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Bill Henderson's 1931 Victoria is featured in this years Hemmings calendar.

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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.



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.

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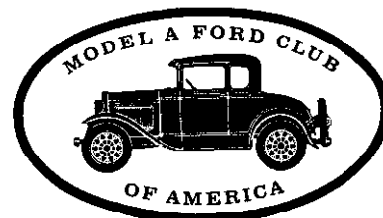
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CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2019

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.

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

REFRESHMENTS: COOKIES! COOKIES! COOKIES! Who doesn't like cookies! Or how about cheese & crackers, or fruit? Be creative! Please volunteer to bring refreshments for our meeting. The club picks up the tab. Call Mary McConnell to volunteer: 503.656.8648.

April Refreshment Hosts: Richard & Bonnie Starkweather



PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Once again the Portland Swap Meet is upon us. Isn't this just a great event for our club! The six car clubs do a tremendous amount of work to organize this meet. By attending this meet you can most likely find anything you need to get your Model A in tip top shape or any other car that you might be bringing up to snuff. Or you might even be able to find that vintage car of your dreams.



Of course this amazing happening couldn't carry on without the support of club volunteers. Regardless of your physical abilities there is a position that would suit you. The Beaver Chapter also has a booth in Hall E, #4261. MAFCA is supplying us with a table covering and MAFCA membership applications. And our club will be offering past copies of The Restorer magazine and membership applications for the Beaver Chapter. Should you be able to sign up a member remind them that they also must be a member of MAFCA to be a Beaver Chapter member. And if they are a new member to MAFCA they get the first year of MAFCA membership free. And remember that our application must be filled out both front and back. Our booth does not have a designated volunteer so anyone attending the meet should take some time to relax for a while and give out information on our club. Many thanks to Mike Worthington and Debbie Dutton for being our Swap Meet representatives for the past several years and also our members that have served on this committee. All their hard work is very much appreciated.

I hope you have all been able to get out and enjoy the nice sunny days that we have recently had. Now is the time to get your A's in shape for the driving season. Besides getting them shined up, check your fluid levels, brakes, spark plugs and any other general maintenance that might need to be done. We have some fun tours planned for this season and it is always fun to get as many cars involved as possible. Even if you don't get your Model A in road condition you can always join in on tours with your modern iron.

Chris Irwin, President



As I Age, I realize that -

I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off. My people skills are just fine. My tolerance of idiots needs work. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it." When I was a child, I thought naptime was punishment. Now it's like a mini vacation. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think of. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound! Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle free and three sizes smaller? When the kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please, I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".

Jim's Technical Tip

by Jim Cannon,

Coolant Level in the Model A

It is best to check the coolant level in your radiator when the engine is cold, before you set off on a drive. At this time (because coolant contracts when cold and expands when hot) the proper coolant level is about a $\frac{1}{2}$ " or so above the top of the tubes in the upper tank. The coolant should not be above the baffle in the upper tank when cold. That's too much and the excess will just be blown out later when the engine is hot and you are running down the road.

It's hard to see the coolant level when cold, because the baffle is in the way. Use a flashlight to look in through the filler neck, and to the left or right of the baffle, to see the coolant level. If you can't see the tubes through the coolant, use a disposable wooden stir stick (like the ones they put out at coffee shops to stir your coffee) as a dipstick in the filler neck. Go just to the side of the baffle until it touches the bottom of the upper tank. When you withdraw the stick, look for about $\frac{1}{2}$ " of coolant stain on the stick. Add some coolant if low.

When checking the coolant when the engine is hot, after you've driving for a time, you want to see the coolant very close to or slightly over the baffle. Only add coolant if you can't see any near the baffle in the upper tank, but don't overfill (or it will just blow it out).

It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's a Penny Machine!

The latest news from MAFFI (The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc) is that they are getting a souvenir Penny Machine for an inexpensive souvenir to take home. You put in 50¢ and a penny and crank out your souvenir. In place of the conventional crank, it will have a Model A Steering Wheel, and four choices of Model A's to choose from. The Model A Museum is the most visited museum on the Gilmore Campus. It is located in Hickory Corners, Michigan. If you haven't been there you will want to go, it should be on every car enthusiasts bucket list!

Beaver Chapter lost another longtime member - Al Schurman passed away February 23th after his battle with cancer. The family will have a private service. Most of you know that Al's place is where we've had the Pancake Breakfast at the last few years.

PARIS SPONSORS DRAPERY FOR SEMI FORMAL FROCKS



The commonality of these dresses is the flowing drapery and one-side closures. The blue and white print with contrasting white collar shows off the one-sided effect. These are 1931 fashions.

The second dress has a similar neckline; the drapery on the skirt falls diagonally with flair; finally ruffles on the sleeves and left hip finish it off.

This bow-trimmed neckline, lapped-closing and its brief double sleeves makes this frock smart and very new.

Finally, the green dress laps completely to the side, ending with a lesser flair on one side of the skirt. The contrasting collar is trimmed with a pop of red.

The accessories insert emphasizes the two-tone newness and contrast. ~Jeanie Adair



“To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.” ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Beaver Chapter Board Meeting March 20, 2019

Call to order: 6:05 PM, minutes of February Board Meeting approved.

Reports:

Past President: Richard Starkweather – President's tour update. We have 9 cars signed up he reminds us to make our motel reservations.

Vice President: Tours - Barbara Henderson reported the club still needs tour leaders to sign up to plan and lead tours. **She would appreciate it if YOU VOLUNTEERED!**

Treasurer: Ron Forehand – NWRG Dues paid. Quarterly budget review will be available at the April meeting. Ron read the financial balances of the various accounts the club has.

Sergeant at Arms/Swap Meet: Mike Worthington - All 61 volunteer positions are filled at this time. He has reminded us to one not be late for our assignments and to contact him as soon as possible if we know ahead of time cannot cover our assignments or call Debbie 503.706.4843, if an emergency happens the day of assignment. Advanced communication is extremely important for the planning. Any missed assignments cost the club \$500 per assignment in fines. Mike has up dated the club resource Hand book and has them available for those who want them.

Membership: Rayburn Mitchell - The up dated club phone directories for 2019 are out. He is presently updating the new membership packets. There was some discussion about what needed to be deleted and kept in the packets.

Old Business:

Updated club inventory – Sound system added, no response from Historian on relocating videos, CD's & books to the tool trailer for more accessibility.

New Business:

Pam McClafflin has resigning as NWRG representative due to lack of time present in Oregon. Replacement needed.

Brenda Caseday, Sunshine, would like clarification on sending cards or flowers. The board discussed the issues of what and when to send cards or flowers. She would like to have a set of guidelines from the board. Until that has been established she will send flowers for deaths and cards for illness. The Sunshine budget was discussed and found to be adequate for 2019.

Brenda also brought up concerns about how the tours and their respective dates are being communicated. Barbara Henderson also participated in the need for improvements for tour planning and coordination.

Bill Henderson has up dated the tour "emergency kit". All the heavy parts and tools have either been sold or given away. The kit now contains only a few necessities for some small emergencies. The Vice President will store the bag and bring it on the tours. This kit will be in the lead car. He created a second kit for the rear most car to carry. The club will rely on cell phones to communicate on tours.

Chris Irwin received a letter of request from the N.W.R. meet committee for a donation for raffle prizes. It was decided that Chris will handle this by purchasing a Pendleton blanket on the Amazon website and shipping it direct.

Adjourn: 7:05

Respectfully submitted by Michael Haight, Secretary

"For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

March 20, 2019 Beaver Chapter General Meeting

7:31PM President Chris Irwin called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance led by David Adair. Chris welcomed New Members, Guests, and Visitors. We had one long standing member, Bob Moore return after a lengthy absence. He was heartily welcomed by many of the club. Bob brought a guest who he introduced Micky Gartner who is planning on joining the club. The February meeting minutes were approved by the club in a verbal vote.

Refreshments: Penny Haight was thanked for single handily bring the cookies and treats.

Name tag Drawing: Lynn Sondenaa won the drawing.

Tips & Leads: Dundee couple looking for a Model A, 1931 Vickie in particular.

Treasurer: Ron Forehand read the monthly cash and investment balance report.

Vice President: Barbara Henderson – Announced the upcoming March tour, April tour unplanned.

Membership: Rayburn Mitchell distributed the new club directories for 2019.

Swap Meet: Mike Worthington – Distributed the Swap Meet duty packets and gave the club a run down on how the swap meet works and some history on it. He stressed the importance of being punctual and being there. The consequences of being late or having an unexcused absence can cost the club a \$500 fine for each incident. The club is committed to 61 duties and we have them all filled at this time. Any problems before the Swap Meet can be directed to Mike and any problems during the swap meet need to be directed to Mary who is running the volunteer office.

Past President: Richard Starkweather had nothing new to add to the "Past President's tour."

Sunshine: Brenda Caseday announced the following cards and flowers sent: Bob Erickson -a card is being sent-He has had a recent heart attack and has terminal cancer. Barb Van Winkle-flowers sent. She was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer. Barb is the lady who ran the swap meet office. Richard Pargman - a card was sent. He fell and broke his wrist. He was diagnosed with low oxygen and blood clots. Al Schurman - a card was sent and flowers will be sent. He passed away from terminal cancer. Dorothy Marschman - a card was sent She is in a long term care facility suffering from old age issues. Brenda also wants everyone to understand that flowers are sent primarily when a person dies and cards are sent when people are sick.

Raffle: Lori presents the items and conducts the raffle after break.

Membership Drawing: Rayburn Mitchell conducts the membership drawing. The person who was drawn was not at the meeting. The new amount to be won will be \$125 for April.

Old Business: Chris had two green club jackets left over. She is offering them at half price. Bill Hendrickson has up dated the club tour emergency kit.

New Business: Pam McClaflin resigning as NWRG representative, the club now needs a replacement. Chris asked for a volunteer and our new NWRG rep is Tom Winterrowd.

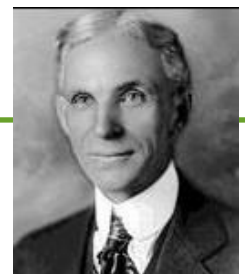
Chris reminded the club to start leaving the front row of parking spaces open for Model A's.

Break: 5-minute break to purchase raffle tickets.

Seminar after meeting: Lynn Sondenaa is presenting the seminar on head gasket installation for Model A's.

Adjournment: 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Michael Haight, Secretary



When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it. ~Henry Ford

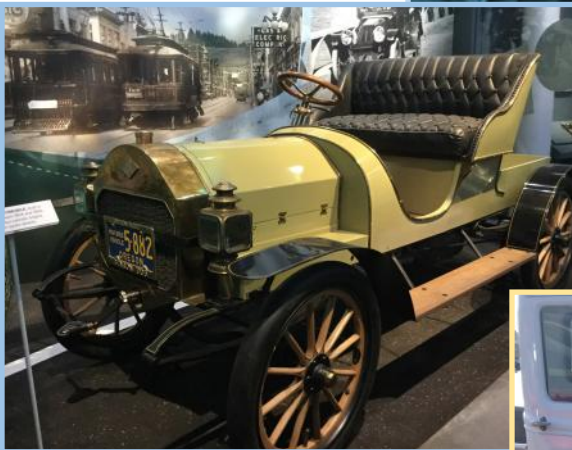


MARCH TOUR

Barbara Henderson arranged for a tour to the Oregon Historical Society Museum in downtown Portland on Sunday, March 24th. After touring Oregon's history we regrouped and went to



The Old Spaghetti Factory for a nice lunch. It was a very pleasant day, blue sky, puffy clouds and not a drop of rain - a great March Tour - you should have come!



This yellow 1904 Benson was built by Nils Benson in Portland and displayed at the Lewis & Clark Exposition 1905.



There were 16 people in attendance with only two Model A's driven (Metteer's & Winterrowd). Of course it was suggested that we carpool because of downtown parking...

Thank you to Barbara (and Bill) for planning and arranging for the tour. Great job!



Being a fashion judge I noticed this 1900 beaded & sequin dress & had to include it!



It was good to see Bob Moore and his 1931 Coupe at the club meeting in March, hope he will come more often.

What's This Paint Can Doing Here?

While patrolling the Columbia River Highway one rainy evening in 1917, Multnomah Co Sheriff's Deputy Peter Rexford noticed how difficult it was to see the lane boundaries in low visibility weather. Looking for a solution, he came up with the idea to paint a center line on the highway. The county would not fund the project, so Rexford bought the paint himself. With help of volunteers, he painted a white line in a section of road near Latourell Falls, creating the first painted lane divider in Oregon. (A bit of trivia from the Oregon Historical Society.)



2019 CLUB ROSTER UPDATES:

The new club rosters are out, pick up one from Membership Coordinator Rayburn Mitchell at the meeting. **Email and phone numbers change often these days so if you aren't reaching a member check their info in the new roster!** Also check your own listing to make sure it is correct. If it is not right let Rayburn know and we will put corrections in the newsletter.

Here is some new information on members:

Dixie Wyllie change her phone number to: 503.490.0446.

Michael Haight email change: mandphaighthorsefarm@yahoo.com

New Members: (These are included in your new roster) Dan Brentano 19492 River Rd NE St. Paul OR 97137, danb@STPaulTel.com, 503.633.8264, 1930 Coupe.

Richard Kirk 4797 St. Paul, OR 97137 vvhfarms@aol.com, 505.932.3307, 1928 Roadster Pickup.

Charles Newcomer PO Box 509 Canby, OR 97013, 503.481.2687, cnewcomer11@yahoo.com 1930 Coupe.

Dennis Schelske 910 NE 173 Ave. Portland, OR, 503.780.2143.

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Tim Woodman 2865 H St. Washougal. WA 98671, 360.882.2738, woodster4848@gmail.com

Please add this latest New Member to your roster:

Bruce Ernst 4406 Birdhaven Loop, Newberg, OR 97132 503.554.8929 bruce@emstnursery.com

Welcome our new members when you see them and introduce yourself!



Tim



Dennis & Charles



Dan



**Bob Hugo
has a new
Model A!**



I have had my 1929 Coupe for many years and always wanted a Victoria. I found the car in the Spokane valley about four years ago and bought it in July of 2016. I picked the car up on a hunting trip to Eastern Washington. The car was bought new in Washington and lived all her life in the Spokane area on a farm.

The car is sporting the original 1931 plates issued when purchased. The car was professionally restored in 2008, so everything is in great shape. I had the wheels powder coated in the original color. The engine has been replaced with a 1932 B engine. The car has the original carnival glass bud vases and the shades for all three backseat windows. About two years ago I added turn signals using the cowl lights and rear tail lights. I have added a trunk rack and am looking forward to ordering a trunk for trips down the road. This car is so comfortable to drive with the adjustable front seats, and a pleasure to look at. Model A's are the only thing in my life without a computer, truly precious. ~ Bob Hugo

Editor's note: I love to receive stories about members Model A's. If you want to make my day just send me a nice picture and a brief story about your Model A! ~Jeanie

Tiny Tip:

A used rotor makes an excellent tool to hold the distributor cam in place when timing your car. With all the shoddy miss manufactured rotors, coming up with a donor should not be a problem. Just drill a 1/2" diameter hole through the center of the rotor. This is an excellent tool to carry in your touring tool box.

~ David Adair

Mystery Model A Part



Submit your guess at the club meeting, first correct guess drawn wins a gift card.



FOR SALE:



Steamer wardrobe trunk, 20's-'30's era, excellent condition, black with blue velveteen inside. Asking \$500 or best offer.

Marlynne also has an original vintage black beaded dress she wants to sell; large or XL, full length. Talk to her if you want more details.



4'X8' Folding trailer, very good condition, stored inside, \$250 OBO
Andrew Jackman 503.658.6270

4 4.75"x21" Blackwall tires, like new but old, good for chassis roll around or easy trips around town. \$20 each.
David Adair 503.655.3189 or dc31a@live.com

WANTED:

Model A shocks & arms Lynn Sondenaa 503.781.9741 or email lynnsond@hotmail.com

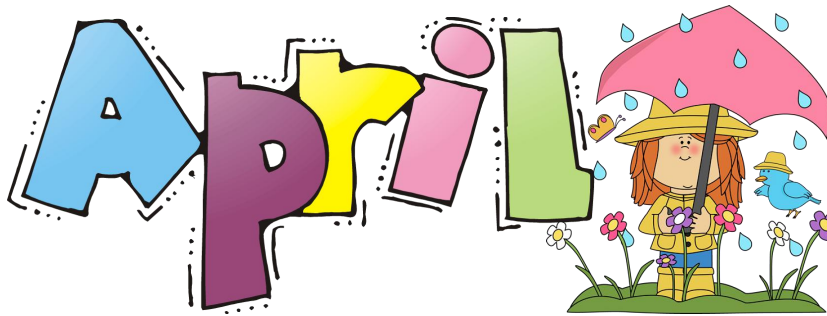
1930 Pickup bed parts wanted. Tom Winterrowd 503.263.2696

Model A steering column & box, front fender brackets, front and rear spring shackles and a senior motor meter Ed Schroeder 503.655.4311

Gene Scott of Becker's T & A Ford Parts now has back in stock high compression (cast iron) heads. 503.368,96786

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.





APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Always in April!
The dates are
Friday April 5th-
Sunday April
7th.



Don't forget to show up for your Beaver Chapter Club Duty at the Portland Swap Meet! Plan to arrive 15 minutes ahead of your scheduled duty time to check in at the Duty Office and get to your location on time. If you happen to get stuck in traffic and will be late, call **Debbie Dutton at 503.706.4843.**

Wednesday, April 17th, **Beaver Chapter Board Meeting** 6PM, at the 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 7:30PM. **Seminar** after the meeting "Roadside Electrical Troubleshooting" by Mike Worthington. The ladies will also meet separately at the same time.

April Tour:

"It's Officially Spring" so get that Model A out of the garage, gas it up and get ready for the tour. We will be going to Aurora for a short stop to visit the antique shops and then on to the Newell House Museum at Champoeg Park. Plan to meet at the Oregon City Shopping Center on **Saturday, April 27th at 9:30 for a 10AM departure.**



"Emergency brake ok"

If you haven't grown up by 50, you don't have to.

What's going on and who's working on their cars?

With help from Tom Winterrowd and Mike Worthington, they got a new B engine in Jake Taasevigen's pickup out at Greg Edwards.



BIRTHDAYS BASH

- Ray Horton 3rd
- Anne Humble 3rd
- Mike Popiel 5th
- Joyce Murk 6th
- Joe McCann 8th
- Peppi McDonald 10th
- Mary Proffitt 11th
- Chuck Lawrence 21st
- Eileen Ross 23rd
- Jan Jones 26th
- Tanya Johns 28th
- Barbara Whitworth 28th
- Larry Peters 30th
- Fred Kroon 30th