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This 1931 Deluxe Model A Roadster would be a very "cool" winter ride! Brrrrr...

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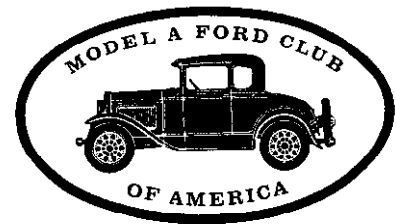
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Articles and contributions for the newsletter is encouraged and will be used as space and time permits.

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*.

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

REFRESHMENTS: Remember that Mary McConnell is our Refreshment Chairperson - she will have a signup sheet at the January meeting that you can signup to provide refreshments for a meeting this year, **or give her a call at 503.656.8648 to volunteer.** We all enjoy the refreshment and social time at the meetings, and remember that the club will reimburse you for the cost of the goodies that you bring, just save your receipts.

January Refreshment Host: Tonya & Randy Selvester





This is what the Irwin's Model A Roadster photo looks like when you play with it in the "Paint" program. I used the "Sketch" setting to get this effect.

~ Jeanie

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Gosh, it is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. I once heard that "the older you get the faster time goes by." I have to think that there is some truth in that statement. My year as president has really gone by quickly. Barbara Henderson, our Vice President/tour director, along with help from some of our members, has put on some great tours. If you haven't made it on any of these tours this past year considering joining in this coming year. We have seen some very interesting places and of course it is always fun to get our cars out and show them off to the public. We always seem to attract a lot of attention where ever we may end up.

Did you also know that we have a very dedicated group of members that have spent hours over this past year helping people get their Model A's in running condition? Many of these folks were not Beaver Club members but have since joined our club. I may be leaving out some names but Mike Worthington and David Adair have helped folks on the east side and Bruce Barnett and Tom Irwin have helped many on the west side. And of course the members of this team are also available to help any club members. And don't forget that we do have a trailer full of tools that may be checked out by members at no cost. Just be sure that they are cleaned up when returning. This trailer is located at Ted Downs home.

Once again we had a festive Christmas Potluck with some very tasty food, raffle prizes and fun entertainment. We also voted on some fabulous photos that members have taken of their cars over the past year. The winner will be revealed at our upcoming banquet in January. So I hope you are all getting your reservations turned in to Eileen Ross for this fun 50's theme party. Also get your 2018 mileage turned into J Wiley by the year end as our traveling trophy will be passed on to the next winner at this time.

I just want to wish you all a very Happy New Year. I am looking forward to another year of fun and many miles of happy driving in our treasured Model A's.

Chris Irwin, President

Sad News - Many of you know Diana (Pam McClafin's sister) & Ron Ludford, Ron fell off a ladder sustaining a head injury and passed away Sunday December 9th.

Another club member, Gene King passed away November 24th of a heart attack, he was 77 years old. His memorial service will be held January 6th at 3:30 at Good Shepherd Community Church.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lori King and her family and also Diana Hudson and family. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Massive Oil Leak

by Tom Endy

A fellow Model A owner recently sold his Model A to a person who knew nothing about Model A's. The Model A was a 1930 Tudor that I was very familiar with. It had belonged to a friend that lives down the street from me. We had both done a lot of work on this car, and we had it in excellent condition. The new owner had spotted the Model A sitting in my friend's driveway and decided he had to have it. He approached my friend and offered him an unusually high price that he could not refuse.

A few weeks later the new owner came driving up to my house with my friend in the passenger seat and with oil pouring out from underneath the car. Upon examination we discovered the oil was coming out through the cotter pin drain hole in the bottom of the flywheel housing. This was not just a little oil leak, it was massive; oil was pouring out the flywheel housing hole in a steady stream as long as the engine was running.

My friend and I both felt an obligation to determine the problem and correct it. My thinking was that the oil was coming out through the rear main bearing and into the flywheel housing. This had to be caused by one of several malfunctions. The oil pipe attached to the rear main bearing cap could be plugged with debris. The thrust washer could have broken off and fallen away. The babbitt in the rear main may have failed and fallen out. The engine had recently been overhauled and re-babbitted and only had a few hundred miles on it and it ran very well.

The decision was made to drop the pan and remove the rear main bearing cap for inspection. When the task was complete we could find nothing out of the ordinary. The thrust washer was intact, the bearing was intact, and the return pipe was not plugged. We were somewhat stymied. Oil had been pouring out over the rear main bearing labyrinth seal, but why?

We had no other choice but to put everything back together without doing anything to resolve the problem. When everything was back together I went about the task of putting new oil into the engine.

I went to pull the cap off the end of the breather tube and the whole assembly came out from the engine block. A closer look revealed that the cap on the end of the breather tube was not original Model A. Instead it was round and highly polished chrome. It did not have any vent passages to allow venting of the crankcase. We tried blowing through the breather tube toward the cap, it was totally plugged off, and there was no venting.

We quizzed the owner and found that he had recently purchased the cap along with an abundance of other glitter accessories from a local Model A supplier and had installed it on the car a few days before. This day was the first time he had driven the car and the first time oil had poured out the rear main.

We had some difficulty removing the accessory breather tube cap, as it was jammed tight into the end of the breather tube. When we finally got it off we discarded it and installed a proper Model A cap. We started the engine and there was no oil leak. I was astounded; I knew an engine crankcase had to be vented, but I had no idea that completely plugging off the breather tube would have such a dramatic affect and cause such a massive oil leak.

Apparently, a Model A engine can build up a tremendous amount of pressure inside the crankcase if the breather tube is plugged off. The pressure must be created by some amount of compression that sneaks past the piston rings and into the crankcase. This pressurization must be sufficient enough to cause oil from the rear main bearing to be forced out through the labyrinth rear oil seal.

This could have been a real disaster for the new owner if he had continued to drive the car and had not become aware of the oil leak. He would have soon starved the engine of oil and destroyed it,

The lesson learned here is that a blocked off Model A breather tube will cause excessive crankcase pressure that will force massive amounts of oil to pour out over the rear main bearing labyrinth seal.

This is something that should be considered by Model A owners when they get the idea of jamming a roll of steel wool or a Brillo pad into the breather tube cap to provide filtering of the air.

God gives us relatives; thank God we can choose our friends.

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Paris Drapes the Waistline of Afternoon Frocks

from a 1929 *Pictorial Review* magazine

Among the features that give a completely new look to the French frocks just arriving from abroad is the soft draping of the waistline. This is part of the tendency to change familiar silhouettes by suggesting the natural curve of the waist and accenting the long lines of the figure. Many different types of frocks make this suggestion in many different ways: soft folds of draperies are among the most successful as they suggest the soft curve of the waistline subtly, without sharply breaking the lines of the frock, and because they are more easily adjustable to the individual figure. ~Jeanie Adair

A wife asked her husband, "Do you know what a closet is for?"
The husband replied, "A closet is where I hang my clothes when all the door knobs are full."

Never be afraid to fall apart
because it is an opportunity to rebuild yourself the way you wish you had been all along.



All in all she was just too darn tall,
When she tried to get in my coupe,
She really had to bend over and stoop.

All in all it was just not a good situation,
She went her way while Shorty and me,
(And the coupe) toured around the nation.

All in all to see her leave really made me feel small,
But please consider she was just too darn tall!
All in all.

~ Art Pugsley

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the "Seniors' Special" was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99. "Sounds good," Rita said, "But I don't want the eggs."

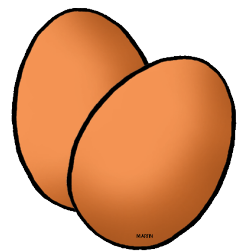
"Then I'll have to charge you three dollars and forty-nine cents because you're ordering a la carte," the waitress warned her.

"You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?" Rita asked incredulously.

"I'll take the special."

"How do you want your eggs?"

"Raw and in the shell," Rita replied. She took the two eggs home!



It's a new year and a new touring season in our Model A's.

Do you have a great idea for a club tour this year? Call Barbara Henderson at 503.657.1890 to schedule what month you can be a tour leader. Do you have a great location to tour to, a scenic backroad, a great lunch spot... give Barbara a call, some months are already filled.

Free for the taking -

Former club member Mike Hatley has a stack of *The Restorer* magazines he is giving away, he'll even deliver them to you!

You can reach him at 503.789.5596 or email him at mike.hately@maecoor.com



When the club visited the Mitchell's home for the November Garage Tour, Lisa had a nice display of her vintage hats that she creates. (See last months newsletter)

She has an etsy web site that you might like to check out:

www.etsy.com/shop/ClocheCloset

Or if you're interested in visiting her to see her creations, I'm sure she would be willing to have you come see what she has.

1950's Rock 'n' Roll Banquet

Beaver Chapter Banquet Entrée Menu:

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

B - London Broil with Pinot Noir demi-glace accompanied with roasted garlic mashed potatoes & vegetables.

C - Breaded baked chicken breast filled with spinach, mozzarella and parmesan.

V & G - Vegan and Gluten Free option is Vegetable Stir Fry. See next page...

*You're invited to a fun and fabulous
1950's Rock 'n' Roll Banquet!*

*Beaver Chapter's Annual Banquet will be
Saturday, January 26, 2019 6 to 10pm
Monarch Hotel 12566 SE 93rd Ave. Clackamas
The cost is \$30 for members, \$40 non members.
Reservations must be made by January 17th*

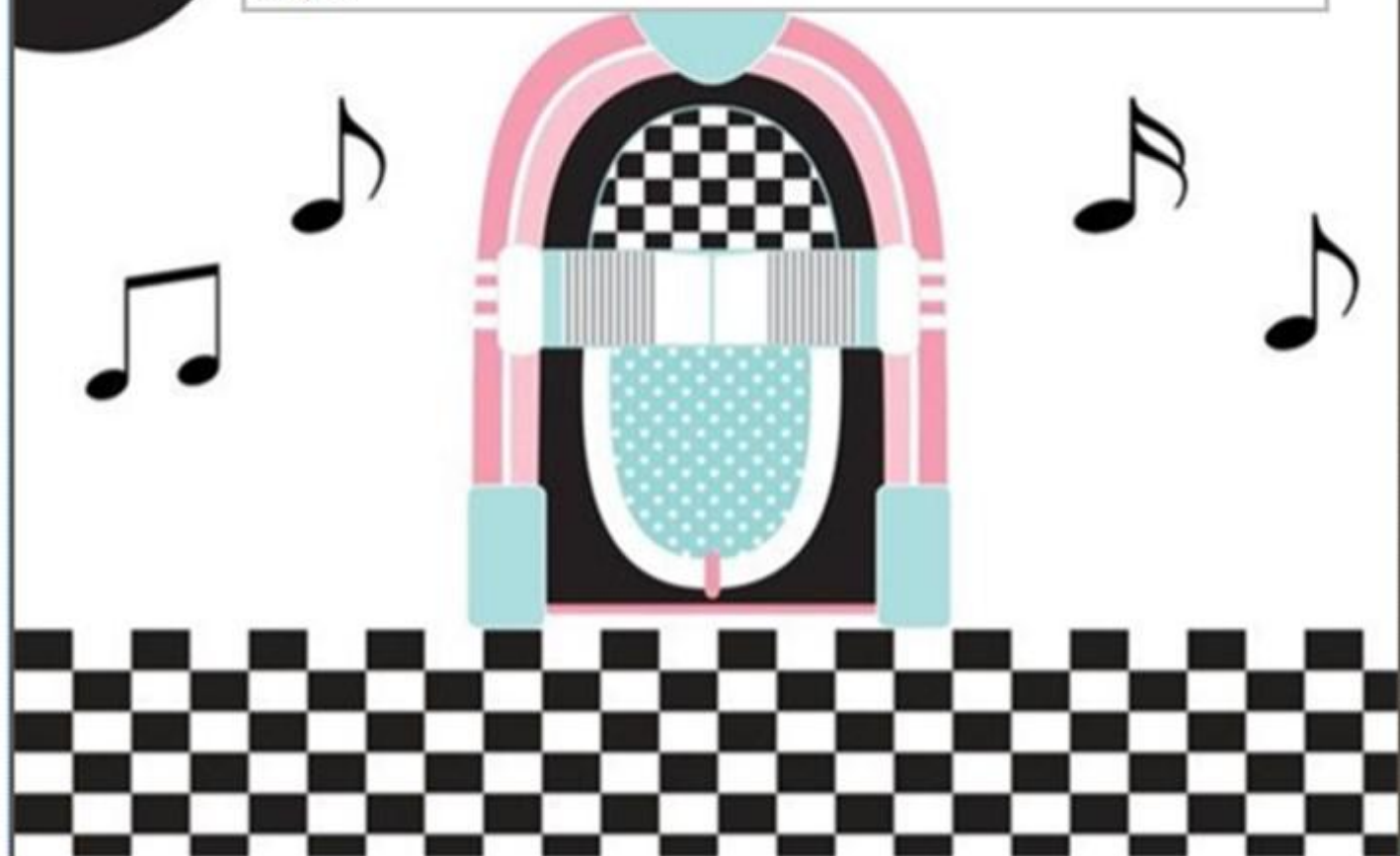
2019 Banquet Reservation Form:

*The *Main Entrée choices are: S (Salmon), B (London Broil), C (Chicken),
V (Vegetarian), G (Gluten free)*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>*Entrée (circle)</i>	<i>**Club Duty (circle)</i>	
_____	\$ _____	S B C V G	Yes	No
_____	\$ _____	S B C V G	Yes	No

*Please make checks payable to "Beaver Chapter" and send reservations & check to:
Eileen Ross, 257 SE 15th Pl. Canby, OR 97013*

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



Beaver Chapter's Christmas Potluck



What a delicious, delightful and fun Christmas Potluck we had this year!

I thought the chefs outdid themselves. We had such a nice variety of salads, side dishes and of course an array of all kinds of desserts. The club furnished the ham and turkey as usual, there was plenty for seconds even. We all went home with full tummies!

Thank you to all who helped with the potluck, whether it was planning, helping set up the room, cooking, lending a helping hand, joining in the singing or staying to help clean up! Every little bit helps!



Eileen and granddaughter Alyssa



Penny Haight and Lloyd Higgins checked out the photo contest.

Since Lori Symank was unable to organize the potluck this year, Barbara Henderson stepped up to chair the event. She did a fine job in her reindeer antlers!

She and Bill prepared the turkey and ham and she made her famous crockpot full of beans which I thought was especially good this year!



Thanks Barbara for all you did - we appreciate you!



Barbara Henderson



There were gifts for the young and the older folks. Lloyd Dilbeck's number was drawn and he got some tools.

Brenda Caseday had her grandchildren for the weekend, they got McDonald gift certificates, as did other younger children.

Our entertainment for the evening was a ladies quartet called the "Ta-Dah's" who sang some oldies and some Christmas songs. We even joined in on a couple songs. What fun!



Sharon Fancher got an apron.



And if you were lucky you might have won one of the poinsettia plants that was the table centerpieces.

ORDERING A PIZZA

Caller: Is this Gordon's Pizza?

Google: No sir, it's Google Pizza.

Caller: I must have dialed a wrong number. Sorry.

Google: No sir, Google bought Gordon's Pizza last month.

Caller: Ok, I would like to order a pizza.

Google: Do you want your usual, sir?

Caller: My usual? You know me?

Google: According to our caller ID data sheet, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms and meatballs on a thick crust.

Caller: Ok, that's what I want...

Google: May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and olives on a whole wheat gluten free thin crust?

Caller: What? I detest vegetables!

Google: Your cholesterol is not good, sir.

Caller: How the hell do you know!

Google: Well, we cross-referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the results of your blood tests for the last 7 years.

Caller: Okay, but I do not want your rotten vegetable pizza! I already take medication for my cholesterol.

Google: Excuse me sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our database, you only purchased a box of 30 cholesterol tablets once, at Drug RX Network, 4 months ago.

Caller: I bought more from another drugstore.

Google: That doesn't show on your credit card statement.

Caller: I paid in cash.

Google: But you did not withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.

Caller: I have other sources of cash.

Google: That doesn't show on your last tax return unless you bought them using undeclared income source, which is against the law.

Caller: What the Hell!

Google: I'm sorry, sir, we use such information only with the sole intention of helping you.

Caller: Enough already! I'm sick to death of Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and all the others. I'm going to an island without internet, cable TV, where there is no cell phone service and no one to watch me or spy on me.

Google: I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired 6 weeks ago... We all laugh at this, but it may be closer than we think... is this where we're headed?



Some days
I amaze myself.
Other day,
I look for my phone
while I'm holding it.



Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon, MAFCFA Technical Director

Care of Nickel Plating



If you have a 1928 or '29 Model A, and it has nickel plating (as original), you may have noticed that the nickel is a bit more work to maintain than chrome. Don't let it go too long or you will have a hard time getting the finish back.



The best cleaner that I have found for nickel is a polishing paste in a tube out of Germany called "Happich Simichrome Polish". It also does a great job on chrome. Apply it with a clean cloth, work it in and clean the metal well, then polish with a microfiber cloth. Not only does it polish, it leaves a protective film on the metal to keep it looking nice longer.

Most of our Model A parts suppliers, such as Bratton's, Snyder's, and Mac's, sell it. Check with your favorite parts guys.

Have a Model A Day!
Jim Cannon



Another nice photo of a Model A Roadster



We all have the same twenty four hours a day.

I've often wondered how it is that some people seem to move mountains while others barely make it over speed bumps!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Wednesday, January 16th, **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.

Don't forget to bring your **Red Tire Tickets** to the January club meeting for the drawing. The big prize is \$600 towards the purchase of new tires for your Model A, second is \$100 and third is \$50. It pays to attend the meetings and tours, each member gets a ticket each time, plus one more if you drive your Model A! It pays to participate!!

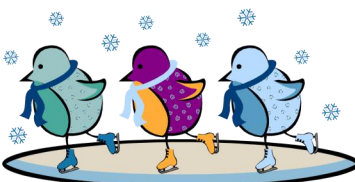


Not to be confused with the red ticket, the **Blue Tickets** are for the Name Tag Drawing. We encourage everyone to wear their name tags so we can remember who we are! So remember to wear your name tag and pick up your blue ticket from Bob at the side table before the meeting. You could win \$25.

The January meeting is a busy one! There will also be sign ups for the **Portland Swap Meet** **Beaver Chapter Club Duty**. Let's see if we can fill the duty roster at the meeting...

Beaver Chapter's Annual Banquet is January 26th. Have you signed up for the banquet yet? **Reservations need to be in by January 17th.** See page 7 for reservation form.

Let's hope that we won't be needing this kind of traction on our Model A's this winter!



*HAPPY
New Year*



**Birthdays
This Month**

Shirley Strutt	1 st
Leroy Benham	2 nd
Robert Peters	2 nd
Elaine Thornes	7 th
Chrystal Ross	10 th
Nurry Scott	12 th
James Beckwick	23 rd
David Ollison	24 th
Rey Reece	25 th
James Ross	28 th
Michael Blick	29 th