

# The Ahooga News



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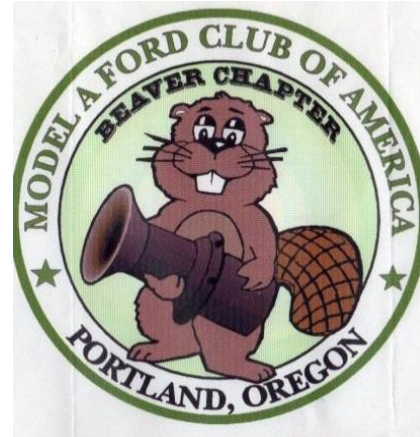
**For the love of Model A's**

The official newsletter of Beaver Chapter Model A Ford Club of America, Portland Oregon  
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## BEAVER CHAPTER MAFCA PORTLAND, OREGON

The Beaver Chapter is a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford automobile. Membership is open to all people with a sincere interest. Members will be asked to volunteer a minimum of three hours annually to fill the club duty roster of the Portland Swap Meet.

The Beaver Chapter memberships commence on January 1st or on the date paid and expires on December 31st. A \$5.00 late fee charged after January 1<sup>st</sup> for renewals.



New memberships received after July 1st are valid for the following year. Beaver Chapter dues are \$10.00 for a member plus \$1.00 for a spouse member.

**Make check payable to Beaver Chapter, submit signed membership application to the Membership Coordinator at the meetings or send them to:**

**Rayburn Mitchell at 23101 SE Firwood Rd. Sandy, OR 97055.**

By-laws Article III, Section 2 states: "Membership in the national club (MAFCA) shall be a prerequisite for all active members of the Beaver Chapter."

MAFCA dues are \$50.00. Mail to: MAFCA, 250 S. Cypress Ave., La Habra, CA 90631.

### CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2018

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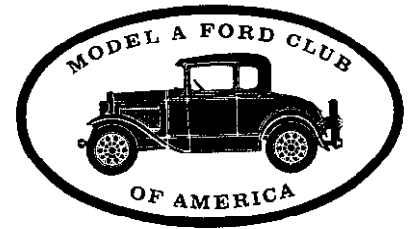
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### CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2018

NW Regional Group Reps: David Adair and Pam McClafin; Portland Swap Meet: Mike Worthington and Debbie Dutton; Historian: Lloyd Dilbeck; Sunshine: Brenda Caseday; Raffle Prizes: Lori Symank; Refreshments: Mary McConnell; MAFCA Chapter News: Tom Irwin.

Articles and contributions for the newsletter is encouraged and will be used as space and time permits.

**The deadline is the weekend following the meeting unless announced otherwise.**

Correspondence should be sent directly to the Editor: [jadadaja@msn.com](mailto:jadadaja@msn.com) or mailed to 895 Hazelwood Dr. Oregon City, OR 97045. Other newsletters may reprint article as long as credit is given to the author and *The Ahooga News*.

**Beaver Chapter Web Site:** <http://beaverchapter.shutterfly.com>

### REFRESHMENTS:

February Hosts - Pat and Dale Fiedler; March Hosts - Penny and Michael Haight. Mary McConnell needs to fill the refreshment list for the year - please call her to volunteer for one of the months, 503.656.8648. Remember, the club will reimburse you for the costs of what you bring. **Please volunteer!**

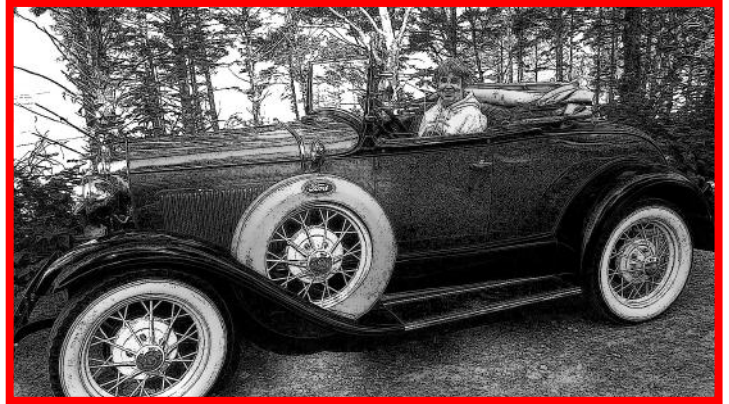




## PRESIDENTS COLUMN

The month of February has set aside a day to show that someone special how you feel about them. Here is some history about Valentine's Day.

Historians trace the origin of **Valentine's Day** to ancient Roman Empire. It is said that in the Rome of ancient times people observed a holiday on **February 14th** to honor Juno - the Queen of Roman Gods and Goddesses.



The Romans also regarded Juno as the Goddess of Women and Marriage. On the following day, February 15th began the fertility festival called 'Feast of Lupercalia'. The festival of Lupercalia was celebrated to honor the Gods Lupercus and Faunus - the Roman God of Agriculture besides the legendary founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus.

During the Middle Ages, people in England and France held a belief that birds started to look for their mate from February 14. This popular notion further helped to link Valentine's Day - celebrated in the middle of the February, with love and romance. Over the period of time, St Valentine became the patron saint of lovers and they began to celebrate Valentine's Day as a day of romance by exchanging love notes and simple gifts such as flower.

Valentine's Day festival gradually grew in popularity amongst the masses due to the combined effect of all the above said reasons. To mark the day lovers began to exchange love notes called 'Valentines' with their sweethearts. In the beginning the trend was to send handmade cards but this was changed in the beginning of 19th century and mass-produced greeting cards caught the fancy of the people. In the course of time, Valentine's day came to be regarded as the festival that celebrates love and not just romantic love. Today, Valentine's Day cards are gifted to teachers, parents, friends, siblings and sweethearts. Popularity of Valentine's Day has spread in countries across the seven continents and is still increasing by the year.

Do something nice for that special person in your life. As a special treat you could even surprise that person by taking him/her out for lunch in your Model A.

**Chris Irwin, President**

**FEBRUARY**  
winter groundhog  
love is in the air  
President's Day  
HUGS & KISSES  
**LOVE**  
leap year friends  
Valentine

how to enjoy a snow day

- \* wear a COZY sweater
- \* call an old friend
- \* drink PLENTY OF hot cocoa
- \* dance in the snow



**THINGS MONEY CAN'T BUY:**

1. MANNERS
2. MORALS
3. RESPECT
4. CHARACTER
5. COMMON SENSE
6. TRUST
7. PATIENCE
8. CLASS
9. INTEGRITY
10. LOVE

Save Time by Working Smarter

## Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon, MAFCA Technical Director

### While My Oil Gently Drains

Every time you drain the engine oil to change it, while you are waiting for all the dripping to stop, may I suggest you add the following simple items to your oil change routine?

- Check the ignition point gap with a 0.020" feeler gauge. Adjust if required. Look at the points to make sure they still look good (not pitted or burnt).
- Wipe off the ignition cam with a rag. Now put a small dab of fresh cam grease on 2 of the lobes of the ignition cam.
- Put a drop or two of light oil in the little oiler on the side of the distributor. If you have the cam screw with the hole drilled in it, put a drop or two in there, too.
- Put a couple of drops of engine oil in each hole on top of the throttle assembly that is bolted to the back of the engine.
- Check the fan belt for tension.



That's it! In the time it takes for the oil to all drain out, you have taken care of several little routine maintenance items on you're "A" that will help keep it running well and avoid a problem on the road.

Have a Model A Day!

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### Technical Tip – Tires

A lot of guys try to keep their best tires on the front of their Model A and modern cars. Put your best tires on the rear of the car.

Kurt Scientific Counselors, Inc., examines many accidents involving tires each year. More rear tire blowouts become accidents. A tire failure on the rear of the vehicle is more apt to result in loss of steering control than a tire failure on the front. When a rear tire fails, the rear of the vehicle swerves or fishtails in the direction of the failed tire. This points the vehicle in the opposite direction, and in nine out of ten rear tire failure accidents, the vehicle ends up on the side of the highway opposite the side of the failed tire. When a front tire fails, the vehicle also veers in the direction of the failed tire, but a competent driver can maintain steering control until the vehicle comes to a stop. Goodyear's tire experts also warn that bringing a car under control after a rear tire is punctured often can be more difficult than if the puncture had occurred in the front tire.

Article from *The Ford Script*, August 2012

Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason so few engage in it.  
~Henry Ford



## 1928 Coat

This side wrap closure coat looks rather plain except for the large bow on the shoulder. The real point of interest is the fur around her neck and the matching muff. Both would provide warmth for winter outings. Muffs were not so much in favor during the Model A years but you do see them. The other interesting fact of this era scan is the designers name at the bottom. I like to find out who they are, so I've included a bit of history too.

~ Jeanie Adair



**Designer Jean Patou**



Jean Patou (pronounced pa tu) is a designer name you see often on the pages of Model A era magazines. He was born in 1880 in Normandy, France. Patou's family's business was tanning and furs. Patou worked with his uncle in Normandy, then moved to Paris in 1910, intent on becoming a couturier. In 1912, he opened a small dressmaking salon called "Maison Parry". He was mobilized during World War I, reopening his couture house in 1919. He became known for eradicating the "flapper" look by lengthening the skirts and designing sportswear for women and is considered the inventor of the knitted swimwear and the tennis skirt. He also was the first designer to popularize the cardigan and moved fashion towards the natural and comfortable. In 1925 Patou launched his perfume business, in 1928 he created "Huile de Chaldee", the first sun tan lotion. When the stock market crashed, so did the luxury fashion market. He survived through his perfumes. Patou died prematurely in 1936. His sister and her husband continued the House of Patou. Several other designers continued the House of Patou until 1987. I share this information gathered from Wikipedia, you can read more on the internet.



Either you deal with what is reality,  
or you can be sure that the reality is going to deal with you. ~ Alex Haley

## **BEAVER CHAPTER BOARD MEETING JANUARY 16, 2019**

The board meeting was called to order by Chris Irwin at 6 PM.

Present were Chris Irwin, Barbra Henderson, Ron Forehand, Michael Haight, Jeanie Adair, Mike Worthington, Rayburn Mitchell, Richard Starkweather, and Tom Popelka and guests Bill Henderson, Penny Haight, and Bonnie Starkweather.

**Reports:** Past President-Richard Starkweather presented the annual Past President's tour plan. Vice President Barbara Henderson needs tour coordinators for 2019 and the upcoming season. She also announced the February tour to be a Bowling Tour February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Treasury Report Ron Forehand presented the 2019 proposed budget, it was voted on and accepted by the board after some discussion. He also, presented the spread sheet that he developed the budget with. We will present a deficit budget this year with the idea that the actuals will actually come out lower to balance the budget later in the year. He also, stated that the club has enough capital to last 6.5 years if the swap meet income were removed. He emphasized the need for the swap meet income.

Membership Rayburn Mitchell presented a brief report on the status of the membership and discussed what constituted a "family member" as opposed to a regular member. Several people were recommended to be put into the honorary member class.

Swap Meet: Mike Worthington showed the board the signup roster and updated the board on the expected hurdles that must be met.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Haight, Secretary

## **BEAVER CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 16, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM and the pledge of allegiance was led by Chris Irwin.

The November meeting minutes were approved.

**GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS:** Chris welcomed three guests. Jeff Larando, David Kratochvil and Steve Terry.

**NAME TAG DRAWING:** The Name tag drawing was won by Glenn Slack.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ron Forehand presented the 2019 annual budget projections. This proposal was voted on and approved by the general membership

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Barbara Henderson reported that the club had a number of successful and enjoyable tours last year. However, she is requesting the club members to step up and sign up for tours and passed a clip board around to get a tentative schedule going for long range planning. She is encouraging everyone to think about participating and be creative with ideas for the monthly tours. She wants to keep the tours new, different and exciting.

The February tour will be a Bowling Tour at the Milwaukie Bowling center with a pizza lunch afterwards at Pietro's Pizza Parlor on February 23 starting at 11 AM. A signup sheet was circulated.

**EDITOR:** Congratulations to Jeanie Adair for receiving a MAFCA Award of Excellence for her newsletters. Jeanie thanked Lynn for supplying Mystery Model A Parts for the contest and a couple tech articles for future newsletters. She also asked for any photos and short stories about members cars for the newsletter.

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** Tom Popelka is the newly elected Member at Large, if you have suggestions, concerns or questions about the club contact him. (minutes continue on the next page....)

(Minutes continued...)

**MEMBERSHIP:** Our new Membership Coordinator is Rayburn Mitchell reported a total of 41 members have not yet signed up for club membership. He is in the process of calling those members. To date we have only 5 drops. Members are encouraged to fill out and sign the membership applications to make sure the club has all the necessary current contact information. Rayburn conducted the monthly membership number drawing for the \$25. The member's number that was drawn was not present. The \$25 will be rolled over for the February drawing.

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Richard Starkweather presented the plan for the September Past President Tour to be held on September 20th and 21st. The plan is to travel to the Rockaway area for the weekend. Please, see the details in the calendar section of the newsletter.

**SWAP MEET REPORT:** Mike Worthington brought the signup sheets for members to sign up for the various duties that the club is responsible for. We have 38 of the 63 duties filled as of this date. Mike also gave a presentation on the history of the swap meet and the plans for this year. Please, contact him if you need more details.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Presented by Brenda Caseday – Bob Erickson had cardiac issues and Steve Bee had quadruple by-pass surgery but they both were well and attended the meeting. Diana Hudson is going through chemo and stem cell treatment. The Celebration of Life service for Ron Ludford will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2PM at the Parkside Church in Auburn, CA. In lieu of flowers anyone interested can donate to NSGW Historical Preservation Fund and note in memory of Ron Ludford.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Thanks to Tonya Johns and Randy Selvester for providing the snacks tonight. The refreshment signup sheet was passed around. Brenda Caseday reminded us that the snacks/refreshments are simple and easily and best of all the club reimburses for the expenditure.

The Red Tire Ticket drawing was held. The results were as follows: the \$600 prize towards new tires went to Tom Ryan. The \$100 prize went to Mike Worthington, and the \$50 prize went to Gary Dexter.

Tom Irwin will replace Ray Horton as our reporter for the Restorer. Meeting adjournment 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Haight, Secretary



**For Sale:**

Model A long block cylinder with pan, runs great but weak \$400. Bill Jabs 971.235.3804

Folding utility trailer with plywood, very good condition, stored indoor. \$325 Andrew Jackman 503.658.6270

17" & 16" Wire wheels with tires \$20 each. Model A trailer with rear axle & 16" tires \$50. Numerous Model T parts, make offer. Ed Schroeder 503.655.4311

Hundreds of antique padlocks w/keys, Model A chains, safes, scales. Lots of treasures. Randy Selvester 503.760/6464

New in box with paperwork EZ-Steer Steering box \$550. Amanda Uthe 360.907.2544

**Wanted:** Right rear backing plate. Gary Dexter 503.666.1691

Kindness is a language the blind can see and the deaf can hear. ~Mark Twain



**Beaver Chapter  
Annual Banquet  
January 26th**

Our annual banquet was one rockin' event! With a 50's theme everyone got very creative in what they wore...

Rina and Amanda Uthe fit right in with their 50's decade apparel.



Lori and Stan Sybank were decked out - Lori wore a pink poodle skirt and sweater with a Peter Pan lace collar, while Stan sported rolled up jeans, white tee shirt and his original leather jacket he had when younger, which didn't quite close across the middle anymore!



Another poodle skirt was spotted on Patty Sondena, while Lyn wore his tee shirt with the sleeves rolled up; Lisa Mitchell wore a traditional version of a skirt and sweater - such a classic.



Ted and Linda Downs look like they are having fun, and of course a Hawaiian shirt is always in fashion!







Thanks to Pat Fiedler and her committee of Brenda Caseday, Dixie Wyllie, Eileen Ross and Jeanie Adair for creating a fun filled evening!  
And yes, Elvis was in the house! He entertained us with many of his oldies!



Lyn McDonald gave the invocation for the banquet...

He also announced that Tom Irwin was the winner of the Photo Contest, receiving \$100. You'll see his award winning photo on the newsletter cover later this year.

Tom and Chris seemed to be the big recipients for the evening as J Wyllie later announced that they also won the John Reuter Mileage Award and were presented with the traveling trophy.

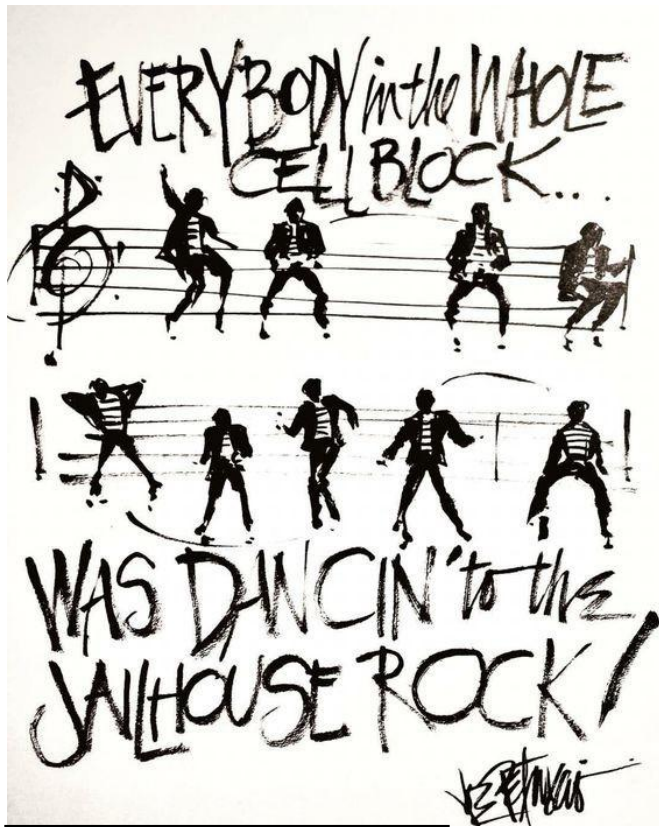
It pays to participate in club events, you get out of it what you put into it!



Ben and Mary McConnell pose for the photographer, another jeans and leather jacket, while Mary has her "Pinky" jacket on. I don't know when I've seen so many guys wearing jeans with the cuffs rolled up!







Barbara Henderson seemed to really enjoy being serenaded by Elvis! Where was Bill?

Later dancing music was provided by The Fabulous Farelans Band and many were rocking and rolling in their bobby socks and saddle shoes. It was like a blast from the past to see all the creative energy that went into coming up with authentic vintage outfits. The photo to the left is Jennie Ryan sporting her pink bowling shirt.



Someone at each table was the winner of the centerpiece which was a Coke glass piled with carnations, sitting on an old record. Very creative!

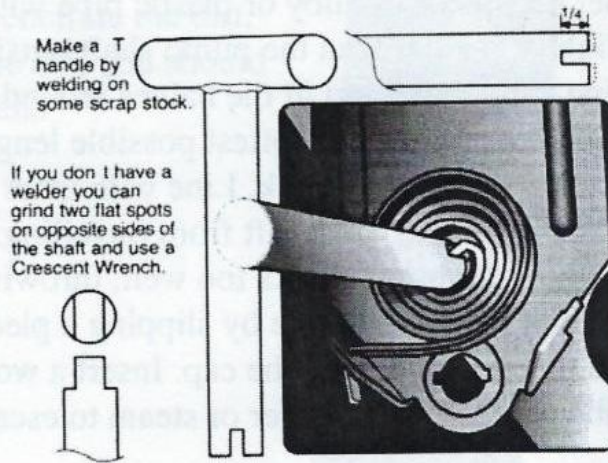
Just want to let you folks know that the Can-Am Model A Reliability Run: "Mt. Hood Adventure" is happening Saturday, July 20th, 2019 at 9AM. Meeting spot is Hood River Shopping Center, 1803 12th St., Hood River, OR 97031. The Can-Am Model A Run is a friendly competition between American and Canadian A'ers to see which country can get the most A, B or C powered vehicles to one sport at one time. This year the folks of Tyee Model A & Model T club are going to take you up to Timberline Lodge at the top of Mt. Hood! For more info you can email [tyeecanam@yahoo.com](mailto:tyeecanam@yahoo.com)  
**You can talk to Tom Irwin about more info on this event.**



## WINDOW REGULATOR SPRING TOOL

Sometimes a window regulator spring will either break or become so weak that it makes it hard to roll up the window. Installing a new spring can be difficult and also dangerous.

Take an old distributor shaft and weld on a T handle made from rod stock. Grind down the slotted end so the slot is only 1/4" deep. Put the regulator in a vise and wind it until the lift arm is all the way up. This is the position in which the spring is least compressed. Hook the outer hook of the spring and insert the tool in the center. Turn the tool to compress the spring until it fits into the slot. Release the tool. Tap the spring into position with a hammer.



## Mystery Model A Part

Submit your guess at the club meeting. First correct answer drawn will win a gift card.



EXTRACTS from the ALPHABET of the YOUNGER and more RISING GENERATION by John Held, Jr.

How well do you read the newsletter? You can also guess how many hearts are in this issue of the newsletter. Your guess must match what the Editor's is. Submit your guess at the meeting, first correct answer drawn will win a gift card.

A truck driver was heading down the highway when he saw a priest at the side of the road. Feeling it was his duty, he stopped to give the priest a ride. A short time later, he saw a lawyer with a briefcase on the side of the road and aimed his truck at him.

At the last second, he thought of the priest with him and realized he couldn't run over the lawyer, so he swerved, but he heard a thump anyway. Looking back as he drove on, he didn't see anything.

He began to apologize for his behavior to the priest. "I'm sorry, Father. I barely missed that lawyer at the side of the road."

But the priest said, "Don't worry, my son. I got him with my door."

From the Ford Script News



**FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Wednesday, February 20th, **Beaver Chapter Board Meeting** 6PM at Clackamas Community Center, 15711 SE 90th, Clackamas OR. 97015. On the same evening is the **Beaver Chapter Membership Meeting**. Social and refreshments start at 7PM, followed by the meeting at 7:30.

**February Tour will be a Bowling Tour.** Dust off your bowling ball and find those bowling shoes, if you don't have any, they will be provided.



**The location has changed this year: Milwaukie Bowling Lanes** located at **3056 SE Harrison St. Milwaukie, Or 97222. Saturday, February 23rd at 10:30AM.** After bowling we'll drive over to Pietro's Pizza (same place as prior years). Pietro's is located at 10300 SE Main St. Milwaukie, Or. Sign up at the February club meeting or if you miss the meeting call Barbara Henderson at 503.657.1890.

**Initial Planning Past Presidents Tour** September 20, 21 2019  
**Friday 9/20** – Depart Gresham to Oregon City then to Carlton. (time to be determined) Carlton to Beaver then Hwy 101 to Tillamook. Lunch at Tillamook Cheese Factory's new visitor facility. Tillamook to Rockaway Beach and check into Motel: Surfside Resort Motel, 101 N.W. 11<sup>th</sup> Rockaway Beach, OR **503-355-2312** Dinner is up to each individual.

**Saturday 9/21** – Breakfast on your own. Meet at Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad Rockaway (time to be determined) Members riding the steam train (\$20) will board and be met in Garibaldi. Tour to Garibaldi, Tillamook, and on to Cape Mears lighthouse, and Octopus Tree. Continue to Netarts Bay and enjoy lunch at "The Schooners Restaurant". Continue on Three Capes Scenic Tour Route to Pacific City, then Hwy 101 back to Tillamook and then Rockaway Beach. Time on your own until we depart for dinner. Depart for dinner (time to be determined) leaving Motel and taking Hwy 101 to Canon Beach, then to Tolovana Inn, now managed by MO's. Hopefully depart Canon Beach to Rockaway Beach Motel, allowing us to arrive at Motel, before dark. Rooms at Surfside Motel (**503-355-2312**) should be reserved early, as they do not allow Blocking Rooms. When you make your reservation, be sure to tell them it is with Beaver Model A Ford Club which will allow for a 10% discount. Rooms including the 11.9% tax and the 10% discount start at below \$100 for queen bed with amenities and increase to \$168 with full ocean view. First come first served on the availability, so DON'T WAIT to book your rooms, as Motels on the coast fill up fast. Generally on these tours, the club pays for one night at a nominal rate, one lunch, and one dinner. As the tour develops, more detail will be provided. Call me with any questions. Bonnie and I hope you will join us on this tour. Richard Starkweather 503-327-1252



**Happy Birthday**

Gary Dawson	2nd
August Lehto	4th
Dave Sandberg	6th
Don Scheller	14th
Bob Moore	15th
Curtis Meade	16th
Roy Farmer	17th
Lynn Humble	18th
Ron Whitworth	20th
Marlynn Pugsley	22nd
Bill Henderson	23rd
Chuck Scott	28th

A birthday is a day filled with special joy, a day that lets you know you're always loved and cherished.



The Northwest Regional Meet will be in Bellevue, WA August 22-25th hosted by the Evergreen A's. The information about the meet is available at the MAFCA website on the calendar page.

My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me. ~Henry Ford