for Meadowlark officers and board members. The Tech Talk was on Model A Emergency Brakes. Thanks to Dave Uhrich for the front row photo!

The ladies had their usual chat.



Highway 36 Cleanup

Saturday 18 October was a great day to be outside. Twelve Meadowlark members and two friends of club members pitched in to do a great job of returning our stretch of Highway 36 to its natural beauty without all the pop cans, Red Hot Cinnamon bottles and other trash. I even found a fully loaded adult diaper, and contrary to Bruce Rima, it was not mine!! In a short time, we collected 16 bags of litter and were off to the Bennington Runza for a light meal and some enjoyable conversation. I would like to thank the following club members for coming through and helping complete this task. Ed Nickell, his son, Chris Nickell, Bruce Rima, Rich Greubel, Corie Schnabel, Brian Gernandt, Dave Uhrich, Bob Harty, Jack Sanford, Bob Nash, Dave Johnson (a new member that has been very active) Steve Zikmund, Joseph Marr (a friend of Bob Harty, who was looking for a good excuse to be outside on this beautiful day), and Howard Denker. Make sure you thank these members for their support of the club. There were some comments about how slow me and my un-named team members were, but there was a tremendous amount of trash on our side of the road and we also averaged 82 years young. Howard Denker



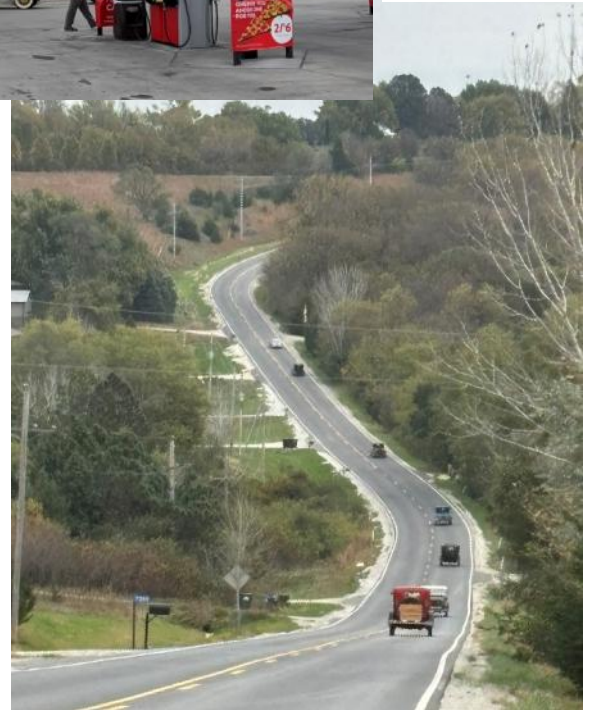
Thanks to Howard and Ed Nickell for the photos.

October Tour and Picnic

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Photos by Ed Nickell, Jack Sanford, and Janet Graves

Jack led us on a windy tour through Douglas and Washington County roads. We saw a little bit of fall color, but not a lot.



The weather was a little cool, but we had a couple of nice fires thanks to Ed, Jack, Janell, and Derek. Members came through with lots of good food to go with our hamburgers and hot dogs. Lori Rima's Cherry Crisp from their home grown cherry tree and Gerry Chase's Rhubarb Crisp from the Chase's rhubarb plants were awesome.



Those attending either the tour or picnic or both included Bruce & Lori Rima with grandkids Kaydance and Bentley, Don & Janet Graves, Corie Schnabel & James Brown, Jack Sanford, Ed Nickell, Rich & JoAnne Greubel, Dave & Lori Johnson, Steve Zikmund, Don & Karen Noodell, Don & Gerry Chase, Russell & Janell Brichacek, Devan Brichacek & Ryan Simpson, Derek & Charlotte Brichacek, Charlie Earnest, Brian & Jodie Gernandt, and Bob & Natalie Barr.

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws Meadowlark Model A Ford Club

The Board of Directors is recommending several changes in the Meadowlark Model A Ford Club Bylaws to the club's members. Here are the proposed changes and reasoning for each:

Article 3, Section 3 - Raise annual dues from \$24.00 to \$25.00.

This is proposed to facilitate cash payments for club dues and the necessity to make appropriate change.

Article 6, Section 1 - Revise sentences 2 and 3 to read: 'The Term of the President, Vice-President /President-Elect shall be one year. The term of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be 2 years.'

Currently, the Secretary serves for 1 year. This proposal would have the Secretary serve for 2 years in order to help maintain continuity with the club's records and to be consistent with the term of the Treasurer.

Article 6, Section 3 - Eliminate the last sentence of Paragraph 1.

Currently, the last sentence of Paragraph 1 reads: 'Nominations for the offices of President (if necessary), Vice President / President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer shall consist of a minimum of two candidates for each of the said offices.' This proposal reflects the reality the nominations committee routinely faces: securing a minimum of 2 candidates for the officer positions on the Board. While it is certainly desirable to have a minimum of 2 candidates for these positions, the Board recommends eliminating this as a requirement.

Article 6, Section 5 - Revise the second sentence to eliminate the parenthetical at the end of the sentence.

The sentence currently reads: 'The Officers and Directors shall be installed at the annual membership meeting in January. They shall serve until the installation of Officers and Directors in the following year (two years for the Treasurer and Directors).' There is no need for the parenthetical because the terms served by each position have already been defined.



Here is something to plan ahead for:

The Model A Ford Club of Colorado is planning the 2027 MAFCA National Tour in Durango, Colorado. June 13 to 18, 2027. Durango is a historic mountain city founded in 1880 by the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, known for outdoor recreation in the San Juan Mountains and the scenic Animas River. <http://www.mafcc.org/2027-mafca-national-tour.html>

Only about 850 miles from Omaha. Hope some of us can make it!

American Legion Trunk or Treat in Bennington

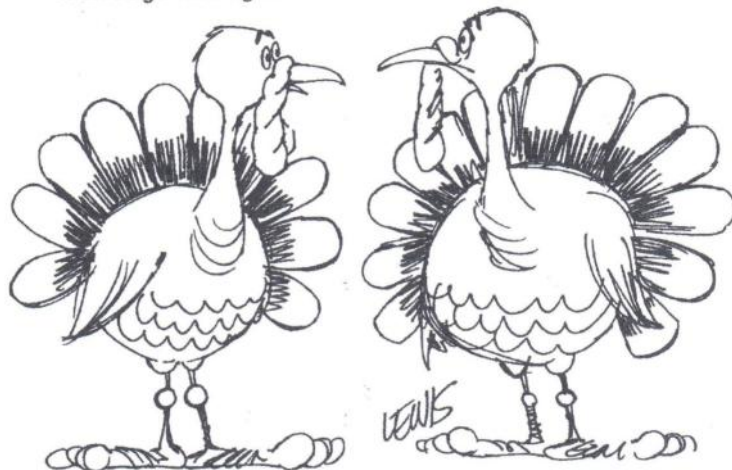
Dave and Lori Johnson
"In period" costumes
with their 1930 Coupe.



Also present were
Brian, Jodie and
Rebecca Gernandt

And Jim, Jill, Kylie, and
Katie Musel with their 2
Model A's.

Could be worse. What if we were Flying Quails and had to spend our lives on top of a hot Model A radiator with bugs hitting us in the face?





by Jodie Gernandt

Please send your news, good or bad, to Jodie at jjgernandt@cox.net or call her at 402-619-0700.

In Memoriam

A former member, **Cliff Connelly**, passed away on August 31. Cliff and his wife, Sharon, were Meadowlark members from 1996 to 2003, when they moved to California. [Cliff's obituary](#).

Best wishes for Speedy Recovery

Sue Dellinger had shoulder surgery two weeks ago and she says her recovery brings some good days and some bad days. We hope she has all good days and we see her soon.



Yay! Another hour of sleep. Don't forget to set your clock back on Nov. 2 (or Nov. 1 before you go to bed). Of course, you will lose this hour again in the spring ☺.

Ed Jankowski wins the prize!

Thanks to Ed Jankowski for doing a good job of reading this newsletter! Ed was the **ONLY** member who responded with an answer to the quiz question posted last month. He identified the three members who were pictured: Lori Rima (without her glasses) and Don Graves and Karen Noodell in Halloween garb. He also identified the photo below saying "A mortsafe, a heavy iron grill work used to protect new graves from grave thieves until the body was decade. I admit I used the web to find the answer."



Although Ed did answer the question that was asked: "can you guess what the photo at the right is?" he didn't go as far as was intended.

Hm. Why would we put a photo of a mortsafe in the Meadowlark newsletter?? Because it is the mortsafe over Henry and Clara Fords' graves. You can read more about this at these sites: [Gravely Speaking](#) and [The Grave of Henry Ford](#).

Ed and Millie Jankowski (pictured above) have been Meadowlark members since 1981. We don't see them often since they moved to Eudora, Kansas, but they are still members.



Members' Birthdays and Anniversaries

November

Day	Name	Event
3	Mary McKinney	Birthday
5	Don Noodell	Birthday
12	Theresa DeVries	Birthday
17	Bruce & Lori Rima	Anniversary
19	Trish Rand	Birthday
21	Gina Kyler	Birthday
22	Doug Heeren	Birthday
24	Don & Gerry Chase	Anniversary
27	Mary Knapp	Birthday

December

Day	Name	Event
1	Rich & Michelle Chase	Anniversary
9	Dave Zikmund	Birthday
16	Nancy Hanshaw	Birthday
20	Dave & Judy Beckman	Anniversary
26	Bob Nash	Birthday
27	Jack Sanford	Birthday
28	Bob & Natalie Barr	Anniversary
28	Susan Dellinger	Birthday
30	Bob & Tammy Nash	Anniversary

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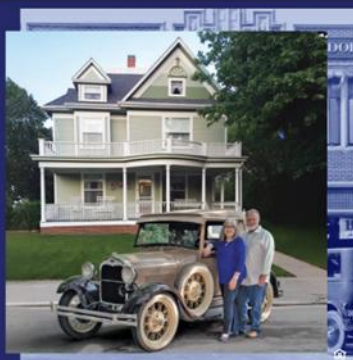
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Monthly meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 6:30PM. 2025 meetings will be at the Elks Lodge 6410 S 96th ST UNLESS we get "bumped." Be sure to watch the newsletter for changes.

**November 2025 – the meeting will be at the Bennington Library
See p. 2 for details.**

Board Members are always open to new ideas for events, new resources for meeting places, and new tech-talk ideas, and new eat-out ideas. Please let them know if you have ideas to share.

Membership dues for the Meadowlark Club are \$25.00 per year. Membership in one of the national clubs is required. You may join both national clubs if you wish. MAFCA dues are \$50.00 per year and MARC dues are \$50.00 per year.

Prospective Members: Please call Membership Chairman, Don Graves (402-659-1815) for more information.
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