

# The Ahoooga News

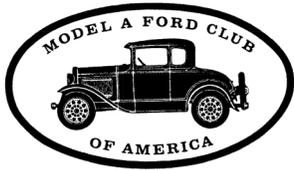
February 2023



Lynn and Patty Sondena in their 1929 roadster pickup on the southern Oregon coast

The official newsletter of Beaver Chapter Model A Ford club of America, Portland, Oregon

Volume 61, Issue 2



## **BEAVER CHAPTER MODEL A FORD CLUB 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.

**Beaver Chapter Membership** commences on January 1<sup>st</sup> or the date paid and expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Dues are \$10 for a member plus \$1.00 for a spouse/ partner. Late renewals are charged \$5.00. Make check payable to Beaver Chapter, submit signed membership application to the Membership Coordinator at the meetings or send directly to the Membership Coordinator Jennie Ryan at 2415 NE 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. Vancouver, WA 98684.

Bylaws Article III, Section 2 states: "Membership in the national club (Model A Ford Club of America) shall be a prerequisite for all active members of Beaver Chapter." MAFCA dues are \$50.00. Make check out to Model A Ford Club of America, mail directly to 250 S. Cypress St, La Habra, CA 90631-5515.

### **CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2023**

**President: Debbie Dutton 503.706.4843**  
**Vice President: Michael Haight 503.663.3263**  
**Secretary: Penny Haight 503.663.3263**  
**Treasurer: Mike Worthington 503.788.5965**  
**Member at Large: Leonard Dutton 503.887.2067**  
**Editor: Dave Hawbecker 510.368.7678**  
**Membership Coordinator: Jennie Ryan 360.896.5227**  
**Sergeant at Arms: Tom Ryan 360.936.6485**  
**Past President: Lynn Sondena 503.781.9741**

### **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2023**

NW Regional Group Reps: David Adair and Tom Winterrowd;  
Portland Swap Meet Reps: Mike Worthington and Bill Griffith;  
Sunshine: Brenda Caseday; Refreshments: Debbie Dutton;  
MAFCA Chapter News: Tom Irwin; Beaver Chapter Webmaster:  
**Web Site: <http://beaverchapterford.org/>**

**The Ahooga News** is the club newsletter. Articles and contributions are encouraged and will be used as space and time permits.

Send directly to the Editor at: noe2912@comcast.net or 2222 Matterhorn Ct. West Linn OR 97068. The deadline is the Sunday following the club meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Happy February everyone! First of all I want to thank everyone that kept everything going in my absence!

I was very excited to hear that we have 4 new family memberships last month. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know each and everyone of you. WELCOME!



I also was excited to find out that our duty roster for the Swap Meet has been filled! That is a great accomplishment to fill it in January! Thank you Mike Worthington and Bill Griffith for all your hard work! Thank you to everyone that stepped up and made it happen! The Portland Swap Meet is very important to this club, and in case you haven't figured that out by now., it is very important to me. Also to all our new members, the Portland Swap Meet is always looking for new people with new ideas to participate in the planning and running the Swap Meet. You would have a opportunity to meet and work with a great group of people and get to know people from the other 5 car clubs that are co-owners of The Portland Swap Meet. If you have interest or any questions please speak with Mike Worthington or Bill Griffith. They would be happy to help you.

Congratulations to the Fancher's for winning the \$600 prize for the tire ticket drawing and Mike Worthington for second place and Chris Irwin for third place.

Last but not least a big thank you goes out to Greg Edwards for the steering seminar he put on. Leonard attended and said it was well attended and that it was a great seminar. I know that Greg has an enormous amount of knowledge and I appreciate him being willing to share it with all of us.

I'm excited to get going with the 2023 tour season and encourage everyone to participate and encourage especially our new members to get involved. After all this is what the Beaver Chapter Model A Club is all about.

Happy Valentines Day to everyone! Do something special with that special person in your life.

Respectfully,

Debbie Dutton



## February Birthdays

Gary Dawson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lisa Mitchell	15 <sup>th</sup>
Rob Oxley	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Curtis Meade	16 <sup>th</sup>
August Lehto	4 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn Humble	18 <sup>th</sup>
Penny Murphy	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Whitworth	20 <sup>th</sup>
Randy Selvester	7 <sup>th</sup>	Marlynn Pugsley	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Bob Moore	15 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Downs	27 <sup>th</sup>

## That Dreaded Breakdown with Your Model

By Lynn Sondena

It doesn't matter how good of a mechanic you are, somewhere sometime you are going to experience a Model A breakdown. The first thing that happens is *panic*. Now what? What do I do? How do I fix the problem? The second thing that happens is the feeling of *embarrassment*. You are embarrassed because your Model A broke down. You are also feeling guilty, because you put your faithful spouse in the spotlight.

Now snap out of it! I don't care if you are a mechanic or not a mechanic. If your car is well maintained or poorly maintained, breakdowns happen. (More likely on a poorly maintained car). After all these cars, pickups, and trucks are in their 90's.

The advantage of tours is that there is safety in numbers. Usually in the group there will be the tools needed, mechanical help if needed, and the parts needed for the repair. You just need to get over the panic and embarrassment fears. Most breakdowns are electrical followed by fuel and water problems.

Patty and I do a lot of solo tours up in the Mt. Hood National Forest. Usually there is no other traffic, and no cell phone service. I am not afraid of my Model A. I have the confidence that they will get us home! Model A's are like dogs, they can sense your feelings and fear. On a side note, they also like to mark their territory with oil. The moral to the above statement is that if you are afraid of your Model A your Model A will know that fear. Now just get out and start enjoying the fun of driving your Model A.

Yes I have had break downs, and yes I felt panic and embarrassment. But most of all I felt sorry for the position I placed Patty in. Don't be afraid to drive your Model A. If you are hesitant to drive your Model A ask a club member to go on a drive with you, or go on a tour. This is a good club with helpful people. Most would be honored if you ask to travel with them.

### **FEBRUARY AND MARCH SEMINARS**

**By Lynn Sondena**

How to make improvements to your Model A to make it more reliable. If you are attending these after meeting seminars an outline will be given. You may want to have a pencil and a note pad to take notes. Also, if you would like to present a seminar contact David Adair.

### **PAST PRESIDENT TOUR 2023**

Save the dates for the Past President tour, September 22,23,24. Remember if you stood duty at this year's swap meet you will receive one paid meal and one night of lodging paid for by the club. If you participate in other events you will be eligible for the same deal.

## Beaver Chapter Board Meeting for January 18, 2023

**Call to Order:** 6:00 PM by Vice President Michael Haight

**Board Members Present:** Michael Haight, Mike Worthington, Jennie Ryan, Tom Ryan, Lynn Sondenaar, Penny Haight and Dave Hawbecker.

**Minutes Approval:** A motion to approve the November 16, 2022 minutes as printed in the Ahooga Newsletter was made and seconded. The motion was voted on and passed.

### Reports:

**Treasurers Report:** Mike Worthington presented the 2023 Budget and the Actual Budget for 2022. He will be presenting the 2023 budget to the general membership at the February meeting. Currently, all bills are paid.

**Swap Meet Report:** Mike Worthington and Bill Griffith shared strategies for success. They will be trying to fill the duty roster at the General meeting. Swap Meet packets will be available at the March general meeting.

**Membership Report:** Jennie Ryan reported that we have 4 new members. She and Mike Worthington are collaborating on the club Membership Directory. It should be available at the March meeting.

**Editors Report:** Dave Hawbecker said that he planned to challenge the club members to email him pictures of their cars for him to use in the Ahooga Newsletter. Personal stories about their cars would find a place in the newsletter as well.

**Past Presidents Report:** Lynn Sondenaar wants us to save the following dates in September for the Past Presidents Tour: September 21, 22, and 23.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted, Penny Haight, Secretary

### Beaver Chapter Meeting Refreshment Sign Up List

January - Brenda Caseday  
February - Rene' & Kirk Metteer  
March - Bonnie Starkweather  
April - Doug Ingles  
May - Roger & Kathy Green  
June - Jeanie & David Adair  
**July - Need a volunteer**  
August - Debbie Dutton  
**September - Need a volunteer**  
October - Tom & Jennie Ryan  
November - Pie Night, everyone bring a pie.

Everyone enjoys the refreshments at the meeting. We have two slots left to fill for the year. You can call Debbie Dutton 503.706.4843 to volunteer.

All you have to do is purchase refreshments and give your receipt to the Treasurer, Mike Worthington for reimbursement.

## Beaver Chapter General Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2023

**Call to Order:** Vice President Michael Haight called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with 51 members present.

**Vice President Michael Haight** welcomed guests and new members to the meeting. New member Ed Wartman lives in Seattle, Washington and Rockaway Beach, Oregon. He oversees the Police Museum.

Greg Kisor owns a 1931 Coupe that he drove out with his brother from Ohio about 10 years ago. He plans to get it running soon. Melissa Ballard is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Model A owner. She has a 1929 version that she needs help with. Ron Baird has also joined the club. Gary Bartman owns a 1930 Coupe.

**Minutes Approval:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as they were printed in the Ahooga Newsletter. The motion was voted on and passed.

**Treasurers Report:** Mike Worthington reported that all bills are paid and that he has the 2023 Budget prepared and will present it at the February meeting.

**Swap Meet Report:** Mike Worthington and Bill Griffith were signing up members for Swap Meet Duty before and during the general meeting. With the encouragement of free T shirts and other 2022 Swap Meet leftovers, the roster was completely filled. Mike shared that the buses will stop at the Expo Center 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Members can expect to receive their duty packets at the March meeting. Mike gave the membership a reminder about how important it is to the club that each duty is covered. Call him promptly if you discover you are unable to fill your commitment. Bill challenged members to consider joining the Vender Services Committee. If interested contact Bill.

**Name Tag Drawing:** David Iven was the winner

**Membership Drawing:** The member was not present

**50/50 Drawing:** Steven Vee was the winner.

**Membership Report:** Jennie Ryan thanked the members for getting their membership forms and dues in on time.

**Seminar Report:** David Adair reported that the Seminar on the two tooth steering gear was going to be held at Greg Edwards shop near Hagg Lake. It will begin at 10am. Bring your lunch and a chair.

**Tour Report:** Michael Haight reported that there will be no Model A Car Tour this month. He encouraged the membership to attend the Seminar.

**Red Ticket Drawing:**

\$600.00 prize was won by Sharon Fancher with ticket #9796

\$100.00 prize was won by Mike Worthington with ticket #979168

\$50.00 prize was won by Chris Irwin with ticket #979750

**Editors Report:** Dave Hawbecker asked the members to email him pictures of their Model A's. He stated that he would love stories about their cars for the Ahooga Newsletter as well.

**Refreshments** were provided by Brenda Caseday and Ted Downs. Thank you from all of us.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Haight, Secretary

# Winter Fun Run



**Be there or be square!**

**Where: Oregon City shopping mall**

**When: 1:00 PM Feb. 18, 2023**

**Depart: 1:30 PM**

**Destination: Denny's Restaurant, Canby Oregon**

**A fun little drive through the country side via Wilsonville. 43 miles of scenic driving and a ferry ride to Canby. Then approximately by 2:30 PM we will stop at Denny's for coffee and desserts.**

**It may rain, but we go in our Model A's if possible. Modern Iron is acceptable but not cool. The first red tickets for 2023 will be available.**

---

***YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!***

If you have a running Model A you are a candidate for leading a tour. Don't hesitate or be bashful, just contact your club VP Michael Haight. It is easy and fun and with the help of Michael you can't go wrong. It need not be long or complicated. And I have a list of suggestions that might interest you. So, there is really no excuse other than a breakdown of your Model A.



**Wanted:** 1 or 2 Kelsey Hayes wheels 16"

Lynn Sondena (503) 781-9741 or lynnsond@hotmail.com

**For Sale:** 2 complete sets of '31 fenders— Fiber Glass

Art Pugsley - (360) 901-6695

### **BEAVER CHAPTER CLUB BOOTH AT THE PORTLAND SWAP MEET**

Yes, we have a club booth at the Portland Swap Meet . It's in **Hall E, Space 4261**. It serves a couple of purposes. First of all it's a place to promote Beaver Chapter Model A Ford Club, and hopefully gain new members. Secondly, we have a few chairs where you can come and sit for a while when you're at the swap meet.

In previous years Rayburn Mitchell did a terrific job manning the booth. Last year it was hardily used! Jennie Ryan spent a few hours there and gained a couple of new members, thanks Jennie! But mostly Beaver Chapter's club booth sat empty. Frankly I think that's just a shame!

So how about we all step forward to serve a couple more hours in Beaver Chapter club booth this year. I propose that you volunteer some time while you are there-either before or after you serve your club duty. Or if you come another day just to swap, come sit and visit with swappers as they walk by. Tell them about Beaver Chapter. Invite them to club events. Offer them a club membership. It's that easy.

I will have a sign up list for everyone to volunteer at the February club meeting. **Or call me-or I will be calling you. Let's see how many new members we can recruit.**

Thanks for helping,

Jeanie Adair

## SEEKING FORGIVENESS

### I PISSED OFF MY Model A

By Bill Griffith

I named my Model A Mary Fowler

It all started last summer on a Club tour of the tunnels of the Old Columbia Gorge Highway. What a great tour with good weather and friends. We did about 120 miles and the A ran well. I was so proud. Had to add some water and oil but that was expected. The next day when I lifted the hood I was greeted with the "oil blow-by". I am obsessed with clean and had to somehow fix this. I purchased a new oil filler cap with rubber inserts.

It was a hot summer night -94\*. Feeling happy and proud I set off for our monthly club meeting. After 3 miles or so it acted like it was losing power and after another 2.5 miles I heard the worst growling sound ever. I pulled into a school parking lot and shut it down. Behind me was an oil trail. { you know what's coming next, don't you} NO oil left in the pan and the babbitts were chewing themselves up. DAMN. My 'A' was very angry with me and reacted accordingly.

Let me regress : It was the mid 1960's when I joined the US Navy to stay out of Vietnam. I became a Navy Corpsman medic and spent 15 months at the Naval hospital in San Diego. One day out of the blue the Navy said to me " Doc, you are going to Nam with the fleet Marine force". That's when I was made aware where the Marines got their medical support. I was off to a hot, humid, bug infested, loud jungle environment There must be something to be said about my decision making qualities.

I was in that parking lot for 5 ½ hours waiting for the tow truck. The first tow that was sent kind of just blew me off for some reason. So I had to start the request all over again. This one was great and the driver even helped me push the A into the garage. You can imagine what a mood I was in. I regret not tipping the driver more but I was not in my right mind.

(to be continued)





## Ladies' Home Journal Patterns

Seasonal pattern catalogs were one way to show consumers what the latest fashions were during the Model A era.

This cover shows two of 1929's stylish offerings. The common denominator for the year was the dropped waistline.

As always, besides studying the dresses, check out the hats and accessories. Especially take note of the wonderful fur pieces.

### And a side note...

Do you remember the Ladies Home Journal magazine?

It made me wonder when it was first published, and was it still being published? So here is a brief history according to Wikipedia.

"It was an American magazine first published on February 16, 1883 and eventually became one of the leading women's magazine. In 1903, it was the first American magazine to reach one million subscribers.

In the late 20th century, changing tastes and compe-

titition from television caused it to lose circulation. Sales of the magazine declined as the publishing company struggled. The last monthly issue was published in 2016." I'm thankful for the issues that have survived and are shared on the internet!

~ Jeanie Adair

