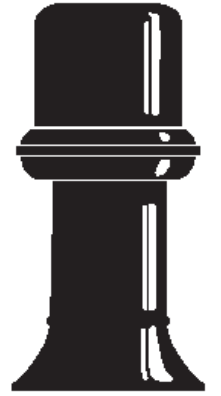


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BEAVER CHAPTER MAFCA PORTLAND, OREGON

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 1st for renewals.



Beaver Chapter dues are \$10.00 for a member plus \$1.00 for a spouse member.

New memberships received after July 1st are valid for the following year.

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.

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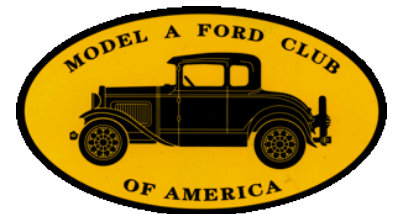
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CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2019

NW Regional Group Reps: David Adair and Tom Winterrowd; Portland Swap Meet: Mike Worthington and Debbie Dutton; Historian: Lloyd Dilbeck; Sunshine: Brenda Caseday; Raffle Prizes: Lori Sy-mank; 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 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*.

REFRESHMENTS FOR THE MEETINGS

Remember there are no meetings in December, but if you would like to sign up to bring refreshments in 2020 you can call Mary McConnell at 503.656.8648.

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

David Adair led a great garage tour on the 23rd of November. Even though you could say this one was for the hardy, as the temperatures were around freezing, we still had ten Model A's and six MI's participate. Tom and I met the group from Oregon City at our first stop at Kirk & Rene Metteer's place. Amazingly, we got to their driveway the exact time that the group got there. Other than their collection of Model A's and Model T's that they shared with us, the property also contained an extremely large chicken house. Kirk told us that this was once the home to Willamette Egg. Of course at this stage it is now a big storage shed. One of these rows contained a major collection of Model T parts. Bill Jabs commented that it was probably the largest collection of Model T parts that he had ever come across. We also admired the beautiful crop of Christmas trees that they raise with another tree farmer. Rene provided us with some delicious muffins, sweet breads and coffee.



It was now on to Tom Winterrod's place. He has a 21-acre farm where he has raised pigs and root vegetables. Besides a number of tractors, old and new farming equipment, he also showed off his 1929 AA Stake Bed truck which is in show quality condition. He is ready to give up farming and is putting his place up for sale with plans on moving to Canby.

Our third stop was at Ted and Linda Downs house. After admiring Ted's large shop, we were treated to chili, cornbread, veggie assortment and cookies. Three cheers to Jeanie Adair for cooking up this yummy lunch. The perfect lunch for this cold close-to-winter day and thanks to Ted and Linda for a heated shop. It was a very enjoyable day and always fun to get to visit with members that we don't usually get a chance to chat with at meetings. And I challenge anyone to come up with a better map than what David provided all participants. Excellent job, David!

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AMA

WHITE CHRISTMAS
SLEIGH BELLS RINGING
BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE
I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER
I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS
LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW

*kinda
girl*

This will now be the last of my president's columns. It has been a pleasure being your president the last couple years and we have had a great board to work with at our monthly meeting. We still have some fun events coming up so I hope you will all make it to our Christmas Potluck and to our annual banquet in January. Lori Symank has organized our potlucks for the past several years but is now ready to pass this task on to another member so I hope someone will step up and keep up our tradition. Those attending the potluck will also be voting on photos for this year's contest with the winner to be announced at the January banquet. I'm sure you have all turned your photos into Lyn McDonald. You also need to get your 2019 Model A mileage turned into J Wyllie right after the first of the year and that winner will be revealed at the banquet. I do want to welcome our new president, Lynn Sondenaar, who you will see presiding over our January meeting.

Chris Irwin, President

FIRST MODEL A BOOKS

MAFCA recommendation is specific and mainly refers to MAFCA publication.

For first books check Beaver Chapters Resource Handbook. On page 18 Mike Worthington listed the *Model A Instruction Book (Owner's Manual)* which was included with every Model A and AA that was sold. Reprints are available for about \$17.

Next is *Model A Ford Mechanic Handbook Volume 1* by Les Andrews. Also by Les Andrews is *Model A Ford Troubleshooting and Diagnostics*. On page 19 of our clubs Resource Handbook Mike lists more advanced Model A books. ~ David Adair

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While trying to come up with something to fill this months "tech", page I borrowed some interesting articles from the MAFCA website. If you don't routinely check their website, you should. There is a wealth of information relating to Model A Fords. We like to look at the "A of the day" every morning when we get on the computer (Its fun to send in your car photo too!).

Battery Discussion with John Wirth

John, Thank you for your Newsletter Article. You really have discussed two separate issues and both would be a good consideration as a technical article to the Restorer magazine. I have also solved a similar battery problem in which there was an adequate voltage display on a tester, but still would not spin the starter-engine. I went directly to the battery with a battery tester that allowed me to apply a load to the battery and it revealed a bad cell. The Harbor Freight Cen-Tech 100 Amp 6-12 volt Battery Load Tester for \$21.95 has solved many battery and starting problems for me. Also regarding the Battery Tender, the older models of Tender have resulted with a number of destroyed batteries due to the Tender not having an adequate automatic "float" or shut off mode. I recommend only the newer battery maintainer models. I have found after discussing this matter with a few engineers from different battery charger-maintainer companies that the earlier maintainers should not be left on a battery for more than twelve hours or overnight. The newer model battery maintainer that I have found to be economical, fully automatic and very safe is the Schumacher Electric 1.5-amp Battery Maintainer which sells for approximately \$19.95 Some of the newer maintainers also have a "Desulfator System" ... which is another story in itself of if needed or not needed !! Thank you again for your article and I look forward to seeing an article from you in the Restorer. David Bockman, 2016 Technical Director posted 05/10/16

Re-Engineering the Model A Engine

Long time MAFCA member Terry Burtz of Campbell California has long been working on a project to have a new Model A engine block, crankshaft and connecting rods manufactured. The engine will be identical to the original Model A engine on the outside but will have 5 main bearings, a balanced crankshaft, and full pressurized oil system.

He began this project in 2007 and has worked with California foundries for several years trying to get an end product that would cost about the same as rebuilding an original Model A engine. The project stalled in 2015 and for the 4 years, there was no new news.

However, this year, Terry got in touch with a man with businesses in China and USA that manufactures engines. They have met and discussed Terry's project and it looks like the project is back on track.

The team is hopeful that they will have the first machined samples available by late fall 2019 and will send updates including pictures as the project matures.

The articles that Terry has been emailing interested parties over the years can be found on his website www.ModelAEngine.com under the menu item UPDATES.

If you'd like to join his mailing list, go to the [CONTACT INFORMATION](#) page on his website and sign up.



**PARIS
SIMPLIFIES
ELABORATE
LINES**

Although the first impression of the newest afternoon frocks is one of formality and elaboration, there is an increasing air of simplicity about them. Hemlines dip much less than formerly, and however complicated the flares and fluttering ends may look, they are achieved by cut that is as simple as it is clever.

The effect of the handkerchief collar on the shoulders of this green dress is repeated at the hipline, this time tied with a large bow. The skirt has a fluttery drape in the front; all four of these dresses have straight skirts in the back which was common in 1928 (note the smaller back view inserts).

The second dress features a one-sided scarf panel that drapes over the shoulder and ends in the back with a long flowing line. The bell sleeves are unusual, note that all the other sleeves are cut slim which was common for the year. The hipline is girdled with a swath that adds flare to the side front of the skirt.

The black dress is a soft pliable velvet frock that has a slightly bloused bodice and a skirt with a wide flare edged with three rows of ruffles. Again, another bow at the dropped hip line.

The red dress has a bertha attached to the edge of a flat collar forming a flattering neckline. The dropped waistline is bloused with a belt while the skirt front ends with a charming seam line and flare.

Finally take note of the fox fur piece on the third model.

This fashion page is from a December 1928 *McCall's* magazine. ~ Jeanie Adair

BEAVER CHAPTER BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Chris Irwin, President opened the meeting and the October minutes were approved as printed.

Richard Starkweather reviewed nominations for the 2020 board positions that would be voted on during the membership meeting tonight

Mike Worthington gave a Portland Swap Meet report and said it was getting busier.

Rayburn Mitchell reported he has 182 membership renewals out of 273. We reviewed Honorary Membership and there was no one eligible.

The rest of the meeting focused on the 2020 Budget. Mike Worthington reviewed the budget for the last five years and led us through the proposed budget for 2020. It will be ready for the new board's proposal in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.

Respectively submitted,
Jeanie Adair, Acting Secretary



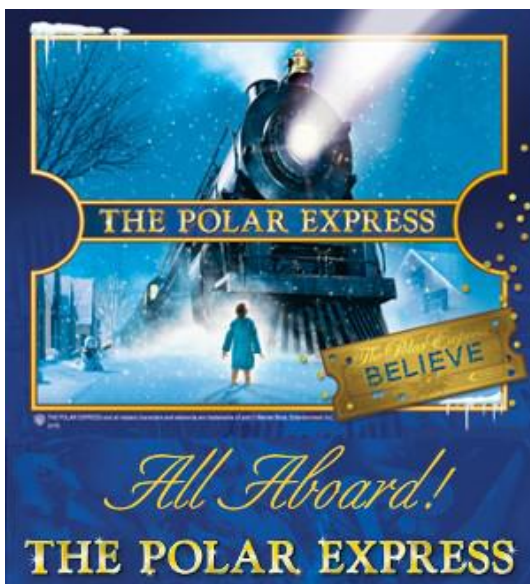
DUES ARE DUE - DUES ARE DUE!

Have you renewed your Beaver Chapter Membership? If you haven't, do it now and avoid an additional charge!

If you delay past the end of the year you will be charged an additional \$5. Not only does it help the Membership Coordinator, but it also means he can create the new Roster for the new year in a timely manner.

I know this is not a Model A (below), but I'm thinking of it as an "A" sleigh! Rayburn Mitchell was given the sleigh, he replaced the wood and repaired it and has since sold it. Good job Rayburn!

Are you planning to join us for the
Christmas Potluck?
See page 12 for all the details...



BEAVER CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2019

President Chris Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:32p.m. and then she led the flag pledge. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October meeting as printed. This was seconded and passed unanimously.

Guests: Visitors were Craig and Kathleen Jones who have a '30 coupe. Ken Holtman has a '29 Coupe and '30 Sedan; Fred Otjen wants to purchase a Model A.

Name Tag Drawing: Dave Caseday won the drawing.

Treasurer: Ron Forehand reported our club finances are excellent.

November Tour: David Adair gave a brief report and said it was all listed in the November Ahooga News. The tour will be forty-one miles long and we will visit three garages.

Christmas Potluck: Lori Symank gave a brief report, pertinent details of the event are on page 12.

Early Bird Dues Payment: Rayburn Mitchell reported that we have about 72% paid dues for 2020 and Steven Fanchier won the early dues drawing.

Swap Meet: Mike Worthington reported there will probably be a parking problem as Portland Meadows as parking is not available. Everything else is good and on track until it's not. In January he will have the club duty signup sheet available. We will be assigned 64 jobs. The sticky wicket is the swap meet needs an advertising manager.

Elections: Richard Starkweather conducted the election and our 2020 club officers are: President - Lynn Sondenaa, Vice President - Tom Winterrowd, Treasurer - Mike Worthington, Secretary - Kirk Metteer, Editor - Jeanie Adair, Member at Large - Debbie Dutton, Sargent-at-arms - Renee Metteer, Membership - Rayburn Mitchell, and Past President - Chris Irwin.

Sunshine: Brenda Caseday reported that Barbara Henderson was back in the hospital and she is now at home.

Historian: Lloyd Dilbeck gave August '91 photos of the Bomber to Punky Lacey.

Photo Contest: Deadline is tonight.

Mileage: Turn in your Model A mileage for 2019 to J. Wyllie.

Annual Banquet: Pat Fiedler reported the Banquet will be January 18, 2020 at the Monarch and the hours are 6:00-10:00 pm. \$30 per member and \$40 for nonmembers. Even if you are entitled to a free dinner you must still mail in the payment. This will be refunded at the banquet. (Details on page 8.)

Mystery Part: Ron Forehand correctly identified the Mystery Model A part as a '28-29 Sediment Bowl.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39PM.

Respectively submitted by David Adair

Getting a Christmas Tree

My sister and I took an ax and both our sleds and went after our Christmas tree. Somehow we got into a big disagreement. She sat down in a snowbank. I told her she was going to freeze to death and she had to get up and walk with me and I took off to chop down a tree. Well, you know how well a ten year old in deep snow with an ax is going to do...



We remembered that we had seen a huge stack of trees someone had cut (in hindsight, probably to sell!). So we went there and picked out a perfect one. We tied this to her sled, then hooked her sled to mine and proceeded to walk home. On the way was a large hill and we both got on my sled and slid to the bottom. By the time we got home we were happy and getting along. We had stolen the perfect Christmas tree!

~ David Adair



**You are invited to
 Beaver Chapter's Annual Banquet
 Saturday, January 18, 2020 6PM to 10PM
 Monarch Hotel 12566 SE 93rd Ave.
 Clackamas, Oregon
 \$30 for members, \$40 non members
 Make reservations by January 9th**

Menu choices are: **B** - Beef, **C** - Chicken,
S - Salmon, **V** - Vegan, **P** - Pork. See menu.

Make checks payable to "Beaver Chapter" and
 send check & reservations form to:
 Eileen Ross at 1655 S. Elm St., Unit 6, Canby OR
 97013.

Refunds for last years *Portland Swap Meet
 Duty will be made at the banquet.

BEAVER CHAPTER'S 2020 BANQUET MENU CHOICES AND RESERVATIONS

Chicken Monarch - C - breaded and baked breast of chicken filled with spinach, mozzarella and parmesan, topped with Mornay sauce; accompanied by rice pilaf and seasonal vegetables.

London Broil - B - with pinot demi-glaze; accompanied by roasted garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

Grilled Salmon - S - finished with lemon butter; accompanied by rice pilaf and seasonal vegetables.

Vegetable Stir Fry - V - Vegan and Gluten Free

Roasted Pork Loin With Cranberry and Orange Glaze - P - Served with baby red potatoes and seasonal vegetables. Gluten and Dairy Free.

2020 Banquet Reservation Form

Name _____ \$ _____ *PSM Club Duty: Yes _____ No _____

Check entrée choice: S _____ B _____ C _____ V _____ P _____

Name _____ \$ _____ *PSM Club Duty: Yes _____ No _____

Check entrée choice: S _____ B _____ C _____ V _____ P _____

PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED!

We need someone to volunteer to take photos for the 2020 banquet in January.
 Lloyd Dilbeck has done it for several year but he will be heading south earlier this year.
 Call Pat Fiedler to volunteer 503.407.6163.



November Garage Tour

The tour started out very cool and turned foggy as ten Model A's headed south to Kirk & Rene Metteer's for the first stop.

They had an assortment of A's and T's in their shop. Rene served refreshments



& warm beverages that prepared everyone for the next jaunt to Tom Winterrowd's farm.

Tom likes Oliver tractors, this one was nicely restored, the one on the next page is a work in progress.

Tom also has a Case-IH, Case DB, an Allis Chalmers and a John Deere B, plus an Oliver potato digger and a Keystone thrashing machine. Tom shared his harvest of quince and paw paws - both uncommon and very interesting fruit!

Thank you David Adair for planning and leading this tour, and Metteer's, Tom Winterrowd and Ted and Linda Downs for hosting and opening their garages!

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Ted and Linda Down's was the last shop on the tour. He spent many hours cleaning and rearranging his shop so we could enjoy lunch there. The menu was home-made chili, cornbread, veggies and dip, hot and cold beverages. Dessert was chocolate "Model A wheels" and "almost auto-tomically" correct Model A sugar cookies!



FOR SALE:

1930 Model A Deluxe Roadster, with Mitchell overdrive, complete rebuilt engine, rebuilt clutch & transmission, new radiator & alternator, dual chrome side mounts, steel trunk, LeBaron Bonney upholstery including excellent top and side curtains. It also has wind wings, a quail moto meter and a heater that can roast you out on a cold day. \$22,950 Call Bud Rex for details 503.292.1334

WANTED:

Fred Otjen wants a 1930 Model A Coupe. 503.686.1836 or fjtjen@gmail.com

Bill Jabs wants a 1930-31 pickup cab or entire unrestored truck. 971.235.3804

HEARTWARMING CHRISTMAS STORIES

Random Act of Kindness

I was about 19 and my family was really struggling financially. It was a few days before Christmas and a stranger rang the doorbell and handed my dad a wrapped box. We all sat at the table and my parents opened it to find an envelope full of cash, as well as gift cards for myself and my three siblings. My parents asked all around to try to find out who did it but to this day we don't know. It's touching to know people do things like this not for praise but out of the goodness of their hearts.

The Christmas Computer Game

Before there were websites that allowed you to track Santa's progress, my dad, a computer programmer, made up a program on our home computer that allowed us to follow Santa across the globe on Christmas Eve. He even made it so that phrases would pop with my name or my brother's. It's probably been more than 10 years since we've done that, but I still remember it being one of the things I looked forward to most.

The Brownies Sash

A few years ago I participated in a storytelling project in the month of December. The theme of the event was "gifts" and I told the story of how I had received a Brownies uniform and manual from my grandparents for my 7th birthday, granting me the opportunity to be in a troop, only to be face with a horrible troop leader who freely told the other girls that she didn't like me and would only hand out badges on days when I wasn't there. My story concluded with revealing that after one year in Brownies, I only had one badge. All the other girls moved on to the next level of Girls Scouts... I did not. My mother was at the storytelling event and two weeks later for Christmas, she handed me a small gold box. Inside was a Brownies sash, adorned with every single badge a girl could earn and accompanied by a three-page letter explaining how I had earned them. I was so touched, I cried. It was the most beautiful and thoughtful gift I ever received.

The Laundromat

All throughout my childhood there was a homeless man who slept in our local laundromat. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas my mom would cook a big spread and we would take him a heaping plate and insist on hugging him. It is one of my favorite memories, and probably one of the reasons I ended up in school for social work.

The Forgotten Present

I was about 8 years old and it was a couple days after Christmas. My mother had found a present she had bought for me in her closet. Instead of just giving it to me and have that be that, she snuck out on our back deck and threw it on the roof. My parents called me out and showed me this gift, and my dad got a ladder and spotted me while I got it down. I still remember the butterflies thinking, *Wow he really came! Santa was up on this roof and this fell out of the sleigh!* The gift was a pink Barbie camera. I'll never forget that feeling.



The Orange

When I was 6 years old or so I received an orange from my great-grandmother. I didn't understand why someone had given me fruit for Christmas, until I learned many years later that this was my great-grandma's favorite gift when she was a kid in the 1910's. It was her tradition and her way to remind us that small things could make us happy.

Editors Note -

I hope you all enjoy reading these stories. I found them on the internet. But I bet we all could relate with our own memories and stories from past Christmases. I especially could relate to this last story about the orange. I too remember getting an orange in my Christmas stocking, along with nuts and other small things. It was after World War II - a much simpler time than today. But, oh, how sweet and juicy those oranges were! I think I have always loved oranges because of the simple gift. ~ Jeanie

What stories do you have to share about the holidays or simpler times?



Calendar of Events

December



A load of snow

Beaver Chapter Christmas Potluck

Saturday, December 7th, at 6PM located at the Milwaukie Senior Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr. just off Rusk Rd. and 224. The club will provide the meat and beverages but you can bring a side dish, salad or dessert. If you didn't sign up please let Lori Symank know you are coming so we have enough chairs and tables set up. Lori's phone number is 503.476.4947. All aboard for The Polar Express!



**You are cordially invited to
Christmas Tea**

Who? Beaver Chapter Ladies

When? Friday, December 13th at 1 pm

Where? Jeanie Adair's

895 Hazelwood Dr. Oregon City 97045

RSVP 503.655.3189 or jadadaja@msn.com

An activity is only work when you would rather be doing something else.

Find something you enjoy so much you would do it even if you didn't get paid!

Then do it so well someone will pay you to do it.

There is no "I" in team, but we sure are glad there is "U" in our volunteers!

A big "thank you" to all of you who have made this year great!

Remember there are no meetings this month - enjoy the holidays with your family and friends.



BIRTHDAYS

Janet Hinkel	2 nd
Cathy Smiley	3 rd
Jim Strutt	5 th
Mac Zirges	6 th
Jack Redding	8 th
Gordon Neumann	10 th
Gloria Zirges	10 th
Jim Shaw	12 th
Tony Moore	12 th
Lloyd Higgins	12 th
Steve Terry	12 th
Penny Haight	19 th
Gary Dexter	20 th
Bobbie Barnett	23 rd
Patricia Fiedler	23 rd
Pam McClafin	25 th
Chad Worthington	26 th
Tim Robinson	27 th
John Nieder	31 st