President’s Message
Hello Model A Enthusiasts! As you recall this is the 150th year of our state and 100 year anniversary of our entrance into WWI. I was looking at the history of Omaha and trying to find something to share, when I thought about Fort Omaha. We will be having the “Wheels at the Fort” again this year. So I thought I would share a little history with you. The fort (the guardhouse originally constructed in 1861) was originally known as Sherman Barracks (opened in 1868 as a supply depot and named after Lt. Gen. T. Sherman)) and then Omaha Barracks (1878). Chief Standing bear was held there prior to his trial of 1879.

It happened 50 years ago . . .
Once upon a time, the Meadowlark Model A Ford Club was featured on the front page of the Omaha World-Herald Magazine of the Midlands. The photo below was taken 50 years ago on June 4, 1967– fifty years ago this month. If you look close, you will see that it wasn’t published until July, but it was definitely taken on June 4. I remember because it was the day I graduated from the University of Nebraska.

You might not recognize many of the club members in this photo. Some have moved on to other states and many have moved on to “a better place.” If you squint, you might see a young couple in green and white striped blazers. That’s Don and me. We look a little different now than we did 50 years ago. Janet Graves

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Upcoming Events

⇒ June 3  Skills, Grilles, and Grills Car Show in Gretna (see p. 3)
⇒ June 5-9  REGIONAL MEET in OMAHA (see p. 3)
⇒ June 10  General Meeting
⇒ June 15  Eat-out at Shirley’s Diner in Millard (see below)
⇒ June 17  Pancake Breakfast (see p. 3)
⇒ June 22  Board Meeting (see below)
⇒ June 24  Tri-motor Tour (see p. 4)

---------------Club events after June-----------------
⇒ July 29  Gretna Parade
⇒ August 20  Vintage Wheels at the Fort Car Show
⇒ August 26  Club Picnic
⇒ October 27-29  Bus trip to Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan (see p. 7)

June Board Meeting
Thursday June 22nd, 6:30-8:30pm, Sump Library, Papillion

MONTHLY EAT-OUT NEWS by Anne Krueger  (402-393-8274, akru@cox.net)

May eat out was at Stella’s in Bellevue. There were 14 people there and
the food was great. We did have some special quests Anne and Ken Krueger’s
daughter and son-in-law Jeannie and Jon Eden from London were there.
Really enjoyed the great NE hamburgers.

June eat out
Thursday, June 15 at 6:30pm at Shirley’s Diner in Millard
13838 R Plaza—just south of Q
Hope to see you there.
See the menu at http://www.shirleysdiner.com/
😊 PLEASE sign up, if you plan to attend. 😊

PLAN AHEAD FOR THESE EAT-OUTS:
Thursday July 20: Romeo’s on North 90th
FRIDAY, August 18th: Twisted Tail in Beebeetown, IA
Tentative: Thursday, September 21: Dundee Dell

Meeting Treats
Thanks to Lee Hendrix and Suzanne Earnest for bringing treats for the May meeting.
Esther Miller and Susan Dellinger will bring treats for June meeting.
Do you like the treats at the meetings?? If so, then volunteer to bring some!!
Upcoming Events

Our 2017 Regional Meet

Plans are being finalized for the June 5-9, 2017 Omaha Regional Meet. The committee met with key Hotel RL staff members on May 25th to go over the details of the events scheduled that week. At last count we had received around 115 registrations, with about 15 different states represented.

We need everyone’s help during the week to help make this a successful Regional. Monday, June 5th is an especially important day, as most of our guests will be arriving that day and will need assistance checking in, finding the Model A parking lot, locating the Hospitality Room, and getting all their questions answered. Just ask any committee member where your services can best be used during the week, and I’m sure they will find something worthwhile for you to do!

Lastly, Dale and I want to give a very heartfelt thanks to all the committee members who have spent many hours over the past couple years working to make your club’s Regional Meet a success. We have a truly great team, and everyone stepped up to the plate and took on the challenging tasks of planning and organizing this event. Their efforts have been nothing short of spectacular, and you are about to see the results of all their hard work June 5-9. Greg and Dale

For more info, go to http://meadowlarks.omahaneb.org/2017/

DON’T MISS THIS CAR SHOW! NO REGISTRATION FEE FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Skills - Grilles - Grills
Car, Truck, & Tractor Show
Saturday June 3rd, 2017
Gretna High School
11335 S 204th St
Gretna, NE
Stock and Modified
All Makes and Models, Works in Progress

Pancake Breakfast    Saturday June 17th    Chalco Hills Recreation Area   9:00am

We will be holding the Spring Pancake Breakfast at the Chalco Hills Recreation Area. The first pancakes will be started at 9:30. This is always a fun time even though it can be cool. The food will be provided by the club. The club will be accepting free will donations to cover the cost of the food.

We are planning a President’s Tour after the breakfast at 11:00, so get your A’s tuned up and ready to go. Be sure to sign up or call Dave and Esther Miller if you plan on attending or there might not be enough food to go around!
Fly on the Ford – Ford made more than Model As in the 20s

Recall the energy, passion, and excitement of the Roaring ‘20s by flying aboard the Ford Tri-Motor. Known as the first luxury airliner, the Ford Tri-Motor redefined world travel and marked the beginning of commercial flight.

The Ford Tri-Motor will be at the Millard Airport, 12916 Millard Airport Plaza, in Millard on Saturday, June 24. We are invited to visit and learn all about the aircraft and organization. Viewing the aircraft is free, so be sure to bring your camera along. We plan to meet there about 10 AM and hang around for a while. Some may want to go for a ride on the “Tin Goose.” Then, we will go to The Summer Kitchen at 12020 Giles Road for lunch.

If you are interested in taking a ride, make reservations by going to FLYTHEFORD.ORG or calling 1-877-952-5395. Advance online pricing is $70.00 for adults, $75.00 for walkup pricing the day of the flight. See more here.

I have tentative reservations made at The Summer Kitchen for 12:00 on Saturday. I NEED TO KNOW how many Model As we will have and how many will be at lunch. PLEASE sign up at the meeting or contact me before June 17. Lee Hendrix leehndx@gmail.com, 402-889-0627

What’s up for July??

Will we be too tuckered out after our busy June? No! Some fun possibilities are being discussed for July.

Come to the June meeting to voice your opinions or bring some new ideas.

One July event we know for sure is the Gretna Parade on July 29. We have participated in this parade for several years. It is often our biggest turn out of Model A’s for the year. One of the draws is the wonderful potluck at McKinney’s Afterwards. We were afraid we would have to give that up this year due to road construction, but that has been postponed and we are now good to go. So, be sure to come. It’s a fun time!

Don’t forget the Nebraska “Highway 66” Concourse Classic on July 22-23 at the SAC Museum. This is not a Meadowlark event but one which you may want to participate in. See Dave Millers’ excellent description in our February newsletter, p. 7. You can sign up to display your car until July 10.

President’s Message (continued from p. 1)

winning his case stating that Native Americans were “persons within the meaning of the law” and had citizen rights (but this only applied to him, not all Native Americans). In 1907 The Army built hangars there for use of experimentation of the dirigibles. A balloon house was built in 1908 and the first flight was in 1909. The dirigible program was disbanded. Florence Field was acquired for training (corner of N. 30th & Martin Streets). Fast forward to 1917 and our entry into WWI, men enlisted in the Aviation Section, U.S. Signal Corps. And they were sent to the fort Omaha Balloon School for their training. This was to provide observations for artillery in the field. Wikipedia states that “more than 16,000 airmen went through the Balloon School”. After 1917 the school was moved to Texas. In October 1918, Omaha’s Influenza Epidemic started, 30 cases had been reported at Fort Omaha. The Fort was immediately quarantined. After October 22”d Omaha was in “lock down” due to a statewide closure order from the Nebraska Board of Health. The Visiting Nurses Association and medical students helped with the shortage of staff. A mandatory quarantine was issued in the state with fines of up to $100 for violations. Things finally improved by February. Nearly 1200 persons died in Omaha. With a total excess rate of 554 deaths per 100,000 people. “This made Omaha’s epidemic one of the more severe of the nation” (Epidemic information was from the University of Michigan Center for the History of Medicine, Michigan Publishing, their bibliography names articles from Omaha World Herald and the Omaha Daily Bee, Nov. & Dec. 1918).

Well, Stay Calm & Carry On! President Esther
Our Visit to Mike’s Classic Cars

Fourteen Club members showed up on 13 May at the restoration facility owned by Mike Patak. **Mike’s Classic Cars** is located at 9701 N. 204th St., just north of Elkhorn NE., and is made up of three large new buildings that house a large collection of Mike’s own cars, cars that he has for sale and a large restoration shop where they have vehicles currently being worked on. Eric, the restoration supervisor showed us around the facility and pointed out some of the more rare vehicles.

Mike spoke to the club for a few minutes and outlined how the business has changed over the years. He started out collecting rare cars and cars he just had always liked, then he started to buy and sell cars, and this required the ability to do some restoration of the vehicles that needed work. Which in turn resulted in the restoration business as customers saw what they were doing on Mike’s own vehicles. It was interesting and we saw a lot of beautiful, fast and expensive Fords and a few Chevys. However, several of our members were more interested in peering over the fence into their bone yard.

I was very impressed with the whole collection but left with a better appreciation for our Model “A”s, which we can work on ourselves, especially after seeing the sign in the restoration shop stating the hourly labor rate was $90 an hour. Just kind of choked me up and brought a tear to my eye, maybe I am just cheap!! Several members took advantage of the beautiful weather to drive their Model “A” to the tour.

The fourteen members in attendance were John Leddy, Bob & Mary McKinney, Lee Hendrix, Jim Musel, Dave & Esther Miller, Don & Janet Graves, Don Chase, Ed Jankowski, Dale Jergensen, and Bob Benton. After the tour nine of the members retired to **Boyd and Charlies** for some delicious BBQ. The members that dined together were Don & Janet Graves, Dave & Esther Miller, Lee Hendrix, Bob Benton, and Bob & Mary McKinney. By Howard Denker
Past Events

The Cold and Rainy trip to the Orange City Tulip Festival

We started out on Friday in a light drizzle and it went downhill from there. Most of us didn’t see much of the Festival because we were huddled under the nice, large tent that the Dellingers were smart enough to bring.

We accomplished our mission of feeding the members of the Colorado Model A Club even though lunch time brought the greatest downpour. Luckily, the Colorado organizer found an empty picnic shelter to move our food to and we all enjoyed a nice lunch and visit. Thanks to Bob and Mary for bringing the groceries and to Ed and Sue for bringing that tent. Also, thanks to Sue and Jim, Jill, Kylie, and Katie Musel for handling the serving line.
If you haven't attended many Meadowlark meetings, you might wonder what goes on at them. The May meeting was pretty typical, so here is a little recap. There was an actual business meeting with minutes and reports and discussion of what we have done and what we were going to do that month. Then, the really interesting parts started. Don Graves presented a Tech Talk on temperature gauges for Model As. Since hot weather will surely be here soon, the guys were pretty interested.

**Hens’ Nest**
The ladies are thinking they will be too exhausted to do anything at the June meeting. But they always have a good time chit-chatting.

**Bus Trip to Hickory Corners FAQs**
- How many have signed up so far?
  Seventeen as of 6/1 (almost 1/2 way to 40!)
- Who should I write the check to?
  Meadowlark Model A Ford Club
- Can I pay online?
  No, sorry. Cash or check only.
- When can I invite my friends?
  Non-members can sign up starting June 10
- Will Meadowlark members always get precedence over others?
  No, not after June 10. We aren’t going to bump anyone for a member
- Where can I find the reservation form?

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**Lots of Fun at the May Meeting**

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After the meeting, many of the members made the traditional trek to Johnny Sortino’s Pizza Parlor at 78th & L ST.
Member News

Contact Karen Wickey
(402-217-5342; rednailsantoes1955@yahoo.com)
if you have any member news, good or bad, that you
would like to share.

Shizuko Chase has had quite a year. Verl reports that
she was in hospice care from June to October last year.
But then on Nov. 8, she had a pacemaker put in and is
now much better. She is not working at the shop these
days, but Verl is doing all the embroidery he can. They
went on a nice vacation trip to Washington DC in May
and visited where Verl was stationed about 50 years ago.
Verl said they had a great time. Let’s put the Chases in
our thoughts and prayers.

Dot Gertner is doing fine after recent cataract surgery. She
says she can do better job of keeping an eye on El now. 😊

Welcome to our
Newest Member:

Steve Zikmund
1928 Tudor

Larry and Elaine
Blecha recently re-
turned from a trip to
Italy. They are shown
here with their
daughter, Amanda, in
front of the world’s
largest accordion at
an Accordion Muse-
um in Castelfidardo.

Look who is in the News!
We saw a familiar name in the Omaha World-Herald on
May 13: Cailey Hartenhoff, who is a junior at Abraham Lin-
coln High School in Council Bluffs, kicked the game-winning
goal in a soccer game against Thomas Jefferson High. Cailey
is Tony & Jan Hartenhoff’s grand-daughter.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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**We could use a few more ads to support the newsletter.** If you know of a business that might like to advertise here, please ask for a business card. We will put the ad in for one month and send a copy to the business to help them decide if they want to continue for a year.

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Monthly meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month (except January) at 6:30PM at the Douglas County Health Center – in the Town Hall, 42nd & Woolworth Ave. in Omaha. Guests are welcome. See map and directions below.

Our regular meeting place (Woolworth is 5 blocks north of Center ST):

Enter on the south side of the building at ground level, go past the reception desk, and take the elevator to 1st floor. Our meeting is in the Town Hall.

Membership dues for the Meadowlark Club are $24.00 per year prorated monthly for new members. Membership in one of the national clubs is required. You may join both national clubs if you wish. MAFCA dues are $40.00 per year and MARC dues are $45.00 per year.

Prospective Members: Please call Membership Chairman, Don Graves, (402-453-7166) for more information.

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