

# The Ahoonga News



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A pretty Tudor Sedan with Apple Green wheels.

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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.

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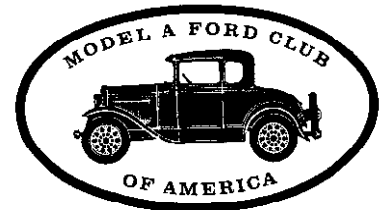
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### CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2019

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 Syman; 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 FOR THE MEETING:

**September - Terry and Pam**

**October - Glenn and Shirley Slack**

**November - Pie Night**





A few months ago I had mentioned what a good idea it would be to get together a few members and take a road trip. Well, that is just what several of us did. We planned an eight day, seven-night trip. Unfortunately, Lynn and Ann Humble started out in their Fordor but it just didn't make it to the meet up point so returned home to trade for their modern car. Bruce & Bobbie Barnett, Stan & Lori Symank and Tom and I left from Newberg and met up with Bill & Mary Jabs, Jim & Adeane Patrick and Pam McClafin & Terry Findley, and Humbles in Rickreall. We are now ready to head out for Grants Pass. The next day we visited the Oregon Vortex and later in the afternoon took a jet boat trip on the Rogue River, stopping at the boat company's lodge for dinner and then back to Grants Pass for a second night. The next day we toured the Oregon Caves in Cave Junction and then made our way to Crescent City for two more nights. Our side trip here was to Stubbs Redwood Grove, so many amazing trees in that area. A leisurely day was spent antiques and a walk to the beach and the light house while the low tide was out.

The next day was on to Bandon with many stops along the beach to enjoy the sights. This is a place that you cannot miss going to Face Rock Creamery. A child's dish of ice cream is almost enough for two people, but who wants to share their delicious ice cream. Next day's stop was on up the coast to Lincoln City. After getting checked into our hotel, Bill & Mary Jabs had invited us to their beach house for a before dinner get together. What a great house with excellent views of the ocean. Bruce & Manijeh Ernest also joined us for our stay in Lincoln City. The next day we continued onto Astoria. Barnett's had us scheduled for a pedal car trip on the railroad tracks between Astoria and Tillamook and back. With four people to a car and peddling all the way down and back we got our exercise for the trip. The following morning it was time to head back home and make all the little or big repairs on our cars.

We had a little rain on the way down to Grants Pass and the morning we left Astoria, but the rest of the trip was nice sunny weather. With a few little problems along the way, what more can you ask for. We had some overheating problems after leaving the Oregon Caves. Bill Jabs lost his car keys as we were getting ready to depart Bandon. Stan found a key that he was able to get into his ignition and get it started. When we got off of the pedal Stan had his own car problems and AAA gave Stan and Lori and their coupe a ride back to Newberg. What a fun trip!

**Chris Irwin, President**

"The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." ~Helen Keller



## Tail Pipe Clamp Installation Tip

I have found a unique pair of vise grips at Harbor Freight, about \$10, used for removing oil filters and such.

They work really great on installing the tail pipe clamp.



This allows the compression of the tail pipe clamp so the nut can be easily started on the bolt, then the wrench is removed and you can tighten the nut with two wrenches until you can insert a cotter pin. Do not tighten any more than that, on either the regular or insulated clamps.

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Beaver Chapter budgets a certain amount each year for Donations. You may submit a car related idea for this years suggestion. Give your idea to Tom Popelka and then we can choose who will be the recipient.



McCall Pattern Company started by James McCall in 1870 in New York City. He published his own patterns in a four-page magazine which grew and flourished, and McCall is still making patterns today! Thankfully some of the home seamstresses kept the patterns over the years and they are a good source of fashions from the Model A era.

This pattern envelope shows a pattern that can be made several ways and would look like you have several totally different dresses. I find it amazing how different the same pattern can look with a few changes.

For example, the green floral print and the gray dress are the same. They are sleeveless with the bertha collar, but just a different fabric. The other green print and the peach dresses are the same pattern too but without the collar; plus, the sleeves are different, one long sleeve and the other three quarters.

The only problem is that the patterns don't have the dates on them. So, unless you can verify the pattern from one of the era magazines, you have to guess by the style. I would think this could have been a 1930 pattern because of the waistline close to the natural line and the length is longer.  
~Jeanie Adair

Some people make  
your laugh a little  
louder, your smile a  
little brighter and  
your life a little  
better. Try to be one  
of those people.



Beaver Chapter Board Meeting August 21, 2019

**Call to order:** 6:00 P.M. The minutes for the July Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

**Reports:**

Past President: Richard Starkweather – Past President's tour update: There have been some route changes due to construction. This will increase the mileage slightly. He is working on some limited parking problems at the restaurant for Saturday's lunch. At this time, he has 17 cars with 34 people signed up. The official departure time will be 8:00 A.M. from the Oregon City shopping center on September 20th. The plan is to meet the west side group in Newberg at the Les Swab tire store at 9:00 A.M.

Vice President: Barbara Henderson- Tours report: The club has a busy schedule for the next few months. The tours are as follows: August 28th the club annual picnic at Oxbow Regional Park. September 14th Dundee winery tour to be coordinated by Lori Symank. October 20th The covered bridge tour to be coordinated by Tim Brost. A final discussion was held on the upcoming picnic.

Treasurer: Ron Forehand- Gave the monthly financial report.

Secretary: Michael Haight- no report

Editor: Jeanie Adair - Reminded us to get stories and pictures in by this Sunday for the newsletter.

Sgt.-at- Arms/Swap Meet: Mike Worthington gave a brief report on the state of affairs for the Swap Meet in April 2020.

Membership: Rayburn Mitchell has asked to make September the membership drive for 2020. His proposal is to make the 2020 membership applications available at the September meeting. Those that fill out the forms and return with their dues if applicable that meeting will have their names submitted for a \$25 gift certificate drawing. The idea is to encourage early bird membership dues and sign ups to prevent the annual problem of hunting down everyone late in the season. The board approved this idea and Rayburn will make an announcement at tonight's meeting.

Member at Large: Tom Popelka-He received a letter from Andrew Jackman proposing that the club make a donation to the Santa Monica MAFCA teenage club who is restoring a Model A. Details were in a story of a recent copy of The Restorer magazine. This was discussed and the board asked Tom to continue to canvass the members for more ideas. The board wants more input before making any final recommendations to the club.

**Old Business:**

Michael Haight – update for touring rules - He has the proposal nearly done and will have them ready for the September meeting. He has rewritten the tour rules with the idea of promoting safer tours and to cover liability issues. He feels the existing rules while practical and basically sound need to be rewritten for the modern day times as liability issues are far greater today than they were in the past when these rules were conceived.

Information on possible setting up Beaver Chapter Facebook page. More on this by the next meeting. The board feels this is an important step to take for the club in promoting itself.

Web-site info – Due to the death of a friend in Mesa, Ann will not be able to attend the August meeting. Will work for the September board meeting

Mike Worthington – Is still working on information for member name badges. He has found that the club identification things, such as license plates, are nonexistent. He would like to see more items available for club identification such as vests, ball caps and badges as well as possibly license plates. He is continuing researching sources and cost of such items.

Adjourn: 7:05P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Haight, Secretary

## August 2019 Beaver Chapter General Meeting Agenda

**Call to order:** 7:30 p.m. A motion to approve the July meeting minutes as printed in Ahooga Newsletter was made, seconded and unanimously approved. **Welcome New Members, Guests, and Visitors** Tim Brost brought his friend Jerry Dykes. He has recently moved from Bend and is looking for a club to drive his 1929 Tudor with.

**Name Tag Drawing:** Was won by Cheryl Witkowski

**Tips & Leads:** David Adair found a 1931 Slant Window for sale in the Corvallis area for \$5500. He researched it some and said it appeared to be a nice car for the price.

**Treasurer:** Ron Forehand gave the monthly financial report. The club is still in good financial shape.

**Vice President:** Barbara Henderson – Gave the itinerary for the upcoming tours.

August 25-The club picnic at Oxbow Regional Park coordinated by Michael Haight

September 14 -The Dundee Hills winery Tour Coordinated by Lori Symank

September 20 -The Past President's tour to Rockaway Beach lead by Richard Starkweather

October 19 -The covered bridge tour of Marion County led by Tim Brost

**Membership:** Rayburn Mitchell-proposed that September be an early bird membership sign up month. There would be a drawing for a \$25 gift card for those who sign up & pay at the next month's meeting. He will have the 2020 applications available at the next meeting. This will be continued each month through November. The club approved this informally. All members are required to sign the application in order to participate in any club activities. The 2019 forms expire January 1, 2020. Signing up is for insurance purposes and must be done.

**Editor:** Jeanie Adair-called for any photos, stories, advertising, or other entertaining articles to be submitted by Sunday August 25.

**Sgt-at-Arms:** Mike Worthington – Swap Meet Information-The first swap meet committee meeting will be September 17. He invited any interested people to attend as it is an open meeting. The swap meet coordinators have been doing this meet for a very long time and is looking to bring in new people. The meet has been going for 55 years sponsored by the same 6 clubs somewhat of a record in itself. The swap meet committee is facing several major challenges due to the loss of the Portland Meadows parking. It is expected to effect the revenues enough to cause some concern for all and the logistics of parking 1000 cars at the Expo' Center is daunting and will reduce the amount of space for vendors.

**Member at Large:** Tom Popelka – Is still looking for suggestions for club donations. He has received one formal written suggestion from Andrew Jackman and would like to receive several more.

**Past President:** Richard Starkweather reported there are 17 cars and 34 people attending the September 'past president's tour'. He also announced that the board will have 3 vacancies for 2020. The club will need to begin looking for candidates for the President, Vice President and the Secretary's jobs. Nominations for all board positions are also open to all other club members that have at least one year's membership in the Beaver Chapter.

**Sunshine:** Brenda Caseday -Absent. Dorothy Marschman has been in and out of the hospital.

John Solomonson passed away on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Flowers will be sent to his wife.

Bruce Barnett had surgery on August 19<sup>th</sup> to remove a growth from his kidney.

### New Business:

Pam McClafin presented the idea of donating more money for the club charitable donations. This was discussed and will now go to the board for further consideration.

**David Adair** invited anyone interested to an informal morning seminar on distributors rebuilding techniques to be held at Pam McClafin & Terry Findley's shop Saturday, August 24. The seminar will begin at 9 A.M. You will need to bring a distributor and related new parts. Special tools and expertise will be provided.

**Break:** 5-minute break to purchase raffle tickets

**Raffle:** Lori Symank put on the drawing for the raffle items.

**Adjourn:** 8:30 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Michael Haight, Secretary

**Pay Dues**

**ALREADY?** Yes, we know Beaver Chapter dues are not actually due until the end of the year. But honestly how many of you put it off until the last week?

We're having a Membership Drive to spur you into paying early to make it easier for Rayburn at the end of the year. Sign up by the September meeting and your name will be entered in a drawing for a dinner gift card. You don't even have to be present to win! Lets get everyone signed up early!!

## Beaver Chapter Picnic Tour



Sunday, August 25th was a beautiful day for a picnic at Oxbow Park, along the Sandy River. What a lovely setting! I couldn't believe the club had never been there before.

Thanks to Michael Haight for setting up the tour!



There was ten Model A's and five modern irons on the tour. Forty-four people signed up, but only 33 people came. As a result, there was plenty of leftover fried chicken for everyone to take home! We had an array of salads and as always lots of dessert too - brownies, chocolate cake, cookies and fruit cobblers, yum! Beaver Chapter has some good cooks!

Tom Winterrowd came with a vintage picnic basket that was his mothers. It was quite unique, having a metal well built in one end for keeping cold things cool. The blue floral cloth tablecloth was also his mothers. Penny Haight had vases of flowers on the picnic tables she picked from her yard. She shared they with anyone who wished to take some home. Thanks Penny!





The Adair's granddaughter entertained us after lunch playing her fiddle.

Lynn and Patty Sondenaar, Andrew Jackman and Penny Haight had fun playing bocci ball. (I think the gals won!)

There was lots of visiting, kicking tires, sharing our cars with people passing by, and getting to know new members. It was a fun, relaxing day.



Michael Haight in action at the horseshoe pit...



Thanks to the Henderson's for picking up the chicken and setting up for the picnic.



## How I Came to Love Model A Pickups

Along about the summer of 1959, a friend of mine, Warren Brown and I noticed a Model A Pickup in a farmer's field East of North Howell, OR. The farmer was James Moullet who we worked for off and on. He said we could buy the pickup for \$75. He said he would help us get it running. We had no qualms about making it run since, as you all know, at that age you know everything. Come to find out we knew nothing about Model A's.

After James got the pickup running, he said the brakes didn't work and the transmission had no reverse. We said that would be fine, we were only going forward anyway. After driving a while and due to our skilled driving and careful maneuverings the yellow jacket that lived in the Model A finally moved out!

We found that driving in the wheat fields on the slick wheat stubble, after the wheat was harvested, was loads of fun. It was just like ice. Then driving through shocked wheat piles was great fun too. James did not appreciate that, however he thought we were fun to watch.



That experience that summer made me a lover of Model A Pickups. Up until that point in my life I had only achieved passenger status. The Model A Pickup changed my life.

All good things come to an end though. We wrecked it! It just couldn't handle two teenaged boys. It rested back where it started - in the farmers' field.

How time flies!  
Benny Banyard

Editors note: This photo is his current 1929 pickup that he just got running, with help from Tom Irwin. Thanks Benny for sharing your story! I'm always interested in members "stories" - who's next?



### Mystery Model A Part

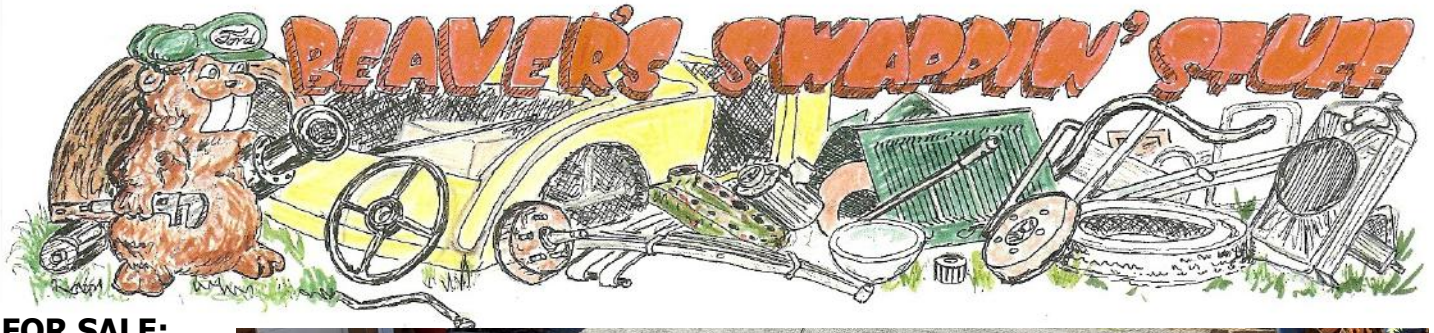
Submit your guess at the club meeting.

One guess per member.

First correct answer drawn will win a gift card.

"Everybody has the choice of being a hero or not being a hero everyday of their lives."

~George Lucas



**FOR SALE:**

1928 Model A Chassis, \$2,300. New Firestone black wall tires, 21" wheels, transmission with new gears, transmission tower, frame,



front end, rear end, radiator, muffler, front & rear motor mounts and newly painted. Additional picture upon request. Email Pat at patlapointe2@msn.com or call 503.366.1993.

**WANTED:**

If anyone knows of a decent Model A Pickup that is a driver, I know a person who might be interested. Kirk Metteer 503.910.4900



**Distributor Work Party**

On Saturday, August 24th eleven Beaver Chapter members got together at Pam and Terry's to work on Model A distributors. Those attending were: Pam & Terry, Rayburn Mitchell, David Adair, Randy Daily, Tom Ryan, Art Pugsley, Kirk Metteer, Arnie Jeffords, Rob Edgerton and Dan Higgins.

We pressed in bushings, then reamed them for a perfect fit. End play on shafts was adjusted, continuity was checked and the distributors were deemed fit.

About nine distributors were re-bushed and had shafts fitted. More important than working on our car parts,

we developed a good comradery with our fellow club members. This was just a special time. Part of the fun working in a group is seeing the different ways we work.

Randy and Arnie above, Art and Dan to the right. Thanks to David for arranging the work party.





**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**WINE COUNTRY TOUR: Sunday, September 14th**

Explore the backroads of beautiful wine country in the Dundee Hills. East siders will meet at the Oregon City Shopping Center at 8:30AM, driving backroads to Newberg Les Schwab. We'll leave Newberg at 9:30AM. We will drive through several wineries (not stopping) and then stop at the Red Hills Farm Olive Mill. They are the only olive oil mill in the Pacific Northwest and will give us a private tour at 10:30. Then we will have time to stroll the gardens and sample oils and vinegars. Our next stop will be the Ewing Young Distillery. Whiskey sampling is available for \$10. We have the place reserved for a tour, photo ops with the stallions. Storrs Smokehouse will cater a special lunch for us including

barbeque pork, homemade brioche buns, coleslaw, chips, special sauce and a water bottle. The club will pick up the tab for lunch for members, but you must sign up so we can get a head count. Contact Lori Symank if you have questions.

**Beaver Chapter Board Meeting** Wednesday, September 18th, 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 7:30PM.

**PAST PRESIDENTS TOUR: September 20 - 21st**

Members will meet at the Oregon City Shopping Center at 7:30 am for an 8:00 am departure to Les Schwab Tires in Newberg, where we will meet the second group for a 9:00 am departure to Rockaway Beach.

The Motel in Rockaway is the Surfside Motel (503-355-2312). Bruce Ernst has offered to host a gathering that afternoon in Rockaway Beach. Members will be on their own for dinner.

The tour will include many sights such as Cape Mears Lighthouse and Octopus tree, followed by a lunch at Schooners Restaurant at Netarts Bay, Whiskey Creek Fish Hatchery, Cape Lookout State Park, Clay Meyers Park and Whelan Island. We will depart the Motel at 5:00 pm for dinner at Canon Beach Tolovana Inn MO's. Sunset is at 7:16 pm, so we will attempt to arrive back at the motel with a minimum use of Model A Ford lighting.

Surfside Motel has a few rooms left, so come and join in on the event.

**If you make reservations, please let me know.**

**Richard Starkweather 503-327-1252**

Members that have signed up for the Tour will receive detailed information and maps two weeks before the event.

<b>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b>	
“ Age only matters if you're cheese, wine or scotch. ”	
Charles Newcomer	7 <sup>th</sup>
Darlene Dilbeck	12 <sup>th</sup>
Abraham Mitchell	15 <sup>th</sup>
Jack Dusenberry	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Mary Wohlgemuth	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Ken Proffitt	24 <sup>th</sup>
Rich Simpson	28 <sup>th</sup>
Gary Brown	28 <sup>th</sup>
Ron Forehand	30 <sup>th</sup>

**Club Member Passes**

We received a note from John Solomonson's wife Georgia that John passed away August 16th. He declined from ALS after being diagnosed in 2007. John was a long time Beaver Chapter member joining in 1969.

A Celebration of Life for John will be an open house at their home, Sunday, September 8th from 1-4PM 16751 SE Tong Road, Damascus, OR.